

**Pd(II)-Catalyzed Direct  $\beta$ -Arylation of C(sp<sup>3</sup>)-H  
Bonds of Aliphatic and Alicyclic Carboxamides  
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## NOTATIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

C-H	Carbon-Hydrogen
DG	Directing group
TLC	Thin layer chromatography
NMR	Nuclear magnetic resonance
$\delta$	Chemical shift in ppm
ppm	Parts per million
EtOAc	Ethyl acetate
MeOH	Methanol
EtOH	Ethanol
IR	Infra-red
s	Singlet
d	Doublet
t	Triplet
m	Multiplet
br s	Broad singlet
dd	Doublet of doublet
dt	Doublet of triplet
td	Triplet of doublet
MP	Melting point
MS	Mass spectrometry
ESI	Electron Spray Ionization

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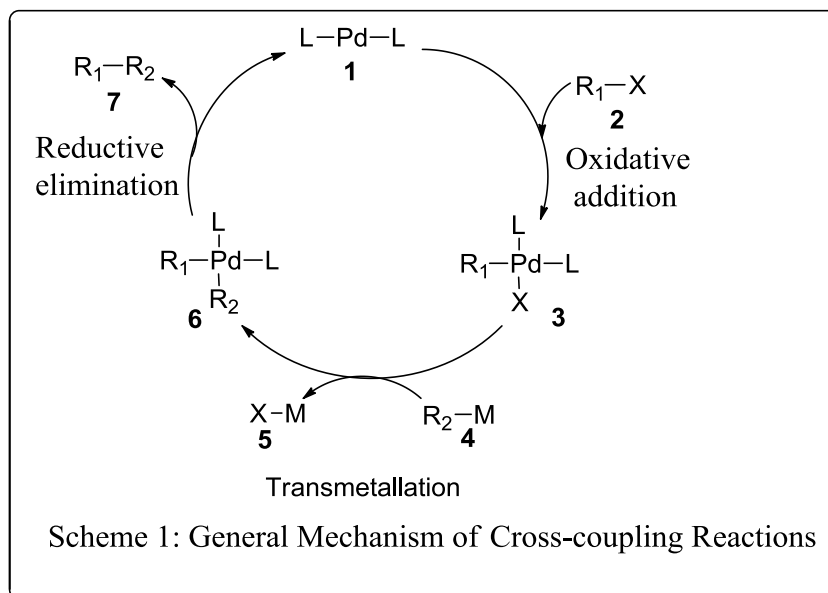
## Abstract

A step economical one-pot multicomponent reaction protocol comprising the installation of the bidentate directing group followed by the Pd(II)-catalyzed C-H activation and  $\beta$ -arylation of C(sp<sup>3</sup>)-H bonds of carboxamides is reported. Accordingly, the reaction of a mixture of an acid chloride, bidentate ligand (e.g., 8-aminoquinoline), and an aryl iodide in the presence of the Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> catalyst and Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> additive directly afforded the corresponding  $\beta$ -C-H -arylated *N*-(quinolin-8-yl) carboxamide derivatives.

# Chapter 1

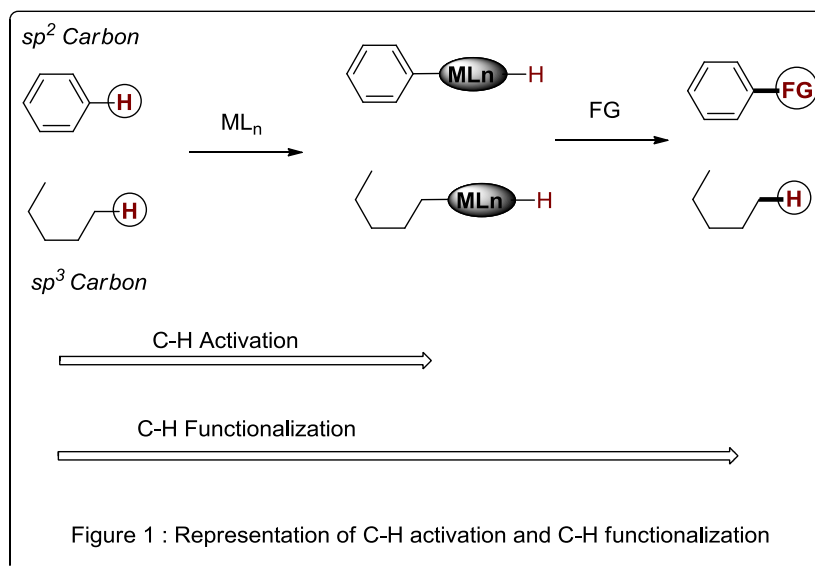
## Introduction

The most demanding synthetic method in organic chemistry is the invention and improvement of carbon-carbon bond and carbon-heteroatom bond formation. Transition metal catalyzed synthetic methods, especially cross-coupling reactions<sup>1, 2</sup> have made a great impact on organic chemistry. These methods revolutionized the field of organic chemistry for discovering novel reactions with yield and efficiency. General reaction mechanism (Scheme 1) of cross-coupling reactions starts with the oxidative addition of an electrophile **2** to the metal **1** generates the intermediate **3**. Next, transmetalation of organometallic reagent **4** with **5** gives the intermediate **6**. Last step reductive elimination of intermediate **6** gives the C-C coupled product **7**. Cross-coupling reactions have some limitations such as a) it requires pre-functionalized starting materials, b) use of costly and bulky ligands, c) production of hazardous side products. Therefore, C-C bond and C-X bond formation *via* C-H activation methodology is considered as the most demanding synthetic strategy.

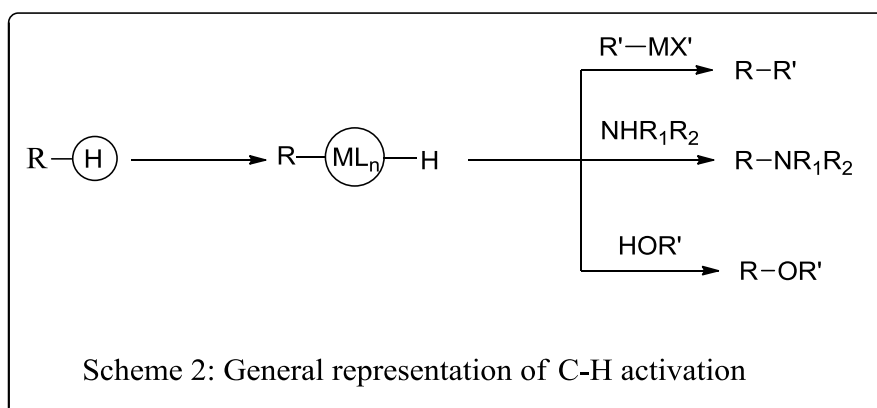


Carbon-Hydrogen (C-H) activation is the process of activation of a particular C-H bond using a low valent transition metal in the presence of oxidants or additives<sup>3</sup>. C-H functionalization is the reaction in which activation of C-H bond, cleavage and replacement of C-H bond to C-X bond<sup>4</sup> (X can be carbon, nitrogen, oxygen) (figure 1). Transition metal-catalyzed C-H activation followed by the C-C

coupling reaction is one of the remarkable synthetic transformations in organic synthesis<sup>5</sup>.



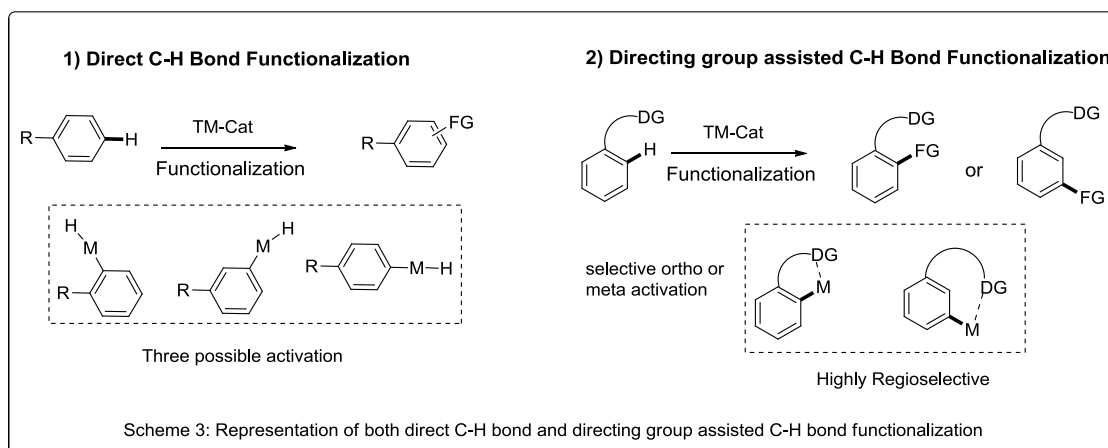
Carbon-Hydrogen bond is ubiquitous, often inert and largely found in organic molecules. C-H bond have high dissociation energy 85-120 Kcal/mol and non-polarizable in nature. Utilization of this C-H bond was a challenging task in earlier times. So C-H activation methodology gained much importance in the field of organic chemistry. C-H activation has been well explored during last decades because of its advantages like a) do not require pre-functionalized starting material and b) do not generate any hazardous by-products. Many complex molecules can be easily synthesized from simple starting material through activating the C-H bond (Scheme 2). C-H activation is the complementary tool for the total synthesis of complex natural products<sup>6</sup>.





## Different Methods of C-H Functionalization

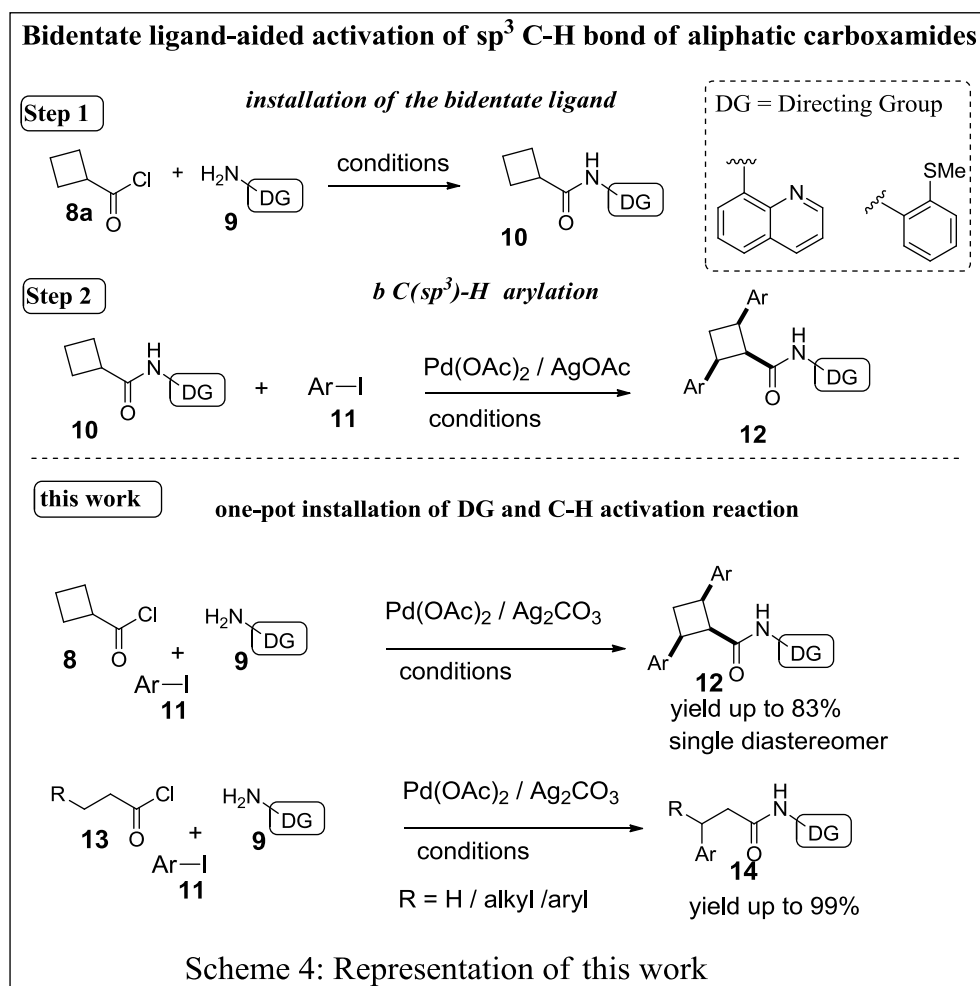
Two different methods of C-H functionalizations are known. a) Direct functionalization of inert C-H bonds and b) directing group assisted C-H functionalization. In first method, there is no regioselectivity, because all the C-H bonds have the equal possibility to undergo C-H activation<sup>7, 8</sup>. But in directing group assisted C-H activation, the metal center will coordinate with the heteroatom thereby activates the proximal C-H bond leaving other C-H unreactive<sup>9</sup>. (Scheme 3)



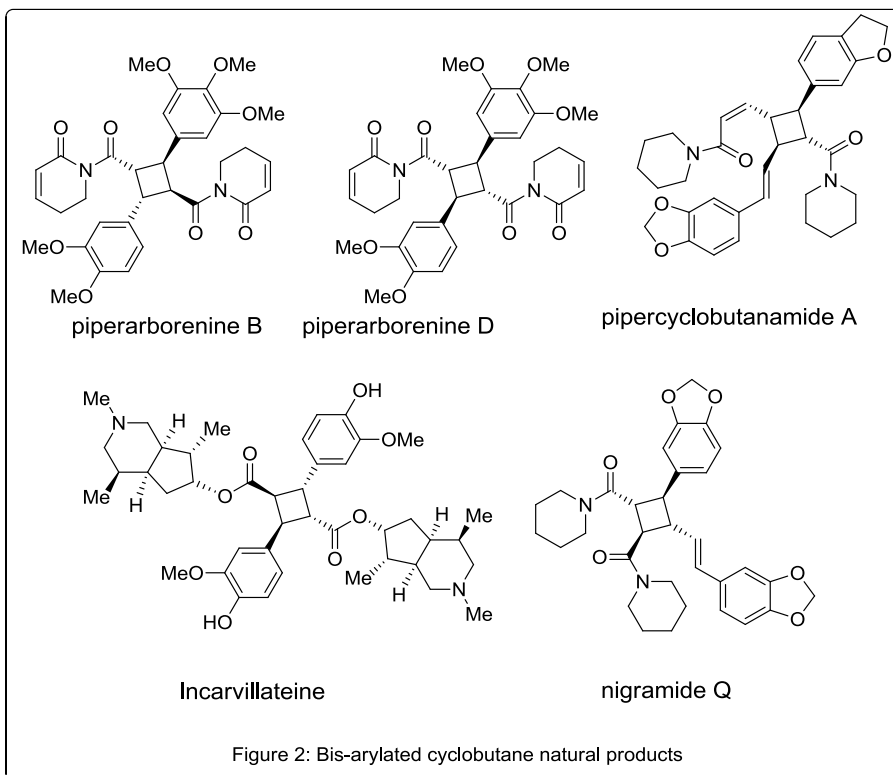
Three classes of directing groups (DG) are reported till now. They are a) non-modifiable DG, b) modifiable or transformable DG and c) reusable DG<sup>9</sup>. Non-modifiable DG cannot be modified in to any other functionality<sup>10</sup>. But modifiable DGs can be transformed in to desired functionality after the completion of reaction<sup>11</sup>. Pre-installed chelating groups in to the starting material can be readily recovered from the C-H functionalized product are termed as reusable DGs. In this project we explored the use of reusable DGs<sup>9</sup>.

One of the major challenges in this field is the installation of DGs plays a key role in C-H activation processes. Present emergency is to develop a complementary technology to enhance the efficiency of DG-based C-H activation transformations. In this regard, *Wan et al.* reported a multicomponent reaction method of Pd-catalyzed C-H arylation of  $sp^2$  C-H bonds of aromatic carboxamides<sup>12</sup>. Understanding the importance of the bidentate ligand directed Pd-catalyzed  $sp^3$  C-H functionalization of carboxamides in synthetic organic chemistry, we developed a simple methodology to enhance the efficiency of Pd-catalyzed  $sp^3$  C-H functionalization reactions<sup>13, 14</sup>. We report a one-pot multicomponent reaction protocol comprising installation of

bidentate DG, Pd-catalyzed C-H activation and  $\beta$ -arylation of C(sp<sup>3</sup>)-H bonds of various aliphatic and alicyclic carboxamides (scheme 4).



Cyclobutane is the second smallest, strained four-membered carboxylic ring. It presents as the core unit of many natural products (Figure 2), synthetic compounds and many pharmaceutical agents<sup>15, 16</sup>. Monoarylated and bis-arylated cyclobutane carboxamides exhibit a wide range of biological activities and medicinal properties<sup>17</sup>. This type of compounds can be easily synthesized by one-pot multicomponent reaction methodology of Pd-catalyzed C-H activation of sp<sup>3</sup> bonds of alicyclic carboxamides. Substituted fatty acids can also be easily synthesized *via* Pd-catalyzed C-H activation on sp<sup>3</sup> bonds of aliphatic carboxamides.



## Chapter 2

### Results and Discussions

We carried out optimization studies to get the best reaction conditions for establishing a one-pot reaction protocol comprising the installation of bidentate ligand and  $\beta$ -arylation on  $sp^3$  C-H on cyclobutane based carboxamides. Multicomponent reaction of a mixture of bidentate ligand 8-aminoquinoline (**9a**), cyclobutanecarbonyl chloride (**8a**) and PhI (**11a**), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> catalyst and Ag salt as an additive represents the Table 1. We carried out the reaction of a mixture of 8-aminoquinoline (**9a**), cyclobutanecarbonyl chloride (**8a**) and PhI (**11a**, 4 equiv), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> catalyst and AgOAc additive in toluene at 110 °C, which resulted in the formation of bis-arylated cyclobutane carboxamide in 20% yield ( Table 1, entry 1). To the same reaction, instead of toluene solvent *tert*-butanol was added .This reaction also afforded the bis-arylated cyclobutane carboxamide in only 20% yield (Table 1, entry 2). Next, we performed another reaction of a mixture of 8-aminoquinoline (**9a**), cyclobutanecarbonyl chloride (**8a**) and PhI (**11a**, 8 equiv), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> catalyst, AgOAc and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> as additive in *o*-xylene at 120 °C failed to give the product **12a** (Table 1, entry 3). Again, we carried out the same reaction with 4 equiv of PhI, instead of AgOAc additive Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> was used. Here we observed the formation of bis-arylated product in comparatively good yield ie, 59% (Table 1, entry 4).

After observing the use of Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> instead of AgOAc improved the yield, next we performed some reactions using Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> as additive. Multicomponent reaction of a mixture of 8-aminoquinoline (**9a**), cyclobutanecarbonyl chloride (**8a**) and PhI (**11a**, 4 equiv), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> catalyst and Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> additive in *t*-amylOH at 80 °C also afforded the same bis-arylated product in 68% yield (Table 1, entry 5). The same reaction in *o*-xylene instead of *t*-amylalcohol also resulted in the same product with yield 62%.(Table 1, entry 6). Then tried the same reaction by increasing the equivalent of PhI to 8 equiv in *o*-xylene solvent and gave the product of 82% yield (Table 1, entry 7). Then we tried one reaction with K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> additive instead of Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, which failed to afford the product **12a** (Table 1, entry 8).

entry	<b>11a</b> (equiv)	PdL <sub>2</sub> (mol %)	additive (y equiv)	solvent (mL)	T (°C)	<b>12a</b> : yield (%)
1	4	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (10)	AgOAc (2)	toluene	110 °C	20
2	4	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (10)	AgOAc (2)	<i>t</i> -butanol	80 °C	20
3	8	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (10)	AgOAc (1) + K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (1)	<i>o</i> -xylene	130 °C	traces
4	4	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (10)	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2)	toluene	110 °C	59
5	4	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (10)	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2)	<i>t</i> -amyIOH	80 °C	68
6	4	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (10)	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2)	<i>o</i> -xylene	130 °C	62
7	8	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (10)	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2)	<i>o</i> -xylene	130 °C	82
8	4	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (10)	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (1)	<i>o</i> -xylene	130 °C	NR
9 <sup>c</sup>	4	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (5)	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2)	<i>o</i> -Xylene	130 °C	54
10 <sup>c</sup>	6	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (5)	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2)	<i>o</i> -Xylene	130 °C	75
11	8	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (10)	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (1) + Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (1)	<i>o</i> -xylene	130 °C	28
12	8	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (10)	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2)	neat	100 °C	58
13 <sup>b</sup>	6	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (10)	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2)	<i>t</i> -amyIOH	80 °C	66
14 <sup>c</sup>	6	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (10)	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2)	<i>t</i> -amyIOH	80 °C	72

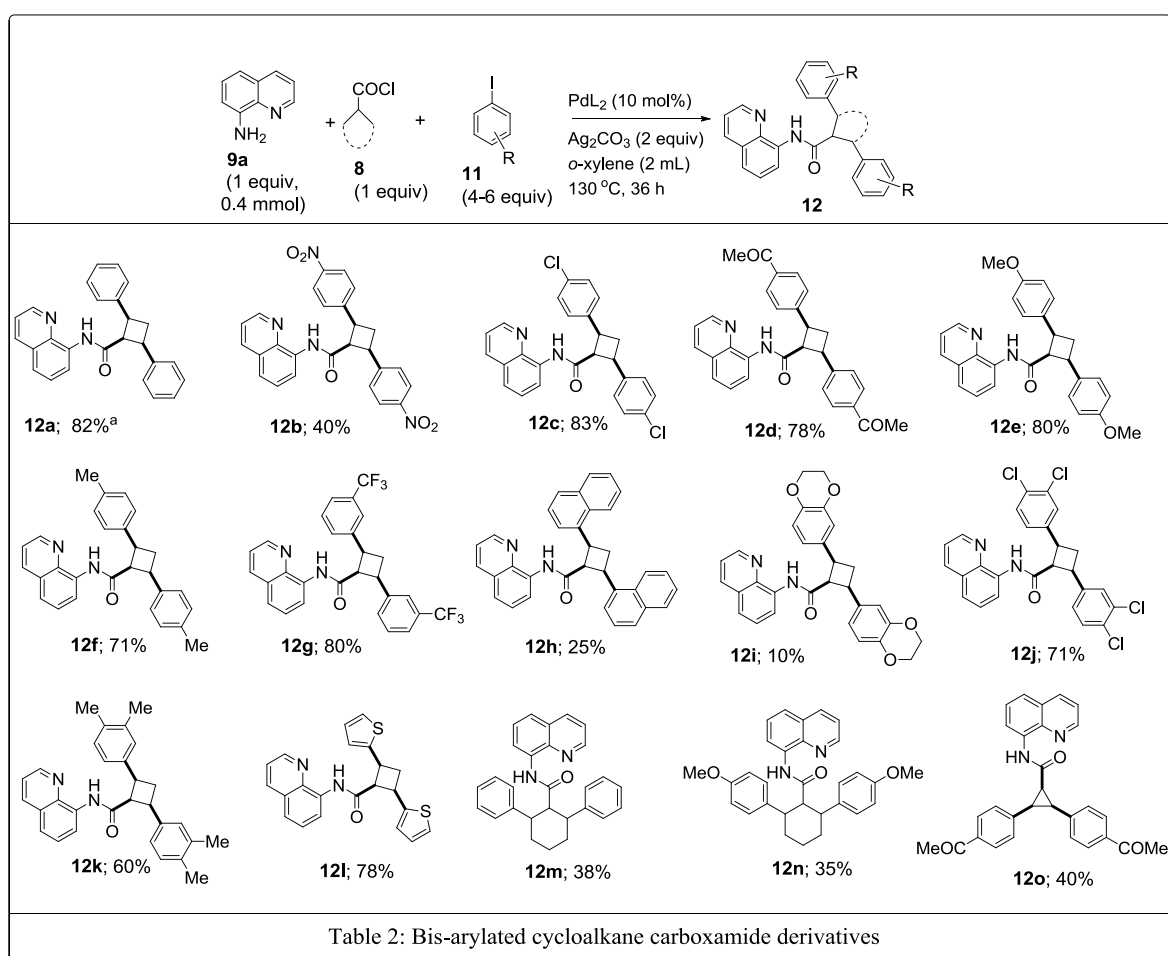
Table 1: Optimization of reaction conditions

<sup>a</sup> The reaction period for all the reactions is 36 h. <sup>b</sup> The reaction period is 12 h. <sup>c</sup> The reaction period is 24 h.

Then the reaction of **9a**, **8a**, PhI (**11a**, 4 or 6 equiv) and Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> additive in the presence of 5 mol% of the Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> catalyst instead of 10mol% catalyst gave the product **12a** in 54-75% yields (Table 1, entries 9 and 10). In another trial, the mixture of **9a**, **8a** and PhI (**11a**, 8 equiv), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> catalyst in the presence of Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> additives gave the product **12a** in only 28% yield (Table 1, entry 11). In similar trial, instead of the mixture of additives we used the Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> under neat condition resulted in the formation of product **12a** in a improved yield 58% (Table 1, entry 12). The same reaction in *tert*-amyIOH instead of *o*-xylene also afforded the product **12a** in 66-72% yield (Table 1, entries 13 and 14).

From these optimization reactions, it is clear that the one-pot Pd-catalyzed C-H arylation reaction of a mixture of 8-aminoquinoline (**9a**), cyclobutanecarbonyl chloride (**8a**) and PhI (**11a**, 8 equiv), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> catalyst successfully afforded the product **12a** only in the presence of Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> additive.

In the conventional reaction condition for the synthesis of bis-arylated cyclobutane carboxamide derivatives AgOAc was used as the additive, which helps to regenerate the Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> catalyst in the proposed Pd<sup>II</sup>-Pd<sup>IV</sup> catalytic cycle. In this multicomponent reaction methodology, AgOAc is not favouring for C-H arylated product **12a** in satisfactory yield. But Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> is promoting the DG installation reaction as well as C-H arylation reaction.

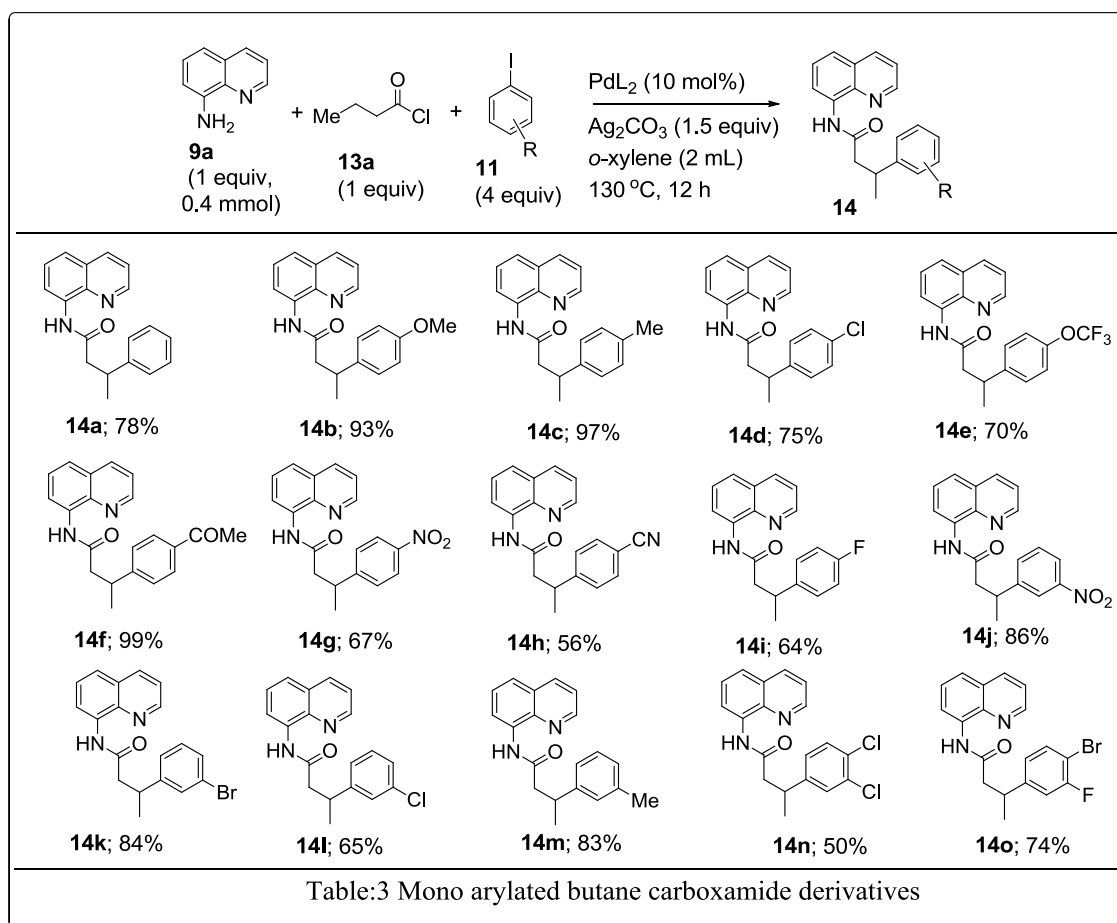


After the optimization of reaction conditions, we investigated the scope and generality of this multicomponent reaction in one-pot method to synthesize different varieties of bis-arylated cycloalkane carboxamide derivatives. We carried out some reactions of Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> mediated, Pd-catalyzed C-H activation protocol involving 8-aminoquinoline (**9a**), cyclobutanecarbonyl chloride (**8a**) and a variety of aryl iodides,

which resulted in the formation of bis-arylated cyclobutane carboxamide derivatives **12a-l** (Table 2). We performed certain reactions with aryl iodides containing electron withdrawing and donating groups at the *para* position afforded the product **12b-g** in low to high yields (40-83%, Table 2). Reaction with 1-iodo-4-nitrobenzene gave the product **12b** in low yield (40%, Table 2) may be due to the low reactivity which contains a strong electron-withdrawing group (nitro group) at the *para* position. Same reaction with aryl iodide containing the CF<sub>3</sub> group at meta position gave the product **12g** in 80% yield (Table 2).

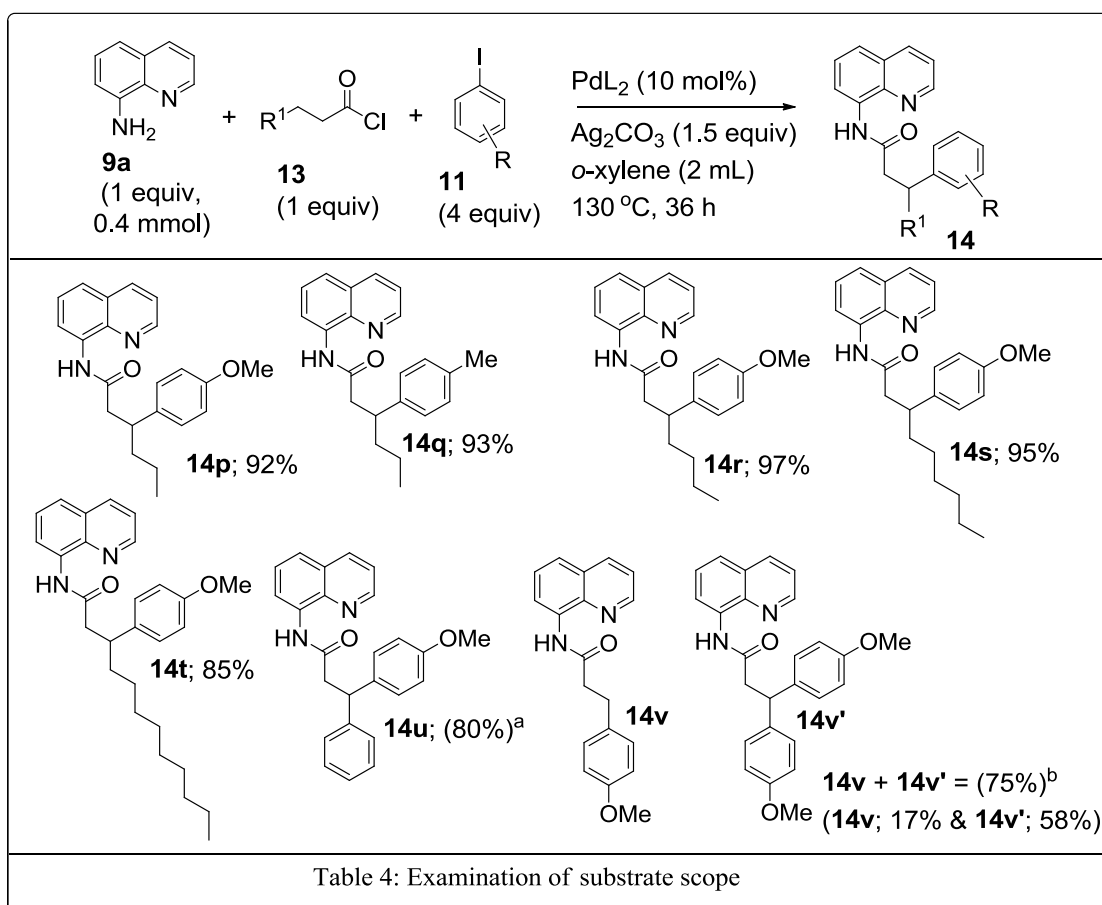
Multicomponent reactions with two different aryl iodides like 1-iodonaphthalene and 6-iodo-2,3-dihydrobenzo[*b*][1,4] dioxine gave the corresponding products **12h** (25%) and **12i** (10%) in only low yields. Low yields in these reactions may be due to the low reactivity of the corresponding aryl iodides. Next, we performed Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> mediated, Pd-catalyzed C-H activation reactions involving 8-aminoquinoline (**9a**), cyclobutanecarbonyl chloride (**8a**) and di-substituted aryl iodides afforded the corresponding products **12j** (71%) and **12k** (60%) (Table 2). C-H arylation protocol using the heteroaryl iodide such as 2-iodothiophene with substrates 8-aminoquinoline (**9a**), cyclobutanecarbonyl chloride (**8a**) furnished the product **12l** in 78% yield (Table 2).

We also investigated the one-pot C-H arylation reactions on different substrates such as cyclohexanecarbonyl chloride and cyclopropanecarbonyl chloride. In the same Pd-catalyzed, Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> mediated C-H arylation reaction, instead of cyclobutanecarbonyl chloride (**8a**), cyclohexanecarbonyl chloride was used along with 8-aminoquinoline (**9a**) and different aryl iodides like PhI (**11a**) and 4-iodoanisole furnished the products **12m** (38%), **12n** (35%) (Table 2). Traces of by-products are also obtained that we could not isolate in pure form. Low yield in cyclohexane system may be due to the increasing steric crowding and the C-H arylation seems to be sluggish here. We performed the Pd-catalyzed, Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> mediated C-H arylation reaction in cyclopropane system furnished the product **12o** (40%) (Table 2). This low yield may be because the C-H arylation of cyclopropane reaction seems to be sluggish in nature.



Successively, we elaborated the scope and generality of this method by using various aliphatic carbonyl chlorides. First we carried out some reactions of Pd-catalyzed,  $\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$  mediated C-H arylation protocol involving the butyryl chloride (**13a**), 8-aminoquinoline (**9a**) and aryl iodides containing various substituents at the *meta/para* position or disubstituted aryl iodides, which resulted in the formation of mono-arylated butane carboxamides **14a-o** in good to high yields (50-99%, Table 3). Further we elaborated this reaction methodology to check the substrate scope using different aliphatic carbonyl chlorides. Accordingly, various  $\beta$ -methylene  $\text{C}(\text{sp}^3)\text{-H}$  arylated aliphatic carboxamides **14p-u** were obtained in high yields (80-97%, Table 4). We performed the same Pd-catalyzed,  $\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$  mediated C-H arylation protocol using propionyl chloride gave the corresponding mono arylated (**14v**) and bis arylated propanecarboxamide (**14v'**) derivatives in 17 and 58% yields (Table 4).



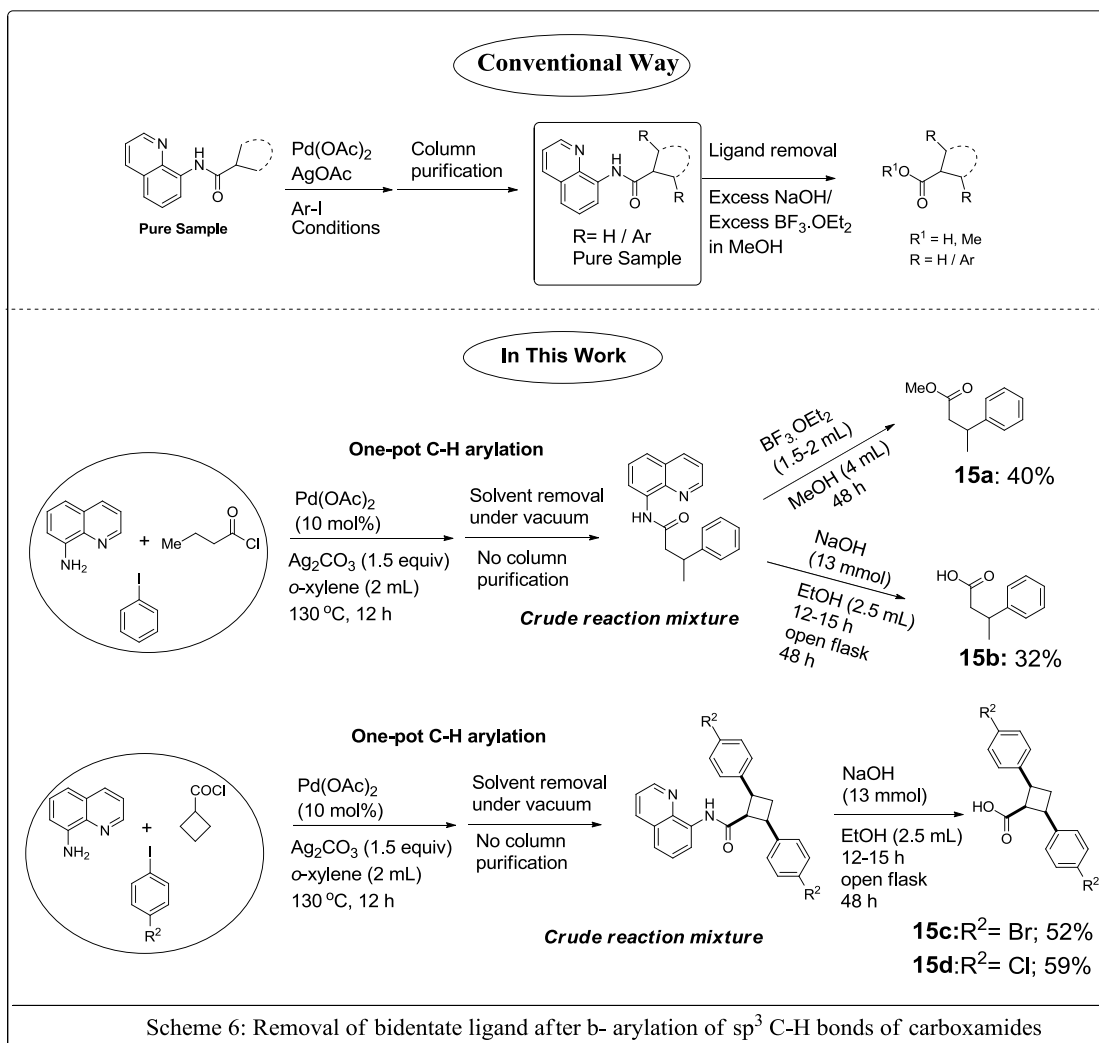


Next we carried out some reactions to find out the feasibility of using other bidentate ligands such as, 2-(methylthio)aniline (**9b**) and  $N^1, N^1$ -dimethylethane-1,2-diamine (**9c**) for this one-pot multicomponent reaction protocol comprising installation of bidentate DG followed by Pd-catalyzed C-H activation and arylation of  $C(sp^3)$ -H bonds of carboxamides. One-pot Pd-catalyzed,  $Ag_2CO_3$  mediated C-H arylation protocol involving bidentate ligands 2-(methylthio)aniline (**9b**) or  $N^1, N^1$ -dimethylethane-1,2-diamine (**9c**), cyclobutanecarbonyl chloride (**8a**) and 4-iodoanisole failed to afford the bis-arylated cyclobutanecarboxamides **12p** and **12q** (Scheme 5). Based on the reactions in Table 1, 2, 3 and 4, the bidentate ligand 8-aminoquinoline (**9a**) found to be the best for accomplishing the one-pot multicomponent reaction protocol comprising installation of bidentate DG followed by Pd-catalyzed C-H activation and arylation of  $C(sp^3)$ -H bonds of carboxamides.

We have also used the condition reported by Quin *et al.* Pd-catalyzed,  $PhI(OAc)_2$  mediated C-H arylation protocol involving 8-aminoquinoline (**9a**),

cyclobutanecarbonyl chloride (**8a**) and PhI (**11a**, 2.5 equiv) also afforded the product **12a** in 40% yield (Scheme 5).

We noted that the reagents for alkylation and arylation are different in literature reports and the arylation of  $sp^3$  C-H bonds are more easier than alkylation of  $sp^2$  C-H bonds of carboxamides. We tried one alkylation reaction on  $sp^3$  C-H bond using the reported condition involving 8-aminoquinoline (**9a**), cyclobutanecarbonyl chloride (**8a**) and *n*-butyl iodide failed to afford the C-H alkylated cyclobutanecarboxamide **12r** (Scheme 5). But we got the corresponding product **12s** (15-25%) of alkylation reaction in another trial using the condition reported by Daugulis group on propionyl based system. It should be noted that the alkylation condition needs a base, such as  $K_2CO_3$  and the low yield may be due to the side reaction of N-alkylation of bidentate ligand. In order to examine whether the alkylation of C-H bonds will work or not, we tried one reaction involving 8-aminoquinoline (**9a**), benzoyl chloride and *n*-butyl iodide or *n*-heptyl iodide. Notably, this multicomponent-based  $sp^2$  alkylation reactions were successful and the products **12t** (45%) and **12u** (60%) were obtained in satisfactory yield.



Removal of bidentate DGs from C-H arylated carboxamides has also been successfully achieved. In the conventional method, the starting material C-H arylated carboxamides usually isolates through column chromatography. Here we attempted to avoid the column chromatographic purification step of crude reaction mixture and directly performed the hydrolysis reaction of amide bond from the crude reaction mixture. The NaOH mediated amide hydrolysis or  $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$  mediated esterification of the carboxamides resulted in the formation of products **15a** (40%), **15b** (32%), **15c** (52%), and **15d** (59%) in satisfactory yields (Scheme 6).

# Chapter 3

## Experimental Methods

**General.** Melting points of compounds are uncorrected.  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on 400 MHz and 100 MHz spectrometers respectively with TMS as an internal or external standard. IR spectra were recorded as KBr pellets or thin films. Column chromatographic purification of the crude reaction mixtures was performed using silica gel (100-200 mesh). HRMS measurements of compounds reported in this work were obtained from QTOF mass analyzer using electrospray ionization (ESI) technique. Reactions were carried out in dry solvent under nitrogen atmosphere wherever required. Solutions were dried using anhydrous sodium sulfate. Reagents were added to the reaction flask with the help of syringe. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on silica plates or and components were visualized by observation under iodine vapor. Isolated yields of all the products were reported (yields were not optimized). Characterization of the known compounds was carried out by comparing the data with the literature data.

### **General Procedure A for the synthesis of carboxamides**

8-Aminoquinoline (0.4 mmol) and aryl iodide (4-6 equiv.) were taken in a 10 mL round bottom (RB) flask attached with a condenser under  $\text{N}_2$  atmosphere. To this mixture,  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  catalyst (10 mol%),  $\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$  additive (1.5-2 equiv.) and cyclobutanecarbonyl chloride (0.4 mmol) were added. Finally, added the solvent o-xylene (2 mL) in to the RB and sealed the condenser with a stopper. The mixture was stirred at  $120^\circ\text{C}$  for 36 h. After the completion of reaction, the mixture was allowed to cool in room temperature. The solvent was removed at reduced pressure. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography to give pure products by using hexane and ethyl acetate (5:0.25).

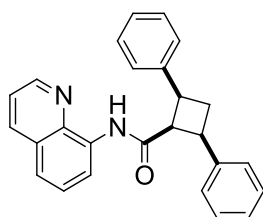
### **Procedure B: Hydrolysis of amide bond using esterification method.**

Procedure A was used to synthesize the carboxamide. After the completion of reaction, removal of solvent was done under reduced pressure and hydrolysis procedure was done on dried crude reaction mixture. Column chromatography purification step is not required. To the dried reaction mixture, MeOH (2 mL) was

added and stirred vigorously under nitrogen atmosphere for 5 min. Finally,  $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$  (1 mL) was added in to the reaction mixture and allowed to stir for 24 h at 85 °C. After the completion of reaction, the mixture is quenched by Triethyl amine and removed the solvent under reduced pressure. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography to give pure products by using hexane and ethyl acetate (5:0.1).

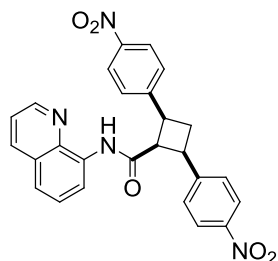
### Procedure C: Hydrolysis of amide bond to corresponding acids

Procedure A was used to synthesize the carboxamide. After the completion of reaction, removal of solvent was done under reduced pressure and hydrolysis procedure was done on dried crude reaction mixture. Column chromatography purification step is not required. To the dried reaction mixture, ethanol (3 mL) was added and stirred vigorously under open atmosphere. NaOH (13 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture and was allowed to stir it for 24 h at 85 °C. After the reaction, transferred the reaction mixture in to a separating funnel and extracted with diethyl ether. Water layer was collected separately and that was basic in nature. Con.HCL was added into the aqueous layer to make it acid nature. Then again extracted with diethyl ether and collected the organic layer separately. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . Thus the desired carboxylic acid was successfully obtained after the removal of solvent in high vacuum.



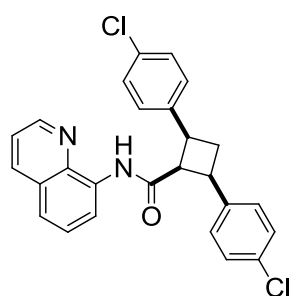
**2,4-diphenyl-N-(quinolin-8-yl)cyclobutanecarboxamide (12a):** Following the general procedure A described above, **12a** was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane = 4 : 96) as brown color solid (77 mg, 82%);  $R_f$  0.40 (15% EtOAc/Hexane); mp 145-147 °C; IR (DCM):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3342, 1669, 1521, 1484, 993  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.54 (s, 1H), 8.75 (dd,  $J_1 = 4.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.31 (dd,  $J_1 = 7.6$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.06 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.26 (m, 8H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 4H), 7.12-7.09 (m, 2H), 4.19 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.14-4.09 (m, 2H), 3.62-3.54 (m, 1H), 2.80-2.77 (m, 1H);

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  168.9, 147.8, 140.6, 138.2, 136.2, 134.2, 128.1, 127.7, 127.5, 127.0, 126.1, 121.3, 120.9, 116.4, 54.6, 38.1, 29.9; HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ : 379.1810; found 379.1824.



**2,4-bis(4-nitrophenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)cyclobutanecarboxamide (12b):**

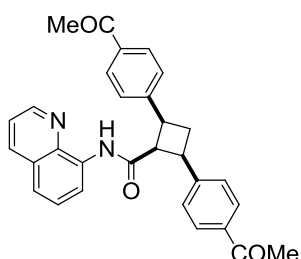
Following the general procedure A described above, **12b** was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane = 20 : 80) as brown color solid (46 mg, 40%);  $R_f$  0.40 (30% EtOAc/Hexane); mp 182-184 °C; IR (DCM):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3344, 1682, 1596, 1391, 840  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.64 (s, 1H), 8.78-8.76 (m, 1H), 8.21-8.19 (m, 1H), 8.14-8.11 (m, 1H), 8.10-8.07 (m, 4H), 7.49-7.41 (m, 6H), 7.32 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.32 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.22-4.15 (m, 2H), 3.65-3.56 (m, 1H), 2.90-2.87 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  167.7, 148.1, 148.0, 146.5, 138.0, 136.5, 133.3, 127.8, 127.6, 127.2, 123.5, 121.9, 121.7, 116.5, 54.5, 38.7, 30.0; HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_4\text{O}_5$ : 469.1511; found 469.1500.



**2,4-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)cyclobutanecarboxamide (12c):**

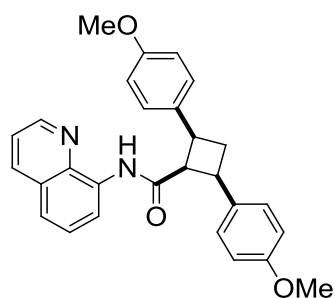
Following the general procedure A described above, **12c** was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane = 4 : 96) as yellow colour solid (93 mg, 83%);  $R_f$  0.40 (15% EtOAc/Hexane); mp 171-174 °C; IR (DCM):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2988, 1698, 1598, 1351, 778  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.55 (s, 1H), 8.75 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.32 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.34 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 4H), 7.19 (d,  $J = 8.0$

Hz, 4H), 4.17-4.12 (m, 1H), 4.05-3.99 (m, 2H), 3.47 (q,  $J = 10.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.77-2.69 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  168.5, 147.9, 138.9, 138.2, 136.3, 133.9, 131.9, 128.4, 128.2, 127.8, 127.3, 121.5, 121.4, 116.5, 54.4, 38.4, 30.1; HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{21}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}$ : 447.1030; found 447.1010.



**2,4-bis(4-acetylphenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)cyclobutanecarboxamide (12d):**

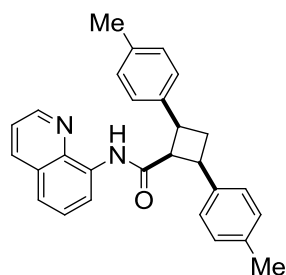
Following the general procedure A described above, **12d** was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane = 30 : 70) as yellow color solid (89 mg, 78%);  $R_f$  0.1 (30% EtOAc/Hexane); mp 181-183 °C; IR (DCM):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3345, 1605, 1524, 1391, 793  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.58 (s, 1H), 8.76 (dd,  $J_1 = 4.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 8.24 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.09 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 4H), 7.44-7.37 (m, 6H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 1H), 4.30-4.25 (m, 1H), 4.17-4.10 (m, 2H), 3.63-3.55 (m, 1H), 2.86-2.79 (m, 1H), 2.49 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  197.9, 168.3, 148.0, 146.3, 138.1, 136.3, 135.1, 133.8, 128.3, 127.7, 127.2, 127.0, 121.5, 121.4, 116.4, 54.5, 39.0, 29.8, 26.5; HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ : 463.2021; found 463.2012.



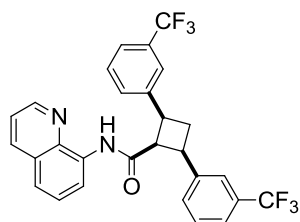
**2,4-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)cyclobutanecarboxamide (12e):**

Following the general procedure A described above, **12e** was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane = 4 : 96) as yellow colour solid (88 mg, 80%);  $R_f$  0.40 (15% EtOAc/Hexane); mp 146-149 °C; IR (DCM):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2936, 1689, 1612, 1519, 825  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.49

(s, 1H), 8.73 (dd,  $J_1 = 4.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.37 (dd,  $J_1 = 7.2$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.06 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.29 (m, 7H), 6.77 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 4H), 4.09-4.07 (m, 1H), 4.02-4.00 (m, 2H), 3.70 (s, 6H), 3.53-3.45 (m, 1H), 2.72-2.66 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  169.2, 157.9, 147.8, 138.2, 136.1, 134.3, 132.7, 128.2, 127.7, 127.2, 121.3, 120.9, 116.4, 113.5, 55.1, 54.8, 38.5, 30.5; HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ : 439.2021; found 439.2019.



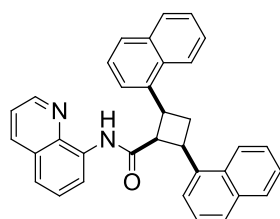
**N-(quinolin-8-yl)-2,4-di-p-tolylcyclobutanecarboxamide (12f):** Following the general procedure A described above, **12f** was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane = 4 : 96) as pale yellow color solid (71 mg, 71%);  $R_f$  0.40 (15% EtOAc/Hexane); mp 156-160 °C; IR (DCM):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3359, 1689, 1595, 1484, 791  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.50 (s, 1H), 8.75-8.73 (m, 1H), 8.37 (dd,  $J_1 = 7.2$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.07 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.25 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 4H), 7.03 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 4H) 4.16-4.11 (m, 1H), 4.07-4.00 (m, 2H), 3.55-3.47 (m, 1H), 2.74-2.68 (m, 1H), 2.22 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  169.1, 147.7, 138.2, 137.6, 136.1, 135.4, 134.3, 128.8, 127.7, 127.3, 126.9, 121.3, 120.8, 116.5, 54.6, 38.9, 30.2, 21.0; HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ : 407.2123; found 407.2117.



**N-(quinolin-8-yl)-2,4-bis(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)cyclobutanecarboxamide (12g):** Following the general procedure A described above, **12g** was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane = 4 : 96) as brown color solid (101 mg, 80%);  $R_f$  0.40 (15% EtOAc/Hexane); mp 114-116 °C; IR (DCM):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3445, 1519, 1321, 1313, 989  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.56

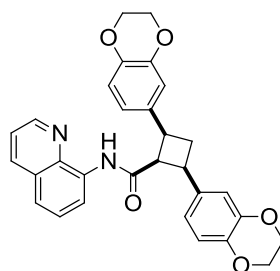


(s, 1H), 8.75 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.24 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.53 (m, 4H), 7.43-7.29 (m, 7H), 4.25-4.22 (m, 1H), 4.17-4.10 (m, 2H), 3.58 (dd,  $J_1 = 22.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 11.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dd,  $J_1 = 10.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 2.4$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  168.2, 148.0, 141.3, 138.1, 136.2, 133.7, 130.3 (q,  $J = 32$  Hz), 128.5, 127.7, 127.1, 126.8 (q,  $J = 271$  Hz), 123.7 (q,  $J = 4$  Hz), 123.1 (q,  $J = 4$  Hz), 121.4, 121.4, 116.4, 54.2, 38.7, 29.9; HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_6\text{N}_2\text{O}$ : 515.1558; found 515.1536.



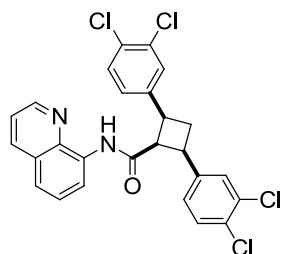
**2,4-di(naphthalen-1-yl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)cyclobutanecarboxamide (12h):**

Following the general procedure A described above, **12h** was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane = 4 : 96) as brown color solid (30 mg, 25%);  $R_f$  0.40 (15% EtOAc/Hexane); mp 225-227 °C; IR (DCM):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  : 3351, 1683, 1523, 1485, 780  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.03 (br s, 1H), 8.42 (dd, 1H,  $J_1 = 4.2$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz), 8.23 (d, 2H,  $J = 8.4$  Hz), 7.84 (dd, 1H,  $J_1 = 7.6$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.3$  Hz), 7.76 (dd, 1H,  $J_1 = 8.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.5$  Hz), 7.69 (d, 2H,  $J = 7.0$  Hz), 7.65 (d, 2H,  $J = 8.0$  Hz), 7.58-7.51 (m, 4H), 7.42 (t, 2H,  $J = 8.0$  Hz), 7.33 (t, 2H,  $J = 7.0$  Hz), 7.16 (dd, 1H,  $J_1 = 8.2$  Hz,  $J_2 = 4.2$  Hz), 7.03-6.94 (m, 2H), 4.78-4.72 (m, 3H), 4.11-4.03 (m, 1H), 2.91-2.88 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  168.2, 147.3, 137.7, 135.8, 135.7, 133.7, 133.5, 131.8, 128.8, 127.2, 127.0, 126.7, 126.0, 125.4, 125.2, 125.0, 123.5, 120.9, 120.5, 115.8, 56.1, 38.0, 28.1; HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ : 479.2123; found 479.2115.



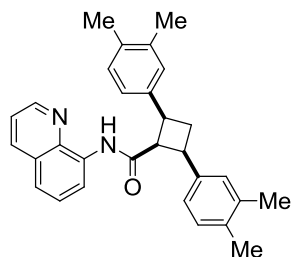
**2,4-bis(2,3-dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxin-6-yl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)cyclobutanecarboxamide (12i):** Following the general procedure A described

above, **12i** was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane = 5 : 95) as brown semi solid (13 mg, 10%);  $R_f$  0.40 (15% EtOAc/Hexane); IR (DCM):  $\nu_{\max}$  3333, 2935, 1681, 1510, 1485, 1384, 1162, 1068, 825  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.75 (s, 1H), 8.82 (dd,  $J_1 = 7.2$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.71 (dd,  $J_1 = 4.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.15-8.13 (m, 1H), 7.57-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.41 (m, 1H), 6.97-6.85 (m, 6H), 4.28 (s, 8H), 3.77 (dd,  $J_1 = 18$  Hz,  $J_2 = 9.6$  Hz, 2H), 3.31–3.36 (m, 1H), 2.76-2.69 (m, 1H), 2.38-2.31 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  171.4, 148.0, 143.5, 142.3, 138.4, 136.5, 136.2, 134.5, 127.8, 127.4, 121.6, 121.5, 120.1, 117.3, 116.5, 115.8, 64.4, 64.4, 57.6, 39.0, 32.5; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  495.1920; found 495.1904.



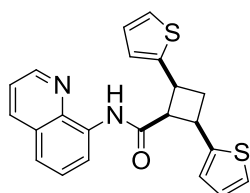
**2,4-bis(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)cyclobutanecarboxamide (12j):**

Following the general procedure A described above, **12j** was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane = 4 : 96) as white color solid (91 mg, 71%);  $R_f$  0.40 (15% EtOAc/Hexane); mp 140-145°C; IR (DCM):  $\nu_{\max}$  3341, 1631, 1587, 1332, 804  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.54 (s, 1H), 8.77 (dd,  $J_1 = 4.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.31 (dd,  $J_1 = 7.6$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 8.13-8.10 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 4H), 7.36 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.14 (m, 2H), 4.12 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.01-3.95 (m, 2H), 3.41 (dd,  $J_1 = 22.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 11.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.76-2.71 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  168.3, 148.1, 138.2, 136.4, 136.1, 134.0, 134.0, 132.6, 129.7, 128.8, 127.7, 127.0, 126.8, 121.5, 121.3, 116.2, 53.6, 37.4, 27.5; HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{19}\text{Cl}_4\text{N}_2\text{O}$ : 515.0251; found 515.0249.

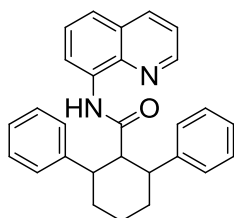


**2,4-bis(3,4-dimethylphenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)cyclobutanecarboxamide (12k):**

Following the general procedure A described above, **12k** was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane = 3 : 97) as pale yellow color solid (64 mg, 60%);  $R_f$  0.40 (15% EtOAc/Hexane); mp 99-102 °C; IR (DCM):  $\nu_{\max}$  3435, 1575, 1365, 1291, 1047  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.47 (s, 1H), 8.74 (dd,  $J_1 = 4.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.39-8.37 (m, 1H), 8.08-8.06 (m, 1H), 7.41-7.29 (m, 4H), 7.13-7.08 (m, 4H), 6.97 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 4.11 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.04-3.97 (m, 2H), 3.53-3.44 (m, 1H), 2.72-2.70 (m, 1H), 2.11 (s, 12H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  169.4, 147.7, 138.3, 138.0, 136.1, 136.0, 134.4, 134.1, 129.3, 128.3, 127.7, 127.2, 124.4, 121.2, 120.7, 116.4, 54.7, 38.9, 30.3, 19.7, 19.3; HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ : 435.2423; found 435.2419.

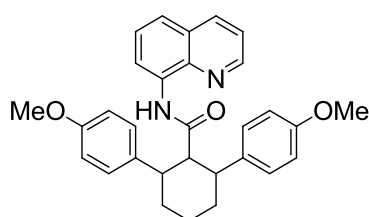


**N-(quinolin-8-yl)-2,4-di(thiophen-2-yl)cyclobutanecarboxamide (12l):** Following the general procedure A described above, **12l** was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane = 5 : 95) as yellow color solid (76 mg, 78%);  $R_f$  0.30 (15% EtOAc/Hexane); mp 99-102 °C; IR (DCM):  $\nu_{\max}$  3313, 1612, 1554, 1302, 801  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.60 (s, 1H), 8.75 (dd,  $J_1 = 4.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.55-8.53 (m, 1H), 8.10-8.08 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.09-7.05 (m, 4H), 6.89 (dd,  $J_1 = 4.8$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.6$  Hz, 2H), 4.22-4.15 (m, 2H), 4.00-4.01 (m, 1H), 3.59-3.50 (m, 1H), 2.94-2.86 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  168.1, 147.9, 143.4, 138.2, 136.2, 134.3, 127.7, 127.3, 126.7, 125.2, 123.9, 121.4, 121.2, 116.6, 55.9, 35.7, 35.5; HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{OS}_2$ : 391.0938; found 391.0936.



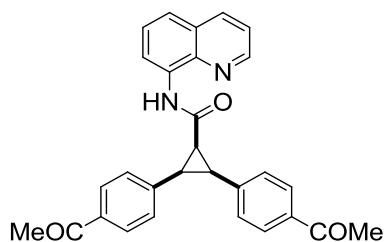
**2,6-diphenyl-N-(quinolin-8-yl)cyclohexanecarboxamide (12m):** Following the general procedure A described above, **12m** was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane = 4 : 96) as white solid (38 mg, 33%);

$R_f$  0.5 (15% EtOAc/Hexane); mp 176-178 °C; IR (DCM):  $\nu_{\max}$  3357, 2929, 2247, 1682, 1520, 1486, 1324, 1165  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.66 (s, 1H), 8.54 (dd,  $J_1 = 7.6$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 8.45 (dd,  $J_1 = 4.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.99 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.44–7.34 (m, 6H), 7.29–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.13 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 4H), 6.98–6.94 (m, 2H), 3.22–3.18 (m, 3H), 2.87–2.77 (m, 2H), 2.30–2.24 (m, 1H), 1.86–1.82 (m, 2H), 1.70–1.67 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  171.0, 147.4, 144.1, 1378.0, 135.7, 134.1, 128.2, 127.5, 127.4, 127.0, 126.3, 121.1, 120.9, 115.9, 59.9, 47.9, 26.6, 25.6; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  407.2123; found 407.2130.



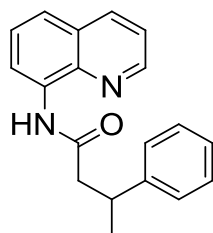
**2,6-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)cyclohexanecarboxamide (12n):**

Following the general procedure A described above, **12n** was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane = 8 : 92) as pale yellow semi solid (34 mg, 30%);  $R_f$  0.30 (15% EtOAc/Hexane); IR (DCM):  $\nu_{\max}$  3054, 2925, 2313, 1716, 1525, 1425, 1265,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.65 (s, 1H), 8.52 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.48 (dd,  $J_1 = 4.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.02-8.00 (m, 1H), 7.45–7.41 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.23 (m, 6H), 6.65 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 4H), 3.54 (s, 6H), 3.16-3.10 (m, 3H), 2.74 (dd,  $J_1 = 12.8$  Hz,  $J_2 = 4.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.25-2.21 (m, 1H), 1.82-1.78 (m, 2H), 1.68-1.65 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  171.3, 157.9, 147.4, 138.0, 136.4, 135.7, 134.3, 128.4, 127.5, 127.0, 121.1, 120.8, 116.0, 113.6, 57.4, 55.0, 47.0, 26.7, 25.8; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  467.2335; found 467.2321.

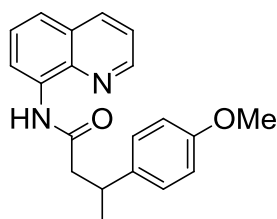


**2,3-bis(4-acetylphenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)cyclopropanecarboxamide (12o):**

Following the general procedure A described above, **12o** was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane = 5 : 95) as yellow solid (44 mg, 40%);  $R_f$  0.40 (15% EtOAc/Hexane); mp 83 - 85 °C; IR (DCM):  $\nu_{\max}$  3346, 3053, 1682, 1525, 1486, 1325, 1162  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  10.00 (s, 1H), 8.72–8.70 (m, 1H), 8.61 (dd,  $J_1 = 6.8$  Hz,  $J_2 = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.14 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 4H), 7.47–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.35 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 4H), 3.16 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.91 (t,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.55 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  198.0, 166.2, 148.0, 139.9, 138.1, 136.4, 135.3, 134.3, 131.2, 127.9, 127.6, 127.3, 121.6, 121.5, 116.5, 29.9, 29.4, 26.6; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  449.1865; found 449.1848.

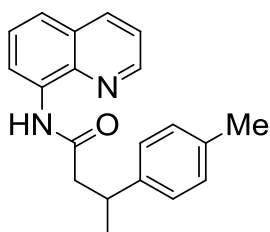


**3-phenyl-N-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (14a):** Following the general procedure A described above, **14a** was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane = 4 : 96) as light yellow liquid (57 mg, 78%);  $R_f$  0.40 (15% EtOAc/Hexane); IR (DCM):  $\nu_{\max}$  3353, 2959, 1680, 1510, 1480, 1322, 1162, 756  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.77 (s, 1H), 8.81-8.79 (m, 2H), 8.16 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.57–7.44 (m, 3H), 7.38-7.22 (m, 5H), 3.53 (dd,  $J_1 = 14.8$  Hz,  $J_2 = 6.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.95-2.90 (m, 1H), 2.80 (dd,  $J_1 = 14.8$  Hz,  $J_2 = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 1.44 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  170.4, 148.1, 146.0, 138.3, 136.3, 134.4, 128.6, 127.9, 127.4, 126.9, 126.4, 121.6, 121.5, 116.5, 46.9, 36.9, 21.9; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  291.1497; found 291.1489.

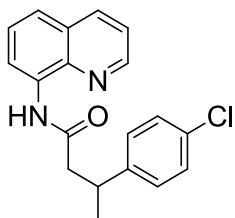


**3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (14b):** Following the general procedure A described above, **14b** was obtained after purification by silica gel column

chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane = 4 : 96) as pale yellow liquid (67 mg, 93%);  $R_f$  0.40 (15% EtOAc/Hexane); IR (DCM):  $\nu_{\max}$  3354, 2958, 1680, 1520, 1483, 1242, 1034, 826  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.73 (s, 1H), 8.79 (m, 2H), 8.16 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.56–7.44 (m, 4H), 7.27 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.50–3.45 (m, 1H), 2.90–2.74 (m, 2H), 1.41 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  170.5, 158.1, 148.1, 138.3, 138.0, 136.3, 134.4, 127.9, 127.8, 127.4, 121.6, 121.4, 116.4, 114.0, 55.2, 47.2, 36.1, 22.1; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ] $^+$  321.1603; found 321.1589.

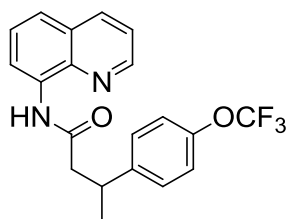


**N-(quinolin-8-yl)-3-(p-tolyl)butanamide (14c):** Following the general procedure A described above, **14c** was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane = 4 : 96) as yellow semi solid (73 mg, 97%);  $R_f$  0.40 (15% EtOAc/Hexane); IR (DCM):  $\nu_{\max}$  3352, 2958, 1682, 1522, 1484, 1322, 1019, 824  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.77 (s, 1H), 8.81 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 8.16 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.57–7.44 (m, 3H), 7.29–7.25 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 3.53–3.48 (m, 1H), 2.94–2.88 (m, 1H), 2.82–2.76 (m, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.43 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  170.5, 148.1, 143.0, 138.3, 136.3, 135.9, 134.5, 129.3, 127.9, 127.4, 126.7, 121.6, 121.4, 116.5, 47.0, 36.5, 22.0, 21.0; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}$  [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ] $^+$  305.1654; found 305.1642.

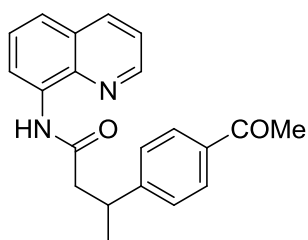


**3-(4-chlorophenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (14d):** Following the general procedure A described above, **14d** was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane = 4 : 96) as pale yellow semi solid (61 mg, 75%);  $R_f$  0.40 (15% EtOAc/Hexane); IR (DCM):  $\nu_{\max}$  3349, 2960, 1681, 1521, 1484, 1322, 1164, 1086, 825  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.72 (s, 1H), 8.79–8.75 (m, 2H),

8.15 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.53–7.44 (m, 3H), 7.28 (s, 4H), 3.53–3.48 (m, 1H), 2.89–2.76 (m, 2H), 1.41 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  170.0, 148.1, 144.4, 138.2, 136.4, 134.3, 132.0, 128.7, 128.3, 127.9, 127.4, 121.6, 121.6, 116.5, 46.8, 36.3, 21.9; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$  [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ] $^+$  325.1105; found 325.1095.

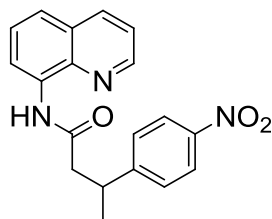


**N-(quinolin-8-yl)-3-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)butanamide (14e):** Following the general procedure A described above, **14e** was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane = 4 : 96) as colorless liquid (66 mg, 70%);  $R_f$  0.40 (15% EtOAc/Hexane); IR (DCM):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3339, 2923, 2247, 1716, 1510, 1466, 1242, 1034  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.73 (s, 1H), 8.79–8.76 (m, 2H), 8.16 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.54–7.44 (m, 3H), 7.37 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.55 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.91–2.85 (m, 1H), 2.83–2.77 (m, 1H), 1.43 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  169.9, 148.1, 147.7, 147.7, 144.6, 138.2, 136.4, 134.3, 128.2, 127.9, 127.4, 121.6, 121.6, 121.1, 116.4, 46.8, 36.2, 21.8; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ] $^+$  375.1320; found 375.1304.

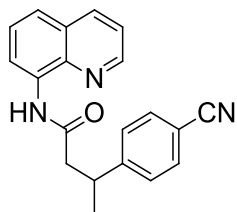


**3-(4-acetylphenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (14f):** Following the general procedure A described above, **14f** was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane = 20 : 80) as brown semi solid (82 mg, 99%);  $R_f$  0.10 (15% EtOAc/Hexane); IR (DCM):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3349, 2964, 1682, 1525, 1486, 1325, 1164, 1014, 827  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.74 (s, 1H), 8.77–8.74 (m, 2H), 8.15 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.5–7.43 (m, 5H), 3.62–3.56 (m, 1H), 2.92–2.80 (m, 2H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 1.44 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$

NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  197.9, 169.8, 151.6, 148.1, 138.2, 136.4, 135.5, 134.2, 128.8, 127.9, 127.4, 127.2, 121.6, 121.6, 116.5, 46.3, 36.9, 26.6, 21.7; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 333.1603; found 333.1588.



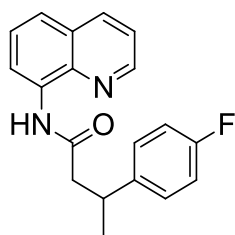
**3-(4-nitrophenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (14g):** Following the general procedure A described above, **14g** was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane = 4 : 96) as yellow solid (56 mg, 67%); R<sub>f</sub> 0.40 (15% EtOAc/Hexane); mp 98-100 °C; IR (DCM):  $\nu_{\max}$  3354, 2962, 1685, 1520, 1484, 1345, 1035, 845 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.73 (s, 1H), 8.77-8.75 (m, 1H), 8.72 (dd,  $J_1$  = 6.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 3H), 7.52-7.44 (m, 5H), 3.65 (dd,  $J_1$  = 14.4 Hz,  $J_2$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (dd,  $J_1$  = 7.2 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.8 Hz, 2H), 1.45 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  169.3, 153.6, 148.2, 146.6, 138.2, 136.4, 134.1, 127.9, 127.9, 127.3, 123.9, 121.7, 121.7, 116.5, 46.1, 36.8, 21.6; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 336.1348; found 336.1335.



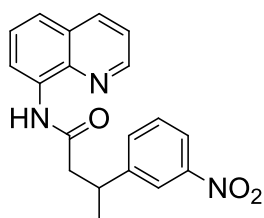
**3-(4-cyanophenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (14h):** Following the general procedure A described above, **14h** was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane = 10 : 90) as brown semi solid (43 mg, 56%); R<sub>f</sub> 0.10 (15% EtOAc/Hexane); IR (DCM):  $\nu_{\max}$  3345, 2965, 2229, 1680, 1521, 1485, 1163, 1016, 826 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.72 (s, 1H), 8.78 (dd,  $J_1$  = 4.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.73 (dd,  $J_1$  = 6.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (dd,  $J_1$  = 8.4 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.43 (m, 7H), 3.58 (q,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (dd,  $J_1$  = 7.2 Hz,  $J_2$  = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 1.43 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  169.4, 151.5, 148.2, 138.2, 136.4, 134.1, 132.5, 127.9, 127.8, 127.4, 121.7, 119.0, 116.5, 110.3,



46.1, 36.9, 21.5; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 316.1450; found 316.1440.

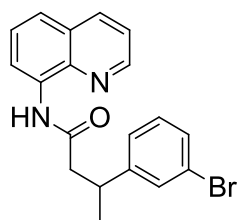


**3-(4-fluorophenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (14i):** Following the general procedure A described above, **14i** was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane = 4 : 96) as colourless liquid (46 mg, 64%); R<sub>f</sub> 0.40 (15% EtOAc/Hexane); IR (DCM):  $\nu_{\max}$  3353, 2963, 1680, 1521, 1486, 1325, 1158, 1016, 826 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.72 (s, 1H), 8.79-8.76 (m, 2H), 8.18-8.15 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.45 (m, 3H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.00 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.51 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.81-2.76 (m, 1H), 1.42 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  170.1, 162.7, 160.2, 148.1, 141.5 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz), 138.2, 136.4, 134.3, 128.3 (d, *J* = 31.6 Hz), 127.9, 127.4, 121.6 (d, *J* = 38.4 Hz), 116.4, 115.4 (d, *J* = 83.0 Hz), 47.0, 36.2, 22.0; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 309.1403; found 309.1388.

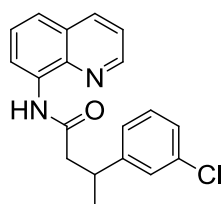


**3-(3-nitrophenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (14j):** Following the general procedure A described above, **14j** was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane = 7 : 93) as brown semi solid (72 mg, 86%); R<sub>f</sub> 0.40 (15% EtOAc/Hexane); IR (DCM):  $\nu_{\max}$  3348, 2965, 1682, 1531, 1486, 1350, 1164, 1031, 826 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.75 (s, 1H), 8.76 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 4.0 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.72 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 6.4 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (s, 1H), 8.14 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 8.4 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 8.0 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.43 (m, 4H), 3.68-3.63 (m, 1H), 2.95-2.84 (m, 2H), 1.47 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  169.4, 148.5, 148.2, 148.0, 138.2, 136.4,

134.1, 133.7, 129.5, 127.9, 127.3, 121.7, 121.6, 121.6, 116.5, 46.2, 36.5, 21.7 ; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 336.1348; found 336.1333.

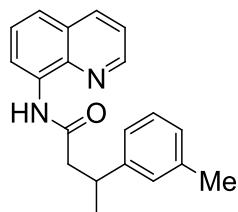


**3-(3-bromophenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (14k):** Following the general procedure A described above, **14k** was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane = 4 : 96) as colorless liquid (77 mg, 84%); R<sub>f</sub> 0.40 (15% EtOAc/Hexane); IR (DCM): ν<sub>max</sub> 3339, 2923, 2247, 1716, 1510, 1466, 1242, 1034 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 9.74 (s, 1H), 8.80 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 4.0 Hz, J<sub>2</sub> = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.77 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 7.2 Hz, J<sub>2</sub> = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 8.4 Hz, J<sub>2</sub> = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56–7.45 (m, 4H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.19–7.15 (m, 1H), 3.52–3.47 (m, 1H), 2.89 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 14.8 Hz, J<sub>2</sub> = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 14.8 Hz, J<sub>2</sub> = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.42 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 169.9, 148.3, 148.1, 138.3, 136.4, 134.3, 130.2, 129.9, 129.6, 127.9, 127.4, 127.4, 125.8, 122.7, 121.6, 121.6, 116.5, 46.6, 36.6, 21.7; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 369.0603; found 369.0590.

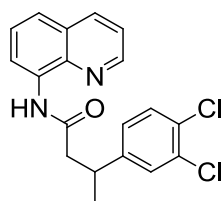


**3-(3-chlorophenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (14l):** Following the general procedure A described above, **14l** was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane = 4 : 96) as pale yellow liquid (53 mg, 65%); R<sub>f</sub> 0.40 (15% EtOAc/Hexane); IR (DCM): ν<sub>max</sub> 3339, 2923, 2247, 1716, 1510, 1466, 1242, 1034 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 9.74 (s, 1H), 8.80 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 4.0 Hz, J<sub>2</sub> = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.78–8.76 (m, 1H), 8.16 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 8.4 Hz, J<sub>2</sub> = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56–7.45 (m, 3H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.24–7.18 (m, 2H), 3.51 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 14.4 Hz, J<sub>2</sub> = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 14.8 Hz, J<sub>2</sub> = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 14.8 Hz, J<sub>2</sub> = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.42 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 169.9, 148.1, 148.0, 138.2,

136.4, 134.4, 134.3, 129.9, 127.9, 127.4, 127.0, 126.6, 125.3, 121.6, 121.6, 116.5, 46.6, 36.6, 21.7; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 325.1108; found 325.1093.

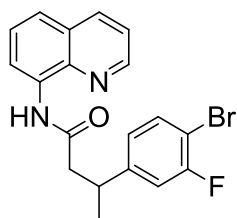


**N-(quinolin-8-yl)-3-(m-tolyl)butanamide (14m):** Following the general procedure A described above, **14m** was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane = 4 : 96) as colorless liquid (63 mg, 83%); R<sub>f</sub> 0.40 (15% EtOAc/Hexane); IR (DCM): ν<sub>max</sub> 3339, 2923, 2247, 1716, 1510, 1466, 1242, 1034 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 9.77 (s, 1H), 8.82-8.79 (m, 2H), 8.16 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 8.0 Hz, J<sub>2</sub> = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.16 (m, 3H), 7.04 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.53-3.47 (m, 1H), 2.95-2.90 (m, 1H), 2.79 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 14.4 Hz, J<sub>2</sub> = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.44 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 170.5, 148.1, 146.0, 138.3, 138.2, 136.3, 134.4, 128.5, 127.9, 127.7, 127.4, 127.2, 123.9, 121.6, 121.4, 116.4, 46.9, 36.9, 21.9, 21.5; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 305.1654; found 305.1640.

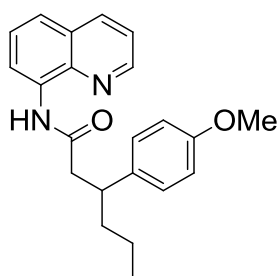


**3-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (14n):** Following the general procedure A described above, **14n** was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane = 5 : 95) as pale yellow solid (45 mg, 50%); R<sub>f</sub> 0.40 (15% EtOAc/Hexane); mp 85-87 °C; IR (DCM): ν<sub>max</sub> 3412, 2965, 1684, 1526, 1485, 1325, 1122, 1039, 825 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 9.70 (s, 1H), 8.79 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 4.0 Hz, J<sub>2</sub> = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.74 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 6.8 Hz, J<sub>2</sub> = 2 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 8.4 Hz, J<sub>2</sub> = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.44 (m, 4H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 8.4 Hz, J<sub>2</sub> = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.51-3.46 (m, 1H), 2.88-2.76 (m, 2H), 1.41 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 169.6, 148.2, 146.2, 138.2, 136.4, 134.2, 132.5,

130.5, 130.3, 128.9, 127.9, 127.3, 126.6, 121.6, 116.5, 46.5, 36.2, 21.7; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 359.0718; found 359.0706.

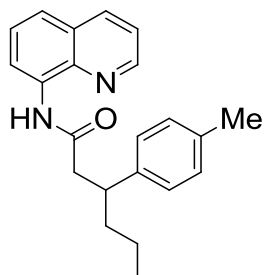


**3-(4-bromo-3-fluorophenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)butanamide (14o):** Following the general procedure A described above, **14o** was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane = 4 : 96) as pale yellow solid (71 mg, 74%); R<sub>f</sub> 0.40 (15% EtOAc/Hexane); mp 146-148 °C; IR (DCM): ν<sub>max</sub> 3339, 2923, 2247, 1716, 1510, 1466, 1242, 1034 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 9.71 (s, 1H), 8.79 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 4.4 Hz, J<sub>2</sub> = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.75-8.73 (m, 1H), 8.18-8.15 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.43 (m, 4H), 7.13 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 9.6 Hz, J<sub>2</sub> = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 8.0 Hz, J<sub>2</sub> = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.88-2.83 (m, 1H), 2.79 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 14.8 Hz, J<sub>2</sub> = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 1.41 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 169.6, 160.4, 157.9, 148.2, 147.8 (d, J = 25.2 Hz), 138.2, 136.4, 134.2, 133.5, 127.9, 127.4, 124.0 (d, J = 12.4 Hz), 121.7, 116.5, 115.0 (d, J = 87.6 Hz), 106.5 (d, J = 83.6 Hz), 46.4, 36.3, 36.3, 21.7; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrFN<sub>2</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 387.0508; found 387.0495.

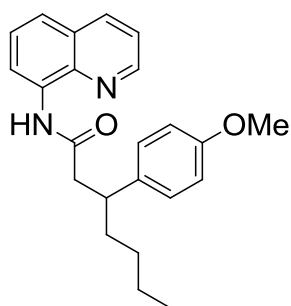


**3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)hexanamide (14p):** Following the general procedure A described above, **14p** was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane = 7 : 93) as red solid (92 mg, 92%); R<sub>f</sub> 0.40 (15% EtOAc/Hexane); mp 85-87 °C; IR (DCM): ν<sub>max</sub> 3355, 2956, 1683, 1525, 1485, 1325, 1248, 1035 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 9.69 (s, 1H), 8.77-8.75 (m, 2H), 8.13 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.31-3.27 (m, 1H), 2.85-2.82 (m, 2H), 1.79-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.29-

1.22 (m, 2H), 0.89 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  170.6, 158.1, 148.0, 138.3, 136.3, 136.3, 134.5, 128.5, 127.9, 127.4, 121.5, 121.4, 116.4, 113.9, 55.2, 46.2, 41.6, 38.6, 20.6, 14.0; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  349.1916; found 349.1906.

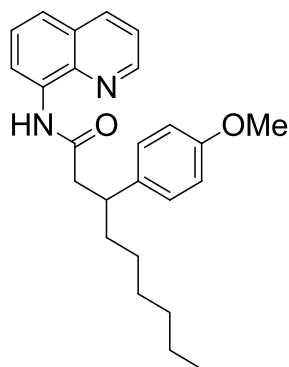


**N-(quinolin-8-yl)-3-(p-tolyl)hexanamide (14q):** Following the general procedure A described above, **14q** was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane = 5 : 95) as pale yellow semi solid (77 mg, 93%);  $R_f$  0.40 (15% EtOAc/Hexane); IR (DCM):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3356, 2956, 1688, 1525, 1485, 1325, 1160, 1114, 825  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.72 (s, 1H), 8.79–8.77 (m, 2H), 8.14 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.54–7.43 (m, 3H), 7.21 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.33–3.30 (m, 1H), 2.86 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.80–1.68 (m, 2H), 1.29–1.22 (m, 2H), 0.89 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  170.6, 148.0, 141.3, 138.3, 136.3, 135.8, 134.5, 129.2, 127.9, 127.4, 127.4, 121.5, 121.3, 116.4, 46.0, 42.0, 38.5, 21.1, 20.6, 14.1; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  333.1967; found 333.1960.

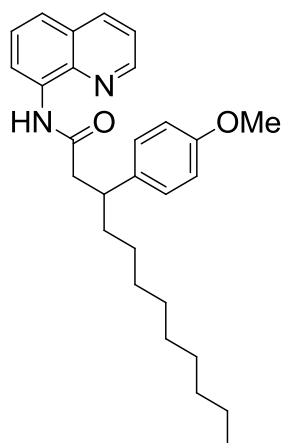


**3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)heptanamide (14r):** Following the general procedure A described above, **14r** was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane = 5 : 95) as pale yellow solid (94 mg, 97%);  $R_f$  0.40 (15% EtOAc/Hexane); mp 89–91  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; IR (DCM):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3356, 2929, 1682, 1525, 1486, 1325, 1247, 1036  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.68 (s, 1H), 8.77–8.74

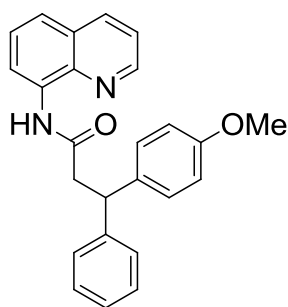
(m, 2H), 8.15 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.54–7.43 (m, 3H), 7.23 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.28–3.24 (m, 1H), 2.85–2.81 (m, 2H), 1.80–1.67 (m, 3H), 1.32–1.17 (m, 5H), 0.90–0.83 (m, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  170.6, 158.0, 148.0, 138.3, 136.4, 136.3, 134.4, 128.4, 127.8, 127.4, 121.5, 121.3, 116.4, 113.9, 55.2, 46.2, 41.8, 36.1, 29.7, 22.7, 14.0; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ] $^+$  363.2073; found 363.2082.



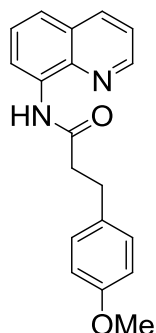
**3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)nonanamide (14s):** Following the general procedure A described above, **14s** was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane = 7 : 93) as pale yellow solid (93 mg, 95%);  $R_f$  0.40 (15% EtOAc/Hexane); mp 75–77 °C; IR (DCM):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3356, 2928, 1683, 1520, 1486, 1325, 1247, 1036  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.68 (s, 1H), 8.78–8.75 (m, 2H), 8.14 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.54–7.43 (m, 3H), 7.23 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.28–3.25 (m, 1H), 2.85–2.81 (m, 2H), 1.79–1.67 (m, 2H), 1.28–1.22 (m, 8H), 0.85 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  170.6, 158.0, 148.0, 138.3, 136.4, 136.3, 134.5, 128.4, 127.9, 127.4, 121.5, 121.3, 116.4, 113.9, 55.2, 46.2, 41.9, 36.4, 31.8, 29.3, 27.4, 22.6, 14.1; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ] $^+$  391.2386; found 391.2379.



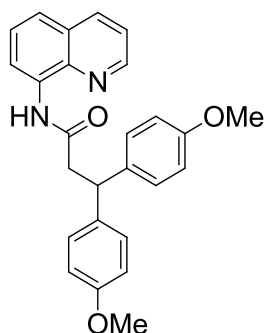
**3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)dodecanamide (14t):** Following the general procedure A described above, **14t** was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane = 7 : 93) as pale yellow solid (91 mg, 85%);  $R_f$  0.40 (15% EtOAc/Hexane); mp 56-58 °C; IR (DCM):  $\nu_{\max}$  3356, 2926, 1683, 1520, 1486, 1325, 1248, 1037  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.68 (s, 1H), 8.77–8.75 (m, 2H), 8.13 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.51–7.43 (m, 3H), 7.23 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.30–3.25 (m, 1H), 2.85–2.81 (m, 2H), 1.80–1.67 (m, 2H), 1.30–1.22 (m, 15H), 0.89 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  170.6, 158.0, 148.0, 138.3, 136.4, 136.3, 134.5, 128.4, 127.9, 127.4, 121.5, 121.3, 116.4, 113.9, 55.1, 46.2, 41.9, 36.4, 31.9, 29.6, 29.6, 29.6, 29.3, 27.5, 22.7, 14.2; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{37}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  433.2855; found 433.2838.



**3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenyl-N-(quinolin-8-yl)propanamide (14u):** Following the general procedure A described above, **14u** was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane = 8 : 92) as brown semi solid (76 mg, 80%);  $R_f$  0.20 (15% EtOAc/Hexane); IR (DCM):  $\nu_{\max}$  3339, 2923, 2247, 1716, 1510, 1466, 1242, 1034  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.80 (s, 1H), 8.78-8.75 (m, 2H), 8.12 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.51–7.29 (m, 9H), 7.21 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 4.79 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.33 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  169.7, 158.2, 148.1, 144.2, 138.2, 136.3, 135.9, 134.4, 128.8, 128.7, 127.9, 127.7, 127.4, 126.5, 121.6, 121.5, 116.5, 114.0, 55.2, 46.4, 44.7; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  383.1760; found 383.1745.

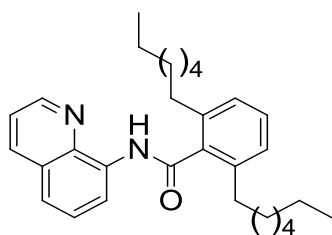


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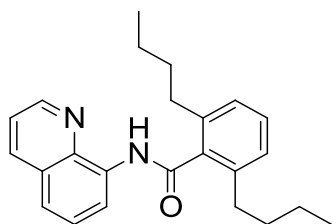


**3,3-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)propanamide (14v'):** Following the general procedure A described above, **14v'** was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane = 8 : 92) as brown semi solid (60 mg, 58%);  $R_f$  0.20 (15% EtOAc/Hexane); IR (DCM):  $\nu_{\max}$  3339, 2923, 2247, 1716, 1510, 1466, 1242, 1034  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.76 (s, 1H), 8.78-8.76 (m, 1H), 8.73 (dd,  $J_1 = 6.8$  Hz,  $J_2 = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.16-8.14 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 4H), 6.84 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 4H), 4.68-4.72 (m, 1H), 3.75 (s, 6H), 3.27 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  169.8, 158.1, 148.0, 138.2, 136.3, 136.3, 134.4, 128.7, 127.8, 127.4, 121.6, 121.4, 116.5, 114.0, 55.2, 45.6, 44.9; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  413.1865; found 413.1848.

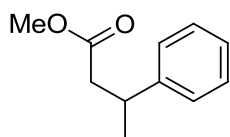




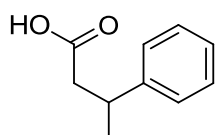
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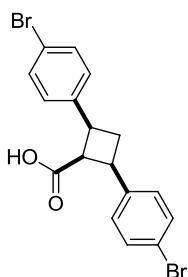
**2,6-dibutyl-N-(quinolin-8-yl)benzamide (12u):** Following the general procedure A described above, **12u** was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane = 2 : 98) as brown semi solid (49 mg, 55%);  $R_f$  0.8 (15% EtOAc/Hexane); IR (DCM):  $\nu_{\max}$  3347, 2927, 2858, 1676, 1522, 1482, 1325, 1262, 1126,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.95 (s, 1H), 9.01 (dd,  $J_1 = 7.6$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 8.75 (dd,  $J_1 = 4.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.22-8.20 (m, 1H), 7.67-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.18 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.73 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 4H), 1.73-1.65 (m, 5H), 1.32 (dd,  $J_1 = 14.8$  Hz,  $J_2 = 7.6$  Hz, 4H), 0.84-0.80 (m, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  168.9, 148.2, 139.5, 138.5, 137.5, 136.3, 134.5, 128.9, 128.0, 127.5, 126.7, 121.9, 121.7, 116.8, 33.8, 33.2, 22.7, 13.9; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_2\text{O}$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  316.2280; found 316.2265.



**methyl 3-phenylbutanoate (15a):** Following the general procedure B described above, **15a** was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane = 1 : 99) as pale yellow liquid (31 mg, 37%);  $R_f$  0.80 (5% EtOAc/Hexane); IR (DCM):  $\nu_{\max}$  3339, 2923, 2247, 1716, 1510, 1466, 1242, 1034  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.35-7.22 (m, 5H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.32 (dd,  $J_1 = 14.8$  Hz,  $J_2 = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.66 (dd,  $J_1 = 15.2$  Hz,  $J_2 = 6.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.57 (dd,  $J_1 = 15.2$  Hz,  $J_2 = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 1.33 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  172.9, 145.7, 128.5, 126.7, 126.4, 51.5, 42.7, 36.4, 21.8; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{NaO}_2$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  201.0891; found 201.0883.

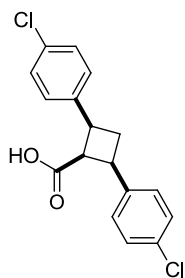


**3-phenylbutanoic acid (15b):** Following the general procedure C described above, **15b** was obtained (EtOAc : Hexane = 1 : 99) as brown semi solid (16 mg, 32%); IR (DCM):  $\nu_{\max}$  3339, 2923, 2247, 1716, 1510, 1466, 1242, 1034  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.35-7.22 (m, 5H), 3.30 (dd,  $J_1 = 14.8$  Hz,  $J_2 = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.70 (dd,  $J_1 = 15.2$  Hz,  $J_2 = 6.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.61 (dd,  $J_1 = 15.6$  Hz,  $J_2 = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 1.35 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  178.1, 145.5, 128.6, 126.7, 126.5, 42.5, 36.2, 21.9; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_2$   $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^+$  163.0759; found 163.0752.



**2,4-Bis(4-bromophenyl)cyclobutanecarboxylic acid (15c).** Following the general procedure C described above, **15c** was obtained as a brown color solid (crude material was almost pure); 65 mg, 52% yield; mp 131-133  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; IR (DCM):  $\nu_{\max}$  2922, 1698,

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**2,4-Bis(4-chlorophenyl)cyclobutanecarboxylic acid (15d).** Following the general procedure C described above, **15d** was obtained as a white colour liquid (crude material was almost pure); 83 mg, 59% yield; IR (DCM):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2966, 1565, 1432, 1331, 800  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.35 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 4H), 7.25 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 4H), 3.80 (dd,  $J_1 = 18.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 9.6$  Hz, 2H), 3.27 (t,  $J = 9.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.82 (dd,  $J_1 = 18.8$  Hz,  $J_2 = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.28 (dd,  $J_1 = 21.2$  Hz,  $J_2 = 10.8$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  179.7, 140.9, 132.6, 128.7, 128.0, 52.4, 38.8, 32.5; FT-IR (DCM): 2966, 1565, 1432, 1331, 800  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^-$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_2$ : 319.0292; found 319.0298.

## Summary

In summary, Pd-catalyzed  $\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$  mediated one-pot multicomponent reaction method for DG installation, C-H activation and  $\beta$ - arylation of  $\text{sp}^3$  C-H bonds of various carboxamide derivatives were successfully achieved. The multicomponent reaction of a mixture of a bidentate ligand, acid chloride and aryl iodide in the presence of  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  catalyst and  $\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$  additive directly afforded the corresponding  $\beta$ -arylated N-(quinolin-8-yl)carboxamide derivative. The bidentate ligand 8-aminoquinoline was found to be the best DG to promote the one-pot Pd-catalyzed C-H activation reaction on  $\text{sp}^3$  C-H bonds. Various types of acid chlorides and aryl iodides were used to check the efficiency of the reaction. We have explored a step economical and straightforward synthetic methodology via one-pot manner for the synthesis of a variety of  $\beta$ -arylated carboxamide derivatives in moderate to high yields.

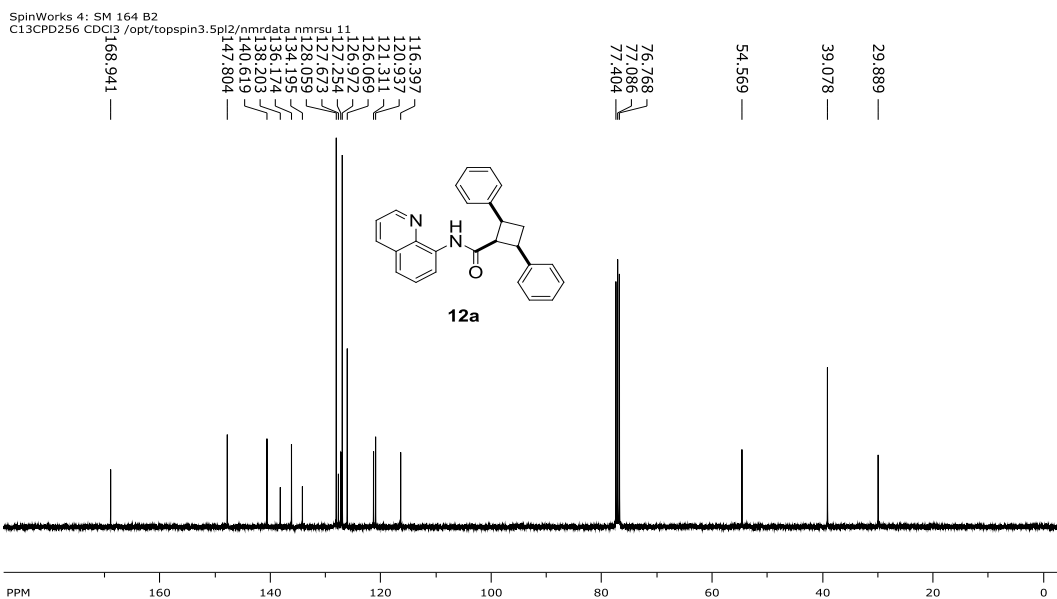
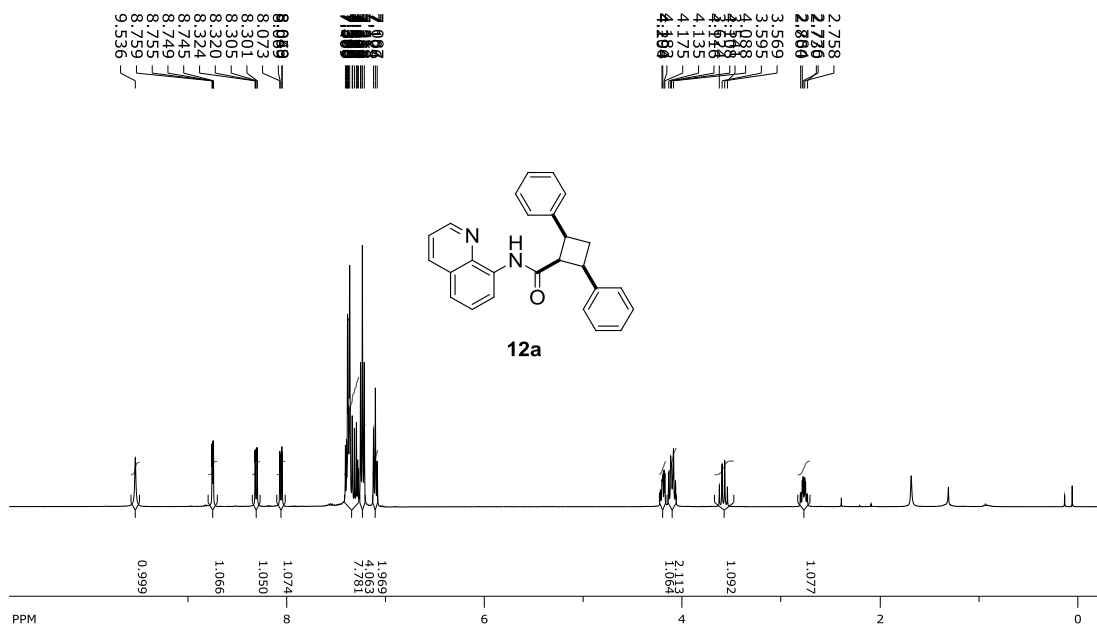
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# Appendix

## NMR Spectra of Representative Compounds

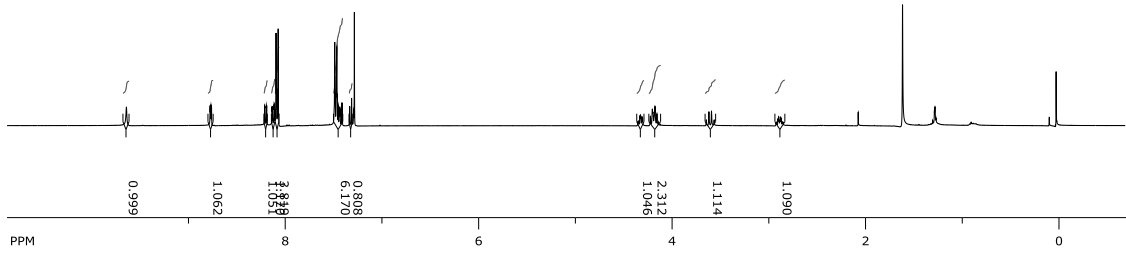
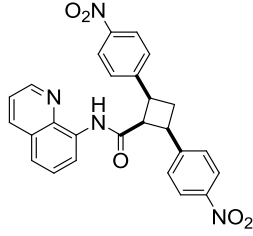
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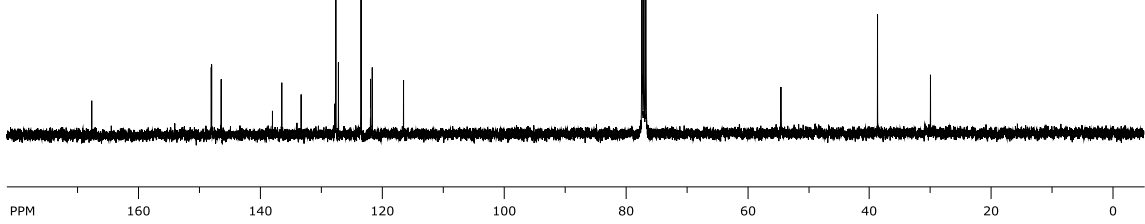
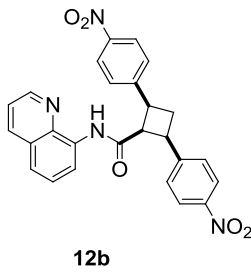
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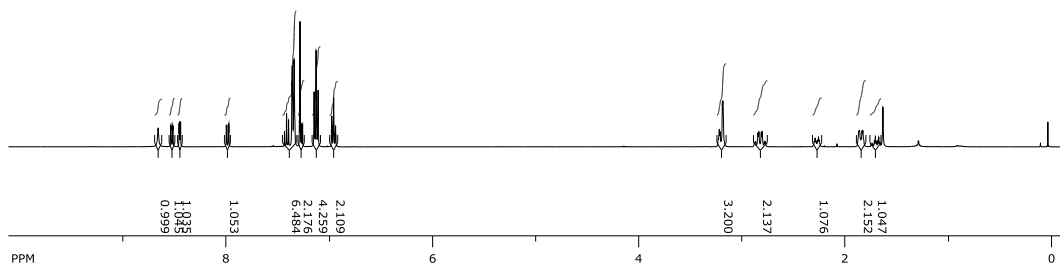
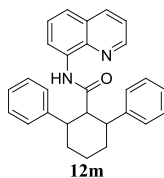
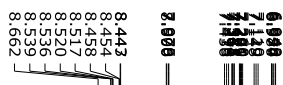


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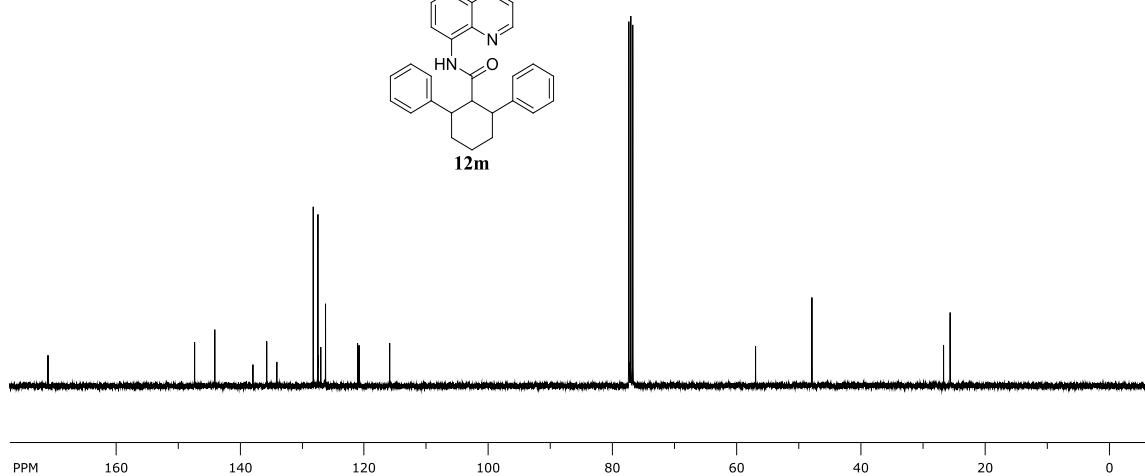
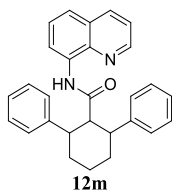
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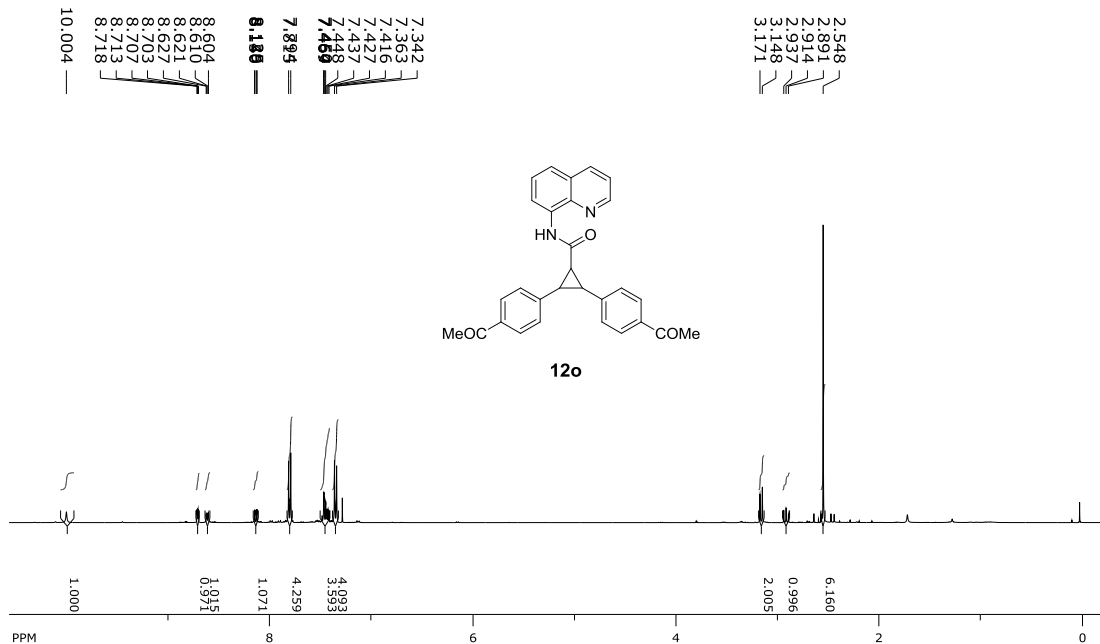


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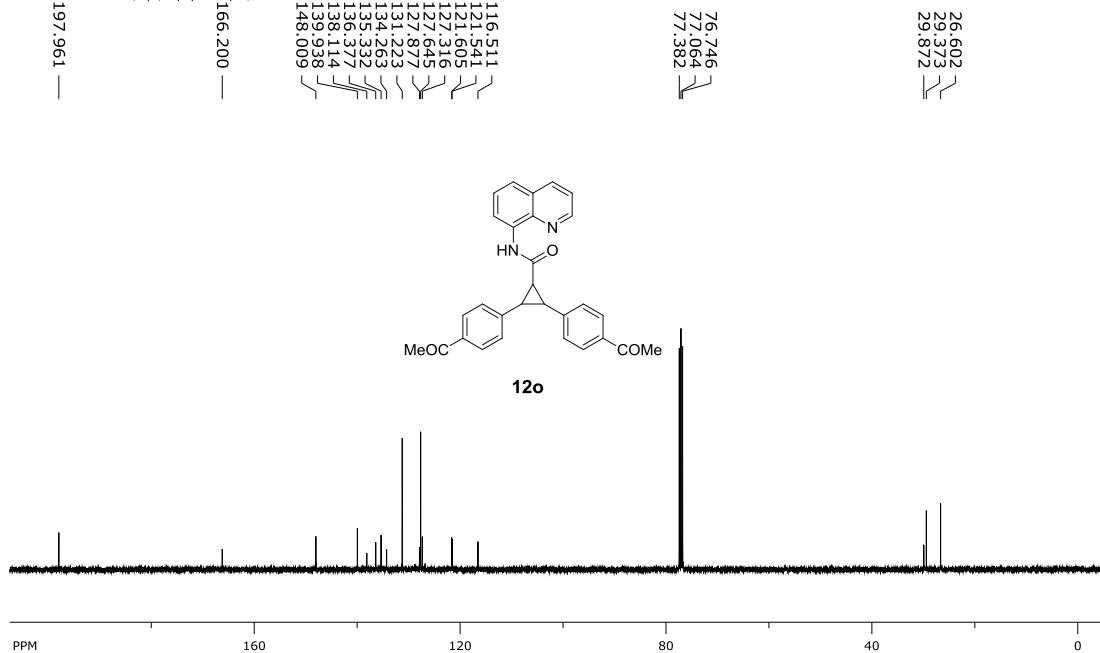




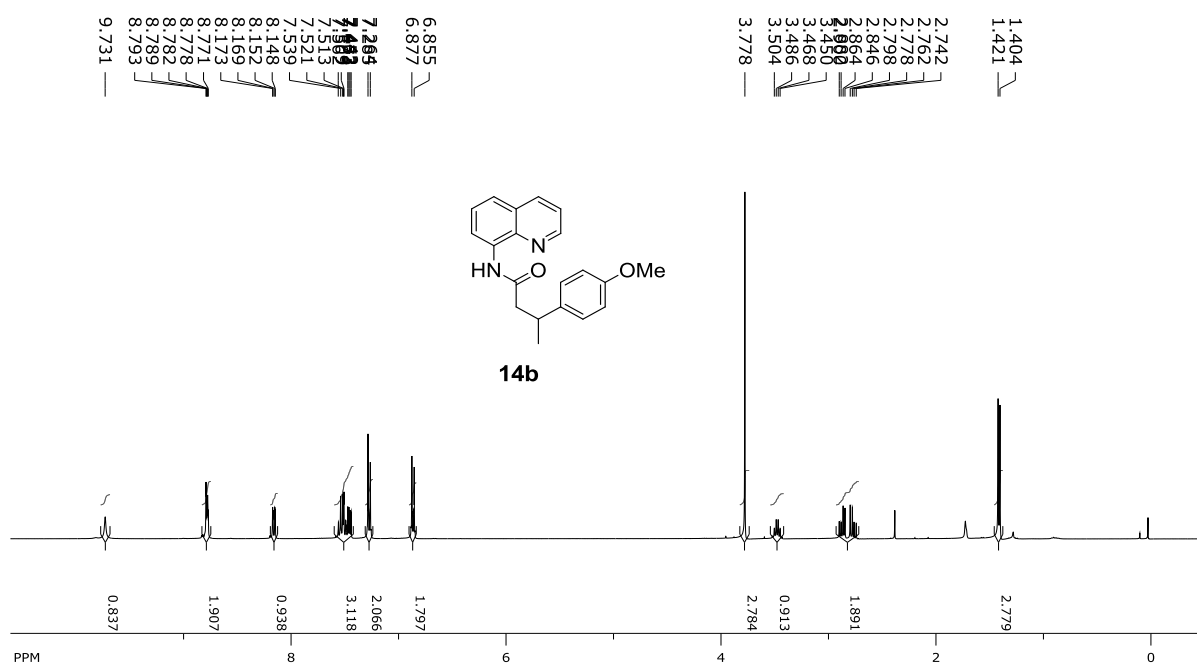
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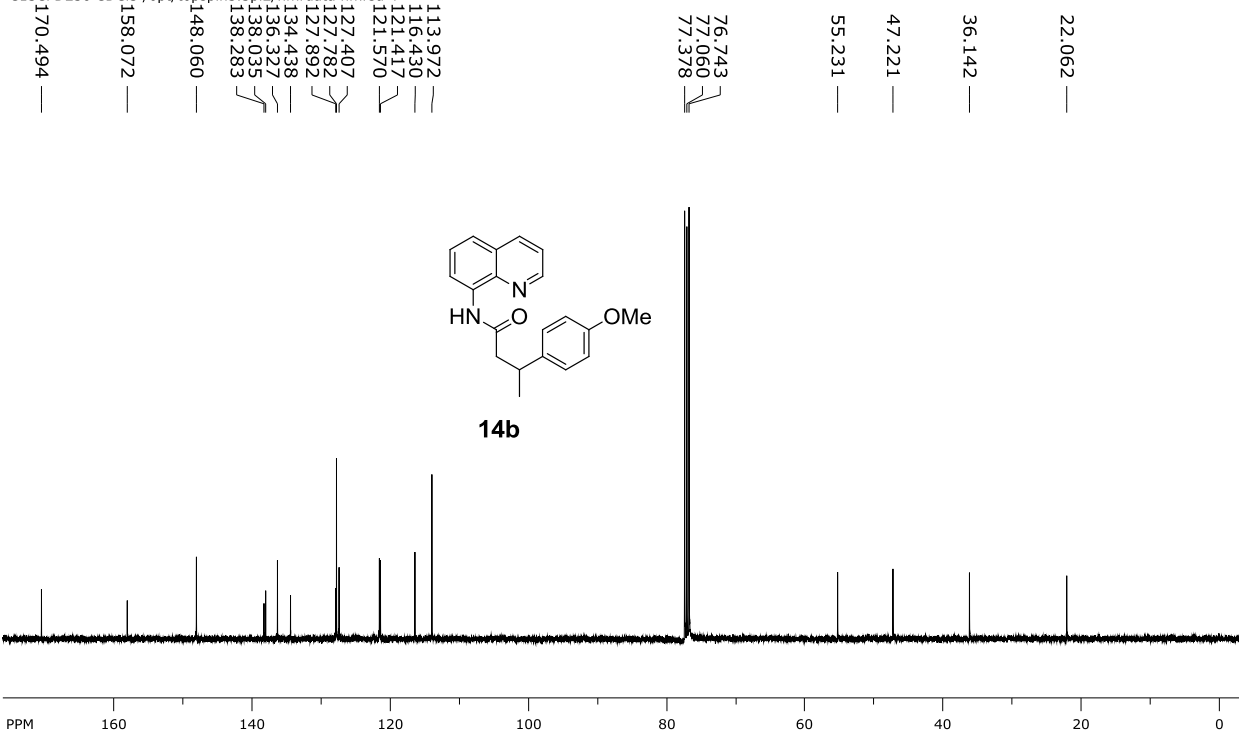


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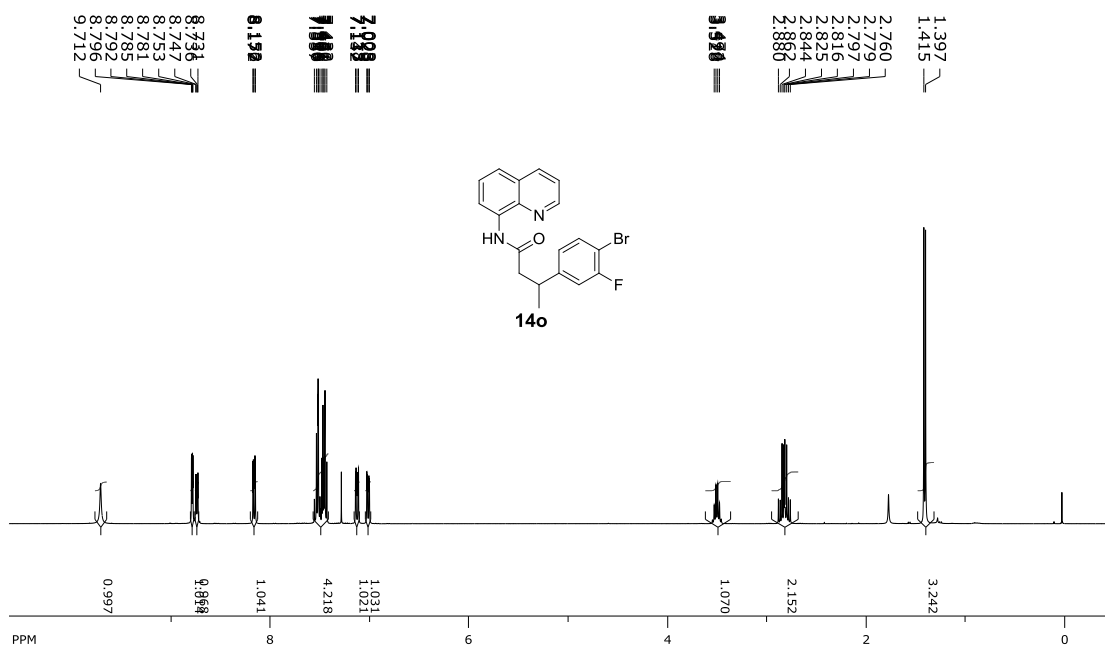


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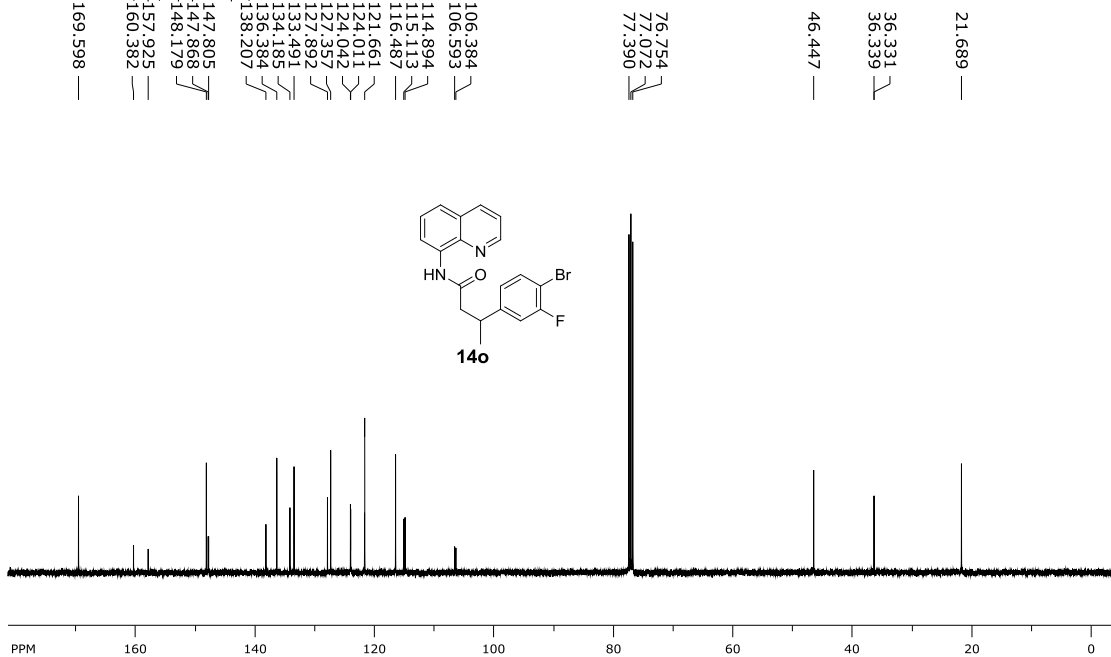
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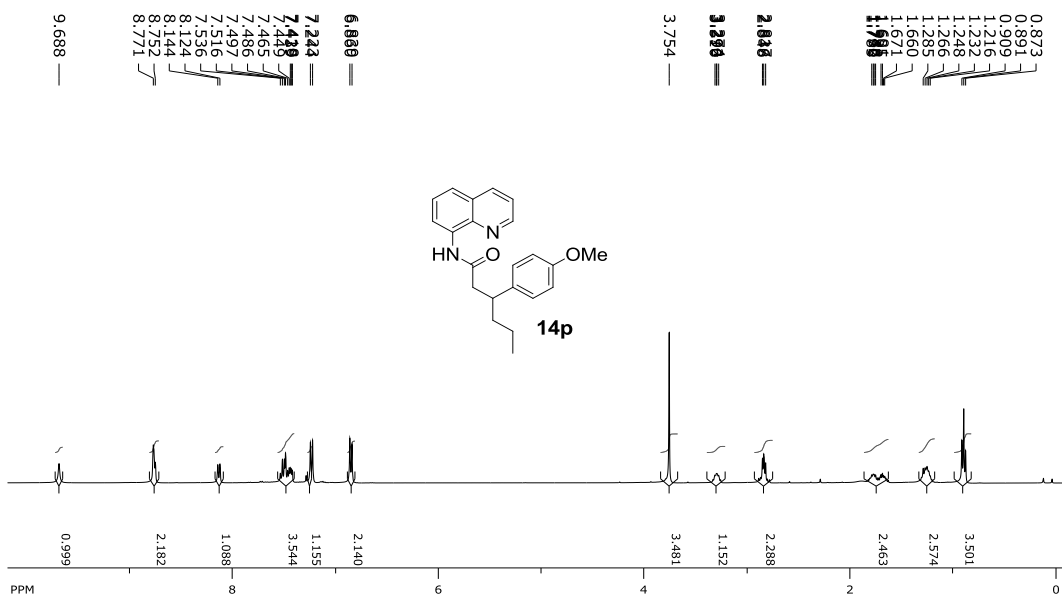
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SpinWorks 4: SM 263 A2  
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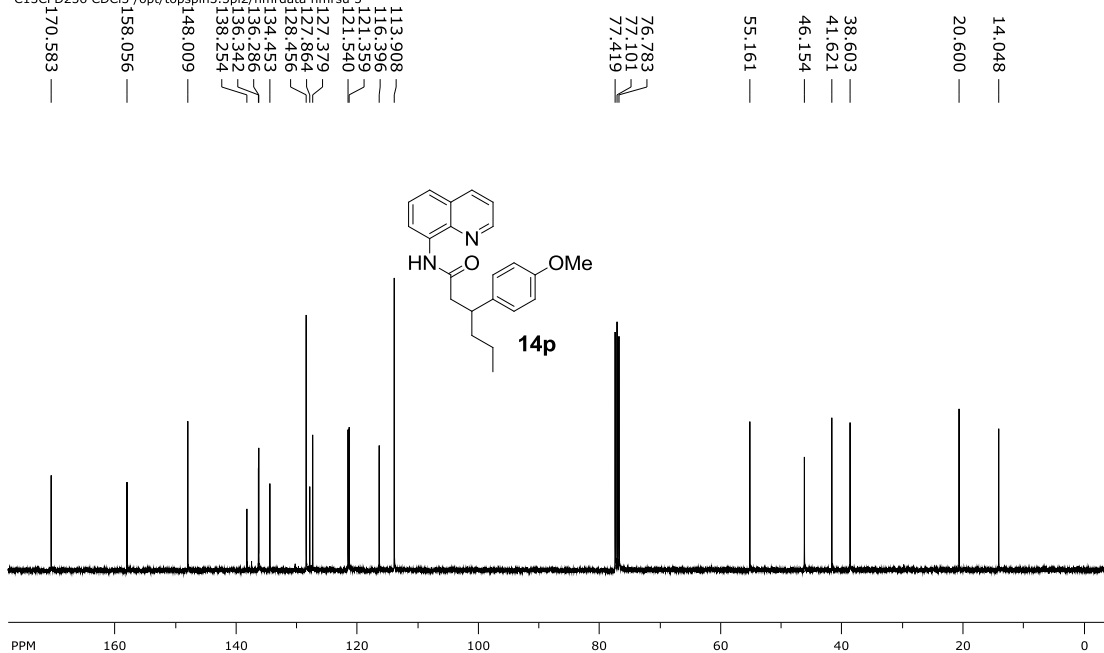


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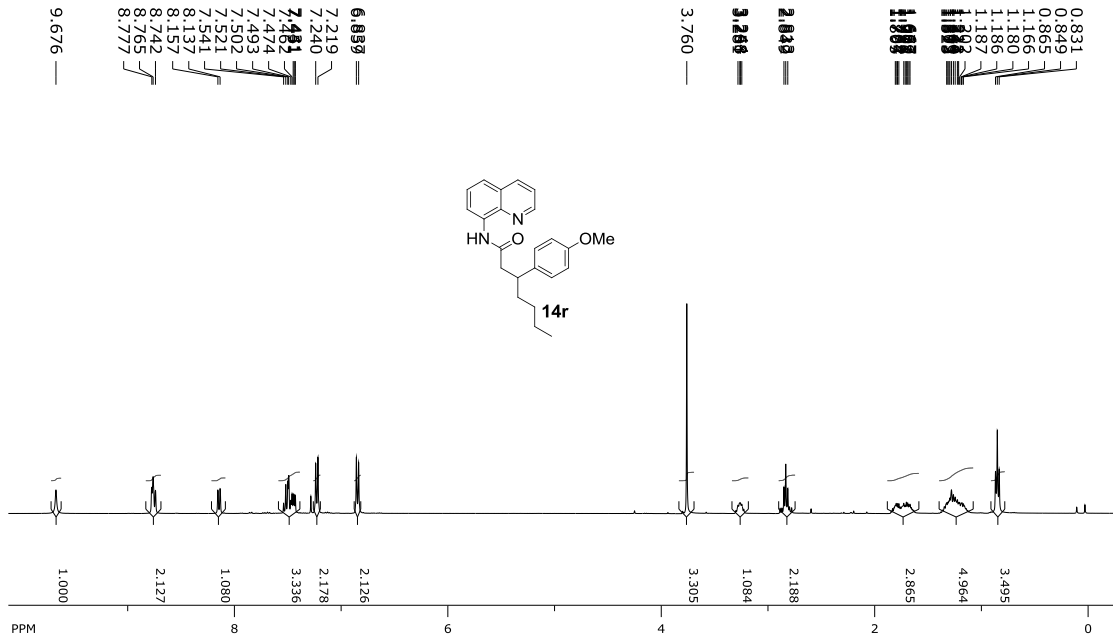


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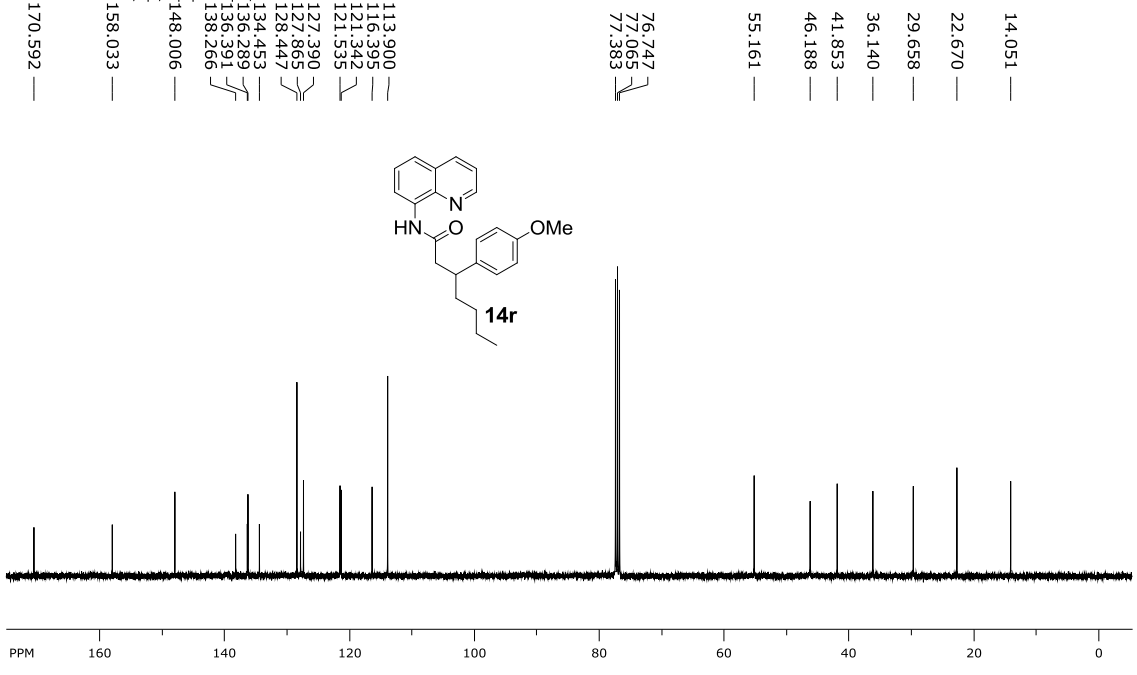


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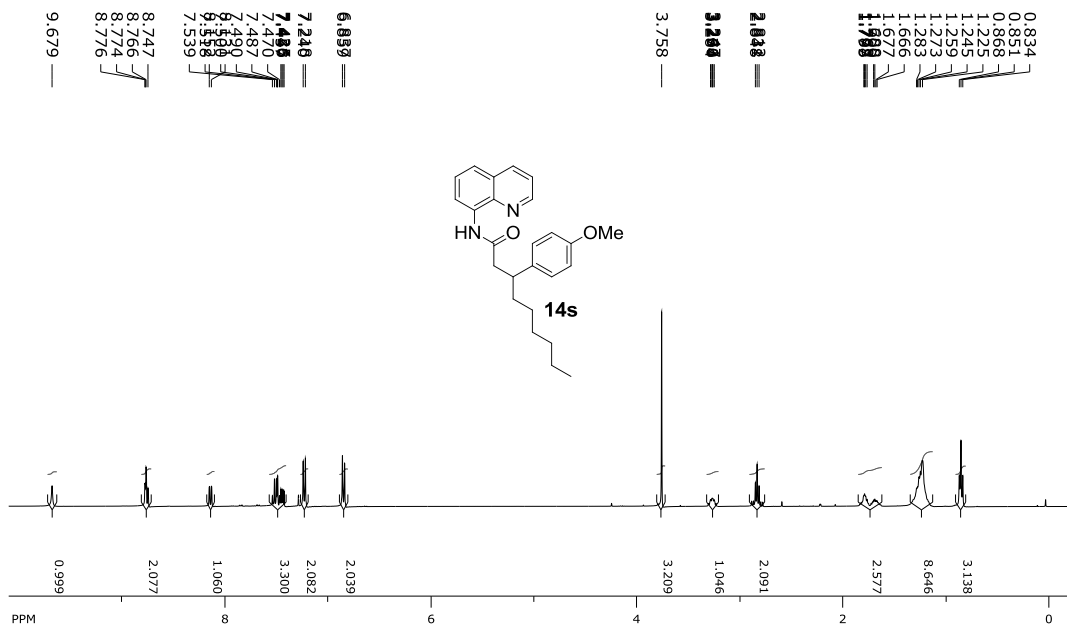


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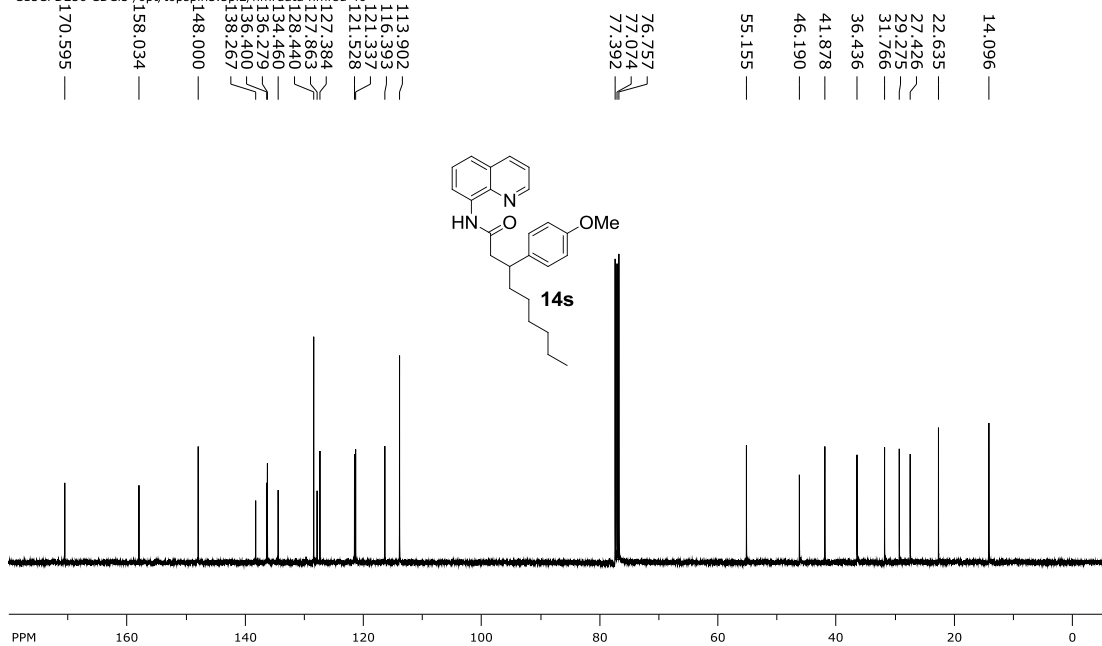
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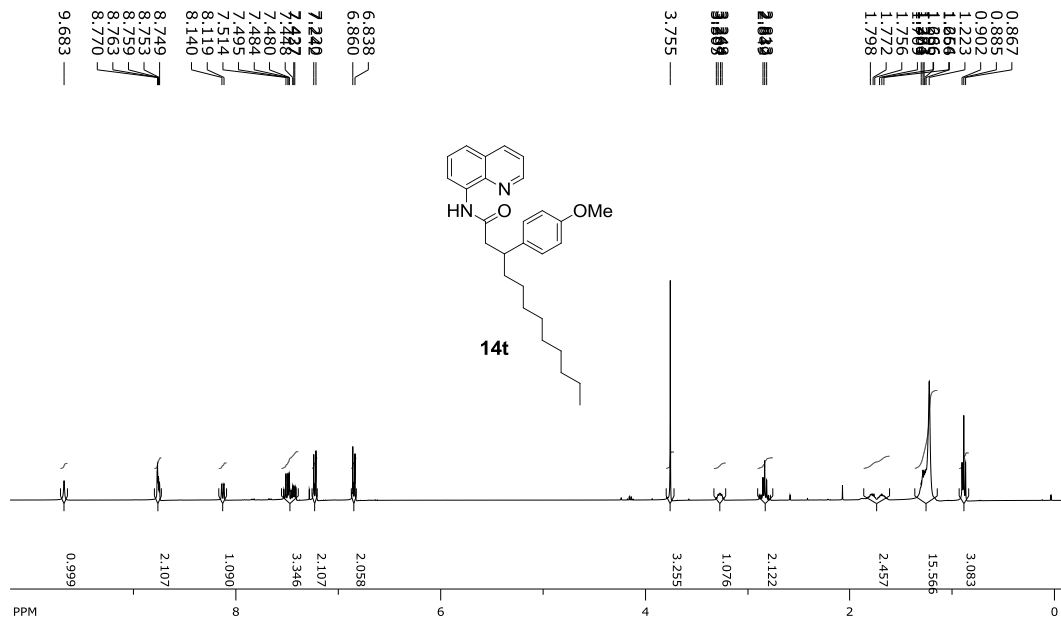
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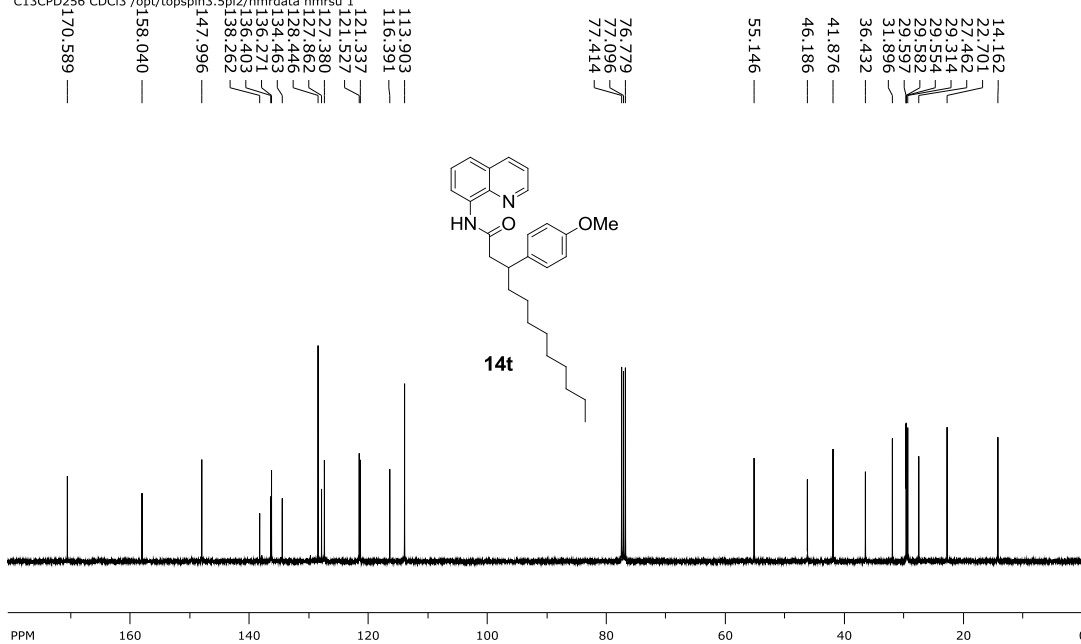
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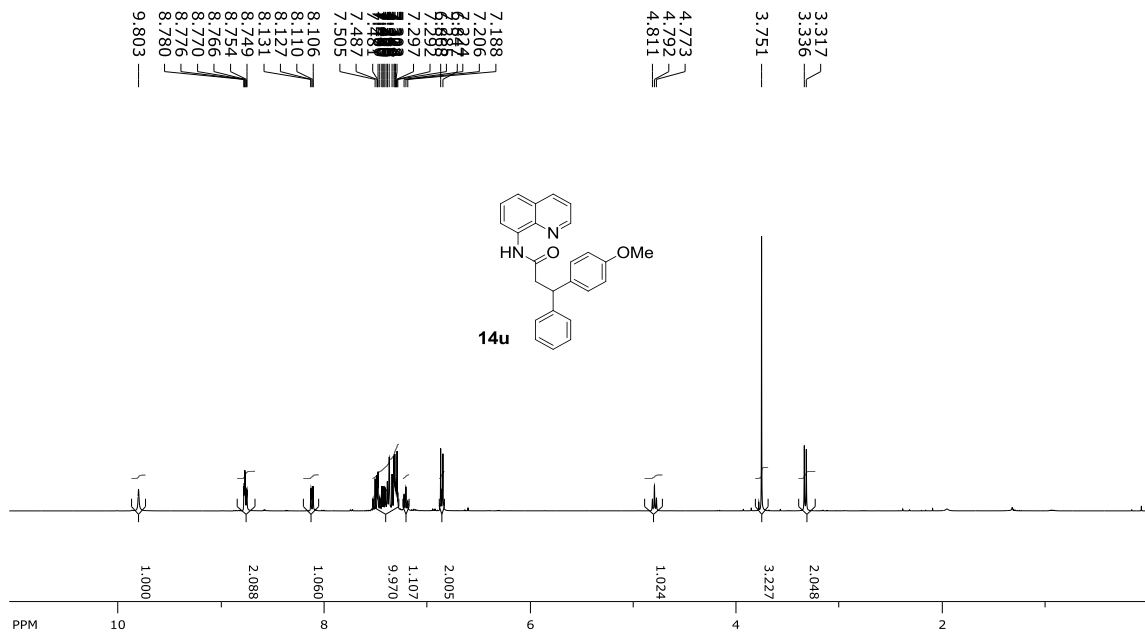
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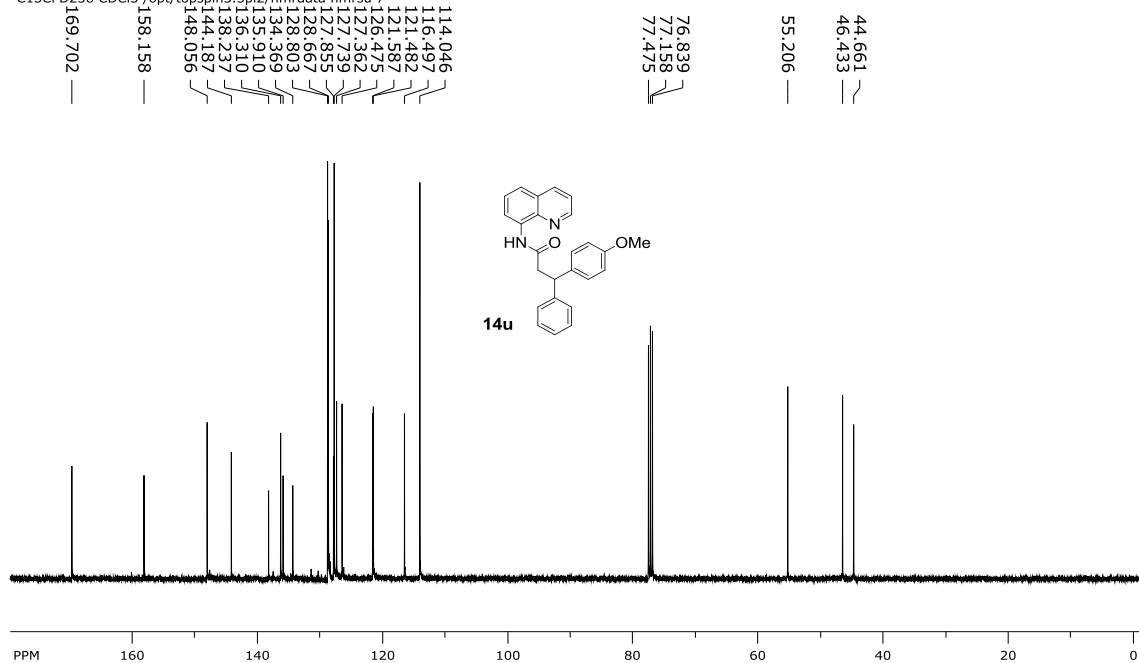
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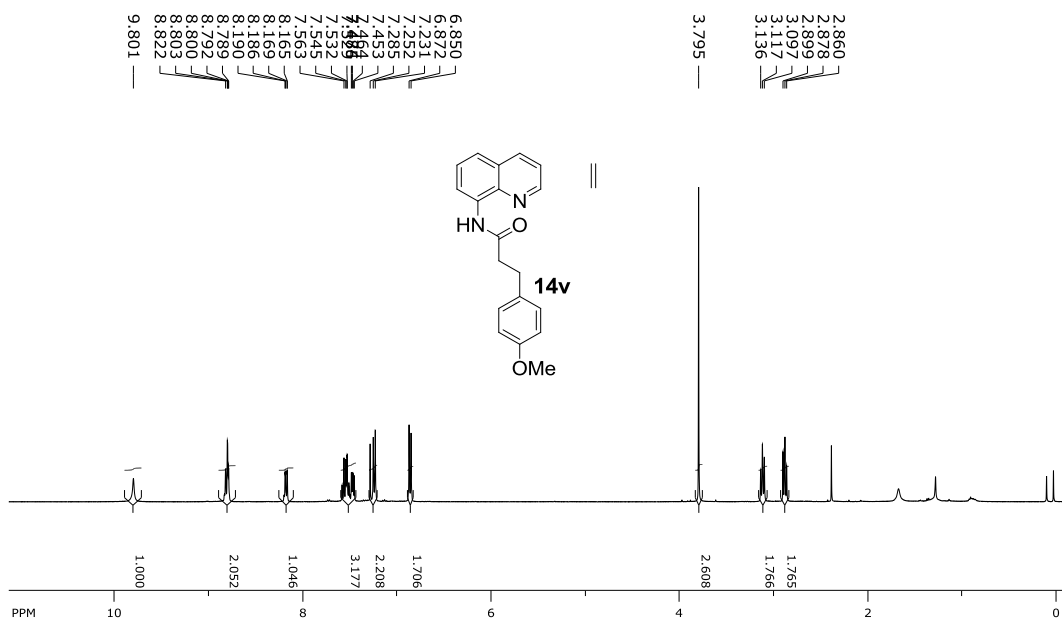


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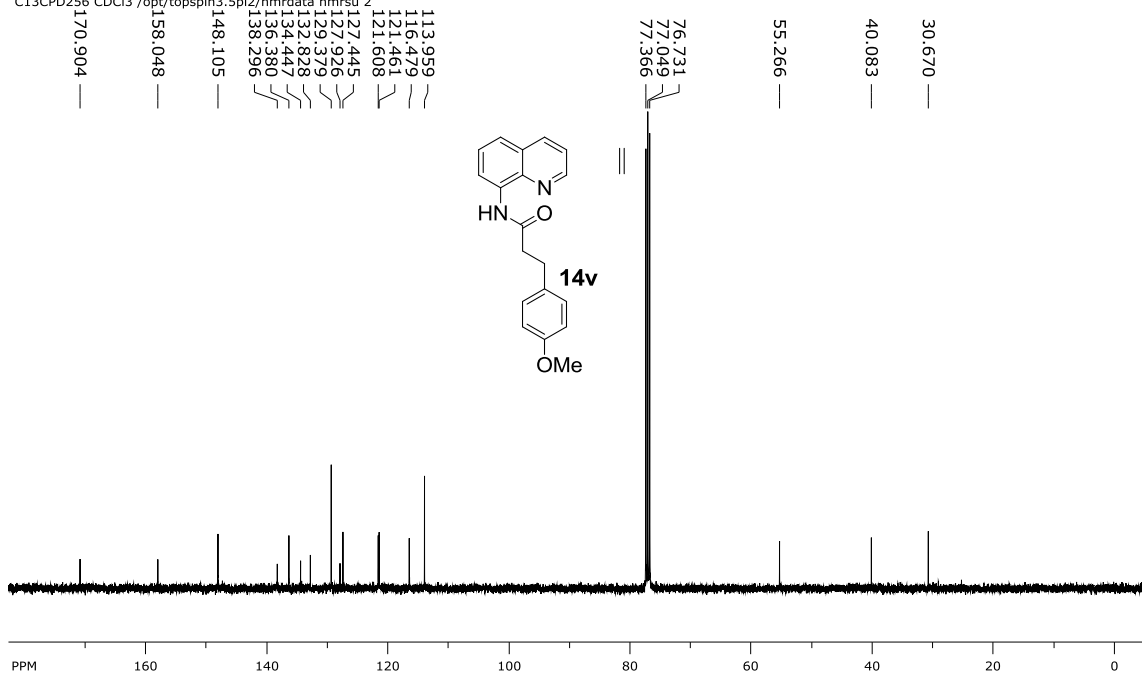




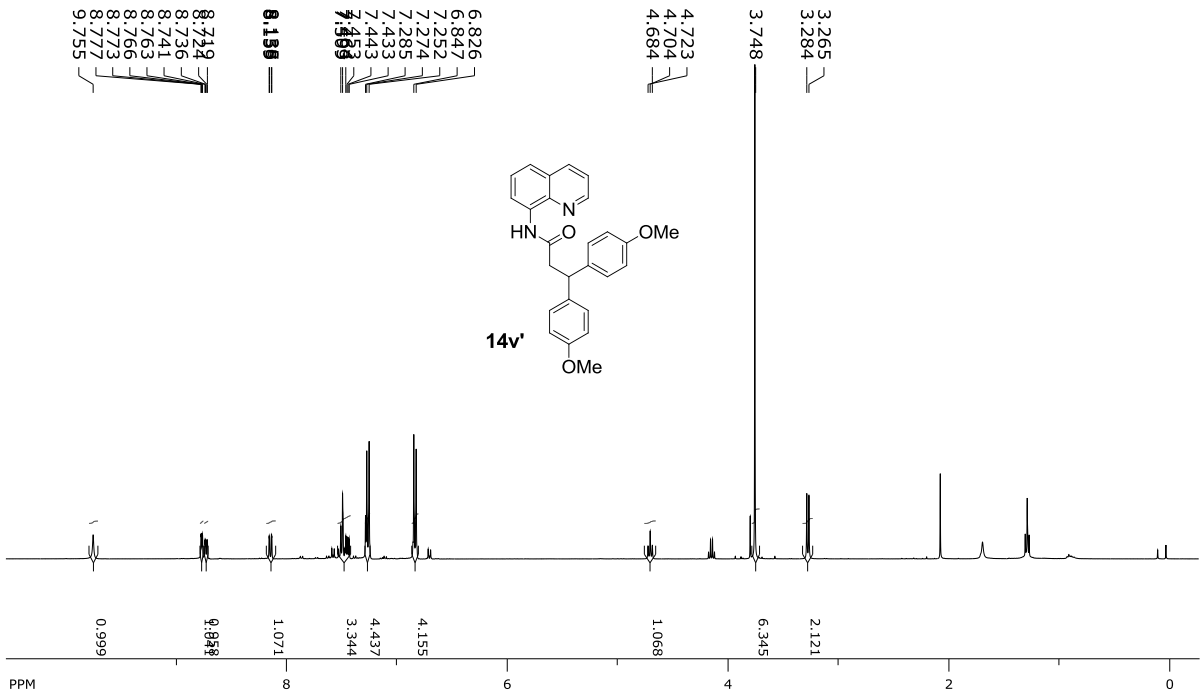
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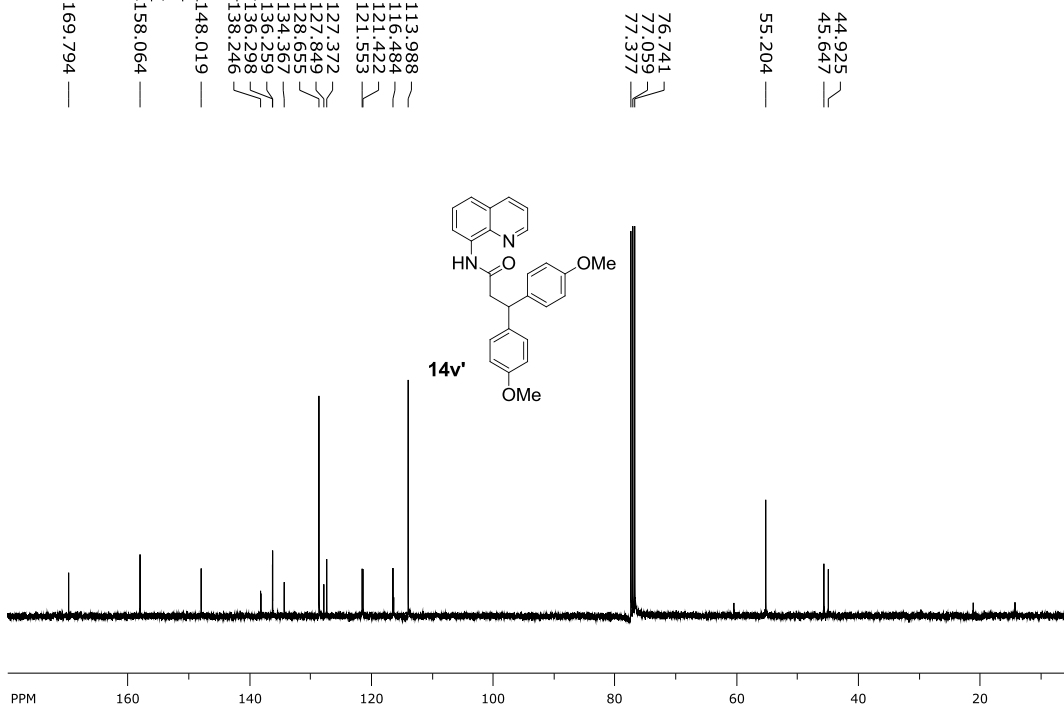
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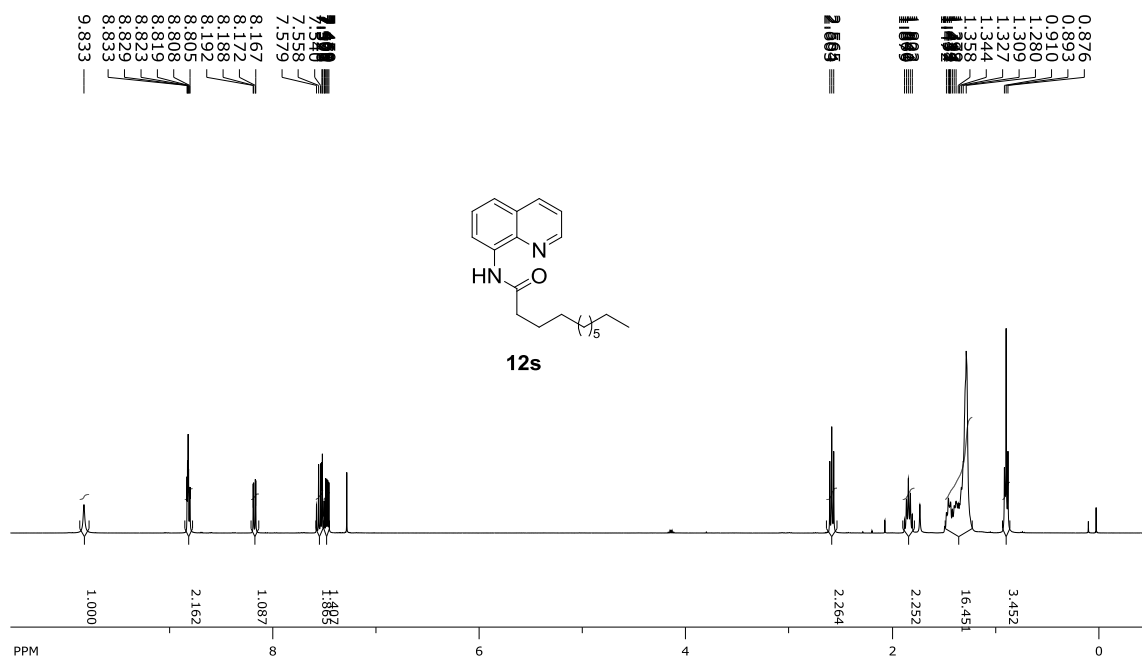
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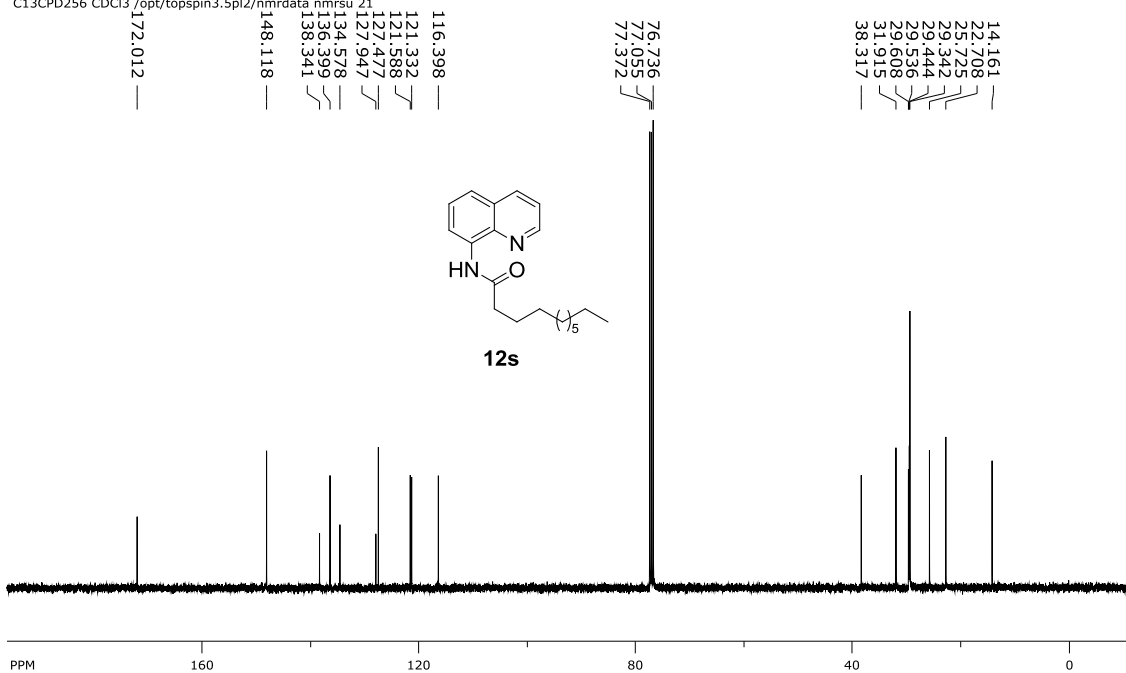
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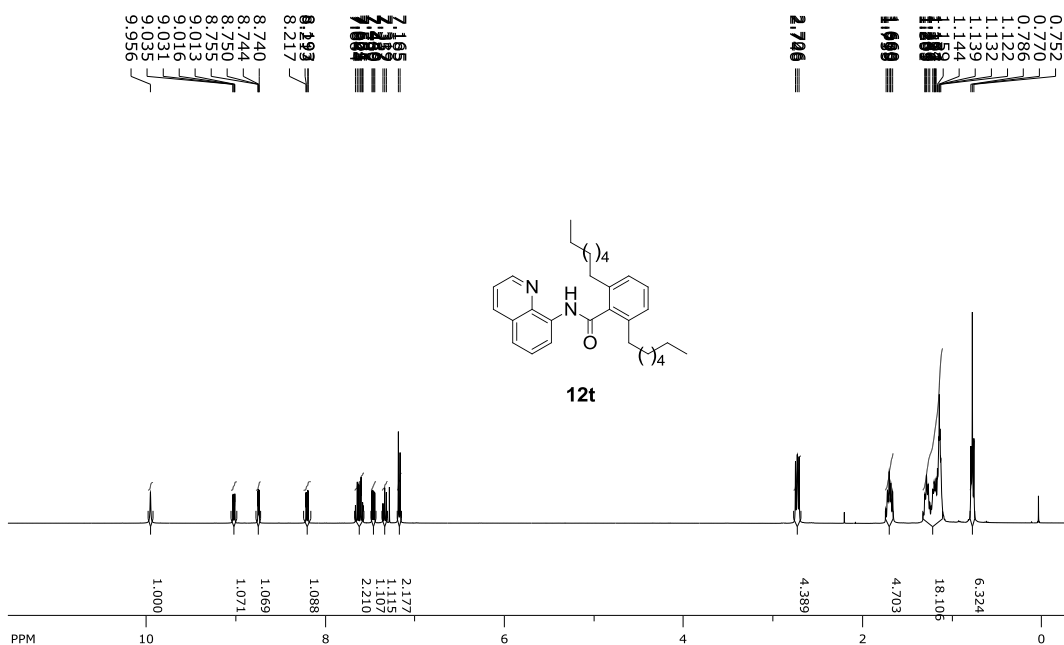
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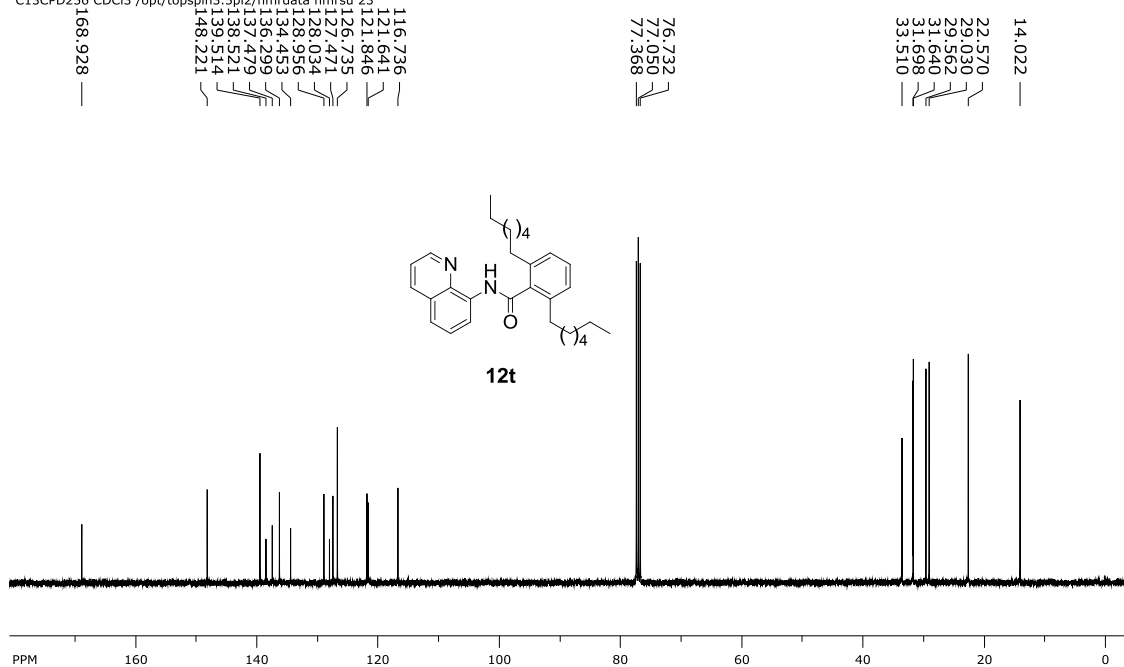


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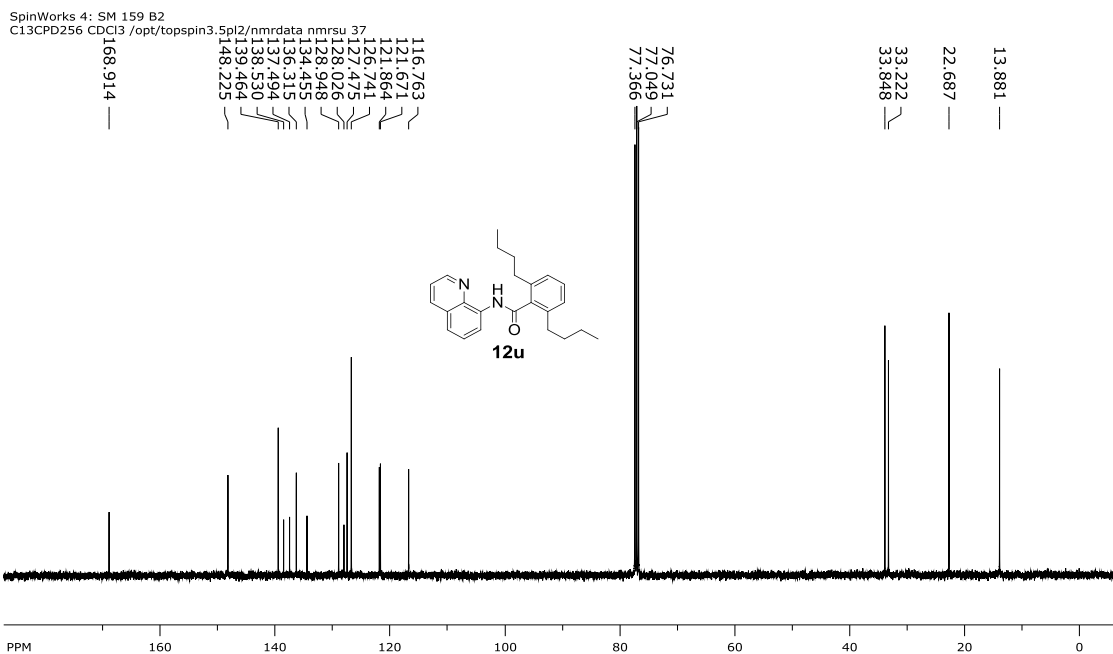
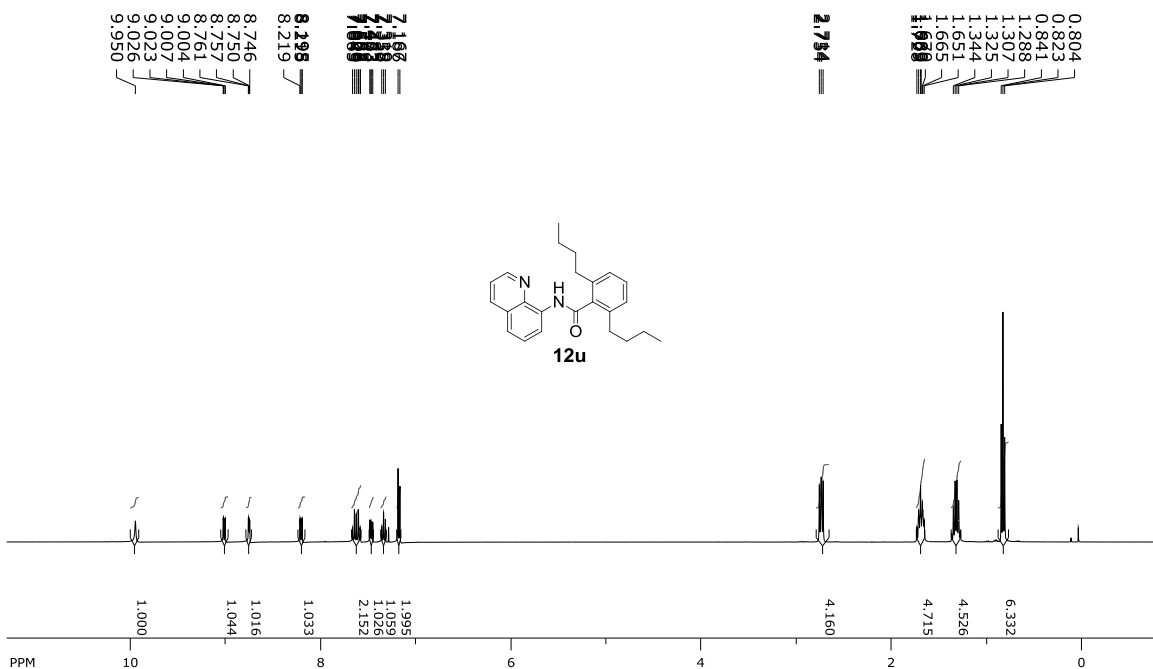


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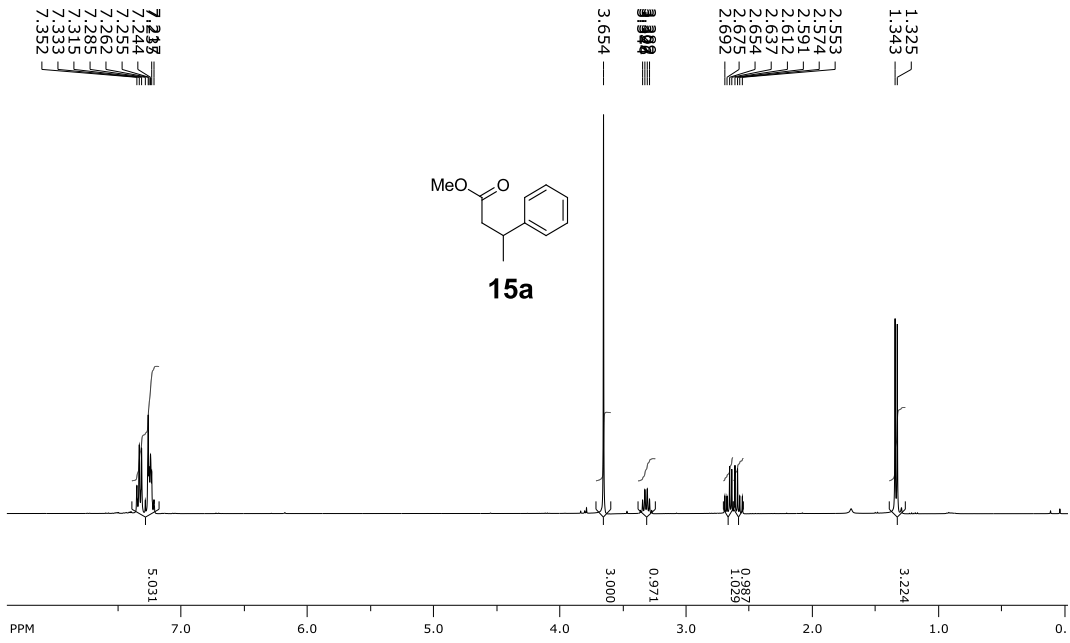
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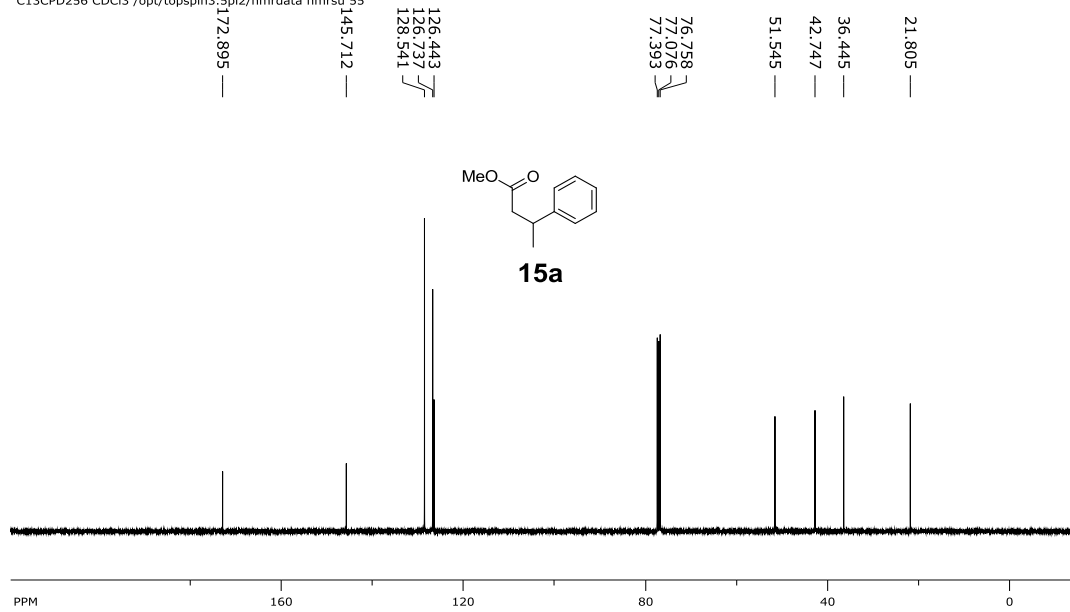
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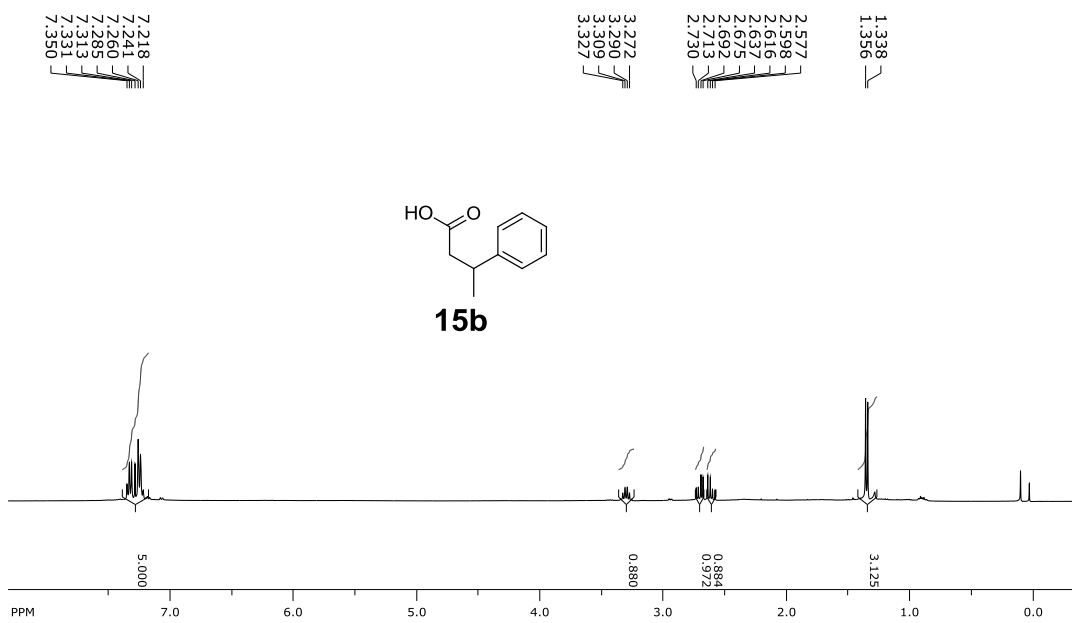
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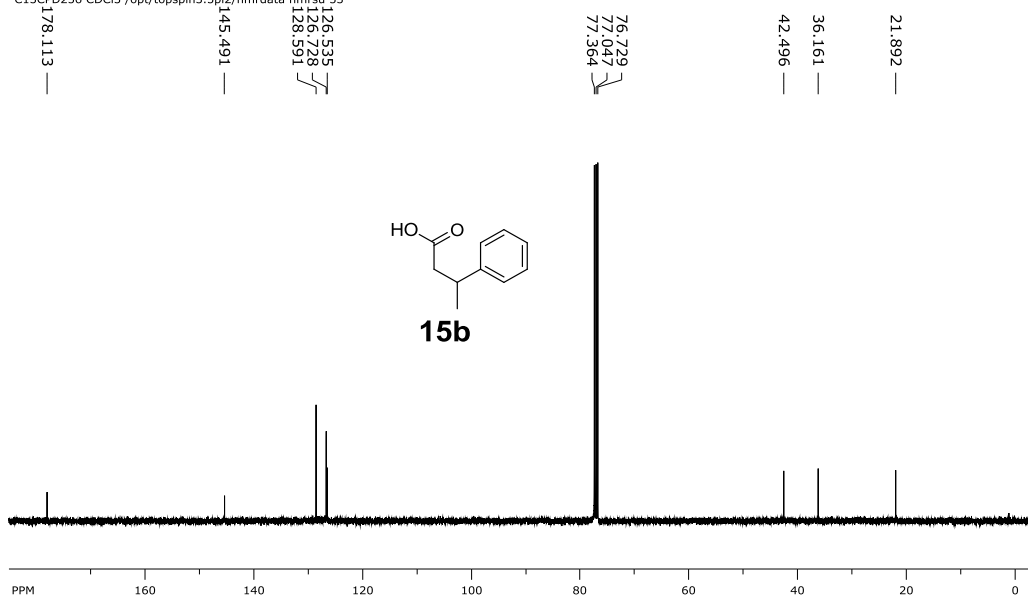
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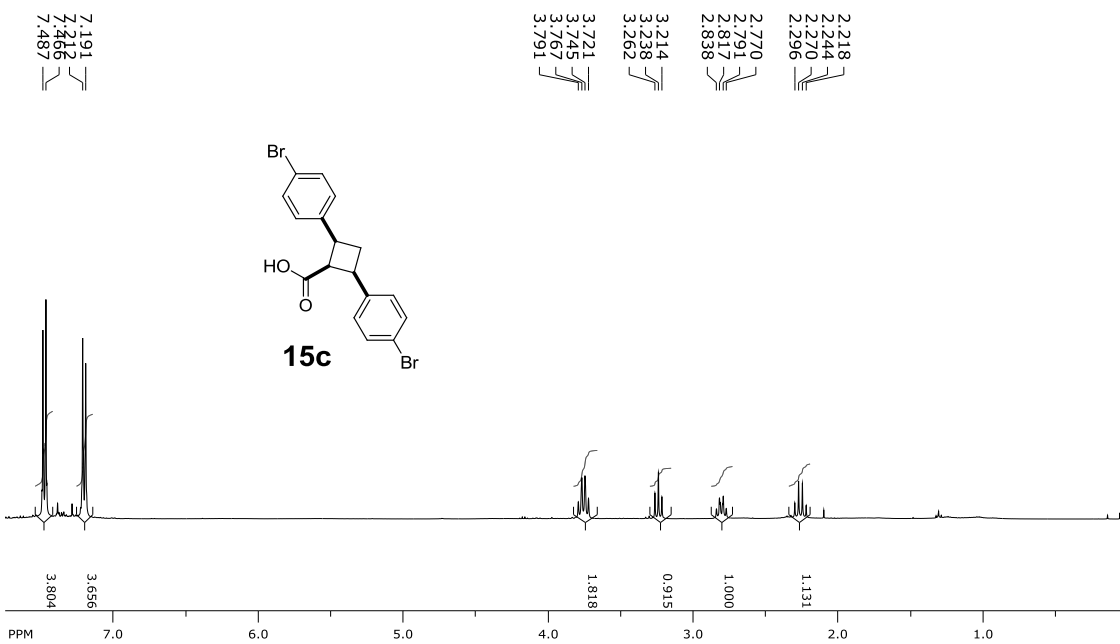
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SpinWorks 4: SM 272 A  
PROTON CDCl3 /opt/topspin3.5pl2/nmrdata nmrsu 8



SpinWorks 4: SM 272 A  
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