Catalyst- and solvent-free approach to 2-arylated quinolines via [5+1] annulation of 2-methylquinolines with diynones

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General methods and materials. Proton nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (¹H NMR) and carbon nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (¹³C NMR) were recorded at 400 MHz and 100 MHz or 500 MHz and 125 MHz, respectively, using DMSO- d_6 as reference standard (δ 2.50 ppm) for ¹H NMR and (δ 40.00 ppm) for ¹³C NMR or CDCl₃ as reference standard (δ 7.26 ppm) for ¹H NMR and (δ 77.00 ppm) for ¹³C NMR. HRMS (ion trap) were recorded using ESI. Melting points were uncorrected. Precoated silica gel plates F-254 were used for analytical thin-layer chromatography. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (300-400 mesh). Starting materials were readily prepared according to literature procedures. Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were obtained commercially and used without further purification.

Procedure of synthesis of starting materials 1^[1]:

1) To a stirred solution of acetylene (**A**; 10.2 mmol)) in dry THF (30 mL) under argon was added *n*-BuLi (4.5 mL, 11.2 mmol, 2.5 M solution in hexane) via a syringe at 0 °C. The mixture was allowed to stir for 30 min at 0 °C. Then methyl formate (0.28 mL, 4.52 mmol) was added. The mixture was allowed to stir for an additional 30 min at 0 °C, and then for 2 h at room temperature. The mixture was poured into an aqueous saturated solution of NH₄Cl, and the product was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were washed with a saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried over MgSO₄, and filtered, and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, PE/EA = 10/1) to give **B**.

Procedure A: MnO_2 (15 equiv.) was added to a solution of **B** (5 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (15 mL) at room temperature. The resulting mixture was stirred overnight. Then the solid was filtered, and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, PE/EA = 50/1) to give **2**.



2) To a stirred solution of acetylene (A, 8 mmol) in dry THF (30 mL) under argon was added *n*-BuLi (3.36 mL, 8.4 mmol, 2.5 M solution in hexane) via a syringe at 0 °C. The mixture was allowed to stir for 30 min at 0 °C. Then 3phenylpropiolaldehyde (C, 8 mmol) was added. The mixture was allowed to stir for an additional 30 min at 0 °C, and then for 2 h at room temperature. It was then poured into aqueous saturated NH₄Cl solution and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were washed with a saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried over MgSO₄, and filtered, and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, PE/EA = 10/1) to give **D**.

D used the same procedure as general procedure A to give **2** (silica gel, PE/EA = 50/1).



Synthesis of 4-(quinolin-2-yl)phenol Derivatives 3a-3c, 3e-3f, 3i, 3k-3z.

The reaction mixture of **1** (1.5 mmol), **2** (0.5 mmol), were stirred at 100 °C for 6-10 h in a sealed tube, and monitored periodically by TLC. After the resulting solution cooled to room temperature, the target product **3** was purified and raw material **1** was recycled by column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of ethyl acetate and petroleum ether.

Synthesis of 4-(quinolin-2-yl)phenol Derivatives 3d, 3g, 3h, and 3j.

1 (0.6 mmol) and **2** (0.5 mmol) were dissolved in PhCl (1 mL), and stirred at 100 °C for 10 h in a sealed tube. The reaction monitored periodically by TLC. After the resulting solution cooled to room temperature, the target product **3** was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of ethyl acetate and petroleum ether.

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Spectral data of all compounds

2'-(quinolin-2-yl)-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-5'-ol (3a)



The reaction of 2-methylquinoline (1a) (214.8 mg, 1.5 mmol), and 1,5-diphenylpenta-1,4-diyn-3-one (2a) (115.1 mg, 0.5 mmol) at 100 °C for 10 h, isolated by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/AcOEt = 10/1), affords 158.7 mg (85%) of **3a** as light yellow solid. **m.p.** 205-207 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 10.05 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55–7.53 (m, 1H), 7.42–7.40 (m, 1H), 7.05 (s, 10H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (s, 2H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 159.8, 157.4, 147.4, 143.6, 141.9, 135.0, 130.7, 129.7, 129.2, 128.2, 128.1, 127.0, 126.7, 126.2, 125.7, 116.6.

HRMS (*m/z*) (ESI): calcd for C₂₇H₂₀NO 374.1539 [M+H⁺]; found 374.1535.

2'-(5-chloroquinolin-2-yl)-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-5'-ol (3b)



The reaction of 5-chloro-2-methylquinoline (**1b**) (266.4 mg, 1.5 mmol), and 1,5-diphenylpenta-1,4diyn-3-one (**2a**) (115.1 mg, 0.5 mmol) at 100 °C for 6 h, isolated by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/AcOEt = 10/1), affords 118.3 mg (58%) of **3b** as light yellow solid. **m.p.** 221-223 °C. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 10.01 (s, 1H), 8.09 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.68–7.64 (m, 3H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.11–7.02 (m, 10H), 6.87 (s, 2H) ppm. ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 160.8, 157.6, 148.0, 143.5, 141.6, 131.0, 130.3, 129.9, 129.8, 129.6,

128.8, 128.2, 127.0, 126.9, 126.8, 123.8, 116.5 ppm.

HRMS (m/z) (ESI): calcd for C₂₇H₁₈ClNO 408.1150 [M+H⁺]; found 408.1146.

2'-(6-fluoroquinolin-2-yl)-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-5'-ol (3c)





The reaction of 6-fluoro-2-methylquinoline (**1c**) (241.8 mg, 1.5 mmol), and 1,5-diphenylpenta-1,4diyn-3-one (**2a**) (115.1 mg, 0.5 mmol) at 100 °C for 6 h, isolated by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/AcOEt = 10/1), affords 107.7 mg (55%) of **3c** as light yellow solid. **m.p.** 238-240 °C. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 9.97 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.69–7.66 (m, 1H), 7.54–7.50 (m, 1H), 7.46–7.44 (m, 1H), 7.09–7.03 (m, 10H), 7.03–6.99 (m, 1H), 6.88 (s, 2H) ppm. ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 161.2, 159.2, 158.7, 157.4, 144.5, 143.5, 141.7, 134.4, 131.8, 130.2, 129.6, 128.1, 126.9, 126.7, 126.3, 119.5, 116.5, 111.1 ppm. **HRMS** (*m*/*z*) (ESI): calcd for C₂₇H₁₉FNO 392.1445 [M+H⁺]; found 392.1440.

2'-(6-bromoquinolin-2-yl)-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-5'-ol (3d)



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The reaction of 6-bromo-2-methylquinoline (1d) (133.3 mg, 0.6 mmol), and 1,5-diphenylpenta-1,4diyn-3-one (2a) (115.1 mg, 0.5 mmol) in PhCl (1 mL) at 100 °C for 10 h, isolated by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/AcOEt = 10/1), affords 174.2 mg (77%) of 3d as light yellow solid. **m.p.** 239-241 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 9.97 (s, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.67–7.62 (m, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.07–7.00 (m, 11H), 6.86 (s, 2H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 160.4, 157.5, 145.9, 143.4, 141.6, 134.1, 132.6, 131.3, 130.2, 130.0, 129.6, 128.1, 127.4, 126.9, 126.5, 119.5, 116.5 ppm.

HRMS (*m/z*) (ESI): calcd for C₂₇H₁₉BrNO 452.0645, 454.0624 [M+H⁺]; found 452.0643, 454.0621.

2'-(7-chloroquinolin-2-yl)-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-5'-ol (3e)





The reaction of 7-chloro-2-methylquinoline (1e) (266.4 mg, 1.5 mmol), and 1,5-diphenylpenta-1,4diyn-3-one (2a) (115.1 mg, 0.5 mmol) at 100 °C for 7 h, isolated by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/AcOEt = 10/1), affords 122.4 mg (60%) oef 3c as light yellow solid. **m.p.** 125-127 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 9.96 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.48–7.44 (m, 1H), 7.10–7.02 (m, 9H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (s, 2H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 161.1, 157.5, 147.6, 143.4, 141.6, 134.9, 134.1, 130.1, 130.1, 129.6, 128.1, 127.6, 127.2, 126.9, 126.1, 124.7, 116.5 ppm.

HRMS (m/z) (ESI): calcd for C₂₇H₁₈ClNO 408.1150 [M+H⁺]; found 408.1145.

2'-(6-ethoxyquinolin-2-yl)-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-5'-ol (3f)



The reaction of 6-ethoxy-2-methyl-quinolin (**1f**) (280.86 mg, 1.5 mmol), and 1,5-diphenylpenta-1,4diyn-3-one (**2a**) (115.1 mg, 0.5 mmol) at 100 °C for 6 h, isolated by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/AcOEt = 10/1), affords 121.1 mg (58%) of **3f** as light yellow solid. **m.p.** 155-157 °C. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d₆*): δ 9.90 (s, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.20–7.12 (m, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 10H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (s, 2H), 4.06 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, DMSO-*d₆*): δ 157.2, 156.9, 156.7, 143.3, 143.2, 141.9, 133.7, 130.6, 130.5, 129.6, 128.0, 127.1, 126.7, 125.7, 122.0, 116.4, 106.4, 63.8, 15.0 ppm. **HRMS** (*m*/*z*) (ESI): calcd for C₂₉H₂₄NO₂418.1802 [M+H⁺]; found 418.1803.

2'-(6,7-dichloroquinolin-2-yl)-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-5'-ol (3g)



The reaction of 6,7-dichloro-2-methylquinoline (**1g**) (127.2 mg, 0.6 mmol), and 1,5-diphenylpenta-1,4diyn-3-one (**2a**) (115.1 mg, 0.5 mmol) in PhCl (1 mL) at 100 °C for 10 h, isolated by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/AcOEt = 10/1), affords 161.4 mg (73%) of **3g** as light yellow solid. **m.p.** 186-187 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 10.02 (s, 1H), 8.15 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.11–7.05 (m, 7H), 7.03–6.97 (m, 4H), 6.85 (s, 2H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 161.7, 157.6, 146.0, 143.4, 141.5, 134.2, 132.3, 130.0, 129.8, 129.6, 129.3, 129.2, 128.2, 127.0, 125.6, 116.5 ppm.

HRMS (m/z) (ESI): calcd for C₂₇H₁₈Cl₂NO 442.0760 [M+H⁺]; found 442.0775.

2'-(6-bromoquinolin-2-yl)-4,4"-dimethyl-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-5'-ol (3h)



The reaction of 6-bromo-2-methylquinoline (1d) (133.3 mg, 0.6 mmol), and 1,5-di-p-tolylpenta-1,4diyn-3-one (2b) (129.1 mg, 0.5 mmol) in PhCl (1 mL) at 100 °C for 10 h, isolated by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/AcOEt = 10/1), affords 167.7 mg (70%) of 3h as light yellow solid. **m.p.** 136-139 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 9.88 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.69 -7.62 (m, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.89-6.83 (m, 8H), 6.80 (s, 2H), 2.11 (s, 6H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 160.8, 157.4, 145.8, 143.2, 138.7, 135.9, 134.1, 132.6, 131.4, 130.1, 130.0, 129.5, 128.7, 127.5, 126.6, 119.4, 116.3, 21.0 ppm.

HRMS (*m/z*) (ESI): calcd for C₂₉H₂₃BrNO 480.0958 482.0937 [M+H⁺]; found 480.0959 482.0934.

2'-(7-fluoroquinolin-2-yl)-3,3"-dimethyl-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-5'-ol (3i)



The reaction of 7-Fluoro-2-methylpyridine (**1h**) (241.8 mg, 1.5 mmol), and 1,5-di-m-tolylpenta-1,4diyn-3-one (**2c**) (129.1 mg, 0.5 mmol) at 100 °C for 7 h, isolated by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/AcOEt = 10/1), affords 130.0 mg (62%) of **3i** as light yellow solid. **m.p.** 171-173 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_{δ}): δ 9.88 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.86–7.80 (m, 1H), 7.40–7.32 (m, 3H), 6.97–6.93 (m, 3H), 6.91–6.86 (m, 2H), 6.88–6.82 (m, 3H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.06 (s, 6H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 163.8, 161.4, 161.2, 157.4, 148.0, 143.3, 141.5, 137.1, 134.9, 130.6, 130.5, 130.2, 127.8, 127.5, 126.8, 125.1, 123.3, 116.7, 116.3, 112.4, 21.3 ppm.

HRMS (m/z) (ESI): calcd for C₂₉H₂₃FNO 420.1758 [M+H⁺]; found 420.1748.

2'-(benzo[f]quinolin-3-yl)-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-5'-ol (3j)



The reaction of 3-methylbenzo[f]quinoline (1i) (116.0 mg, 0.6 mmol), and 1,5-diphenylpenta-1,4-diyn-3-one (2a) (115.1 mg, 0.5 mmol) in PhCl (1 mL) at 100 °C for 10 h, isolated by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/AcOEt = 10/1), affords 173.6 mg (82%) of 3j as light yellow solid. **m.p.** 153-155 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 9.93 (s, 1H), 8.78 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.65 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.97–7.90 (m, 2H), 7.67–7.61 (m, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.10–7.01 (m, 10H), 6.89 (s, 2H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 159.2, 157.3, 146.9, 143.5, 141.8, 131.5, 130.6, 130.3, 130.3, 129.6, 129.0, 128.3, 128.0, 127.6, 127.6, 126.8, 125.8, 123.5, 122.8, 116.5 ppm.

HRMS (m/z) (ESI): calcd for C₃₁H₂₂NO 424.1696 [M+H⁺]; found 424.1690.

2'-(6-methylpyridin-2-yl)-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-5'-ol (3k)



The reaction of 2,6-dimethyl-pyridin (**1j**) (160.7 mg, 1.5 mmol), and 1,5-diphenylpenta-1,4-diyn-3-one (**2a**) (115.1 mg, 0.5 mmol) at 100 °C for 9 h, isolated by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/AcOEt = 10/1), affords 114.7 mg (68%) of **3k** as light yellow solid. **m.p.** 153-155 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.91 (s, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.16–7.11 (m, 6H), 7.04–7.00 (m, 4H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 3H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.13 (s, 3H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 158.1, 157.1, 156.5, 143.2, 142.0, 135.6, 130.5, 129.6, 127.9, 126.7, 124.2, 120.3, 116.3, 24.3 ppm.

HRMS (*m/z*) (ESI): calcd for C₂₄H₁₉NO 338.1539 [M+H⁺]; found 338.1540.

2,2"-dichloro-2'-(quinolin-2-yl)-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-5'-ol (31)





The reaction of 2-methylquinoline (1a) (214.8 mg, 1.5 mmol), and 1,5-bis(2-chlorophenyl)penta-1,4diyn-3-one (2d) (149.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) at 100 °C for 8 h, isolated by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/AcOEt = 10/1), affords 181.4 mg (82%) of **3l** as light yellow solid. **m.p.** 235-237 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d₆*): δ 10.10 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.55–7.49 (m, 2H), 7.40–7.32 (m, 1H), 7.17–7.10 (m, 4H), 6.98–6.91 (m, 7H) ppm.
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d₆*): δ 160.5, 158.4, 158.1, 157.2, 147.2, 137.3, 134.7, 132.3, 132.0, 129.7, 129.6, 129.5, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 127.9, 126.5, 126.0, 124.3, 124.1, 117.7, 115.6, 115.4 ppm.

HRMS (m/z) (ESI): calcd for C₂₇H₁₈Cl₂NO 442.0760 [M+H⁺]; found 442.0765.

3,3"-dimethyl-2'-(quinolin-2-yl)-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-5'-ol (3m)



3m

The reaction of 2-methylquinoline (1a) (214.8 mg, 1.5 mmol), and 1,5-di-m-tolylpenta-1,4-diyn-3-one (2c) (129.1 mg, 0.5 mmol) at 100 °C for 9 h, isolated by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/AcOEt = 10/1), affords 150.6 mg (75%) of **3m** as light yellow solid. **m.p.**187-189 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 9.90 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.73–7.68 (m, 2H), 7.59–7.54

(m, 1H), 7.44–7.39 (m, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 3H), 6.92–6.73 (m, 8H), 2.04 (s, 6H) ppm.

¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 159.9, 157.3, 147.2, 143.4, 141.6, 137.0, 134.8, 130.5, 130.5, 129.6, 129.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.5, 126.8, 126.5, 126.1, 125.6, 116.3, 21.3 ppm.

HRMS (*m/z*) (ESI): calcd for C₂₉H₂₄NO 402.1852 [M+H⁺]; found 402.1849.

3,3"-dimethoxy-2'-(quinolin-2-yl)-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-5'-ol (3n)



The reaction of 2-methylquinoline (**1a**) (214.8 mg, 1.5 mmol), and 1,5-bis(3-methoxyphenyl)penta-1,4diyn-3-one (**2e**) (145.2 mg, 0.5 mmol) at 100 °C for 10 h, isolated by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/AcOEt = 10/1), affords 140.8 mg (65%) of **3n** as light yellow solid. **m.p.** 103-104 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 9.99 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.59–7.52 (m, 1H), 7.45–7.40 (m, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.00–6.92 (m, 2H), 6.93 (s, 2H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.61–6.56 (m, 4H), 3.38 (s, 6H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d₆*): δ 160.0, 158.8, 157.4, 147.3, 143.2, 143.1, 135.1, 130.6, 129.7, 129.2, 129.1, 128.0, 126.6, 126.2, 125.5, 122.1, 116.5, 115.1, 113.1, 55.0 ppm.

HRMS (m/z) (ESI): calcd for C₂₉H₂₄NO₃434.1751 [M+H⁺]; found 434.1751.

4,4"-dimethyl-2'-(quinolin-2-yl)-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-5'-ol (30)



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The reaction of 2-methylquinoline (1a) (214.8 mg, 1.5 mmol), and 1,5-di-p-tolylpenta-1,4-diyn-3-one (2b) (129.1 mg, 0.5 mmol) at 100 °C for 9 h, isolated by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/AcOEt = 10/1), affords 146.6 mg (73%) of **30** as light yellow solid. **m.p.** 178-180 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 9.80 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.61–7.56 (m, 2H), 7.50–7.43 (m, 1H), 7.36–7.25 (m, 1H), 6.89–6.72 (m, 5H), 6.81–6.68 (m, 6H), 1.96 (s, 6H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 160.0, 157.3, 147.3, 143.3, 138.9, 135.8, 134.9, 130.5, 129.5, 129.2, 128.7, 128.0, 126.4, 126.2, 125.6, 116.4, 20.9 ppm.

HRMS (*m/z*) (ESI): calcd for C₂₉H₂₄NO 402.1852 [M+H⁺]; found 402.1856.

4,4"-diethyl-2'-(quinolin-2-yl)-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-5'-ol (3p)



The reaction of 2-methylquinoline (**1a**) (214.8 mg, 1.5 mmol), and 1,5-bis(4-ethylphenyl)penta-1,4diyn-3-one (**2f**) (143.2 mg, 0.5 mmol) at 100 °C for 9 h, isolated by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/AcOEt = 10/1), affords 150.3 mg (70%) of **3p** as light yellow solid. **m.p.** 176-178 °C. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 9.87 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.71–7.60 (m, 2H), 7.55–7.48 (m, 1H), 7.42–7.38 (m, 1H), 6.98–6.81 (m, 5H), 6.89–6.74 (m, 6H), 2.40 (q, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 1.01 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 6H) ppm.

¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 159.9, 157.3, 147.3, 143.3, 142.1, 139.2, 134.8, 130.5, 129.5, 129.4, 129.2, 128.0, 127.4, 126.4, 126.1, 125.6, 116.4, 28.0, 15.6 ppm.

HRMS (m/z) (ESI): calcd for C₃₁H₂₈NO 430.2165 [M+H⁺]; found 430.2162.

4,4"-difluoro-2'-(quinolin-2-yl)-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-5'-ol (3q)



3q

The reaction of 2-methylquinoline (**1a**) (214.8 mg, 1.5 mmol), and 1,5-bis(4-fluorophenyl)penta-1,4diyn-3-one (**2g**) (133.2 mg, 0.5 mmol) at 100 °C for 7 h, isolated by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/AcOEt = 10/1), affords 161.7 mg (79%) of **3q** as light yellow solid. **m.p.** 226-228 °C. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 10.13 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.60–7.55 (m, 1H), 7.46–7.41 (m, 1H), 7.07 (m, 4H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.86–6.69 (m, 6H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d₆*): δ 162.7, 160.3, 159.6, 157.6, 147.5, 142.6, 138.2, 135.4, 131.7, 131.7, 130.8, 130.0, 129.2, 128.3, 126.9, 126.3, 125.7, 116.8, 115.2, 115.0 ppm.
HRMS (*m*/*z*) (ESI): calcd for C₂₇H₁₈F₂NO 410.1351 [M+H⁺]; found 410.1349.

4-fluoro-2'-(quinolin-2-yl)-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-5'-ol (3r)



The reaction of 2-methylquinoline (1a) (214.8 mg, 1.5 mmol), and 1-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-phenylpenta-1,4-diyn-3-one (2h) (124.1 mg, 0.5 mmol) at 100 °C for 8 h, isolated by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/AcOEt = 10/1), affords 148.8 mg (76%) of 3r as light yellow solid. m.p. 189-191 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 10.03 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.59–7.54 (m, 1H), 7.45–7.41 (m, 1H), 7.07–6.86 (m, 7H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.93–6.84 (m, 4H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d₆*): δ 162.5, 160.1, 159.6, 157.4, 147.4, 143.5, 142.5, 141.7, 138.2, 135.0, 131.5, 130.6, 129.6, 129.1, 128.1, 128.1, 126.9, 126.6, 126.1, 125.6, 116.6, 115.0, 114.8 ppm.
HRMS (*m/z*) (ESI): calcd for C₂₇H₁₉FNO 392.1445 [M+H⁺]; found 392.1442.

4-chloro-2'-(quinolin-2-yl)-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-5'-ol (3s)





The reaction of 2-methylquinoline (1a) (214.8 mg, 1.5 mmol), and 1-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-phenylpenta-1,4-diyn-3-one (2i) (132.4 mg, 0.5 mmol) at 100 °C for 8 h, isolated by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/AcOEt = 10/1), affords 150.9 mg (74%) of 3s as light yellow solid. m.p. 232-235 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 9.99 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.60–7.56 (m, 1H), 7.45–7.39 (m, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 7H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (s, 2H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d₆*): δ 159.3, 157.4, 147.3, 143.5, 142.1, 141.6, 140.7, 135.0, 131.7, 131.3, 130.4, 129.6, 129.6, 129.1, 128.1, 128.0, 126.9, 126.6, 126.1, 125.5, 116.8, 116.4 ppm.
HRMS (*m/z*) (ESI): calcd for C₂₇H₁₉ClNO 408.1150 [M+H⁺]; found 408.1147.

3,5-dimethyl-2'-(quinolin-2-yl)-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-5'-ol (3t)



The reaction of 2-methylquinoline (1a) (214.8 mg, 1.5 mmol), and 1-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-5phenylpenta-1,4-diyn-3-one (2j) (129.2 mg, 0.5 mmol) at 100 °C for 9 h, isolated by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/AcOEt = 10/1), affords 136.5 mg (68%) of 3t as light yellow solid. **m.p.** 132-134 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 9.90 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.76–7.69 (m, 2H), 7.57–7.52 (m, 1H), 7.45–7.41 (m, 1H), 7.11–7.01 (m, 5H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.88–6.82 (m, 2H), 6.70 (s, 2H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 1.95 (s, 6H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d₆*): δ 159.9, 157.2, 147.2, 143.5, 143.2, 141.8, 141.4, 136.7, 134.7, 130.5, 129.6, 129.5, 129.1, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 127.7, 126.8, 126.4, 126.1, 125.5, 116.3, 116.2, 21.1 ppm.
HRMS (*m*/*z*) (ESI): calcd for C₂₉H₂₃NO 402.1852 [M+H⁺]; found 402.1848.

5-propyl-6-(quinolin-2-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol (3u)





The reaction of 2-methylquinoline (**1a**) (214.8 mg, 1.5 mmol), and 1-phenylocta-1,4-diyn-3-one (**2k**) (98.2 mg, 0.5 mmol) at 100 °C for 10 h, isolated by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/AcOEt = 10/1), affords 118.8 mg (70%) of **3u** as light yellow solid. **m.p.** 90-93 °C. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 9.68 (s, 1H), 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.84 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.55–7.51 (m, 1H), 7.07–7.01 (m, 5H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.36–1.30 (m, 2H), 0.63 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H) ppm. **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 160.2, 157.3, 147.5, 143.0, 142.5, 141.9, 135.4, 131.0, 129.8, 129.6, 129.3, 128.2, 128.1, 126.9, 126.7, 126.4, 125.1, 115.8, 114.8, 35.7, 24.2, 14.4 ppm. **HRMS** (*m*/*z*) (ESI): calcd for C₂₄H₂₂NO 340.1696 [M+H⁺]; found 340.1694.

4-(quinolin-2-yl)-3,5-di(thiophen-2-yl)phenol (3v)



The reaction of 2-methylquinoline (1a) (214.8 mg, 1.5 mmol), and 1,5-di(thiophen-2-yl)penta-1,4diyn-3-one (2l) (121.2 mg, 0.5 mmol) at 100 °C for 6 h, isolated by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/AcOEt = 10/1), affords 171.5 mg (89%) of **3v** as light yellow solid. **m.p.** 184-186 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 10.07 (s, 1H), 8.12 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.95–7.89 (m, 2H), 7.72– 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.57–7.51 (m, 1H), 7.26–7.15 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (s, 2H), 6.75–6.68 (m, 2H), 6.68–6.61 (m, 2H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 159.3, 157.4, 147.5, 142.5, 136.2, 135.8, 130.2, 130.0, 129.5, 128.4, 127.5, 127.4, 127.2, 127.1, 125.2, 116.6 ppm.

HRMS (*m/z*) (ESI): calcd for C₂₃H₁₆NOS₂ 386.0673 [M+H⁺]; found 386.0657.

3,5-dicyclopropyl-4-(quinolin-2-yl)phenol (3w)





The reaction of 2-methylquinoline (1a) (214.8 mg, 1.5 mmol), and 1,5-dicyclopropylpenta-1,4-diyn-3one (2m) (79.1 mg, 0.5 mmol) at 100 °C for 10 h, isolated by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/AcOEt = 10/1), affords 85.9 mg (57%) of **3w** as White solid. **m.p.** 171-173 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 9.34 (s, 1H), 8.37 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.00–7.91 (m, 2H), 7.74–7.67

(m, 1H), 7.59–7.53 (m, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.19 (s, 2H), 1.41–1.33 (m, 2H), 0.49 (d, *J* = 54.5 Hz, 8H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 160.8, 158.0, 148.2, 142.6, 136.2, 133.8, 130.0, 129.4, 128.4, 126.9, 126.8, 125.0, 108.3, 13.9, 9.9, 8.6 ppm.

HRMS (*m/z*) (ESI): calcd for C₂₁H₁₉NO 302.1539 [M+H⁺]; found 302.1531.

6-(quinolin-2-yl)-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol (3x)



The reaction of 2-methylquinoline (1a) (214.8 mg, 1.5 mmol), and 1-phenyl-5-(thiophen-2-yl)penta-1,4-diyn-3-one (2n) (118.2 mg, 0.5 mmol) at 100 °C for 7 h, isolated by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/AcOEt = 10/1), affords 165.1 mg (87%) of 3x as light yellow solid. m.p. 207-208 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 10.04 (s, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.82–7.76 (m, 2H), 7.66– 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.48–7.42 (m, 1H), 7.24–7.16 (m, 1H), 7.12–7.08 (m, 4H), 7.06–7.02 (m, 3H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.74–6.65 (m, 1H), 6.67–6.61 (m, 1H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d₆*): δ 159.5, 157.4, 147.4, 143.7, 142.9, 141.4, 135.4, 130.5, 129.8, 129.6, 129.3, 128.1, 128.0, 127.3, 127.0, 126.9, 126.8, 126.6, 125.4, 117.0, 116.2 ppm.
HRMS (*m*/*z*) (ESI): calcd for C₂₅H₁₈NOS 380.1104 [M+H⁺]; found 380.1086.

5-cyclopropyl-6-(quinolin-2-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol (**3**y)



The reaction of 2-methylquinoline (1a) (214.8 mg, 1.5 mmol), and 1-cyclopropyl-5-phenylpenta-1,4diyn-3-one (2o) (97.1 mg, 0.5 mmol) at 100 °C for 9 h, isolated by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/AcOEt = 10/1), affords 113.0 mg (67%) of **3y** as light yellow solid. **m.p.** 118-120 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d₆*): δ 9.65 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70–7.62 (m, 1H), 7.54–7.48 (m, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.08–7.02 (m, 5H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 1.71–1.62 (m, 1H), 0.58 (s, 4H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d₆*): δ 160.3, 157.7, 147.6, 143.8, 142.3, 141.8, 135.5, 132.0, 129.7, 129.6, 129.3, 128.1, 128.1, 126.8, 126.6, 126.4, 125.2, 114.4, 110.3, 13.8, 9.3 ppm. HRMS (*m*/*z*) (ESI): calcd for C₂₄H₂₀NO 338.1539 [M+H⁺]; found 338.1537.

6-(6-ethoxyquinolin-2-yl)-5-(naphthalen-2-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol (3z)



The reaction of 2-methylquinoline (1a) (214.8 mg, 1.5 mmol), and 1-(naphthalen-2-yl)-5-phenylpenta-1,4-diyn-3-one (2p) (140.2 mg, 0.5 mmol) at 100 °C for 8 h, isolated by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/AcOEt = 10/1), affords 147.3 mg (63%) of **3z** as light yellow solid. **m.p.** 136-137 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 9.93 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.71–7.63 (m, 3H), 7.52–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.42–7.36 (m, 2H), 7.16–7.11 (m, 1H), 7.10–7.04 (m, 7H), 6.95–6.88 (m, 2H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 157.2, 156.9, 156.7, 143.5, 143.2, 143.2, 141.8, 139.5, 133.8, 133.0, 131.8, 130.8, 130.5, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.8, 127.1, 127.0, 126.8, 126.5, 126.3, 125.7, 122.1, 116.7, 116.5, 106.5, 63.8, 15.0 ppm.

HRMS (*m/z*) (ESI): calcd for C₃₃H₂₆NO₂468.1958 [M+H⁺]; found 468.1956.



Copies of ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of all compounds

















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