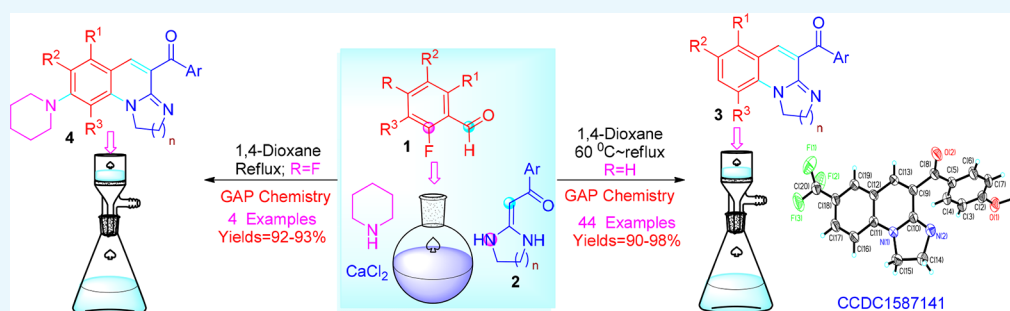


# Facile Route to the Synthesis of 1,3-Diazahetero-Cycle-Fused [1,2-*a*]Quinoline Derivatives via Cascade Reactions

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## Supporting Information



**ABSTRACT:** A one-step protocol without transition-metal catalysts with simple post-treatment for the synthesis of 1,3-diazaheterocycle-fused [1,2-*a*]quinoline derivatives via the cascade reaction of 2-fluorobenzaldehyde (1) and heterocyclic ketene amins (2) was developed. In the one-step cascade reaction, C=C and C–N bonds were constructed, and the targeted compound can be efficiently obtained by filtering without column chromatography. This protocol describes a valuable route to concisely and feasibly obtain 1,3-diazaheterocycle-fused [1,2-*a*]quinoline derivatives. The synthetic methodology is particularly attractive because of the following features: low-cost solvent, mild temperature, atom economy, high yield, and potential biological activity of the product.

## INTRODUCTION

One of the most important aspects of modern chemical synthesis is that it is necessary to develop methods with a low environmental impact.<sup>1–4</sup> The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) defined the “green chemistry” concept as “the design of chemical products and processes that reduce or eliminate the use or generation of hazardous substances”.<sup>5</sup> In the green chemistry field, the ideal synthesis<sup>6,7</sup> should be a combination of a number of environmental, health, safety, and economic factors. Among them, group-assisted purification<sup>8–10</sup> chemistry allows the synthesis of organic compounds without using traditional purification technologies, including column chromatography and recrystallization. This technology makes more efforts to find environmentally benign reagents and reactions so as to reduce the waste generated from silica and solvents, particularly toxic solvents.

Quinolines is an important class of well-known heterocyclic scaffolds; they are embedded in many biological systems and have interesting applications in agriculture, materials, chemical industry, and medicine, for instance, as antimalarial (Figure 1, quinine),<sup>11,12</sup> anticancer (Figure 1, camptothecin),<sup>13</sup> antibacterial,<sup>14,15</sup> insecticide (Figure 1, quinclorac), and so forth.<sup>16–18</sup> Consequently, various methods of synthesis of quinolines have been reported.<sup>19–27</sup> Among them, the transition-metal-catalyzed C–H bond or N–H bond activation approaches

have provided numerous strategies for the synthesis of quinoline.<sup>28–32</sup>

Heterocyclic ketene amins (HKAs) have been widely used as a type of versatile building blocks to construct various fused heterocyclic compounds including quinolones,<sup>33,34</sup> isoquinolin-1-imine,<sup>35</sup> indoles,<sup>36</sup> indolin-2-ones,<sup>37,38</sup> isocoumarins,<sup>39</sup> pyridines,<sup>40–42</sup> pyrroles, and so forth.<sup>43–47</sup> Many of these compounds have a wide variety of biological activities, such as antitumor,<sup>48–51</sup> herbicidal, pesticidal,<sup>52,53</sup> antileishmanial,<sup>54</sup> and antibacterial.<sup>55,56</sup> Therefore, it is vital and urgent to develop a green synthetic methodology with benign conditions and straight-forward post-treatment for the synthesis of quinoline derivatives by construction of C=C and C–N bonds through the one-step cascade reaction.

Here, we describe a cascade strategy for the regioselective convergent synthesis of a series of 1,3-diazaheterocycle-fused [1,2-*a*]quinoline derivatives (3–4). To the best of our knowledge, the synthesis of the polycyclic [1,2-*a*]quinoline derivatives by the cascade reaction of 2-fluorobenzaldehyde 1 and HKAs 2 (Scheme 1) has not been reported to date.

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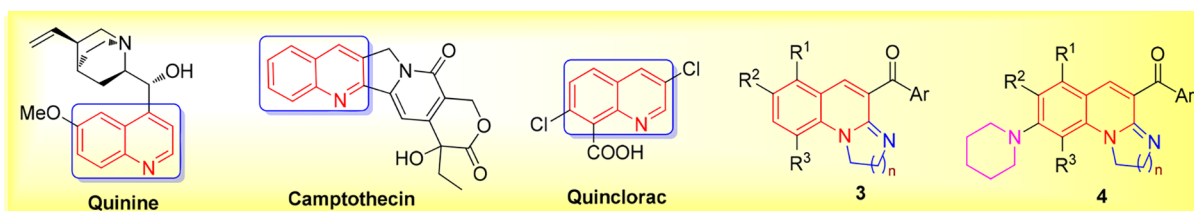
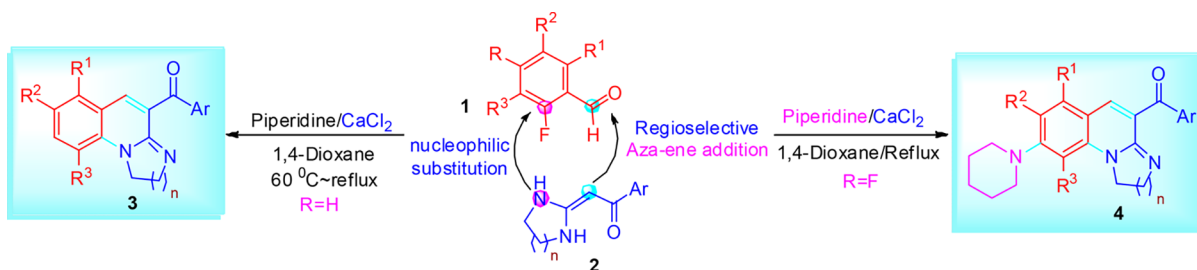


Figure 1. Biological activity of quinolines and the targeted compounds.

Scheme 1. Strategy for the Cascade Reaction Synthesis of [1,2-*a*]Quinolines 3 and 4



## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In this work, we developed a one-pot protocol to synthesize a series of polycyclic quinoline derivatives. To obtain the optimal reaction conditions for the synthesis of 1,3-diazaheterocycle-fused [1,2-*a*]quinoline 3ad, the reaction of 2-fluoro-5-nitrobenzaldehyde (1a) with HKA (2d) was chosen as the model reaction. First, the reaction mixture of 1a with 2d was ground under catalyst-free and solvent-free conditions at room temperature (Table 1, entry 1). Then, the reaction temperature reached the melting point of 1a (mp 60 °C), (Table 1, entry 2), and the results showed that the reaction can proceed nonselectively to yield many byproducts. The solvent-free condition is a disadvantage to the reaction, and we cannot obtain a pure product. Subsequently, by performing the

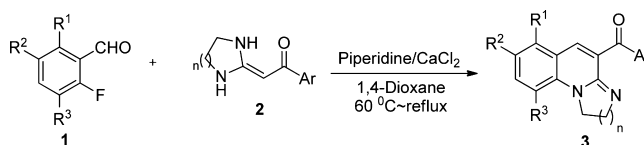
Table 1. Optimized Conditions for the Synthesis of [1,2-*a*]Quinoline 3ad<sup>a</sup>

entry	solvent	promoter	T (°C)	time (h)	yield <sup>b</sup> (%)
1			rt	0.5	n.r.
2			60	0.5	trace
3	1,4-dioxane	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	reflux	2	23
4	1,4-dioxane	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	reflux	2	21
5	1,4-dioxane	<i>t</i> -BuOK	reflux	2	19
6	1,4-dioxane	Et <sub>3</sub> N	reflux	2	75
7	1,4-dioxane	piperidine	reflux	2	91
8	acetonitrile	piperidine	reflux	2	54
9	THF	piperidine	reflux	3	68
10	DMF	piperidine	110	2	40
11	EtOH	piperidine	reflux	2	90
12	H <sub>2</sub> O	piperidine	reflux	5	14
13	1,4-dioxane	piperidine	60	2	92
14	1,4-dioxane	piperidine/CaCl <sub>2</sub>	60	0.5	97

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: 1a (1.1 mmol), 2d (1.0 mmol), promoter (1.5 mmol), solvent (15 mL). <sup>b</sup>Isolated yield based on HKA 2d. n.r. = no reaction.

reaction in the stoichiometric amount of base, such as K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, *t*-BuOK, Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, Et<sub>3</sub>N, and piperidine in the aprotic solvent 1,4-dioxane at reflux (Table 1, entries 3–7), the results revealed that piperidine was the optimal catalyst for this selective synthesis of [1,2-*a*]quinoline 3ad with an excellent yield (91%) (Table 1, entry 7). Afterward, we screened several aprotic solvents, including acetonitrile (CH<sub>3</sub>CN), tetrahydrofuran (THF), *N,N*-dimethylformamide (DMF), or the protic solvents ethanol and water (Table 1, entries 8–12). The results indicated that the most suitable solvent for this defluorination and cyclization reaction was 1,4-dioxane. Next, we screened the temperature and found that the optimal temperature was 60 °C. In the postprocessing stage, after the reaction solution was cooled and filtered, we observed the hydrofluoric acid salt of piperidine mixed in the products. Considering the environmental hazards, we added CaCl<sub>2</sub> to absorb the hydrofluoric acid produced by the defluorination reaction with piperidine as a catalyst. Unexpectedly, the product 3ad was obtained with a 97% yield (Table 1, entries 14) when the time of reaction was shortened to 30 min. Ultimately, the optimal reaction conditions for preparation of 3ad were 1,4-dioxane as the solvent, with piperidine and CaCl<sub>2</sub> as promoters, at 60 °C for 30 min.

With the optimized conditions at hand, we explored the scope and limitations of the reactions involving different 2-fluorobenzaldehydes (1a–1c) with various HKAs (2a–2p) (Table 2, entries 1–44). For HKAs 2, the electron-withdrawing groups (Cl or Br) on the aromatic ring could accelerate the reaction rate, otherwise the electron-donating groups (CH<sub>3</sub> or CH<sub>3</sub>O) were the opposite because of the influence of the substituting groups on the electrophilicity of the α-C of HKAs 2 (Scheme 1). Unexpectedly, the reaction rate showed that Cl > Br > H > F > CH<sub>3</sub> > OCH<sub>3</sub>, which maybe attributed to the intermolecular hydrogen bonding of fluorine on HKAs (2a & 2h) with the diamino group of piperidine. Moreover, the size of the diazaheterocycle of HKAs 2 showed that the five-membered ring provided the highest yields, and then the six-membered and seven-membered rings (e.g., Table 2, entries 2 vs 9 vs 15). Additionally, when the different groups (R<sub>1</sub> = NO<sub>2</sub>, CF<sub>3</sub>, and F) were introduced into the C5 position of 2-fluorobenzaldehyde 1, the yields of 3 decreased (e.g., Table 2, entries 4, 20 & 34) as

Table 2. Cascade Reaction Synthesis of [1,2-*a*]Quinoline Derivatives 3<sup>aa</sup>

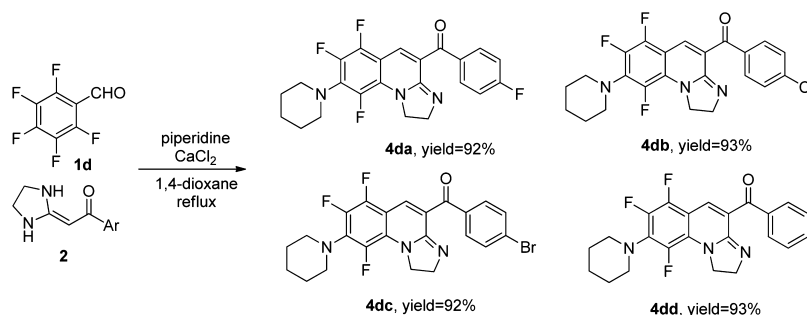
entry	1 (R <sup>1</sup> /R <sup>2</sup> /R <sup>3</sup> )	2 (n/Ar)	T (°C)	time (h)	3	yield <sup>b</sup> (%)
1	1a (H/NO <sub>2</sub> /H)	2a (1/4-FC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )	60	0.5	3aa	94
2	1a (H/NO <sub>2</sub> /H)	2b (1/4-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )	60	0.5	3ab	98
3	1a (H/NO <sub>2</sub> /H)	2c (1/4-BrC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )	60	0.5	3ac	97
4	1a (H/NO <sub>2</sub> /H)	2d (1/C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> )	60	0.5	3ad	97
5	1a (H/NO <sub>2</sub> /H)	2e (1/4-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )	60	0.5	3ae	95
6	1a (H/NO <sub>2</sub> /H)	2f (1/4-MeOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )	60	0.5	3af	93
7	1a (H/NO <sub>2</sub> /H)	2g (1/thiophene-2-yl)	60	0.5	3ag	92
8	1a (H/NO <sub>2</sub> /H)	2h (2/4-FC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )	60	0.5	3ah	94
9	1a (H/NO <sub>2</sub> /H)	2i (2/4-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )	60	0.5	3ai	96
10	1a (H/NO <sub>2</sub> /H)	2j (2/4-BrC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )	60	0.5	3aj	95
11	1a (H/NO <sub>2</sub> /H)	2k (2/C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> )	60	0.5	3ak	96
12	1a (H/NO <sub>2</sub> /H)	2l (2/4-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )	60	0.5	3al	92
13	1a (H/NO <sub>2</sub> /H)	2m (2/4-MeOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )	60	0.5	3am	91
14	1a (H/NO <sub>2</sub> /H)	2n (2/thiophene-2-yl)	60	0.5	3an	91
15	1a (H/NO <sub>2</sub> /H)	2o (3/4-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )	60	0.5	3ao	93
16	1a (H/NO <sub>2</sub> /H)	2p (3/4-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )	60	0.5	3ap	92
17	1b (H/CF <sub>3</sub> /H)	2a (1/4-FC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )	75	1	3ba	95
18	1b (H/CF <sub>3</sub> /H)	2b (1/4-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )	75	1	3bb	97
19	1b (H/CF <sub>3</sub> /H)	2c (1/4-BrC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )	75	1	3bc	97
20	1b (H/CF <sub>3</sub> /H)	2d (1/C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> )	75	1	3bd	95
21	1b (H/CF <sub>3</sub> /H)	2e (1/4-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )	75	1	3be	92
22	1b (H/CF <sub>3</sub> /H)	2f (1/4-MeOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )	75	1	3bf	92
23	1b (H/CF <sub>3</sub> /H)	2g (1/thiophene-2-yl)	75	1	3bg	93
24	1b (H/CF <sub>3</sub> /H)	2h (2/4-FC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )	75	1	3bh	94
25	1b (H/CF <sub>3</sub> /H)	2i (2/4-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )	75	1	3bi	96
26	1b (H/CF <sub>3</sub> /H)	2j (2/4-BrC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )	75	1	3bj	95
27	1b (H/CF <sub>3</sub> /H)	2k (2/C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> )	75	1	3bk	95
28	1b (H/CF <sub>3</sub> /H)	2l (2/4-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )	75	1	3bl	94
29	1b (H/CF <sub>3</sub> /H)	2m (2/4-MeOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )	75	1	3bm	93
30	1b (H/CF <sub>3</sub> /H)	2n (2/thiophene-2-yl)	75	1	3bn	92
31	1c (F/F/F)	2a (1/4-FC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )	reflux	2	3ca	93
32	1c (F/F/F)	2b (1/4-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )	reflux	2	3cb	95
33	1c (F/F/F)	2c (1/4-BrC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )	reflux	2	3cc	94
34	1c (F/F/F)	2d (1/C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> )	reflux	2	3cd	94
35	1c (F/F/F)	2e (1/4-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )	reflux	2	3ce	92
36	1c (F/F/F)	2f (1/4-MeOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )	reflux	2	3cf	93
37	1c (F/F/F)	2g (1/thiophene-2-yl)	reflux	2	3cg	92
38	1c (F/F/F)	2h (2/4-FC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )	reflux	2	3ch	92
39	1c (F/F/F)	2i (2/4-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )	reflux	2	3ci	95
40	1c (F/F/F)	2j (2/4-BrC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )	reflux	2	3cj	95
41	1c (F/F/F)	2k (2/C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> )	reflux	2	3ck	94
42	1c (F/F/F)	2l (2/4-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )	reflux	2	3cl	92
43	1c (F/F/F)	2m (2/4-MeOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )	reflux	2	3cm	90
44	1c (F/F/F)	2n (2/thiophene-2-yl)	reflux	2	3cn	91

<sup>a</sup>Conditions: **1** (1.1 mmol) and **2** (1.0 mmol) were heated in the solvent 1,4-dioxane (15 mL) with piperidine (1.5 mmol) and CaCl<sub>2</sub> (0.5 mmol) as catalysts. <sup>b</sup>Isolated yield based on HKAs **2**.

the electron-withdrawing ability of the substituent groups decreased (NO<sub>2</sub> > CF<sub>3</sub> > F). The starting material 2-fluorobenzaldehyde **1** bearing a moderately electron-withdrawing group (such as F, **1c**) had difficulty to react with HKAs **2**, unless the reaction was carried out under reflux conditions and CaCl<sub>2</sub> was indispensable. We conjectured that, for 2-fluorobenzaldehyde **1**, the strong electron-withdrawing substituent group at the C5 position could facilitate the removal

of the fluorine atom at the C2 position. At the same time, this leads to the enhancement of the electrophilicity of the formyl group at the C1 position, which benefits the attack with keto-carbonyl at the  $\alpha$ -C position of HKAs **2**.

Furthermore, when 2,3,4,5,6-pentafluorobenzaldehyde **1d** reacted with the five-membered ring HKAs **2**, we synthesized a new product **4**, which had the piperidine as the substituent (Table 3, entries 1–4). The possible reason is that the electron-

Table 3. Cascade Reaction Synthesis of [1,2-*a*]Quinoline Derivatives 4<sup>a,b</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Conditions: **1** (1.1 mmol) and **2** (1.0 mmol) were heated in the solvent 1,4-dioxane (15 mL) with piperidine (1.5 mmol) and CaCl<sub>2</sub> (0.5 mmol) as catalysts. <sup>b</sup>Isolated yield based on HKAs **2**.

withdrawing formyl group at the C1 position of **1d** makes the fluorine atom at the C4 position to be easily replaced by piperidine. The reaction was performed under reflux for 6 h, and that was more difficult than the synthesis of compounds **4**. Unfortunately, the six-membered and seven-membered rings HKAs **2** could not react with **1d**.

The chemical structures of polycyclic quinoline derivatives **3** and **4** were fully characterized by Fourier transform infrared (FTIR), proton nuclear magnetic resonance (<sup>1</sup>H NMR), carbon-13 nuclear magnetic resonance (<sup>13</sup>C NMR), and high-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) spectral analysis. To further verify the structure of the target products, **3bf** was selected as a representative compound and unequivocally confirmed by X-ray diffraction analysis, as shown in Figure 2 (CCDC 1587141).

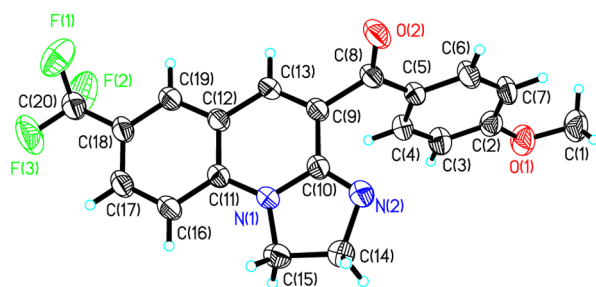
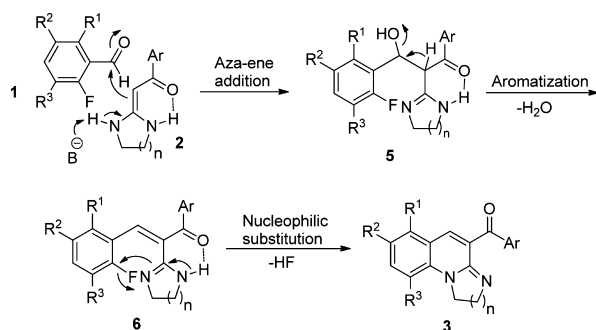


Figure 2. ORTEP diagram of **3bf**; ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.

A proposed mechanism for synthesis of 1,3-diazaheterocycle-fused [1,2-*a*]quinoline derivatives **3** by the cascade reaction of 2-fluorobenzaldehyde **1** and HKAs **2** is presented in Scheme 2.

Scheme 2. Mechanism Hypotheses for the Synthesis of Target Compounds **3**



First, HKAs **2**, with a strong electron-withdrawing keto-carbonyl at the  $\alpha$ -position and two electron-donating diamino groups on the diazoheterocycle, can serve as a nucleophilic component to react with the electrophilic formyl group of 2-fluorobenzaldehyde **1** to form the intermediate **5** via an aza-ene addition. Then, the intermediate **5** is converted into intermediate **6** via aromatization and results in the formation of one C=C bond. Thereafter, intramolecular nucleophilic substitution of fluorine intermediate **6** produces the target products **3**. The outcome of the cascade reaction is one C=C bond, one C–N bond, and one diazoheterocycle-fused ring.

To testify this mechanism, we perform the reaction in 1,4-dioxane at 60 °C promoted by piperidine and CaCl<sub>2</sub> for about 10 min, and the mixture was cooled to room temperature. Then, the reaction mixture was injected in high-performance liquid chromatography–HRMS system. The molecular ion peak appeared in high-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS (TOF ES<sup>+</sup>)  $m/z$ : calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 340.1092; found, 340.1089) (see the Supporting Information, which is the HRMS spectra of compound **6**). On the basis of the results, we believe that the proposed mechanism is reasonable.

## CONCLUSIONS

To summarize, we developed a method for the efficient synthesis of 1,3-diazaheterocycle-fused [1,2-*a*]quinoline derivatives via one-step cyclization of 2-fluorobenzaldehyde **1** and HKAs **2**. This is a concise, rapid, and environmentally friendly method to prepare [1,2-*a*]quinoline derivatives without extra post-treatment. The reaction has some attractive features, including simple and mild conditions, atom economy, and operational simplicity. Moreover, these series of bicyclic [1,2-*a*]quinolines may possess potential biological activities for use in medical treatment of diseases. Our future investigations will be aimed at discovering in vitro biological activities of compounds **3** and **4**.

## EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

**General Methods.** All received reagents and solvents were used without further purification unless otherwise stated. Melting points were determined on an XT-4A melting point apparatus and were uncorrected. NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker DRX300 (<sup>1</sup>H: 300 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C: 75 MHz), Bruker DRX400 (<sup>1</sup>H: 400 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C: 100 MHz), Bruker DRX500 (<sup>1</sup>H: 500 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C: 125 MHz), and Bruker DRX600 (<sup>1</sup>H: 600 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C: 150 MHz) instruments with DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> and CDCl<sub>3</sub> as the solvents. The chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are expressed in parts per million relative to the residual deuterated solvent signal,



and coupling constants ( $J$ ) are given in hertz. IR spectra were recorded on an FT-IR Thermo Nicolet Avatar 360 instrument using KBr pellets. HRMS (electrospray ionization) was performed on an Agilent LC/MSD TOF instrument.

All received reagents and solvents were used without further purification unless otherwise stated. The materials (**1a–d**) were purchased from Aldrich Corporation Limited. HKAs **2** were prepared according to a procedure described in the literature.<sup>39,40</sup> The structure of HKAs **2** was confirmed by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR, and HRMS spectra.

**General Procedure for the Synthesis of Compounds 3–4.** A mixture of 2-fluorobenzaldehyde **1** (1.1 mmol), HKAs **2** (1.0 mmol), and piperidine (1.5 mmol) is mixed by stirring at different temperatures (**1a** as starting material, the temperature of the reaction was 60 °C; **1b** was 75 °C; **1c** and **1d** at reflux) in 1,4-dioxane (15 mL). When the solution of the reaction was clear,  $\text{CaCl}_2$  (0.5 mmol) was added. After completion of the reaction, as indicated by thin-layer chromatography ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ – $\text{EtOAc}$ , 1:10 v/v), the mixture was cooled to room temperature and filtered. The solid was then washed with a small amount of ethanol (ca. 5 mL) and dissolved in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (20 mL). Then, the organic phase was washed with saturated salt water (25 mL) and  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (25 mL), dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , concentrated, and petroleum ether was added for recrystallization to obtain the pure product **3** or **4**.

**4-(4'-Fluorophenyl)methanoneyl-7-nitro-1,2-dihydroimidazo[1,2-*a*]quinoline (3aa).** Yellow solid, mp 229–230 °C; IR (KBr): 3438, 1636, 1613, 1517, 1330, 1263, 1154, 853  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 3.88–3.95 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 4.01–4.08 (m, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 6.98 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.35 (t,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.80 (s, 1H, CH), 7.97–8.02 (m, 2H, ArH), 8.24–8.28 (m, 1H, ArH), 8.45 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H, ArH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 45.5, 53.5, 112.4, 115.8 (d,  $J = 21.8$  Hz), 119.1, 124.9, 127.2, 129.4, 132.4, 132.6 (d,  $J = 9.8$  Hz), 136.2, 139.5, 143.9, 152.8, 165.4 (d,  $J = 251.3$  Hz), 190.9; HRMS (TOF  $\text{ES}^+$ )  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{FN}_3\text{O}_3$  [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ], 338.0935; found, 338.0935.

**4-(4'-Chlorophenyl)methanoneyl-7-nitro-1,2-dihydroimidazo[1,2-*a*]quinoline (3ab).** Yellow solid, mp 273–274 °C; IR (KBr): 2938, 1635, 1610, 1330, 1265, 1093, 871  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 3.92–3.95 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 4.02–4.05 (m, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 7.00 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.59 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.84 (s, 1H, CH), 7.91 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.26–8.29 (m, 1H, ArH), 8.48 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz, 1H, ArH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 45.5, 53.4, 112.5, 119.1, 125.1, 127.3, 128.8, 129.1, 131.4, 134.4, 136.8, 138.8, 139.6, 143.9, 152.8, 191.3; HRMS (TOF  $\text{ES}^+$ )  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3\text{Cl}$  [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ], 354.0640; found, 354.0638.

**4-(4'-Bromophenyl)methanoneyl-7-nitro-1,2-dihydroimidazo[1,2-*a*]quinoline (3ac).** Yellow solid, mp 281–282 °C; IR (KBr): 3439, 2938, 1636, 1613, 1325, 1264, 1091, 868  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 3.89–3.95 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 4.02–4.09 (m, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 7.01 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.74 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.83 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.84 (s, 1H, CH), 8.27–8.31 (m, 1H, ArH), 8.49 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H, ArH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 45.5, 53.5, 112.5, 119.1, 125.1, 127.3, 128.1, 129.1, 131.4, 131.8, 134.8, 136.7, 139.6, 144.0, 152.8, 191.6; HRMS (TOF  $\text{ES}^+$ )  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3\text{Br}$  [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ], 398.0134; found, 398.0137.

**4-(Phenyl)methanoneyl-7-nitro-1,2-dihydroimidazo[1,2-*a*]quinoline (3ad).** Yellow solid, mp 284–285 °C; IR (KBr):

3439, 2927, 1635, 1592, 1325, 1262, 1094, 729  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 3.90–3.96 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 4.03–4.09 (m, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 7.01 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.54 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.69 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.80 (s, 1H, CH), 7.91 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, ArH), 8.27–8.30 (m, 1H, ArH), 8.48 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H, ArH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 50.8, 58.8, 117.7, 124.4, 130.2, 132.4, 134.0, 134.8, 135.0, 139.2, 140.9, 141.1, 144.8, 149.2, 158.1, 197.7; HRMS (TOF  $\text{ES}^+$ )  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$  [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ], 320.1029; found, 320.1029.

**4-(*p*-Tolyl)methanoneyl-7-nitro-1,2-dihydroimidazo[1,2-*a*]quinoline (3ae).** Yellow solid, mp 283–284 °C; IR (KBr): 3439, 2935, 1657, 1635, 1610, 1517, 1325, 1288, 1264, 1090, 870  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 2.39 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.92–3.95 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 4.02–4.05 (m, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 7.00 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.34 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.75 (s, 1H, CH), 7.80 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.27 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.47 (s, 1H, ArH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 21.2, 45.5, 53.5, 112.3, 119.1, 124.8, 127.0, 129.3, 129.7, 129.9, 133.1, 135.5, 139.5, 143.8, 144.6, 152.8, 191.9; HRMS (TOF  $\text{ES}^+$ )  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$  [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ], 334.1186; found, 334.1186.

**4-(4'-Methoxyphenyl)methanoneyl-7-nitro-1,2-dihydroimidazo[1,2-*a*]quinoline (3af).** Yellow solid, mp 260–261 °C; IR (KBr): 1651, 1613, 1592, 1330, 1260, 1172, 585  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 3.85 (s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.89–3.96 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 4.03–4.09 (m, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 7.00 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.05 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.72 (s, 1H, CH), 7.88 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.25–8.29 (m, 1H, ArH), 8.46 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H, ArH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 45.5, 53.5, 55.6, 112.3, 114.0, 119.2, 124.7, 126.9, 128.4, 130.1, 132.0, 135.0, 139.5, 143.7, 152.9, 163.8, 190.7; HRMS (TOF  $\text{ES}^+$ )  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$  [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ], 350.1135; found, 350.1132.

**4-(Thiophen-2'-yl)methanoneyl-7-nitro-1,2-dihydroimidazo[1,2-*a*]quinoline (3ag).** Orange solid, mp 274–275 °C; IR (KBr): 3076, 2975, 1641, 1589, 1410, 1324, 1262, 1054, 742  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 3.97–4.00 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 4.04–4.06 (m, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 7.00 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.25–7.28 (m, 1H, CH), 7.86 (s, 1H, CH), 7.89–7.90 (m, 1H, CH), 8.14–8.16 (m, 1H, CH), 8.26–8.30 (m, 1H, ArH), 8.48 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H, ArH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 45.6, 53.5, 112.4, 119.0, 125.0, 127.3, 129.0, 135.7, 136.6, 136.9, 139.5, 142.5, 143.9, 152.5, 184.1; HRMS (TOF  $\text{ES}^+$ )  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3\text{S}$  [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ], 326.0593; found, 326.0595.

**5-(4'-Fluorophenyl)methanoneyl-8-nitro-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrimido[1,2-*a*]quinoline (3ah).** Yellow solid, mp 224–225 °C; IR (KBr): 2934, 1634, 1596, 1508, 1327, 1277, 907, 585  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 1.90–1.92 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.27–3.31 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 3.97–3.99 (m, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 7.30–7.42 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.63 (s, 1H, CH), 7.95–8.00 (m, 2H, ArH), 8.25–8.29 (m, 1H, ArH), 8.44 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H, ArH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 19.3, 42.9, 44.4, 112.4, 115.8 (d,  $J = 22.5$  Hz), 119.5, 124.2, 125.8, 130.8, 132.2 (d,  $J = 9.8$  Hz), 132.7, 136.2, 140.4, 145.1, 146.7, 165.2 (d,  $J = 250.5$  Hz), 192.5; HRMS (TOF  $\text{ES}^+$ )  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3\text{F}$  [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ], 352.1091; found, 352.1088.

**5-(4'-Chlorophenyl)methanoneyl-8-nitro-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrimido[1,2-*a*]quinoline (3ai).** Yellow solid, mp 272–273 °C; IR (KBr): 2928, 1662, 1640, 1324, 1277, 1094, 899, 834  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 1.86–1.90 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.25–3.28 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 3.92–3.96 (m, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ),

7.36 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.59 (s, 1H, CH), 7.70 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.89 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.24–8.28 (m, 1H, ArH), 8.42 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz, 1H, ArH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 19.4, 43.1, 44.3, 112.1, 119.4, 124.2, 125.8, 128.8, 130.3, 130.9, 134.7, 136.7, 138.4, 140.2, 145.3, 146.5, 193.0; HRMS (TOF ES $^+$ )  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3\text{Cl}$  [M + H], 368.0796; found, 368.0795.

**5-(4'-Bromophenyl)methanoneyl-8-nitro-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrimido[1,2-*a*]quinoline (3aj).** Yellow solid, mp 264–265 °C; IR (KBr): 2966, 1653, 1613, 1326, 1273, 743  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 1.86–1.90 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.25–3.28 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 3.92–3.96 (m, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 7.36 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.59 (s, 1H, CH), 7.70 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.81 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.24–8.28 (m, 1H, ArH), 8.42 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz, 1H, ArH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 19.4, 43.1, 44.3, 112.1, 119.5, 124.2, 125.8, 127.6, 130.3, 131.0, 131.8, 135.1, 136.7, 140.3, 145.3, 146.5, 193.2; HRMS (TOF ES $^+$ )  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3\text{Br}$  [M + H], 412.0291; found, 412.0291.

**5-(Phenyl)methanoneyl-8-nitro-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrimido[1,2-*a*]quinoline (3ak).** Yellow solid, mp 285–286 °C; IR (KBr): 2954, 2849, 1640, 1595, 1324, 1277, 1095, 904, 718  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 1.88 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.27 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 3.95 (m, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 7.37 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.51 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.56 (s, 1H, CH), 7.64 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.90 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, ArH), 8.27–8.25 (m, 1H, ArH), 8.42 (s, 1H, ArH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 19.4, 43.1, 44.3, 112.1, 119.5, 124.1, 125.6, 128.7, 129.1, 129.8, 133.6, 135.9, 137.2, 140.3, 145.2, 146.5, 194.0; HRMS (TOF ES $^+$ )  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$  [M + H], 334.1186; found, 334.1186.

**5-(*p*-Tolyl)methanoneyl-8-nitro-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrimido[1,2-*a*]quinoline (3al).** Yellow solid, mp 282–283 °C; IR (KBr): 2959, 1642, 1595, 1323, 1277, 1093, 904  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 1.86–1.89 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.37 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.26–3.29 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 3.92–3.96 (m, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 7.30 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.35 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.51 (s, 1H, CH), 7.78 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.22–8.26 (m, 1H, ArH), 8.40 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz, 1H, ArH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 19.4, 21.2, 43.1, 44.3, 112.0, 119.5, 124.0, 125.6, 129.2, 129.2, 129.2, 129.5, 133.5, 137.4, 140.2, 144.1, 145.2, 146.4, 193.5; HRMS (TOF ES $^+$ )  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$  [M + H], 348.1342; found, 348.1341.

**5-(4'-Methoxyphenyl)methanoneyl-8-nitro-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrimido[1,2-*a*]quinoline (3am).** Yellow solid, mp 221–222 °C; IR (KBr): 2934, 1641, 1595, 1328, 1277, 1162, 986  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 1.87–1.90 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.27–3.30 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 2.83 (s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.92–3.96 (m, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 7.02 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.35 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.49 (s, 1H, CH), 7.85 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.22–8.26 (m, 1H, ArH), 8.40 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz, 1H, ArH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 19.4, 43.1, 44.3, 55.6, 112.0, 113.9, 119.6, 123.9, 125.5, 128.9, 129.2, 131.6, 137.5, 140.2, 145.2, 146.4, 163.4, 192.4; HRMS (TOF ES $^+$ )  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$  [M + H], 364.1291; found, 364.1293.

**5-(Thiophen-2'-yl)methanoneyl-8-nitro-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrimido[1,2-*a*]quinoline (3an).** Yellow solid, mp 224–225 °C; IR (KBr): 2960, 1645, 1594, 1511, 1329, 1279, 1054, 737  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 1.89–1.92 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.31–3.35 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 3.92–3.96 (m, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 7.20–7.23 (m, 1H, CH), 7.34 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.58 (s, 1H, CH), 7.77–7.79 (m, 1H, CH), 8.05–8.07

(m, 1H, CH), 8.22–8.40 (m, 1H, ArH), 8.40 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz, 1H, ArH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 19.4, 43.1, 44.4, 112.0, 119.4, 124.2, 125.8, 128.9, 129.7, 135.5, 135.8, 136.6, 140.2, 143.1, 145.3, 146.1, 186.1; HRMS (TOF ES $^+$ )  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3\text{S}$  [M + H], 340.0750; found, 340.0752.

**6-(4'-Chlorophenyl)methanoneyl-9-nitro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-[1,3]diazepino[1,2-*a*]quinoline (3ao).** Yellow solid, mp 232–233 °C; IR (KBr): 2930, 1657, 1626, 1597, 1340, 1285, 1087, 840  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 1.78 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.04–2.07 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.62–3.66 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 4.11–4.15 (m, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 7.38 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.56 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.62 (s, 1H, CH), 7.90 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.22–8.26 (m, 1H, ArH), 8.45 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz, 1H, ArH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 23.6, 25.0, 47.2, 49.2, 112.8, 120.0, 124.1, 125.6, 128.8, 130.6, 130.8, 134.8, 137.0, 138.2, 140.1, 146.9, 148.5, 192.9; HRMS (TOF ES $^+$ )  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_3$  [M + H], 382.0953; found, 382.0952.

**6-(*p*-Tolyl)methanoneyl-9-nitro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-[1,3]diazepino[1,2-*a*]quinoline (3ap).** Yellow solid, mp 236–237 °C; IR (KBr): 1663, 1636, 1594, 1500, 1486, 1327, 1265, 1206, 1090, 861, 819  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 1.79 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.04–2.08 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.63–3.66 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 4.11–4.15 (m, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 7.31 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.37 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.54 (s, 1H, CH), 7.79 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.21–8.25 (m, 1H, ArH), 8.43 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz, 1H, ArH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 21.2, 23.6, 25.1, 47.2, 49.2, 112.8, 120.2, 123.9, 125.3, 129.1, 129.2, 129.7, 133.5, 137.8, 140.0, 143.9, 146.8, 148.5, 193.5; HRMS (TOF ES $^+$ )  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$  [M + H], 362.1499; found, 362.1500.

**4-(4'-Fluorophenyl)methanoneyl-7-(trifluoromethyl)-1,2-dihydroimidazo[1,2-*a*]quinoline (3ba).** Yellow solid, mp 198–199 °C; IR (KBr): 3438, 1663, 1636, 1599, 1386, 1336, 1207, 1155, 1115, 1077, 998, 859, 610  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 3.85–3.93 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 3.98–4.04 (m, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 7.01 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.30–7.38 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.72 (s, 1H, CH), 7.72–7.76 (dd,  $J_1 = 9.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.8$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.92 (d,  $J = 1.5$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.94–8.01 (m, 2H, ArH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 45.3, 53.3, 112.5, 115.8 (d,  $J_2 = 21.8$  Hz), 119.3, 119.8–120.7 (m), 124.4 (d,  $J_1 = 269.3$  Hz), 126.4, 128.2, 129.0, 132.5 (d,  $J_3 = 9.8$  Hz), 136.3, 142.1, 153.2, 165.3 (d,  $J_1 = 251.3$  Hz), 191.2; HRMS (TOF ES $^+$ )  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{OF}_4$  [M + H], 361.0958; found, 361.0958.

**4-(4'-Chlorophenyl)methanoneyl-7-(trifluoromethyl)-1,2-dihydroimidazo[1,2-*a*]quinoline (3bb).** Yellow solid, mp 232–233 °C; IR (KBr): 3442, 1661, 1635, 1580, 1334, 1206, 1159, 1112, 1076, 997, 840, 519  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 3.87–3.91 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 3.98–4.02 (m, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 7.02 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.59 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.75 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.76 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.90 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.94 (s, 1H, ArH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 45.7, 53.7, 112.9, 119.6, 120.5 (d,  $J_2 = 32.5$  Hz), 124.8 (d,  $J_1 = 270.0$  Hz), 126.9, 128.8, 129.1, 129.2, 131.7, 135.1, 137.2, 139.1, 142.6, 153.6, 192.0; HRMS (TOF ES $^+$ )  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{OF}_3\text{Cl}$  [M + H], 377.0663; found, 377.0664.

**4-(4'-Bromophenyl)methanoneyl-7-(trifluoromethyl)-1,2-dihydroimidazo[1,2-*a*]quinoline (3bc).** Yellow solid, mp 237–238 °C; IR (KBr): 1662, 1635, 1582, 1399, 1334, 1206, 1159, 1111, 1075, 996, 837, 765  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DCCl}_3$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 4.22–4.27 (t,  $J = 12.2$  Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 4.35–4.42 (t,



$J = 12.4$  Hz, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 7.04 (d,  $J = 11.2$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.66 (s, 1H, CH), 7.82 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.85–7.88 (m, 2H, ArH), 8.02 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz, 2H, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DCCl<sub>3</sub>) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 45.8, 53.9, 111.9, 119.2, 122.5 (m), 125.3, 126.7, 128.6, 129.0, 129.2, 131.4, 131.9, 134.9, 138.1, 142.0, 154.0, 191.5; HRMS (TOF ES<sup>+</sup>)  $m/z$ : calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Br [M + H], 421.0157; found, 421.0158.

**4-(Phenyl)methanoneyl-7-(trifluoromethyl)-1,2-dihydroimidazo[1,2-*a*]quinoline (3bd).** Yellow solid, mp 212–213 °C; IR (KBr): 1666, 1635, 1578, 1387, 1333, 1204, 1160, 1117, 1073, 996, 817, 519 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 3.85–3.92 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 3.98–4.05 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 7.02 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.51–7.56 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.67 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.71 (s, 1H, CH), 7.73–7.76 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.7$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.5$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.89 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.92 (d,  $J = 5.4$  Hz, 2H, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 45.3, 53.3, 112.5, 119.3, 120.0 (d,  $J = 32.3$  Hz), 124.4 (d,  $J = 277.5$  Hz), 126.3, 128.2, 128.7, 129.3, 129.5, 133.8, 135.8, 135.9, 142.1, 153.2, 192.6; HRMS (TOF ES<sup>+</sup>)  $m/z$ : calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M + H], 343.1052; found, 343.1050.

**4-(*p*-Tolyl)methanoneyl-7-(trifluoromethyl)-1,2-dihydroimidazo[1,2-*a*]quinoline (3be).** Yellow solid, mp 249–250 °C; IR (KBr): 1660, 1637, 1333, 1206, 1157, 1110, 1075, 997, 828, 762 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 2.38 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.85–3.91 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 3.97–4.04 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 7.00 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.32 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.66 (s, 1H, CH), 7.73 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.78 (d,  $J_1 = 8.1$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.92 (s, 1H, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 21.2, 45.3, 53.3, 112.4, 119.3, 119.7, 124.4 (d,  $J = 269.3$  Hz), 126.2, 128.1, 129.3, 129.5, 129.6, 133.3, 135.5, 142.0, 144.4, 153.2, 192.1; HRMS (TOF ES<sup>+</sup>)  $m/z$ : calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M + H], 357.1209; found, 357.1210.

**4-(4'-Methoxyphenyl)methanoneyl-7-(trifluoromethyl)-1,2-dihydroimidazo[1,2-*a*]quinoline (3bf).** Yellow solid, mp 228–229 °C; IR (KBr): 2945, 1658, 1635, 1596, 1387, 1334, 1265, 1205, 1155, 1109, 856 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 3.85 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.88–3.92 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 4.00–4.04 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 7.03 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.05 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.65 (s, 1H, CH), 7.75 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.88 (d,  $J_1 = 8.5$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.92 (s, 1H, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 45.7, 53.6, 56.0, 112.8, 114.4, 119.8, 120.2, 125.9, 126.5, 128.4, 129.0, 130.1, 132.4, 135.5, 142.3, 153.7, 164.2, 192.4; HRMS (TOF ES<sup>+</sup>)  $m/z$ : calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub> [M + H], 373.1158; found, 373.1160.

**4-(Thiophen-2'-yl)methanoneyl-7-(trifluoromethyl)-1,2-dihydroimidazo[1,2-*a*]quinoline (3bg).** Orange solid, mp 208–209 °C; IR (KBr): 3069, 1650, 1633, 1413, 1334, 1204, 1159, 1118, 1073, 821, 743 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 3.92–3.96 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 4.00–4.04 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 7.00 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H, CH), 7.26 (t,  $J = 4.3$  Hz, 1H, CH), 7.73–7.75 (m, 1H, CH), 7.78 (s, 1H, CH), 7.88 (d,  $J = 3.7$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.93 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.13 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 1H, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 45.8, 53.6, 56.0, 112.8, 119.6, 120.4 (d,  $J = 32.5$  Hz), 124.8 (d,  $J = 270.0$  Hz), 126.8, 128.7, 129.0, 129.3, 136.2, 136.6, 136.9, 142.4, 143.0, 153.4, 184.7; HRMS (TOF ES<sup>+</sup>)  $m/z$ : calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M + H], 349.0616; found, 349.0614.

**5-(4'-Fluorophenyl)methanoneyl-8-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrimido[1,2-*a*]quinoline (3bh).** Yellowy solid, mp 172–173 °C; IR (KBr): 1668, 1642, 1596, 1319, 1210, 1154, 1116, 846, 814 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 1.87–1.89 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.25–3.27 (m, 2H,

CH<sub>2</sub>N), 3.90–3.92 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 7.32 (t,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.37 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.49 (s, 1H, CH), 7.75 (d,  $J_1 = 8.7$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.89 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.95–7.98 (m, 2H, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (123 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 19.9, 43.5, 44.3, 112.4, 116.1 (d,  $J = 22.5$  Hz), 119.9, 121.3 (d,  $J = 33.8$  Hz), 124.7 (d,  $J = 268.8$  Hz), 126.1 (d,  $J = 3.8$  Hz), 127.4 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz), 130.4, 132.4 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz), 133.3, 137.0, 143.8, 147.2, 165.5 (d,  $J = 252.5$  Hz), 193.2; HRMS (TOF ES<sup>+</sup>)  $m/z$ : calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>F<sub>4</sub> [M + H], 375.1115; found, 375.1113.

**5-(4'-Chlorophenyl)methanoneyl-8-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrimido[1,2-*a*]quinoline (3bi).** Yellowy solid, mp 181–182 °C; IR (KBr): 2931, 1670, 1640, 1592, 1319, 1208, 1161, 1115, 815 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 1.85–1.88 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.22–3.26 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 3.89–3.92 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 7.37 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.51 (s, 1H, CH), 7.55 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.75 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.87–7.90 (m, 3H, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 19.5, 43.0, 43.9, 112.1, 119.5, 121.0 (d,  $J = 33.0$  Hz), 124.3 (d,  $J = 270.0$  Hz), 125.8, 127.0, 128.8, 130.4, 130.8, 134.9, 136.2, 138.2, 143.4, 146.8, 193.2; HRMS (TOF ES<sup>+</sup>)  $m/z$ : calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Cl [M + H], 391.0819; found, 391.0816.

**5-(4'-Bromophenyl)methanoneyl-8-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrimido[1,2-*a*]quinoline (3bj).** Yellowy solid, mp 195–196 °C; IR (KBr): 2951, 1671, 1641, 1590, 1318, 1277, 1112, 814 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 1.86 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.23 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 3.88–3.92 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 7.37 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.51 (s, 1H, CH), 7.70 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.76 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.80 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.90 (s, 1H, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 19.5, 43.0, 43.8, 112.1, 119.5, 120.5 (d,  $J_2 = 32.3$  Hz), 124.3 (d,  $J_1 = 269.3$  Hz), 125.8, 127.1, 127.5, 130.4, 130.9, 131.8, 135.2, 136.2, 143.4, 146.8, 193.5; HRMS (TOF ES<sup>+</sup>)  $m/z$ : calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Br [M + H], 435.0314; found, 435.0317.

**5-(Phenyl)methanoneyl-8-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrimido[1,2-*a*]quinoline (3bk).** Yellowy solid, mp 187–188 °C; IR (KBr): 1667, 1640, 1589, 1343, 1320, 1213, 1160, 1099, 814 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 1.87–1.89 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.24–3.26 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 3.90–3.93 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 7.37 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.48–7.52 (m, 3H, CH), 7.63 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.75 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.88–7.90 (m, 3H, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 19.9, 43.4, 44.3, 112.4, 120.0, 121.4 (d,  $J = 32.5$  Hz), 124.8 (d,  $J = 267.5$  Hz), 126.0, 127.3, 129.0, 129.4, 130.3, 133.8, 136.5, 137.2, 143.7, 147.3, 194.6; HRMS (TOF ES<sup>+</sup>)  $m/z$ : calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub> [M + H], 357.1209; found, 357.1205.

**5-(*p*-Tolyl)methanoneyl-8-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrimido[1,2-*a*]quinoline (3bl).** Yellowy solid, mp 226–227 °C; IR (KBr): 1663, 1642, 1319, 1209, 1160, 1112, 1083, 828 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 1.86–1.88 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.37 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.24–3.26 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 3.89–3.92 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 7.30 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.36 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.43 (s, 1H, CH), 7.74 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.78 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.88 (s, 1H, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 19.9, 21.6, 43.4, 44.3, 112.4, 120.0, 121.3 (d,  $J = 32.5$  Hz), 124.8 (d,  $J = 270.0$  Hz), 125.9, 127.1, 127.2, 129.6, 129.9, 134.1, 137.4, 143.7, 144.4, 147.2, 194.2; HRMS (TOF ES<sup>+</sup>)  $m/z$ : calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub> [M + H], 371.1365; found, 371.1363.

**5-(4'-Methoxyphenyl)methanoneyl-8-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrimido[1,2-*a*]quinoline (3bm).** White

solid, mp 192–193 °C; IR (KBr): 1662, 1641, 1593, 1319, 1264, 1157, 1029, 839  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 1.87–1.88 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.26 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 3.84 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.90–3.91 (m, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 7.01–7.03 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.36 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.41 (s, 1H, CH), 7.74 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.84–7.88 (m, 3H, ArH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 19.9, 43.4, 44.3, 55.9, 112.3, 114.3, 120.0, 121.3 (d,  $J = 32.5$ ), 124.8 (d,  $J = 270.0$  Hz), 125.9, 127.2, 127.2, 129.5, 129.7, 137.5, 143.7, 147.2, 163.8, 193.1; HRMS (TOF ES $^+$ )  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{F}_3$  [M + H], 387.1314; found, 387.1317.

**5-(Thiophen-2'-yl)methanoneyl-8-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrimido[1,2-a]quinoline (3bn).** Light red solid, mp 209–210 °C; IR (KBr): 1645, 1586, 1343, 1319, 1209, 1156, 1102, 821, 732  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 1.87–1.91 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.29–3.32 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 3.88–3.92 (m, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 7.19–7.22 (m, 1H, CH), 7.35 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H, CH), 7.50 (s, 1H, CH), 7.72–7.76 (m, 2H, CH), 7.88 (d,  $J = 1.8$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.04 (dd,  $J_1 = 4.8$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.2$  Hz, 1H, ArH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 19.5, 43.0, 43.9, 112.0, 119.4, 120.9 (q,  $J_2 = 32.3$  Hz), 124.3 (d,  $J_1 = 269.3$  Hz), 125.7, 126.1, 127.0, 128.7, 129.8, 135.2, 135.5, 136.2, 143.3 (d,  $J_3 = 9.8$  Hz), 146.5, 186.3; HRMS (TOF ES $^+$ )  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{F}_3\text{S}$  [M + H], 363.0773; found, 363.0777.

**6,7,9-Trifluoro-4-(4'-fluorophenyl)methanoneyl-1,2-dihydroimidazo[1,2-a]quinoline (3ca).** Red solid, mp 177–178 °C; IR (KBr): 1668, 1636, 1598, 1496, 1393, 1267, 1157, 858, 603  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 3.84 (t,  $J = 10.3$  Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 4.20–4.25 (m, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 7.35 (t,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.61 (s, 1H, CH), 7.70–7.76 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.97–8.00 (m, 2H, ArH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 48.6, 54.1, 108.8 (t,  $J = 25.0$  Hz), 111.5 (d,  $J = 15.0$  Hz), 116.2 (d,  $J = 22.5$  Hz), 126.4 (d,  $J = 13.8$  Hz), 127.3, 131.2, 132.7, 132.9 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz), 140.9 (t,  $J = 11.9$  Hz), 141.9 (m), 142.7 (d,  $J = 12.5$  Hz), 143.9 (t,  $J = 18.8$  Hz), 153.7, 165.8 (d,  $J = 251.3$  Hz), 191.1;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): –148.4 (t,  $J = 16.9$  Hz), –147.0 (d,  $J = 22.6$  Hz), –132.8 (d,  $J = 11.3$  Hz), –104.5; HRMS (TOF ES $^+$ )  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{F}_4$  [M + H], 347.0802; found, 347.0801.

**6,7,9-Trifluoro-4-(4'-chlorophenyl)methanoneyl-1,2-dihydroimidazo[1,2-a]quinoline (3cb).** Red solid, mp 186–187 °C; IR (KBr): 1664, 1638, 1595, 1499, 1393, 1269, 1090, 776  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 3.81–3.85 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 4.21–4.26 (m, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 7.60 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.65 (s, 1H, CH), 7.73–7.78 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.91 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H, ArH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 48.7 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz), 54.2, 109.0 (t,  $J = 25.5$  Hz), 111.6 (d,  $J = 10.5$  Hz), 126.6 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz), 127.8, 129.3, 131.0, 131.8, 134.8, 139.4, 141.1, 142.5 (d,  $J = 60.0$  Hz), 144.0 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz), 153.8, 191.7; HRMS (TOF ES $^+$ )  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{F}_3\text{Cl}$  [M + H], 363.0506; found, 363.0503.

**6,7,9-Trifluoro-4-(4'-bromophenyl)methanoneyl-1,2-dihydroimidazo[1,2-a]quinoline (3cc).** Orange solid, mp 203–204 °C; IR (KBr): 1663, 1635, 1586, 1496, 1269, 1124, 774, 609  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$  +  $\text{DCCl}_3$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 3.83 (t,  $J = 10.3$  Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 4.21–4.26 (m, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 7.64 (s, 1H, CH), 7.73–7.74 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.82 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H, ArH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$  +  $\text{DCCl}_3$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 48.7 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz), 54.2, 109.0 (t,  $J = 25.5$  Hz), 111.6 (d,  $J = 10.5$  Hz), 126.6, 127.9, 128.6, 131.0, 131.8, 132.3, 135.1, 141.1, 142.7, 143.9 (d,  $J = 51.0$  Hz), 153.8, 191.8; HRMS

(TOF ES $^+$ )  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{F}_3\text{Br}$  [M + H], 407.0001; found, 407.0000.

**6,7,9-Trifluoro-4-(phenyl)methanoneyl-1,2-dihydroimidazo[1,2-a]quinoline (3cd).** Orange solid, mp 195–196 °C; IR (KBr): 1667, 1636, 1498, 1392, 1270, 803, 609  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 3.84 (t,  $J = 10.3$  Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 4.21–4.26 (m, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 7.54 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.59 (s, 1H, CH), 7.67–7.76 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.90 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H, ArH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 48.6 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz), 54.1, 108.7 (t,  $J = 24.4$  Hz), 111.5 (d,  $J = 11.3$  Hz), 126.4 (d,  $J = 12.5$  Hz), 127.1, 129.1, 129.8, 131.4, 134.3, 135.9, 140.9, 141.9, 142.8, 143.9 (d,  $J = 33.8$  Hz), 153.7, 192.6; HRMS (TOF ES $^+$ )  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{F}_3$  [M + H], 329.0896; found, 329.0894.

**6,7,9-Trifluoro-4-(p-tolyl)methanoneyl-1,2-dihydroimidazo[1,2-a]quinoline (3ce).** Red-orange solid, mp 185–186 °C; IR (KBr): 1662, 1635, 1496, 1392, 1272, 1193, 603  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 2.39 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.83 (t,  $J = 10.3$  Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 4.19–4.25 (m, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 7.33 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.53 (s, 1H, CH), 7.69–7.75 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.79 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H, ArH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 21.6, 48.6 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz), 54.1, 108.6 (t,  $J = 25.0$  Hz), 111.6, 126.4, 126.7, 129.7, 130.0, 131.7, 133.5, 140.9, 141.9 (d,  $J = 30.0$  Hz), 142.8, 143.9, 145.0, 153.7, 192.0; HRMS (TOF ES $^+$ )  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{F}_3$  [M + H], 343.1052; found, 343.1050.

**6,7,9-Trifluoro-4-(4'-methoxyphenyl)methanoneyl-1,2-dihydroimidazo[1,2-a]quinoline (3cf).** Orange solid, mp 191–192 °C; IR (KBr): 1633, 1598, 1497, 1260, 1162, 1026, 603  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$  +  $\text{DCCl}_3$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 3.82–3.89 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 3.85 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 4.19–4.27 (m, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 7.02 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.46 (d,  $J = 1.5$  Hz, 1H, CH), 7.57–7.67 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.83–7.88 (m, 2H, ArH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 48.2 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz), 5.71, 55.5, 108.0 (t,  $J = 24.8$  Hz), 111.1 (d,  $J = 10.5$  Hz), 113.9, 126.0, 128.3, 131.3, 131.9, 139.8, 140.8, 143.1 (d,  $J = 18.8$  Hz), 144.0, 153.4, 163.8, 190.3; HRMS (TOF ES $^+$ )  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{F}_3$  [M + H], 359.1001; found, 359.0999.

**6,7,9-Trifluoro-4-(thiophen-2-yl)methanoneyl-1,2-dihydroimidazo[1,2-a]quinoline (3cg).** Orange solid, mp 170–171 °C; IR (KBr): 1640, 1496, 1413, 1280, 1127, 733  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 3.86–3.89 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 4.22–4.25 (m, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 7.25–7.26 (m, 1H, CH), 7.63 (s, 1H, CH), 7.66–7.72 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.86–7.87 (m, 1H, CH), 8.13–8.14 (m, 1H, CH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 48.8, 54.2, 108.9 (m), 111.5 (m), 126.5 (d,  $J = 12.0$  Hz), 127.1, 129.4, 130.8, 136.9, 137.2, 141.1–142.7 (m), 142.0–142.4 (m), 142.9, 143.6–144.0 (m), 153.5, 184.4; HRMS (TOF ES $^+$ )  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{F}_3\text{S}$  [M + H], 335.0460; found, 335.0464.

**7,8,10-Trifluoro-5-(4'-fluorophenyl)methanoneyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrimido[1,2-a]quinoline (3ch).** Yellow solid, mp 179–180 °C; IR (KBr): 2845, 1665, 1639, 1599, 1492, 1265, 1151, 992, 844  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 1.75 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.22 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 4.14 (m, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 7.32 (t,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.43 (s, 1H, CH), 7.66–7.72 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.94–7.97 (m, 2H, ArH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 20.1, 43.5, 48.5 (d,  $J = 17.5$  Hz), 108.2 (m), 112.4 (d,  $J = 18.8$  Hz), 116.0 (t,  $J = 25.6$  Hz), 121.3, 127.4, 132.4 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz), 133.2 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz), 138.5, 141.5 (d,  $J = 21.3$  Hz), 143.5 (d,  $J = 6.3$  Hz), 145.6, 146.8, 165.5 (d,  $J = 251.3$  Hz), 192.5;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (470 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): –149.6, –145.5 (t,  $J = 9.4$  Hz), –123.2, –105.3;



HRMS (TOF ES<sup>+</sup>) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M + H], 361.0958; found, 361.0959.

**7,8,10-Trifluoro-5-(4'-chlorophenyl)methanoneyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrimido[1,2-*a*]quinoline (3ci).** Yellow solid, mp 199–200 °C; IR (KBr): 2924, 1663, 1638, 1600, 1492, 1264, 1088, 991, 842 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> + HClO<sub>4</sub>) (δ, ppm): 2.16 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.54 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 4.67 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.26–8.31 (m, 1H, ArH), 8.48 (s, 1H, CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> + HClO<sub>4</sub>) (δ, ppm): 18.3, 39.1, 50.8 (d, *J* = 19.5 Hz), 112.7 (m), 113.6 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz), 124.8, 125.1, 129.6, 132.7, 134.9, 135.1, 140.3, 143.5 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz), 145.6, 146.8, 150.7, 190.9; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (565 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> + HClO<sub>4</sub>) (δ, ppm): -145.3 (m), -138.3 (m), -115.8; HRMS (TOF ES<sup>+</sup>) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Cl [M + H], 377.0663; found, 377.0665.

**7,8,10-Trifluoro-5-(4'-bromophenyl)methanoneyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrimido[1,2-*a*]quinoline (3cj).** Yellow solid, mp 193–194 °C; IR (KBr): 2948, 1669, 1638, 1587, 1493, 1263, 1163, 1070, 906, 844 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) (δ, ppm): 1.74 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.21 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 4.14 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 7.47 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.71–7.72 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.79–7.81 (m, 2H, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> + HClO<sub>4</sub>) (δ, ppm): 20.2, 43.6, 48.6 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz), 108.4 (m), 112.5 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz), 121.8, 127.5, 128.0, 131.5, 132.2, 135.6, 138.3, 141.9 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz), 143.5, 144.0, 147.0, 193.3; HRMS (TOF ES<sup>+</sup>) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Br [M + H], 421.0158; found, 421.0159.

**7,8,10-Trifluoro-5-(phenyl)methanoneyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrimido[1,2-*a*]quinoline (3ck).** Yellow solid, mp 191–192 °C; IR (KBr): 2958, 1669, 1638, 1597, 1492, 1267, 1198, 1165, 990, 665 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) (δ, ppm): 1.72–1.76 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.21 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 4.13–4.16 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 7.42 (s, 1H, CH), 7.48–7.52 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.64 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.67–7.72 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.85–7.88 (m, 2H, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) (δ, ppm): 20.2, 43.6, 48.6, 108.2 (m), 112.5 (t, *J* = 10.5 Hz), 121.2, 127.4, 129.1, 129.5, 134.0, 136.4, 138.9, 141.8 (m), 143.4 (m), 145.6 (m), 147.0, 194.0; HRMS (TOF ES<sup>+</sup>) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M + H], 343.1052; found, 343.1054.

**7,8,10-Trifluoro-5-(*p*-tolyl)methanoneyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrimido[1,2-*a*]quinoline (3cl).** Yellow solid, mp 196–197 °C; IR (KBr): 1663, 1602, 1492, 1268, 1163, 990, 836 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) (δ, ppm): 1.69–1.76 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.37 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.19–3.22 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 4.10–4.16 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.35 (s, 1H, CH), 7.62–7.73 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) (δ, ppm): 19.7, 21.2, 43.0, 48.2, 107.6 (m), 112.0 (d, *J* = 20.3 Hz), 120.4, 127.0, 129.2, 129.2, 133.5, 138.6, 140.6 (m), 143.7 (m), 142.6–145.8 (m), 144.0, 146.4, 193.1; HRMS (TOF ES<sup>+</sup>) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M + H], 357.1209; found, 357.1208.

**7,8,10-Trifluoro-5-(4'-methoxyphenyl)methanoneyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrimido[1,2-*a*]quinoline (3cm).** Yellow solid, mp 174–175 °C; IR (KBr): 1659, 1597, 1493, 1257, 1162, 1019, 849 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) (δ, ppm): 1.74–1.76 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.23–3.24 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 3.85 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.14–4.15 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.34 (s, 1H, CH), 7.63–7.73 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) (δ, ppm): 20.1, 43.4, 48.5, 56.0, 108.0 (m), 112.4, 114.3, 120.7, 127.3, 129.3, 131.9, 139.0, 141.6 (m), 143.3 (m), 143.7–145.5 (m),

146.8, 163.9, 192.3; HRMS (TOF ES<sup>+</sup>) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub> [M + H], 373.1158; found, 373.1158.

**7,8,10-Trifluoro-5-(thiophen-2'-yl)methanoneyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrimido[1,2-*a*]quinoline (3cn).** Yellow solid, mp 178–179 °C; IR (KBr): 2959, 1641, 1599, 1492, 1409, 1256, 1197, 983, 857 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) (δ, ppm): 1.75–1.78 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.26–3.28 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 4.12–4.15 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 7.20–7.22 (m, 1H, CH), 7.42 (s, 1H, CH), 7.66–7.72 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.75–7.76 (m, 1H, CH), 8.04–8.05 (m, 1H, CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) (δ, ppm): 20.2, 43.5, 48.6, 108.4 (m), 112.3 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 121.2, 127.5 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 129.2, 135.8, 136.0, 138.3, 141.7–142.0 (m), 143.4–143.5 (m), 143.5, 143.8–145.5 (m), 146.6, 186.2; HRMS (TOF ES<sup>+</sup>) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M + H], 349.0616; found, 349.0618.

**6,7,9-Trifluoro-4-(4'-fluorophenyl)methanoneyl-8-(piperidin-1-yl)-1,2-dihydroimidazo[1,2-*a*]quinoline (4da).** Red solid, mp 170–171 °C; IR (KBr): 2935, 2851, 1653, 1628, 1482, 1271, 1232, 1156, 1119, 1001, 848, 768, 602 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> + CDCl<sub>3</sub>) (δ, ppm): 1.62–1.68 (m, 6H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.23 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.84 (t, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 4.21–4.26 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 7.28 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.48 (s, 1H, CH), 7.90–7.93 (m, 2H, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> + CDCl<sub>3</sub>) (δ, ppm): 24.0, 26.5, 48.8, 52.2, 53.9, 115.9 (d, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 22.5 Hz), 127.3, 128.7, 132.7 (d, *J*<sub>3</sub> = 10.0 Hz), 133.1, 133.6, 154.0, 165.7 (d, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 252.5 Hz), 191.1; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> + DCl<sub>3</sub>) (δ, ppm): -105.0, -145.9, -148.5, -156.9 (d, *J* = 18.8 Hz); HRMS (TOF ES<sup>+</sup>) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M + H], 430.1537; found, 430.1533.

**6,7,9-Trifluoro-4-(4'-chlorophenyl)methanoneyl-8-(piperidin-1-yl)-1,2-dihydroimidazo[1,2-*a*]quinoline (4db).** Red solid, mp 160–161 °C; IR (KBr): 2932, 2854, 1628, 1483, 1269, 1120, 1090, 1000, 844, 766 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> + CDCl<sub>3</sub>) (δ, ppm): 1.61 (m, 6H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.22 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.84 (t, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 4.17–4.26 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 7.47 (s, 1H, CH), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> + CDCl<sub>3</sub>) (δ, ppm): 23.6, 26.1, 48.3, 51.8, 53.6, 103.2, 126.0, 126.5, 128.5, 128.8, 131.0, 134.7, 138.6, 153.6, 191.0; HRMS (TOF ES<sup>+</sup>) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>20</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M + H], 446.1242; found, 446.1239.

**6,7,9-Trifluoro-4-(4'-bromophenyl)methanoneyl-8-(piperidin-1-yl)-1,2-dihydroimidazo[1,2-*a*]quinoline (4dc).** Orange solid, mp 181–181 °C; IR (KBr): 2933, 2855, 1654, 1633, 1478, 1386, 1270, 1156, 1121, 997, 832, 761 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> + CDCl<sub>3</sub>) (δ, ppm): 1.62 (m, 6H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.24 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.83 (t, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 4.21–4.26 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 7.52 (s, 1H, CH), 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> + CDCl<sub>3</sub>) (δ, ppm): 23.80, 26.6, 44.7, 50.8, 52.4, 104.9, 114.7, 124.0, 126.6, 127.0, 128.1, 131.9, 132.4, 135.6, 137.4, 138.1, 139.7, 140.2, 140.5, 141.6, 146.7, 155.2, 190.9; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (565 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> + DCl<sub>3</sub>) (δ, ppm): -143.9, -144.0, -148.7 (d, *J* = 16.9 Hz); HRMS (TOF ES<sup>+</sup>) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Br [M + H], 490.0735; found, 490.0737.

**6,7,9-Trifluoro-4-(phenyl)methanoneyl-8-(piperidin-1-yl)-1,2-dihydroimidazo[1,2-*a*]quinoline (4dd).** Orange-red solid, mp 186–187 °C; IR (KBr): 2938, 2853, 1633, 1480, 1456, 1268, 1119, 1000, 656 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) (δ, ppm): 1.62 (m, 6H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.23 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.86 (t, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 4.21–4.26 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 7.43 (s, 1H, CH), 7.46–7.49 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.60–7.62 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.83

(d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H, ArH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 23.7, 26.5, 44.7, 50.7, 52.3, 104.8 (d,  $J_3 = 19.5$  Hz), 114.8, 124.0, 129.3, 129.9, 133.9, 136.5, 137.2, 137.9, 139.8, 140.4, 155.2, 191.7;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (471 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$  +  $\text{DCCl}_3$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): -143.9, -144.6, -149.0 (d,  $J = 22.6$  Hz); HRMS (TOF ES $^+$ )  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_3\text{OF}_3$  [M + H], 412.1631; found, 412.1633.

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