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# SUPPORTING INFORMATION

## **Exploration of the nicotinamide-binding site of the tankyrases, identifying 3-arylisoquinolin-1-ones as potent and selective inhibitors**

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## Section A: General synthetic methods

Chemical reagents, solvents and starting materials were purchased from Sigma Aldrich, Goss Scientific, Alfa Aesar and Fisher Scientific and were used without further purification. Proton and carbon magnetic resonance spectra were recorded at 400.04 MHz or 500.13 MHz for  $^1\text{H}$  NMR, at 100.59 MHz or 125.76 MHz for  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR and at 376 MHz for  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR, using  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ,  $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$  and  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , containing  $\text{SiMe}_4$  as an internal standard. Reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) on silica gel  $60\text{\AA}$  (particle size 40-63  $\mu\text{m}$ ). Most mass spectrometric data were obtained by means of electrospray ionisation using a microTOF instrument from Bruker Daltonics (Bremen, Germany) and calibrated using sodium formate solution. Melting points were obtained using a heated stage microscope (Reichert-Jung). Experiments were conducted at ambient temperature, unless otherwise noted. Solutions in organic solvents were dried with  $\text{MgSO}_4$ .  $\text{Pd}_2\text{dba}_3$  refers to tris(dibenzylideneacetone)dipalladium, SPhos refers to 2-dicyclohexylphosphino-2',6'-dimethoxybiphenyl,  $(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_2\text{PdCl}_2$  refers to bis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) dichloride. The brine was saturated.

## Section B: Experimental methods - chemical synthesis

**5-Amino-3-(3-methoxyphenyl)isoquinolin-1-one hydrobromide (12e).** Compound **31e** (31 mg, 110  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) was stirred with HBr in AcOH (33%, 1.1 mL) at 65°C for 5 h. Evaporation yielded **12e** (29 mg, 73%) as a pale buff solid: mp 202-205°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )  $\delta$  3.89 (3 H, s, Me), 6.13 (1 H, s, N-H), 6.95 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.10 (1 H, dt,  $J = 8.2, 0.6$  Hz, Ph 4-H), 7.35 (2 H, m, Ph 2,6- $\text{H}_2$ ), 7.46 (1 H, t,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, Ph 5-H), 7.61 (1 H, t,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 7-H), 7.83 (1 H, dd,  $J = 7.7, 1.0$  Hz, 6-H), 8.42 (1 H, d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 8-H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  56.14 (Me), 98.49 (4-C), 113.73 (Ph 2-C), 116.98 (Ph 4-C), 120.39 (Ph 6-C), 127.56 (8a-C), 127.66 (4a-C), 127.82 (7-C), 128.96 (6-C), 129.47 (8-C), 131.60 (Ph 5-C), 134.01 (5-C), 136.68 (Ph 1-C), 144.29 (3-C), 161.82 (Ph 3-C), 164.54 (1-C); MS  $m/z$  267.1115 ( $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ) $^+$  ( $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  requires 267.1135).

**5-Amino-3-(2-trifluoromethylphenyl)isoquinolin-1-one hydrobromide (12g).** Compound **31g** (22.4 mg, 70  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) was stirred with HBr in AcOH (33%, 1.25 mL) at 65°C for 5 h. Evaporation yielded **12g** (25.2 mg, 94%) as a buff solid: mp >230°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )  $\delta$  6.65 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.69 (4 H, m, 7-H + Ph 4,5,6- $\text{H}_3$ ), 7.85 (1 H, d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 6-H), 7.88 (1 H, d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, Ph 3-H), 8.45 (1 H, d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 8-H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  100.84 (4-C), 125.24 (q,  $J = 271.3$  Hz,  $\text{CF}_3$ ), 127.40 (q,  $J = 5.3$  Hz, Ph 1-C), 127.56 (q,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, Ph 3-C), 128.21 (7-C), 128.94 (6-C), 129.36 (8-C), 131.44 (Ph 6-C), 130.10 (q,  $J = 30.6$  Hz, Ph 2-C), 132.95 (5-C), 133.23 (Ph 4-C), 133.50 (Ph 5-C), 141.90 (3-C), 163.54 (1-C);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )  $\delta$  -59.36 (s,  $\text{CF}_3$ ); MS  $m/z$  305.0872 ( $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ) $^+$  ( $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}$  requires 305.0904).

**5-Amino-3-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)isoquinolin-1-one hydrobromide (12h).** Compound **31h** (70.5 mg, 220  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) was stirred with HBr in AcOH (33%, 3.75 mL) at 65°C for 7 h. Evaporation yielded **12h** (82.4 mg, 97%) as a buff solid: mp >230°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ )  $\delta$  7.05 (1 H, d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 6-H), 7.16 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.25 (1 H, t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 7-H), 7.57 (1 H, d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 8-H), 7.71 (1 H, t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, Ph 5-H), 7.77 (1 H, d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, Ph 4-H), 8.11 (1 H, d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, Ph 6-H), 8.17 (1 H, s, Ph 2-H), 11.56 (1 H, br, NH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ ) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  99.07 (4-C), 116.52 (8-C), 119.27 (6-C), 123.26 (q,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, Ph 2-C), 125.67 (q,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, Ph 4-C), 126.19 (4a-C), 127.27 (7-C), 129.74 (q,  $J = 31.8$  Hz, Ph 3-C), 129.89 (Ph 5-C), 130.52 (Ph 6-C), 134.85 (5-C), 136.28 (Ph 1-C), 137.31 (3-C), 162.53 (1-C);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR ( $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ )  $\delta$  -61.03 (s,  $\text{CF}_3$ ); MS  $m/z$  303.0740 ( $\text{M} - \text{H}$ ) $^-$  ( $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}$  requires 303.0743).

**5-Amino-3-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)isoquinolin-1-one hydrobromide (12i).** Compound **31i** (85 mg, 270  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) was stirred with HBr in AcOH (33%, 4.0 mL) at 65°C for 7 h. Evaporation yielded **12i** (101 mg, 98%) as a buff solid: mp >230°C (lit.<sup>1</sup> mp 214–215°C for free base);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ )  $\delta$  7.17 (2 H, m, 4,6- $\text{H}_2$ ), 7.32 (1 H, t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 7-H), 7.67 (1 H, d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 8-H), 7.88 (2 H, d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, Ph 3,5- $\text{H}_2$ ), 8.04 (2 H, d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, Ph 2,6- $\text{H}_2$ ), 11.63 (1 H, br, NH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ ) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  99.53 (4-C), 117.08 (8-C), 118.87 (6-C), 124.11 (q,  $J = 270.6$  Hz,  $\text{CF}_3$ ), 125.64 (q,  $J = 3.5$  Hz, Ph 3,5- $\text{C}_2$ ), 126.28 (4a-C), 127.41 (7-C + Ph 2,6- $\text{C}_2$ ), 129.20 (q,  $J = 31.8$  Hz, Ph 4-C), 136.82 (Ph 1-C), 137.83 (3-C), 139.92 (5-C), 162.46 (1-C);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR ( $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ )  $\delta$  -61.02 (s,  $\text{CF}_3$ ); MS  $m/z$  303.0756 ( $\text{M} - \text{H}$ ) $^-$  ( $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}$  requires 303.0743).

**5-Amino-3-(4-fluorophenyl)isoquinolin-1-one hydrobromide (12j).** Compound **31j** (65 mg, 24  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) was stirred with HBr in AcOH (33%, 3.5 mL) at 65°C for 5 h. Evaporation



yielded **12j** (80 mg, 98%) as a buff solid: mp >230°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ 6.99 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.34 (3 H, m, 8-H & Ph 3,5-H<sub>2</sub>), 7.39 (1 H, t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 7-H), 7.45 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 6-H), 7.89 (2 H, m, Ph 2,6-H<sub>2</sub>), 11.71 (1 H, bs, NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (HSQC / HMBC) δ 98.62 (4-C), 115.48 (8-C), 115.68 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, Ph 3,5-C<sub>2</sub>), 124.75 (Ph 1-C), 125.72 (3-C), 126.66 (7-C), 128.99 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz, Ph 2,6-C<sub>2</sub>), 130.11 (6-C), 137.96 (Ph 4-C), 141.34 (5-C), 162.63 (1-C); <sup>19</sup>F NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) δ -112.47 (m, F); MS *m/z* 253.0756 (M – H)<sup>-</sup> (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>10</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O requires 253.0777).

**5-Amino-3-(2-chlorophenyl)isoquinolin-1-one hydrobromide (12k).** Compound **31k** (40.4 mg, 140 μmol) was stirred with HBr in AcOH (33%, 1.6 mL) at 65°C for 5 h. Evaporation yielded **12k** (47.5 mg, 95%) as a buff solid: mp >230°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ 6.71 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.51 (2 H, m, Ph 4,5-H<sub>2</sub>), 7.60 (2 H, m, Ph 3,6-H<sub>2</sub>), 7.66 (1 H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 7-H), 7.85 (1 H, d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 6-H), 8.45 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 8-H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD) (HSQC / HMBC) δ 100.92 (4-C), 127.61 (4a-C), 128.14 (7-C), 128.55 (Ph 5-C), 128.83 (6-C), 129.34 (8-C), 131.22 (Ph 3-C or Ph 6-C), 132.35 (Ph 6-C or Ph 3-C), 132.51 (Ph 4-C), 133.54 (5-C), 134.17 (Ph 2-C), 134.98 (Ph 1-C), 142.26 (3-C), 163.87 (1-C); MS *m/z* 273.0597 (M + H)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub><sup>37</sup>ClN<sub>2</sub>O requires 273.0609), 271.0623 (M + H)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub><sup>35</sup>ClN<sub>2</sub>O requires 271.0638).

**5-Amino-3-(3-chlorophenyl)isoquinolin-1-one hydrobromide (12l).** Compound **31l** (38.5 mg, 140 μmol) was stirred with HBr in AcOH (33%, 1.5 mL) at 65°C for 5 h. Evaporation yielded **12l** (46.1 mg, 97%) as a buff solid: mp >230°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ 6.93 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.55 (2 H, m, Ph 4,6-H<sub>2</sub>), 7.63 (1 H, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 7-H), 7.71 (1 H, m, Ph 5-H), 7.79 (1 H, d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 6-H), 7.83 (1 H, s, Ph 2-H), 8.41 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 8-H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD) (HSQC / HMBC) δ 98.93 (4-C), 126.52 (Ph 5-C), 128.09 (7-C), 128.17 (Ph 2-C), 128.47 (6-C), 128.93 (8-C), 131.16 (Ph 4-C or Ph 6-C), 131.84 (Ph 6-C or Ph 4-C), 133.56 (5-C), 136.19 (Ph 1-C), 137.24 (Ph 3-C), 142.63 (3-C), 166.31 (1-C); MS *m/z* 273.0584 (M + H)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub><sup>37</sup>ClN<sub>2</sub>O requires 273.0609), 271.0616 (M + H)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub><sup>35</sup>ClN<sub>2</sub>O requires 271.0638).

**5-Amino-3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)isoquinolin-1-one hydrobromide (12n).** Compound **31n** (12.7 mg, 40 μmol) was stirred with HBr in AcOH (33%, 1.0 mL) at 65°C for 5 h. Evaporation yielded **12n** (9.0 mg, 58%) as an amber solid: mp 226–228°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ 6.73 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.56 (1 H, t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, Ph 4-H), 7.63 (2 H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, Ph 3,5-H<sub>2</sub>), 7.74 (1 H, t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 7-H), 7.91 (1 H, d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 6-H), 8.53 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 8-H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD) (HSQC / HMBC) δ 101.69 (4-C), 128.44 (7-C), 128.98 (6-C), 129.47 (8-C), 129.57 (Ph 3,5-C<sub>2</sub>), 133.13 (Ph 4-C), 133.42 (5-C), 133.88 (Ph 1-C), 136.46 (Ph 2,6-C<sub>2</sub>), 139.26 (3-C), 164.19 (1-C); MS *m/z* 327.0065 (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>10</sub><sup>35</sup>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO requires 327.0068).

**5-Amino-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)isoquinolin-1-one hydrobromide (12p).** Compound **31p** (55 mg, 210 μmol) was stirred with HBr in AcOH (33%, 2.5 mL) at 65°C for 16 h. Evaporation yielded **12p** (68.5 mg, 98%) as a buff solid: mp >230°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) δ 6.88 (3 H, m, 4-H + Ph 3,5-H<sub>2</sub>), 7.36 (2 H, m, 6,7-H<sub>2</sub>), 7.67 (2 H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, Ph 2,6-H<sub>2</sub>), 7.88 (1 H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 8-H), 11.46 (1 H, br, NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (HSQC / HMBC) δ 96.01 (4-C), 115.55 (Ph 3,5-C<sub>2</sub>), 124.59 (7-C), 125.36 (6-C), 125.94 (8-C), 128.09 (Ph 2,6-C<sub>2</sub>), 139.99 (3-C), 158.69 (Ph 4-C), 162.45 (1-C); MS *m/z* 253.0958 (M + H)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> requires 253.0977).

**5-Amino-3-(2-phenylethyl)isoquinolin-1-one hydrobromide (12s).** Compound **39** (40 mg, 140 μmol) was stirred with HBr in AcOH (33%, 2.0 mL) at 65°C for 16 h. Evaporation yielded **12s** (35 mg, 70%) as a red-brown solid: mp >230°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ 2.95 (2 H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, ethyl 1-H<sub>2</sub>), 3.06 (2 H, t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, ethyl 2-H<sub>2</sub>), 6.48 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.24 (5 H,

m, Ph-H<sub>5</sub>), 7.56 (1 H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 7-H), 7.75 (1 H, dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.0 Hz, 6-H), 8.38 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 8-H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD) (HSQC / HMBC) δ 35.83 (ethyl 2-C), 36.51 (ethyl 1-C), 97.82 (4-C), 126.76 (7-C), 127.07 (Ph 3-C), 127.48 (6-C), 129.36 (8-C), 129.43 (Ph 2,6-C<sub>2</sub>), 129.62 (Ph 3,5-C<sub>2</sub>), 134.04 (5-C), 141.57 (Ph 1-C), 145.88 (3-C), 164.03 (1-C); MS *m/z* 265.1320 (M + H)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O requires 265.1341).

**5-Amino-3-(4-aminocarbonylphenyl)isoquinolin-1-one hydrobromide (12u).** Compound **31r** (14 mg, 50 μmol) was stirred with HBr in AcOH (33%, 1.0 mL) at 65°C for 16 h. Evaporation yielded **12u** (17.0 mg, 98%) as an amber solid: mp >230°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) δ 4.4 (3 H, m, <sup>+</sup>NH<sub>3</sub>), 7.14 (1 H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 6-H), 7.17 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.30 (1 H, t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 7-H), 7.46 (1 H, br, CONHH), 7.66 (1 H, d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 8-H), 7.92 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, Ph 2,6-H<sub>2</sub>), 7.99 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, Ph 3,5-H<sub>2</sub>), 8.08 (1 H, br, CONHH), 11.55 (1 H, bs, NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (HSQC / HMBC) δ 98.81 (4-C), 119.83 (8-C), 120.91 (6-C), 126.12 (Ph 4-C), 126.30 (Ph 2,6-C<sub>2</sub>), 127.09 (7-C), 127.89 (Ph 3,5-C<sub>2</sub>), 134.48 (3-C), 136.30 (Ph 1-C), 138.15 (5-C), 162.50 (1-C), 167.13 (CONH<sub>2</sub>); MS *m/z* 278.0947 (M - H)<sup>-</sup> (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> requires 278.0930).

**3-(4-(1,1-Dimethylethyl)phenyl)-5-methylisoquinolin-1-one (13c).** BuLi (2.5 M in hexanes, 0.46 mL, 1.14 mmol) was added to dry Pr<sub>2</sub>NH (127.5 mg, 1.3 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) at -78°C and the mixture was stirred at -78°C for 10 min. Compound **41** (200 mg, 1.1 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C. 4-(1,1-Dimethylethyl)benzotrile (180 mg, 1.1 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C, then at 20°C for 16 h. Water (1.0 mL) was added. The mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, washed thrice with brine and dried. Evaporation and washing (EtOH) gave **13c** (96.5 mg, 29%) as a white solid: mp 204-206°C; IR ν<sub>max</sub> 3295, 1642 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (COSY) δ 1.33 (9 H, s, CMe<sub>3</sub>), 2.55 (3 H, s, 5-Me), 6.82 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.35 (1 H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 7-H), 7.51 (2 H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, Ph 3,5-H<sub>2</sub>), 7.54 (1 H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6-H), 7.75 (2 H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, Ph 2,6-H<sub>2</sub>), 8.06 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 8-H), 11.48 (1 H, br, NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (HSQC / HMBC) δ 18.75 (Me), 30.97 (CMe<sub>3</sub>), 34.44 (CMe<sub>3</sub>), 99.60 (4-C), 124.56 (8-C), 124.86 (8a-C), 125.51 (Ph 3,5-C<sub>2</sub>), 125.72 (7-C), 126.56 (Ph 2,6-C<sub>2</sub>), 131.44 (Ph 1-C), 133.15 (6-C), 133.60 (4a-C), 136.69 (5-C), 139.84 (3-C), 151.87 (Ph 4-C), 162.97 (1-C); MS *m/z* 292.1686 (M + H)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO requires 292.1703).

**3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5-methylisoquinolin-1-one (13d).** BuLi (1.6 M in hexanes, 0.7 mL, 1.1 mmol) was added to dry Pr<sub>2</sub>NH (141 mg, 1.4 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) at -78°C and the mixture was stirred at -78°C for 10 min. Compound **41** (200 mg, 1.1 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C. 4-Methoxybenzotrile (151 mg, 1.1 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added at -78°C and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C, then at 20°C for 16 h. Water (1.0 mL) was added. The mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, washed thrice with brine and dried. Evaporation and washing (EtOH) gave **13d** (48 mg, 17%) as a white solid: mp 207-208°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (COSY) δ 2.54 (1 H, s, 5-Me), 3.82 (3 H, s, OMe), 6.77 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.04 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, Ph 3,5-H<sub>2</sub>), 7.33 (1 H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 7-H), 7.53 (1 H, d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6-H), 7.78 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, Ph 2,6-H<sub>2</sub>), 8.05 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 8-H), 11.45 (1 H, br, NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (HSQC / HMBC) δ 18.81 (5-Me), 55.34 (OMe), 98.87 (4-C), 114.15 (Ph 3,5-C<sub>2</sub>), 124.57 (8-C), 124.63 (8a-C), 125.51 (7-C), 126.51 (Ph 1-C), 128.23 (Ph 2,6-C<sub>2</sub>), 133.15 (6-C), 133.49 (4a-C), 136.86 (5-C), 139.70 (3-C), 160.14 (Ph 4-C), 163.02 (1-C); MS *m/z* 553.2099 (2 M + Na)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub> requires 553.2104); 288.0994 (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NNaO<sub>2</sub> requires 288.1000), 266.1179 (M + H)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> requires 266.1181).

**5-Methyl-3-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)isoquinolin-1-one (13e).** BuLi (1.6 M in hexanes, 1.1 mL, 1.7 mmol) was added to dry Pr<sup>i</sup><sub>2</sub>NH (202 mg, 2.0 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) at -78°C and the mixture was stirred at -78°C for 10 min. Compound **41** (300 mg, 1.7 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C. 4-Trifluoromethylbenzotrile (289 mg, 1.7 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added at -78 °C and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C, then at 20°C for 16 h. Water (1.0 mL) was added. The mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The extract was washed thrice with brine and dried. Evaporation and recrystallisation (EtOH) (25 mL) gave **13e** (242 mg, 47%) as white crystals: mp 251-252°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (COSY) δ 2.56 (3 H, s, Me), 6.96 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.40 (1 H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 7-H), 7.57 (1 H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6-H), 7.84 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, Ph 3,5-H<sub>2</sub>), 8.03 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, Ph 2,6-H<sub>2</sub>), 8.08 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 8-H), 11.75 (1 H, br, N-H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (HSQC / HMBC) δ 18.77 (Me), 101.54 (4-C), 124.62 (8-C), 125.23 (q, *J* = 295.9 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 125.51 (8a-C), 125.56 (q, *J* = 3.6 Hz, Ph 3,5-C<sub>2</sub>), 126.54 (7-C), 129.25 (q, *J* = 31.6 Hz, Ph 4-C), 133.40 (6-C), 134.21 (4a-C), 136.29 (5-C), 138.10 (Ph 1-C), 138.36 (3-C), 162.91 (1-C); <sup>19</sup>F NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) -61.08 (s, CF<sub>3</sub>); MS *m/z* 302.0808 (M - H)<sup>-</sup> (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO requires 308.0798).

**3-(2-Chlorophenyl)-5-methylisoquinolin-1-one (13f).** BuLi (1.6 M in hexanes, 0.7 mL, 1.1 mmol) was added to dry Pr<sup>i</sup><sub>2</sub>NH (141 mg, 1.4 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) at -78°C and the mixture was stirred at -78°C for 10 min. Compound **41** (200 mg, 1.1 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C. 2-Chlorobenzotrile (155 mg, 1.1 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added at -78°C and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C, then at 20°C for 16 h. Water (1.0 mL) was added. The mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. This mixture was washed thrice with brine and dried. The evaporation residue was washed (EtOH) to give **13f** (4.9 mg, 2%) as a white solid: mp 178-180°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (COSY) δ 2.53 (3 H, s, Me), 6.58 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.41 (1 H, t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 7-H), 7.47 (1 H, td, *J* = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, Ph 4-H), 7.51 (1 H, td, *J* = 7.5, 2.0 Hz, Ph 5-H), 7.59 (3 H, m, 6-H + Ph 3,6-H<sub>2</sub>), 8.08 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 8-H), 11.59 (1 H, br, NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (HSQC / HMBC) δ 18.69 (Me), 102.43 (4-C), 124.61 (8-C), 125.33 (8a-C), 126.25 (7-C), 127.34 (Ph 4-C), 129.70 (Ph 6-C), 130.84 (Ph 5-C), 131.56 (Ph 3-C), 132.29 (Ph 2-C), 133.22 (6-C), 133.69 (4a-C), 134.24 (Ph 1-C), 136.31 (5-C), 138.15 (3-C), 162.24 (1-C); MS *m/z* 292.0514 (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub><sup>35</sup>ClNNO requires 292.0505).

**3-(3-Chlorophenyl)-5-methylisoquinolin-1-one (13g).** BuLi (1.6 M in hexanes, 0.7 mL, 1.1 mmol) was added to dry Pr<sup>i</sup><sub>2</sub>NH (141 mg, 1.4 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) at -78°C and the mixture was stirred at -78°C for 10 min. Compound **42** (200 mg, 1.1 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C. 3-Chlorobenzotrile (155 mg, 1.1 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added at -78°C and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C, then at 20°C for 16 h. Water (1.0 mL) was added. The mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, washed thrice with brine and dried. Evaporation and recrystallisation (EtOH) gave **13g** (33 mg, 11%) as a white solid: mp 275-276°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (COSY) δ 2.57 (3 H, s, Me), 6.93 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.39 (1 H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 7-H), 7.52 (2 H, m, Ph 4,5-H<sub>2</sub>), 7.57 (1 H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6-H), 7.80 (1 H, m, Ph 6-H), 7.93 (1 H, s, Ph 2-H), 8.07 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 8-H), 11.61 (1 H, br, NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (HSQC / HMBC) δ 18.82 (Me), 100.92 (4-C), 124.57 (8-C), 125.28 (8a-C), 125.64 (Ph 6-C), 126.32 (7-C), 126.74 (Ph 2-C), 129.01 (Ph 4-C), 130.54 (Ph 5-C), 133.33 (6-C), 133.55 (Ph 1-C), 134.14 (4a-C), 136.20 (Ph 3-C), 136.41 (5-C), 138.31 (3-C), 162.87 (1-C); MS *m/z* 292.0453 (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub><sup>35</sup>ClNNO requires 292.0506), 270.0661 (M + H)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub><sup>35</sup>ClNO requires 270.0686).

**3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-5-methylisoquinolin-1-one (13h).** BuLi (1.6 M in hexanes, 1.1 mL, 1.7 mmol) was added to dry Pr<sup>i</sup><sub>2</sub>NH (202 mg, 2.0 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) at -78°C and the mixture was stirred at -78°C for 10 min. Compound **41** (300 mg, 1.7 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C. 4-Chlorobenzonitrile (233 mg, 1.7 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added at -78°C and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C, then at 20°C for 2 h. Water (1.0 mL) was added, followed by CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL). The precipitate was collected by filtration to give **13h** (456 mg, 99%) as a white solid: mp >360°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (COSY) δ 2.61 (3 H, s, Me), 6.93 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.44 (1 H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 7-H), 7.61 (3 H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 6-H + Ph 2,6-H<sub>3</sub>), 7.90 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, Ph 3,5-H<sub>2</sub>), 8.12 (1 H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 8-H), 11.70 (1 H, s, N-H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (HSQC / HMBC) δ 18.80 (Me), 100.49 (4-C), 124.60 (8-C), 125.11 (8a-C), 126.19 (7-C), 128.73 (Ph 2,6-C<sub>2</sub>), 128.78 (Ph 3,5-C<sub>2</sub>), 133.01 (4a-C), 133.34 (6-C), 133.96 (Ph 1,4-C<sub>2</sub>), 136.49 (5-C), 138.67 (3-C), 162.95 (1-C); MS *m/z* 270 (M - H)<sup>-</sup>, 268.0533 (M - H)<sup>-</sup> (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub><sup>35</sup>ClNO requires 268.0535).

**3-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)-5-methylisoquinolin-1-one (13i).** BuLi (1.6 M in hexanes, 0.7 mL, 1.1 mmol) was added to dry Pr<sup>i</sup><sub>2</sub>NH (141 mg, 1.4 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) at -78°C and the mixture was stirred at -78°C for 10 min. Compound **41** (200 mg, 1.1 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C. 2,6-Dichlorobenzonitrile (194 mg, 1.1 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added at -78°C and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C, then at 20°C for 16 h. Water (1.0 mL) was added. The mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, washed thrice with brine and dried. Evaporation and recrystallisation (EtOH) gave **13i** (35 mg, 10%) as a pale buff solid: mp 202-204°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (COSY) δ 2.47 (3 H, s, Me), 6.58 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.43 (1 H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 7-H), 7.55 (1 H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, Ph 4-H), 7.58 (1 H, d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 6-H), 7.59 (2 H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, Ph 3,5-H<sub>2</sub>), 8.09 (1 H, d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 8-H), 11.62 (1 H, br, NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (HSQC / HMBC) δ 18.66 (Me), 102.81 (4-C), 124.61 (8-C), 125.58 (8a-C), 126.45 (7-C), 128.28 (Ph 3,5-C<sub>2</sub>), 131.67 (Ph 4-C), 133.19 (Ph 1-C), 133.29 (6-C), 133.75 (4a-C), 134.69 (Ph 2,6-C<sub>2</sub>), 135.20 (3-C), 136.24 (5-C), 162.37 (1-C); MS *m/z* 326.0991 (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub><sup>35</sup>Cl<sub>2</sub>NNaO requires 326.0115), 304.0286 ((M + H)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub><sup>35</sup>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO requires 304.0296).

**3-(4-Bromophenyl)-5-methylisoquinolin-1-one (13j).** BuLi (1.6 M in hexanes, 0.9 mL, 1.4 mmol) was added to dry Pr<sup>i</sup><sub>2</sub>NH (162 mg, 1.6 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) at -78°C and the mixture was stirred at -78°C for 10 min. Compound **41** (241 mg, 1.4 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C. 4-Bromobenzonitrile (248 mg, 1.4 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added at -78°C and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C, then at 20°C for 16 h. Water (1.0 mL) was added. The mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL). The solid was collected by filtration and washed (EtOH) to give **13j** (181 mg, 42%) as a white solid: mp 278-279°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (COSY) δ 2.55 (3 H, s, Me), 6.88 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.38 (1 H, t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 7-H), 7.56 (1 H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6-H), 7.69 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, Ph 2,6-H<sub>2</sub>), 7.78 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, Ph 3,5-H<sub>2</sub>), 8.07 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 8-H), 11.59 (1 H, br, NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (HSQC / HMBC) δ 18.81 (Me), 100.47 (4-C), 122.66 (Ph 4-C), 124.62 (8-C), 125.13 (8a-C), 126.20 (7-C), 129.03 (Ph 3,5-C<sub>2</sub>), 131.66 (Ph 2,6-C<sub>2</sub>), 133.34 (6-C), 133.43 (Ph 1-C), 133.97 (4a-C), 136.51 (5-C), 138.81 (3-C), 162.99 (1-C); MS *m/z* 335.9966 (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub><sup>79</sup>BrNNaO requires 336.0000)

**5-Methyl-3-(4-phenylethynylphenyl)isoquinolin-1-one (13k).** BuLi (1.6 M in hexanes, 0.7 mL, 1.1 mmol) was added to dry Pr<sup>i</sup><sub>2</sub>NH (141 mg, 1.4 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) at -78°C and the mixture was stirred at this temperature for 10 min. Compound **41** (230 mg, 1.1 mmol)

in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at  $-78^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Compound **43** (194 mg, 1.1 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added at  $-78^{\circ}\text{C}$  and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at  $-78^{\circ}\text{C}$ , then at  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 16 h. Water (1.0 mL) was added. The mixture was diluted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . The solid was collected by filtration and washed (EtOH) to give **13k** (117 mg, 31%) as a white solid: mp  $285\text{--}287^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ ) (COSY)  $\delta$  (2.57, s, Me), 6.94 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.39 (1 H, t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 7-H), 7.45 (3 H, m, Ph 3,4,5- $\text{H}_3$ ), 7.56 (1 H, d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 6-H), 7.59 (2 H, m, Ph 2,6- $\text{H}_2$ ), 7.67 (2 H, d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, Ar 3,5- $\text{H}_2$ ), 7.90 (2 H, d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, Ar 2,6- $\text{H}_2$ ), 8.08 (1 H, d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 8-H), 11.62 (1 H, br, NH);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ ) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  18.82 (Me), 88.99 (ethyne 1-C), 90.86 (ethyne 2-C), 100.64 (4-C), 122.09 (Ph 1-C), 122.92 (Ar 4-C), 124.61 (8-C), 125.18 (8a-C), 126.21 (7-C), 126.15 (Ar 2,6- $\text{C}_2$ ), 128.84 (Ph 3,5- $\text{C}_2$ ), 129.03 (Ph 10-C), 131.47 (Ph 2,6- $\text{C}_2$ ), 131.66 (Ar 3,5- $\text{C}_2$ ), 133.29 (6-C), 134.03 (4a-C), 134.17 (Ar 1-C), 136.50 (5-C), 139.00 (3-C), 163.00 (1-C); MS  $m/z$  358.1218 ( $\text{M} + \text{Na}$ ) $^+$  ( $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{17}\text{NNaO}$  requires 358.1208), 336.1402 ( $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ) $^+$  ( $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}$  requires 336.1388).

**5-Methyl-3-(4-(piperidin-1-ylmethyl)phenyl)isoquinolin-1-one (13m).** BuLi (1.6 M in hexanes, 0.7 mL, 1.1 mmol) was added to dry  $\text{Pr}^i_2\text{NH}$  (142 mg, 1.4 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) at  $-78^{\circ}\text{C}$  and the mixture was stirred at  $-78^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 10 min. Compound **41** (200 mg, 1.1 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at  $-78^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Compound **45b** (226 mg, 1.1 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at this temperature, then at room temperature for 16 h. Water (1.0 mL) was added. The mixture was diluted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , washed thrice with saturated brine and dried. Evaporation and washing (EtOH) gave **13m** (78 mg, 21%) as a white solid: mp  $196\text{--}197^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3440 (NH), 1644 (C=O);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ )  $\delta$  1.40 (2 H, m, piperidine 4- $\text{H}_2$ ), 1.50 (4 H, m, piperidine 3,5- $\text{H}_4$ ), 2.34 (4 H, m, piperidine 2,6- $\text{H}_4$ ), 2.55 (3 H, s, Me), 3.47 (2 H, s,  $\text{PhCH}_2$ ), 6.84 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.36 (1 H, t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 7-H), 7.40 (2 H, d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, Ph 3,5- $\text{H}_2$ ), 7.54 (1 H, d,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 6-H), 7.76 (2 H, d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, Ph 2,6- $\text{H}_2$ ), 8.06 (1 H, d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 8-H), 11.48 (1 H, bs, N-H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ ) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  18.76 (Me), 23.96 (piperidine 4), 25.55 (piperidine 3,5- $\text{C}_2$ ), 53.91 (piperidine 2,6- $\text{C}_2$ ), 62.37 ( $\text{PhCH}_2$ ), 99.73 (4-C), 124.56 (8-C), 124.90 (8a-C), 125.79 (7-C), 126.61 (Ph 2,6- $\text{C}_2$ ), 129.01 (Ph 3,5- $\text{C}_2$ ), 132.67 (Ph 1-C), 133.18 (6-C), 133.68 (4a-C), 136.66 (5-C), 139.78 (Ph 4-C), 140.06 (3-C), 162.95 (1-C); MS  $m/z$  665.3884 ( $2\text{M} + \text{H}$ ) $^+$  ( $\text{C}_{44}\text{H}_{49}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$  requires 665.3855), 355.1805 ( $\text{M} + \text{Na}$ ) $^+$  ( $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}$  requires 355.1786).

**5-Methyl-3-(4-(pyrrolidin-1-ylmethyl)phenyl)isoquinolin-1-one hydrochloride (13n).** BuLi (2.5 M in hexanes, 0.46 mL, 1.14 mmol) was added to dry  $\text{Pr}^i_2\text{NH}$  (127.5 mg, 1.3 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) at  $-78^{\circ}\text{C}$  and the mixture was stirred at  $-78^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 10 min. Compound **41** (200 mg, 1.13 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at  $-78^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Compound **45c** (210.5 mg, 1.13 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at  $-78^{\circ}\text{C}$ , then at  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 16 h. Water (1.0 mL) was added. The mixture was diluted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , washed thrice with brine and dried. Evaporation and washing (EtOH) gave **13n** (32 mg, 9%) as a pale yellow solid: mp  $>360^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3413, 1640  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; The solid was then treated for 16 h with aq. HCl (6.0 M, 2.0 mL). Evaporation and drying gave the HCl salt as a white solid: mp  $>360^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ )  $\delta$  1.70 (4 H, m, pyrrolidine 3,4- $\text{H}_4$ ), 2.44 (4 H, m, pyrrolidine 2,5- $\text{H}_4$ ), 2.54 (3 H, s, Me), 3.61 (2 H, s,  $\text{PhCH}_2$ ), 6.83 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.35 (1 H, t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 7-H), 7.41 (2 H, d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, Ph 3,5- $\text{H}_2$ ), 7.54 (1 H, d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 6-H), 7.76 (2 H, d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, Ph 2,6- $\text{H}_2$ ), 8.05 (1 H, d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 8-H), 11.52 (1 H, br, NH);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ ) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  18.77 (Me), 23.12 (pyrrolidine 3,4- $\text{C}_2$ ), 53.50 (pyrrolidine 2,5- $\text{C}_2$ ), 59.15 ( $\text{PhCH}_2$ ), 99.72 (4-C), 124.55 (8-C), 124.92 (8a-C), 125.80 (7-C), 126.64 (Ph 2,6- $\text{C}_2$ ), 128.71 (Ph 3,5- $\text{C}_2$ ), 132.64 (Ph 1-C),

133.30 (6-C), 133.68 (4a-C), 136.81 (5-C), 139.86 (3-C), 140.96 (Ph 4-C), 163.24 (1-C); MS  $m/z$  319.1788 (M + H)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O requires 319.1810).

**5-Methyl-3-(4-((4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)methyl)phenyl)isoquinolin-1-one dihydrochloride (13o).** BuLi (2.5 M in hexanes, 0.46 mL, 1.14 mmol) was added to dry Pr<sup>i</sup><sub>2</sub>NH (128 mg, 1.3 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) at -78°C and the mixture was stirred at -78°C for 10 min. Compound **41** (200 mg, 1.13 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C. Compound **45d** (243 mg, 1.13 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C, then at 20°C for 16 h. Water (1.0 mL) was added. The mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, washed thrice with brine and dried. The evaporation residue was washed (EtOH) to give **13o** (8 mg, 2%) as a white solid: mp >360°C. The solid was treated for 16 h with aq. HCl (6 M, 1.0 mL). Evaporation and drying gave the 2.HCl salt: mp >360°C; IR  $\nu_{\max}$  3419, 1636 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO)  $\delta$  2.14 (3 H, s, NMe), 2.35 (8 H, m, piperazine-H<sub>8</sub>), 2.54 (3 H, s, 5-Me), 3.49 (PhCH<sub>2</sub>), 6.83 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.35 (1 H, t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 7-H), 7.39 (2 H, d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, Ph 3,5-H<sub>2</sub>), 7.54 (1 H, d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 6-H), 7.76 (2 H, d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, Ph 2,6-H<sub>2</sub>), 8.05 (1 H, d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 8-H), 11.51 (1 H, br, N-H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  18.76 (5-Me), 40.08 (NMe), 52.57 (piperazine 2,6-C<sub>2</sub>), 54.70 (piperazine 3,5-C<sub>2</sub>), 61.57 (PhCH<sub>2</sub>), 99.75 (4-C), 124.56 (8-C), 124.92 (8a-C), 125.81 (7-C), 126.65 (Ph 2,6-C<sub>2</sub>), 129.65 (Ph 3,5-C<sub>2</sub>), 132.79 (Ph 1-C), 133.18 (6-C), 133.69 (4a-C), 136.65 (5-C), 139.67 (Ph 4-C), 139.75 (3-C), 162.94 (1-C); MS  $m/z$  348.2076 (M + H)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O requires 348.2076).

**5-Methyl-3-(pyridin-4-yl)isoquinolin-1-one (13p).** BuLi (1.6 M in hexanes, 0.7 mL, 1.1 mmol) was added to dry Pr<sup>i</sup><sub>2</sub>NH (142 mg, 1.4 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) at -78°C and the mixture was stirred at -78°C for 10 min. Compound **41** (200 mg, 1.1 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C. 4-Cyanopyridine (118 mg, 1.1 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C, then at 20°C for 16 h. Water (1.0 mL) was added. The mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, washed thrice with brine and dried. Evaporation and recrystallisation (EtOH) gave **13p** (16.5 mg, 6%) as white crystals: mp 268-269°C; IR  $\nu_{\max}$  3450, 1654 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (COSY)  $\delta$  2.59 (3 H, s, Me), 7.11 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.44 (1 H, t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 7-H), 7.60 (1 H, d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 6-H), 7.87 (2 H, d,  $J$  = 6.2 Hz, Ph 3,5-H<sub>2</sub>), 8.10 (1 H, d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 8-H), 8.69 (2 H, d,  $J$  = 6.2 Hz, Ph 2,6-H<sub>2</sub>), 11.70 (1 H, br, NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  18.76 (Me), 101.87 (4-C), 120.96 (pyridine 3,5-C<sub>2</sub>), 124.65 (8-C), 125.83 (8a-C), 126.91 (7-C), 133.49 (6-C), 134.50 (4a-C), 136.06 (5-C), 137.06 (pyridine 4-C), 141.03 (3-C), 150.13 (pyridine 2,6-C<sub>2</sub>), 162.85 (1-C); MS  $m/z$  235.0864 (M - H)<sup>-</sup> (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O requires 235.0871).

**3-(Benzo-1,3-dioxol-5-yl)-5-methylisoquinolin-1-one (13q).** BuLi (1.6 M in hexanes, 0.70 mL, 1.1 mmol) was added to dry Pr<sup>i</sup><sub>2</sub>NH (141 mg, 1.4 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) at -78°C and the mixture was stirred at -78°C for 10 min. Compound **41** (200 mg, 1.1 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C. 5-Cyanobenzo-1,3-dioxole (166 mg, 1.1 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added at -78°C and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C, then at 20°C for 16 h. Water (1.0 mL) was added. The mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The solid was collected by filtration, washed (EtOH) and dried to give **13q** (199 mg, 63%) as a white solid. mp >360°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (COSY)  $\delta$  2.54 (3 H, s, Me), 6.10 (2 H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.78 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.02 (1 H, d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, benzodioxole 6-H), 7.33 (1 H, t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 7-H), 7.34 (1 H, dd,  $J$  = 8.1, 1.8 Hz, benzodioxole 7-H), 7.43 (1 H, d,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz, benzodioxole 4-H), 7.52 (1 H, d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 6-H), 8.04 (1 H, d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 8-H), 11.44 (1 H, br, NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  18.83 (Me), 99.37 (4-C), 101.52 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 107.27 (benzodioxole 4-C), 108.46 (benzodioxole 7-C), 121.07 (benzodioxole

6-C), 124.56 (8-C), 124.72 (8a-C), 125.60 (7-C), 128.40 (benzodioxole 5-C), 133.12 (6-C), 133.62 (4a-C), 136.80 (5-C), 139.77 (3-C), 147.71 (benzodioxole 7a-C), 148.17 (benzodioxole 3a-C), 163.14 (1-C); MS  $m/z$  278.0797 (M - H)<sup>-</sup> (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> requires 278.0817).

**5-Methyl-3-(thiophen-3-yl)isoquinolin-1-one (13r).** BuLi (2.5 M in hexanes, 0.46 mL, 1.1 mmol) was added to dry Pr<sup>i</sup><sub>2</sub>NH (127.5 mg, 1.3 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) at -78°C and the mixture was stirred at -78°C for 10 min. Compound **41** (200 mg, 1.13 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C. 3-Cyanothiophene (123 mg, 1.1 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C, then at 20°C for 16 h. Water (1.0 mL) was added. The mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and washed thrice with saturated brine. Drying, evaporation and washing (EtOH) gave **13r** (17 mg, 6%) as a pale buff solid: mp >360°C; IR  $\nu_{\max}$  3448, 1647 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (COSY)  $\delta$  2.56 (3 H, s, Me), 6.99 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.34 (1 H, t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 7-H), 7.54 (1 H, d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 6-H), 7.70 (1 H, m, thiophene 4-H), 7.78 (1 H, d,  $J$  = 4.6 Hz, thiophene 5-H), 8.04 (1 H, d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 8-H), 8.28 (1 H, d,  $J$  = 1.5 Hz, thiophene 2-H), 11.47 (1 H, br, NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  18.80 (Me), 99.09 (4-C), 123.46 (thiophene 2-C), 124.58 (8-C), 124.95 (8a-C), 125.74 (7-C), 126.16 (thiophene 5-C), 127.27 (thiophene 4-C), 133.25 (6-C), 133.73 (4a-C), 134.95 (thiophene 1-C), 135.37 (3-C), 136.72 (5-C), 162.80 (1-C); MS  $m/z$  264.0454 (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NNaOS requires 264.0459).

**5-Fluoro-3-(4-methylphenyl)isoquinolin-1-one (14b).** BuLi (1.6 M in hexanes, 0.7 mL, 1.1 mmol) was added to dry Pr<sup>i</sup><sub>2</sub>NH (142 mg, 1.4 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) at -78°C and the mixture was stirred at -78°C for 10 min. Compound **49** (200 mg, 1.1 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C. 4-Methylbenzotrile (129 mg, 1.1 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C, then at 20°C for 16 h. Water (1.0 mL) was added. The mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, washed thrice with brine and dried. Evaporation and recrystallisation (EtOH) gave **14b** (50 mg, 18%) as white crystals: mp 232-233°C; IR  $\nu_{\max}$  3481, 1668, 1235 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (COSY)  $\delta$  2.37 (3 H, s, Me), 6.81 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.30 (2 H, d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, Ph 3,5-H<sub>2</sub>), 7.48 (1 H, m, 7-H), 7.58 (1 H, t,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 6-H), 7.71 (2 H, d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, Ph 2,6-H<sub>2</sub>), 8.03 (1 H, d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 8-H), 11.70 (1 H, br, NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  20.83 (Me), 94.19 (d,  $J$  = 5.1 Hz, 4-C), 117.57 (d,  $J$  = 19.5 Hz, 6-C), 122.77 (d,  $J$  = 3.3 Hz, 8-C), 126.46 (d,  $J$  = 3.4 Hz, 8a-C); 126.59 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 7-C), 126.79 (Ph 2,6-C<sub>2</sub>), 127.06 (d,  $J$  = 16.5 Hz, 4a-C), 129.40 (Ph 3,5-H<sub>2</sub>), 130.74 (Ph 1-C), 139.38 (Ph 4-C), 141.40 (3-C), 157.26 (d,  $J$  = 248.1 Hz, 5-C), 161.81 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz, 1-C); <sup>19</sup>F NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO)  $\delta$  -122.08 (dd,  $J$  = 10.4, 5.2 Hz, F); MS  $m/z$  252.0807 (M - H)<sup>-</sup> (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>FN requires 252.0824).

**5-Fluoro-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)isoquinolin-1-one (14c).** BuLi (1.6 M in hexanes, 0.7 mL, 1.1 mmol) was added to dry Pr<sup>i</sup><sub>2</sub>NH (131 mg, 1.3 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) at -78°C and the mixture was stirred at -78°C for 10 min. Compound **49** (200 mg, 1.1 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C. 4-Methoxybenzotrile (147 mg, 1.1 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added at -78°C and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C, then at 20°C for 16 h. Water (1.0 mL) was added. The mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, washed thrice with brine and dried. Evaporation and washing (EtOH) gave **14c** (8.1 mg, 3%) as an off-white solid: mp 238-240°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO)  $\delta$  3.82 (3 H, s, Me), 6.78 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.05 (2 H, d,  $J$  = 8.9 Hz, Ph 3,5-H<sub>2</sub>), 7.45 (1 H, m, 7-H), 7.57 (1 H, t,  $J$  = 8.9 Hz, 6-H), 7.77 (2 H, d,  $J$  = 8.9 Hz, Ph 2,6-H<sub>2</sub>), 8.02 (1 H, d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 8-H), 11.66 (1 H, br, NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  55.37 (Me), 93.59 (d,  $J$  = 5.3 Hz, 4-C), 114.23 (Ph 3,5-C<sub>2</sub>), 117.52 (d,  $J$  = 19.6 Hz, 6-C), 122.74 (d,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz, 8-C), 125.84 (Ph 1-

C), 126.24 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz, 8a-C), 126.32 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 7-C), 129.20 (d,  $J = 16.5$  Hz, 4a-C), 128.35 (Ph 2,6-C<sub>2</sub>), 141.19 (3-C), 157.19 (d,  $J = 247.5$  Hz, 5-C), 160.41 (Ph 4-C), 161.82 (1-C); <sup>19</sup>F NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO)  $\delta$  -122.20 (dd,  $J = 9.9, 5.2$  Hz, F); MS  $m/z$  561.1593 (2 M + Na)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>24</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub> requires 561.1602), 292.0747 (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>FNNaO<sub>2</sub> requires 292.0750).

**5-Fluoro-3-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)isoquinolin-1-one (14d).** BuLi (1.6 M in hexanes, 0.9 mL, 1.4 mmol) was added to dry Pr<sup>*i*</sup><sub>2</sub>NH (170 mg, 1.7 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) at -78°C and the mixture was stirred at -78°C for 10 min. Compound **49** (250 mg, 1.4 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C. 4-Trifluoromethylbenzonitrile (236 mg, 1.4 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added at -78°C and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C, then at 20°C for 16 h. Water (1.0 mL) was added. The mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL). The solid was collected by filtration and washed (EtOH) to give **14d** (424 mg, 99%) as a white solid: mp >360°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (COSY)  $\delta$  6.97 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.55 (1 H, td,  $J = 7.6, 5.7$  Hz, 7-H), 7.63 (1 H, t,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 6-H), 7.86 (2 H, d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, Ph 3,5-H<sub>2</sub>), 8.05 (3 H, m, Ph 2,6-H<sub>2</sub> + 8-H), 11.92 (1 H, br, NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  96.30 (d,  $J = 4.9$  Hz, 4-C), 117.86 (d,  $J = 19.5$  Hz, 6-C), 122.83 (d,  $J = 3.4$  Hz, 8-C), 124.07 (q,  $J = 270.1$  Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 125.63 (q,  $J = 3.5$  Hz, Ph 3,5-H<sub>2</sub>), 126.59 (d,  $J = 16.3$  Hz, 4a-C), 126.91 (8a-C), 127.52 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 7-C), 127.99 (Ph 2,6-C<sub>2</sub>), 129.58 (q,  $J = 31.9$  Hz, Ph 4-C), 137.47 (1-C), 139.86 (3-C), 157.44 (d,  $J = 248.5$  Hz, 5-C), 161.70 (1-C); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  -61.19 (3 F, s, CF<sub>3</sub>), -121.55 (1 F, m, F); MS  $m/z$  306.0559 (M - H)<sup>-</sup> (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>8</sub>F<sub>4</sub>NO requires 306.0548)

**3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-5-fluoroisoquinolin-1-one (14f).** BuLi (1.6 M in hexanes, 0.9 mL, 1.4 mmol) was added to dry Pr<sup>*i*</sup><sub>2</sub>NH (170 mg, 1.7 mmol) in dry tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL) at -78°C and the mixture was stirred at this temperature for 10 min. Compound **49** (250 mg, 1.4 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C. 4-Chlorobenzonitrile (190 mg, 1.4 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added at -78°C and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C, then at 20°C for 16 h. Water (1.0 mL) was added. The mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL). The solid was collected by filtration and washed (EtOH) to give **14f** (269 mg, 71%) as a white solid: mp 296-297°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (COSY)  $\delta$  6.86 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.49 (1 H, m, 7-H), 7.57 (3 H, m, 6-H + Ph 3,5-H<sub>2</sub>), 7.84 (2 H, d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, Ph 2,6-H<sub>2</sub>), 8.05 (1 H, d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 8-H), 11.63 (1 H, br, N-H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  94.91 (d,  $J = 5.4$  Hz, 4-C), 117.36 (d,  $J = 19.6$  Hz, 6-C), 122.53 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz, 8-C), 126.73 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 7-C), 126.52 (8a-C), 126.65 (d,  $J = 16.2$  Hz, 4a-C), 128.51 (Ph 3,5-C<sub>2</sub>), 128.57 (Ph 2,6-C<sub>2</sub>), 132.26 (Ph 1-C), 134.15 (Ph 4-C), 140.00 (3-C), 157.15 (d,  $J = 248.4$  Hz, 5-C), 161.42 (1-C); <sup>19</sup>F NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO)  $\delta$  -122.79 (m, F); MS  $m/z$  272.0762 (M - H)<sup>-</sup> (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>8</sub><sup>35</sup>ClFNO requires 272.0784).

**3-(4-Bromophenyl)-5-fluoroisoquinolin-1-one (14g).** BuLi (1.6 M in hexanes, 0.64 mL, 1.2 mmol) was added to dry Pr<sup>*i*</sup><sub>2</sub>NH (121 mg, 1.2 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) at -78°C and the mixture was stirred at -78°C for 10 min. Compound **49** (180 mg, 1.0 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C. 4-Bromobenzonitrile (186 mg, 1.0 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added at -78°C and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C, then at 20°C for 16 h. Water (1.0 mL) was added. The mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL). The solid was collected by filtration and washed (EtOH) to give **11g** (238 mg, 61%) as a white solid: mp >360°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (COSY)  $\delta$  6.86 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.47 (1 H, m, 7-H), 7.52 (1 H, t,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 6-H), 7.67 (2 H, d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, Ph 2,6-H<sub>2</sub>), 7.78 (2 H, d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, Ph 3,5-H<sub>2</sub>), 8.03 (1 H, d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 8-H), 11.87 (1 H, bs, N-H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO)  $\delta$  (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  94.61 (d,  $J = 5.1$  Hz, 4-C), 117.08 (d,  $J = 19.3$  Hz, 6-



C), 122.60 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz, 8-C), 122.66 (Ph 4-C), 126.45 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 7-C), 126.53 (8a-C), 126.80 (d,  $J = 16.3$  Hz, 4a-C), 128.85 (Ph 3,5-C<sub>2</sub>), 131.45 (Ph 2,6-C<sub>2</sub>), 133.27 (Ph 1-C), 140.87 (3-C), 157.20 (d,  $J = 248.3$  Hz, 5-C), 162.10 (1-C); <sup>19</sup>F NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) δ -121.89 (m, F); MS  $m/z$  317.9760 (M - H)<sup>-</sup> (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>8</sub><sup>81</sup>BrFNO requires 317.9753), 315.9773 (M - H)<sup>-</sup> (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>8</sub><sup>79</sup>BrFNO requires 315.9773).

**5-Fluoro-3-(pyridin-4-yl)isoquinolin-1-one (14h).** BuLi (1.6 M in hexanes, 0.7 mL, 1.1 mmol) was added to dry Pr<sub>2</sub>NH (131 mg, 1.3 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) at -78°C and the mixture was stirred at -78°C for 10 min. Compound **49** (200 mg, 1.1 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C. 4-Cyanopyridine (114 mg, 1.1 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C, then at 20°C for 16 h. Water (1.0 mL) was added. The mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, washed thrice with brine and dried. Evaporation and washing (EtOH) gave **14h** (264 mg, 99%) as a white solid: mp >360°C; IR  $\nu_{\max}$  3435, 1675, 1244 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) δ 7.10 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.55 (1 H, m, 7-H), 7.64 (1 H, t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 6-H), 7.86 (2 H, d,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, pyridine 3,5-H<sub>2</sub>), 8.06 (1 H, d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 8-H), 8.70 (2 H, d,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, pyridine 2,6-H<sub>2</sub>), 11.90 (1 H, br, NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (HSQC / HMBC) δ 96.61 (4-C), 117.89 (d,  $J = 19.8$  Hz, 6-C), 121.10 (pyridine 3,5-C<sub>2</sub>), 122.86 (8-C), 126.40 (d,  $J = 15.9$  Hz, 4a-C), 127.26 (8a-C), 127.86 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 7-C), 138.75 (3-C), 140.57 (pyridine 4-C), 150.19 (pyridine 2,6-C<sub>2</sub>), 157.52 (d,  $J = 248.8$  Hz, 5-C), 161.79 (1-C); <sup>19</sup>F NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) δ -121.19 (m, F); MS  $m/z$  239.0622 (M - H)<sup>-</sup> (C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>8</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O requires 239.0621).

**5-Methoxy-3-(4-methylphenyl)isoquinolin-1-one (15b).** BuLi (1.6 M in hexanes, 0.8 mL, 1.3 mmol) was added to dry Pr<sub>2</sub>NH (156 mg, 1.55 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) at -78°C and the mixture was stirred at -78°C for 10 min. Compound **51** (250 mg, 1.3 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C. 4-Methylbenzotrile (151 mg, 1.3 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added at -78°C and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C, then at 20°C for 16 h. Water (1.0 mL) was added. The mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, washed thrice with brine and dried. Evaporation and recrystallisation (EtOH) gave **15b** (16 mg, 5%) as pale yellow crystals: mp 249-251°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (COSY) δ 2.36 (3 H, s, Ph-Me), 3.94 (3 H, s, OMe), 6.92 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.25 (1 H, dd,  $J = 8.0, 0.9$  Hz, 6-H), 7.29 (2 H, d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, Ph 3,5-H<sub>2</sub>), 7.41 (1 H, t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 7-H), 7.66 (2 H, d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, Ph 2,6-H<sub>2</sub>), 7.77 (1 H, dt,  $J = 8.0, 0.8$  Hz, 8-H), 11.54 (1 H, br, N-H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (HSQC / HMBC) δ 20.81 (Me), 55.92 (OMe), 96.35 (4-C), 112.22 (6-C), 118.23 (8-C), 125.66 (4a-C), 126.51 (Ph 2,6-C<sub>2</sub>), 126.64 (7-C), 128.52 (8a-C), 129.40 (Ph 3,5-C<sub>2</sub>), 131.22 (Ph 1-C), 138.88 (3-C), 139.62 (Ph 4-C), 154.33 (5-C), 162.54 (1-C); MS  $m/z$  288.0995 (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NaNO<sub>2</sub> requires 288.1001).

**3-(4-(1,1-Dimethylethyl)phenyl)-5-methoxyisoquinolin-1-one (15c).** BuLi (2.5 M in hexanes, 0.42 mL, 1.0 mmol) was added to dry Pr<sub>2</sub>NH (126 mg, 1.2 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) at -78°C and the mixture was stirred at -78°C for 10 min. Compound **51** (200 mg, 1.0 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C. 4-(1,1-Dimethylethyl)benzotrile (164 mg, 1.0 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added at -78°C and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C, then at 20°C for 16 h. H<sub>2</sub>O (1.0 mL) was added and the mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and washed thrice with brine. Drying, evaporation and washing (EtOH) gave **15c** (72 mg, 23%) as a white solid: mp 249-250°C; IR  $\nu_{\max}$  3451, 1633 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (COSY) δ 1.33 (9 H, s, Bu<sup>t</sup>), 3.96 (3 H, s, OMe), 6.95 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.27 (1 H, d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 6-H), 7.44 (1 H, t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 7-H), 7.52 (2 H, d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, Ph 3,5-H<sub>2</sub>), 7.72 (2 H, d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, Ph 2,6-H<sub>2</sub>), 7.79 (1 H, d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 8-H), 11.54 (1 H, br,

NH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ ) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  30.96 ( $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ), 34.43 ( $\text{CMe}_3$ ), 55.90 (OMe), 96.43 (4-C), 112.19 (6-C), 118.19 (8-C), 125.59 (Ph 3,5- $\text{C}_2$ ), 125.59 (8a-C), 126.30 (Ph 3,5- $\text{C}_2$ ), 126.63 (7-C), 128.46 (4a-C), 131.19 (Ph 1-C), 139.45 (3-C), 151.85 (Ph 4-C), 154.28 (5-C), 162.47 (1-C); MS  $m/z$  308.1639 ( $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_2$  requires 308.1652).

**5-Methoxy-3-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)isoquinolin-1-one (15d).** BuLi (1.6 M in hexanes, 0.8 mL, 1.3 mmol) was added to dry  $\text{Pr}^i_2\text{NH}$  (157 mg, 1.55 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  and the mixture was stirred at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  for 10 min. Compound **51** (250 mg, 1.3 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$ . 4-Trifluoromethylbenzonitrile (221 mg, 1.3 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$ , then at  $20^\circ\text{C}$  for 16 h. Water (1.0 mL) was added. The mixture was extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . The extract was washed thrice with brine and dried. Evaporation and recrystallisation (EtOH) gave **15d** (113 mg, 27%) as white crystals: mp  $259\text{--}260^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ ) (COSY)  $\delta$  3.95 (3 H, s, Me), 7.04 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.30 (1 H, d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 6-H), 7.48 (1 H, t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 7-H), 7.80 (1 H, d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 8-H), 7.83 (2 H, d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, Ph3,5- $\text{H}_2$ ), 7.98 (2 H, d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, Ph 2,6- $\text{H}_2$ ), 11.75 (1 H, bs, N-H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ ) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  55.93 (Me), 98.28 (4-C), 112.46 (6-C), 118.18 (8-C), 124.03 (q,  $J = 270.5$  Hz,  $\text{CF}_3$ ), 125.51 (q,  $J = 3.8$  Hz, Ph 3,5- $\text{C}_2$ ), 126.15 (4a-C), 127.40 (7-C), 127.49 (Ph 2,6- $\text{C}_2$ ), 127.93 (8a-C), 129.14 (q,  $J = 31.9$  Hz, Ph 4-C), 137.85 (Ph 1-C), 137.96 (3-C), 154.54 (5-C), 162.30 (1-C);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR ( $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ )  $\delta$  -61.20 (s,  $\text{CF}_3$ ); MS  $m/z$  318.0740 ( $\text{M}^-$ ) ( $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2$  requires 318.0747).

**3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-5-methoxyisoquinolin-1-one (15e).** BuLi (1.6 M in hexanes, 0.8 mL, 1.3 mmol) was added to dry  $\text{Pr}^i_2\text{NH}$  (156 mg, 1.55 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  and the mixture was stirred at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  for 10 min. Compound **51** (250 mg, 1.3 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$ . 4-Chlorobenzonitrile (178 mg, 1.3 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$ , then at  $20^\circ\text{C}$  for 16 h. Water (1.0 mL) was added. The mixture was diluted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , washed thrice with brine and dried. Evaporation and washing (EtOH) gave **15e** (86 mg, 23%) as an off-white solid: mp  $243\text{--}245^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ ) (COSY)  $\delta$  4.00 (3 H, s, Me), 7.01 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.33 (1 H, d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 6-H), 7.50 (1 H, t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 7-H), 7.60 (2 H, d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, Ph 3,5- $\text{H}_2$ ), 7.84 (3 H, m, 8-H + Ph 2,6- $\text{H}_2$ ), 11.71 (1 H, br, N-H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ ) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  55.95 (Me), 97.34 (4-C), 112.39 (6-C), 118.23 (8-C), 125.89 (4a-C), 127.11 (7-C), 128.20 (8a-C), 128.56 (Ph 2,6- $\text{C}_2$ ), 128.79 (Ph 3,5- $\text{C}_2$ ), 132.88 (Ph 1-C), 133.91 (Ph 4-C), 138.42 (3-C), 154.44 (5-C), 162.44 (1-C); MS  $m/z$  308.0413 ( $\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$ ) ( $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}^{35}\text{ClNNaO}_2$  requires 308.0449).

**3-(4-Bromophenyl)-5-methoxyisoquinolin-1-one (15f).** BuLi (1.6 M in hexanes, 0.70 mL, 1.1 mmol) was added to dry  $\text{Pr}^i_2\text{NH}$  (131 mg, 1.3 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  and the mixture was stirred at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  for 10 min. Compound **51** (200 mg, 1.0 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$ . 4-Bromobenzonitrile (188 mg, 1.0 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$ , then at  $20^\circ\text{C}$  for 16 h. Water (1.0 mL) was added. The mixture was diluted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , washed thrice with brine and dried. Evaporation and washing (EtOH) gave **15f** (48 mg, 14%) as a white solid: mp  $263\text{--}264^\circ\text{C}$ ; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3526, 1665, 739  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ )  $\delta$  3.94 (3 H, s, Me), 6.95 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.27 (1 H, d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 6-H), 7.45 (1 H, t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 7-H), 7.69 (4 H, m, Ph 2,3,5,6- $\text{H}_4$ ), 7.78 (1 H, d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 8-H), 11.64 (1 H, br, NH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ ) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  55.95 (Me), 97.30 (4-C), 112.39 (6-C), 118.23 (8-C), 122.58 (Ph 4-C), 125.90 (4a-C), 127.11 (7-C), 128.19 (8a-C), 128.79 (Ph 2,6- $\text{C}_2$ ), 131.70 (Ph 3,5-

C<sub>2</sub>), 133.24 (Ph 1-C), 138.49 (3-C), 154.44 (5-C), 162.44 (1-C); MS *m/z* 682.9978 (2 M + Na) (C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>24</sub><sup>79</sup>Br<sup>81</sup>BrN<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub> requires 682.9981); 661.0145 (2 M + H) (C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>25</sub><sup>79</sup>Br<sup>81</sup>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> requires 661.0161); 351.9959 (M + Na) (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub><sup>79</sup>BrNNaO<sub>2</sub> requires 351.9949); 332.0098 (M + H)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub><sup>81</sup>BrNO<sub>2</sub> requires 332.0110); 330.0113 (M + H)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub><sup>79</sup>BrNO<sub>2</sub> requires 330.0130).

**5-Methoxy-3-(pyridin-4-yl)isoquinolin-1-one (15g).** BuLi (1.6 M in hexanes, 0.80 mL, 1.3 mmol) was added to dry Pr<sub>2</sub>NH (157 mg, 1.55 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) at -78°C and the mixture was stirred at -78°C for 10 min. Compound **51** (250 mg, 1.3 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C. 4-Cyanopyridine (135 mg, 1.3 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C, then at 20°C for 16 h. Water (1.0 mL) was added. The mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, washed thrice with brine and dried. Evaporation and washing (EtOH) gave **15g** (284 mg, 87%) as a white solid: mp >360°C; IR  $\nu_{\max}$  3431, 1673 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (COSY)  $\delta$  3.96 (3 H, s, Me), 7.16 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.31 (1 H, d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 6-H), 7.50 (1 H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 7-H), 7.80 (3 H, m, 8-H + pyridine 3,5-H<sub>2</sub>), 8.66 (2 H, d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, pyridine 2,6-H<sub>2</sub>), 11.74 (1 H, br, NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  56.04 (Me), 98.74 (4-C), 112.64 (6-C), 118.26 (8-C), 120.76 (pyridine 3,5-C<sub>2</sub>), 126.55 (4a-C), 127.70 (8a-C), 127.93 (7-C), 136.82 (pyridine 4-C), 140.86 (3-C), 150.19 (pyridine 2,6-C<sub>2</sub>), 154.70 (5-C), 162.39 (1-C); MS *m/z* 253.0972 (M + H) (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> requires 253.0977).

**3-(Benzo-1,3-dioxol-5-yl)-5-methoxyisoquinolin-1-one (15h).** BuLi (1.6 M in hexanes, 0.7 mL, 1.1 mmol) was added to dry Pr<sub>2</sub>NH (125 mg, 1.2 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) at -78°C and the mixture was stirred at -78°C for 10 min. Compound **51** (200 mg, 1.0 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C. 5-Cyanobenzo-1,3-dioxole (152 mg, 1.0 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added at -78 °C and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C, then at 20°C for 16 h. H<sub>2</sub>O (1.0 mL) was added. The mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, washed thrice with brine and dried. Evaporation and washing (EtOH) gave **15h** (32 mg, 11%) as an off-white solid: mp 282-284°C; IR  $\nu_{\max}$  3445, 1631 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO)  $\delta$  3.93 (3 H, s, Me), 6.09 (2 H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.86 (1 H, s, 4-C), 7.01 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, Ph 5-H), 7.25 (1 H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6-H), 7.27 (1 H, dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.9 Hz, Ph 6-H), 7.33 (1 H, d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, Ph 2-H), 7.40 (1 H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 7-H), 7.74 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 8-H), 11.45 (1 H, br, NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (HSQC / HMBC / DEPT)  $\delta$  55.91 (OMe), 96.29 (4-C), 101.53 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 107.03 (Ph 4-C), 108.54 (Ph 7-C), 112.17 (6-C), 118.21 (8-C), 120.92 (Ph 6-C), 125.54 (4a-C), 126.52 (7-C), 128.20 (Ph 5-C), 128.54 (8a-C), 139.42 (3-C), 147.72 (Ph 7a-C), 148.16 (Ph 3a-C), 154.27 (5-C), 162.51 (1-C); MS *m/z* 613.1595 (2 M + Na) (C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>8</sub> requires 613.1587); 591.1768 (2 M + H) (C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> requires 591.1767); 318.0765 (M + Na) (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NNaO<sub>4</sub> requires 318.0742); 296.0907 (M + H) (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> requires 296.0923).

**5-Methoxy-3-(thiophen-3-yl)isoquinolin-1-one (15i).** BuLi (2.5 M in hexanes, 0.42 mL, 1.0 mmol) was added to dry Pr<sub>2</sub>NH (126 mg, 1.24 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) at -78°C and the mixture was stirred at -78°C for 10 min. Compound **51** (200 mg, 1.0 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C. 3-Cyanothiophene (112 mg, 1.0 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added at -78°C and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C, then at 20°C for 16 h. H<sub>2</sub>O (1.0 mL) was added. The mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and washed thrice with brine. Evaporation and washing (EtOH) gave **15i** (37 mg, 14%) as a pale buff solid: mp 286-287°C; IR  $\nu_{\max}$  3503, 1652, 746 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (COSY)  $\delta$  3.94 (3 H, s, Me), 7.04 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.24 (1 H, d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 6-H), 7.40 (1 H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 7-H), 7.66 (2 H, m, thiophene 4,5-H<sub>2</sub>), 7.75 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 8-H), 8.23 (1 H, d, *J* = 1.2

Hz, thiophene 2-H), 11.48 (1 H, br, NH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (( $\text{CD}_3$ ) $_2\text{SO}$ ) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  55.88 (Me), 95.99 (4-C), 112.28 (6-C), 118.24 (8-C), 123.36 (thiophene 2-C), 125.71 (8a-C), 125.78 (thiophene 5-C), 126.63 (7-C), 127.44 (thiophene 4-C), 128.44 (4a-C), 134.71 (thiophene 1-C), 135.20 (3-C), 154.30 (5-C), 162.29 (1-C); MS  $m/z$  280.0399 ( $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{NNaO}_2\text{S}$  requires 280.0409).

**5-Hydroxy-3-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)isoquinolin-1-one (16b).** Compound **15d** (51 mg, 0.16 mmol) was heated with  $\text{BBR}_3$  in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (1.0 M, 4.0 mL) at reflux for 16 h. The evaporation residue was treated with aq. NaOH (2.5 M, 3.5 mL) at  $0^\circ\text{C}$  and the mixture was stirred at  $20^\circ\text{C}$  for 3 h. The solution was acidified with aq. HCl (2 M). The solid was collected by filtration. Chromatography (EtOAc / petroleum ether 2:3  $\rightarrow$  1:1) gave **16b** (3.9 mg, 8%) as a pale buff solid: mp  $258\text{--}260^\circ\text{C}$ ; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3399, 3197, 1640, 1329, 1113, 1068  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )  $\delta$  7.14 (1 H, dd,  $J = 7.8, 1.0$  Hz, 6-H), 7.29 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.37 (1 H, t,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 7-H), 7.81 (3 H, m, 8-H + Ph 3,5- $\text{H}_2$ ), 7.92 (2 H, d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, Ph 2,6- $\text{H}_2$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  102.03 (4-C), 117.66 (6-C), 118.54 (8-C), 125.54 (q,  $J = 268.9$  Hz,  $\text{CF}_3$ ), 126.94 (q,  $J = 3.8$  Hz, Ph 3,5- $\text{C}_2$ ), 127.41 (4a-C), 128.36 (Ph 2,6- $\text{C}_2$ ), 128.90 (7-C), 129.23 (8a-C), 131.88 (q,  $J = 32.4$  Hz, Ph 4-C), 138.33 (3-C), 139.73 (Ph 1-C), 154.84 (5-C), 165.60 (1-C); MS  $m/z$  328.0568 ( $\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$  ( $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_3\text{NNaO}_2$  requires 328.0561), 306.0740 ( $\text{M} + \text{H}^+$  ( $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2$  requires 306.0742); MS  $m/z$  304.0577 ( $\text{M} - \text{H}^-$  ( $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_9\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2$  requires 304.0585).

**5-Nitro-3-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)isoquinolin-1-one (22i).** Compound **30i** (78 mg, 220  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) was stirred with HBr in AcOH (33%, 3.5 mL) at  $65^\circ\text{C}$  for 7 h. Evaporation yielded **22i** (34.5 mg, 47%) as a yellow solid: mp:  $292\text{--}294^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (( $\text{CD}_3$ ) $_2\text{SO}$ )  $\delta$  7.30 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.70 (1 H, t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 7-H), 7.89 (2 H, d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, Ph 3,5- $\text{H}_2$ ), 7.99 (2 H, d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, Ph 2,6- $\text{H}_2$ ), 8.49 (1 H, d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 8-H), 8.60 (1 H, d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 6-H), 12.26 (1 H, br, N-H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (( $\text{CD}_3$ ) $_2\text{SO}$ ) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  98.63 (4-C), 124.01 (q,  $J = 270.8$  Hz,  $\text{CF}_3$ ), 125.81 (q,  $J = 3.6$  Hz, Ph 3,5- $\text{C}_2$ ), 126.36 (7-C), 126.89 (8a-C), 128.27 (Ph 2,6- $\text{C}_2$ ), 129.99 (8-C), 130.04 (q,  $J = 31.8$  Hz, Ph 4-C), 130.59 (4a-C), 133.19 (6-C), 137.44 (Ph 1-C), 142.64 (3-C), 144.94 (5-C), 161.33 (1-C);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (( $\text{CD}_3$ ) $_2\text{SO}$ )  $\delta$  -61.22 (s,  $\text{CF}_3$ ); MS  $m/z$  333.0493 ( $\text{M} - \text{H}^-$  ( $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_8\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  requires 333.0493).

**3-(4-Fluorophenyl)-5-nitroisoquinolin-1-one (22j).** Compound **30j** (16 mg, 50  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) was stirred with HBr in AcOH (33%, 1.0 mL) at  $65^\circ\text{C}$  for 7 h. Evaporation yielded **22j** (7.8 mg, 55%) as a yellow solid: mp  $>360^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (( $\text{CD}_3$ ) $_2\text{SO}$ )  $\delta$  7.19 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.36 (2 H, t,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, Ph 3,5- $\text{H}_2$ ), 7.65 (1 H,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 7-H), 7.84 (2 H, dd,  $J = 8.2, 5.3$  Hz, Ph 2,6- $\text{H}_2$ ), 8.46 (1 H, d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 8-H), 8.59 (1 H, d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 6-H), 11.95 (1 H, br, NH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (( $\text{CD}_3$ ) $_2\text{SO}$ ) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  96.94 (4-C), 115.56 (d,  $J = 21.8$  Hz, Ph 3,5- $\text{C}_2$ ), 125.41 (7-C), 126.38 (8a-C), 129.36 (8-C), 129.43 (Ph 2,6- $\text{C}_2$ ), 129.86 (4a-C), 130.63 (Ph 1-C), 132.83 (6-C), 143.07 (3-C), 144.55 (5-C), 160.99 (1-C), 162.94 (d,  $J = 246.6$  Hz, Ph 4-C);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (( $\text{CD}_3$ ) $_2\text{SO}$ )  $\delta$  -110.96 (m, F); MS  $m/z$  283.0524 ( $\text{M} - \text{H}^-$  ( $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_8\text{FN}_2\text{O}_3$  requires 283.0524).

**1,3-Dichloro-5-nitroisoquinoline (27).** Aq.  $\text{HNO}_3$  (67%, 430 mg) in conc.  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  (3.0 mL) was added dropwise to 1,3-dichloroisoquinoline **26** (1.00 g, 5.1 mmol) in conc.  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  (5.0 mL) at  $5^\circ\text{C}$ . The mixture was stirred at  $0\text{--}5^\circ\text{C}$  for 2 h, then poured onto ice. The precipitate was collected, washed ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ), dried and recrystallised (EtOAc / petroleum ether) to give **27** (1.12 g, 91%) as a yellow powder: mp  $168\text{--}170^\circ\text{C}$  (lit.<sup>2</sup> mp  $168\text{--}170^\circ\text{C}$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.80 (1 H, t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 7-H), 8.55 (1 H, s, 4-H), 8.62 (1 H, dd,  $J = 7.8, 1.8$  Hz, 6-H), 8.72 (1 H, dt,  $J = 8.5, 1.1$  Hz, 8-H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  115.16 (4-C), 126.00 (4a-

C), 126.64 (7-C), 129.63 (6-C), 131.60 (8a-C), 133.12 (8-C), 144.01 (5-C), 147.08 (3-C), 151.75 (1-C).

**1-Methoxy-3-(3-methylphenyl)-5-nitroisoquinoline (30b).** Compound **28** (0.84 g, 3.5 mmol), Pd<sub>2</sub>dba<sub>3</sub> (0.18 g, 0.35 mmol), SPhos (0.14 g, 0.70 mmol), K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (1.5 g, 7.1 mmol) and 3-methylphenylboronic acid (720 mg 5.3 mmol) were placed in a dry flask. Degassed toluene (20 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at 100°C for 16 h. Evaporation and chromatography (hexane / EtOAc 15:1) gave **30b** (700 mg, 67%) as yellow crystals: mp 166-169°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.36 (3 H, s, ArMe), 4.11 (3 H, s, OMe), 7.13 (1 H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, Ar 4-H), 7.27 (1 H, t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, Ar 5-H), 7.36 (1 H, t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 7-H), 7.83 (1 H, s, Ar 2-H), 7.85 (1 H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz Ar 6-H), 8.23-8.26 (2 H, m, 6-H and 4-H), 8.39 (1 H, d, *J* = 7.4 Hz 8-H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (HMBC / HMQC) δ 21.6 (ArMe), 54.0 (OMe), 104.9 (4-C), 124.2 (Ar 6-C), 124.2 (7-C), 127.6 (Ar 2-C) 128.5 (6-C), 128.6 (Ar 5-C), 130.1 (Ar 4-C), 131.1 (8-C), 131.3 (C<sub>q</sub>), 138.2 (Ar 1-C), 138.5 (C<sub>q</sub>), 151.8 (3-C), 151.9 (5-C), 160.3 (1-C); MS *m/z* 295.1076 (M + H)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> requires 295.1083).

**1-Methoxy-3-(2-methoxyphenyl)-5-nitroisoquinoline (30d).** Degassed PhMe (3.0 mL) was added to **28** (102 mg, 430 μmol), Pd<sub>2</sub>dba<sub>3</sub> (11.5 mg, 13 μmol), SPhos (23 mg, 56 μmol), 2-methoxybenzeneboronic acid (150 mg, 1.0 mmol) and K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (204 mg, 1.0 mmol) in a dry flask. The mixture was stirred at 100°C for 16 h. The evaporation residue, in CHCl<sub>3</sub>, was filtered. Chromatography (EtOAc / petroleum ether 1:99) gave **30d** (74 mg, 58%) as a yellow solid: mp 115-117°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 3.97 (3 H, s, PhOMe), 4.23 (3 H, s, 1-OMe), 7.06 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, Ph 3-H), 7.11 (1 H, td, *J* = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, Ph 4-H), 7.39 (1 H, td, *J* = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, Ph 5-H), 7.55 (1 H, t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 7-H), 8.15 (1 H, dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, Ph 6-H), 8.43 (1 H, dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 6-H), 8.59 (1 H, dt, *J* = 8.2, 1.1 Hz, 8-H), 8.78 (1 H, s, 4-H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) (HSQC / HMBC) δ 54.06 (1-OMe), 55.71 (PhOMe), 110.12 (4-C), 111.79 (Ph 3-C), 119.70 (8a-C), 120.87 (Ph 4-C), 124.36 (7-C), 128.18 (6-C), 130.17 (Ph 5-C), 130.91 (8-C), 131.22 (Ph 6-C), 146.81 (5-C), 157.82 (Ph 2-C), 160.04 (1-C); MS *m/z* 333.0858 (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub> requires 333.0852), 311.1030 (M + H)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> requires 311.1034).

**1-Methoxy-3-(3-methoxyphenyl)-5-nitroisoquinoline (30e).** Degassed PhMe (3.0 mL) was added to **28** (103 mg, 430 μmol), Pd<sub>2</sub>dba<sub>3</sub> (11.6 mg, 13 μmol), SPhos (22 mg, 54 μmol), 3-methoxybenzeneboronic acid (153 mg, 1.0 mmol) and K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (203 mg, 0.96 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 100°C for 16 h. The evaporation residue, in CHCl<sub>3</sub>, was filtered. Chromatography (EtOAc / petroleum ether 1:99) gave **30e** (81 mg, 81%) as a yellow solid: mp 87-90°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 3.93 (3 H, s, PhOMe), 4.28 (3 H, s, 1-OMe), 7.00 (1 H, m, Ph 6-H), 7.42 (1 H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, Ph 5-H), 7.57 (1 H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 7-H), 7.78 (2 H, m, Ph 2,4-H<sub>2</sub>), 8.48 (1 H, dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 6-H), 8.51 (1 H, s, 4-H), 8.61 (1 H, dt, *J* = 8.2, 1.0 Hz, 8-H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) (HSQC / HMBC) δ 54.16 (PhOMe), 56.00 (1-OMe), 105.38 (4-C), 112.98 (Ph 4-C), 114.79 (Ph 6-C), 119.62 (Ph 2-C), 124.53 (7-C), 128.54 (6-C), 129.76 (Ph 5-C), 131.20 (8-C), 139.72 (Ph 3-C), 144.35 (5-C), 160.26 (1-C); MS *m/z* 311.1030 (M + H)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> requires 311.1034).

**1-Methoxy-5-nitro-3-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)isoquinoline (30h).** Method A. Degassed PhMe (3.0 mL) was added to **28** (101 mg, 420 μmol), Pd<sub>2</sub>dba<sub>3</sub> (41 mg, 45 μmol), SPhos (40 mg, 100 μmol), 3-trifluoromethylbenzeneboronic acid (161 mg, 850 μmol) and K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (179 mg, 840 μmol). The mixture was stirred at 100°C for 16 h. The evaporation residue, in CHCl<sub>3</sub>, was filtered. Chromatography (Et<sub>2</sub>O / petroleum ether 1:199) gave **30h** (80.4 mg, 55%) as a yellow solid: mp 135-137°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 4.29 (3 H, s, Me), 7.62 (2 H, m, 7-H + Ph 5-H), 7.70 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, Ph 4-H), 8.34 (1 H, d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, Ph 6-H), 8.47 (1

H, s, Ph 2-H), 8.49 (1 H, dd,  $J = 7.7, 1.2$  Hz, 6-H), 8.53 (1 H, s, 4-H), 8.62 (1 H, dt,  $J = 7.2, 1.0$  Hz, 8-H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  54.31 (Me), 105.70 (4-C), 120.30 (8a-C), 123.98 (q,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, Ph 2-C), 124.19 (q,  $J = 270.4$  Hz,  $\text{CF}_3$ ), 125.08 (7-C), 125.84 (q,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, Ph 4-C), 126.89, 128.77 (6-C), 128.78, 29.20 (Ph 5-C), 130.12 (Ph 6-C), 131.27 (8-C), 131.27 (4a-C), 131.30 (q,  $J = 32.3$  Hz, Ph 3-C), 139.47 (Ph 1-C), 145.04 (5-C), 150.25 (3-C), 160.75 (1-C);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -62.66 (s,  $\text{CF}_3$ ); MS  $m/z$  349.0826 ( $\text{M} + \text{H}^+$ ) ( $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  requires 349.0802).

**1-Methoxy-5-nitro-3-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)isoquinoline (30h). Method B.** Dry DMF (8.0 mL) was added to **37** (300 mg, 1.1 mmol),  $\text{Pd}_2\text{dba}_3$  (97 mg, 106  $\mu\text{mol}$ ), SPhos (99 mg, 0.21 mmol), 3-trifluoromethylbenzeneboronic acid (403 mg, 2.1 mmol) and  $\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4$  (675 mg, 3.2 mmol) and the mixture was stirred at  $135^\circ\text{C}$  for 16 h. The mixture was filtered (Celite<sup>®</sup>) and the solvent was evaporated. Chromatography (EtOAc / petroleum ether 1:49) gave **30h** (232 mg, 63%) as a yellow solid, with properties as above.

**1-Methoxy-5-nitro-3-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)isoquinoline (30i).** To **37** (300 mg, 1.1 mmol) in a dry flask was added  $\text{Pd}_2\text{dba}_3$  (97 mg, 110  $\mu\text{mol}$ ), SPhos (99 mg, 210  $\mu\text{mol}$ ), 4-trifluoromethylphenylbenzeneboronic acid (403 mg, 2.1 mmol) and  $\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4$  (675 mg, 3.2 mmol). Dry DMF (8.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at  $135^\circ\text{C}$  for 16 h. The mixture was filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and the solvent was evaporated. Chromatography (EtOAc / petroleum ether 3:197) gave **30i** (209 mg, 57%) as a yellow solid: mp  $125\text{-}127^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  4.25 (3 H, s, Me), 7.58 (1 H, t,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 7-H), 7.72 (2 H, d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, Ph 3,5- $\text{H}_2$ ), 8.25 (2 H, d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, Ph 2,6- $\text{H}_2$ ), 8.46 (1 H, dd,  $J = 7.8, 1.3$  Hz, 6-H), 8.50 (1 H, s, 4-H), 8.58 (1 H, dt,  $J = 8.2, 1.1$  Hz, 8-H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  54.23 (Me), 105.94 (4-C), 120.18 (4a-C), 125.11 (7-C), 125.57 (q,  $J = 3.6$  Hz, Ph 3,5- $\text{C}_2$ ), 126.42 (q,  $J = 275.0$  Hz,  $\text{CF}_3$ ), 127.20 (Ph 2,6- $\text{C}_2$ ), 128.75 (6-C), 131.17 (8a-C), 131.20 (8-C), 141.79 (Ph 1-C), 144.82 (5-C), 150.01 (3-C), 160.56 (1-C);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -62.56 (s,  $\text{CF}_3$ ); MS  $m/z$  371.0601 ( $\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$ ) ( $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}$  requires 371.0622), 349.0775 ( $\text{M} + \text{H}^+$ ) ( $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  requires 349.0780).

**3-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1-methoxy-5-nitroisoquinoline (30j).** To **37** (200 mg, 710  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) in a dry flask was added  $\text{Pd}_2\text{dba}_3$  (65 mg, 70  $\mu\text{mol}$ ), SPhos (66 mg, 140  $\mu\text{mol}$ ), 4-fluorobenzeneboronic acid (148 mg, 1.1 mmol) and  $\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4$  (448 mg, 2.1 mmol). Dry DMF (6.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at  $135^\circ\text{C}$  for 16 h. The evaporation residue, in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ , was filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup>. Chromatography (EtOAc / petroleum ether 1:99  $\rightarrow$  1:49) gave **30j** (60 mg, 28%) as a yellow solid: mp  $199\text{-}200^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  4.27 (3 H, s, Me), 7.19 (2 H, t,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, Ph 3,5- $\text{H}_2$ ), 7.57 (1 H, t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 7-H), 8.19 (2 H, m, Ph 2,6- $\text{H}_2$ ), 8.47 (1 H, s, 4-H), 8.49 (1 H, dd,  $J = 8.0, 1.0$  Hz, 6-H), 8.61 (1 H, d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  54.11 (Me), 104.79 (4-C), 115.68 (d,  $J = 21.5$  Hz, Ph 3,5- $\text{C}_2$ ), 119.91 (4a-C), 124.53 (7-C), 128.72 (6-C), 128.97 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, Ph 2,6- $\text{C}_2$ ), 131.26 (8-C), 131.56 (8a-C), 134.81 (Ph 1-C), 144.91 (5-C), 150.93 (3-C), 160.58 (1-C), 163.75 (d,  $J = 248.3$  Hz, Ph 4-C); MS  $m/z$  299.0808 ( $\text{M} + \text{H}^+$ ) ( $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_3$  requires 299.0834).

**3-(2-Chlorophenyl)-1-methoxy-5-nitroisoquinoline (30k). Method A.** To **28** (102 mg, 0.43 mmol) were added  $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$  (13 mg, 14  $\mu\text{mol}$ ), SPhos (22 mg, 54  $\mu\text{mol}$ ), 2-chlorobenzeneboronic acid (202 mg, 1.3 mmol) and  $\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4$  (202 mg, 0.95 mmol). Degassed PhMe (3.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at  $100^\circ\text{C}$ . After 4.5 h, further  $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$  (33.5 mg, 40  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) and SPhos (20.5 mg, 40  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) were added and the mixture was stirred at  $100^\circ\text{C}$  for a further 11.5 h. The evaporation residue, in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ , was filtered. Chromatography (EtOAc / petroleum ether 1:99) gave **30k** (135 mg, 100%) as a yellow solid, with properties as below.

**3-(2-Chlorophenyl)-1-methoxy-5-nitroisoquinoline (30k). Method B.** To **37** (200 mg, 710  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) were added  $\text{Pd}_2\text{dba}_3$  (65 mg, 70  $\mu\text{mol}$ ), SPhos (66 mg, 140  $\mu\text{mol}$ ), 2-chlorobenzeneboronic acid (165 mg, 1.1 mmol) and  $\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4$  (450 mg, 2.1 mmol). Dry DMF (7.5 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at 135°C for 16 h. The solvent was evaporated. The residue, in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ , was filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup>. Chromatography (EtOAc / petroleum ether 3:197  $\rightarrow$  1:19) gave **30k** (132 mg, 60%) as a yellow solid: mp 122-127°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  4.21 (3 H, s, Me), 7.39 (1 H, t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, Ph 5-H), 7.40 (1 H, t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, Ph 4-H), 7.53 (1 H, dd,  $J = 7.5, 1.5$  Hz, Ph 6-H), 7.63 (1 H, t,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 7-H), 7.73 (1 H, dd,  $J = 7.8, 1.7$  Hz, Ph 3-H), 8.37 (1 H, s, 4-H), 8.49 (1 H, dd,  $J = 7.8, 1.3$  Hz, 6-H), 8.65 (1 H, dt,  $J = 8.2, 1.1$  Hz, 8-H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  54.39 (Me), 110.19 (4-C), 119.79 (8a-C), 125.05 (7-C), 126.84 (Ph 4-C), 128.46 (6-C), 129.62 (Ph 5-C), 130.48 (Ph 6-C), 130.74 (4a-C), 131.13 (8-C), 131.67 (Ph 3-C), 144.95 (5-C), 160.29 (1-C); MS  $m/z$  315.0533 ( $\text{M} + \text{H}^+$ ) ( $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}^{35}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_3$  requires 315.0538).

**3-(3-Chlorophenyl)-1-methoxy-5-nitroisoquinoline (30l). Method A.** To **28** (104 mg, 0.44 mmol) in a dry flask was added  $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$  (44.0 mg, 48  $\mu\text{mol}$ ), SPhos (40.3 mg, 98  $\mu\text{mol}$ ), 3-chlorobenzeneboronic acid (198 mg, 1.3 mmol) and  $\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4$  (180 mg, 0.85 mmol). Degassed toluene (3.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at 100°C for 40 h. The evaporation residue, in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ , was filtered. Chromatography (Et<sub>2</sub>O / petroleum ether 1: 99) gave **30l** (46 mg, 34%) as a yellow solid, with properties as below.

**3-(3-Chlorophenyl)-1-methoxy-5-nitroisoquinoline (30l). Method B.** To **37** (200 mg, 710  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) were added  $\text{Pd}_2\text{dba}_3$  (65 mg, 70  $\mu\text{mol}$ ), SPhos (66 mg, 140  $\mu\text{mol}$ ), 3-chlorobenzeneboronic acid (166 mg, 1.1 mmol) and  $\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4$  (450 mg, 2.1 mmol). Dry DMF (7.5 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at 135°C for 16 h. The solvent was evaporated. The residue, in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ , was filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup>. Chromatography (EtOAc / petroleum ether 3:197  $\rightarrow$  1:19) gave **30l** (116 mg, 52%) as a yellow solid: mp 134-141°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  4.18 (3 H, s, Me), 7.41 (2 H, m, Ph 5,6-H<sub>2</sub>), 7.58 (1 H, t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 7-H), 8.03 (1 H, dt,  $J = 6.9, 1.9$  Hz, Ph 4-H), 8.18 (1 H, s, Ph 2-H), 8.47 (1 H, dd,  $J = 7.8, 1.2$  Hz, 6-H), 8.48 (1 H, s, 4-H), 8.60 (1 H, dt,  $J = 8.2, 1.1, 8$ -H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  54.29 (Me), 105.53 (4-C), 120.18 (8a-C), 124.90 (7-C), 125.05 (Ph 4-C), 127.21 (Ph 2-C), 128.73 (6-C), 129.24 (Ph 6-C), 129.93 (Ph 5-C), 131.26 (8-C), 131.33 (4a-C), 134.81 (Ph 3-C), 140.43 (3a-C), 144.95 (5-C), 150.30 (3-C), 160.58 (1-C); MS  $m/z$  315.0529 ( $\text{M} + \text{H}^+$ ) ( $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}^{35}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_3$  requires 315.0538).

**3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1-methoxy-5-nitroisoquinoline (30m).** Degassed toluene (3.0 mL) was added to **37** (96 mg, 0.34 mmol),  $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$  (31 mg, 34  $\mu\text{mol}$ ), SPhos (31.5 mg, 68  $\mu\text{mol}$ ), 4-chlorobenzeneboronic acid (79.3 mg, 0.51 mmol) and  $\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4$  (215 mg, 1.01 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 100°C for 16 h. The evaporation residue, in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ , was filtered (Celite<sup>®</sup>). Chromatography (EtOAc / petroleum ether 1:39) gave **30m** (104 mg, 98%) as a yellow solid: mp 168-169°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  4.24 (3 H, s, Me), 7.46 (2 H, dd,  $J = 6.8, 2.0$  Hz, Ph 2,6-H<sub>2</sub>), 7.56 (1 H, t,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 7-H), 8.13 (2 H, dd,  $J = 6.8, 2.0$  Hz, Ph 3,5-H<sub>2</sub>), 8.46 (1 H, dd,  $J = 7.7, 1.2$  Hz, 6-H), 8.47 (1 H, s, 4-H), 8.59 (1 H, dt,  $J = 8.2, 0.92$  Hz, 8-H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  54.15 (Me), 105.06 (4-C), 120.04 (4a-C), 124.66 (7-C), 128.31 (Ph 3,5-C<sub>2</sub>), 128.65 (6-C), 128.87 (Ph 2,6-C<sub>2</sub>), 131.18 (8-C), 131.29 (8a-C), 135.41 (Ph 4-C), 137.07 (3-C), 150.67 (5-C), 160.81 (1-C); MS  $m/z$  315.0531 ( $\text{M} + \text{H}^+$ ) ( $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}^{35}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_3$  requires 315.0536).

**3-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)-1-methoxy-5-nitroisoquinoline (30n).** To **37** (240 mg, 850  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) was added  $\text{Pd}_2\text{dba}_3$  (78 mg, 85  $\mu\text{mol}$ ), SPhos (79 mg, 170  $\mu\text{mol}$ ), 2,6-dichlorobenzeneboronic

acid (243 mg, 1.3 mmol) and  $K_3PO_4$  (541 mg, 2.5 mmol). Dry DMF (8.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at 135°C for 16 h. Filtration (Celite®), evaporation and chromatography (EtOAc / petroleum ether 1: 99) gave **30n** (35 mg, 12%) as a yellow solid: mp 122-124°C;  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  4.17 (3 H, s, Me), 7.30 (1 H, t,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, Ph 4-H), 7.44 (2 H, d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, Ph 3,5-H<sub>2</sub>), 7.66 (1 H, t,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 7-H), 8.08 (1 H, s, 4-H), 8.52 (1 H, dd,  $J = 7.8, 1.3$  Hz, 6-H), 8.67 (1 H, dt,  $J = 8.2, 1.1$  Hz, 8-H);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ ) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  54.61 (Me), 111.16 (4-C), 120.08 (4a-C), 125.36 (7-C), 128.24 (Ph 3,5-C<sub>2</sub>), 128.56 (6-C), 129.82 (Ph 4-C), 130.75 (8a-C), 131.32 (8-C), 134.86 (Ph 2,6-C<sub>2</sub>), 138.19 (Ph 1-C), 144.94 (5-C), 149.95 (3-C), 160.73 (1-C); MS  $m/z$  348.9740 (M - H)<sup>-</sup> ( $C_{16}H_{11}^{35}Cl^{37}ClN_2O_3$  requires 348.9961).

**3-(3-Cyanophenyl)-1-methoxy-5-nitroisoquinoline (30q). Method A.** To **37** (152 mg, 0.64 mmol) in a dry flask was added  $Pd_2(dba)_3$  (58.3 mg, 64  $\mu$ mol), SPhos (60.8 mg, 0.15 mmol), 3-cyanobenzeneboronic acid (147 mg, 1.3 mmol) and  $K_3PO_4$  (270 mg, 1.3 mmol). Degassed toluene (4.5 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at 100°C for 16 h. The evaporation residue, in  $CHCl_3$ , was filtered. Chromatography (EtOAc / petroleum ether 1:40) gave **30q** (15.6 mg, 8%) as a yellow solid, with properties as below.

**3-(3-Cyanophenyl)-1-methoxy-5-nitroisoquinoline (30q). Method B.** To **37** (200 mg, 710  $\mu$ mol) were added  $Pd_2dba_3$  (65 mg, 70  $\mu$ mol), SPhos (66 mg, 140  $\mu$ mol), 3-cyanobenzeneboronic acid (148 mg, 1.1 mmol) and  $K_3PO_4$  (448 mg, 2.1 mmol). Dry DMF (6.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at 135°C for 16 h. The solvent was evaporated. The residue, in  $CHCl_3$ , was filtered through Celite®. Chromatography (EtOAc / petroleum ether 1:99  $\rightarrow$  1:10) gave **30q** (20 mg, 9%): mp 195-196°C;  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  4.29 (3 H, s, Me), 7.62 (1 H, t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, Ph 5-H), 7.64 (1 H, t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 7-H), 7.72 (1 H, dt,  $J = 7.8, 1.3$  Hz, Ph 6-H), 8.38 (1 H, dt,  $J = 8.2, 1.2$  Hz, Ph 4-H), 8.52 (1 H, dd,  $J = 7.8, 1.3$  Hz, 6-H), 8.55 (1 H, s, 4-H), 8.56 (1 H, s, Ph 2-H), 8.65 (1 H, dt,  $J = 8.2, 1.1$  Hz, 8-H);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ ) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  54.44 (Me), 105.90 (4-C), 113.31 (Ph 1-C), 121.03 (4a-C), 125.39 (7-C), 128.88 (6-C), 129.55 (Ph 2,5-C<sub>2</sub>), 130.98 (Ph 6-C), 131.30 (8-C), 132.45 (Ph 4-C), 140.32 (CN), 145.67 (5-C), 160.92 (1-C).

**3-(4-Cyanophenyl)-1-methoxy-5-nitroisoquinoline (30r).** To **28** (151 mg, 630  $\mu$ mol) were added  $Pd_2dba_3$  (58 mg, 63  $\mu$ mol), SPhos (58 mg, 140  $\mu$ mol), 4-cyanobenzeneboronic acid (150 mg, 1.3 mmol) and  $K_3PO_4$  (279 mg, 1.3 mmol). Degassed PhMe (4.5 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at 100°C for 16 h. The evaporation residue, in  $CHCl_3$ , was filtered. Chromatography (EtOAc / petroleum ether 1:99) gave **30r** (53 mg, 28%) as a yellow solid: mp 206-210°C;  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  4.30 (3 H, s, Me), 7.66 (1 H, t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 7-H), 7.81 (2 H, d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, Ph 2,6-H<sub>2</sub>), 8.32 (2 H, d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, Ph 3,5-H<sub>2</sub>), 8.53 (1 H, dd,  $J = 7.8, 1.2$  Hz, 6-H), 8.59 (1 H, s, 4-H), 8.66 (1 H, d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 8-H);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ ) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  54.36 (Me), 106.64 (4-C), 112.68 (CN), 118.79 (Ph 4-C), 120.80 (8a-C), 125.56 (7-C), 127.58 (Ph 2,6-H<sub>2</sub>), 128.85 (6-C), 129.67 (4a-C), 131.26 (8-C), 132.53 (Ph 3,5-H<sub>2</sub>), 142.86 (3-C), 145.16 (5-C), 149.59 (Ph 1-C), 160.84 (1-C).

**5-Amino-1-methoxy-3-(3-methoxyphenyl)isoquinoline (31e).** Compound **30e** (40 mg, 140  $\mu$ mol) was stirred vigorously with Pd/C (10%, 44 mg) in EtOH (9 mL) under  $H_2$  for 5 h. Filtration (Celite®) and evaporation yielded **31e** (31 mg, 81%) as a pale yellow solid: mp 146-149°C;  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  3.91 (3 H, s, Ph OMe), 4.21 (3 H, s, 1-OMe), 6.93 (2 H, m, Ph 6-H + 6-H), 7.31 (1 H, t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 7-H), 7.39 (1 H, t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, Ph 5-H), 7.60 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.71 (3 H, m, Ph 2,4-H<sub>2</sub> + 8-H);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ ) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  53.60 (1-OMe), 55.31



(Ph-OMe), 104.17 (4-C), 112.39 (Ph 2-C), 113.47 (Ph 6-C), 114.05 (6-C), 114.47 (8-C), 118.94 (Ph 4-C), 119.57 (8a-C), 126.75 (7-C), 128.36 (4a-C), 129.54 (Ph 5-C), 141.22 (Ph 1-C), 141.58 (5-C), 146.53 (3-C), 159.92 (Ph 3-C), 160.68 (1-C); MS  $m/z$  303.1110 (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub> requires 303.1110), 281.1278 (M + H)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> requires 281.1290).

**5-Amino-1-methoxy-3-(2-trifluoromethylphenyl)isoquinoline (31g).** Compound **30g** (48 mg, 140  $\mu$ mol) was stirred vigorously with Pt/C (1%, 53 mg) in EtOH (6.0 mL) under H<sub>2</sub> for 4 h. Filtration (Celite<sup>®</sup>) and evaporation gave **31g** (29 mg, 66%) as a yellow solid: mp 172-174°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.13 (OMe), 6.96 (1 H, dd,  $J$  = 7.5, 0.5 Hz, 6-H), 7.28 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.37 (1 H, t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 7-H), 7.51 (1 H, t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, Ph 5-H), 7.63 (2 H, m, Ph 4,6-H<sub>2</sub>), 7.73 (1 H, d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 8-H), 7.81 (1 H, d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, Ph 3-H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  53.85 (Me), 108.10 (4-C), 114.03 (6-C), 114.32 (8-C), 119.34 (8a-C), 124.28 (q,  $J$  = 272 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 126.69 (q,  $J$  = 5.1 Hz, Ph 3-C), 127.17 (7-C), 127.57 (4a-C), 127.81 (Ph 5-C), 128.54 (q,  $J$  = 30.1 Hz, Ph 2-C), 131.41 (Ph 6-C), 131.90 (Ph 4-C), 140.55 (Ph 1-C), 141.56 (5-C), 147.56 (3-C), 160.35 (1-C); MS  $m/z$  341.0872 (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO requires 341.0880).

**5-Amino-1-methoxy-3-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)isoquinoline (31h).** Compound **30h** (152 mg, 440  $\mu$ mol) was stirred vigorously with Pd/C (10%, 165 mg) in EtOH (8.0 mL) under H<sub>2</sub> for 5.5 h. Filtration (Celite<sup>®</sup>) and evaporation gave **31h** (120 mg, 87%) as a pale buff solid: mp 89-91°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.22 (3 H, s, Me), 6.94 (1 H, d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 6-H), 7.33 (1 H, t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 7-H), 7.55 (1 H, t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, Ph 5-H), 7.62 (2 H, m, 4-H + Ph 4-H), 7.70 (1 H, d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 8-H), 8.32 (1 H, d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, Ph 6-H), 8.40 (1 H, s, Ph 2-H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  53.70 (Me), 104.50 (4-C), 114.37 (6-C), 114.57 (8-C), 119.87 (4a-C), 123.23 (q,  $J$  = 3.9 Hz, Ph 2-C), 124.39 (q,  $J$  = 270.8 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 124.63 (q,  $J$  = 3.9 Hz, Ph 4-C), 127.24 (7-C), 128.22 (8a-C), 129.00 (Ph 5-C), 129.66 (Ph 6-C), 130.95 (q,  $J$  = 31.8 Hz, Ph 3-C), 140.44 (Ph 1-C), 141.75 (5-C), 145.16 (3-C), 160.97 (1-C); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -62.50 (s, CF<sub>3</sub>); MS  $m/z$  319.1048 (M + H)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O requires 319.1060).

**5-Amino-1-methoxy-3-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)isoquinoline (31i).** Compound **30i** (151 mg, 430  $\mu$ mol) was stirred vigorously with Pd/C (10%, 165 mg) in EtOH (8.0 mL) under H<sub>2</sub> for 5.5 h. Filtration (Celite<sup>®</sup>) and evaporation gave **31i** (120 mg, 87%) as a buff solid: mp 141-142°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.21 (3 H, s, Me), 6.95 (1 H, dd,  $J$  = 7.5, 0.8 Hz, 6-H), 7.34 (1 H, t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 7-H), 7.65 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.71 (3 H, m, 8-H + Ph 3,5-H<sub>2</sub>), 8.25 (2 H, d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, Ph 2,6-H<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  53.70 (Me), 104.97 (4-C), 114.40 (6-C), 114.58 (8-C), 119.96 (4a-C), 123.26 (q,  $J$  = 269.9 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 125.48 (q,  $J$  = 3.9 Hz, Ph 3,5-C<sub>2</sub>), 126.68 (Ph 2,6-C<sub>2</sub>), 127.37 (7-C), 128.16 (8a-C), 129.86 (q,  $J$  = 31.9 Hz, Ph 4-C), 141.78 (5-C), 143.06 (Ph 1-C), 145.21 (3-C), 160.97 (1-C); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -62.40 (s, CF<sub>3</sub>); MS  $m/z$  317.0907 (M - H)<sup>-</sup> (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O requires 317.0900).

**5-Amino-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-methoxyisoquinoline (31j).** Compound **30j** (108 mg, 360  $\mu$ mol) was stirred vigorously with Pd/C (10%, 118 mg) in EtOH (8.0 mL) under H<sub>2</sub> for 6 h. Filtration (Celite<sup>®</sup>) and evaporation gave **31j** (90 mg, 69%) as an off-white solid: mp 154-155°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.21 (3 H, s, Me), 6.94 (1 H, dd,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 6-H), 7.15 (2 H, m, Ph 3,5-H<sub>2</sub>), 7.31 (1 H, t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 7-H), 7.54 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.69 (1 H, dt,  $J$  = 8.2, 1.0 Hz, 8-H), 8.13 (2 H, m, Ph 2,6-H<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  53.62 (Me), 103.64 (4-C), 114.31 (6-C), 114.67 (8-C), 115.42 (d,  $J$  = 21.5 Hz, Ph 3,5-C<sub>2</sub>), 119.40 (4a-C), 126.72 (7-C), 128.62 (d,  $J$  = 10.4 Hz, Ph 2,6-C<sub>2</sub>), 128.53 (8a-C), 135.85 (d,  $J$  = 3.3 Hz, Ph 1-C), 141.37 (5-C), 145.98 (3-C), 160.82 (1-C), 163.04 (d,  $J$  = 246.0 Hz, Ph 4-C); MS  $m/z$  269.1074 (M +

H)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O requires 269.1092); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -114.31 (m, F); MS *m/z* 267.0925 (M - H)<sup>-</sup> (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O requires 267.0932).

**5-Amino-3-(2-chlorophenyl)-1-methoxyisoquinoline (31k).** Compound **30k** (75 mg, 240 μmol) was stirred vigorously with Pt/C (1%, 84 mg) in EtOH (6.0 mL) under H<sub>2</sub> for 5 h. Filtration (Celite<sup>®</sup>) and evaporation gave **31k** (70 mg, 100%) as a yellow solid: mp 102-103 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 4.18 (Me), 6.93 (1 H, dd, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 6-H), 7.35 (3 H, m, 7-H + Ph 4,5-H<sub>2</sub>), 7.51 (1 H, dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.0 Hz, Ph 3-H), 7.56 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.73 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 8-H), 7.76 (1 H, dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, Ph 6-H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) (HSQC / HMBC) δ 53.78 (Me), 109.13 (4-C), 113.89 (6-C), 114.14 (8-C), 119.29 (4a-C), 126.75 (Ph 4-C), 127.17 (7-C), 127.59 (8a-C), 128.83 (Ph 5-C), 130.27 (Ph 3-C), 131.75 (Ph 6-C), 132.32 (Ph 1-C), 139.34 (Ph 2-C), 141.65 (5-C), 145.86 (3-C), 160.57 (1-C); MS *m/z* 285.0803 (M + H)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub><sup>35</sup>ClN<sub>2</sub>O requires 285.0796).

**5-Amino-3-(3-chlorophenyl)-1-methoxyisoquinoline (31l).** Compound **30l** (75 mg, 240 μmol) was stirred vigorously with Pt/C (1%, 84 mg) in EtOH (6.0 mL) under H<sub>2</sub> for 5 h. Filtration (Celite<sup>®</sup>) and evaporation gave **31l** (62 mg, 91%) as a yellow solid: mp 94-95°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 4.20 (Me), 6.93 (1 H, dd, *J* = 7.5, 0.5 Hz, 6-H), 7.33 (3 H, m, 7-H + Ph 5,6-H<sub>2</sub>), 7.57 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.69 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 8-H), 8.01 (1 H, d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, Ph 3-H), 8.14 (1 H, s, Ph 2-H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) (HSQC / HMBC) 53.69 (Me), 104.39 (4-C), 114.31 (6-C), 114.53 (8-C), 119.72 (4a-C), 124.47 (Ph 4-C), 126.57 (Ph 2-C), 127.07 (7-C), 128.19 (8a-C), 128.01 (Ph 5-C), 129.74 (Ph 6-C), 134.56 (Ph 3-C), 141.47 (5-C), 141.57 (Ph 1-C), 145.18 (3-C), 160.78 (1-C); MS *m/z* 285.0793 (M + H)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub><sup>35</sup>ClN<sub>2</sub>O requires 285.0796).

**5-Amino-3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-1-methoxyisoquinoline (31n).** Compound **30n** (30 mg, 90 μmol) was stirred vigorously with Pd/C (10%, 33 mg) in EtOH (5.0 mL) under H<sub>2</sub> for 5 h. Filtration (Celite<sup>®</sup>) and evaporation gave **31n** (27 mg, 94%) as a pale orange solid: mp 103-104°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 4.12 (3 H, s, Me), 6.95 (1 H, dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 6-H), 7.19 (1 H, d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 4-H), 7.25 (1 H, t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, Ph 4-H), 7.36 (1 H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 7-H), 7.42 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, Ph 3,5-H<sub>2</sub>), 7.74 (1 H, dt, *J* = 8.2, 1.0 Hz, 8-H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) (HSQC / HMBC) δ 54.02 (Me), 109.70 (4-C), 114.00 (6-C), 114.37 (8-C), 127.36 (7-C), 128.15 (Ph 3,5-C<sub>2</sub>), 129.30 (Ph 4-C), 119.69 (4a-C), 127.62 (8a-C), 135.25 (Ph 2,6-C<sub>2</sub>), 138.92 (Ph 1-C), 141.65 (5-C), 144.58 (3-C), 160.94 (1-C); MS *m/z* 321.0356 (M + H)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub><sup>35</sup>Cl<sup>37</sup>ClN<sub>2</sub>O requires 321.0375), 319.0387 (M + H)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub><sup>35</sup>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O requires 319.0405).

**5-Amino-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-1-methoxyisoquinoline (31p).** Compound **30p** (65 mg, 220 μmol) was stirred vigorously with Pd/C (10%, 71.5 mg) in EtOH (5.0 mL) under H<sub>2</sub> for 6 h. Filtration (Celite<sup>®</sup>) and evaporation gave **31p** (63 mg, 98%) as a yellow solid: mp >230°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ 4.17 (3 H, s, Me), 6.87 (2 H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, Ph 3,5-H<sub>2</sub>), 6.94 (1 H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6-H), 7.22 (1 H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 7-H), 7.53 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 8-H), 7.81 (1 H, s, 4-H), 8.07 (2 H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, Ph 2,6-H<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD) (HSQC / HMBC) δ 53.84 (Me), 104.35 (4-C), 114.14 (8-C), 114.63 (6-C), 116.24 (Ph 3,5-C<sub>2</sub>), 120.52 (4a-C), 127.40 (7-C), 128.85 (Ph 2,6-C<sub>2</sub>), 130.19 (8a-C), 132.74 (Ph 1-C), 144.38 (5-C), 147.73 (3-C), 158.86 (Ph 4-C), 161.74 (1-C); MS *m/z* 267.1123 (M + H)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> requires 267.1135).

**5-Amino-3-(3-cyanophenyl)-1-methoxyisoquinoline (31q).** Compound **30q** (34 mg, 110 μmol) was stirred vigorously with Pd/C (10%, 38 mg) in EtOH (5.0 mL) under H<sub>2</sub> for 6.5 h. Filtration (Celite<sup>®</sup>), evaporation and chromatography (ethyl acetate / petroleum ether 1:39 → 1:4) gave **31q** (11.2 mg, 37%) as a golden buff solid: mp 183-184°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 4.22 (3 H, s, Me), 6.96 (1 H, dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 6-H), 7.35 (1 H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 7-H), 7.56 (1

H, t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, Ph 5-H), 7.62 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.63 (1 H, dt,  $J = 7.9, 1.5$  Hz, Ph 6-H), 7.70 (1 H, dt,  $J = 8.2, 0.9$  Hz, 8-H), 8.36 (1 H, dt,  $J = 7.9, 1.3$  Hz, Ph 4-H), 8.46 (1 H, t,  $J = 1.3$  Hz, Ph 2-H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  53.80 (Me), 104.72 (4-C), 112.74 (Ph 3-C), 114.52 (6-C), 114.58 (8-C), 119.14 (CN), 120.03 (8a-C), 127.53 (7-C), 128.08 (4a-C), 129.31 (Ph 5-C), 130.26 (Ph 2-C), 130.49 (Ph 4-C), 131.27 (Ph 6-C), 140.84 (Ph 1-C), 141.81 (5-C), 144.22 (3-C), 161.09 (1-C); MS  $m/z$  276.1128 ( $\text{M} + \text{H}$ )<sup>+</sup> ( $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3\text{O}$  requires 276.1137).

**5-Amino-3-(4-cyanophenyl)-1-methoxyisoquinoline (31r).** Compound **30r** (37 mg, 120  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) was stirred vigorously with Pd/C (10%, 41 mg) in EtOH (5.5 mL) under  $\text{H}_2$  for 6.5 h. Filtration (Celite<sup>®</sup>), evaporation and chromatography (EtOAc / petroleum ether 1:39  $\rightarrow$  1:4) gave **31r** (17.3 mg, 52%) as an amber-coloured solid: mp 203-204°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  4.21 (3 H, s, Me), 6.96 (1 H, dd,  $J = 7.6, 1.0$  Hz, 6-H), 7.36 (1 H, t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 7-H), 7.67 (1 H, s, 4-H), 7.70 (1 H, dt,  $J = 7.3, 0.9$  Hz, 8-H), 7.74 (2 H, d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, Ph 3,5- $\text{H}_2$ ), 8.25 (2 H, d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, Ph 2,6- $\text{H}_2$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  53.76 (Me), 105.55 (4-C), 111.27 (Ph 4-C), 114.58 (6-C), 114.61 (8-C), 119.17 (CN), 120.18 (4a-C), 126.89 (Ph 2,6- $\text{C}_2$ ), 127.77 (7-C), 127.98 (8a-C), 132.39 (Ph 3,5- $\text{C}_2$ ), 141.93 (5-C), 143.93 (Ph 1-C), 144.45 (3-C), 161.04 (1-C); MS  $m/z$  276.1124 ( $\text{M} + \text{H}$ )<sup>+</sup> ( $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3\text{O}$  requires 276.1137).

**Isoquinoline-1,3-dione (33).** 2-Carboxyphenylacetic acid **32** (20.0 g, 111 mmol) was heated with finely ground urea (7.33 g, 122 mmol) at 175-185°C for 2 h. Cooling and recrystallisation (MeOH) gave **33** (12.0 g, 67%) as an off-white solid: mp 220-222°C (lit.<sup>3</sup> mp 236-238°C);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ )  $\delta$  4.09 (3 H, s,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 7.44 (1 H, d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 5-H), 7.51 (1 H, t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 7-H), 7.70 (1 H, td,  $J = 7.6, 1.2$  Hz, 6-H), 8.07 (1 H, dd,  $J = 7.8, 1.1$  Hz, 8-H), 11.36 (1 H, s, N-H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ ) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  35.92 (4-C), 124.95 (8a-C), 127.16 (7-C), 127.41 (8-C), 127.87 (5-C), 133.47 (6-C), 136.66 (4a-C), 165.34 (1-C), 170.99 (3-C).

**1,3-Dibromoisoquinoline (34). Method A.**  $\text{PBr}_3$  (10 mL) was added slowly to **33** (1.41 g, 8.7 mmol) and the mixture was heated at reflux for 16 h. The evaporation residue was quenched (sat. aq.  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ ) and extracted thrice with  $\text{CHCl}_3$ . Chromatography (EtOAc / petroleum ether 3:17), followed by chromatography (EtOAc / petroleum ether 1:49) gave **34** (358 mg, 14%) as white crystals: mp 148-150°C (lit.<sup>4</sup> mp 147-147.5°C);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ )  $\delta$  7.93 (1 H, td,  $J = 6.9, 1.3$  Hz, 6-H), 8.00 (1 H, td,  $J = 6.9, 1.2$  Hz, 7-H), 8.10 (1 H, dt,  $J = 8.1, 0.6$  Hz, 5-H), 8.27 (1 H, d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 8-H), 8.38 (1 H, s, 4-H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ ) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  124.66 (4-C), 126.85 (5-C), 127.13 (8a-C), 127.68 (4a-C), 127.89 (8-C), 130.69 (6-C), 132.69 (7-C), 138.74 (3-C), 143.18 (1-C). Further elution gave **35** (66 mg, 4%) as white crystals: mp 61-63°C (lit.<sup>4</sup> mp 63-64°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ ) (NOE)  $\delta$  7.80 (1 H, td,  $J = 8.0, 1.2$  Hz, 6-H), 7.90 (1 H, dt,  $J = 8.3, 1.2$  Hz, 7-H), 8.03 (1 H, d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 5-H), 8.23 (1 H, d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 8-H), 8.27 (1 H, s, 4-H), 9.24 (1 H, s, 1-H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ ) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  123.53 (4-C), 125.76 (5-C), 127.25 (4a-C), 127.80 (8-C), 128.13 (6-C), 131.68 (7-C), 135.19 (3-C), 137.46 (8a-C), 153.19 (1-C).

**1,3-Dibromoisoquinoline (34). Method B.** Isoquinoline-1,3-dione **33** (3.00 g, 18.6 mmol) was heated under reflux with  $\text{POBr}_3$  (10.7 g, 37 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (20 mL) for 22 h. The mixture was quenched with MeOH, then water. The mixture, in water, was extracted thrice with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . Drying, evaporation and recrystallisation (PhMe) gave **34** (1.87 g, 35%) as an off-white solid, with properties as above.

**4-Phenylethynylbenzotrile (43).** (Ph<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>2</sub>PdCl<sub>2</sub> (96.5 mg, 140 μmol), CuI (52 mg, 300 μmol), sodium ascorbate (33 mg, 160 μmol) and 4-bromobenzotrile **42** (500 mg, 2.75 mmol) were mixed in a dry flask. Degassed THF (10 mL) and dry Pr<sub>2</sub>NH (5.0 mL) were added and the mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 30 min. Phenylethyne (281 mg, 2.75 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred for 16 h at 50 °C. The mixture was filtered through Celite®. Evaporation and chromatography (ethyl acetate / petroleum ether 1:199 → 1:99) gave **43** (394 mg, 70%) as an off-white solid: mp 78-79°C (lit.<sup>5</sup> mp 91-92°C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.38 (3 H, m, Ph 3,4,5-H<sub>3</sub>), 7.55 (2 H, m, Ph 2,6-H<sub>2</sub>), 7.60 (4 H, m, NCPH 2,3,5,6-H<sub>4</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) (HSQC / HMBC) δ 87.66 (ethyne 1-C), 93.69 ((ethyne 2-C), 111.34 (CN), 118.42 (NCPH 1-C), 122.11 (Ph 1-C), 128.11 (NCPH 4-C), 128.42 (Ph 3,5-C<sub>2</sub>), 129.04 (Ph 4-C), 131.69 (Ph 2,6-C<sub>2</sub>), 131.93 (NCPH 2,6-C<sub>2</sub>), 131.95 (NCPH 3,5-C<sub>2</sub>).

**4-Dimethylaminomethylbenzotrile (45a).** 4-Bromomethylbenzotrile (1.00 g, 5.1 mmol) was stirred with aq. Me<sub>2</sub>NH (40%, 4.0 mL) for 16 h. The mixture was diluted with water and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The extract was washed with aqueous citric acid (10%). The combined aqueous solutions were basified by addition of aq. NaOH (15%) and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined solutions in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> were dried and the solvent was evaporated to give **45a** (420 mg, 51%) as a colourless oil (lit.<sup>6</sup> oil): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.24 (6 H, s, NMe<sub>2</sub>), 3.47 (2 H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.43 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 3,5-H<sub>2</sub>), 7.61 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2,6-H<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) (HSQC / HMBC) δ 45.42 (NMe<sub>2</sub>), 63.83 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 110.92 (1-C), 118.95 (CN), 129.51 (3,5-C<sub>2</sub>), 132.13 (2,6-C<sub>2</sub>), 144.62 (4-C).

**4-(Piperidin-1-ylmethyl)benzotrile (45b).** 4-Bromomethylbenzotrile (500 mg, 2.6 mmol) was stirred with K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (388 mg, 2.8 mmol) and piperidine (238 mg, 2.8 mmol) in dry DMF (6.0 mL) at 20°C for 3 h, then at 90°C for 3 d. The mixture was then cooled to 20°C. Water (18 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 30 min. This mixture was diluted with EtOAc. The suspension was washed thrice with brine and dried. Evaporation of the solvent gave **45b** (340 mg, 67%) as a pale orange oil (lit.<sup>7</sup> oil): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.44 (2 H, m, piperidine 4-H<sub>2</sub>), 1.57 (4 H, m, piperidine 3,5-H<sub>4</sub>), 2.36 (4 H, m, piperidine 2,6-H<sub>4</sub>), 3.50 (2 H, s, PhCH<sub>2</sub>), 7.44 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, Ph 3,5-H<sub>2</sub>), 7.59 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, Ph 2,6-H<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) (HSQC / HMBC) δ 24.20 (piperidine 4-C), 25.94 (piperidine 3,5-C<sub>2</sub>), 54.60 (piperidine 2,6-C<sub>2</sub>), 63.25 (PhCH<sub>2</sub>), 110.58 (Ph 1-C), 119.07 (CN), 129.46 (Ph 3,5-C<sub>2</sub>), 131.99 (Ph 2,6-C<sub>2</sub>), 144.84 (Ph 4-C).

**4-(Pyrrolidin-1-ylmethyl)benzotrile (45c).** 4-Bromomethylbenzotrile (1.00 g, 5.1 mmol) in dry THF (15 mL) was stirred with Et<sub>3</sub>N (1.08 g, 10.7 mmol) and pyrrolidine (760 mg, 10.7 mmol) for 2 d. This mixture was diluted with EtOAc, washed thrice with water and dried. Evaporation of the solvent gave **45c** (935 mg, 98%) as a pale orange oil (lit.<sup>8</sup> oil): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.79 (4 H, m, pyrrolidine 2,3-H<sub>4</sub>), 2.50 (4 H, m, pyrrolidine 1,4-H<sub>4</sub>), 3.65 (2 H, s, PhCH<sub>2</sub>), 7.44 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, Ph 3,5-H<sub>2</sub>), 7.59 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, Ph 2,6-H<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) (HSQC / HMBC) δ 23.53 (pyrrolidine 2,3-C<sub>2</sub>), 54.24 (pyrrolidine 1,4-C<sub>2</sub>), 60.23 (PhCH<sub>2</sub>), 110.67 (Ph 1-C), 119.05 (CN), 129.29 (Ph 3,5-C<sub>2</sub>), 132.10 (Ph 2,6-C<sub>2</sub>), 145.29 (Ph 4-C).

**4-((4-Methylpiperazin-1-yl)methyl)benzotrile (45d).** 4-Bromomethylbenzotrile (1.0 g, 5.1 mmol) was stirred for 24 h with Et<sub>3</sub>N (1.03 g, 10.2 mmol) and 1-methylpiperazine (760 mg, 7.6 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL). This mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and washed thrice with sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O. Drying and evaporation gave **45d** (650 mg, 59%) as a white solid: mp 65-67°C (lit.<sup>9</sup> mp 62-64°C): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.29 (3 H, s, Me), 2.47 (8 H, m, piperazine 2,3,5,6-H<sub>8</sub>), 3.54 (2 H, s, PhCH<sub>2</sub>), 7.43 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, Ph 3,5-H<sub>2</sub>), 7.58 (2

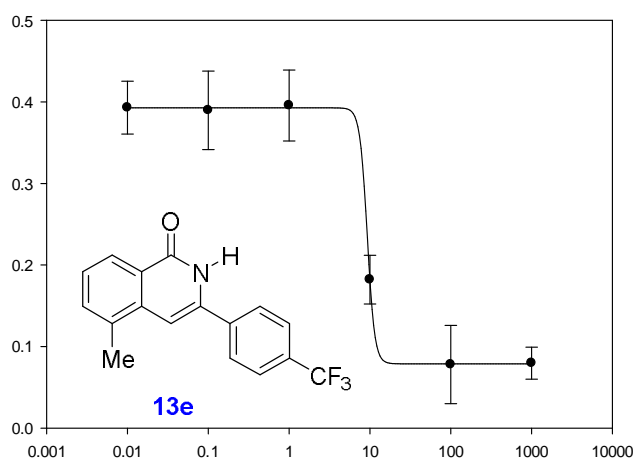
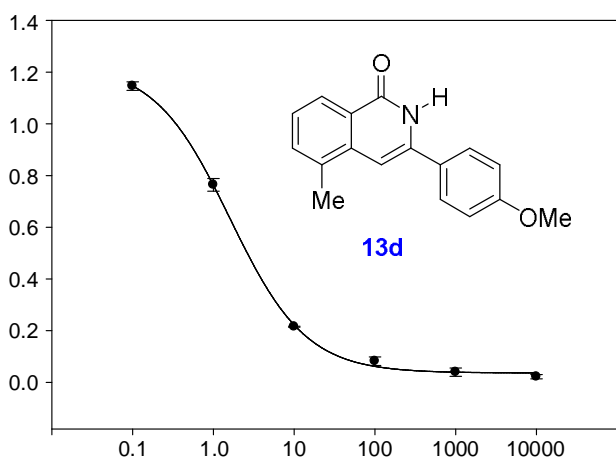
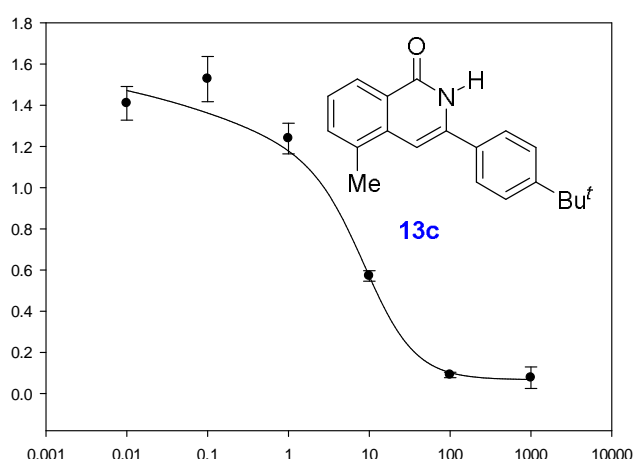
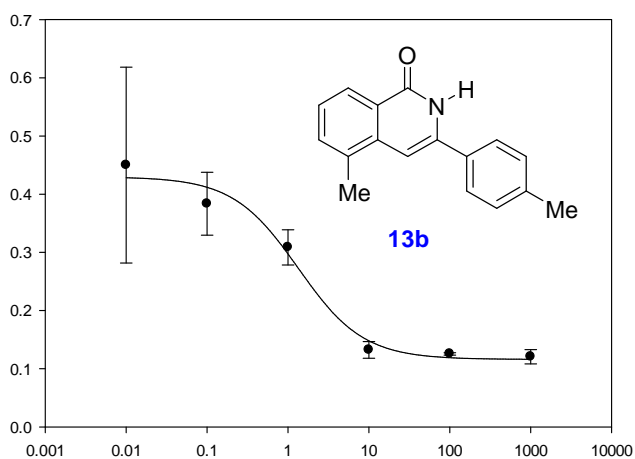
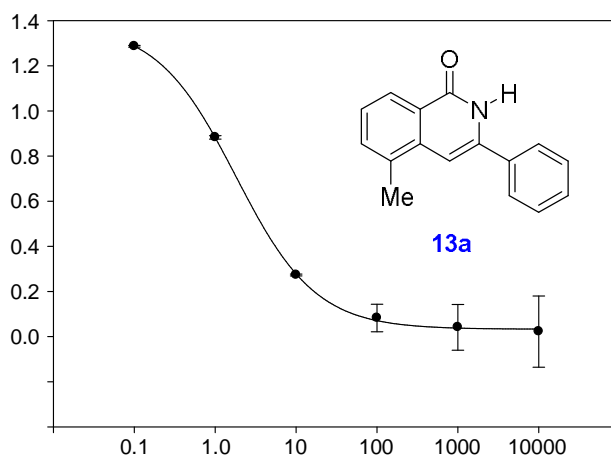
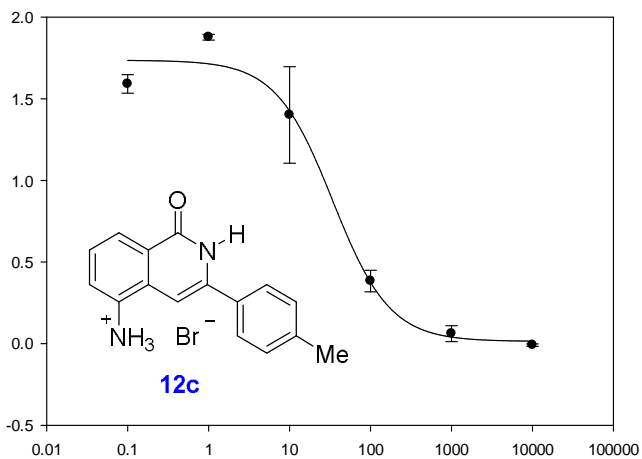
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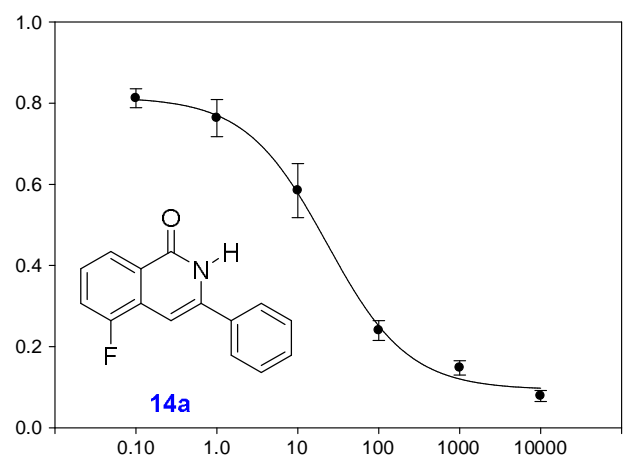
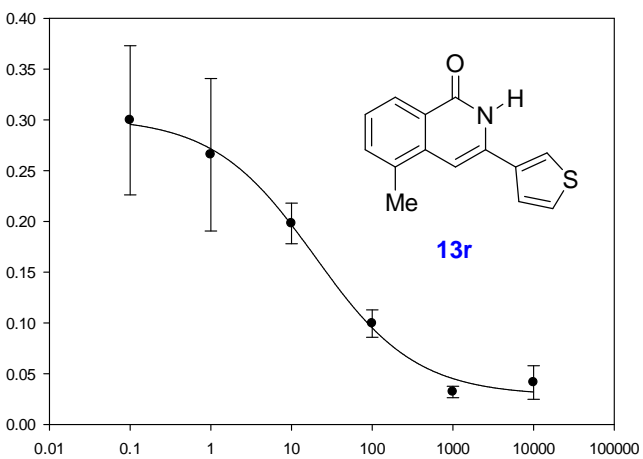
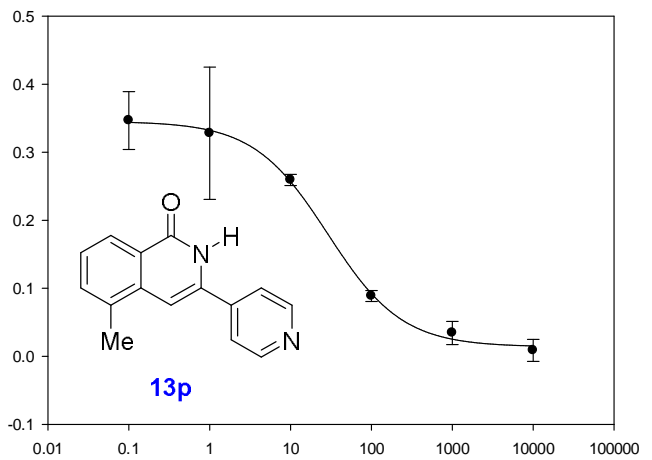
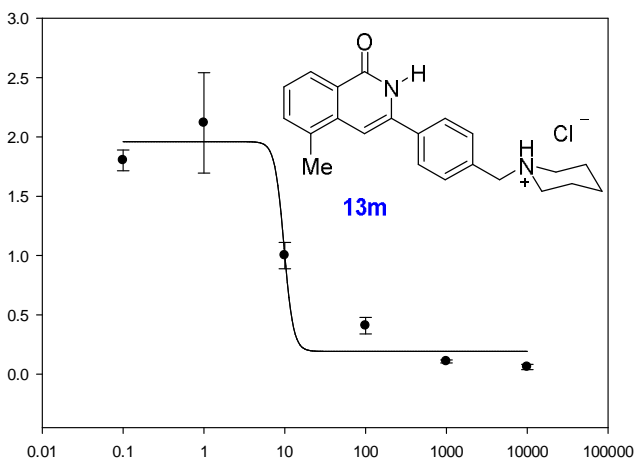
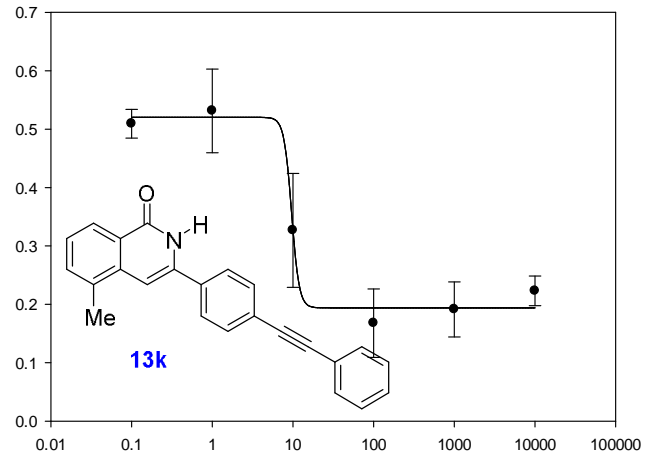
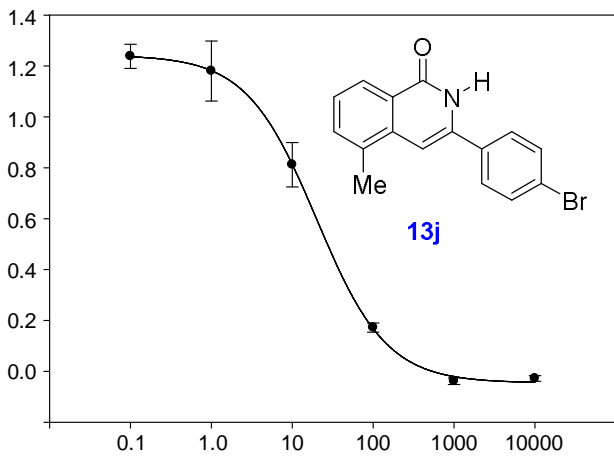
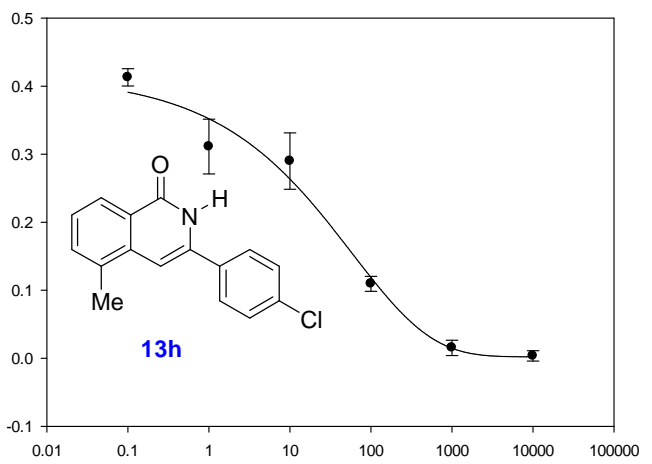
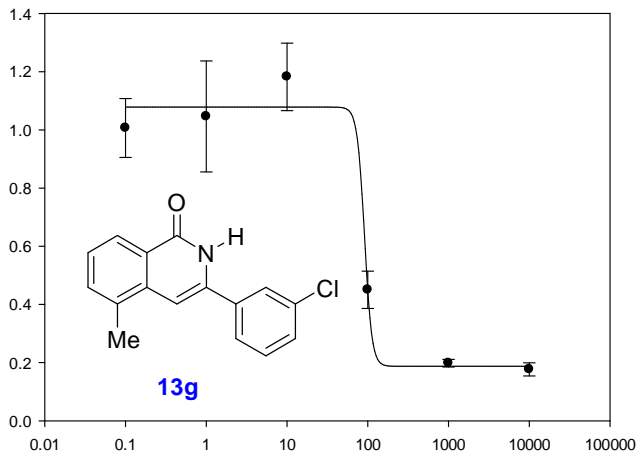
**Ferrocenenitrile (47).** Ferrocenecarboxylic acid **46** (500 mg, 2.2 mmol) was stirred with oxalyl chloride (634 mg, 5.0 mmol) for 1 h. The evaporation residue, in dry THF (5.0 mL), was added dropwise to saturated NH<sub>3</sub> in Et<sub>2</sub>O (25 mL). After 15 min, H<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL) was added and organic layer was washed thrice (H<sub>2</sub>O). Drying and evaporation gave ferrocenecarboxamide (370 mg, 74%) as a pale orange solid: mp 168-169°C (lit.<sup>10</sup> mp 168-171°C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO)  $\delta$  4.15 (5 H, s, Fc'-H<sub>5</sub>), 4.32 (2 H, br, Fc 3,4-H<sub>2</sub>), 4.74 (2 H, br, Fc 2,5-H<sub>2</sub>), 6.91 (1 H, br, NH), 7.28 (1 H, br, NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  68.49 (Fc 2,5-C<sub>2</sub>), 69.31 (Fc'-C<sub>5</sub>), 69.91 (Fc 3,4-C<sub>2</sub>), 76.42 (Fc 1-C), 171.01 (C=O). This material (352 mg, 1.5 mmol) was stirred with POCl<sub>3</sub> (3.5 mL) at 120°C for 2 h, followed by cooling to 0°C and quench with H<sub>2</sub>O (1.0 mL). The mixture was diluted with EtOAc and washed thrice with H<sub>2</sub>O. Drying and evaporation gave **47** (360 mg, 99%) as a dark orange solid: mp 105-107°C (lit.<sup>11</sup> mp 106-106.5°C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO)  $\delta$  4.34 (5 H, s, Fc'-H<sub>5</sub>), 4.50 (2 H, s, Fc 3,4-H<sub>2</sub>), 4.83 (2 H, s, Fc 2,5-H<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  51.05 (Fc 1-C), 70.32 (Fc'-C<sub>5</sub>), 71.00 (Fc 3,4-C<sub>2</sub>), 71.61 (Fc 2,5-C<sub>2</sub>), 120.21 (CN).

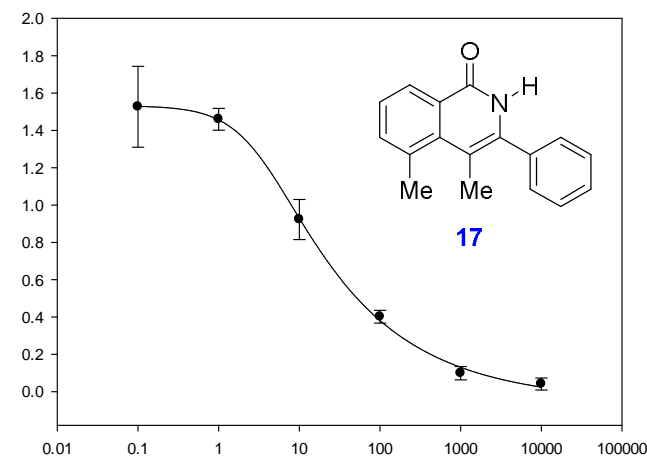
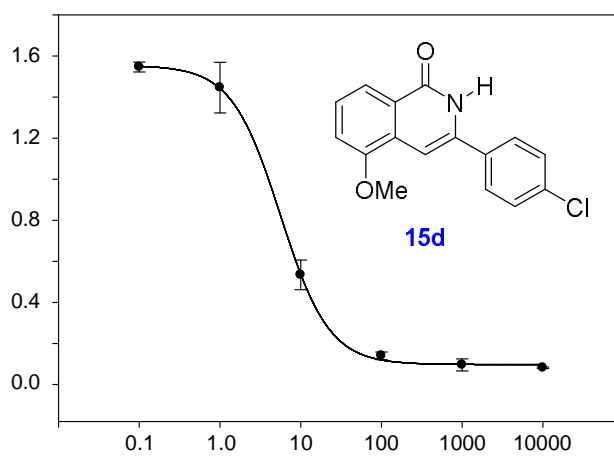
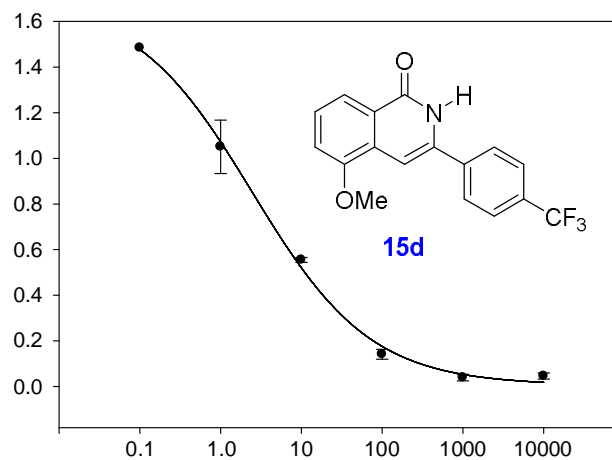
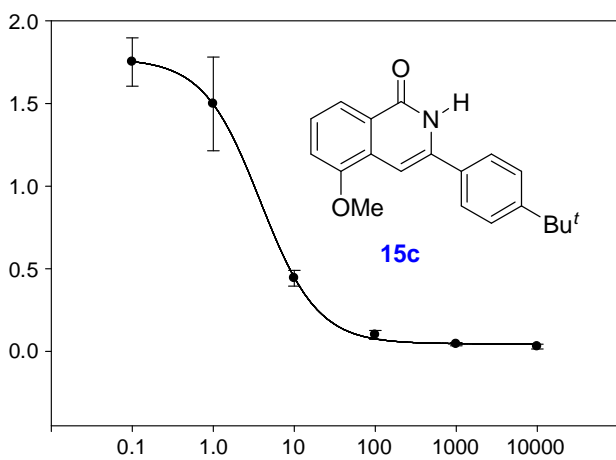
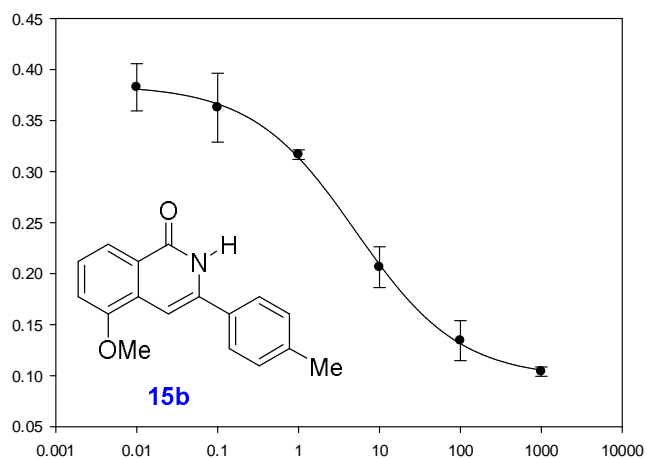
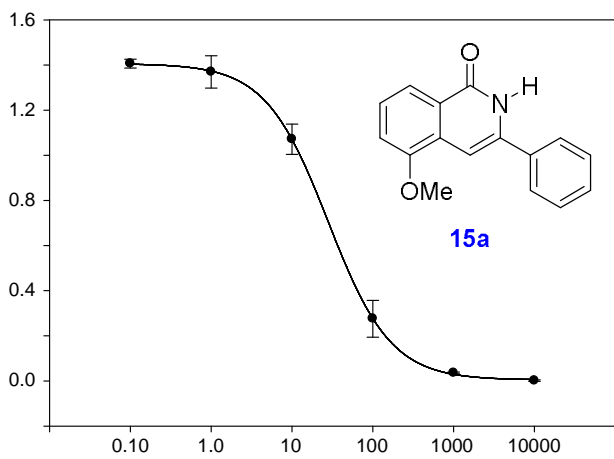
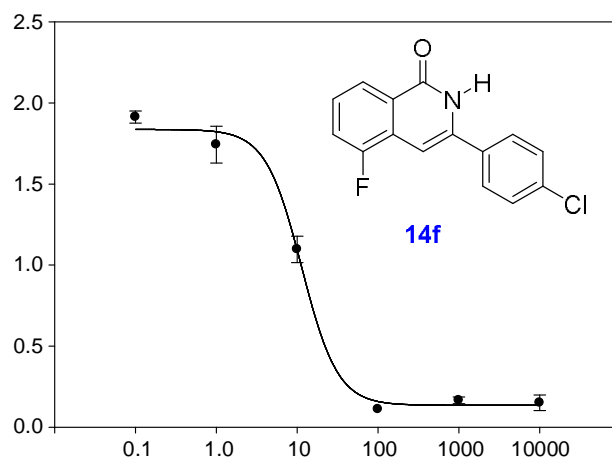
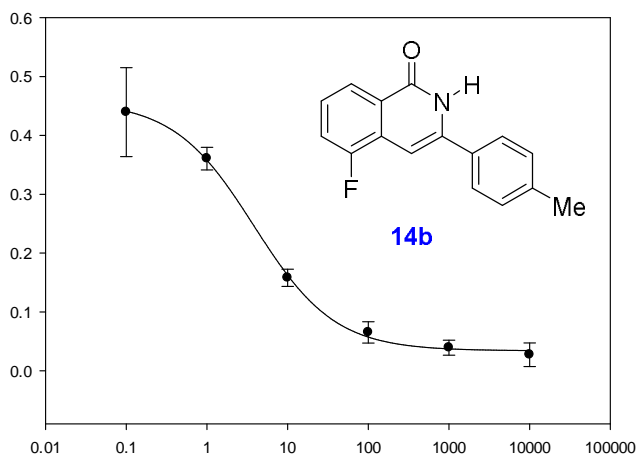
**3-Fluoro-2,N,N-trimethylbenzamide (49).** SOCl<sub>2</sub> (3.0 g, 25 mmol) was added to **48** (1.00 g, 6.5 mmol) at 0°C. The mixture was heated at reflux for 16 h, then the excess SOCl<sub>2</sub> was evaporated. The residue, in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.0 mL), was added dropwise to a stirred solution of Me<sub>2</sub>NH in water (40 %, 3.7 mL) at 10°C. The mixture was then stirred at 20°C for 2.5 h. The mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, then washed thrice with water and dried. Evaporation gave **49** (1.00 g, 85%) as a pale orange oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.19 (3 H, d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 2-Me), 2.82 (3 H, s, N-Me), 3.13 (3 H, s, N-Me), 6.96 (1 H, d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 6-H), 7.01 (1 H, ddd,  $J = 7.4, 6.1, 0.8$  Hz, 4-H), 7.18 (1 H, m, 5-H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  11.20 (d,  $J = 4.5$  Hz, 2-Me), 34.54 (N-Me), 38.28 (N-Me), 115.31 (d,  $J = 22.5$  Hz, 4-C), 121.39 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz, 6-C), 121.59 (d,  $J = 18.3$  Hz, 2-C), 127.45 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 5-C), 138.90 (d,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, 1-C), 161.25 (d,  $J = 244.5$  Hz, 3-C), 169.98 (d,  $J = 3.3$  Hz, C=O); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -115.66 (d,  $J = 6.1$  Hz, 3-F); MS  $m/z$  (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 182.0973 (C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>13</sub>FNO requires 182.0976).

**3-Methoxy-2,N,N-trimethylbenzamide (51).** SOCl<sub>2</sub> (2.74 g, 23 mmol) was added to **50** (1.00 g, 6.0 mmol) at 0°C. The mixture was heated at reflux for 16 h, then the excess SOCl<sub>2</sub> was evaporated. The residue, in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3.0 mL), was added dropwise to a stirred solution of Me<sub>2</sub>NH in water (40 %, 3.7 mL) at 10°C. The mixture was then stirred at 20°C for 3.5 h. The mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, then washed thrice with water and dried. The solvent was evaporated to give **51** (980 mg, 85%) as a pale yellow oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.12 (3 H, s, 2-Me), 2.81 (3 H, s, N-Me), 3.12 (3 H, s, N-Me), 3.82 (3 H, s, OMe), 6.76 (1 H, dd,  $J = 7.6, 0.8$  Hz, 4-H), 6.81 (1 H, d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 6-H), 7.18 (1 H, t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 5-H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) (HSQC / HMBC)  $\delta$  12.42 (Me), 34.44 (N-Me), 38.24 (N-Me), 55.44 (OMe), 110.10 (6-C), 117.73 (4-C), 122.69 (2-C), 126.97 (5-C), 137.99 (1-C), 157.76 (3-C), 171.23 (C=O); MS  $m/z$  216.0988 (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NNaO<sub>2</sub> requires 216.0995).

**Section C: Examples of graphs of enzyme activity vs. concentration for inhibition of tankyrase-2 by isoquinolin-1-ones.** X-Axes – concentration of inhibitor (nM); Y-axes – optical density (490 nm).

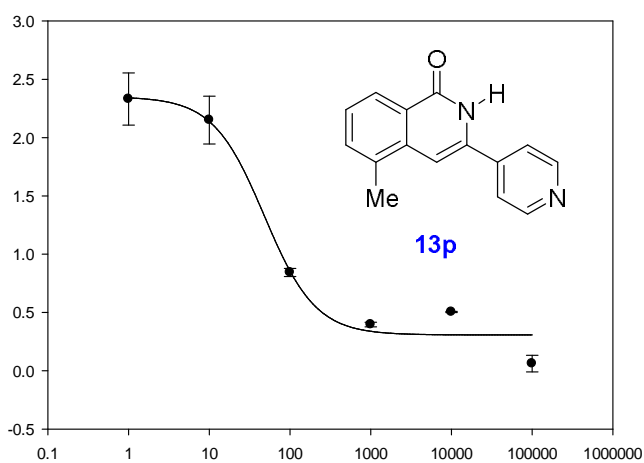
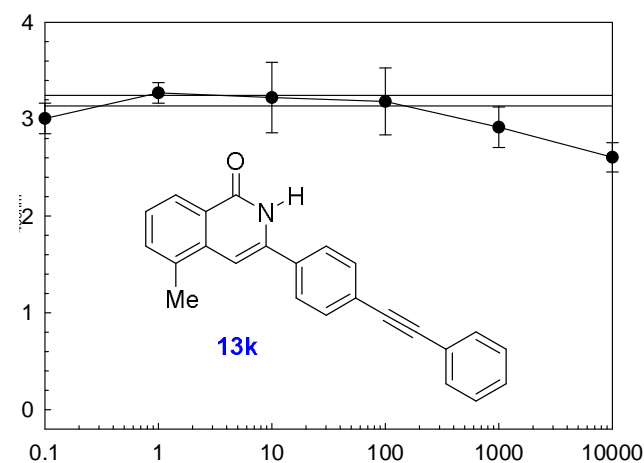
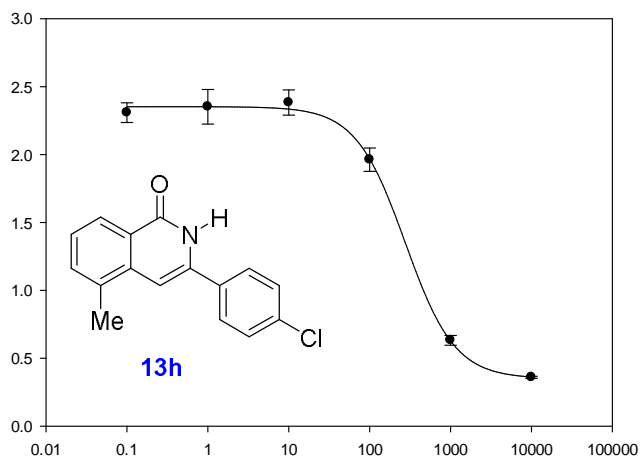
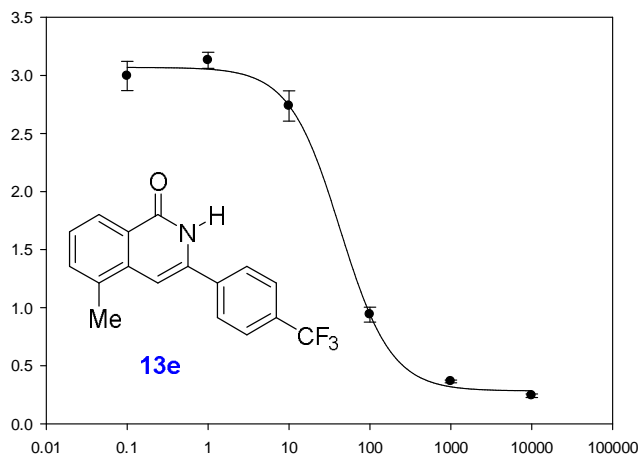
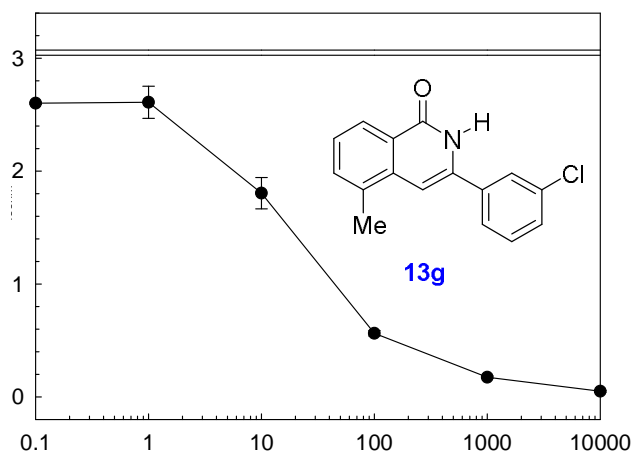
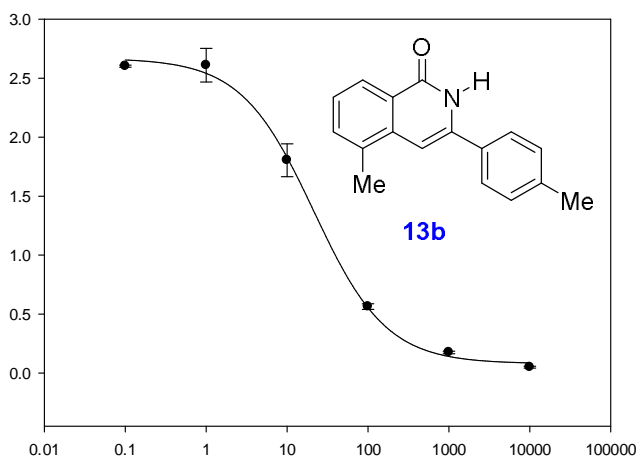


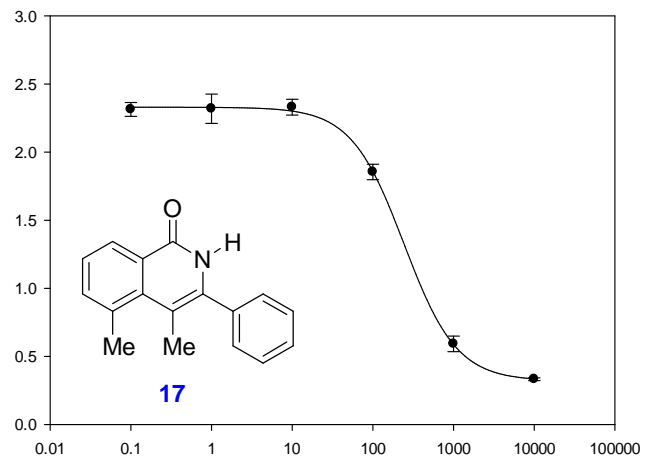
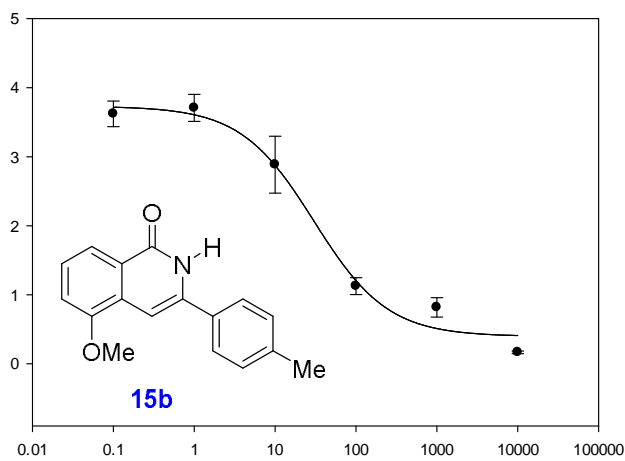
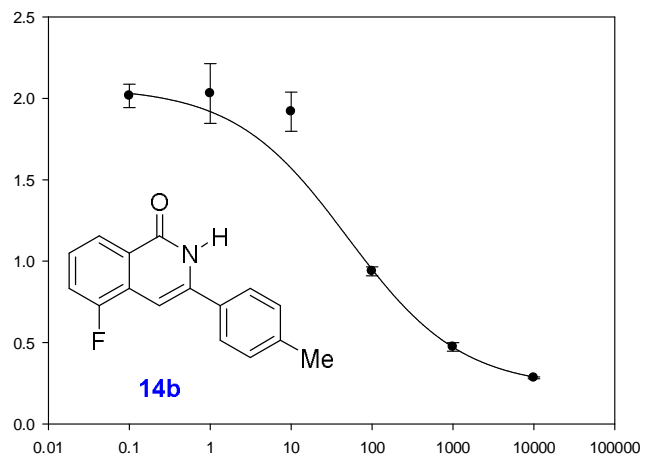
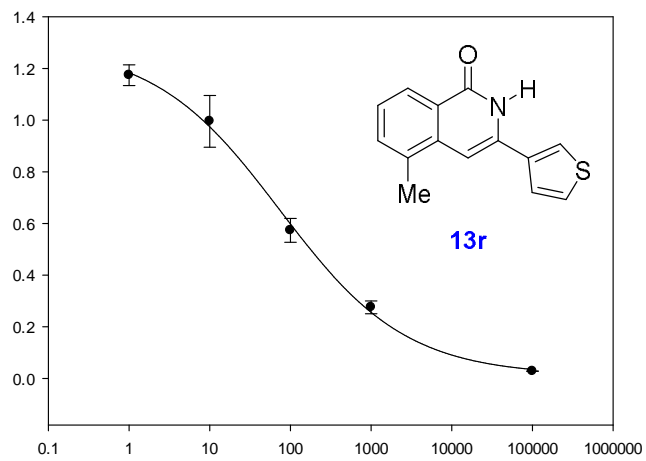




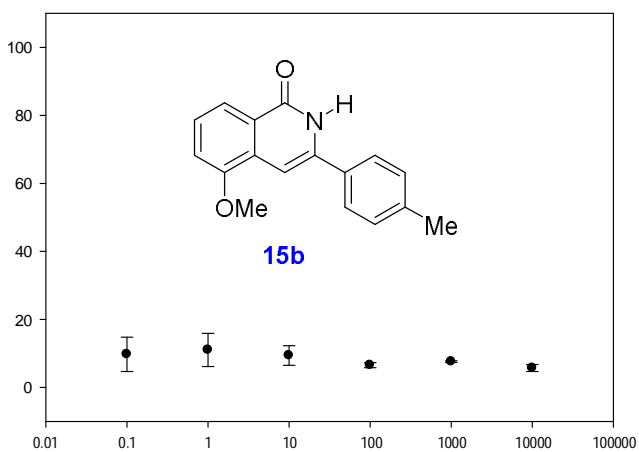
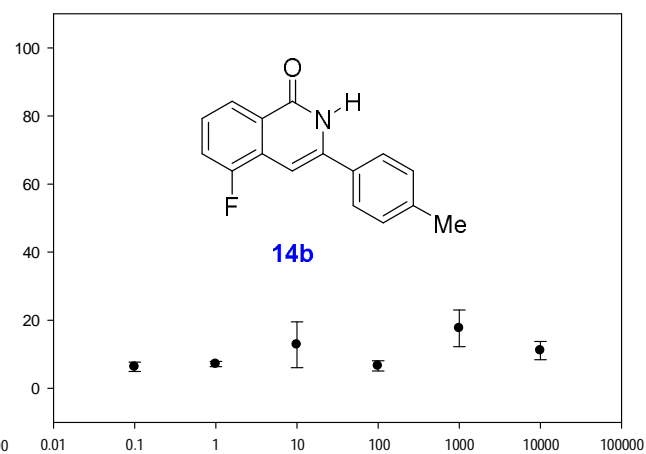
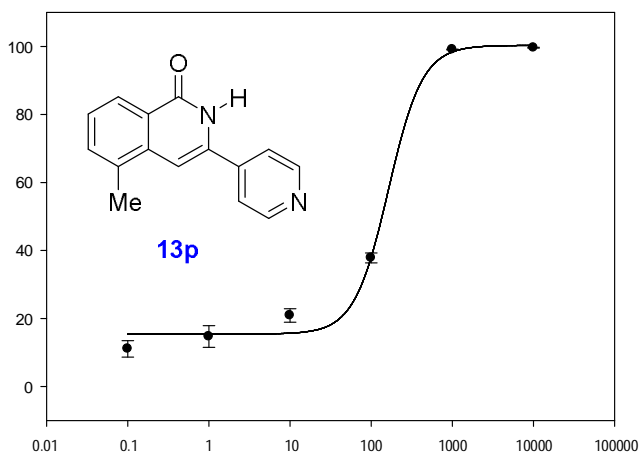
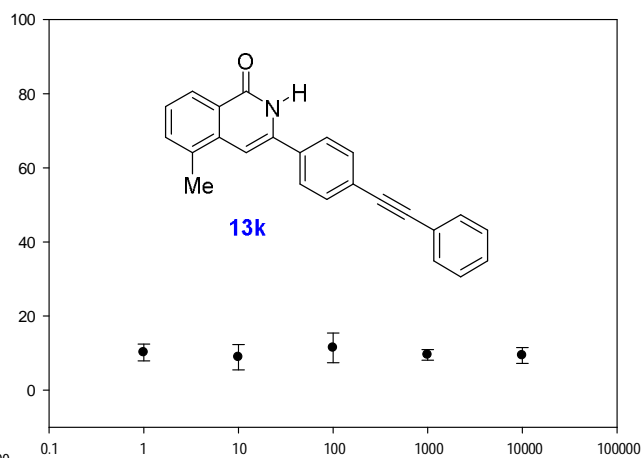
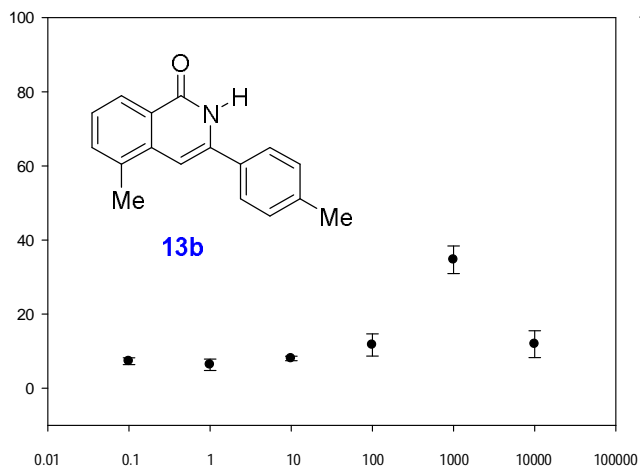


**Section D: Examples of graphs of enzyme activity vs. concentration for inhibition of tankyrase-1 by isoquinolin-1-ones. X-Axes – concentration of inhibitor (nM); Y-axes – optical density (490 nm).**

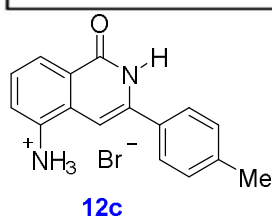
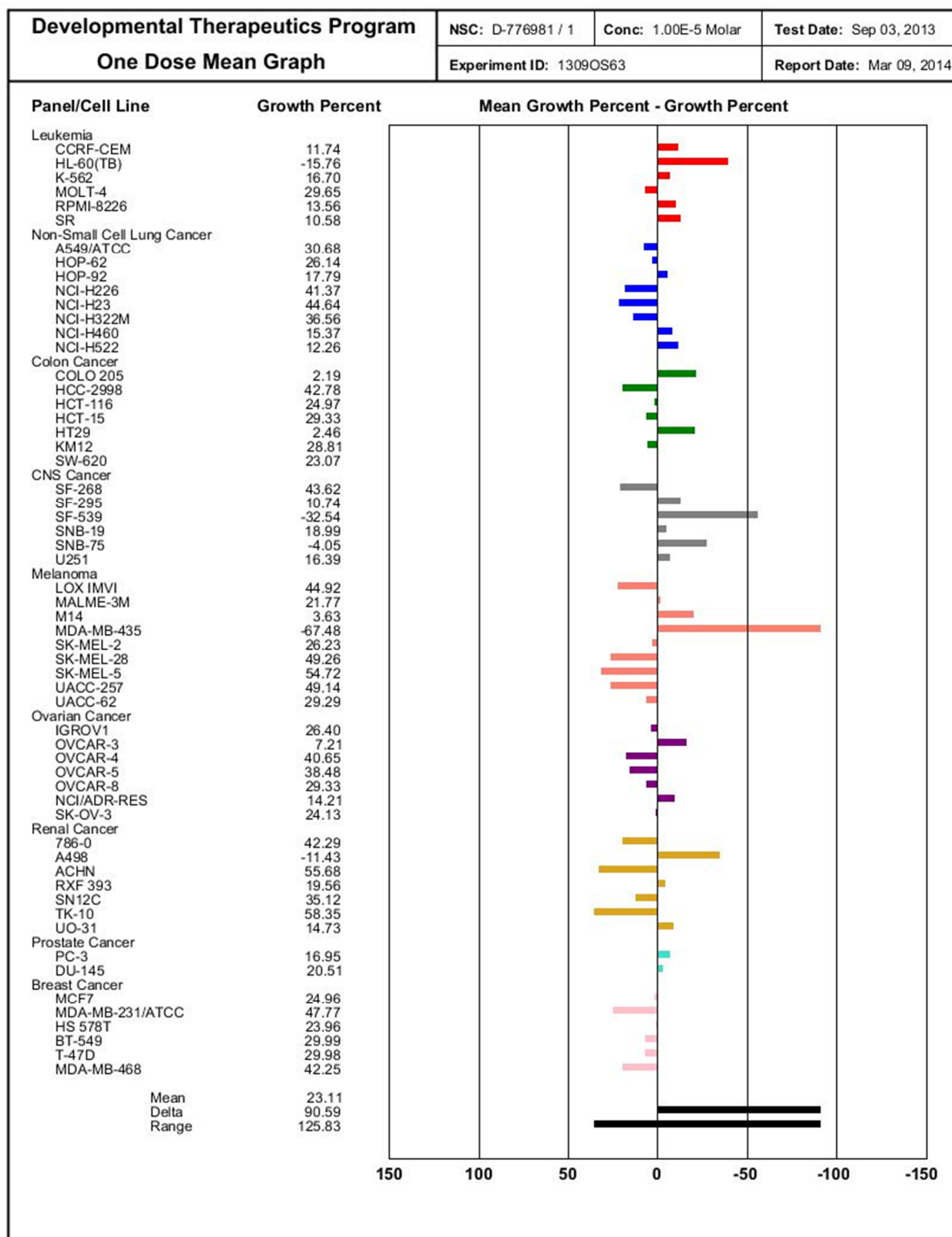




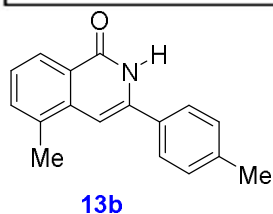
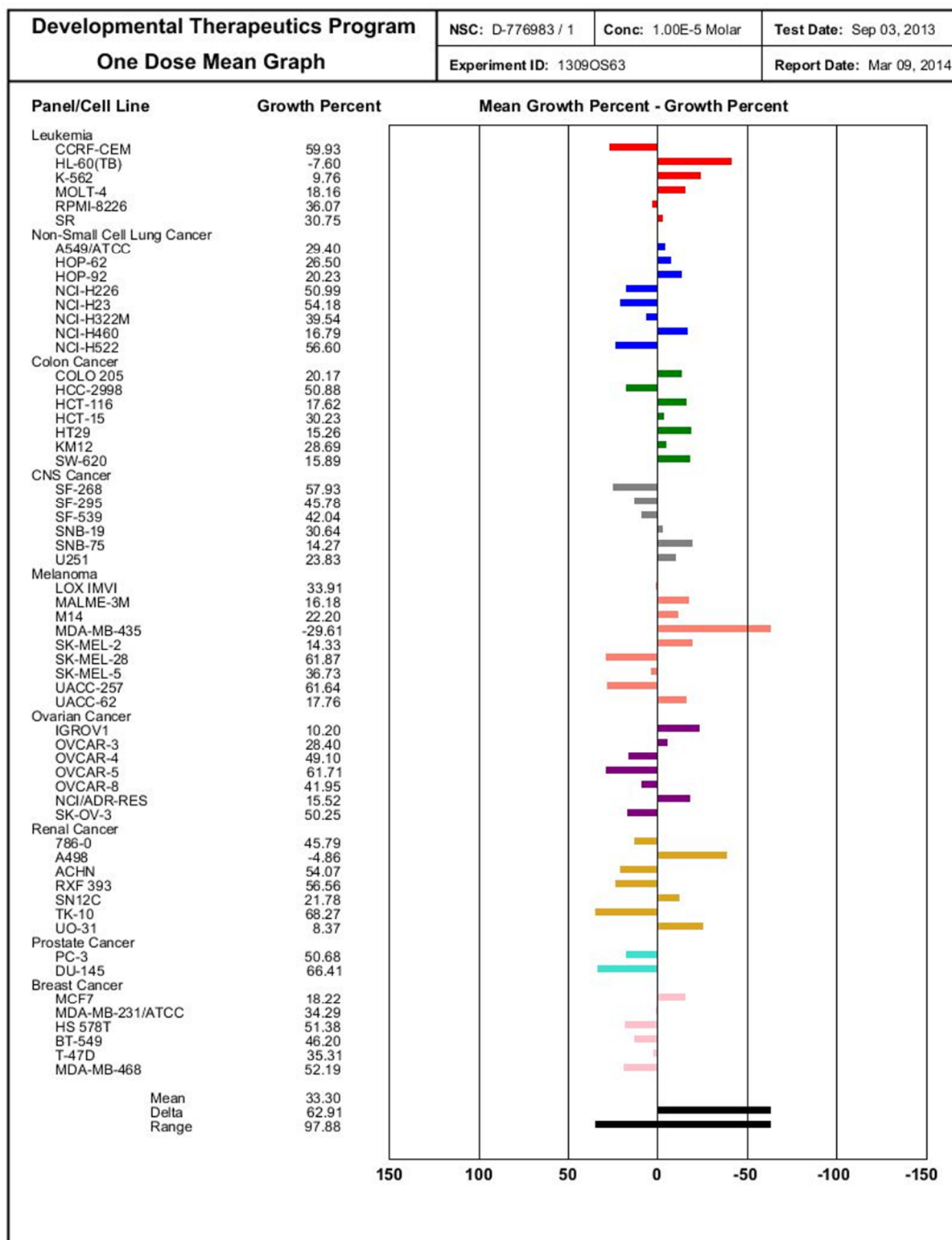
**Section E: Graphs of enzyme activity vs. concentration for inhibition of human PARP-2 by isoquinolin-1-ones. X-Axes – concentration of inhibitor (nM); Y-axis – % Inhibition.**



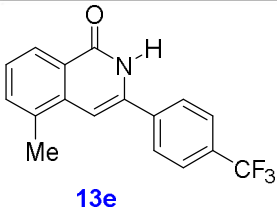
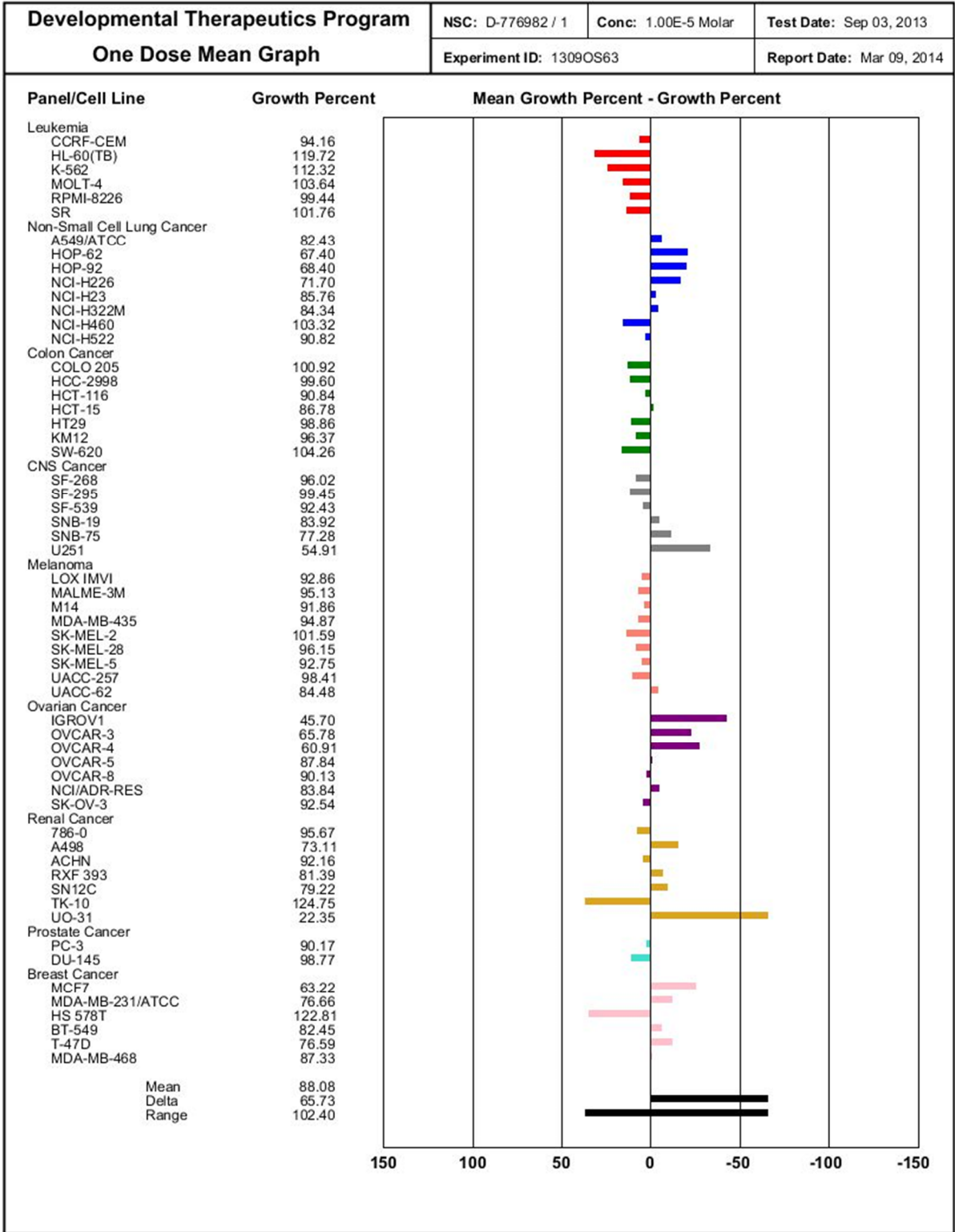
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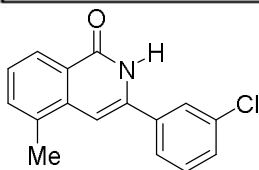
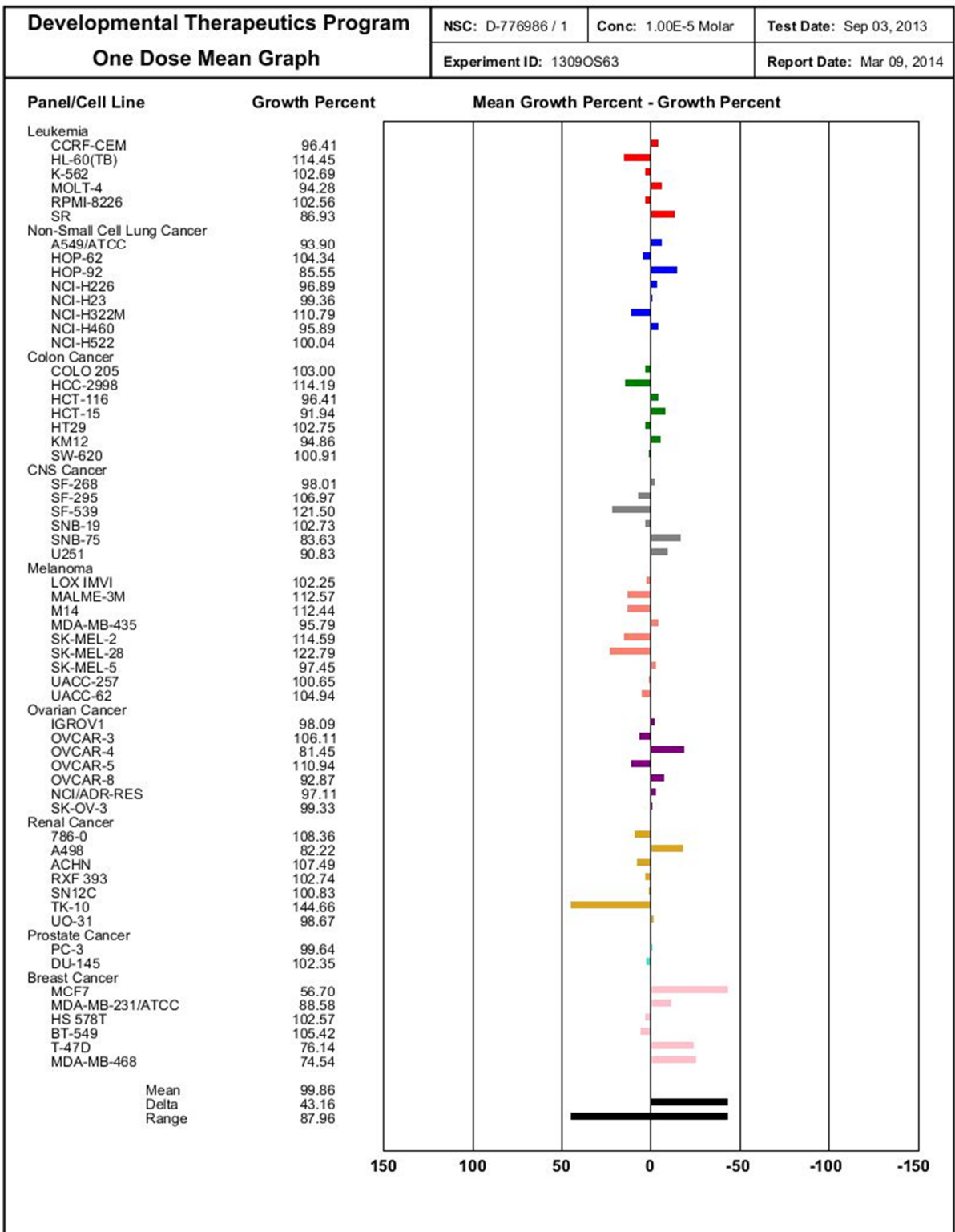
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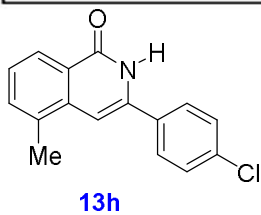
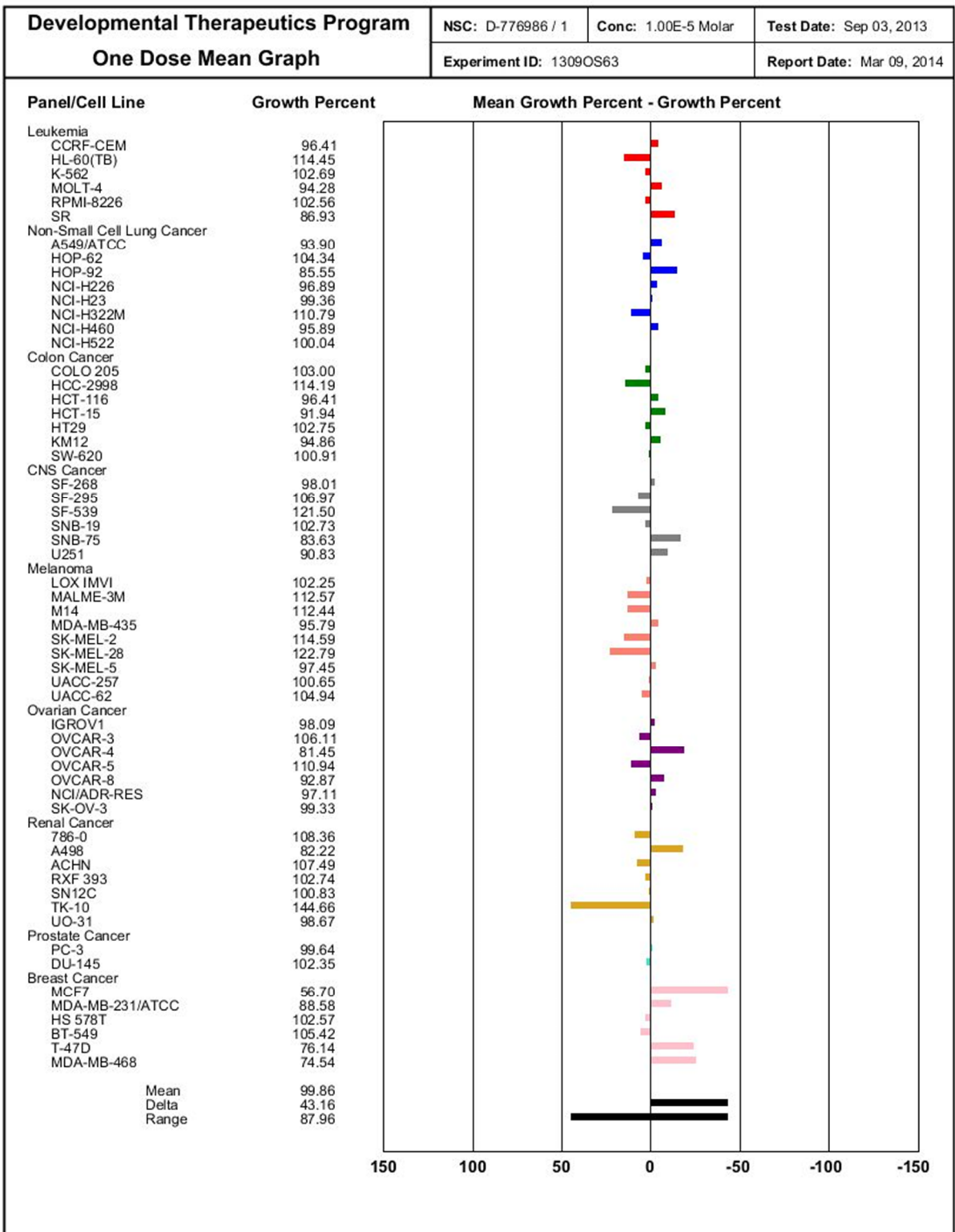


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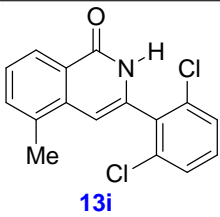
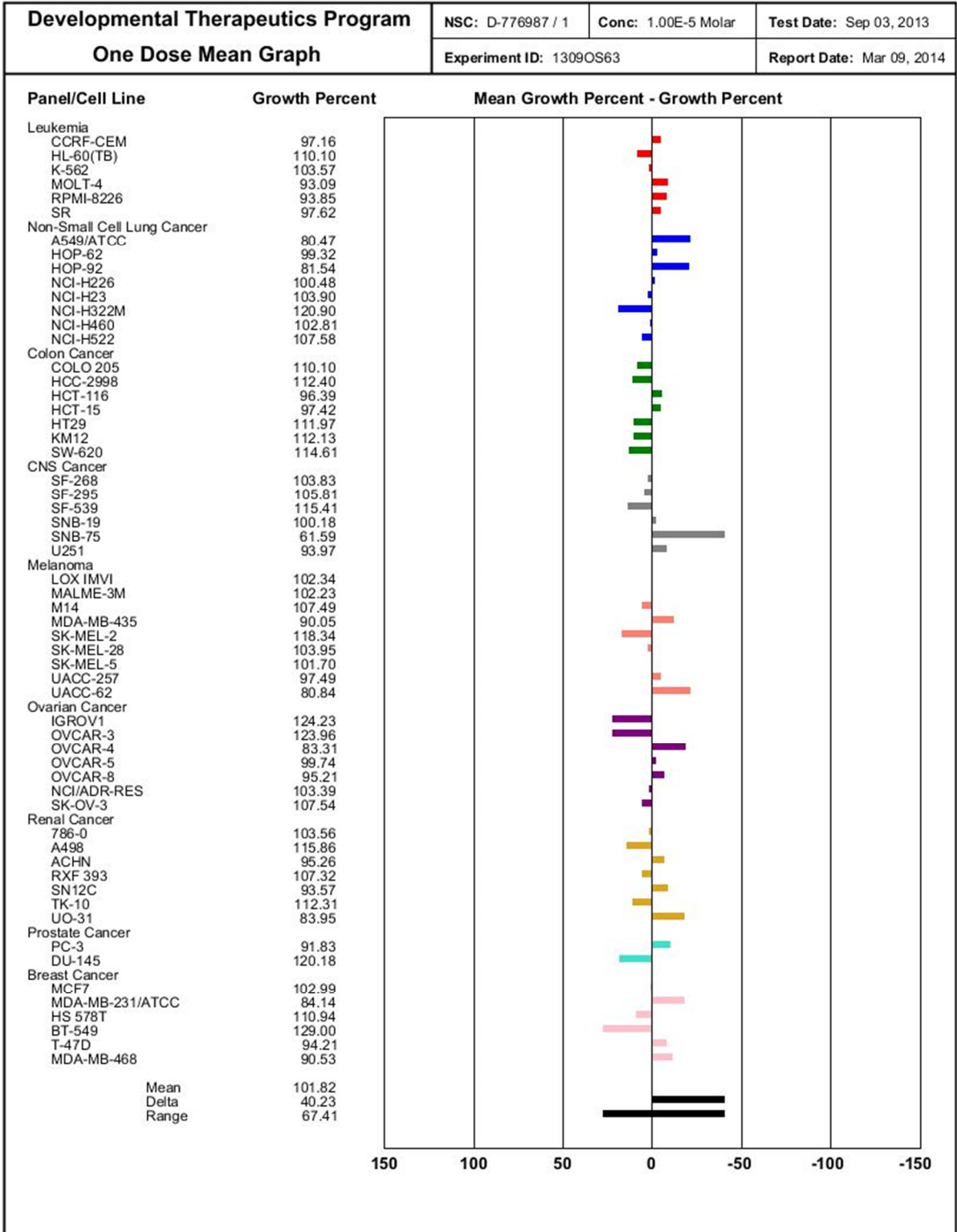
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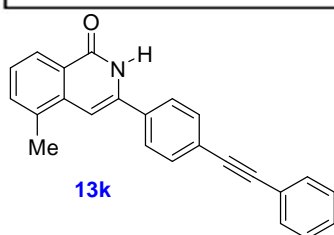
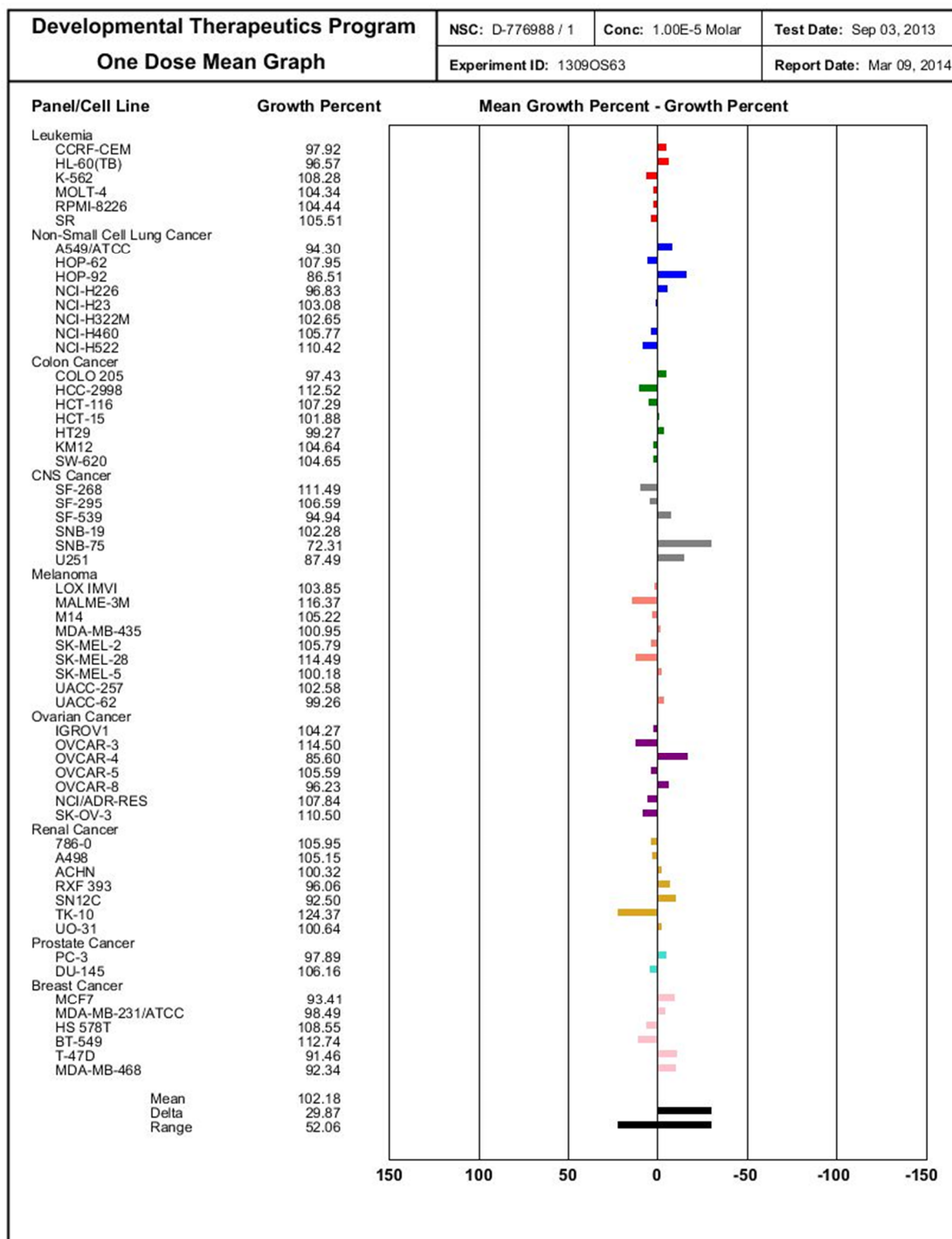


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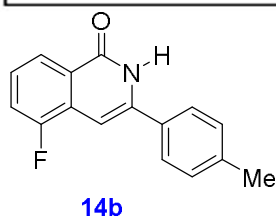
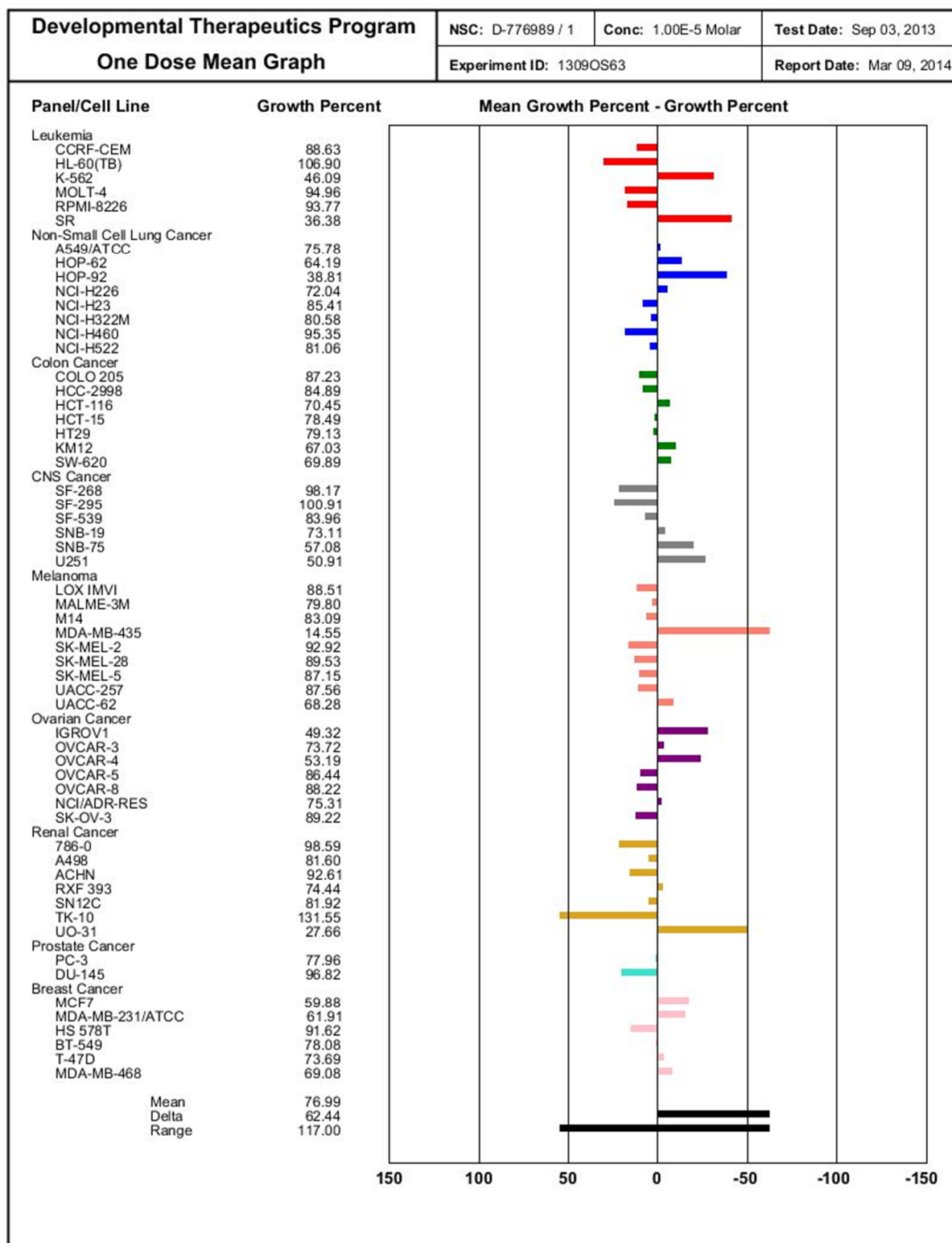




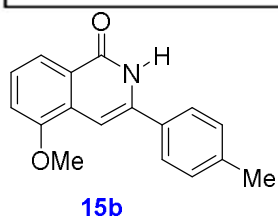
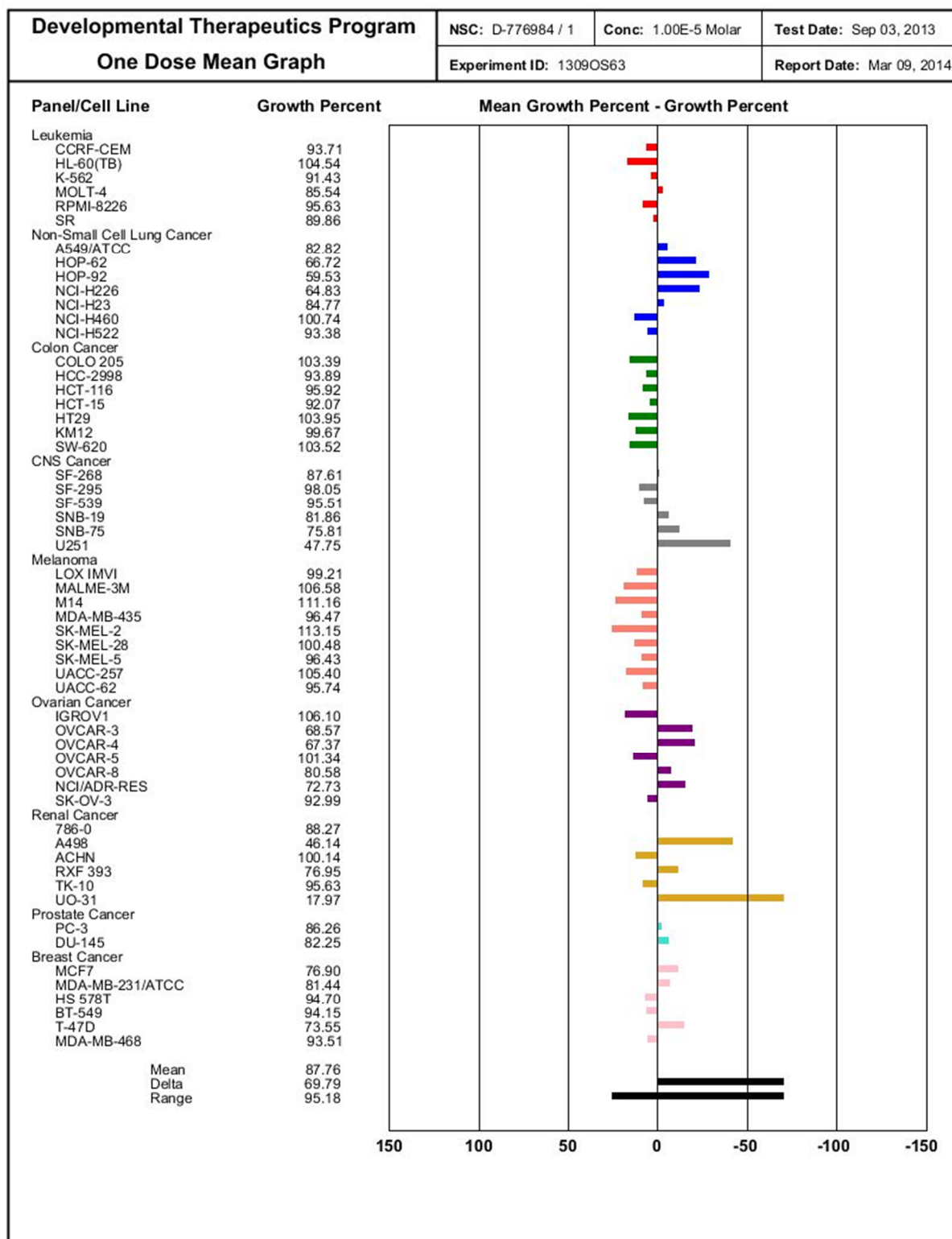
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## Section G: Crystal data for small-molecule X-ray crystallography

**Table 1.** Crystal data and structure refinement for **13i**.

Identification code	k12farm8
Empirical formula	C34 H28 Cl4 N2 O3
Formula weight	654.38
Temperature	150(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	P21/n
Unit cell dimensions	a = 14.1190(3)Å $\alpha = 90^\circ$ b = 13.6440(3)Å $\beta = 96.302(1)^\circ$ c = 15.7740(4)Å $\gamma = 90^\circ$
Volume	3020.33(12) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z	4
Density (calculated)	1.439 Mg m <sup>-3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	0.431 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	1352
Crystal size	0.25 × 0.15 × 0.08 mm
$\theta$ range for data collection	3.62 to 26.37°
Index ranges	-17 ≤ h ≤ 17; -17 ≤ k ≤ 17; -19 ≤ l ≤ 19
Reflections collected	56157
Independent reflections	6157 [R(int) = 0.0932]
Reflections observed (>2 $\sigma$ )	4274
Data Completeness	0.997
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.928 and 0.832
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	6157 / 0 / 391
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.034
Final R indices [I > 2 $\sigma$ (I)]	R1 = 0.0502 wR2 = 0.1070
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0868 wR2 = 0.1250
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.382 and -0.377 eÅ <sup>-3</sup>

**Notes:**

Small crystal – poor diffraction at higher Bragg angles, hence data truncated at  $\theta = 26.4^\circ$ . Two molecules in the asymmetric unit plus one solvent entity (ethanol). Hydrogen-bonding present. Methyl hydrogen atoms attached to C16 and C16A are disordered.

<b>D-H</b>	<b>d(D-H)</b>	<b>d(H...A)</b>	<b>&lt;DHA</b>	<b>d(D...A)</b>	<b>A</b>
O2-H2	0.840	1.988	174.03	2.825	O1A
N1-H1	0.880	1.947	170.53	2.819	O1A
N1A-H1A	0.880	2.030	160.14	2.874	O1



**Table 2.** Atomic coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for 1.U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonallised  $U_{ij}$  tensor for **13i**.

Atom	x	y	z	U(eq)
Cl(1)	6739(1)	6508(1)	5251(1)	43(1)
Cl(2)	6779(1)	3145(1)	7104(1)	35(1)
O(1)	8901(1)	2703(1)	5088(1)	30(1)
O(2)	6729(2)	3007(2)	3249(2)	51(1)
N(1)	7908(2)	3810(2)	5586(1)	26(1)
C(1)	6168(2)	5613(2)	5800(2)	31(1)
C(2)	5211(2)	5739(2)	5874(2)	34(1)
C(3)	4733(2)	5046(2)	6300(2)	38(1)
C(4)	5216(2)	4233(2)	6660(2)	36(1)
C(5)	6181(2)	4132(2)	6585(2)	29(1)
C(6)	6690(2)	4804(2)	6142(2)	26(1)
C(7)	7708(2)	4650(2)	6035(2)	25(1)
C(8)	8425(2)	5243(2)	6344(2)	26(1)
C(9)	9396(2)	5012(2)	6224(2)	24(1)
C(10)	9587(2)	4125(2)	5812(2)	25(1)
C(11)	8802(2)	3491(2)	5473(2)	26(1)
C(12)	10522(2)	3860(2)	5709(2)	30(1)
C(13)	11260(2)	4467(2)	6004(2)	33(1)
C(14)	11076(2)	5357(2)	6393(2)	32(1)
C(15)	10161(2)	5644(2)	6503(2)	26(1)
C(16)	9966(2)	6627(2)	6895(2)	34(1)
C(17)	7352(2)	2287(2)	2980(2)	47(1)
C(18)	7566(3)	2559(3)	2092(2)	51(1)
Cl(1A)	8342(1)	-1484(1)	5145(1)	38(1)
Cl(2A)	8970(1)	1794(1)	7072(1)	38(1)
O(1A)	6463(1)	2497(1)	4942(1)	29(1)
N(1A)	7483(2)	1314(2)	5481(1)	25(1)
C(1A)	9101(2)	-663(2)	5728(2)	26(1)
C(2A)	10060(2)	-884(2)	5836(2)	30(1)
C(3A)	10687(2)	-241(2)	6291(2)	34(1)
C(4A)	10352(2)	597(2)	6654(2)	33(1)
C(5A)	9385(2)	789(2)	6545(2)	28(1)
C(6A)	8723(2)	187(2)	6066(2)	25(1)
C(7A)	7699(2)	449(2)	5932(2)	25(1)
C(8A)	6993(2)	-75(2)	6225(2)	25(1)
C(9A)	6024(2)	259(2)	6099(2)	24(1)

C(10A)	5826(2)	1162(2)	5674(2)	24(1)
C(11A)	6594(2)	1704(2)	5340(2)	25(1)
C(12A)	4902(2)	1535(2)	5562(2)	29(1)
C(13A)	4173(2)	1015(2)	5849(2)	31(1)
C(14A)	4353(2)	114(2)	6253(2)	32(1)
C(15A)	5261(2)	-279(2)	6385(2)	27(1)
C(16A)	5426(2)	-1265(2)	6805(2)	35(1)

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**Table 3.** Bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for **13i**.

Cl(1)-C(1)	1.745(3)	Cl(2)-C(5)	1.744(3)
O(1)-C(11)	1.250(3)	O(2)-C(17)	1.414(4)
N(1)-C(11)	1.366(3)	N(1)-C(7)	1.392(3)
C(1)-C(2)	1.380(4)	C(1)-C(6)	1.402(4)
C(2)-C(3)	1.378(4)	C(3)-C(4)	1.391(4)
C(4)-C(5)	1.388(4)	C(5)-C(6)	1.398(4)
C(6)-C(7)	1.481(4)	C(7)-C(8)	1.345(4)
C(8)-C(9)	1.439(4)	C(9)-C(10)	1.414(4)
C(9)-C(15)	1.414(4)	C(10)-C(12)	1.396(4)
C(10)-C(11)	1.461(4)	C(12)-C(13)	1.371(4)
C(13)-C(14)	1.398(4)	C(14)-C(15)	1.379(4)
C(15)-C(16)	1.514(4)	C(17)-C(18)	1.511(5)
Cl(1A)-C(1A)	1.741(3)	Cl(2A)-C(5A)	1.737(3)
O(1A)-C(11A)	1.254(3)	N(1A)-C(11A)	1.360(3)
N(1A)-C(7A)	1.394(3)	C(1A)-C(2A)	1.381(4)
C(1A)-C(6A)	1.405(4)	C(2A)-C(3A)	1.388(4)
C(3A)-C(4A)	1.384(4)	C(4A)-C(5A)	1.384(4)
C(5A)-C(6A)	1.401(4)	C(6A)-C(7A)	1.482(4)
C(7A)-C(8A)	1.349(4)	C(8A)-C(9A)	1.435(4)
C(9A)-C(15A)	1.417(4)	C(9A)-C(10A)	1.416(4)
C(10A)-C(12A)	1.394(4)	C(10A)-C(11A)	1.457(4)
C(12A)-C(13A)	1.367(4)	C(13A)-C(14A)	1.394(4)
C(14A)-C(15A)	1.385(4)	C(15A)-C(16A)	1.506(4)
C(11)-N(1)-C(7)	124.8(2)	C(2)-C(1)-C(6)	122.9(3)
C(2)-C(1)-Cl(1)	117.7(2)	C(6)-C(1)-Cl(1)	119.4(2)
C(3)-C(2)-C(1)	119.5(3)	C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	120.1(3)
C(5)-C(4)-C(3)	119.1(3)	C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	122.7(3)
C(4)-C(5)-Cl(2)	117.7(2)	C(6)-C(5)-Cl(2)	119.5(2)
C(5)-C(6)-C(1)	115.6(3)	C(5)-C(6)-C(7)	121.5(2)
C(1)-C(6)-C(7)	122.9(2)	C(8)-C(7)-N(1)	119.6(2)
C(8)-C(7)-C(6)	125.0(2)	N(1)-C(7)-C(6)	115.3(2)
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C(9)-C(10)-C(11)	119.9(2)	O(1)-C(11)-N(1)	119.5(2)
O(1)-C(11)-C(10)	124.5(2)	N(1)-C(11)-C(10)	116.0(2)
C(13)-C(12)-C(10)	119.8(3)	C(12)-C(13)-C(14)	120.2(3)
C(15)-C(14)-C(13)	121.6(3)	C(14)-C(15)-C(9)	118.8(2)

C(14)-C(15)-C(16)	121.2(3)	C(9)-C(15)-C(16)	120.0(2)
O(2)-C(17)-C(18)	107.6(3)	C(11A)-N(1A)-C(7A)	124.1(2)
C(2A)-C(1A)-C(6A)	122.8(3)	C(2A)-C(1A)-Cl(1A)	117.6(2)
C(6A)-C(1A)-Cl(1A)	119.6(2)	C(1A)-C(2A)-C(3A)	119.1(3)
C(4A)-C(3A)-C(2A)	120.6(3)	C(3A)-C(4A)-C(5A)	118.8(3)
C(4A)-C(5A)-C(6A)	123.1(3)	C(4A)-C(5A)-Cl(2A)	118.0(2)
C(6A)-C(5A)-Cl(2A)	118.8(2)	C(5A)-C(6A)-C(1A)	115.5(2)
C(5A)-C(6A)-C(7A)	121.2(2)	C(1A)-C(6A)-C(7A)	123.4(2)
C(8A)-C(7A)-N(1A)	119.7(2)	C(8A)-C(7A)-C(6A)	124.7(2)
N(1A)-C(7A)-C(6A)	115.6(2)	C(7A)-C(8A)-C(9A)	121.0(2)
C(15A)-C(9A)-C(10A)	119.0(2)	C(15A)-C(9A)-C(8A)	122.6(2)
C(10A)-C(9A)-C(8A)	118.5(2)	C(12A)-C(10A)-C(9A)	120.7(3)
C(12A)-C(10A)-C(11A)	119.4(2)	C(9A)-C(10A)-C(11A)	119.8(2)
O(1A)-C(11A)-N(1A)	120.2(2)	O(1A)-C(11A)-C(10A)	123.0(2)
N(1A)-C(11A)-C(10A)	116.9(2)	C(13A)-C(12A)-C(10A)	119.7(3)
C(12A)-C(13A)-C(14A)	120.2(3)	C(15A)-C(14A)-C(13A)	122.0(3)
C(14A)-C(15A)-C(9A)	118.4(3)	C(14A)-C(15A)-C(16A)	120.6(3)
C(9A)-C(15A)-C(16A)	121.1(3)		

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**Table 4.** Anisotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for **13i**. The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form:  $-2 \text{ gpi}^2 [ h^2 a^{*2} U11 + \dots + 2 h k a^* b^* U$

Atom	U11	U22	U33	U23	U13	U12
Cl(1)	36(1)	30(1)	64(1)	15(1)	9(1)	7(1)
Cl(2)	43(1)	27(1)	34(1)	4(1)	7(1)	-2(1)
O(1)	36(1)	20(1)	34(1)	-4(1)	9(1)	2(1)
O(2)	54(2)	55(2)	44(2)	11(1)	14(1)	15(1)
N(1)	28(1)	19(1)	32(1)	-1(1)	4(1)	1(1)
C(1)	34(2)	25(2)	33(2)	-2(1)	4(1)	0(1)
C(2)	30(2)	35(2)	39(2)	-5(1)	4(1)	6(1)
C(3)	28(2)	47(2)	40(2)	-9(2)	7(1)	2(1)
C(4)	36(2)	39(2)	36(2)	-6(1)	9(1)	-9(1)
C(5)	33(2)	24(1)	30(2)	-6(1)	3(1)	-1(1)
C(6)	28(2)	20(1)	29(1)	-5(1)	6(1)	0(1)
C(7)	30(2)	19(1)	26(1)	2(1)	6(1)	3(1)
C(8)	31(2)	20(1)	28(1)	0(1)	4(1)	3(1)
C(9)	28(1)	22(1)	23(1)	4(1)	4(1)	2(1)
C(10)	31(2)	21(1)	24(1)	4(1)	4(1)	1(1)
C(11)	31(2)	20(1)	26(1)	5(1)	5(1)	5(1)
C(12)	33(2)	28(2)	30(2)	2(1)	8(1)	7(1)
C(13)	27(2)	37(2)	35(2)	3(1)	7(1)	5(1)
C(14)	33(2)	33(2)	29(2)	2(1)	1(1)	-2(1)
C(15)	30(2)	25(1)	24(1)	3(1)	1(1)	2(1)
C(16)	32(2)	27(2)	41(2)	-3(1)	0(1)	-3(1)
C(17)	40(2)	40(2)	61(2)	4(2)	10(2)	-1(2)
C(18)	50(2)	61(2)	44(2)	-9(2)	10(2)	-11(2)
Cl(1A)	35(1)	27(1)	53(1)	-13(1)	1(1)	1(1)
Cl(2A)	50(1)	25(1)	35(1)	-7(1)	-3(1)	5(1)
O(1A)	34(1)	20(1)	32(1)	6(1)	2(1)	4(1)
N(1A)	28(1)	19(1)	28(1)	2(1)	4(1)	3(1)
C(1A)	30(2)	20(1)	29(2)	1(1)	2(1)	0(1)
C(2A)	35(2)	22(1)	34(2)	2(1)	7(1)	7(1)
C(3A)	30(2)	35(2)	37(2)	8(1)	2(1)	3(1)
C(4A)	35(2)	30(2)	33(2)	1(1)	-2(1)	-5(1)
C(5A)	34(2)	20(1)	28(2)	3(1)	2(1)	2(1)
C(6A)	30(2)	22(1)	24(1)	3(1)	2(1)	2(1)
C(7A)	32(2)	18(1)	23(1)	-2(1)	2(1)	3(1)
C(8A)	32(2)	17(1)	27(1)	1(1)	3(1)	4(1)
C(9A)	29(2)	21(1)	22(1)	-3(1)	4(1)	0(1)

C(10A)	30(2)	21(1)	22(1)	-4(1)	4(1)	2(1)
C(11A)	32(2)	21(1)	21(1)	-3(1)	0(1)	3(1)
C(12A)	30(2)	29(2)	27(1)	-3(1)	-1(1)	6(1)
C(13A)	26(2)	34(2)	33(2)	-4(1)	2(1)	4(1)
C(14A)	31(2)	36(2)	29(2)	-5(1)	5(1)	-6(1)
C(15A)	32(2)	23(1)	26(1)	-4(1)	2(1)	1(1)
C(16A)	39(2)	31(2)	36(2)	4(1)	7(1)	-5(1)

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**Table 5.** Hydrogen coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for **13i**.

Atom	x	y	z	U(eq)
H(2)	6631	2896	3756	104(19)
H(1)	7422	3459	5359	31
H(2B)	4883	6299	5633	41
H(3)	4072	5124	6347	46
H(4)	4890	3753	6953	44
H(8)	8289	5821	6646	32
H(12)	10648	3260	5436	36
H(13)	11897	4282	5943	39
H(14)	11594	5774	6586	38
H(16A)	9279	6701	6921	50
H(16B)	10192	7153	6544	50
H(16C)	10301	6663	7472	50
H(16D)	10568	6977	7037	50
H(16E)	9656	6525	7414	50
H(16F)	9547	7015	6486	50
H(17A)	7049	1633	2975	56
H(17B)	7949	2267	3373	56
H(18A)	6976	2542	1702	77
H(18B)	8024	2092	1899	77
H(18C)	7837	3221	2099	77
H(1A)	7952	1627	5276	30
H(2A)	10290	-1468	5602	36
H(3A)	11350	-377	6354	41
H(4A)	10780	1032	6972	40
H(8A)	7139	-673	6519	30
H(12A)	4779	2148	5287	35
H(13A)	3543	1267	5772	38
H(14A)	3837	-239	6443	38
H(16G)	6106	-1427	6845	53
H(16H)	5059	-1765	6464	53
H(16I)	5220	-1245	7378	53
H(16J)	4818	-1530	6946	53
H(16K)	5864	-1193	7327	53
H(16L)	5703	-1713	6414	53

**Table 6.** Dihedral angles [°] for **13i**.

Atom1 - Atom2 - Atom3 - Atom4	Dihedral
C(6) - C(1) - C(2) - C(3)	-0.1(4)
Cl(1) - C(1) - C(2) - C(3)	179.8(2)
C(1) - C(2) - C(3) - C(4)	0.7(4)
C(2) - C(3) - C(4) - C(5)	0.1(4)
C(3) - C(4) - C(5) - C(6)	-1.6(4)
C(3) - C(4) - C(5) - Cl(2)	175.9(2)
C(4) - C(5) - C(6) - C(1)	2.1(4)
Cl(2) - C(5) - C(6) - C(1)	-175.4(2)
C(4) - C(5) - C(6) - C(7)	-176.8(3)
Cl(2) - C(5) - C(6) - C(7)	5.8(4)
C(2) - C(1) - C(6) - C(5)	-1.2(4)
Cl(1) - C(1) - C(6) - C(5)	178.9(2)
C(2) - C(1) - C(6) - C(7)	177.6(3)
Cl(1) - C(1) - C(6) - C(7)	-2.3(4)
C(11) - N(1) - C(7) - C(8)	4.3(4)
C(11) - N(1) - C(7) - C(6)	-174.6(2)
C(5) - C(6) - C(7) - C(8)	-117.3(3)
C(1) - C(6) - C(7) - C(8)	63.9(4)
C(5) - C(6) - C(7) - N(1)	61.6(3)
C(1) - C(6) - C(7) - N(1)	-117.2(3)
N(1) - C(7) - C(8) - C(9)	-0.7(4)
C(6) - C(7) - C(8) - C(9)	178.2(2)
C(7) - C(8) - C(9) - C(10)	-3.1(4)
C(7) - C(8) - C(9) - C(15)	176.7(2)
C(15) - C(9) - C(10) - C(12)	2.4(4)
C(8) - C(9) - C(10) - C(12)	-177.8(2)
C(15) - C(9) - C(10) - C(11)	-176.3(2)
C(8) - C(9) - C(10) - C(11)	3.5(4)
C(7) - N(1) - C(11) - O(1)	177.1(2)
C(7) - N(1) - C(11) - C(10)	-3.8(4)
C(12) - C(10) - C(11) - O(1)	0.2(4)
C(9) - C(10) - C(11) - O(1)	178.9(2)
C(12) - C(10) - C(11) - N(1)	-178.9(2)
C(9) - C(10) - C(11) - N(1)	-0.3(4)
C(9) - C(10) - C(12) - C(13)	-0.6(4)
C(11) - C(10) - C(12) - C(13)	178.1(2)



C(10) - C(12) - C(13) - C(14)	-1.1(4)
C(12) - C(13) - C(14) - C(15)	1.0(4)
C(13) - C(14) - C(15) - C(9)	0.9(4)
C(13) - C(14) - C(15) - C(16)	-177.6(3)
C(10) - C(9) - C(15) - C(14)	-2.5(4)
C(8) - C(9) - C(15) - C(14)	177.7(2)
C(10) - C(9) - C(15) - C(16)	176.0(2)
C(8) - C(9) - C(15) - C(16)	-3.8(4)
C(6A) - C(1A) - C(2A) - C(3A)	-0.4(4)
Cl(1A) - C(1A) - C(2A) - C(3A)	179.4(2)
C(1A) - C(2A) - C(3A) - C(4A)	1.8(4)
C(2A) - C(3A) - C(4A) - C(5A)	-0.9(4)
C(3A) - C(4A) - C(5A) - C(6A)	-1.4(4)
C(3A) - C(4A) - C(5A) - Cl(2A)	175.2(2)
C(4A) - C(5A) - C(6A) - C(1A)	2.7(4)
Cl(2A) - C(5A) - C(6A) - C(1A)	-173.95(19)
C(4A) - C(5A) - C(6A) - C(7A)	-177.0(3)
Cl(2A) - C(5A) - C(6A) - C(7A)	6.4(3)
C(2A) - C(1A) - C(6A) - C(5A)	-1.7(4)
Cl(1A) - C(1A) - C(6A) - C(5A)	178.4(2)
C(2A) - C(1A) - C(6A) - C(7A)	177.9(3)
Cl(1A) - C(1A) - C(6A) - C(7A)	-1.9(4)
C(11A) - N(1A) - C(7A) - C(8A)	2.9(4)
C(11A) - N(1A) - C(7A) - C(6A)	-175.9(2)
C(5A) - C(6A) - C(7A) - C(8A)	-115.8(3)
C(1A) - C(6A) - C(7A) - C(8A)	64.6(4)
C(5A) - C(6A) - C(7A) - N(1A)	63.0(3)
C(1A) - C(6A) - C(7A) - N(1A)	-116.7(3)
N(1A) - C(7A) - C(8A) - C(9A)	-1.7(4)
C(6A) - C(7A) - C(8A) - C(9A)	177.0(2)
C(7A) - C(8A) - C(9A) - C(15A)	178.9(2)
C(7A) - C(8A) - C(9A) - C(10A)	-1.2(4)
C(15A) - C(9A) - C(10A) - C(12A)	2.1(4)
C(8A) - C(9A) - C(10A) - C(12A)	-177.8(2)
C(15A) - C(9A) - C(10A) - C(11A)	-177.0(2)
C(8A) - C(9A) - C(10A) - C(11A)	3.0(4)
C(7A) - N(1A) - C(11A) - O(1A)	178.5(2)
C(7A) - N(1A) - C(11A) - C(10A)	-1.0(4)
C(12A) - C(10A) - C(11A) - O(1A)	-0.7(4)

C(9A) - C(10A) - C(11A) - O(1A)	178.5(2)
C(12A) - C(10A) - C(11A) - N(1A)	178.9(2)
C(9A) - C(10A) - C(11A) - N(1A)	-1.9(4)
C(9A) - C(10A) - C(12A) - C(13A)	-1.4(4)
C(11A) - C(10A) - C(12A) - C(13A)	177.8(2)
C(10A) - C(12A) - C(13A) - C(14A)	0.0(4)
C(12A) - C(13A) - C(14A) - C(15A)	0.5(4)
C(13A) - C(14A) - C(15A) - C(9A)	0.2(4)
C(13A) - C(14A) - C(15A) - C(16A)	-178.5(3)
C(10A) - C(9A) - C(15A) - C(14A)	-1.5(4)
C(8A) - C(9A) - C(15A) - C(14A)	178.4(2)
C(10A) - C(9A) - C(15A) - C(16A)	177.2(2)
C(8A) - C(9A) - C(15A) - C(16A)	-2.8(4)

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**Table 7.** Crystal data and structure refinement for **15b**.

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Identification code	k12farm10
Formula weight	265.30
Temperature	150(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	P21/n
Unit cell dimensions	a = 12.5690(8)Å $\alpha = 90^\circ$ b = 17.0250(11)Å $\beta = 104.837(2)^\circ$ c = 13.3300(11)Å $\gamma = 90^\circ$
Volume	2757.3(3) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z	8
Density (calculated)	1.278 Mg m <sup>-3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	0.084 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	1120
Crystal size	0.30 × 0.08 × 0.08 mm
$\theta$ range for data collection	3.52 to 25.03°
Index ranges	-14 ≤ h ≤ 14; -20 ≤ k ≤ 20; -11 ≤ l ≤ 15
Reflections collected	12394
Independent reflections	4788 [R(int) = 0.1450]
Reflections observed (>2 $\sigma$ )	1941
Data Completeness	0.982
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	1.000 and 0.710
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	4788 / 0 / 365
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	0.895
Final R indices [I > 2 $\sigma$ (I)]	R1 = 0.0717 wR2 = 0.1299
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.2113 wR2 = 0.1699
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.259 and -0.241 eÅ <sup>-3</sup>

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**Notes:**

Two independent molecules in the asymmetric unit, which form hydrogen-bonded dimers.

Crystal quality poor - small fragment taken from a non-merohedrally twinned needle. Unit cell parameters reflect the sample quality. However, the structure is unambiguous. Data truncated to 25 degree Bragg angle.

Hydrogen bonds with  $H \cdots A < r(A) + 2.000$  Angstroms and  $\langle DHA \rangle > 110$  deg.

D-H	d(D-H)	d(H..A)	$\langle DHA \rangle$	d(D..A)	A
N1-H1	0.880	1.917	168.55	2.785	O1A
N1A-H1A	0.880	2.095	163.52	2.950	O1

**Table 8.** Atomic coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for 1.U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonallised  $U_{ij}$  tensor for **15b**.

Atom	x	y	z	U(eq)
O(1)	4518(2)	1373(1)	-78(2)	50(1)
O(2)	701(2)	3499(1)	-299(3)	76(1)
N(1)	3249(2)	1302(2)	854(2)	42(1)
C(1)	3670(3)	1634(2)	109(3)	46(1)
C(2)	3060(3)	2313(2)	-435(3)	44(1)
C(3)	3416(3)	2679(2)	-1231(3)	53(1)
C(4)	2872(3)	3325(2)	-1706(4)	65(1)
C(5)	1944(4)	3608(2)	-1412(4)	72(1)
C(6)	1590(3)	3260(2)	-636(4)	62(1)
C(7)	2139(3)	2589(2)	-126(3)	48(1)
C(8)	1785(3)	2199(2)	675(3)	53(1)
C(9)	2328(3)	1560(2)	1161(3)	44(1)
C(10)	2011(3)	1117(2)	1975(3)	48(1)
C(11)	1408(3)	1453(2)	2609(4)	68(1)
C(12)	1129(4)	1037(3)	3386(4)	83(2)
C(13)	1447(4)	257(3)	3583(4)	71(1)
C(14)	2019(3)	-74(2)	2953(4)	69(1)
C(15)	2300(3)	331(2)	2160(4)	59(1)
C(16)	1147(4)	-195(3)	4464(5)	117(2)
C(17)	19(4)	4110(3)	-875(4)	103(2)
O(1A)	4580(2)	54(1)	1769(2)	59(1)
O(2A)	8876(2)	-1580(1)	3110(2)	68(1)
N(1A)	6113(2)	279(2)	1218(2)	44(1)
C(1A)	5547(3)	-119(2)	1807(3)	45(1)
C(2A)	6148(3)	-725(2)	2490(3)	48(1)
C(3A)	5629(3)	-1157(2)	3129(3)	54(1)
C(4A)	6200(3)	-1722(2)	3751(4)	59(1)
C(5A)	7298(3)	-1886(2)	3788(3)	59(1)
C(6A)	7818(3)	-1469(2)	3165(3)	56(1)
C(7A)	7252(3)	-868(2)	2501(3)	43(1)
C(8A)	7758(3)	-417(2)	1841(3)	49(1)
C(9A)	7206(3)	148(2)	1208(3)	40(1)
C(10A)	7670(3)	638(2)	512(3)	42(1)
C(11A)	8796(3)	628(2)	582(4)	63(1)
C(12A)	9240(3)	1053(2)	-91(4)	66(1)
C(13A)	8608(3)	1518(2)	-851(4)	58(1)

C(14A)	7495(3)	1542(2)	-908(3)	56(1)
C(15A)	7029(3)	1111(2)	-254(3)	50(1)
C(16A)	9095(3)	1960(2)	-1614(4)	77(1)
C(17A)	9459(3)	-2218(2)	3716(4)	82(2)

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**Table 9.** Bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for **15b**.

O(1)-C(1)	1.238(4)	O(2)-C(6)	1.369(4)
O(2)-C(17)	1.438(5)	N(1)-C(1)	1.360(4)
N(1)-C(9)	1.395(4)	C(1)-C(2)	1.472(5)
C(2)-C(3)	1.399(5)	C(2)-C(7)	1.405(4)
C(3)-C(4)	1.364(5)	C(4)-C(5)	1.406(5)
C(5)-C(6)	1.363(5)	C(6)-C(7)	1.416(5)
C(7)-C(8)	1.423(5)	C(8)-C(9)	1.357(5)
C(9)-C(10)	1.459(5)	C(10)-C(15)	1.392(5)
C(10)-C(11)	1.394(5)	C(11)-C(12)	1.373(6)
C(12)-C(13)	1.394(6)	C(13)-C(14)	1.360(5)
C(13)-C(16)	1.529(6)	C(14)-C(15)	1.382(5)
O(1A)-C(1A)	1.239(4)	O(2A)-C(6A)	1.364(4)
O(2A)-C(17A)	1.438(4)	N(1A)-C(1A)	1.367(4)
N(1A)-C(9A)	1.394(4)	C(1A)-C(2A)	1.453(5)
C(2A)-C(7A)	1.404(4)	C(2A)-C(3A)	1.406(5)
C(3A)-C(4A)	1.350(5)	C(4A)-C(5A)	1.397(5)
C(5A)-C(6A)	1.377(5)	C(6A)-C(7A)	1.420(5)
C(7A)-C(8A)	1.434(5)	C(8A)-C(9A)	1.348(5)
C(9A)-C(10A)	1.476(5)	C(10A)-C(15A)	1.385(5)
C(10A)-C(11A)	1.395(5)	C(11A)-C(12A)	1.377(5)
C(12A)-C(13A)	1.369(6)	C(13A)-C(14A)	1.382(5)
C(13A)-C(16A)	1.514(5)	C(14A)-C(15A)	1.380(5)
C(6)-O(2)-C(17)	117.7(4)	C(1)-N(1)-C(9)	126.2(3)
O(1)-C(1)-N(1)	121.0(3)	O(1)-C(1)-C(2)	123.2(4)
N(1)-C(1)-C(2)	115.8(3)	C(3)-C(2)-C(7)	121.4(3)
C(3)-C(2)-C(1)	119.8(3)	C(7)-C(2)-C(1)	118.8(4)
C(4)-C(3)-C(2)	119.5(4)	C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	120.0(4)
C(6)-C(5)-C(4)	121.2(4)	C(5)-C(6)-O(2)	125.0(4)
C(5)-C(6)-C(7)	120.1(4)	O(2)-C(6)-C(7)	114.9(4)
C(2)-C(7)-C(6)	117.8(4)	C(2)-C(7)-C(8)	120.3(3)
C(6)-C(7)-C(8)	122.0(4)	C(9)-C(8)-C(7)	121.1(3)
C(8)-C(9)-N(1)	117.8(3)	C(8)-C(9)-C(10)	124.8(3)
N(1)-C(9)-C(10)	117.4(3)	C(15)-C(10)-C(11)	116.5(4)
C(15)-C(10)-C(9)	121.4(3)	C(11)-C(10)-C(9)	122.1(3)
C(12)-C(11)-C(10)	121.9(4)	C(11)-C(12)-C(13)	121.2(4)
C(14)-C(13)-C(12)	116.7(4)	C(14)-C(13)-C(16)	122.7(4)
C(12)-C(13)-C(16)	120.6(4)	C(13)-C(14)-C(15)	123.1(4)
C(14)-C(15)-C(10)	120.5(4)	C(6A)-O(2A)-C(17A)	116.0(3)

C(1A)-N(1A)-C(9A)	125.8(3)	O(1A)-C(1A)-N(1A)	120.5(3)
O(1A)-C(1A)-C(2A)	122.8(3)	N(1A)-C(1A)-C(2A)	116.6(3)
C(7A)-C(2A)-C(3A)	120.9(3)	C(7A)-C(2A)-C(1A)	118.9(3)
C(3A)-C(2A)-C(1A)	120.2(3)	C(4A)-C(3A)-C(2A)	119.3(4)
C(3A)-C(4A)-C(5A)	122.0(4)	C(6A)-C(5A)-C(4A)	119.5(4)
O(2A)-C(6A)-C(5A)	125.5(4)	O(2A)-C(6A)-C(7A)	114.0(3)
C(5A)-C(6A)-C(7A)	120.6(3)	C(2A)-C(7A)-C(6A)	117.8(3)
C(2A)-C(7A)-C(8A)	119.6(3)	C(6A)-C(7A)-C(8A)	122.6(3)
C(9A)-C(8A)-C(7A)	121.8(3)	C(8A)-C(9A)-N(1A)	117.4(3)
C(8A)-C(9A)-C(10A)	125.0(3)	N(1A)-C(9A)-C(10A)	117.6(3)
C(15A)-C(10A)-C(11A)	116.5(3)	C(15A)-C(10A)-C(9A)	122.9(3)
C(11A)-C(10A)-C(9A)	120.6(4)	C(12A)-C(11A)-C(10A)	121.5(4)
C(13A)-C(12A)-C(11A)	122.1(4)	C(12A)-C(13A)-C(14A)	116.4(4)
C(12A)-C(13A)-C(16A)	121.8(4)	C(14A)-C(13A)-C(16A)	121.8(4)
C(15A)-C(14A)-C(13A)	122.5(4)	C(14A)-C(15A)-C(10A)	120.9(3)



**Table 10.** Anisotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for **15b**. The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form:  $-2 \text{ gpi}^2 [ \text{h}^2 \text{ a}^{*2} \text{ U11} + \dots + 2 \text{ h k a}^* \text{ b}^* \text{ U}$

Atom	U11	U22	U33	U23	U13	U12
O(1)	43(2)	49(2)	58(2)	2(1)	12(1)	3(1)
O(2)	82(2)	59(2)	93(3)	16(2)	30(2)	29(2)
N(1)	39(2)	35(2)	49(2)	6(2)	4(2)	2(1)
C(1)	44(2)	41(2)	52(3)	-5(2)	10(2)	-8(2)
C(2)	42(2)	39(2)	47(3)	-4(2)	3(2)	-1(2)
C(3)	61(2)	44(2)	50(3)	5(2)	8(2)	0(2)
C(4)	80(3)	53(3)	62(4)	5(2)	19(3)	3(2)
C(5)	92(3)	56(3)	65(4)	12(2)	17(3)	20(2)
C(6)	70(3)	48(2)	67(4)	0(2)	17(3)	9(2)
C(7)	48(2)	36(2)	55(3)	1(2)	2(2)	3(2)
C(8)	50(2)	47(2)	62(3)	-3(2)	12(2)	5(2)
C(9)	39(2)	45(2)	48(3)	-3(2)	9(2)	-1(2)
C(10)	40(2)	45(2)	59(3)	-6(2)	10(2)	2(2)
C(11)	83(3)	62(3)	62(4)	-2(3)	26(3)	15(2)
C(12)	86(3)	105(4)	68(4)	-2(3)	39(3)	19(3)
C(13)	77(3)	81(3)	64(4)	9(3)	35(3)	6(3)
C(14)	73(3)	64(3)	80(4)	13(3)	39(3)	8(2)
C(15)	57(2)	50(2)	80(4)	2(2)	38(2)	2(2)
C(16)	133(4)	135(5)	112(6)	43(4)	86(4)	29(4)
C(17)	117(4)	91(4)	102(5)	35(3)	30(4)	69(3)
O(1A)	43(2)	59(2)	77(2)	20(2)	19(1)	10(1)
O(2A)	56(2)	73(2)	71(2)	30(2)	10(2)	20(1)
N(1A)	44(2)	35(2)	51(2)	5(2)	11(2)	4(1)
C(1A)	45(2)	40(2)	50(3)	-3(2)	13(2)	-4(2)
C(2A)	50(2)	35(2)	62(3)	2(2)	19(2)	2(2)
C(3A)	58(2)	52(2)	55(3)	4(2)	17(2)	4(2)
C(4A)	70(3)	50(2)	60(3)	11(2)	21(2)	-4(2)
C(5A)	76(3)	48(2)	53(3)	8(2)	16(2)	4(2)
C(6A)	54(2)	51(2)	63(3)	7(2)	16(2)	7(2)
C(7A)	48(2)	38(2)	36(3)	0(2)	-1(2)	4(2)
C(8A)	41(2)	48(2)	57(3)	1(2)	9(2)	0(2)
C(9A)	39(2)	45(2)	32(3)	-8(2)	2(2)	3(2)
C(10A)	41(2)	41(2)	46(3)	-2(2)	12(2)	1(2)
C(11A)	50(2)	63(3)	73(4)	24(2)	11(2)	-4(2)
C(12A)	44(2)	75(3)	74(4)	10(3)	6(2)	-9(2)
C(13A)	57(3)	52(2)	64(3)	9(2)	16(2)	-4(2)

C(14A)	62(3)	55(2)	53(3)	11(2)	18(2)	9(2)
C(15A)	47(2)	50(2)	55(3)	5(2)	15(2)	9(2)
C(16A)	74(3)	87(3)	70(4)	18(3)	20(3)	-10(2)
C(17A)	75(3)	85(3)	84(4)	46(3)	17(3)	35(3)

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**Table 5.** Hydrogen coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for **15b**.

Atom	x	y	z	U(eq)
H(1)	3591	886	1172	51
H(3)	4032	2478	-1439	63
H(4)	3119	3585	-2236	78
H(5)	1558	4050	-1761	86
H(8)	1157	2389	873	64
H(11)	1183	1986	2499	81
H(12)	712	1286	3798	99
H(14)	2235	-608	3063	83
H(15)	2695	70	1737	71
H(16A)	374	-358	4245	175
H(16B)	1257	144	5076	175
H(16C)	1618	-660	4636	175
H(17A)	436	4602	-799	155
H(17B)	-632	4180	-609	155
H(17C)	-210	3964	-1610	155
H(1A)	5757	651	808	53
H(3A)	4885	-1053	3123	65
H(4A)	5844	-2017	4175	71
H(5A)	7684	-2282	4239	71
H(8A)	8504	-518	1850	59
H(11A)	9268	320	1107	75
H(12A)	10010	1022	-26	79
H(14A)	7033	1868	-1417	67
H(15A)	6257	1139	-330	60
H(16D)	9513	1596	-1935	115
H(16E)	9586	2374	-1247	115
H(16F)	8502	2197	-2152	115
H(17D)	9103	-2716	3453	123
H(17E)	9449	-2151	4443	123
H(17F)	10222	-2223	3662	123

**Table 6.** Dihedral angles [°] for **15b**.

<b>Atom1 - Atom2 - Atom3 - Atom4</b>	<b>Dihedral</b>
C(9) - N(1) - C(1) - O(1)	177.4(3)
C(9) - N(1) - C(1) - C(2)	-2.0(5)
O(1) - C(1) - C(2) - C(3)	2.2(5)
N(1) - C(1) - C(2) - C(3)	-178.4(3)
O(1) - C(1) - C(2) - C(7)	-176.6(3)
N(1) - C(1) - C(2) - C(7)	2.8(5)
C(7) - C(2) - C(3) - C(4)	1.2(6)
C(1) - C(2) - C(3) - C(4)	-177.6(3)
C(2) - C(3) - C(4) - C(5)	-1.5(6)
C(3) - C(4) - C(5) - C(6)	1.8(7)
C(4) - C(5) - C(6) - O(2)	179.7(4)
C(4) - C(5) - C(6) - C(7)	-1.6(7)
C(17) - O(2) - C(6) - C(5)	7.0(6)
C(17) - O(2) - C(6) - C(7)	-171.8(4)
C(3) - C(2) - C(7) - C(6)	-1.0(5)
C(1) - C(2) - C(7) - C(6)	177.8(3)
C(3) - C(2) - C(7) - C(8)	179.1(4)
C(1) - C(2) - C(7) - C(8)	-2.2(5)
C(5) - C(6) - C(7) - C(2)	1.2(6)
O(2) - C(6) - C(7) - C(2)	-179.9(3)
C(5) - C(6) - C(7) - C(8)	-178.9(4)
O(2) - C(6) - C(7) - C(8)	0.0(6)
C(2) - C(7) - C(8) - C(9)	0.5(6)
C(6) - C(7) - C(8) - C(9)	-179.4(4)
C(7) - C(8) - C(9) - N(1)	0.4(5)
C(7) - C(8) - C(9) - C(10)	-178.8(4)
C(1) - N(1) - C(9) - C(8)	0.4(5)
C(1) - N(1) - C(9) - C(10)	179.8(3)
C(8) - C(9) - C(10) - C(15)	154.8(4)
N(1) - C(9) - C(10) - C(15)	-24.5(5)
C(8) - C(9) - C(10) - C(11)	-25.3(6)
N(1) - C(9) - C(10) - C(11)	155.4(4)
C(15) - C(10) - C(11) - C(12)	1.1(7)
C(9) - C(10) - C(11) - C(12)	-178.8(4)
C(10) - C(11) - C(12) - C(13)	0.5(8)
C(11) - C(12) - C(13) - C(14)	-1.6(7)

C(11) - C(12) - C(13) - C(16)	178.9(5)
C(12) - C(13) - C(14) - C(15)	1.0(7)
C(16) - C(13) - C(14) - C(15)	-179.5(5)
C(13) - C(14) - C(15) - C(10)	0.6(7)
C(11) - C(10) - C(15) - C(14)	-1.7(6)
C(9) - C(10) - C(15) - C(14)	178.3(4)
C(9A) - N(1A) - C(1A) - O(1A)	178.8(3)
C(9A) - N(1A) - C(1A) - C(2A)	0.7(5)
O(1A) - C(1A) - C(2A) - C(7A)	-178.4(3)
N(1A) - C(1A) - C(2A) - C(7A)	-0.4(5)
O(1A) - C(1A) - C(2A) - C(3A)	1.4(6)
N(1A) - C(1A) - C(2A) - C(3A)	179.5(3)
C(7A) - C(2A) - C(3A) - C(4A)	-0.7(6)
C(1A) - C(2A) - C(3A) - C(4A)	179.4(4)
C(2A) - C(3A) - C(4A) - C(5A)	0.7(6)
C(3A) - C(4A) - C(5A) - C(6A)	-0.9(6)
C(17A) - O(2A) - C(6A) - C(5A)	3.8(6)
C(17A) - O(2A) - C(6A) - C(7A)	-175.9(4)
C(4A) - C(5A) - C(6A) - O(2A)	-178.7(4)
C(4A) - C(5A) - C(6A) - C(7A)	1.0(6)
C(3A) - C(2A) - C(7A) - C(6A)	0.9(6)
C(1A) - C(2A) - C(7A) - C(6A)	-179.3(4)
C(3A) - C(2A) - C(7A) - C(8A)	-180.0(4)
C(1A) - C(2A) - C(7A) - C(8A)	-0.1(5)
O(2A) - C(6A) - C(7A) - C(2A)	178.7(3)
C(5A) - C(6A) - C(7A) - C(2A)	-1.1(6)
O(2A) - C(6A) - C(7A) - C(8A)	-0.4(6)
C(5A) - C(6A) - C(7A) - C(8A)	179.8(4)
C(2A) - C(7A) - C(8A) - C(9A)	0.3(6)
C(6A) - C(7A) - C(8A) - C(9A)	179.4(4)
C(7A) - C(8A) - C(9A) - N(1A)	0.0(5)
C(7A) - C(8A) - C(9A) - C(10A)	179.7(3)
C(1A) - N(1A) - C(9A) - C(8A)	-0.6(5)
C(1A) - N(1A) - C(9A) - C(10A)	179.8(3)
C(8A) - C(9A) - C(10A) - C(15A)	168.2(4)
N(1A) - C(9A) - C(10A) - C(15A)	-12.2(5)
C(8A) - C(9A) - C(10A) - C(11A)	-10.0(6)
N(1A) - C(9A) - C(10A) - C(11A)	169.7(3)
C(15A) - C(10A) - C(11A) - C(12A)	-1.4(6)

C(9A) - C(10A) - C(11A) - C(12A)	176.9(4)
C(10A) - C(11A) - C(12A) - C(13A)	1.2(7)
C(11A) - C(12A) - C(13A) - C(14A)	0.1(7)
C(11A) - C(12A) - C(13A) - C(16A)	-177.7(4)
C(12A) - C(13A) - C(14A) - C(15A)	-1.3(6)
C(16A) - C(13A) - C(14A) - C(15A)	176.5(4)
C(13A) - C(14A) - C(15A) - C(10A)	1.2(6)
C(11A) - C(10A) - C(15A) - C(14A)	0.2(6)
C(9A) - C(10A) - C(15A) - C(14A)	-178.0(3)

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**Section H: Details of the diffraction data and refinement of the structures of complexes of selected isoquinolin-1-ones with tankyrase-2.**

<b>Compound</b>	<b>11a</b>	<b>11b</b>	<b>11c</b>	<b>11d</b>	<b>12a</b>	<b>12f</b>
<b>PDB code</b>	4UVL	4UVP	4UVS	4UVT	4UVZ	4UVO
<b>Data</b>						
Beam line	ESRF ID23-1	ESRF ID23-1	ESRF ID14-1	ESRF ID23-1	ESRF ID23-1	ESRF ID23-2
Wavelength (Å)	1.07227	1.07227	0.93340	1.07227	1.07227	0.87260
Space group	C222 <sub>1</sub>	C222 <sub>1</sub>	C222 <sub>1</sub>	C222 <sub>1</sub>	C222 <sub>1</sub>	C222 <sub>1</sub>
<i>Cell dimensions</i>						
a, b, c (Å)	91.30, 97.78, 118.88	91.16, 97.70, 118.69	91.45, 98.68, 119.21	91.54, 97.62, 118.07	91.03, 98.06, 118.03	91.31, 98.25, 119.11
Resolution (Å)	50-2.0 (2.05-2.00)	50-1.75 (1.80-1.75)	50-2.0 (2.05-2.00)	50-1.95 (2.00-1.95)	50-1.60 (1.64-1.60)	50-1.85 (1.90-1.85)
R <sub>merge</sub>	0.090 (0.706)	0.049 (0.463)	0.080 (0.522)	0.070 (0.597)	0.057 (0.702)	0.071 (0.671)
I / σI	15.50 (2.85)	16.29 (2.19)	14.48 (2.60)	18.62 (3.37)	20.38 (2.78)	17.10 (2.53)
Completeness (%)	100 (100)	98.4 (85.8)	99.7 (99.9)	99.3 (98.9)	98.4 (97.2)	99.8 (99.9)
Redundancy	7.2 (7.3)	3.5 (2.7)	3.7 (3.7)	7.2 (7.4)	7.3 (7.4)	5.6 (5.6)
<b>Refinement</b>						
R <sub>work</sub> / R <sub>free</sub>	0.17253 / 0.21402	0.16841 / 0.20541	0.18164 / 0.21424	0.16868 / 0.21306	0.16365 / 0.18851	0.16633 / 0.19735
<i>B-factors</i>						
Protein	26.6065	21.283	19.9235	26.6735	19.3375	21.6805
Inhibitor	32.4065	19.976	18.473	30.7105	14.0475	26.6415
<i>R.m.s.d.</i>						
Bond lengths (Å)	0.014	0.015	0.013	0.013	0.014	0.015
Bond angles (°)	1.389	1.491	1.305	1.370	1.431	1.441
<i>Ramachandran plot (%)</i>						
Favoured regions	98.53	99.27	98.78	98.78	99.02	99.27
Additionally allowed regions	-	0.57	0.28	0.85	1.13	1.13
<b>Compound</b>	<b>12m</b>	<b>13h</b>	<b>13n</b>	<b>14f</b>	<b>15e</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>PDB code</b>	4UVN	4UVV	4UVU	4UVX	4UVY	4UVW
<b>Data</b>						
Beam line	ESRF ID14-1	Diamond I038	Diamond I038	Diamond I038	Diamond I04-1	ESRF ID23-2
Wavelength (Å)	0.93340	0.976250	0.976250	0.976250	0.92000	0.87260
Space group	C222 <sub>1</sub>	C222 <sub>1</sub>	C222 <sub>1</sub>	C222 <sub>1</sub>	C222 <sub>1</sub>	C222 <sub>1</sub>

<i>Cell dimensions</i>					91.23	97.72	117.81
a, b, c (Å)	90.69, 98.15, 118.0	91.23, 97.72, 117.81	90.23, 98.56, 118.94	90.58, 98.51, 118.50	91.38, 98.36, 119.51	93.56, 96.73, 117.09	
Resolution (Å)	50-2.20 (2.26-2.20)	50-1.90 (1.95-1.90)	30-1.95 (2.00-1.95)	30-1.95 (2.00-1.95)	30-1.95 (2.00-1.95)	50-2.10 (2.15-2.10)	
R <sub>merge</sub>	0.095 (0.592)	5.7 (70.8)	8.9 (77.3)	8.2 (78.7)	12.3 (94.4)	9.0 (92.6)	
I / $\sigma$ I	12.85 (2.27)	18.59 (2.45)	12.54 (2.38)	13.60 (2.27)	12.59 (2.07)	17.42 (2.87)	
Completeness (%)	97.1 (99.3)	99.9 (100)	99.9 (100)	99.9 (100)	99.9 (99.9)	99.9 (100)	
Redundancy	3.8 (3.7)	6.7 (6.7)	6.6 (6.6)	6.6 (6.6)	6.7 (6.9)	7.4 (7.5)	
<b>Refinement</b>							
R <sub>work</sub> / R <sub>free</sub>	0.18423 / 0.23870	0.16623 / 0.19803	0.1711 / 0.1918	0.1693 / 0.2112	0.1730 / 0.2126	0.1709 / 0.2098	
<i>B-factors</i>							
Protein	20.947	34.8	35.2	36.6	25.6	38.0	
Inhibitor	16.717	27.9	37.0	31.8	33.8	32.2	
<i>R.m.s.d.</i>							
Bond lengths (Å)	0.013	0.011	0.009	0.011	0.009	0.012	
Bond angles (°)	1.354	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.2	1.5	
<i>Ramachandran plot (%)</i>							
Favoured regions	99.02	99.27	98.29	98.53	98.80	98.04	
Additionally allowed regions	0.85	0.73	1.71	1.47	1.20	1.96	



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