## **Supporting Information**

### 2-Guanidinoquinazolines as new inhibitors of the STAT3 pathway

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General: All reactions were performed under an argon atmosphere and all glassware was flame dried prior to use. Reactions carried out at -78  $^\circ C$ employed ice/acetone distilled dry bath. THF а was over sodium/benzophenone ketyl. Et<sub>3</sub>N was distilled from CaH<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and toluene were purified using an alumina column filtration system. Reactions were monitored by TLC analysis (EM Science pre-coated silica gel 60  $F_{254}$ plates, 250 mM layer thickness) and visualization was accomplished with a 254 nM UV light or staining with a PMA solution (5 g of phosphomolybdic acid in 100 mL of 95% EtOH), p-anisaldehyde solution (2.5 mL of panisaldehyde, 2 mL of AcOH, and 3.5 mL of conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> in 100 mL of 95% EtOH), CAM solution (5 g of cerium sulfate, 25 g of ammonium molybdate, 50 mL of conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and 450 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O) or a KMnO<sub>4</sub> solution (1.5 g of  $KMnO_4$  and 1.5 g of  $K_2CO_3$  in 100 mL of a 0.1% NaOH solution). Purifications by chromatography were performed using SiO<sub>2</sub> (SiliaFlash® F60, Silicycle) or using an ISCO-Companion flash chromatography system. <sup>1</sup>H/<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on either a Bruker Avance 300/75 MHz, Bruker Avance 400/100 MHz or Bruker Avance 500/125 MHz instruments. Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million with the residual solvent

peak used as the internal standard (<sup>1</sup>H/<sup>13</sup>C: CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 7.27, 77.0 ppm; DMSO, 2.50, 40.5 ppm). Chemical shifts were tabulated as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, dd = doublet of doublet, dt = doublet of triplet, m = multiplet, br = broad, app = apparent), coupling constants, and integration. All 1D NMR spectra were processed using Bruker Topspin NMR. IR spectra were obtained on an Identity IR-ATR spectrometer. Microwave reactions were performed using a Biotage Initiator in glass microwave vials (cap sealed) with continuous magnetic stirring and an external surface temperature sensor. Mass spectra were obtained on a Micromass Autospec double focusing instrument or LCMS-high resolution and LC/MS analyses were completed on a Thermo Scientific Exactive spectrometer with purities determined using an Agilent Technologies 385-ELSD using MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.1% formic acid. Melting points (uncorrected) were determined using a Mel-Temp instrument with a fiber-optic temperature probe. The kinase activities for **11a** were performed by EMD Millipore. The CAL33 and 686LN cell lines were kind gifts from Jean Louis Fischel, Centre Antoine Lacassagne, Nice, France and Georgia Chen, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, respectively. The FADU AND OSC19 lines were obtained from American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), Manassas, Virginia.

Compounds 13, 14, 11b-c, 19a, 19e-h, 19j, 19o-r were prepared according to literature procedures and 11a, 11d, 19b-d, 19i, 19k-n, 19s-t were purchased from commercial sources.

X-ray coordinates for **11b** (CCDC 1020633) have been deposited in Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center.

# General procedure for the synthesis of series 17.<sup>1</sup>

4-Methyl-N-phenylquinazolin-2-amine (17a). A mixture of 16 (20 mg, 0.11 mmol), aniline (0.012 mL, 0.13 mmol) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (23 mg, 0.17 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (0.90 mL) was placed in sealed vial. The mixture was heated using microwave irradiation at 160 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was filtered and concentrated and the residue was purified by chromatography on  $SiO_2$ (benzene/ether, 4:1) to afford 17a (17 mg, 65%) as a yellow solid: Mp 76-77 °C; IR (neat) 3392, 3260, 3055, 1569, 1521, 1491, 1441, 1428, 1387, 746, 723 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.91 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.84 (d, J= 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.76-7.69 (m, 2 H), 7.39-7.30 (m, 4 H), 7.06 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.83 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 169.7, 155.9, 151.0, 139.8, 133.9, 128.9, 126.8, 125.2, 123.5, 122.3, 120.3, 118.9, 21.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 236.1188, found 236.1186; ELS purity 99.2%.

*N-Benzyl-4-methylquinazolin-2-amine* (**17b**). According to general procedure, and purified by chromatography on SiO<sub>2</sub> (benzene/ether, 9:1) to afford **17b** (32 mg, 76%) as a yellow solid: Mp 98 °C; IR (neat) 3305, 3059, 3025, 2924, 1577, 1564, 1534, 1495, 1316, 1322, 1261, 1238, 1075, 1102, 755, 746 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.74 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.56-7.49 (m, 2 H),

7.30 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.22 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.11 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.51 (br s, 1 H), 4.67 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 2 H), 2.65 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  169.6, 158.8, 151.8, 139.4, 133.7, 128.5, 127.7, 127.2, 126.2, 125.3, 122.3, 119.8, 45.6, 21.6; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 250.1344, found 250.1364; ELS purity 100%.

*N*-(2-(1*H*-Indol-3-yl)ethyl)-4-methylquinazolin-2-amine (**17c**). According to general procedure, and purified by chromatography on SiO<sub>2</sub> (hexanes/EtOAc, 1:1) to afford **17c** (17 mg, 50%) as a white solid: Mp 170-171 °C; IR (neat) 3425, 3407, 3205, 3195, 2919, 1580, 1566, 1526, 1512, 1457, 1303, 1236, 747, 728 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  8.34 (br s, 1 H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.64-7.63 (m, 2 H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.26-7.12 (m, 3 H), 7.04 (br s, 1 H), 5.41 (br s, 1 H), 3.90 (dt, *J* = 6.2, 6.6 Hz, 2 H), 3.14 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2 H), 2.74 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  169.6, 158.7, 151.6, 136.5, 133.8, 129.1, 128.3, 127.5, 125.8, 125.4, 122.2, 122.0, 119.6, 119.3, 119.0, 113.3, 111.2, 41.6, 25.4, 21.6; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 303.1610, found 303.1586; ELS purity 100%.

*4-Methyl-N-(2-morpholinoethyl)quinazolin-2-amine* (**17d**). According to general procedure, and purified by chromatography on SiO<sub>2</sub> (EtOAc/MeOH, 19:1) to afford **17d** (9 mg, 29%) as a colorless oil: IR (neat) 2952, 2937, 2932, 2851, 1582, 1562, 1534, 1499, 1113, 757, 731 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400

MHz)  $\delta$  7.84 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.65-7.61 (m, 1 H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.74 (br s, 1 H), 3.73 (t, J = 4.3 Hz, 4 H), 3.63 (dt, J = 5.6, 11 Hz, 2 H), 2.76 (s, 3 H), 2.64 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 2 H), 2.52 (br s, 4 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  169.5, 158.7, 151.8, 133.7, 126.0, 125.3, 122.2, 119.6, 66.9, 57.3, 53.4, 37.7, 21.6; HRMS (EI) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>273.1715, found 273.1710; ELS purity 90.8%.

*N-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-ylmethyl)-4-methylquinazolin-2-amine* (17e). According to general procedure, and purified by chromatography on SiO<sub>2</sub> (hexanes/EtOAc, 7:3) to afford **17e** (13 mg, 38%) as a green oil: IR (neat) 3409, 3275, 3269, 2915, 2894, 1578, 1562, 1486, 1439, 1243, 1232, 755, 731 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.85 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.67-7.59 (m, 2 H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.91 (br s, 1 H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1 H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 5.92 (s, 2 H), 5.53 (br s, 1 H), 4.66 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2 H), 2.76 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  169.7, 158.6, 151.6, 147.8, 146.7, 133.7, 133.3, 126.1, 125.3, 122.4, 120.9, 119.8, 108.4, 108.2, 100.9, 45.4, 21.6; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 294.1243, found 294.1216; ELS purity 97.9%.

4-Methyl-N-((5-methylfuran-2-yl)methyl)quinazolin-2-amine (17f). According to general procedure, and purified by chromatography on  $SiO_2$ (hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/ether, 5:4:1 to afford 17f (27 mg, 56%) as a white solid: Mp 83 °C; IR (neat) 3267, 3087, 3075, 2937, 1581, 1547, 1323, 779, 751, 746 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.84 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.66-7.60 (m, 2 H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.15 (s, 1 H), 5.87 (s, 1 H), 5.54 (br s, 1 H), 4.69 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2 H), 2.75 (s, 3 H), 2.25 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  169.6, 158.4, 151.7, 151.6, 150.6, 133.6, 126.2, 125.3, 122.4, 119.8, 107.8, 106.1, 38.8, 21.6, 13.5; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>254.1293, found 254.1318; ELS purity 99.7%.

*4-Methyl-N-(naphthalen-1-ylmethyl)quinazolin-2-amine* (**17g**). According to general procedure, and purified by chromatography on SiO<sub>2</sub> (toluene/ether, 9:1 to afford **17g** (21 mg, 73%) as a yellow solid: Mp 137-138 °C; IR (neat) 2964, 2932, 2835, 1925, 1666, 1588, 1577, 1508, 1461, 1441, 1420, 1238, 1139, 1090, 1036 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> with 0.5% TMS, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  8.15-8.13 (m 1 H), 7.87-7.83 (m, 2 H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.65-7.64 (m, 2 H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.51-7.46 (m, 2 H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 1 H), 5.54 (s, 1 H), 5.20 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2 H), 2.72 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> with 0.5% TMS, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  169.6, 158.6, 151.9, 134.6, 133.9, 133.7, 131.6, 128.7, 128.2, 126.3, 126.2, 125.8, 125.4, 125.3, 123.8, 122.3, 119.9, 43.7, 21.6; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 300.1501, found 300.1499; ELS purity 100%.

*N-Cyclohexyl-4-methylquinazolin-2-amine* (**17h**). According to general procedure, and purified by chromatography on SiO<sub>2</sub> (hexanes/EtOAc, 7:3 to afford **17h** (22 mg, 53%) as a colorless oil: IR (neat) 3286, 3273, 2923, 2848, 1580, 1562, 1499, 1486, 1433, 753, 731 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.81 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.63-7.59 (m, 1 H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.15 (app d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1 H), 4.04-3.97 (m, 1 H), 2.73 (s, 3 H), 2.11-2.08 (m, 2 H), 1.77-1.74 (m, 2 H), 1.66-1.63 (m, 1 H), 1.50-1.41 (m, 2 H), 1.29-1.22 (m, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  169.4, 158.2, 151.9, 133.5, 126.0, 125.3, 121.9, 119.5, 49.4, 33.3, 25.8, 24.9, 21.6; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 242.1652, found 242.1645; ELS purity 98.0%.

*4-Methyl-N-(pyridin-2-yl)quinazolin-2-amine* (**17i**). According to general procedure and heated for 2 h at 160 °C under microwave irradiation and purified by chromatography on SiO<sub>2</sub> (hexanes/EtOAc, 4:1 to afford **17i** (2 mg, 5%) as a white solid and recovered **16** (9 mg, 30%): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  8.81 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 8.30 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.82-7.74 (m, 3 H), 7.39 (app t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 6.97 (app t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.87 (s, 3 H); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 237.1135, found 237.1128; ELS purity 95.9%.

### General procedure for the synthesis of series 19.

2-(8-Methyl-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-6-ylamino)-5,6-dimethylpyrimidin-

*4(1H)-one* (**19p**). A solution of 1-(8-methyl-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-6yl)guanidine (0.20 g, 0.82 mmol) in minimal hot DMSO was treated with ethyl 2-methylacetoacetate (0.14 mL, 0.98 mmol) and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.082 g, 0.98 mmol). The reaction mixture was heated at 100 °C for 48 h. The solution was cooled and the product was collected by filtration, washed with acetone and H<sub>2</sub>O and dried to afford **19p** (0.14 g, 54%) as a tan solid: Mp > 250 °C; IR (neat) 3359, 1644, 1605, 1560, 1461, 1431, 1234, 1215, 1234, 768 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO*d*<sub>6</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.46 (s, 1 H), 7.04 (s, 1 H), 6.20 (s, 2 H), 2.67 (s, 3 H), 2.11 (s, 3 H), 1.85 (s, 3 H); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 326.1248, found 326.1244; ELS purity 100%.

2-(8-Methyl-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-6-ylamino)-6-phenylpyrimidin-4(1H)-one (**19q**). According to general procedure using ethyl 3-oxo-3phenylpropanoate to give **19q** (0.15 g, 49%) as a red solid: Mp (dec) 266 °C; IR (neat) 3411, 3066, 3059, 3055, 3049, 1664, 1610, 1547, 1486, 1426, 1371, 1223, 1215, 809, 680 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 300 MHz) δ 8.05-8.04 (m, 2 H), 7.52 (s, 1 H), 7.47 (s, 3 H), 7.10 (s, 1 H), 6.41 (s, 1 H), 6.23 (s, 2 H), 2.76 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 125 MHz, 100 °C) δ 167.2, 162.5, 161.5, 154.0, 152.3, 148.3, 146.3, 136.7, 129.5, 127.9, 126.4, 116.2, 102.1, 100.9, 100.4, 21.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $C_{20}H_{16}N_5O_3$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 374.1248, found 374.1239; ELS purity 100%.

2-(8-Methyl-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-6-ylamino)-5-benzyl-6methylpyrimidin-4(1H)-one (**19r**). According to general procedure using ethyl 2-benzylacetoacetate to give **19r** (0.061 g, 37%) as a brown solid: Mp 238 °C; IR (neat) 3353, 3062, 3025, 2919, 1622, 1610, 1551, 1491, 1452, 1431, 1390, 1232, 1215, 1033 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 300 MHz)  $\delta$  13.30 (br s, 1 H), 11.01 (br s, 1 H), 7.55 (s, 1 H), 7.27-7.21 (m, 4 H), 7.17-7.10 (m, 2 H), 6.25 (s, 2 H), 3.76 (s, 2 H), 2.74 (s, 3 H), 2.16 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 100 MHz, 100 °C)  $\delta$  167.2, 154.0, 153.6, 148.8, 148.1, 146.3, 140.1, 127.5, 127.4, 125.0, 116.2, 114.4, 102.0, 100.8, 29.8, 20.9, 20.6; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 402.1561, found 402.1549; ELS purity 100%.

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