Synthesis of 2-Phenylquinolin-4-amines Substituted with Diverse Amino and Aminoalkyl Groups

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Facile synthetic approaches to 2-phenylquinolin-4-amines containing an aminoalkyl group at N^4 of the quinolin-4-amine and amino or aminoalkyl groups at the phenyl moiety are presented.

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Substituted quinolin-4-amines exhibit a variety of biological activities. Many compounds of this class are important agrochemicals due to their fungicidal, insecticidal, and pesticidal properties [1]. Others are drugs currently in Thus, quinolin-4-amines are antimalarial, clinical use. antiviral, antitumor, anti-inflammatory, analgesic, immunostimulatory, and hypotensive agents [1]. Recently, there has been an immense interest in 2-arylquinolin-4-amines substituted with additional amino groups. Such quinolines can intercalate with poly(dT•dA•dT) and stabilize this triplehelix DNA structure with high selectivity in the presence of duplex DNA of any sequence [2]. This feature has important ramifications for the development of a therapeutic methodology known as antigene strategy [3]. Specifically, it has been suggested that the triple-helix formed from the cellular duplex and an external third strand followed by stabilization of the resultant triplex can be used to directly regulate the expression of a selected gene.

2-Arylquinolin-4-amines functionalized with additional amino groups are also potent antagonists of immunostimulatory bacterial DNA which contains a CpG motif [4]. Extensive research is being conducted to develop such substituted quinolin-4-amines into practical drugs for inducing remission in systemic lupus erythematosus and rheumatoid arthritis [5,6]. It has also been suggested that, due to their immunosuppressive properties, such compounds can be useful in the prevention of graft-versushost disease in bone transplant patients [7].

This report pertains to the synthesis of new amino derivatives of 2-phenylquinolin-4-amines as potential triple-helix DNA stabilizing and immunosuppressive agents. The goal was to develop simple methodologies for the preparation of a large number of compounds for structure-activity analyses.

Cyclization of ketimines such as 1-4 (Scheme 1) by the reactions with lithium dialkylamides is a convenient method-

ology for the synthesis of N-substituted 2-arylquinolin-4amines [4,8-10]. This is illustrated by cyclization of ketimine **1** in the presence of lithium 4-methylpiperazide that, unexpectedly, also results in nucleophilic displacement of the 2-fluorine atom at the phenyl group to give a dipiperazino derivative **5** in high yield (vide infra) [11]. On the other hand, a similar reaction of a 4-fluorophenyl ketimine gives a 4-piperazinoquinoline as shown in Scheme 1 by the previously unpublished synthesis of **6** from **2**. This cyclization methodology is successful for any lithium reagent derived



from a secondary amine and with lithium 2-(dimethylamino)ethylamide as illustrated by a high-yield preparation of new quinolin-4-amines **7** and **8**. Unfortunately, treatment of the ketimines with lithium reagents derived from other primary amines including the simple homolog 3-(dimethylamino)propylamine results in the formation of an amidine as the major or sole product [8,9].

A solution to this problem is provided in Scheme 2 by the synthesis of a 4-chloroquinoline followed by treatment of this intermediate product with an amine. As part of this work it was found that 4-chloroquinolines 9-11 are conveniently prepared by cyclization of the respective ketimines 1, 2, and 4 with potassium *tert*-butoxide followed by hydrolysis of the resultant 4-*tert*-butoxyquinolines and then treatment of the intermediate 4-hydroxyquinolines with a mixture of phosphorus pentachloride and phosphorus oxychloride. Since the first two steps are highly efficient [12], the previously published procedure was simplified in that the intermediate 4-*tert*-butoxy and 4hydroxyquinolines were used for the third step without

Scheme 2



purification. Moreover, the final 4-chloroquinolines are purified by simple crystallization. Our first attempts of a nucleophilic displacement of the C4-chlorine by heating mixtures of 9 or 10 with various amines in the absence of any additive were largely unsuccessful. It was found, however, that *N*-substituted quinolin-4-amines could be obtained in moderate yields by heating the mixtures in the presence of phenol. Similar results were obtained by using boron trifluoride as a catalyst.

Subsequently, it was found that the substitution reaction proceed with high efficiency and at a relatively low temperature in the presence of a catalytic amount of tin tetrachloride. It can be suggested that complexation of the quinoline N1-atom by this Lewis acid renders the C4atom more electrophilic, that is, more reactive toward a nucleophilic attack. The intermediate σ -adduct may also be stabilized by the nitrogen-tin interaction.

This methodology for the introduction of an amino group at the position 4 of the quinoline is general, and a large number of compounds were prepared in this fashion. Selected examples are shown in Scheme 2 for illustration. An additional advantage is the possibility to synthesize *N*substituted quinolin-4-amines for which the amine precursors are not available commercially. Examples are compounds **20-22** which were obtained by the reaction of 4-chloroquinolines **9**, **10** with the corresponding ω hydroxyalkylamines followed by treatment of the resultant alcohols **14-16** with thionyl chloride to give alkyl chlorides **17-19**, and then the reaction of the alkyl chlorides with dimethylamine.

The previous observation of facile nucleophilic displacement of the fluorine atom in the 2-fluorophenyl substituent, as mentioned above, prompted us to study the scope and limitations of the use of other fluorophenylsubstituted quinolines for the synthesis of aminophenylsubstituted derivatives. Previously, it has also been noted that a 2-(2,4-difluorophenyl)quinoline 31 is formed upon cyclization of the corresponding ketimine in the presence of lithium 2-(dimethylamino)ethylamide [11]. Thus, the 2fluoro substituent at the phenyl group was replaced in the presence of a strongly nucleophilic secondary amide reagent, while the 2-fluorine atom was retained for the reaction conducted with less reactive primary lithium reagent. The quinolines 31 and 7 were used in the initial studies (Scheme 3). As can be seen, a prolonged treatment of the 2,4-difluorophenyl derivative 31 with lithium 4methylpiperazide resulted in the *ipso* displacement of the two fluorine atoms to give product 32 in good yield. On the other hand, a similar treatment of a 3,4-difluorophenyl derivative 7 gave the same compound 32 and a 2-(3,4dipiperazino)quinoline 33 as the major and minor product. respectively. In the light of the data already mentioned (see synthesis of 6, Scheme 1) it can be suggested that the relatively facile displacement of the 2-fluorine atom in 31 is

followed by a slow displacement of the 4-fluorine atom. The presumed initial displacement of the 2-fluorine atom in 31 is consistent with the complex-induced proximity effect (CIPE) [13]. More specifically, it can be suggested that the quinoline N1 atom forms a complex with a lithium reagent resulting in a favorable positioning of this reagent for the nucleophilic displacement of the adjacent fluorine atom at the 2-fluorophenyl group. A similar complexation of 7 may result in lithiation at the unsubstituted adjacent position 2 of the 3,4-difluorophenyl group. It is suggested that the resultant 3,4-difluorophenyl-2-lithio derivative undergoes elimination of fluoride to generate a 2,3-didehydrobenzene (benzyne). Then, addition reaction of this intermediate with amide anion followed by ipso displacement of the remaining 4-fluoro substituent by an apparent S_NAr mechanism gives 32 which is the observed major product. Again, the preferential formation of 32 rather than 33 is consistent with the involvement of the CIPE process.



Additional studies were conducted with 2-(4-fluorophenyl)quinolin-4-amines 6, 13 (Equation 1) and their 2fluorophenyl analogs 12, 23 (Equation 2). The expected *ipso* displacement pattern was observed in all cases shown.



However, there are major differences between the reactivities of 4-fluorophenyl and 2-fluorophenyl derivatives toward secondary and primary lithium amides.

Thus, the facile synthesis of 4-aminophenyl derivatives such as 24 and 25 is restricted to the reactions of secondary lithium amides such as lithium 4-methylpiperazide. Numerous attempts to force the displacement reactions of 6 and 13 by using lithium amides derived from primary amines were all unsuccessful. By contrast, as illustrated in Equation 2, the displacement of the 2-fluorine atom in 12 and 23 to give the corresponding products 26-30 was successful by using either an alkylamide or dialkylamide reagent. Also, the synthesis of 2-aminophenyl derivatives required about a four-fold shorter period of time than the preparation of the 4-aminophenyl counterparts conducted under similar conditions.



A different approach to the synthesis of amino functionalized 2-(2-phenyl)quinolines is presented in Scheme 4.

The methodology is based on the efficient preparation of methyl substituted homologs of 4-chloro-2phenylquinoline, and the chemistry starting with a dimethyl derivative 11 is provided as an example. Compound 11 was brominated at the methyl groups in the presence of N-bromosuccinimide and a catalytic amount of dibenzoyl peroxide to give a bis(bromomethyl) derivative 34. A subsequent reaction of 34 with 4-methylhomopiperazine was selective in that only the bromine atoms were displaced resulting in the formation of a substituted 4-chloroquinoline 35. The treatment of 35 with 2-(dimethylamino)ethylamine in the presence of a catalytic amount of tin tetrachloride gave a polyamino substituted 2-phenylquinoline 36. In the synthesis of an analogous product 38 the crude intermediate 4-chloroquinoline 37 was subjected to the reaction with an amine, resulting in simplification of the procedure.



In summary, several methodologies for the synthesis of polyamino substituted derivatives of 2-phenylquinolin-4amine were analyzed. The syntheses with 4-chloroquinolines are the most general, as they allow for the preparation of a large number of the desired products starting with a single intermediate 4-chloroquinoline.

EXPERIMENTAL

All commercial reagents were used without purification. Tetrahydrofuran was distilled from sodium benzophenone ketyl immediately before use. Chromatography was conducted on a chromatotron with silica gel-coated rotors. Melting points (Pyrex capillary) are not corrected. Unless reported otherwise, ¹H nmr spectra were obtained at 400 MHz at 25° in deuteriochloroform for free bases and in deuterated dimethyl sulfoxide for hydrobromide salts with tetramethylsilane as an internal reference. The ¹⁹F nmr spectra were recorded at 282 MHz in the same solvents with hexafluorobenzene as an internal reference.

Ketimines (1-4).

The synthesis of ketimines 1 [11] and 2 [10] has been reported previously. Compounds 3 and 4 were prepared in a similar way by condensation of 2-(trifluoromethyl)aniline with the corresponding substituted acetophenone. The oily product 3 was purified by Kugelrohr distillation (100-150°/0.3 mmHg). It was obtained as a mixture of E/Z diastereomers (1:1), as judged by ¹H nmr, ¹⁹F nmr and TLC analysis (hexanes/ether, 19:1). Compound **4** was crystallized from hexanes, E/Z = 19:1. The stereochemistry of **4** was determined by nOe studies as described previously [14].

N-[1-(3,4-Difluorophenyl)ethylidene]-2-(trifluoromethyl) aniline (3).

This compound was obtained in a 67% yield; ¹H nmr (E/Z mixture): δ 2.15 and 2.56 (2s, 3H), 7.13-7.86 (m, 7H); ¹⁹F nmr (E/Z mixture): δ 24.7, 25.6, 27.3 and 31.9 (4m, 2F), 90.1 and 99.6 (2s, 3F).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{15}H_{10}F_5N$: C, 60.26; H, 3.36; N, 4.68. Found: C, 60.11; H, 3.40; N, 4.75.

N-[1-(3,4-Dimethylphenyl)ethylidene]-2-(trifluoromethyl)aniline (4).

This compound was obtained in an 83% yield; mp 49-51°; ¹H nmr (*E* isomer): δ 2.15 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 6.73 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.75 (s, 1H); ¹⁹F nmr: δ 99.1 (s).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{17}H_{16}F_3N$: C, 70.09; H, 5.54; N, 4.81. Found: C, 69.76; H, 5.74; N, 4.90.

Substituted 2-Phenylquinolin-4-amines (5-8).

Synthesis of **5** from **1** has been reported previously [11]. In the preparation of **6-8** by cyclization of the respective ketimines **2-4** the general procedure [8-10] was modified in that the reactions were conducted in tetrahydrofuran, under otherwise identical conditions. Products **6-8** were purified by chromatography eluting with ethyl acetate/hexanes/tri-ethylamine (10:1:1).

2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-4-(N-methylpiperazino)quinoline (6).

This compound was obtained in an 80% yield after crystallization from ethyl acetate/hexanes; mp 90-91°; ¹H nmr (deuterated dimethyl sulfoxide): δ 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.64 (m, 4H), 3.30 (m, 4H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.51 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 8Hz, 1H), 8.00 (m, 3H), 8.21 (m, 2H); ¹⁹F nmr: δ 55.0 (s); hrms: calcd. for C₂₀H₂₀FN₃ m/z 321.1641, observed m/z 312.1637.

N-[(2-(Dimethylamino)ethyl]-2-(3,4-difluorophenyl)quinolin-4amine (7).

This compound was obtained in a 73% yield after crystallization from ethyl acetate/hexanes; yellow needles; mp 130-131°; ¹H nmr: δ 2.37 (s, 6H), 2.77 (t, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 3.41 (q, J₁ = 6 Hz, J₂ = 7 Hz, 2H), 6.05 (s, exchangeable with D₂O, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.99 (m, 1H), 8.07 (m, 1H); ¹⁹F nmr: δ 23.71 (m, 1F), 23.95 (m, 1F); ms: m/z 101 (100), 240 (50), 168 (50), 327 (80, M⁺).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{19}H_{19}F_2N_3$: C, 69.70; H, 5.85; N, 12.83. Found: C, 69.70; H, 5.76; N, 12.70.

N-[2-(Dimethylamino)ethyl]-2-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)quinolin-4amine dihydrobromide (**8**•2HBr•H₂0).

The oily free base was transformed into a hydrobromide by using a general procedure [10], and the salt was crystallized from ethanol/hexanes; yield 66%; white solid; mp 299-300°; ¹H nmr: δ 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.94 (s, 6H), 3.56 (t, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 4.13 (d, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.99

(t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.68 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 9.22 (s, exchangeable with D_2O , 1H), 9.90 (s, exchangeable with D_2O , 1H); ms: m/z 101 (30), 128 (30), 217 (50), 233 (30), 249 (50), 261 (80), 273 (20), 319 (100, M⁺).

Anal. Calcd. for C₂₁H₂₅N₃•2HBr•H₂O: C, 50.52; H, 5.85; N, 8.42. Found: C, 50.80; H, 5.81; N, 8.44.

4-Chloroquinolines (9-11).

Ketimine 1, 2 or 4 (3 mmoles) was added to a solution of potassium tert-butoxide (1.8 g, 16 mmoles) in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (50 ml), and the mixture was heated under reflux for 2 hours under a nitrogen atmosphere. After cooling the mixture was treated with water (0.5 ml) and the precipitated inorganic material was filtered off. The solution containing a 4-tert-butoxyquinoline was treated with 18% hydrochloric acid (2 ml), and the mixture was heated under reflux for 1 hour. Concentration of the mixture on a rotary evaporator to 10 ml followed by treatment with ether (10 ml) and then refrigeration gave a precipitate of a 4hydroxyquinoline hydrobromide. The precipitate was filtered, washed with ether, and treated with phosphorus oxychloride (5 ml) and phosphorus pentachloride (0.3 g, 1.5 mmoles). The mixture was heated under reflux for 1 hour, then cooled and poured onto ice (50 g). Neutralization of the mixture with a saturated solution of sodium bicarbonate followed by extraction with ether (3 x 15 ml) and then washing of the extract with water (2 x 10 ml), drying (Na₂SO₄) and concentration gave a brown residue of a 4-chloroquinoline 9, 10 or 11. Colorless crystals were obtained by crystallization from hexanes.

4-Chloro-2-(2-fluorophenyl)quinoline (9).

This compound was obtained in an 82% yield; mp 98-99°; ¹H nmr (deuterated dimethyl sulfoxide): δ 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.81 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 8.22 (m, 1H), 8.24 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H); ¹⁹F nmr: δ 49.0 (s).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{15}H_9CIFN$: C, 69.91; H, 3.52; N, 5.43. Found: C, 69.87; H. 3.35; N, 5.12.

4-Chloro-2-(4-fluorophenyl)quinolines (10).

This compound was obtained in an 80% yield; mp 90-92° (reported [4]: yield 66%, mp 90-92°).

4-Chloro-2-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)quinoline (11).

This compound was obtained in an 80% yield; mp 100-102°; ¹H nmr: δ 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 7.27 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (m, 2H), 8.16 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H); hrfab-ms: calcd for C₁₇H₁₅³⁵ClN (M⁺+1) m/z 268.0893, observed m/z 268.0898.

Anal. Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₄ClN•0.25H₂O: C, 74.99; H, 5.37; N, 5.14. Found: C, 74.90; H, 5.30; N, 5.18.

Substituted Quinolin-4-amines (12-16 and 23).

A mixture of 4-chloroquinoline **9** or **10** (0.21 g, 0.8 mmol), an amine (2.5 mmol) and 2 drops of anhydrous tin tetrachloride was stirred at 130° under a nitrogen atmosphere for 6 hours. The resulting dark oil was allowed to cool and then treated with water (5 ml). Extraction with ethyl acetate (3 x 10 ml) followed by drying of the extract with magnesium sulfate and concentration gave an oil which was further purified by chromatography on silica gel eluting with ethyl acetate/hexanes (1:3) or triethylamine/methanol/ethyl acetate (5:10:85). The solid product **15** and **16** were crystallized from methanol or ethyl acetate. Oily products **12-14** and **23** were converted into hydrobromides by using a general procedure [10], and the salts were crystallized from ethanol/hexanes.

N-[3-(Dimethylamino)propyl]-2-(2-fluorophenyl)quinoline-4-amine Dihydrobromide (**12**•2HBr•0.5H₂O).

This compound was obtained in a 60% yield; mp 152-154°; ¹H nmr (deuterated dimethyl sulfoxide): δ 2.10 (m, 2H), 2.80 (s, 6H), 3.22 (m, 2H), 3.71 (m, 2H), 7.20 (s, 1H), 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.90 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (m, 2H), 8.00 (m, 2H), 8.65 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 9.50 (s, exchangeable with D₂O, 1H), 9.60 (s, exchangeable with D₂O, 1H), 9.60 (s).

Anal. Calcd. for C₂₀H₂₂FN₃•2HBr•0.5H₂O: C, 48.60; H, 5.10; N, 8.50. Found: C, 48.39; H, 5.27; N, 8.21.

N-[3-(Dimethylamino)propy]]-(4-fluorophenyl)quinolin-4-amine Dihydrobromide (**13**•2HBr•2.5 H₂O).

This compound was obtained in a 65% yield; mp 218-220°; ¹H nmr (deuterated dimethyl sulfoxide): δ 1.90 (m, 2H), 2.20 (s, 6H), 2.40 (t, J = 7 Hz, 2H), 3.40 (t, J = 7 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (m, 2H); ¹⁹F nmr: δ 49.0 (s).

Anal. Calcd. for C₂₀H₂₂FN₃•2HBr•1.5H₂O: C, 46.89; H, 5.31; N, 8.20. Found: C, 46.99; H, 5.42; N, 8.19.

N-(4-Hydroxybutyl)-2-(2-fluorophenyl)quinolin-4-amine (14).

This compound was used for a further transformation as an oil; yield 61%; ¹H nmr (deuterated dimethyl sulfoxide): δ 1.80 (m, 2H), 3.38 (m, 2H), 3.52 (m, 2H), 4.41 (br s, exchangeable with D₂O), 1H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 7.23 (br s, exchangeable with D₂O, 1H), 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.67 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H); ¹⁹F nmr: δ 54.0 (s).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{19}H_{19}FN_2O$: C, 73.53; H, 6.17; N, 9.02. Found: C, 73.40; H, 6.28; N, 8.80.

N-(4-Hydroxybutyl)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)quinolin-4-amine (15).

This compound was obtained in a 76% yield; mp 143-145°; ¹H nmr (deuterated dimethyl sulfoxide): $\delta 1.63$ (m, 2H), 1.79 (m, 2H), 3.47 (m, 4H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 7.09 (m, 1H), 7.36, (m, 2H), 7.62 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (m, 3H), 9.11 (br s, exchangeable with D₂O, 1H), 1.10 (br s, exchangeable with D₂O, 1H); ¹⁹F nmr: δ 54.0 (s).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{19}H_{19}FN_2O$: C, 73.53; H, 6.17; N, 9.02. Found: C, 73.47; H, 6.34; N, 8.69.

N-(6-Hydroxyhexyl)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)quinolin-4-amine (16).

This compound was obtained in a 78% yield; mp 100-102°; ¹H nmr (deuterated dimethyl sulfoxide): δ 1.50 (m, 6H), 1.70 (m, 2H), 3.40 (m, 4H), 4.40 (br s, exchangeable with D₂O, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 7.20 (br s, exchangeable with D₂O, 1H), 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.45 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (m, 3H); ¹⁹F nmr: δ 49.0 (s); hr-ms: calcd for C₂₁H₂₃FN₂O m/z 338.1781, observed m/z 338.1794.

2-(2-Fluorophenyl)-4-(*N*-methylpiperazino)quinoline Dihydrobromide (**23**).

This compound was obtained in a 68% yield; mp $278-279^{\circ}$ (dec); ¹H nmr: δ 2.92 (s, 3H), 3.49 (s, 2H), 3.63 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s,

2H), 4.27 (s, 2H), 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.95 (m, 2H), 8.03 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 10.27 (s, exchangeable with D_2O , 1H); ms: m/z 101 (30), 222 (50), 306 (80), 321 (100, M⁺).

Anal. Calcd. for C₂₀H₂₀FN₃•2HBr•H₂O: C, 47.92; H, 4.83; N, 8.38. Found: C, 47.93, H, 4.82, N, 8.30.

N-(-Chloroalkyl)quinolin-4-amines (17-19).

A mixture of an N-(ω -hydroxyalkyl)quinolin-4-amine **14**, **15** or **16** (3 mmoles) and thionyl chloride (12 ml) in benzene (10 ml) was heated under reflux for 3 hours. After cooling the mixture was poured onto ice (25 g), neutralized with a saturated solution of sodium bicarbonate, and extracted with ethyl acetate (4 x 20 ml). The extract was dried with magnesium sulfate, concentrated, and the residue was subjected to chromatography eluting with pentane/ethyl acetate (7:3).

N-(4-Chlorobutyl)-2-(2-fluorophenyl)quinolin-4-amine (17).

This compound was obtained as a yellow solid; yield 80%, mp 107-108°; ¹H nmr (deuterated dimethyl sulfoxide); δ 1.86 (m, 4H), 3.38 (t, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 3.72 (t, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 7.24 (s, exchangeable with D₂O, 1H), 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.66 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H); ¹⁹F nmr: δ 54.0 (s); hr-ms: calcd for C₁₉H₁₈³⁵ClFN₂ m/z 328.1141, observed m/z 328.1150.

N-(4-Chlorobutyl)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)quinolin-4-amine (18).

This compound was obtained as an oil; yield 85%; ¹H nmr (deuterated dimethyl sulfoxide); δ 1.92 (m, 4H), 3.49 (t, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (t, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 7.22 (br s, exchangeable with D₂O, 1H), 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.45 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (m, 3H); ¹⁹F nmr: δ 54.0 (s); hr-ms: calcd for C₁₉H₁₈³⁵ClFN₂ m/z 328.1141, observed m/z 328.1145.

N-(6-Chlorohexyl)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)quinolin-4-amine (19).

This compound was obtained as an oil; yield 72%; ¹H nmr (deuterated dimethyl sulfoxide); δ 1.50 (m, 4H), 1.80 (m, 4H), 3.45 (t, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 3.70 (t, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 7.20 Br s, exchangeable with D₂O, 1H), 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.45 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (m, 3H); ¹⁹F nmr: δ 50.0 (s); hr-ms: calcd for C₂₁H₂₂³⁵ClFN₂ m/z 356.1454, observed m/z 356.1464.

N-[ω-(Dimethylamino)alkyl]quinolin-4-amines (20-22).

A mixture of an N-(ω -chloroalkyl)quinolin-4-amine **17**, **18** or **19** (2 mmoles), dimethylamine hydrochloride (1.65 g, 20 mmoles), sodium carbonate (2.1 g, 20 mmoles), and anhydrous N,N-dimethylformamide (10 ml) was heated to 70° for 4 hours, then cooled and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated on a rotary evaporator and the residue was subjected to chromatography eluting with ethyl acetate/triethylamine (40:1). The oily products **20** and **21** were converted into hydrobromides by using a general procedure [10], and the salts were crystallized from methanol. The solid free base **22** was crystallized from ethyl acetate.

N-[4-(Dimethylamino)butyl]-2-(2-fluorophenyl)quinolin-4amine Dihydrobromide (**20**•2HBr•H₂O).

This salt was obtained in a 60% yield; mp 148-150°; ¹H nmr: δ 1.80 (m, 4H), 2.80 (s, 6H), 3.18 (m, 2H), 3.61 (m, 2H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.90 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (m,

2H), 8.66 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 9.50 (br s, exchangeable with D_2O , 2H); ¹⁹F nmr: δ 55.0 (s).

Anal. Calcd. for C₂₁H₂₄FN₃•2HBr•H₂O: C, 48.76; H, 5.46; N, 8.12. Found: C, 48.79; H, 5.70; N, 8.25.

N-[4-(Dimethylamino)butyl]-2-(4-fluorophenyl)quinolin-4-amine Dihydrobromide (**21**•2HBr•2H₂O).

This salt was obtained in a 63% yield; mp 239-240°;¹H nmr: δ 1.81 (m, 4H), 2.78 (s, 6H), 3.17 (t J = 6 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (t, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.74 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (m, 3H), 8.70 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 9.34 (br s, exchangeable with D₂O, 1H), 9.60 (br s, exchangeable with D₂O, 1H); ¹⁹F nmr: δ 55.0 (s).

Anal. Calcd. for C₂₁H₂₄FN₃•2HBr•2H₂O: C, 47.12; H, 5.65; N, 7.84. Found: C, 47.34; H, 5.86; N, 7.48.

N-[6-(Dimethylamino)hexyl]-4-(4-fluorophenyl)quinolin-4amine (**22**).

This compound was obtained in a 65% yield; mp 100-101°; ¹H nmr (deuterated dimethyl sulfoxide): δ 1.41 (m, 6H), 1.70 (m, 2H), 2.10 (s, 6H), 2.20 (t, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 3.42 (m, 2H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 7.20 (br s, exchangeable with D₂O, 1H), 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.65 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (m, 3H); ¹⁹F nmr: δ 49.0 (s); hrms: calcd for C₂₃H₂₈FN₃ m/z 365.2249, observed m/z 365.2257.

Anal. Calcd. for C₂₃H₂₈FN₃: C, 75.58; H, 7.72; N, 11.49. Found: C, 75.64; H, 7.85; N, 11.29.

Substituted 2-(Aminophenyl)quinolin-4-amines (24-30, 32, and 33).

A solution of the corresponding amine (2.7 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (3 mL) was treated with a solution of *n*-buthyllithium in cyclohexane (2 M, 1.4 mL, 2.7 mmol) at -10° for 30 minutes and then with a solution of **6**, **7**, **12**, **13**, **23** or **31** (0.3 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (2 ml). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours for substitution of *ortho* fluorine atom in **12** and **23**, 24 hours for *para* substitution in **6** and **13**, and 4 days for the reactions of difluorophenyl derivatives **7** and **31**. The mixture was quenched with water (1 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 10 ml). The extract was concentrated and the residue purified by chromatography eluting with triethylamine/methanol/ethyl acetate (1:3:16). Products were transformed into hydrobromide salts according to a general procedure [10], and the salts were crystallized from methanol/ether.

4-(*N*-Methylpiperazino)-2-[4-(*N*-methylpiperazino)phenyl]quinoline Trihydrobromide (**24**•3HBr•2.5H₂O).

This salt was obtained in a 74% yield; mp 290-293°; ¹H nmr: δ 3.00 (s, 6H), 3.20 (m, 4H), 3.67 (m, 8H), 4.21 (m, 4H), 7.30 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.72 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (m, 3H), 8.30 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 10.00 (br s, exchangeable with D₂O, 1H), 10.20 (br s, exchangeable with D₂O, 1H); hr-ms for free base: calcd for C₂₅H₃₁N₅O₂ m/z 401.2579, observed m/z 401.2579.

Anal. Calcd. for C₂₅H₃₁N₅•3HBr•2.5H₂O: C, 43.56; H, 5.70; N, 10.15. Found: C, 43.92; H, 5.53; N, 9.82.

N-[3-(Dimethylamino)propyl]-2-[4-(*N*-methylpiperazino)phenyl]quinolin-4-amine Trihydrobromide (**25**•3HBr•2H₂O).

This salt was obtained in a 61% yield, mp 313-315°; ¹H nmr: δ 2.22 (s, 6H), 2.97 (s, 3H), 2.41 (t, J = 7 Hz, 2H), 2.56

(m, 2H), 3.25 (m, 4H), 3.45 (t, J = 7 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 7.10 (m, 2H), 7.30 (br s, exchangeable with D_2O , 1H), 7.40 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (m, 3H).

Anal. Calcd. for C₂₅H₃₃N₅•3HBr•2H₂O: C, 44.00; H, 5.91; N, 10.25. Found: C, 43.92; H, 5.77; N, 9.90.

N-[3-(Dimethylamino)propyl]-2-[2-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino]phenyl]quinolin-4-amine (**26**).

This compound was obtained in a 77% yield, mp 130-131°; ¹H nmr (deuterated dimethyl sulfoxide): δ 1.81 (m, 2H), 2.19 (s, 6H), 2.22 (s, 6H), 2.40 (t, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 2.61 (t, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 3.22 (t, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 3.40 (t, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 6.65 (m, 2H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 7.20 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (br s, exchangeable with D₂O, 1H), 7.40 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 9.50 (br s, exchangeable with D₂O, 1H).

Anal. Calcd. for C₂₄ H₃₃ N₅: C, 73.61; H, 8.50; N, 17.88. Found: C, 73.46; H, 8.88; N, 17.55.

N-[3-(Dimethylamino)propyl]-2-[2-[[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]amino]phenyl]quinolin-4-amine Trihydrobromide (**27**•3HBr•5H₂O).

This salt was obtained in a 72% yield; mp 212-214°; ¹H nmr: δ 1.98 (m, 2H), 2.10 (t, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 2.80 (s, 6H), 2.90 (s, 6H), 3.20 (m, 6H), 3.70 (t, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (m, 1H), 8.00 (m, 2H), 8.70 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 9.30 (br s, exchangeable with D₂O, 1H), 9.68 (br s, exchangeable with D₂O, 1H).

Anal. Calcd. for C₂₅H₃₅N₅•3HBr•5.5H₂O: C, 40.17; H, 6.61; N; 9.37. Found: C, 40.00; H, 6.80; N, 9.25.

N-[3-(Dimethylamino)propy]]-2-[2-(4-methylpiperazino)phenyl]quinolin-4-amine Trihydrobromide(**28**•3HBr•1.5H₂O).

This salt was obtained in a 75% yield; mp 225-228°; ¹H nmr: δ 1.10 (t, J = 6Hz, 2H), 2.15 (t, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 2.80 (s, 9H), 3.20 (m, 4H), 3.31 (t, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 3.50 (m, 2H), 3.81 (t, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.65 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (m, 2H), 8.00 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.70 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 9.40 (br s, exchangeable with D₂O, 1H), 9.80 (br s, exchangeable with D₂O, 1H).

Anal. Calcd. for C₂₅H₃₃N₅•3HBr•1.5H₂O: C, 44.60; H, 5.84; N, 10.40. Found: C, 44.75; H, 6.17; N, 10.30.

N-(4-Methylpiperazino)-2-[2-[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]phenyl]quinolin-4-amine Trihydrobromide (**29**•3HBr•H₂O).

This salt was obtained in a 69% yield; mp 314-315° (dec); ¹H nmr: δ 2.86 (s, 6H), 2.94 (s, 3H), 3.18 (s, 2H), 3.59 (m, 2H), 3.63 (m, 4H), 4.27 (s, 2H), 6.89 (t, J = 7 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.74 (t, J = 7 Hz, 1H) 7.98 (t, J = 7 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (m, 2H), 10.39 (br s, exchangeable with D₂O, 1H); ci-ms: m/z 195.7 (35), 319.4 (100), 390 (M⁺+1).

Anal. Calcd. for C₂₄H₃₁N₅•3HBr•H₂O: C, 44.32; H, 5.58; N, 10.77. Found: C, 43.92; H, 5.58; N, 10.54.

N-(4-Methylpiperazino)-2-[(2-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl)phenyl]quinolin-4-amine Tetrahydrobromide (**30**•4HBr•H₂O).

This salt was obtained in a 65% yield; mp 187-189° (dec); ¹H nmr: δ 2.65 (m, 2H), 2.76 (s, 9H), 2.88 (m, 2H), 2.97 (m, 4H), 3.16 (m, 6H), 6.83 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.75 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (m,

2H), 9.59 (br s, exchangeable with D_2O , 1H); ci-ms: m/z 202 (75), 319 (100), 404 (M⁺+1).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{25}H_{33}N_5$ •4HBr•H₂O: C, 40.29; H, 5.27; N, 9.39. Found: C, 40.31; H, 5.57; N, 9.09.

N-[2-(Dimethylamino)ethyl]-2-[2,4-bis(4-methylpiperazino)-phenyl]quinolin-4-amine Tetrahydrobromide(**32**•4HBr•2H₂O).

Reaction of **31** with lithium 4-methylpiperazide followed by treatment of the resultant quinoline **32** with hydrobromic acid gave the salt **32**•4HBr•2H₂O in a 56% yield. The same product was obtained in a 54% yield starting with **7**; mp 239-241° (dec); ¹H nmr: δ 2.78 (s, 3H), 2.88 (s, 3H), 2.93 (s, 6H), 2.37 (bs, 4H), 3.21-3.48 (br m, 12H), 3.55 (t, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 4.04 (m, 2H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 9.09 (br s, exchangeable with D₂O, 1H), 9.98 (br s, exchangeable with D₂O, 1H); esi-ms: m/z 244.77 (100), 488.52 (M⁺+1). The substitution pattern of **32** was derived from proton decoupling and nOe experiments.

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{29}H_{41}N_7$ •4HBr•2H₂O: \overline{C} , 41.11; H, 5.83; N, 11.57. Found: C, 41.16; H, 5.95; N, 11.40.

N-[2-(Dimethylamino)ethyl]-2-[3,4-bis(4-methylpiperazino)-phenyl]quinolin-4-amine Pentahydrobromide (**33**•5HBr).

Quinoline **33** was obtained as a minor product by the reaction of **7** with lithium 4-methylpiperazide. The salt was obtained in an overally yield of 18%; mp >300° (dec.); ¹H nmr: δ 2.94 (s, 12H), 3.05 (m, 4 H), 3.36-3.59 (bm, 12H), 4.00 (m, 2H), 4.10 (m, 2H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 7.25 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.77 (m, 2H), 8.00 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.66 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 9.18 (br s,with D₂O, 1H), 9.95 (br s, exchangeable with D₂O, 1H); esi-ms: m/z 244.8 (100), 488.6 (M⁺ +1). The substitution pattern of **33** was derived from proton decoupling and nOe experiments.

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{29}H_{41}N_7$ •5HBr: C, 39.04; H, 5.20; N, 10.98. Found: C, 39.34; H, 5.45; N, 10.80.

2-[3,4-Bis(bromomethyl)phenyl]-4-chloroquinoline (34).

A mixture of **11** (1.0 g, 3.75 mmoles), *N*-bromosuccinimide (1.47 g, 8.25 mmoles), and benzoyl peroxide (0.15 g) in carbon tetrachloride (50 ml) was heated under reflux for 6 hours. After cooling, a precipitate of succinimide was filtered off, and the solution was concentrated. The resultant yellow residue was crystallized from hexanes to give **34** in a 52% yield; mp104-107° (dec); ¹H nmr: δ 4.73 (s, 2H), 4.78 (s, 2H), 7.52 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (m, 1H), 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (s, 1H), 8.19 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{17}H_{12}Br_2CIN$: C, 47.98; H, 2.84; N, 3.29. Found: C, 47.80; H, 2.75; N, 3.20.

4-Chloro-2-[3,4-bis[*N*-methylhomopiperazino)methyl]phenyl]quinoline Pentahydrobromide (**35**•5HBr•4H₂O).

A mixture of **34** (85.1 mg, 0.2 mmole) and *N*-methylhomopiperazine (400 mg, 4 mmoles) was stirred at room temperature for 24 hours and then concentrated on a rotary evaporator. Chromatography of the residue eluting with ethyl acetate/ methanol/triethylamine (5:4:1) gave 37 as an oil. The hydrobromide salt was obtained in an overall yield of 47%; mp 220-221° (dec); ¹H nmr (free base, deuteriochloroform): δ 1.86 (m, 4H), 2.38 (m, 6H), 2.69 (t, J = 5 Hz, 4H), 2.72 (m, 12H), 3.84 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 2H), 7.51 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.76 (m, 1H), 7.96 (m, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (m, 2H).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{29}H_{38}N_5$ Cl•5HBr•4H₂O: C, 35.95; H, 5.31; N, 7.23. Found: C, 35.95; H, 5.30; N, 7.56.

N-[2-(Dimethylamino)ethyl]-2-[3,4-bis[(N-methylhomopiperazino)methyl]phenyl]quinolin-4-amine Hexahydrobromide (**36**•6 HBr•6H₂O).

Reaction of **35** with 2-(dimethylamino)ethylamine in the presence of tin tetrachloride was conducted and the product was purified by using a general procedure described above to give a salt of **36** in a yield of 50%; mp 224-225°; ¹H nmr: δ 2.25 (m, 4H), 2.89 (s, 6H), 2.94 (s, 6H), 3.39-3.79 (br m, 14H), 3.90 (m, 4H), 4.17 (m, 2H), 4.68 (m, 2H), 4.82 (m, 2H), 7.36 (s, 1H), 7.78 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (m, 2H), 8.23 (m, 2H), 8.56 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H) 8.65 (s, 1H).

Anal. Calcd. for C₃₃H₄₉N₇•6HBr•6H₂O: C, 34.84; H, 5.94; N, 8.62. Found: C, 34.82; H, 5.86; N, 8.38.

N-[2-(Morpholino)ethyl]-2-[3,4-bis[(4-methylpiperazino)methyl]phenyl]quinolin-4-amine Tetrahydrobromide (**38**•4HBr•1.5H₂O).

This salt was obtained by using a modified procedure described above for the synthesis of the salt of **36**. Thus, compound **34** was treated with 4-methylpiperazine and the resultant product **37**, without purification, was subjected to the reaction with 4-(2-aminoethyl)morpholine under otherwise identical conditions. The resultant compound **38** was purified by chromatography eluting with ethyl acetate/methanol/triethylamine and then converted into hydrobromide by using a general procedure. After crystallization from 95% ethanol the overall yield of **38**•4HBr•1.5H₂O was 49%; mp 188-191° (dec); ¹H nmr: δ 2.51 (m, 2H), 2.81 (m, 8H), 2.92 (m, 4H), 3.09 (s, 6H), 3.15 (m, 4H), 3.60 (m, 4H), 3.82 (m, 8H), 4.15 (m, 2H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (m, 3H), 8.23 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.60 (m, 1H), 9.25 (br s,

exchangeable with D₂O, 1H), 9.71 (br s, exchangeable with D₂O, 1H), 10.20 (br s, exchangeable with D₂O, 1H); hr-ms (free base): calcd for $C_{33}H_{47}N_7O$ m/z 557.3842, observed m/z 557.3859.

Anal. Calcd. for C₃₃H₄₇N₇O•4HBr•1.5H₂O: C, 43.63; H, 5.99; N, 10.79. Found: C, 43.52; H, 6.13; N, 10.39.

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