

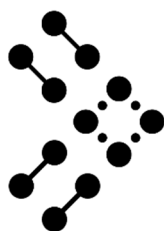


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**Syntézy nových sloučenin vycházející ze
4-hydroxychinolin-2(1*H*)-onů potenciálně
využitelných k úpravě vlastností nebo k ochraně
materiálů**

**Syntheses of Novel Compounds Based on
4-Hydroxyquinolin-2(1*H*)-ones Potentially Applicable for
Properties Modification or Protection of Materials**



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Abstrakt

Předložená disertační práce se zabývá syntézou a reaktivitou 4-hydroxychinolin-2(1*H*)-onů, chinolin-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-dionů a sloučenin z těchto látek dostupných, především derivátů kyseliny anthranilové.

V literární části je kromě reaktivity přiblížena také biologická aktivita, přírodní výskyt a potenciální využití těchto sloučenin k úpravě vlastností nebo k ochraně materiálů. V druhé části práce jsou komentovány výsledky výzkumné činnosti autora publikované v odborné literatuře.

Abstract

Presented dissertation thesis is focused on a synthesis and reactivity of 4-hydroxyquinolin-2(1*H*)-ones, quinoline-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-diones and the substances available therefrom, especially anthranilic acid derivatives.

In the literary part, biological activity, natural occurrence, and potential application of these compounds at modifying properties and/or protecting materials are discussed in addition to reactivity. The second part of the thesis deals with the results of the research activities of the author published in the literature.

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1. ÚVOD

Sloučeniny, které obsahují ve své struktuře 4-hydroxychinolin-2-onový systém a z nich odvozené chinolin-2,4-diony patří mezi velmi početnou a zajímavou skupinu chemických látek, které jsou dlouhodobě zkoumány také na Ústavu chemie FT UTB ve Zlíně. Proto není zvláštní, že na tomto pracovišti bylo v minulosti publikováno mnoho diplomových a také několik disertačních^{1,2} prací s podobnou tematikou. Toto pojednání ke Státní závěrečné zkoušce jsem se rozhodl pojmut z pohledu, který se snaží mapovat nejen syntézu titulních sloučenin, ale také jejich praktický význam, výskyt v přírodě a nastínit další výzkumný potenciál těchto zajímavých chemických individuí. Do této skupiny patří i několik používaných (laquinimod) či potenciálních (chinoxikain, L-701324) farmak a řada sloučenin vykazujících slibnou biologickou aktivitu, což jen zdůrazňuje význam výzkumu v oblasti hydroxychinolonů.

Rešeršní část disertační práce se zaměřuje na 4-hydroxychinolony a chinolin-2,4-diony, které byly izolovány z přírody a na syntetické sloučeniny, které vykazují zajímavou biologickou aktivitu. V druhé části jsou popsány některé syntézy těchto sloučenin s důrazem na recentní literaturu. Pevně doufám, že pro čtenáře bude tento text zajímavým a inspirativním zdrojem informací. Toto pojednání se také stalo předlohou pro přehledný článek publikovaný v časopise *Current Organic Chemistry*, který je součástí této disertační práce.

2. ZNÁMÉ 4-HYDROXYCHINOLIN-2-ONY A CHINOLIN-2,4-DIONY

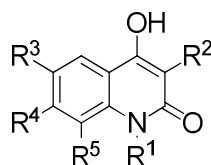
Databázovým nástrojem Reaxys bylo nalezeno bezmála 10 000 derivátů 4-hydroxychinolin-2-onu, z nichž u menší poloviny byly zkoumány některé biologické účinky. Chinolin-2,4-dionů je známo *cca* 2000. Zástupci obou skupin byly izolovány z některých hub, bakterií či rostlin a řada látek obsahujících strukturu 4-hydroxychinolonu či chinolin-2,4-dionu vykazuje *in vivo* nebo alespoň *in vitro* zajímavé biologické účinky.

V této sekci rešeršní části disertační práce budou popsány přírodní 4-hydroxychinolin-2-ony a chinolin-2,4-diony a také významné syntetické deriváty.

2.1 4-Hydroxychinolin-2-ony izolované z přírody

Některé jednoduché 4-hydroxychinolin-2-ony se vyskytují v přírodě. Nejjednodušší derivát této skupiny, sloučenina **1**, byla izolována z plísně

*Penicillium citrinum*³ a také z asijského keře *Haplophyllum bucharicum*⁴. Z plísně *P. citrinum* byl izolován⁵ také *N*-methylderivát **2**, který vykazuje⁶ schopnost vychytávání volných radikálů a v biologických testech vykazoval také jistou cytotoxickou aktivitu⁷. Z routovité rostliny *Micromelum falcatum* byl izolován⁸ 3-methoxyderivát **3**, jehož analog s dvěma methoxylovými skupinami, swietenidin **4**, byl izolován⁹ z pryskoně zelenodřevé (*Chloroxylon swietenia*), což je indický strom.

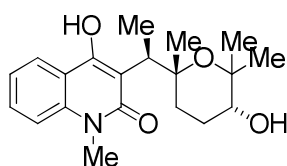


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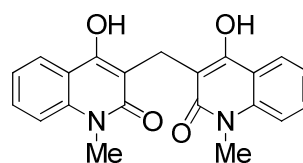
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1	H	H	H	H	H
2	Me	H	H	H	H
3	Me	MeO	H	H	H
4	Me	MeO	H	H	MeO
5	H	H	Br	H	H
6	H	H	Br	Br	H
7	H	H	MeO	H	MeO

Tabulka 1. Substituenty sloučenin 1-7.

Za zajímavou skutečnost lze považovat existenci přírodních bromchinolonů **5** a **6**, které byly izolovány¹⁰ z mořského houbovce *Hyrtios erecta*. Sloučenina **5** částečně inhibuje krysí neuronální syntasu oxidu dusného. Ze dřeva stromu *Halfordia scleroxyla* byl izolován¹¹ dimethoxychinolon **7**. Zajímavý přírodní hydroxychinolon bucharidin byl izolován¹² z keře *Haplophyllum bucharicum* a v experimentech na myších¹³ vykazoval estrogení účinky.

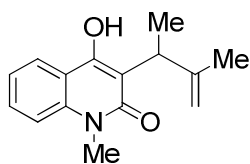


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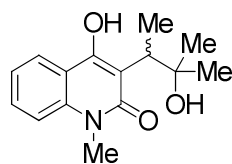


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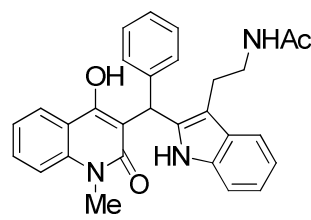
Sloučenina **8** se dvěma chinolonovými jednotkami byla získána¹⁴ ze dřeva žlutodřevu *Zanthoxylum mutans*.



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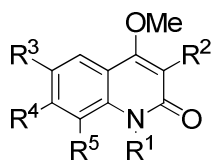
paraensin



SF2809-V

Čeď routovitých zahrnuje řadu rostlin, které obsahují chinolonové deriváty. Z citrusu *Ravenia spectabilis* byl izolován 4-hydroxychinolin-2-on ravenolin, strukturně příbuzný paraensin byl izolován¹⁵ z amarella (*Euxylophora paraensis*). Z kultivačního média bakterií rodu *Dactylosporangium* je možno izolovat¹⁶ indolový derivát SF2809-V.

Řada derivátů 4-hydroxychinolin-2-onu se v přírodě vyskytuje ve formě etherů, tedy jako 4-alkoxychinolin-2-ony.



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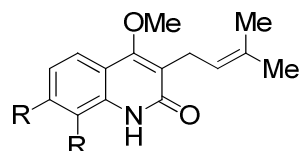
9-15	R ¹	R ²	R ³	R ⁴	R ⁵
9	H	H	H	H	H
10	Me	H	H	H	H
11	MeO	H	H	H	H
12	H	H	H	H	MeO
13	H	H	MeO	H	MeO
14	H	CHO	H	MeO	MeO
15	H	Et	H	OH	MeO

Tabulka 2. Substituenty methoxychinolonů 9 – 15.

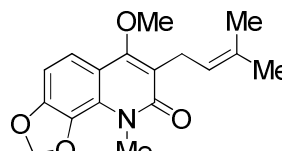
Nejjednodušší zástupce této skupiny, methoxychinolon 9, byl izolován z řady rostlin čeledi routovitých – ze dřeva exotického ovocného stromu *Clausena lansium*¹⁷, z listů a dřeva tropické rostliny *Peltostigma guatemalense*¹⁸, ze dřeva *Myrtopsis sellingi*¹⁹ a také ze dřeva a listů *Haplophyllum bungei* a *H. bucharicum*²⁰. V laboratorních testech *in vitro* vykazovala¹⁸ tato sloučenina mírný antiplasmodický účinek. Ještě hojněji je v přírodě zastoupen methylderivát 10. Ten byl izolován z hortii *Hortia superba*²¹, *H. brasiliiana* a *H. oreadica*, z feronie *Feronia limonia*²², ze žlutodřevů *Zanthoxylum wuthayense*²³ a *Z. monophyllum*²⁴, z routovité rostliny *Raputia praetermissa*²⁵, z asijského keře *Toddalia asiatica*²⁶ a podobně jako sloučenina 9 také ze dřeva *Clausena lansium*¹³. Sloučenina 10 byla izolována²⁷ také ze středozezemské routy halebské (*Ruta chalepensis*). U této

sloučeniny byly zjištěny antifungální a antialgická účinky²⁸. Haplotusin (**11**) byl izolován²⁹ z *Haplophyllum obtusifolium*. Edulitin (**12**) byl získán z hortie *H. superba*³⁰, z plodů jarvy *Cnidium monnieri*³¹ a z kořene tlustoslupky latnaté³² (*Murraya paniculata*). Ze vzdušných částí těhozevu *Agathosma bisulca* byl izolován³³ trimethoxychinolon halfordamin (**13**). Glykocitridin (**14**) je přírodní aldehyd vyskytující se³⁴ v melikopě *Melicopa semecarpifolia* a v citrusu *Glycosmis citrifolia*³⁵. Haplosin (**15**) byl nalezen³⁶ v *Haplophyllum perforatum* a obsahuje ve své struktuře ethylové uskupení v poloze 3 chinolinového kruhu, což je pro přírodní chinolony netypické.

Poměrně rozšířený v rostlinné říši je atanin, který byl izolován ze stonků a z listů *Clausena lansium*³⁷, ze dřeva žluotedřevu *Zanthoxylum wutaiense*³⁸, z nezralých plodů ampáku *Evodia rutaecarpa*³⁹, z tropického citrusu *Afraegle paniculata*⁴⁰ a z *Ravenia spectabilis*⁴¹. Jeho dimethoxyderivát preskimmianin byl izolován z boronie *Boronia pinnata*⁴², z šedoku (*Citrus grandis*)⁴³ a z třemdavy bílé (*Dictamnus albus*)⁴⁴.

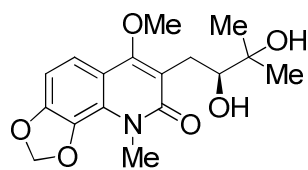


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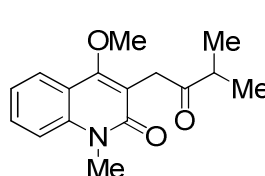


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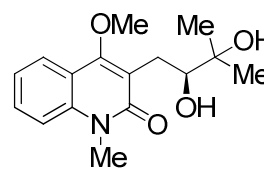
Ze vzdušných částí orixy japonské (*Orixa japonica*) byl izolován⁴⁵ chinolon pteleprenin. Z orixy japonské byl izolován také noroxirin⁴⁶ a orixiarin⁴⁷. Edulinin byl izolován z listů a plodů routovité rostliny *Teclea nobilis*⁴⁸, z listů a plodů *Citrus macroptera*⁴⁹, z natě routy vonné (*Ruta graveolens*)⁵⁰ a dále z čilského keře *Fagara mayu*⁵¹ a *Pelea barbiger*⁵². Lunacridin byl izolován⁵³ z *Lunasia amara*.



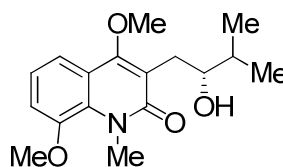
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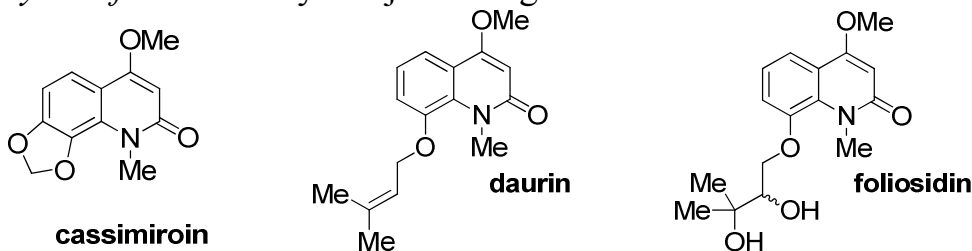
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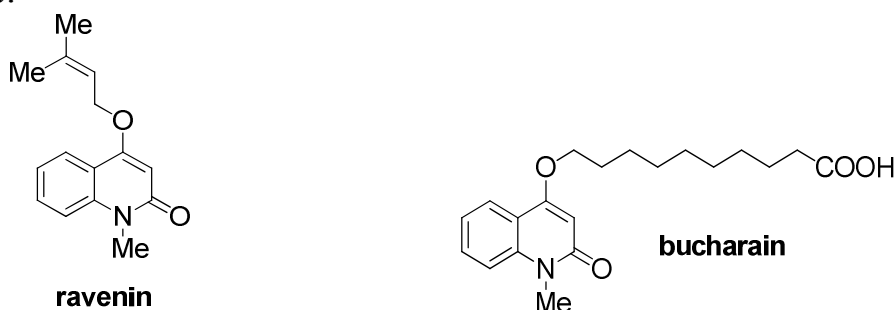
lunacridin

Ze semen zapoty bílé (*Cassimiroa edulis*) byl získán cassimiroin, který ve své struktuře obsahuje dioxolanový motiv. Daurin byl izolován⁵⁴ z *Haplophyllum*

dauricum. Chemicky příbuzný vicinální diol foliosidin byl izolován⁵⁵ z *Haplophyllum foliosum* a vykazuje¹³ estrogenní aktivitu.



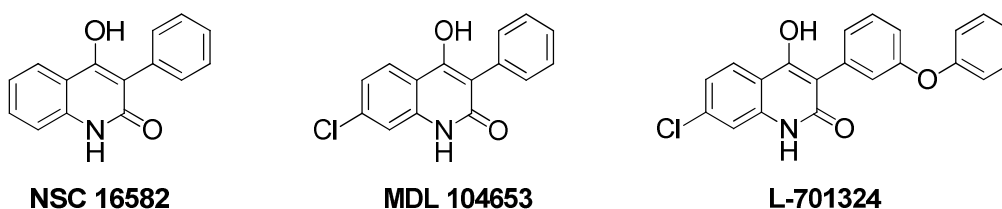
Naprostá většina těchto přírodních etherů obsahuje v poloze 4 chinolinového kruhu methoxylové uskupení. Příkladem sloučenin, u kterých je vázán jiný alkoholový zbytek je ravenin a karboxylová kyselina bucharain. Ravenin byl izolován⁴¹ z *Ravenia spectabilis*, bucharain se vyskytuje⁵⁶ v *Haplophyllum bucharicum*.



Pestrá škála chinolinových alkaloidů obsahuje ve své struktuře podjednotku 4-hydroxychinolin-2-onu, kdy dochází k vytvoření dalšího heterocyklického kruhu zapojením kyslíku z hydroxylového uskupení v poloze 4 chinolinového kruhu. Zajímavá diskuse takových přírodních sloučenin by však přesahovala rámec tohoto pojednání.

2.2 Biologicky aktivní syntetické 4-hydroxychinolin-2-ony

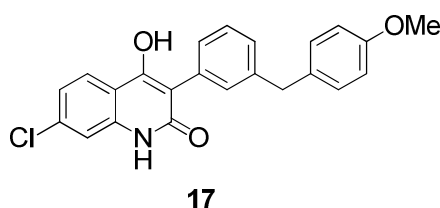
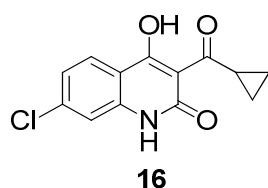
Jednoduchý fenylochinolon označovaný jako NSC 16582 je antagonistou NMDA receptoru na vazebné straně pro glycin^{57,58,59}. Jeho chlorderivát MDL 104653 je ještě účinnějším antagonistou⁵⁹ NMDA receptorů a vykazuje⁶⁰ antikonvulzivní účinky. Na základě výzkumu těchto sloučenin byl syntetizován selektivní antagonist NMDA receptorů L-701324.



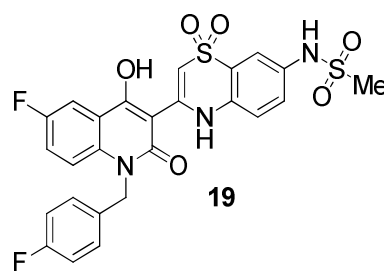
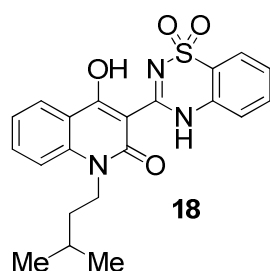
Sloučenina L-701324 působí jako velmi účinný antagonist⁶¹ NMDA receptorů na glycinové straně a NMDA_{1A/2B} receptorů⁶¹. V experimentech na myších

způsobovala orálně podaná sloučenina především hypolokomoci⁶², na myších byly také prokázány její antikonvulzivní účinky^{63,58}. Sedativní účinky sloučeniny L-701324 jsou srovnatelné⁶⁴ s účinky diazepamu. Sloučenina působí také jako hypotensivum⁶⁵. Využití sloučeniny L-701324 k léčbě různorodých neurologických a psychiatrických obtíží včetně škály neurodegenerativních chorob bylo⁶⁶ patentováno.

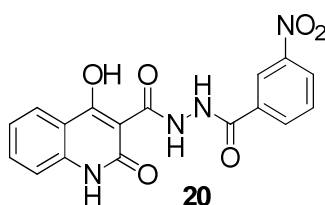
Schopnost inhibovat receptor NMDA a související sedativní, neuroprotektivní a antikonvulzivní účinky byla prokázána i u dalších chinolonů, jako je např. sloučenina L-701252⁵⁸ (**16**) či L-703717⁶⁷ (**17**).



Mezi deriváty 4-hydroxychinolin-2-onu patří i některé sloučeniny s významným antivirotickým účinkem⁶⁸. Sloučeniny **18** a **19** jsou reprezentativními^{69,70} vysoce účinnými inhibitory replikace viru infekční žloutenky C. Mechanismem účinku sloučenin typu **18** a **19** je inhibice virové RNA polymerasy^{71,72}.

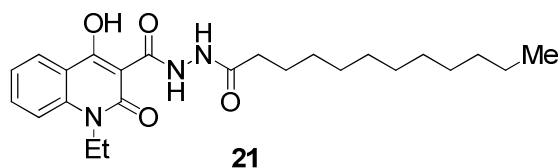


Jiné deriváty 4-hydroxychinolin-2-onu inhibují^{73,74,75} HIV-1 integrasu. Byla syntetizována široká série hydrazidů 4-hydroxychinolin-2-on-3-karboxylové kyseliny, které vykazovaly různou schopnost inhibovat HIV-1 integrasu, zdaleka nejúčinnější sloučeninou tohoto typu je hydrazid **20**.

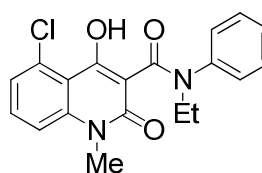
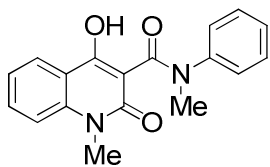


Zajímavé je, že podobné hydrazidy působí^{76,77,78} jako alosterické modulátory enzymu glykogen syntasa kinasa GSK-3. Příkladem účinného modulátoru tohoto receptoru je sloučenina VP0.7 (**21**). Výzkum v oblasti

modulátorů GSK-3 může přinést nové poznatky v léčbě některých autoimunitních nemocí⁷⁶.

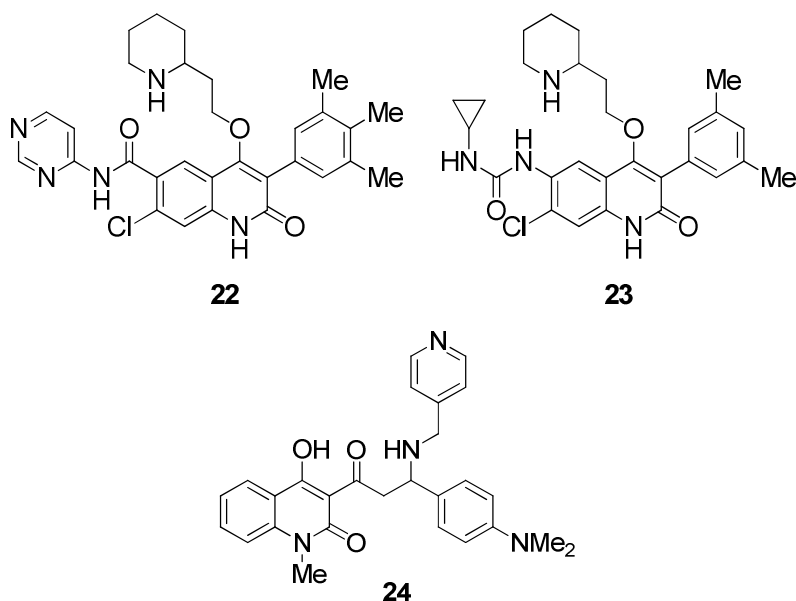


Některé 4-hydroxychinolin-2-ony jsou významnými imunomodulátory, výzkum v této oblasti vedl až k vývoji linomidu a laquinimodu. Linomid představuje starší sloučeninu, farmakum vyvíjené společností Active Biotech. Linomid je imunomodulátor^{79,80,81} zvyšuje aktivitu NK lymfocytů a cytotoxicitu makrofágů. Je to inhibitor angiogeneze⁸² a zvyšuje sekreci TNF- α . Sloučenina byla zkoumána jako lék pro léčbu některých druhů rakoviny a autoimunitních onemocnění. Výzkum linomidu však byl ukončen z důvodu kardiovaskulární toxicity. Linomid vykazuje vasodilatační účinky⁸³.



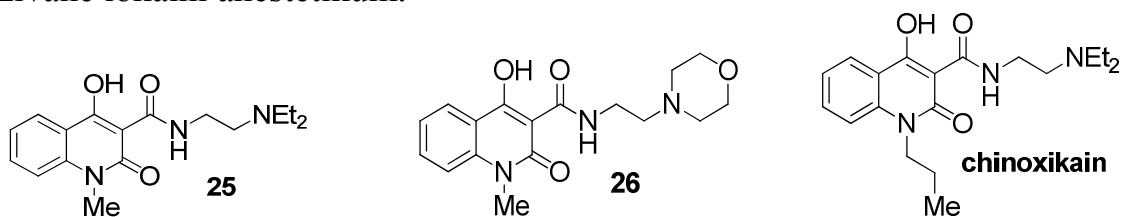
Novějším preparátem je laquinimod, který je jako farmakum vyvíjen společností Active Biotech a Teva. Sloučenina působí jako imunomodulátor^{84,85,86,87} a je zkoumána jako farmakum pro léčbu roztroušené sklerózy. V Rusku byl laquinimod povolen jako farmakum pro léčbu roztroušené sklerózy a je k dostání⁸⁸ pod komerčním názvem Nervenra.

Některé piperidinem substituované chinolony jsou⁸⁹ antagonisté gonadotropin uvolňujícího hormonu (GnRH). Příkladem účinné sloučeniny^{90,91} je substance Q89 (**22**), jejíž potenciální využití při léčbě hypogonadismu bylo patentováno⁹². Za stejným účelem byla patentována⁹³ také podobně účinná⁹⁴ sloučenina Q76 (**23**).



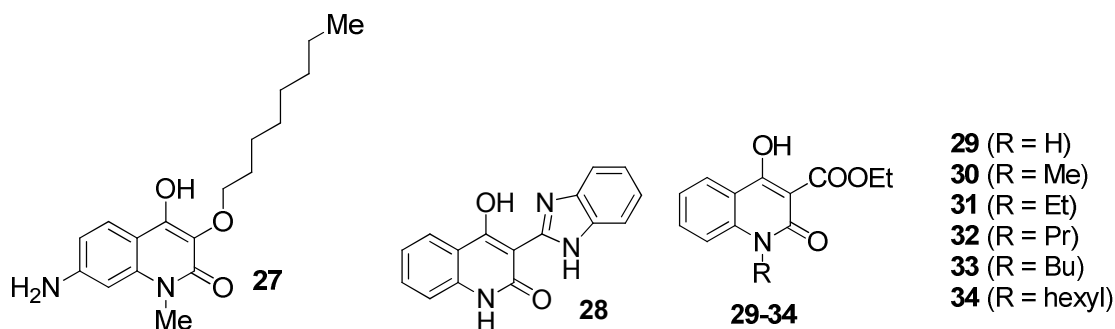
Sloučenina LT 232244 (**24**) byla patentována jako inhibitor glycerinaldehyd-3-fosfát dehydrogenasy S (GAPDH-S), což je enzym produkovaný výhradně v mužských gametách. Inhibitory GAPDH-S by se dle uvedeného patentu mohly stát mužskými kontraceptivy. Bylo patentováno využití této sloučeniny ke reverzibilnímu snížení motility mužských spermií a k modulaci reprodukčních funkcí⁹⁵.

Skupina ukrajinských autorů, dlouhodobě se zabývajících biologickými účinky chinolonů připravila⁹⁶ sérii amidů 4-hydroxychinolin-2-on-3-karboxylové kyseliny jako látek s potenciálním lokálně anestetickým účinkem. Identifikovaly nejúčinnější sloučeniny **25** a **26**, které vykazovaly srovnatelnou (**25**) či dokonce vyšší (**26**) účinnost jako lidokain přičemž jsou podstatně méně toxické než toto používané lokální anestetikum.



Výzkum nového typu lokálních anestetik vyvrcholil syntézou chinoxikainu⁹⁷, který byl patentován⁹⁸ pro využití jako injekční lokální anestetikum.

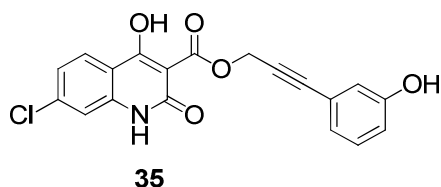
Poměrně nedávno bylo také patentováno^{99,100,101} využití některých 3-alkoxy-4-hydroxychinolin-2-onů jako protialergických léčiv. Příkladem účinného antialergika, které bylo testováno na morčatech je sloučenina **27**.



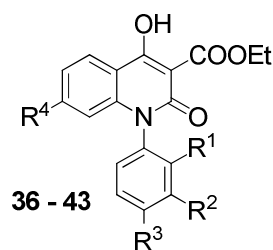
Celá řada substituovaných 4-hydroxychinolin-2-onů vykazuje rozmanité biologické účinky, na rozdíl od výše uvedených účinných sloučenin však nebyly dostatečně prozkoumány a v budoucnu může jejich výzkum přinést nové biologicky účinné chinolony či na nich založená farmaka. Sloučenina **28** inhibuje některé tyrosin kinasy u myši (VEGFR-2 a PDFGR- β tyrosin kinasy¹⁰²) a serin/threonin kinasy¹⁰³. Právě na principu inhibice tyrosin kinas tato sloučenina inhibuje¹⁰⁴ fosforylaci některých peptidových substrátů a vykazuje¹⁰⁴ *in vitro* antiproliferativní účinky. Sloučenina **28** a některé podobné deriváty vykazují¹⁰⁵ také schopnost inhibovat činnost štítné žlázy.

Ethylester **29** vykazuje antagonismus receptorů NMDA na glycinové straně, v experimentech na králících a krysách bylo zjištěno, že sloučenina vykazuje¹⁰⁶ analgetické a protizánětlivé účinky stejně jako účinky protisrážlivé, diuretické a nootropické. Její jednoduché *N*-alkylderiváty (**30-34**) vykazují¹⁰⁷ pouze účinky analgetické a protizánětlivé. Nejsilnější analgetické účinky byly pozorovány u *N*-butylderivátu **33**.

Byla připravena a prozkoumána také řada esterů typu **29**, které byly substituovány na aromatickém jádře nebo nesly jiný alkoholový zbytek na karboxylové funkci. Také tyto sloučeniny působily antagonisticky na receptor NMDA a některé z nich také vykazovaly antiepileptické vlastnosti na modelu audiogenních křečí u myši. Nebyly však tak účinné jako výše zmíněné 3-arylchinolony. Za zmínku stojí sloučenina L-701273 (**35**), která účinně inhibovala receptor NMDA ale zcela selhala při testování antiepileptických účinků.



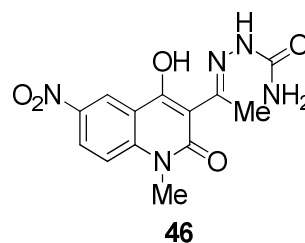
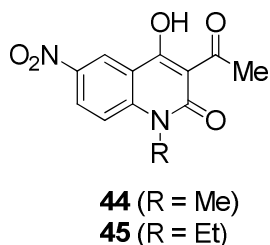
Výrazné protizánětlivé účinky pak byly pozorovány¹⁰⁷ u *N*-arylderivátů **36** – **43**. Tyto sloučeniny tlumily exsudativní reakci u myšního modelu akutního zánětu vyvolaného karagenem.



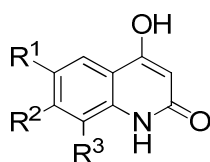
36-43	R¹	R²	R³	R⁴
36	H	H	H	H
37	H	Me	Me	Cl
38	H	H	Me	H
39	H	H	MeO	H
40	H	MeO	H	H
41	Me	Me	H	H
42	H	H	Me	Cl
43	H	H	MeO	Cl

Tabulka 3. Substituenty na aromatických jádrech sloučenin 36 – 43.

Egyptští autoři připravili sérii jednoduchých 6-nitrochinolonů, které zkoumali¹⁰⁸ jako látky s potenciálním antibakteriálním a antifungálním účinkem. Sloučeniny **44-46** vykazovaly antimikrobiální aktivitu, velmi účinně inhibovaly růst *Bacillus cereus*, sloučeniny **44** a **45** inhibovaly také růst *Escherichia coli*. Sloučeniny **44 – 46** inhibovaly růst plísní *Aspergillus flavus* a *A. niger*.



Skupina indických autorů¹⁰⁹ připravila sérii fluorovaných chinolonů **47 – 52**, které v biologických testech vykazovaly mírnou fotocytotoxickou aktivitu a schopnost inhibovat růst *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. Nejvyšší fotocytotoxická aktivita byla pozorována u sloučeniny **51**, Tato sloučenina také nejvíce inhibovala růst *M. tuberculosis*. Zcela inaktivní v provedených testech byl nesubstituovaný 4-hydroxychinolin-2-on.

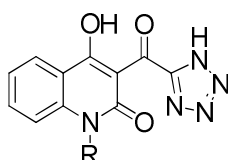


47 - 52

47 – 52	R ¹	R ²	R ³
47	F	H	H
48	H	F	H
49	H	H	F
50	CF ₃	H	H
51	H	CF ₃	H
52	H	H	CF ₃

Tabulka 4. Substituenty chinolonů 47 – 52.

Tetrazolové deriváty **53** a **54** byly patentovány^{110,111} jako antidota proti benzoylisoxazolovým herbicidům, která snižují jejich fototoxicitu a chrání zasažené rostliny.

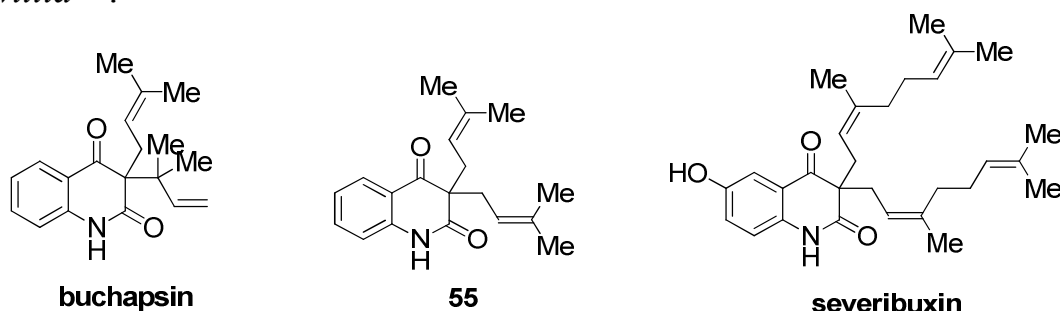


53 (R = Me)

54 (R = Et)

2.3 Chinolin-2,4-diony izolované z přírody

Buchapsin byl izolován ze vzdušných částí *Haplophyllum bucharicum*¹¹² a *H. tuberculatum*^{113,112}. Buchapsin inhibuje¹¹⁴ replikace viru HIV a vykazuje určitou cytotoxicitu. Podobný derivát **55** byl izolován ze dřeva *Esenbeckia flava*¹¹⁵ a *E. almawillia*¹¹⁶.



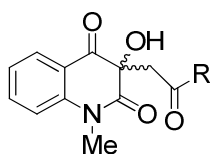
buchapsin

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severibuxin

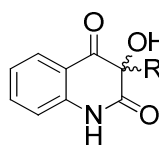
Posledním chinolindionem s obdobnou strukturou je severibuxin, izolovaný⁸ z ozdobné citrusové rostliny *Severinia buxifolia*. Tato sloučenina vykazuje cytotoxickou aktivitu.

Z *Micromelum falcatum* byly izolovány¹¹⁷ dva 3-hydroxychinolin-2,4-diony **56** a **57**. Podle autorů článku, kde byla izolace těchto sloučenin popsána vykazují obě sloučeniny jistou toxicitu vůči larvám žábřonožek, což naznačuje, že další výzkum těchto sloučenin by mohl prokázat určitou biologickou aktivitu. Z pseudomonády *P. aeruginosa* byly izolovány¹¹⁸ dva 3-hydroxychinolindiony, heptylderivát **58** a nonylderivát **59**.



56 (R = Me)

57 (R = MeO)

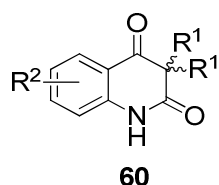


58 (R = nonyl)

59 (R = heptyl)

2.4 Biologicky aktivní syntetické chinolin-2,4-diony

Jak již bylo zmíněno v předešlé kapitole, u některých přírodních 3,3-dialkylchinolin-2,4-dionů byla zjištěna schopnost inhibovat replikaci viru HIV a také cytotoxická aktivita. Na základě struktury buchapsinu byla připravena¹¹⁴ série podobných derivátů **60** (12 sloučenin) u kterých byla zjišťována schopnost chránit lymfoblasty před infekcí virem HIV a zároveň cytotoxicita vůči těmto lymfoblastům¹¹⁹.



60

R¹=

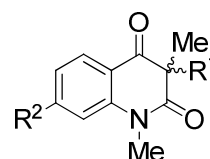
-CH₂CH=CH₂,

-CH₂CH=C(CH₃)₂,

-CH₂CH₂CH=C(CH₃)₂,

Pr, Bu

R²= H, 7-Cl, 6-F, 8-F



61 (R¹ = Me, R² = H)

62 (R¹ = Me, R² = Cl)

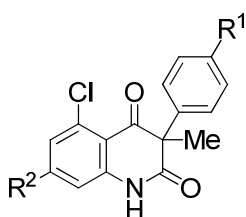
63 (R¹ = Me, R² = MeO)

64 (R¹ = Et, R² = H)

Bylo zjištěno, že tyto sloučeniny představují nadějnou skupinu inhibitorů replikace HIV a také zajímavý fakt, že jakákoliv substituce na aromatickém kruhu vyústila v úplnou ztrátu biologické aktivity sloučenin.

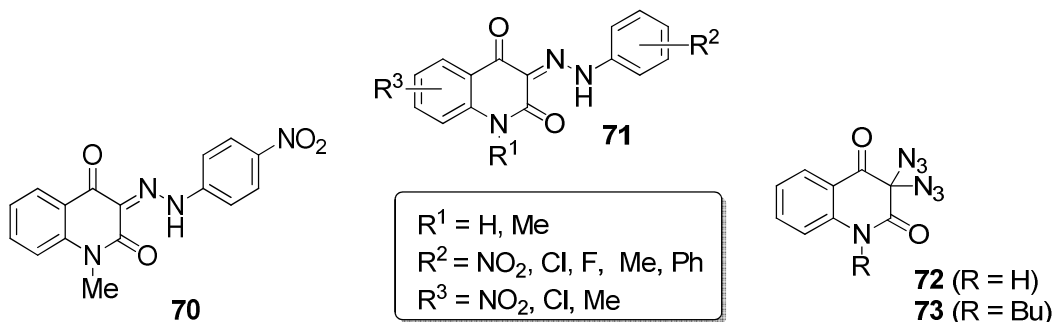
V publikaci z roku 1974 je zmíněna¹²⁰ příprava čtyř chinolin-2,4-dionů **61** – **64**, s kterými byly prováděny experimenty na myších. Vyhodnocovala se toxicita, schopnost sloučenin tlumit elektrogenní křeče a prodlužovat dobu spánku. Sloučeniny vykazovaly nízkou toxicitu (LD₅₀ v rozmezí 300 – 472 mg/kg) a jen mírné antikonvulzivní účinky. Výraznější antikonvulzivní účinky vykazovala sloučenina **61**. Sloučeniny **61** – **63** prodlužovaly délku spánku u myší, z tohoto hlediska byla nejúčinnější sloučenina **62**.

3-Aryl-3-methylchinolin-2,4-diony vykazují^{121,122,123} vysokou afinitu k serotoninovým receptorům 5HT₆. Je patentováno¹²⁴ 120 sloučenin typu **65** – **68**, které jsou vysoce účinnými a selektivními inhibitory 5-HT₆ receptorů a jsou patentovány k léčbě různých psychiatrických chorob. Všechny sloučeniny vykazovaly vysokou schopnost inhibovat zmíněné receptory (IC₅₀ = 0,015 – 2,471 μmol), přičemž působily pouze nepatrně na ostatní subtypy receptorů 5-HT₁, 5-HT₂ a 5-HT₇ a na dopaminové receptory D₁ – D₄. Nejúčinnějšími inhibitory serotoninových receptorů jsou látky **65** – **68**, jejichž inhibiční koncentrace IC₅₀ se pohybovala v rozmezí 0,015 (**67**) – 0,073 (**68**) μmol.



- 65** (R¹ = OH, R² = Cl)
67 (R¹ = NHEt, R² = Cl)
68 (R¹ = NEt₂, R² = Cl)
69 (R¹ = Br, R² = MeO)

Biologická aktivita byla zkoumána u pestré palety derivátů chinisatinu, především u příslušných oximů a hydrazonů. U barviva C.I. disperzní žluť **79** (**70**) byla zjištěna schopnost inhibovat růst *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. Byla syntetizována¹²⁵ široká série sloučenin (celkem 79 derivátů) vycházejících ze struktury fenylylhydrazonu chinisatinu. Tyto sloučeniny (**71**) účinně inhibují^{126,125} růst *M. tuberculosis* a jejich další výzkum může přinést nová antituberkulotika.

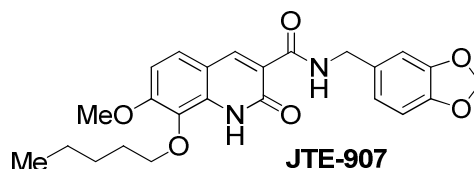


Některé deriváty chinisatinu vykazují schopnost inhibovat NMDA receptor na vazebném místě pro glycin. Byla patentována řada chinisatinových derivátů, které působí jako NMDA antagonisté a jsou patentovány pro léčbu některých obtíží souvisejících s poškozením mozku a neurodegenerativními chorobami.

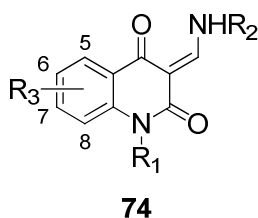
Kolektiv rakouských autorů připravil sérii substituovaných 3-azidochinolin-2,4-dionů u kterých byla zkoumána¹²⁷ schopnost inhibovat

agregaci lidských krevních destiček. Ze série sloučenin byly nejúčinnější 3,3-diazidochinolindiony **72** a **73**.

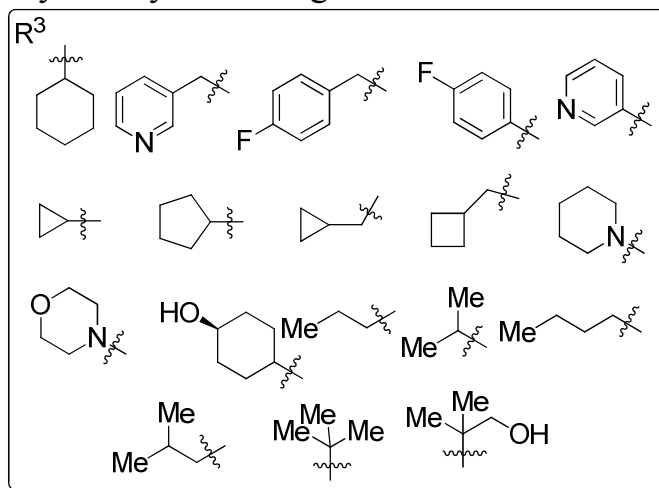
Recentně bylo objeveno¹²⁸, že některé chinolin-2,4-diony jsou vysoce selektivními agonisty kanabinoidních receptorů CB₂. U sloučenin obsahujících ve své struktuře chinolonovou jednotku bylo již dříve prokázáno, že vykazují afinitu ke kanabinoidním receptorům¹²⁹ (např. antagonist CB₂ receptorů JTE-907).



V publikaci¹²⁸ z roku 2015 byla popsána syntéza široké série sloučenin **74** u kterých byla posuzována schopnost vázat se na kanabinoidní receptory CB₁ a CB₂. Sloučeniny nevykazovaly afinitu k receptorům CB₁, ale řada jich se účinně vážala na receptory CB₂. Tento receptor je důležitý z medicijního hlediska, protože pravděpodobně zodpovídá za léčebné účinky kanabinoidů (protizánětlivé, imunomodulační, analgetické) přičemž CB₂-agonismus nesouvisí s psychotropními účinky kanabinoidů. Zajímavou skutečností je, že sloučeniny, které byly na aromatickém kruhu substituovány v poloze 8, vykazovaly schopnost agonistů CB₂ receptorů a sloučeniny, které byly substituovány v polohách 6 nebo 7 na aromatickém kruhu vykazovaly účinky CB₂ antagonistů.

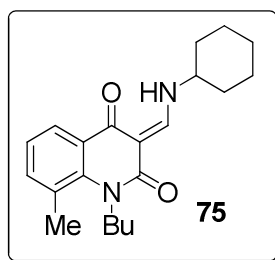


R¹ = Et, Pr, Bu, pentyl, hexyl
R³ = H, Me, MeO, Cl, Br, CF₃, tBu



Nejúčinnější sloučeninou z této série byla¹²⁸ látka **75**, se kterou byly také úspěšně utlumeny symptomy experimentální autoimunitní encefalomyelitidy u

myší. Sloučenina úspěšně chránila centrální nervový systém před imunitním poškozením.



3. Syntéza 4-hydroxychinolin-2-onů a derivátů chinolin-2,4-dionu

Vzhledem ke značnému zájmu odborné veřejnosti o titulní sloučeniny, bylo popsáno mnoho postupů jejich přípravy. Většina z nich využívá klasické metody organické syntézy, některé postupy však vzešly z pečlivého studia reaktivity chemických sloučenin a o to jsou zajímavější (reakce využívající deriváty ethynu, str. 24). Řada preparací však vycházela z potřeby získat konkrétní deriváty pro jejich další výzkum.

3.1 Syntéza substituovaných 4-hydroxychinolin-2-onů

Nejstarší a nejpoužívanější metodou syntézy 4-hydroxychinolonů je tepelná kondenzace substituovaných anilinů se substituovanými deriváty kyseliny malonové. Metoda se postupně vyvíjela, nejdříve se používaly velké přebytky substituovaných diethyl-malonátů, později se objevily další postupy využívající např. aktivované bis(aryl)malonáty. Na Ústavu chemie FT UTB se nejlépe osvědčil postup, využívající substituované diethyl-malonáty v mírném nadbytku vůči použitému anilinu. Touto metodou je dostupná pestrá škála substituovaných chinolonů **76**, jak si lze povšimnout ve schématu níže (*Schéma 1*). Reakce probíhá přes ketenový meziprodukt a je známo, že při ní mohou vznikat vedlejší produkty (např. dianilidy malonových kyselin).

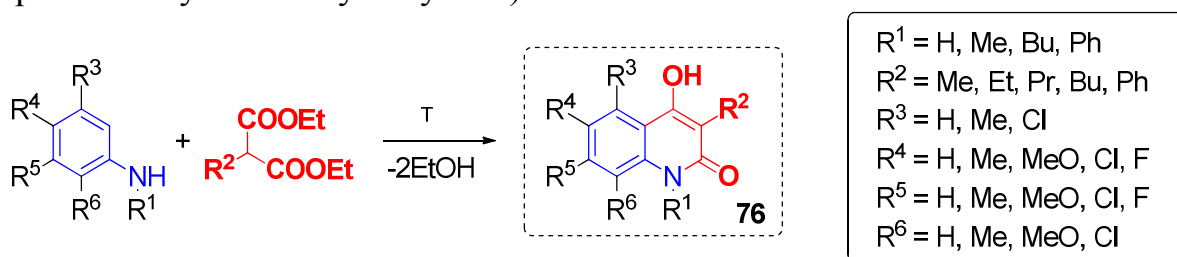


Schéma 1. Příprava 4-hydroxychinolin-2-onů klasickou metodou tepelné kondenzace anilinů s diethyl-malonáty.

Některé chinolony je však možné touto metodou připravit jen s malými výtěžky, proto byly hledány i nové cesty k titulním sloučeninám. Recentně se

v literatuře objevují zmínky o přípravě chinolonů za podmínek mikrovlnného ohřevu.

Příkladem může být příprava chinolonu **77**, uvedená ve *Schématu 2*. Tato pohodlná mikrovlnná syntéza s využitím aktivovaných malonátů¹³⁰ nalézá využití především při syntéze těch derivátů, které jsou staršími způsoby hůře dostupné.

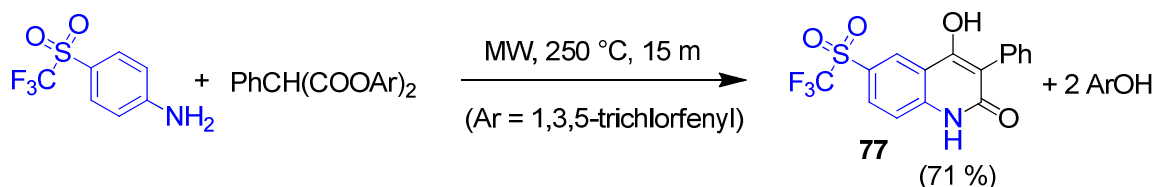


Schéma 2. Mikrovlnná syntéza fenylchinolonu 77.

Klasická metoda tepelné kondenzace anilinů se substituovaným malonátem selhává zejména v případě přípravy 3-nesubstituovaných 4-hydroxychinolin-2-onů. Za podmínek, kdy vzniká chinolonový cyklus dochází zároveň ke vzniku pyranového cyklu za účasti další molekuly malonátu. Níže uvedená reakce naznačuje princip vzniku^{131,132,133} pyranochinolindionů **78** (*Schéma 3*).

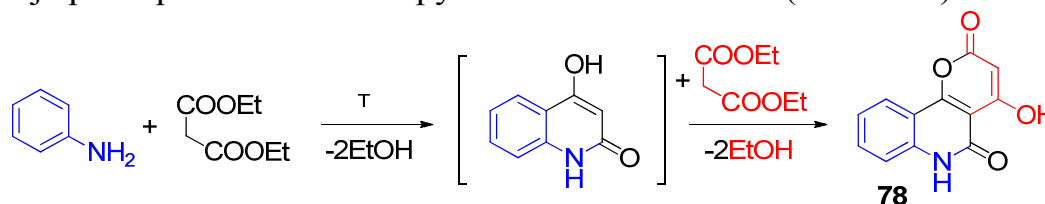


Schéma 3. Princip vzniku pyranochinolindionů při reakcích anilinů s diethylmalonátem.

3-Nesubstituované chinolony se tedy většinou získávaly zmiňovanou reakcí, kdy byl následně pyranový kruh hydrolyticky odstraněn. Takový postup může být ilustrován poměrně recentní syntézou níže (*Schéma 4*).

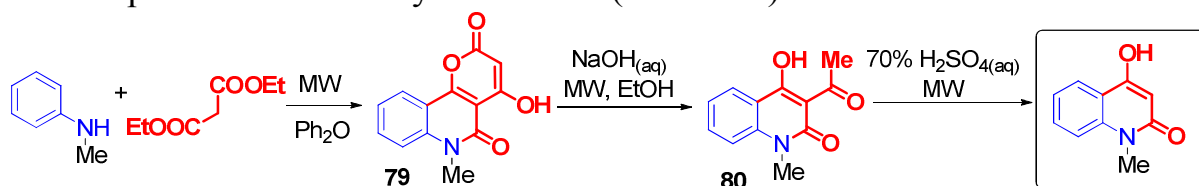


Schéma 4. Příprava 4-hydroxy-1-methylchinolinonu přes pyranochinolindion.

Tento postup může být využit také jako cesta k 3-acetylchinolonům **80**, které vznikají jako meziprodukt při štěpení pyranového kruhu sloučenin **79**.

Mikrovlnná syntéza vycházející ze substituovaných anilinů a volné kyseliny malonové byla na sérii 4-hydroxychinolonů ověřena¹⁰⁹ jako jedna z cest k přípravě 3-nesubstituovaných sloučenin s dobrými výtěžky (*Schéma 5*).

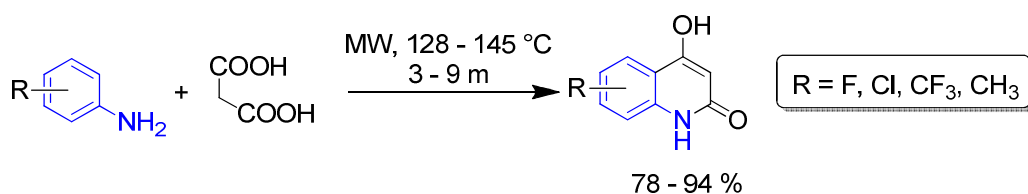


Schéma 5. Příklad syntézy 3-nesubstituovaných chinolonů z volné kyseliny malonové.

Další možností přípravy 3-nesubstituovaných sloučenin je například cyklizace anilidu kyseliny malonové **81** působením kyseliny polyfosforečné¹³⁴ (Schéma 6). Skutečnost, že dianilidy kyseliny malonové mohou za vysokých teplot poskytovat keten, který následně cyklizuje za vzniku 4-hydroxychinolonu, je dobře známá.

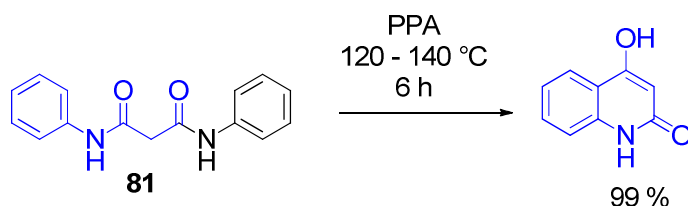


Schéma 6. Transformace dianilidu kyseliny malonové na příslušný chinolonový derivát.

Poměrně nedávno byla publikována¹³⁵ také elegantní dvoukroková syntéza 3-nesubstituovaného 4-hydroxychinolinu vycházející z anilinu a reaktivního substituovaného dioxandionu (Meldrumova kyselina). Intermediární malonanilid **82** byl následně dehydratován působením Eatonova činidla (Schéma 7).

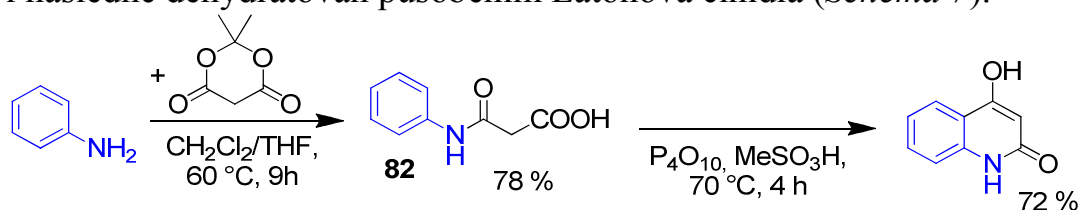


Schéma 7. Příklad aplikace Meldrumovy kyseliny při dvoukrokové syntéze 4-hydroxychinolin-2-onu.

V některých případech může být dokonce přínosné zvolit k syntéze 3-substituovaných chinolonů postup, vycházející z nesubstituovaných sloučenin. Taková metoda byla recentně popsána¹¹⁴ a vychází z chinolonů připravených mikrovlnou syntézou ze substituovaných anilinů a diethyl-malonátu za přítomnosti katalytického množství DMF. Takto získané výchozí sloučeniny mohou být snadno alkylovány použitím příslušných alkyljodidů a hydroxidu lithného jako base (Schéma 8).

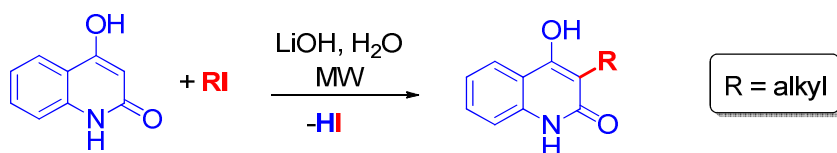


Schéma 8. Příprava chinolonových derivátů alkyací jednoduchého 4-hydroxychinolin-2-onu.

Alternativní metodou přípravu chinolonů je Claisenova kondenzace příslušných *N*-acylanthranilátů¹⁰⁶. Příklad syntézy 3-fenyl-4-hydroxychinolonů touto metodou ze sloučenin **83** je uveden ve Schéma 9. Tato metoda je dle odborné literatury také hojně používána, především u sloučenin, které při klasické tepelné kondenzaci vznikají v malém výtěžku (3-allyl či 3-methyl deriváty).

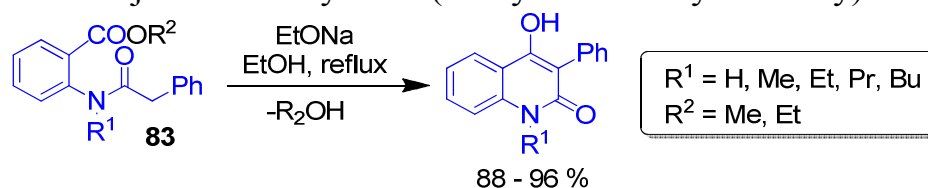


Schéma 9. Příklad využití Claisenovy kondenzace pro přípravu 3-fenylchinolonů.

Příprava některých substituovaných chinolonů byla také realizována metodou využívající cyklizaci Claisenova typu, kdy se na snadno dostupné *N*-acylanthraniláty **84** působí basickým katalyzátorem v methanolu a vznikající chinolon je následně uvolněn trifluoroctovou kyselinou (Schéma 10).

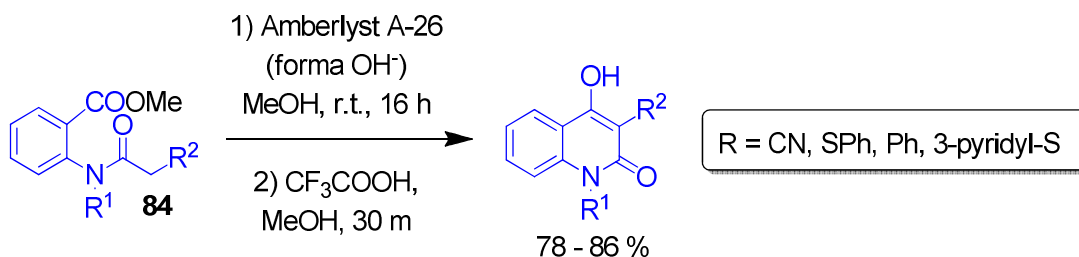


Schéma 10. Modifikovaná Claisenova reakce navržená pro přípravu některých 4-hydroxychinolin-2-onů.

Velmi zajímavá reakce, vedoucí k chinolonům, byla popsána¹³⁶ kolektivem japonských autorů (Schéma 11). Tato reakce vychází ze substituovaných ethynů **85**, které reagují s oxidem uhličitým za přítomnosti katalytického množství stříbrné soli a silné nenukleofilní base (DBU).

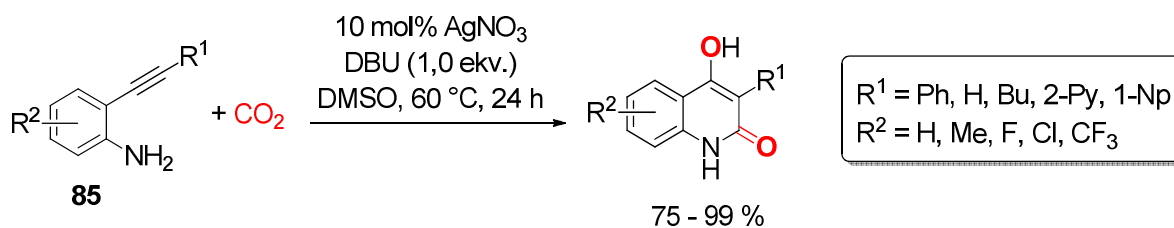


Schéma 11. Neobvyklá reakce substituovaných ethynů s oxidem uhličitým, vedoucí k chinolonovým derivátům.

Tato reakce není zajímavá pouze z hlediska inovativního přístupu k substituovaným 4-hydroxychinolin-2-onům, ale také z pohledu reakčního mechanismu. Reakce, při kterých je do molekuly začleněn oxid uhličitý jsou stále ještě málo prozkoumané. Navržený reakční mechanismus této neobvyklé transformace je uveden ve schématu níže (*Schéma 12*).

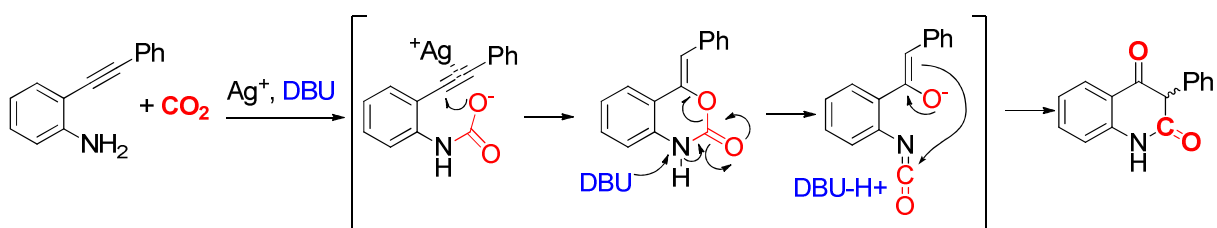


Schéma 12. Navržený mechanismus vzniku 4-hydroxychinolin-2-onů reakcí vycházející z látek 85.

3.2 Syntéza chinolin-2,4-dionů

3-Halogenderiváty chinolin-2,4-dionů lze snadno připravit adiční reakcí halogenu na 4-hydroxychinolin-2-ony. Takových příprav bylo v literatuře popsáno velké množství a byly vypracovány spolehlivé postupy přípravy 3-halogenchinolin-2,4-dionů, řada z nich je používána i na Ústavu chemie FT UTB ve Zlíně.

Chlorace 4-hydroxychinolinonů jsou obvykle^{137,138,139} prováděny v dioxanu za tepla a s použitím sulfuryl chloridu jako donoru chloru. Příkladem může příprava¹⁴⁰ chlorderivátu **86** ve schématu níže (*Schéma 13*).

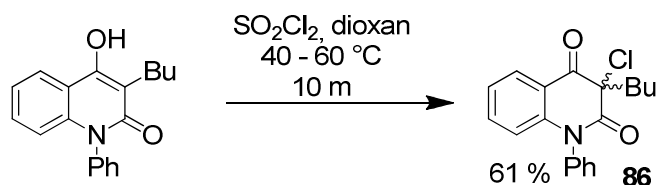


Schéma 13. Příklad přípravy 3-chlorchinolindionů z příslušného chinolonu.

Příprava 3,3-dichlorchinolindionů vychází obvykle z nesubstituovaných 4-hydroxychinolin-2-onů a sulfurylchloridu¹⁴¹ v horkém dioxanu jako donoru

chloru. Popsány jsou však také chlorace ve vodném prostředí, kde je zdrojem chloru směs chlorečnanu, chloridu a kyseliny sírové¹⁴². Byl popsán i postup, kdy je nejprve příslušný 4-hydroxychinolon nitrován a získaný 3-nitroderivát **87** konvertován na 3,3-dichlorderivát **88** působením thionylchloridu¹⁴³ (Schéma 14).

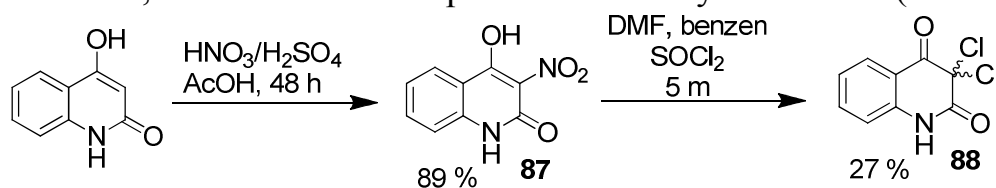


Schéma 14. Dvoukroková příprava dichlorchinolindionu **88** přes příslušný 3-nitroderivát.

3,3-Dibromderiváty lze připravit obdobně¹⁴⁴ z příslušných chinolonů působením bromu v horkém dioxanu. Používaným postupem je^{140,145,146,147} bromace v kyselině octové, která byla také prakticky ověřena k syntéze celé škály bromderivátů. Příkladem je bromace fenylochinolonu uvedená¹³⁷ v publikaci S. Kafky (Schéma 15).

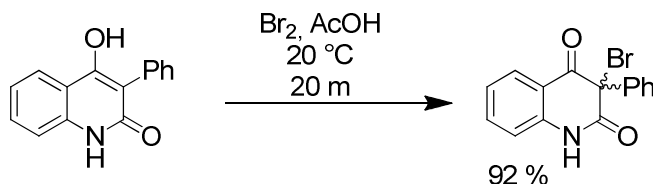


Schéma 15. Bromace 3-fenyl-4-hydroxychinolin-2-onu bromem v kyselině octové.

Působením směsi jodidu draselného a jodu na 4-hydroxychinolony ve vodném roztoku uhličitanu draselného je možno¹⁴⁸ připravit také některé 3-jodchinolindiony, tato tematika však ještě není dostatečně prozkoumána.

3-Halogenderiváty chinolindionů pak otevírají cestu k syntéze pestré palety substituovaných chinolindionů. Substitučními reakcemi je možné je hladce převést na nitrily, aminy^{137,149} azidy^{140,145} a další sloučeniny.

Oxidací 4-hydroxychinolin-2-onů jsou snadno dostupné 3-hydroxychinolin-2,4-diony. V odborné literatuře je popsáno více metod vedoucích ke zmíněným 3-hydroxychinolindionům. Působením různých oxidačních činidel na chinolonový systém dochází k jeho transformaci na 3-hydroxychinolin-2,4-diony. Z popsáných oxidačních činidel byl použit např. peroxid vodíku¹⁵⁰, kyselina peroxyoctová¹⁵² či kyselina 3-chlorperoxobenzoová¹⁵¹. Jeden z možných postupů¹⁵² zahrnuje také nitraci hydroxychinolonů, při které dochází k současné hydrolýze a vzniku 3-hydroxyderivátů. Reakce využívající kyselinu peroxyoctovou byla ověřena a je úspěšně používána na Ústavu chemie FT UTB. Příkladem tak může být jednoduchá oxidace 3-ethylchinolonu, popsána¹⁵³ v recentní publikaci S. Kafky (Schéma 16).

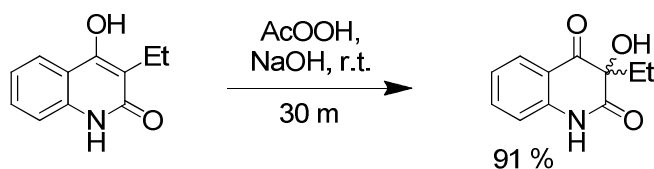


Schéma 16. Příklad elegantní oxidace chinolonového systému kyselinou peroxyoctovou.

Je známo, že deriváty chinisatinu mohou být připraveny hydrolysou 3,3-dibromchinolindionů¹⁵⁴, redukcí a oxidací 3-nitrosoderivátů¹⁵⁵ či z 3-chlor-3-nitrochinolin-2,4-dionů¹⁵⁶. Jednoduchá syntéza derivátů chinisatinu z chinolin-2,3,4-triolu oxidací jodistanem draselným v kyselině sírové (Schéma 17) byla patentována¹⁵⁷.

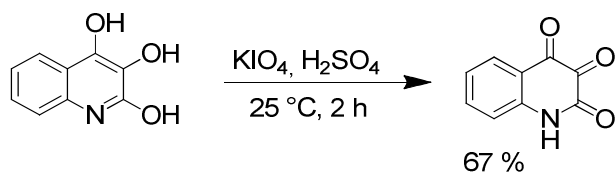


Schéma 17. Příprava chinisatinu oxidací chinolin-2,3,4-triolu.

Alkylací 4-hydroxychinolin-2-onů přebytkem alkylačního činidla jsou dostupné¹⁵⁸ 3,3-dialkylchinolindiony. Příkladem může být metoda, ilustrovaná ve Schéma 18, která využívá alkylbromidy jako alkylační činidla a hydroxid lithný ve vodném prostředí. Reakce poskytovala dobré výtěžky očekávaných produktů.

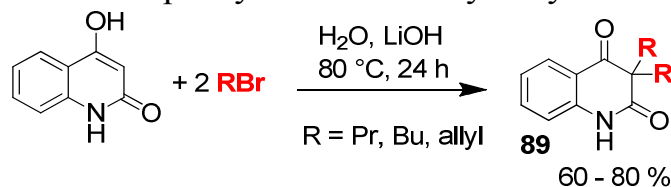


Schéma 18. Příprava 3,3-dialkylchinolindionů přebytkem alkylačního činidla.

Komplikací těchto alkylací však mohou být vedlejší reakce¹⁵⁹, které vedou ke vzniku nežádoucích produktů. Dobrým příkladem tohoto jevu je reakce uvedená ve Schéma 19, kdy vedlo použití propargylbromidu v horkém toluenu, vodného hydroxidu sodného a jodidu draselného za podmínek katalýzy fázového přenosu k izolaci 4 produktů.

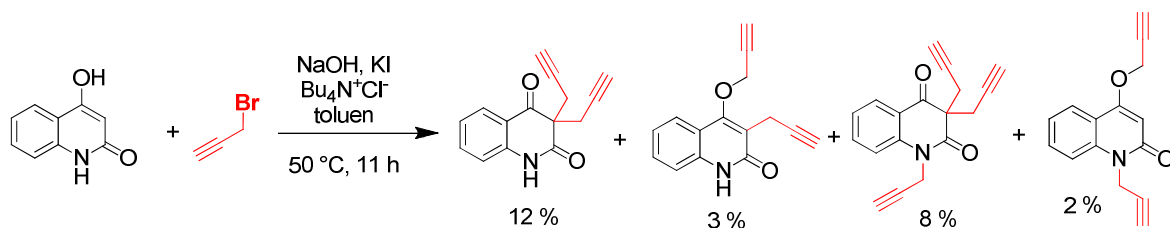


Schéma 19. Alkylace hydroxychinolonu propargylbromidem, poskytující čtyři různé produkty.

U přípravy významných 3-aryl-3-methylchinolonů je sice popsána¹⁶⁰ příprava vycházející z fenylchinolonu, ale detaily nelze vyhledat, nebyly nalezeny recentní zmínky o využití tohoto postupu:

Podle zmínek v literatuře, je možné alkyací 3-substituovaných 4-hydroxychinolonů získat příslušné 3,3-disubstituované chinolindiony, detaily této reakce však nebylo možné vyhledat a recentně nebyly nalezeny žádné zmínky o praktickém využití této reakce, což je překvapivé, vzhledem k recentnímu zájmu o 3-aryl-3-methylchinolindiony (str. 17). Příklad takové přípravy chinolindionu **90** je uveden ve Schéma 20.

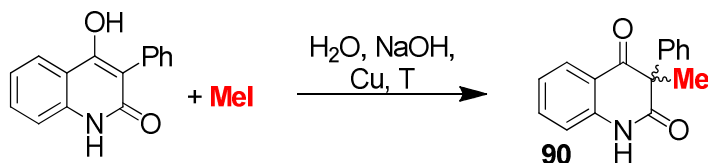


Schéma 20. V literatuře nalezená zmínka o přípravě chinolindionu **90** methylací.

Pro přípravu biologicky aktivních 3-aryl-3-methylchinolindionů je dle odborné literatury používána výhradně Claisenova kondenzace substituovaných anthranilátů¹⁶¹. Příkladem metody využívající tuto reakci je příprava 3-fenyl-3-methylchinolindionu z příslušného *N*-acylanthranilátu **91** působením bis(trimethylsilyl)amidu lithného jako base ve směsi hexanu a THF (Schéma 21).

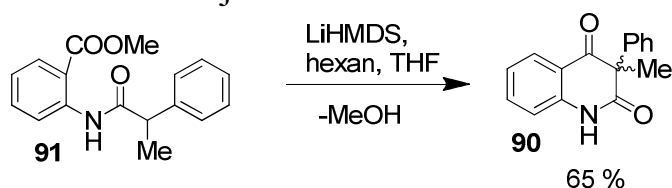


Schéma 21. Příklad recentně používané Claisenovy kondenzace, která umožňuje přípravu sloučenin typu **90**.

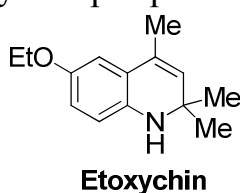
4. Potenciální využití 4-hydroxychinolin-2-onů a sloučenin z nich vycházejících k úpravě vlastností nebo k ochraně materiálů

Jak bylo probráno v předešlých kapitolách, řada 4-hydroxychinolin-2-onů a substituovaných chinolin-2,4-dionů či chinolin-2,3,4-trionů vykazují zajímavé účinky na živé organismy. Mnoho těchto sloučenin se také přirozeně v živých systémech vyskytuje. Tyto sloučeniny jsou zajímavé i z hlediska chemické struktury, reaktivity a případných chemických a fyzikálních vlastností. Idea jejich využití pro úpravu vlastností přírodních i syntetických materiálů je tedy poměrně logická. V následující kapitole budou stručně nastíněny možnosti využití těchto chemických individuů pro zmíněné účely.

4.1 Potenciální využití jako antioxidanty a antidegradanty

Některé jednoduché přírodní chinolony, jako je např. 4-hydroxy-1-methylchinolon (**2**, str. 6) vykazuje schopnost vychytávat⁶ volné radikály. Podobný 4-methoxy-1-methylchinolon (**10**, str. 7) vykazuje⁸ navíc antifungální a antialgické účinky (str. 8). Je známo^{96,107,105,147}, že také řada jednoduchých syntetických 4-hydroxychinolin-2-onů vykazuje antioxidantní vlastnosti a schopnost vychytávat volné radikály. Tyto sloučeniny by tedy bylo možno potenciálně využít jako antidegradanty, které chrání materiál, do kterého jsou přidány proti oxidačnímu poškození.

Je vhodné zmínit, že za chemicky podobnou sloučeninu lze považovat i etoxychin¹⁶², který je průmyslově využíván jako antioxidant a stabilizátor tuků pro potraviny (označován jako E324). Toto potravinové aditivum je povoleno v USA, v Evropské unii je jeho využití pro potraviny zakázáno.

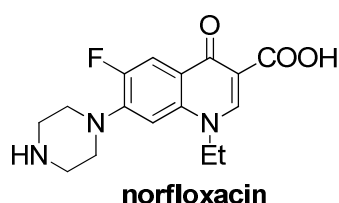


4.2 Potenciální využití jako biocidních aditiv

Chinolony vykazují antibakteriální a antifungální účinky. U 6-nitrochinolonů (**44-46**, str. 14) byly prokázány výrazné antibakteriální a antifungální účinky, sloučeniny účinně inhibovaly¹⁰⁸ i růst plísní *Aspergillus niger* a *A. flavus*, které často napadají různé materiály. Jednoduché fluorované 4-hydroxychinolony (**47 – 52**, str. 14) inhibují¹⁰⁹ růst *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, stejně jako chinisatinové barvivo C. I. disperzní žlut' 79 a řada podobných derivátů chinolin-2,3,4-trionu (str. 17). Některé podobné sloučeniny vykazují⁸ i algicidní účinky. Je

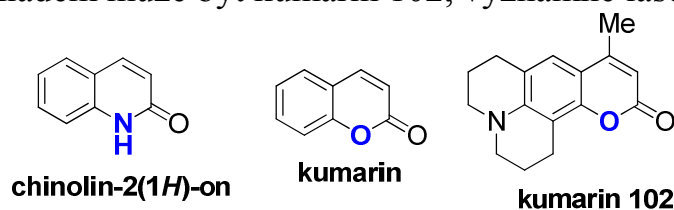
tedy reálné, že některé podobné sloučeniny by bylo možné využít k ochraně různorodých materiálů před škodlivými organismy. Takové sloučeniny by bylo možné aplikovat buď ve formě vhodného postřiku či impregnace nebo přímo jako přísady, která by byla součástí směsi pro přípravu materiálu. Zajímavou otázkou je, zda by bylo možné připravit polymerní materiály, které by byly přímo modifikovány takovými sloučeninami, případně kopolymery, kde by byla vhodná chinolonová sloučenina jedním z monomerů.

Podobné antibakteriálně funkcionalizované polymery byly již dříve připraveny na bázi polymethakrylátu či polyurethanu¹⁶³, byly však modifikovány známými antibiotickými chinolin-4-ony. Byl také připraven¹⁶⁴ polymer na bázi norfloxacinu, do jehož molekuly byl zaveden akrylový zbytek a následnou polymerací byl získán materiál vykazující mimořádnou antibakteriální účinnost. Tento polymer byl následně úspěšně přidáván do směsí s polyethylenem, polypropylenem či polykaprolaktonem¹⁶⁴.

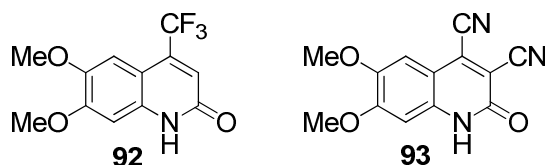


4.3 Využití chinolonových derivátů jako fluorescenčních sloučenin

Je na místě připomenout, že kyslíkaté analogy chinolin-2-onů – substituované kumariny představují významné fluorescenční sloučeniny, široce využívané v průmyslu¹⁶⁶. Příkladem může být kumarin 102, významné laserové barvivo.

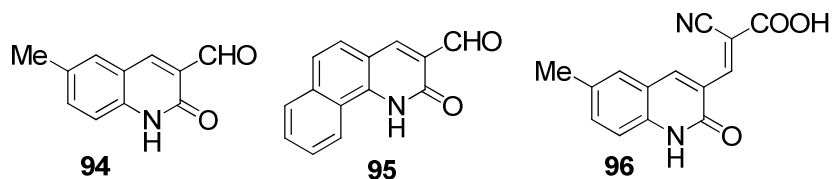


Některé deriváty chinolin-2-onu, dostupné ze 4-hydroxychinolin-2-onů, vykazují velmi nadějně fluorescenční vlastnosti; takovými sloučeninami jsou^{165,166} také 4-trifluormethyl-, 4-kyano- a 3,4-dikyanochinolony. Příkladem mohou být dimethoxychinolony **92** a **93**.



Řada chinolonů substituovaných pyrazolovým, isoxazolovým či pyridinovým uskupením byla zkoumána¹⁶⁷ jako potenciální luminofory. Je známa celá řada chinolinových derivátů, které vykazují fluorescenci a mohou nalézt uplatnění např. jako fluorescenční sondy pro detekci bakterií¹⁶⁸, nádorových buněk¹⁶⁹ či cysteinu uvnitř živých buněk¹⁷⁰.

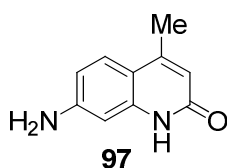
Recentně byla popsána¹⁷¹ nová fluorescenční barviva¹⁷² na bázi chinolin-2-onů. Takovými fluorescenčními barvivy jsou například aldehydy **94** a **95** a kyselina **96**, získaná chemickými přeměnami¹⁷² aldehydu **94**.



Jiné deriváty chinolin-2-onu mohou nalézt uplatnění jako fluorescenční sondy pro detekci kovových iontů, některé chinolinové a chinolonové deriváty byly také navrženy k šetrnému fluorescenčnímu značení pestré škály biomolekul¹⁷³. Takové sloučeniny by mohly nalézt uplatnění jako luminofory, optické zjasňovače či absorbery UV-záření pro úpravu vlastností polymerních či jiných materiálů.

Některé polymerní materiály, které byly modifikovány tak, že ve své struktuře obsahují chinolin-2-onové jednotky jsou již známy¹⁷⁴. Materiál založený na modifikovaném PVP vykazoval¹⁷⁵ intenzivní fluorescenci v přítomnosti terbitých iontů. Později byl připraven¹⁷⁶ obdobný materiál na bázi modifikovaného polystyrenu.

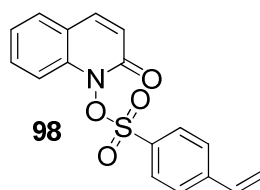
Za zmínku stojí, že tento výzkum byl realizován odborníky z AVČR. K modifikaci polymerů byla použita sloučenina **97**.



4.4 Další možná využití chinolonových derivátů pro úpravu materiálů

Velmi zajímavé vlastnosti byly pozorovány u některých 1-hydroxychinolin-2-onů. U těchto sloučenin dochází působením světla k rozštěpení labilní vazby N–O. Byly připraveny kopolymery chinolonu **98** a methyl-methakrylátu či akrylátu. Takto byly získány nové fotorezponzivní

materiály u kterých byla prokázáno, že lze cíleně měnit smáčivost jejich povrchů pomocí světla¹⁷⁷.



4.5 Využití derivátů kyseliny 2-aminobenzoové a benzoxazin-4-onů

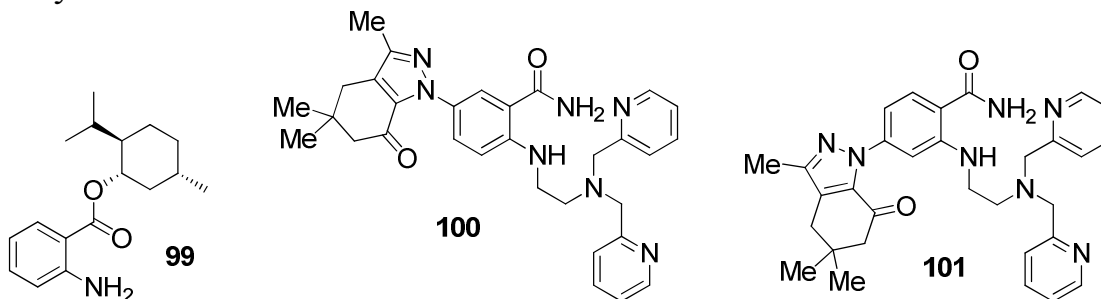
Oxidačním štěpením 3-hydroxychinolin-2,4-dionů je možno¹⁵³ připravit širokou paletu derivátů kyseliny 2-aminobenzoové, které by rovněž mohly nalézt uplatnění pro modifikaci některých materiálů.

Řada derivátů kyseliny anthranilové vykazuje¹⁷⁸ zajímavé fluorescenční vlastnosti a nachází uplatnění ve fluorescenční spektroskopii¹⁷⁹. Označování některých biologických substrátů jednotkami 2-aminobenzamidu je běžnou součástí některých chromatografických metod^{180,181,182}.

Nedávno bylo zjištěno, že některé deriváty 2-aminobenzamidu jsou zajímavými dipolovými elektrety¹⁸³, které mohou otevřít cestu k vývoji materiálů se zajímavými vlastnostmi a mohou nalézt uplatnění ve fotovoltaiice či fotokatalýze.

Některé deriváty kyseliny anthranilové lze využít jako UV-absorbéry, příkladem může být menthyl-anthranilát¹⁸⁴ (**99**).

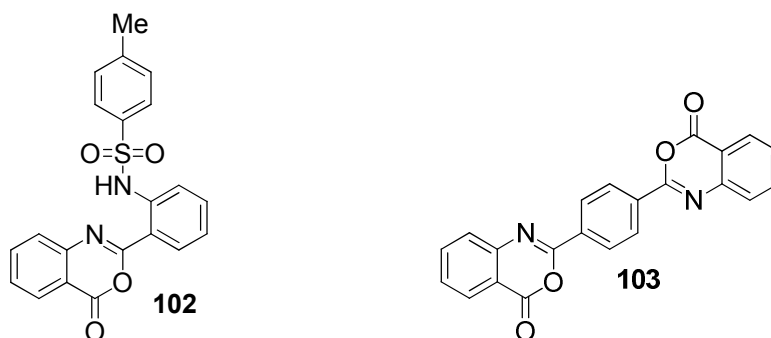
Na bázi substituovaných 2-aminobenzamidů bylo v nedávné době připraveno^{185,186} několik zajímavých fluorescenčních sond selektivně citlivých vůči některým kovovým iontům. Sloučenina **100** označovaná jako ZnABA je selektivní fluorescenční sondou pro zinečnaté ionty, CdABA (**101**) je selektivní pro ionty kadmennaté.



Vaječná papírová blána, na které byla imobilizována kyselina anthranilová se osvědčila jako fluorescenční biosenzor¹⁸⁷ pro detekci tetracyklinu. Kopolymery

polyanthranilové kyseliny byly recentně zkoumány¹⁸⁸ v rámci výzkumu nových systémů distribuce léčiv. Přídavek komplexů kyseliny anthranilové do polyethylenu byl také zkoumán¹⁸⁹.

Deriváty kyseliny anthranilové, včetně těch dostupných oxidací chinolindionů, lze využít k syntéze substituovaných benzoxazinonů, u kterých byly v literatuře popsány zajímavé fluorescenční vlastnosti. Nedávno bylo připraveno¹⁹⁰ několik elektroluminiscenčních zařízení OLED založených na benzoxazinonu **102**. Řada benzoxazinonů již našla uplatnění jako UV absorbery pro stabilizaci polymerů. Příkladem může být sloučenina **103**, komerčně dostupná¹⁹¹ jako OMNISTAB UV 3638.



4.6 Možná omezení

Je nutno připomenout, že u některých přírodních 4-hydroxychinolonů bylo zjištěno, že vykazují estrogení aktivitu. Takovými sloučeninami jsou např. foliosidin¹³ (str. 9) či bucharidin¹³ (str. 6). Takové vlastnosti by představovaly komplikaci při praktickém využití těchto sloučenin, jelikož řada aditiv do polymerních materiálů byla z důvodů estrogení aktivity výrazně omezena (ftaláty, bisfenol A). Některé syntetické 4-alkoxychinolin-2-ony ovlivňují metabolismus gonadotropin uvolňujícího hormonu^{89-91,94} a 4-hydroxychinolon **24** (str. 11) je patentován⁹⁵ ke snížení motility mužských spermií. Některé chinolony, obsahující v poloze 3 chinolonového kruhu imidazolové uskupení inhibují¹⁰⁵ činnost štítné žlázy (str. 12). Také tyto vlastnosti by mohly představovat problém při aplikaci některých 4-hydroxychinolonů pro úpravu materiálů.

Historické zkušenosti s podobnými průmyslovými aditivy, které zasahují do systému hormonální regulace či reprodukčních funkcí by měly nabádat k důkladnému prozkoumání 4-hydroxychinolonů a jejich derivátů před případnou praktickou aplikací. Na druhou stranu by mohly chinolony představovat poměrně bezpečné látky z hlediska toxicity. Dosud testované chinolin-2,4-diony¹²⁰ (str. 16) a 4-hydroxychinolony^{79-83,96,99-101} (str. 17) vykazují nízkou toxicitu.

5. CÍLE DISERTAČNÍ PRÁCE

Cíle disertační práce byly logickým pokračováním mnohaletého výzkumu reaktivity 4-hydroxychinolin-2-onů, který dlouhodobě probíhá na Ústavu chemie a také částečně navazovaly na tematiku, kterou se autor disertační práce zabýval během bakalářského a magisterského studia.

Hlavním cílem bylo připravit substituované 4-hydroxychinolony a z nich příslušné chinolin-2,4-diony, které by byly podrobeny dalším reakcím za účelem výzkumu reaktivity chinolindionového systému. Výzkum reaktivity byl zaměřen především na 3-hydroxychinolin-2,4-diony a 3-aminochinolin-2,4-diony. Hlavním cílem disertační práce pak bylo připravit sérii 4-hydroxychinolin-2-onů, převést je na 3-hydroxychinolin-2,4-diony a z těch následně oxidačním štěpením získat příslušné *N*- α -ketoacylanthranilové kyseliny. Z těch je možné připravit Fischerovou indolovou reakcí příslušné indolové deriváty.

Kromě výzkumu reaktivity studovaných sloučenin bylo cílem připravit také konkrétní deriváty, které by mohly být dále studovány z hlediska možných aplikací (biologická aktivita, využití při úpravě vlastností materiálů).

Během řešení problematiky také vyplynuly některé zajímavé skutečnosti, které byly dále zkoumány.

6. PŘEHLED PUBLIKOVANÝCH VÝSLEDKŮ A ŘEŠENÍ OKRUHŮ ZADÁNÍ

Okruh zadání: Syntéza a oxidační štěpení 3-hydroxychinolin-2,4-dionů.

Kafka, S.; Proisl, K.; Kašpárková, V.; Urankar, D.; Kimmel, R.; Košmrlj, J.: Oxidative ring opening of 3-hydroxyquinoline-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-diones into *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acids. *Tetrahedron*, **2013**, *69*, 10826–10835.

DOI: 10.1016/j.tet.2013.10.092

Komentář k PUBLIKACI I

Prvním důležitým tématem mé práce bylo studium oxidačního štěpení 3-hydroxychinolindionů kyselinou jodistou (popř. jodistanem sodným) a související příprava *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilových kyselin. Tato reakce byla

studována již během autorovy diplomové práce a následně byla její aplikace rozšířena na celou řadu substituovaných sloučenin. Reakční podmínky byly také optimalizovány pro preparativní účely.

Nejprve byly připraveny jednotlivé 4-hydroxychinolony tepelnou kondenzací substituovaných malonátů se substituovanými aniliny. Tyto látky byly následně působením kyseliny peroxyoctové převedeny na 3-hydroxychinolindiony. Tyto reakce probíhaly snadno a ve většině případů bylo dosaženo vysokých výtěžků. Samotné štěpení 3-hydroxychinolindionů bylo realizováno v prostředí vodného ethanolu působením kyseliny pentahydrogenjodisté nebo jodistanu sodného. Obě činidla se ukázala jako účinná, pro jednotlivé substituce však byly pozorovány individuální rozdíly. Publikace popisuje přípravu 16 substituovaných *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilových kyselin, které se tímto způsobem podařilo získat ve vysokých výtěžcích.

Při optimalizaci reakčních podmínek se ukázalo, že v některých případech dochází k rozkladu výchozích sloučenin za vzniku řady neidentifikovaných, často barevných produktů. K tomuto jevu docházelo především pokud byly reakce vedeny při vyšší teplotě nebo byla-li reakční doba dlouhá (několik dní). Významný vliv na případný vznik vedlejších produktů však mají pravděpodobně také nečistoty přítomné ve výchozí sloučenině nebo v použitém rozpouštědle.

Během práce na publikaci se autor potýkal s problémy při pokusu o oxidaci 3-benzyl-3-hydroxychinolin-2,4-dionu, kdy docházelo k rozkladu výchozí látky za vzniku složité směsi, benzaldehydu a barevných produktů. Jedním z prokázaných produktů reakce byl kromě benzaldehydu také isatin. Příčinou byla pravděpodobně vyšší citlivost benzylového substituentu vůči silně oxidujícímu prostředí. Tento problém byl vyřešen a úspěšná syntéza byla zveřejněna až v publikaci II. Vedením reakce v dvoufázovém prostředí (voda – ethyl-acetát) za přítomnosti katalyzátoru fázového přenosu byla úspěšně provedena oxidace i u benzylového derivátu. Dalším omezením byla také vyšší cena použitých jodistanových činidel, postupem času se však ukázalo, že k provedení reakce ve vysokém výtěžku stačí i jen malé přebytky oxidačního činidla.

Jako spoluautor jsem se významně podílel na jednotlivých syntézách včetně příprav jednotlivých výchozích sloučenin. Po domluvě se školitelem jsem se snažil optimalizovat reakční podmínky tak, aby bylo dosaženo vysokých výtěžků. Také jsem se podílel na sestavování rukopisu, především při sepisování experimentálních dat.

Okruh zadání: Fischerova indolová reakce u *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilových kyselin.

Proisl, K.; Kafka, S.; Urankar, D.; Gazvoda, M.; Kimmel, R.; Košmrlj, J.: Fischer indolisation of *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acids into 2-(indol-2-carboxamido)benzoic acids and 2-indolyl-3,1-benzoxazin-4-ones and their NMR study. *Organic & Biomolecular Chemistry*, **2014**, *12*, 9650–9664.

DOI: 10.1039/C4OB01714E

Komentář k PUBLIKACI II

Další odborná publikace shrnuje možnosti konverze *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilových kyselin na příslušné indolové deriváty s využitím Fischerovy indolové reakce. Příprava těchto sloučenin byla hlavní snahou mé disertační práce. Možnost přípravy těchto sloučenin jsem nastínil již v mé diplomové práci. Protože tyto sloučeniny jsou zajímavé jak z hlediska možné biologické aktivity, tak i z hlediska možných aplikací při úpravě vlastností materiálu, byly hledány cesty, jak je elegantně z výchozích anthranilových kyselin připravit.

Byla připravena široká série substituovaných anthranilových kyselin, které byly následně podrobeny reakcím s fenylhydrazinem za podmínek Fischerovy indolové reakce. Původní myšlenka přípravy příslušných fenylhydrazonů s následným tepelným přesmykem se neosvědčila – při těchto pokusech docházelo k rozkladu sloučenin což mělo dramatický vliv na výtěžky produktů. Nejlépe se osvědčily reakce ve vroucí kyselině octové – za těchto podmínek sice vznikaly dva (v některých případech i tři) typy reakčních produktů (příslušné anthranilové kyseliny nesoucí indolové uskupení a také produkty jejich dehydratace – substituované benzoxazinony), produkty se však daly snadno oddělit krystalizací. Změnou reakčních podmínek (doba reakce, záměna kyseliny octové za výše vroucí kyselinu propionovou) bylo v některých případech možné ovlivnit poměr jednotlivých produktů.

V publikaci je také částečně diskutována reaktivita vznikajících benzoxazinonů, které se ukázaly jako poměrně reaktivní nukleofily s možným využitím v syntéze dalších sloučenin (např. amidů kyseliny anthranilové nesoucích indolový kruh). U získaných benzoxazinonů byly následně zkoumány také jejich fluorescenční vlastnosti, výsledky tohoto výzkumu však dosud nebyly publikovány.

Jako autor jsem provedl většinu syntéz a také jsem za konzultace se školitelem navrhoval jednotlivé syntetické postupy. Připravil jsem návrh rukopisu, který byl následně dokončen mým školitelem (ve spolupráci s ostatními spoluautory).

Okruh zadání: Příprava 1,4-benzodiazepin-2,5-dionů z 3-aminochinolin-2,4-dionů.

Křemen, F.; Gazvoda, M.; Kafka, S.; Proisl, K.; Sřholcová, A.; Klásek A.; Urankar, D.; Košmrlj, J.: Synthesis of 1,4-Benzodiazepine-2,5-diones by Base Promoted Ring Expansion of 3-Aminoquinoline-2,4-diones. *Journal of Organic Chemistry*, **2016**, *82*, 715–722.

DOI: 10.1021/acs.joc.6b01497

Komentář k PUBLIKACI III

Další publikovaná práce byla zaměřena na reaktivitu 3-aminochinolindionů, které za vhodných podmínek v bazickém prostředí podléhají přesmyku, jehož produktem jsou substituované benzodiazepin-2,4-diony. Tyto sloučeniny pro mne byly zajímavé, protože obsahují strukturní podjednotku kyseliny anthranilové.

Během studia této reakce byla vyzkoušena celá řada různých podmínek a vhodných činidel. Nejlépe se osvědčilo použití benzytrimethylamonium hydroxidu, tetramethylguanidinu a ethoxidu sodného v ethanolu.

Hledáním vhodných podmínek se zabývalo také několik studentů během svých diplomových prací, především Ing. Filip Křemen, u jehož práce jsem byl konzultantem a který také provedl řadu syntéz. K největším problémům docházelo při pokusu o přesmyky 1-fenylderivátů, důvod tohoto chování nebyl objasněn. V těchto případech se nejlépe osvědčilo použití tritonu B jako báze.

Zajímavou skutečností také je, že připravené sloučeniny existují ve formě dvou konformerů – pseudo-axiálního a pseudo-ekvatoriálního. Tato skutečnost byla zjištěna a studována NMR experimenty.

Jako spoluautor jsem se podílel především při hledání vhodných podmínek reakce, při syntézách jednotlivých produktů a také při přípravě výchozích látek. Také jsem se teoreticky zabýval výskytem substituovaných benzodiazepindionů v přírodě a jejich možnými aplikacemi.

Okruh zadání: Potenciální aplikace připravovaných sloučenin.

Proisl, K.; Kafka, S.; Košmrlj, J.: Chemistry and Applications of 4-Hydroxyquinolin-2-one and Quinoline-2,4-dione based Compounds. *Current Organic Chemistry*, **2017**, *21*, 1949–1975.

DOI: 10.2174/1385272821666170711155631

Komentář k PUBLIKACI IV

Poslední předložená publikace je rešeršní prací a shrnuje poznatky o 4-hydroxychinolin-2-onech a chinolin-2,4-dionech, které jsem shromáždil během mého doktorského studia. Překvapilo mne, že na toto zajímavé téma v odborné literatuře ještě nevzniklo větší množství přehledných prací.

Tento článek vznikl jako společné dílo spolu s mým školitelem panem docentem Kafkou a panem profesorem Košmrljem. Podkladem pro článek bylo mé pojednání ke státní zkoušce a v něm obsažené poznatky, i když během přípravy článku došlo ještě k doplnění řady informací a dalším důležitým úpravám.

Vzhledem k povaze článku a k tomu, že řada informací je uvedena v literární části považuji další komentování článku za nadbytečné.

7. PŘÍNOS PRO VĚDU A PRAXI

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Oxidative ring opening of 3-hydroxyquinoline-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-diones into *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acids



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ABSTRACT

N-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acids were prepared by oxidative ring opening of 3-hydroxyquinoline-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-diones by using paraperiodic acid (H₅IO₆) or sodium periodate (NaIO₄). The optimisation of the reaction conditions is described as well as the utilisation of *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acids in the preparation of anthranilic acid hydrochlorides.

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1. Introduction

N-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acids, exemplified by *N*-pyruvoylanthranilic acid **A** in Fig. 1, can serve as valuable precursors for the construction of heterocycles, such as 4*H*-benzo[*d*][1,3]oxazin-4-ones (**B**)¹ and 1*H*-benzo[*e*][1,4]oxazepin-2,5-diones (**C** and **D**).² In coordination chemistry, *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acid derivatives can serve as multidentate ligands for transition metal ions.³ *N*-Pyruvoylanthranilic acid (**A**) has been proposed to be an intermediate in the biosynthesis of anthranilic acid.⁴

Despite potential biological and synthetic relevance the synthesis of *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acids has remained largely unexplored. Although several methods exist for the preparation of α -ketoamides,⁵ to our knowledge, the synthetic procedures to the title compounds are largely limited to amidation of α -ketoacyl chlorides with anthranilic acid.^{2,6–9} An exception is the work of Podesva and co-workers⁸ who reported in 1968 that oxidative ring opening of 3-hydroxyquinoline-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-diones with paraperiodic acid (H₅IO₆)^{10,11} leads to *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acids. Unfortunately,

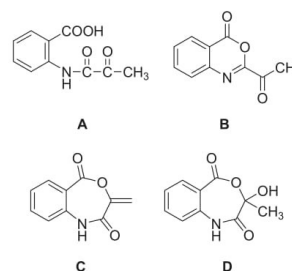


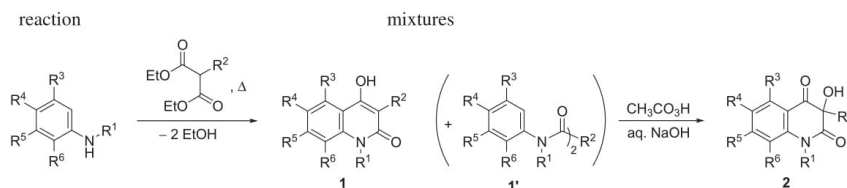
Fig. 1. The structure of *N*-pyruvoylanthranilic acid **A** and its heterocyclic products **B–D**.

this reaction was only demonstrated on two substrates and was not investigated further. Induced by our research interest in the chemistry of 3-hydroxyquinoline-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-diones^{12–24} and due to a need for preparing *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acids we were prompted to explore the scope of the title reaction. Herein we report the optimisation of the reaction conditions and comparison between paraperiodic acid and sodium periodate (NaIO₄) to finally afford the target compounds in good to excellent yields.

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2. Results and discussion

The starting compounds for this study were prepared by known thermal condensation of the appropriate anilines with substituted malonates to give 4-hydroxyquinolin-2(1*H*)-ones **1**.^{12,25,26} In few cases very small amounts of propanediamide side products **1'** were formed, which were easily removed from the reaction mixtures by filtration. Subsequent oxidation of 4-hydroxyquinolin-2(1*H*)-ones **1** into 3-hydroxyquinoline-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-diones **2** was accomplished with peroxyacetic acid in aqueous alkali following the literature reported methods.^{12,16,27} Employing several anilines and 2-substituted diethyl malonates afforded sixteen 3-hydroxyquinoline-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-diones **2**. The key of substituents is given in Scheme 1 and Table 1.

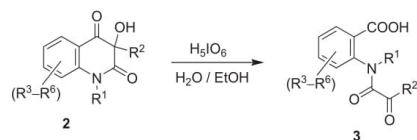


Scheme 1. The preparation of 3-hydroxyquinoline-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-diones **2**. For key of substituents, see Table 1.

Table 1
Key of substituents R¹–R⁶

2	R ¹	R ²	R ³	R ⁴	R ⁵	R ⁶
a	H	Me	H	H	H	H
b	H	Et	H	H	H	H
c	H	Et	H	OMe	H	H
d	H	Et	H	H	OMe	H
e	H	Et	H	H	H	OMe
f	H	Et	H	Me	H	H
g	H	Et	H	H	H	Me
h	H	Et	Cl	H	H	Me
i	H	Bu	H	H	H	H
j	H	Bu	H	Me	H	Me
k	H	Bu	H	OMe	H	OMe
l	H	Bu	H	H	–(CH ₂) ₄ –	H
m	H	Ph	H	H	H	H
n	Me	Et	H	H	H	H
o	Me	Bu	H	H	H	H
p	Me	Ph	H	H	H	H

Having in hand the library of 3-hydroxyquinoline-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-diones **2a–p** we focused our attention on the oxidative ring opening as shown in Scheme 2. Initially, the transformation was attempted with 3-ethyl-3-hydroxyquinoline-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-dione (**2b**). By employing an equimolar amount of paraperiodic acid (H₅IO₆) in wet ethanol at room temperature, the reaction was conducted for 24 h with 2-[(2-oxobutanoyl)amino]benzoic acid (**3b**) isolated in good yield (Table 2, Entry 1). These reaction conditions as well as the outcome were comparable to those reported by Podesva and co-workers⁸ for H₅IO₆ oxidation of 6-chloro-3-hydroxy-3-phenylquinoline-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-dione and its *N*-methyl



Scheme 2. Oxidative ring opening of 3-hydroxyquinoline-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-diones **2** with paraperiodic acid (H₅IO₆) into *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acids **3**.

derivative. Unfortunately, as it is evident by comparing entries 1, 5, 7, 10, 17, 22, 26 and 27 (Table 2) the generalization of this reaction protocol to other analogues **2** turned out to be rather limited requiring prolonged reaction times of as much of several days and affording products **3** in moderate yields. These unacceptably slow conversions of compounds **2** could be attributed to their sparing solubility in water-rich reaction media. Attempts to accelerate the reactions by heating were counterproductive, resulting in complex mixtures of products and consequently low yield of **3** (compare entries 27 with 28). Also unsatisfactory were the results of oxidations conducted in other solvents, such as acetic acid and *N,N*-dimethylformamide (compare entry 17 with 19 and 20, and entry 26 with 31).

Table 2

Screening for the optimal reaction conditions for the oxidation of 3-hydroxyquinoline-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-diones **2** with paraperiodic acid (H₅IO₆) into *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acids **3** shown in Scheme 2.^a

Entry	2	Equiv of H ₅ IO ₆	Solvent (mL/mmol of 2)	Temperature	Reaction time	3, yield ^b
1	2b	1.0	30% EtOH (11)	rt	24 h ^c	3b, 92, ^d 47
2	2b	3.0	60% EtOH (4.8)	rt	9 h	3b, 88
3	2b	4.0	EtOH (7.7)	rt	24 h	3b, 84
4	2b	7.9	EtOH (32.5)	rt	24 h	3b, 85
5	2c	1.3	EtOH (15)	rt	5 days	3c, 63
6	2c	8.0	EtOH (15)	rt	21 h	3c, 73
7	2d	1.3	60% EtOH (8.6)	rt	7 days	3d, 89, ^d 59
8	2d	6.0	EtOH (10)	rt	30 h	3d, 81, ^e 70
9	2d	8.0	EtOH (10)	rt	7 h	3d, 51
10	2e	1.3	EtOH (5.9)	rt	3 days	3e, 88
11	2e	6.0	EtOH (5.0)	rt	24 h	3e, 81
12	2e	8.0	EtOH (5.5)	rt	22 h	3e, 79, ^d 63
13	2f	4.0	EtOH (5.4)	rt	27 h	3f, 88
14	2h	6.5	EtOH (6.5)	rt	24 h	3h, 71
15	2j	4.0	EtOH (4.9)	rt	11	3j, 73
16	2k	3.0	EtOH (2.5)	rt	23 h	3k, 97, ^e 87
17	2m	1.5	EtOH (15)	rt	9 days ^f	3m, 46
18	2m	8.0	EtOH (40)	rt	5.5 h	3m, 95, ^e 84
19	2m	1.1	AcOH (20)	rt	5 days	3m, 59
20	2m	1.1	DMF (3.3)	rt	4 days	3m, 38
21	2n	6.0	EtOH (15)	rt	2 h	3n, 62
22	2o	1.5	EtOH (13)	rt	5 days ^g	3o, 50 ^f
23	2o	2.0	EtOH (8.3)	rt	6 h	3o, 64
24	2o	4.1	EtOH (4.4)	rt	4.5 h	3o, 63
25	2o	8.0	EtOH (4.8)	rt	4.5 h	3o, 65
26	2p	1.1	EtOH (11)	rt	3 days	3p, 59
27	2p	1.3	EtOH (16)	rt	2 days	3p, 58
28	2p	1.3	EtOH (5.3)	reflux	5.5 h	3p, 25 ^f
29	2p	8.0	EtOH (25)	rt	5 h	3p, 92
30	2p	8.0	EtOH (12.5)	rt	6 h	3p, 75, ^e 63
31	2p	2.0	DMF (3.3)	rt	3 days	3p, 39 ^f

^a Reaction conditions: 1 mmol of **2** in solvent, equiv of H₅IO₆ (aqueous solution, 1.25 mL of water/mmol of H₅IO₆), temperature.

^b Refers to percent yield of pure product obtained after purification by recrystallization, unless otherwise noted.

^c The reaction was stopped despite the fact that some starting material remained unconsumed (TLC).

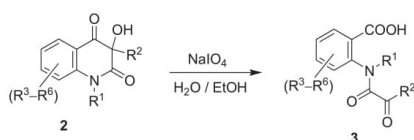
^d Crude product, isolated by filtration from the reaction mixture, contaminated by small amounts of impurities by TLC.

^e Crude product, isolated by filtration from the reaction mixture, pure according to TLC and IR analysis.

^f Isolated by column chromatography.

Finally, we found out that using paraperiodic acid in 3–8 M excess to 3-hydroxyquinoline-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-diones **2** significantly reduced the reaction times giving products **3** in good to excellent yields (entries 2–4, 6, 8, 9, 11–16, 18, 21, 24, 25, 29, 30). It is also evident from Table 2 that for the optimal performance the amount of paraperiodic acid should not be exceeded as this can cause a serious loss of products **3**, presumably by overoxidation (compare entries 8 with 9 and 11 with 12, for example). Thus, fine tuning of the reaction conditions for optimal results is suggested for each specific substrate **2**.

Periodic acid is known to equilibrate in solution with different species including periodate.¹⁰ Since considerably different reactivity towards organic compounds have been reported for these two species we were prompted to test the oxidation of 3-hydroxyquinoline-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-diones **2** also with sodium periodate (NaO₄) (Scheme 3). As demonstrated in Table 3, this oxidizing agent proved to be equally or in some instances slightly less reactive than H₅IO₆ providing the same products, *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acids **3**, in up to 91% yield.



Scheme 3. Oxidative ring opening of 3-hydroxyquinoline-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-diones **2** with sodium periodate (NaO₄) into *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acids **3**.

Table 3
Oxidation of 3-hydroxyquinoline-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-diones **2** with sodium periodate (NaO₄) into *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acids **3** shown in Scheme 3.^a

Entry	2	Equiv of NaO ₄	Solvent (mL/mmol of 2)	Reaction time	3 , yield ^b
1	2a	3.0	EtOH (4.0)	2 days	3a , 90
2	2b	8.0	EtOH (7.5)	24 h	3b , 79, ^c 44
3	2c	8.0	EtOH (25)	3 days ^d	3c , 67
4	2d	8.0	EtOH (27)	3 days ^d	3d , 26
5	2e	8.0	EtOH (3.8)	10 h	3e , 70
6	2g	8.0	EtOH (2.5)	20 h	3g , 44
7	2i	3.1	EtOH (3.3)	22 h	3i , 95, ^e 83
8	2i	3.7	EtOH (1.0)	8 h	3i , 86, ^e 71
9	2l	3.1	EtOH (6.9)	28 h	3l , 65
10	2m	8.0	EtOH (41)	24 h	3m , 91 ^e
11	2o	8.0	EtOH (25)	4 h	3o , 60
12	2p	8.0	EtOH (25)	21 h	3p , 56, ^e 49

^a Reaction conditions: 1 mmol of **2** in solvent, equiv of NaO₄ (aqueous solution, 1.25 mL/mmol of NaO₄), room temperature.

^b Refers to percent yield of pure product obtained after purification by recrystallization, unless otherwise noted.

^c Crude product, isolated by filtration from the reaction mixture, contaminated by small amounts of impurities by TLC.

^d The reaction was stopped after 3 days despite the fact that some starting material remained unconsumed (TLC).

^e Crude product, isolated by filtration from the reaction mixture, pure according to TLC and IR analysis.

The fact that sodium periodate (NaO₄) and paraperiodic acid equilibrate in solution and comparable results from Tables 2 and 3 suggests that the same species is operating in the oxidative ring opening of 3-hydroxyquinoline-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-diones **2**.

All compounds under this investigation were fully characterized by standard analytical and spectroscopic techniques. Some compounds were previously described in the literature with limited or no NMR spectroscopic data, which we decided to provide herein. For compounds **2h**, **j** and **3a**, **h**, **i**, **j**, **l**, **p** proton and carbon peak assignments were made on the basis of 2D NMR spectra: ¹H–¹H COSY,

¹H–¹³C HSQC, ¹H–¹³C HMBC and ¹H–¹⁵N HMBC. Characteristic in ¹³C NMR spectra of *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acids **3a–m** (R¹=H, R²=alkyl) are resonances for the carboxyl, amide (NCO) and α -ketoacyl (NC(O)CO) carbon atoms, resonating at 166–169 ppm, 158–161 ppm and 196–201 ppm, respectively. The presence of a methyl group at the amide nitrogen atom (**3n**, **o**) results in downfield shift of amide (NCO) and α -ketoacyl (NC(O)CO) carbon resonances to 166 ppm and 200–201 ppm, respectively. The phenyl group in compounds **3m**, **p** shows a considerable effect to α -ketoacyl (NC(O)CO) carbon atom, shifting its resonance upfield to 187–192 ppm (Fig. 2). In a few instances (**2j** and **3a**, **h**, **i**, **j**), ¹⁵N NMR chemical shifts were extracted from 2D ¹H–¹⁵N HMBC spectra. In comparison to **2j** ($\delta_N=129$ ppm), the nitrogen atom in **3j** is shielded and resonates at 118 ppm. Single crystal analysis confirmed the structures of compounds **1e**,³⁸ **1p**²⁸ and **2e**,²⁹ as reported previously.

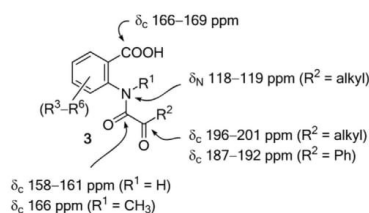
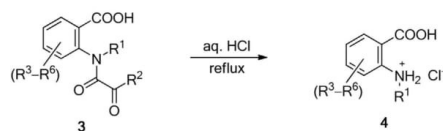


Fig. 2. Selected ¹³C and ¹⁵N chemical shifts for compounds **3**.

An easy access to *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acids **3** renders these compounds as attractive precursors for the preparation of various benzo-fused heterocyclic compounds. Additionally, through a simple hydrolytic workup compounds **3** can be converted into the corresponding anthranilic acid derivatives. In this context it is noteworthy that the chemistry reported herein provides a facile entry to highly functionalized anthranilic acids that are inaccessible through other routes. To demonstrate this, selected *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acids **3b–e**, **n** were hydrolysed with hot aqueous HCl, affording anthranilic acid hydrochlorides **4b–e**, **n** in good to excellent yields as shown in Scheme 4 and Table 4.



Scheme 4. Hydrolysis of *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acids **3** into anthranilic acid hydrochlorides **4**.

Table 4
Hydrolysis of **3** into anthranilic acid hydrochlorides **4**

Entry	3	Reaction time (h)	4 , yield (%)
1	3b	4	4b , 85
2	3c	6	4c , 91
3	3d	7	4d , 64
4	3e	1	4e , 68
5	3n	2	4n , 73

3. Conclusions

We report an easy approach to *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acids by paraperiodic acid or sodium periodate mediated ring opening of

3-hydroxyquinoline-2,4-(1*H*,3*H*)-diones. The scope of the reaction was investigated and under optimized reaction conditions *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acids were obtained in good to excellent isolated yield. These compounds can serve as valuable precursors for the preparation of highly functionalized anthranilic acid derivatives that are inaccessible through other routes.

4. Experimental section

4.1. General

The column chromatography was carried out on Fluka Silica gel 60 (particle size 0.063–0.2 mm, activity acc. Brockmann and Schodder 2–3). Melting points were determined on the microscope hot stage, Kofler, PolyTherm, manufacturer Helmut Hund GmbH, Wetzlar. TLC was carried out on pre-coated TLC sheets ALUGRAM® SIL G/UV₂₅₄ for TLC, MACHEREY-NAGEL. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance DPX 300 spectrometer operating at 300 MHz (¹H) and 75 MHz (¹³C), and Bruker Avance III 500 MHz NMR instrument operating at 500 MHz (¹H), 126 MHz (¹³C) and 51 MHz (¹⁵N). Proton spectra were referenced to TMS as internal standard. Carbon chemical shifts were determined relative to the ¹³C signal of DMSO-*d*₆ (39.5 ppm). ¹⁵N chemical shifts were extracted from ¹H–¹⁵N HMBC spectra determined with respect to external nitromethane and are corrected to external ammonia by addition of 380.5 ppm. Chemical shifts are given on the δ scale (parts per million). Coupling constants (*J*) are given in Hertz. Multiplicities are indicated as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), or br (broadened). Infrared spectra were recorded on Mattson 3000 FTIR Spectrometer or Thermo Scientific Nicolet iS10 FT-IR Spectrometer using samples in potassium bromide disks and only the strongest/structurally most important peaks are listed; absorption bands intensities are indicated as follows: s (strong), m (medium), w (weak) or b (broad). MS (EI) spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu QP-2010 instrument at 70 eV. HRMS spectra were recorded with Agilent 6224 Accurate Mass TOF LC/MS system. Elemental analyses (C, H, N) were performed with FlashEA1112 Automatic Elemental Analyzer (Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.).

4.2. General procedure for the preparation of 4-hydroxyquinolin-2(1*H*)-ones (1)

A mixture of the appropriate aniline (100 mmol) and substituted diethyl malonate (102 mmol) was heated in a flask equipped with distillation head on a metal bath at 220–230 °C for 1 h and then at 260–270 °C until the distillation of ethanol stopped (3–6 h). With the exception of preparation of **1f**, **1**, **m**, the hot liquid reaction mixture was carefully poured into stirred toluene (50 mL), cooled down to room temperature and the precipitate was collected by filtration. In the case of **1f**, **1**, **m**, the hot reaction mixture solidified and it was cooled down to room temperature. The above precipitate or solidified material was mixed with aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (0.5 M, 250 mL) and toluene (50 mL). The substance that remained undissolved (in the preparation of **1c** and **1m**) was removed by filtration, purified by recrystallization and identified as propanediamide derivatives (**1c'** and **1m'**, respectively). The layers of the filtrate were separated and the aqueous layer was washed with toluene (2×40 mL). The water layer was treated with decolorizing charcoal, filtered and then acidified with 10% HCl to Congo red. The precipitated hydroxyquinolone **1** was collected by filtration, washed with water, and if necessary, purified by recrystallization.

4.2.1. 4-Hydroxy-3-methylquinolin-2(1*H*)-one (**1a**).^{30,31} White powder, yield 13.5 g (77%), mp 274–275 °C (ethanol), mp³⁰ 268 °C,

mp³¹ 265–268 °C (butanol). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 2.02 (s, 3H), 7.15 (ddd, 1H, *J*=7.7, 7.7, 1.0 Hz), 7.27 (d, 1H, *J*=7.7 Hz), 7.44 (ddd, 1H, *J*=7.7, 7.7, 1.0 Hz), 7.89 (dd, 1H, *J*=8.1, 1.0 Hz), 10.13 (br s, 1H), 11.36 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.4, 106.8, 114.8, 115.4, 121.0, 122.4, 129.6, 137.2, 157.1, 163.8; IR (cm⁻¹): ν 2600–3400 br, 1643 s, 1607 s, 1501 m, 1478 m, 1401 s, 1342 m, 1284 m, 1274 s, 1225 m, 1160 m, 752 m. HRMS (ESI+): *m/z* calcd for C₁₀H₁₀NO₂ [M+H]⁺ 176.0706, found 176.0707.

4.2.2. 3-Ethyl-4-hydroxyquinolin-2(1*H*)-one (**1b**).^{32–34} Colourless solid, yield 13.1 g (69%), mp 265–267 °C (ethanol), mp³³ 260–261 °C (ethanol). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.03 (t, 3H, *J*=7.4 Hz), 2.59 (q, 2H, *J*=7.4 Hz), 7.14 (ddd, 1H, *J*=7.6, 7.6, 1.0 Hz), 7.26 (d, 1H, *J*=7.6 Hz), 7.44 (ddd, 1H, *J*=7.6, 7.6, 1.0 Hz), 7.88 (dd, 1H, *J*=7.6, 1.0 Hz), 10.06 (br s, 1H), 11.31 (br s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.2, 16.4, 113.0, 114.8, 115.4, 120.9, 122.5, 129.6, 137.3, 156.6, 163.4; IR (cm⁻¹): ν 2600–3400 br, 1638 s, 1605 s, 1590 s, 1553 m, 1500 m, 1428 m, 1401 m, 1269 m, 1207 s, 1151 m, 754 m. IR:³⁴ 1641 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI+): *m/z* calcd for C₁₁H₁₂NO₂ [M+H]⁺ 190.0863, found 190.0866.

4.2.3. 3-Ethyl-4-hydroxy-6-methoxyquinolin-2(1*H*)-one (**1c**).^{32,35} Yellowish solid, yield 14.0 g (64%), mp 220–224 °C (ethanol), mp³⁵ 172 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.04 (t, 3H, *J*=7.3 Hz), 2.60 (q, 2H, *J*=7.3 Hz), 3.80 (s, 3H), 7.10 (dd, 1H, *J*=8.9, 2.5 Hz), 7.22 (d, 1H, *J*=8.9 Hz), 7.39 (d, 1H, *J*=2.5 Hz), 9.98 (br s, 1H), 11.20 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.2, 16.4, 55.4, 104.3, 113.5, 115.8, 116.2, 118.6, 131.8, 153.8, 156.2, 162.9; IR (cm⁻¹): ν 2700–3500b, 1648 s, 1623 s, 1556 m, 1511 s, 1466 m, 1446 m, 1422 m, 1380 m, 1330 m, 1288 m, 1271 m, 1243 m, 1222 s, 1179 m, 1147 m, 1118 m; MS (EI) *m/z* (%): 220 ([M+1]⁺, 13), 219 ([M]⁺, 95), 218 (35), 204 (100), 106 (23), 55 (26); Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₃NO₃ (219.24): C, 65.74; H, 5.98; N, 6.39%. Found: C, 65.50; H, 5.93; N, 6.41%.

4.2.4. 3-Ethyl-4-hydroxy-7-methoxyquinolin-2(1*H*)-one (**1d**).^{32,36} White solid, yield 14.9 g (68%), mp 262–266 °C (ethanol), mp³⁶ 260–261 °C (methanol). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.03 (t, 3H, *J*=7.4 Hz), 2.56 (q, 2H, *J*=7.4 Hz), 3.80 (s, 3H), 6.77 (d, 1H, *J*=8.5 Hz), 6.79 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d, 1H, *J*=8.5 Hz), 9.92 (br s, 1H), 11.15 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.3, 16.2, 55.2, 97.7, 109.4, 109.5, 110.5, 124.0, 139.0, 156.9, 160.5, 163.8; IR (cm⁻¹): ν 2700–3300, 2971 m, 1624 s, 1595 s, 1556 s, 1437 s, 1425 s, 1272s, 1222 s, 1153 m, 1112 m, 1031 m, 882, 856 m, 833 m; MS (EI) *m/z* (%): 220 ([M+1]⁺, 7), 219 ([M]⁺, 50), 204 (100), 191 (22); Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₃NO₃ (219.24): C, 65.74; H, 5.98; N, 6.39%. Found: C, 65.69; H, 6.22; N, 6.22%.

4.2.5. 3-Ethyl-4-hydroxy-8-methoxyquinolin-2(1*H*)-one (**1e**).^{32,34,37} White solid, yield 13.6 g (62%), mp 225–227 °C (ethanol), mp³⁴ 226–227 °C, mp³⁷ 225–226 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.02 (t, 3H, *J*=7.3 Hz), 2.58 (q, 2H, *J*=7.3 Hz), 3.89 (s, 3H), 7.08–7.13 (m, 2H), 7.48 (dd, 1H, *J*=4.6, 4.6 Hz), 10.04 (br s, 1H), 10.11 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.1, 16.4, 56.0, 110.3, 113.4, 114.3, 115.9, 120.8, 127.3, 145.4, 156.7, 162.7; IR (cm⁻¹): ν 2700–3400 br, 1635 s, 1604 s, 1571 s, 1492 m, 1393 m, 1333 m, 1302 m, 1267 m, 1254 m, 1223 m, 1155 m, 1089 s, 771 m, 724 m; IR:³⁴ 1640 cm⁻¹. MS (EI) *m/z* (%): 220 ([M+1]⁺, 5), 219 ([M]⁺, 34), 218 (23), 204 (31), 149 (28), 71 (27), 69 (28), 57 (100), 55 (35), 43 (30), 41 (34). X-ray structure is reported.³⁸

4.2.6. 3-Ethyl-4-hydroxy-6-methylquinolin-2(1*H*)-one (**1f**). White solid, yield 12.0 g (59%), mp 261–264 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.02 (t, *J*=7.4 Hz, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.58 (q, 2H, *J*=7.4 Hz), 7.16 (d, 1H, *J*=8.2 Hz), 7.26 (dd, 1H, *J*=8.2, 1.6 Hz), 7.68 (s, 1H), 9.96 (br s, 1H), 11.22 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.2, 16.3, 20.6, 112.9, 114.6, 115.2, 122.0, 129.6, 130.7, 135.2, 156.3, 163.2; IR (cm⁻¹):

ν 3131 m, 2976 m, 1640 s, 1622 s, 1558 s, 1513 m, 1433 m, 1416 m, 1332 m, 1233 m, 1207 m, 1149 m, 1116 m, 855 w, 814 w; HRMS (ESI+): m/z calcd for $C_{12}H_{14}NO_2^+$ ($[M+H]^+$): 204.1019, found 204.1022. Anal. Calcd for $C_{12}H_{13}NO_2$ (203.24): C, 70.92; H, 6.45; N, 6.89%. Found: C, 70.75; H, 6.43; N, 6.79%.

4.2.7. 3-Ethyl-4-hydroxy-8-methylquinolin-2(1H)-one (1g).³⁹ Yellow solid, yield 12.2 g (60%), mp 228–229 °C (acetic acid), mp³⁹ 217.5–220 °C (acetic acid). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 1.04 (t, 3H, $J=7.4$ Hz), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.61 (q, 2H, $J=7.4$ Hz), 7.06 (dd, 1H, $J=7.7, 7.7$ Hz), 7.30 (d, 1H, $J=7.7$ Hz), 7.77 (d, 1H, $J=7.7$ Hz), 10.04 (br s, 1H), 10.47 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 13.2, 16.4, 17.4, 112.7, 115.5, 120.5, 120.6, 122.9, 130.9, 135.7, 157.0, 163.7; IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3395 m, 2966 m, 2934 m, 1636 s, 1601 s, 1565 s, 1488 m, 1396 m, 1334 m, 1292 m, 1238 s, 1210 s, 1151 s, 766 m; HRMS (ESI+): m/z calcd for $C_{12}H_{14}NO_2^+$ ($[M+H]^+$) 204.1019, found 204.1024.

4.2.8. 5-Chloro-3-ethyl-4-hydroxy-8-methylquinolin-2(1H)-one (1h). White solid, yield 11.6 g (49%), mp 235–238 °C (ethanol). ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 500 MHz) δ 1.02 (t, 3H, $J=7.3$ Hz), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.60 (q, 2H, $J=7.3$ Hz), 7.10 (d, 1H, $J=8.0$ Hz), 7.23 (d, 1H, $J=8.0$ Hz), 9.98 (br s, 1H), 10.41 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 126 MHz) δ 12.8, 16.2, 17.4, 112.4, 114.3, 122.5, 124.2, 127.0, 130.7, 137.8, 157.2, 162.4; IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3471 m, 3166 w, 2959 w, 2870 w, 1647 s, 1459 w, 1338 w, 1324 w, 1210 w, 1147 m, 822 w, 628 w; HRMS (ESI+): m/z calcd for $C_{12}H_{13}ClNO_2^+$ ($[M+H]^+$) 238.0629, found 238.0630. Anal. Calcd for $C_{12}H_{12}ClNO_2$ (237.68): C, 60.64; H, 5.09; N, 5.89%. Found: C, 60.53; H, 5.05; N, 5.92%.

4.2.9. 3-Butyl-4-hydroxyquinolin-2(1H)-one (1i).²⁰ White solid (microscopic crystals), yield 14.1 g (65%), mp 195–201, 54%. mp 201–204 °C (ethanol), mp²⁰ 199–200 °C (ethanol). For ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra see Ref. 20. IR (cm⁻¹): ν 2700–3400 br, 2954 m, 1639 s, 1604 s, 1590 s, 1557 m, 1503 m, 1480 m, 1469 m, 1426 m, 1404 m, 1273 m, 1197 s, 1154 s, 761 s; Anal. Calcd for $C_{13}H_{15}NO_2$ (217.26): C, 71.87; H, 6.96; N, 6.45%. Found: C, 71.67; H, 6.04; N, 6.39%.

4.2.10. 3-Butyl-4-hydroxy-6,8-dimethylquinolin-2(1H)-one (1j). Colourless shiny crystals, yield 14.7 g (60%), mp 225–228 °C (ethanol). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 0.90 (t, 3H, $J=7.3$ Hz), 1.30–1.45 (m, 4H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.56–2.60 (m, 2H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 9.88 (br s, 1H), 10.40 (br s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 14.1, 17.2, 20.6, 22.3, 22.8, 30.5, 111.4, 115.4, 120.0, 122.8, 129.4, 132.2, 133.7, 157.1, 163.7; IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3382 s, 2931 m, 2849 m, 1645 s, 1618 s, 1381 m, 1329 m, 1257 m, 1238 s, 1168 s, 1134 s, 1103 m, 1069 m, 871 m, 493 m; HRMS (ESI-): m/z calcd for $C_{15}H_{18}NO_2^-$ ($[M-H]^-$) 244.1343, found 244.1338; calcd for $C_{15}H_{19}NO_2$ (245.32): C, 73.44; H, 7.81; N, 5.71%. Found: C, 73.51; H, 6.52; N, 5.11%.

4.2.11. 3-Butyl-4-hydroxy-6,8-dimethoxyquinolin-2(1H)-one (1k). Colourless crystals, yield 15.3 g (55%), mp 240–244 °C (ethanol). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 0.90 (t, 3H, $J=7.3$ Hz), 1.29–1.46 (m, 4H), 2.54–2.59 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 6.74 (d, 1H, $J=2.4$ Hz), 6.98 (d, 1H, $J=2.4$ Hz), 9.96 (br s, 1H), 10.12 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 14.1, 22.3, 23.0, 30.4, 55.4, 56.1, 95.2, 100.8, 112.8, 115.7, 122.2, 146.6, 154.0, 156.7, 162.5; IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3374 s, 2954 m, 2929 m, 1661 m, 1613 s, 1583 m, 1504 s, 1327 m, 1257 s, 1228 m, 1206 s, 1162 s, 1093 s, 1056 m; HRMS (ESI+): m/z calcd for $C_{15}H_{20}NO_4^+$ ($[M+H]^+$) 278.1387, found 278.1386. Anal. Calcd for $C_{15}H_{19}NO_4$ (277.32): C, 64.97; H, 6.91; N, 5.05%. Found: C, 65.02; H, 6.94; N, 5.04%.

4.2.12. 3-Butyl-4-hydroxybenzo[h]quinolin-2(1H)-one (1l). General procedure was followed for the preparation of this compound with

one exception; the temperature of the metal bath was kept at 180 °C throughout the condensation. White crystals, yield 24.9 g (93%), mp 309–313 °C (ethanol). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 0.93 (t, 3H, $J=7.2$ Hz), 1.35–1.44 (m, 2H), 1.46–1.53 (m, 2H), 2.65–2.70 (m, 2H), 7.58–7.67 (m, 3H), 7.96 (d, 1H, $J=7.4$ Hz), 7.99 (d, 1H, $J=8.9$ Hz), 8.90 (d, 1H, $J=8.0$ Hz), 10.19 (br s, 1H), 11.82 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 14.1, 22.3, 22.9, 30.4, 111.2, 111.8, 120.0, 121.3, 121.4, 122.3, 126.2, 127.4, 128.3, 133.5, 134.0, 157.9, 164.0; IR (cm⁻¹): ν 1763 s, 1618 m, 1601 m, 1196 s, 1067 m, 779 m; MS (EI) m/z (%): 268 ($[M+1]^+$, 5), 267 (M^+ , 24), 238 (17), 226 (16), 225 (100), 224 (33), 115 (16), 55 (18); HRMS (ESI-): m/z calcd for $C_{17}H_{16}NO_2^-$ ($[M-H]^-$) 266.1187, found 266.1187. Anal. Calcd for $C_{17}H_{17}NO_2$ (267.32): C, 76.38; H, 6.41; N, 5.24%. Found: C, 76.29; H, 6.49; N, 5.07%.

4.2.13. 4-Hydroxy-3-phenylquinolin-2(1H)-one (1m).^{32,40} White solid, yield 20.9 g (88%), mp 334–338 °C (acetic acid), mp⁴⁰ 325–327 °C (DMF). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.16–7.21 (m, 1H), 7.28–7.33 (m, 2H), 7.37–7.43 (m, 4H), 7.49–7.53 (m, 1H), 7.96 (dd, 1H, $J=8.1, 1.0$ Hz), 10.10 (br s, 1H), 11.49 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 112.6, 114.9, 115.4, 121.1, 123.1, 126.9, 127.7, 130.6, 131.2, 133.4, 138.0, 157.3, 162.7; IR (cm⁻¹): ν 2700–3330 br, 1645 s, 1610 s, 1588 s, 1499 m, 1408 m, 1365 m, 1289 m, 1244 m, 1226 m, 757 m, 696 m, 557 m; HRMS (ESI+): m/z calcd for $C_{15}H_{12}NO_2^+$ ($[M+H]^+$) 238.0863, found 238.0866.

4.2.14. 3-Ethyl-4-hydroxy-1-methylquinolin-2(1H)-one (1n).⁴¹ White solid, yield 18.1 g (89%), mp 188–191 °C, mp⁴¹ 184–185 °C (ethanol). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 1.03 (t, 3H, $J=7.4$ Hz), 2.63 (q, 2H, $J=7.4$ Hz), 3.59 (s, 3H), 7.22–7.27 (m, 1H), 7.46 (br d, 1H, $J=8.3$ Hz), 7.55–7.60 (m, 1H), 7.99 (dd, 1H, $J=8.0, 1.4$ Hz), 10.09 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 13.2, 17.2, 29.1, 112.6, 114.2, 116.3, 121.2, 123.0, 130.1, 138.2, 155.4, 162.6; IR (cm⁻¹): ν 2700–3400 br, 2964 w, 1641 s, 1607 s, 1584 s, 1571 s, 1392 m, 1219 s, 1205 s, 1165 s, 1126 m, 750 s; HRMS (ESI+): m/z calcd for $C_{12}H_{14}NO_2^+$ ($[M+H]^+$) 204.1019, found 204.1020.

4.2.15. 3-Butyl-4-hydroxy-1-methylquinolin-2(1H)-one (1o). Colourless crystals, yield 16.4 g (71%), mp 145–149 °C (ethanol), mp⁴² 141 °C. For NMR data, see Ref. 20. IR (cm⁻¹): ν 2800–3400 br, 2954 w, 1632 m, 1604 s, 1582 s, 1466 w, 1342 w, 1192 s, 1165 m, 1157 m, 1083 w, 747 m, 471 w.

4.2.16. 4-Hydroxy-1-methyl-3-phenylquinolin-2(1H)-one (1p).⁴³ White solid, yield 23.4 g (93%), mp 227–230 °C, mp⁴³ 226 °C (ethanol). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 3.61 (s, 3H), 7.27–7.31 (m, 1H), 7.30–7.37 (m, 3H), 7.39–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.52 (br d, 1H, $J=8.3$ Hz), 7.63–7.67 (m, 1H), 8.05 (dd, 1H, $J=8.0, 1.4$ Hz), 10.07 (br s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 29.5, 112.3, 114.4, 116.3, 121.4, 123.6, 127.0, 127.8, 131.0, 131.2, 133.7, 139.0, 156.2, 162.0; IR (cm⁻¹): ν 2750–3250 br, 3060 w, 2953 w, 1629 s, 1612 s, 1594 s, 1581 s, 1572 s, 1328 m, 1251 m, 755 m, 693 m, 511 w; MS (EI) m/z (%): 252 ($[M+1]^+$, 16), 251 ($[M]^+$, 96), 250 (100), 134 (45), 125 (11), 116 (12), 91 (10), 77 (27). HRMS (ESI+): m/z calcd for $C_{16}H_{14}NO_2^+$ ($[M+H]^+$) 252.1019, found 252.1022. X-ray structure is reported.²⁸

4.2.17. 2-Ethyl-N,N'-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)propanediamide (1c'). White solid, yield 1.37 g (4%), mp 237–241 °C (ethanol–benzene). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 0.92 (t, 3H, $J=7.4$ Hz) 1.91 (dq, 2H, $J=7.4, 7.4$ Hz), 3.33 (t, 1H, $J=7.4$ Hz), 3.72 (s, 6H), 6.86–6.91 (m, 4H), 7.50–7.54 (m, 4H), 9.80 (br s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 12.0, 23.1, 55.2, 56.2, 113.8, 120.9, 132.0, 155.3, 167.5; IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3279 m, 2968 w, 2836 w, 1673 s, 1601 m, 1539 m, 1512 s, 1412 m, 1249 m, 1236 m, 1166 m, 1029 m, 824 m; MS (EI) m/z (%): 343 ($[M+1]^+$, 10), 342 (M^+ , 47), 193 (38), 178 (63), 149 (20), 124 (13), 123 (100), 122 (42), 108 (40), 55 (10);

HRMS (ESI+): m/z calcd for $C_{19}H_{23}N_2O_4^+ [M+H]^+$ 343.1652, found 343.1650.

4.2.18. *N,N'*-2-Triphenylpropanediamide (**1m**).⁴⁴ White solid, yield 1.65 g (5%), mp 198–202 °C (ethanol), mp⁴⁴ 201–202 °C (ethanol). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 4.88 (s, 1H), 7.04–7.08 (m, 2H), 7.28–7.34 (m, 5H), 7.36–7.40 (m, 2H), 7.44–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.59–7.63 (m, 4H), 10.25 (br s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 59.9, 119.3, 123.6, 127.4, 128.2, 128.8, 129.0, 135.5, 138.9, 166.6; IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3313 m, 1672 s, 1647 m, 1618 m, 1605 s, 1551 s, 1497 s, 1443 s, 1334 m, 763 m, 749 m, 718 m, 697 m; HRMS (ESI+): m/z calcd for $C_{21}H_{19}N_2O_2^+ [M+H]^+$ 331.1441, found 331.1441.

4.3. General procedure for the preparation of 3-hydroxyquinoline-2,4(1H,3H)-diones (2)

To a solution of the appropriate 4-hydroxyquinolin-2(1H)-one (**1**, 20 mmol) in aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (0.5 M, 20 mL), peroxyacetic acid (32–36 wt. % in dilute acetic acid, 20 mL, 100 mmol) was added dropwise under stirring during 30 min. The precipitate was collected by filtration and washed with small portions of 5% aqueous potassium carbonate solution until the filter cake is free of potentially unreacted starting material **1** (until the filtrate is not clear solution upon acidification with conc. hydrochloric acid). Then the solid was washed with water (3 × 30 mL), air dried and recrystallized from the appropriate solvent. Analytical and spectral data of 3-hydroxyquinoline-2,4(1H,3H)-diones **2** are given below.

4.3.1. 3-Hydroxy-3-methylquinoline-2,4(1H,3H)-dione (**2a**).⁴⁵ White solid, yield 2.94 g (77%), mp 212–216 °C (ethanol), mp⁴⁵ 201 °C (ethanol–water). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.40 (s, 3H), 5.81 (s, 1H), 7.09 (d, 1H, $J=8.0$ Hz), 7.10–7.14 (m, 1H), 7.60 (ddd, 1H, $J=7.7, 7.7, 1.5$ Hz), 7.75 (dd, 1H, $J=7.7, 1.3$ Hz), 10.76 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 26.2, 78.0, 116.2, 118.4, 122.5, 127.0, 136.0, 141.5, 173.3, 196.2; IR (cm⁻¹): ν 1709 s, 1671 s, 1614 s, 1598 m, 1487 m, 1455 m, 1441 m, 1405 m, 1243 m, 1190 m, 753 m; HRMS (ESI+): m/z calcd for $C_{10}H_{10}NO_3^+ [M+H]^+$ 192.0655, found 192.0658.

4.3.2. 3-Ethyl-3-hydroxyquinoline-2,4(1H,3H)-dione (**2b**).²⁷ White solid, yield 3.73 g (91%), mp 174–176 °C (benzene–ethanol), mp²⁷ 170–172 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 0.78 (t, 3H, $J=7.4$ Hz), 1.66–1.82 (m, 2H), 5.65 (s, 1H), 7.07 (d, 1H, $J=8.0$ Hz), 7.09–7.13 (m, 1H), 7.59 (ddd, 1H, $J=7.7, 7.7, 1.5$ Hz), 7.72 (dd, 1H, $J=7.7, 1.4$ Hz), 10.76 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.4, 32.8, 82.0, 116.2, 119.1, 122.5, 126.7, 135.9, 141.4, 172.9, 196.0; IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3457 m, 1709 s, 1667 s, 1617 m, 1487 m, 1365 m, 1185 m, 774 m, 753 m; MS (EI) m/z (%): 97(22), 83(25), 74(26), 72(73), 71(22), 69(32), 59(100), 55(48); HRMS (ESI+): m/z calcd for $C_{11}H_{12}NO_3^+ [M+H]^+$ 206.0812, found 206.0816. Anal. Calcd for $C_{11}H_{11}NO_3$ (205.21): C, 64.23; H, 5.40; N, 6.83%. Found: C, 64.08; H, 5.37; N, 6.65%.

4.3.3. 3-Ethyl-3-hydroxy-6-methoxyquinoline-2,4(1H,3H)-dione (**2c**).³⁵ Yellow solid, yield 4.29 (89%), mp 186–193 °C (ethanol), mp³⁵ 198 °C (water–DMF). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 0.78 (t, 3H, $J=7.5$ Hz), 1.65–1.82 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 5.62 (br s, 1H), 7.02 (d, 1H, $J=8.8$ Hz), 7.18 (d, 1H, $J=3.0$ Hz), 7.22 (dd, 1H, $J=8.8$ Hz, 3.0 Hz), 10.58 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.4, 32.9, 55.5, 81.8, 108.4, 117.8, 119.6, 123.8, 135.4, 154.6, 172.5, 196.1; IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3414 m, 3200–2800 br, 3072 m, 1709 s, 1669 s, 1625 m, 1502 s, 1431 m, 1282 s, 1212 m, 1182 m, 1160 m, 848 m; MS (EI) m/z (%): 236 ([$M+1$]⁺, 9), 235 (M^+ , 63), 220 (20), 123 (20), 122 (47), 109 (29), 106 (28), 79 (26), 57 (21), 52 (26); HRMS (ESI+): m/z calcd for $C_{12}H_{14}NO_4^+ [M+H]^+$ 236.0917, found 236.0916; Anal. Calcd for

$C_{12}H_{13}NO_4 \cdot \frac{1}{3} H_2O$ (241.24): C, 59.76; H, 5.71; N, 5.81%. Found: C, 59.82; H, 5.78; N, 5.52%.

4.3.4. 3-Ethyl-3-hydroxy-7-methoxyquinoline-2,4(1H,3H)-dione (**2d**). White solid, yield 83%, mp 162–164 °C (benzene). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 0.78 (t, 3H, $J=7.4$ Hz), 1.63–1.84 (m, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 6.58 (d, 1H, $J=2.3$ Hz), 6.70 (dd, 1H, $J=8.7, 2.3$ Hz), 7.70 (d, 1H, $J=8.7$ Hz), 10.67 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.4, 33.2, 55.7, 81.2, 100.0, 109.7, 112.6, 129.0, 143.6, 165.1, 173.1, 194.2; IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3258 s, 3067 m, 1713 s, 1668 s, 1612 s, 1589 s, 1482 m, 1461 m, 1409 m, 1349 m, 1274 s, 1207 s, 1173 s, 1119 s, 1108 m; Anal. Calcd for $C_{12}H_{13}NO_4 \cdot \frac{1}{6} C_6H_6$: C, 62.90; H, 5.68; N, 5.64%. Found: C, 63.01; H, 5.73; N, 5.60%. The presence and quantity of residual benzene in the sample is confirmed by ¹H and ¹³C NMR resonances at δ 7.37 ppm and 128.3 ppm, respectively.

4.3.5. 3-Ethyl-3-hydroxy-8-methoxyquinoline-2,4(1H,3H)-dione (**2e**).²⁹ Yellow crystals, yield 83%, mp 70–72 °C (benzene). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 0.78 (t, 3H, $J=7.4$ Hz), 1.61–1.86 (m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 5.63 (s, 1H), 7.09 (dd, 1H, $J=7.9, 7.9$ Hz), 7.29 (d, 1H, $J=7.9$ Hz), 7.31 (d, 1H, $J=7.9$ Hz), 9.85 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.3, 32.9, 56.2, 82.2, 117.1, 117.7, 119.5, 122.6, 131.0, 146.3, 172.4, 196.0; IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3579 m, 3486 m, 1710 s, 1618 s, 1615 m, 1591 m, 1508 m, 1384 m, 1266 s, 1203 m, 1187 m, 1018 m, 1004 m. Anal. Calcd for $C_{12}H_{13}NO_4 \cdot H_2O$: C, 56.91; H, 5.97; N, 5.53%. Found: C, 56.90; H, 5.88; N, 5.57%. The presence of H₂O in a 1:1 ratio relative to **2e** was confirmed by single crystal structure analysis.²⁹

4.3.6. 3-Ethyl-3-hydroxy-6-methylquinoline-2,4(1H,3H)-dione (**2f**). White solid, yield 91%, mp 198–205 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 0.78 (t, 3H, $J=7.4$ Hz), 1.65–1.81 (m, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 6.98 (d, 1H, $J=8.2$ Hz), 7.41 (dd, 1H, $J=8.2, 1.7$ Hz), 7.52 (d, 1H, $J=1.7$ Hz), 10.67 (br s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.3, 20.0, 32.9, 81.9, 116.1, 118.9, 126.3, 131.7, 136.7, 139.1, 172.7, 196.1; IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3588 w, 3449 w, 3191 w, 2914 w, 1712 s, 1670 s, 1618 m, 1504 m, 1421 w, 1200 w, 1159 w, 849 w, 540 w; HRMS (ESI-): m/z calcd for $C_{12}H_{12}NO_3^- ([M-H]^-)$ 218.0823, found 218.0827.

4.3.7. 3-Ethyl-3-hydroxy-8-methylquinoline-2,4(1H,3H)-dione (**2g**). Yellow solid, yield 66%, mp 164 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 0.78 (t, 3H, $J=7.2$ Hz), 1.64–1.81 (m, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 5.66 (br s, 1H), 7.04 (dd, 1H, $J=7.6, 7.6$ Hz), 7.45 (d, 1H, $J=7.6$ Hz), 7.58 (d, 1H, $J=7.6$ Hz), 9.94 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.3, 17.2, 32.8, 82.0, 119.5, 122.3, 124.4, 124.6, 137.0, 139.3, 173.1, 196.2; IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3585 m, 3472 m, 3294 m, 1706 s, 1668 s, 1598 m, 1469 m, 1374 m, 1194 m; HRMS (ESI+): m/z calcd for $C_{12}H_{14}NO_3^+ [M+H]^+$ 220.0968, found 220.0974.

4.3.8. 5-Chloro-3-ethyl-3-hydroxy-8-methylquinoline-2,4(1H,3H)-dione (**2h**). Colourless solid, yield 4.16 g (82%), mp 158–166 °C (cyclohexane). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 0.80 (t, 3H, $J=7.2$ Hz, CH_3CH_2), 1.76 (q, 2H, $J=7.2$ Hz, CH_2), 2.28 (s, 3H, CH_3-C8), 5.76 (br s, 1H, OH), 7.11 (d, 1H, $J=8.1$ Hz, H6), 7.38 (d, 1H, $J=8.1$ Hz, H7), 9.99 (br s, 1H, NH); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.8 (CH_3CH_2), 17.3 (CH_3-C8), 32.2 (CH_2), 83.2 (C3), 117.8 (C4a), 124.2 (C8), 124.7 (C6), 129.5 (C5), 136.2 (C7), 140.3 (C8a), 172.0 (C2), 194.9 (C4); IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3438 m, 3294 m, 1717 s, 1682 s, 1587 s, 1499 m, 1458 m, 1389 m, 1375 m, 1272 m, 1250 m, 1187 s, 1064 m, 1053 m, 813 m; HRMS (ESI+): m/z calcd for $C_{12}H_{13}ClNO_3^+ [M+H]^+$ 254.0578, found 254.0578.

4.3.9. 3-Butyl-3-hydroxyquinoline-2,4(1H,3H)-dione (**2i**). Yield²⁴ 3.73 g (80%), mp²⁴ 146–149 °C (benzene). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 0.77 (t, 3H, $J=7.0$ Hz), 1.12–1.28 (m, 4H), 1.62–1.78 (m, 4H), 5.67 (br s, 1H), 7.08 (d, 1H, $J=8.0$ Hz), 7.09–7.13 (m, 1H), 7.59

(ddd, 1H, $J=7.6, 7.6, 1.8$ Hz), 7.72 (dd, 1H, $J=7.6, 1.8$ Hz), 10.79 (br s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 13.8, 22.0, 24.7, 39.3, 81.7, 116.2, 119.0, 122.5, 126.7, 135.9, 141.4, 172.9, 196.1; IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3476 m, 3192 w, 2950 m, 2866 m, 1705 s, 1666 s, 1617 m, 1595 m, 1486 m, 1382 m, 1091 m, 755 m; HRMS (ESI+): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_3^+$ [M+H] $^+$ 234.1125, found 234.1126.

4.3.10. 3-Butyl-3-hydroxy-6,8-dimethylquinoline-2,4(1H,3H)-dione (2j). Colourless microcrystals, yield 4.93 g (87%), mp 175–184 °C (cyclohexane). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 0.76 (t, 3H, $J=7.5$ Hz, CH_2CH_2), 1.10–1.29 (m, 4H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 1.61–1.75 (m, 2H, $\text{CH}_2\text{-C3}$), 2.25 (s, 3H, $\text{CH}_3\text{-C6}$), 2.27 (s, 3H, $\text{CH}_3\text{-C8}$), 5.63 (s, 1H, OH), 7.27 (s, 1H, H7), 7.38 (s, 1H, H5), 9.86 (br s, 1H, NH); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 13.7 (CH_2CH_2), 17.1 ($\text{CH}_3\text{-C8}$), 19.8 ($\text{CH}_3\text{-C6}$), 21.9 (CH_2CH_3), 24.6 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{-C3}$), 39.3 ($\text{CH}_2\text{-C3}$), 81.7 (C3), 119.3, 124.1 (C5), 124.5, 131.4, 137.0, 137.9 (C7), 173.1 (C2), 196.3 (C4); ^{15}N NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 51 MHz): ν 3455 m, 3231 m, 2954 m, 2932 m, 1704 s, 1662 s, 1615 m, 1491 s, 1378 s, 1283 m, 1236 m, 1220 m, 1158 m, 1068 m, 791 w; HRMS (ESI+): m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3^+$ [M+H] $^+$ 262.1438, found 262.1437; Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_3$ (283.32): C, 72.07; H, 6.05; N, 4.94%. Found: C, 72.16; H, 6.13; N, 5.11%.

4.3.11. 3-Butyl-3-hydroxy-6,8-dimethoxyquinoline-2,4(1H,3H)-dione (2k). Pale yellow crystals, yield 3.34 g (57%), mp 119–121 °C (cyclohexane). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 0.77 (t, 3H, $J=7.0$ Hz), 1.11–1.28 (m, 4H), 1.60–1.75 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 5.64 (br s, 1H), 6.77 (d, 1H, $J=2.6$ Hz), 6.89 (d, 1H, $J=2.6$ Hz), 9.76 (br s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 13.8, 22.0, 24.7, 55.5, 56.3, 82.0, 98.8, 106.3, 119.4, 125.5, 147.6, 155.0, 172.3, 196.1 (one resonance not observed); IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3486 m, 3213 m, 2960 m, 2934 m, 1709 s, 1668 s, 1618 m, 1505 s, 1455 m, 1370 m, 1205 m, 1155 m, 841 w; HRMS (ESI+): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_5^+$ [M+H] $^+$ 294.1336, found 278.1338.

4.3.12. 3-Butyl-3-hydroxybenzo[h]quinoline-2,4(1H,3H)-dione (2l). Pale yellow solid, yield 4.59 (81%), mp 117–121 °C (benzene). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 0.76 (t, 3H, $J=7.2$ Hz), 1.11–1.36 (m, 4H), 1.71–1.86 (m, 2H), 5.79 (s, 1H), 7.62–7.68 (m, 2H), 7.71–7.79 (m, 2H), 7.99 (d, 1H, $J=8.3$ Hz), 8.65 (d, 1H, $J=8.3$ Hz), 11.00 (br s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 13.8, 22.0, 24.8, 81.9, 114.4, 121.6, 121.9, 122.7, 123.6, 126.8, 128.6, 129.6, 136.8, 139.7, 174.5, 196.2 (one signal not observed); IR (cm^{-1}): 3489 w, 3294 w, 2955 w, 2928 w, 1705 s, 1666 s, 1626 m, 1578 m, 1389 m, 820 w, 797 w, 765 w; MS (EI) m/z (%): 284 ([M+1] $^+$, 8), 283 (M $^+$, 41), 240 (38), 199 (100), 198 (50), 170 (13), 142 (14), 140 (17), 115 (45), 114 (16), 57 (22), 41 (19). HRMS (ESI+): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_3^+$ [M+H] $^+$ 284.1281, found 284.1279. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_3$ (283.32): C, 72.07; H, 6.05; N, 4.94%. Found: C, 71.96; H, 6.06; N, 4.81%.

4.3.13. 3-Hydroxy-3-phenylquinoline-2,4(1H,3H)-dione (2m).^{46,24} White solid, yield 3.80 g (75%), mp 245–250 °C (ethanol), mp⁴⁶ 224–226 °C (ethanol). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 6.41 (br s, 1H), 7.08–7.15 (m, 2H), 7.27–7.35 (m, 3H), 7.36–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.61 (ddd, 1H, $J=7.8, 7.8, 1.3$ Hz), 7.68 (dd, 1H, $J=7.8, 1.3$ Hz), 11.11 (br s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 82.5, 116.4, 119.0, 122.9, 125.4, 127.2, 128.6, 128.7, 136.4, 138.4, 141.4, 171.6, 194.2; IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3441 s, 3250 m, 1732 s, 1708 s, 1675 s, 1613 m, 1482 m, 1368 m, 1169 m, 760 m, 739 m, 696 m; HRMS (ESI+): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_3^+$ [M+H] $^+$ 254.0812, found 254.0813.

4.3.14. 3-Ethyl-3-hydroxy-1-methylquinoline-2,4(1H,3H)-dione (2n).⁴⁵ White solid, yield 3.16 g (72%), mp 121–126 °C (ethyl acetate), mp⁴⁵ 146 °C (xylene–cyclohexane). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 0.75 (t, 3H, $J=7.4$ Hz), 1.64–1.80 (m, 2H), 3.38 (s, 3H), 5.73 (br s, 1H), 7.20–7.24 (m, 1H), 7.36 (d, 1H, $J=8.4$ Hz), 7.69–7.74

(m, 1H), 7.80 (dd, 1H, $J=7.7, 1.6$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.5, 29.8, 33.2, 82.4, 115.6, 120.4, 123.0, 126.8, 136.0, 142.6, 172.4, 195.3; IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3379 m, 2990 w, 2940 w, 1711 s, 1680 s, 1605 s, 1473 s, 1359 m, 1102 m, 707 w, 755 w, 666 w, 530 w; HRMS (ESI+): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_3^+$ [M+H] $^+$ 220.0968, found 220.0969.

4.3.15. 3-Butyl-3-hydroxy-1-methylquinoline-2,4(1H,3H)-dione (2o).²⁴ White solid, yield 4.20 g (85%), mp 104–108 °C (cyclohexane), mp²⁴ 104–108 °C (cyclohexane). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 0.74 (t, 3H, $J=7.0$ Hz), 1.08–1.28 (m, 4H), 1.61–1.75 (m, 2H), 3.37 (s, 3H), 5.73 (br s, 1H), 7.22 (dd, 1H, $J=7.4, 7.4$ Hz), 7.35 (d, 1H, $J=8.4$ Hz), 7.72 (ddd, 1H, $J=8.2, 8.2, 1.7$ Hz), 7.80 (dd, 1H, $J=7.7, 1.6$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 13.7, 21.9, 24.8, 29.8, 39.6, 82.1, 115.6, 120.4, 123.0, 126.9, 136.0, 142.5, 172.4, 195.4; IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3471 m, 2944 m, 1702 s, 1661 s, 1603 s, 1475 s, 1346 m, 1324 m, 1296 m, 1189 m, 1106 m, 1081 s, 1028 m, 1020 m, 769 m.

4.3.16. 3-Hydroxy-1-methyl-3-phenylquinoline-2,4(1H,3H)-dione (2p).^{24,27} White solid, yield 4.81 g (90%), mp 159–162 °C (ethanol), mp²⁷ 160–162 °C (ethanol–water). For yield,²⁴ mp²⁴ and IR spectrum²⁷ see literature. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 3.49 (s, 3H), 6.49 (br s, 1H), 7.18 (dd, 1H, $J=7.3, 7.3$ Hz), 7.25–7.31 (m, 5H), 7.40 (d, 1H, $J=7.3$ Hz), 7.68–7.50 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 30.0, 83.0, 116.0, 120.5, 123.3, 125.6, 127.3, 128.7, 136.3, 138.5, 142.4, 171.0, 193.4 (one signal not observed); IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3615 w, 3422 w, 1709 s, 1668 s, 1602 m, 1474 s, 1359 s, 1297 m, 1099 m, 1015 m, 759 m, 744 m, 700 m; MS (EI) m/z (%): 268 ([M+1] $^+$, 5), 267 ([M] $^+$, 26), 162 (65), 146 (11), 105 (100), 91 (12), 77 (43), 51 (12). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_3$ (267.28): C, 71.90; H, 4.90; N, 5.24%. Found: C, 71.71; H, 4.86; N, 5.00%.

4.4. Oxidation of 3-hydroxyquinoline-2,4(1H,3H)-diones 2 with paraperiodic acid into *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acids 3

An aqueous solution of H_5IO_6 (1.25 mL of water per 1 mmol of H_5IO_6 , Table 2) was added to the stirred solution of 3-hydroxyquinoline-2,4(1H,3H)-dione 2 (1 mmol) in Solvent (Table 2) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at the temperature and for the time indicated in Table 2. Then it was left overnight at 5–10 °C. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration and repeatedly washed with small portions of water (totally 15–50 mL) to afford the first crop of product 3. The filtrate was evaporated to dryness suspended in water and filtered. The filtrate was washed with water as described above to give the second crop of the product. Re-crystallisation of the combined crops from the solvent indicated below gave pure 3.

4.5. Oxidation of 3-hydroxyquinoline-2,4(1H,3H)-diones 2 with sodium periodate into *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acids 3

An aqueous solution of NaIO_4 (1.25 mL of water per 1 mmol of NaIO_4 , Table 3) was added to the stirred solution of 3-hydroxyquinoline-2,4(1H,3H)-dione 2 (1 mmol) in ethanol (Table 3) at room temperature within 5 min. The stirring was continued for the time indicated in Table 3. The reaction mixture was left at 5–10 °C overnight. The precipitate was collected by filtration and washed repeatedly with small portions of water (totally 100–200 mL) to give the first crop of product 3. The above water filtrates were combined, solvents were evaporated in vacuo and the residue was suspended in water (40 mL). The precipitate was collected by filtration and washed with water (3 \times 5 mL) to give the second crop of product 3. Re-crystallisation of the combined crops from the solvent indicated below gave pure 3.

4.5.1. *N*-(2-Oxopropanoyl)amino]benzoic acid (3a). For UV, IR and ^1H NMR (60 MHz) data, see Ref. 2 White solid, mp 207–210 °C

(ethyl acetate), mp² 194–196 °C (benzene). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 2.45 (s, 3H, CH₃), 7.24 (dd, 1H, *J*=7.5, 7.5 Hz, H5), 7.67 (ddd, 1H, *J*=7.5, 7.5, 1.0 Hz, H4), 8.05 (dd, 1H, *J*=7.5, 1.0 Hz, H6), 8.67 (d, 1H, *J*=7.5 Hz, H3), 12.31 (br s, 1H, NH), 13.81 (br s, 1H, COOH); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 24.1 (CH₃), 117.1 (C1), 119.4 (C3), 123.7 (C5), 131.5 (C6), 134.3 (C4), 139.5 (C2), 158.8 (NCO), 169.2 (COOH), 196.2 (COCH₃); ¹⁵N NMR (51 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 118; IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3260 m, 1725 s, 1700 s, 1673 s, 1585 m, 1520 s, 1451 m, 1419 s, 1281 s, 1253 s, 1138 s, 760 s; MS (EI) *m/z* (%): 208 ([M+1]⁺, 1), 207 (M⁺, 8), 164 (31), 146 (100), 119 (18), 90 (33), 65 (10), 43 (38). HRMS (ESI+): *m/z* calcd for C₁₀H₁₀NO₄ [M+H]⁺ 208.0604, found 208.0610.

4.5.2. 2-[(2-Oxobutanoyl)amino]benzoic acid (**3b**). Off-white crystals, mp 179–182 °C (benzene); colourless needles, mp 194–196 °C (ethyl acetate); *R*_f=0.13 (5% ethanol in chloroform); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.04 (t, 3H, *J*=7.0 Hz), 2.96 (q, 2H, *J*=7.0 Hz), 7.24 (dd, 1H, *J*=7.6, 7.6 Hz), 7.67 (dd, 1H, *J*=7.6, 7.6 Hz), 8.05 (d, 1H, *J*=7.6 Hz), 8.67 (d, 1H, *J*=7.6 Hz), 12.31 (br s, 1H), 13.77 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.0, 29.3, 117.0, 119.5, 123.6, 131.4, 134.2, 139.4, 158.6, 169.1, 198.6; IR (cm⁻¹): ν 2700–3300 br, 3266 w, 2983 w, 1721 m, 1693 s, 1672 s, 1602 m, 1584 m, 1519 s, 1416 m, 1277 s, 761 m, 662 w; MS (EI) *m/z* (%): 222 ([M+1]⁺, 1), 221 (M⁺, 8), 164 (35), 146 (100), 119 (16), 90 (19), 57 (30). Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₁NO₄ (221.21): C, 59.73; H, 5.01; N, 6.33%. Found: 59.72; H 5.03; N, 6.30%.

4.5.3. 5-Methoxy-2-[(2-oxobutanoyl)amino]benzoic acid (**3c**). Colourless shiny crystals, mp 205–207 °C (ethyl acetate); *R*_f=0.11 (5% ethanol in chloroform); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.03 (t, 3H, *J*=7.1 Hz), 2.94 (q, 2H, *J*=7.1 Hz), 3.80 (s, 3H), 7.27 (dd, 1H, *J*=9.2, 3.1 Hz), 7.52 (d, 1H, *J*=3.1 Hz), 8.60 (d, 1H, *J*=9.2 Hz), 12.05 (br s, 1H), 13.87 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.0, 29.4, 55.4, 115.4, 118.4, 120.1, 121.1, 132.7, 154.8, 158.2, 168.7, 198.9; IR (cm⁻¹): ν 2500–3300 br, 3270 w, 2978 w, 1722 m, 1697 s, 1689 s, 1673 s, 1525 s, 1439 s, 1299 s, 1287 s, 1251 s, 1216 s, 1045 m, 829 m; MS (EI) *m/z* (%): 251 (M⁺, 4), 207 (15), 194 (17), 176 (51), 167 (46), 150 (28), 149 (70), 122(47), 107(15), 52(16), 45(24), 44(90); Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₃NO₅ (251.24): C, 57.37; H, 5.22; N, 5.58%. Found: C, 57.53; H, 5.42; N, 5.58%.

4.5.4. 4-Methoxy-2-[(2-oxobutanoyl)amino]benzoic acid (**3d**). Off-white crystals, mp 201–203 °C (benzene–ethyl acetate), *R*_f=0.08 (5% ethanol in chloroform). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.03 (t, 3H, *J*=7.1 Hz), 2.94 (q, 2H, *J*=7.1 Hz), 3.23 (s, 3H), 6.80 (dd, 1H, *J*=8.9, 2.5 Hz), 7.99 (d, 1H, *J*=8.9 Hz), 8.30 (d, 1H, *J*=2.5 Hz), 12.46 (br s, 1H), 13.40 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.0, 29.3, 55.5, 104.6, 109.3, 109.4, 133.3, 141.4, 158.8, 163.5, 168.9, 198.4; IR (cm⁻¹): ν 2800–3400 br, 3180 w, 2972 w, 1698 s, 1688 s, 1661 s, 1608 s, 1583 s, 1530s, 1248 s, 1211 s, 1140 m, 1027 m, 830 m, 624 w; MS (EI) *m/z* (%): 252 ([M+1]⁺, 2), 251 (M⁺, 6), 176 (55), 97 (43), 85 (49), 83 (45), 71 (79), 69 (43), 57 (100), 43 (77). Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₃NO₅ (251.24): C, 57.37; H, 5.22; N, 5.58%. Found: C, 57.28; H 5.43; N, 5.41%.

4.5.5. 3-Methoxy-2-[(2-oxobutanoyl)amino]benzoic acid (**3e**). Off-white crystals, mp 142–146 °C (benzene–cyclohexane), *R*_f=0.13 (5% ethanol in chloroform). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.03 (t, 3H, *J*=7.2 Hz), 2.87 (q, 2H, *J*=7.2 Hz), 3.81 (s, 3H), 7.27–7.41 (m, 3H), 9.83 (br s, 1H), 12.89 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.1, 30.2, 56.1, 115.3, 121.5, 124.3, 127.0, 128.8, 154.1, 159.5, 167.3, 199.2; IR (cm⁻¹): ν 2800–3400 br, 3330 m, 2974 w, 2943 w, 1716 s, 1679 s, 1537 m, 1479 m, 1287 m, 1203 m, 1054 m, 760 w, 760 w, 720 w, 647 w; Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₃NO₅·0.25H₂O (255.74): C, 56.36; H, 5.32; N, 5.48%. Found: C, 56.31; H 5.25; N, 5.48%.

4.5.6. 5-Methyl-2-(2-oxobutanamido)benzoic acid (**3f**). Colourless shiny crystals, mp 199–205 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.03 (t, 3H, *J*=7.2 Hz), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.95 (q, 2H, *J*=7.2 Hz), 7.47 (dd, 1H,

J=7.5, 2.0 Hz), 7.86 (d, 1H, *J*=2.0 Hz), 8.57 (d, 1H, *J*=7.5 Hz), 12.23 (br s, 1H), 13.76 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 7.1, 20.3, 29.4, 116.9, 119.5, 131.6, 132.9, 134.8, 137.1, 158.5, 169.2, 198.7; IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3480 w, 3275 m, 1693 s, 1673 s, 1595 m, 1524 s, 1419 m, 1292 m, 1270 s, 1223 s, 916 m, 893 m, 794 m, 754 m, 665 m; HRMS (ESI+): *m/z* calcd for C₁₂H₁₄NO₄ [M+H]⁺ 236.0917, found 236.0914.

4.5.7. 3-Methyl-2-[(2-oxobutanoyl)amino]benzoic acid (**3g**). Yellowish solid, mp 130–136 °C (benzene). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.03 (t, 3H, *J*=7.2 Hz), 2.20 (s, 3H), 2.90 (q, 2H, *J*=7.2 Hz), 7.29 (dd, 1H, *J*=7.7, 7.7 Hz), 7.48 (d, 1H, *J*=7.7 Hz), 7.69 (d, 1H, *J*=7.7 Hz), 10.29 (br s, 1H), 12.97 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.0, 18.2, 30.1, 126.2, 127.8, 127.9, 134.0, 134.5, 135.7, 159.4, 167.5, 199.0; IR (cm⁻¹): ν 2600–3400 br, 3343 w, 2985 w, 1724 s, 1697 s, 1678 s, 1597 m, 1515 s, 1468 m, 1431 m, 1405 m, 1291 s, 1193 m, 1113 m, 756 s; HRMS (ESI+): *m/z* calcd for C₁₂H₁₄NO₄ [M+H]⁺ 236.0917; found 236.0922.

4.5.8. 6-Chloro-3-methyl-2-[(2-oxobutanoyl)amino]benzoic acid (**3h**). Colourless crystals, mp 189–191 °C (benzene). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.02 (t, 3H, *J*=7.2 Hz, CH₃CH₂), 2.12 (s, 3H, CH₃–C₃), 2.87 (q, 2H, *J*=7.2 Hz, CH₂), 7.37 (d, *J*=8.3 Hz, 1H, H4), 7.41 (d, 1H, *J*=8.3 Hz, H5), 10.22 (br s, 1H, NH), 13.01 (br s, 1H, COOH); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.0 (CH₃CH₂), 17.2 (CH₃–C₃), 30.4 (CH₂), 126.6 (C6), 128.1 (C5), 131.8 (C4), 133.2 (C2), 133.4 (C1), 135.6 (C3), 160.4 (NHCO), 165.9 (COOH), 199.0 (COCH₃); ¹⁵N NMR (51 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 118; IR (cm⁻¹): ν 2700–3500 br, 3219 w, 2983 w, 2936 w, 1716 s, 1668 s, 1530 m, 1210 s, 1171 s, 1107 m, 694 m; HRMS (ESI–): *m/z* calcd for C₁₂H₁₁ClNO₄ [M–H][–] 268.0382, found 268.0393.

4.5.9. 2-[(2-Oxohexanoyl)amino]benzoic acid (**3i**). Colourless shiny crystals, mp 147–151 °C (ethyl acetate); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 0.90 (t, 3H, *J*=2.4 Hz, CH₃), 1.29–1.37 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₃), 1.50–1.57 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₂CH₃), 2.93 (t, 2H, *J*=7.3 Hz, COCH₂), 7.24 (ddd, 1H, *J*=7.7, 7.7, 1.0 Hz, H5), 7.67 (ddd, 1H, *J*=7.7, 7.7, 1.6 Hz, H4), 8.05 (dd, 1H, *J*=7.7, 1.6 Hz, H6), 8.67 (dd, 1H, *J*=7.7, 1.0 Hz, H3), 12.33 (br s, 1H, NH), 13.81 (br s, 1H, COOH); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.8 (CH₃), 21.6 (CH₂CH₃), 24.8 (CH₂CH₂CH₃), 35.4 (CH₂CO), 117.0 (C1), 119.5 (C3), 123.6 (C5), 131.5 (C6), 134.3 (C4), 139.4 (C2), 158.6 (NCO), 169.1 (COOH), 198.1 (COCH₂); ¹⁵N NMR (51 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 119; IR (cm⁻¹): ν 2300–3300 br, 3252 w, 2957 w, 2871 w, 1723 m, 1695 s, 1668 s, 1603 m, 1586 s, 1521 s, 1412 m, 1283 s, 1265 s, 762 s, 662 m; MS (EI): *m/z*, (%) 249 (M⁺, 6), 164 (43), 146 (100), 90 (19), 57 (32); HRMS (ESI+): *m/z* Calcd for C₁₃H₁₅NO₄ [M+H]⁺ 250.1074; found 250.1075. Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₅NO₄ (249.26): C, 62.64; H, 6.07; N, 5.62%. Found: C, 62.93; H 6.14; N, 5.70%.

4.5.10. 3,5-Dimethyl-2-[(2-oxohexanoyl)amino]benzoic acid (**3j**). Colourless crystals, mp 109–110 °C (cyclohexane). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 0.89 (t, 3H, *J*=7.4 Hz, CH₃CH₂), 1.28–1.36 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₃), 1.50–1.57 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₂CH₃), 2.15 (s, 3H, CH₃–C₃), 2.31 (s, 3H, CH₃–C₅), 2.86 (q, 2H, *J*=7.3 Hz, COCH₂), 7.29 (d, 1H, *J*=1.3 Hz, H4), 7.50 (d, 1H, *J*=1.3 Hz, H6), 10.17 (br s, 1H, NH), 12.89 (br s, 1H, COOH); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.7 (CH₃CH₃), 18.0 (CH₃–C₃), 20.2 (CH₃–C₅), 21.5 (CH₂CH₃), 24.8 (CH₂CH₂CH₃), 36.2 (COCH₂), 127.6 (C1), 128.3 (C6), 132.0 (C2), 134.5 (C4), 135.5 (C3), 135.6 (C1), 159.6 (NHCO), 167.6 (COOH), 198.8 (COCH₂); ¹⁵N NMR (51 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 118; IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3332 w, 2500–3300 br, 2963 w, 2930 w, 1726 m, 1690 s, 1671 s, 1511 s, 1431 m, 1313 m, 1242 m, 1150 w, 727 w; HRMS (ESI–): *m/z* Calcd for C₁₅H₁₈NO₄ [M–H][–] 276.1241, found 276.1248.

4.5.11. 3,5-Dimethoxy-2-[(2-oxohexanoyl)amino]benzoic acid (**3k**). Pale yellow microcrystals, mp 101–105 °C (cyclohexane). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 0.89 (t, 3H, *J*=7.4 Hz), 1.28–1.35 (m, 2H), 1.50–1.55 (m, 2H), 2.83 (t, 2H, *J*=7.2 Hz), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H),

6.84 (d, 1H, $J=2.7$ Hz), 6.89 (d, $J=2.7$ Hz), 9.66 (br s, 1H), 12.93 (br s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 13.8, 21.7, 25.0, 36.4, 55.6, 56.2, 102.5, 105.4, 117.5, 129.9, 155.5, 158.2, 159.9, 167.1, 199.2; IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3384 m, 2500–3200 br, 2964 w, 2875 w, 1698 s, 1601 m, 1510 s, 1465 m, 1355 m, 1299 m, 1211 s, 1154 s, 1070 m, 1048 m; HRMS (ESI+): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_6^+$ [M+H] $^+$ 310.1285, found 310.1284; Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_6$ (309.31): C, 58.25; H, 6.19; N, 4.53%. Found: C, 58.07; H, 6.20; N, 5.02%.

4.5.12. 1-[(2-Oxohexanoyl)amino]naphthalene-2-carboxylic acid (**3l**). White powder, mp 98–105 °C (cyclohexane). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 0.92 (t, 3H, $J=7.4$ Hz, CH_2CH_3), 1.32–1.40 (m, 2H, CH_2CH_3), 1.56–1.62 (m, 2H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 2.92 (t, 3H, $J=7.3$ Hz, COCH_2), 7.60 (ddd, 1H, $J=7.6$, 7.6, 1.0 Hz, H7), 7.66 (ddd, 1H, $J=7.6$, 7.6, 1.0 Hz, H6), 7.91 (d, 1H, $J=8.6$ Hz, H3), 7.96 (d, 1H, $J=8.6$ Hz, H4), 8.00 (br d, 1H, $J=7.6$ Hz, H8), 8.01 (d, 1H, $J=8.1$ Hz, H5), 10.76 (br s, 1H, NH), 13.17 (br s, 1H, COOH); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 13.8 (CH_2CH_3), 21.7 (CH_2CH_3), 25.0 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 36.3 (COCH_2), 124.9 (C2), 125.4 (C2), 126.0 (C3), 126.7 (C7), 126.8 (C4), 127.8 (C5), 128.1 (C6), 129.3 (C8a), 134.1 (C1), 135.0 (C4a), 160.8 (NCO), 167.6 (COOH), 198.6 (COCH_2); IR (cm^{-1}): ν 2800–3300 br, 3294 w, 2961 w, 2877 w, 1694 s, 1675 s, 1571 m, 1501, 1409 m, 1284 m, 1258 m, 764 m; MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 300 ([M+] $^+$, 2), 299 (M $^+$, 11), 214 (50), 197 (14), 196 (100), 187 (27), 169 (44), 141 (19), 140 (49), 115 (33), 114 (16), 85 (17), 57 (58), 43 (11), 41 (50). HRMS (ESI+): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_4^+$ [M+H] $^+$ 300.1230, found 300.1229. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_4$ (173.60): C, 68.21; H, 5.72; N, 4.68%. Found: C, 68.45; H 5.91; N, 5.71%.

4.5.13. 2-[[Oxo(phenyl)acetyl]amino]benzoic acid (**3m**).⁹ For IR and ^1H NMR (60 MHz) data, see Ref. 9 Colourless crystals, mp 199–200 °C (ethanol), mp⁹ 200 °C. $R_f=0.18$ (5% EtOH in CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.29 (dd, 1H, $J=7.5$, 7.5 Hz), 7.60 (dd, 2H, $J=7.5$, 7.5 Hz), 7.68–7.78 (m, 2H), 8.08 (d, 1H, $J=7.5$ Hz), 8.24 (d, 2H, $J=7.5$ Hz), 8.67 (d, 1H, $J=7.5$ Hz), 12.43 (br s, 1H), 13.80 (br s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75.5 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 117.7, 120.1, 124.0, 128.6, 130.8, 131.4, 133.0, 134.1, 134.4, 139.3, 160.2, 169.1, 187.4; IR (cm^{-1}): ν 2600–3300 br, 3236 w, 3070 w, 1696 s, 1682 s, 1672 s, 1585 s, 1524 s, 1409 m, 1265 s, 758 m, 689 w, 660 w.

4.5.14. 2-[Methyl(2-oxobutanoyl)amino]benzoic acid (**3n**). Colourless crystals, mp 113–115 °C (ethanol). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 0.75 (t, 3H, $J=7.3$ Hz), 2.50–2.71 (m, 2H), 3.17 (s, 3H), 7.44–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.64 (ddd, 1H, $J=7.7$, 7.7, 1.6 Hz), 7.90 (dd, 1H, $J=7.7$, 1.6 Hz), 13.29 (br s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 6.8, 31.9, 36.6, 128.4, 128.5, 130.0, 131.3, 133.4, 141.5, 165.6, 166.4, 200.6; IR (cm^{-1}): ν 2800–3200, 2985 w, 1732 m, 1709 s, 1632 s, 1598 m, 1237 s, 861 w, 644 w; MS (EI) m/z (%): 179 (11), 178 (100), 134 (61), 105 (35), 104 (20), 77 (32), 57 (43); HRMS (ESI+): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_4^+$ [M+H] $^+$ 236.0917, found 236.0912.

4.5.15. 2-[Methyl(2-oxohexanoyl)amino]benzoic acid (**3o**). Colourless crystals, mp 101–105 °C (benzene), $R_f=0.18$ (5% ethanol in chloroform). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 0.74 (t, 3H, $J=7.2$ Hz), 0.98–1.11 (m, 2H, CH_2CH_3), 1.19–1.31 (m, 2H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 2.43–2.70 (m, 2H, COCH_2), 3.17 (s, 3H), 7.42–7.52 (m, 2H), 7.64 (ddd, 1H, $J=7.7$, 7.7, 1.3 Hz), 7.91 (dd, 1H, $J=7.7$, 1.3 Hz), 13.25 (br s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75.5 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 13.5, 21.2, 24.3, 36.5, 38.1, 128.5, 128.6, 130.2, 131.3, 133.3, 141.3, 165.7, 166.3, 200.1; IR (cm^{-1}): ν 2600–3300 br, 2959 w, 2623 w, 1714 s, 1620 s, 1595 m, 1396 m, 1247 m, 1140 w, 1083 w, 1067 w, 784 w, 710 w; Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_4$ (263.29): C, 63.87; H, 6.51; N, 5.32%. Found: C, 63.70; H 6.47; N, 5.26%.

4.5.16. 2-(N-Methyl-2-oxo-2-phenylacetamido)benzoic acid (**3p**). Colourless crystals, mp 145–146 °C (benzene-cyclohexane),

$R_f=0.21$ (5% ethanol in chloroform), 0.05 (20% ethyl acetate in benzene); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CD_3CN) δ 3.37 (s, 3H, CH_3), 7.34 (dd, 1H, $J=7.8$, 1.2 Hz, H3), 7.39 (ddd, $J=7.8$, 7.8, 1.2 Hz, H5), 7.44–7.50 (m, 3H, H4, H3', H5'), 7.61–7.65 (m, 1H, H4'), 7.79–7.82 (m, 2H, H2', H6'), 7.89 (dd, 1H, $J=7.8$, 1.2 Hz, H6), resonances for exchangeable protons in the baseline; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CD_3CN) δ 36.9 (CH_3), 129.9 (C3', C5'), 130.1 (C5), 130.2 (C1), 130.4 (C2', C6'), 132.0 (C3), 132.9 (C6), 134.1 (C1'), 134.6 (C4), 135.6 (C4'), 141.9 (C2), 166.2 (COOH), 166.8 (NCO), 192.0 (COPh); IR (cm^{-1}): ν 2500–3300 br, 1719 s, 1680 s, 1616 s, 1593 s, 1576 m, 1249 s, 1236 s, 1220 s, 1081 s, 779 s, 715 s, 668 m; MS (EI) m/z (%): 105 (69), 77 (58), 57 (26), 45 (28), 44 (100), 43 (92), 42 (27), 41 (36); HRMS (ESI+): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_4^+$ [M+H] $^+$ 284.0917, found 284.0918; Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_4$ (283.28): C, 67.84; H, 4.63; N, 4.94%. Found: C, 67.81; H 4.60; N, 4.90%.

4.6. Hydrolysis of *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acids **3**

To a stirred suspension of *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acids **3** (3 mmol) in water (10 mL) aqueous hydrochloric acid (37%, 15 mL) was added portion-wise at room temperature. The reaction mixture was refluxed, until the starting compound **3** was present according to TLC analysis (1–7 h). The reaction mixture was cooled down to room temperature and the precipitate (if formed) was removed by filtration. The filtrate was evaporated to dryness using rotary evaporator and the residue was recrystallized to give anthranilic acid hydrochloride (**4-HCl**).

4.6.1. 2-Aminobenzoic acid hydrochloride (**4b-HCl**). *N*-(α -Ketoacyl)anthranilic acids **3b**; Reaction time: 4 h. White crystalline solid, yield 443 mg (85%), mp 167–172 °C (ethanol–ethyl acetate), mp⁴⁷ 193–194 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 6.93 (dd, 1H, $J=7.6$, 7.6 Hz), 7.13 (d, 1H, $J=7.6$ Hz), 7.43 (dd, 1H, $J=7.6$, 7.6, 1.5 Hz), 7.8 (br s, 4H), 7.84 (dd, 1H, $J=7.6$, 1.5 Hz); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 115.5, 119.9, 120.2, 131.3, 133.9, 144.1, 168.4; IR (cm^{-1}): ν 2400–3300 br, 2980 w, 2681 w, 2569 w, 1693 s, 1561 m, 1494 m, 1460 m, 1393 m, 1219 s, 1100 m, 758 m, 752 m, 650 m; HRMS (ESI+): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_8\text{NO}_2^+$ [M+H] $^+$ 138.0550, found 138.0548.

4.6.2. 2-Amino-5-methoxybenzoic acid hydrochloride (**4c-HCl**). *N*-(α -Ketoacyl)anthranilic acids **3c**; Reaction time: 6 h. Yellowish solid, yield 556 mg (91%), mp 211–214 °C (ethanol–ethyl acetate), mp⁴⁸ 213–214 °C (ethanol–diethyl ether); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 3.80 (s, 3H), 7.25 (dd, 1H, $J=8.8$, 3.0 Hz), 7.45 (d, 1H, $J=3.0$ Hz), 7.50 (d, 1H, $J=8.8$ Hz), 9.8 (br s, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 55.7, 115.5, 119.9, 122.8, 124.9, 128.8, 156.8, 166.8; IR (cm^{-1}): ν 2500–3300 br, 2845 w, 2617 w, 1698 s, 1614 s, 1509 s, 1404 m, 1273 s, 1234 s, 1025 m, 845 m, 741 m; HRMS (ESI+): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}_3^+$ [M+H] $^+$ 168.0655, found 168.0652.

4.6.3. 2-Amino-4-methoxybenzoic acid hydrochloride (**4d-HCl**). *N*-(α -Ketoacyl)anthranilic acids **3d**; Reaction time: 7 h. Colourless crystals, yield 391 mg (64%), mp 176–179 °C (ethanol–diethyl ether), mp⁴⁸ 178–180 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) 3.72 (s, 3H), 6.11 (dd, 1H, $J=8.9$, 2.5 Hz), 6.25 (d, 1H, $J=2.5$ Hz), 7.61 (d, 1H, $J=8.9$ Hz), resonances for exchangeable protons in the baseline; ^{13}C NMR (75.5 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 54.9, 98.6, 103.16, 103.21, 132.9, 153.5, 163.6, 169.2; IR (cm^{-1}): ν 2600–3300 br, 2577 w, 1687 s, 1631 m, 1596 m; 1403 m, 1338 m, 1246 s, 1113 m, 1021 m; HRMS (ESI+): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}_3^+$ [M+H] $^+$ 168.0655, found 168.0653. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{10}\text{ClNO}_3$ (203.62): C, 47.19; H, 4.95; N, 6.88. Found: C, 47.38; H 5.10; N, 6.82.

4.6.4. 2-Amino-3-methoxybenzoic acid hydrochloride (**4e-HCl**). *N*-(α -Ketoacyl)anthranilic acids **3e**; Reaction time: 1 h. White solid, yield 415 mg (68%) (crude, analytically pure product), mp

178–188 °C, mp⁴⁹ 205–206 °C (hydrochloric acid); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 3.82 (s, 3H), 6.61 (dd, 1H, *J*=8.0, 8.0 Hz), 7.02 (dd, 1H, *J*=8.0, 1.0 Hz), 7.36 (dd, 1H, *J*=8.0, 1.0 Hz), resonances for exchangeable protons in the baseline; ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 55.8, 111.1, 113.7, 115.4, 122.5, 139.6, 147.3, 169.4; IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3485 m, 3418 m, 2500–3400 br, 3064 w, 2616 w, 1699 s, 1651 s, 1589 m, 1478 s, 1362 s, 1286 s, 1213 s, 1049 s, 755 m; HRMS (ESI+): *m/z* calcd for C₈H₁₀NO₃⁺ [M+H]⁺ 168.0655, found 168.0653. Anal. Calcd for C₈H₁₀ClNO₃ (203.62): C, 47.19; H, 4.95; N, 6.88%. Found: C, 47.32; H 5.11; N, 6.85%.

4.6.5. 2-(Methylamino)benzoic acid hydrochloride (**4n-HCl**). *N*-(α -Ketoacyl)anthranilic acids **3n**: Reaction time: 2 h. Colourless needles, yield 411 mg (73%), mp 136–140 °C (ethanol–benzene), mp⁵⁰ 141 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 2.85 (s, 3H), 6.65 (dd, 1H, *J*=7.7, 7.7 Hz), 6.78 (d, 1H, *J*=7.7 Hz), 7.42 (ddd, 1H, *J*=7.7, 7.7, 1.6 Hz), 7.81 (dd, 1H, *J*=7.7, 1.6 Hz), resonances for exchangeable protons in the baseline; ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 29.8, 111.0, 111.8, 115.2, 131.6, 134.5, 150.6, 169.7; IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3386 m, 2898 m, 2730 m, 2650 m, 1694 m, 1662 s, 1304 s, 1271 s, 1122 m, 772 m, 750 s, 699 m; HRMS (ESI-): *m/z* Calcd for C₈H₈NO₂⁻ [M-H]⁻ 150.0561, found 150.0558. Anal. Calcd for C₈H₁₀ClNO₂ (187.62): C, 51.21; H, 5.37; N, 7.47%. Found: C, 51.32; H 5.24; N, 7.71%.

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Fischer indolisation of *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acids into 2-(indol-2-carboxamido)benzoic acids and 2-indolyl-3,1-benzoxazin-4-ones and their NMR study†‡

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N-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acids reacted with phenylhydrazinium chloride in boiling acetic acid to afford 2-(indol-2-carboxamido)benzoic acids in good to excellent yields and 2-indolyl-3,1-benzoxazin-4-ones as by-products. The formation of the latter products could easily be suppressed by a hydrolytic workup. Alternatively, by increasing the reaction temperature and/or time, 2-indolyl-3,1-benzoxazin-4-ones can be obtained exclusively. Optimisations of the reaction conditions as well as the scope and the course of the transformations were investigated. The products were characterized by ¹H, ¹³C and ¹⁵N NMR spectroscopy. The corresponding resonances were assigned on the basis of the standard 1D and gradient selected 2D NMR experiments (¹H–¹H *gs*-COSY, ¹H–¹³C *gs*-HSQC, ¹H–¹³C *gs*-HMBC) with ¹H–¹⁵N *gs*-HMBC as a practical tool to determine ¹⁵N NMR chemical shifts at the natural abundance level of ¹⁵N isotope.

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Introduction

Molecules containing indole¹ and anthranilic acid² scaffolds are ubiquitous in many natural products with diverse biological activities. Thus, it is not surprising that the compounds featuring both the indole and the anthranilic acid fragments are encountered in nature. Alkaloids cephalandole C and cephalinone B, isolated from the native orchid plant *Cephalantheropsis gracilis*,³ and the alkaloids secofascaplysins, isolated from the sponge *Fascaplysiniopsis reticulata*,⁴ consist of the 2-(indol-2-carboxamido)benzoic acid **1** substructures, for example (Fig. 1). Derivatives of 2-(indol-2-carboxamido)benzoic acid **1** are receiving attention because of their antibacterial activities.⁵ In materials sciences, the 2-(indol-2-carboxamido)benzoic acid derivatives are used as UV absorbers.⁶ Compounds with indol-2-carboxamide scaffold are potent inhibitors of HIV-1 replication (Delavirdine, *Rescriptor*)⁷ and the androgen receptor binding function 3 (BF3),⁸ and were identi-

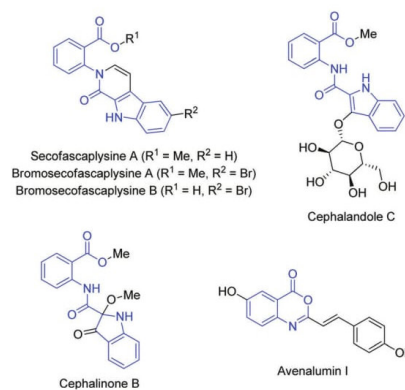


Fig. 1 Naturally occurring compounds containing 2-(indol-2-carboxamido)benzoic acid and 3,1-benzoxazin-4-one substructures (blue).

fied as hydrogen-bonding organocatalysts for the ring-opening polymerization of cyclic esters.⁹

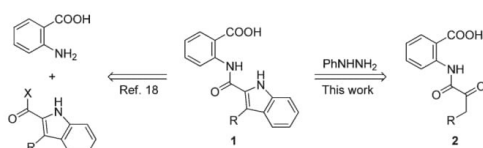
3,1-Benzoxazin-4-ones serve as valuable precursors for the preparation of fused heterocycles including an important pharmacophore, quinazolin-4-one.¹⁰ It is also noteworthy that 3,1-benzoxazin-4-ones are potent inhibitors of the human leukocyte elastase,¹¹ human chymase,¹² chymotrypsin¹³ and

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Scheme 1 Two retrosynthetic approaches to 2-(indol-2-carboxamido)benzoic acids **1**.

proteases of herpes simplex type 1,¹⁴ human cathepsin G¹⁵ and serine,¹⁶ for example. Avenalumin I, phytoalexin of the 3,1-benzoxazin-4-one structure that is inhibitory to the growth of rust fungi, was isolated from oat leaves (Fig. 1).¹⁷

Surprisingly, despite the biological relevance and synthetic potential of 2-(indol-2-carboxamido)benzoic acids **1**, to our knowledge, the only published approach to access these compounds makes use of *N*-acylation of anthranilic acids with 1*H*-indol-2-carboxylic acid derivatives.¹⁸ As an alternative to this, herein we report the protocol that is based on the Fischer indolisation of *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acids **2** (Scheme 1). Optimisation of the reaction conditions and the scope as well as multinuclear NMR spectral analysis of the products is reported.

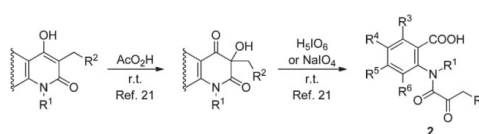
Results and discussion

Synthesis

Out of the available methods to access indoles, the Fischer indole synthesis remains one of the most important and versatile methods.¹⁹ It is generally conducted by reacting an aryl hydrazine with a carbonyl compound.^{19,20} Thus, for the construction of 2-(indol-2-carboxamido)benzoic acid **1** through this pathway *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acid **2** appears to be the most suitable carbonyl substrate. Based on our recent report,²¹ the latter is easily accessible through the consecutive oxidation protocol from 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-one as shown in Scheme 2.

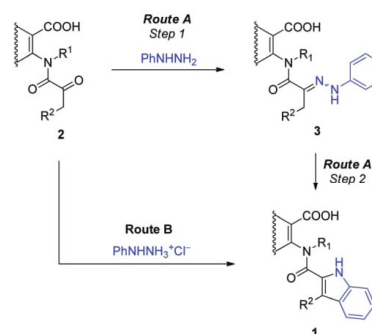
The Fischer indolisation is known to proceed through an intermediately formed hydrazone, which then undergoes several consecutive transformations. It isomerises to an enamine, which after protonation rearranges to an imine and then a cyclic aminal. Acid catalysed elimination of ammonia from the latter finally gives rise to the indole ring. The above mentioned hydrazone can in principle be pre-assembled by condensation of aryl hydrazine with an appropriate carbonyl compound. Herein, we decided to compare the stepwise protocol that proceeds through the isolated phenylhydrazone **3** (Route A, Scheme 3) with the direct one in which *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acids **2** are treated with phenylhydrazine directly into the 2-(indol-2-carboxamido)benzoic acid **1** (Route B).

To examine the stepwise protocol, Route A, phenylhydrazones **3a,e** were initially prepared by the condensation of *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acids **2a,c-e** with phenylhydrazine. The isolated phenylhydrazones were in the subsequent step subjected to the thermally induced rearrangement into



2	R ¹	R ²	R ³	R ⁴	R ⁵	R ⁶
a	H	Me	H	H	H	H
b	H	Me	H	OMe	H	H
c	H	Me	H	H	OMe	H
d	H	Me	H	H	H	OMe
e	Me	Me	H	H	H	H
f	H	<i>n</i> -Pr	H	H	H	H
g	H	Me	H	H	H	Me
h	H	Me	H	Me	H	H
i	H	Me	Me	H	H	Cl
j	H	<i>n</i> -Pr	H	Me	H	Me
k	H	<i>n</i> -Pr	H	OMe	H	OMe
l	H	Ph	H	H	H	H
m	H	<i>n</i> -Pr	H	H		-(CH) ₄ -

Scheme 2 The preparation of the starting *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acids **2** and the key of substituents R¹–R⁶.



Scheme 3 The stepwise (Route A) and direct (Route B) routes to the 2-(indol-2-carboxamido)benzoic acids **1** by the Fischer indolisation of *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acids **2**.

Table 1 Results of the stepwise protocol to indoles **1** (Scheme 3, Route A)

Step 1		Step 2	
Reaction conditions	3 , yield ^a	Reaction conditions	1 , yield ^a
AcOH, 60 °C, 2 h	3a , 88	235 °C, 20 min	1a , 27
AcOH, 60 °C, 3 h	3c , 80	180 °C, 10 min	1c , 17
AcOH, 60 °C, 3 h	3d , 79	245 °C, 15 min	1d , 28
AcOH, 60 °C, 1.25 h	3e , 78	180 °C, 15 min	1e , 33

^a Percent yields of isolated pure products are given.

2-(indol-2-carboxamido)benzoic acids **1a,c-e**. The results are collected in Table 1. Although the preparation of the phenylhydrazones **3a,c-e** proceeded in high 78–88% yields, the sub-

Table 2 Solvent and catalyst screening for the Fischer indolisation of **2** into **1** following the Route B (Scheme 3)

Entry	2	Solvent ^a	Additive, reaction time in h	1	Yield ^b
1	2a	AcOH	None, 9	1a	78
2	2a	MeOH	20 mol% Bi(NO ₃) ₃ ·5H ₂ O, 8	1a	26
3	2a	MeCN	20 mol% Bi(NO ₃) ₃ ·5H ₂ O, 5	1a	65
4	2a	MeCN	10 mol% Bi(NO ₃) ₃ ·5H ₂ O, 12	1a	55
5	2a	MeCN	20 mol% ZnCl ₂ , 28	1a	49
6	2a	H ₂ O	130 mol% HCl, 3	1a	7 ^c
7	2a	H ₂ O	120 mol% H ₂ SO ₄ , 2	1a	8 ^c
8	2a	MeCN	2000 mol% AcOH, 22	1a	70
9	2b	MeCN	20 mol% Bi(NO ₃) ₃ ·5H ₂ O, 12	1b	53
10	2b	MeCN	10 mol% Bi(NO ₃) ₃ ·5H ₂ O, 19	1b	52
11	2c	MeCN	20 mol% Bi(NO ₃) ₃ ·5H ₂ O, 16	1c	71
12	2d	MeCN	20 mol% Bi(NO ₃) ₃ ·5H ₂ O, 11	1d	75
13	2e	MeCN	20 mol% Bi(NO ₃) ₃ ·5H ₂ O, 11	1e	69

^a All reactions were conducted under reflux. ^b Percent yields of isolated pure products are given. ^c Anthranilic acid was isolated as the main product in 35% (entry 6) and 26% (entry 7) yield (Experimental).

sequent indolisation step into the target 2-(indol-2-carboxamido)benzoic acids **1a,c-e** returned low 17–33% yields.

The disappointing overall results of the stepwise procedure prompted us to test the direct approach, outlined as *Route B* in Scheme 3. In screening for the optimal reaction conditions, a mixture of selected *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acid **2** and phenylhydrazinium chloride was heated under reflux in different solvents including acetonitrile, acetic acid, methanol and water. Since Lewis²² and Brønsted acids²³ are well known to promote the Fischer indolisation, we selected to test hydrochloric acid, sulphuric acid, acetic acid, zinc(II) chloride and bismuth(III) nitrate pentahydrate (Bi(NO₃)₃·5H₂O)²⁴ as acid catalysts (Table 2).

Good results in terms of the reaction time and the product yields were obtained for the reactions in boiling acetonitrile either in the presence of Bi(NO₃)₃·5H₂O (entries 3, 4, 9–13) or acetic acid (entry 8). However, the highest yields of the products **1** were seen by conducting the reaction in boiling acetic acid in the absence of the additives (entry 1). As expected, the heating of *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acid **2a** in aqueous hydrochloric or sulphuric acid resulted in an amide bond hydrolysis to produce anthranilic acid (entries 6 and 7).

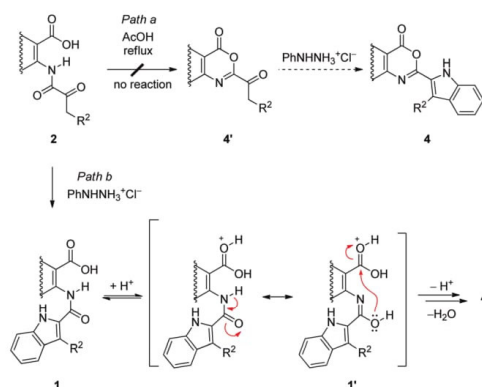
Having identified the optimal reaction conditions we turned to examine the scope of the reaction. Several *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acids (**2a–l**) were allowed to react with phenylhydrazinium chloride in boiling acetic acid, which afforded the target 2-(indol-2-carboxamido)benzoic acids (**1a–l**) in good to excellent yields of the isolated products (Table 3). In few instances, the reactions were accompanied by the formation of small amounts of by-products, which were isolated and identified as 3,1-benzoxazin-4-ones **4** and phenylhydrazides **5**. The only exception to this was compound **2m**, which afforded naphthoxazinone **4m** as the sole product, with the anthranilic acid **1m** being undetected in the reaction mixture (entry 13).

In principle, the formation of 2-indolyl-3,1-benzoxazin-4-ones **4** could be realised by two different pathways as shown in Scheme 4. An initial formation of 2-acyl-3,1-benzoxazin-4-one **4'** through the *Path a* could be followed by the Fischer indolisation with phenylhydrazinium chloride. This pathway was, however, ruled out on the basis of the 3,1-benzoxazin-4-ones reactivity considerations. In the presence of nucleophiles these compounds are prone to undergo rapid ring opening into the anthranilic acid derivatives (*vide infra*) suggesting that somehow higher amounts of the phenylhydrazides **5** should

Table 3 The Fischer indolisation of *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acids **2** in boiling acetic acid

Entry	2	Substituents						Reaction time (h)	Product, yield ^a		
		R ¹	R ²	R ³	R ⁴	R ⁵	R ⁶		1	4	5
1	a	H	Me	H	H	H	H	9	78		
2	b	H	Me	H	OMe	H	H	14	83	5	2
3	c	H	Me	H	H	OMe	H	15	89		
4	d	H	Me	H	H	H	OMe	9	81	5	
5	e	Me	Me	H	H	H	H	8	91		
6	f	H	<i>n</i> -Pr	H	H	H	H	10	91	2	1
7	g	H	Me	H	H	H	Me	14	55	14	
8	h	H	Me	H	Me	H	H	14	76		
9	i	H	Me	Cl	H	H	Me	17	78	4	
10	j	H	<i>n</i> -Pr	H	Me	H	Me	12	51	12	
11	k	H	<i>n</i> -Pr	H	OMe	H	OMe	13	56	10	
12	l	H	Ph	H	H	H	H	19	62		
13	m	H	<i>n</i> -Pr	H	H	-(CH ₂) ₄ -		9	0	87	

^a Percent yields of isolated pure products are given.



Scheme 4 The proposed formation of 3,1-benzoxazin-4-ones 4.

have been formed in the reactions shown in Table 3. The *Path a* was also ruled out experimentally by heating compound **2a** in neat acetic acid under the reflux conditions in the absence of phenylhydrazinium chloride, which resulted in no detectable formation of 2-acyl-3,1-benzoxazin-4-one **4'**. This left the *Path b*, i.e. the initial Fischer indolisation of the *N*-(α -ketoacyl)-anthranilic acid **2** with phenylhydrazinium chloride into 2-(indol-2-carboxamido)benzoic acid **1** and subsequent cyclodehydration into 2-indolyl-3,1-benzoxazin-4-one **4**, as the most plausible.

Generally, the 3,1-benzoxazin-4-one skeleton is formed by the reaction of anthranilic acids with an appropriate acid anhydride at the elevated temperatures.²⁵ Mechanistically, the amino group of the anthranilic acid is *N*-acylated and the carboxylic group is transformed into a mixed anhydride intermediate. This intermediate then undergoes an intramolecular nucleophilic displacement of the carboxylate ion from the anhydride moiety by the amide in its iminol form.²⁶ In turn, heating the 2-(indol-2-carboxamido)benzoic acid **1** in acetic acid is unlikely to produce mixed anhydride. Since an intramolecular nucleophilic attack of the carboxylic group to the amide is also unlikely because of the low electrophilicity of the amide, the formation of 3,1-benzoxazin-4-ones **4** could best be rationalized through the intramolecular nucleophilic attack of the iminol **1'** to the protonated carboxylic group as shown in Scheme 4. The formation of naphthoxazinone **4m** as the sole product from **2m** (Table 3, entry 13) could be accounted for by an enhanced resonance stabilisation of iminol **1m'**, the result of an extended conjugation through the naphthalene ring.

If the mechanism shown in Scheme 4 is operating, it can be expected that a prolonged reaction time and/or an elevated reaction temperature would work beneficially to the formation of 3,1-benzoxazin-4-one **4**. Indeed, by prolonging the heating of compound **1j** with phenylhydrazinium chloride in acetic acid ($b_{p_{AcOH}} = 118\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$) from 12 h to 40 h increased the yield of the expected product **4j** from 15% to 65% (compare entries 1 and 2 in Table 4). The use of the higher boiling propanoic acid

Table 4 The influence of the reaction time and temperature on transformation of 2-(indol-2-carboxamido)benzoic acid **1j** into 3,1-benzoxazin-4-one **4j**

Entry	Reaction conditions	Reaction time (h)	Yield of 4j ^a
1	AcOH, reflux	12	12 ^b
2	AcOH, reflux	40	65
3	CH ₃ CH ₂ COOH, reflux	17	72

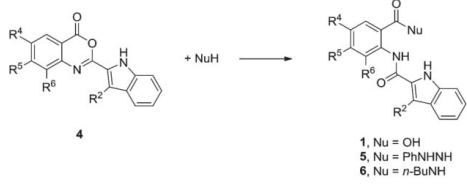
^a Percent yields of isolated pure products are given. ^b For comparison reasons the result is taken from Table 3, entry 10.

($b_{p} = 141\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$) in place of acetic acid afforded the 3,1-benzoxazin-4-one **4j** in 72% yield already within 17 h (entry 3). It is noteworthy that these reaction conditions can potentially be utilized as a convenient one-pot protocol for the preparation of 3,1-benzoxazin-4-ones **4** from *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acids **2** and aryl hydrazines. The synthetic methodologies toward 3,1-benzoxazin-4-ones, other than those utilizing anthranilic acids, have been reviewed.²⁷

Minute amounts of the hydrazides **5** also accompanied the formation of 2-(indol-2-carboxamido)benzoic acids **1** (Table 3). As it is less likely that under the applied reaction conditions phenylhydrazinium chloride reacts with the carboxyl group of either the starting *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acids **2** or the product 2-(indol-2-carboxamido)benzoic acids **1**, it is reasonable to assume that the formation of hydrazides **5** proceeds through the ring-opening at the 3,1-benzoxazin-4-ones **4**. Smooth reactivity of the 3,1-benzoxazin-4-ones towards different nucleophiles is well documented.^{26,28} In our case the reactivity of compound **4f** towards phenylhydrazine to form **5f** was independently confirmed in boiling toluene as the reaction solvent (Table 5). Analogously, treatment with *n*-butylamine gave the appropriate amide **6f**.

Aqueous sodium hydroxide in DMSO mediated complete hydrolysis of 3,1-benzoxazin-4-ones **4f,j,m** to the corresponding 2-(indol-2-carboxamido)benzoic acids **1f,j,m** (Table 5). High tendency of related 3,1-benzoxazin-4-ones for hydrolysis into the corresponding anthranilic acids has been documented.^{29,30} With these results in mind it can be assumed that higher quantities of the 3,1-benzoxazin-4-one products **4** are actually formed during the Fischer indolisation of *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acids **2** shown in Table 3 as they were actually isolated. During the isolation workup the latter most probably partly hydrolyse back into the 2-(indol-2-carboxamido)benzoic acids **1**.

The elemental composition of all the compounds under investigation was confirmed by combustion analysis and high-resolution mass spectrometry with electrospray ionization. In addition, low resolution mass spectra with electron impact

Table 5 Reaction of 3,1-benzoxazin-4-ones **4** with some nucleophiles


Entry	4	NuH	Reaction conditions, reaction time in h	Product, yield ^a
1	4f	PhNHNH ₂	Toluene, reflux, 2	5f , 86
2	4f	<i>n</i> -BuNH ₂	Toluene, reflux, 2	6f , 84%
3	4f	H ₂ O	DMSO, H ₂ O, NaOH, rt, 1	1f , 91%
4	4f	H ₂ O	dioxane, 0.1 M H ₂ SO ₄ , rt, 2	1f , 70%
5	4j	H ₂ O	DMSO, H ₂ O, NaOH, rt, 3	1j , 98%
6	4m	H ₂ O	DMSO, H ₂ O, NaOH, rt, 12	1m , 95%

^a Percent yields of isolated pure products are given.

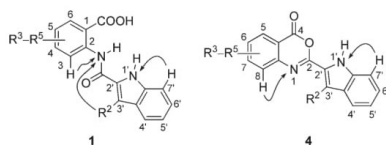


Fig. 2 Atom numbering scheme for compounds **1** and **4**. Curved arrows denote long-range ¹H–¹⁵N *gs*-HMBC connectivities.

ionization and the infrared spectra were provided. In the latter, the characteristic absorption bands belonging to the indole N–H, C=O and C=N bonds were identified, where appropriate.

NMR study

The compounds **1**, **3–6** were fully characterized by ¹H, ¹³C and ¹⁵N NMR spectroscopy. The corresponding resonances were assigned on the basis of gradient-selected 2D NMR experiments including ¹H–¹H *gs*-COSY, ¹H–¹³C *gs*-HSQC, ¹H–¹³C *gs*-HMBC and ¹H–¹⁵N *gs*-HMBC. The spectra of compounds **1**, **3**, **5** and **6** were recorded in DMSO-*d*₆. For 3,1-benzoxazin-4-ones **4**, which proved to rapidly hydrolyse in DMSO-*d*₆ into the 2-(indol-2-carboxamido)benzoic acids **1**, less polar CDCl₃ was identified as a suitable solvent. Acetone-*d*₆ was used as an alternative for dissolving compound **4k** due to its sparing solubility in CDCl₃. Some characteristic spectral features are discussed below. For the atom numbering scheme, see Fig. 2.

There is a wealth of ¹H and ¹³C data³¹ as well as ¹⁵N NMR data³² on indoles reported in the literature. The relatively unsubstituted indole ring in the compounds **1** and **4** enabled us to unequivocally assign all proton, carbon and nitrogen resonances *via* long-range ¹H–¹³C and ¹H–¹⁵N heteronuclear coupling pathways, which we found in agreement to those dis-

cussed in the literature.³³ For the indole ring in 2-(indol-2-carboxamido)benzoic acids **1** the order of shielding in the ¹³C NMR spectra is C7' > C3' > C5' > C4' > C6' > C2' ≅ C3a' > C7a' (Table 6). By changing the indole C-2' substituent from the carbonyl group in compounds **1** into the 3,1-benzoxazin-4-one ring in **4**, the most dramatic changes in the chemical shift are seen for the carbon atoms of the fused 5-membered ring. In comparison with compounds **1**, the C2' atoms of the indole ring in **4** are shielded by *ca.* 4 ppm, whereas the C3' and C3a' atoms are deshielded by *ca.* 6 ppm and *ca.* 1 ppm, respectively. By changing the R² = Me to the R² = *n*-Pr in either **1** or **4**, the carbon atom C3' becomes more shielded for *ca.* 5–6 ppm (Tables 6 and 7).

The three-bond long-range couplings were observed in the ¹H–¹⁵N *gs*-HMBC spectra from H7' to the indole N1' resonance in both **1** and **4** (Fig. 2). In addition, a one-bond direct NH doublet response corroborated the assignment of N1' (Fig. 3). The chemical shifts of the N1' atoms in indoles **1** appear at δ 130.2–136.9 ppm and are in good agreement with the literature values reported for Delavirdine.³⁴ In compounds **4**, the indole nitrogen atoms N1' resonate in the narrow range of δ 120.3–121.4 ppm (Tables 6 and 7).

Systematic NMR investigations of 3,1-benzoxazin-4-ones are more scarce.^{29,35} As pointed out by Osborne and Goolamali some early NMR data should be taken with care because these compounds often show high tendency for hydrolysis into the corresponding anthranilic acids, especially when measured in polar solvents such as DMSO-*d*₆.²⁹ High susceptibility towards hydrolysis has been illustrated by 2-methyl-3,1-benzoxazin-4-one that reacts with water into 2-acetylaminobenzoic acid already in the solid state.³⁰ Osborne and Goolamali reported an unequivocal differentiation between anthranilic acids and 3,1-benzoxazin-4-ones that was achieved through determination of characteristic *J*_{CH} coupling interactions in the carbonyl region of the proton coupled ¹³C NMR spectra.²⁹

Herein, the proton, carbon and nitrogen resonances belonging to the anthranilic moiety in **1** and the 3,1-benzoxazin-4-one group in **4** were rapidly assigned using the gradient-selected 2D NMR experiments. The results are collected in Tables 6 and 7. Characteristic for the downfield regions of the ¹³C NMR spectra of the acylanthranilic acids **1** were two signals appearing at δ 160.2–161.6 ppm and δ 166.5–169.7 ppm for the amide carbonyl and for the carboxylic group, respectively. In 3,1-benzoxazin-4-one **4**, the downfield region of the spectra were occupied with three signals for C8a (δ 133.1–147.8 ppm), C2 (δ 151.0–154.3 ppm) and C4 (δ 156.2–159.7 ppm). Our results are in agreement with the literature data.²⁹

Chemical shifts for the 3,1-benzoxazin-4-one nitrogen atoms in compounds **4** were in the range of δ 212.0–222.8 ppm (Table 7). Due to the lack of the ¹⁵N NMR data no comparison with the literature could be done. In C8-unsubstituted 3,1-benzoxazin-4-ones **4b,c,f,h** (R⁶ = H), three-bond long-range couplings were observed in the ¹H–¹⁵N *gs*-HMBC spectra from H8 to the N1 resonance as illustrated in Fig. 2. The strongly electron donating C8-methoxy substituent in derivatives **4d,k**

Table 6 ¹³C and ¹⁵N NMR chemical shifts for 2-(indol-2-carboxamido)benzoic acids **1** in ppm^a

Atom ^b	1a	1b	1c	1d	1f	1g	1h	1i	1j	1k	1l ^c	1m ^d
C1	116.5	118.0	108.6	— ^e	116.4	126.8	116.4	— ^e	— ^e	— ^e	116.4	
C2	141.0	134.3	143.0	— ^e	140.8	136.3	138.6	— ^e	133.7	118.8	140.4	
C3	120.6	122.4	105.3	153.7	120.5	135.8	120.6	— ^e	— ^e	155.1	120.4	
C4	134.2	120.3	163.6	115.0	134.1	134.4	134.7	131.6	134.8	102.4	134.0	
C5	122.8	154.3	108.6	126.1	122.8	125.7	132.0	— ^e	— ^e	157.5	122.9	
C6	131.3	114.8	133.2	121.5	131.2	128.1	131.3	— ^e	128.3	105.1	131.1	
C3(CH ₃)						18.7		17.5	18.4			
C5(CH ₃)							20.2		20.2			
C3(OCH ₃)				56.1						56.2		
C4(OCH ₃)			55.5									
C5(OCH ₃)		55.4								55.6		
C2'	128.2	128.2	128.1	127.2	127.7	127.3	128.1	126.8	126.8	— ^e	128.0	— ^e
C3'	113.3	112.9	113.4	115.2	119.3	114.6	113.1	114.6	120.2	120.6	118.5	121.2
C3a'	128.0	128.1	128.1	128.0	127.5	128.1	128.1	127.8	127.6	127.7	126.7	127.7
C4'	120.1	120.0	120.2	119.9	120.1	120.0	120.1	119.8	119.9	120.0	120.2	120.2
C5'	119.4	119.3	119.4	119.2	119.4	119.3	119.4	119.1	119.2	119.2	120.6	119.4
C6'	124.4	124.2	124.4	124.2	124.2	124.2	124.3	124.0	124.0	124.0	124.5	124.3
C7'	112.2	112.2	112.2	112.0	112.2	112.1	112.2	111.9	112.0	112.0	112.6	112.2
C7a'	136.0	135.9	136.1	135.6	136.0	135.7	136.0	135.4	135.5	135.5	136.0	135.7
C3'CH ₂					25.7				26.0	26.1		
C3'CH ₂ CH ₂					24.0				23.9	23.9		
C3'(CH ₂) ₂ CH ₃					13.9				14.0	14.1		
C3'CH ₃	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.8		9.8	9.7	9.6				
CONH	160.5	160.2	160.7	160.2	160.5	160.4	160.4	160.8	160.2	160.2	160.2	161.6
COOH	169.7	169.3	169.6	167.9	169.6	168.4	169.7	166.5	168.3	167.7	168.7	168.3
N1'	132.7	132.7	132.7	130.3	132.2	131.3	132.7	130.9	130.8	130.2	136.9	130.5
CONH	126.9	125.1	127.7	116.1	126.6	122.8	126.3	120.7	121.4	113.9	129.5	—

^a In DMSO-*d*₆. ^b For atom numbering scheme, see Fig. 2. ^c Resonances for the C3' phenyl ring: 132.9 ppm (C1'), 130.2 ppm (C2', C6'), 128.7 ppm (C3'', C5''), 127.2 ppm (C4''). ^d For the complete set of resonances, see the Experimental section. ^e Could not be assigned unequivocally; for the complete list of resonances, see the Experimental section. ^f Not observed.

Table 7 ¹³C and ¹⁵N NMR chemical shifts for 3,1-benzoxazin-4-ones **4** in ppm^a

Atom ^b	4b	4c	4d	4f	4g	4i	4j	4k ^c
C2	151.8	154.3	153.1	153.3	152.1	152.6	151.0	151.4
C4	159.3	158.7	158.9	159.0	159.6	156.2	159.7	159.6
C4a	117.1	— ^d	117.4	116.6	116.4	113.8	116.1	— ^d
C5	108.7	— ^d	120.0	128.7	126.3	133.1	125.9	100.6
C6	158.9	130.4	127.8	127.6	127.1	129.3	137.4	160.6
C7	126.1	166.3	117.1	136.6	137.4	136.8	138.7	108.0
C8	128.1	— ^d	153.8	126.6	135.5	134.5	135.3	156.7
C8a	141.4	— ^d	137.4	147.3	145.6	147.8	143.6	133.1
C6(CH ₃)							17.2	
C8(CH ₃)					17.3	17.7	21.2	
C6(OCH ₃)	56.0							56.4
C7(OCH ₃)		56.0						
C8(OCH ₃)			56.4					57.0
C2'	123.4	123.3	123.5	123.0	123.4	122.9	123.2	— ^d
C3'	119.4	120.5	120.3	125.6	120.3	121.2	125.0	124.2
C3a'	129.3	129.2	129.2	128.9	129.2	129.2	128.9	129.6
C4'	120.5	120.6	120.6	120.8	120.5	120.6	120.6	121.0
C5'	120.1	120.2	120.1	120.1	120.2	120.3	120.1	120.6
C6'	125.6	125.9	125.9	125.8	125.8	126.1	125.5	125.7
C7'	111.3	111.4	111.5	111.5	111.5	111.6	111.5	113.0
C7a'	136.5	136.6	136.8	136.7	136.5	136.6	136.4	138.0
C3'CH ₂				26.9			27.0	27.6
C3'CH ₂ CH ₂				24.2			23.8	25.0
C3'(CH ₂) ₂ CH ₃				14.2			14.3	14.7
C3'CH ₃	10.4	10.5	10.5		10.6	10.7		
N1	222.4	222.6	212.0	222.8		— ^e	— ^e	216.4
N1'	120.5	120.9	121.4	121.1	120.5	120.3	120.9	— ^e

^a In CDCl₃, unless otherwise stated. ^b For atom numbering scheme, see Fig. 2. ^c In acetone-*d*₆. ^d Could not be unequivocally assigned. ^e Not observed.

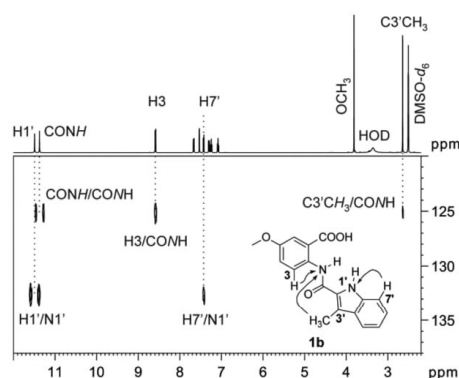


Fig. 3 ^1H - ^{15}N *gs*-HMBC spectrum of 2-(indol-2-carboxamido)benzoic acid **1b** recorded in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$, optimized for 5 Hz long-range coupling. Direct responses for the $\text{N1}'$ and CONH resonances were observed as doublets at 132.7 ppm and 125.1 ppm, respectively. The spectrum also features three-bond long-range response to $\text{N1}'$ and CONH from $\text{H7}'$ and H3 , respectively. Five-bond long-range correlation to CONH from $\text{C3}'\text{CH}_3$ is also observed.

($\text{R}^6 = \text{OMe}$) enabled a four-bond long-range couplings from H7 to the N1 whereas no such correlation could be observed in the C8-methyl substituted analogues **4g,i,j** ($\text{R}^6 = \text{Me}$).

The amide nitrogen atoms (CONH) in acylanthranilic acids **1** resonate in the range of δ 113.9–129.5 ppm (Table 6). In analogy with the above, the cross-peaks between H3 and CONH resonance were observed in ^1H - ^{15}N *gs*-HMBC spectra of **1a-c,h,i**. In the 4-methoxy substituted acylanthranilic acid **1c** there was also a four-bond long-range coupling from H6 to the CONH . With the exception of **1l** and **1m**, the ^1H - ^{15}N *gs*-HMBC spectra also featured the one-bond direct NH doublet response. Interestingly, in 3-methylindoles **1a,b,g,h**, five-bond long-range couplings were observed in the ^1H - ^{15}N *gs*-HMBC spectra from the $\text{C3}'\text{CH}_3$ to the amide nitrogen (CONH) resonance. With the 2-(indol-2-carboxamido)benzoic acid **1b** as a representative example, the above mentioned ^1H - ^{15}N *gs*-HMBC spectral features are illustrated in Fig. 3.

Conclusions

We have demonstrated that Fischer indolisation of *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acids can serve as a mild and highly efficient alternative for the preparation of 2-(indol-2-carboxamido)benzoic acids. By simple changes in the reaction conditions, this protocol offers a potential to access 2-indolyl-3,1-benzoxazin-4-ones. The anthranilic acid, indol-2-carboxamide and 3,1-benzoxazin-4-one structural motifs discussed herein were fully characterized by ^1H , ^{13}C and ^{15}N NMR spectroscopy. The data presented will help in unequivocal identification of these classes of compounds.

Experimental section

General

The reagents and solvents were used as obtained from commercial sources. Compounds **2a-k,m** were prepared according to the literature procedure.²¹ Column chromatography was carried out on Fluka Silica gel 60 (particle size 0.063–0.2 mm, activity acc. Brockmann and Schodder 2–3). Melting points were determined on the microscope hot stage, Kofler, Poly-Therm, manufacturer Helmut Hund GmbH, Wetzlar and are uncorrected. TLC was carried out on pre-coated TLC sheets ALUGRAM® SIL G/UV₂₅₄ for TLC, MACHEREY-NAGEL. NMR spectra were recorded with a Bruker Avance III 500 MHz NMR instrument operating at 500 MHz (^1H), 126 MHz (^{13}C) and 51 MHz (^{15}N). Proton spectra were referenced to TMS as an internal standard. Carbon chemical shifts were determined relative to the ^{13}C signal of $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ (39.5 ppm), CDCl_3 (77.0 ppm) or acetone- d_6 (high-field at 20.8 ppm). ^{15}N chemical shifts were extracted from ^1H - ^{15}N *gs*-HMBC spectra (with 20 Hz digital resolution in the indirect dimension and the parameters adjusted for a long-range ^1H - ^{15}N coupling constant of 5 Hz) determined with respect to external nitromethane and are corrected to external ammonia by addition of 380.5 ppm. Nitrogen chemical shifts are reported to one decimal place as measured from the spectrum; however, the data should not be considered to be more accurate than ± 0.5 ppm because of the digital resolution limits of the experiment. Chemical shifts are given on the δ scale (ppm). Coupling constants (*J*) are given in Hz. Multiplicities are indicated as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet) or br (broadened). Infrared spectra were recorded on a Mattson 3000 FTIR Spectrometer or a Thermo Scientific Nicolet iS10 FT-IR Spectrometer using samples in potassium bromide disks and only the strongest/structurally most important peaks are listed; absorption band intensities are indicated as follows: s (strong), m (medium), w (weak) or b (broad). Electron impact mass spectra (EI) were recorded on a Shimadzu QP-2010 instrument at 70 eV. HRMS spectra were recorded with the Agilent 6224 Accurate Mass TOF LC/MS system with electrospray ionization (ESI). Elemental analyses (C, H, N) were performed with the FlashEA1112 Automatic Elemental Analyzer (Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.).

2-(2-Oxo-3-phenylpropanamido)benzoic acid (2l)

To a solution of 3-benzyl-3-hydroxyquinoline-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-dione (669.4 mg, 2.50 mmol) in ethyl acetate (120 mL), a solution of sodium periodate (1.62 g, 7.55 mmol) in water (60 mL) was added. The two-phase reaction mixture was vigorously stirred for 7 hours at room temperature. The organic layer was separated, and extracted with 5% aqueous sodium thiosulphate (2×20 mL), 5% aqueous hydrochloric acid (2×20 mL) and finally with 5% aqueous potassium carbonate (7×10 mL). The potassium carbonate extract was washed with benzene (30 mL) and neutralised by addition of 10% aqueous hydrochloric acid. The resulting solution was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was separated, dried over sodium sulphate and

concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was recrystallized from cyclohexane (85 mL) to give compound **2l** (424.3 mg, 60%) as colourless microcrystals, mp 179–181 °C, $R_f = 0.49$ (10% ethanol in chloroform), $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 4.32 (s, 2H), 7.23–7.37 (m, 6H), 7.67–7.72 (m, 1H), 8.07 (dd, 1H, $J = 8.0, 1.6$ Hz), 8.72 (d, 1H, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 12.39 (br s, 1H), 13.84 (br s, 1H); due to decomposition, no $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ spectrum could be recorded. IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3221 w, 3063 w, 3031 w, 1697 s, 1672 s, 1603 m, 1583 s, 1531 s, 1451 m, 1420 s, 1270 s, 1055 m, 755 m, 695 m; MS (EI) m/z (%): 284 (3), 283 (17, $[\text{M}^+]$), 164 (20), 146 (100), 137 (25), 118 (14), 92 (15), 91 (54), 90 (25), 65 (16); HRMS (ESI $^+$): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_4^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 284.0917, found 284.0917; HRMS (ESI $^-$): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_4^-$ $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^-$ 282.0772, found 282.0773. Found: C, 67.9; H, 4.6; N, 4.9. Calc. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_4$: C, 67.8; H, 4.6; N, 4.9%.

The synthesis of phenylhydrazones (**3a,c-e**) (Table 1)

To a solution of an appropriate *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acid **2** (3.0 mmol) in acetic acid (25 mL), phenylhydrazine (0.49 g, 4.5 mmol) was slowly added and the resulting solution was stirred at 60 °C until TLC analysis revealed complete consumption of the starting compound (Table 1). The reaction mixture was cooled and poured into crushed ice (200 g). For phenylhydrazones **3a,d,e**, the precipitated solid was collected by filtration and washed with water (3 \times 20 mL) and cyclohexane (2 \times 10 mL). For phenylhydrazone **3c** the filter cake was dried at 50 °C and recrystallized from ethyl acetate to yield **3c-AcOH**. The yields of compounds **3a,c-e** are collected in Table 1.

2-(2-(2-Phenylhydrazono)butanamido)benzoic acid (3a). Pale yellow solid, yield 822 mg (88%), mp 208–210 °C (benzene), $R_f = 0.42$ (10% ethanol in chloroform). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 1.07 (t, 3H, $J = 7.2$ Hz, CH_3), 2.68–2.78 (m, 2H, CH_2), 6.91 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.1, 7.1$ Hz, H4 of phenyl), 7.14 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.5, 7.5$ Hz, H5), 7.30 (dd, 2H, $J = 7.6, 7.6$ Hz, H3 and H5 of phenyl), 7.55 (dd, 2H, $J = 7.6, 7.6$ Hz, H2 and H6 of phenyl), 7.59–7.64 (m, 1H, H4), 8.06 (dd, 1H, $J = 1.5, 7.7$ Hz, H6), 8.80 (d, 1H, $J = 8.4$ Hz, H3), 9.98 (s, 1H, NNH), 12.40 (s, 1H, CONH), 13.54 (br s, 1H, COOH); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 10.2 (CH_3), 16.2 (CH_2), 113.7 (C2, C6 of phenyl), 115.9 (C1), 119.3 (C3), 120.7 (C4 of phenyl), 121.9 (C5), 129.0 (C3, C5 of phenyl), 131.4 (C6), 134.2 (C4), 139.5 (C=N), 141.2 (C2), 144.4 (C1 of phenyl), 163.2 (CONH), 169.4 (COOH); $^{15}\text{N NMR}$ (51 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 116.4 (CONH), 144.1 (NHPh), 327.6 (C=N); IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3287 m, 2970 w, 1665 s, 1650 s, 1604 m, 1586 m, 1577 m, 1518 s, 1496 s, 1449 m, 1241 s, 1225 s, 748 m, 694 m; MS (EI) m/z (%): 312 (8), 311 (40, $[\text{M}^+]$), 147 (11), 146 (91), 145 (16), 93 (19), 92 (55), 91 (100), 90 (18), 65 (46). Found: C, 65.6; H, 5.5; N, 13.25. Calc. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$: C, 65.6; H, 5.5; N, 13.5%.

4-Methoxy-2-(2-(2-phenylhydrazono)butanamido)benzoic acid, acetic acid salt (3c-AcOH). Pale yellow microcrystals, yield 795 mg (66%), mp 223–226 °C (ethyl acetate), $R_f = 0.66$ (10% ethanol in chloroform). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 1.06 (t, 3H, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 1.92 (s, 3H, $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$), 2.72 (q, 2H, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 3.84 (s, 3H), 6.70 (dd, 1H, $J = 8.9, 2.6$ Hz), 6.90 (dd,

1H, $J = 7.3, 7.3$ Hz), 7.28 (dd, 2H, $J = 7.9, 7.9$ Hz), 7.56 (d, 2H, $J = 7.7$ Hz), 7.99 (d, 1H, $J = 8.9$ Hz), 8.47 (d, 1H, $J = 2.6$ Hz), 9.99 (s, 1H), 12.54 (br s, 1H), 12.57 (br s, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 10.2, 16.2, 21.1 ($\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$), 55.4, 103.9, 108.1, 108.4, 113.8, 120.7, 129.0, 133.2, 139.5, 143.2, 144.4, 163.4, 163.6, 169.3, 172.0 ($\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$); IR (cm^{-1}): ν 2971 w, 2937 w, 1694 m, 1603 s, 1585 s, 1494 s, 1462 m, 1231 s, 1059 m, 751 m, 751 m, 692 w. Found: C, 59.6; H, 5.7; N, 10.8. Calc. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_3\text{O}_6$: C, 59.8; H, 5.8; N, 10.5%.

3-Methoxy-2-(2-(2-phenylhydrazono)butanamido)benzoic acid (3d). Colourless crystals, yield 809 mg (79%), mp 210–212 °C (ethyl acetate), $R_f = 0.52$ (10% ethanol in chloroform). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 1.02 (t, 3H, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 2.65 (q, 2H, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 3.85 (s, 3H), 6.86–6.91 (m, 1H), 7.22–7.40 (m, 7H), 9.69 (br s, 1H), 9.97 (br s, 1H), 12.82 (br s, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 10.2, 16.4, 56.2, 113.5, 114.8, 120.5, 121.3, 125.0, 126.1, 127.3, 129.1, 139.3, 144.5, 153.0, 162.0, 168.2; IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3334 w, 3303 m, 3249 m, 2967 m, 1695 s, 1650 s, 1603 s, 1583 s, 1493 s, 1461 s, 1277 s, 1261 s, 1232 s, 1056 s, 748 m, 691 m; MS (EI) m/z (%): 341 (1, $[\text{M}^+]$), 167 (78), 134 (54), 121 (73), 119 (59), 106 (59), 93 (76), 92 (64), 91 (100), 77 (73), 43 (74); HRMS (ESI $^+$): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 342.1448, found 342.1450; HRMS (ESI $^-$): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4^-$ $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^-$ 340.1303, found 340.1303. Found: C, 63.15; H, 5.6; N, 12.15. Calc. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$: C, 63.3; H, 5.6; N, 12.3%.

2-(*N*-Methyl-2-(2-phenylhydrazono)butanamido)benzoic acid (3e). Pale yellow microcrystals, yield 761 mg (78%), mp 173–178 °C (ethyl acetate–benzene), $R_f = 0.73$ (10% ethanol in chloroform). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 1.02 (t, 3H, $J = 5$ Hz), 2.37–2.52 (m, 2H, CH_2), 3.23 (s, 3H), 6.49 (d, 2H, $J = 10$ Hz), 6.67 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.5, 7.5$ Hz), 7.01 (dd, 2H, $J = 7.5, 7.5$ Hz), 7.28 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.5, 7.5$ Hz), 7.45 (d, 1H, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 7.63 (ddd, 1H, $J = 7.7, 7.7, 1.6$ Hz), 7.76 (d, 1H, $J = 10$ Hz), 9.15 (br s, 1H), 12.94 (br s, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 10.0, 18.8, 38.4, 112.9, 119.5, 126.3, 127.8, 128.4, 129.3, 131.0, 132.8, 139.9, 144.5, 146.0, 166.5, 166.8; IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3326 m, 1707 s, 1619 s, 1598 s, 1577 s, 1454 m, 1392 m, 1256 s, 1203 m, 760 m, 747 m, 694 m; MS (EI) m/z (%): 325 (1, $[\text{M}^+]$), 174 (100), 151 (24), 146 (24), 145 (34), 105 (28), 104 (26), 91 (34), 77 (37), 43 (25). Found: C, 66.2; H, 5.9; N, 12.7. Calc. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$: C, 66.45; H, 5.9; N, 12.9%.

General procedure for the Fischer indolisation of phenylhydrazones **3a,c-e** into 2-(indol-2-carboxamido)benzoic acids **1a,c-e** (Table 1)

Phenylhydrazones **3a,d,e** or **3c-AcOH** (2.0 mmol) were heated under a nitrogen atmosphere on a metal bath at the temperature and for the time given in Table 1. The course of reaction was monitored by a moistened pH test strip (alkaline reaction of released ammonia gas). After cooling the reaction mixture, the corresponding product was isolated as follows.

Compound **1a** was obtained from the solidified reaction mixture by two subsequent recrystallizations from ethanol and isopropyl alcohol.

Compound **1c** was obtained from the oily reaction mixture by trituration with toluene (10 mL). The precipitate that formed was collected by filtration, recrystallized from isopropyl alcohol and additionally purified by column chromatography on silica gel using successive mixtures of ethyl acetate and ethanol as eluents.

Compound **1d** was obtained by triturating the solidified reaction mixture with toluene for 1 hour at ambient temperature followed by filtration. Pure **1d** was obtained after recrystallization of the filter cake from isopropyl alcohol.

Compound **1e** was obtained by washing the solidified reaction mixture with toluene (10 mL) and cyclohexane (10 mL). The solid was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel using successive mixtures of ethyl acetate and ethanol as eluents. Recrystallisation from the benzene-ethyl acetate mixture afforded pure **1e**.

Solvent and catalyst screening for the Fischer indolisation of **2** into **1** (Table 2)

A stirred mixture of *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acid **2** (2.00 mmol), phenylhydrazinium chloride (310 mg, 2.15 mmol) and the catalyst in the solvent (entry 1: 7.5 mL; entries 2–13: 13 mL) was heated under reflux until TLC analysis indicated complete consumption of the starting material. The progress of the reaction was accompanied by the colour change of the reaction mixture from pale yellow to green and finally to dark red. The products were isolated as follows.

Entries 1 and 5: the cooled reaction mixture was poured into ice water (35–60 mL). The solid was collected by filtration, washed with water (20–60 mL) and recrystallized from ethanol affording pure compound **1a**.

Entries 2–4, 9–13: the cooled reaction mixture was poured into ice water (35 mL). If an oily organic phase was formed (entry 13), the resulting mixture was stirred overnight. The resulting solid was collected by filtration, washed with 10% HCl (16 mL) and water (25 mL), and recrystallized from ethanol affording the appropriate pure compound **1**.

Entries 6 and 7: the cooled reaction mixture was filtered. The filter cake was washed with water (10 mL) and recrystallized from ethanol affording a pure compound **1a**. The filtrate was evaporated to dryness and the residue was dissolved in a minimal amount of water (*ca.* 25 mL). The solution was made alkaline with 0.5 M NaOH, washed with benzene (3 \times 5 mL) and carefully neutralised with 5% HCl. The precipitated anthranilic acid was filtered off as colourless crystals.

Entry 8: the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and the oily residue was triturated with water (10 mL) to give white precipitate of pure **1a**, which was collected by filtration and washed with water (2 \times 3 mL).

General procedure for the Fischer indolisation of *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acids **2** into 2-(indol-2-carboxamido)-benzoic acids **1** (Table 3)

A mixture of *N*-(α -ketoacyl)anthranilic acid **2** (2.00 mmol) and phenylhydrazinium chloride (310 mg, 2.15 mmol) in acetic acid (7.5 mL) was heated under reflux until TLC indicated

complete consumption of the starting material **2**. In the case of **2m** (entry 13), at the onset of the reaction the formation of solid prevented an efficient stirring of the reaction mixture. Thus an additional amount of acetic acid (5 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was cooled and diluted with ice water (60 mL). After stirring the resulting mixture for several hours, the *Precipitate A* was collected by filtration and washed with water (20 mL). The filtrates were combined into the *Filtrate A*. The *Precipitate A* and the *Filtrate A* were treated as follows.

Entries 1–6, 8, 10–12: recrystallization of the *Precipitate A* from ethanol gave pure products **1a–f, h, j–l**.

Entries 2, 4, 6, 11: the *Filtrate A* was concentrated *in vacuo* and the residue was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel using 30% ethyl acetate in chloroform as an eluent to isolate benzoxazinones **4d, f, k** and phenylhydrazides **5b, f** as indicated in Table 3.

Entry 7: recrystallisation of the *Precipitate A* from ethanol afforded the appropriate benzoxazinones **4g**. The mother liquor was concentrated *in vacuo*. From the residue the second crop of **1g** crystallized, which was collected by filtration and washed with a small amount of benzene and recrystallized from ethanol. The yield of the combined crops of **1g** is given in Table 3, entry 7.

Entry 13: recrystallisation of the *Precipitate A* from ethanol afforded benzoxazinone **4m**.

Entry 9: the *Precipitate A* was washed with boiling benzene (15 mL) and recrystallized from ethanol affording a pure compound **1i**. The benzene extract was concentrated to the oily residue and subjected to column chromatography on silica gel using 10% ethyl acetate in chloroform as an eluent, to give benzoxazinone **4i**.

Entry 10: the *Filtrate A* was evaporated to dryness and subjected to column chromatography on silica gel with chloroform as an eluent, affording benzoxazinone **4j**.

2-[[[3-Methyl-1*H*-indol-2-yl]carbonyl]amino]benzoic acid (1a**).** Colourless solid, mp 276–284 °C (ethanol), $R_f = 0.48$ (20% methanol in ethyl acetate), $R_f = 0.18$ (10% ethanol in chloroform). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 2.66 (s, 3H, CH₃), 7.09 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.5, 7.4$ Hz, H5'), 7.22 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.6, 7.6$ Hz, H5), 7.26 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.6, 7.6$ Hz, H6'), 7.44 (d, 1H, $J = 8.2$ Hz, H7'), 7.66–7.71 (m, 2H, H4 and H4'), 8.07 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.9, 1.1$ Hz, H6), 8.69 (d, 1H, $J = 8.4$ Hz, H3), 11.53 (s, 1H, H1'), 11.69 (s, 1H, CONH), 13.82 (br s, 1H, COOH); IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3328 s, 3061 w, 1682 s, 1664 s, 1581 w, 1524 s, 1450 m, 1412 m, 1338 m, 1261 s, 727 m, 662 w; MS (EI) m/z (%): 295 (12), 294 (63, [M]⁺), 158 (95), 157 (100), 130 (56), 129 (48), 128 (26), 120 (78), 103 (36), 77 (36) m/z (%). Found: C, 69.1; H, 4.8; N, 9.7. Calc. for C₁₇H₁₄N₂O₃: C, 69.4; H, 4.8; N, 9.5%.

5-Methoxy-2-[[[3-methyl-1*H*-indol-2-yl]carbonyl]amino]benzoic acid (1b**).** Yellowish solid, mp 265–269 °C (ethanol), $R_f = 0.41$ (20% methanol in ethyl acetate), $R_f = 0.16$ (10% ethanol in chloroform). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 2.64 (s, 3H, C3' CH₃), 3.81 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 7.09 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.3, 7.3$ Hz, H5'), 7.25 (ddd, 1H, $J = 7.6, 7.6, 0.8$ Hz, H6'), 7.30 (dd, 1H, $J = 9.2, 3.1$ Hz, H4), 7.43 (d, 1H, $J = 8.2$ Hz, H7'), 7.53 (d, 1H, $J = 3.2$ Hz, H6), 7.67 (d, 1H, $J = 8.0$ Hz, H4'), 8.59 (d, 1H, $J =$

9.2 Hz, H3), 11.37 (s, 1H, CONH), 11.49 (s, 1H, H1'), 13.88 (br s, 1H, COOH); IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3321 s, 1638 s, 1521 s, 1337 m, 1289 m, 1245 s, 1218 m, 1036 w, 744 s; MS (EI) m/z (%): 325 (19), 324 (90, [M]⁺), 307 (16), 306 (71), 158 (97), 157 (40), 150 (57), 130 (65), 129 (41), 77 (41); HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₇N₂O₄⁺ [M + H]⁺ 325.1183, found 325.1184. Found: C, 66.5; H, 5.0; N, 8.6. Calc. for C₁₈H₁₆N₂O₄: C, 66.7; H, 5.0; N, 8.6%.

4-Methoxy-2-[[[3-methyl-1H-indol-2-yl]carbonyl]amino]benzoic acid (1c). Colourless solid, mp 264–267 °C (iPrOH), R_f = 0.61 (20% methanol in ethyl acetate), R_f = 0.23 (10% ethanol in chloroform). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 2.65 (s, 3H, C3' CH₃), 3.87 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 6.79 (dd, 1H, J = 8.9, 2.6 Hz, H5), 7.09 (ddd, 1H, J = 7.2, 7.2, 0.6 Hz, H5'), 7.26 (ddd, 1H, J = 7.6, 7.6, 0.8 Hz, H6'), 7.43 (d, 1H, J = 8.3 Hz, H7'), 7.68 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz, H4'), 8.02 (d, 1H, J = 8.9 Hz, H6), 8.38 (d, 1H, J = 2.6 Hz, H3), 11.53 (s, 1H, H1'), 11.91 (s, 1H, CONH), 13.47 (br s, 1H, COOH); IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3320 m, 3054 w, 2975 w, 1671 s, 1640 m, 1613 s, 1577 m, 1524 m, 1407 m, 1337 m, 1269 s, 1243 s, 1235 s, 1151 m, 740 m; MS (EI) m/z (%): 325 (2), 324 (8, [M]⁺), 306 (42), 158 (35), 157 (26), 150 (28), 130 (33), 129 (23), 45 (30), 44 (100); HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₇N₂O₄⁺ [M + H]⁺ 325.1183, found 325.1187. Found: C, 66.6; H, 5.0; N, 8.45. Calc. for C₁₈H₁₆N₂O₄: C, 66.7; H, 5.0; N, 8.6%.

3-Methoxy-2-[[[3-methyl-1H-indol-2-yl]carbonyl]amino]benzoic acid (1d). Colourless solid, mp 265–267 °C (ethyl acetate), R_f = 0.39 (20% methanol in ethyl acetate), R_f = 0.24 (10% ethanol in chloroform). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 2.58 (s, 3H, C3' CH₃), 3.85 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 7.08 (dd, 1H, J = 7.4, 7.4 Hz, H5'), 7.25 (ddd, 1H, J = 7.6, 7.6, 0.7 Hz, H6'), 7.30–7.34 (m, 2H, H4 and H5), 7.39–7.46 (m, 2H, H6 and H7'), 7.65 (d, 1H, J = 8.1 Hz, H4'), 9.31 (br s, 1H, CONH), 11.47 (br s, 1H, H1'), 12.91 (br s, 1H, COOH); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 9.8, 56.1, 112.0, 115.0, 115.2, 119.2, 119.9, 121.4, 124.2, 125.7, 126.1, 127.2, 128.0, 128.5, 135.6, 153.7, 160.2, 167.9; IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3387 w, 3292 s, 2837 m, 1690 s, 1619 s, 1538 m, 1506 s, 1478 s, 1459 m, 1280 s, 1257 s, 1056 m, 747 m, 510 w; MS (EI) m/z (%): 324 (3, [M]⁺), 323 (26), 322 (100), 250 (13), 149 (48), 111 (6), 97 (8), 85 (8), 71 (10), 57 (24), 43 (8), 41 (13); HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₅N₂O₄⁻ [M - H]⁻ 323.1037, found 323.1039. Found: C, 66.5; H, 5.0; N, 8.5. Calc. for C₁₈H₁₆N₂O₄: C, 66.7; H, 5.0; N, 8.6%.

2-[[[3-methyl-1H-indol-2-yl]carbonyl]amino]benzoic acid (1e). White solid, mp 216–219 °C (EtOAc–benzene), R_f = 0.54 (20% methanol in EtOAc), R_f = 0.36 (10% ethanol in chloroform). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.95 (br s, 3H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 6.88–7.72 (m, 8H), 10.56 (br s, 1H), 13.07 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.0, 38.0, 111.3, 111.6, 118.6, 119.2, 122.7, 127.1, 127.3, 128.3, 129.7, 130.9, 132.7, 135.5, 143.5, 164.3, 166.5; IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3233 s, 2913 m, 1704 s, 1614 s, 1590 s, 1545 m, 1445 m, 1421 m, 1395 m, 1349 m, 1287 m, 1256 s, 759 m, 752 m, 741 m; MS (EI): m/z (%) 309 (14), 308 (67, [M]⁺), 290 (100), 250 (89), 234 (37), 233 (80), 232 (63), 204 (52), 158 (48), 102 (37), 77 (42), 44 (53); HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₇N₂O₃⁺ [M + H]⁺ 309.1234, found 309.1237.

2-[[[3-Propyl-1H-indol-2-yl]carbonyl]amino]benzoic acid (1f). Colourless solid, mp 239–246 °C (ethanol), R_f = 0.23 (10% ethanol in chloroform). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 0.94 (t, 3H, J = 7.3 Hz, C3'(CH₂)₂CH₃), 1.67–1.74 (m, 2H, C3' CH₂CH₂), 3.08–3.14 (m, 2H, C3'CH₂), 7.08 (dd, 1H, J = 7.7, 7.7 Hz, H5'), 7.22 (dd, 1H, J = 8.0, 8.0 Hz, H5), 7.26 (dd, 1H, J = 7.8, 7.8 Hz, H6'), 7.44 (d, 1H, J = 8.2 Hz, H7'), 7.65–7.70 (m, 2H, H4, H4'), 8.07 (dd, 1H, J = 1.4, 8.0 Hz, H6'), 8.66 (d, 1H, J = 8.4 Hz, H3), 11.52 (br s, 1H, H1'), 11.64 (br s, 1H, CONH), 13.79 (br s, 1H, COOH); IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3311 s, 2956 m, 2870 w, 1673 s, 1655 s, 1580 m, 1540 m, 1521 m, 1511 m, br, 1449 m, 1407 m, 1262 s, 1166 m, 752 m, 730 m; MS (EI) m/z (%): 324 (4), 323 (11), 322 (56, [M]⁺), 304 (11), 275 (39), 186 (40), 185 (100), 170 (21), 168 (15), 156 (48), 130 (21), 129 (22), 128 (47), 120 (50), 77 (13); HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₉N₂O₃⁺ [M + H]⁺ 323.1390, found 323.1390. Found: C, 70.8; H, 5.75; N, 8.6. Calc. for C₁₉H₁₈N₂O₃: C, 70.8; H, 5.6; N, 8.7%.

3-Methyl-2-[[[3-methyl-1H-indol-2-yl]carbonyl]amino]benzoic acid (1g). Colourless solid, mp 234–241 °C (benzene), R_f = 0.26 (10% ethanol in chloroform). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 2.29 (s, 3H, C3CH₃), 2.62 (s, 3H, C3'CH₃), 7.08 (dd, 1H, J = 7.4, 7.4 Hz, H5'), 7.25 (dd, 1H, J = 7.5, 7.5 Hz, H6), 7.30 (dd, 1H, J = 7.7, 7.7 Hz, H5), 7.44 (d, 1H, J = 8.2 Hz, H7'), 7.53 (d, 1H, J = 7.4 Hz, H4), 7.66 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz, H4'), 7.77 (d, 1H, J = 7.1 Hz, H6), 9.83 (s, 1H, CONH), 11.45 (s, 1H, H1'), 13.14 (br s, 1H, COOH); IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3460 w, 3303 s, 3059 w, 2966 w, 1673 s, 1647 s, 1622 s, 1505 s, 1463 s, 1447 s, 1335 s, 1243 s, 744 s, 739 m; HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₇N₂O₃⁺ [M + H]⁺ 309.1234; found 309.1236.

5-Methyl-2-[[[3-methyl-1H-indol-2-yl]carbonyl]amino]benzoic acid (1h). Pale yellow crystals, mp 268–274 °C (ethanol), R_f = 0.63 (20% methanol in ethyl acetate), R_f = 0.30 (10% ethanol in chloroform). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 2.34 (s, 3H, C5CH₃), 2.65 (s, 3H, C3'CH₃), 7.09 (ddd, 1H, J = 7.5, 7.5, 0.7 Hz, H5'), 7.25 (ddd, 1H, J = 7.6, 7.6, 0.9 Hz, H6'), 7.44 (d, 1H, J = 8.2 Hz, H7'), 7.49 (dd, 1H, J = 8.6, 2.0 Hz, H4), 7.67 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz, H4'), 7.88 (d, 1H, J = 1.8 Hz, H6), 8.58 (d, 1H, J = 8.5 Hz, H3), 11.51 (s, 1H, H1'), 11.58 (s, 1H, CONH), 13.76 (br s, 1H, COOH); IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3316 m, 2919 w, 2863 w, 1672 m, 1648 m, 1586 m, 1520 s, 1418 m, 1398 m, 1336 m, 1296 m, 1259 s, 1217 m, 736 m, 671 m; MS (EI) m/z (%): 310 (1), 309 (8), 308 (36, [M]⁺), 290 (53), 158 (65), 157 (49), 134 (100), 130 (60), 129 (42), 103 (40), 77 (57); HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₇N₂O₃⁺ [M + H]⁺ 309.1234, found 309.1234. Found: C, 70.2; H, 5.4; N, 9.1. Calc. for C₁₈H₁₆N₂O₃: C, 70.1; H, 5.2; N, 9.1%.

6-Chloro-3-methyl-2-[[[3-methyl-1H-indol-2-yl]carbonyl]amino]benzoic acid (1i). Colourless solid, mp 256–264 °C (ethanol), R_f = 0.38 (10% ethanol in chloroform). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 2.23 (s, 3H, C3CH₃), 2.57 (s, 3H, C3'CH₃), 7.07 (ddd, 1H, J = 7.8, 7.2, 0.7 Hz, H5'), 7.24 (ddd, 1H, J = 8.1, 7.1, 0.9 Hz, H6'), 7.40–7.45 (m, 3H, H4, H5 and H7'), 7.64 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz, H4'), 9.43 (br s, 1H, CONH), 11.35 (br s, 1H, H1'), 13.59 (br s, 1H, COOH); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.6, 17.5, 111.8, 114.6, 119.1, 119.8, 124.0, 126.3, 126.8, 127.75, 127.83, 131.6, 134.1, 134.2, 135.4, 136.3, 160.8, 166.5; IR

(cm^{-1}): ν 3820 m, 3057 w, 2927 m, 1734 s, 1686 s, 1624 s, 1617 s, 1583 s, 1556 s, 1509 s, 1335 s, 1296 s, 743 s; MS (EI) m/z (%): 327 (7), 326 (35), 325 (22), 324 (100, $[\text{M} - \text{H}_2\text{O}]^+$), 295 (48), 130 (76), 129 (56), 128 (50), 103 (40), 102 (57), 77 (60), 44 (70); HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_3^+ [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 343.0844, found 343.0849. Found: C, 62.8; H, 4.5; N, 7.9. Calc. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_3$: C, 63.1; H, 4.4; N, 8.2%.

3,5-Dimethyl-2-((3-propyl-1*H*-indol-2-yl)carbonyl)amino)benzoic acid (1j). Colourless solid, mp 240–244 °C (benzene), $R_f = 0.51$ (10% ethanol in chloroform). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 0.92 (t, 3H, $J = 7.4$ Hz, C3'(CH₂)₂CH₃), 1.67 (tq, 2H, $J = 7.4$, 7.4 Hz, C3'CH₂CH₂), 2.23 (s, 3H, C3CH₃), 2.34 (s, 3H, C5CH₃), 3.07 (t, 1H, $J = 7.6$ Hz, C3'CH₂), 7.07 (ddd, 1H, $J = 7.9$, 7.2, 0.7 Hz, H5'), 7.24 (ddd, 1H, $J = 8.1$, 7.1, 0.9 Hz, H6'), 7.34 (d, 1H, $J = 1.3$ Hz, H4), 7.44 (d, 1H, $J = 8.2$ Hz, H7'), 7.58 (d, 1H, $J = 1.7$ Hz, H6), 7.66 (d, 1H, $J = 8.1$ Hz, H4'), 9.71 (br s, 1H, CONH), 11.41 (br s, 1H, H1'), 13.06 (br s, 1H, COOH); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 14.0, 18.4, 20.2, 23.9, 26.0, 112.0, 119.2, 119.9, 120.2, 124.0, 126.4, 126.8, 127.6, 128.3, 133.7, 134.8, 134.9, 135.5, 160.2, 168.3; IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3368 w, 3301 m, 3263 m, 3052 m, 2956 m, 1663 s, 1618 w, 1603 w, 1547 m, 1527 w, 1477 w, 1444 m, 1405 m, 1336 w, 1300 m, 1231 m, 742 w; MS (EI) m/z (%): 351 (11), 350 (46, $[\text{M}]^+$), 332 (5, $[\text{M} - \text{H}_2\text{O}]^+$), 186 (44), 185 (70), 156 (33), 148 (100), 130 (30), 129 (25), 128 (39); HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3^+ [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 351.1703, found, 351.1702. Found: C, 71.7; H, 6.3; N, 7.9. Calc. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$: C, 72.0; H, 6.3; N, 8.0%.

3,5-Dimethoxy-2-((3-propyl-1*H*-indol-2-yl)carbonyl)amino)benzoic acid (1k). Pale yellow solid, mp 227–230 °C (ethanol), $R_f = 0.33$ (10% ethanol in chloroform). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 0.92 (t, 3H, $J = 7.3$ Hz, C3'(CH₂)₂CH₃), 1.64 (tq, 2H, $J = 7.4$ Hz, C3'CH₂CH₂), 3.05 (t, 3H, $J = 7.6$ Hz, C3'CH₂), 3.82 (s, 3H, C3OCH₃), 3.83 (s, 3H, C5OCH₃), 6.88 (d, 1H, $J = 2.7$ Hz, H4), 6.92 (d, 1H, $J = 2.7$ Hz, H6), 7.06 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.4$ Hz, H5'), 7.23 (ddd, 1H, $J = 7.9$, 7.2, 0.7 Hz, H6'), 7.43 (d, 1H, $J = 8.2$ Hz, H7'), 7.64 (d, 1H, $J = 8.0$ Hz, H4'), 9.06 (br s, 1H, CONH), 11.40 (br s, 1H, H1'), 12.92 (br s, 1H, COOH); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 14.1, 23.9, 26.1, 55.6, 56.2, 102.4, 105.1, 112.0, 118.8, 119.2, 120.0, 121.0, 124.0, 126.8, 127.7, 129.6, 135.5, 155.1, 157.5, 160.2, 167.7; IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3409 w, 3288 m, 2957 m, 1694 s, 1657 s, 1597 m, 1502 s, 1471 m, 1454 m, 1334 s, 1309 m, 1215 m, 1067 m, 1043 m, 752 m; MS (EI) m/z (%): 382 (6, $[\text{M}]^+$), 365 (25), 364 (100), 335 (82), 221 (35), 179 (50), 156 (32), 129 (38), 128 (56), 73 (51); HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5^+ [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 383.1601, found 383.1601. Found: C, 65.9; H, 5.8; N, 7.1. Calc. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$: C, 66.0; H, 5.8; N, 7.3%.

2-((3-Phenyl-1*H*-indol-2-yl)carbonyl)amino)benzoic acid (1l). Colourless crystals, mp 237–246 °C (ethanol), $R_f = 0.36$ (10% ethanol in chloroform). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.11–7.17 (m, 2H, H5, H5'), 7.29–7.36 (m, 2H, H6', H4''), 7.44 (dd, 2H, $J = 7.7$, 7.7 Hz, H3'', H5''), 7.53–7.55 (m, 3H, H7', H2'', H6''), 7.59 (d, 1H, $J = 8.1$ Hz, H4'), 7.64 (ddd, 1H, $J = 8.6$, 7.1, 1.6 Hz, H4), 7.91 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.9$, 1.5 Hz, H6), 8.60 (dd, 1H, $J = 8.4$, 0.6 Hz, H3), 11.28 (br s, 1H, CONH), 12.03 (br s, 1H, H1'), 13.36 (br s, 1H, COOH); IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3309 s, 3057 w, 1671 s, 1655 s, 1605 m, 1580 m, 1519 s, 1449 m, 1405 m, 1332 m,

1296 m, 1262 s, 1230 m, 754 m, 700 m; MS (EI) m/z (%): 357 (3), 356 (13, $[\text{M}]^+$), 339 (24), 338 (100), 337 (44), 293 (17), 220 (29), 219 (31), 207 (20), 191 (27), 190 (47), 165 (31), 164 (18), 90 (21), 44 (54); HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3^+ [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 357.1234; found 357.1228. Found: C, 74.1; H, 4.6; N, 7.8. Calc. for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$: C, 74.2; H, 4.5; N, 7.9%.

6-Methoxy-2-(3-methyl-1*H*-indol-2-yl)-4*H*-benzo[d][1,3]oxazin-4-one (4b). Pale-yellow microcrystals, mp 220–225 °C, $R_f = 0.44$ (20% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.78 (s, 3H, C3'CH₃), 3.92 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 7.15 (ddd, 1H, $J = 7.8$, 7.0, 0.9 Hz, H5'), 7.32 (ddd, 1H, $J = 7.5$, 7.5, 0.9 Hz, H6'), 7.36–7.39 (m, 2H, H7 and H7'), 7.55 (d, 1H, $J = 9.0$ Hz, H8), 7.59 (d, 1H, $J = 2.9$ Hz, H5), 7.67 (d, 1H, $J = 8.1$ Hz, H4'), 8.94 (br s, 1H, H1'); IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3399 m, 3047 w, 2836 w, 1747 s, 1624 s, 1603 m, 1492 s, 1354 m, 1335 m, 1326 m, 1240 s, 1035 m, 838, 743 m; MS (EI) m/z (%): 307 (8), 306 (35, $[\text{M}]^+$), 181 (100), 158 (30), 157 (18), 130 (28), 129 (17), 103 (18), 77 (16); HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3^+ [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 307.1077, found 307.1080.

7-Methoxy-2-(3-methyl-1*H*-indol-2-yl)-4*H*-benzo[d][1,3]oxazin-4-one (4c). Pale-yellow crystals, mp 234–236 °C (benzene), $R_f = 0.52$ (20% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.79 (s, 1H, C3'CH₃), 3.95 (s, 1H, OCH₃), 6.99–7.02 (m, 2H, H5 and H8), 7.16 (ddd, 1H, $J = 7.8$, 7.1, 0.8 Hz, H5'), 7.34 (ddd, 1H, $J = 7.9$, 7.2, 0.7 Hz, H6'), 7.39 (d, 1H, $J = 8.2$ Hz, H7'), 7.69 (d, 1H, $J = 8.0$ Hz, H4'), 8.11 (d, 1H, $J = 9.0$ Hz, H6), 8.98 (br s, 1H, H1'); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.5, 55.8, 108.4, 109.3, 111.4, 116.6, 120.2, 120.5, 120.6, 123.3, 125.9, 129.2, 130.4, 136.6, 149.7, 154.3, 158.7, 166.3; IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3376 m, 2946 w, 1736 s, 1622 s, 1599 s, 1565 s, 1548 s, 1493 m, 1444 m, 1439 m, 1287 m, 1203 m, 1043 m, 744 m; MS (EI) m/z (%): 308 (2), 307 (19), 306 (100, $[\text{M}]^+$), 277 (27), 249 (25), 157 (14), 150 (23), 130 (17), 129 (20), 128 (17), 120 (10), 103 (12), 102 (13), 77 (18); HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3^+ [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 307.1077, found 307.1081; found: C, 70.2; H, 4.6; N, 9.0. Calc. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$: C, 70.6; H, 4.6; N, 9.15%.

8-Methoxy-2-(3-methyl-1*H*-indol-2-yl)-4*H*-benzo[d][1,3]oxazin-4-one (4d). Yellow microcrystals, mp 238–240 °C (benzene), $R_f = 0.54$ (20% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.79 (s, 3H, C3'CH₃), 4.03 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 7.15 (ddd, 1H, $J = 7.4$, 7.0, 0.5 Hz, H5'), 7.27 (dd, 1H, $J = 8.2$, 0.7 Hz, H7), 7.32 (ddd, 1H, $J = 7.5$, 7.0, 0.6 Hz, H6'), 7.38 (d, 1H, $J = 8.8$ Hz, H7'), 7.40 (dd, 1H, $J = 8.1$, 8.1 Hz, H6), 7.68 (d, 1H, $J = 8.1$ Hz, H4'), 7.81 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1.0 Hz, H5), 9.23 (br s, 1H, H1'); IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3379 m, 2838 w, 1755 s, 1612 s, 1597 s, 1574 s, 1488 m, 1445 m, 1335 s, 1274 s, 1046 m, 1023 m, 754 m, 738 m, 720 m; MS (EI) m/z (%): 308 (2), 307 (19), 306 (100, $[\text{M}]^+$), 305 (9, $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^+$), 260 (12), 130 (27), 129 (16), 128 (18), 103 (17), 102 (14), 77 (23); HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3^+ [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 307.1077, found 307.1075. Found: C, 70.5; H, 4.6; N, 9.2. Calc. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$: C, 70.6; H, 4.6; N, 9.15%.

2-(3-Propyl-1*H*-indol-2-yl)-4*H*-benzo[d][1,3]oxazin-4-one (4f). Pale-yellow microcrystals, mp 160–165 °C (cyclohexane), $R_f =$

0.60 (20% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.05 (t, 3H, $J = 7.4$ Hz, $\text{C}_3'(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_3$), 1.81 (tq, 2H, $J = 7.4$, 7.4 Hz, $\text{C}_3'\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$), 3.27 (t, 2H, $J = 7.5$ Hz, $\text{C}_3'\text{CH}_2$), 7.15 (ddd, 1H, $J = 7.8$, 7.1, 0.8 Hz, H_5'), 7.31 (ddd, 1H, $J = 8.0$, 7.1, 0.9 Hz, H_6'), 7.39 (d, 1H, $J = 8.2$ Hz, H_7'), 7.46 (ddd, 1H, $J = 8.0$, 7.1, 1.0 Hz, H_6), 7.60 (d, 1H, $J = 7.9$ Hz, H_8), 7.70 (d, 1H, $J = 8.0$ Hz, H_4'), 7.79 (ddd, 1H, $J = 8.4$, 7.0, 1.5 Hz, H_7), 8.21 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.9$, 1.2 Hz, H_5), 9.01 (br s, 1H, H_1'); IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3372 s, 2957 w, 1754 s, 1621 s, 1603 s, 1571 m, 1472 m, 1261 m, 1240 w, 1055 m, 766 w, 741 m, 684 w; MS (EI) m/z (%): 305 (14), 304 (66, $[\text{M}]^+$), 289 (10, $[\text{M} - \text{CH}_3]^+$), 276 (24), 275 (100, $[\text{M} - \text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3]^+$), 257 (12), 247 (19), 146 (15), 128 (26), 90 (14); HRMS (ESI $^+$): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 305.1285, found 305.1283. Found: C, 75.25; H, 5.45; N, 9.3. Calc. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$: C, 75.0; H, 5.3; N, 9.2%.

8-Methyl-2-(3-methyl-1H-indol-2-yl)-4H-benzo[d][1,3]oxazin-4-one (4g). Yellow microcrystals, mp 251–254 °C (benzene), $R_f = 0.62$ (20% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.64 (s, 3H, C_8CH_3), 2.80 (s, 3H, $\text{C}_3'\text{CH}_3$), 7.15 (ddd, 1H, $J = 7.9$, 7.1, 0.8 Hz, H_5'), 7.34 (ddd, 1H, $J = 8.1$, 8.1, 1.0 Hz, H_6'), 7.35 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.5$, 7.5 Hz, H_6), 7.41 (d, 1H, $J = 8.2$ Hz, H_7'), 7.66 (d, 1H, $J = 7.4$ Hz, H_7), 7.69 (d, 1H, $J = 8.0$ Hz, H_4'), 8.06 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.6$, 0.6 Hz, H_5), 8.93 (br s, 1H, H_1'); IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3365 s, 2918 w, 1746 s, 1623 s, 1597 m, 1548 m, 1446 m, 1322 m, 1322(m), 1234 m, 1062 m, 1029 m, 764 m, 740 m; MS (EI) m/z (%): 291 (23), 290 (100, $[\text{M}]^+$), 289 (17), 261 (21), 233 (20), 165 (22), 158 (99), 157 (86), 145 (18), 130 (68), 129 (55), 128 (27), 104 (17), 103 (37), 102 (24), 77 (46); HRMS (ESI $^+$): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 291.1128, found 291.1127. Found: C, 74.4; H, 4.9; N, 9.4. Calc. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$: C, 74.5; H, 4.9; N, 9.65%.

5-Chloro-8-methyl-2-(3-methyl-1H-indol-2-yl)-4H-benzo[d][1,3]oxazin-4-one (4i). Pale-yellow microcrystals, mp 251–256 °C (cyclohexane), $R_f = 0.82$ (20% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.59 (s, 3H, C_8CH_3), 2.79 (s, 3H, $\text{C}_3'\text{CH}_3$), 7.17 (ddd, 1H, $J = 7.9$, 7.0, 0.9 Hz, H_5'), 7.35 (ddd, 1H, $J = 8.6$, 7.7, 1.0 Hz, H_6'), 7.36 (d, 1H, $J = 8.1$ Hz, H_6), 7.42 (d, 1H, $J = 8.3$ Hz, H_7'), 7.53 (dd, 1H, $J = 8.1$, 0.6 Hz, H_7), 7.69 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.5$, 0.5 Hz, H_4'), 8.92 (br s, 1H, H_1'); IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3384 m, 3351 m, 3057 w, 2917 w, 1739 s, 1629 s, 1576 m, 1328 m, 1262 m, 1232 w, 1028 w, 914 m, 744 m, 730 m; MS (EI) m/z (%): 327 (7), 326 (34), 325 (22), 324 (100, $[\text{M}]^+$), 323 (4), 295 (49), 130 (53), 129 (46), 128 (44), 102 (50), 77 (51); HRMS (ESI $^+$): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_3^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 325.0738, found 325.0740. Found: C, 66.4; H, 4.0; N, 8.8. Calc. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_3$: C, 66.6; H, 4.0; N, 8.6%.

6,8-Dimethyl-2-(3-propyl-1H-indol-2-yl)-4H-benzo[d][1,3]oxazin-4-one (4j). Pale-yellow microcrystals, mp 201–202 °C (benzene), $R_f = 0.93$ (20% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.04 (t, 3H, $J = 7.4$ Hz, $\text{C}_3'(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_3$), 1.81 (tq, 2H, $J = 7.4$, 7.4 Hz, $\text{C}_3'\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$), 2.41 (s, 3H, C_6CH_3), 2.59 (s, 3H, C_8CH_3), 3.27 (t, 2H, $J = 7.6$ Hz, $\text{C}_3'\text{CH}_2$), 7.14 (ddd, 1H, $J = 7.8$, 7.2, 0.7 Hz, H_5'), 7.32 (ddd, 1H, $J = 8.0$, 7.2, 0.8 Hz, H_6'), 7.40 (d, 1H, $J = 8.2$ Hz, H_7'), 7.46 (s, 1H, H_7), 7.69 (d, 1H, $J = 8.0$ Hz, H_4'), 7.84 (s, 1H, H_5), 8.93 (br s, 1H, H_1'); IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3363 s, 2953 w, 1740 s, 1623 s, 1603 s,

1477 m, 1249 m, 1054 m, 789 m, 729 m; MS (EI) m/z (%): 334 (3), 333 (18), 332 (77, $[\text{M}]^+$), 303 (100), 288 (33), 128 (37), 85 (31), 71 (36), 57 (65); HRMS (ESI $^+$): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 333.1598, found 333.1597. Found: C, 75.9; H, 6.1; N, 8.35. Calc. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$: C, 75.9; H, 6.1; N, 8.4%.

6,8-Dimethoxy-2-(3-propyl-1H-indol-2-yl)-4H-benzo[d][1,3]oxazin-4-one (4k). Yellow crystals, mp 202–204 °C (cyclohexane), $R_f = 0.69$ (20% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$) δ 0.97 (t, 1H, $J = 7.4$ Hz, $\text{C}_3'(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_3$), 1.71 (tq, 2H, $J = 7.7$, 7.4 Hz, $\text{C}_3'\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$), 3.19 (t, 2H, $J = 7.7$ Hz, $\text{C}_3'\text{CH}_2$), 3.85 (s, 3H, C_6OCH_3), 3.93 (s, 3H, C_8OCH_3), 6.93 (d, 1H, $J = 2.6$ Hz, H_7), 7.01 (ddd, 1H, $J = 7.9$, 7.2, 0.7 Hz, H_5'), 7.05 (d, 1H, $J = 2.6$ Hz, H_5), 7.18 (ddd, 1H, $J = 8.1$, 7.1, 0.9 Hz, H_6'), 7.46 (d, 1H, $J = 8.2$ Hz, H_7'), 7.62 (d, 1H, $J = 8.0$ Hz, H_4'), 10.80 (br s, 1H, H_1'); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$) δ 14.6, 25.0, 27.6, 56.4, 57.0, 100.6, 108.0, 113.0, 118.9, 120.6, 121.0, 124.2, 125.7, 129.6, 133.1, 138.0, 151.4, 156.7, 159.6, 160.6; IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3368 m, 2963 w, 1736 s, 1619 s, 1491 m, 1437 m, 1373 s, 1325 m, 1300 m, 1219 m, 1036 m, 782 m, 739 m; MS (EI) m/z (%): 366 (4), 365 (24), 364 (100, $[\text{M}]^+$), 349 (18), 336 (22), 335 (82), 179 (48), 156 (24), 129 (29), 128 (44); HRMS (ESI $^+$): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 365.1496, found 365.1494. Found: C, 69.1; H, 5.5; N, 7.6. Calc. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$: C, 69.2; H, 5.5; N, 7.7%.

2-(3-Propyl-1H-indol-2-yl)-4H-naphtho[1,2-d][1,3]oxazin-4-one (4m). Bright yellow crystals, mp 273–274 °C (ethanol), $R_f = 0.73$ (20% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.12 (t, 3H, $J = 7.4$ Hz), 1.92 (tq, 2H, $J = 7.6$, 7.4 Hz), 3.42 (t, 2H, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 7.19 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.4$, 7.4 Hz), 7.38 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.2$, 7.2 Hz), 7.46 (d, 1H, $J = 8.2$ Hz), 7.72–7.80 (m, 3H), 7.86 (d, 1H, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 7.94 (dd, 1H, $J = 8.1$, 1.6 Hz), 8.13 (d, 1H, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 8.98 (dd, 1H, $J = 8.2$, 1.6 Hz), 9.10 (br s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.4, 24.0, 27.2, 111.6, 112.3, 120.3, 120.9, 122.7, 123.2, 125.3, 126.1, 126.4, 127.4, 127.7, 128.1, 128.9, 129.0, 130.2, 136.7, 137.3, 146.6, 159.4 (one resonance could not be determined due to low solubility of the compound and thus the low signal/noise ratio); IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3360 m, 3057 w, 2951 w, 1744 s, 1602 s, 1564 s, 1542 w, 1509 w, 1444 w, 1394 w, 1272 m, 780 w, 765 m, 736 m, 626 w; MS (EI) m/z (%): 355 (22), 354 (86), 326 (27), 325 (100), 297 (23), 283 (18), 269 (18), 170 (23), 169 (18), 156 (17), 140 (46), 129 (15), 128 (49), 115 (18), 101 (17), 77 (12); HRMS (ESI $^+$): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 355.1441; found 355.1438. Found: C, 78.1; H, 5.1; N, 8.0. Calc. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$: C, 78.0; H, 5.1; N, 7.9%.

N'-Phenyl-5-methoxy-2-((3-methyl-1H-indol-2-yl)carbonyl)amino}benzohydrazide (5b). White solid mp 243–253 °C (benzene), $R_f = 0.47$ (20% benzene in ethyl acetate). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 2.52 (s, 3H, $\text{C}_3'\text{CH}_3$), 3.87 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 6.72 (t, 1H, $J = 7.3$ Hz, H_4''), 6.82 (d, 2H, $J = 7.7$ Hz, H_2 and H_6 of phenyl), 7.05 (ddd, 1H, $J = 7.5$, 7.5, 0.6 Hz, H_5'), 7.14 (dd, 2H, $J = 8.2$, 7.6 Hz, H_3 and H_5 of phenyl), 7.20–7.25 (m, 2H, H_4 and H_6'), 7.40 (d, 1H, $J = 8.2$ Hz, H_7'), 7.48 (d, 1H, $J = 3.0$ Hz, H_6), 7.62 (d, 1H, $J = 8.1$ Hz, H_4'), 8.00 (d, 1H, $J = 1.0$ Hz, NHPh), 8.35 (d, 1H, $J = 9.1$ Hz, H_3), 10.65 (d, 1H, $J =$

1.0 Hz, *NHNHPh*), 11.00 (br s, 1H, C2NH), 11.45 (br s, 1H, H1'); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 9.7 (C3'CH₃), 55.6 (OCH₃), 112.1 (C7'), 112.4 (C2 and C6 of phenyl), 112.8 (C6), 113.0 (C3'), 117.9 (C4), 118.9 (C4 of phenyl), 119.3 (C5'), 120.0 (C4'), 121.9 (C1), 123.6 (C3), 124.1 (C6'), 127.9 (C3a'), 128.1 (C2'), 128.8 (C3 and C5 of phenyl), 131.6 (C2), 135.9 (C7a'), 149.1 (C1 of phenyl), 154.7 (C5), 160.1 (C2'CO), 168.0 (COOH); ¹⁵N NMR (51 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 89.0 (NPh), 123.2 (C2N); 132.3 (N1'), 137.6 (C1CON); IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3374 m, 3302 m, 3053 w, 1655 s, 1609 m, 1541 s, 1524 s, 1494 m, 1419 m, 1335 m, 1283 m, 1234 m, 1223 m, 740 m; MS (EI) *m/z* (%): 338 (43), 181 (100), 158 (38), 130 (32), 129 (25), 77 (25), 60 (23), 45 (35), 44 (39), 43 (40); HRMS (ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd for C₂₄H₂₃N₄O₃⁺ [M + H]⁺ 415.1765; found 415.1760; Found: C, 69.6; H, 5.3; N, 13.35. Calc. for C₂₄H₂₂N₄O₃: C, 69.6; H, 5.35; N, 13.5%.

***N'*-Phenyl-2-[[[3-propyl-1*H*-indol-2-yl]carbonyl]amino]benzohydrazide (5f).** Colourless needles, mp 214–216 °C (benzene), *R*_f = 0.61 (20% methanol in ethyl acetate), *R*_f = 0.28 (20% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 0.83 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.4, Hz, CH₃), 1.58 (tq, 2H, *J* = 7.4, 7.4 Hz, CH₂CH₃), 3.02 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.4 Hz, C3'CH₂), 6.72 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.3 Hz, H4 of phenyl), 6.82 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.8 Hz, H2 and H6 of phenyl), 7.05 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.4, 7.4, Hz, H5'), 7.14 (dd, 2H, *J* = 7.8, 7.8 Hz, H3 and H5 of phenyl), 7.22 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.5, 7.5 Hz, H6'), 7.27 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 7.6, 7.6, 0.7 Hz, H5), 7.41 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.2 Hz, H7'), 7.60–7.65 (m, 2H, H4 and H4'), 7.96 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.9, 1.1 Hz, H6), 7.98 (br d, 1H, *J* = 2.3 Hz, CONHNH), 8.45 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.1 Hz, H3), 10.66 (br d, 1H, *J* = 2.3 Hz, CONHNH), 11.33 (br s, 1H, C2NH), 11.49 (br s, 1H, H1'); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 13.7 (CH₃), 24.0 (CH₂CH₃), 25.6 (C3'CH₂), 112.1 (C7'), 112.2 (C2 and C6 of phenyl), 118.8 (C4 of phenyl), 119.26 (C3'), 119.29 (C5'), 120.0 (C4'), 120.3 (C1), 121.8 (C3), 123.1 (C5), 124.1 (C6'), 127.3 (C2'), 127.7 (C3a'), 128.0 (C6), 128.7 (C3 and C5 of phenyl), 132.2 (C4), 135.9 (C7a'), 138.5 (C2), 149.0 (C1 of phenyl), 160.3 (C2'CO), 168.2 (COOH); ¹⁵N NMR (51 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 88.9 (NPh), 124.6 (C2N), 131.9 (N1'), 137.6 (C1CON); IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3319 s, 2953 w, 2869 w, 1655 s, 1631 s, 1593 s, 1540 m, 1515 s, 1493 m, 1446 m, 1281 m, 1244 m, 740 s; MS (EI) *m/z* (%): 413 (3), 412 (12, [M]⁺), 306 (21), 305 (100), 186 (67), 146 (28), 130 (22), 128 (22), 120 (68), 108 (37), 77 (21); HRMS (ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd for C₂₅H₂₅N₄O₂⁺ [M + H]⁺ 413.1972, found 413.1971. Found: C, 72.7; H, 5.9; N, 13.6. Calc. for C₂₅H₂₄N₄O₂: C, 72.8; H, 5.9; N, 13.6%.

Reaction of 4f with phenylhydrazine into hydrazide 5f (Table 5, entry 1)

A mixture of benzoxazinone 4f (332 mg, 1.09 mmol) and phenylhydrazine (143 mg, 1.32 mmol) in toluene (15 mL) was heated under reflux for 2 hours. After cooling, the precipitated solid was filtered off with suction and crystallized from benzene to give hydrazide 5f (382 mg, 86%). The spectral and analytical data were in agreement with those for the authentic sample, as prepared above.

Reaction of 4f with *n*-butylamine into amide 6f (Table 5, entry 2). A mixture of benzoxazinone 4f (305 mg, 1.00 mmol)

and *n*-butylamine (90 mg, 1.23 mmol) in toluene (15 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. The precipitated solid was filtered off with suction and crystallized from benzene to give amide 6f (316 mg, 84%) as a white crystalline solid, mp 187–188 °C (benzene), *R*_f = 0.41 (20% methanol in ethyl acetate). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 0.89 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.4 Hz, NH(CH₂)₃CH₃), 0.95 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.3 Hz, C3'(CH₂)₂CH₃), 1.29–1.38 (m, 2H, NH(CH₂)₂CH₂), 1.49–1.57 (m, 2H, NHCH₂CH₂), 1.62–1.72 (m, 2H, C3'CH₂CH₂), 3.08–3.14 (m, 2H, C3'CH₂), 3.26–3.32 (m, 2H, NHCH₂), 7.07 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 7.8, 7.2, 0.6 Hz, H5'), 7.21 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 8.4, 7.4, 1.0 Hz, H5), 7.24 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 7.9, 7.2, 0.8 Hz, H6'), 7.44 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.2 Hz, H7'), 7.56 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 7.4, 7.4, 1.3 Hz, H4), 7.67 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz, H4'), 7.78 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, H6), 8.53 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.3, 0.5 Hz, H3), 8.83 (br t, 1H, *J* = 5.4 Hz, C1'CONH), 11.48 (br s, 1H, H1'), 11.71 (br s, 1H, C2NH); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.6 (NH(CH₂)₃CH₃), 13.8 (C3'(CH₂)₂CH₃), 19.6 (NHCH₂CH₂), 24.1 (C3'CH₂CH₂), 25.7 (C3'CH₂), 30.9 (NHCH₂CH₂), 38.8 (NHCH₂), 112.2 (C7'), 118.6 (C3'), 119.2 (C5'), 120.0 (C4'), 121.2 (C3), 121.5 (C1), 122.7 (C5), 124.0 (C6'), 127.6 (C2'), 127.7 (C3a'), 128.0 (C6), 131.6 (C4), 135.9 (C7a'), 138.6 (C2), 160.3 (C2'CO), 168.1 (C1CO); ¹⁵N NMR (51 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 120.33 (Cα-NH), 125.0 (C2-NH), 132.6 (N1'); IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3320 s, 2956 m, 2932 w, 2869 w, 1653 s, 1626 s, 1595 s, 1538 m, 1518 s, 1465 w, 1446 m, 1432 w, 1338 w, 1325 w, 1281 s, 1241 m, 762 w, 736 s, 677 m; MS (EI) *m/z* (%): 378 (19), 377 (70), 305 (20), 304 (76), 276 (22), 275 (88), 247 (15), 219 (20), 186 (29), 185 (100), 170 (62), 168 (39), 167 (20), 159 (20), 158 (33), 157 (31), 156 (56), 146 (23), 130 (46), 129 (36), 128 (58), 120 (66), 119 (30), 77 (15); HRMS (ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd for C₂₃H₂₈N₃O₂⁺ [M + H]⁺ 378.2176, found 378.2168. Found: C, 73.0; H, 7.3; N, 11.1. Calc. for C₂₃H₂₇N₃O₂: C, 73.2; H, 7.2; N, 11.1%.

General procedure for the hydrolysis of benzoxazinones 4f,j,m into 2-(indol-2-carboxamido)benzoic acids 1f,j,m (Table 5, entries 3–6)

A mixture of benzoxazinone 4 (343 mg, 0.968 mmol), dimethyl sulfoxide (10 mL) and aqueous sodium hydroxide (0.5 M, 1 mL) was stirred at room temperature for the time indicated in Table 5 (for the reaction in entry 4, dioxane (3 mL) and aqueous sulphuric acid (0.1 M, 2 mL) were used). The reaction mixture was diluted with water (50 mL) and acidified with 10% hydrochloric acid to Congo red (for the reaction from entry 4, no additional acid was added). After stirring for 1 h, the precipitate was filtered off, washed with water and dried to afford 2-(indol-2-carboxamido)benzoic acid 1. Yields of the products are indicated in Table 5. The spectral and analytical data for 1f,j were in agreement with those for the authentic samples, prepared above.

1m: Colourless solid, mp 227–230 °C (ethanol), *R*_f = 0.39 (10% ethanol in chloroform). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 0.94 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.1 Hz, C3'(CH₂)₂CH₃), 1.69 (tq, 2H, *J* = 7.1, 7.1 Hz, C3'CH₂CH₂), 3.11 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.1 Hz, C3'CH₂), 7.10 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.5, 7.5 Hz, H5'), 7.28 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.5, 7.5 Hz, H6'), 7.50 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.2 Hz, H7'), 7.61 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.5, 7.5 Hz, H7), 7.67 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.5, 7.5 Hz, H6), 7.70 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz, H4'), 7.95

(d, 1H, $J = 8.7$ Hz, H4), 7.98 (d, 1H, $J = 8.6$ Hz, H3), 8.03 (d, 1H, $J = 8.1$ Hz, H5), 8.09 (d, 1H, $J = 8.4$ Hz, H8), 10.27 (br s, 1H, CONH), 11.54 (br s, 1H, H1'), 13.30 (br s, 1H, COOH); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 14.2 (C3'(CH₂)₂CH₃), 24.1 (C3'CH₂CH₂), 26.2 (C3'CH₂), 112.2 (C7'), 119.4 (C5'), 120.2 (C4'), 121.2 (C3'), 123.8 (C2), 124.3 (C6'), 125.5 (C8), 126.0 (C3), 126.2 (C4), 126.6 (C7), 126.7 (C2'), 127.7 (C3a'), 128.0 (C5), 128.1 (C6), 129.5 (C8a), 135.2 (C4a), 135.7 (C7a'), 135.8 (C1), 161.6 (CONH), 168.3 (COOH); IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3311 s, 3051 w, 2957 m, 2927 m, 2865 w, 1675 s, 1641 s, 1604 w, 1571 m, 1530 w, 1482 m, 1465 w, 1451 w, 1416 m, 1335 m, 1285 m, 1259 m, 1238 s, 1224 w, 1204 w, 1178 w, 767 m, 749 s; MS (EI) m/z (%): 373 (2), 372 (7), 355 (23), 354 (87), 326 (28), 325 (100), 297 (23), 283 (19), 269 (19), 170 (46), 169 (26), 156 (27), 140 (48), 129 (20), 128 (58), 115 (25), 77 (16); HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z calcd for C₂₃H₂₁N₂O₃⁺ [M + H]⁺ 373.1547, found 373.1544. Found: C, 74.4; H, 5.5; N, 7.7. Calc. for C₂₃H₂₀N₂O₃: C, 74.2; H, 5.4; N, 7.5%.

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Synthesis of 1,4-Benzodiazepine-2,5-diones by Base Promoted Ring Expansion of 3-Aminoquinoline-2,4-diones

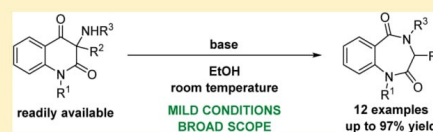
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Supporting Information

ABSTRACT: An unprecedented reactivity of 3-aminoquinoline-2,4-diones is reported. Under basic conditions, these compounds undergo molecular rearrangement to furnish 1,4-benzodiazepine-2,5-diones. The transformations take place under mild reaction conditions by using 1,1,3,3-tetramethylguanidine, NaOEt, or benzyltrimethylammonium hydroxide as a base. A proposed mechanism of the rearrangement and the conformational equilibrium of 1,4-benzodiazepine-2,5-dione rings are discussed.



The 1,4-benzodiazepine-2,5-dione scaffold, a subset of the 1,4-benzodiazepines, comprises a privileged structure, and numerous derivatives have been found to exhibit a diverse array of biological activities.^{1–5} These activities include: histone deacetylase inhibition (Figure 1, structure I);⁶ anticholinesterase activity (II, R = H, R' = Br);⁷ melanocortin agonist activity;⁸ endothelin receptor antagonism (III);⁹ glycoprotein IIb-IIIa antagonism (IV);^{10,11} antagonism of the HDM2-p53 interaction (V);^{12,13} anxiolytic activity;¹⁴ antileishmanial activity;¹⁵ and herbicidal activity.¹⁶ The 1,4-benzodiazepine-

2,5-dione motif appears in natural products including cyclopenin^{17,18} (II; R = CH₃, R' = H, Ar = C₆H₅), cyclophenol¹⁷ (II; R = CH₃, R' = H, Ar = 3-OH-C₆H₄), and cyclopeptin (VI).¹⁹ They were predicted to be biosynthesized by the condensation of anthranilic acid and an amino acid.²⁰ In addition to diverse biological activities, 1,4-benzodiazepine-2,5-diones found widespread applications as intermediates in the preparation of products of medicinal interest.^{21,22}

The synthesis of 1,4-benzodiazepine-2,5-dione has been reviewed.^{1,2,3} There are two major strategies for their preparation. One relies on the condensation of an anthranilic acid or its derivative, e.g., isatoic anhydride, with α -amino acid (Figure 2a). Another versatile route takes advantage of Ugi reaction, a four component reaction of substituted *N*-Boc-protected anthranilic acid with an aldehyde, an amine, and an isonitrile to form bis-amide (Figure 2b).²⁴ Subsequent *N*-Boc-deprotection and condensation of the bis-amide Ugi product generate the 1,4-benzodiazepine-2,5-dione ring skeleton. With some exceptions,^{25,26} this procedure has been largely executed to give N1 unsubstituted products (R¹ = H). After ring formation, late stage, selective alkylation (N1/N3) to form the desired product can sometimes be challenging.²⁷ High-throughput synthetic protocols have been realized by a combinatorial approach.^{1,8,28–32}

Due to the remarkable synthetic and biological relevance of 1,4-benzodiazepine-2,5-diones and related compounds, there is an urge to discover new strategies for their preparation. As a part of our interest in the chemistry of quinoline-2,4-(1*H*,3*H*)-diones,^{33–42} herein we report a novel approach to this scaffold that is based on a rearrangement of 3-aminoquinoline-2,4-(1*H*,3*H*)-diones (Figure 2c). In a simple four-step protocol, this method employs anilines as starting substrates. An

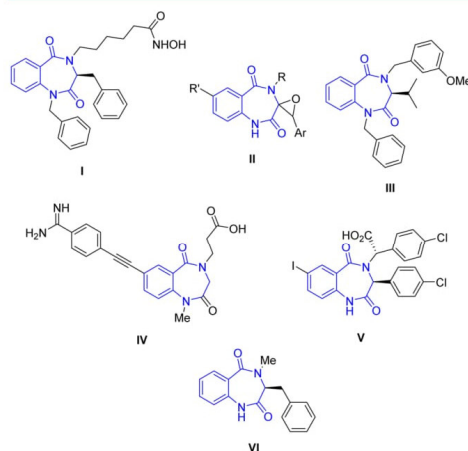


Figure 1. Selected 1,4-benzodiazepine-2,5-diones of biological relevance.

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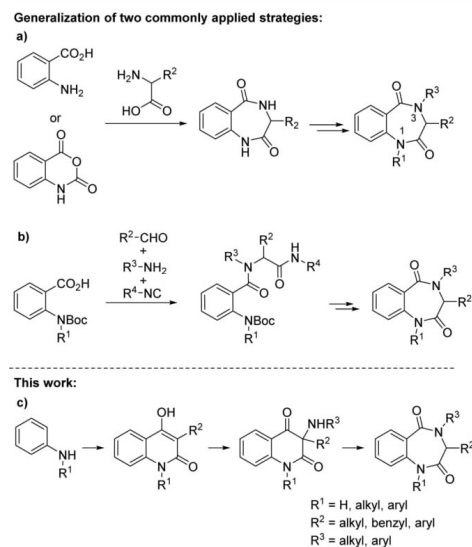
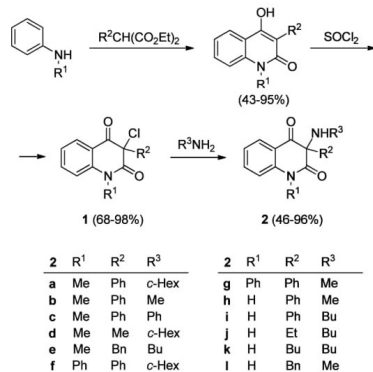


Figure 2. Approaches to 1,4-benzodiazepine-2,5-diones.

advantage of the method over those from Figure 2a–b is a broad availability of aniline derivatives in comparison to anthranilic acids and isatoic anhydrides, both, synthetically and commercially. It readily provides the 1,4-benzodiazepine-2,5-dione ring functionalized at N1 and N3 with an alkyl or aryl moiety. Optimization of the reaction conditions as well as the scope of the reaction are reported.

Differently functionalized starting compounds required for this study were prepared in three simple steps starting from commercially available anilines and diethyl malonates to initially afford 4-hydroxy-2(1*H*)-quinolones (Scheme 1). Chlorination of 4-hydroxy-2(1*H*)-quinolones with sulfuryl chloride gave 3-chloroquinolin-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-diones **1**,^{43,44} which subsequently readily underwent nucleophilic displacement

Scheme 1. Preparation of Compounds **1** and **2**



of the chlorine atom with selected primary amines into 3-aminoquinoline-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-diones **2**.⁴⁵

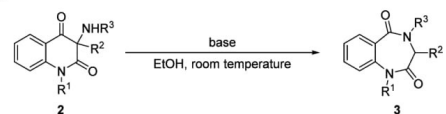
Investigating the scope of the Wittig olefination at the C-4 carbonyl atom of 3-aminoquinoline-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-diones, we have previously made a preliminary observation that these compounds are capable of ring expansion into 1,4-benzodiazepine-2,5-diones.⁴⁶ In one instance, the treatment of a selected 3-aminoquinoline-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-dione with ethyl (triphenylphosphoranylidene)acetate (Ph₃P=CHCO₂Et) in xylene at elevated temperature unexpectedly resulted in its rearrangement into 1,4-benzodiazepine-2,5-dione instead of the anticipated olefination.

It is reasonable to assume that in the presence of Ph₃P=CHCO₂Et, the rearrangement was enabled by the assistance of a relatively basic Wittig reagent (p*K*_a⁴⁷ of the conjugated acid, Ph₃P⁺CH₂CO₂Et, measured in DMSO = 8.50). To find out whether 3-aminoquinoline-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-diones are in general susceptible to base-mediated transformations into 1,4-benzodiazepine-2,5-diones, we initially conducted some base screening experiments with compound **2a** as a model substrate. As the above-mentioned heating in xylene in the presence of a phosphonium ylide would unlikely find practical applications, we decided to test amine bases including 4-dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP), triethylamine, piperidine, butylamine, and 1,1,3,3-tetramethylguanidine (TMG) in ethanol as the reaction solvent (Table 1). Whereas DMAP completely failed to react with **2a**, triethylamine resulted in a complex mixture of products, as judged by TLC analyses of the crude reaction mixtures. In contrast, piperidine, butylamine, and TMG afforded the desired (**3a**) in low to moderate yield. Out of these three bases, TMG was the most effective. It appeared that the efficiency of this rearrangement correlated with its basic character [p*K*_a data of conjugated acids in water for DMAP = 9.60;⁴⁸ triethylamine = 10.68;⁴⁹ piperidine = 11.12;⁵⁰ butylamine = 10.6;⁵⁰ TMG (p*K*_a = 13.6,⁵¹ 15.2⁵²)]. We next explored sodium ethoxide and Cs₂CO₃ as alternative nonamine bases and found out to perform similarly as TMG. Finally, benzytrimethylammonium hydroxide (Triton B), a source of hydroxide ion that is soluble in organic solvents, turned out to be superior. Triton B, TMG, and NaOEt were thus selected for the subsequent substrate scope screening experiments. The results are shown in Table 1.

In the case of N1-substituted substrates **2a–2g** (R¹ = alkyl or phenyl), catalytic amounts of TMG, NaOEt, or Triton B could be employed for the rearrangement into **3**. However, the reactions with TMG and NaOEt were too slow and/or resulted in unacceptably low conversions for practical applications in preparative purposes. For the rearrangement of these substrates, Triton B was found to be superior. It is also noteworthy that the reactions with Triton B were extremely clean, as no side products could be detected by TLC or NMR analyses of the crude reaction mixtures. A simple extractive workup was only required to isolate pure products that needed no further chromatographic purification. In contrast, for N1 unsubstituted analogues **2h–2l** (R¹ = H), an excess of a base (NaOEt) had to be applied for an efficient rearrangement.

The proposed reaction mechanism that accounts for the rearrangement of **2** into **3** is shown in Scheme 2. The base-assisted intramolecular addition of the 3-amino nitrogen atom to the C-4 carbonyl group results in the formation of aziridine oxo-anion, which then undergoes cleavage of C-3/C-4 bond, followed by protonation. It is interesting to note that a reverse reaction, i.e., ring contraction of some 1,4-benzodiazepine-2,5-diones into the corresponding 3-aminoquinoline-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-

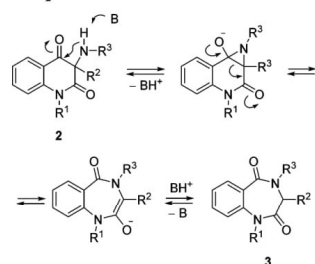
Table 1. Rearrangements of Compounds 2 into 3



entry	2	R ¹	R ²	R ³	base	equiv	t (h)	3	yield ^d (%)
1	2a	Me	Ph	c-Hex	DMAP	0.7	^b	3a	0
2	2a	Me	Ph	c-Hex	Triethylamine	1.1	48	3a	^c
3	2a	Me	Ph	c-Hex	Piperidine	1.0	^b	3a	26
4	2a	Me	Ph	c-Hex	Butylamine	1.6	^b	3a	41
5	2a	Me	Ph	c-Hex	TMG	1.0	72	3a	46
6	2a	Me	Ph	c-Hex	TMG	0.3	4 ^d	3a	73
7	2a	Me	Ph	c-Hex	NaOEt	2.3	4	3a	68
8	2a	Me	Ph	c-Hex	NaOEt	0.2	1	3a	35 ^e
9	2a	Me	Ph	c-Hex	Cs ₂ CO ₃ ^f	0.2	35 ^g	3a	46
10	2a	Me	Ph	c-Hex	Triton B	0.2	1	3a	95
11	2b	Me	Ph	Me	TMG	2.2	23	3b	77
12	2c	Me	Ph	Ph	TMG	2.2	10	3c	76
13	2d	Me	Me	c-Hex	Triton B	0.2	1	3d	97
14	2e	Me	Bn	Bu	NaOEt	2.5	30	3e	68
15	2e	Me	Bn	Bu	Triton B	0.2	1	3e	94
16	2f	Ph	Ph	c-Hex	TMG	2.2	5 ^d	3f	67
17	2f	Ph	Ph	c-Hex	Triton B	0.2	1	3f	34 ^e
18	2f	Ph	Ph	c-Hex	Triton B	0.2	4	3f	65 ^e
19	2g	Ph	Ph	Me	TMG	2.2	16	3g	97
20	2g	Ph	Ph	Me	Triton B	0.2	1	3g	90
21	2h	H	Ph	Me	TMG	2.2	32	3h	59
22	2i	H	Ph	Bu	NaOEt	2.3	12	3i	44
23	2j	H	Et	Bu	NaOEt	2.3	^h	3j	58
24	2k	H	Bu	Bu	NaOEt	2.3	48	3k	71
25	2k	H	Bu	Bu	Triton B	2.5	24	3k	43 ^e
26	2k	H	Bu	Bu	Triton B	2.5	72	3k	83 ^e
27	2k	H	Bu	Bu	Triton B	0.2	24	3k	9 ^e
28	2l	H	Bn	Me	NaOEt	2.3	51	3l	40

^aYield of isolated pure product is given. ^b24 h at rt and then heated at 50 °C for 30 h. ^cComplex mixture of products. ^dReflux. ^eConversion based on ¹H NMR integration. ^fDMF used as a solvent. ^g15 h at rt, then 14 h at 80 °C, then 6 h at 90 °C. ^h24 h at rt, then 4 h at 50 °C, then 4 h at 65 °C.

Scheme 2. Proposed Mechanism



diones, was recently reported by the groups of Dewyter⁵³ and Carlier.⁵⁴ The transformation was achieved by using LiHMDS or KHMDS at -78 °C.

The chemical compositions of all the compounds under investigation were confirmed by standard spectroscopic and analytical methods. Structure elucidation of compounds 3 as well as the assignments of proton and carbon resonances were performed by using 2D NMR experiments. ¹H NMR spectra of C3-alkyl and C3-benzyl derivatives 3d, 3e, 3j–3l, recorded in

DMSO-*d*₆ at 296 K, exhibited split signal patterns. This suggested the presence of two conformers that are slowly interconverting on the NMR time scale and was confirmed by variable-temperature (VT) ¹H NMR experiments. VT ¹H NMR spectra of compound 3l in the temperature range of 293–353 K are shown in Figure 3. The spectrum at 293 K, in the slow exchange regime, is consistent with the presence of two isomers of the compound 3l. At increase in the temperature, the broadening of the resonances occurs with the subsequent appearance of the average resonance above 323 K, where fast ring inversion takes place. The VT ¹H NMR spectra could be rationalized by the 1,4-benzodiazepine-2,5-dione seven-membered ring interconversion in which the C3 substituent has either pseudoequatorial or pseudoaxial orientation thus providing two pairs of enantiomers (*P*)-(*S*)-3/(*M*)-(*R*)-3 and (*P*)-(*R*)-3/(*M*)-(*S*)-3 in two diastereomeric forms (*P*)-(*R*)-3/(*M*)-(*S*)-3 and (*M*)-(*R*)-3/(*P*)-(*S*)-3, respectively (Figure 4). The existence of two conformers in DMSO-*d*₆ at 296 K through the split signal patterns was also evident from ¹³C NMR spectra and 2D NMR spectra. In contrast to the C3-benzyl and C3-alkyl derivatives 3d, 3e, 3j–3l, the NMR spectra of the C3-phenyl-substituted products 3a–3c and 3f–3i indicated a single set of resonances. The conformational

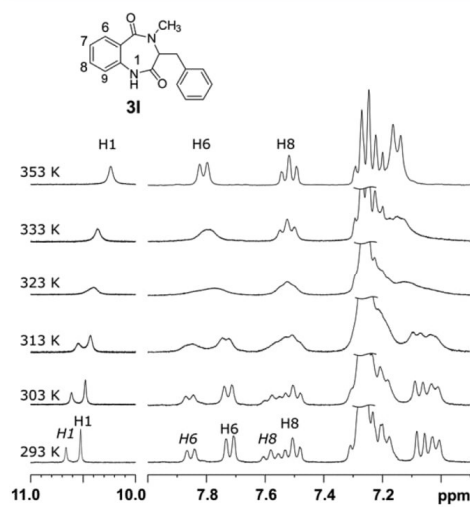


Figure 3. Selected parts of VT ^1H NMR spectra of **3I** in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$.

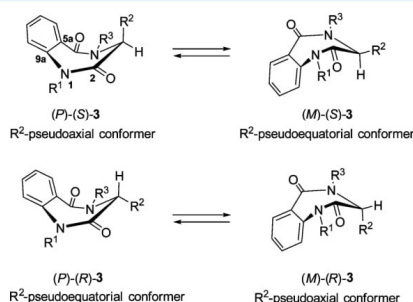


Figure 4. Conformational equilibrium in 1,4-benzodiazepine-2,5-dione ring at racemic compounds **3**. Conformational assignment (*M/P*) followed an earlier proposal to designate the sense of conformational chirality of the benzodiazepine ring and is based on the sign of the 2–1–9a–5a dihedral angle (*M* = minus, *P* = positive).^{58,59}

behavior is consistent with that observed in related 1,4-benzodiazepine-2,5-diones.^{6,11,53–57}

In conclusion, a novel approach to 1,4-benzodiazepine-2,5-dione scaffold is reported. It is based on a molecular rearrangement of easily available 3-aminoquinoline-2,4-(1*H*,3*H*)-diones in the presence of base, such as benzyltrimethylammonium hydroxide (Triton B), 1,1,3,3-tetramethylguanidine (TMG), or NaOEt. The transformations proceed under mild reaction conditions in environmentally friendly ethanol as a reaction solvent, at room temperature. In contrast to the known methods, this approach does not require N1/N3 post alkylation of the 1,4-benzodiazepine-2,5-dione parent ring.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

General Experimental Methods. The reagents and solvents were used as obtained from the commercial sources. Compounds **1a**,^{43,45} **1d**,⁶⁰ **1e**,⁶¹ **1f**,⁶¹ **1h**,⁴⁵ **1j**,⁴³ **1k**,^{43,61} and **1l**^{43,45,61} were prepared as

described in the literature. Column chromatography was carried out on Silica gel 60 (particle size 0.063–0.2 mm, activity acc. Brockmann and Schodder 2–3). Melting points were determined on the microscope hot stage and are uncorrected. TLC was carried out on TLC-cards with a fluorescent indicator, and visualization was accomplished with UV light (254 nm). NMR spectra were recorded with a 500 MHz NMR instrument operating at 500 MHz (^1H), 126 MHz (^{13}C), and 51 MHz (^{15}N) at 300 K. Proton spectra were referenced to TMS as internal standard, in some cases to the residual signal of $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ (at δ 2.50 ppm). Carbon chemical shifts were determined relative to the ^{13}C signal of $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ (39.5 ppm). ^{15}N chemical shifts were extracted from $^1\text{H}-^{15}\text{N}$ *gs*-HMBC spectra (with 20 Hz digital resolution in the indirect dimension and the parameters adjusted for a long-range $^1\text{H}-^{15}\text{N}$ coupling constant of 5 Hz), determined with respect to external nitromethane, and are corrected to external ammonia by addition of 380.5 ppm. Nitrogen chemical shifts are reported to one decimal place as measured of the spectrum, however, the data should not be considered to be more accurate than ± 0.5 ppm because of the digital resolution limits of the experiment. Chemical shifts are given on the δ scale (ppm). Coupling constants (*J*) are given in Hz. Multiplicities are indicated as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), or br (broadened). The numbering used for the assignment of NMR signals is as follows: quinoline-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-dione ring (**2**) and 1,4-benzodiazepine-2,5-dione (**3**), simple figures, R¹-substituent primed figures; R²-substituent, double primed figures; and R³-substituent, triple primed figures. NMR peak assignments are based on the analyses of $^1\text{H}-^1\text{H}$ *gs*-COSY, $^1\text{H}-^{13}\text{C}$ *gs*-HSQC, $^1\text{H}-^{13}\text{C}$ *gs*-HMBC, and $^1\text{H}-^{15}\text{N}$ *gs*-HMBC 2D NMR spectra. Infrared spectra were recorded on a FT-IR spectrometer using samples in potassium bromide disks, and only the strongest/structurally most important peaks are listed. Electron impact mass spectra (EI) were recorded at 70 eV. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained with a time-of-flight (TOF) mass spectrometer equipped with an electrospray source at atmospheric pressure ionization (ESI). Elemental analyses (C, H, N) were performed with a CHNS/O analyzer.

Synthesis of 3-Aminoquinoline-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-diones **2.** 3-Aminoquinoline-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-diones **2** were prepared from 3-chloroquinoline-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-diones **1** according to the procedures described in the literature.⁴⁵ Spectroscopic and analytical data for compounds **2a**,⁴⁵ **2b**,⁴⁵ **2c**,⁴⁵ **2e**,⁴² **2h**,⁴⁵ **2g**,⁴⁵ **2i**,⁴⁵ **2k**,⁴⁵ and **2l**⁴⁵ were in agreement with the literature data. Spectroscopic and analytical data of new compounds **2d**, **2f**, **2g**, and **2j** are reported below.

3-(Cyclohexylamino)-1,3-dimethylquinoline-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-dione (2d). Compound **2d** (1.67 g, 58.3 mmol, 58%) was prepared from **1d** (2.24 g, 10.0 mmol). Beige solid, mp 78–81 °C (ethanol). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 0.88–1.09 (m, 5H), 1.32 (s, 3H), 1.40–1.60 (m, 5H), 2.34 (br s, 1H), 2.38–2.45 (m, 1H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 7.24 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 7.4 Hz), 7.40 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.75 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 8.7, 7.0, 1.6 Hz), 7.91 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.7, 1.6 Hz); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 24.7, 25.4, 26.6, 29.8, 34.0, 34.5, 52.8, 67.6, 115.8, 119.4, 122.9, 127.4, 136.4, 142.7, 173.1, 195.4; two ^{13}C resonances are overlapped; IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3326, 2924, 2854, 1693, 1658, 1597, 1491, 1468, 1363, 1345, 1298, 1101, 762, 579, 418; MS (EI) *m/z* (%): 286 (2, $[\text{M}]^+$), 243 (34), 214 (22), 191 (36), 189 (19), 160 (16), 98 (89), 83 (42), 71 (16); HRMS (ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$]⁺ 287.1754, found 287.1751. Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ (286.37): C, 71.30, H, 7.74, N, 9.78%. Found: C, 71.60, H, 7.99, N, 9.80.

3-(Cyclohexylamino)-1,3-diphenylquinoline-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-dione (2f). Compound **2f** (3.91 g, 9.5 mmol, 96%) was prepared from **1f** (3.44 g, 9.9 mmol). Beige solid, mp 86–92 °C (benzene); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 0.98–1.15 (m, 5H), 1.45 (br s, 1H), 1.53–1.64 (m, 3H), 1.77 (d, 1H, *J* = 10.1 Hz), 2.60–2.67 (m, 1H, H1^{''}), 6.37 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.3 Hz, H8), 7.16 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.3, 7.2 Hz, H6), 7.29–7.35 (m, 2H, H4', H3'), 7.35–7.40 (m, 2H, H3'', H5''), 7.45–7.53 (m, 4H, H7, H2'', H6'', H3''), 7.58 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.4, 7.4 Hz, H4'), 7.61–7.71 (m, 2H, H2', H6'), 7.86 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, H5); NH proton not found, probably in fast exchange with HOD; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 24.97, 25.00, 25.4, 34.5, 34.8, 53.0 (C1^{''}), 75.7 (C3), 116.7 (C8), 119.9 (C4a), 123.5 (C6), 126.7 (C2', C6''),

127.8 (C5), 128.6 (C4'), 128.7 (C3' or C5'), 128.9 (C3'', C5''), 129.0 (C4''), 129.2 (C5' or C3'), 130.3 (C2' or C6'), 130.6 (C6' or C2'), 136.1 (C7), 137.3 (C1'), 138.4 (C1''), 143.0 (C8a), 172.2 (C2), 192.7 (C4); ¹⁵N NMR (51 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 151.4 (N1); IR (cm⁻¹): ν 2924, 2850, 1705, 1672, 1599, 1491, 1461, 1332, 1301, 1240, 757, 717, 695; MS (EI) *m/z* (%): 411 (4, [M + 1]⁺), 410 (12, [M]⁺), 367 (14), 316 (11), 313 (26), 312 (25), 196 (14), 186 (16), 104 (100), 98 (82), 77 (12); HRMS (ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd for C₂₇H₂₇N₂O₂⁺ [M + H]⁺ 411.2067, found 411.2062. Anal. calcd for C₂₇H₂₆N₂O₂ (410.51): C 79.00, H 6.38, N 6.82; found: C 78.92, H 6.44, N 6.99.

3-(Methylamino)-1,3-diphenylquinoline-2,4(1H,3H)-dione (2g). Compound 2g (1.58 g, 4.6 mmol, 90%) was prepared from 1f (1.79 g, 5.1 mmol). White solid, mp 142–149 °C (ethanol). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 2.26 (s, 3H, H^m), 2.98 (br s, 1H, NH), 6.34 (d, 1H, J = 8.3 Hz, H8), 7.14 (dd, 1H, J = 7.5, 7.4 Hz, H6), 7.32 (dd, 1H, J = 7.2, 7.2 Hz, H4'), 7.39 (dd, 2H, J = 7.6, 7.6 Hz, H3'', H5''), 7.40–7.50 (m, 5H, H7, H3', H5', H2'', H6''), 7.57 (dd, 1H, J = 7.4, 7.4 Hz, H4''), 7.60–7.70 (m, 2H, H2', H6'), 7.82 (dd, 1H, J = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, H5); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 31.7 (C^m), 78.0 (C3), 116.6 (C8), 120.6 (C4a), 123.3 (C6), 126.8 (C2', C6'), 127.5 (C5), 128.7 (C4''), 128.9 (C3', C5'), 129.0 (C4'), 129.1 (C3', C5'), 130.4 (C2'', C6''), 135.9 (C7), 137.3 (C1'), 137.4 (C1''), 143.0 (C8a), 171.2 (C2), 192.7 (C4); ¹⁵N NMR (51 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 34.2 (NH), 152.1 (N1); IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3342, 3062, 2953, 2853, 2793, 1701, 1670, 1598, 1491, 1461, 1336, 1301, 1247, 763, 735, 690, 598, 537, 518; MS (EI) *m/z* (%): 343 (6, [M + 1]⁺), 342 (23, [M]⁺), 313 (14), 312 (11), 119 (11), 118 (100), 104 (12), 77 (19); HRMS (ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd for C₂₂H₁₉N₂O₂⁺ [M + H]⁺ 343.1441, found 343.1440. Anal. calcd for C₂₂H₁₈N₂O₂ (342.39): C, 77.17, H, 5.30, N, 8.18; found: C, 76.89, H, 5.25, N, 8.07.

3-(Butylamino)-3-ethylquinoline-2,4(1H,3H)-dione (2j). Compound 2j (597 mg, 2.3 mmol, 46%) was prepared from 1j (1.12 g, 5.0 mmol). Yellowish solid, mp 86–89 °C (cyclohexane). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 0.71 (t, 3H, J = 7.4 Hz), 0.81 (t, 3H, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.20–1.29 (m, 2H), 1.29–1.36 (m, 2H), 1.68–1.82 (m, 2H), 2.17–2.33 (m, 3H), 7.09 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.11 (dd, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.60 (dd, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.75 (d, 1H, J = 7.7 Hz), 10.94 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.8, 13.8, 19.8, 32.2, 32.8, 44.1, 73.5, 116.3, 119.3, 122.6, 126.6, 136.3, 141.7, 172.8, 196.5. IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3305, 2963, 2925, 2872, 1706, 1695, 1670, 1650, 1609, 1593, 1485, 1435, 1369, 757, 666. HRMS (ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd for C₁₅H₂₁N₂O₂⁺ [M + H]⁺ 261.1598, found 261.1596. Anal. calcd for C₁₅H₂₀N₂O₂ (260.33): C 69.20, H 7.74, N 10.76; found: C 68.98, H 7.88, N 10.53.

Rearrangement of 3-Aminoquinoline-2,4(1H,3H)-diones 2 into 1,4-Benzodiazepine-2,5-diones 3. General Procedure for Rearrangement of 2 into 3. A mixture of 3-aminoquinoline-2,4(1H,3H)-dione (2, 0.9 mmol) and a base in ethanol (9 mL) was stirred at room temperature for given time (see Table 1). Details of isolation are described below.

With Benzyltrimethylammonium Hydroxide (Triton B) as a Base. A mixture of 3-aminoquinoline-2,4(1H,3H)-dione (2, 0.9 mmol) and Triton B (34 mg, 0.2 mmol; as 84 mg of 40 wt % solution in methanol) in ethanol (9 mL) was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was at room temperature concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was dissolved in ethyl acetate (30 mL), washed with water (2 × 15 mL) and brine (15 mL), dried over sodium sulfate, and evaporated to dryness to afford pure products 3 in excellent isolated yield (Table 1, entries 10, 13, 15, 20) or ratio of conversion (Table 1, entries 17, 18, 25–27), which was determined by ¹H NMR integration.

With TMG as Base. A mixture of 3-aminoquinoline-2,4(1H,3H)-dione (2, 0.9 mmol) and TMG (230 mg, 2.0 mmol) in ethanol (9 mL) was stirred at room temperature until completion, as judged by TLC analysis (Table 1). The precipitated crude product was collected by filtration, washed with water (2 × 2 mL), and recrystallized from ethanol to afford pure 1,4-benzodiazepine-2,5-dione 3.

With NaOEt as Base. A mixture of 3-aminoquinoline-2,4(1H,3H)-dione (2, 0.9 mmol) and 0.5 M solution of NaOEt (4.5 mL, 2.25 mmol) was stirred at room temperature under exclusion of atmospheric moisture (the flask equipped with drying tube filled

with potassium hydroxide) until completion as judged by TLC analysis (Table 1). The isolation of 1,4-benzodiazepine-2,5-diones 3 from the reaction mixture was done as follows:

From 2a or 2e: The reaction mixture was filtered. The filter cake was washed with water (2 mL) and dried at 50 °C to afford pure 3a (212 mg, 68%) or 3e (206 mg, 68%).

From 2i and 2l: The reaction mixture was acidified with 1 M HCl to Congo red and concentrated *in vacuo*. The oily residue was triturated with water (1 mL), and the resulting precipitate was collected by filtration. The filter cake was washed with water and dried at 50 °C to afford pure 3i (121 mg, 44%) or 3l (100 mg, 40%).

From 2j or 2k: The reaction mixture was acidified with 1 M HCl to Congo red and extracted with dichloromethane (3 × 9 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated to dryness. The residue was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel using (i) benzene as an eluent to isolate product 3j, which was additionally crystallized from a mixture of hexane and benzene to obtain pure 3j (136 mg, 58%) or (ii) chloroform as an eluent to provide pure 3k (185 mg, 71%).

4-Cyclohexyl-1-methyl-3-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]-diazepine-2,5-dione (3a). Triton B: 298 mg, 95% yield; TMG: 232 mg, 74% yield; NaOEt: 212 mg, 68% yield. White solid, mp 192–193 °C (benzene/cyclohexane). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.11–1.22 (m, 1H, cyclohexyl), 1.32–1.89 (m, 9H, cyclohexyl), 3.37 (s, 3H, H1'), 4.73–4.81 (m, 1H, H1'' of cyclohexyl), 5.59 (s, 1H, H3), 6.87 (d, 2H, J = 7.7 Hz, H2'', H6''), 6.95 (dd, 1H, J = 7.5, 7.5 Hz, H7), 6.99 (t, 1H, J = 6.8 Hz, H4''), 7.03 (d, 1H, J = 8.5 Hz, H9), 7.06 (dd, 2H, J = 7.5, 7.5 Hz, H3'', H5''), 7.21 (ddd, 1H, J = 8.5, 7.0, 1.6 Hz, H8), 7.38 (dd, 1H, J = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, H6); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 24.6, 25.3, 25.4, 29.1, 30.4, 35.1 (C1'), 54.3 (C1''), 61.1 (C3), 120.7 (C9), 124.0 (C2', C6'), 124.6 (C7), 126.9 (C4'), 128.1 (C3', C5''), 129.8 (C6), 129.9 (C5a), 131.4 (C8), 135.0 (C1'), 138.9 (C9a), 165.8 (C5), 170.3 (C2); ¹⁵N NMR (51 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 124.3 (N1), 143.3 (N4); IR (cm⁻¹): ν 2936, 2856, 1664, 1629, 1601, 1493, 1475, 1457, 1432, 1366, 1246, 1145, 715; MS (EI) *m/z* (%): 349 ([M + 1]⁺, 12), 348 ([M]⁺, 49), 291 (48), 266 (43), 251 (68), 161 (65), 132 (44), 105 (60), 104 (100), 55 (42); HRMS (ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd for C₂₂H₂₅N₂O₂⁺ [M + H]⁺ 349.1911, found 349.1907. Anal. calcd for C₂₂H₂₄N₂O₂ (348.74): C, 75.83; H, 6.94; N, 8.04%. Found: C, 75.62; H, 6.96; N, 8.07%.

3,4-Dihydro-1,4-dimethyl-3-phenyl-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepine-2,5-dione (3b). TMG: 194 mg, 77% yield. White solid, mp 183–186 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 3.38 (s, 3H, H1'), 3.41 (s, 3H, H1''), 5.64 (s, 1H, H3), 6.83 (d, 2H, J = 7.8 Hz, H2'', H6''), 6.96 (dd, 1H, J = 7.5, 7.5 Hz, H7), 7.01 (t, 1H, J = 7.3 Hz, H4''), 7.08 (dd, 2H, J = 7.7, 7.7 Hz, H3'', H5''), 7.10 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz, H9), 7.26 (ddd, 1H, J = 7.7, 7.7, 1.2 Hz, H8), 7.38 (dd, 1H, J = 7.8, 1.0 Hz, H6); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 35.3 (C1'), 38.2 (C1''), 68.0 (C3), 121.0 (C9), 123.9 (C2', C6'), 124.8 (C7), 127.1 (C4'), 128.3 (C3', C5''), 129.1 (C5a), 129.6 (C6), 131.6 (C8), 134.6 (C1'), 139.2 (C9a), 166.3 (C5), 169.3 (C2); ¹⁵N NMR (51 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 119.2 (N4), 124.0 (N1); IR (cm⁻¹): ν 2933, 2852, 1702, 1670, 1602, 1473, 1443, 1356, 1307, 1124, 1098, 765, 704, 647; MS (EI) *m/z* (%): 281 (8, [M + 1]⁺, 280 (42, [M]⁺), 175 (46), 161 (36), 133 (38), 120 (100), 118 (91), 105 (46), 104 (45), 78 (23), 77 (27); HRMS (ESI⁺): *m/z* calcd for C₁₇H₁₇N₂O₂⁺ [M + H]⁺ 281.1285, found 281.1283. Anal. calcd for C₁₇H₁₆N₂O₂ (280.33): C 72.84, H 5.75, N 9.99, found C 72.76, H 5.77, N 10.04.

3,4-Diphenyl-1-methyl-3,4-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepine-2,5-dione (3c). TMG: 234 mg, 76% yield. White solid, mp 202–204 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 3.48 (s, 3H, H1'), 5.78 (s, 1H, H3), 7.03 (dd, 1H, J = 7.6, 7.6 Hz, H7), 7.06 (d, 2H, J = 7.8 Hz, H2'', H3''), 7.07 (t, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz, H4''), 7.14 (dd, 2H, J = 7.5, 7.5 Hz, H3'', H5''), 7.16 (d, 1H, J = 8.3 Hz, H9), 7.32 (ddd, 1H, J = 8.5, 7.0, 1.4 Hz, H8), 7.36–7.41 (m, 1H, H4''), 7.46 (dd, 1H, J = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, H6), 7.49–7.54 (m, 4H, H2'', H3'', H5'', H6''); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 35.4 (C1'), 69.9 (C3), 121.3 (C9), 124.0 (C2', C6''), 125.0 (C7), 126.1 (C2'', C6''), 127.3 (C4''), 127.4 (C4'), 128.5 (C3', C5''), 129.4 (C5a, C3', C5''), 129.9 (C6), 132.1 (C8), 134.2 (C1'), 139.2 (C9a), 143.8 (C1''), 165.7 (C5), 169.1 (C2); ¹⁵N NMR

309.1594. Anal. calcd for $C_{19}H_{20}N_2O_2$ (308.38): C, 74.00; H, 6.54; N, 9.08%. Found: C, 73.70; H, 6.67; N, 9.01%.

4-Butyl-3-ethyl-3,4-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepine-2,5-dione (3j). NaOEt: 136 mg, 58% yield. Colorless solid, mp 98–104 °C (benzene/hexane). Major isomer:minor isomer = 59:41. Major isomer: 1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 0.76 (t, 3H, $J = 7.4$ Hz, H2''), 0.89 (t, 3H, $J = 7.3$ Hz, H4''), 1.23–1.31 (m, 2H, H3''), 1.31–1.42 (m, 2H, H1''), 1.49–1.56 (m, 2H, H2''), 3.19–3.27 (m, 1H, H1''a), 3.90–4.01 (m, 2H, H3, H1''b), 7.08 (d, 1H, $J = 8.1$ Hz, H9), 7.17 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.5, 7.5$ Hz, H7), 7.47 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.7, 7.7$ Hz, H8), 7.73 (d, 1H, $J = 7.8$ Hz, H6), 10.50 (br s, 1H, H1); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.3 (C2''), 13.7 (C4''), 19.3 (C3''), 21.9 (C1''), 29.7 (C2''), 49.8 (C1''), 65.4 (C3), 119.9 (C9), 123.7 (C7), 126.6 (C5a), 130.7 (C6), 132.2 (C8), 135.5 (C9a), 164.9 (C5), 171.2 (C2). Minor isomer: 1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 0.84 (t, 3H, $J = 7.1$ Hz, H2''), 0.89 (t, 3H, $J = 7.3$ Hz, H4''), 1.16–1.23 (m, 2H, H3''), 1.41–1.49 (m, 2H, H2''), 1.74–1.84 (m, 1H, H1''a), 1.92–2.03 (m, 1H, H1''b), 3.00–3.09 (m, 1H, H1''a), 3.83 (t, 1H, $J = 7.2$ Hz, H3), 3.90–4.01 (m, 1H, H1''b), 7.08 (d, 1H, $J = 8.1$ Hz, H9), 7.21 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.6, 7.6$ Hz, H7), 7.49 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.8, 7.8$ Hz, H8), 7.73 (d, 1H, $J = 7.8$ Hz, H6), 10.50 (br s, 1H, H1); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.9 (C2''), 13.6 (C4''), 19.1 (C1''), 19.5 (C3''), 30.2 (C2''), 41.0 (C1''), 56.3 (C3), 120.5 (C9), 123.9 (C7), 127.3 (C5a), 130.7 (C6), 131.8 (C8), 136.7 (C9a), 167.4 (C5), 170.9 (C2); IR (cm $^{-1}$): ν 3223, 3169, 2956, 2930, 2871, 1709, 1616, 1604, 1482, 1414, 1391, 1220, 767, 757; HRMS (ESI+): m/z calcd for $C_{19}H_{20}N_2O_2^+$ [M + H] $^+$ 261.1598, found 261.1601. Anal. calcd for $C_{19}H_{20}N_2O_2$ (260.33): C, 69.20; H, 7.74; N, 10.76%. Found: C, 69.13; H, 7.73; N, 10.62%.

3,4-Dibutyl-3,4-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepine-2,5-dione (3k). NaOEt: 185 mg, 71% yield, colorless oil. Major isomer:minor isomer = 61:39. Major isomer: 1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 0.69 (t, 3H, $J = 7.1$ Hz, H4''), 0.89 (t, 3H, $J = 7.4$ Hz, H4''), 1.05–1.57 (m, 10H, H3'', H2'', H1'', H3'', H2''), 3.16–3.26 (m, 1H, H1''), 3.94 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.6, 7.6$ Hz, H1''), 4.00 (dd, 1H, $J = 8.5, 8.5$ Hz, H3), 7.08 (d, 1H, $J = 7.9$ Hz, H9), 7.18 (ddd, 1H, $J = 7.2, 7.2, 0.6$ Hz, H7), 7.48 (ddd, 1H, $J = 7.4, 7.4, 1.4$ Hz, H8), 7.72 (d, 1H, $J = 7.9$ Hz, H6, H6), 10.49 (s, 1H, H1); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 13.5 (C4''), 13.7 (C4''), 19.3 (C3''), 21.5 (C3''), 27.6 (C2''), 28.2 (C1''), 29.7 (C2''), 49.8 (C1''), 64.2 (C3), 120.0 (C9), 123.8 (C7), 126.7 (C5a), 130.7 (C6), 132.2 (C8), 135.6 (C9a), 165.0 (C5), 171.3 (C2); ^{15}N NMR (51 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 129.2 (N4), 135.5 (N1). Minor isomer: 1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 0.85 (t, 6H, $J = 7.3$ Hz, H4'', H4''), 1.05–1.57 (m, 10H, H3'', H2'', H3'', H2''), 1.69–1.81 (m, 1H, H1''), 1.88–2.00 (m, 1H, H1''), 2.98–3.08 (m, 1H, H1''), 3.88 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.3, 7.3$ Hz, H3), 3.97 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.5, 7.5$ Hz, H1''), 7.07 (d, 1H, $J = 8.0$ Hz, H9), 7.21 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.8, 7.8$ Hz, H7), 7.49 (ddd, 1H, $J = 7.4, 7.4, 1.3$ Hz, H8), 10.49 (s, 1H, H1); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 13.6 (C4''), 13.8 (C4''), 19.5 (C3''), 22.1 (C3''), 25.4 (C1''), 28.1 (C2''), 30.2 (C2''), 41.1 (C1''), 54.9 (C3), 120.5 (C9), 124.0 (C7), 127.3 (C5a), 130.7 (C6), 131.9 (C8), 136.7 (C9a), 167.5 (C5), 171.0 (C2); ^{15}N NMR (51 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 137.4 (N1); IR (cm $^{-1}$): ν 3221, 2958, 2930, 2871, 1689, 1636, 1620, 1484, 1437, 1380, 1164, 760, 703, 526; HRMS (ESI+): m/z calcd for $C_{17}H_{22}N_2O_2^+$ [M + H] $^+$ 289.1911, found 289.1909.

3-Benzyl-4-methyl-3,4-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepine-2,5-dione (3l). NaOEt: 100 mg, 40% yield. Brownish solid, mp 121–124 °C; mp 65 100.5–103 °C (acetone/hexane). Major isomer:minor isomer = 62:38. Major isomer: 1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 2.95 (s, 3H, H1''), 3.21 (dd, 1H, $J = 14.4, 7.5$ Hz, PhCH $_2$), 3.29 (dd, 1H, $J = 14.4, 7.6$ Hz, PhCH $_2$), 4.33 (t, 1H, $J = 7.4$ Hz, H3), 7.08 (d, 1H, $J = 8.1$ Hz, H9), 7.16–7.32 (m, 6H, H7, H2'', H3'', H4'', H5'', H6''), 7.50 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.3, 7.3$ Hz, H8), 7.73 (d, 1H, $J = 7.6$ Hz, H6), 10.51 (br s, 1H, H1); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 28.7 (C1''), 31.4 (PhCH $_2$), 56.0 (PhCH $_2$), 120.7 (C9), 124.1, 126.5, 127.0, 128.4, 129.0, 130.7 (C6), 132.0 (C8), 136.6 (C9a), 137.4, 167.6, 169.2 (C2). ^{15}N NMR (51 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 117.3 (N4), 136.9 (N1). Minor isomer: 1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 2.62 (dd, 1H, $J = 13.2, 10.2$ Hz, PhCH $_2$), 2.72 (dd, 1H, $J = 13.3$ Hz, 7.8 Hz, PhCH $_2$), 2.88 (s, 3H, H1''), 4.32 (t, 1H, $J = 7.8$ Hz, H3), 7.02 (d, 2H, $J = 7.2$ Hz, H2'', H6''), 7.16–7.32 (m, SH, H7, H9, H3'', H4'', H5''), 7.58 (dd, 1H, $J =$

7.4, 7.4 Hz, H8), 7.86 (d, 1H, $J = 7.7$ Hz, H6), 10.65 (br s, 1H, H1); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 33.7 (PhCH $_2$), 38.7 (C1''), 67.1 (C3), 120.2 (C9), 124.0, 126.4, 126.9, 128.5, 128.9, 131.0 (C6), 132.5 (C8), 135.6 (C9a), 136.0, 165.2, 169.8 (C2). ^{15}N NMR (51 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 115.5 (N4), 136.6 (N1); IR (cm $^{-1}$): ν 3602, 3084, 2904, 1691, 1613, 1607, 1482, 1454, 1436, 1396, 755, 700, 525, 499; HRMS (ESI+): m/z calcd for $C_{17}H_{18}N_2O_2^+$ [M + H] $^+$ 281.1285, found 281.1283. Anal. calcd for $C_{17}H_{18}N_2O_2$ (280.32): C, 72.84; H, 5.75; N, 9.99%. Found: C, 72.58; H, 5.98; N, 9.83%.

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REVIEW ARTICLE



Chemistry and Applications of 4-Hydroxyquinolin-2-one and Quinoline-2,4-dione-based Compounds

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10.2174/1385272821666170711155631**Abstract: Background:** 4-Hydroxyquinolin-2-ones and quinoline-2,4-diones, a subset of the quinolone scaffold, have attracted attention due to their biological properties. These structures are present in many classes of natural products and pharmaceutical agents and show promise in antiviral and antibacterial treatment. They possess anti-convulsive effects, selective affinity to cannabinoid receptors, and other interesting biological activity. Some of these compounds have the potential for protection and properties modification of natural as well as synthetic materials as antioxidants, antidegradants, antifungal agents, UV absorbers, optical brighteners, luminophores, etc.**Objective:** The importance of these compounds stimulated the development of innovative conventional and modern catalytic methods for their preparation. The present review highlights recent progress in the above subjects.**Keywords:** 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-one, quinoline-2,4-dione, organic synthesis, biological activity, applications, anticonvulsive effects.

1. INTRODUCTION

This review highlights 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones and quinoline-2,4-diones from several different aspects including natural occurrence, synthesis and applications. The type of compounds have been isolated from a broad range of living organisms, and exhibited diverse range of biological properties. The interest of many research laboratories worldwide, both from academia and industry, to study these molecules as potential therapeutic agents is thus not surprising. The requirements for novel derivatives thus prompted organic synthetic chemists to design new synthetic pathways.

2. KNOWN 4-HYDROXYQUINOLIN-2-ONES AND QUINOLINE-2,4-DIONES

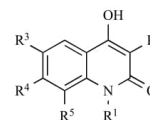
Till now almost 14,000 compounds with 4-hydroxyquinoline-2-one pattern have been reported in the literature with nearly half of them associated with investigations of bioactivity. Analogously, there are over 2,800 compounds with the quinoline-2,4-dione structure, with almost 800 records describing bioactivity studies. Representatives of both groups of compounds were isolated from fungi, bacteria or plants, and many of them proved to show interesting biological effects *in vivo* and *in vitro*.

2.1. 4-Hydroxyquinolin-2-ones Isolated from Natural Products

Some simple 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones are found in nature. The simplest representative, compound **1**, was isolated from the fungus *Penicillium citrinum* [1] as well as from the Asian bushes

Haplophyllum bucharicum [2]. From the fungi *P. citrinum* was isolated *N*-methyl derivative **2** [3], possessing the ability of a free radical scavenger [4] and also some cytotoxic activity [5].

Table 1. Substituents of compounds 1-7.



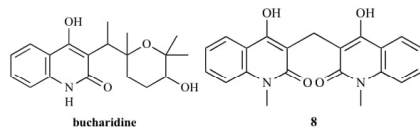
1-7

1-7	R ¹	R ²	R ³	R ⁴	R ⁵
1	H	H	H	H	H
2	Me	H	H	H	H
3	Me	MeO	H	H	H
4	Me	MeO	H	H	MeO
5	H	H	Br	H	H
6	H	H	Br	Br	H
7	H	H	MeO	H	MeO

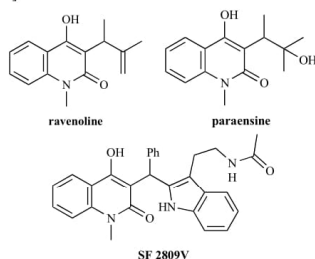
From the rutaceae plant *Micromelum falcatum*, 3-methoxy-derivative **3** was isolated [6], and its analogue having two methoxy groups, swietenidin **4**, was isolated from the bark of Indian tree *Chloroxylon Swietenia* [7]. Natural bromoquinolones **5** and **6** were isolated from marine sponge *Hyrtios erecta* [8]. Compound **5** was

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found to inhibit Wistar rat cerebellum neuronal nitric oxide synthase [8]. From the wood of tree *Halfordia scleroxyla* dimethoxyquinolone **7** was isolated (Table 1) [9]. An interesting natural hydroxyquinolone bucharidine was obtained from the bush *Haplophyllum bucharicum* [10], which exhibited estrogenic activity in mice [11]. Compound **8**, named zanthobisquinolone, with two quinolin-2-one moieties, was obtained from the root wood of *Zanthoxylum mutans* [12].

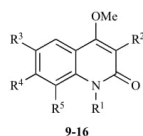


Rutaceae (rue or citrus family) includes a variety of plants that contain quinolone derivatives. From the citrus *Ravenia spectabilis* ravenoline was isolated [13], whereas structurally related paraensine was obtained from woody plant yellowheart (*Euxylophora paraensis*) [14]. From the fermentation broth of bacteria *Dactylosporangium sp.* it is possible to isolate the indole derivative of SF 2809-V [15].



A number of 4-hydroxyquinoline-2-one derivatives occur in nature in a form of ether, i.e. as 4-alkoxyquinolin-2-ones.

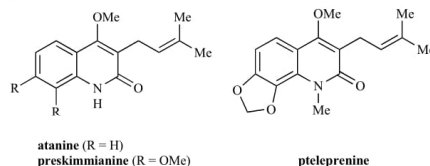
Table 2. Substituent of methoxyquinolones 9-16.



9-16	R ¹	R ²	R ³	R ⁴	R ⁵
9	H	H	H	H	H
10	Me	H	H	H	H
11	OMe	H	H	H	H
12	H	H	H	H	OMe
13	H	H	OMe	H	OMe
14	H	CHO	H	MeO	OMe
15	H	Et	H	OH	OMe
16	H	MeO	H	H	OH

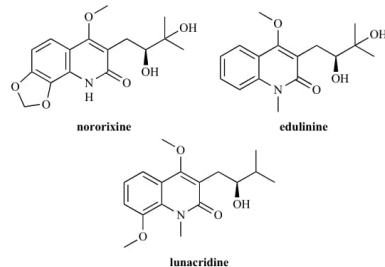
The simplest representative of this group, methoxyquinolone **9**, was isolated from plants of rue family - from stems and roots of citroid fruit trees or shrubs *Clausena lansium* [16], from leaves and wood of tropical plants *Peltostigma guatemalense* [17], from the wood of *Myrtopsis sellingeri* [18], and also from the wood and leaves *Haplophyllum bungei* [19] and *H. bucharicum* [2, 19]. This compound showed a modest antiplasmodic effect in laboratory tests *in vitro* [17]. Methyl derivative **10** occurs in the nature even more abundantly. It was isolated from stem and branches of *Hortia superba* [20], from stems of *H. brasiliana* [20] and *H. oreadica* [20], from the roots of trees *Feronia limonia* [21], from the root wood of *Zanthoxylum wuthayense* [22], from leaves and bark of *Z. monophyllum* [23], from the stems of *Raputia praetermissa* [24], from the wood of the Formosan tree *Toddalia asiatica* [25], and similarly as compound **9**, also from stems and roots *Clausena lansium* [16]. Compound **10** was isolated from roots of *Ruta chalepensis* [26]. For this compound antifungal and anti-algal activities were reported [27]. Haplotusin (**11**) was isolated [28] from *Haplophyllum obtusifolium*. Edulitin (**12**) was obtained from stem of *Hortia superba* [20], from fruit of *Cnidium monnieri* [29] and from *Murraya paniculata* [30]. Trimethoxyquinolone halfordamin (**13**) was isolated from the plants *Halfordia kendack* [31] and from the aerial parts of the plants *Agathosma bisulca* [32]. Glycocitridine (**14**) is a naturally occurring aldehyde in the leaves of the citrus *Glycosmis citrifolia* [33] and in the leaves of the plant *Melicope semecarpifolia* [34]. Haplosin (**15**) was found in the seeds and roots of *Haplophyllum perforatum* [35]. It contains an ethyl group at position 3 of the quinoline ring, which is atypical for natural quinolones. The compound **16** was isolated from the dried body of centipede *Scolopendra subspinipes mutilans* L. KOCH (Scolopendridae), which has been utilized as a traditional Chinese and Korean medicine for a variety of diseases, such as spasm, childhood convulsions, seizures, poisonous nodules, diphtheria, and tetanus (Table 2) [36].

Fairly widespread in the vegetable kingdom is atanine, which was isolated from the plant *Fagara zanthoxyloides* [37], from *Ravenia spectabilis* [13, 38], from tropical citrus *Afraegle paniculata* [39], from stem and root barks of *Almeidia guayinensis* [40], from unripe fruits of *Evodia rutaecarpa* [41], from the fruits of *Zanthoxylum integrifolium* [42], from root wood of *Zanthoxylum wutaense* [43], and from stems and roots of *Clausena lansium* [16]. Its dimethoxy derivative preskimmianine was isolated from *Boronia pinnata* [44], from *Citrus grandis* [45] and from *Dictamnus albus* [31].

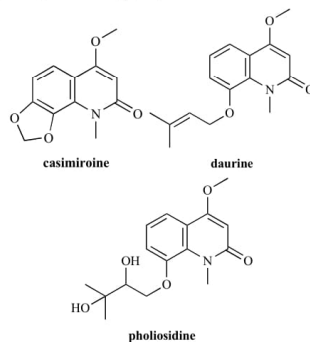


Japan shrub *Orixa japonica* has been found to contain various quinoline alkaloids. Isolated were: pteleprenine from the stems [46], noroxirine from the root bark [47], *N*-demethylunidonine, orixarine (orijanone), isopteleflorine and 3'-*O*-methylorixine from the leaves and stems [48]. Edulinine was isolated from leaves of *Melicope semecarpifolia* (Rutaceae) [34], from cell cultures of *Ruta graveolens* [49], from the rutaceous Hawaiian shrub *Pelea barbiger* [50], from bark of *Citrus macroptera* [51], from leaves of shrubs *Fagara mayu* [52], from epigeal part of plant *Haplophyllum*

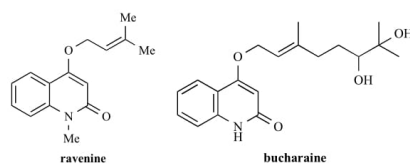
foliosum [53], from *Zanthoxylum williamsii* (Rutaceae) [54], from the leaves and fruits of African medicinal plant *Teclea nobilis* [55], from the leaves of *Teclea simplicifolia* [56], and from root wood of *Melicope semecarpifolia* [57]. Lunacridine was obtained from Indonesian medicinal plant *Lunasia amara* [58].



The so-called "zapota blanco", seeds and fruit of the citrus relative fruit tree *Casimiroa edulis*, native to Mexico and Central America, used to be an item of the Mexican Pharmacopoeia. From the mentioned seeds, casimiroine, which has dioxolane moiety in its structure, was isolated [59-62]. Daurine was isolated from the roots of *Haplophyllum dauricum* [63]. Chemically related vicinal diol foliosidine was isolated from *Haplophyllum foliosum* [64, 65], exhibiting estrogenic activity [11].



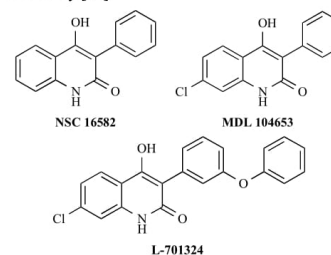
The vast majority of these natural ethers contain methoxy group at position 4 of the quinoline ring. Examples of compounds with other alkoxy group are ravenine and bucharaine. Ravenine was isolated from *Ravenia spectabilis* [13, 38], whereas bucharaine occurs in *Haplophyllum bucharicum* [66-70]. In test of biological activity on mice or rats, bucharaine has shown a significant hypothermic effect [71] and had little or no effect on urinary excretion [72].



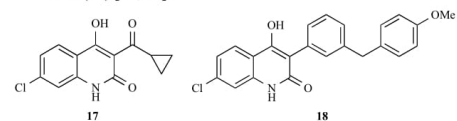
A variety of alkaloids contain 4-oxyquinoline-2-one pattern in the structure where the C4 oxygen atom is a part of an additional fused ring; however, this type of natural product is beyond the scope of this review.

2.2. Biologically Active Synthetic 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones

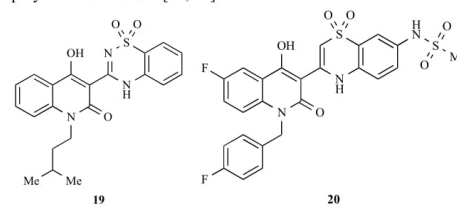
A simple phenylquinolone, NSC 16582, is an antagonist of the strychnine-insensitive glycine site on NMDA receptor ion channel complex [73-75]. Even more effective antagonist of NMDA receptor is its chloroderivative, MDL 104653 [75], exhibiting an anti-convulsant activity [76].



The compound L-701324 acts as a very potent antagonist of NMDA receptors due to high affinity at the glycine site [77]. In experiments on mice, orally administered compound caused mainly hypolocomotion [78]. Anticonvulsant activity was also established on mice [74, 79]. Sedative effects of the compound L-701324 are comparable with those of diazepam [80]. This compound has also an inhibitory effect on both spreading depression initiation and propagation [81]. It has also been patented for the treatment of various neurological and psychiatric troubles, including a range of neurodegenerative diseases [82]. In addition to L-701324, the ability to inhibit NMDA receptor as well as related sedative, neuroprotective and anticonvulsant effects have also been documented for other quinolones, including compounds L-701252 (17) [74, 83] and L-703717 (18) [74, 84].

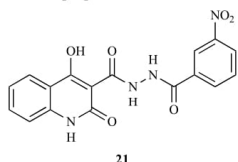


Some 4-hydroxyquinoline-2-one derivatives possess significant antiviral effect [85]. Compounds 19 and 20 are representatives of highly potent inhibitors of the replication of the hepatitis virus C [86, 87]. The effect of compounds 19 and 20 is due to a viral RNA polymerase inhibition [88, 89].

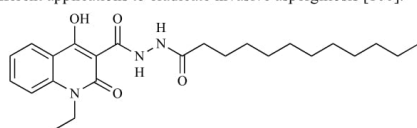


Other 4-hydroxyquinoline-2-one derivatives inhibit HIV-1 integrase [90-92]. 4-Hydroxy-2-oxo-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylic

acid scaffold bearing a variety of substituents at position 1 (N1) and position 6 (C6) has also been designed and prepared as HIV-1 integrase inhibitors, potentially involved in a metal chelating mechanism [93]. A series of 4-hydroxyquinoline-2-one-3-carboxylic acids hydrazides were synthesized, which possess various high ability to inhibit HIV-1 integrase [92]. By far the most potent compound of this type is hydrazide **21** [92].

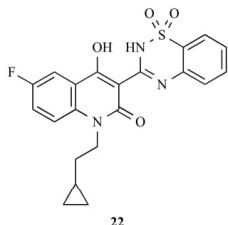
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Interestingly, similar hydrazides act as allosteric modulators of the enzyme glycogen synthase kinase GSK-3 [94-96]. An example of an effective modulator of the receptor is the compound **VP-0.7** [94, 96-100]. Some human GSK-3 inhibitors could be applied as modulators of *Aspergillus fumigatus* growth and show promise in different applications to eradicate invasive aspergillosis [100].

**VP-0.7**

One compound with 4-hydroxy-2-oxo-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxamide moiety in molecule was found to exhibit acetylcholinesterase inhibition activity [101].

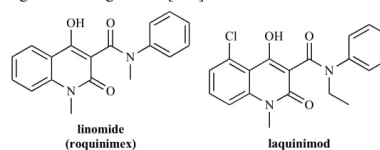
3-(1,1-Dioxo-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazin-3-yl)-4-hydroxyquinolin-2(1H)-ones, which have 4-hydroxy-2-oxo-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboximidamide pattern in their structure, potently inhibits Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) polymerase enzymatic activity and inhibits the ability of the subgenomic HCV replicon to replicate in Huh-7 cells. A structure-activity relationships investigation focused to substituents on the quinolinone ring culminated in the discovery of compound **22** [102].

**22**

Some 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones are important immunomodulators. Currently available research in this area has led to the development of linomide and laquinimod. Linomide, developed by Active Biotech, is an immunomodulatory that increases the activity of NK lymphocytes and cytotoxicity of macrophages [103-105]. It is an inhibitor of angiogenesis and enhances the secretion of TNF- α [106].

The compound has been investigated as a drug for the treatment of certain cancers and autoimmune diseases. However, the research

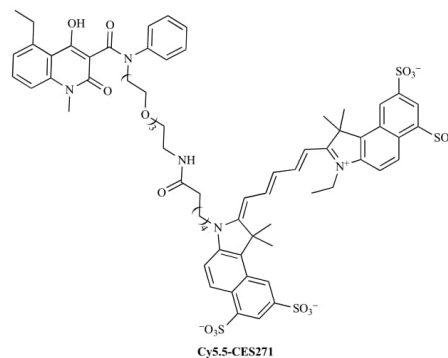
of linomide was cancelled because of its cardiovascular toxicity, showing vasodilating effects [107].



More recently, laquinimod, an alternative to linomide has been developed by Active Biotech and Teva. The compound acts as an immunomodulator and it is being explored for the treatment of multiple sclerosis [108-111]. In Russia, laquinimod has been approved as drug for the treatment of relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis under the brand name Nervenra [112]. 4-Hydroxy-2-quinolone-3-carboxamides have been recently developed as a novel class of subnanomolar cannabinoid receptor 2 (CB2, CB2R) ligands with good water solubility [113, 114].

N-(3-Pyridylmethyl)-4-hydroxy-2-oxo-1,2,5,6,7,8-hexahydroquinoline-3-carboxamide has shown an analgesic activity [115]. Derivatives with noticeable increase in the analgesic activity have been derived by using bioisosteric replacement strategy in structural design [116]. Analgesic activity was also found for several other compounds having *N*-benzyl-4-hydroxy-2-oxo-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxamide structure [117].

Ethyl-4-hydroxy-1-methyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxamide is a part of recently developed specific molecular imaging probe such as Cy5.5-CES271 for optical imaging of local inflammatory activity *in vivo* [118].

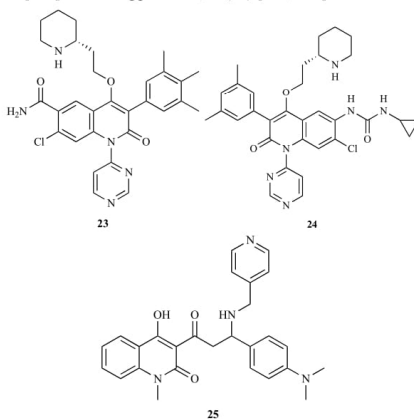
**Cy5.5-CES271**

Some 2-[(quinolin-3-yl)carbonyl]aminoacetic acid derivatives are inhibitors of prolyl hydroxylases, having potential in treating diseases benefiting from the inhibition of this enzyme including anemia [119].

Derivatives of 4-(4-hydroxy-2-oxo-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxamido)benzoic acid are useful in the treatment of disorders related to a cell differentiation defect, especially of osteoblasts and osteoclasts [120]. In a program aimed at developing drugs against human African trypanosomiasis (HAT), a major tropical disease, sodium 3-(benzylcarbamoyl)-1-butyl-6-fluoro-7-morpholino-2-oxo-1,2-dihydroquinoline-4-olate was found to be active against *Trypanosoma brucei brucei* [121]. Recently, several *N*-substituted 4-hydroxy-

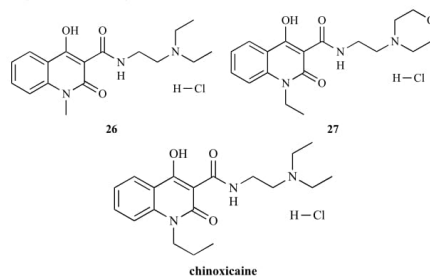
1-methyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxamides have been found to exhibit considerable anti-proliferative activity [122].

Some piperidine functionalized 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones derivatives are antagonists of gonadotropin releasing hormone (GnRH) [123-130]. An example is the compound Q89 (**23**) the potential use of which in the treatment of hypogonadism was patented [131]. Similar applies to Q76 (**24**) [131, 132].



Compound **25** acts as an inhibitor of glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase-s (GAPDHs), a glycolytic enzyme expressed only in male germ cells [133]. GAPDHs inhibitors could become a male contraceptive, therefore the use of the compound **25** was patented [133] to a reversible reduction in male sperm motility and for the modulation of reproductive function.

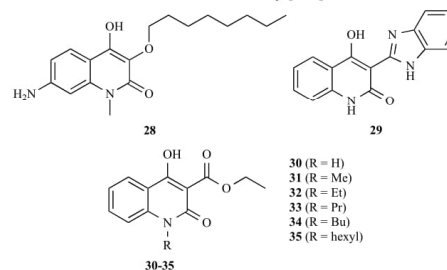
Ukrainian research group published the preparation of a series of 4-hydroxy-2-oxo-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxamides with potential local anaesthetic effect [134, 135]. The most effective of the prepared compounds showed a comparable (compound **26**) or even higher (compound **27**) effect than lidocaine with a significantly lower toxicity [136].



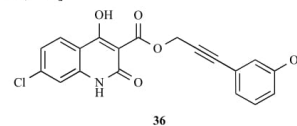
Research activities on a new type of local anesthetics led to the synthesis of chinoxicaine [136], which has been patented [137] for use as an injectable local anesthetic.

Among 4-hydroxy-2-oxo-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxamides derivatives were found exhibiting inhibition of cholinesterases [101, 138]. It has been suggested that these compounds are promising for the treatment of Alzheimer Disease [138].

Recently, the use of certain 3-alkoxy-4-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones as therapeutic agents for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and as anti-allergic agents was patented [139, 140]. An example of substance with those effects, tested in guinea pigs, is the compound **28** [139, 140]. Although lacking solubility in the culture medium, selected 8-nitro-3-phenoxy-4-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones showed attractive *in vitro* antileishmanial activity [141].



Many substituted 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones exhibit multiple biological effects. Compound **29** inhibits several tyrosine kinases in mice (VEGFR-2 kinase and PDGFR- β tyrosine kinase) [142], and serine/threonine kinases [143]. This compound inhibits phosphorylation of some peptide substrates and exhibits antiproliferative effects *in vitro* just due to the inhibition of tyrosine kinases [144]. Moreover, compound **29** and some similar derivatives inhibit the activity of the thyroid gland [145]. Ester **30** shows antagonism of NMDA receptors to glycine side. It was found in experiments with rabbits and rats that **30** has analgesic, anti-inflammatory, anticoagulant, diuretic and nootropic effects [146]. Its simple *N*-alkyl derivatives **31-35** exhibit only analgesic and anti-inflammatory effects [147], whereas the strongest analgesic effects were observed for the *N*-butyl derivative **34** [147]. A number of derivatives of structure **30** functionalized at the aromatic ring or having another alkoxy-carbonyl group at position 3 have been prepared and investigated [74, 93, 147-169]. These compounds acted antagonistically on NMDA receptor and some of them showed antiepileptic properties on model of autogenic convulsions in mice. Worth mentioning is the compound L-701,273 (**36**) that effectively inhibited NMDA receptor, but failed completely when testing antiepileptic effects [74, 83, 157, 160, 170, 171].



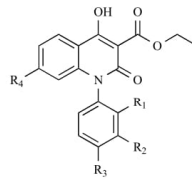
Apparent anti-inflammatory effects were observed in the *N*-aryl derivatives **37-44** (Table 3), suppressing carrageenan-induced acute exudative inflammation in mice [147].

Egyptian researchers prepared and investigated a series of 4-hydroxy-6-nitro-1*H*-quinolin-2-ones as compounds with potential antibacterial and antifungal effects [172]. Compounds **45-47** showed antimicrobial activity, inhibiting the growth of bacteria *Bacillus cereus* and fungi *Aspergillus flavus* and *A. niger*. The compounds **45** and **46** also inhibited the growth of bacteria *Escherichia coli*.

A group of Indian researchers prepared a series of fluorinated quinolones **48-53** Table 4, which showed moderate photocytotoxic

activity and ability to inhibit the growth of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* [173]. The highest photocytotoxic activity as well as the most effective growth inhibition of *M. tuberculosis* was observed at compound **52**. Completely inactive turned out to be unsubstituted 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-one.

Table 3. Substituents on aromatic rings of compounds 37–44.



37-44	R ¹	R ²	R ³	R ⁴
37	H	H	H	H
38	H	Me	Me	Cl
39	H	H	Me	H
40	H	H	MeO	H
41	H	MeO	H	H
42	Me	Me	H	H
43	H	H	Me	Cl
44	H	H	MeO	Cl

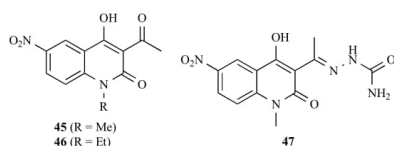
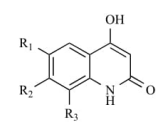
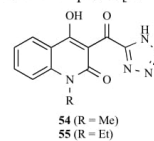


Table 4. Substituents of quinolones 48–53.



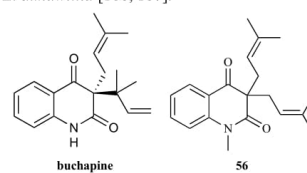
48–53	R ¹	R ²	R ³
48	F	H	H
49	H	F	H
50	H	H	F
51	CF ₃	H	H
52	H	CF ₃	H
53	H	H	CF ₃

Tetrazole derivatives **54** and **55** were patented as antidotes against benzoylisoxazole herbicides that are reducing their phytotoxicity and protect the affected plants [174-178].



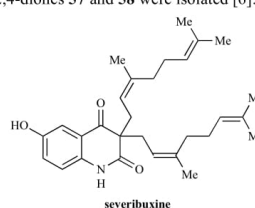
2.3. Quinoline-2,4-diones Isolated from Natural Sources

Buchapine was isolated from the epigeal part of *Haplophyllum bucharicum* [179] and *H. tuberculatum* [179, 180] as well as from *Euodia roxburghiana* [181]. Buchapine protects CEM-SS cells from the cytopathic effects of HIV-1 *in vitro* [181], inhibits the replication of HIV and shows some cytotoxicity [182-184]. A similar derivative **56** was isolated from the wood of *Esenbeckia flava* [185] and *E. alnawillia* [186, 187].

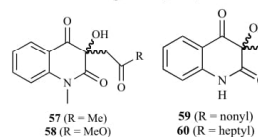


Another quinolinedione with a similar structure is severibuxine isolated from a citrus plant *Severinia buxifolia* [188]. This compound shows cytotoxic activity [188].

From the stem bark of *Micromelum falcatum* 3-hydroxyquinoline-2,4-diones **57** and **58** were isolated [6].

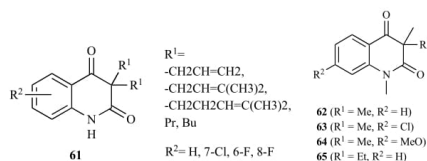


Both of them showed toxicity (LD₅₀ values of 355 and 143 µg/mL) towards brine shrimp larvae [6]. Two 3-hydroxyquinoline-2,4-diones, heptyl derivative **59** and nonyl derivative **60**, were isolated from *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* [189].



2.4. Biologically Active Synthetic Quinoline-2,4-diones

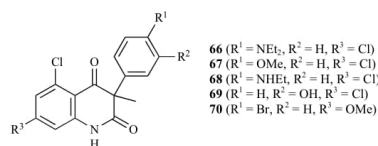
As mentioned in the previous chapter, some natural 3,3-dialkylquinoline-2,4-diones have been found to inhibit HIV replication. A series of 12 compounds structurally similar to buchapine **61** was prepared to investigate their ability to protect lymphoblasts against infection with HIV as well as their cytotoxicity [182, 190].



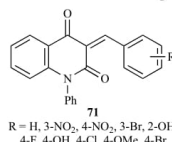
These compounds have been identified as promising inhibitors of HIV replication. Interestingly, the presence of any kind of substitution at the aromatic ring resulted in a complete loss of biological activity [182, 190].

Tested on mice, compounds **62-65** were reported to show toxicity, anticonvulsant activity and sleeping time potentiation [191]. Low toxicity (LD_{50} in the range of 300 – 472 mg/kg) was reported with only moderate anticonvulsant activity. More significant anticonvulsant effects were shown by compound **62**. A sleeping time potentiation was shown by compounds **62-64**, the most effective from this point of view was the compound **63**.

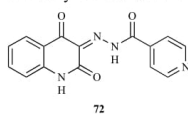
3-Aryl-3-methylquinolin-2,4-diones show a high affinity to the serotonin receptors 5-HT₆ [192-194]. A series of 52 compounds, **66-70**, of this type is patented as highly potent and selective inhibitors of 5-HT₆ receptors, showing potential for the treatment of various psychiatric disorders [195]. All compounds exhibited a high ability (IC_{50} of 0.015–2.471 μ mol/L) to inhibit aforementioned receptors, with only a marginal activity to other receptor subtypes including 5-HT₁, 5-HT₂ and 5-HT₇, and to dopamine receptors D₁-D₄. The most effective inhibitors of serotonin receptors are compounds **66-70**, whose inhibitory concentration IC_{50} ranged from 0.015 μ mol/L (**68**) to 0.073 μ mol/L (**70**).



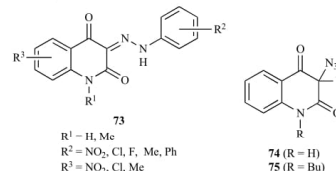
A series of 3-benzylidene-1-phenylquinolin-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-diones **71** were found to exhibit antibacterial and antifungal activity [196].



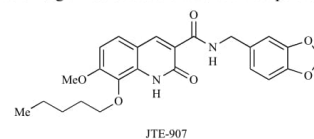
Quinisatin hydrazone **72** is an isonicotinic acid hydrazone (isoniazid) derivative prepared in an effort to find compounds with a higher tuberculostatic activity than that of isoniazid itself [197]. Later, the QSAR antitubercular activity study was performed on a series of 79 quinisatin phenylhydrazones **73** [198]. These compounds effectively inhibited the growth of *M. tuberculosis* [198] and their further research may lead to new anti-tuberculars.



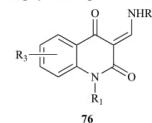
Austrian group of researchers prepared a series of substituted 3-azidoquinolin-2,4-diones, which were tested for their ability to inhibit human platelet aggregation [199]. The most effective compounds of the investigated series were 3,3-diazaquinolinediones **74** and **75** [199].



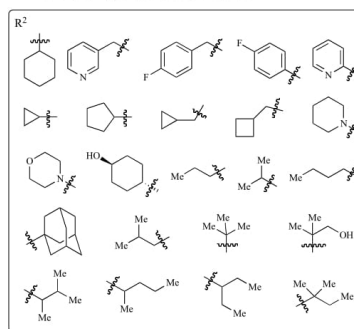
Some compounds containing the quinolone structural motif have previously been shown to possess affinity for cannabinoid receptors (e.g. antagonist of CB₂ receptors JTE-907) [200]. Recently, it has been discovered that some quinoline-2,4-diones are highly selective agonists of cannabinoid CB₂ receptors [201].



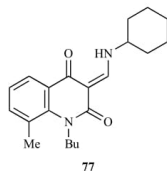
A large series of compounds **76** were designed, synthesized and evaluated for their potencies and binding properties toward the cannabinoid CB₁ and CB₂ receptor [201]. The compounds substituted at position 5 or 8 of the fused benzene ring demonstrated CB₂ receptor agonist activity, whereas the analogues substituted at position 6 or 7 were antagonists of CB₂ receptor [201]. These receptors are important from the medical point of view, probably because they are responsible for the therapeutic effects of cannabinoids (anti-inflammatory, immunomodulatory, analgesic), whereas CB₂ agonism is not connected with the psychotropic effects of cannabinoids.



$R^1 =$ Et, Pr, Bu, pentyl, hexyl, cyclopropylmethyl, but-3-en-1-yl
 $R^2 =$ H, 5/6/7/8-Me, 5/6/7/8-OMe, 8-Et, 6-Bu, 6-CF₃, 6-OCF₃, 6/7-Cl,
 6-Br, 6-OMe-8-Me, 6-Cl-8-Me, 6,9-di-OMe



As the most effective compound of this series proved to be compound **77**, with which have been significantly reduced the clinical scores and ameliorate the disease severity of experimental autoimmune encephalomyelitis (EAE) by *in vivo* evaluation in mice with EAE [201].



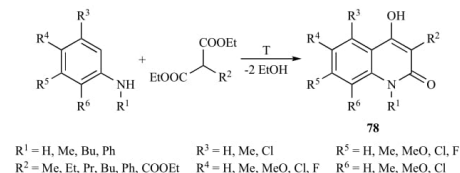
2-Oxo-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylates are useful as anti-allergic agents [202].

3. SYNTHESIS OF 4-HYDROXYQUINOLIN-2-ONE AND QUINOLINE-2,4-DIONE DERIVATIVES

Due to a considerable interest in the title compounds, many methods for their preparation have been developed. Most of them employ conventional methods of organic synthesis. Some efforts have been motivated by the need to obtain target derivatives for further research.

3.1. Syntheses of Substituted 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones

A simple and widely used method for the preparation of 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones is thermal condensation of anilines with substituted malonic acid derivatives. The method has developed over the time. Initially, large excesses of substituted diethyl malonate were required, which was later improved by employing activated diaryl malonates. The most common protocol involves condensation of an aniline derivative with diethyl ester of substituted malonic acid in an equimolar ratio or with a slight excess of the malonate. By this method, a diverse range of substituted quinolones **78** is available (Scheme 1) [73, 93, 111, 119, 120, 148, 203-257], including ethyl 4-hydroxy-2-oxo-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylates ($R^2 = \text{COOEt}$). The later results from the use of triethyl methanetricarboxylate instead of malonate [93, 111, 113, 119, 120, 256]. The reaction proceeds *via* ketene intermediate. As by-products, corresponding malonyl dianilides were isolated in some cases [213, 217, 250, 258, 259].



Scheme 1. Preparation of 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones by thermal condensation of anilines with diethyl malonates.

Unfortunately, for some quinolones, this method is limited to low yields of the products, prompting to seek for alternative approaches. Recently, conducting these reactions under microwave heating conditions is reported in the literature as an alternative to

the conventional heating [113, 260-265]. An example is the synthesis of quinolone **79** shown in Scheme 2 [261].

Generally, 3-unsubstituted 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones can not be obtained directly by the condensation of anilines with the malonic acid esters. This is due to the reaction of an intermediately formed hydroxyquinolone with the malonate forming the corresponding 4-hydroxy-2*H*-pyrano[3,2-*c*]quinoline-2,5(6*H*)-dione **80** (Scheme 3) [230, 266-277].

Alternatively, the 3-unsubstituted 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones can be prepared from the above pyranoquinolinediones by the degradation of pyran ring *via* 3-acetyl-4-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones [241, 271-274, 276]. A modern example of such a process is the synthesis of 4-hydroxy-1-methylquinolin-2-one shown in Scheme 4 [276].

Microwave assisted synthesis starting from anilines and malonic acid [171, 278] or diethyl malonate [179] was confirmed on several examples as one of the good yielding approaches to 3-unsubstituted 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones (Scheme 5).

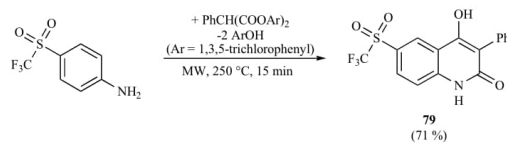
Another possibility for the synthesis of 3-unsubstituted 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones is cyclization of malonic acid dianilide **81** and its derivatives on the treatment with polyphosphoric acid (Scheme 6) [279-290], methanesulfonic acid and phosphorus pentoxide [217, 291-294] or aluminium trichloride [295, 296]. At high temperatures, malonic acid dianilide forms ketene, which subsequently cyclizes to form 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-one.

Recently, an elegant two-step synthesis of unsubstituted 4-hydroxy-2-quinolone has been described, which started from aniline and a reactive substituted dioxanedione **82** (Meldrum's acid) [297]. Intermediary malonic acid monoanilide was dehydrated by means of Eaton's reagent (Scheme 7).

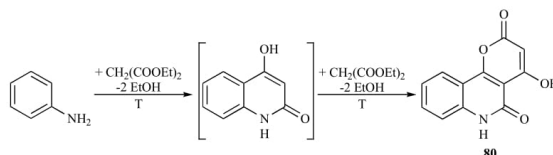
In addition to the above mentioned condensation of anilines with methanetricarboxylates, the general method of preparing of 2-oxo-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylates is the condensation of isoatoic anhydrides with unsubstituted malonates. These reactions have been carried out in dimethylacetamide [102, 202, 298-301] or dimethylformamide [101, 111, 113, 118, 121, 122, 138, 302-305] in the presence of bases such as sodium hydride [101, 102, 111, 118, 121, 122, 138, 202, 298-302, 305], sodium methoxide [304], or sodium *tert*-butoxide [113, 299, 303].

Modified Mukaiyama reaction of *N*-methylisoatoic anhydride with ethyl trimethylsilyl methylketene acetal or ethyl trimethylsilyl phenylketene acetal catalyzed with titanium(IV) chloride afforded 4-hydroxy-1,3-dimethylquinolin-2-one (43 %) or 4-hydroxy-1-methyl-3-phenylquinolin-2-one (46 %), respectively (Scheme 8) [306].

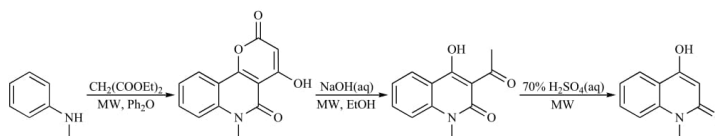
In some instances, 3-substituted 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones can be prepared by alkylation of the 3-unsubstituted analogues [182]. Alkylations were performed by alkyl iodides in aqueous lithium hydroxide (Scheme 9) [182]. 3-Arylated 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones have been accessed by Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling at the corresponding iodinated quinolone. The method is limited by low-yielding 3-iodination of the parent 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-one scaffold [307]. An arylthio group can be introduced to position 3 of 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-one scaffold by the reaction of 3-unsubstituted precursors with arylsulfonylhydrazides in the presence of base, air oxygen and suitable catalyst [308]. A series of thirteen 3-arylthio-4-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones was obtained in 70-90 % yields performing this reaction in dioxane under reflux using 1,4-diazabicyclo [2.2.2]octane (DABCO) as a base and copper(I) bromide-dimethyl sulfide complex as a catalyst [308].



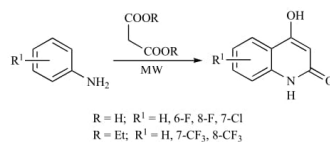
Scheme 2. An example of the microwave assisted cyclocondensation of substituted aniline with activated arylmalonate.



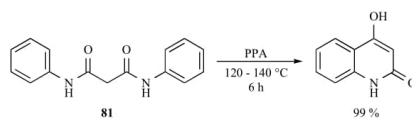
Scheme 3. Formation of 4-hydroxy-2H-pyrano[3,2-c]quinoline-2,5(6H)-diones by reaction of anilines with diethyl malonate.



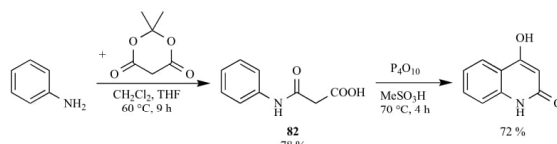
Scheme 4. Preparation of 4-hydroxy-1-methylquinolin-2-one *via* pyranoquinolinedione.



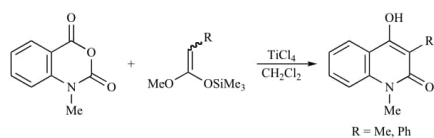
Scheme 5. Microwave synthesis of 3-unsubstituted 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones from anilines and malonic acid.



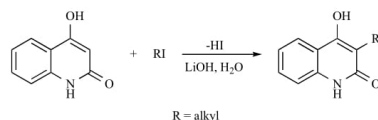
Scheme 6. Transformation of dianilide of malonic acid to the corresponding 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-one.



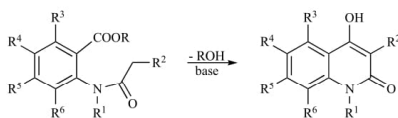
Scheme 7. Two-step synthesis of unsubstituted 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-one starting from aniline and Meldrum's acid.



Scheme 8. Preparation of 3-substituted 4-hydroxy-1-methylquinolin-2-one from *N*-methylisatoic anhydride by modified Mukaiyama reaction.

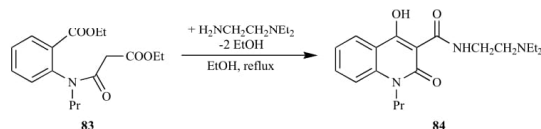


Scheme 9. Preparation of 3-alkyl-4-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones by alkylation of 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-one.



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 R² = Me, Et, (1-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)pyrrolidin-2-yl)methyl, CH₂Ph, CH₂CF₃, CH₂COOMe, CH₂COOEt, COMe, COPr, COBu, CO-*i*-Bu, CO(CH₂)₂Ph, CO(CH₂)₂OMe, COCH₂Ph, 2-(thiophen-2-yl)acetyl, CO-*c*-C₃H₅, CO-*c*-C₆H₁₁, (1-phenylcyclopropyl)carbonyl, COPh, COOMe, COOEt, COO-*t*-Bu, COOCH₂CN, furan²-ylcarbonyl, thiophen³-ylcarbonyl, nicotinoyl, CONHCHMePh, CONH-C₆H₄²-COOMe, CO-NMePh, CO-NEtPh, methyl(thiophen-2-yl)carbamothioyl, methyl(phenyl)carbamothioyl, *tert*-butyl(phenyl)carbamothioyl, methyl(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)carbamothioyl, methyl(4-methoxyphenyl)carbamothioyl, methyl(4-chlorophenyl)carbamothioyl, CN, SO₂(NMe)(C₆H₄²-COOMe)
 R³ = H, Me, Cl, I, NO₂
 R⁴ = H, *n*-C₃H₇, C₆H₄-4-Cl, 2-naphthyl, 1-benzothiophen-2-yl, 1-benzothiophen-3-yl, pyrrol-1-yl, COPr, halogen, OMe, OTs, OCF₃, O-SO₂-C₆H₄⁴-I, O-SiMe₂-*t*-Bu, SMe, NO₂, NH₂
 R⁵ = H, Me, *c*-C₆H₁₁, 2-naphthyl, 1-benzothiophen-2-yl, CF₃, CN, F, Cl, OMe, NO₂, NH₂
 R⁶ = H, Me, C₆H₄⁴-OMe, 2-naphthyl, CF₃, F, OMe, NH₂

Scheme 10. Preparation of 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones by Dieckmann condensation of *N*-acylanthranilates.



Scheme 11. Preparation of some 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones by modified Dieckmann condensation.

An alternative method of preparation of 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones is Dieckmann condensation of *N*-acylanthranilates (Scheme 10) using various basic reagents such as sodium in toluene or xylene [309-316], sodium alkoxides (in most cases sodium methoxide) [146, 317-339], potassium *tert*-butoxide in dimethylsulfoxide [339], sodium hydride [264, 338, 339, 340], lithium [341, 342], sodium [77, 125] or potassium [74, 84, 343-347] bis(trimethylsilyl) amide, lithium diisopropyl amide [348, 349], potassium carbonate in dimethylsulfoxide [350] or in dimethylformamide [351], triethylamine in methanol [339], and even potassium hydroxide in water [339].

Under Dieckmann condensation conditions methyl 2-(2-(2-methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)(methylamino)-*N*-methyl-2-oxoethylsulfonamide)benzoate afforded 4-hydroxy-2-oxo-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-sulfonamide derivative in 88-94% yield. No formation of isomeric 4-hydroxy-1*H*-benzo[*c*][1,2]thiazine-3-carboxamide 2,2-dioxide could be observed [339].

Diethyl 2,2'-[(1,3-dioxo-1,3-propanediyl)diimino]bis-benzoate undergoes Dieckmann condensation also thermally in boiling diphenyl ether [352]. The simultaneous intramolecular cyclization of ethyl 2-[(3-ethoxy-1,3-dioxopropyl)amino]benzoate and amidation with primary amines proved optimal for the preparation of the corresponding *N*-alkyl-4-hydroxy-2-quinolone-3-carboxamides [353].

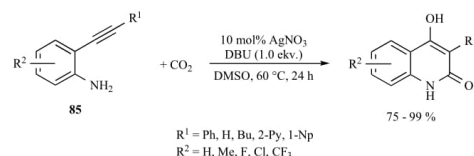
There was patented the approach to *N*-[2-(diethylamino)ethyl]-1,2-dihydro-4-hydroxy-2-oxo-1-propylquinoline-3-carboxamide (84) by the procedure, in which ester 83 is subjected directly to condensation and amidation reaction simultaneously with *N,N'*-diethylethane-1,2-diamine by boiling the reaction mixture in ethanol (Scheme 11) [354].

An interesting reaction leading to 4-hydroxy-2-quinolones was described by a Japanese group of researchers [355] (Scheme 12). The synthesis starts from substituted ethynes 85, which react with carbon dioxide in the presence of a catalytic amount of a silver salt and strong non-nucleophilic base (DBU).

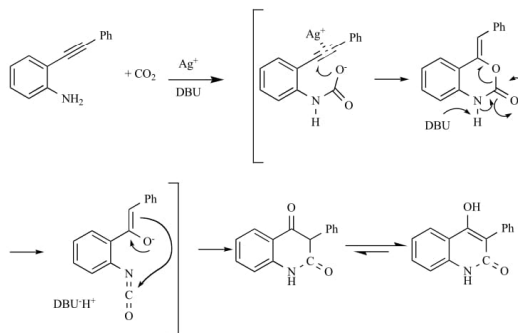
In addition to the innovative approach to the 4-hydroxy-2-quinolone skeleton, this reaction is interesting from a mechanistic point of view. The proposed reaction mechanism [355] is shown in Scheme 13. It is noteworthy that reactions in which carbon dioxide become incorporated into a molecule of an organic compound, are still poorly explored.

3.2. Synthesis of 3,3-disubstituted Quinoline-2,4-diones

A large series of quinoline-2,4-diones with chlorine or bromine atom at position 3 can be prepared easily by chlorination or bromination of corresponding 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones. Chlorination of 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones substituted at position 3 with alkyl, cycloalkyl or aryl group is usually carried out with sulfuryl chloride in



Scheme 12. Reaction of substituted ethynes with carbon dioxide leading to 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones.

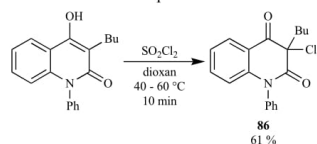


Scheme 13. Proposed reaction mechanism for the formation of 4-hydroxy-3-phenylquinolin-2-one by reaction of 2-(phenylethynyl)aniline with carbon dioxide.

dioxane at slightly elevated temperature [199, 223, 224, 244, 247, 254, 356-359]. An example is the preparation of chloroderivative **86** shown in Scheme 14 [254].

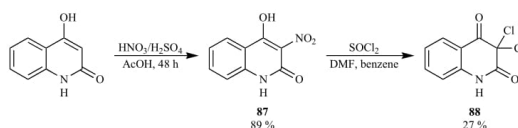
By analogy, 3,3-dichloroquinoline-2,4-diones are obtained from 3-unsubstituted 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones on treating with sulfuryl chloride [291, 295, 356, 360-376].

Alternatively, chlorination takes place with chlorine either from an external source [356] or generated *in situ* from hydrogen peroxide and hydrochloric acid [356, 364, 377-380], or chloride - chlorate mixture and diluted sulfuric acid [360, 381]. Dioxane or other solvents have been used in these procedures.

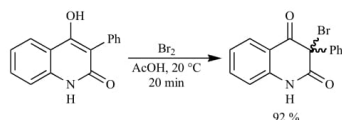


Scheme 14. An example of preparation of 3-chloroquinoline-2,4-dione from the corresponding 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-one.

An initial nitration of 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-one into 3-nitro derivative **87** and subsequent treatment with thionyl chloride afforded 3,3-dichloro derivative **88** (Scheme 15) [382].



Scheme 15. Two-step preparation of 3,3-dichloroquinoline-2,4-dione **88** via the intermediacy of 3-nitro derivative **87**.

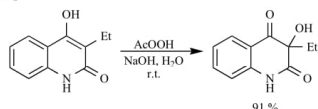


Scheme 16. Bromination of 4-hydroxy-3-phenylquinolin-2-one with bromine in acetic acid.

Treatment of 3-alkyl-4-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones in aqueous potassium carbonate solution with an aqueous solution of iodine and potassium iodide (Lugol solution) leads to introduction of iodine atom at the position 3 [402].

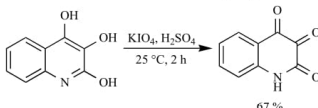
3-Halogenated quinolone-2,4-diones are valuable intermediates for the synthesis of a diverse range of substituted quinolone-2,4-diones. By substitution reactions these can be converted into other derivatives such as amines [247, 358, 359, 403-405], azidocompounds [199, 223, 224, 244, 358, 371, 375], etc.

4-Hydroxyquinolin-2-ones can be readily transformed into 3-hydroxyquinoline-2,4-diones by oxidation. A variety of oxidizing agents have been used including hydrogen peroxide [214, 223, 406], peroxyacetic acid (Scheme 17) [225, 227, 229, 249, 250, 403, 407-409], 3-chloroperoxybenzoic acid [406, 223], and Oxone (2KHSO₅·KHSO₄·K₂SO₄) [410]. A two step procedure that involves nitration of 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones and subsequent hydrolysis of the intermediate also affords 3-hydroxyquinoline-2,4-diones [403].



Scheme 17. Example of the oxidation of 4-hydroxy-2-quinolone derivative with peroxyacetic acid.

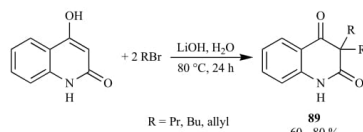
Quinisatin derivatives can be prepared from quinoline-2,4-diones, such as 3-chloro-3-nitroderivatives [360, 411], 3,3-dichloro-derivatives [361] and 3,3-dibromoderivatives [412], or by the photochemical reaction of the corresponding 4-hydroxyquinolin-2(1*H*)-ones with singlet oxygen using methylene blue or rose bengal as the sensitizers [413]. An example of a simple method for the synthesis of quinisatin by oxidation of quinoline-2,3,4-triol with potassium periodate in sulfuric acid is shown in Scheme 18 [414].



Scheme 18. Preparation of quinisatin by oxidation of quinoline-2,3,4-triol.

Alkylation of 3-unsubstituted 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones with an excess of alkylating agent in the presence of base affords 3,3-dialkylquinoline-2,4-diones **89** [415]. An example is the reaction shown in Scheme 19.

Alkylation of 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones is sometimes limited by side reactions [416]. An illustrative example is shown in Scheme 20 [415] where 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-one reacted with propargyl bromide into a complex mixture of products, from which four compounds were isolated.



Scheme 19. Preparation of 3,3-dialkylquinoline-2,4-diones.

3,3-Dialkyl- or 3-alkyl-3-arylquinoline-2,4-diones were also prepared by alkylation of 3-alkyl- or 3-aryl-4-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones with alkyl iodide or alkyl bromide in presence of sodium hydroxide in water or aqueous ethanol, catalysed with copper [417]. An example of such alkylation affording 3-methyl-3-phenylquinoline-2,4-dione is shown in Scheme 21 [416].

Recently, the transformation of 4-hydroxy-1,3-dimethyl-2-quinolone to 3-propargyl- and 3-[3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-propynyl]-1,3-dimethylquinoline-2,4-dione have been described [418].

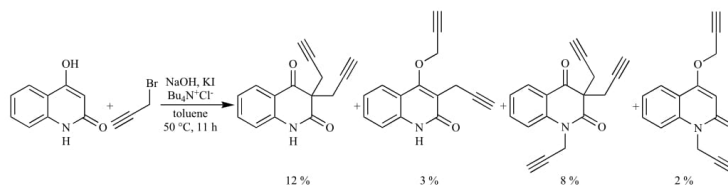
3,3-Dialkyl- and 3-alkyl-3-arylquinoline-2,4-diones have also been prepared by Dieckmann condensation of the appropriate substituted anthranilates [192]. An example is the preparation of 3-methyl-3-phenylquinoline-2,4-dione **91** from methyl *N*-(2-phenylpropanoyl)anthranilate **90** by treatment with lithium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide as base (Scheme 22).

A multi-component synthesis of (*Z*)-3-benzylidene-1-phenylquinoline-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-diones **71** has been reported to employ diphenylamine, diethyl malonate, and the appropriate substituted benzaldehyde as the starting materials (Scheme 23), was published [196]. The reaction was carried out in aqueous ethanol in the presence of ZrO₂ nanoparticles as catalyst at 60-70 °C [196].

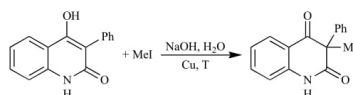
3,3-Dialkylquinoline-2,4-diones have been directly prepared also starting from isatoic anhydride or its derivatives. A series of four ethyl 3-alkyl-2,4-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxylates were prepared by condensation of isatoic anhydride with the appropriate 2-alkyl-2-(diethoxyphosphoryl) acetates in benzene/ dimethylformamide mixture using sodium hydride as base (Scheme 24) [419].

Modified Mukaiyama reaction of *N*-methylisatoic anhydride with methyl trimethylsilyl dimethylketene acetal (MTS) catalyzed with titanium(IV) chloride afforded 1,3,3-trimethylquinoline-2,4-dione. Small amounts of derivative substituted with 2-methoxycarbonylpropan-2-yl group in position 7 accompanied the reaction, a result of Friedel-Crafts alkylation of the target molecule (Scheme 25) [420]. More recently, the application of this protocol to prepare other 3,3-disubstituted *N*-methylquinoline-2,4-diones was published [306], where ethyl trimethylsilyl acetals of various disubstituted ketenes were employed.

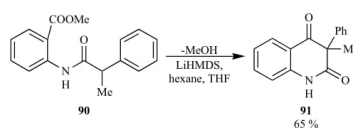
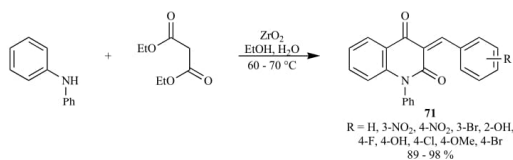
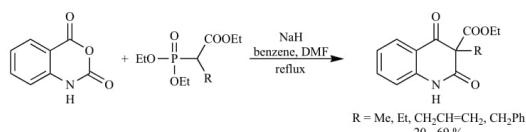
Recently, the syntheses of quinoline-2,4-diones through a radical addition/cyclization cascade reaction of *N*-(2-cyanophenyl)-*N*-methylmethacrylamide (R¹ = R² = Me) and other compounds having *o*-acrylamidobenzonitrile structure, were developed (Scheme 26) [421-425]. Diphenylphosphineoxide [420], sodium trifluoromethanesulfinate (Langlois' reagent) [421] and other sulfonic acid sodium salts [421], α -ketoacids [422], aldehydes [422], arene/hetarene/ alkanesulfonohydrazides [423], and alcohols [424] were used as reactants. Wide substrate scope and good functional group tolerance have been reported, providing an efficient and practical access to a variety of quinoline-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-diones. The reactions can be conducted in aqueous media, under ambient conditions, using readily available reactants and reagents. The products were obtained in moderate to excellent yields. However, the preparation of 1-unsubstituted and 1-acetyl derivatives by these methods failed.



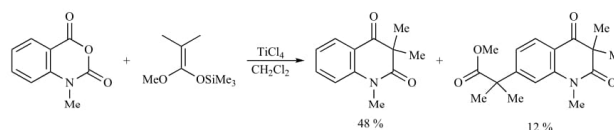
Scheme 20. Alkylation of 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-one with propargyl bromide providing four products.



Scheme 21. Methylation of 4-hydroxy-3-phenyl-2-quinolone.

Scheme 22. Preparation of 3-methyl-3-phenylquinoline-2,4-dione (**91**) by Dieckmann condensation of methyl *N*-(2-phenylpropanoyl)anthranilate (**90**).Scheme 23. Synthesis of (*Z*)-3-benzylidene-1-phenylquinoline-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-diones.

Scheme 24. Condensation of isatoic anhydride with 2-alkyl-2-(diethoxyphosphoryl)acetates.

Scheme 25. Reaction of *N*-methylisatoic anhydride with MTS.

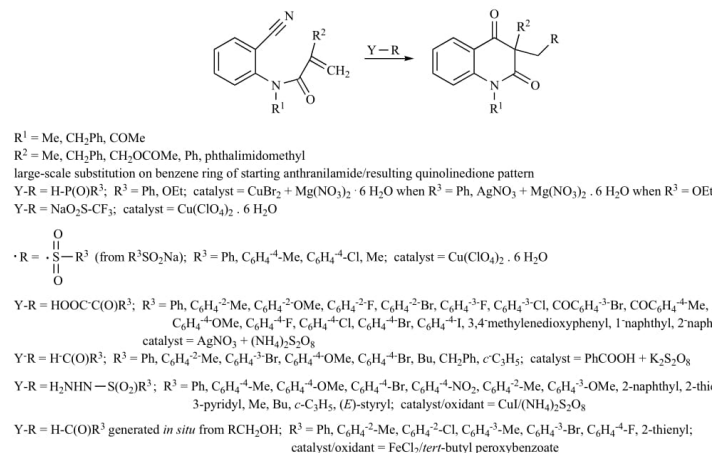
4. POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS OF 4-HYDROXY-QUINOLIN-2-ONES AND THEIR DERIVATIVES FOR PROPERTIES MODIFICATION OR PROTECTION OF MATERIALS

As discussed above, numerous 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones, quinoline-2,4-diones, and quinoline-2,3,4-triones show interesting effects on living organisms. Many of these compounds are also found in living systems. Thus, not only for their chemical structure

and reactivity, these compounds can be interesting for their physical properties. This section will briefly outline the possibilities of using these chemical entities for the mentioned purposes.

4.1. Potential Applications as Antioxidants and Antidegradants

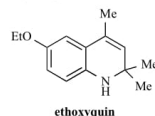
Some simple natural quinolones such as 4-hydroxy-1-methylquinolin-2-one (**2**) [4] and compound **16** [36] exhibit the ability to scavenge free radicals. It is known, that a number of



Scheme 26. Preparation of quinoline-2,4-diones by radical addition/cyclization cascade reaction from substituted *o*-acrylamidobenzonitriles.

simple synthetic 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones have antioxidant properties and the ability to scavenge free radicals [136, 145, 147, 383]. These compounds could therefore be potentially useful as antioxidants protecting materials against an oxidative damage.

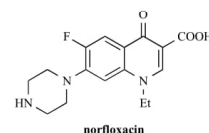
Noteworthy, structurally similar compound, ethoxyquin [426], is widely used in animal feed in order to protect it against lipid peroxidation for several decades and despite the search for new compounds that could be used as free radical scavengers, it is still the most effective antioxidant [427]. The negative health effects in domestic animals fed with ethoxyquin containing feed were observed some years ago, but the presence of its approved doses should not be hazardous [426].



4.2. Potential Use as Biocidal Additives

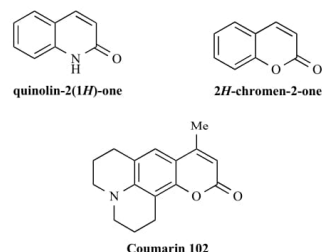
Quinolin-2-ones exhibit antibacterial and antifungal effects. For 6-nitro quinolones (**45-47**) significant antibacterial and antifungal effects have been proven. These compounds also effectively inhibited growth of the fungi *Aspergillus niger* and *A. flavus* [172], which often attack various materials. Simple fluorinated 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones **48-53**, as well as quinazolinone phenylhydrazones **73**, inhibit the growth of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. Some of the discussed compounds also show fungicidal and algicidal effects [27]. Thus, some of these compounds could be used to protect various materials against harmful organisms. Such compounds could be applied either in the form of a suitable spraying or impregnation, or directly as additives, which would be components of the mixtures for the preparation of the materials. An interesting challenge is the preparation of materials based on polymers with bound compounds of these types. Polymers modified by quinolin-4-one moiety are already known. For example, a hydroxymethacrylate monomer containing a quinolin-4-one moiety (norfloxacin concretely) was

synthesized and homopolymerized [428-430] as well as copolymerized with poly(ethylene glycol) methyl ether [428], while the monomer as well as the corresponding polymer exhibited an excellent antibacterial activity. The same applies to blends of poly(acrylated quinolone) with other ordinary synthetic polymers [427].

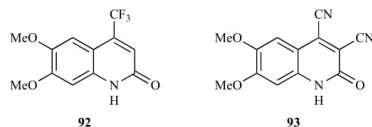


4.3. The Use of Quinolin-2-one Derivatives as Fluorescent Substances

Oxygen analogues of quinolin-2-ones, chromen-2-ones, represent important fluorescent substances widely used in industry. An example is Coumarin 102, which represents a laser dye [431, 432].

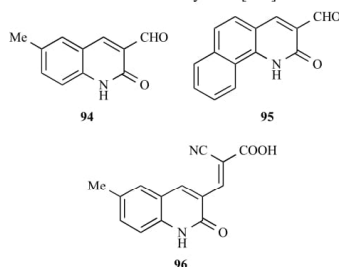


Some derivatives of quinolin-2-one available from 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones show very promising fluorescence properties. Such compounds include substituted 4-trifluoromethyl-, 4-cyano- and 3,4-dicyanoquinolones [433]. Examples are dimethoxyquinolones **92** [434-437] and **93** [374, 432, 438].

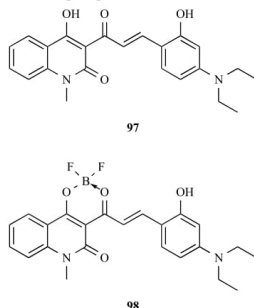


A comparative study of 6-methoxy-, 7-methoxy- and 6,7-dimethoxycarbostyrils revealed, that both, the 6- and the 7-methoxy group have different effects to the fluorescence properties of carbostyrils such as fluorescence wavelength, quantum yield and Stokes shift. A further important influence is visible from the electron acceptor properties of the substituent at position 4 [439].

A number of 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones substituted by pyrazoline, isoxazole or pyridine groups at position 3 were examined as potential luminophores [440]. A series of quinoline derivatives is documented that exhibits fluorescence and may find use as fluorescent probes for detection of bacteria [441], tumour cells [442] or cysteine inside living cells [443]. Recently, novel fluorescent dyes based on quinolin-2-ones were described [444, 445]. Such fluorescent dyes include aldehydes **94** [443, 444] and **95** [444] as well as acid **96**, obtained by chemical transformations of the aldehyde **94** [444].

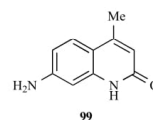


Other quinoline derivatives may find use as fluorescent probes for the detection of metal ions [446, 447]. Two 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-one dyes, compound **97** and its boron difluoride complex **98**, containing 4-diethylamino-2-hydroxyphenyl substituent, displayed high emission and bright fluorescence and thus offer promise for use in protein detection [448].



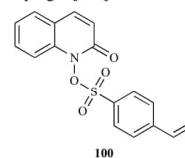
Some quinoline and quinolone derivatives have been designed as fluorescent markers of a diverse range of biomolecules [449]. Such compounds could find use as luminophores, colorants, optical brighteners and UV absorbers for modification of properties of polymeric or other materials.

There are already known some polymeric materials, which have been modified so that quinolin-2-one groups are included in their structure [450]. Material based on maleic anhydride-styrene alternating copolymer containing quinolin-2-one fluorophore showed intense fluorescence in the presence of terbium(III) ions [451]. Later, a similar material based on quinolin-2-one modified polystyrene-block-poly(styrene-alt-maleic anhydride) copolymer was prepared and its luminescence was investigated [452]. For the modification of the mentioned polymers, 7-amino-4-methylquinolin-2-one (**99**) has been used.



4.4. Another Possible Use of Quinolone Derivatives for the Treatment of Materials

Interesting properties were observed for some 1-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones. In these compounds, light causes splitting of labile N-O bonds. Photoresponsive 1-(*p*-styrenesulfonyloxy)-2-quinolone - methyl methacrylate and 1-(*p*-styrenesulfonyloxy)-2-quinolone - lauryl acrylate copolymers were synthesized from photoacid generator monomer **100**. Surface wettability of these polymers can be specifically changed by light [453].



4.5. Possible Limitations

It should be noted that some natural 4-hydroxyquinolines have been found to exhibit estrogenic activity. Such compounds are *e.g.* foliosidin or bucharidin [11]. These properties would represent a complication in the practical exploitation of these compounds, inasmuch as a number of additives into polymeric materials has been for reasons of estrogenic activity significantly reduced (phthalates, bisphenol A). Some synthetic 4-alkoxyquinolin-2-ones affect the metabolism of gonadotropin-releasing hormone [123, 125, 129, 132] and 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-one **25** is patented to reduce the motility of male sperm [133]. Some quinolones, which contain imidazole group at position 3 of the quinolone ring, inhibit thyroid [145]. Also, these properties could pose a problem when applying some of 4-hydroxyquinolones for the treatment of materials. Historical experiences with industrial additives that interfere with the hormonal system or regulation of reproductive functions should encourage a thorough examination of the 4-hydroxyquinolones and its derivatives before eventual practical applications. On the other hand, quinolones could represent relatively safe substances for toxicity. Until now tested quinoline-2,4-diones [191] and 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones exhibit low toxicity [103-107, 136, 139, 140].

Another possible restriction on the use of quinolones and compounds accessible from them for the treatment of materials is their chemical reactivity. Quinolin-2-ones are relatively stable heterocyclic systems, however quinoline-2,4-dione group is relatively reactive and it is known that various unexpected chemical transforma-

tions and rearrangements can take place in these heterocycles. Some of those reactions have been investigated [227, 228, 232, 236, 243, 248, 359, 403, 404, 408, 409, 454-463]. Some chemical transformations of 1-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones [464] and quinoline-2,4-diones [465] have been reviewed.

CONCLUSION

The aim of this paper is to bring the reader insight into diverse group of derivatives of 4-hydroxyquinolin-2-ones and related quinoline-2,4-diones. It summarizes the information from the literature about the occurrence of these compounds in nature, their properties and potential applications. In the part devoted to the syntheses, some common methods of approach to these compounds are mentioned, and these methods are partially commented. The review ends with a brief outline of the potential use of these natural and synthetic compounds to modify the properties of materials or materials protection and possible restrictions on the applications of these compounds are there also discussed.

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SEZNAM ZKRATEK

5HT	5-Hydroxytryptofan (označení receptorů).
Ar	Aryl.
Bu	Butyl.
CB	Kanabinoid (označení receptorů).
D	Dopamin (označení receptorů).
DBU	1,8-Diazabicyklo[5.4.0]undec-7-en.
DMF	Dimethylformamid.
DMSO	Dimethylsulfoxid.
Et	Ethyl.
GAPDH	Glyceraldehyd-3-fosfát dehydrogenasa.
GnRH	Gonadotropin uvolňující hormon.
GSK	Glykogen synthasa kinasa.
IC ₅₀	Koncentrace, při které dojde k 50% inhibici zkoušeného systému.
LD ₅₀	Dávka, při které dojde k úhynu poloviny testovaných jedinců.
LiHMDS	Bis(trimethylsilyl)amid lithný.
Me	Methyl.
MW	Mikrovlny.
NMDA	N-Methyl-D-aspartát (označení receptorů).
Me	Methyl.

PDFGR	Receptor růstového faktoru odvozený z krevních destiček.
Ph	Fenyl.
PPA	Kyselina polyfosforečná.
Pr	Propyl.
Py	Pyridyl.
T	Zvýšená teplota (záhřev).
THF	Tetrahydrofuran.
TNF- α	Faktor nádorové nekrózy (kachektin).
VEGR	Endoteliální vaskulární růstový faktor.

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