SAR Based Optimization of a 4-Quinoline Carboxylic Acid Analog with Potent Anti-Viral Activity

Supporting Information

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General Experimental:	

Unless otherwise noted, commercially available materials were used without further purification. All solvents were of HPLC or ACS grade. Anhydrous DMSO and EtOH were purchased from commercial sources. Reactions were performed under an atmosphere of argon with magnetic stirring unless noted otherwise. Flash chromatography (FC) was performed using *E Merck* silica gel 60 (240–400 mesh). Thin layer chromatography was performed using pre-coated plates purchased from *E. Merck* (silica gel 60 PF254, 0.25 mm) that were visualized using a KMnO₄ or Ce (IV)stain. Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded on a *Varian Inova*-400, *Varian Inova*-500 spectrometer at operating frequencies of 400/500 MHz (¹H NMR) or 125/100 MHz (¹³C NMR). Chemical shifts (δ) are given in ppm relative to residual solvent and coupling constants (*J*) in Hz. Multiplicity is tabulated as s for singlet, d for doublet, t for triplet, q for quadruplet, and m for multiplate. Electrospray ionization mass spectra (ESI-MS) were recorded on a Shimadzu 2010-LCMS and/or on a Micromass Q-Tof Ultima spectrometer. All compounds were at least 95% pure.

Synthetic Procedures:

Compounds **C2-C44** were synthesized according to a modified literature procedure.¹ All the substituted isatins were commercially available. Most of the substituted acetophenones were commercially available except for analogues **C30-C33**, **C34-C36** and **C41-C42** for which appropriate acetophenones were synthesized via a modified Buchwald type C-O bond formation methodology.² However, for analogues **C43** and **C44**, the corresponding acetophenones were synthesized via a Chan-Lam type C-O bond formation methodology.³

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An oven-dried schlenk tube was charged with a magnetic stir bar, 4iodoacetophenone (1.0 g, 4.06 mmol), benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-ol (560.3 mg, 4.06 mmol), Copper (I) iodide (77.3 mg, 0.41 mmol), picolinic acid (99.9 mg, 0.81 mmol) and potassium phosphate (tribasic) (1.72 g, 8.12 mmol). The tube was then evacuated and back filled with nitrogen. The protocol was repeated two times. Under a counter flow of nitrogen, 8 mL of DMSO was added via a syringe. The tube was placed in a preheated oil bath at 90 °C and the reaction slurry was stirred vigorously for 24 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. Ethyl acetate (60 mL) and water (5 mL) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 15 min. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted three more times with ethyl acetate (60 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and filtered through a small pad of silica gel. The filtrate was concentrated and the resulting residue was purified by column chromatography (15% EA in Hex) to yield the title compound, 351.0 mg (33.7%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 2.53 (s, 3H), 5.97 (s, 2H), 6.51 (dd, J = 8.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.89 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 26.4, 101.7, 102.9, 108.4, 113.0, 116.5, 130.5, 131.6, 144.7, 148.6, 149.6, 162.2, 196.6. ESI-MS calcd for C₁₅H₁₃O₄ (M+H), 257.1; found, 256.9.

1-(4-(pyridin-3-yloxy)phenyl)ethanone (5b):



An oven-dried schlenk tube was charged with a magnetic stir bar, 4iodoacetophenone (1.0 g, 4.06 mmol), 3-hydroxypyridine (386.1 mg, 4.06 mmol), Copper (I) iodide (77.3 mg, 0.41 mmol), picolinic acid (99.9 mg, 0.81 mmol) and potassium phosphate (tribasic) (1.72 g, 8.12 mmol). The tube was then evacuated and back filled with nitrogen. The protocol was repeated two times. Under a counter flow of nitrogen, 8 mL of DMSO was added via a syringe. The tube was placed in a preheated oil bath at 90 °C and the reaction slurry was stirred vigorously for 24 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. Ethyl acetate (60 mL) and water (5 mL) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 15 min. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted three more times with ethyl acetate (60 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and filtered through a small pad of silica gel. The filtrate was concentrated and the resulting residue was purified by column chromatography (60% EA in Hex) to yield the title compound, 259.7 mg (30%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 2.54 (s, 3H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.92 $(d, J = 8.2 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 8.42 \text{ (m, 2H)}; {}^{13}\text{C} \text{ NMR} (100 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3): 26.5, 117.5, 124.4, 127.0,$ 130.7, 132.6, 142.4, 145.6, 152.3, 160.9, 196.6. ESI-MS calcd for C₁₃H₁₂NO₂ (M+H), 214.1; found, 214.0.

1-(4-(2-fluorophenoxy)phenyl)ethanone (5c):



An oven-dried schlenk tube was charged with a magnetic stir bar, 4iodoacetophenone (1.0 g, 4.06 mmol), 2-fluorophenol (455.1 mg, 4.06 mmol), Copper (I) iodide (77.3 mg, 0.41 mmol), picolinic acid (99.9 mg, 0.81 mmol) and potassium phosphate (tribasic) (1.72 g, 8.12 mmol). The tube was then evacuated and back filled with nitrogen. The protocol was repeated two times. Under a counter flow of nitrogen, 8 mL of DMSO was added via a syringe. The tube was placed in a preheated oil bath at 90 °C and the reaction slurry was stirred vigorously for 24 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. Ethyl acetate (60 mL) and water (5 mL) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 15 min. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted three more times with ethyl acetate (60 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and filtered through a small pad of silica gel. The filtrate was concentrated and the resulting residue was purified by column chromatography (20% EA in Hex) to yield the title compound, 350.0 mg (38%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 2.53 (s, 3H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (m, 4H), 7.91 (d, J = 8.8Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 26.6, 116.0, 117.3 (d, J = 18.0 Hz), 123.0, 125.0 (d, J =3.0 Hz), 126.1 (d, J = 7.0 Hz), 126.2, 132.0, 142.0, 154.5 (d, J = 249.0 Hz), 161.6, 196.2. ESI-MS calcd for C₁₄H₁₈FO₂ (M+H), 231.1; found, 231.0.

1-(4-(3-fluorophenoxy)phenyl)ethanone (5d):

^o ^F An oven-dried schlenk tube was charged with a magnetic stir bar, 4iodoacetophenone (1.0 g, 4.06 mmol), 3-fluorophenol (455.1 mg, 4.06 mmol), Copper (I) iodide

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(77.3 mg, 0.41 mmol), picolinic acid (99.9 mg, 0.81 mmol) and potassium phosphate (tribasic) (1.72 mg, 8.12 mmol). The tube was then evacuated and back filled with nitrogen. The protocol was repeated two times. Under a counter flow of nitrogen, 8 mL of DMSO was added via a syringe. The tube was placed in a preheated oil bath at 90 °C and the reaction slurry was stirred vigorously for 24 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. Ethyl acetate (60 mL) and water (5 mL) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 15 min. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted three more times with ethyl acetate (60 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and filtered through a small pad of silica gel. The filtrate was concentrated and the resulting residue was purified by column chromatography (20% EA in Hex) to yield the title compound, 368.0 mg (40%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 2.54 (s, 3H), 6.73 (dt, J = 9.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (m, 2H), 7.0 (d, J =8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (dt, J = 8.3, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$): 26.4, 107.4 (d, J = 24.0 Hz), 111.2 (d, J = 21.0 Hz), 115.2 (J = 3.0 Hz), 117.8, 130.6, 130.8 (J = 10.0 Hz), 132.5, 157.0 (d, J = 10.0 Hz), 160.9, 163.0 (d, J = 247.0 Hz), 196.6. ESI-MS calcd for C₁₄H₁₈FO₂ (M+H), 231.1; found, 230.9.

1-(4-(thiazol-2-yloxy)phenyl)ethanone (5e):



An oven-dried schlenk tube was charged with a magnetic stir bar, 4hydroxyacetophenone (500.0 mg, 3.67 mmol), 2-bromothiazole (221 μ L, 2.45 mmol), Copper (I) iodide (47.0 mg, 0.24 mmol), picolinic acid (60.0 mg, 0.49 mmol) and potassium phosphate (tribasic) (1.04 g, 4.88 mmol). The tube was then evacuated and back filled with nitrogen. The protocol was repeated two times. Under a counter flow of nitrogen, 4mL of DMSO was added via a syringe. The tube was placed in a preheated oil bath at 90 °C and the reaction slurry was stirred vigorously for 24 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. Ethyl acetate (30 mL) and water (3 mL) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 15 min. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted three more times with ethyl acetate (40 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and filtered through a small pad of silica gel. The filtrate was concentrated and the resulting residue was purified by column chromatography (50% EA in Hex) to yield the title compound, 161.0 mg (30%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 2.60 (s, 3H), 6.90 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 8.01 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 26.6,114.0, 119.4, 130.4, 134.2, 137.6, 158.9, 172.0, 196.6. ESI-MS calcd for C₁₁H₁₀NO₂S (M+H), 220.0; found, 219.9.

1-(4-(4-tert-butylphenoxy)phenyl)ethanone (5f):



An oven-dried schlenk tube was charged with a magnetic stir bar, 4iodoacetophenone (250.0 mg, 1.02 mmol), 4-*tert*-butylphenol (183.2 mg, 1.22 mmol), Copper (I) iodide (9.71 mg, 0.05 mmol), picolinic acid (13.5 mg, 0.11 mmol) and potassium phosphate (tribasic) (433.0 mg, 2.04 mmol). The tube was then evacuated and back filled with nitrogen. The protocol was repeated two times. Under a counter flow of nitrogen, 2 mL of DMSO was added via a syringe. The tube was placed in a preheated oil bath at 90 °C and the reaction slurry was stirred vigorously for 24 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. Ethyl acetate (25 mL) and water (5 mL) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 15 min. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted three more times with ethyl acetate (20 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and filtered through a small pad of silica gel. The filtrate was concentrated and the resulting residue was purified by column chromatography (15% EA in Hex) to yield the title compound, 218.9 mg (80%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 1.32 (s, 9H), 2.55 (s, 3H), 6.97 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 4H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.7 Hz 2H), 7.91 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 26.4, 31.5, 34.4, 117.0, 119.7, 126.8, 130.5, 131.6, 147.5, 152.9, 162.3, 196.7. ESI-MS calcd for C₁₈H₂₁O₂ (M+H), 269.2 found, 269.0.

1-(4-(pyridin-2-yloxy)phenyl)ethanone (5g):

An oven-dried schlenk tube was charged with a magnetic stir bar, 4hydroxyacetophenone (500.0 mg, 3.67 mmol), 2-bromopyridine (239 µL, 2.45 mmol), Copper (I) iodide (47.0 mg, 0.24 mmol), picolinic acid (60.0 mg, 0.49 mmol) and potassium phosphate (tribasic) (1.04 g, 4.88 mmol). The tube was then evacuated and back filled with nitrogen. The protocol was repeated two times. Under a counter flow of nitrogen, 4mL of DMSO was added via a syringe. The tube was placed in a preheated oil bath at 90 °C and the reaction slurry was stirred vigorously for 24 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. Ethyl acetate (30 mL) and water (3 mL) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 15 min. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted three more times with ethyl acetate (40 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and filtered through a small pad of silica gel. The filtrate was concentrated and the resulting residue was purified by column chromatography (60% EA in Hex) to yield the title compound, 472.2 mg (90%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 2.49 (s, 3H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (dd, J = 7.3, 5.1Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.91 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 8.12 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.9Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 26.5, 112.4, 119.4, 120.4, 120.5, 130.3, 133.2, 147.6, 158.4, 162.6, 196.8. ESI-MS calcd for C₁₃H₁₂NO₂ (M+H), 214.1; found, 214.0.

1-(4-(naphthalen-2-yloxy)phenyl)ethanone (5h):



An oven-dried schlenk tube was charged with a magnetic stir bar, 4iodoacetophenone (1.0 g, 4.06 mmol), 2-napthol (585.3 mg, 4.06 mmol), Copper (I) iodide (77.3 mg, 0.41 mmol), picolinic acid (99.9 mg, 0.81 mmol) and potassium phosphate (tribasic) (1.72 g, 8.12 mmol). The tube was then evacuated and back filled with nitrogen. The protocol was repeated two times. Under a counter flow of nitrogen, 8 mL of DMSO was added via a syringe. The tube was placed in a preheated oil bath at 90 °C and the reaction slurry was stirred vigorously for 24 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. Ethyl acetate (60 mL) and water (5 mL) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 15 min. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted three more times with ethyl acetate (60 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and filtered through a small pad of silica gel. The filtrate was concentrated and the resulting residue was purified by column chromatography (25% EA in Hex) to yield the title compound, 511.2 mg (48%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): 2.60 (s, 3H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (m, 3H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.96 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): 26.8, 116.5, 116.5, 117.8, 120.6, 125.6, 127.1, 128.1, 130.5, 130.9, 131.0, 132.3, 134.5, 153.4, 162.2, 197.1. ESI-MS calcd for C₁₈H₁₅O₂ (M+H), 263.10; found, 263.0.



1-(3,5-dimethyl-4-phenoxyphenyl)ethanone (9):



Into a flame dried round-bottomed flask was weighed 1-(4-hydroxy-3,5dimethylphenyl)ethanone (328.0 mg, 2.0 mmol), phenyl boronic acid (488.0 mg, 4.0 mmol), copper acetate (726.5 mg, 4.0 mmol). 10 mL of dichloromethane was added to the flask before the addition of triethylamine (837 μ L, 6.0 mmol). The flask was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. The solvent was removed using a rotary evaporator. Ethyl acetate (150 mL) and water (50 mL) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 15 min. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted three more times with ethyl acetate (300 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and filtered through a small pad of silica gel. The filtrate was concentrated and the resulting residue was purified by column chromatography (25% EA in Hex) to yield the title compound, 432.5 mg (90%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): 2.16 (s, 6H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.71 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): 16.5, 26.7, 114.6, 121.8, 129.5, 129.8, 131.9, 134.0, 155.2, 157.2,197.5. ESI-MS calcd for C₁₆H₁₇O₂ (M+H), 241.1; found, 241.0 1-(5-isopropyl-2-methyl-4-phenoxyphenyl)ethanone (10):



Into a flame dried round-bottomed flask was weighed 1-(4-hydroxy-5-isopropyl-2-methylphenyl)ethanone (384.5 mg, 2.0 mmol), phenyl boronic acid (387.7 mg, 4.0 mmol), copper acetate (726.5 mg, 4.0 mmol). 10 mL of dichloromethane was added to the flask before the addition of triethylamine (837 μ L, 6.0 mmol). The flask was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. The solvent was removed using a rotary evaporator. Ethyl acetate (150 mL) and water (50 mL) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 15 min. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted three more times with ethyl acetate (300 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and filtered through a small pad of silica gel. The filtrate was concentrated and the resulting residue was purified by column chromatography (25% EA in Hex) to yield the title compound, 461.4 mg (86%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): 1.30 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 6H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.62 (s, 3H), 3.36 (m, 1H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (t, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, J = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): 22.0, 23.1, 27.3, 29.7, 119.1, 121.6, 123.8, 129.4, 130.1, 133.0, 136.6, 138.9, 157.1, 200.7. ESI-MS calcd for C₁₈H₂₁O₂ (M+H), 269.15; found, 269.0.

6-chloro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)quinoline-4-carboxylic acid (C2):



Into a flame dried round-bottomed flask fitted with a reflux condenser was weighed 5-chloroisatin (501.0 mg, 2.76 mmol). 5.5 mL of ethanol was added to

the flask. An ethanolic solution of 4-methoxyacetophenone (434.3 mg, 2.90 mmol) was added into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (447.0 mg dissolved in 500 μ L of H₂O, 8.0 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from acetic acid: light yellow powder; yield 344.9 mg (40%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 3.84 (s, 3H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 8.47 (s, 1H), 8.73 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 56.0, 115.0, 120.8, 124.6, 125.0, 129.4, 130.5, 131.0, 132.2, 132.5, 136.4, 147.6, 156.5, 161.7, 167.8. HRMS (ESI⁻) calcd for C₁₇H₁₁CINO₃ (M-H), 312.0433; found, 312.0439.

6-chloro-2-(4-ethoxyphenyl)quinoline-4-carboxylic acid (C3):



Into a flame dried round-bottomed flask fitted with a reflux condenser was weighed 5-chloroisatin (501.0 mg, 2.76 mmol). 5.5 mL of ethanol was added to the flask. An ethanolic solution of 4-ethoxyacetophenone (474.0 mg, 2.90 mmol) was added into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (447.0 mg dissolved in 500 μ L of H₂O, 8.0 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from acetic acid: light yellow powder; yield 452.3 mg (50%). ¹H NMR (500

MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 1.38 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 3H), 4.14 (q, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 8.46 (s, 1H), 8.71 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 15.3, 64.0, 115.5, 120.7, 124.8, 125.1, 129.4, 130.6, 131.3, 132.2, 132.4, 137.2, 147.6, 156.6, 161.0, 168.0. HRMS (ESI⁻) calcd for C₁₈H₁₃ClNO₃ (M-H), 326.0589; found, 326.0593.

2-(4-butoxyphenyl)-6-chloroquinoline-4-carboxylic acid (C4):



Into a flame dried round-bottomed flask fitted with a reflux condenser was weighed 5-chloroisatin (501.0 mg, 2.76 mmol). 5.5 mL of ethanol was added to the flask. An ethanolic solution of 4-butoxyacetophenone (555.6 mg, 2.90 mmol) was added into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (447.0 mg dissolved in 500 µL of H₂O, 8.0 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from acetic acid: light yellow powder; yield 587.1 mg (60%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 0.93 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 1.45 (m, 2H), 1.70 (m, 2H), 4.04 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 8.47 (s, 1H), 8.72 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 14.2, 19.2, 40.4, 67.8, 115.3, 120.6, 124.4, 124.7, 129.2, 130.1, 131.0, 132.0, 132.3, 136.4, 147.4, 156.4, 161.0, 167.6. HRMS (ESI') calcd for C₂₀H₁₇CINO₃ (M-H), 354.0902; found, 354.0903.

6-chloro-2-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)quinoline-4-carboxylic acid (C5):



 OCF_3 Into a flame dried round-bottomed flask fitted with a reflux condenser was weighed 5-chloroisatin (501.0 mg, 2.76 mmol). 5.5 mL of ethanol was added to the flask. An ethanolic solution of 4-trifluoromethoxyacetophenone (463 µL, 2.90 mmol) was added into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (447.0 mg dissolved in 500 µL of H₂O, 8.0 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from acetic acid: light pink powder; yield 416.1 mg (41%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 8.35 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.40 (s, 1H), 8.80 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 119.7, 120.5 (d, *J* = 255.0 Hz), 121.6, 125.3, 125.6, 129.7, 130.8, 132.0, 132.2, 137.5, 141.8, 147.2, 150.0, 155.3, 168.2. HRMS (ESI^{*}) calcd for C₁₇H₈ClF₃NO₃ (M-H), 366.0150; found, 366.0154.

6-chloro-2-(4-fluorophenyl)quinoline-4-carboxylic acid (C6):

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F Into a flame dried round-bottomed flask fitted with a reflux condenser was weighed 5-chloroisatin (501.0 mg, 2.76 mmol). 5.5 mL of ethanol was added to the flask. An ethanolic solution of 4-fluoroacetophenone (350 µL, 2.90 mmol) was added into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (447.0 mg dissolved in 500 µL of H₂O, 8.0 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from acetic acid: light brown powder; yield 349.0 mg (42%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 7.40 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (dd, J = 9.1, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 8.34 (dd, J = 8.5, 5.7 Hz, 2H), 8.50 (s, 1H), 8.77 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 116.4 (d, J = 16.5 Hz), 120.7, 124.9, 125.2, 130.1 (d, J = 7.1 Hz), 131.1, 132.3, 132.8, 134.7, 138.0, 147.4, 155.8, 164.2 (d, J = 241.0 Hz), 167.9. HRMS (ESI⁻) calcd for C₁₆H₈CIFNO₂ (M-H), 300.0233; found, 300.0244.

2-(4-bromophenyl)-6-chloroquinoline-4-carboxylic acid (C7):



 B^{r} Into a flame dried round-bottomed flask fitted with a reflux condenser was weighed 5-chloroisatin (501.0 mg, 2.76 mmol). 5.5 mL of ethanol was added to the flask. An ethanolic solution of 4-bromoacetophenone (575.3 mg, 2.90 mmol) was added into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (447.0 mg dissolved in 500 µL of H₂O, 8.0 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from acetic acid: light brown powder; yield 446.7 mg (45%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 7.75 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (dd, J = 9.2, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 8.52 (s, 1H), 8.75 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): 120.8, 124.5, 124.8, 129.7, 131.3, 132.3, 132.4, 133.1, 136.9, 137.0, 147.3, 155.6, 167.4. HRMS (ESF) calcd for C₁₆H₈BrClNO₂ (M-H), 359.9432; found, 359.9422.

6-chloro-2-p-tolylquinoline-4-carboxylic acid (C8):



Me Into a flame dried round-bottomed flask fitted with a reflux condenser was weighed 5-chloroisatin (501.0 mg, 2.76 mmol). 5.5 mL of ethanol was added to the flask. An ethanolic solution of 4-methylacetophenone (388.0 mg, 2.90 mmol) was added into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (447.0 mg dissolved in 500 μ L of H₂O, 8.0 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from acetic acid: yellow powder; yield 434.5 mg (53%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 2.41 (s, 3H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 8.5, 5.7 Hz, 2H), 8.48 (s, 1H), 8.72 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 21.6, 121.0, 124.8, 125.0, 127.8, 130.3, 131.2, 132.4, 132.8, 135.4, 136.5, 140.7, 147.6, 156.9, 167.7. HRMS (ESI') calcd for C₁₇H₁₁CINO₂ (M-H), 296.0484; found, 296.0498.

6-chloro-2-(4-ethylphenyl)quinoline-4-carboxylic acid (C9):



Into a flame dried round-bottomed flask fitted with a reflux condenser was weighed 5-chloroisatin (501.0 mg, 2.76 mmol). 5.5 mL of ethanol was added to the flask. An ethanolic solution of 4-ethylacetophenone (428.5 mg, 2.90 mmol) was added into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (447.0 mg dissolved in 500 μ L of H₂O, 8.0 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from acetic acid: yellow powder; yield 581.7 mg (68%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 2.70 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 8.52 (s, 1H), 8.77 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 16.0, 28.7, 121.1, 124.9, 125.0, 127.9, 129.1, 131.3, 132.4, 132.8, 135.7, 136.8, 146.9, 147.6, 157.0, 167.8. HRMS (ESF) calcd for C₁₈H₁₃CINO₂ (M-H), 310.0640; found, 310.0629

6-chloro-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)quinoline-4-carboxylic acid (C10):



 \sim ^CF₃ Into a flame dried round-bottomed flask fitted with a reflux condenser was weighed 5-chloroisatin (501.0 mg, 2.76 mmol). 5.5 mL of ethanol was added to the flask. An ethanolic solution of 4-trifluoromethylacetophenone (389.0 mg, 2.90 mmol) was

added into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (447.0 mg dissolved in 500 μ L of H₂O, 8.0 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from acetic acid: yellow powder; yield 386.9 mg (40%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 7.73 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 8.44 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 9.02 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 118.5, 124.7 (d, *J* = 216.0 Hz), 126.2 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 126.5, 127.0, 128.3, 129.9 (d, *J* = 26.0 Hz), 130.2, 131.1, 131.7, 142.9, 147.2, 149.4, 155.1, 168.9. ESI-MS calcd for C₁₇H₈CIF₃NO₂ (M-H), 350.03 found, 349.8.

6-chloro-2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)quinoline-4-carboxylic acid (C11):



Into a flame dried round-bottomed flask fitted with a reflux condenser was weighed 5-chloroisatin (501.0 mg, 2.76 mmol). 5.5 mL of ethanol was added to the flask. An ethanolic solution of 4-phenoixyacetophenone (613.7 mg, 2.90 mmol) was added into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (447.0 mg dissolved in 500 μ L of H₂O, 8.0 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from acetic acid: yellow powder; yield 485.5 mg (47%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz,

DMSO-*d*₆): 7.13 (m, 4H), 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.82 (m, 1H), 8.11 (m, 1H), 8.29 (m, 2H), 8.49 (m, 1H), 8.75 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 119.0, 120.1, 120.9, 124.8, 124.9, 125.0, 129.8, 130.9, 131.3, 132.3, 132.8, 133.0, 136.9, 147.6, 156.3, 156.5, 159.5, 168.8. ESI-MS calcd for C₂₂H₈ClF₃NO₂ (M-H), 374.1 found, 373.8.

6-fluoro-2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)quinoline-4-carboxylic acid (C12):



Into a flame dried round-bottomed flask fitted with a reflux condenser was weighed 5-fluoroisatin (500.0 mg, 3.03 mmol). 5.5 mL of ethanol was added to the flask. An ethanolic solution of 4-phenoxyacetophenone (665.3 mg, 3.18 mmol) was added into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (494.0 mg dissolved in 500 μ L of H₂O, 8.8 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from acetic acid: light brown powder; yield 468.2 mg (43%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6): 7.13 (m, 4H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (dt, J =8.5, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (dd, J = 9.3, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 8.47 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR $(125 \text{ MHz}, \text{DMSO-}d_6)$: 110.1 (d, J = 28.2 Hz), 119.0, 120.0, 120.5, 120.6 (d, J = 26.0 Hz), 125.1, 125.2 (d, J = 12.5 Hz), 129.6, 130.9, 132.9 (d, J = 12.1 Hz), 133.4, 146.4, 155.3, 156.6, 159.2, 160.9 (d, J = 244.3 Hz), 168.3. HRMS (ESI⁻) calcd for C₂₂H₁₃FNO₃ (M-H), 358.0885; found, 358.0891.

6-bromo-2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)quinoline-4-carboxylic acid (C13):

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condenser was weighed 5-bromoisatin (452.0 mg, 2.0 mmol). 5.5 mL of ethanol was added to the flask. An ethanolic solution of 4-phenoxyacetophenone (424.5 mg, 2 mmol) was added into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (326.0 mg dissolved in 350 μ L of H₂O, 5.8 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from acetic acid: light brown powder; yield 397.0 mg (47%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 7.13 (m, 4H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.45 (s, 1H), 8.88 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 118.9, 119.9, 120.7, 121.4, 124.6, 125.0, 128.0, 129.6, 130.7, 132.2, 132.8, 133.6, 136.4, 147.5, 156.1, 156.2, 159.3, 167.5. ESI-MS calcd for C₂₂H₁₅BrNO₃ (M+H), 420.02; found, 419.8.

2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)-6-(trifluoromethoxy)quinoline-4-carboxylic acid (C14):



Into a flame dried round-bottomed flask fitted with a reflux

condenser was weighed 5-trifluoromethoxyisatin (100.0 mg, 0.43 mmol). 1.5 mL of ethanol was added to the flask. An ethanolic solution of 4-phenoxyacetophenone (91.9 mg, 0.43 mmol) was added into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (70.8 mg dissolved in 100 μ L of

H₂O, 1.26 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from acetic acid: light brown powder; yield 121.5 mg (66%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 7.14 (m, 4H), 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.76 (dd, J = 9.1, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.50 (s, *I*H), 8.67 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 116.5, 118.7, 119.9, 120.6 (d, J = 256 Hz), 121.0, 124.2, 124.3, 124.6, 129.7, 130.7, 132.7, 137.0, 147.1, 147.2, 147.3, 156.2, 156.4, 159.4, 167.4. ESI-MS calcd for C₂₃H₁₅F₃NO₄ (M+H), 426.09; found, 425.9.

6-methoxy-2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)quinoline-4-carboxylic acid (C15):



Into a flame dried round-bottomed flask fitted with a reflux condenser was weighed 5-methoxyisatin (354.0 mg, 2.0 mmol). 3 mL of ethanol was added to the flask. An ethanolic solution of 4-phenoxyacetophenone (424.5 mg, 2.0 mmol) was added into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (325.7 mg dissolved in 400 μ L of H₂O, 5.8 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from acetic acid: light brown powder; yield 282.3 mg (38%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 3.34 (s, 3H), 7.10 (m, 4H), 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 10.5 mg solution).

1H), 8.14 (m, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (s, 1H), 8.22 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6): 55.8, 105.0, 118.5, 118.8, 119.6, 122.4, 124.4, 125.6, 129.0, 130.6, 131.2, 134.1, 145.0, 153.0, 156.5, 157.8, 158.4, 169.2, 172.6. ESI-MS calcd for C₂₃H₁₈NO₄ (M+H), 372.1; found, 371.9.

6-nitro-2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)quinoline-4-carboxylic acid (C16):



Into a flame dried round-bottomed flask fitted with a reflux condenser was weighed 5-nitroisatin (500.0 mg, 2.60 mmol). 5 mL of ethanol was added to the flask. An ethanolic solution of 4-phenoxyacetophenone (552.4 mg, 2.60 mmol) was added into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (423.4 mg dissolved in 500 µL of H₂O, 7.54 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from acetic acid: light brown powder; yield 301.2 mg (30%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 7.15 (m, 4H), 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.48 (m, 2H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 8.34 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 8.47 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 8.58 (s, 1H), 9.63 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 118.5, 120.0, 121.4, 122.7, 122.9, 123.6, 124.8, 130.0, 130.7, 131.6, 132.0, 138.6, 145.6, 150.7, 155.9, 158.8, 161.0, 173.6. HRMS (ESI⁻) calcd for C₂₂H₁₃N₂O₅ (M-H), 385.0825; found, 385.0830.

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6-(trifluoromethyl)-2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)quinoline-4-carboxylic acid (C17):



condenser was weighed 5-trifluoromethylisatin (100.0 mg, 0.47 mmol). 1 mL of ethanol was added to the flask. An ethanolic solution of 4-phenoxyacetophenone (100.0 mg, 0.47 mmol) was added into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (77.0 mg dissolved in 100 μ L of H₂O, 1.36 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from acetic acid: light brown powder; yield 25.0 mg (13%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 7.14 (m, 4H), 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.34 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 8.57 (s, 1H), 8.73 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 116.9, 118.0 (d, *J* = 282.0 Hz), 118.8, 119.3, 119.9, 120.6, 121.9, 124.3 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz), 125.2, 129.7, 130.7, 132.8 (d, *J* = 29.0 Hz), 138.8, 147.0, 147.3, 156.2, 156.4, 159.3, 167.7. ESI-MS calcd for C₂₃H₁₃F₃NO₃ (M-H), 408.1 found, 407.8.

2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)quinoline-4-carboxylic acid (C18):

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Into a flame dried round-bottomed flask fitted with a reflux condenser was weighed isatin (500.0 mg, 3.40 mmol). 5 mL of ethanol was added to the flask. An ethanolic solution of 4-phenoxyacetophenone (721.0 mg, 3.40 mmol) was added into the

flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (553.7 mg dissolved in 500 μ L of H₂O, 9.90 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from acetic acid: light brown powder; yield 656.3 mg (50%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 7.12 (m, 4H), 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.64 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 6.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 6.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 8.39 (s, 1H), 8.62 (d, *J* = 8.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 118.9, 119.3, 119.8, 123.7, 124.6, 125.8, 128.0, 129.5, 130.1, 130.6, 133.2, 138.0, 148.8, 155.6, 156.3, 159.3, 159.1, 168.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₂H₁₃FNO₃ (M-H), 358.0879; found, 358.0883.

8-fluoro-2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)quinoline-4-carboxylic acid (C19):



Into a flame dried round-bottomed flask fitted with a reflux condenser was weighed 7-fluoroisatin (100.0 mg, 0.61 mmol). 1 mL of ethanol was added to the flask. An ethanolic solution of 4-phenoxyacetophenone (128.5 mg, 0.61 mmol) was added into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (99.3 mg dissolved in 100 μ L of H₂O, 1.77 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from acetic acid: light brown powder; yield 184.1 mg (84%). ¹H NMR (400

MHz, DMSO- d_6): 7.09 (m, 4H), 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.39 (dd, J = 8.5, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (m, 2H), 8.26 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 8.40 (dd, J = 6.5, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 8.45 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6): 114.6 (d, J = 19.0 Hz), 118.7, 119.8, 120.3, 121.8 (d, J = 5.0 Hz), 124.5, 125.3, 127.8 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 129.7, 130.6, 132.9, 137.9 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 138.9 (d, J = 10.0 Hz), 155.7, 156.2, 157.8 (d, J = 254.0 Hz), 159.3, 167.7. ESI-MS calcd for C₂₂H₁₅FNO₃ (M+H), 360.1; found, 359.9.

7-fluoro-2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)quinoline-4-carboxylic acid (C20):



Into a flame dried round-bottomed flask fitted with a reflux condenser was weighed 6-fluoroisatin (200.0 mg, 1.21 mmol). 1.5 mL of ethanol was added to the flask. An ethanolic solution of 4-phenoxyacetophenone (257.0 mg, 1.21 mmol) was added into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (197.0 mg dissolved in 200 µL of H₂O, 3.51 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from acetic acid: light brown powder; yield 108.6 mg (25%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 7.12 (m, 4H), 7.12 (m, 1H), 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.57 (td, *J* = 8.8, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (dd, J = 10.2, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 8.38 (s, 1H), 8.71 (dd, J = 9.4, 6.3 Hz, 1H);¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6): 113.3 (d, J = 20.0 Hz), 117.9 (d, J = 25.0 Hz), 118.7, 118.9, 119.9, 121.0, 124.6, 124.7, 128.6 (d, J = 10.0 Hz), 130.7, 132.8, 137.9, 150.0 (d, J = 13.0 Hz), 156.2, 156.8, 159.3, 163.0 (d, J = 248.0 Hz), 167.9. ESI-MS calcd for $C_{22}H_{15}FNO_3$ (M+H), 360.1; found, 359.9.

6,7-difluoro-2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)quinoline-4-carboxylic acid (C21):



condenser was weighed 5,6-difluoroisatin (200.0 mg, 1.09 mmol). 1.5 mL of ethanol was added to the flask. An ethanolic solution of 4-phenoxyacetophenone (231.4 mg, 1.09 mmol) was added into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (178.0 mg dissolved in 200 μ L of H₂O, 3.17 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from acetic acid: off white powder; yield 205.5 mg (50%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 7.12 (m, 4H), 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (m, 3H), 8.90 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 8.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 113.7 (d, *J* = 19.0 Hz), 115.4 (d, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 118.3, 118.6, 118.7, 119.8, 122.4 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 124.5, 129.4, 130.7, 133.7, 146.3, 148.8 (d, *J* = 250 Hz), 150.1, 151.5 (d, *J* = 233.0 Hz), 156.3, 158.9, 172.5. ESI-MS calcd for C₂₂H₁₂F₂NO₃ (M-H), 376.1; found, 375.8.





Into a flame dried round-bottomed flask fitted with a reflux condenser was weighed 5-fluoroisatin (500.0 mg, 3.03 mmol). 5 mL of ethanol was added to the flask. An ethanolic solution of 4-methoxyacetophenone (478.0 mg, 3.03 mmol) was added into

the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (494.0 mg dissolved in 500 μ L of H₂O, 8.80 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from acetic acid: light brown powder; yield 377.8 mg (40%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 3.79 (s, 3H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (td, *J* = 8.7, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 8.37 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 8.41 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 55.7,109.4 (d, *J* = 25.0 Hz), 114.7, 120.4 (d, *J* = 26.0 Hz), 120.5, 124.4 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz), 129.0, 130.4, 132.7 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 136.3 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 146.2, 155.4, 160.7 (d, *J* = 244.0 Hz), 161.3, 167.6. ESI-MS calcd for C₁₇H₁₁FNO₃ (M-H), 296.1; found, 295.9.

2-(4-ethoxyphenyl)-6-fluoroquinoline-4-carboxylic acid (C23):



Into a flame dried round-bottomed flask fitted with a reflux condenser was weighed 5-fluoroisatin (500.0 mg, 3.03 mmol). 5 mL of ethanol was added to the flask. An ethanolic solution of 4-ethoxyacetophenone (521.4 mg, 3.18 mmol) was added into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (494.0 mg dissolved in 500 μ L of H₂O, 8.80 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from acetic acid: light brown powder; yield 462.2 mg (49%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 1.41 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 4.15 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (td, J = 8.4, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (dd, J = 9.2, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 8.48 (dd, J = 10.9, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 8.52 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 15.0, 63.7,109.6 (d, J = 25.0 Hz), 115.2, 120.4 (d, J = 26.0 Hz), 120.5, 124.4 (d, J = 10.0 Hz), 129.1, 130.3, 132.8 (d, J = 5.0 Hz), 136.5 (d, J = 6.0 Hz), 146.2, 155.5, 160.6, 160.7 (d, J = 244.0 Hz), 167.6. ESI-MS calcd for C₁₈H₁₃FNO₃ (M-H), 324.1; found, 323.9.

6-fluoro-2-(4-propoxyphenyl)quinoline-4-carboxylic acid (C24):



Into a flame dried round-bottomed flask fitted with a reflux condenser was weighed 5-fluoroisatin (500.0 mg, 3.03 mmol). 5 mL of ethanol was added to the flask. An ethanolic solution of 4-propoxyacetophenone (539.8 mg, 3.03 mmol) was added into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (494.0 mg dissolved in 500 μ L of H₂O, 8.80 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from acetic acid: light brown powder; yield 591.4 mg (60%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 0.97 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 1.74 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.98 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (td, *J* = 8.6, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (m, 3H), 8.58 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 3.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 10.1, 22.5, 69.5, 111.0 (d, *J* = 23.0 Hz), 115.1, 118.2, 119.4 (d, *J* = 26.0 Hz), 125.7, 128.8, 131.3, 131.9 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 146.1,

155.4, 159.7 (d, J = 235.0 Hz), 160.4, 168.8. ESI-MS calcd for C₁₉H₁₇FNO₃ (M+H), 326.1; found, 325.9.

2-(4-butoxyphenyl)-6-fluoroquinoline-4-carboxylic acid (C25):



Into a flame dried round-bottomed flask fitted with a reflux condenser was weighed 5-fluoroisatin (500.0 mg, 3.03 mmol). 5 mL of ethanol was added to the flask. An ethanolic solution of 4-butoxyacetophenone (611.4 mg, 3.03 mmol) was added into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (494.0 mg dissolved in 500 µL of H₂O, 8.80 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from acetic acid: light brown powder; yield 411.3 mg (40%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): 0.90 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 1.41 (h, J = 7.4Hz, 2H), 1.68 (dq, J = 8.4, 6.5 Hz, 2H), 4.02 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (td, J = 8.7, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (m, 3H), 8.40 (d, J = 8.3, 1H), 8.45(s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6): 14.2, 19.2, 31.2, 67.8, 109.6 (d, J = 25.0 Hz), 115.3, 120.6, 120.8 (d, J = 25.0 Hz), 124.4 (d, J = 11.0 Hz), 129.2, 129.9, 132.4 (d, J = 9.0 Hz), 136.9 (d, J = 6.0 Hz), 145.8, 155.4, 160.7 (d, J = 248.0 Hz), 161.0, 167.6. ESI-MS calcd for C₂₀H₁₉FNO₃ (M+H), 340.1; found, 339.9.

2-(4-(cyclopropylmethoxy)phenyl)-6-fluoroquinoline-4-carboxylic acid (C26):



Into a flame dried round-bottomed flask fitted with a reflux condenser was weighed 5-fluoroisatin (200.0 mg, 1.21 mmol). 2 mL of ethanol was added to the flask. An ethanolic solution of 1-(4-(cyclopropylmethoxy)phenyl)ethanone (230.0 mg, 1.21 mmol) was added into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (197.1 mg dissolved in 300 µL of H₂O, 3.51 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from hot ethanol: light brown powder; yield 221.3 mg (52%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): 0.32 (dd, J = 6.0, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 0.56 (m, 2H), 0.93 (ddt, J = 10.4, 7.3, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (td, J = 8.7, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (m, 3H), 8.38 (m, 1H), 8.45(s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 3.6, 10.6, 72.7, 109.6 (d, J = 25.0 Hz), 115.3, 120.4, 120.5 (d, J = 10.0 Hz), 129.0, 130.3, 132.8, 132.9, 136.8, 146.3, 155.5, 160.7 (d, J = 244.0 Hz), 160.8, 167.7. ESI-MS calcd for C₂₀H₁₅FNO₃ (M-H), 336.1 found, 335.9.

6-fluoro-2-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)quinoline-4-carboxylic acid (C27):



 OCF_3 Into a flame dried round-bottomed flask fitted with a reflux condenser was weighed 5-fluoroisatin (500.0 mg, 3.03 mmol). 5 mL of ethanol was added to the

flask. An ethanolic solution of 4-trifluoromethoxyacetophenone (618.6 mg, 3.03 mmol) was added into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (494.0 mg dissolved in 500 μ L of H₂O, 8.8 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from hot ethanol: off white powder; yield 372.5 mg (35%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (td, *J* = 8.7, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 8.35 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.41 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 8.51 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 109.6 (d, *J* = 24.0 Hz), 120.5 (d, *J* = 256.0 Hz), 120.8 (d, *J* = 25.0 Hz), 120.9, 121.7, 125.0 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz), 129.7, 133.1 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 137.0 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 137.1, 146.1, 150.0, 154.4, 161.7 (d, *J* = 246.0 Hz), 167.5. ESI-MS calcd for C₁₇H₈F₄NO₃ (M-H), 350.05 found, 349.8.

2-(4-(4-chlorophenoxy)phenyl)-6-fluoroquinoline-4-carboxylic acid (C28):



condenser was weighed 5-fluoroisatin (67.1 mg, 0.41 mmol). 0.5 mL of ethanol was added to the flask. An ethanolic solution of 1-(4-(4-chlorophenoxy)phenyl)ethanone (100.0 mg, 0.41 mmol) was added into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (66.1 mg dissolved in 60 μ L of H₂O, 1.18 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was

collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from hot ethanol: off white powder; yield 87.9 mg (55%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 7.15 (m, 4H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (td, J = 8.7, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d, J = 9.3, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 8.43 (dd, J = 11.0, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 8.51 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 109.6 (d, J = 24.0 Hz), 119.1, 120.6 (d, J = 25.0 Hz), 120.7, 121.4, 124.7 (d, J = 11.0 Hz), 128.3, 129.6, 130.5, 133.0 (d, J = 10.0 Hz), 133.4, 136.9 (d, J = 5.0 Hz), 146.3, 155.1, 155.4, 156.7, 160.9 (d, J = 245.0 Hz), 167.6. ESI-MS calcd for C₂₂H₁₄FCINO₃ (M+H), 394.1 found, 393.8.



Into a flame dried round-bottomed flask fitted with a reflux condenser was weighed 5-fluoroisatin (64.3 mg, 0.389 mmol). 0.5 mL of ethanol was added to the flask. An ethanolic solution of 1-(4-(4-nitrophenoxy)phenyl)ethanone (100.0 mg, 0.39 mmol) was added into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (63.5 mg dissolved in 60 μ L of H₂O, 1.13 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from hot ethanol: light brown powder; yield 95.9 mg (61%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (td, *J* = 8.7, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (s, 1H), 8.25 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 8.30 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 8.64 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 111.3

(d, J = 22.0 Hz), 118.1, 119.5 (d, J = 26.0 Hz), 119.6, 121.0, 126.7, 129.6, 132.0, 132.1, 136.3, 143.0, 146.0, 154.7, 156.0, 160.3 (d, J = 252.0 Hz), 162.9, 166.6. ESI-MS calcd for $C_{22}H_{14}FN_2O_5$ (M+H), 405.1 found, 404.8.

2-(4-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-6-yloxy)phenyl)-6-fluoroquinoline-4-carboxylic acid (C30):



condenser was weighed 5-fluoroisatin (90.8 mg, 0.55 mmol). 0.5 mL of ethanol was added to the flask. An ethanolic solution of 1-(4-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-6-yloxy)phenyl)ethanone (140.0 mg, 0.55 mmol) was added into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (89.1 mg dissolved in 60 µL of H₂O, 1.59 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from hot ethanol: yellow powder; yield 110.9 mg (50%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): 6.04 (s, 2H), 6.57 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, J =2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (td, J = 8.7, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (dd, J = 8.9, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 8.41 (dd, J = 11.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 8.46 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (120 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 102.1, 103.0, 109.0, 109.6 (d, *J* = 25.0 Hz), 112.9, 117.7, 120.6, 120.7 (d, J = 26.0 Hz), 124.5 (d, J = 11.0 Hz), 129.4, 132.4, 132.9 (d, J = 9.0 Hz), 136.7 (d, J = 5.0 Hz), 144.5, 146.2, 148.7, 150.2, 155.2, 160.2, 160.8 (d, J = 245.0 Hz), 167.6. ESI-MS calcd for C₂₃H₁₃FNO₅ (M-H), 402.9 found, 401.8.

2-(4-(2-fluorophenoxy)phenyl)-6-fluoroquinoline-4-carboxylic acid (C31):



Into a flame dried round-bottomed flask fitted with a reflux condenser was weighed 5-fluoroisatin (99.1 mg, 0.60 mmol). 0.5 mL of ethanol was added to the flask. An ethanolic solution of 1-(4-(2-fluorophenoxy)phenyl)ethanone (138.0 mg, 0.60 mmol,) was added into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (97.8 mg dissolved in 60 µL of H₂O, 1.73 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from hot ethanol: off white powder; yield 181.9 mg (80%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): 7.05 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.64 (td, J =8.7, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (dd, J = 8.8, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.39 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR $(125 \text{ MHz}, \text{DMSO-}d_6)$: 109.6 (d, J = 35.0 Hz), 117.1, 117.7 (d, J = 18.0 Hz), 120.3, 120.6, 123.2, 124.6 (d, J = 11.0 Hz), 126.0 (d, J = 4.0 Hz), 126.6 (d, J = 7.0 Hz), 129.4, 132.8 (d, J = 9.0 Hz), 133.0, 136.5 (d, J = 6.0 Hz), 142.5 (d, J = 11.0 Hz), 146.1, 154.0 (d, J = 246.0 Hz), 155.0, 159.1, 160.8 (d, J = 244.0 Hz), 172.5. ESI-MS calcd for C₂₂H₁₄FNO₃ (M+H), 378.0 found, 377.9.

2-(4-(3-fluorophenoxy)phenyl)-6-fluoroquinoline-4-carboxylic acid (C32):



F Into a flame dried round-bottomed flask fitted with a reflux condenser was weighed 5-fluoroisatin (93.3 mg, 0.57 mmol). 0.5 mL of ethanol was added to the flask. An ethanolic solution of 1-(4-(3-fluorophenoxy)phenyl)ethanone (130.0 mg, 0.56 mmol) was added into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (92.0 mg dissolved in 60 µL of H₂O, 1.64 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from hot ethanol: off white powder; yield 44.7 mg (21%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): 6.92 (dd, J = 8.2, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (m, 2H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.2 Hz,2H), 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.75 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (dd, J = 9.3, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 8.42 (dd, J = 11.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 8.50 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6): 107.0 (d, J =24.0 Hz), 109.6 (d, J = 24.0 Hz), 111.2 (d, J = 21.0 Hz), 115.0 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 119.7, 120.6, 120.7 (d, J = 22.0 Hz), 124.7 (d, J = 10.0 Hz), 129.6, 131.9 (d, J = 10.0 Hz), 133.0 (d, J = 10.0Hz), 133.7, 137.0, 146.2, 155.2, 158.0, 158.8 (d, J = 182.0 Hz), 159.7, 163.3 (d, J = 244.0 Hz), 167.6. ESI-MS calcd for C₂₂H₁₂FNO₃ (M-H), 376.1 found, 375.8.

2-(4-(4-fluorophenoxy)phenyl)-6-fluoroquinoline-4-carboxylic acid (C33):



condenser was weighed 5-fluoroisatin (71.8 mg, 0.44 mmol). 0.5 mL of ethanol was added to the flask. An ethanolic solution of 1-(4-(4-fluorophenoxy)phenyl)ethanone (100.0 mg, 0.44 mmol) was added into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (70.8 mg dissolved in 60 μ L of H₂O, 1.26 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from hot ethanol: off white powder; yield 82.1 mg (50%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.73 (td, *J* = 8.7, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 8.41 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 8.47 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 109.6 (d, *J* = 25.0 Hz), 110.0, 117.2 (d, *J* = 23.0 Hz), 118.3, 120.6, 120.8, 121.9 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 124.6 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 129.5, 132.9, 136.9, 146.2, 152.2, 155.2, 159.1 (d, *J* = 239.0 Hz), 159.5, 160.9 (245.0 Hz), 167.6. ESI-MS calcd for C₂₂H₁₂FNO₃ (M-H), 376.1 found, 375.8.

6-fluoro-2-(4-(pyridin-2-yloxy)phenyl)quinoline-4-carboxylic acid (C34):



 $^{\circ}$ N Into a flame dried round-bottomed flask fitted with a reflux condenser was weighed 5-fluoroisatin (274.5 mg, 1.66 mmol). 2.0 mL of ethanol was added to
the flask. An ethanolic solution of 1-(4-(pyridin-2-yloxy)phenyl)ethanone (354.0 mg, 1.66 mmol) was added into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (270.4 mg dissolved in 300 μ L of H₂O, 4.81 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from hot ethanol: light brown powder; yield 454.2 mg (76%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (m, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (td, *J* = 8.6, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (td, *J* = 7.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (m, 2H), 8.26 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 8.41 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 8.49 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 109.6 (d, *J* = 25.0 Hz), 112.4, 119.9, 120.5, 120.7, 121.8, 124.7 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz), 129.1, 133.0 (d, *J* = 19.0 Hz), 134.2, 136.7, 140.8, 146.2, 147.9, 155.2, 156.1, 161.4 (d, *J* = 245.0 Hz), 163.1, 167.6. ESI-MS calcd for C₂₁H₁₂FN₂O₃ (M-H), 359.1 found, 358.9.





condenser was weighed 5-fluoroisatin (77.5 mg, 0.47 mmol). 2.0 mL of ethanol was added to the flask. An ethanolic solution of 1-(4-(pyridin-3-yloxy)phenyl)ethanone (100.0 mg, 0.47 mmol) was added into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (76.5 mg dissolved in 200 μ L of H₂O, 1.36 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was

Into a flame dried round-bottomed flask fitted with a reflux

collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from hot ethanol: light brown powder; yield 42.3 mg (25%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 7.21 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (dd, J = 8.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (dd, J = 8.2, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (td, J = 8.7, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (dd, J = 9.2, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 8.44 (m, 3H), 8.51 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 109.5 (d, J = 25.0 Hz), 119.0, 120.7, 120.8 (d, J = 26.0 Hz), 124.9 (d, J = 10.0 Hz), 125.3, 127.0, 129.7, 133.1 (d, J = 11.0 Hz), 133.7, 137.4, 142.0, 145.6, 146.2, 155.2, 158.5, 159.9, 163.5 (d, J = 245.0 Hz), 167.6. ESI-MS calcd for C₂₁H₁₂FN₂O₃ (M-H), 359.1 found, 358.9.



Solved into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (134.0 mg dissolved in 200 μ L of H₂O, 2.38 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from hot ethanol: light brown powder; yield 204.0 mg (68%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 7.26 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (dd, *J* = 9.4, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 8.41 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 8.48 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 109.6 (d, *J* = 25.0 Hz),

115.7, 116.3, 120.6 (d, J = 4.0 Hz), 120.7, 120.9, 124.8 (d, J = 11.0 Hz), 129.1 (d, J = 10.0 Hz), 129.5, 133.0, 135.6, 138.0, 146.2, 154.8, 156.9, 161.0 (d, J = 245.0 Hz), 167.7. ESI-MS calcd for $C_{19}H_{12}FN_2SO_3$ (M+H), 367.1 found, 366.8.

6-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)quinoline-4-carboxylic acid (C37):



Into a flame dried round-bottomed flask fitted with a reflux condenser was weighed 5-fluoroisatin (163.0 mg, 0.99 mmol). 2.0 mL of ethanol was added to the flask. An ethanolic solution of 1-(4-phenoxyphenyl)propan-1-one (223.0 mg, 0.99 mmol) was added into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (161.0 mg dissolved in 300 μ L of H₂O, 2.87 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from hot ethanol: light brown powder; yield 120.2 mg (34%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 2.41 (s, 3H), 7.12 (m, 4H), 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.66 (m, 3H), 8.10 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 18.2, 108.5 (d, *J* = 25.0 Hz), 118.2, 119.6, 119.8 (d, *J* = 25.0 Hz), 123.6 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 124.3, 125.3, 130.6, 131.4, 132.5 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 135.3, 143.3, 156.6, 157.5, 159.5, 160.5 (d, *J* = 245.0 Hz), 169.1. ESI-MS calcd for C₂₃H₁₅FNO₃ (M-H), 372.1 found, 371.9.

8-fluoro-2-phenoxy-11H-indeno[1,2-b]quinoline-10-carboxylic acid (C38):



Into a flame dried round-bottomed flask fitted with a reflux condenser was weighed 5-fluoroisatin (165.0 mg, 1.00 mmol). 2.0 mL of ethanol was added to the flask. An ethanolic solution of 2,3-dihydro-5-phenoxyinden-1-one (224.0 mg, 1.00 mmol) was added into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (163.0 mg dissolved in 300 µL of H₂O, 2.90 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from hot ethanol: light brown powder; yield 185.5 mg (50%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): 4.30 (s, 2H), 7.14 (m, 3H), 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.72 (td, J = 8.7, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (dd, J = 9.3, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (dd, J = 11.3, 3.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6): 35.8, 109.9 (d, J =25.0 Hz), 115.4, 118.1, 119.3 (d, *J* = 26.0 Hz), 120.0, 123.4, 124.2 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz), 124.7, 130.7, 130.9, 131.7 (d, J = 5.0 Hz), 132.0 (d, J = 5.0 Hz), 134.1, 136.7, 145.6, 148.1, 156.3, 160.0, 160.1 (d, J = 243.0 Hz), 167.6. ESI-MS calcd for C₂₃H₁₅FNO₃ (M+H), 372.1 found, 371.9.

2-(4-(benzyloxy)phenyl)-6-fluoroquinoline-4-carboxylic acid (C39):



Into a flame dried round-bottomed flask fitted with a reflux condenser was weighed 5-fluoroisatin (500.0 mg, 3.03 mmol). 5.0 mL of ethanol was added to the flask. An ethanolic solution of 4-benzyloxyacetophenone (686.0 mg, 3.03 mmol) was added into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (493.6 mg dissolved in 500 µL of H₂O, 8.79 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from hot ethanol: light brown powder; yield 678.0 mg (60%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): 5.14 (s, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.3Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (dd, J = 8.8, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 8.18 $(d, J = 8.2 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 8.41 \text{ (m, 2H)}; {}^{13}\text{C} \text{ NMR} (125 \text{ MHz}, \text{DMSO-}d_6); 69.8, 109.7 \text{ (d, } J = 24.0 \text{ Hz}),$ 115.6, 120.3, 120.4 (d, J = 26.0 Hz), 124.5 (d, J = 11.0 Hz), 128.2, 128.3, 128.9, 129.0, 130.7, 132.7 (d, J = 10.0 Hz), 137.2, 146.2, 155.4, 160.4, 160.6 (d, J = 246.0 Hz), 167.8. ESI-MS calcd for C₂₃H₁₅FNO₃ (M+H), 372.1 found, 371.9.

2-(4-(3,5-dimethylphenoxy)phenyl)-6-fluoroquinoline-4-carboxylic acid (C40):



Into a flame dried round-bottomed flask fitted with a reflux condenser was weighed 5-fluoroisatin (137.2 mg, 0.83 mmol). 1.5 mL of ethanol was added to the flask. An ethanolic solution of 1-(4-(3,5-dimethylphenoxy)phenyl)ethanone (200.0 mg, 0.83 mmol) was added into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (135.2 mg dissolved in 150 µL of H₂O, 2.4 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from hot ethanol: light brown powder; yield 161.0 mg (50%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): 2.28 (s, 6H), 6.74 (s, 2H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (td, J = 8.4, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (dd, J = 9.3, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.48 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6): 21.3, 109.9 (d, J = 24.0 Hz), 117.9, 117.7, 118.8, 120.1, 120.4 (d, J = 26.0 Hz), 124.9 (d, J = 11.0 Hz), 126.1, 129.4, 131.1, 133.1, 140.0, 146.2, 155.2, 156.3, 159.2, 160.6 (d, J = 244.0 Hz), 167.9. HRMS (ESI⁻) calcd for $C_{24}H_{17}FNO_3$ (M-H), 386.1192 found, 386.1202.

6-fluoro-2-(4-(naphthalen-1-yloxy)phenyl)quinoline-4-carboxylic acid (C41):

COOH

Into a flame dried round-bottomed flask fitted with a reflux condenser was weighed 5-fluoroisatin (126.0 mg, 0.76 mmol). 1.5 mL of ethanol was added to

the flask. An ethanolic solution of 1-(4-(naphthalen-1-yloxy)phenyl)ethanone (200.0 mg, 0.76 mmol) was added into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (124.0 mg dissolved in 150 µL of H₂O, 2.2 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from hot ethanol: light brown powder; yield 62.0 mg (20%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): 7.26 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (dd, J = 8.9, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.57 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (td, J = 8.7, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (dd, J = 9.3, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 8.35 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 8.47 (dd, J = 10.9, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 8.54 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6): 109.6 (d, J = 25.0Hz), 115.2, 119.2, 120.4, 120.6, 120.7, 120.8, 124.6 (d, J = 11.0 Hz), 125.6, 127.2, 128.2, 129.6, 130.5, 130.7, 132.9 (d, J = 10.0 Hz), 133.2, 137.0 (d, J = 6.6 Hz), 146.2, 154.2, 155.2 (d, J = 3.0Hz), 159.0, 160.9 (d, J = 244.0 Hz), 167.6. HRMS (ESI⁻) calcd for C₂₆H₁₅FNO₃ (M-H), 408.1030 found, 408.1031.

2-(4-(4-tert-butylphenoxy)phenyl)-6-fluoroquinoline-4-carboxylic acid (C42):



Into a flame dried round-bottomed flask fitted with a reflux condenser was weighed 5-fluoroisatin (55.5 mg, 0.34 mmol). 1.0 mL of ethanol was added to the flask. An ethanolic solution of 1-(4-(4-tert-butylphenoxy)phenyl)ethanone (90.0 mg, 0.34 mmol) was added into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (54.7 mg dissolved in 100 μ L of H₂O, 0.98 mmol, 2.9 equiv). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It

was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from hot ethanol: light yellow powder; yield 28.2 mg (20%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 1.26 (s, 9H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (ddd, J = 9.3, 8.2, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (dd, J = 9.3, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 8.41 (dd, J = 11.0, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 8.46 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 31.7, 34.6, 109.6 (d, J = 24.0 Hz), 118.5, 119.4, 120.5, 120.7 (d, J = 21.0 Hz), 124.6 (d, J = 12.0 Hz), 127.3, 129.5, 132.8, 132.9 (d, J = 9.0 Hz), 136.9 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 146.2, 146.9, 153.8, 155.2, 159.4, 160.8 (d, J = 244.0 Hz), 167.6. ESI-MS calcd for C₂₆H₂₁FNO₃ (M-H), 414.2 found, 413.9.



Into a flame dried round-bottomed flask fitted with a reflux condenser was weighed 5-fluoroisatin (62.0 mg, 0.38 mmol). 1.0 mL of ethanol was added to the flask. An ethanolic solution of 1-(3,5-dimethyl-4-phenoxyphenyl)ethanone (90.0 mg, 0.38 mmol) was added into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (61.2 mg dissolved in 100 μ L of H₂O, 1.09 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from hot ethanol: light yellow powder; yield 34.2 mg (24%). ¹H

NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 2.19 (s, 6H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (td, J = 8.8, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (s, 2H), 8.25 (dd, J = 9.3, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 8.48 (dd, J = 11.0, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 8.57 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 16.6, 109.8 (d, J = 24.0 Hz), 114.8, 120.6, 120.7 (d, J = 23.0 Hz), 120.9, 124.7 (d, J = 11.0 Hz), 128.5, 130.5, 132.0, 132.5, 133.0 (d, J = 10.0 Hz), 135.0, 146.3, 152.6, 155.5, 159.7, 160.9 (d, J = 245.0 Hz), 167.7. HRMS (ESI⁻) calcd for C₂₄H₁₇FNO₃ (M-H), 386.1192 found, 386.1195.

6-fluoro-2-(5-isopropyl-2-methyl-4-phenoxyphenyl)quinoline-4-carboxylic acid (C44):



condenser was weighed 5-fluoroisatin (500.0 mg, 3.03 mmol). 5.5 mL of ethanol was added to the flask. An ethanolic solution of 1-(5-isopropyl-2-methyl-4-phenoxyphenyl)ethanone (675.0 mg, 3.18 mmol) was added into the flask followed by the gradual addition of KOH (494.0 mg dissolved in 500 μ L of H₂O, 8.8 mmol). The flask was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 48 h. It was then cooled to room temperature, and ethanol was removed using a rotary evaporator. Into the residue was added 1M aqueous hydrochloride acid until the pH becomes 2.0. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with brine and dried under vacuum. The crude product was purified via recrystallization from acetic acid: off white powder; yield 591.2 mg (47%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 1.22 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 3.22 (m, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.80 (td, *J* = 8.5, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (s, 1H), 8.22 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 8.52(d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 20.5, 23.5, 27.4, 109.8 (d, *J* = 23.4 Hz), 118.1, 120.8

Into a flame dried round-bottomed flask fitted with a reflux

(d, J = 26.3 Hz), 122.4, 123.5, 124.6 (d, J = 11.3 Hz), 124.8, 129.3, 130.7, 133.2 (d, J = 10.0 Hz), 135.9, 136.0, 136.2, 137.8, 146.2, 154.0, 158.3, 159.0, 161.3 (d, J = 245.0 Hz), 167.8. HRMS (ESF) calcd for C₂₂H₁₃FNO₃ (M-H), 414.1505; found, 414.1512. X-ray structure of C12:



X-ray Experimental for C12: Crystals grew as pale yellow prisms by slow evaporation from acetic acid. The data crystal was cut from a larger crystal and had approximate dimensions; 0.33 x 0.23 x 0.08 mm. The data were collected on a Rigaku SCX-Mini diffractometer with a Mercury CCD using a graphite monochromator with MoK α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å). A total of 1800 frames of data were collected using ω -scans with a scan range of 0.5° and a counting time of 19 seconds per frame. The data were collected at 223 K using a Rigaku Tech50 low

temperature device. Details of crystal data, data collection and structure refinement are listed in Table 1. Data reduction were performed using the Rigaku Americas Corporation's Crystal Clear version 1.40.¹ The structure was solved by direct methods using SIR97² and refined by fullmatrix least-squares on F² with anisotropic displacement parameters for the non-H atoms using SHELXL-97.³ The hydrogen atoms on carbon were calculated in ideal positions with isotropic displacement parameters set to 1.2xUeq of the attached atom (1.5xUeq for methyl hydrogen atoms). The acidic hydrogen atoms on O2 and O2a were observed in a ΔF amp and refined with isotropic displacement parameters. The function, $\Sigma w(|F_0|^2 - |F_c|^2)^2$, was minimized, where w = $1/[(\sigma(F_0))^2 + (0.0611*P)^2 + (0.5767*P)]$ and $P = (|F_0|^2 + 2|F_c|^2)/3$. $R_W(F^2)$ refined to 0.167, with R(F) equal to 0.0626 and a goodness of fit, $S_{1} = 1.02$. Definitions used for calculating R(F), $R_w(F^2)$ and the goodness of fit, S, are given below.⁴ The data were corrected for secondary extinction. The correction takes the form: $F_{corr} = kF_c/[1 + (1.5(6)x10^{-6})*F_c^2 \lambda^3/(\sin 2\theta)]^{0.25}$ where k is the overall scale factor. Neutral atom scattering factors and values used to calculate the linear absorption coefficient are from the International Tables for X-ray Crystallography (1992).⁵ All figures were generated using SHELXTL/PC.⁶ Tables of positional and thermal parameters, bond lengths and angles, torsion angles and figures are found elsewhere.

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Crystallographic Material for C12.

X-ray Experimental.

Table 1. Crystallographic Data for C12.

Table 2. Fractional coordinates and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters $(Å^2)$ for the non-hydrogen atoms of C12.

Table 3. Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (⁰) for the non-hydrogen atoms of C12.

Table 4. Anisotropic thermal parameters for the non-hydrogen atoms of C12.

Table 5. Fractional coordinates and isotropic thermal parameters $(Å^2)$ for the hydrogen atoms of **C12**.

Table 6. Torsion Angles (⁰) for the non-hydrogen atoms of C12.

Table 7. H-Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (⁰) for C12.

Table 1. Crystal data and structure re	finement for C12.	
Empirical formula	C22 H14 F N O3	
Formula weight	359.34	
Temperature	233(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Triclinic	
Space group	P-1	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 9.2245(12) Å	$\alpha = 108.572(3)^{\circ}$.
	b = 11.7731(15) Å	$\beta = 90.821(3)^{\circ}$.
	c = 16.368(2) Å	$\gamma = 98.631(4)^{\circ}$.
Volume	1662.3(4) Å3	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.436 Mg/m3	
Absorption coefficient	0.104 mm-1	
F(000)	744	
Crystal size	0.33 x 0.23 x 0.08 mm	
Theta range for data collection	3.09 to 27.48°.	

Index ranges	-11<=h<=11, -15<=k<=15, -21<=l<=21
Reflections collected	29575
Independent reflections	7602 [R(int) = 0.0637]
Completeness to theta = 27.48°	99.8 %
Absorption correction	None
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F2
Data / restraints / parameters	7602 / 0 / 496
Goodness-of-fit on F2	1.023
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0626, $wR2 = 0.1392$
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1240, wR2 = 0.1669
Extinction coefficient	1.5(6)x10-6
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.261 and -0.234 e.Å-3

Table 2. Atomic coordinates (x 104) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å2x 103) for C12. U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized Uij tensor.

	Х	у	Z	U(eq)	
 F1	8443(2)	9436(1)	5019(1)	64(1)	
01	10991(2)	6143(2)	4685(1)	60(1)	
O2	11587(2)	4577(2)	3663(1)	64(1)	
03	8941(2)	1904(2)	-1711(1)	52(1)	
N1	8484(2)	6014(2)	1849(1)	37(1)	
C1	8501(3)	8579(2)	4238(1)	43(1)	
C2	9283(3)	7680(2)	4194(2)	43(1)	
C3	9321(2)	6766(2)	3390(1)	33(1)	
C4	10083(2)	5745(2)	3225(1)	35(1)	
C5	10034(3)	4953(2)	2412(1)	37(1)	
C6	9227(2)	5102(2)	1720(1)	33(1)	
C7	8532(2)	6838(2)	2658(1)	34(1)	
C8	7753(3)	7817(2)	2757(2)	43(1)	
С9	7736(3)	8682(2)	3535(2)	46(1)	
C10	10932(3)	5512(2)	3922(2)	38(1)	
C11	9172(2)	4238(2)	831(1)	34(1)	
C12	10110(3)	3386(2)	580(2)	47(1)	
C13	10029(3)	2597(2)	-251(2)	55(1)	

C14	9006(3)	2639(2)	-857(1)	39(1)
C15	8100(3)	3493(2)	-634(1)	40(1)
C16	8179(3)	4281(2)	202(1)	39(1)
C17	8548(3)	657(2)	-1917(2)	42(1)
C18	8057(3)	88(2)	-1322(2)	52(1)
C19	7657(3)	-1142(3)	-1597(2)	63(1)
C20	7705(4)	-1829(3)	-2441(2)	72(1)
C21	8186(3)	-1264(3)	-3030(2)	68(1)
C22	8620(3)	-2(2)	-2761(2)	54(1)
F1A	4294(2)	9091(1)	5416(1)	64(1)
OlA	6761(2)	5764(2)	5145(1)	54(1)
O2A	7470(2)	4263(2)	4117(1)	54(1)
O3A	4906(2)	1441(2)	-1242(1)	49(1)
N1A	4256(2)	5572(2)	2282(1)	37(1)
C1A	4306(3)	8194(2)	4649(1)	44(1)
C2A	5049(3)	7277(2)	4623(1)	38(1)
C3A	5078(2)	6349(2)	3824(1)	33(1)
C4A	5828(2)	5333(2)	3683(1)	32(1)
C5A	5762(2)	4506(2)	2872(1)	34(1)
C6A	4957(2)	4639(2)	2175(1)	32(1)
C7A	4312(3)	6418(2)	3085(1)	36(1)
C8A	3558(3)	7409(2)	3166(2)	45(1)
C9A	3552(3)	8289(2)	3933(2)	47(1)
C10A	6728(2)	5142(2)	4380(1)	34(1)
C11A	4889(2)	3751(2)	1291(1)	33(1)
C12A	5503(3)	2697(2)	1107(2)	45(1)
C13A	5448(3)	1902(2)	274(2)	48(1)
C14A	4807(3)	2163(2)	-391(1)	40(1)
C15A	4174(3)	3185(2)	-232(2)	52(1)
C16A	4216(3)	3972(2)	605(2)	48(1)
C17A	3893(3)	388(2)	-1593(1)	38(1)
C18A	2668(3)	75(2)	-1195(2)	47(1)
C19A	1697(3)	-971(3)	-1625(2)	62(1)
C20A	1956(4)	-1683(2)	-2438(2)	63(1)
C21A	3188(4)	-1365(2)	-2822(2)	58(1)

C22A	4167(3)	-335(2)	-2402(2)	47(1)
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F1-C1	1.361(2)	С15-Н15	0.94
O1-C10	1.228(3)	С16-Н16	0.94
O2-C10	1.291(3)	C17-C22	1.360(3)
O2-H2O	1.00(4)	C17-C18	1.393(4)
O3-C14	1.386(3)	C18-C19	1.363(4)
O3-C17	1.386(3)	C18-H18	0.94
N1-C6	1.322(3)	C19-C20	1.367(4)
N1-C7	1.365(3)	С19-Н19	0.94
C1-C2	1.351(3)	C20-C21	1.378(4)
C1-C9	1.390(3)	С20-Н20	0.94
C2-C3	1.415(3)	C21-C22	1.401(4)
С2-Н2	0.94	C21-H21	0.94
C3-C7	1.426(3)	С22-Н22	0.94
C3-C4	1.436(3)	F1A-C1A	1.361(2)
C4-C5	1.355(3)	O1A-C10A	1.230(2)
C4-C10	1.493(3)	O2A-C10A	1.288(3)
C5-C6	1.417(3)	O2A-H2OA	0.85(3)
С5-Н5	0.94	O3A-C17A	1.387(3)
C6-C11	1.482(3)	O3A-C14A	1.394(3)
C7-C8	1.415(3)	N1A-C6A	1.323(3)
C8-C9	1.355(3)	N1A-C7A	1.368(3)
С8-Н8	0.94	C1A-C2A	1.354(3)
С9-Н9	0.94	C1A-C9A	1.397(3)
C11-C16	1.387(3)	C2A-C3A	1.414(3)
C11-C12	1.389(3)	C2A-H2A	0.94
C12-C13	1.374(3)	C3A-C7A	1.423(3)
C12-H12	0.94	C3A-C4A	1.429(3)
C13-C14	1.377(3)	C4A-C5A	1.368(3)
С13-Н13	0.94	C4A-C10A	1.495(3)
C14-C15	1.367(3)	C5A-C6A	1.414(3)
C15-C16	1.381(3)	C5A-H5A	0.94

Table 3. Bond lengths [Å] and angles $[\circ]$ for **C12**.

C6A-C11A	1.486(3)	C15A-H15A	0.94
C7A-C8A	1.417(3)	C16A-H16A	0.94
C8A-C9A	1.351(3)	C17A-C18A	1.373(3)
C8A-H8A	0.94	C17A-C22A	1.379(3)
С9А-Н9А	0.94	C18A-C19A	1.383(4)
C11A-C16A	1.388(3)	C18A-H18A	0.94
C11A-C12A	1.389(3)	C19A-C20A	1.374(4)
C12A-C13A	1.381(3)	C19A-H19A	0.94
C12A-H12A	0.94	C20A-C21A	1.368(4)
C13A-C14A	1.371(3)	C20A-H20A	0.94
C13A-H13A	0.94	C21A-C22A	1.371(4)
C14A-C15A	1.368(3)	C21A-H21A	0.94
C15A-C16A	1.385(3)	C22A-H22A	0.94
С10-О2-Н2О	115(2)	N1-C7-C3	123.8(2)
C14-O3-C17	119.63(19)	C8-C7-C3	119.3(2)
C6-N1-C7	119.11(18)	C9-C8-C7	121.4(2)
C2-C1-F1	118.5(2)	С9-С8-Н8	119.3
C2-C1-C9	124.1(2)	С7-С8-Н8	119.3
F1-C1-C9	117.4(2)	C8-C9-C1	118.0(2)
C1-C2-C3	119.0(2)	С8-С9-Н9	121.0
С1-С2-Н2	120.5	С1-С9-Н9	121.0
С3-С2-Н2	120.5	O1-C10-O2	122.2(2)
C2-C3-C7	118.2(2)	O1-C10-C4	123.1(2)
C2-C3-C4	126.6(2)	O2-C10-C4	114.7(2)
C7-C3-C4	115.25(19)	C16-C11-C12	117.2(2)
C5-C4-C3	119.6(2)	C16-C11-C6	119.9(2)
C5-C4-C10	118.0(2)	C12-C11-C6	122.9(2)
C3-C4-C10	122.36(19)	C13-C12-C11	121.5(2)
C4-C5-C6	121.3(2)	С13-С12-Н12	119.3
С4-С5-Н5	119.4	С11-С12-Н12	119.3
С6-С5-Н5	119.4	C12-C13-C14	120.1(2)
N1-C6-C5	121.0(2)	С12-С13-Н13	119.9
N1-C6-C11	117.65(19)	С14-С13-Н13	119.9
C5-C6-C11	121.4(2)	C15-C14-C13	119.6(2)
N1-C7-C8	116.98(19)	C15-C14-O3	118.3(2)

C13-C14-O3	121.9(2)	C7A-C3A-C4A	115.85(19)
C14-C15-C16	120.1(2)	C5A-C4A-C3A	119.29(19)
С14-С15-Н15	120.0	C5A-C4A-C10A	117.7(2)
С16-С15-Н15	120.0	C3A-C4A-C10A	122.95(18)
C15-C16-C11	121.5(2)	C4A-C5A-C6A	121.0(2)
С15-С16-Н16	119.3	С4А-С5А-Н5А	119.5
С11-С16-Н16	119.3	С6А-С5А-Н5А	119.5
C22-C17-O3	115.7(2)	N1A-C6A-C5A	121.33(19)
C22-C17-C18	120.7(2)	N1A-C6A-C11A	117.30(19)
O3-C17-C18	123.6(2)	C5A-C6A-C11A	121.36(19)
C19-C18-C17	118.9(2)	N1A-C7A-C8A	116.92(19)
С19-С18-Н18	120.5	N1A-C7A-C3A	123.6(2)
С17-С18-Н18	120.5	C8A-C7A-C3A	119.50(19)
C18-C19-C20	121.8(3)	C9A-C8A-C7A	121.2(2)
С18-С19-Н19	119.1	С9А-С8А-Н8А	119.4
С20-С19-Н19	119.1	С7А-С8А-Н8А	119.4
C19-C20-C21	119.1(3)	C8A-C9A-C1A	118.1(2)
С19-С20-Н20	120.4	С8А-С9А-Н9А	121.0
С21-С20-Н20	120.4	С1А-С9А-Н9А	121.0
C20-C21-C22	120.1(3)	O1A-C10A-O2A	122.2(2)
С20-С21-Н21	119.9	O1A-C10A-C4A	123.2(2)
С22-С21-Н21	119.9	O2A-C10A-C4A	114.58(19)
C17-C22-C21	119.3(3)	C16A-C11A-C12A	117.4(2)
С17-С22-Н22	120.4	C16A-C11A-C6A	119.9(2)
С21-С22-Н22	120.4	C12A-C11A-C6A	122.7(2)
C10A-O2A-H2OA	112(2)	C13A-C12A-C11A	121.2(2)
C17A-O3A-C14A	119.19(18)	C13A-C12A-H12A	119.4
C6A-N1A-C7A	118.95(18)	C11A-C12A-H12A	119.4
C2A-C1A-F1A	118.4(2)	C14A-C13A-C12A	119.9(2)
C2A-C1A-C9A	124.2(2)	C14A-C13A-H13A	120.1
F1A-C1A-C9A	117.4(2)	C12A-C13A-H13A	120.1
C1A-C2A-C3A	118.7(2)	C15A-C14A-C13A	120.4(2)
C1A-C2A-H2A	120.7	C15A-C14A-O3A	119.4(2)
СЗА-С2А-Н2А	120.7	C13A-C14A-O3A	119.9(2)
C2A-C3A-C7A	118.4(2)	C14A-C15A-C16A	119.5(2)
C2A-C3A-C4A	125.74(19)	C14A-C15A-H15A	120.3

C16A-C15A-H15A	120.3	C20A-C19A-H19A	119.8
C15A-C16A-C11A	121.5(2)	C18A-C19A-H19A	119.8
C15A-C16A-H16A	119.2	C21A-C20A-C19A	120.0(3)
C11A-C16A-H16A	119.2	C21A-C20A-H20A	120.0
C18A-C17A-C22A	120.7(2)	C19A-C20A-H20A	120.0
C18A-C17A-O3A	124.1(2)	C20A-C21A-C22A	120.4(3)
C22A-C17A-O3A	115.2(2)	C20A-C21A-H21A	119.8
C17A-C18A-C19A	118.9(2)	C22A-C21A-H21A	119.8
C17A-C18A-H18A	120.5	C21A-C22A-C17A	119.6(3)
C19A-C18A-H18A	120.5	C21A-C22A-H22A	120.2
C20A-C19A-C18A	120.4(3)	C17A-C22A-H22A	120.2

Table 4. Anisotropic displacement parameters (Å2x 103) for **C12**. The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form: $-2\pi 2$ [h2 a*2U11 + ... + 2 h k a* b* U12]

	U11	U22	U33	U23	U13	U12	
F1	84(1)	58(1)	38(1)	-9(1)	-3(1)	33(1)	
01	88(1)	56(1)	33(1)	2(1)	-17(1)	34(1)	
O2	92(2)	64(1)	38(1)	6(1)	-14(1)	47(1)	
O3	78(1)	39(1)	32(1)	2(1)	4(1)	9(1)	
N1	43(1)	36(1)	31(1)	8(1)	-2(1)	9(1)	
C1	52(2)	41(1)	29(1)	-2(1)	2(1)	13(1)	
C2	47(2)	45(2)	32(1)	7(1)	-5(1)	11(1)	
C3	35(1)	33(1)	30(1)	8(1)	-1(1)	7(1)	
C4	39(1)	33(1)	32(1)	8(1)	-6(1)	8(1)	
C5	41(1)	34(1)	37(1)	9(1)	-3(1)	12(1)	
C6	35(1)	31(1)	31(1)	8(1)	-4(1)	5(1)	
C7	39(1)	33(1)	29(1)	7(1)	0(1)	7(1)	
C8	54(2)	41(1)	35(1)	11(1)	-1(1)	16(1)	
C9	58(2)	41(1)	40(1)	9(1)	5(1)	24(1)	
C10	43(1)	36(1)	36(1)	9(1)	-7(1)	10(1)	
C11	37(1)	33(1)	31(1)	7(1)	-1(1)	6(1)	
C12	56(2)	49(2)	35(1)	5(1)	-4(1)	23(1)	

C13	70(2)	51(2)	41(2)	2(1)	2(1)	33(2)
C14	52(2)	32(1)	29(1)	4(1)	4(1)	6(1)
C15	45(2)	41(1)	30(1)	6(1)	-6(1)	6(1)
C16	43(2)	38(1)	33(1)	5(1)	-2(1)	11(1)
C17	41(2)	36(1)	41(1)	-1(1)	1(1)	10(1)
C18	57(2)	45(2)	46(2)	6(1)	10(1)	9(1)
C19	66(2)	47(2)	67(2)	9(2)	9(2)	6(1)
C20	72(2)	43(2)	84(2)	0(2)	7(2)	2(2)
C21	77(2)	50(2)	54(2)	-16(2)	-1(2)	12(2)
C22	61(2)	50(2)	40(2)	-1(1)	-1(1)	11(1)
F1A	100(1)	53(1)	33(1)	-3(1)	0(1)	36(1)
O1A	79(1)	54(1)	27(1)	2(1)	-13(1)	31(1)
O2A	78(1)	54(1)	32(1)	5(1)	-14(1)	35(1)
O3A	61(1)	43(1)	31(1)	-3(1)	6(1)	1(1)
N1A	44(1)	36(1)	28(1)	5(1)	-5(1)	10(1)
C1A	61(2)	37(1)	29(1)	-1(1)	4(1)	17(1)
C2A	48(2)	40(1)	26(1)	7(1)	-4(1)	12(1)
C3A	36(1)	32(1)	29(1)	9(1)	-1(1)	6(1)
C4A	35(1)	33(1)	27(1)	9(1)	-3(1)	4(1)
C5A	42(1)	29(1)	30(1)	7(1)	-4(1)	10(1)
C6A	36(1)	31(1)	29(1)	8(1)	-2(1)	7(1)
C7A	42(1)	33(1)	29(1)	4(1)	-3(1)	10(1)
C8A	56(2)	46(2)	33(1)	7(1)	-8(1)	23(1)
C9A	59(2)	43(2)	41(1)	9(1)	0(1)	26(1)
C10A	39(1)	30(1)	31(1)	7(1)	-6(1)	6(1)
C11A	38(1)	32(1)	27(1)	6(1)	-3(1)	6(1)
C12A	62(2)	44(2)	33(1)	11(1)	-2(1)	21(1)
C13A	68(2)	39(1)	37(1)	7(1)	5(1)	21(1)
C14A	47(2)	36(1)	29(1)	0(1)	-1(1)	3(1)
C15A	67(2)	52(2)	31(1)	1(1)	-15(1)	23(1)
C16A	62(2)	44(2)	34(1)	2(1)	-14(1)	25(1)
C17A	50(2)	28(1)	33(1)	4(1)	-8(1)	13(1)
C18A	46(2)	42(2)	48(2)	5(1)	3(1)	14(1)
C19A	47(2)	51(2)	83(2)	17(2)	0(2)	4(1)
C20A	74(2)	38(2)	63(2)	1(1)	-22(2)	1(2)
C21A	90(2)	39(2)	38(2)	4(1)	-10(2)	11(2)

C22A	69(2)	37(1)	32(1)	5(1)	-1(1)	13(1)

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H2	9793	7662	4689	51	
Н5	10545	4293	2305	45	
H8	7236	7868	2274	52	
Н9	7222	9333	3596	55	
H12	10815	3349	986	57	
H13	10673	2027	-405	66	
H15	7423	3544	-1051	48	
H16	7544	4860	348	47	
H18	8002	546	-739	62	
H19	7340	-1529	-1194	75	
H20	7415	-2676	-2618	87	
H21	8222	-1727	-3613	81	
H22	8957	386	-3160	64	
H2A	5537	7257	5125	46	
H5A	6259	3838	2775	41	
H8A	3054	7454	2677	54	
H9A	3054	8947	3984	56	
H12A	5965	2521	1558	54	
H13A	5850	1184	164	57	
H15A	3714	3351	-688	62	
H16A	3778	4672	712	57	
H18A	2492	563	-639	56	
H19A	854	-1195	-1360	74	
H20A	1287	-2388	-2729	76	
H21A	3365	-1855	-3377	69	
H22A	5019	-123	-2665	56	
H2OA	7970(40)	4180(30)	4530(20)	92(12)	

Table 5. Hydrogen coordinates (x 104) and isotropic displacement parameters (Å2x 103) for **C12**.

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F1-C1-C2-C3	178.4(2)	C5-C6-C11-C12	-13.1(4)
C9-C1-C2-C3	-1.1(4)	C16-C11-C12-C13	-1.8(4)
C1-C2-C3-C7	0.2(4)	C6-C11-C12-C13	180.0(2)
C1-C2-C3-C4	-179.6(2)	C11-C12-C13-C14	0.2(4)
C2-C3-C4-C5	-178.9(2)	C12-C13-C14-C15	1.9(4)
C7-C3-C4-C5	1.3(3)	C12-C13-C14-O3	176.5(2)
C2-C3-C4-C10	1.4(4)	C17-O3-C14-C15	-119.1(2)
C7-C3-C4-C10	-178.4(2)	C17-O3-C14-C13	66.3(3)
C3-C4-C5-C6	-0.9(4)	C13-C14-C15-C16	-2.2(4)
C10-C4-C5-C6	178.8(2)	O3-C14-C15-C16	-177.0(2)
C7-N1-C6-C5	1.8(3)	C14-C15-C16-C11	0.5(4)
C7-N1-C6-C11	-178.9(2)	C12-C11-C16-C15	1.5(4)
C4-C5-C6-N1	-0.7(4)	C6-C11-C16-C15	179.7(2)
C4-C5-C6-C11	-180.0(2)	C14-O3-C17-C22	-175.2(2)
C6-N1-C7-C8	178.2(2)	C14-O3-C17-C18	6.9(4)
C6-N1-C7-C3	-1.4(3)	C22-C17-C18-C19	0.4(4)
C2-C3-C7-N1	180.0(2)	O3-C17-C18-C19	178.1(2)
C4-C3-C7-N1	-0.2(3)	C17-C18-C19-C20	-1.0(4)
C2-C3-C7-C8	0.4(3)	C18-C19-C20-C21	0.7(5)
C4-C3-C7-C8	-179.7(2)	C19-C20-C21-C22	0.1(5)
N1-C7-C8-C9	-179.9(2)	O3-C17-C22-C21	-177.5(2)
С3-С7-С8-С9	-0.3(4)	C18-C17-C22-C21	0.4(4)
C7-C8-C9-C1	-0.5(4)	C20-C21-C22-C17	-0.6(4)
C2-C1-C9-C8	1.2(4)	F1A-C1A-C2A-C3A	-179.3(2)
F1-C1-C9-C8	-178.3(2)	C9A-C1A-C2A-C3A	0.1(4)
C5-C4-C10-O1	-176.7(2)	C1A-C2A-C3A-C7A	-0.5(3)
C3-C4-C10-O1	3.0(4)	C1A-C2A-C3A-C4A	178.9(2)
C5-C4-C10-O2	2.2(3)	C2A-C3A-C4A-C5A	-179.8(2)
C3-C4-C10-O2	-178.1(2)	C7A-C3A-C4A-C5A	-0.4(3)
N1-C6-C11-C16	-10.5(3)	C2A-C3A-C4A-C10A	-1.6(4)
C5-C6-C11-C16	168.8(2)	C7A-C3A-C4A-C10A	177.8(2)
N1-C6-C11-C12	167.6(2)	C3A-C4A-C5A-C6A	-0.4(3)

Table 6. Torsion angles $[^{\circ}]$ for C12.

C10A-C4A-C5A-C6A -178.7(2) C7A-N1A-C6A-C5A -0.2(3)C7A-N1A-C6A-C11A -179.1(2) C4A-C5A-C6A-N1A 0.7(3)C4A-C5A-C6A-C11A 179.5(2) C6A-N1A-C7A-C8A 179.3(2)C6A-N1A-C7A-C3A -0.6(3)C2A-C3A-C7A-N1A -179.6(2)C4A-C3A-C7A-N1A 0.9(3)C2A-C3A-C7A-C8A 0.5(3)C4A-C3A-C7A-C8A -179.0(2)N1A-C7A-C8A-C9A 180.0(2)C3A-C7A-C8A-C9A -0.1(4)C7A-C8A-C9A-C1A -0.3(4)0.3(4)C2A-C1A-C9A-C8A F1A-C1A-C9A-C8A 179.7(2)C5A-C4A-C10A-O1A -173.4(2) C3A-C4A-C10A-O1A 8.4(4) C5A-C4A-C10A-O2A 6.3(3) C3A-C4A-C10A-O2A -171.9(2) N1A-C6A-C11A-C16A 5.3(3) C5A-C6A-C11A-C16A-173.5(2) N1A-C6A-C11A-C12A-176.0(2)

C5A-C6A-C11A-C12A 5.2(4) C16A-C11A-C12A-C13A0.2(4) C6A-C11A-C12A-C13A-178.6(2) C11A-C12A-C13A-C14A1.5(4) C12A-C13A-C14A-C15A-2.3(4) C12A-C13A-C14A-O3A172.3(2) C17A-O3A-C14A-C15A-100.3(3) C17A-O3A-C14A-C13A85.0(3) C13A-C14A-C15A-C16A1.6(4) O3A-C14A-C15A-C16A-173.1(2) C14A-C15A-C16A-C11A0.1(4) C12A-C11A-C16A-C15A-0.9(4) C6A-C11A-C16A-C15A177.8(2) C14A-O3A-C17A-C18A 8.6(3) C14A-O3A-C17A-C22A-173.3(2) C22A-C17A-C18A-C19A-1.0(4) O3A-C17A-C18A-C19A176.9(2) C17A-C18A-C19A-C20A0.0(4) C18A-C19A-C20A-C21A0.6(4) C19A-C20A-C21A-C22A-0.3(4) C20A-C21A-C22A-C17A-0.7(4) C18A-C17A-C22A-C21A1.4(4) O3A-C17A-C22A-C21A-176.8(2)

D-HA	d(D-H)	d(HA)	d(DA)	<(DHA)	
O2A-H2OAO1#1	0.85(3)	1.76(4)	2.610(2)	174(3)	
O2-H2OO1A#1	1.00(4)	1.63(4)	2.625(2)	170(3)	

Table 7. Hydrogen bonds for C12 [Å and °].

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 -x+2,-y+1,-z+1

X-ray structure of C44:



Crystallographic summary for C44. Thin, colorless lathes were grown by slow evaporation from hot ethanol, Orthorhombic, Pca2₁, Z=4 in a cell of dimensions: a = 39.877(3), b = 7.5843(11), c = 6.7766(10)Å, V = 2049.5(5)Å³, $\rho_{calc} = 1.35$ g-cm⁻³, F(000) = 872. A total of 28855 reflections were measured, 2540 unique (R_{int} = 0.102), on a Rigaku AFC-12 with a Saturn 724+

CCD using graphite monochromatized Mo K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71075$ Å) at -173 °C. The structure was refined on F² to an R_W = 0.125, with a conventional R = 0.0527 (2220 reflections with F₀ > 4[σ (F₀)]), and a goodness of fit = 1.10 for 288 refined parameters.

X-ray Experimental for C44: Crystals grew as thin, colorless plates by slow evaporation hot ethanol. The data crystal had approximate dimensions; 0.14 x 0.12 x 0.04 mm. The data were collected on a Rigaku AFC12 diffractometer with a Saturn 724+ CCD using a graphite monochromator with MoK α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71075$ Å). A total of 1590 frames of data were collected using ω -scans with a scan range of 0.5° and a counting time of 28 seconds per frame. The data were collected at 100 K using a Rigaku XStream low temperature device. Details of crystal data, data collection and structure refinement are listed in Table 1. Data reduction were performed using the Rigaku Americas Corporation's Crystal Clear version 1.40.¹ The structure was solved by direct methods using SIR97² and refined by full-matrix least-squares on F^2 with anisotropic displacement parameters for the non-H atoms using SHELXL-97.³ Structure analysis was aided by use of the programs PLATON98⁴ and WinGX.⁵ The hydrogen atoms were calculated in ideal positions with isotropic displacement parameters set to 1.2xUeq of the attached atom (1.5xUeq for methyl hydrogen atoms). The function, $\Sigma w(|F_0|^2 - |F_c|^2)^2$, was minimized, where $w = 1/[(\sigma(F_0))^2 + (0.0717*P)^2 + (0.4615*P)]$ and $P = (|F_0|^2 + 2|F_c|^2)/3$. $R_w(F^2)$ refined to 0.125, with R(F) equal to 0.0527 and a goodness of fit, S, = 1.12. Definitions used for calculating R(F), $R_w(F^2)$ and the goodness of fit, S, are given below.⁶ The data were corrected for secondary extinction effects. The correction takes the form: $F_{corr} = kF_c/[1 + K_c]/[1 + K_c]/[1$ $(4.0(4)\times10^{-5})*$ F_c² $\lambda^3/(\sin 2\theta)$]^{0.25} where k is the overall scale factor. Neutral atom scattering factors and values used to calculate the linear absorption coefficient are from the International Tables for X-ray Crystallography (1992).⁷ All figures were generated using SHELXTL/PC.⁸ Tables of positional and thermal parameters, bond lengths and angles, torsion angles and figures are found elsewhere.

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Material and methods for Co-crystal structure of C44-hDHODH:

Gene cloning of human DHODH. The truncated hDHODH₃₀₋₃₉₆ gene was subcloned into pET28b to generate the expression plasmid pET28b-hDHODH₃₀₋₃₉₆ using plasmid pET22b-hDHODH₃₀₋₃₉₆[1] the PCR as template and primers AACCATGGCCACGGGAGATGAG and AACTCGAGCCTCCGATGATCTGC, containing restriction endonuclease sites NcoI and XhoII. In order to facilitate crystallization, a new construct pET28b-hDHODH₃₃₋₃₉₆ was then created by deletion mutagenesis PCR (stratagene site-directed mutagenesis 125 each of protocol) using ng primers GGAGATATACCATGGGAGATGAGCGTTTC and

GAAACGCTCATCTCCCATGGTATATCTCC, 20ng of plasmid pET28b-hDHODH₃₀₋₃₉₆ was used as the template with the addition of 2.5 unit of Pfu polymerase (stratagene) and 1μ l of 10mM dNTP mixture (Roche). The final reaction volume is 50 µl and was performed 15

thermal cycles (95 °C for 30s, 58 °C for 1 min, and 72 °C for 8 min). The reaction was treated with Dpn1 for 1 hour and then transformed into Top10 competent cell.

Protein expression and purification. hDHODH₃₃₋₃₉₆ was expressed in E.coli BL21 phage-resistant cells (Novagen) grown in Terrific Broth medium containing kanamycin (50 μ g/ml). Cells were grown to 0.8 OD₆₀₀ at 37 °C, 0.2 mM isopropyl- β -D-thiogalactoside (IPTG) was added to induce protein expression and cells were grown overnight at 16°C before harvesting by centrifugation (4000 g). The pellet was resuspended in lysis buffer (50 mM HEPES pH8.0, 300 mM NaCl, 10% Glycerol, 10 mM imidazole, and 0.05% THESIT detergent (Fluka)), containing protease-inhibitor cocktail for His-tag protein (Sigma) and cells were lysed by three passes through an EmulsiFlex-C5 high pressure homogenizer (Avestin Inc.). The lysate was clarified by centrifugation (20,000 g) and the result supernatant was applied on 5 ml HisTrap HP column (GE Healthcare) precharged with Ni⁺². The column was sequentially washed with lysis buffer and lysis buffer containing 40 mM imidazole. hDHODH₃₃₋₃₉₆ was eluted from the column in lysis buffer containing 200 mM imidazole. Fractions containing hDHODH₃₃₋₃₉₆ were pooled, concentrated with Amicon Ultra concentrator (Millipore) to 2-4 ml and then purified by gel filtration column chromatography on a HiLoad 16/60 superdex 200 column (GE Healthcare) equilibrated with gel filtration buffer (20 mM Hepes, pH 7.8, 300 mM NaCl, 10% Glycerol, 1 mM DTT). The fractions containing hDHODH₃₃₋₃₉₆ were pooled, with addition of 40 mM Zwittergent3-10 (Affymetrix) and 200 mM Hega 8 (Affymetrix), and then concentrated to 20 mg/ml.

Crystallization and data collection. Random crystallization screen kit Ammonium sulfate suite (Nextal) and detergent screen kits (Hampton Research) were utilized to determine preliminary crystallization conditions, subsequent refinement of precipitant concentration,

detergent concentration, pH and protein concentration were then done to find the optimal conditions. Detergent screens showed that Zwittergent3-10 and Hega-8 improved crystallization of *h*DHODH and the 2 detergents were subsequently added to the pool fractions after the Gel filtration purification step. Crystal of hDHODH₃₃₋₃₉₆–C44 complex was grown by vapor diffusion in hanging drop at 20°C under the condition of 1.72 M Ammonium sulfate, 0.1 M Sodium Acetate, pH 5.4, 1.5 M NaCl, and 10 mM DTT. The protein solution was mixed with 2 mM L-DHO, 1mM C44 then incubated on ice for 2 h. The crystallization drop was a 1 to 1 ratio of protein solution and reservoir solution. Crystals typically grew in 10-15 days. Crystals were flashed frozen with liquid nitrogen using oil (Hampton Research) as cryoprotectant agent. Diffraction data were collected at 100K on beamline 19ID at Advanced Photon Source (APS) using an ADSC Q315 detector. The best crystal diffracted to a resolution

Diffraction data were integrated and intensities were scaled with HKL2000 package [2] (Table S1).

of 1.22 Å and has a space group of P3₂21 with the cell dimension a=b=90.87, c=122.19.

Structure determination and refinement. Crystallographic phases of hDHODH₃₃₋₃₉₆–C44 complex were solved by molecular replacement with Phaser [3] using the previously reported structure of *h*DHODH bound to brequinar (PDB ID 1D3G[4], polypeptide only) as a search model with bound ligands removed from prior to use as the search model. The hDHODH₃₃. ³⁹⁶–C44 structure has one molecule in the asymmetric unit. The inhibitor C44 in addition to L-DHO and FMN showed up clearly on the difference Fourier map (Fo-Fc) (Figure S1A). Structures were rebuilt with COOT[5] and refined with REFMAC [6] and phases were improved with DM[7] (Table S1 and Figure S1B). Water molecules were added if the density was stronger than 3.4 σ and they were removed if the density was weaker than 1 σ in the

density map with ARP/WARP[8] .The final structure contains residues Asp34 – Arg396, with the exception that density was not observed for a loop formed by residues 71-73 and 222-225. Cofactor FMN, substrate L-DHO, inhibitor C44, 300 water molecules and a bound Zwittergent3-10 detergent molecule were also present in the structure.

Table S1

Data collection		Refinement	
Resolution (Å)	50.0-1.22	Solvent (%)	66.7
Space group	P3 ₂ 21	R_{factor} (%)	14.0
Cell dimensions	a=b=90.87, c=122.19	R_{free} (%)	16.1
	<i>α=β=</i> 90°, <i>γ</i> =120°	No. of atoms	6463
Unique reflections	172,407	No. of water atoms	300
Completeness (%)	99.7 (100)	rms deviations	
Redundancy	7.1 (7)	Bond length (Å)	0.026
I/σ	27 (2)	Bond angles (deg.)	2.5
R _{sym} (%)	6.6 (93.7)	Ramachandran plot	
		Most favored (%)	96.9
		Allowed region (%)	3.1

C44-hDHODH diffraction data and refinement statistics



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Figure S1. Difference maps for the structure determination of C44 in complex with human DHODH. A. Initial difference map (fo-fc). The map was calculated with Refmac using the S67

initial molecular replacement solution prior to refinement. Orange: protein coordinator; ball:

C44; Green: map contoured at 3 sigma; red: map contoured at -3 sigma. B. Refined 2fofc map.

The map was calculated with final refined model using Refmac. Orange: protein coordinator;

ball: C44; Blue: map contoured at 1 sigma.

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Material and Methods for Viral Replication Studies: Reagents

Vesicular stomatitis expressing GFP (VSV-GFP) was kindly provided by Dr. G. Barber from University of Miami School of Medicine. A/WSN/1933 was a gift from Dr. A. García-Sastre from Mount Sinai School of Medicine.

Cell Culture

MDCK cells and BHK cells were obtained from the American Type Culture Collection and cultured in DMEM (Invitrogen) containing 10% fetal bovine serum and 1% penicillin (Invitrogen).

Influenza virus replication

MDCK cells were infected with A/WSN/1933 at an MOI of 0.001. After 1 h infection, virus was removed and diluted compounds were added to cells. After 48 h incubation, culture supernatant was collected and viral titers were determined by plaque assay. Culture supernatant was serially diluted and added to MDCK cells. After 1 h infection, virus was removed and MDCK cells were covered by agar and incubated at 37°C for 48 h. Cells were

fixed in 2.5% (v/v) paraformaldehyde for 1 h before the agar layer was removed. Cells were stained with crystal violet and plaques were counted and subsequently used to calculate virus titers.

VSV replication assay

MDCK cells were infected with VSV-GFP at MOI of 0.001. After 1 h infection, virus was removed and diluted compounds were added to cells. After 48 h incubation, culture supernatant was collected and viral titers were determined by plaque assay. Culture supernatants were serially diluted and added to BHK cells. After 1 h infection, virus was

removed and BHK cells were covered with agar and incubated at 37°C for 24 h. The number

of plaques showing GFP expression were counted by fluorescence microscopy and subsequently used to calculate virus titers.

Calculations

Viral titer in the presence of compound (Vc) relative to viral titer in the absence of compound (V0) was determined ((logVc/logV0)×100). Data were fitted to the log (I) versus response equation in Prism (GraphPad Software) to determine the IC50.



Minimal cytotoxicity of compound C44 in human bronchial epithelial cells



Figure S2: Minimal cytotoxicity of compound C44 in human bronchial epithelial cells. The cytotoxicity assay was performed in Human Bronchial Epithelial Cells (HBEC). Compound was dissolved in sterile DMSO (Sigma) at a stock concentration of 10 mM and then diluted in culture medium (keratinocyte-SFM from GIBCO) to final concentrations depicted in the figure. Cells were treated for 48 h with compounds at various depicted

concentrations, and control cells were treated with 0.01% DMSO (Control). Cells were then lysed and ATP levels measured by luminescence using the CellTiter-Glo kit (Promega), following the manufacturer's instructions.

Minimal cytotoxicity of compound C44 in Caco-2 cells



Effect of increasing concentration of C44 on Caco-2 cells

Figure S3: Minimal cytotoxicity of compound C44 in Caco-2 cells. Cells were plated in 96well plates at 40,000 cells/well and allowed to grow until confluency. The confluent cells were treated with the indicated concentrations of **C44**, with six replicates for each concentration. After the indicated times, cells were lysed with CellTiter-Glo Luminescent Cell Viability Assay reagent (Promega) and luminescence was read using the Envision plate reader. The ATP values were normalized to those of the untreated cells. Average values with standard deviations were graphed. Error bars were smaller than the symbols for most data points.







































































































