# <span id="page-0-0"></span>Iodine Catalyzed Oxidative Synthesis of Quinazolin-4(3H)‑ones and Pyrazolo[4,3-d]pyrimidin-7(6H)-ones via Amination of sp<sup>3</sup> C−H Bond

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[AB](#page-5-0)STRACT: [Molecular iod](#page-5-0)ine catalyzed oxidative coupling of 2-aminobenzamides with aryl methyl ketones produced 2 aryl quinazolin-4(3H)-ones. The reaction performed well in the absence of any metal or ligand. The quantity of iodine played a very crucial role in this transformation in order to selectively get 2-aryl quinazolin- $4(3H)$ -ones. The utility of this protocol for synthesis of pyrazolo $[4,3-d]$ pyrimidin-7(6H)-ones



including a key intermediate involved in sildenafil synthesis has also been demonstrated.

 $\sum_{h=6}$  uinazolin-4(3H)-ones are an important class of fused<br>heterocycles having wide occurrence among natural products<sup>1−6</sup> and bioactive compounds.<sup>7,8</sup> Especially, 2-substituted quinazolinones have been reported as potent kinase inhibito[rs \(](#page-5-0)e.g., idelalisib).<sup>9−11</sup> Similar[ly,](#page-5-0) the pyrazolo[4,3d]pyrimidin-7(6H)-one is another important class of fused heterocycles possessing pro[m](#page-5-0)i[sin](#page-5-0)g biological activities.<sup>12,13</sup> The blockbuster drug sildenafil (Viagra)<sup>13</sup> which is used to treat erectile dysfunction contains a pyrazolo[4,3-d]p[yrim](#page-5-0)idin-7(6H)-one pharmacophore. Bec[aus](#page-5-0)e of their medicinal importance, synthetically, these scaffolds have been extensively explored.14−<sup>16</sup> Among various transformations reported for synthesis of quinazolinones, the condensation of 2-aminobenzami[de](#page-5-0) [wit](#page-5-0)h various simple aryl precursors using metal or metal-free conditions is one of the most elegant and widely studied approach. Various reports on this approach (summarized in Figure 1) includes: (a) the condensation of 2 aminobenzamide with aryl aldehyde, $15,17$  aryl carboxylic acid,<sup>18</sup> aryl acid chloride;<sup>19</sup> (b) Pd,<sup>20</sup> Ir,<sup>21</sup> Zn,<sup>22</sup> or  $I_2$ / DMSO<sup>23</sup>-catalyzed benzylic C−H a[midati](#page-5-0)on with benzyl



Figure 1. Literature reports (paths a−g and h2) and the present work (path h1) for synthesis of quinazolin- $4(3H)$ -ones.

alcohols, or condensation with benzyl amine $24$  or benzyl halides;<sup>25</sup> (c) Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>/BuPAd<sub>2</sub>/CO-catalyzed condensation with aryl bromides;<sup>26</sup> (d) PdCl<sub>2</sub>/DPPP/C[aC](#page-5-0)l<sub>2</sub>-mediated conden[sat](#page-5-0)ion with aryl halides and via palladium-catalyzed isocyanide insertion;<sup>27</sup> [\(e](#page-5-0)) metal-free  $(tBuO)_2$  (DTBP)/TsOHmediated condensation with methylarenes or methylhetarenes;<sup>28</sup> (f) CuCl-c[ata](#page-5-0)lyzed condensation with methylhetarenes;<sup>29</sup> and (g) TFA-catalyzed condensation with ketoalkyne[s.](#page-5-0)<sup>30</sup> Many of these protocols have certain disadvantages. The [co](#page-5-0)ndensation with carbonyl compounds (aldehydes, acids, or aci[d](#page-5-0) chlorides) requires use of stoichiometric quantities of toxic oxidants (such as  $DDQ)^{17}$  or coupling agents (such as EDCI)/ bases.<sup>18</sup> Furthermore, the condensation with benzyl  $\frac{20-22}{2}$  and aryl halides<sup>2[6,27](#page-5-0)</sup> requires metal catalysts. The present work [de](#page-5-0)scribes the use of aryl methyl ketones as a couplin[g part](#page-5-0)ner, which are c[heap](#page-5-0), commercially available, and relatively stable. Furthermore, the protocol is metal-free and requires catalytic amount of iodine and molecular oxygen as an oxidant.

The use of molecular iodine as a catalyst is a promising strategy in organic synthesis which substitutes many transition metals. Especially, the amidation of  $C(sp^3)$ -H bonds using molecular iodine is very attractive, and it finds utility in synthesis of a wide range of N-heterocycles. Recently, Wu and co-workers<sup>31</sup> reported  $I_2/DMSO$ -catalyzed condensation of 2aminobenzamide with acetophenone to produce 2-benzoylsubstituted [q](#page-5-0)uinazolinone 3a (path h2 of Figure 1). Wu's protocol involved the use of stoichiometric quantity of molecular iodine (110 mol %), which led to the formation of 2-benzoyl-substituted quinazolinone 3a via formation of glyoxal 7a as a key intermediate (Figure 2). Interestingly, during our investigations, it was observed that on the use of catalytic amounts of iodine  $(10 \text{ mol } \%)$ , [th](#page-1-0)e acetophenone **6a** forms

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Figure 2. Catalyst loading as a key determinant factor for formation of 2a versus 3a.

Schiff's base 4a as a key intermediate, which then undergoes cyclization followed by formaldehyde loss to produce 2-aryl quinazolinone product 2a (path h1 in Figure 1 and Figure 2) instead of 2-benzoyl quinazolinone 3a. Thus, herein, we report an efficient metal-free approach for synt[he](#page-0-0)sis of 2-aryl quinazolin-4(3H)-ones 2 and pyrazolo $[4,3-d]$ pyrimidin-7(6H)-ones 9 via condensation of 2-aminobenzamides 1 or 4-amino-1-methyl-3-propyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamide 8 with aryl methyl ketones 6 using molecular iodine as a catalyst and molecular oxygen as an oxidant.

We began our efforts by examining the condensation reaction of 2-aminobenzamide (1a) with acetophenone (6a) under various conditions as shown in Table 1. On the basis of the recent report on the condensation of acetophenone with 2 aminobenzenethiol, $32$  we investigated the reaction of 1a with 6a in DMSO and PhCl (1:1) as a solvent in an open air atmosphere (or [mo](#page-5-0)lecular oxygen) at 140 °C; however, reaction does not proceed at all (entries 1−3), and even the Schiff's base 4a was also not formed. Then, we used 10 mol %  $I_2$  in DMSO at room temperature (entry 4) or under heating (entries 5−6) in air atmosphere (entries 4−6) or using molecular oxygen (entry 7), which led to formation of the desired product 2-aryl quinazolinone 2a up to 30% yield along with Schiff's base 4a (entries 4−7). This indicated that iodine acts as a Lewis acid to form Schiff's base 4a. On the use of 100 and 150 mol % of  $I_2$  in the presence of molecular oxygen, the benzoyl-substituted product 3a was formed in 50% yield,

whereas yield of 2a remained 20% (entries 8−9). Further, when the mol % of  $I_2$  was decreased from 100 to 50, the yield of  $2a$ was increased up to 35% (entry 10). Further decrease in the iodine quantity to 10 mol % resulted in further improvement in 2a yield (entry 11). As seen in the entry 7, longer reaction time and 10 mol  $\%$  I<sub>2</sub> produces only desired product 2a along with Schiff's base 4a without formation of undesired product 3a; therefore, we further intended to use smaller equivalents of iodine and a longer reaction time. These efforts indicated that 10 mol  $\%$  I<sub>2</sub> in DMSO in the presence of molecular oxygen for 16 h, results in formation of 73% of the desired 2-aryl quinazolinone 2a (entry 12).

These results concluded that the catalyst loading played a crucial role in selective formation of 2-aryl 2a versus 2-benzoyl product 3a, as depicted in Figure 2. When iodine was used in stochiometric equivalent, acetophenone 6a immediately gets converted to phenyl glyoxal 7a, which further reacts with 2 aminobenzamide (1a) to produce 3a as a major product. However, on the use of a catalytic amount of iodine (10 mol %), preferentially the Schiff's base 4a gets formed which upon cyclization yields 2-aryl quinazolinone 2a as a major product.

Under the optimized reaction conditions, the scope and generality of the oxidative condensation reaction was then explored (Scheme 1). The condensation with nonsubstituted acetophenone gave slightly lower yields in comparison to substituted acetop[he](#page-2-0)nones. The reactions with aryl methyl ketones bearing electron-donating groups on the aromatic ring proceeded smoothly to give the desired products in good yields (entries 2b, 2c, 2d, and 2e). Electron-withdrawing functional groups bearing aryl methyl ketones also gave good yields (entries 2f and 2g). These findings indicated that there is no effect of the type of substituents on the yield of the desired product. Mild EWGs such as fluoro, bromo were also welltolerated under optimized reaction conditions (entries 2h−j) while ortho-bromo substitution produced slightly lower yield (entry 2j). Similarly, the 3-acetamido aryl methyl ketone yielded lesser yield (entry  $2k$ ). It is noteworthy to mention that biphenyl (e.g., 2l), heteroaryl (e.g.,  $2m-o$ ), and fused aryl (e.g., 2p) ketones were also well-tolerated in this reaction, producing



<sup>a</sup>Isolated yield. <sup>b</sup>DMSO: PhCl (1:1). <sup>c</sup>Optimized reaction condition.

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<span id="page-2-0"></span>Scheme 1. Scope of the Reaction for Synthesis of Various Quinazolin-4(3H)-ones 2 and Pyrazolo[4,3-d]pyrimidin- $7(6H)$ -ones 9<sup>*a*</sup>



 $a$ Reagents and conditions: 2-aminobenzamide  $(1, 1.0$  equiv) or 4amino-1-methyl-3-propyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamide (8, 1.0 equiv), aryl methyl ketone (6, 1.0 equiv), 10 mol %  $I_2$ , DMSO, 110 °C, O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere, 16 h, 50−82%.

corresponding products in good yields. Like aryl methyl ketones, a series of halo-substituted 2-aminobenzamides such as chloro and iodo were also well-tolerated (2q−t) in this reaction. Further, in case of 2-amino-N-ethylbenzamide, reaction does not proceed (e.g., 2u). For 3-chloro- and 3,4 dichloro-substituted aryl methyl ketones, the desired 2-aryl products were not obtained; instead benzoyl substituted products 3b and 3c were obtained. This could be due to the fact that the Schiff's base is not getting formed for these ketones under our optimized reaction conditions. Unfortunately, aliphatic ketones are also not suitable for this kind of transformation.

The pyrazolo  $[4,3-d]$  pyrimidin-7(6H)-ones are putative building blocks for synthesis of PDE5 inhibitors and kinase inhibitors. Therefore, we investigated the utility of this protocol for preparation of key building blocks for biologically important pyrazolo[4,3-d]pyrimidin-7(6H)-one class of compounds. Using this protocol, the pyrazolo-pyrimidinones 9a−9c were prepared in 50−60% yield. In this case, comparatively lesser yields were obtained because the reaction did not go to

completion under the optimized reaction condition. The pyrazolo $[4,3-d]$ pyrimidin-7(6H)-one **9a** is a key intermediate in synthesis of a top-selling drug sildenafil, whereas 9b could be utilized toward synthesis of potent mTOR inhibitors (Scheme 1). This approach for synthesis of 9a allows further modifications (for further SAR studies) on the phenolic OH, whereas reported approaches of sildenafil synthesis has these limitations (which always involves alkylated phenolic OH right from the first step). $13,33$ 

To elucidate the reaction mechanism, we conducted a series of control experi[ments](#page-5-0). Under the molecular oxygen, the reaction of  $\alpha$ -iodo acetophenone 10 with 2-aminobenzamide 1a produced product 3a in good yield, both with  $I_2$  (10 mol %) as well as without  $I_2$  (Scheme S1a of the Supporting Information). The  $\alpha$ -iodo acetophenone 10 gets immediately converted to phenyl glyoxal 7a which then produces 3a[. Another experimen](#page-5-0)t of phenyl glyoxal 7a with 2-aminobenzamide 1a proceeded smoothly to form 3a as a major product (Scheme S1b of the Supporting Information). These two experiments indicated that the formation of our desired product 2a does not involve  $\alpha$ [iodo ketone](#page-5-0) 10 and glyoxal 7a as intermediates. Once these intermediates (10 and/or 7a) get formed, preferentially 3a gets formed with no opportunity to form 2a. Next, in order to know the possible reaction intermediates, we performed MS analysis of the reaction mixtures at different time intervals. The MS spectrum after 1 h reaction time showed masses for Schiff's base 4a or possibly its cyclized intermediate I  $(m/z 238)$  along with product 2a  $(m/z)$  222), and  $m/z$  364 (for iodinated intermediate II). Interestingly, after 4 h, we observed a mass  $m/$ z 146 for formaldehyde condensed byproduct quinazolin-4(3H)-one 11. Additionally, we also observed the mass for iodinated byproduct 5a  $(m/z 347)$ . The MS analysis details are provided in Section S2 of Supporting Information. To prove the formation of formaldehyde adduct 11, we conducted control reaction of 2-aminobenzamide 1a with formaldehyde, wherein we observed forma[tion](#page-5-0) [of](#page-5-0) [quinazolin-4\(3H\)](#page-5-0)-one 11 in 55% yield (Scheme S1c of Supporting Information). Thus, accordingly, we proposed a plausible reaction mechanism for formation of 2a from 1a and 6a [as depicted in Figure 3](#page-5-0). In this reaction, iodine activates acetophenone 6a, leading to the



Figure 3. Proposed mechanism for synthesis of quinazolin-4(3H) ones.

formation of Schiff's base 4a, which on cyclization produces intermediate I. Intermediate I undergoes iodination to produce II. The intermediate II on coupling with DMSO forms III. Elimination of dimethyl sulfide and formaldehyde from III leads to the formation of intermediate IV, which finally on oxidation by molecular oxygen produces product 2a.

In conclusion, we have developed a new iodine-catalyzed synthesis of 2-aryl quinazolin-4(3H)-ones via condensation of 2-aminobenzamide with aryl methyl ketones using molecular oxygen as an oxidant. The utility of this protocol for preparation of pyrazolo $[4,3-d]$ pyrimidin-7(6H)-ones has also been demonstrated.

## **EXPERIMENTAL SECTION**

**General Information.**  ${}^{1}H$ ,  ${}^{13}C$ , and DEPT NMR spectra were recorded on FT-NMR 500 and 400 MHz instruments. Chemical data for protons are reported in parts per million (ppm) downfield from tetramethylsilane and are referenced to the residual proton in the NMR solvent (CDCl<sub>3</sub>: 7.26, CD<sub>3</sub>OD: 3.28, and DMSO- $d_6$ : 2.5 ppm). Carbon nuclear magnetic resonance spectra  $(^{13}C$  NMR) were recorded at 125 or 100 MHz: chemical data for carbons are reported in parts per million (ppm,  $\delta$  scale) downfield from tetramethylsilane and are referenced to the carbon resonance of the solvent  $(CDCl<sub>3</sub>: 77, CD<sub>3</sub>OD: 49, and DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>: 39.5 ppm).$  IR spectra were recorded on IR spectrophotometer. Melting points were recorded on digital melting point apparatus.

Optimized Procedure for Preparation of 2-aryl Quinazolin-4(3H)-ones (2) and Pyrazolo[4,3-d] pyrimidin-7(6H)-ones (9). To the preheated mixture of 2 aminobenzamides 1 or 4-amino-1-methyl-3-propyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamide 8 (100 mg, 1 equiv) and corresponding acetophenone 6 (1 equiv) in DMSO in a round-bottom flask in the presence of oxygen (supplied using oxygen balloon) was added iodine (10 mol %). Oxygen gas was continuously passed using an oxygen balloon, and reaction mixture was heated at 110 °C for 16 h. After completion of the reaction, water (20 mL) was added to the reaction mixture. A saturated  $Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>$ solution was then added until the brown color disappeared. Product was extracted with EtOAc  $(3 \times 10 \text{ mL})$ . The organic layer was collected, dried on anhydrous sodium sulfate, and the solvent was evaporated on a rotary evaporator to get the crude product. The crude product was purified by silica gel (no. 100− 200) column chromatography using 2−20% EtOAc:n-hexane to get pure quinazolinone products. Most of the compounds were purified without column chromatography. MeOH was added to the crude product and the resulting suspension was filtered. Obtained residue was washed with MeOH 2−3 times and dried. To get good yield of the product, on addition of methanol, the product was allowed to settle down for 2−3 days, which resulted in formation of a crystalline pure product.

2-Phenylquinazolin-4(3H)-one (2a, SS-730).<sup>28</sup> White solid; yield: 73% (119 mg); mp 232–235 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  11.57 (s, 1H), 8.34 (d, J = 7.8 [Hz,](#page-5-0) 1H), 8.26− 8.24 (m, 2H), 7.86−7.80 (m, 2H), 7.60−7.50 (m, 3H), 7.52 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  163.8, 151.9, 149.4, 134.9, 132.8, 131.6, 129.0, 127.9, 127.43, 126.8, 126.3, 120.8; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>):  $ν_{\text{max}}$  3436, 2926, 1666, 1481, 1297, 1144 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI-MS: m/z 223.08 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>; HR-ESIMS: m/z 223.0869 calcd for  $C_{14}H_{10}N_2O+H^+$  (223.0871).

2-(p-Tolyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (2b, SS-524).<sup>28</sup> White solid; yield: 78% (135 mg); mp 239−242 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.16–8.09 (m, 3H), 7.84 (t, J = 8.[2 H](#page-5-0)z, 1H),

7.74 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H). IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3436, 2918, 1667, 1600, 1486, 1241, 768 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI-MS: m/z 237.10 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>; HR-ESIMS:  $m/z$  237.1029 calcd for  $C_{15}H_{12}N_2O+H^+$ (237.1028).

2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (2c, SS-743).<sup>28</sup> White solid; yield: 76% (140 mg); mp 247–249 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $(400 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$ :  $\delta$  8.27 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, J = [8.7](#page-5-0) Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (dd, J = 3.9, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H); 13C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ , ppm):  $\delta$  162.2, 161.8, 151.8, 148.8 134.5, 129.4, 127.2, 126.1, 125.8, 124.7, 120.6, 113.9, 55.4; IR  $(CHCl<sub>3</sub>)$ :  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3436, 2920, 1678, 1600, 1484, 1031, 765 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI-MS:  $m/z$  253.09  $[M + H]^+$ ; HR-ESIMS:  $m/z$  253.0967 calcd for  $C_{15}H_{12}N_2O_2+H^+$  (253.0977).

2-(2-Hydroxyphenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (2d, SS-571).<sup>34</sup> White solid; yield: 80% (140 mg); mp 252−255 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  [8.2](#page-5-0)4–8.16 (m, 2H), 7.87 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.59−7.54 (m, 1H), 7.49− 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.03–6.95 (m, 2H); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3578, 3204, 2346, 1667, 1440, 1226 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI-MS: *m*/z 239.07 [M + H] <sup>+</sup>; HR-ESIMS:  $m/z$  239.0811 calcd for  $C_{14}H_{10}N_2O_2+H^+$  $(239.0821).$ 

2-(4-Hydroxyphenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (2e, SS-761).<sup>35</sup> Yellow solid; yield: 70% (140 mg); mp >280  $^{\circ} \mathrm{C};$   $^{1}\mathrm{H}$  NMR  $(400 \text{ MHz}, \text{ DMSO-}d_6): \delta 12.61 \text{ (s, 1H)}, 10.79 \text{ (s, 1H)}, 8.21 \text{ (d,$  $(400 \text{ MHz}, \text{ DMSO-}d_6): \delta 12.61 \text{ (s, 1H)}, 10.79 \text{ (s, 1H)}, 8.21 \text{ (d,$  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.90 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  185.1, 163.5, 161.1, 149.8, 134.7, 133.7, 128.1, 125.9, 125.1, 122.5, 115.4; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3585, 3047, 2923, 1658, 1450, 1353, 1095, 640 cm<sup>−</sup><sup>1</sup> ; ESI-MS: m/z 237.07 [M − H] <sup>−</sup>.

2-(3-Nitrophenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (2f, SS-754).<sup>36</sup> Yellow solid; yield: 77% (151 mg); mp 220−222 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $(400 \text{ MHz}, \text{CD}_3\text{OD})$ :  $\delta$  8.43 (s, 1H), 8.08 (dd, J = 1.5, [8.1](#page-5-0) Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dd, J = 1.4, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd, J = 4.2, 11.2 Hz, 1H), 6.82  $(d, J = 8.1 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H})$ , 6.71  $(d, J = 7.8 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H})$ ; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126) MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub> + CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  167.1, 150.4, 149.6, 147.7, 135.8, 132.8, 130.8, 129.3, 124.0, 121.6, 120.0, 116.3; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3393, 2923, 1649, 1529, 1271, 1020 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI-MS: m/z  $266.0$  [M – H]<sup>-</sup>.

2-(4-Nitrophenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (2g, SS-769).<sup>34</sup> Yellow solid; yield: 82% (160 mg); mp >300 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  8.04 (d, J = [8.8](#page-5-0) Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (dd, J = 1.3, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, J = 4.2 11.2, Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.58 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  163.6, 155.3, 146.6, 133.5, 127.3, 126.5, 123.3, 117.3, 114.8, 114.3; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): ν<sub>max</sub> 3410, 2921, 1681, 1517, 1470, 1351, 1020 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI-MS: *m/z* 266.05 [M – H]<sup>-</sup>; HR-ESIMS:  $m/z$  266.0580 calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>–  $H^-(266.0571)$ .

2-(4-Fluorophenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (2h, SS-744).<sup>28</sup> White solid; yield: 76% (134 mg); mp 240−242 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  12.59 (s, 1H), 8.26 (dd, J [=](#page-5-0) 5.5, 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.16 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.88−7.83 (m, 1H), 7.74 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t,  $J =$ 8.8 Hz, 2H); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3424, 2922, 2852, 2853, 1672, 1466, 1288, 1095 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI-MS: *m*/z 241.07 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>; HR-ESIMS:  $m/z$  241.0782 calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>9</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O+H<sup>+</sup> (241.0777).

 $2-(4-Bromophenyl)$ quinazolin-4(3H)-one (2i, SS-531).<sup>23</sup> White solid; yield: 77% (169 mg); mp 292−295 °C; <sup>1</sup> H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  12.66 (s, 1[H\),](#page-5-0) 8.19 (m, 3H), 7.83 (m, 4H), 7.58 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3428, 2919, 1659, 1633, 1335, 1179, 768 cm<sup>−</sup><sup>1</sup> ; ESI-MS: m/z 300.98  $[M + H]^+$ ; HR-ESIMS:  $m/z$  302.9945 calcd for  $C_{14}H_9^{81}BrN_2O$  $+H^+$  (302.9955).

2-(2-Bromophenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (2j, SS-802).<sup>37</sup> White solid; yield: 65% (143 mg); mp 204−206 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  12.91 (s, 1[H\),](#page-6-0) 8.23 (m, 3H), 8.05 (dd,  $J = 2.3$ , 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (t,  $J = 3.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3301, 2922, 1595, 1580, 1441, 1106, 1019 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI-MS:  $m/z$  300.99 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>; HR-ESIMS:  $m/z$  300.9962 calcd for  $C_{14}H_9^{79}BrN_2O+H^+$ (300.9976).

N-(3-(4-Oxo-3,4-dihydroquinazolin-2-yl)phenyl)acetamide (2k, SS-778). White solid; yield: 50% (102 mg); mp >300 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  12.54 (s, 1H), 10.21 (s, 1H), 8.34 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.76  $(m, 2H)$ , 7.54  $(t, J = 7.2 \text{ Hz}, 1H)$ , 7.47  $(t, J = 8.0 \text{ Hz}, 1H)$ , 2.09 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  168.6, 139.5, 134.6, 133.3, 128.9, 127.3, 126.6, 125.8, 122.1, 121.8, 120.9, 118.5, 23.9; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3585, 2923, 1658, 1405, 1255, 843 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI-MS:  $m/z$  280.10 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>; HR-ESIMS:  $m/z$ 280.1076 calcd for  $C_{16}H_{13}N_3O_2 + H^+$  (280.1086).

2-([1,1′-Biphenyl]-2-yl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (2l, SS-777). White solid; yield: 72% (157 mg); mp 226–228 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  12.58 (s, 1H), 8.20–8.17 (m, 4H), 7.90−7.71 (m, 3H), 7.66−7.49 (m, 6H); 13C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  171.2, 162.2, 152.2, 150.1, 148.7, 134.6, 132.6, 131.3, 128.5, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 126.5, 125.8, 120.9, 116.3, 114.3; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3195, 1667, 1558, 1452, 1296, 1144 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI-MS:  $m/z$  299.11 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>; HR-ESIMS:  $m/z$ 299.1174 calcd for  $C_{20}H_{14}N_2O+H^+$  (299.1184).

2-(5-Methylthiophen-2-yl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (2m, SS-755).<sup>38</sup> White solid; yield: 65% (115 mg); mp 204-206 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  8.33–8.27 (m, 2H), 8.22 (d, J = 7.8 [H](#page-6-0)z, 1H), 7.94.7.90 (m, 2H), 7.72−7.66 (m, 1H), 7.09 (d,  $J = 3.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.61 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO $d_6$ ): δ 177.1, 161.4, 154.8, 148.3, 139.2, 136.1, 135.4, 129.4, 128.9, 128.2, 126.6, 123.5, 16.15; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3410, 2921, 1657, 1505, 1332, 1132, 1015 cm<sup>−</sup><sup>1</sup> ; ESI-MS: m/z 243.05 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>; HR-ESIMS:  $m/z$  243.0597 calcd for  $C_{13}H_{10}N_2OS + H^+$ (243.0592).

2-(5,6-Dimethoxybenzofuran-2-yl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (2n, SS-760). Yellow solid; yield: 62% (146 mg); mp 231−233  $^{\circ}$ C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  10.29 (s, 1H), 8.33 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.82−7.72 (m, 3H), 7.53−7.47 (m, 1H), 7.11 (d, J  $= 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 3.97 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126) MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  161.5, 150.3, 150.1, 148.5, 147.1, 146.3, 144.2, 134.6, 127.3, 126.6, 125.9, 121.1, 119.1, 110.8, 102.9, 95.43, 55.9, 55.8; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3417, 2917, 1650, 1474, 1304, 1497, 1102, 1024 cm<sup>−</sup><sup>1</sup> ; HR-ESIMS: m/z 322.0980 calcd for  $C_{18}H_{14}N_2O_4^+$  (322.0954).

2-(Pyridin-3-yl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (2o, SS-758).<sup>39</sup> White solid; yield: 50% (81 mg); mp 272−275 °C; <sup>1</sup> H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  9.26 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.74 (d, J [= 3](#page-6-0).7 Hz, 1H), 8.51−8.47 (m, 1H), 8.30 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.86−7.83 (m, 2H), 7.60–7.54 (m, 2H); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3585, 2921, 1673, 1467, 1169 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI-MS:  $m/z$  224.07 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>; HR-ESIMS:  $m/z$  224.0790 calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O+H<sup>+</sup> (224.0824).

 $2-(Naphthalen-2-yl)$ quinazolin-4(3H)-one (2p, SS-753).<sup>28</sup> White solid; yield: 72% (144 mg); mp 247–249 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $(500 \text{ MHz}, \text{ DMSO-}d_6): \delta$  12.88 (s, 1H), 8.47 (d, J = 8.3 [Hz,](#page-5-0) 1H), 8.29−8.24 (m, 2H), 8.16−8.11 (m, 2H), 7.91−7.81 (m, 1H), 7.69–7.65 (m, 5H); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3356, 2920, 1666,

1574, 1443, 1292, 1022, 773 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI-MS: m/z 273.10 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>; HR-ESIMS:  $m/z$  273.1040 calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O+H<sup>+</sup>  $(273.1028).$ 

6-Iodo-2-phenylquinazolin-4(3H)-one (2q, SS-795). White solid; yield: 80% (106 mg); mp > 260 °C; <sup>1</sup> H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  12.87 (s, 1H), 8.49–8.15 (m, 4H), 7.76 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.62−7.53 (m, 3H); 13C NMR (125.7 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ : δ 187.0, 143.1, 142.9, 134.3, 134.1, 133.9, 131.6, 130.8, 128.6, 128.5, 127.8, 124.5; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3397, 2921, 1662, 1591, 1285, 1173, 843, 776 cm<sup>−</sup><sup>1</sup> ; ESI-MS: m/z 348.98  $[M + H]^+$ ; HR-ESIMS:  $m/z$  348.9822 calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>9</sub>IN<sub>2</sub>O  $+H^+$  (348.9838).

6-Chloro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (2r, SS-748).<sup>39</sup> White solid; yield: 80% (134 mg); mp 286−288  $^{\circ}$ C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_{6}$ ):  $\delta$  12.83 (s, 1H), 8.20– 8.14 (m[, 3](#page-6-0)H), 7.92 (dd,  $J = 2.2$ , 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d,  $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3418, 2924, 1682, 1651, 1460, 1263, 1127 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI-MS:  $m/z$  287.05 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>; HR-ESIMS:  $m/z$  287.0583 calcd for  $C_{15}H_{11}ClN_2O_2+H^+$  (287.0587).

6-Iodo-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (2s, SS-796). White solid; yield: 82% (118 mg); mp 220–222 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 12.81 (s, 1H), 8.52–8.13 (m, 4H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.7 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  185.6, 164.8, 160.4, 150.5, 146.9, 143.5, 134.8, 133.9, 126.9, 124.9, 114.5, 56.2; IR CHCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3418, 2920, 1658, 1457, 1313, 1167 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI-MS:  $m/z$  378.99 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>; HR-ESIMS:  $m/z$  378.9928 calcd for  $C_1,H_1IN_2O_2+H^+$  (378.9943).

6-Iodo-2-(4-nitrophenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (2t, SS-798). White solid; yield: 76% (114 mg); mp >260 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  12.92 (s, 1H), 8.50 (s, 1H), 8.48−8.38 (m, 4H), 8.20 (dd, J = 1.9, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub> + DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$ 185.8, 159.9, 150.0, 148.2, 146.1, 143.2, 139.2, 134.3, 132.2, 130.5, 124.5, 123.1; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): ν<sub>max</sub> 3426, 2918, 1666, 1519, 1342, 1160, 1016 cm<sup>−</sup><sup>1</sup> ; HR-ESIMS: m/z 391.9521 calcd for  $C_{14}H_8N_3O_3I-H^-$  (391.9538).

2-Benzoylquinazolin-4(3H)-one (3a, SS-789).<sup>31</sup> White solid; yield: 50% (91 mg); mp 179−182 °C; <sup>1</sup> H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  10.18 (s, 1H), 8.58–[8.4](#page-5-0)8 (m, 2H), 8.41 (dd, J = 1.0, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.98−7.84 (m, 2H), 7.72−7.64 (m, 2H), 7.56 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 185.6, 161.0, 147.9, 145.9, 134.9, 134.3, 134.0, 133.9, 131.8, 129.5, 129.4, 128.4, 126.9, 123.2; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3436, 2926, 1666, 1481, 1297, 1144 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI-MS: m/z 251.08 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>; HR-ESIMS:  $m/z$  251.0812 calcd for  $C_{15}H_{10}N_2O_2 + H^+$ (251.0821).

2-(3-Chlorobenzoyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (3b, SS-801). White solid; yield: 68% (142 mg); mp 231–233 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  10.04 (s, 1H), 8.39 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.82−7.78 (m, 2H), 7.71−7.63 (m, 2H), 7.58−7.50 (m, 2H), 7.44 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>+ CD<sub>3</sub>OD): δ 188.8, 161.7, 147.4, 146.1, 134.9, 132.6, 130.8, 130.2, 129.5, 129.2, 126.6, 126.4, 123.0; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3439, 2923, 2853, 1456, 1430, 1238 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI-MS: *m/z* 285.04 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>; HR-ESIMS:  $m/z$  285.0419 calcd for  $C_{15}H_{9}CIN_{2}O_{2}+H^{+}$ (285.0431).

2-(3,4-Dichlorobenzoyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (3c, SS-792). White solid; yield: 77% (180 mg); mp 258–260 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  12.92 (s, 1H), 8.27–8.20 (m, 1H), 7.92−7.82 (m, 3H), 7.72−7.64 (m, 3H); 13C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>+CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  185.1, 159.1, 144.8, 135.6, 132.3, 131.0,

<span id="page-5-0"></span>130.7, 129.2, 127.4, 126.9, 126.5, 124.2, 123.8; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3417, 2918, 1683, 1586, 1382, 1238, 1102 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI-MS:  $m/z$  319.00 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>; HR-ESIMS:  $m/z$  319.0039 calcd for  $C_{15}H_8Cl_2N_2O_2 + H^+$  (319.0041).

5-(2-Hydroxyphenyl)-1-methyl-3-propyl-1,6-dihydro-7Hpyrazolo[4,3-d]pyrimidin-7-one (9a, SS-756). White solid; yield: 55% (85 mg); mp 234−236 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  8.13 (dd, J = 1.3, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44–7.37 (m, 1H), 7.03−6.91 (m, 2H), 4.16 (s, 3H), 2.80 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.81−1.72 (m, 2H), 0.98−0.92 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $(125 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3): \delta$  158.5, 153.9, 151.0, 143.7, 135.3, 132.7, 127.7, 124.3, 118.9, 117.5, 114.8, 27.1, 21.5, 13.7; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3418, 2960, 1687, 1500, 1433, 1237, 1097 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI-MS:  $m/z$  285.13 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>; HR-ESIMS:  $m/z$  285.1380 calcd for  $C_{15}H_{16}N_4O_2 + H^+$  (285.1352).

1-Methyl-5-(4-nitrophenyl)-3-propyl-1,6-dihydro-7Hpyrazolo[4,3-d]pyrimidin-7-one (9b, SS-821).<sup>40</sup> Yellow solid; yield: 50% (85 mg); mp 229−231 °C; <sup>1</sup> H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d6): δ 12.69 (s, 1H), 8.38−8.33 (m, 4[H\),](#page-6-0) 4.19 (s, 3H), 2.84−2.74 (m, 2H), 1.82−1.71 (m, 2H), 0.98−0.92 (m, 3H); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>):  $ν_{max}$  3410, 2920, 2837, 1681, 1517, 1351, 1110  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; ESI-MS:  $m/z$  314.12 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>; HR-ESIMS:  $m/z$ 314.1211 calcd for  $C_{15}H_{15}N_5O_3 + H^+$  (314.1253).

1-Methyl-5-phenyl-3-propyl-1,6-dihydro-7H-pyrazolo[4,3 d]pyrimidin-7-one (9c, SS-808).<sup>26</sup> White solid; yield: 60% (88 mg); mp 194−197 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 10.91  $(s, 1H)$ , 8.11 (dd, J = 3.1, 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 3H), 4.30 (s, 3H), 2.98−2.92 (m, 2H), 1.91−1.85 (m, 2H), 1.04 (t, J  $= 7.3$  Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  155.3, 149.0, 146.4, 138.8, 132.4, 130.5, 128.3, 126.6, 124.0, 37.6, 27.2, 21.8, 13.5; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3440, 2931, 1688, 1633, 1490, 1100  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; ESI-MS:  $m/z$  269.14 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>; HR-ESIMS:  $m/z$ 269.1389 calcd for  $C_{15}H_{16}N_4O+H^+$  (269.1402).

Quinazolin-4(3H)-one (11).<sup>41</sup> Light pink solid; yield: 55% (59 mg); mp 218−220 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$ 12.25 (s, 1H), 8.17−8.07 (m, [2H](#page-6-0)), 7.82 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3417, 2921, 1675, 1517, 1453, 1110 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI-MS:  $m/z$ 147.04  $[M + H]^+$ ; HR-ESIMS:  $m/z$  147.0570 calcd for  $C_8H_6N_2O+H^+$  (147.0558).

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