Supporting Information

Synthesis of Novel Hybrids of Quinazoline and Artemisinin with High Activities Against *Plasmodium falciparum*, Human Cytomegalovirus and Leukemia Cells

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Experimental Section

General Experimental Information

All reactions were performed in flame-dried glassware under a nitrogen atmosphere. If necessary the synthesized hybrids were further purified after column chromatography via reprecipitation from CH₂Cl₂ in n-hexane to yield a pure compound for Elemental Analysis and biological tests. CH₂Cl₂ was dried initially over CaCl₂ and then distilled from P₂O₅. EtOAc was purchased as an anhydrous solvent, whrereas acetic acid was used in reagent grade. All other solvents were purified by distillation using rotary evaporation or were purchased in HPLC-guality. Reagents obtained from commercial sources were used without further purification. TLC chromatography was performed on precoated aluminium silica gel SIL G/UV254 plates (Macherey-Nagel & Co.). The detection occurred via fluorescence quenching or development in a phosphomolybdic acid solution (10% in EtOH). All products were dried in high-vacuum (10-3 mbar). ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at room temperature either on a Bruker Avance spectrometer operating at 300 MHz respectively 400 MHz or on a JEOL JNM GX 400 spectrometer operating at 400 MHz. ESI Mass spectra were recorded on a Bruker micrOTOF II focus TOF MS-spectrometer or on a Shimadzu Axima Confidence MALDI-TOF MS-spectrometer without a matrix. IR spectra were recorded on a Varian IR-660 apparatus. The Absorption is indicated in wave numbers [cm-1]. Elemental analysis (C, H, N), carried out with an Elementar vario MICRO cube machine, is within ± 0.50% of the calculated values confirming a purity of > 95%. Artesunic Acid (16) and dihydroartemisinin (DHA) were obtained from ABCR (Karlsruhe, Germany).

Experimental Procedures

The synthesis for quinazoline derivatives **11**, **12** and **14** were carried out in analogy to a literature known procedure.¹

Synthesis of quinazoline precursor 11

N-(2-cyanophenyl)-*N*,*N*-dimethylformimidamide¹ (200 mg, 1.15 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and 4-aminophenol (126 mg, 1.15 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) were dissolved in acetic acid (1.04 mL, 1.09 g, 18.2 mmol, 16.0 equiv.) and refluxed for 3 h. Subsequently, ice water was added and the precipitate collected. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 40 mL) and the organic phases were combined with the aforementioned solid. After the removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the crude product was purified by column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH 100:1 → EtOAc/MeOH 10:1) and phenol derivative **11** was obtained in 57% yield (156 mg, 0.66 mmol) as a brown solid.

R_f = 0.19 (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH 20:1, UV). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₃OD): δ = 6.75-6.86 (m, 2 H), 7.34-7.43 (m, 2 H), 7.47-7.55 (m, 1 H), 7.62-7.81 (m, 2 H), 8.21-8.30 (m, 1 H), 8.35 (s, 1 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD): δ = 116.5, 123.7, 127.0, 127.9, 128.0, 131.3, 134.6, 150.2, 155.8, 156.6, 160.6 ppm. MS (MALDI-TOF, without matrix): *m*/*z* = 239 ([M+2 H]⁺).

The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those reported in literature.¹

Synthesis of quinazoline precursor 12

A solution of *N*-(2-cyanophenyl)-*N*,*N*-dimethylformimidamide (485 mg, 2.80 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in acetic acid (2.40 mL, 2.52 g, 42.0 mmol, 15.0 equiv.) was added to 3,4-dichloraniline (456 mg, 2.81 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and refluxed for 3 h. Subsequently, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, poured into ice water, filtered and washed with ice water. Quinazoline **12** was dried and obtained in quantitative yield

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(883 mg, containing acetic acid). To get a sufficient pure sample for EA and biological tests, quinazoline **12** was recrystallized from MeOH.

 $R_f = 0.72$ (CHCl₃/EtOH 19:1, UV). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): $\delta = 7.50-7.53$ (m, 1 H), 7.63-7.69 (m, 1 H), 7.74-7.85 (m, 2 H), 7.86-7.92 (m, 1 H), 8.18-8.22 (m, 1 H), 8.37-8.41 (m, 1 H), 8.62 (s, 1 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD): $\delta = 116.7$, 123.1, 123.5, 125.1, 128.1, 128.2 (2 x), 131.3, 133.1, 134.7, 140.2, 150.4, 159.6 ppm. MS (MALDI-TOF, without matrix): m/z = 290 ([M+H]⁺). Anal. Calcd. for C₁₄H₉Cl₂N₃·0.1 H₂O: C, 57.60; H, 3.18; N, 14.39; Found: C, 57.46; H, 3.02; N, 14.31.

Synthesis of quinazoline precursor 13

To *N*-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)quinazolin-4-amine **12** (435 mg, 1.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and 4Å molecular sieves in acetonitrile (9.0 mL) in a two-necked flask, K_2CO_3 (414 mg, 3.00 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), 3-bromopropanole (271 µL, 416 mg, 3.00 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and *t*-butylammoniumiodide (14.0 mg, 0.07 mmol, 0.05 equiv.) were added. The resulting solution was refluxed for 10 h. Subsequently, the mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature, treated with water (10 mL), extracted with EtOAc (2 x 10 mL) and dried over MgSO₄. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by column chromatography (EtOAc/hexanes 98:2) yielding quinazoline **13** as a yellowish oil in 22% yield (114 mg, 0.33 mmol).

R_t = 0.31 (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH 19:1, UV). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₃OD): δ = 1.97-2.08 (m, 2 H), 3.64 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2 H), 4.26 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.00 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.47-7.54 (m, 1 H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.73-7.80 (m, 1 H), 8.00 (s, 1 H), 8.33 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.3 Hz, 1 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD): δ = 31.9, 47.9, 59.2, 116.6, 120.9, 124.3, 125.9, 127.0, 127.8 (2 x), 131.4, 133.0, 134.5, 139.1, 150.7, 152.8, 156.6 ppm. MS (MALDI-TOF, without matrix): *m/z* = 348 ([M+H]⁺).

Synthesis of quinazoline precursor 14

To a stirred solution of *N*-(2-cyano-4-nitrophenyl)-*N*,*N*-dimethylformimidamide (1.17 g, 5.36 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in glacial acetic acid (4.60 mL, 4.83 g, 80.4 mmol, 15 equiv.) 3,4-dichloroaniline (870 mg, 5.36 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was added and the resulting mixture was heated until reflux. After 3 h the reaction mixture was cooled down to room temperature and poured into ice water (50 mL). The orange precipitate was filtered out, washed with water and Et₂O and dried under vacuum. Quinazoline **14** was obtained as an orange solid (1.52 g, 4.54 mmol, 85%). To get a pure compound for EA and biological investigations quinazoline **14** was recrystallized from a mixture of DMF, MeOH and CH_2Cl_2 .

¹H NMR (300 MHz, MeOD/DMSO-d6 1:1): δ = 7.58 (d, 1 H, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 7.85-7.94 (m, 3 H), 8.25 (d, 1 H, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 8.53 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2.7 Hz), 8.74 (s, 1 H), 9.59 (d, 1 H, J = 2.4 Hz) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, MeOD/DMSO-d6 1:1): δ = 114.9, 121.0, 121.2, 122.5, 123.9, 126.4, 127.2, 130.0, 130.7, 131.4, 139.1, 145.3, 153.4, 157.8, 159.0 ppm. MS (ESI): *m*/*z* = 335 ([M+H]⁺). HRMS (ESI): calculated for [C₁₄H₉Cl₂N₄O₂]⁺ 335.0097, found 335.0010. Anal. Calcd. for C₁₄H₈Cl₂N₄O₂: C, 50.17; H, 2.41; N, 16.72; Found: C, 50.26; H, 2.51; N, 16.56.

Synthesis of quinazoline precursor 15

An aqueous slurry suspension of Raney-nickel (1 x tip of a spatula) was added under N₂ via a pipette to a 25 mL Schlenk-flask. The suspension was washed with MeOH (3 x 5.0 mL) and a suspension of quinazoline 14 (100 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in dry MeOH (4.0 mL) was added under N₂. After addition of hydrazine monohydrate (255 μ L, 263 mg, 6.56 mmol, 22 equiv.) under N₂ the reaction mixture was heated until reflux and stirred for 30 min. Afterwards Raney-nickel was filtered off, washed with MeOH (25 mL) and the solvent removed under reduced pressure to give a slightly yellow solid. The crude product was purified via reprecipitation from a mixture of DMSO, EtOAc and Et₂O in order to obtain amine 15 as a pale yellow solid (79.4 mg, 0.26 mmol, 87%).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, MeOD + drops of DMSO-d₆): δ = 7.25-7.45 (m, 2 H), 7.48 (d, 1 H, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 7.59 (d, 1 H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.80 (d, 1 H, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 8.24 (s, 1 H), 8.41 (s, 1 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, MeOD + drops of DMSO-d₆): δ = 102.8, 123.0, 124.7, 125.9, 127.2, 129.7, 131.73, 133.2, 141.4, 144.1, 149.5, 151.6, 158.0, 164.1 ppm.

The synthesis for artemisinin derivatives 18, 19 and 17 were carried out in analogy to a literature known procedure.²

Synthesis of dihydroartemisinin benzoate 18

To a solution of dihydroartemisinin (1.50 g, 5.28 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (21.0 mL) anhydrous pyridine (2.68 mL, 2.63 g, 33.3 mmol, 6.3 equiv.) was added under N₂. The yellow solution was cooled to 0 °C and benzoyl chloride (958 µL, 1.17 g, 8.45 mmol, 1.6 equiv.) was added dropwise under N₂. The resulting reaction mixture was warmed to room teperature and stirred overnight. Afterwards, 7% citric acid (20 mL) was added, the phases were separated and the water phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with 7% citric acid (2 x 20 mL), sat. NaHCO₃-solution (25 mL) and water (25 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to give a white solid. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc 12:1) and thereby benzoate **18** was obtained as a white solid (1.79 g, 4.61 mmol, 87%).

*R*_f = 0.59 (hexanes/EtOAc 4:1, phosphomolybdic acid). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.89 (d, 3 H, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 0.94 (d, 3 H, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 0.96-1.09 (m, 1 H), 1.19-1.55 (m, 7 H, including singlet at 1.39), 1.60-1.93 (m, 4 H), 1.97-2.06 (m, 1 H), 2.35 (dt, 1 H, *J* = 12.0 Hz, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 2.66-2.80 (m, 1 H), 5.50 (s, 1 H), 5.99 (d, 1 H, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 7.37-7.44 (m, 2 H), 7.51-7.58 (m, 1 H), 8.06-8.12 (m, 2 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz): δ = 12.2, 20.2, 22.0, 24.5, 25.9, 31.9, 34.0, 36.2, 37.2, 45.3, 51.6, 80.1, 91.5, 92.4, 104.3, 128.2, 129.5, 130.0, 133.2, 165.2 ppm.

Synthesis of artemisinin-derived olefin 19

In an evacuated flask equipped with 4 Å molecular sieves, pre-dried $ZnCl_2$ (3.11 g, 22.9 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) and allyltrimethylsilane (5.81 mL, 4.18 g, 36.6 mmol, 8.0 equiv.) were dissolved in anhydrous DCE (30 mL) under N₂ and the solution was cooled to 0 °C. In a second evacuated Schlenk flask equipped with 4 Å molecular sieves a solution of dihydroartemisinin-benzoyl ester **18** (1.78 g, 4.57 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in anhydrous DCE (20 mL) was cooled to the same temperature. This solution was added dropwise to the aforementioned one. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 6 h and afterwards diluted with EtOAc (100 mL) and 7% citric acid (65 mL). The water phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with sat. NaHCO₃ solution (50 mL), brine (50 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, a crude yellow oil was obtained. Purification by column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc 11:1) gave olefin **19** as a white solid (1.14 g, 3.70 mmol, 81%).

*R*_f = 0.66 (hexanes/EtOAc 4:1, phosphomolybdic acid). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.77 (d, 3 H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 0.85 (d, 3 H, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 0.83-0.92 (m, 1 H), 1.04-1.41 (m, 7 H, including singlet at 1.28), 1.44-1.62 (m, 2 H), 1.63-1.74 (m, 1 H), 1.74-1.85 (m, 1 H), 1.85-1.98 (m, 1 H), 2.02-2.36 (m, 3 H), 2.55 (sex, 1 H, *J* = 6.3 Hz), 4.13-4.24 (m, 1 H), 4.88-5.05 (m, 2 H), 5.41 (s, 1 H), 5.88-6.05 (m, 1 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 12.6, 19.9, 24.4, 24.6, 25.7, 29.9, 33.9, 34.2, 36.3, 37.1, 44.0, 52.0, 74.2, 80.6, 88.8, 102.6, 115.7, 136.1, 136.2 ppm. MS (MALDI-TOF, without matrix): *m*/*z* = 331 ([M+Na]⁺). HRMS (ESI): calculated for [C₁₈H₂₉O₄]⁺: 309.2060, found: 309.2062.

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Synthesis of artemisinin-derived acid 17

Olefin **19** (846 mg, 2.74 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was dissolved under N₂ in a 1:1 mixture of H₂O and acetone (200 mL). Subsequently, NalO₄ (2.35 g, 11.0 mmol, 4.0 equiv.) and KMnO₄ (273 mg, 1.73 mmol, 0.6 equiv.) were added under N₂ and the flask was wrapped with aluminium foil. After stirring the reaction mixture overnight, the precipitate was filtered off and the solvent mixture was removed under reduced pressure. By the use of 1 M NaOH the reaction mixture was adjusted to an alkaline pH value and washed with Et₂O (3 x 40 mL). The pH value of the water phase was adjusted to 1 with conc. HCl and afterwards extracted with Et₂O (3 x 40 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Acid **17** (807 mg, 2.47 mmol) was obtained as a pale yellow solid in 90% yield.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.81 (d, 3 H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 0.90 (d, 3 H, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 0.88-0.97 (m, 1 H), 1.11-1.48 (m, 7 H, including singlet at 1.34), 1.53-1.67 (m, 2 H), 1.68-1.78 (m, 1 H), 1.79-1.90 (m, 1 H), 1.91-2.03 (m, 1 H), 2.26 (dt, 1 H, *J* = 13.4 Hz, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 2.40-2.46 (m, 1 H), 2.55-2.74 (m, 2 H), 4.73-4.80 (m, 1 H), 5.29 (s, 1 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 12.7, 20.0, 24.5, 24.6, 25.7, 29.5, 34.2, 35.7, 36.3, 37.3, 43.8, 52.0, 71.0, 80.7, 89.1, 103.1, 176.9 ppm. MS (MALDI-TOF, without matrix): *m*/*z* = 349 ([M+Na]⁺). HRMS (ESI): calculated for [C₁₇H₂₆NO₆]⁺: 349.1622, found: 349.1622.

The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those reported in literature.²

Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum of quinazoline precursor **13** recorded on a Bruker Avance spectrometer (300 MHz, CD₃OD):









Figure S3. ESI mass spectrum of quinazoline precursor 13 recorded on a Shimadzu Axima Confidence MALDI-TOF MS-spectrometer:

Figure S4. ¹H NMR spectrum of quinazoline precursor **14** recorded on a Bruker Avance spectrometer (300 MHz, CD₃OD + drops of DMSO-d6):



Figure S5. ¹³C NMR spectrum of quinazoline precursor 14 recorded on a Bruker Avance spectrometer (75.5 MHz, CD₃OD + drops of DMSO-d6):





Figure S6. ESI mass spectrum of quinazoline precursor 14 recorded on a Bruker micrOTOF II focus TOF MS-spectrometer:

Figure S7. ¹H NMR spectrum of quinazoline precursor **15** recorded on a Bruker Avance spectrometer (300 MHz, CD₃OD):









Figure S9. ¹H NMR spectrum of quinazoline artesunic acid hybrid 6 recorded on a JEOL JNM GX 400 spectrometer (400 MHz, CDCl₃):



Figure S10. ¹³C NMR spectrum of quinazoline artesunic acid hybrid 6 recorded on a JEOL JNM GX 400 spectrometer (100 MHz, CDCl₃):



Figure S11. ESI mass spectrum of quinazoline artesunic acid hybrid 6 recorded on a Bruker micrOTOF II focus TOF MS-spectrometer:



Figure S12. ¹H NMR spectrum of quinazoline artesunic acid hybrid 7 recorded on a JEOL JNM GX 400 spectrometer (400 MHz, CDCl₃):

Figure S13. ¹³C NMR spectrum of quinazoline artesunic acid hybrid 7 recorded on a JEOL JNM GX 400 spectrometer (100 MHz, CDCl₃):





Figure S14. ESI mass spectrum of quinazoline artesunic acid hybrid 7 recorded on a Bruker micrOTOF II focus TOF MS-spectrometer:

Figure S15. ¹H NMR spectrum of quinazoline short acid hybrid 8 recorded on a Bruker Avance spectrometer (400 MHz, CDCl₃):





Figure S16. ¹³C NMR spectrum of quinazoline short acid hybrid 8 recorded on a Bruker Avance spectrometer (100 MHz, CDCl₃):



Figure S17. ESI mass spectrum of quinazoline short acid hybrid 8 recorded on a Bruker micrOTOF II focus TOF MS-spectrometer:

Figure S18. ¹H NMR spectrum of quinazoline artesunic acid hybrid 9 recorded on a Bruker Avance spectrometer (300 MHz, CD₃OD + drops of CDCl₃):



Figure S19. ¹³C NMR spectrum of quinazoline artesunic acid hybrid 9 recorded on a Bruker Avance spectrometer (75.5 MHz, CD₃OD + drops of CDCl₃):





Figure S20. ESI mass spectrum of quinazoline artesunic acid hybrid 9 recorded on a Bruker micrOTOF II focus TOF MS-spectrometer:

Figure S21. ¹H NMR spectrum of quinazoline artemisinin hybrid 10 recorded on a Bruker Avance spectrometer (300 MHz, CD₃OD + drops of CDCl₃):



Figure S22. ¹³C NMR spectrum of quinazoline artemisinin hybrid **10** recorded on a Bruker Avance spectrometer (75.5 MHz, CD₃OD + drops of CDCl₃):





Figure S23. ESI mass spectrum of quinazoline artemisinin hybrid 10 recorded on a Bruker micrOTOF II focus TOF MS-spectrometer: