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ABSTRACT

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Primary aliphatic amines which are ubiquitous in natural products, traditionally considered as inert to substitution reactions. Recent studies clearly demonstrated that the aliphatic deaminative coupling chemistry can be used to make valuable scaffolds through C-N bond activation on transition metal complexes. The catalytic system generated in situ from the tetranuclear Ru-H complex with a catechol ligand (2-9/2-16) and independently synthesized ruthenium catecholate complex 2-11 was found to be effective for the direct deaminative coupling of primary amines. The catalytic system formed insitu from the reaction of cationic Ru–H complex **2-10** with 3,4,5,6-tetrachloro-1,2benzoquinone 2-12 was found to mediate a regioselective deaminative coupling reaction of ketones with amines to form the α -alkylated ketone products. The monitoring of the coupling reaction of acetophenone and 4-methoxybenzylamine showed a rapid formation of $PhC(Me)=NCH_2C_6H_4$ -4-OMe, which was slowly converted to the alkylation product. The Hammett plot obtained from the reaction of *para*-substituted imines showed a strong promotional effect by the amine substrates with electron-releasing group ($\rho = -0.96 \pm$ 0.1), while the analogous plot obtained from the reaction of *para*-substituted imines with benzylamine showed a moderate promotional effect from the ketone substrates with electron-withdrawing group ($\rho = +0.24 \pm 0.1$). The most significant carbon isotope effect was observed on the α -carbon of the alkylation product (C $_{\alpha}$ = 1.020). The empirical rate law was determined as rate = k_{obs} [imine][Ru] from measuring the kinetics of the alkylation reaction of the isolated imine substrate. A catalytically active Ru-catecholate complex was synthesized and the DFT study revealed a stepwise mechanism of the [1,3]carbon migration step via the formation of a Ru(IV)-alkyl species. A plausible mechanism of the catalytic alkylation reaction via an intramolecular [1,3]-alkyl migration of Ru-enamine intermediate has been proposed. The in situ formed ruthenium catalytic systems (2-10/2-16), (2-10/2-12) and the complex 2-11 was also found to be highly selective for the dehydrogenative/deaminative coupling reactions to form number of pharmaceutically important nitrogen heterocyclic products with amines. The catalytic coupling method provides an operationally simple and chemoselective synthetic protocol without using any reactive reagents or forming wasteful byproducts.

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ABBREVIATIONS

- iPr-iso-Propyl
- tBu-tertiary Butyl
- KHMDS Potassium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide
- tBuOK Potassium tert-butoxide
- THF Tetrahydrofuran
- TON Turn Over Number
- TOF Turn Over Frequency
- LiOTf Lithium Triflate
- dpen Diphenylethylenediamine
- DFT Density-functional theory
- DPPB (1,4-bis(diphenylphosphino)butane)
- DMC Dimethyl Carbonate
- C-T Charge-Transfer
- TBDMS tert-Butyldimethylsilyl
- SET Single Electron Transfer
- Bn-Benzyl
- Ph Phenyl
- Ar Aryl
- dba-dibenzylideneacetone
- acac Acetylacetone

- DMA Dimethylacetamide
- dtbbpy 4,4'-Di-tert-butyl-2,2'-dipyridyl
- Boc-tert-Butyloxycarbonyl
- SIPr 1,3-Bis(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)imidazolidin
- THBP-tert-Butyl hydroperoxide
- RDS Rate Determining Step
- DTBP di-tert-butyl peroxide
- Cp-Cyclopentadienyl
- Cp*-1,2,3,4,5-Pentamethylcyclopentadienyl
- PPh₃ Triphenylphosphine
- $PCy_3 Tricyclohexylphosphine$
- Me-Methyl
- Et Ethyl
- R-Alkyl-, Aryl moiety
- Nu-Nucleophile
- DMF Dimethylformamide
- TFE-2,2,2-trifluoroethanol
- IMes 1,3-bis-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)imidazole carbene ligand
- DPPF 1,1'-Bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene
- BINAP diphenylphosphinobinapthyl
- coe-Cyclooctene

NCTS - N-cyano-N-phenyl- p-toluenesulfonamide

t-BuXPhos – 2-Di-tert-butylphosphino-2',4',6'-triisopropylbiphenyl

COD - Cyclooctadiene

NMR - Nuclear magnetic resonance

s – singlet

 $d-\ doublet$

t – triplet

q – quartet

m – multiplet

br – broad

ppm – Parts per million

HRMS – High resolution mass spectroscopy

Chapter 1

Recent Advances on the Development and Synthetic Applications of Catalytic Coupling Methods via C–N Bond Activation

1.1 Introduction

The C–N bond is one of the most abundant chemical bonds found in many organic, and biomacromolecules.¹ The activation and transformation of C–N bonds² by using transition-metal catalysis has been emerged as a powerful tool for a variety of C–C bond forming reactions, synthesis of amides and other nitrogen-containing molecules.³ In a biochemical example, proteins are translated from α -amino acids via the C–N bond formation and the reverse process from proteins to α -amino acids via the amide C–N bond cleavage for biological systems.⁴ Compared to catalytic C–H⁵ and C–O⁶ bond activation reactions, transition-metal catalyzed C–N bond cleavage methods have been considerably underexplored, and has been identified as a new emerging area of organic chemical transformations. While primary and branched amines have been found to be the most prevalent classes of organic compounds, their utilization in C–N bond cleavage reactions has been found to be quite challenging, in part due to relatively high C–N bond dissociation energy and remains a great challenge in the development of catalytic coupling methods via C–N bond cleavage.

Transition metal mediated C–N bond cleavage reactions have been found to be a key step in a number of catalytic coupling methods.^{3b, 7} Transition metal catalytic species have been shown to mediate inert C–N bond activation, which then generate new C-C and C-X bonds in the presence of potential electrophilic or nucleophilic species affording desired products as illustrated in **Figure 1.1**.



Figure 1.1: Representation of Catalytic C–N Bond Activation and Product Formation

The designing and utilization of catalytic C–N bond cleavage strategy and synthetic applications present a unique challenge due to their inert nature of the unreactive C–N bond and their well-known ability to poison the metal catalysts. In the last decades, many clever and convenient Catalytic C–N cleavage methods approaches have been developed to obtain reliable nitrogen and/or carbon sources. Two main transition metal catalyzed C–N bond activation protocols have been classified, namely: N-containing compounds such as amines, amides having unactivated C–N bonds, and N-containing compounds having activated C–N bonds, such as ammonium salts, diazonium salts, triazoles, strained azaheterocycles.

Fundamental mechanistic understandings on catalytic C–N bond cleavage reactions are immensely valuable not only for establishing the governing factors and fate

of the active species, but also in designing the next generation of efficient and greener C–N bond cleavage protocols. Six major pathways have been identified for the transition-metal catalyzed C–N bond cleavage reactions as illustrated in **Scheme 1.1**.^{3a, 3b}

a) Oxidative addition

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathsf{R}_{2}^{1} \mathsf{N} - \mathsf{C}\mathsf{R}_{3} & \underbrace{[\mathsf{M}]}_{\mathsf{R}^{2}} & \begin{bmatrix} \mathsf{R}_{2}^{1} \\ \mathsf{N} - [\mathsf{M}] - \mathsf{C}\mathsf{H}_{2}\mathsf{R}_{3} \\ \mathsf{R}^{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

b) C-H bond cleavage triggered C-N activation (via imine species)

$$RH_{2}C - N \xrightarrow{H} \underbrace{[M]}_{C-H} \xrightarrow{[M]}_{R} \xrightarrow{H} \underbrace{[M]}_{R} \xrightarrow{NuX} \xrightarrow{R} N - [M] - X$$

activation
$$H \xrightarrow{R} \xrightarrow{R} \xrightarrow{NuX} \xrightarrow{H} \xrightarrow{R} N - [M] - X$$

c) C-H bond cleavage triggered C-N activation (via iminium species)

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d) Via ammonium ion species

$$\begin{array}{c} R^{1} \overset{R^{3}}{\underset{R^{2}}{\overset{(H)}{\overset{R}{\overset{}}}}} X^{\ominus} & \underbrace{[M]}{\underset{R^{1}}{\overset{(H)}{\overset{}}}} & R^{3} - \overset{R^{2}}{\underset{R^{4}}{\overset{(H)}{\overset{}}}} \\ \end{array}$$

e) β -N elimination

$$\begin{array}{c|c} R^{3}{}_{2}C-X & [M] \\ R^{1}-\stackrel{N}{\overset{I}{\underset{R^{2}}{\underset{R^{2}}{\overset{I}{\underset{R^{2}}{\overset{I}{\underset{R^{2}}{\overset{I}{\underset{R^{2}}{\overset{I}{\underset{R^{2}}{\overset{I}{\underset{R^{2}}{\underset{R^{2}}{\overset{I}{\underset{R^{2}}{\overset{I}{\underset{R^{2}}{\underset{R^{2}}{\overset{I}{\underset{R^{2}}}{\underset{R^{2}}{\underset{R^{2}}{\underset{R^{2}}}{\underset{R^{2}}{\underset{R^{2}}{\underset{R^{2}}}{\underset{R^{2}}{\underset{R^{2}}{\underset{R^{2}}{\underset{R^{2}}}{\underset{R^{2}}{\underset{R^{2}}{\underset{R^{2}}}{\underset{R^{2}}{\underset{R^{2}}{\underset{R^{2}}{\underset{R^{2}}}{\underset{R^{2}}{\underset{R^{2}}{\underset{R^{2}}{\underset{R^{2}}}{\underset{R^{2}}}{\underset{R^{2}}}{\underset{R^{2}}}{\underset{R^{2}}{\underset{R^{2}}}{\underset{R^{2}}{\atopR}{\underset{R^{2}}}{\underset{R^{2}}{\underset{R^{2}}{\underset{R^{2}}{\underset{R^{2}}{\underset{R^{2}}$$

f) Via insertion/de-insertion



Scheme 1.1: General Mechanistic Pathways for C-N Bond Activation

Selective C–N bond cleavage reactions of sterically non-demanding N-containing compounds, such as amines, amides, and ammonium salts have been commonly achieved, in which their reactivity and selectivity patterns are depend on the substrate structure and reaction conditions. In this chapter, we will discuss the development and synthetic applications of transition-metal catalyzed C–N bond hydrogenolysis, C–C, and C–heteroatom bond forming reactions via C–N bond activation for nitrogen containing compounds reported in last five years. The content is organized according to the types of coupling methods involved in the reactions and mechanistic insights listed in **Scheme 1.1**.

1.2 Catalytic C–N Bond Hydrogenolysis Methods

Hydrogenolysis of C–N bond is an efficient transformation for the synthesis of complex molecules.⁸ Since traditional methods mainly employ stoichiometric (and in practice, excess) quantities of hydride reagents, i.e. LiAlH₄ at room temperature, they have a number of drawbacks such as the production of stoichiometric amounts of byproducts, loss of important raw materials especially in multi-step synthesis, and lack of chemo-selectivity during the reduction process. Transition metals catalyzed C–N bond hydrogenolysis methods have been shown to provide an alternative strategy for atom

efficient, environmentally friendly and economically acceptable solutions to overcome these problems.

1.2.1 Deaminative Hydrogenolysis of Amides



Due to their low reactivity, transition metal catalyzed C-N hydrogenolysis of

amides has been considered challenging and scarcely investigated until recent past.⁹



Scheme 1.2: Base Free Hydrogenolysis of Amides Catalyzed by Complex 1-2

In 2016, Beller group reported ruthenium pincer complex 1-2 bearing an

imidazolylaminophosphino ligand 1-1 (Eq. 1.1) is an effective catalytic system for the hydrogenolysis of primary and secondary amides to generate corresponding alcohols in good to excellent yields (Scheme 1.2).¹⁰ The ruthenium-PNN pincer complex 1-2 alone failed to catalyze the hydrogenolysis reaction for simple amides, but the addition of 10 mol % KO^tBu at 150 °C under 50 bar of H₂ gave satisfactory yields of desired products. The detailed mechanistic and spectroscopic studies suggested the involvement of complexes 1-3 and 1-4 as major species in the catalytic cycle, which are generated from the Ru species 1-5 (Scheme 1.3).



Scheme 1.3: Proposed Catalytic Cycle for Hydrogenolysis of Amides

In 2017, they developed a new catalytic system for hydrogenolysis of amides air stable cationic manganese pincer (Mn-PNN) complex, which was synthesized from the reaction of imidazolylaminophosphino ligand with [MnBr(CO)₅] in ethanol at 90 °C. Unprotected amines and alcohols were afforded in 78% – 99% yield with the 4–15 mol% of KO^tBu (**Eq. 1.2**).¹¹





Iron pincer complex (Fe-PNP) used and reaction conditions:

| Milstein [2016] | Langer [2016] | Sanford [2016] | Bernskoetter [2017] |
|---------------------------|--|---|-------------------------|
| (12 Examples) | (9 Examples) | (20 Examples) | |
| B : (25-99%) | TOF up to 2.06 h ⁻¹ at 100 °C | TON up to 300 | (18 Examples) |
| A : (22-99%) | B : (14-99%) | A : (12-99%) | TON up to 4430 |
| THF, 140 °C, 12-36 h | A : (45-99%) | THF, 110-130 °C, 3 h | A : (4-99%) |
| KHMDS (6-15 mol%) | THF, 70-100 °C, 24 h | K ₃ PO ₄ (1.66-20 mol%) | THF, 100 °C, 4 h |
| <mark>H</mark> 2 (60 bar) | <mark>H₂</mark> (50 bar) | H ₂ (20-50 bar) | H ₂ (30 bar) |
| 1-6 (2-5 mol%) | 1-7 (2-10 mol%) | 1-8 (0.33-4 mol%) | 1-9 (0.018-0.07 mol%) |
| 1-6 | 1-7 | 1-8 | 1-9 |
| | | | |
| | | | |

Scheme 1.4: Hydrogenolysis of Amides with Iron Pincer Complexes

A number of iron pincer complexes (1-6 - 1-9) have been found to catalyze selective hydrogenolysis of C-N bonds to form alcohols and amine products (Scheme **1.4**). In 2016, Milstein group reported the first example of homogeneous iron-catalyzed hydrogenolysis of amides by using an iron pincer complex 1-6. A variety of activated secondary and tertiary N-substituted 2,2,2-trifluoroacetamides have been utilized to form the corresponding amines and trifluoroethanol with moderate to good yields under harsh conditions (60 bar of H₂ at 140 °C) with a 6 mol% of KHMDS and the complex 1-6 as the catalyst (Scheme 1.4).¹² In 2016, Langer and coworkers reported hydrogenolysis of nonactivated amides and lactams by using iron pincer catalyst 1-7. The hydrogenolysis of N-phenylbenzamide with 50 bar of H₂ at 100 °C in dry THF for 24 h cleanly afforded the alcohols and amines (Scheme 1.4).¹³ Sanford group employed an analogous iron catalyst **1-8** for the hydrogenolysis of both amides and formamides to form the corresponding alcohols and amines up to 300 TON in 3 h.¹⁴ In 2017, Bernskoetter group utilized an analogous iron pincer PNP complexes 1-7 and 1-8 as the catalyst for the hydrogenolysis of amides (Scheme 1.4). In this case, a higher activity was observed for secondary formamide derivatives under a slightly lower H_2 pressure (30 bar) and at a low catalyst loading (0.018–0.07 mol%) in THF (4430 TONs). Interestingly, some challenging substrates such as formanilide required 20 equivalents of LiOTf to increase the productivity at 120 °C for 16 h under 60 bar of H₂.¹⁵ Bergens and coworkers achieved a highly enantioselective hydrogenation of racemic α -phenoxy-amides via dynamic kinetic resolution under mild conditions.¹⁶ The catalytic system of *trans*-RuCl₂((S,S)skewphos)((R,R)-dpen) 1-10, 2-PrONa, and 2-PrOH afforded the corresponding alcohol products in excellent yields and with high enantioselectivity (up to 99% e.e.) (Eq. 1.3).



Catalyst **1-10** is believed to have possible interactions with primary alcohol products to generate active catalytic species **1-11**. The authors suggested that 2-PrOH is bonded to the diastereomeric transition states of the enantioselective step, favoring one pathway over the other.



Nova group performed with density functional theory (DFT) calculations and microkinetic modeling studies to investigate the mechanism of the iron-catalyzed deaminative hydrogenolysis.¹⁷ This study revealed the "hemiaminal" (**Eq. 1.4**) is the key intermediate in the hydrogenolysis of amides. Turnover limiting step was found to be

C–N bond cleavage of the hemiaminal (**Scheme 1.5**), where, the hydrogenation of electron rich carbonyl substrate was found to be governed by their carbonyl hydrogenation step.



Scheme 1.5: Reaction Mechanism Shown with Hemiaminal Transition State

1.2.2 Deaminative Hydrogenolysis of Carbamates and Urea Derivatives

Milstein group in 2011 first reported a catalytic hydrogenolysis of C–N bond of urea to generate amines and methanol by using bipyridyl-based PNN Ru(II) pincer complex.¹⁸ Later, in 2019, they reported the hydrogenolysis of carbamates and urea derivatives, catalyzed by a manganese pincer complex **1-12**.¹⁹



The manganese complex **1-12** (0.02 mmol), ^tBuOK (0.03 mmol), carbamate (1 mmol) and H₂ gas (20 bar) in toluene were heated up to 130 °C for 48 hours. The reaction tolerated a variety of linear carbamates bearing aliphatic or aromatic substituents in producing the corresponding amines and alcohols (**Eq. 1.5**). A variety of hydrogenation resistant urea derivatives were hydrogenated to methanol and amines by using slightly modified catalytic conditions: complex **1-12** (3 mol %), KO^tBu (4 mol %), H₂ (20 bar)) at 130 °C for 48 h in THF (**Eq. 1.6**).



The precatalyst **1-12** reacts with the base to generate the dearomatized complex **1-13**, which is then hydrogenated to give the rearomatized hydride complex **1-14**. In support of hemilabile properties of the bipyridine moiety, the urea or carbamate derivatives interact with complex **1-14** to form complex **1-15**. Complex **1-16** is formed from metal–ligand cooperation of the complex **1-15** and the elimination of R^1XH (X = O, NH). Complex **1-16** continues the catalytic cycle by regenerating complex **1-13** with the liberation of N-formamide **1-17**, which then reacts with complex **1-14** to form complex **1-18**, and the elimination of amine via metal–ligand cooperation would form the formaldehyde complex **1-19**. Complex **1-19** reacts with hydrogen to form the methoxide complex **1-20** via complex **1-14**. Finally, methanol is liberated from the complex **1-20** and the regeneration of manganese hydride complex **1-14** through the hydrogenation of complex **1-13** (**Scheme 1.6**). One of the mechanistic experiments was revealed that the introduction of para-formaldehyde corroborates the possibility of generation of complex **1-20** from complex **1-19**.



Scheme 1.6: Proposed Mechanism for the Catalytic Hydrogenolysis

1.3 Catalytic C–C Coupling Methods via C(sp³)–N Bond Activation

Catalytic C-C coupling methods via C(sp³)-N bond activation have emerged as an effective alkylation protocol, in which amine substrates are activated via deaminative hydrogen transfer or hydrogen borrowing processes. Both activated and non-activated amines have been successfully utilized as the substrates for the C-C bond forming reactions.



1.3.1 C(sp³)–N Bond Activation by Oxidative Addition

Scheme 1.7: Pd-Catalyzed Carbonylative C–N Cleavage of Benzyl Amines

Transition metal catalyzed C-N bond oxidative addition reactions have been successfully employed to form new C-C bonds. In 2018, Wu and coworkers reported palladium/DPPB (1,4-bis(diphenylphosphino)butane) **1-21** catalyzed direct carbonylative strategy on benzyl amines. They were able to synthesize 2-arylacetates by employing benzyl amines, methanol and CO and by using dimethyl carbonate (DMC) as a green solvent.²⁰ Organopalladium complex was formed by direct oxidative addition of benzylamine on palladium. Coordination and insertion of CO gave the acylpalladium intermediate, which was nucleophilically attacked by MeOH to give the desired ester product (**Scheme 1.7**).

1.3.1.1 C(sp³)–N Bond Activation by Oxidative Addition of Ammonium Salt

In 2017, Huang group developed a novel Ni(0) catalyzed method by introducing amine–I₂ charge-transfer (C-T) complex **1-23**, which facilitates the C–N bond oxidative addition via the formation of Ni(I) complex **1-24**.



Scheme 1.8: Synthesis of Amides from Benzyl Amines

Migratory insertion of CO into the C–N bond gives a Ni(I) complex **1-25** along with the release of I₂, which could further react with benzyl amines to form C-T complex **1-23**. Subsequently, the benzylic radical would react with the active Ni(I) complex **1-25** by giving Ni(II) -amide complex **1-26** via outer-sphere electron-transfer process, which underwent reductive elimination to afford the desired product and Ni(0) species **1-22** (Scheme 1.8).²¹



Scheme 1.9: Palladium Catalyzed Triarylmethane Compounds

Shao group in 2018 reported an efficient palladium-catalyzed Suzuki coupling of ammonium triflates with arylboronic acids (**Scheme 1.9**).²² Many triarylmethane derivatives were synthesized by employing 1,1-diarylmethyl-trimethylammonium triflates with arylboronic acids via C–N bond oxidative addition as the key step. The authors claimed with the oxidative addition of ammonium triflate would form the formation of Pd(II) complex **1-27**. The oxidative addition step was supported by ESI-MS analysis, as they were able to detect corresponding mass for palladium complex **1-27**. In 2019, they further developed the coupling reaction to synthesize diarylmethanes and

internal alkyne derivatives by adopting the similar strategy. Diarylmethanes were synthesized by employing arylsilanes with benzyltrimethylammonium salts under Hiyama cross coupling pathway²³ and internal alkyne derivatives by employing benzylic ammonium salts with terminal alkynes under Sonogashira coupling pathway.²⁴



Scheme 1.10: Asymmetric Allylation of α-Branched β-Ketoesters

In 2019, Tian and coworkers introduced an asymmetric allylation of α -branched β ketoesters, by utilizing O-TBDMS-L-threonine, Pd(OAc)₂, and P(4-FC₆H₄)₃ catalyzed system with allylic amines (**Scheme 1.10**).²⁵ Tien group extended the reaction to the asymmetric allylation of α -branched β -ketoesters via enamine/palladium catalysis with C–N bond cleavage. The chiral α -amino acid activates both α -branched β -ketoester and allylic amine by formation of enamine via the formation of complex **1-28**. The C–N bond activation would generate the π -allylpalladium complex **1-29** by releasing secondary amine, which then takes place intramolecular C–C bond formation between the enamine and the π -allylpalladium moiety to form the corresponding enantioenriched α , α -disubstituted β - ketoester products.

1.3.1.2 Catalytic C(sp³)–N Bond Activation by Oxidative Addition of Strained Amines

In 2015, Doyle group reported Ni-catalyzed Negishi cross-coupling reaction to achieve quaternary carbon contained β -substituted phenethylamines.²⁶ They used different olefinic ligands to achieve Negishi cross-coupling type transformations. The cross-coupling reaction is believed to be occur by an intermediate **1-30**, which is generated from the aziridine and Ni catalyst via either a SET oxidative addition pathway or from an intermediate **1-31**, or a S_N2-type oxidative addition pathway. Subsequent cyclization would form nickelocycle **1-32**, and the reductive elimination via the transmetallated species **1-33** would afford the desired β -substituted phenethylamine products (**Scheme 1.11**).



Scheme 1.11: Proposed Mechanistic Pathway for Ni-Catalyzed Negishi Cross-Coupling Reaction of Aziridines with RZnBr

In 2018, Xiao and coworkers reported similar dual visible light photoredox and nickelcatalyzed cross-coupling strategy to access β -substituted amines from the reaction of 2arylaziridines and potassium benzyltrifluoroborates. The catalytic system provided an excellent regioselectivity for more hindered C–N bond cleavage of strained arylaziridine derivatives (**Eq. 1.7**).²⁷



The authors proposed a mechanism via in situ formed active Ni(0) **1-34**, which undergoes an oxidative addition into the more hindered C–N bond of aziridine to give the azanickelacyclobutane species **1-36**. Here, the electron deficient olefin ligand plays an important role in regioselectivity during oxidative addition step. Meanwhile, single electron transfer (SET) from potassium benzyltrifluoroborates on photoexcited state Ir(III)* would generate benzylic radical, which would be quickly captured by complex **1-36** by forming alkylnickel(III) intermediate species **1-37**. Reductive elimination of alkylnickel(III)cyclobutene species **1-37** furnishes the formation of Ni(I) amino complex **1-38**, which then undergoes another SET reduction mediated by the reduced photocatalyst Ir(II) to regenerate the active Ir(III) catalyst **1-35** and potassium salt of the product **1-39**. (Scheme **1.12**).



Scheme 1.12: Proposed Dual Nickel/Photoredox Catalyzed Pathway

1.3.2 Catalytic C(sp³)–N Bond Activation via Imine Species

Lin and coworkers in 2017 achieved ring opening of N-acylaziridine via homolytic cleavage of a more substituted C–N bond. Zn dust (10-20 mol%) as the reductant was used generate the active Ti^{III} catalytic species.²⁸ The proposed mechanism involves the coordination to N-acylaziridine derivative **1-40** to the redox-active metal complex **1-42**, which promotes homolytic cleavage of the more substituted C–N bond via single-electron transfer from the metal center to the aziridine derivative to form carbon radical tethered **1-43**. This radical intermediate reacts with an alkene to afford intermediate radical species **1-44**. Subsequent cyclization yields the [3+2] cycloaddition pyrrolidine product **1-41** by regeneration of the active catalytic species (**Scheme 1.13**).



Scheme 1.13: Redox-Relay Catalytic Cycle for [3+2] Cycloaddition of N-Acylaziridine Derivative and an Alkene

The proposed redox-relay catalytic cycle, involving reductive aziridine ring opening and oxidative ring closure is believed to be turnover limiting step of the radical catalysis. In 2013, Yi group reported a Ru-catalyzed direct C–N bond activation strategy by employing biomass derived α - and β -amino acid derivatives to construct C–C bond with ketones to form 2-alkylketone products. The reaction showed a broad substrate scope and excellent diastereoselectivity, and the C–N bond activation step has been proposed to occur after the decarboxylation of the amino acid substrate (**Eq. 1.8**).²⁹



1.3.3 Catalytic C(sp³)–N Bond Activation via Iminium and Ammonium Species

Sarpong group reported a convenient synthesis of oxazaborinines **1-46** by using palladium catalyzed intramolecular coupling of vinylogous N-allylamide **1-45** via an iminium intermediate **1-47**.³⁰ Vinylogous amide species **1-45** was activated by alkyl boron to give the iminium intermediate **1-47**. Oxidative addition of iminium intermediate **1-47** onto the palladium in the presence of pyridinium p-toluenesulfonate (PPTS; Brønsted acid) would afford π -allyl complex **1-48** and enolate equivalent **1-49**.



Scheme 1.14: Synthesis of Oxazaborinines by Intramolecular Rearrangement via Formation of Palladium π -Allyl Chemistry

Oxazaborinine **1-46** would be liberated by allylic alkylation of an intermediate **1-49** via formal [3,3] rearrangement (**Scheme 1.14**).

Quaternary ammonium salts are considered very useful substrates as leaving group, as illustrated by the pioneering work by Jenny et al. in 1988 on arylammonium salts for the cross-coupling reactions.³¹ In 2015, Li and coworkers demonstrated catalytic C–N bond cleavage via elimination of ammonium salts for the C–H insertion reactions of arylketones with diazo compounds.³²



Scheme 1.15: Proposed Mechanism for the Rhodium-Catalyzed C–N Bond Cleavage of Phenacylammonium Salts

In this case, the ammonium group was employed as a directing group for the C–H activation of phenacylammonium salts **1-50** to synthesize benzocyclopentanones **1-51**. It is noteworthy that the one-pot reaction of α -bromoacetophenones and trimethylamine led to the desired products through the in-situ formed phenacylammonium salt **1-50**. On the basis of experimental and DFT calculations, the authors proposed a mechanism which involves an ortho C–H activation of the phenacylammonium enolate salt **1-50** followed by cyclometalation to afford a rhodacyclic intermediate **1-53**. Subsequent coordination and denitrogenation of a diazo ester would generate the Rh-carbene species **1-54** generates a Rh(III) dialkyl intermediate **1-55**, which in the presence of HOAc would facilitate the C–N bond activation to result in liberation of HEt₃NBr. Finally, the protonolysis of **1-56** would release the benzocyclopentanone product **1-51** and regenerate the active Rh catalyst **1-52** (Scheme **1.15**).



In 2016, Martins group reported a nickel-catalyzed reductive carboxylation of benzylic C-N bonds with carbon dioxide elimination which is usually associated³³ with carboxylation of benzyl electrophiles.³⁴ The procedure is believed to proceed via a

formation of benzyl electrophiles by C–N bond activation of bis(phen)-nickel complexes (**Eq. 1.9**). In 2017, Tortosa and coworkers presented enantioselective catalytic Kumada type coupling reaction of secondary propargylic ammonium salts with aryl Grignard reagents stereospecific alkynylation transformations. Interestingly, this catalytic system gave only the α -regioisomer via S_N2 type mechanism by quaternary C–N bond activation of the propargylic ammonium salts. (**Scheme 1.16**).³⁵



Scheme 1.16: Stereospecific Substitution Reactions of Propargylic Ammonium salt Derivatives

The amino group is amenable to late-stage functionalization and easily purify via acid/base extraction, and Watson group developed a new catalytic C–N bond activation strategy by converting amines into Katritzky pyridinium salts³⁶ (**Scheme 1.17**). They

observed high chemoselectivity for the benzylic C-N bond activation on

Suzuki–Miyaura type cross coupling reaction on Ni^{VIII} catalytic system by employing alkylpyridinium salts with aryl boronic acids. The catalytic coupling method provided an easy access to alkyl arenes via C–N bond activation, which is amenable for a wide range of primary and secondary amines with high degree of functional group tolerance. The authors proposed a mechanism which is initiated by SET from a Ni(I) species to the pyridinium salt (Katritzky salts) **1-59**, triggering fragmentation of **1-60** to give the alkyl radical Ni(II) species **1-61**. Arylnickel(II) intermediate **1-61** would react with this alkyl radical to form arylalkylNi(III) species. Finally, reductive elimination gives desired arylated product and active Ni(I) species (**Scheme 1.17**).³⁷



Scheme 1.17: Use of Alkyl Amines as Electrophiles for Nickel-Catalyzed Cross Couplings via C–N Bond Activation

In 2019, they extended same strategy to synthesize various alkyl–alkyl crosscoupling from alkyl amine derivatives with unactivated alkyl groups.³⁸ Martin group independently demonstrated the use of pyridinium salt by using nickel catalyzed C–N bond activation for cross-coupling reactions with aryl bromides to forge sp³ C–C linkages.³⁹



Scheme 1.18: Representative Examples of the Deaminative Heck Type Reaction Including Carbonylative Products. ^aCO (80 atm) has been used.

Xiao group developed visible-light photoredox catalytic strategy to effect the deaminative alkyl-Heck-type reaction to promote C–N bond activation via the pyridinium salt. A variety of aliphatic primary amines were effectively used as the starting materials to access corresponding alkene products in good yields. Moreover, this strategy was successfully applied to synthesize α , β -unsaturated carbonyl compounds flowing carbonyl

insertion pathway (**Scheme 1.18**).⁴⁰ In 2019, Shu and coworkers developed the C–C coupling reaction between C–N electrophiles that demonstrates the C–N bond cleavage. By using nickel/Bphen catalytic system, both aryl- and benzyltrimethylammonium triflates were employed for the coupling with alkenes to construct substituted alkenes via C–N bond cleavage.⁴¹ These transformations share a common mechanism involving single electron transfer pathways (SET) while tolerating a wide range of functionalities with good to excellent yields.



Scheme 1.19: Proposed Reaction Mechanism for the Asymmetric Allylic Alkylation

Very recently, Mashima and coworkers reported an asymmetric allylic alkylation of β-ketoesters **1-62** with allylic amines, where the C–N bond cleavage via ammonium species occurred from the protonation of amine moiety (**Scheme 1.19**).⁴² A Ni(0) with a chiral diphosphine ligand has been found to be effective for the synthesis of alkylated products **1-63** with a high % e.e. The authors carried out DFT calculations to rationalize the mechanism, which is initiated by the coordination of allylic amine onto the Ni(0)-diphosphine complex in forming complex **1-64**. Protonation of the amine moiety by β-ketoester (endergonically; 22.9 kcal mol⁻¹) generates intermediate **1-65** and enolate **1-62** which are identified as the key species for the C–N bond cleavage step via formation of a nickel-allyl complex **1-66**. The complex **1-66** reacts with an outer-sphere enolate anion **1-62** to form product coordinated complex **1-67**. Lastly, an olefin exchange reaction between complex **1-67** and an allylamine proceeds to give the corresponding product **1-63** and the regeneration of active catalytic species **1-64**.

1.3.4 Catalytic C(sp³)–N Bond Activation via β -N Elimination

Gooßen group developed ruthenium catalyzed regiospecific allylation of benzoic acids with allyl amines that proceeds via C–N bond activation. This ruthenium catalyzed reaction is believed to be proceed via β -amino elimination pathway without formation of metal allyl species. This directing group enabled protocol provided the formation of various allylarene motifs in reasonable yields under acidic conditions.⁴³



Scheme 1.20: Catalytic Cycle Represent C–N Activation via β-Amino Elimination

The observed KIEs under parallel experiments ($k_H/k_D = 2.8$) and under the competitive reaction conditions ($k_H/k_D = 4.5$) showed that the C–H activation is the rate-determining step. Experimentally determined bond strength of C–H (100 kcal/mol) and C–N (80 kcal/mol) were further made consistent with the C–H activation as the rate-determining step. Reactions were carried out with 1,1-dideuterio-allyl amine under standard conditions, which exclusively afforded the γ [D2] allylated product in 61% yield, in agreement with a β -amino elimination pathway. Base-assisted ortho C–H activation of the benzoic acid would be initiated by an allyl amine most likely acting as an auxiliary base by producing intermediate species **1-68**. The intermediate complex **1-70** is formed by coordination of an allyl amine followed by insertion of the olefinic group via intermediate **1-69**. The C–N bond cleavage via " β -amine elimination" pathway as a key step of the reaction would form the desired product along with ruthenium-amine intermediate. Finally, active catalytic species would be regenerated by protonation of the ruthenium-amine intermediate (**Scheme 1.20**).



Scheme 1.21: Iron-mediated Remote C–H Bond Benzylation of 8-Aminoquinoline Amide Derivatives

Fu and coworkers in 2017 reported iron catalyzed C5-benzylation of quinoline frameworks. The reaction tolerated a wide range of N-benzylic sulfonamide derivatives with both aliphatic and aromatic amides (**Scheme 1.21**).⁴⁴ Electrophilic substitution reaction on electron-rich C5–H position of the chelated iron-aminoquinoline intermediate has been proposed for producing the desired benzylated products, in which an in-situ generated benzyl cation was generated from N-benzylic sulfonamide in the presence of ferric chloride as the catalyst. Active Fe catalyst was regenerated along with the desired benzylated products.
1.4 Catalytic C–C Coupling Methods via Arene C(sp²)–N Bond Activation

Aryl C–N bonds are particularly inert, and more reactive intermediates such as aryldiazonium salts are needed to achieve arene C(sp²)–N bond functionalization. Kakiuchi in 2007 first reported catalytic C-C coupling reaction of aryl compounds with pivalophenone derivatives and organoboronates via aryl C–N bond cleavage-by using RuH₂(CO)(PPh₃)₃ catalyst. The reaction was shown proceed via oxidative addition of aryl C–N bond to the ruthenium center.⁴⁵



In 2009, Kakiuchi group clearly demonstrated a direct C–N bond insertion into a Ru(0) complex.⁴⁶ The catalytically active Ru-aryl intermediates were synthesized, and the corresponding stoichiometric cross coupling products were obtained under standard reaction conditions, which was found to proceed via direct oxidative addition of the $C(sp^2)$ –N Bond onto the ruthenium center (**Eq. 1.10**).

1.4.1 Arene C(sp²)–N Bond Activation by Oxidative Addition

1.4.1.1 Catalytic Arene C(sp²)–N Bond Activation via Direct Oxidative Addition

In 2017, Zeng and coworkers demonstrated an arene C(sp²)–N bond cleavage reaction by adopting both experimental and theoretical study. Chromium(II) chloride precatalyst with an imino auxiliary directing group was used to achieve regio- and

chemoselective Kumada type C–C coupling reactions.⁴⁷ Experimental evidences showed that the in-situ formed low-valent chromium species with Grignard reagent led to activation of the $C(sp^2)$ –N bond. DFT calculations were consistent with the facile insertion of the $C(sp^2)$ –N bond mediated by a high-spin chromium(0) complex (S = 2). Furthermore, theoretical model indicated that the donation of sole paired d electrons in the d⁶ shell of high-spin chromium(0) complex to the antibonding orbital of the $C(sp^2)$ –N bond and the nitrogen ligating interaction plays an important role in promoting the oxidative addition step of the reaction (**Scheme 1.22**). This external ligand-free reactivity from the low-spin state-controlled reactivity was found to be unusually sensitive to the supporting ligand environment.



Scheme 1.22: Chromium-Catalyzed Cleavage of Aromatic Carbon–Nitrogen Bonds at Room Temperature

In 2017, Jiang and coworkers reported a on palladium catalyzed synthesis of aryl ketones via C–N bond cleavage by employing arylhydrazines and nitriles using molecular oxygen as an oxidant.⁴⁸ Notably, ¹⁸O-labeling experiment indicated that the oxygen atom in the

ketone molecule was derived from H₂O. The authors proposed a possible catalytic pathway by combining with the previous observations and mechanistic insights.



Scheme 1.23: Proposed Reaction Mechanism for Synthesis of Aryl Ketones

Initially, palladiaziridine intermediate 1-71 would form via the metathesis of phenyl hydrazide with a palladium catalyst (X=OAc). Subsequent nitrile group coordination 1-72 followed by oxidative addition would afford two palladium(II) centered intermediate

1-73 via C–N bond cleavage. Cleavage of the intermediate **1-73** would generate nitrile coordinated arylpalladium species **1-74** and palladiaziridine complex, which would be decomposed into active catalytic species via denitrogenative pathway. Palladium ketimine intermediate **1-75** would be formed via 1,2-addition of the aryl group to the coordinated nitrile moiety. The hydrolysis of the ketimine would release the desired aryl ketone products with the regeneration of active catalytic species (**Scheme 1.23**). Zhao and coworkers independently reported palladium catalyzed aerobic oxidative carbonylation reaction with aryl hydrazines. The oxidative carbonylation proceeded employing molecular oxygen as the terminal oxidant by releasing nitrogen gas and water.⁴⁹



Scheme 1.24: Magnesium-Facilitated Ni(I)/Ni(III) Catalytic Cycle for Suzuki–Miyaura Coupling of Dimethyl Aryl Amines to Forge Biaryl Compounds

Later in 2018, Shi and coworkers reported the Ni-catalyzed Suzuki–Miyaura type crosscoupling of dimethyl aryl amines with arylboronic esters via C–N bond activation under reductive conditions.⁵⁰ The Ni(I)/Ni(III) catalytic system forged the desired biaryl products in the absence of directing groups and preactivation. Based on the EPR and DFT studies, the authors proposed a catalytic cycle, in which Ni(I) species **1-76**, initially generated from the ligand exchange of active catalyst with dimethyl aryl amine, led to oxidative addition of sp² C–N by producing Ni(III) species **1-77**. Transmetallation followed by reductive elimination on Ni(III) species **1-78** steps forged the desired biaryl products with the regeneration of active Ni(I) species (**Scheme 1.24**). Xia and coworkers reported a similar mechanistic insights for the nickel catalyzed Kumada coupling of aniline derivatives via selective cleavage of sp² C–N bond. DFT calculations revealed the insertion of nickel complex into sp² C–N bond as the rate-limiting step, and the Boc activation was found to be useful in C–N bond cleavage by weakening of the intrinsic bond strength.⁵¹



Scheme 1.25: Sonogashira Cross-Coupling of Terminal Alkyne with Aryltrimethylammonium Triflate

In 2019, Cao group reported Sonogashira cross-coupling reaction where aryltrimethylammonium salts were oxidatively added to the palladium-NHC catalytic system for releasing trimethylamine (**Scheme 1.25**).⁵² DFT calculations showed that the oxidative addition step on releasing trimethylamine for the transition state **1-80** is 9.1 kcal/mol higher than that of the transition state **1-79**. Recently, You and coworkers reported a similar palladium catalyzed reaction with nitroarenes and terminal alkynes which was found to occur via direct oxidative addition of sp² C–NO₂ bond at elevated temperatures.⁵³ Very recently, Chelate assisted, Ru₃(CO)₁₂ catalyzed Suzuki-type carbonylative reaction with anilines and organoboranes via sp² C–N bond cleavage was reported by Wu and coworkers.⁵⁴ Later, they were able to further extend the scope of this reaction following the same strategy by employing alkenyl borates to generate 2phenylolefin products.⁵⁵

1.4.1.2 Arene C(sp²)–N Bond Activation by Oxidative Addition of Ammonium Salt

In 2015, Wang group employed both activated and unactivated aryltrimethylammonium triflates to synthesize 2-aryl(benzo)oxazoles or 2aryl(benzo)thiazoles with oxazoles with the demonstration of good compatibility of functional groups.⁵⁶ The authors proposed a mechanism based on the experimental data and prior reports on palladium chemistry. The Pd(0) species reacts with aryltrimethylammonium triflates to form an oxidative addition species **1-81** by releasing trimethylamine as a byproduct. Next, aryl(heteroaryl) palladium intermediate **1-82** would be generated via C–H palladation of azoles in the presence of a base. Finally, reductive elimination affords the cross-coupling product along with regeneration of the active Pd(0) species (**Scheme 1.26**).



Scheme 1.26: Proposed Catalytic Cycle for Palladium Catalyzed Direct C–H Arylation of Oxazoles and Thiozaoles via C–N Bond Oxidative Addition



1.4.2 Arene C(sp²) –N Bond Activation via Ammonium Salt

Scheme 1.27: Mechanistic Route Located by Means of DFT Calculations for the Stille Cross-Coupling Reactions of Aryltrimethylammonium Salts via C–N Bond Activation

In 2016, Uchiyama and coworkers reported Stille type cross-coupling with C–N electrophiles via cleavage of $C(sp^2)$ –N bond, by employing a combination of experimental and computational methods.⁵⁷ DFT calculations revealed that the Ni(0)- π

complex **1-84** is formed with -3.0 kcal/mol exothermicity from Ni(ICy)₂ and aryltrimethylammonium fluoride, which was generated via anion metathesis of aryltrimethylammonium triflate and CsF. Migration on the phenyl ring to the proximal position of the C–N bond only cost 10.2 kcal/mol to form the more stable complex **1-85**. The C–N bond cleavage takes place smoothly in a S_NAr process to afford intermediate **1-86** with release of trimethyl amine, in a highly exothermic fashion of -45.5 kcal/mol. The dissociation of ICy ligand and the coordination of aryltrimethylstannane to the Ni(II) complex **1-86** afford the complex **1-87** with an overall energy loss of 18.4 kcal/mol. The reductive elimination of FSnMe₃ affords the precursor complex **1-88**. Finally, the formation of desired biaryl compound takes place with the loss of only 2.3 kcal/mol along with regeneration of active catalytic species (**Scheme 1.27**).



1.4.3 Arene C(sp²)–N Bond Activation by Free Radical Intermediate

Scheme 1.28: Cu-Catalyzed Aromatic Metamorphosis of 3-Aminoindazoles

Song and coworkers presented an Cu-catalyzed aromatic metamorphosis via oxidative cleavage of two C–N bonds including arene C(sp²)–N bond of 3aminoindazoles.⁵⁸ DFT calculations and experimental observations indicated that this catalytic transformation involves oxidation, selective C–N bond activation, denitrogenation and radical cyclization steps. This unprecedented aromatic C–C bond formation would be useful for the construction of unsymmetrical nitrile containing triphenylenes (**Scheme 1.28**).



1.5 Catalytic C–C Coupling Methods via Olefinic C(sp²)-N Bond Activation

Scheme 1.29: Pd-Catalyzed Intramolecular C–N Bond Cleavage via Heck type coupling reaction of N-vinylacetamide derivatives

In 2015, Loh and coworkers developed a palladium-catalyzed intramolecular Heck coupling reaction by employing N-vinylacetamide derivatives via olefinic $C(sp^2)$ –N bond cleavage (**Scheme 1.29**).⁵⁹ The reaction was shown to be compatible with both electron-rich and electron -poor substituted phenyl group, where the cleavage of $C(sp^2)$ – N bond is believed to be occur via β -N elimination pathway. The oxidative addition of the C–Br bond to Pd(0) would form the palladium complex **1-89**, which is followed by intramolecular 5-exo-cyclization to produce a new five membered palladium complex **1-90**. The C–N bond activation through β –N elimination pathway would occur via the intermediate palladium species **1-91**. Finally, protonation and sequential reductive elimination would yield the desired product with regeneration of the active catalytic species (**Scheme 1.30**).



Scheme 1.30: Proposed Mechanism for Heck Reaction of N-Vinylacetamide Derivatives

1.6 Catalytic C–C Coupling Methods via C(sp)–N Bond Activation

Catalytic cyanation methods are a highly desired and user-friendly transformation compared to traditional cyanation methods using toxic reagents such as KCN, Zn(CN)₂, and CuCN. In 2013, Fu and coworkers reported a rhodium catalyzed C–H cyanation reaction via C(sp)–N bond activation by using N-cyano-N-phenyl- p-toluenesulfonamide (NCTS) as the cyanation agent.⁶⁰ Later, Glorius group reported a cobalt catalyzed protocol for the similar transformation.⁶¹ In 2015, Li and Ackermann further developed the direct cyanation of arenes and heteroarenes by using cobalt chemistry where β -N elimination has been proposed for the C(sp)–N bond activation step (**Scheme 1.31**).⁶² Reversible ortho-arene C–H metalation, followed by coordination and insertion of NCTS would generate the key intermediate species **1-93** and **1-94**. Finally, β -N elimination furnishes the corresponding cyanated product **1-92**.



Scheme 1.31: Cobalt Catalyzed C–H Cyanation via C(sp)–N Bond Cleavage

1.7 Catalytic C–C Coupling Methods via Amide C(sp²)–N Bond Activation

Suzuki–Miyaura cross coupling reaction has been found to be one of the most versatile C–C coupling reactions in both industrial and academic settings.⁶³ In this context, much attention has been devoted to transition metal catalyzed amide $C(sp^2)$ –N bond activation reactions.⁶⁴ Recent studies revealed that the oxidative addition is an effective strategy for transition-metal-catalyzed activation of inert amide $C(sp^2)$ –N bond due to $n_N \rightarrow \pi_{C=0}^*$ conjugation and partial double bond nature.⁶⁵ Due to partial double bond character, carbonyl amides have relatively short N–C(O) bonds with high rotational barrier for cis–trans isomerization (typically 15–20 kcal/mol), which have led to lower activity of the carbonyl group toward hydrolysis and nucleophilic addition. One approach is to look at the amide $C(sp^2)$ –N bond activation is the making distorted amides, have been attracted the widespread attention, which include steric repulsion; conformational effects; anomeric amides; steric restriction (**Scheme 1.32**).



Scheme 1.32: Amide Bond Destabilization for Transition Metal Catalysis; A. Steric Repulsion B. Conformational Effects (ring or allylic strain) C. Anomeric or Electronic Delocalization (as manifested in amides of XXN–C(O) type, where X is an electronegative substituent) D. Steric Restriction

1.7.1 Amide C(sp²)–N Bond Activation by Direct Oxidative Addition

Garg and coworkers reported an uncommon cleavage of the amide C–N bond from nickel-catalyzed Suzuki–Miyaura C–C coupling of amides (**Scheme 1.33**).⁶⁶ The methodology was well tolerated for a variety of carbonyl functional groups that bear acidic protons. Potential synthetic utility was also demonstrated by synthesizing pharmaceutically important glucagon receptor modulator.



Scheme 1.33: Nickel-Catalyzed Suzuki–Miyaura Coupling of Amides

They further showed that the Ni/SIPr system is an effective catalyst for the formation of alkyl aryl ketones via Negishi type coupling of amides by utilizing both primary and sterically hindered secondary organozinc reagents as alkylating agents.⁶⁷ The

nickel mediated C–C bond formation has been demonstrated by using aliphatic amide derivatives.⁶⁸ Zou⁶⁹ and Szostak⁷⁰ groups independently reported analogous palladium catalyzed acylative Suzuki coupling of arylboronic acids with carboxylic amides via amide C(sp²)–N bond activation. In 2017, Szostak group reported a more generalized version of cross-coupling reaction which is promoted by a commercially available, airand moisture-stable (NHC)Pd(R-allyl)Cl catalyst with several amide derivatives. This Pd-NHC system provided a significant improvement over other catalytic for amide C–N bond activation methods. Both Szostak and Gandhi group employed N-acylsaccharins **1-96** as a electrophilic acyl transfer reagent via acylmetal intermediates to synthesize a variety of functionalized ketones (**Scheme 1.34**).⁷¹





N-acylsaccharins served as amide-based electrophilic acyl transfer reagents via acylmetal intermediates. Mechanistic studies strongly support the amide C–N bond twist as the enabling feature for the C–N activation. The Szostak group has demonstrated a palladium catalyzed Suzuki–Miyaura cross-coupling with arylboronic acids by using N-acyl-5,5-dimethylhydantoins **1-97** as a mild acyl-transfer reagent via selective amides C–N bond cleavage (**Eq. 1.11**).⁷²



In 2019, Stanley group used N-benzoyl-N-phenylbenzamides as acyl-transfer reagent triggered by nickel-catalyzed amide C–N bond activation, which is a intermolecular, three-component carboacylation reaction with norbornene derivatives.⁷³ Nickel-catalyzed alkylation of amides was reported by Rueping group by employing alkylboranes as nucleophilic partners under relatively mild reaction conditions.⁷⁴ Yu and Matsuo presented electrophile cross coupling reaction between alkylpyridinium salts (Katritzky salts) and amides via nickel catalyzed amide C–N bond activation. This reaction believed to be proceeded through SET mechanism.⁷⁵ Szostak group further looked in to more chemoselective amide C–N cleavage protocol to develop Heck type transformation and they were able to successfully obtain useful olefin derivatives by employing simple olefins under palladium chemistry (**Eq. 1.12**).⁷⁶



Mechanistic investigations revealed that the reaction involves a cationic palladium complex with decarbonylation as the rate limiting step. Relative reactivities further suggested that oxidative addition is not the rate limiting step. Also, competitive experiments were indicated that the sterically demanding ortho aryl substrates play an important role in accelerating the reaction due to steric effects. In 2016, they carried out extensive study on nickel, palladium and rhodium to develop C–C cross coupling methods via amide $C(sp^2)$ –N bond activation.



Scheme 1.35: Nickel-Catalyzed Suzuki Biaryl Synthesis Through Cross-Coupling of Amides with Boronic Acids via C–N Bond Activation

Suzuki–Miyaura biaryl coupling of amides with commercially available boronic acids were found to be effective with air-stable Ni(PCy₃)₂Cl₂ complex, without additional ligands or hygroscopic additives. Generation of aryl electrophiles on nickel at elevated temperatures from bench-stable amides were reported as first nickel catalyzed example on biaryl synthesis (**Scheme 1.35**).⁷⁷ Formation of an Ar-Ni-CONR₂ intermediate **1-98** by direct oxidative addition to the aryl–acyl bond might be operative for C–N bond activation. Transmetallation would form the intermediate complex **1-99**, which then decarbonylation occurred to form complex **1-100**. Finally, desired biaryl products will be afforded by reductive elimination step (**Scheme 1.36**).



Scheme 1.36: Proposed Mechanism for Biaryl Synthesis via C–N Bond Oxidative Addition

They successfully developed a rhodium catalytic system via amide C–N bond activation protocol to generate biaryl products, along with arene C–H activation for the substrates with a directing group.⁷⁸ Rueping group reported a nickel catalyzed Sonogashira type cross coupling reaction by employing amides with protected terminal alkynes as coupling partners.



This methodology enables a facile route for $C(sp^2)-C(sp)$ bond formation via direct $C(sp^2)-N$ activation followed by decarbonylation of amides (**Eq. 1.13**).⁷⁹ Very recently, Lee and coworkers reported nickel catalyzed Claisen condensation of two different amides to furnish the desired β -ketoamides in the presence of manganese and LiCl (**Eq. 1.15**).⁸⁰



DFT calculations and the experimental data uncovered the formation of the manganese enolate during the reaction and the reductive elimination of nickelacylalkyl species has been proposed as the rate-determining step. Altogether, these reactions share similar mechanistic features for transition metal catalyzed amide bond activation for the synthesis of pharmaceutically important products.

In 2015, Murakami's group reported palladium catalyzed intramolecular insertion of alkenes into the C–N bond of β -lactams to form the tricyclic nitrogen heterocycles.⁸¹ The proposed mechanism involves via initial oxidative addition of C–N bond to form a five-membered palladacycle intermediate. Subsequent alkene insertion by forming seven membered palladacycle followed by reductive elimination furnishes the desired products (**Equation 1.15**).



In 2017, Garg group reported an intramolecular non-decarbonylative Mizoroki– Heck reaction of amide derivatives via amide C–N bond activation.⁸² Diastereoselective polycyclic or spirocyclic products containing quaternary centers were obtained by using sterically hindered tri- and tetrasubstituted olefin derivatives. Moreover, an adduct bearing vicinal, highly substituted sp³ carbon stereocenters was also obtained by using amide derivatives as building blocks for the assembly of complex scaffolds (**Scheme 1.37**). Catalytic conversion would proceed through a sequence akin to classical Mizoroki–Heck chemistry, via oxidative addition, subsequent olefin coordination, insertion and β -hydride elimination steps. Liu and coworkers presented theoretical insights for the mechanisms of intramolecular insertion of alkenes into the carbonnitrogen bond of β -lactams. These theoretical investigations revealed that the oxidative

addition, alkene insertion, and reductive elimination are the key steps governing the alkene insertion as the rate-determining step for the reaction.⁸³



Scheme 1.37: Mizoroki–Heck Cyclization of a Variety of tri- and Tetrasubstituted Olefin Substrates

Very recently Dang group carried out DFT calculations which provided detailed mechanistic insights for Pd-catalyzed non-decarbonylative and Ni-catalyzed decarbonylative Suzuki–Miyaura cross coupling reactions of N-acetylamides.⁸⁴ Nickel catalyst is conducive to the $d \rightarrow \pi^*$ back donation from nickel to CO **1-102**, which stabilizes the decarbonylative transition state by promoting decarbonylation. On the other hand, palladium has a higher electronegativity which possesses weaker $d \rightarrow \pi^*$ back donation from palladium to CO 1-103. Therefore, Pd-catalyzed reaction gives the ketones as the product via nondecarbonylative pathway. This origin of the chemoselectivity has been explained by back donation characteristics of the central metal atom. (Scheme 1.38).



Scheme 1.38: Decarbonylation vs Reductive Elimination of Ni and Pd Catalyzed Suzuki–Miyaura Coupling Reactions

In 2017, Pan and coworkers reported a first example using amide as an electrophile to couple with another electrophile, via reductive cross-coupling of amides and aryl iodides, under nickel chemistry without using highly basic and pyrophoric nucleophiles (**Scheme 1.39**).⁸⁵ Initially, the active Ni(0) catalyst generates from reduction of Ni(II), which activates the C–N bond of glutarimide resulting in the Ni(II) intermediate species **1-105**. Iodobenzene reduced by reactive nickel(I) species **1-107**

results in the phenyl radical, and which undergoes radical oxidative addition to Ni(II) species **1-105** to give the nickel(III) intermediate **1-106**.



1.7.2 Amide C(sp²) –N Bond Activation by Single-electron Reduction

Scheme 1.39: Proposed Mechanism for Reductive Cross-Coupling of Amides

Desired cross-coupling ketone product would be afforded by reductive elimination of nickel(III) intermediate **1-106** along with reactive nickel(I) complex **1-107**. Reaction of nickel(I) complex **1-107** with iodobenzene followed by reduction will be regenerated the active Ni(0) catalytic species. According to the general mechanism found in atom-transfer radical addition reactions⁸⁶, aryl radicals would also be generated by the reaction between Ni(II) intermediate **1-105** and iodobenzene.

In 2020, Li and coworkers reported an acylation of aryl and alkyl bromides by employing acylimidazoles via C–N bond cleavage (**Scheme 1.40**).⁸⁷



Scheme 1.40: Ni-Catalyzed Reductive Cross-Coupling of Alkyl/Aryl Imidazolides with Alkyl/Aryl Bromides; ^a10 mol % NiI₂, 20 mol % Terpyridine, ZnCl₂ (2.0 eq.), Zn (3.0 eq.), and 110 °C were Used; ^b10 mol % NiI₂, 15 mol % 4-4´-Dimethoxy-2-2´-bipyridine, MgCl₂ (2.0 eq.), Zn (3.0 eq.), THF/DMF at Room Temperature were Used

Notably, the homocoupling of aryl and alkyl bromides led to form symmetric ketones as the common byproduct. Radical clock experiments revealed that cross-coupling reactions of acylimidazoles are derived from primary and secondary acids, and a highly unusual carbon monoxide (CO)-extrusion-recombination pathway proceeds via radical intermediates. Interestingly, when (bromomethyl)cyclopropane was examined under standard conditions, a cyclopropane ring opened product obtained as the exclusive product, which indicated that the alkyl bromide had indeed proceeded via a radical pathway.



 R^3 = sterically hindered alkyl; Im = Imidazole



As indicated in pathway **A**, Ni(I) complex **1-108**, acts as a reducing reagent that gives an electron to the less sterically hindered imidazolide via a single-electron transfer (SET), thus generating Ni(II) complex **1-109**. Subsequent fragmentation of the radical

anion **1-110** gives rise to an acyl radical **1-111** that undergoes CO extrusion to form CO and an alkyl radical **1-112**. Further reduced imidazolide Ni(II) complex **1-113** by zinc, then traps a CO to form Ni(0) carbonyl complex **1-114**, which then subjected to oxidative addition of alkyl bromide via a radical process affording Ni(II) carbonyl complex **1-115**. CO insertion followed by combination of the alkyl radical species **1-116** results in formation of Ni(III) intermediate **1-117** via Ni(II)complex **1-116**. Desired ketone product and Ni(I) complex **1-108** will be regenerated after reductive elimination step (**Scheme 1.41**). Sterically hindered imidazolides such as the acylimidazoles believed to be occurred via two electron process via pathway **B**.

1.7.3 Lewis Base Promoted Amide C(sp²)–N Bond Activation

In 2016, Szostak group reported the synergistic combination of Lewis base and palladium catalysis to activate C–N bond of N,N-di-Boc-activated amides. A number of structurally diverse biaryl ketone products were synthesized on palladium-catalyzed Suzuki–Miyaura cross-coupling by employing di-Boc-activated amides.⁸⁸



Scheme 1.42: Activation of N,N-di-Boc-activated Amide C–N Bond by the Aid of a Lewis Base

Synthetic utility was demonstrated by direct functionalization of pharmaceutically useful amide scaffolds in a gram scale synthesis. Synergistic mechanism was explained by invoking selective oxidative addition into the weak acylammonium bond to generate a highly reactive acyl-Pd(II) intermediate (**Scheme 1.42**).

1.8 Catalytic C-C Coupling Methods via C=N Bond Activation

2H-Azirines are highly reactive three-membered heterocyclic unsaturated compounds analogues to the saturated analogue aziridine which are highly important class of compounds found in natural products and biologically active compounds. Also, this class of compounds are used as valuable building blocks in organic synthesis due to their high ring strain. Number transition metal catalyzed C=N bond activation reactions has been developed by employing azirines. In 2018, Ding and coworkers used Zinc catalyzed [3 + 2] cycloaddition reaction by employing benzimidates and 2H-azirines to synthesize substituted imidazoles (**Scheme 1.43**). This protocol provided good functional group tolerance by having moderate to good yields.⁸⁹



Scheme 1.43: ZnCl₂ Catalyzed [3 + 2] Cycloaddition of Benzimidates and 2H-Azirines

First, cationic azirine complex **1-118** would be formed in the presence of ZnCl₂. Which would undergo nucleophilic attack by benzimidate to generate intermediate complex **1-119**. Subsequent ring opening and intramolecular nucleophilic attack of the N to the carbocation and OEt as a leaving group form the five membered ring intermediate lead the formation of imidazole product. Very recently Song and coworkers reported a Cucatalyzed C–H arylation of enamines via C–N bond activation of 3-aminoindazoles. This expedient approach yielded 3-aminoindazoles with good to excellent yields by concomitant in situ generation of a cyano group (**Scheme 1.44**).⁹⁰



Scheme 1.44: Cu Catalyzed Denitrogenative C-H Arylation of Enamines

Catalytic cycle initiated by oxidation of 3-aminoindazole **1-120** by formation of compound **1-122**. Simultaneously, tert-butoxyl radical would be generated via single electron transferred from the Cu(II) species to TBHP to deliver the Cu(III) species. Subsequent abstraction of a proton from the compound **1-122** leads the formation of benzonitrile radical intermediate **1-123** with extruding molecular nitrogen. Radical addition of intermediate **1-123** with the enamine gives rise to the production of radical intermediate **1-124**, which is oxidized by the Cu(III) species to afford the carbocation intermediate **1-125** and Cu(II) species. Deprotonation of intermediate **1-125** furnishes the final product **1-121**.

1.9 Catalytic C-Heteroatom Coupling Methods via C-N Bond Activation

1.9.1 Catalytic C-N Coupling Methods via C(sp³)-N Bond Activation

Chemical synthesis of carbon–heteroatom bond is very important transformation in the number of industrial and pharmaceutical processes. While various types of carbon– heteroatom bond formation reactions have been reported, herein we will discuss catalytic C-N coupling methods via C–N activation with special reference to the reports came out during last five years. Apart from other carbon–heteroatom bonds, C–N coupling methods is a ubiquitous motif in most of the natural and synthetic compounds. Transition-metal catalyzed C–N coupling methods via C–N bond cleavage by oxidative addition, iminium and ammonium species, formation of imine and radical pathways will be discussed in this section.

1.9.1.1 C(sp³)-N Bond Activation by Oxidative Addition

Selective cleavage of the C–N bond of a primary amine is a challenging process because amine group is a poor leaving group and the N–H bonds have a relatively low tolerance for functional groups. However, protonation of the NH₂ group makes it a better leaving group by decreasing the C–N bond strength. Therefore, acid-catalyzed C–N bond activation through the ammonium ion provides one way of C–N bond cleavage of the primary amines. On the other hand, formation of "C–[M]–N" by an oxidative addition to the transition metals with or without the aid of the acid should be an effective and direct strategy to realize the cleavage of C–N bonds. In 2015, Huang group reported a method to generate α , β -diamino acid esters under mild conditions by palladium catalyzed C(sp³)–N bond activation.⁹¹ The reaction proceeded through the efficient insertion of carbenoids into the C–N bond of aminals (**Scheme 1.45**).



Scheme 1.45: Substrate Scope of α-Diazoesters and Aminals

The mechanistic studies revealed that the formation of three-membered palladocycle **1**-**126** was involved in the catalytic cycle. The cationic cyclopalladated species **1**-**126** reacts with a diazoester by giving palladium–carbenoid intermediate **1**-**127**. Subsequent migratory insertion of the aminomethyl moiety would generate the species **1**-**128** followed by nucleophilic attack release nucleophilic R_2N^- to form species **1**-**129**. Finally, reductive elimination released the desired α,β -diamino acid ester by regeneration of the active catalytic species.



Scheme 1.46: Proposed Mechanism for the Synthesis of α,β -Diamino Acid Ester Derivatives

Alternatively, the intermediate species **1-130** would release nucleophilic R₂N⁻ from the intermediate **1-127**, which undergoes reductive elimination to give desired product under path b (**Scheme 1.46**). They were able to generate a number of pharmaceutically important tetracyclic N-[2-(methoxycarbonyl)ethyl]indoloisoquinolinones **1-131** by using a Pd(II)-catalyzed double intramolecular cyclization of 1,2-diarylethynes **1-132** bearing an N- methyl-N-[2-(methoxycarbonyl)ethyl]amino with an aminocarbonyl compounds (**Scheme 1.47**).



Scheme 1.47: Synthesis of Tetracycles by Oxidative Diamination of Alkynes

Synthetically useful ring expanded products were formed from transition metal catalyzed ring expansion of aziridines via oxidative addition of the C–N bond. In 2015, Zhang group reported a rhodium-catalyzed intramolecular formal hetero-[5 + 2] cycloaddition of vinyl alkyne aziridines **1-133** for the synthesis of fused azepine derivatives **1-134** (**Eq. 1.16**).⁹² This novel catalytic method afforded the number of synthetically useful compounds with excellent functional-group compatibility up to >99% enantioselective products under relatively mild conditions.



1.9.1.2 C(sp³)-N Bond Activation via Iminium Ion Species



Scheme 1.48: Mechanistic Insights for C-N bond Cleavage Via Iminium Species

A number of transition metal catalyzed C-N bond cleavage via the formation of iminium ion species, have been demonstrated recently. In 2016, Wang and coworkers reported the oxidative coupling reaction of tertiary aniline N-oxides 1-135 with internal alkynes, to afford N-alkylindole derivatives 1-136. More significantly, dealkylative cyclization reaction occurred via C-N bond cleavage through the iminium ion species (Scheme 1.48).⁹³ Iminium ion 1-137 was generated from single electron oxidation deprotonation, and another single electron oxidation by the use of silver as an oxidant, as indicated in the major pathway. Simple hydrolysis of **1-137** would generate an intermediate 1-138, which then undergoes an intramolecular nucleophilic cyclization to afford indole derivatives **1-139**. This strategy has been successfully applied by Huang group in 2017 to synthesize α,β -unsaturated amides from alkynes with carbon monoxide and tertiary amines as amine source, catalyzed by palladium complex. They were able to develop the C–N bond cleavage of tertiary amines by using DTBP (di-tert-butyl peroxide) as an oxidant via formation of iminium ion intermediate, and the amine moiety was successfully incorporated to the enone products (Scheme 1.49).⁹⁴



Scheme 1.49: Hydroaminocarbonylation of Alkynes with Amines

Similarly, catalytic C–N bond cleavage strategy was demonstrated by Song and coworkers by using tertiary amines to synthesize imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidines **1-140**. Copper mediated oxidation of tertiary amines afforded the iminium species, which undergoes via two different pathways to render acetaldehyde as well as formaldehyde. In the presence of water iminium ion was hydrolyzed to yield a secondary amine and acetaldehyde products. On the other hand, deprotonation of tertiary amine would yield an enamine species, which would react with oxygen to render a dioxygencontaining fourmembered heterocycle, to form corresponding formamide and formaldehyde. Acrolein **1-141** would be generated from the formaldehyde and acetaldehyde in-situ formed from the amine, which finally reacts with 2-aminobenzo[d]imidazoles to produce imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidine derivatives **1-140** (**Scheme 1.50**).⁹⁵



Scheme 1.50: Synthesis of Imidazo[1,2-A]Pyrimidines by In Situ Generated Acrolein via Iminium Ion Mediated C–N Bond Cleavage
In 2018, Chai group developed a method to form synthetically useful 2-(furan-3yl)acetamides **1-143** following C–N bond cleavage on palladium via formation of iminium species by using cascade reactions of allenols **1-142** in the presence of tertiary amine.⁹⁶ Tertiary amine coordinates to the palladium alkyl species **1-144** by giving intermediate complex **1-145**. Subsequently, iminium ion coordinated intermediate species **1-146** is given through the elimination of HI from the C–H cleavage of **1-145**. The intermediate species **1-146** will be further transformed into a palladium amine species facilitated by the in situ formed water via C–N bond cleavage, with an elimination of acetaldehyde and hydrogen as byproducts (**Scheme 1.51**).



Scheme 1.51: Synthesis of 2-(Furan-3-yl)acetamides from Allenols

1.9.1.3 C(sp³)-N Bond Activation via Ammonium Ion Species

An ammonium species considered as a good leaving group. Hence, converting the amine group to ammonium ions provides an effective way to cleavage of a C–N bond by

a Lewis acid-assistance. Common strategy to activation of the Csp³–N bond via ammonium ion species is the use of N-sulfonyl compounds, which are easily undergo C–N bond cleavage by yielding corresponding carbocations and primary sulfonamides as neutral byproducts with the aid of either a Lewis acid or a Brønsted acid conditions.⁹⁷ In 2019, Zeng and coworkers reported the substrate scope relevant to Buchwald–Hartwig amination reaction, utilizing quaternary ammonium salts via C–N bond cleavage pathway with a palladium t-BuXPhos catalytic system. Both N-aryl or N-arylmethyl heteroarenes were afforded in moderate to excellent yields via C–N bond cleavage (**Scheme 1.52**).⁹⁸





Lu and coworkers in 2019 reported the use of 3-methyleneazetidines and diazo compounds to get 4-methyleneproline derivatives **1-149** via Rh-catalyzed [4 + 1]

cycloaddition strategy with the ring expansion.⁹⁹ Mechanistic studies revealed the C–H insertion, O–H insertion¹⁰⁰, and olefin cyclopropanation, which are common transformations in Rh carbene chemistry, were diminished by predomination of [4+1] cycloaddition by indicating robustness of this method to generate 4-methyleneproline derivatives. Subsequently, number of tricyclic fused small to moderate N-heterocycles were synthesized by intramolecular reaction. Formation of rhodium carbene complexes are well established with the reaction of diazo compounds¹⁰¹ **1-148**, which is being nucleophilic attack by the azetidine nitrogen **1-147** to form a ylide **1-150**. Subsequently, ylide **1-150** is transformed into desired product **1-149** via direct 1,2-migration or ring opening with zwitterionic species **1-151** followed by ring closure (**Scheme 1.53**).



Scheme 1.53: Rhodium-Catalyzed Ring Expansion via C–N Activation and Coupling of In-Situ Generated Quaternary Ammonium Salts

1.9.2 Catalytic C-N Coupling Methods via Amide C(sp²)-N Bond Activation

Amides are one of the most valuable functional groups as their presence in numerous molecules such as pharmaceutical agents, natural products, peptides etc. C–N coupling methods via amide $C(sp^2)$ –N bond activation examples were reported in related with transamidation reactions; those involved the conversion of one amide to another. Development of the transamidation reaction, where cleavage of $C(sp^2)$ –N bond of an amide is a long-standing challenge in synthetic chemistry, due to unfavorable kinetic and thermodynamic factors. Reported literature confirmed that the most effective way to activate amide $C(sp^2)$ –N bond through oxidative addition to the transition metal ion.



Scheme 1.54: Transamidation with Amine and Amino-acid Derivatives

In 2016, Garg and coworkers reported a two-step approach to effect the transamidation of secondary amides. Simple Boc-activation of the secondary amide followed by nickelcatalyzed oxidative addition of an acyl C–N bond afforded corresponding amides with excellent yields for number of amines including amino-acid derivatives (**Scheme 1.54**).¹⁰² In 2017, Szostak group reported palladium NHC (NHC = N-heterocyclic carbene) catalyzed protocol for transamidation of secondary carboxamides. Wide range of N-Boc and N-Ts protected amides were effectively employed for the transamidation with commercially available, air- and moisture-stable (NHC)Pd(R-allyl)Cl complexes.¹⁰³ In 2018, Lee and coworkers reported nickel briphos ligand system catalyzed direct transamidation of secondary amides with amines. In this protocol secondary amides were directly used without preactivation by Boc protection, as TMSCl activates the amine derivatives by forming corresponding bis(trimethylsilyl)anilines.¹⁰⁴

1.10 Summary and Conclusions

Recent studies on transition-metal-catalyzed C–N activation methods have been emerged as effective protocols for using readily available nitrogen containing compounds to construct synthetically important molecules. In this chapter we have reviewed new C–C and C–N bond formation reactions with special reference to mechanistic insights. Mechanistically interesting pathways have been discussed in detail which were supported by theoretical calculations. Some of the reactions discussed were achieved via atomeconomical fashion which are expected to broad development by wide investigation in near future. We have reviewed number of recent amide C–N bond activation reactions including several new transformations, such as Suzuki–Miyaura, Negishi cross coupling reactions, esterification, and transamidation reactions. We have a great expectation that the area of C–N bond activation using nonprecious metals will continue to flourish and, in turn, will promote the growing use of simple primary amines and un-activated nitrogen containing molecules as synthons in organic synthesis.

Chapter 2

Efficient Synthesis of Secondary Amines from the Ruthenium-Catalyzed Deaminative Coupling Reaction of Amines

2.1 Introduction



Figure 2.1: Selected Examples of Important Drug Molecules with Alkylated Amine Functionalities¹⁰⁵

Selective carbon–nitrogen bond formation reactions represent a key step for the synthesis of a plethora of pharmaceutically active compounds, with the growing repertoire of biologically relevant nitrogen containing molecules.¹⁰⁶ Since amines are one of the prominent compounds present in pharmaceutical compounds, many synthetic methods have been developed over the years. Transition metal catalyzed C-N formation methods such as Buchwald–Hartwig¹⁰⁷, Ullmann reactions¹⁰⁸ and hydroaminations¹⁰⁹

have greatly advanced the synthetic versatility in forming nitrogen containing pharmaceutical agents.



Scheme 2.1: Pd(0)-mediated Stochiometric Intramolecular Amination

In 1983, Migita and coworkers reported a palladium catalyzed C–N crosscoupling reaction of aryl bromides and N,N-diethylamino-tributyltin. They were able to demonstrate the limited reaction scope to only for few sterically unencumbered substrates.¹¹⁰ Later in 1984, Boger and Panek employed Pd(0)-catalyzed C–N bond formation method for the synthesis of lavendamycin (**Scheme 2.1**)¹¹¹. In 1994, Hartwig group reported a systematic study on Migita's work by using well-defined palladium compounds (**Scheme 2.2**).¹¹² In the same year, Buchwald group reported an extension of the Migita's work to obtain a variety of secondary amines by introducing transamination of Bu₃SnNEt₂. They were able to improve in both the product yields¹¹³ as well as the substrate scope by using the Pd catalysts with bidentate phosphine ligands, diphenylphosphinobinapthyl (BINAP) and diphenylphosphinoferrocene (DPPF).¹¹⁴ Due to chelation of diphosphine ligands, the Pd-catalyzed Buchwald–Hartwig amination has been shown to be highly effective for forming aryl C-N bond forming reactions.



Scheme 2.2: Palladium Catalyzed Amination (Left: X-Ray Structures of Catalytically Relevant Palladium Intermediates; Right: Proposed Catalytic Cycle)

Ullmann and Goldberg initially discovered aromatic nucleophilic substitution reactions which required stoichiometric amounts of copper and high reaction temperatures. Subsequent improvements have led to the development into catalytic version of the coupling reaction. Eycken and co-workers in 2014 used copper-catalyzed intramolecular Ullmann coupling strategy to prepare 4H-benzo[f]imidazo[1,4]diazepin-6ones (**Eq. 2.1**).¹¹⁵



Scheme 2.3: Copper Catalyzed Enantioselective Hydroamination

Hydroamination reaction, an addition of N-H bond of amine or ammonia across a C-C multiple bonds, is an atom economical method to generate alkylamines. Amine

nucleophilicity would be markedly reduced in the presence of electron-withdrawing substituents.¹¹⁶ In 2015, Miura and co-workers reported a Cu-catalyzed asymmetric hydroamination of alkenyl boronates with hydrosilanes and hydroxylamines to synthesize optically active α -aminoboronic esters. The umpolung electrophilic amination strategy enables the construction of chiral centers with α -unactivated alkyl side chains (**Scheme 2.4**).¹¹⁷ These procedures require specific metal complexes and often suffer from the co-production of considerable amounts of wasteful byproducts.

Borrowing hydrogen and hydrogen auto-transfer methodologies have been developed to overcome the drawbacks associated with these C-N bond formation methods. Borrowing hydrogen technique is well suited for catalytic reactions involving temporary transfer of protons and hydrides from the substrates. The strategy has been used for a variety of catalytic process, in which hydrogen-rich substrates are transformed into C–C bond forming reactions and products (**Scheme 2.5**).



Scheme 2.4: Schematic Representation of the Borrowing Hydrogen Technique for the Alkylation of Amines by Primary Alcohols

Transition-metal-catalyzed dehydrogenative coupling methods have been shown to be highly effective way to utilize borrowing hydrogen strategy to activate amines and alcohols.¹¹⁸ In particular, several late-transition-metal catalysts have been successfully employed to promote amine-alcohol coupling reactions via a borrowing hydrogen technique to synthesize secondary amines.^{106, 119} The reaction sequence starts with the dehydrogenation of alcohol to the corresponding aldehyde via an iron complex **2-1**. One 'hydrogen equivalent' is temporarily stored at the bifunctional catalyst **2-2**, converted to the intermediate complex **2-3**, and the carbonyl intermediate reacts with amine to form an imine intermediate and water. The 'borrowed' hydrogen equivalent from alcohol is used for the reduction of the imine intermediate to afford the desired products (**Scheme 2.5**).



Scheme 2.5: Iron Catalyzed Selective Monoalkylation of Functionalized Anilines with Alcohols^{119a}



Traditionally, the synthesis of secondary amines were commonly achieved by using the reductive amination methods.¹²⁰ Most of these traditional methods suffer from the formation of copious amounts of salt byproducts and require stoichiometric reducing agents and/or additives. Catalytic deaminative coupling methods have been emerged as an alternative protocol for the synthesis of secondary amines. In 2007, Beller group¹²¹ used Shvo catalyst^{121a} **2-4** for selective dealkylation reaction of amines. A variety of aliphatic amines with anilines react smoothly to give the corresponding aryl amines in excellent yields. The authors proposed that the reaction proceeds under transfer hydrogenation conditions via the formation of the active catalytic species **2-5** and **2-6**.^{121a} (**Eq. 2.2**). The coupling reaction of aniline with primary amines by using soluble Co catalysts have been achieved for the synthesis of unsymmetric secondary amines.¹²² More recently, a palladium-absorbed titanium dioxide (Pd/TiO₂) photocatalytic system has been used for the synthesis of symmetric secondary amines from the coupling of primary amines (**Eq. 2.3**).¹²³



Very recently, Peng and co-workers reported a CdSe/CdS core/shell quantum dots (QDs) system for visible light induced transfer hydrogenation reactions of imines to amines.¹²⁴ From both economic and environmental perspectives, the development of chemo-selective catalytic coupling methods via C–N bond cleavage of amines and related nitrogen compounds remains an important goal in the fields of homogeneous catalysis and organic synthesis.

2.2 Results and Discussion



2.2.1 Synthesis of Cationic Ruthenium Hydride Complex 2-10

Scheme 2.6: Synthesis of Cationic Ruthenium Hydride Complex 2-10

Recently, our research group developed a convenient method for the synthesis for a well-defined cationic ruthenium-hydride complex $[(\eta^6-C_6H_6)(PCy_3)(CO)RuH]^+BF_4^-$ (2-10) from the protonation reaction of tetranuclear ruthenium complex $\{[(PCy_3)(CO)RuH]_4(\mu-O)(\mu-OH)_2\}$ 2-9 with HBF₄.OEt₂. The cationic ruthenium hydride complex 2-10 was obtained by two step synthetic procedures from the dimeric ruthenium hydride complex (PCy₃)₂(CO)RuHCl 2-7.¹²⁵ Base hydrolysis reaction of 2-7 with potassium hydroxide in isopropyl alcohol produced the bimetallic ruthenium complex 2-8 in >90% yield. The complex 2-8 was purified by either recrystallization techniques (85%) or chromatographic method (90%). The subsequent treatment of 2-8



Figure 2.2: X-ray Crystal Structure Of **2-9** Drawn With 50% Thermal Ellipsoids. Cyclohexyl Groups Are Omitted For Clarity.



Figure 2.3: X-Ray Crystal Structure of Cationic Ruthenium Hydride Complex 2-10

with wet acetone at 95 °C yielded the tetranuclear Ru complex **2-9** in 84 % yield as brown-red powder. Thus, the treatment of **2-9** (200 mg, 0.12 mmol) with HBF₄.OEt₂ (64 μ L) in C₆H₆ at room temperature cleanly afforded the cationic ruthenium hydride complex **2-10**, which was isolated in 90% yield as ivory-colored solid (**Scheme 2.9**). The characterization of the ruthenium-hydride complex was performed by NMR spectroscopic and X-ray crystallographic techniques. The ruthenium hydride signal of **2-10** was observed at δ -10.39 (d, $J_{PH} = 25.9$ Hz) in CD₂Cl₂, and phosphine signal was observed at δ 72.9 ppm by ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectroscopy. The molecular structure of the ruthenium hydride **2-10** showed a three-legged piano-stool geometry, which is capped by a η^6 -benzene moiety.

2.2.2 Synthesis of [Ru(3-,5-(^tBu)₂(1-,2-(O)₂)C₆H₂)(PCy₃)₂(CO)] 2-11 and [Ru(C₁₄H₈(1-,2-(O)₂))(PCy₃)₂(CO)] 2-13 Complexes

The complex **2-10** (117 mg, 0.20 mmol), 3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-o-benzoquinone **2-12b** (44 mg, 0.20 mmol), PCy₃ (56 mg, 0.20 mmol) were dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) in a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock and a magnetic stirring bar under N₂ stream. After stirring for 24 h in a water bath set at 70 °C, the solvent was removed under vacuum, and the residue was washed with 2% hexanes/EtOAc under nitrogen atmosphere (**Eq. 2.4**). The resulting residue was dissolved in acetone (3 mL), layered with n-pentane (4 mL), and stored in a glove box for five days for crystallization.



The resulting solid was filtered through a fritted funnel to yield the complex **2-11** (102 mg, 56%) as a reddish crystalline solid. Single crystals of **2-11** were obtained by slow evaporation in EtOAc/pentanes, and its structure was determined by X-ray crystallography (**Figure 2.4**).



Figure 2.4: Molecular Structure of 2-11



Similar procedure was used to synthesize complex 2-13 from the reaction of 2-10 with 9,10-phenanthrenequinone 2-12a as the ligand (Eq. 2.5). However, in this case, the ruthenium catecholate complex 2-13 was decomposed into the complex [Ru(C₁₄H₈(1-,2-(O)₂))(PCy₃)₂(CO)₂] 2-14, which was completely identified by single X-ray crystallographic analysis (Figure 2.5). High resolution ESI/MS analysis indicated that the

complex **2-13** was formed in the crude reaction mixture (34% yield) and the procedure described in section **6.2.4** afforded the complex **2-13** in 80% yield. High resolution ESI/MS data was used to characterize the complex **2-13**.



Figure 2.5: Molecular Structure of Side Product [Ru(C₁₄H₈(1-,2-(O)₂))(PCy₃)₂(CO)₂] BF₄⁻ Complex **2-14**

2.2.3 Synthesis of [(PCy₃)₂(CO)RuH(OH₂)₂]BF₄⁻ Complex 2-15



Similar procedure as described in section **6.2.5** was used to synthesize the ruthenium hydride complex (**Eq. 2.6**). To our delight, the cationic ruthenium complex $[(PCy_3)_2(CO)RuH(OH_2)_2]BF_4^-$ (**2-15**) was obtained in 48% yield. However, the water coordinated complex **2-15** did not show any activity for the C–N bond cleaved amine coupling reactions.



Figure 2.6: Molecular Structure of [(PCy₃)₂(CO)RuH(OH₂)₂]BF₄⁻ Complex 2-15

2.2.4. Synthesis of Symmetric and Unsymmetrical Secondary Amines via C–N Bond Activation

In an effort to develop novel catalytic coupling methods via C–N bond activation in which the liberation of ammonia is served as the driving force, we initially explored the promotional effect of the bidentate oxygen ligands for the ruthenium complex **2-9** by using the coupling reaction of primary amines.¹²⁶ The coupling reaction of benzylamine with cyclohexylamine in the presence of **2-9** and 4-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-1,2-benzenediol **2-16** afforded the selective formation of symmetric and unsymmetric secondary amines (**2-17**) via C–N bond cleavage (**Scheme 2.13**). From extensive screening efforts with the various oxygen and nitrogen containing ligands, the 1,2-catechol ligands were found to promote the one pot selective synthesis of symmetric secondary amines in nearly quantitative yields. Both symmetric **2-18** and unsymmetric **2-17** amines were selectively afforded from using the isolated ruthenium catecholate complex **2-11** in excellent yields (**Scheme 2.8** and **Table 2.2**).



Scheme 2.7: Ru-Catechol Homogeneous System for the sp³ C-N Bond Activation Strategy (99% conversion) with Primary Amines



Scheme 2.8: Synthesis of Symmetric and Unsymmetric Secondary Amines from the Deaminative Coupling of Primary Amines via 2-11 as the Catalyst

2.2.5 Ligand Promoted Ruthenium Catalyzed Synthesis of Symmetric and Unsymmetrical Secondary Amines via C–N Bond Activation

2.2.6 Optimization Studies



2.2.6.1 Catalyst and Solvent Screening

We initially screened soluble Ru catalysts with phenol and related oxygen and nitrogen ligands to promote the C–N bond activation reactions. We have chosen the coupling reaction of benzylamine with cyclohexylamine for screening of both ruthenium catalysts and the ligands (**Eq. 2.7**). Initially, both the tetranuclear Ru–H complex **2-9** and the cationic ruthenium complex **2-10** with a catechol ligand were found to exhibit the most promising activity for the coupling reaction among the screened Ru catalysts, as analyzed by both GC and NMR spectroscopic methods. To improve the yield and the selectivity for unsymmetric coupling products (**2-17**), a variety of parameters such as ligands, catalysts, solvents and the temperature were optimized, and the results are summarized in (**Table 2.1**).

| | 2 2 | [Ru] (3 mol %) -16 (10 mol %) | + Ph [∧] N [∧] Ph |
|-------|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| PII N | Ph | hCl; 130 °C; 16 h | Η Η Η |
| | | -NH ₃ 2-17a | 2-18a |
| entry | catalyst | deviation from standard condition | yield (%) ^b 2-17a/2-18a |
| 1 | [RuH ₂ (CO)(PPh ₃) | 3] | 0 |
| 2 | RuHCl(p-cymene) | 2 | <1 |
| 3 | [RuCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₃] | | 5/3 |
| 4 | $[RuCl_3 3H_2O)]$ | without 2-16 | <1 |
| 5 | $[RuCl_3 3H_2O)]$ | | 0/31 |
| 6 | $[Ru(COD)Cl_2]_x$ | | 14/7 |
| 7 | 2-7 | | 70/15 |
| 8 | 2-10 | without 2-16 | <5 |
| 9 | 2-10 | | 70/16 |
| 10 | 2-9 | | 74/22 |
| 11 | 2-9 | without 2-16/ HBF ₄ OEt ₂ | 13/0 |
| 12 | 2-9 | $HBF_4 OEt_2$ | 65/1 |

Table 2.1: Catalyst and Solvent Screening for the Reaction of Benzylamine with Cyclohexylamine.^{*a*}

^aReaction conditions: catalyst (3 mol % Ru), ligand (10 mol %), benzylamine (0.5 mmol), cyclohexylamine (0.7 mmol), chlorobenzene (2 mL), 130 °C, 16 h. ^bThe product yield was determined by ¹H NMR using hexamethylbenzene as an internal standard.

We have chosen chlorobenzene as the solvent for the coupling reactions even though nonprotic polar solvents such as chlorobenzene and dioxane afforded the highest product yields and selectivity. The formation of the byproduct ammonia was detected in the crude mixture as analyzed by both NMR and GC–MS methods.

2.2.6.2 Ligand Screening

The 4-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-1,2-benzenediol ligand **2-16** was found to give the highest activity and selectivity in forming unsymmetric amine product **2-17a** over the symmetric product **2-18a** among the screened oxygen and nitrogen ligands as summarized in **Table 2.2**. A 3:1 ratio of catechol ligand to ruthenium catalyst was found to exhibit the optimum catalytic activity. Compared to other catechol ligands, **2-16** gave the best product yield under the reaction conditions (entry 6). Other catechol ligands such as **2-16a**, **2-16b** and **2-16d** were found to be less effective (entries 7, 8 and 10). Interestingly, the electron-deficient catechol ligand **2-16c** gave better results (entry 9), and 2-hydroxybenzyl alcohol **2-21** was quite effective for the transformation (entry 11). Electron rich phenols and anilines gave lower reactivity and selectivity in forming the product **2-17a** (entry 12-14). In general, catechol ligands were found to be as effective as **2-17a** for this transformation.

The coupling reaction did not proceed at below 100 °C, while only a slightly improved product yield and the selectivity at an elevated temperature (entry 5, 15 and 16). To our delight, we recently found that the use of the benzoquinone ligand **2-12**, an oxidized analogue of catechol, significantly improved the yield of **2-17a** to 90% in 1,4-dioxane (entry 1). A higher coordinating ability of benzoquinone might be beneficial for promoting the catalytic activity of ruthenium catalyst. We also found that the isolated ruthenium catecholate complex **2-11** at a considerably lower catalyst loading (1 mol%) exhibited a substantially higher activity for the transformation (entry 4).

| | | ^t Bu O tBu | ^t Bu OH | ^t Bu tBu tBu | н сон он | |
|----------------|--------|--|--------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|
| 2-12 | 2-12a | 2-12b | 2-16 | 2-16a | 2-16b | |
| F OI | | он ОН | ОН | OH NH ₂ | NH ₂ NH ₂ | |
| 2-16c | 2-16d | 2-21 | 2-22 | 2-23 | 2-24 | |
| entry | ligand | deviation from | standard condi | tion yiel | yield (%) ^d 2-17a/2-18a | |
| 1 ^b | 2-12 | | | 8 | 8/11 | |
| 2 ^b | 2-12a | | | 7 | 9/16 | |
| 3 ^b | 2-12b | | | 8 | 4/15 | |
| 4 ^c | - | Complex | Ç | 90/9 | | |
| 5° | - | 100 °C | | | <1 | |
| 6 | 2-16 | | | 7 | 4/22 | |
| 7 | 2-16a | | | (| 67/6 | |
| 8 | 2-16b | 68/20 | | | 8/20 | |
| 9 | 2-16c | | | 8 | 0/15 | |
| 10 | 2-16d | | | 6 | 3/18 | |
| 11 | 2-21 | | | | 0/12 | |
| 12 | 2-22 | | | 3 | 0/15 | |
| 13 | 2-23 | | | 1 | 5/10 | |
| 14 | 2-24 | | | 2 | 7/12 | |
| 15 | 2-16 | 1 | 40 °C | 7 | 6/23 | |
| 16 | 2-16 | 100 °C | | | <1 | |
| 17 | - | without Ru-catalyst; NH ₄ PF ₆ | | 56 | <1 | |
| 18 | - | without Ru-catalyst; BF ₃ | | | 0 | |
| 19 | - | without Ru-catalyst; HBF, OEt, | | Et, | 0 | |
| 20 | - | without Ru-catalyst | | - | 0 | |

Table 2.2: Ligand Screening for the Reaction of Benzylamine with Cyclohexylamine.^a

^aReaction conditions: catalyst **2-9** (3 mol % Ru), additive (7 mol %), benzylamine (0.5 mmol), cyclohexylamine (0.7 mmol), ligand (10 mol %), chlorobenzene (2 mL), 130 °C, 16 h. ^bCatalyst **2-10** in 1,4-dioxane (2 mL). ^cRuthenium complex **2-11** (1 mol %) in 1,4-dioxane (2 mL). ^dThe product yield of **2-17a** was determined by ¹H NMR using hexamethylbenzene as an internal standard.

2.2.7 Reaction Scope

After further ligand screening and optimization studies, we have established the standard reaction conditions at 1.0 mmol scale as: **2-9** (0.75 mol %, 3 Ru mol %)/**2-16** (10 mol %) in chlorobenzene (2 mL) at 130 °C. Although the initial results were obtained from the optimized catalyst system **2-9/2-16** under the standard conditions, we further tested selected substrates for the coupling reaction with ruthenium catecholate complex **2-11** in 1,4-dioxane. The optimized standard conditions were used for all these coupling reactions, unless otherwise noted as described in Tables **2.3**, **2.4** and **2.5** with slight modifications on the reaction time and temperature.

2.2.7.1 Synthesis of Unsymmetric Secondary Amines from the Deaminative Coupling

The substrate scope for the synthesis of unsymmetrical secondary amines from the deaminative coupling reaction of primary amines is summarized in **Table 2.3**. The coupling of benzylic amines with a variety of aliphatic and benzylic primary amines selectively formed the unsymmetric secondary amine products by affording moderate to good yields **2-17a–1**. An excess amount (1.4 eq.) of the second amine (usually more electron rich) was found to improve the product selectivity for the formation of unsymmetric amines **2-17**, and <20% of the symmetric amine products was formed in the crude mixture in most cases. Analytically pure unsymmetric amine products **2-17a–v** were readily isolated after column chromatographic separation technique by using silica gel and n-hexanes/EtOAc.



Table 2.3: Synthesis of Unsymmetric Secondary Amines from the Deaminative Coupling of Primary Amines

Reaction conditions: catalyst **2-9** (3 mol % Ru), amine (1 mmol), amine (1.4 mmol), ligand (10 mol %), chlorobenzene (2 mL), 130 °C, 16 h. ^aRuthenium complex **2-11** (1 mol%) in 1,4-dioxane (2 mL) were used (¹H NMR yield using hexamethylbenzene as an internal standard); $Ar = C_6H_4$ -4-OMe.

The coupling reaction with phenethyl amines was found to be more selective towards unsymmetric coupling reaction. The coupling of both electron rich and poor phenethyl amines with both benzylic and aliphatic amines also gave the selective formation of products **2-17m–p**. Piperonylamine and 1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-1-naphthylamine afforded the corresponding products in good yields **2-17q–s**. Under the standard reaction conditions' pharmaceutically important 5-methoxytryptamine, furfuryl amine and tyramine with

cyclohexylamine selectively yielded the unsymmetric secondary amine products in 80%, 69% and 69% respectively **2-17t-v**.^{126b} In sharp contrast, the reaction with 1 mol % of isolated ruthenium catecholate complex **2-11** gave enhanced product yields for the same set of substrates, 88%, 90% and 81%. For these cases, the coupling of benzylic and other aryl-substituted amines with electron-rich amines tends to favor the formation of unsymmetrical amines over the symmetrical amines. In contrast, the coupling of two different aliphatic amines with a sterically nondemanding group yielded a mixture of symmetric and unsymmetric amines. The coupling reaction with secondary and tertiary amines was found to be very sluggish and unselective, resulting in a complex mixture of products. The catalytic coupling method is operationally simple and exhibits high chemoselectivity toward the formation of unsymmetric secondary amines without resorting to employing any reactive reagents.

2.2.7.2 Synthesis of Symmetric Secondary Amines from the Deaminative Coupling

We next explored the substrate scope for the formation of symmetric secondary amines by using the catalyst system **2-9/2-16** (**Table 2.4**). Benzylic primary amines reacted smoothly to afford the secondary amine products **2-18a–g** without the formation of tertiary amines or other side products. The self-coupling reaction of 3phenylpropylamine gave a more selective product formation of secondary amine **2-18k**, while having relatively lower amount of tertiary amine than standard condition.

2-9 (0.75 mol%) NH_2 2-16 (10 mol%) NH₂ PhCl; 130 °C; 16 h (73-99%) R^2 R^{1} Selected examples: 2-18g (77%) 2-18a X = H 2-18e X = OMe (84%) (89%) 2-18b X = Me 2-18f X = CI (89%) (94%) 2-18c X = OMe (98%)^a **2-18d** X = CI (92%) റ NH 2-18j d.r. = 1:1 (90%) 2-18k (68%)^a 2-18h d.r. = 7:1 (75%) **2-18i** d.r. = 1:1 (93%) Н Н NH 2-18n (96%)^a 2-180 (94%)^a 2-18I (73%) 2-18m (99%)^a

Table 2.4: Synthesis of Symmetric Secondary Amines from the Deaminative Coupling of

 Primary Amines

Reaction conditions: catalyst **2-9** (3 mol % Ru), amine (1 mmol), ligand (10 mol %), chlorobenzene (2 mL), 130 °C, 16 h. ^aRuthenium complex **2-11** (1 mol%) in 1,4-dioxane (2 mL) were used (¹H NMR yield using hexamethylbenzene as an internal standard); Yields for isolated products.

The coupling of indanylamines formed the corresponding secondary amine products 2-181. Cyclohexyl, thiophene and furan substituted amines predictively yielded the corresponding secondary amine products 2-18m–o. Generally, the coupling of chiral primary amines led to a 1:1 diastereomeric mixture of products as illustrated by the formation of 2-18i and 2-18j, but interestingly, a diastereoselective formation of the product 2-18h was obtained in the case of (R)-4-methoxy-α-methylbenzenemethane amine (d.r. = 7:1). A mixture of secondary and tertiary amines (40-50% of tertiary amines) was formed for sterically nondemanding aliphatic amines such as n-hexylamine, while phenyl ethyl amines selectively formed the predicted products. Delightfully, isolated ruthenium catecholate complex **2-11** afforded the almost quantitate product formation without having tertiary amine byproduct for both **2-18c** and **2-18m–o** cases. The catalytic method delivers an operationally simple synthesis of symmetric secondary amines from readily available primary amines without using any reactive reagents via a deaminative coupling strategy.^{120,122}

2.2.7.3 Synthesis of Unsymmetric Secondary Amines from the Deaminative Coupling of Anilines with Primary Amines

To further illustrate the synthetic versatility of the catalytic coupling method, we next explored the coupling reaction of aniline derivatives with primary amine substrates to synthesize drug candidates such as *Piribedil* and *Alverine*, as well as synthetically useful tridentate chelating agent *Di-(2-picolyl)amine*. The coupling of para-substituted anilines with benzylic amines led to the selective formation of unsymmetric amine products **2-19a–f** without any significant amount of the symmetric amine products. Similarly, the reaction of para-substituted anilines with 3,4,5-trimethoxybenzylamine afforded the coupling products **2-19g–i** in excellent yields.



Table 2.5: Synthesis of Unsymmetric Secondary Amines from the Deaminative Coupling

 of Anilines and Substrates of Biological Relevance with Amines

Reaction conditions: catalyst **2-9** (3 mol % Ru), amine 1 (1 mmol), amine 2 (1.4 mmol), ligand (10 mol %), chlorobenzene (2 mL), 140 °C, 20 h. ^aRuthenium complex **2-11** (1 mol%) in 1,4-dioxane (2 mL) were used. ¹H NMR yield using hexamethylbenzene as an internal standard. isolated product yields.

The treatment of 3,4,5-trimethoxyaniline with tyramine yielded the product **2-15j** in 51% yield, and the reaction with ortho-substituted sterically demanding aniline compound with phenylpropylamine yielded the selective secondary amine product **2-15k** in 46% yield. The coupling reaction of 4-methoxyaniline with 2-aminoindane and 3,4-dihydro-2H-1,5-benzodioxepin-7-amine with 3,4,5-trimethoxybenzylamine yielded the corresponding coupling products **2-19l** and **2-19m** in 74% and 75% yields, respectively. The coupling of (R)-(+)-aminoglutathimide with 3,4,5-trimethoxybenzylamine led to the optically active coupling product (R)- **2-19n** without any detectable racemization.

Biologically relevant amines were formed in excellent yields when we used the isolated ruthenium catecholate complex 2-11 in 1,4-dioxane. The treatment of 3-amino-9ethylcarbazole with benzylamine and geranylamine predictively yielded the product 2-**190-p** in 86% and 66% yield respectively. Also, the coupling reaction of 3,5dimethoxyaniline with geranylamine afforded the corresponding dehydrogenated coupling product 2-19q in 51% yield. The coupling reactions of 4-methoxyaniline with (+)-dehydroabietylamine also afforded the corresponding secondary amine product 2-19r in 81% yield with >99% single diastereomer. The coupling reaction of L-glutamine with 3-phenylpropylamine led to the cyclized amine products 2-17w in 75% yield. The formation of cyclized product 2-17w can be rationalized by initial dehydrative cyclization of glutamine followed by the deaminative coupling with the primary amine substrate. The coupling reactions of electron donating aniline derivatives with geranylamine with the complex 2-11 gave the cyclized coupling product 2-21a-b in 44% and 38% yields, indicating that the novel synthetic route to generate 1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-4,methylquinoline derivatives. Di-(2-picolyl)amine 2-18p, which is a chelating tridentate common ligand

important in coordination chemistry were synthesized using **2-11** as the catalyst in 1,4dixane by having 51% yield. Finally, the current protocol was extended to a one-pot synthesis of pharmaceutically useful drug candidates *Piribedil* and *Alverine*. *Piribedil* **2-20a** is an antiparkinsonian agent and piperazine derivative which acts as a D2 and D3 receptor agonist and known to have α -adrenergic antagonist properties.

Table 2.6: Synthesis of Drug Candidates and Synthetically useful ligands from the

 Deaminative Coupling of Amines



Reaction conditions: catalyst **2-11** (1 mol%), amine 1 (1 mmol) and/or amine 2 (1.4 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (2 mL) were used. (¹H NMR yield using hexamethylbenzene as an internal standard).

The one-pot synthetic reaction of 1-(2-Pyrimidyl)piperazine with piperonylamine selectively formed the product *Piribedil* **2-20a** under ruthenium catalyst **2-11** in 1,4-diaxane as the solvent at 140 °C. *Alverine* **2-20b** is a drug used for irritable bowel syndrome, (functional gastrointestinal disorder), which is a known smooth muscle relaxant, was synthesized through sequential amine self-condensation of 3-phenylpropylamine, which yields the product **2-18k** followed by N-ethylation with ethyl amine under standard condition, affording product **2-20b** in 58% overall yield. The

catalytic coupling method provides an environmentally benign, and operationally simple protocol to afford the symmetric and unsymmetric secondary amines in moderate to excellent yields without formation of wasteful byproducts.

2.2.8 Mechanistic Studies

2.2.8.1 Reaction Profile Study

The deaminative coupling reaction of 4-methoxybenzylamine was used to gain mechanistic insights. The self condensation of 4-methoxybenzylamine was monitored by NMR spectroscopy to probe the overall reaction profile. In a J-Young NMR tube equipped with Teflon stopcock, 4-methoxybenzylamine (34 mg, 0.25 mmol) and the catalyst system **2-9** (3 mg, 0.75 mol %)/**2-16** (4 mg, 10 mol %) were dissolved in toluene d_8 (0.5 mL). The tube was immersed in an oil bath at 130 °C, and the reaction progress was monitored by ¹H NMR in 20 min intervals. As shown in **Figure 2.7**, the secondary amine product **2-18c** was formed steadily at the expense of the benzylamine substrate. Initially, the formation of a minor product was also observed (~10%), which gradually disappeared within 200 min of the reaction time. The structure of minor product was subsequently determined to be imine *p*-OMe-C₆H₄CH=NCH₂C₆H₄(*p*-OMe) **2-22** by both NMR and GC/MS, which was obtained from a separate preparatory-scale experiment.



Figure 2.7: Reaction profile for the coupling of 4-methoxybenzylamine: 4-methoxybenzylamine (\blacksquare), (\blacktriangle) 2-14c and *p*-OMe-C₆H₄CH=NCH₂C₆H₄(*p*-OMe) 2-22 (\bullet)

2.2.8.2 Deuterium Labeling Study

Deuterium-labeling pattern on the product from the reaction of aniline- d_7 with 4methoxybenzylamine was also investigated. A reaction tube consisting of aniline- d_7 (50 mg, 0.5 mmol) with 4-methoxybenzylamine (69 mg, 0.5 mmol) in the presence of **2-9** (7 mg, 0.75 mol %)/**2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %) in chlorobenzene (1 mL) was heated in an oil bath at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **2-19e**-*d* was isolated by silica gel column chromatography, and its deuterium content was analyzed by ¹H and ²H NMR (**Eq. 2.8**). A significant amount of deuterium was incorporated into the methylene position of **2-19e**-*d* (18% D) without any deuterium exchange on the arene ortho C–H positions.



In a control experiment, the treatment of the isolated product **2-19e** with aniline- d_7 in the presence of **2-9** (0.75 mol %)/**2-16** (10 mol %) did not lead to any significant deuterium exchange into the benzyl position of **2-19e** under similar reaction conditions after 20 h. A significant amount of the deuterium incorporation suggests that a facile and reversible imine-to-amine hydrogenation-dehydrogenation process might have occurred during the product formation of **2-19e**.



Figure 2.8: Top: ¹H NMR Spetrum for **2-19e**; Bottom: ¹H and ²H NMR Spetra of H/D Exchange Pattern of the Reaction with 4-Methoxybenzylamine and Aniline $-d_7$
2.2.8.3 Carbon Isotope Effect Study

To discern the rate-limiting step of the catalytic reaction, we employed Singleton's high-precision NMR technique to measure the carbon isotope effect for the coupling reaction.¹²⁷ The reaction tube of 4-methoxybenzylamine (2 mmol) and 2-9 (0.75) (4 mL) was heated at 130 °C for 16 h for high conversion product 2-18c and low conversion sample was obtained after 2-3 h of the reaction time. The product **2-18c** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel and was analyzed by ¹³C NMR. The most pronounced carbon isotope effect was observed on the α -carbon of the product **2-18c** when the ¹³C ratio of the product at three high conversions (86-89%) was compared with the sample obtained at low conversions (12–15%) [(average of ¹³C at 87% conversion)/(average of ¹³C at 13% conversion) at benzyl $C_{\alpha} = 1.015 \pm 0.001$ (Eq. 2.9). The significant carbon isotope effect on the α -CH₂ carbon is consistent with the C-N bond cleavage turnover-limiting step. In support of this notion, Singleton and co-workers showed that the observation of the most pronounced carbon isotope effect has been a definitive tool for establishing the rate-limiting step for both C-C and C-O bond-forming reactions.^{127c}



While C–N bond cleavage has been found to be the turnover-limiting step for a number of chemical and biochemical coupling reactions,¹²⁸ very few carbon kinetic isotope effect measurements have been reported for the catalytic C-N cleavage reactions.

Fry and co-workers measured pronounced carbon isotope effects in the Hofmann elimination reaction of para -substituted (2-phenylethyl)- trimethylammonium bromides, which indicated an E2 mechanism involving C–N bond cleavage step.¹²⁹ In a urease catalyzed hydrolysis of hydroxyurea, Cleland and co-workers observed a significant carbon isotope effect on the carbonyl carbon but not on the nitrogen atom, which argues for the formation of a common intermediate prior to the C–N bond cleavage step.¹³⁰

2.2.8.4 Hammett Study

The Hammett plot was constructed from measuring the rate of the coupling reaction of a series of para-substituted benzylamines 4-X-C₆H₄CH₂NH₂ (X = OMe, Me, H, Cl, F, CF₃) in the presence of **2-9** (0.75 mol %)/**2-16** (10 mol %) in toluene-d₈ (**Figure 2.9**). The rate of each substrate was obtained by measuring the appearance of the product peaks, which were normalized against an internal standard (hexamethyl benzene) as analyzed by ¹H NMR. The k_{obs} for each catalytic run was determined from a first order plot. The Hammett plot of log(k_X/k_H) vs σ p showed a linearly correlated pattern with $\rho = -0.79 \pm 0.1$. A relatively high negative slope suggests a significant cationic character buildup on the amine substrate during the coupling reaction.



Figure 2.9: Hammett Plot of the Coupling of 4-Methoxyaniline with *p*-X-C₆H₄CH₂NH₂

2.2.9 Detection of an Active Catalytic Species by NMR Method

Cationic ruthenium hydride complex **2-10** and 4-fluorobenzene1,2-diol **2-16c** were reacted in a sealed J-Young tube as indicated in the **Eq. 2.10**, and the products were analyzed by ¹H and ³¹P NMR. We tentatively assigned these novel ruthenium hydride species as π -coordinated species **2-23** and the chelated catecholate species **2-24**.





Figure 2.10: ¹H and ³¹P {¹H} NMR of Active Catalytic Species (**2-23** and **2-24**) Detected by the Reaction of 4-Fluorobenzene-1,2-diol and the Complex **2-10**.



Figure 2.11: The Plot of Relative Concentration of The Ruthenium Hydride Species Generated from the Complex **2-10** (■) vs Time. Complex **2-23** (▲), Complex **2-24** (♦).

The ¹H NMR of active catalytic species **2-23** showed the Ru-H signals (¹H-NMR δ -11.76 (d, $J_{PH} = 6.7$ Hz), -11.83 (d, $J_{PH} = 6.9$ Hz); ³¹P-NMR {¹H} δ 72.5, 72.6) and **2-24** (¹H-NMR

 δ -11.30 (d, J_{PH} = 25.5 Hz); ³¹P-NMR {¹H} δ 71.4)). Free benzene molecule was detected from the reaction of 4-fluorobenzene-1,2-diol. The plot of relative concentration of the two major catalytic species vs time is shown in **Figure 2.11**.

2.2.10 Synthesis and X-Ray Crystallographic Determination of Ruthenium Catecholate Complexes

In an effort to develop novel deaminative C–C coupling reaction with the ketone substrates and primary amines, we were able to observe a higher activity and selectivity when the catechol ligand was replaced with the 1,2-benzoquinone ligand. Delightfully, the chelated ruthenium catecholate complexes were isolated and identified (2-11, 2-14 and 2-15) as described in the section 2.2.2 and 2.2.3. Synthetic protocol was established for the synthesis of complex 2-11 which exhibited a remarkable activity for the C–N bond activation coupling reactions including secondary amine synthesis.

2.3 Proposed Mechanism

We present a plausible mechanistic hypothesis for the deaminative coupling reaction based on these kinetic and spectroscopic results (**Scheme 2.9**). Considering the observation of imine product, we propose the formation of a Ru-imine species **2-24** as a catalytically active species, which would be initially generated from the dehydrogenation of amine substrate. From the observation of imine product **2-22**, we propose the formation of a Ru-imine species **2-25** as a catalytically active species, which would be initially generated from the dehydrogenation be initially generated from the dehydrogenation of a mine substrate.



Scheme 2.9: Proposed Mechanism for the Deaminative Coupling of Primary Amines

To demonstrate the reversibility of the imine formation, we performed the reaction of PhN=CHPh (1.0 mmol) with cyclohexylamine (1.4 mmol) in the presence of **2-9/2-16** at 130 °C. The reaction produced a complex mixture of aniline and the crossover products. In support of this notion, some oxidative C–N bond cleavage reactions are known to proceed via the formation of an imine intermediate.¹³¹ The coordination of imine substrate to the Ru center would increase the electrophilic nature of the imine carbon, and the nucleophilic addition of the second amine substrate would proceed to form the Ru intermediate di-amine species **2-26**. Many structurally similar transition metal–urea

complexes have been synthesized, and their reactivity patterns have been well established.¹³² The observation of carbon isotope effect provides an experimental support for the rate-limiting C–N cleavage step in forming the Ru-aminoalkyl species **2-27**. In support of this, we have observed the prominent ¹³C isotope effect on the benzylic carbon of the symmetric coupling product **2-18** ($C_{\alpha} = 1.015\pm0.001$). The dehydrogenation of second amine substrate in conjunction with the hydrogen transfer would form the coupling products **2-17/2-18** and **2-19** with the regeneration of imine species **2-28**. Both the detection of imine product and the selective deuterium incorporation on the α -CH₂ of **2-18e-***d* suggest that the dehydrogenation and hydrogen transfer steps are likely facile and reversible under the reaction conditions.

2.4 Summary and Conclusion

In conclusion, we successfully devised a highly chemoselective synthesis of secondary amines from the deaminative coupling of primary amines. The catechol ligand promoted ruthenium catalytic system was found to exhibit a uniquely high activity and selectivity in forming both symmetric and unsymmetric secondary amines. The activity and selectivity were further enhanced by using the ruthenium catalyst **2-10** with benzoquinone ligands. The catalytic method is operationally simple, exhibits a broad substrate scope, tolerates common organic functional groups, and forms ammonia as the sole byproduct without employing any reactive reagents. The kinetic and spectroscopic studies indicate that the coupling reaction proceeds via the formation of imine species with the turnover limiting C–N bond cleavage step.

The isolated ruthenium catecholate complex **2-11** has been found to exhibit a higher activity for the deaminative coupling reaction illustrating the role of catechol additive as a chemo-selective ligand. We have successfully demonstrated synthetic utility of the coupling method via C–N activation for the synthesis of both symmetric and unsymmetric synthesis of amines, as well as the synthesis of drug candidates biologically active compounds. We used the catalytic deaminative method as a key step in the synthesis of the drug candidate *Piribedil* which is a dopamine antagonist for the treatment of Parkinson's disease.¹³³ The isolated ruthenium-catecholate catalyst was used for the synthesis of pharmaceutically active molecule *Alverine* by self-condensation and tertiary amine formation. We published an article in *J. Org. Chem.* **2018**, *83*, 4932–4947 (DOI: doi.org/10.1021/acs.joc.8b00649) on the basis of the part of work described in this Chapter. The article has been selected as a *Featured Article* for the issue and highlighted in *Organic Chemistry Portal* **2018** (https://www.organic-chemistry.org/abstracts/lit6/329.shtm).

Chapter 3

Scope and Mechanistic Study of the Redox-Active 1,2-Benzoquinone Enabled Ruthenium-Catalyzed Deaminative α-Alkylation of Ketones with Amines

3.1 Introduction

The α -alkylation of carbonyl compounds via the generation of enolates represents one of the most widely used carbon-carbon bond formation methods in organic synthesis.¹³⁴ The α -alkylation of carbonyl compounds have been extensively utilized in synthesis of natural products and pharmaceutically important drug molecules.¹³⁵ Since traditional alkylation methods using stoichiometric amounts of strong base and organic halide coupling partners lead to the formation of copious wasteful byproducts, concerted research efforts have been devoted to the development of selective catalytic alkylation protocols that would avoid the use of strong base and obviate the formation of wasteful byproducts.



Scheme 3.1: Traditional Alpha Alkylation of Ketones by Lithium Enolates
The industrial processes heavily relies on enolates as pre-activated nucleophiles and alkyl
halides as activated electrophiles for the formation of C–C bonds of ketones (Scheme
3.1). Stoichiometric amounts of strong base, such as lithium diisopropylamine, has been

commonly used to generate metal-enolates, in which the alkylation reaction is performed typically under the cryogenic conditions. Moreover, the traditional alkylation methods employ alkyl halides, which are expensive and generate halide-containing salts.¹³⁶ The alkylation via Stork enamine provides an alternative strategy to obtain α -alkylated products from the direct coupling of nucleophilic enamine intermediate upon addition with an alkyl halide or Michael acceptor (**Scheme 3.2**).¹³⁷ However, the drawbacks of the alkylation method are that a stoichiometric amount of salt byproduct is produced and the reaction is favored to give a regioselective product at the less hindered side.



Scheme 3.2: General Stork Enamine Reaction

Transition metal-catalyzed "hydrogen borrowing" methodology, which involves the dehydrogenation of alcohols followed by aldol-type condensation with the ketone substrates, has been shown to be highly effective for promoting the alkylation of ketones with alcohols.^{135a, 138} In a significant advance for sustainable synthesis, earth-abundant transition metal catalysts have been successfully employed for the catalytic alkylation method via hydrogen borrowing technology.¹³⁹ Very recently, Donohoe and co-workers achieved chemo- and regioselective synthesis of acyl-cyclohexenes by utilizing ketones with diols via a tandem acceptorless dehydrogenation-[1,5]-hydride shift cascade reaction (**Scheme 3.3**).¹⁴⁰



Scheme 3.3: Chemo- and Regioselective Synthesis of Acyl-Cyclohexenes from Diols; AD = Acceptorless Dehydrogenation

Upon oxidation of the diol substrate to the corresponding hydroxyaldehyde, aldol condensation with acetophenone would proceed to form an alkoxy enone **3-2**. The alkoxy enone **3-2** then undergoes a cascade involving an intramolecular [1,5]-hydride shift **3-3** followed by aldol condensation to form the corresponding cyclohexene **3-4**. The cyclohexene adduct **3-4** can further be reduced to the corresponding cyclohexane with the regeneration of the active iridium catalyst.

A number of novel catalytic C–H functionalization methods have been devised to promote direct alkylation and alkenylation of ketones with alkenes and alkynes.¹⁴¹ In a

seminal report, MacMillan and co-workers developed a direct β -arylation of cyclic ketones with electron-deficient arylnitriles by combining photocatalysis with organocatalytic enamine alkylation protocol.¹⁴² Fagnoni and co-workers employed photoactive tungsten catalysts to achieve the direct coupling of cyclopentanones with electron-deficient alkenes to give β -alkylated products.¹⁴³ Widenhoefer and Che groups independently reported intramolecular C–H alkylation methods for γ, σ -enone substrates to form cyclic ketones by using Pd and Au catalysis.¹⁴⁴ Dong and co-workers recently reported a direct α -alkylation of ketones with simple alkenes by using a bifunctional Rh catalytic system, in which an aza-indoline moiety was found to promote the conversion of α -C–H bond of ketones into an enamine sp² C–H bond prior to the alkylation reaction.¹⁴⁵ The bifunctional ligand, 7-azaindoline, activates the ketone α -C-H bonds via enamine formation, **3-7** while the linked pyridyl moiety acted as a directing group, and the oxidative addition of a low-valent Rh(I) metal into the resulting enamine C-H bond affords the rhodium hydride species **3-8**. Olefin insertion followed by reductive elimination would generate the intermediate **3-9**, which undergoes hydrolysis to regenerate the active catalytic species and corresponding alkylated product **3-6**.



Scheme 3.4: Proposed Catalytic Cycle for Dong's Bifunctional Rh Catalytic System

In recent years, transition metal-catalyzed deaminative coupling methods have emerged as an effective tool for C–C bond coupling reactions.^{3a} Glorius and co-workers devised an efficient deaminative alkylation of amines via the generation of pyridinium ions by employing visible-light photoredox catalysis.¹⁴⁶ Zhang group reported Pdcatalyzed allylic alkylation of carbonyl compounds with allylamines, which has been shown to involve a direct allylic C–N bond cleavage via the formation of Pd-allyl species.¹²² Martin and co-workers recently reported a highly regioselective Ni-catalyzed deaminative alkylation of unactivated olefins by using pyridinium reagents.¹⁴⁷ Fu and coworkers reported an efficient photocatalytic deaminative and decarboxylative alkylation of silyl enol ethers with redox-active esters and *N*-alkylpyridinium salts.¹⁴⁸ From both synthetic and environmental points of view, catalytic C–C coupling methods via C–N cleavage by employing readily available amines as the substrates have been regarded as a highly attractive strategy for the synthesis of complex organic molecules as well as for reforming processes of nitrogen-containing biomass feedstocks.^{3a, 3b, 64b}

3.2 Results and Discussion

We previously discovered that the cationic ruthenium hydride complex $[(\eta^6 - C_6H_6)(PCy_3)(CO)RuH]^+BF_4^-$ **2-10** is a highly effective catalyst precursor for the deaminative and decarboxylative coupling reaction of ketones with amino acids.²⁹ We subsequently found that the ruthenium-hydride complex **2-10** with a 1,2-catechol ligand exhibits an exceptionally high chemoselectivity for promoting the deaminative coupling reactions of amines to form unsymmetric secondary amines and quinazolinone derivatives.¹⁴⁹ To extend the synthetic utility of ligand controlled catalysis, we have been exploring the promotional effects of various oxygen and nitrogen ligands on ruthenium catalysts for the deaminative coupling reactions of amines. Herein, we report the development and scope of a highly regioselective catalytic deaminative alkylation method of ketones with amines, which is mediated by a well-defined ruthenium catalyst

containing a redox-active *ortho*-benzoquinone ligand. We also delineate comprehensive experimental and computational studies for establishing a detailed mechanism of the catalytic reaction. The salient features of the catalytic method are that the α -alkylation ketone products are formed in regio- and stereoselective fashion without employing any reactive reagents or forming any wasteful byproducts, while tolerating a number of common organic functional groups.



Scheme 3.5: General Scheme for the Alkylation Protocol for Ketones with Amines

3.2.1 Reaction Discovery and Optimization Studies

We initially discovered that the catalytic system consisted of the Ru–H complex **2-10** and a redox-active 1,2-benzoquinone ligand exhibited high catalytic activity for the deaminative coupling of acetophenone with 4-methoxybenzylamine to form the α -alkylated product **3-10a**. The coupling reaction shown in **Eq. 3.1** has been used as the standard example unless otherwise noted.



3.2.2.1 Ligand Screening

We first evaluated the ligand effect for the reaction of acetophenone with 4methoxybenzylamine. Without using any ligand, the **3-10a** product was formed in 28% yield along with the imine product (**Table 3.2**; entry 8). While using phenol ligands (**3-11a**) or 1-methoxyphenol (**3-11b**) ligands led to slight improved results compared to the ligand-free conditions, catechol ligands (**2-16**) gave the desired product **3-10a** in significantly increased yield. In accordance with the previous result in the ruthenium catalyzed C(sp³)–N bond cleavage reaction, catechol ligand **2-16** was found to be effective and proved to be the optimal ligand for the selective synthesis of secondary amines.^{126b} The catechol ligands with both electron donating and withdrawing group **2-16a-e** were shown to be effective for promoting the catalytic reaction by giving modest to good yields (65-78%), whereas 2,2′-biphenol ligand **2-12j** gave a slight improved yield for the coupling reaction. The nitrogen donor ligands **3-32d** and **3-33** and aliphatic diols **2-12k** were found to be ineffective for the reaction.





^{*a*}Reaction conditions: acetophenone (0.5 mmol), 4-methoxybenzylamine (0.7 mmol), **2-10** (3 mol %), **ligand** (10 mol %), 1,4-dioxane (2 mL), 130 °C, 16 h. ^{*b*}The product yield of **3-10a** was determined by ¹H NMR by using hexamethylbenzene as an internal standard.

As shown in **Table 3.1**, the catalytic activity of **2-10** was found to be substantially enhanced by the addition of a 1,2-benzoquinone ligand with the efficient formation of product **3-10a**. In this case, secondary amine side product was observed as the minor product, indicating a high selectivity towards the desired alkylation product. The Ru-H complex **2-10** with 3,4,5,6-tetrachloro-1,2-benzoquinone **2-12** was found to exhibit the highest activity among screened benzoquinone ligands by affording 92% yield.

3.2.2.2 Catalyst and Solvent Screening

We found that 1,4-dioxane is the most suitable solvent for the coupling reaction (entry 2-7). The complex **2-10** was found to be most effective catalyst among the screened ruthenium catalysts (entry 1), where the reaction was tolerated the addition of 2 equivalents of water (entry 9). Lewis acids and PCy₃ did not show any activity for the coupling reaction (entry 19-22). A series of ligand screening and optimization efforts have led to the standard conditions for the coupling reaction: acetophenone (0.5 mmol), benzylamine (0.7 mmol), **2-10** (3 mol %) and **2-12** (10 mol %) in 1,4-dioxane (2 mL) at 130 °C for 16 h (**Table 3.2**). The ammonia byproduct, which was detected by GC-MS in a crude reaction mixture, was removed under vacuum along with the solvent, and the product **3-10a** was isolated by a column chromatographic separation on silica gel.

Table 3.2: Catalyst and Additive Screening for the Coupling of Acetophenone with 4

 Methoxybenzylamine

| C Ph | HeO NH2 | Catalyst (0.75 or 3 mol%) Ligand (10 mol%) Dioxane; 130 °C; 16 h 3-10a | + NH ₃ `OMe |
|---------|----------|---|-------------------------------|
| entry | catalyst | deviation from standard conditions | 3-10a (%) ^b |
| 1 | 2-10 | none | 92 |
| 2 | 2-10 | t-butylethylene (1eq.) | 84 |

| 3 | 2-10 | cyclopentene (1eq.) | 79 |
|-----------------|--|--|-------|
| 4 | 2-10 | chlorobenzene (as a solvent) | 46 |
| 5 | 2-10 | 1,2-DCE (as a solvent) | <10 |
| 6 | 2-10 | xylene (as a solvent) | 76 |
| 7 | 2-10 | toluene (as a solvent) | 83 |
| 8 | 2-10 | without 2-12 | 28 |
| 9 | 2-10 | H ₂ O (2 eq.) | 90 |
| 10 | $[(PCy_3)(CO)RuH]_4(\mu-O)(\mu-OH)_2$ | $HBF_4 \cdot OEt_2$ | 79 |
| 11 ^c | $[(PCy_3)(CO)Ru]_4(\mu-Cl)_4]^+BF_4^-$ | - | 54 |
| 12 | (PPh ₃) ₃ (CO)RuH ₂ | - | 22 |
| 13 | (<i>p</i> -cymene) ₂ RuHCl | - | 39 |
| 14 | $RuCl_2(PPh_3)_3$ | - | 8 |
| 15 | RuCl ₃ ·3H ₂ O | - | trace |
| 16 | [Ru(COD)Cl ₂] _x | - | trace |
| 17 | (PCy ₃) ₂ (CO)RuHCl | - | 22 |
| 18 | [(PCy ₃)(CH ₃ CN)(CO)RuH] ⁺ BF ₄ ⁻ | - | 56 |
| 19 | - | none | 0 |
| 20 | - | PCy ₃ /HBF ₄ ·OEt ₂ | 0 |
| 21 | - | HBF4 [·] OEt ₂ | 0 |
| 22 | - | $BF_3 OEt_2$ | 0 |

^{*a*}Standard conditions: acetophenone (0.5 mmol), 4-methoxybenzylamine (0.7 mmol), $[(C_6C_6)(PCy_3)(CO)RuH]^+ BF_4^- 2-10 (3 mol %), 2-12 (10 mol %), 1,4-dioxane (2 mL), 130 °C, 16 h. ^{$ *b*}The product yield of**3-10a**was determined by ¹H NMR using hexamethylbenzene as an internal standard. ^{*c*}0.75 mol% of the ruthenium catalyst has been used.

3.2.3 Reaction Scope

3.2.3.1 Deaminative α -C–H Alkylation of Ketones with Primary Amines

The substrate scope of the deaminative alkylation reaction was examined by using the *in-situ* generated catalyst system **2-10/2-12** under standard conditions. We initially examined the selective alkylation of methyl ketones with various amine substrates (**Table 3.3**). Benzylic amines with para-electron donating group were found to be most effective towards the product formation **3-10a-e**.



Table 3.3: Deaminative α-Alkylation of Methyl Ketones with Amines^a

^{*a*}Reaction conditions: ketone (0.5 mmol), amine (0.7 mmol), **2-10** (3 mol %), **2-12** (10 mol %), 1,4-dioxane (2 mL), 130 °C, 16 h. Ar = 4-methoxyphenyl

On the other hand, acetophenones with electron withdrawing group afforded the corresponding products in higher yields than the ones with electron donating group **3-10f**-**j**. Both benzylic and aliphatic primary amines were found to be suitable substrates for aryl-substituted ketones to form the α -alkylation products **3-10k-o**. The analogous coupling of

aliphatic ketones with benzylic and aliphatic amines cleanly formed the α -alkylated ketone products **3-10p-r**. In these cases, methyl carbon was selectively alkylated over methylene carbon in good to excellent yields (64-84%). 3',4'-(Methylenedioxy)acetophenone with 4methoxybenzylamine also selectively formed the desired product in 71% yield **3-10s**. In contrast, analogous 1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethylamine afforded the corresponding product with an electron rich acetophenone substrate **3-10t** in 66% yield. Cyclohexylmethanamine was found to be a compatible amine substrate for the coupling reaction to form the products **3-10u**. A variety of heteroatom functional groups **3-10v-x** were tolerated in forming the desired α -alkylated ketone products. Amine substrates containing heterocycles (**3-10y**) as well as both polyaromatic substituted amines **3-10z** and ketones **3-10aa** were also found to be suitable substrates for the coupling reaction. These results demonstrated that the novel deaminative coupling method effectively leads to regioselective α - alkylation ketone substrates.

3.2.3.2 Deaminative α-Methylene C–H Alkylation of Ketones with Primary Amines

We next examined the scope of the coupling reaction of substituted ketone substrates (**Table 3.4**). The electron rich propiophenones with 4methoxyphenylethylamine and benzylamine afforded the desired products **3-10ab** and **3-10ac** in 84% and 61% yields respectively. In general, the alkylation occurs regioselectively at the less substituted α -carbon of ketones, but the coupling of 1-phenyl-2-butanone with a benzylic amine formed the branched alkylated product **3-10ad-ae**, resulting from the regioselective alkylation on the phenyl-substituted carbon. The coupling reaction of cyclic ketones having different ring sizes with phenylethylamines and benzylic amines smoothly resulted in the alkylation products **3-10af-ak** in high yields. The coupling reaction of substituted cyclic ketones with benzylic amines resulted in a highly diastereoselective alkylation products **3-10al-an**. In contrast, the coupling with cyclohexanone with a chiral amine (R)-(+)- β -methylphenethylamine resulted in a 2.8:1 diastereomeric mixture of **3-10ao**.

Table 3.4: Deaminative α -Alkylation of Methylene Position of the Ketones with Amines^a



^{*a*}Reaction conditions: ketone (0.5 mmol), amine (0.7 mmol), **2-10** (3 mol %), **2-12** (10 mol %), 1,4-dioxane (2 mL), 130 °C, 16 h. Ar = 4-methoxyphenyl

The coupling reaction of propiophenone with a chiral amine (R)-(+)- β methylphenethylamine resulted in a decreased of both yield and diastereoselectivity. Sterically demanding primary or secondary amines with α -quaternary carbon did not give any alkylation products.

3.2.3.3 Deaminative α -Alkylation of Ketones with Biologically Active Primary Amines

We next explored the synthetic utility of the coupling method by employing several biologically active ketone and amine substrates (**Table 3.5**). The coupling of an indole-substituted ketone with (-)-*cis*-myrtanylamine yielded the coupling product **3-10at** without any detectable racemization on the chiral methyne position, the structure of which was determined by X-ray crystallography. The coupling of nabumetone with (-)*cis*-myrtanylamine also shown the similar reactivity affording corresponding product **3-10au**. The treatment of 4-(1H-indol-3-yl)butan-2-one and nabumetone with geranylamine led to the coupling products **3-10av** and **3-10aw**, with the regioselective hydrogenation on the proximal double bond. The treatment of 4-morpholinylacetophenone with 4methoxybenzylamine cleanly afforded the α -alkylated product **3-10ax** in 71% yield, the structure of which was also confirmed by X-ray crystallography. 4-Fluoroacetophenone and 4-morpholinobenzylamine smoothly formed the coupling product, as illustrated by the formation of **3-10ay**, and morpholinyl, furan-, and thiophene-substituted amines smoothly yielded the alkylation products **3-10az**, **3-10ba** and **3-10bb** respectively.



Table 3.5: Deaminative α-Alkylation of Ketones with Biologically Active Amines^a

^{*a*}Reaction conditions: ketone (0.5 mmol), amine (0.7 mmol), **2-10** (3 mol %), **2-12** (10 mol %), 1,4-dioxane (2 mL), 130 °C, 16 h. Ar = 4-methoxyphenyl

Unsaturated ketone substrates also well tolerated the reaction by giving good to excellent yields as shown in **3-10az-bc**. The coupling of acetone with (+)-dehydroabietylamine led to an essentially single diastereomer of the alkylation product **3-10bd**, while the coupling of 5- α -cholestan-3-one with *iso*-amylamine resulted in a 6:1 diastereomeric mixture of the product **3-10be**. These examples amply illustrate the synthetic utility as well as heteroatom functional group compatibility of the catalytic method in forming α -alkylated ketone products.

3.2.4 Mechanistic Studies

3.2.4.1 Reaction Profile Study

We have chosen the reaction of acetophenone with benzyl amines for probing the mechanism of alkylation reaction. First, we monitored the catalytic coupling reaction of acetophenone with 4-methoxybenzylamine by using the NMR method. Thus, the treatment of acetophenone (0.10 mmol) with 4-methoxybenzylamine (0.10 mmol) in the presence of complex **2-10** (3 mol %)/**2-12** (10 mol %) in toluene- d_8 (0.5 mL) in a J-Young NMR tube was immersed an oil bath set at 130 °C. The tube was taken out from the oil bath in 20 min intervals and was analyzed by ¹H NMR at ambient temperature. As shown in **Figure 3.1**, a rapid formation of the imine product PhMeC=NCH₂C₆H₄-4-OMe (**3-13a**) was initially observed, reaching at its maximum concentration within 40 min. After 1 h, the alkylation product **3-10a** was gradually appeared at the expense of **3-13a**, and the complete conversion to **3-10a** took about 3 h of the reaction time under these conditions. The formation of **1n[3-10a**] vs time (*vide infra*).



Figure 3.1: Reaction Profile for the Coupling Reaction of Acetophenone with 4-Methoxybenzylamine. Acetophenone (■), **3-10a** (▲), **3-13a** (●).

3.2.4.2 Reaction with Imine Substrate

In a separate preparatory-scale experiment, we have been able to isolate the imine product **3-13a** in 99% yield from the dehydrative coupling reaction of acetophenone with 4-methoxybenzylamine. The subsequent treatment of the isolated imine **3-13a** with **2-10** $(3 \mod \%)/2$ -12 (10 mol %) and water (2 eq.) under the standard conditions cleanly formed the product **3-10a** in >95% yield (Scheme 3.6).





Scheme 3.6: Reaction of Imine Species 3-13a-d Substrates Under Standard Reaction Conditions

In this case, the addition of water was found to be essential because a stoichiometric amount of water would be required for the hydrolysis of imine in forming the ketone product **3-10a**. Similar reactivity has been observed when the reaction was performed with the aldimine species **3-13b**, which was independently generated from the reaction of 1-(4-methylphenyl)ethylamine with 4-methoxybenzaldehyde. This observation suggested that the imine isomerization of 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(1-(p-tolyl)ethyl) methanimine **3-13b** to (4-Methoxyphenyl)-*N*-(1-phenylethylidene) methanamine **3-13a** is a possible pathway before the alkylation step. Also, independently synthesized aldimines **3-13c** and **3-13d** from the reaction of 4-methoxybenzaldehyde with cyclohexylamine and (S)-(+)-1cyclohexylethylamine afforded the corresponding alkylated products **3-10bf** and **3-10bg** in 97% and 86% yields, respectively (**Scheme 3.6**).

3.2.4.3 Crossover Experiment

Both the reaction profile and the imine reaction experiments established that the imine **3-13a** is the requisite intermediate for the alkylation product **3-10a**. To probe whether **3-10a** is resulted from an intramolecular or an intermolecular disproportionation process, we next performed a set of crossover experiments by using the isolated imine substrates **3-13a** and **3-13c**. Thus, a 1:1 mixture of the independently generated **3-13a** (0.25 mmol) and *N*-cyclohexylidene-3-phenylpropan-1-amine (**3-13c**) (0.25 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (2 mL) was treated with the catalytic system **2-10/2-12** and water (0.50 mmol) under otherwise the standard reaction conditions for 16 h (**Eq. 3.2**).



The isolated product mixture contained a nearly 1:1 mixture of the products **3-10a** and **3-10aj** in 94% and 85% respectively, with only a small amount of the crossover products (<10%). The absence of crossover coupling products indicates that the conversion of initially formed Schiff base **3-13a** to the alkylation product **3-10a** predominantly proceeds via an intramolecular process.

3.2.4.4 Deuterium Labeling Study

We next examined the deuterium exchange pattern of the coupling reaction to probe the possible imine-to-enamine isomerization process. Thus, the treatment of perdeuterated acetophenone $C_6D_5COCD_3$ (0.50 mmol) with 4-methoxybenzylamine (0.70 mmol) in the presence of 2-10 (3 mol %)/2-12 (10 mol %) under the standard conditions formed the coupling product 3-10a-*d*, which was isolated by a column chromatography on silica gel (Eq. 3.3).



Figure 3.2: ¹H and ²H NMR Spectra of the Product 3-10a- d^{1}



The deuterium content of the isolated product **3-10a**- d^1 showed 41% on α -CH₂ and 21% on β -CH₂ positions as analyzed by ¹H and ²H NMR (**Figure 3.2**). The analogous coupling reaction of acetophenone with 4-methoxybenzylamine and D₂O (2 eq.) resulted in 26% deuterium incorporation on the α -CH₂ and 14% on the β -CH₂ positions of the product **3-10a**- d^2 (**Eq. 3.4**). In a control experiment the treatment of **3-10a** with D₂O (2 eq.) under the standard reaction conditions were performed. However, significant deuterium exchange only to the α -CH₂ (30% D) without any measurable deuterium on β -CH₂ position of the product **3-10a** and in the **3-10a**- d^3 after the reaction (**Eq. 3.5**). A relatively high degree of H/D exchange on the α -CH₂ group of the isolated products **3-10a**- d^3 (30%) suggests a facile keto-enol tautomerization of the ketone product during and after the coupling reaction. In contrast, over 20% of deuterium incorporation on the β -CH₂ position of the product **3-10a**- d^1 (21%) and **3-10a**- d^3 (26%) supports the notion that a significant H/D exchange is resulted from the coupling reaction with amine substrate, and that the exchange process must have occurred during the coupling reaction, as noted by the absence of deuterium exchange under the control experiment conditions.



The H/D exchange to α -CH₂ position can be readily explained by a facile and reversible imine-enamine tautomerization process, while the exchange to β -CH₂ position can be explained via an initial amine-imine dehydrogenation reaction (**Scheme 3.7**).



Scheme 3.7: H/D Exchange Mechanism via Imine-Enamine Tautomerization (top); and Amine-Imine Dehydrogenation Processes (bottom)

However, an alternate mechanism via the carbonyl-assisted 5-membered metallacyclic species cannot be ruled out at this point, in light of the recent development of carbonyl-directed catalytic sp³ C–H functionalization methods.¹⁷ In an unrelated process, an extensive H/D exchange on the *ortho*-arene position (64% of D) of the product **3-10-***d*₁ can be explained via the chelate-assisted *ortho*-metalation and the reversible H/D exchange. This type of *ortho*-arene C–H/C–D exchange pattern has been commonly observed for chelate-assisted arene C–H insertion reactions.¹⁵⁰



Figure 3.3: ¹H and ²H NMR Spectra of 3-10h- d^1



Reversible H/D exchange process during the imine-enamine tautomerization was monitored by using the deuterium-labeled imine substrate **3-13b**- d^1 , which was prepared from the reaction of 4-methoxybenzaldehyde- d^1 with 1-p-tolylethanamine. The treatment of **3-13b**- d^1 (98% D) with H₂O under the standard reaction conditions led to the formation of **3-10h**- d^1 with the exclusive deuterium on the β -CH₂ position (49% D), which amounts to >98% retention of the deuterium atom (**Eq. 3.6**). The absence of significant H/D exchange in the formation **3-10h**- d^1 is consistent with an irreversible C=N isomerization of an aldimine **3-13b**- d^1 to a more stable ketimine prior to the product formation. The similar imine-enamine tautomerization process has been observed in a number of metal-catalyzed C–C and C–N coupling reactions.¹⁹

3.2.4.5 Deuterium Isotope Effect Study

To probe electronic effects on the α -C–H bond activation, we measured the deuterium kinetic isotope effect for the α -alkylation reaction catalyzed by the complex 2-10/2-12 ligand with (4-Methoxyphenyl)-*N*-(1-phenylethylidene)methanamine 3-13a (Eq. 3.7) and 3-13a-*d* (Eq. 3.8). Thus, the rate of 3-13a and 3-13a-*d* in the presence of 2-10 (3 mol %)/2-12 (10 mol %) was measured by monitoring the appearance of the product signals on ¹H NMR, which were normalized against the peak of an internal standard (C₆Me₆). The k_{obs} was determined from a first-order plot of -ln[((3-13a_0) – (3-13a_t))/3**13a**₀] vs time (**Figure 3.4**). Deuterium kinetic isotope effect on the α -hydrogen of the **3-13a** intermediate was found to be k_H/k_D= 1.0±0.1, which indicates C–H activation of the reaction is not involving in the turnover limiting step.



Figure 3.4: First Order Plot of the Catalytic α -Alkylation of (4-Methoxyphenyl)-N-(1-phenylethylidene)methanamine (\blacktriangle) and Deuterated (4-Methoxyphenyl)-N-(1-phenylethylidene)methanamine (\bullet)



Hammett equation describes a linear free-energy relationship of the reaction rates and equilibrium constants with respect to electronic nature of the substrates. We compared the electronic effects for the alkylation reaction by measuring the rates of the alkylation reaction of acetophenone with a series of *para*-substituted benzylamines *p*-X- $C_6H_4CH_2NH_2$ (X = OMe, Me, H, F, Cl, CF₃) (**Eq. 3.9**). The rate of the coupling reaction of acetophenone (0.20 mmol) with a *para*-substituted benzylamine (0.30 mmol) in the presence of **2-10** (3 mol %)/**2-12** (10 mol %) in toluene-*d*₈ was monitored by NMR.



Figure 3.5: (a) Hammett Plot from the Coupling Reaction of Acetophenone with p-X-C₆H₄CH₂NH₂; (b) Hammett Plot from the Coupling Reaction of p-Y-C₆H₄COCH₃ with 4-Methoxybenzylamine

The appearance of the product peak **3-10** was normalized against an internal standard (C₆Me₆) in 30 min intervals, and the k_{obs} of each catalytic reaction was determined from a first-order plot of $ln[([C_6H_5COMe]_I - [C_6H_5COMe)]_i)/([C_6H_5COMe)]_i)_0]$ vs time. The Hammett plot of $log(k_X/k_H)$ vs σ_p showed a linear correlation, in which the reaction is strongly promoted by an electron-releasing group of the amine substrate ($\rho = -0.49 \pm 0.1$) (**Figure 3.5a**). The analogous Hammett plot was also obtained from the alkylation reaction of a series of *para*-substituted acetophenones *p*-Y-C₆H₄COMe (Y = OMe, Me, H, F, Cl, CF₃) with 4-methoxybenzylamine (**Eq. 3.10**).



The rate of the coupling reaction of a *para*-substituted acetophenone (0.20 mmol) with 4methoxybenzylamine (0.30 mmol) in the presence of **2-10** (3 mol %)/**2-12** (10 mol %) in toluene-*d*₈ was measured by NMR, and the *k*_{obs} of each catalytic reaction was determined from a first-order plot of *ln*[*p*-OMe-C₆H₄CH₂N=C(Me)-*p*-Y-C₆H₄]_i-[*p*-OMe-C₆H₄CH₂N=C(Me)-*p*-Y-C₆H₄]_t)/([*p*-OMe-C₆H₄CH₂N=C(Me)-*p*-Y-C₆H₄]_i)₀] vs time. In this case, the coupling reaction was moderately promoted by an electron-withdrawing group of the ketone substrate, as indicated by a relatively modest slope ($\rho = +0.20 \pm 0.1$) (**Figure 3.5b**). A strong promotional effect from *para*-electron-releasing group of the benzylamines suggests that the C–N bond cleavage step is strongly influenced by the nucleophilicity of the benzylic carbon. On the other hand, a moderate promotional effect from electron-deficient *para*-substituted acetophenones indicates that the electrophilic
nature of the α -carbon of the ketone substrate is a significant factor for the C–C bond formation step.

With the observations of the Hammett correlation data in hand, we decided to perform a set of experiments to avoid the complex reaction kinetics by employing para substituted imines as the substrates (p-X-C₆H₄CH₂N=C(Me)C₆H₅; X = OMe, H, F, CF₃) and (p-OMe-C₆H₄CH₂N=C(Me)-p-Y-C₆H₄; Y = OMe, H, F, CF₃). The k_{obs} was determined from a first-order plot of -ln([p-X-C₆H₄CH₂N=C(Me)C₆H₅]_t/[p-X-C₆H₄CH₂N=C(Me)C₆H₅]₀) vs time (**Figure 3.6**).



Figure 3.6: First-Order Plots of $-ln([p-X-C_6H_4CH_2N=C(Me)C_6H_5]_t/[p-X-C_6H_4CH_2N=C(Me)C_6H_5]_0)$ vs time (X = OMe, H, F, CF₃)

Similarly, the k_{obs} of the analogous reaction was determined from a first-order plot of ln([p-OMe-C₆H₄CH₂N=C(Me)-p-Y-C₆H₄]_t/[p-OMe-C₆H₄CH₂N=C(Me)-p-Y-C₆H₄]₀) (Y = OMe, H, F, CF₃) vs time (**Figure 3.7**). The Hammett plot of log(k_X/k_H) vs σ_p showed a linear correlation (**Figure 3.8**), suggesting that the initial formation and accumulation of the imine intermediate is not effectively involve in the overall kinetics for the coupling reaction of ketone and amine. This result is consistent with the electrophilic nature of the α -carbon of the imine intermediate is a significant factor for the C–C bond formation step.



Figure 3.7: First-order Plots of $-ln([p-OMe-C_6H_4CH_2N=C(CH_3)-p-Y-C_6H_4]_t/[p-OMe-C_6H_4CH_2N=C(CH_3)-p-Y-C_6H_4]_0)$ vs time (Y = OMe, F, CF₃)



Figure 3.8: (a) Hammett Plot from the Rearrangement Reaction of p-X-C₆H₄CH₂N=C(CH₃)C₆H₅ (X = OMe, H, F, CF₃); (b) Hammett Plot from the Rearrangement Reaction of p-OMe-C₆H₄CH₂N=C(CH₃)-p-Y-C₆H₄ (Y = OMe, H, F, CF₃)

3.2.4.7 Carbon Isotope Effect Study



The Hammett study implicates that either C–N bond cleavage or C–C bond formation is the most likely to be rate determining step for the catalytic alkylation reaction. To discern between these possible turnover limiting steps, we measured carbon kinetic isotope effect for the coupling reaction by employing Singleton's NMR technique at natural abundance.¹²⁷ Thus, the treatment of acetophenone (2.0 mmol) with 4methoxybenzylamine (2.8 mmol) in the presence of **2-10** (3 mol %)/**2-12** (10 mol %) in 1,4-dioxane (8 mL) was heated at 130 °C for 20 h (**Eq. 3.11**). The product **3-10a** was isolated by a column chromatography on silica gel, and the procedure was repeated for three times to obtain a high product conversion sample of **3-10a**. The same experimental

procedure was used for the isolation of a low product conversion sample of 3-10a. The

high precision ¹³C NMR analysis showed the significant carbon isotope effect on the α -

carbon of the product **3-10a** when the ¹³C ratio of the product from a high conversion was

compared with the sample obtained from a low conversion (¹³C (avg 77%

conversion)/¹³C (avg 13% conversion) at $C_{\alpha} = 1.020 \pm 0.001$; average of three runs),

(Table 3.6). The observed carbon isotope effect on the α -carbon of the product 3-10a can

be rationalized via an asynchronous transition state on the C–C bond formation step.

Table 3.6: Average ¹³C Integration of the Product **3-10a** Obtained from the Reaction of Acetophenone and 4-Methoxybenzylamine at High Conversion (Virgin, R_0 ; 78% conversion), at Low Conversion (R; avg 13% conversion) and the Calculated ¹³C KIE (C12 = reference)

| Carbon # | High Conversion (R ₀) | Low Conversion (R) | R_0/R | KIE |
|----------|---|--------------------------|---------|--------|
| 1 | 1.1206 | 1.1213 | 0.9994 | 0.9994 |
| 2 | 2.1720 | 2.1728 | 0.9996 | 0.9996 |
| 3 | 2.1094 | 2.1207 | 0.9947 | 0.9947 |
| 4 | 1.1497 | 1.1475 | 1.0019 | 1.0019 |
| 5 | 1.1355 | 1.1351 | 1.0004 | 1.0004 |
| 6 | 1.0694 | 1.0488 | 1.0196 | 1.0196 |
| 7 | 1.0641 | 1.0668 | 0.9975 | 0.9975 |
| 8 | 1.1424 | 1.1481 | 0.9950 | 0.9950 |
| 9 | 2.0528 | 2.0552 | 0.9988 | 0.9988 |
| 10 | 2.0312 | 2.0392 | 0.9961 | 0.9961 |
| 11 | 1.1467 | 1.1504 | 0.9968 | 0.9968 |
| 12 (ref) | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 |

In support of this notion, Singleton and co-workers showed that the observation of most pronounced carbon isotope effect is a definitive evidence for establishing the ratelimiting step for both C–C and C–O bond forming reactions.¹⁵¹ The C–N bond cleavage step has also been commonly considered as the turnover limiting step for catalytic reductive coupling reactions of amines and related organonitrogen compounds.^{3b, 64b}

3.2.4.8 Determination of an Empirical Rate Law

Kinetics for the transformation of the isolated imine **3-13a** was measured as a function of [**2-10**], [**3-13a**] and [H₂O] under the standard reaction conditions unless otherwise noted (**Eq. 3.12**). Isolated imine **3-13a** has been used as the substrate to avoid induction period kinetics during the formation of **3-10a** or possible accumulation of intermediate species from the initial dehydration reaction.



The initial rate was measured from the appearance of the product of **3-10a** at four different catalyst concentrations (4-20 μ M). The plot of **3-10a** vs time under four different catalyst concentrations clearly shows the concentration dependence with respect to **2-10** (**Figure 3.9a**). The plot of initial rate (v₀) as a function of [**2-10**] yielded a linear slope with the first order rate constant of 2.8×10^{-3} s⁻¹ (**Figure 3.9b**).



Figure 3.9: Plots for the (a) 3-10a vs Time and (b) Initial Rate vs [2-10]



Figure 3.10: Plots for the (a) 3-10a vs Time and (b) Initial Rate vs [3-13a]

As expected, the plot of **3-10a** vs time under four different imine concentrations of **3-13a** (0.2-0.8 mM) indicated the first order concentration dependence. The initial rate as a function of the substrate concentration [**3-13a**] (0.2-0.8 mM) also showed the first order rate dependence on **3-13a** in the range of the catalytically relevant concentrations (0.2-0.8 mM) (**Figure 3.10b**).



Figure 3.11: Plots for the (a) 3-10a vs Time and (b) Initial Rate vs [H₂O]

On the other hand, no water concentration dependence was observed for the transformation (**Figure 3.11a**). The plot of initial rate vs [H₂O] showed a zero-order dependence in the range of 0.4-1.2 mM (**Figure 3.11b**). On the basis of these kinetic data, the empirical rate law for the reaction has been compiled as rate = k[2-10][3-13a]. The first order rate dependence on both [3-13a] and the catalyst [2-10] is consistent with an intramolecular process on the formation of 3-10a, whereas the rate independence on [H₂O] indicates a facile imine hydrolysis step during the catalysis.

3.2.5 Detection of Catalytically Relevant Organic Products

We reasoned that the intramolecular alkyl migration mechanism would be the key step for the desired α -alkylated product formation, in which an enamine species would be a requisite intermediate for the coupling reaction. In an effort to detect the catalytically relevant enamine products, we were able to isolate and characterize the (Z)-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-(naphthalen-2-yl)-4-(3,4,5-trimethoxy benzylamino)but-3-en-2-one product **3**-

14 from the reaction of 4,4,4-trifluoro-1-(2-naphthyl)-1,3-butanedione and 3,4,5trimethoxybenzylamine under standard reaction conditions (**Eq. 3.13**).



The imine product **3-13** was established by both NMR and X-ray crystallographic methods, which clearly indicated that the formation of intramolecular hydrogen bonding stabilized the enamine intermediate. This observation indirectly supports the formation of enamine intermediate as the reaction did not yield the product **3-13** in the absence of the ruthenium catalyst **2-10**. When the isolated product **3-35** was subjected to the standard reaction conditions, it did not form the alkylation product, probably due to the stabilization of intramolecular hydrogen bonding and electronic reasons.

In a separate experiment, we tested the imine isomerization on ruthenium catalytic system by employing independently synthesized (E)-N-(4-methoxybenzylidene)-1,1diphenylmethanamine **3-13f** under standard reaction conditions (**Eq. 3.14**). The aldimine product was completely isomerized into a stable ketoimine product *N*-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-1,1-diphenylmethanimine **3-13g**.



When the catalytic system was tested for the reaction of electron rich ketone with 4-methoxybenzylamine under the standard reaction conditions, about 20% of unexpected byproduct **3-15** was formed along with 56% desired product **3-10g** (**Eq. 3.15**). In this case, the formation of trisubstituted pyridine byproduct **3-15** was difficult to rationalize due to symmetric nature of the product formation.



In order to understand the reaction mechanism of the trisubstituted pyridine byproduct we decided to isolate and characterize the byproduct formed from the reaction of 7-bromo-1-tetralone with 2-thiophenemethylamine. To our delight we were able to obtain similar pyridine byproduct **3-16** from the 2:1 coupling of ketone and amine substrates (**Eq. 3.16**).



This observation clearly suggested that the formation of the pyridine product **3-16** was resulted from the second enolate attack. As the imine intermediate proceeded the formation of desired alkylated product, the in-situ generated imine **3-16a**, from the initial dehydrative coupling of ketone and amine substrates, is the active substrate for the catalytic alkylation reaction. Coordination of the imine **3-16a** with the active ruthenium complex followed by imine-to-enamine isomerization and subsequent C-N bond activation would form intermediate ruthenium alkyl complex **3-16b**. An intramolecular [1,3]-alkyl migration would form the Ru-imine species **3-16c** and double bond isomerization would form the intermediate species **3-16d** and **3-16e**. Second enolate attack (2+2 addition) followed by dehydrative aromatization would generate the observed



Scheme 3.8: Tentative Reaction Mechanism for the Formation of 2:1 Byproduct **3-16** from the Reaction of 7-bromo-1-tetralone with 2-thiophenemethylamine

3.2.6 Determination of Catalytic Activity of the Ru-Catecholate Complex 2-11

In an effort to detect/trap catalytically relevant species, we examined the reaction of **2-10** with a number of catechol and benzoquinone ligands. The complex **2-10** (117 mg, 0.20 mmol), 3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-o-benzoquinone **2-12b** (44 mg, 0.20 mmol), PCy₃ (56 mg, 0.20 mmol) were dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) in a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a

Teflon screw cap stopcock and a magnetic stirring bar under N_2 stream. After stirring for 24 h in a water bath set at 70 °C, the solvent was removed under vacuum, and the residue was washed with 2% hexanes/EtOAc under nitrogen atmosphere. The resulting residue was dissolved in acetone (3 mL), layered with n-pentane (4 mL), and stored in a glove box for five days for crystallization. The resulting solid was filtered through a fritted funnel to yield the complex 2-11 (102 mg, 56%) as a reddish crystalline solid. Single crystals of 2-11 were obtained by slow evaporation in EtOAc/pentanes, and its structure was determined by X-ray crystallography (Eq. 3.17).



The ruthenium catecholate complex **2-11** was found to exhibit a high catalytic activity for the alkylation reaction. For example, the treatment of acetophenone with 4-methoxybenzylamine in the presence of **2-11** (1 mol %) otherwise under the standard conditions efficiently afforded the alkylation product **3-10a** in 90% yield within 2 h (**Eq. 3.18**). It should be noted that the catalytic activity of **2-11** is substantially higher than the *in-situ* generated one, giving the desired product **3-10a** in a shorter reaction time at a lower catalyst loading.



The rate of the transformation of imine **3-13a** to **3-10a** was quantitatively measured by using the catalyst **2-11** under the similar conditions as described in **Eq. 3.12**. The initial rate of the appearance of the product **3-10a** was measured at four different catalyst concentrations (4-12 mM), and the plot of initial rate (v₀) as a function of [**2-11**] yielded the observed rate constant $k = 7.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$, which is 2.5 times larger than the rate measured from *in-situ* generated catalyst **2-10/2-12** ($k = 2.8 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$) (**Figure 3-12**).



Figure 3.12: Plots for the Dependence of the Ruthenium Catecholate Complex **2-11** (a) **3-10a** vs Time and (b) Initial Rate vs [**2-11**]

Furthermore, to demonstrate its synthetic utility, a gram scale reaction was performed for the coupling reaction of acetophenone with 4-methoxybenzylamine by using the catalyst **2-11** (1 mol %), which yielded the product **3-10a** in 90% yield under the standard reaction conditions (**Eq. 3.19**). These results clearly demonstrate that the Rucatecholate complex **2-11** is a catalytically relevant species for the alkylation reaction.



3.2.7 Computational Studies

3.2.7.1 Mechanistic Insights on Alkyl Migration Step

To gain detailed mechanistic insights on the requisite C–N bond cleavage step of the reaction, we performed density functional theory (DFT) computational analysis. Entire computational work was performed by our collaborator Marat R. Talipov, New Mexico State University. Initially, we carried out the calculations on a sigmatropic transformation of *N*,*N*-ethyl-2-propenylamine **3-18** into pentan-2-imine **3-19** in the absence of Ru catalyst by using a closed-shell M06L/def2-TZVPPD//M06L/def2-SV(P)+PCM(1,4-dioxane) method, which has successfully located the transition state for [1,3]-sigmatropic shift of ethyl group (**Figure 3.13**). However, in this case, the activation enthalpy exceeded the total enthalpy of separated ethyl and isopropenyl amino radicals (62.5 kcal/mol), which suggests that [1,3]-sigmatropic shift is not an energetically feasible pathway for this transformation (D $H^{\ddagger} = 75.7$ kcal/mol). Indeed, we found no viable transition state for the sigmatropic transformation by using an open-shell variation of the same computational method. The DFT analysis of non-catalyzed model system clearly suggested the efficacy of Ru-catalyzed enamine-to-imine transformation. We next performed the calculations for the same transformation in the presence of the Ru-catecholate complex **2-11** (without the *t*-Bu groups). Initial computational efforts to locate the transition state via a concerted sigmatropic rearrangement pathway were unsuccessful despite numerous attempts using either closed- or open-shell formalism.



Figure 3.13: Schematic Representation of a Sigmatropic Transformation of *N*,*N*-Ethyl-2-Propenylamine to Pentan-2-Imine without Ruthenium Catalyst

The anticipated sigmatropic rearrangement pathway for **3-20a** to **3-22a** was eventually found by using the nudged elastic band (NEB) technique at the CASSCF(2,2)/def2-SV(P) level of theory, but the highest point of the pathway has 90 kcal/mol higher energy than **3-20a**, which is prohibitively high for this transformation under normal thermal conditions. Instead, our DFT calculations revealed an alternate stepwise mechanistic pathway via the formation of a Ru-alkyl intermediate **3-21a** (**Figure 3.14**).



Figure 3.14: Enthalpy Profile for the Ru-mediated Transformation of **3-20a** to **3-22a** (Red Line) and **3-20b** to **3-22b** (Blue Line), Calculated at the M06L/def2-TZVPPD//M06L/def2-SV(P)+PCM(1,4-Dioxane) Level of Theory



Figure 3.15: Computed Structures of the Transition States TS-3-20a and TS-3-21a

The geometrically optimized structure of intermediate **3-21a** showed an octahedral Ru(IV) atom with a directly bound ethyl moiety. The activation enthalpies for both elementary steps were moderately low: for **3-20a** \rightarrow **3-21a** via the transition state **TS-3-20a** has D H^{\ddagger} = 43.6 kcal/mol, and for **3-21a** \rightarrow **3-22a** via the **TS-3-21a** with D H^{\ddagger} = 44.1 kcal/mol. Both activation enthalpy values are reasonable from the standpoint of experimental thermal conditions. The optimized structures of **TS-3-20a** and **TS-3-21a** (**Figure 3-15**) represent the transition of ethyl group from the nitrogen atom to ruthenium atom and from the ruthenium atom to the terminal carbon atom of the double bond, respectively. The visual analysis of the transition state structures was further supported by the intrinsic reaction coordinate (IRC) analysis. We observed that the reaction proceeds on the singlet potential energy surface with a formal Ru(IV) oxidation state, although the intermediate **3-21a** has a partial open-shell character ($<S^2 > = 0.63/0.05$ before/after the spin annihilation procedure, respectively) with a relatively low singlet-triplet gap of 13.4 kcal/mol. The analogous calculations for the benzyl-substituted

enamine-to-imine rearrangement **3-20b** to **3-22b** showed a similar stepwise pathway via the Ru-benzyl intermediate **3-21b**, whose activation enthalpies were ~10 kcal/mol lower than the alkyl-substituted case ($\Delta H^{\ddagger} = 33.3$ kcal/mol for **3-20b** \rightarrow **3-21b**, $\Delta H^{\ddagger} = 28.5$ kcal/mol for **3-21b** \rightarrow **3-22b**) (Figure 3.14).

3.2.7.2 DFT Computational Study on Carbon Kinetic Isotope Effect

We also computed the carbon KIE by using the standard thermochemical analysis for the transformation of **3-20a** \rightarrow **3-22a**. Specifically, we recalculated the activation enthalpy for the ¹³C-modified **3-20a** and used the Eyring equation to evaluate the isotopic effect on the reaction rate. The computed carbon KIE value (C_a = 1.030) was in good agreement with the experimental KIE value (C_a = 1.020), which further corroborates a stepwise [1,3]-alkyl migration mechanism via the formation of Ru-alkyl intermediate **3-21**.



Figure 3.16: Experimental and Theoretical Carbon Kinetic Isotope Effects

3.2.7.3 DFT Computational Study on Hammett Study

Initial DFT calculations on the Hammett correlations by using the standard thermochemical analysis for the transformation of $3-20a \rightarrow 3-21a$ are consistent with the experimental data (Figure 3.17a). Also, the computed carbon enthalpy values for para substituted benzyl amine fragment of the enamine X = OMe, CF₃ found to be 32.4, 35.3 kcal/mol respectively and para substituted ketone fragment of the enamine X = CF₃, H, OMe found to be 32.3, 33.3, 33.6 kcal/mol respectively (Figure 3.17b; 3.18). These data shown to be good agreement with the experimental Hammett correlations. These observations also further corroborates a stepwise [1,3]-alkyl migration mechanism via the formation of Ru-alkyl intermediate 3-41.



Figure 3.17: (a) Hammett Plot from the Reaction of p-X-C₆H₄CH₂N=C(CH₃)C₆H₅ (X = OMe, H, F, CF₃) (•) and p-OMe-C₆H₄CH₂N=C(CH₃)-p-Y-C₆H₄ (Y = OMe, H, F, CF₃) (\blacktriangle); (b) Computed carbon enthalpy values for para substituted benzyl amine fragment of the enamine X = OMe, CF₃



Figure 3.18: Transition States of the Standard Thermochemical Analysis for the Transformation of $3-20a \rightarrow 3-21a$

3.3 Proposed Mechanism of the Catalytic Reaction

We compiled a plausible mechanistic path for the alkylation reaction on the basis of these experimental and computational data (**Scheme 3.9**). The successful synthesis of the Ru-catecholate complex **2-11** and the demonstration of its high catalytic activity clearly support a coordinatively unsaturated Ru(II)-catecholate complex **3-23** as the catalytically active species. The coordinatively unsaturated Ru-catecholate complex **3-23** would be generated initially from the treatment of **2-10** with the reduced form of benzoquinone ligand via the ligand displacement, or directly from **2-11** via PCy₃ ligand dissociation.



Scheme 3.9: Proposed Mechanism of the Deaminative α -Alkylation of Ketones with Amines

The ketimine **3-13**, which is formed form the initial dehydrative coupling of ketone and amine substrates, is the real substrate for the catalytic alkylation reaction. The coordination of imine substrate **3-13** and the subsequent imine-to-enamine isomerization should form the Ru-enamine species **3-25** via imine coordinated complex **3-24**. The deuterium labeling study supports a facile imine-to-enamine tautomerization step. The first-order kinetics on [**3-13a**] as well as the lack of imine crossover results provide experimental supports for an intramolecular alkyl migration mechanism in forming the Ru-imine species **3-27**. The observation of prominent carbon KIE on the α -carbon of the product **3-10a** is consistent with the C–C bond formation rate-determining step.

While the [1,3]-carbon migration step may occur either in stepwise or a concerted fashion, we could not find any specific literature examples on [1,3]-carbon shift on either enamine or imine compounds. On the other hand, the analogous thermally induced [1,3]-carbon shift reactions of vinylcycloalkanes have been well-known to occur in a concerted, suprafacial fashion, resulting in the inversion of stereochemistry on the migrating carbon atom.¹⁵² A number of transition metal-catalyzed C–C coupling reactions of propargylic esters and related cycloisomerization reactions have been known to proceed via a [1,3]-carbon shift process,¹⁵³ and related Ag-catalyzed [1,3]-halogen shift reactions for vinyl and dienyl-containing compounds have also been reported recently.¹⁵⁴ In these sigmatropic [1,3]-carbon shift reactions, the orbital interactions between the σ -carbon and π -orbitals from unsaturated carbon atoms are essential for promoting the symmetry-allowed suprafacial carbon migration.

The DFT study revealed deeper mechanistic insights for the Ru-mediated [1,3]alkyl migration step of the reaction. The DFT calculations showed that the direct enamine-to-imine rearrangement is a prohibitively high energy process in the absence of a Ru catalyst (**Figure 3-13**). The DFT calculations on the Ru-mediated enamine-to-imine rearrangement showed that the [1,3]-alkyl migration step proceeds in a stepwise fashion via the formation of the Ru(IV)-alkyl intermediate species **3-21**, apparently to avoid a high energy concerted pathway. The geometrical optimization of the Ru-catecholate complex **2-11** with the imine substrate led to a locally minimized structure of Ru(IV)alkyl intermediate **3-21**, with a relatively moderate activation enthalpies (D $H^{\ddagger} = 43-44$ kcal/mol). The DFT computational results as well as experimental Hammett and carbon KIE data clearly indicate that the [1,3]-alkyl migration is the turnover-limiting step of the catalytic reaction, in which the alkyl migration (C–N bond cleavage) step is promoted by the nucleophilicity of a-imine carbon. The rate independence on $[H_2O]$ is consistent with a rapid hydrolysis of the resulting imine product to form the alkylation product **3-10** along with the regeneration of the Ru-catecholate complex **3-23**. Both experimental and DFT computational results provided new mechanistic insights that the Ru catalytic system (**2-10/2-12**) facilitates a normally energetically demanding and previously unexplored deaminative alkylation reaction by promoting a facile imine-to-enamine tautomerization and an intramolecular stepwise [1,3]-carbon migration process via the formation of Ru(IV)-alkyl intermediate species.

3.4 Summary and Conclusion

In summary, we have successfully developed a highly regioselective catalytic α alkylation method of simple ketones from the deaminative coupling reaction with amines. The *in-situ* generated catalytic system consisted of the ruthenium-hydride complex and a redox-active 1,2-benzoquinone ligand (2-10/2-12) was found to exhibit a uniquely high activity and selectivity for promoting the deaminative coupling reaction. Kinetic and spectroscopic studies provide a detailed mechanistic picture for the catalytic reaction, which involves the initial formation of Schiff base from the dehydrative coupling of ketones with amine substrates, Ru-catalyzed imine-to-enamine isomerization and the turnover-limiting [1,3]-alkyl migration and hydrolysis steps. The DFT study revealed a low energy pathway for the [1,3]-alkyl migration step, which involves a stepwise mechanism via the formation of a Ru(IV)-alkyl species. In light of the successful synthesis of highly active Ru-catecholate complex 2-11, we are continuing our efforts to search for new catalytic coupling methods that are enabled by transition metal catalysts with redox-active 1,2-benzoquinone ligands. We submitted a manuscript to Journal of American Chemical Society, and it is currently under revision. We are currently completing the DFT computational work to address the reviewer's comments.

Chapter 4

Synthesis of Quinazoline and Quinazolinone Derivatives via Ligand-Promoted Ruthenium-Catalyzed Dehydrogenative and Deaminative Coupling Reaction of 2-Aminophenyl Ketones and 2-Aminobenzamides with Amines

4.1 Introduction



Figure 4.1: Selected Examples of Quinazoline and Quinazolinone Based Drugs

Quinazolines and quinazolinones are a privileged class of nitrogen heterocyclic scaffolds that have been found to exhibit a broad spectrum of pharmacological activities, including anti-inflammatory, antitubercular, and antiviral activities.¹⁵⁵ A number of quinazoline-based drugs such as prazocin and doxazosine have been approved to treat benign prostatic hyperplasia and post-traumatic stress disorder,¹⁵⁶ while both erlotinib and gefitinib have been used for the treatment of lung and pancreatic cancers (**Figure**

4.1).¹⁵⁷ Lapatinib, an inhibitor for epidermal growth factor, has been shown to be effective in combination therapy for breast cancer.¹⁵⁸ Several quinazolinone-based drugs including idelalisib have been shown to exhibit a broad spectrum of antimicrobial, antitumor, antifungal, and cytotoxic activities.¹⁵⁹ On the other hand, sildenafil is a potent and selective inhibitors of the type 5 cGMP phosphodiesterase from both rabbit platelets and human corpus cavernosum, which is currently used for the oral treatment of male erectile dysfunction.¹⁶⁰

A number of different synthetic strategies for quinazolines and quinazolinones have been developed over the years, in part to meet the growing needs for screening of these pharmacologically important derivatives.¹⁶¹ In 2013, Zhou and co-workers reported one-pot synthesis of 2-substituted quinazolines by using 2-aminobenzylamines and aldehydes via iridium-catalyzed hydrogen transfers with styrene as a hydrogen acceptor (**Eq. 4.1**).¹⁶²



In 2013, Wu and co-workers reported a palladium catalyzed three component coupling protocol for 2-iodoarylcarbodiimide **4-1**, phosphite and isocyanide to synthesize 4-imino-3,4-dihydroquinazolin-2-ylphosphonates **4-2**. A one-pot tandem procedure includes the nucleophilic isocyanide insertion, and the C-N coupling by reductive elimination through seven membered palladacycle (**Scheme 4.1**).¹⁶³ In these cases, more reactive reagents were utilized to generate a quinazoline core structure.



Scheme 4.1: A Proposed Synthetic Route to Phosphonylated Quinazolines

Several research groups have successfully utilized copper catalyzed Ullmann-type coupling methods of aryl bromides and benzamidines for the synthesis of quinazoline derivatives.¹⁶⁴ Similar Cu-catalyzed oxidative coupling methods of aniline derivatives with aldehydes and nitriles have also been developed for the construction of quinoline core structures.¹⁶⁵ Transition-metal-catalyzed oxidative C–H amination and alkylation methods have also been successfully employed to synthesize quinazoline and quinazolinone derivatives.¹⁶⁶ Fu and co-workers in 2009 achieved an efficient catalytic

method for the synthesis of quinazolinone derivatives from the coupling reaction of 2halobenzoic acid **4-4** derivatives with highly reactive amidines **4-5** (**Eq. 4.2**).^{164a}



In 2017 Molander and co-workers reported a Csp^3 -centered alkyl radical cascade reaction via C–H alkylation of heterocycles (**Eq. 4.3**). The key step of this SET reaction involves the generation of Csp^3 -centered radical which engages in the C–H alkylation of heterocyclic bases with 1,4-dihydropyridines (DHPs) **4-6**.^{166d}



Recently, Shang and co-workers has utilized an imine-protection strategy to synthesize quinazolinones via aerobic copper-catalyzed three component annulation reaction.¹⁶⁷ Initially, both aryl and alkyl amines were easily reacted with formaldehyde to form imines **4-7** and aliphatic imine. The [4 + 2] cycloaddition¹⁶⁸ between **4-7** and aliphatic imine followed by isomerization would result an aminal **4-10**. Alternatively, the addition of alkylamine to imine **4-7** followed by a condensation of aminal **4-8** with formaldehyde would generate an iminium ion **4-9**. Subsequent intramolecular Friedel–Crafts-type¹⁶⁹ of ortho-amino alkylation would form the aminal **4-10**. Single-electron oxidation-induced dehydrogenation¹⁷⁰ of **4-10** under oxidative copper catalysis followed by benzylic oxidation¹⁷¹ would afford the desired N-substituted quinazolinone product via dihydroquinazoline 4-11 intermediate (**Scheme 4.2**).



Scheme 4.2: Plausible Reaction Pathways for the Copper-Catalyzed Three Component Annulation Reaction

Cho and co-workers recently devised a practical synthesis of 2-arylquinazoline derivatives from the coupling of 2-aminobezylamines with halogenated toluene substrates.¹⁷² Since the advent of the Niementowski condensation of anthranilic acids with amides,¹⁷³ a variety of sustainable synthetic methods have also been devised for the assembly of quinazolinone core structures.¹⁷⁴ Much research effort has been devoted to the development of catalytic coupling methods to increase efficiency and selectivity in

constructing quinazolinone core structures. A number of transition-metal catalyzed direct coupling methods of aminobenzamides with alcohols and carbonyl compounds have been successfully exploited to synthesize quinazolinone derivatives.¹⁷⁵ Transition metal-catalyzed couplings of 2-aminobenzamides with alcohols and ketones¹⁷⁶, three-component couplings of 2-aminobenzamides, aryl halides or equivalents, isocyanides¹⁷⁷, and copper catalyzed,^{167, 178} electrochemical,¹⁷⁹ are among the notable examples of catalytic synthesis of quinazolinones.

4.2 Results and Discussion

We previously discovered that the cationic ruthenium hydride complex **2-10** is a highly effective catalyst precursor for the deaminative and decarboxylative coupling reaction of ketones with amino acids.²⁹ We also reported that a phenol-coordinated cationic ruthenium–hydride complex is a highly effective catalyst for mediating the hydrogenolysis of aldehydes and ketones.¹⁸⁰ We subsequently found that the ruthenium-hydride complex **2-10** with a 1,2-catechol ligand exhibits an exceptionally high chemoselectivity for promoting the deaminative coupling reactions of amines to form unsymmetric secondary amines.^{126b} To further extend the synthetic utility of ligand-promoted catalysis, we have been exploring the promotional effects of various oxygen and nitrogen ligands on ruthenium catalysts for the deaminative coupling reactions of amines.

In this Chapter, we disclose an efficient catalytic synthesis of quinazoline and quinazolinone derivatives from the dehydrogenative and deaminative coupling reactions of amino ketones and aminobenzamides with amines, which is mediated by a welldefined ruthenium catalyst containing a catechol ligand. The salient features of the catalytic method are that the regio- and diastereoselective fashion without employing any reactive reagents or forming any wasteful byproducts, while tolerating a number of common organic functional groups.



Scheme 4.3: Synthesis of Quinazoline and Quinazolinone Derivatives¹⁴⁹

4.2.1 Optimization Studies

We initially explored the coupling reaction of 2-aminoketones with amines by employing the ligand promoted catalysis protocol in order to extend the scope and utility of deaminative coupling methods. Among the initially screened Ru catalysts and ligands, the in-situ generated catalytic system from the cationic ruthenium–hydride complex **2-10** with 4-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-1,2-benzenediol **2-16** was found to give the highest activity and selectivity for the coupling of 2-(aminophenyl)ethanone with 4-methoxybenzylamine in yielding the quinazoline product **4-12a** (**Table 4.1**). The coupling reaction conditions as described in **Eq. 4.4** have been used as the standard reaction conditions unless otherwise noted.



4.2.1.1 Ligand Screening

We first evaluated the ligand effect for the reaction between 2-(aminophenyl)ethanone with 4-methoxybenzylamine. In the absence of any ligands, the reaction was found to be very sluggish as a trace amount of the product **4-12a** was obtained with both **2-9** and **2-10** catalysts (**Table 4.2**; entry 8). The addition of catechol ligands (**2-16, 2-16a-f**) significantly increased desired product **4-12a**. Binol **2-12j** or phenolic ligands (**3-11b-d**) was not effective for this noble transformation. In accordance with the previous results on the ruthenium catalyzed C(sp³)–N bond cleavage reaction, the catechol ligand **2-16** was found to be the most effective for the selective synthesis of secondary amines.^{126b} The catechol ligands **2-16a-e** with both electron donating and withdrawing group were shown to be effective for giving the products in giving modest to good yields (68-85%), whereas 2,2′-biphenol ligand **2-12j** gave only a trace amount of the product **4-12a** for the coupling reaction. As shown in **Table 4.1**, the catalytic activity of **2-10** was found to be substantially enhanced by the addition of a catechol ligand with the efficient formation of product **4-12a**. The nitrogen coordinating ligands **3-11d**, **3-12** and aliphatic diols were found to be completely ineffective for the catalytic reaction.



Table 4.1: Ligand Screening for the Coupling of 2-Aminophenylethanone with 4-Methoxybenzylamine^a

^{*a*}Reaction conditions: 2-aminophenylethanone (0.5 mmol), 4-methoxybenzylamine (0.7 mmol), **2-10** (3 mol %), ligand (10 mol %), 1,4-dioxane (2 mL), 140 °C, 20 h. ^{*b*}The product yield of **4-12a** was determined by ¹H NMR using hexamethylbenzene as an internal standard.

3-11c (<5%)

3-11d (<10%)

3-12 (<10%)

3-11b (<5%)

2-16f (68%)

2-12j (<5%)

4.2.1.2 Catalyst and Solvent Screening

We screened the activity of commonly available ruthenium catalysts and acid catalysts, where 1,4-dioxane was found to be the most suitable solvent for the coupling reaction (entry 2-7). Among the screened ruthenium catalysts (entry 9-19), the Ru-H complex **2-10** was found to be the most effective catalyst (entry 1). Importantly, Lewis acids PCy₃ did not exhibit any activity for the coupling reaction (entry 22-24). These ligand screening and optimization efforts have led to the standard conditions for the coupling reaction: 2-aminophenylethanone (0.5 mmol), benzylamine (0.7 mmol), **2-10** (3 mol %) and **2-16** (10 mol %) in 1,4-dioxane (2 mL) at 140 °C for 40 h (**Table 4.2**). The water byproduct was detected by NMR in a crude reaction mixture, and hydrogen gas was removed under vacuum during the solvent evalopration. The product **4-12a** was isolated by a column chromatographic separation on silica gel.

Table 4.2: Catalyst and Additive Screening for the Coupling of 2-Aminophenylethanone with 4-Methoxybenzylamine^a



| entry | catalyst | deviation from standard conditions | 4-12a (%) ^b |
|-------|---|---|----------------------------------|
| 1 | $[(C_6H_6)(PCy_3)(CO)RuH]^+BF_4^-$ 2-10 | none | 85 |
| 2 | $[(C_6H_6)(PCy_3)(CO)RuH]^+BF_4^-$ 2-10 | t-butylethylene ^c | 8 |
| 3 | $[(C_6H_6)(PCy_3)(CO)RuH]^+BF_4^-$ 2-10 | chlorobenzene | 52 |
| 4 | $[(C_6H_6)(PCy_3)(CO)RuH]^+BF_4^-$ 2-10 | chlorobenzene/cyclopentene ^c | 58 |
| 5 | $[(C_6H_6)(PCy_3)(CO)RuH]^+BF_4^-$ 2-10 | 1,2-DCE | 0 |
| 6 | $[(C_6H_6)(PCy_3)(CO)RuH]^+BF_4^-$ 2-10 | xylene | 66 |

| 7 | $[(C_{6}H_{6})(PCy_{3})(CO)RuH]^{+}BF_{4}^{-}$ 2-10 | t-amyl alcohol | 15 |
|----|---|---|-------|
| 8 | $[(C_{6}H_{6})(PCy_{3})(CO)RuH]^{+}BF_{4}^{-}$ 2-10 | No ligand | trace |
| 9 | [(PCy ₃)(CO)RuH] ₄ (µ-O)(µ-OH) ₂ 2-9 | - | 45 |
| 10 | [(PCy ₃)(CO)RuH] ₄ (µ-O)(µ-OH) ₂ 2-9 | No ligand | 9 |
| 11 | [(PCy ₃)(CO)RuH] ₄ (µ-O)(µ-OH) ₂ 2-9 | chlorobenzene | 6 |
| 12 | [(PCy ₃)(CO)RuH] ₄ (µ-O)(µ-OH) ₂ 2-9 | chlorobenzene/cyclopentene ^c | trace |
| 13 | [(PCy ₃)(CO)RuH] ₄ (µ-O)(µ-OH) ₂ 2-9 | 1,2-DCE | 0 |
| 14 | (PPh ₃) ₃ (CO)RuH ₂ | - | 25 |
| 15 | (<i>p</i> -cymene) ₂ RuHCl | - | 18 |
| 16 | RuCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₃ | - | 12 |
| 17 | RuCl ₃ ·3H ₂ O | - | 0 |
| 18 | $[Ru(COD)Cl_2]_x$ | - | 20 |
| 19 | (PCy ₃) ₂ (CO)RuHCl | - | 18 |
| 20 | Ru ₃ (CO) ₁₂ | - | 30 |
| 21 | $[(PCy_3)(CH_3CN)(CO)RuH]^+BF_4^-$ | - | 15 |
| 22 | - | HBF ₄ OEt ₂ | 0 |
| 23 | BF ₃ OEt ₂ | - | 0 |
| 24 | PCy ₃ | - | 0 |

^{*a*}Standard conditions: 2-aminophenylethanone (0.5 mmol), 4-methoxybenzylamine (0.7 mmol), catalyst (3 mol %), ligand (10 mol %), 1,4-dioxane (2 mL), 140 °C, 20 h. ^{*b*} The product yield of **4-12a** was determined by ¹H NMR using hexamethylbenzene as an internal standard. ^{*c*}0.5 mmol of cyclopentene was added.

4.2.3 Reaction Scope for the Synthesis of Quinazolines and Quinazolinones

4.2.3.1 Synthesis of Quinazolines from the Coupling of 2-Aminophenyl Ketones with Primary Amines

With the optimized conditions in hand, we explored the substrate scope of the

coupling reaction by using the *in-situ* generated catalyst system **2-10/2-16**. The coupling

of 2-aminophenyl ketones with a variety of benzylic amines selectively formed the

quinazoline products 4-12a-p in 87-59% yields.



Table 4.3: Synthesis of Quinazolines from the Coupling of 2-Aminophenyl Ketones with Amines^a

^{*a*}Reaction conditions: aminoketone (0.5 mmol), amine (0.7 mmol), **2-10** (3 mol %), **2-16** (10 mol %), 1,4-dioxane (2 mL), 130 °C, 20 h. Ar = 3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl
The coupling of 2-aminophenyl ketones with phenethylamines afforded the desired product 4-12q-t (78-67%), 4-12y-ab (48-76%), 4-12ae (64%) and 4-12ag (82%), demonstrating the versatility of phenethylamine substrate for the coupling reaction. The aliphatic amines also gave the selective formation of **4-12u–ac**, in 45-79% yields. While the coupling reaction of 2-aminphenyl ketone substrate with a branched amine smoothly yielded the coupling products 4-12x and 4-12ad, the coupling with sterically demanding secondary amines and branched amines generally yielded only a trace amount of the coupling products under the standard reaction conditions (**Table 4.3**). Interestingly, the reaction between 2-aminoacetophenone with allylamine yielded the quinazoline product **4-12af** with the selectively hydrogenated allylic double bond. Analytically pure quinazoline products were readily isolated after silica gel column chromatographic separation, and their structures were completely established by spectroscopic methods. The structure of **4-12i** and **4-12k** were also confirmed by X-ray crystallography. We also have been able to scale up the coupling reaction to a 2–3 mmol scale reaction to yield 0.5–0.7 g of 4-12b, 4-12m and 4-12ab. The catalytic coupling method furnishes a direct synthesis of quinazoline products without using any reactive reagents and environmentally benign water and hydrogen as the byproducts.

4.2.3.2 Synthesis of Quinazolinones from the Coupling of 2-Aminobenzamides with Primary Amines

Adopting the previously developed deaminative coupling protocol,^{126b} we next sought the catalytic coupling reaction of the 2-aminoarylamides with amines to form quinazolinone products (**Table 4.4**).



Table 4.4: Synthesis of Quinazolinones from the Coupling of 2-Aminobenzamides with Amines

Thus, the treatment of 2-aminobenzamide (0.5 mmol) with benzylamine (0.7 mmol) in dioxane (2 mL) at 140 °C in the presence of the catalyst system **2-10** (3 mol %)/**2-16** (10 mol %) led to the selective formation of the quinazolinone product **4-13**, which was analyzed by both GC and NMR spectroscopic methods. The substrate scope of the coupling reaction was explored by using the catalyst system **2-10/2-16** under the standard

conditions. The coupling of 2-aminobenzamides with both benzyl- and alkyl-substituted amines led to the selective formation of the quinazolinone products **4-13a-n** (88-51%) with no significant amount of the quinazoline or other side products. The analogous coupling reaction of N-alkyl-2- benzamides with both benzylamines and alkyl-substituted amines afforded the corresponding coupling products **4-13o-t** in moderate to high yields. Single crystals of **4-13c** and **4-13t** were obtained by slow evaporation in hexanes/EtOAc at room temperature, and its structure was determined by X-ray crystallography. The formation of quinazolinone product can be rationalized by initial deaminative coupling of amide and amine substrates followed by the cyclization dehydrogenation steps. The coupling reaction efficiently assembles synthetically valuable quinazolinone core structures by employing readily available amine and benzamide substrates.

4.2.3.3 Coupling Reaction of 2-Aminophenyl Ketones with Biologically Active Amines

To further demonstrate synthetic utility of the catalytic method, we next surveyed the substrate scope of the coupling method by employing several biologically active and functionalized 2-aminophenylketones and 2-aminobenzamides with a number of biologically active amine substrates (**Table 4.5**). The treatment of 2aminophenylethanone with tryptamine led to the indole-substituted product **1-12ah** in moderate yield under the standard reaction conditions. The analogous coupling with (–)cis-myrtanylamine formed the corresponding quinazoline products **4-12ai** and **4-12aj** in good yields (85, 70% respectively; d.r. = 10:1) with a minimal racemization on the β carbon.



Table 4.5: Coupling Reaction of 2-Aminophenyl Ketones and 2-Aminobenzamides

 Biologically Active and Functionalized Amines^a

^{*a*}Reaction conditions: amino ketone or benzamide (0.5 mmol), amine (0.7 mmol), **2-10** (3 mol %), **2-12** (10 mol %), 1,4-dioxane (2 mL), 140 °C, 20 h. ^{*b*}Benzamide (0.25 mmol), amine (0.35 mmol).

The coupling of 2-aminophenylethanone with a 4-morpholinyl-substituted amine predictively formed the desired product **4-12ak** in 36% yield. The coupling of a thiophene substituted amino ketone with electron rich benzyl amines yielded the desired products 4-12al and 4-12am in 46% and 52% yield respectively. The treatment of 2aminoacetophenone with geranylamine formed the expected product 4-12an, in 62% yield, with the selectively hydrogenated proximal olefinic group. The reaction of 2aminoacetophenone with furfuryl amine and 2-thiopheneethanamine afforded the desired products **4-120,p** in good yields. This extension clearly demonstrated the general applicability of the catalytic coupling method for the synthesis of quinazoline derivatives. The analogous treatment of 2-aminobenzamide with geranylamine formed the corresponding quinazolinone product 4-13w, in which the neighboring olefinic group is selectively hydrogenated, confirming the unique catalytic activity as in the previous cases. The treatment of a thiophene-substituted amide with n-hexylamine and 4phenylbenzylamine formed the corresponding quinazolinone products 4-13x, y in moderate yield. The treatment of the catalytic system with 3-Aminobenzofuran-2carboxamide with n-hexylamine afforded the desired product 4-13z in modest yield (48%). The coupling of 2-aminobenzamide with (-)-cis-myrtanylamine formed the coupling product 4-13aa with a modest diastereoselectivity (d.r. = 1.9:1). In sharp contrast, the analogous coupling with (+)-dehydroabietylamine resulted in the formation of the coupling product **4-13ab** without any detectable racemization. The structure and stereochemistry of both 4-13aa (major diastereomer) and 4-13ab quinazolinone products have been confirmed by X-ray crystallographic method.



Figure 4.2: ¹H and ²H NMR Spectra of 4-12a and 4-12a-d

4.2.4.1 Deuterium Labeling Study

We have chosen the reaction of 2-aminoacetophenone with 4-

methoxybenzylamine for probing mechanistic insights for the coupling reaction. We examined the deuterium-labeling pattern from the reaction of 2-aminophenylethanone- d_3 (89% D) with 4-methoxybenzylamine (**Eq. 4.5**).



Thus, the treatment of perdeuterated 2-aminophenylethanone- d_3 (0.50 mmol) with 4methoxybenzylamine (0.70 mmol) in the presence of **2-10** (3 mol %)/**2-16** (10 mol %) under the standard reaction conditions formed the coupling product **4-12a**-d. The isolated product **4-12a**-d as analyzed by ¹H and ²H NMR contained only 11% of the deuterium on the methyl group as most of the deuterium had been washed away (**Figure 4.2**). A relatively small amount of the deuterium on **4-12a**-d suggests an extensive keto–enol tautomerization under the reaction conditions.

4.2.4.2 Reaction Profile Study

To discern the nature of viable intermediate species, we monitored the reaction progress for the catalytic coupling reaction of 2-aminoacetophenone with 4methoxybenzylamine by using NMR spectroscopic method. In a resealable NMR tube, a reaction mixture of 2-aminophenylethanone (0.25 mmol), 4-methoxybenzylamine (0.25 mmol), and in situ generated catalyst **2-10** (3 mol %)/**2-16** (10 mol %) in toluene- d_8 (0.5 mL) was immersed an oil bath set at 140 °C. The tube was taken out from the oil bath at 20 min intervals, and the reaction progress was recorded by ¹H NMR. The appearance of new set of peaks due to the imine product **4-14a** has been observed initially as both starting substrates are consumed. After about 100 min of reaction time, the peaks due to the quinazoline product **4-12a** began to appear as the imine peaks gradually disappeared. The plot of relative concentration vs time is shown in **Figure 4.3**.



Figure 4.3: Reaction Profile for the Coupling Reaction of 2-Aminoacetophenone with 4-Methoxybenzylamine. 2-Aminophenylethanone (\blacksquare), 4-Methoxybenzylamine (\bullet) 4-12a (\blacklozenge).

4.2.4.3 Reaction with Imine Substrates



To establish the imine as a requisite intermediate for the formation of quinazoline product, an independently synthesized **4-14b** was treated with in-situ generated catalytic system **2-10/2-16** under the standard reaction conditions, which proceeded smoothly to afford the quinazoline product **4-12h** in 87% yield (**Eq. 4.6**). In a control experiment, the analogous treatment of **4-14b** with p-toluenesulfonic acid (5 mol %) did not form the product **4-14h** under otherwise similar reaction conditions. The results showed that the ruthenium catalysis is essential for the cyclization and dehydrogenation steps of the product formation. Similarly, the reaction with the imine intermediate of the benzamide

was performed under standard reaction conditions (**Eq. 4.7**). Interestingly, quantitative product formation was observed. When the reaction was performed under identical conditions without ruthenium catalyst did not give the desired product.



4.2.4.4 Reactivity of Ruthenium Catecholate Complex 2-11

To gain more insights for the catalytically relevant species, the catalytic activity of ruthenium catecholate complex **2-11** (1 mol%) was examined for the coupling reaction of 2-aminobenzamide and 4-methoxybenzylamine.



Scheme 4.4: Coupling Reaction of 2-Aminobenzamide and 4-Methoxybenzylamine with the Ruthenium Catecholate Complex 2-11

To our delight, the reaction proceeds smoothly to give the product **4-13a** in 90% yield (**Scheme 4.4**). This result demonstrates that the ruthenium catecholate is a catalytically relevant species.

4.3 Proposed Mechanism of the Catalytic Synthesis of Quinazoline Derivatives



Scheme 4.5: Possible Mechanistic Sequence for the Formation of Quinazoline Products

We offer a plausible mechanistic sequence for the formation of the quinazoline products **4-12** on the basis of these preliminary results (**Scheme 4.5**). The reaction profile study clearly implicates that the imine intermediate **4-14** is generated from initial dehydrative coupling of amino ketone and amine substrates. The imine **4-14** would coordinate to the ruthenium by forming intermediate species **4-16**. We propose that the

Ru catalyst facilitates the imine isomerization to form the imine-coordinated species **4**-**17**. The subsequent cyclization **4-18** and dehydrogenation steps would yield the quinazoline product **4-12**. In support of this, we previously found that the ruthenium–hydride complexes are efficient catalysts for olefin isomerization reaction^{125b} and dehydrogenation of saturated amines and carbonyl compounds.¹⁸¹ While the exact role of catechol ligand is yet to be established, we believe that a redox-active catechol ligand may be essential for facilitating the dehydrogenation step on the catalysis.¹⁸²

4.4 Summary and Conclusion

We have been able to devise a catalytic protocol for the synthesis of quinazoline and quinazolinone derivatives from the dehydrogenative and deaminative couplings of 2aminophenyl ketones and 2-aminobenzamides with amines. The in-situ formed ruthenium-hydride complex with a catechol ligand (**2-10/2-16**) was found to exhibit uniquely high catalytic activity and selectivity in forming these products. The salient features of the catalytic method are that it employs readily available amine and aminoketone substrates, exhibits a broad substrate scope while tolerating common organic functional groups, and does not require any reactive reagents or forms any wasteful byproducts. We published an article on the basis of the work described in this Chapter: *Org. Lett.* **2019**, *21*, 3337-3341 (DOI: 10.1021/acs.orglett.9b01082). Also, the article has been highlighted in *Organic Chemistry Portal* **2019** (https://www.organicchemistry.org/abstracts/lit6/835.shtm).

Chapter 5

Regioselective Synthesis of Quinoline and Dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-one Derivatives via Deaminative and Decarboxylative Coupling Reactions of 2-Aminophenyl Ketones and 2-Aminobenzamides with β-Amino Acids and Branched Amines

5.1 Introduction

Concerted research efforts have been directed to devise transition metal catalyzed C–H coupling methods for the synthesis of biologically active nitrogen heterocyclic compounds **5-1–5-4** to promote synthetic efficiency and to reduce environmental impacts from the generation of harmful byproducts.¹⁸³ Quinolines are one of the most important class of nitrogen heterocyclic scaffolds, which have a wide range of medicinal applications in the treatment of various types of diseases as well as natural occurrence in plants and animals. Many quinoline derivatives have been shown to exhibit significant antimicrobial,¹⁸⁴ anticancer¹⁸⁵ and antimalarial¹⁸⁶ pharmacological activities (**Figure 5.2**). As such, the design of new versatile and efficient route for the synthesis of quinoline scaffolds remains an active area of research interest in both academia and industry.¹⁸⁷



Figure 5.1: Quinoline Containing Natural Products



Figure 5.2: Selected Examples of Quinoline, Quinazolinone and Quinoxaline Based Drugs

Many transition-metal catalyzed synthetic methods for quinoline scaffolds have been reported in the last decades. A number of catalytic C–H coupling methods have been achieved by using earth-abundant Co and Ni catalysts.¹⁸⁸ Ruthenium complexes with trialkylammonium salts were utilized as catalysts to effect intermolecular C–C couplings of anilines with diols and glycols to synthesize quinoline derivatives.¹⁸⁹ Ir-BINAP catalytic system has been effectively applied to generate benzoquinoline derivatives from the coupling of naphthylamines with 1,3-diols.¹⁹⁰ Alami and co-workers devised a palladium catalytic system to promote direct decarboxylative coupling reaction to generate biheterocyclic quinoline derivatives **5-7** from quinolinone 3-carboxylic Acids **5-5** with substituted heterocyclic bromides **5-6** (**Eq. 5.1**). The extrusion of CO₂ from carboxylic acid derivative has been found to serve as the driving force for this reaction.¹⁹¹



Amino acids are considered one of the fundamentally important building blocks in biochemistry¹⁹² and in organic synthesis.¹⁹³ Amino acids are an attractive class of reagents for sustainable synthesis since they are readily available from biomass feedstock. While amino acids have been known used as chiral scaffolds and as organocatalysts,¹⁹⁴ they have scarcely been used as the reagents for organic coupling reactions via C–N bond cleavage.²⁹ Natural biosynthetic pathways provide an ample inspiration for C-N bond cleavage reactions of amino acids by efficient deaminase, oxidase, and dehydrogenase enzymes.¹⁹⁵ Recently, Wu and co-workers developed a novel synthetic protocol for substituted quinoline syntheses from three component coupling reaction of aniline with two distinct α -amino acids under decarboxylative and deaminative pathway via the formation of imine and enamine intermediates.¹⁹⁶ In a seminal report, Wang and coworkers devised copper/DIPEA-catalytic system for aldehyde-induced intermolecular decarboxylative coupling reaction of natural α -amino acids and phosphites/phosphine oxides.¹⁹⁷ Allylic amination, alkylation, sulfonylation, and phosphinoylation products were also synthesized from the copper-catalyzed decarboxylative coupling reactions of conjugated β , γ -unsaturated carboxylic acids with corresponding coupling partners.¹⁹⁸ Iridium catalyzed visible-light-induced photoredox catalytic system has been established for easy access to β-aminohydroxylamines and vicinal diamines decarboxylative coupling of α -amino acids with nitrone substrates.¹⁹⁹ Photoredox decarboxylative coupling of α amino acids with carbonyl compounds to access DNA-encoded 1,2-amino alcohols has also been reported.²⁰⁰ Recently, Zhou and co-workers demonstrated a nickel catalyzed synthesis of 2,3-dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-ones via decarboxylative pathway.²⁰¹ In 2017, Ogawa and coworkers devised cross-coupling and hydroamination to give 2,2disubstituted quinazolinones via copper-catalyzed tandem reaction of vinyl halides **5-8** and 2-aminobenzamides (**Eq. 5.2**).²⁰² A number of late transition metal catalysts have been successfully utilized for the synthesis of 2,3-dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-one derivatives.



5.2 Results and Discussion

We previously discovered that the cationic ruthenium hydride complex **2-10** is a highly effective catalyst precursor for the deaminative and decarboxylative coupling reaction of ketones with amino acids.²⁹ We also reported that a phenol-coordinated cationic ruthenium-hydride complex is a highly effective catalyst for mediating the hydrogenolysis of aldehydes and ketones.¹⁸⁰ We subsequently found that the ruthenium-hydride complex **2-10** with a 1,2-catechol ligand exhibits an exceptionally high chemoselectivity for promoting the deaminative coupling reactions of amines to form unsymmetrical secondary amines^{126b} and quinazolinone¹⁴⁹ derivatives. To further extend the synthetic utility of ligand-promoted C–N bond coupling reactions, we have been

exploring the coupling reactions of 2-aminoketones with amines which led to the formation of quinoline byproduct **5-9** along with the expected quinazoline product **4-12aa** (**Eq. 5.3**).



Scheme 5.1: Generation of Quinolines from the Reaction of 2-Aminoacetophenone with 2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)ethylamine

The regioselective formation of quinoline byproduct **5-9** can be rationalized by invoking the initial deaminative coupling^{126b} followed by dehydrative cyclization steps via in-situ generated enamine intermediate. To generate quinolines with complete regioselectivity, we reasoned that the equilibrium between deaminative coupling vs initial imine formation should be the product determining step from the reaction of amine and aryl-ketone substrates. We tested the hypothesis by running the reaction with preformed imine generated from the 2-aminoacetophenone and phenylethylamine, which gave over

85% quinazoline with only a trace quinoline products (**Eq. 5.4**). While exploring suitable substrates in formation of quinoline products, we found that the β -amino acids are effective partners for the coupling reaction to afford 2-quinoline products (**Eq. 5.5**).



In this Chapter, we disclose an efficient catalytic synthesis of quinoline and dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-one derivatives from the dehydrogenative and deaminative coupling reactions of amino ketones and aminobenzamides with β -amino acids and branched amines (**Eq. 5.5 and 5.6**). The salient features of the catalytic method are that the synthetically useful nitrogen heterocyclic core structures are formed in regio- and diastereoselective fashion without employing any reactive reagents or forming any wasteful byproducts, while tolerating a number of common organic functional groups.

5.2.1 Optimization Studies

We initially explored the scope of coupling reaction of 2-aminoketones with β amino acids by employing the ligand promoted catalysis protocol. Among the initially screened Ru catalysts and ligands, the in-situ generated catalytic system from the cationic ruthenium–hydride complex **2-10** with 4-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-1,2-benzenediol **2-16** was found to give the highest activity and selectivity for the coupling of 2-aminoacetaphenone with 3-aminobutanoic acid in yielding the quinoline product **5-9b** (**Table 5.1**). The coupling reaction conditions described in **Eq. 5.5** have been used as the standard reaction conditions unless otherwise noted.

5.2.1.1 Ligand Screening

We selected the coupling reaction of 2-aminoacetophenone with 3-aminobutanoic acid to evaluate the ligand effects. In the absence of any ligands, the reaction was found to be very sluggish as a trace amount of the product **5-9b** was obtained with the catalyst **2-10 (Table 5.3**; entry 7). The addition of catechol ligands (**2-16**, **2-16a-f**) significantly increased the formation of the desired product **5-9b**. In accordance with the previous results on the ruthenium catalyzed C(sp³)–N bond cleavage reactions, binol, phenolic **3-11b,c** and amine containing ligands (**3-11b**, **3-12**) were not effective for the transformation, and the catechol ligand **2-16** was found to be the most effective for the selective synthesis of secondary amines.^{126b} The catechol ligands with both electron donating and withdrawing group **2-16a-e** were found to be effective for the catalytic reaction in giving moderate to good yields (70-88%). As shown in **Table 5.1**, the catalytic activity of **2-10** was found to be substantially enhanced by the addition of a catechol ligand with the efficient formation of product **5-9b**.



Table 5.1: Ligand Screening for the Coupling of 2-Aminophenylethanone with 3-Aminobutanoic acid^a

^{*a*}Reaction conditions: 2-aminophenylethanone (0.5 mmol), 3-aminobutanoic acid (0.7 mmol), **2-10** (3 mol %), ligand (10 mol %), 1,4-dioxane (2 mL), 140 °C, 20 h. ^{*b*}The product yield of **5-9b** was determined by ¹H NMR using hexamethylbenzene as an internal standard.

We initially explored the coupling reaction of 2-aminobenzamide with β-amino acids in extending the synthetic utility of the coupling reaction. We screened the benzoquinone ligands, which gave the best result for branched amine substrates. As shown in the **Table 5.2**, the ligand **2-12** has resulted in the formation of desired product in 94% yield. In general, the benzoquinone ligands **2-12a,b,f-h** were shown to be more effective than the catechol ligands.

Table 5.2: Ligand Screening for the Coupling of 2-Aminobenzamide with 3-Aminobutanoic acid^a

| _ | | . NH₂ | [Ru]-H (3 Ligand (10 | mol%) 0 mol%) → ∫ | | + NHa | |
|----------------|---|--|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--|
| | NH ₂ 1,4- | | -Dioxane; 1 | 40 °C; 20 h | N H (5-10m) | | |
| | | 0 ¹ Bu 0 <u>2-12a</u> | 2-12b | 0 0 0 0 2-12f | 0 HO 0 2-12g | H 0 0 0 2-12h | |
| | entry | entry ligand | | 5-10m (%) ^b | | | |
| | 1 2-12 | | 2 | 94 86 | | | |
| | 2 | 2-12a 2-12b 2-12f 2-12g 2-16b 2-16c | | | | | |
| | 3 | | | | 85 | | |
| | 4 | | | | 74 | | |
| | 5 | | | | 81 | | |
| | 6 | | | 66 72 | | | |
| | 7 | | | | | | |
| 8 2-16d | | 68 | | | | | |
| | 9 2-12j 10 3-11b 11 3-11d 12 3-12 | | | 30 | | | |
| | | | | 44 trace | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 0 | | | |

^{*a*}Reaction conditions: 2-aminobenzamide (0.5 mmol), cyclohexylamine (0.7 mmol), **2-10** (3 mol %), ligand (10 mol %), 1,4-dioxane (2 mL), 140 °C, 20 h. ^{*b*}The product yield of **5-10m** was determined by ¹H NMR using hexamethylbenzene as an internal standard.

5.2.2.2 Catalyst and Solvent Screening

We compared the activity of commonly available ruthenium catalysts, where 1,4-

dioxane was found to be the most suitable solvent for the coupling reaction (entry 2-6).

Among the screened ruthenium catalysts, the Ru-H complex 2-10 was found to be the

most effective catalyst (entry 1). Importantly, Lewis acids and PCy_3 did not exhibit any activity for the coupling reaction (entry 14-16).

Table 5.3: Catalyst and Additive Screening for the Coupling of 2-Aminophenylethanone with Aminobutanoic acid^a

| $ \begin{array}{c} $ | | | | |
|--|---|------------------------------------|------------------|--|
| | | 5-9b | | |
| entrv | catalyst | deviation from standard | 5-9b | |
| | | conditions | (%) ^b | |
| 1 | $[(C_6H_6)(PCy_3)(CO)RuH]^+BF_4^-$ 2-10 | none | 88 | |
| 2 | $[(C_6H_6)(PCy_3)(CO)RuH]^+BF_4^-$ 2-10 | cyclopentene ^c | 82 | |
| 3 | $[(C_6H_6)(PCy_3)(CO)RuH]^+BF_4^-$ 2-10 | chlorobenzene | 54 | |
| 4 | $[(C_6H_6)(PCy_3)(CO)RuH]^+BF_4^-$ 2-10 | 1,2-DCE | <10 | |
| 5 | $[(C_6H_6)(PCy_3)(CO)RuH]^+BF_4^-$ 2-10 | DME | <10 | |
| 6 | $[(C_6H_6)(PCy_3)(CO)RuH]^+BF_4^-$ 2-10 | Toluene | 74 | |
| 7 | $[(C_6H_6)(PCy_3)(CO)RuH]^+BF_4^-$ 2-10 | No ligand | 22 | |
| 8 | [(PCy ₃)(CO)RuH] ₄ (µ-O)(µ-OH) ₂ 2-9 | - | 71 | |
| 9 | (p-cymene) ₂ RuHCl | - | 49 | |
| 10 | RuCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₃ | - | 44 | |
| 11 | RuCl ₃ ·3H ₂ O | - | <10 | |
| 12 | $[Ru(COD)Cl_2]_x$ | - | 32 | |
| 13 | (PCy ₃) ₂ (CO)RuHCl | - | 55 | |
| 14 | - | HBF ₄ ·OEt ₂ | 0 | |
| 15 | BF ₃ | - | 0 | |
| 16 | PCy ₃ | - | 0 | |

^{*a*}Standard conditions: 2-aminophenylethanone (0.5 mmol), aminobutanoic acid (0.7 mmol), catalyst (3 mol %), ligand (10 mol %), solvent (2 mL), 140 °C, 20 h. ^{*b*} The product yield of **5-9b** was determined by ¹H NMR using hexamethylbenzene as an internal standard. ^{*c*}0.5 mmol of cyclopentene was added.

These ligand screening and optimization efforts have led to the standard conditions for the coupling reaction: 2-aminophenylethanone (0.5 mmol), β -amino acid (0.7 mmol), 2-

10 (3 mol %) and **2-16** (10 mol %) in 1,4-dioxane (2 mL) at 140 °C for 20 h (**Table 5.3**). The water byproduct was detected by NMR in a crude reaction mixture, and hydrogen gas was removed under vacuum along with the solvent. The product **5-9b** was isolated by a column chromatographic separation on silica gel.

Table 5.4: Catalyst and Additive Screening for the Coupling of 2-Aminobenzamide with Cyclohexylamine^a



| entry | catalyst | deviation from standard conditions | 5-10m (%) ^b |
|-------|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | $[(C_6H_6)(PCy_3)(CO)RuH]^+BF_4^-$ 2-10 | none | 94 |
| 2 | $[(C_6H_6)(PCy_3)(CO)RuH]^+BF_4^-$ 2-10 | chlorobenzene | 61 |
| 3 | $[(C_6H_6)(PCy_3)(CO)RuH]^+BF_4^-$ 2-10 | 1,2-DCE | <10 |
| 4 | $[(C_6H_6)(PCy_3)(CO)RuH]^+BF_4^-$ 2-10 | toluene | 79 |
| 5 | $[(C_6H_6)(PCy_3)(CO)RuH]^+BF_4^-$ 2-10 | chlorobenzene | 74 |
| 6 | $[(C_6H_6)(PCy_3)(CO)RuH]^+BF_4^-$ 2-10 | 1,2-DCE | <10 |
| 7 | [(PCy ₃)(CO)RuH] ₄ (µ-O)(µ-OH) ₂ 2-9 | - | 74 |
| 8 | $[(PCy_3)(CO)RuH]_4(\mu-O)(\mu-OH)_2$ 2-9 | $HBF_4 OEt_2$ | 86 |
| 9 | $[RuH_2(CO)(PPh_3)_3]$ | - | 41 |
| 10 | $[(PCy_3)(CH_3CN)(CO)RuH]^+BF_4^-$ | - | 45 |
| 11 | RuHCl(<i>p</i> -cymene) ₂ | - | 50 |
| 12 | $[Ru(COD)Cl_2]_x$ | - | trace |
| 13 | $[RuCl_3 3H_2O)]$ | - | trace |
| 14 | - | HBF ₄ ·OEt ₂ | 0 |
| 15 | - | BF ₃ | 0 |
| 16 | - | PCy ₃ | 0 |

^{*a*}Standard conditions: 2-aminophenylethanone (0.5 mmol), cyclohexylamine (0.7 mmol), catalyst (3 mol %), ligand (10 mol %), solvent (2 mL), 140 °C, 20 h. ^{*b*} The product yield of **5-10m** was determined by ¹H NMR using hexamethylbenzene as an internal standard. ^{*c*}0.5 mmol of cyclopentene was added.

Next, we screened the activity of both Ru catalysts and ligands for the coupling reaction of 2-aminobenzamide with branched amines. The screening and optimization efforts have led to the standard conditions for the coupling reaction: 2-aminoamide (0.5 mmol), branched amine (0.7 mmol), **2-10** (3 mol %) and **2-12** (10 mol %) in 1,4-dioxane (2 mL) at 140 °C for 20 h (**Table 5.4**). Among the screened ruthenium catalysts, the Ru-H complex **2-10** was found to be the most effective catalyst (entry 1), and Lewis acid or bases did not exhibit any activity, just as in the previous reaction. The product **5-10m** was isolated by a column chromatographic separation on silica gel.

5.2.2 Synthesis of Quinoline Derivatives from the Coupling of 2-Aminophenyl Ketones with β-Amino Acids

With the optimized conditions in hand, we explored the substrate scope of the coupling reaction by using the catalyst system **2-10/2-16** under the standard reaction conditions as described above. The coupling of 2-aminophenyl ketones with a variety of β -amino acids formed the quinoline products **5-9a-h** in a regioselective fashion in good to excellent yields (56-90%). The coupling of 2-aminophenyl ketones with cyclic β -amino acids also gave the selective formation of the desired products **5-9i-p** in excellent yields. Electron rich 3-amino-3-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-propionic acid reacted with a number of substituted 2-amino ketones to form the products in good to excellent yields **5-9q-t** (50-87%). Linear β -amino acids, such as β -homophenylalanine and 3-aminoheptanoic acid gave a mixture of 2,3-disubstituted quinoline products. This observation can be rationalized as a double bond isomerization on ruthenium in forming more thermodynamically favorable product. In this case, the coupling of 2-

aminobenzaldehyde with β -homophenylalanine afforded the desired 2-substituted quinoline product **5-9w-b** in only 34% yield along with the non-desired 2,3-disubstituted quinoline product **5-9w-a** in 65% yield. In contrast, 5-chloro-2-aminobenzophenone with β -homophenylalanine afforded the desired 2-substituted quinoline product **5-9y-b** in 12% yield and undesired 2,3-disubstituted quinoline product **5-9y-a** in 87% yield (**Scheme 5.2**).



Scheme 5.2: Possible Explanation for the Product Selectivity

While the coupling reaction of 2-aminphenyl ketone substrate with a (\pm)-3-amino-5-methylhexanoic acid smoothly yielded regioselective coupling products **5-9aa-ac**, the coupling with sterically demanding (\pm)- β -leucine gave the desired product **5-9ad** in 51% yield.



Table 5.5: Synthesis of Quinoline Derivatives from the Coupling of 2- Aminophenyl Ketones with β -Amino Acids^a

^{*a*}Reaction conditions: aminoketone (0.5 mmol), amino acid (0.7 mmol), **2-10** (3 mol %), **2-16** (10 mol %), 1,4-dioxane (2 mL), 140 °C, 20 h. ^{*b*}Corresponding primary amine was used.

cis-endo-3-aminobicyclo[2.2.1]heptane-2-carboxylic acid was found to be a suitable substrate for the coupling reaction without giving any side products **5-9ae,af**. When the reaction was performed with tryptamine and 2-thiopheneethylamine, a mixture of quinazolinone and quinoline products **5-9ag** and **5-9ah** formed in 40% and 42% respectively under the standard reaction conditions. Single crystals of **5-9s** were obtained by slow evaporation in pentane/acetone at room temperature, and its structure was determined by X-ray crystallography.

5.2.3 Synthesis of Dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-one from the Coupling of 2-Aminobenzamides with β-Amino Acids and Branched Primary Amines

Adopting the previously developed conditions, we next sought the catalytic coupling reaction of 2-aminobenzamide with β-amino acids which formed the desired dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-one product in 80% yield. To further extend the synthetic utility, we next explored the coupling reaction of 2-aminobenzamide derivatives with branched primary amine substrates. In light of the previously developed deaminative coupling reaction of primary amines^{126b}, we sought to achieve a direct C–N bond cleavage via imine intermediate. Thus, the treatment of 2-aminobenzamide (0.5 mmol) with branched amine (0.70 mmol) in the presence of **2-10** (3 mol %) and **2-12** (10 mol %) in 1,4-dioxane (2 mL) at 140 °C smoothly formed the coupling products **5-10a–e** in good yields, which are analyzed by both GC and NMR spectroscopic methods. Single crystals of **5-10a** were obtained by slow evaporation in hexanes/EtOAc at room temperature, and its structure was determined by X-ray crystallography. The coupling of 2-

selective formation of the dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-one products **5-10f-k** (76-88%)

without significant amount of the secondary amine or other side products.

Table 5.6: Synthesis of Dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-one from the Coupling of 2-Aminobenzamides with Branched Amines



^{*a*}Reaction conditions: aminoamide (0.5 mmol), branched amine (0.7 mmol), **2-10** (3 mol %), **2-12** (10 mol %), 1,4-dioxane (2 mL), 140 °C, 20 h.

The analogous coupling reaction of both 2-aminobenzamides and N-alkyl-2- benzamides with cyclic amines afforded the corresponding coupling products **5-10l-t** in moderate to high yields (54-91%). Benzocyclic and bicyclic amines also reacted smoothly to generate the desired dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-one products **5-10u-x**. Interestingly, biologically relevant oxygen and nitrogen heterocyclic amines gave the desired product in excellent yields. The formation of dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-one product can be rationalized by initial deaminative coupling of amide and amine substrates followed by the cyclization dehydrogenation steps. The coupling reaction efficiently assembles synthetically valuable dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-one products core structures by employing readily available branched amine and benzamide substrates.

5.2.4 Coupling Reaction of 2-Aminophenylketones with Biologically Active Amines

To further demonstrate synthetic utility of the catalytic method, we next surveyed the substrate scope of the coupling method by employing several functionalized 2aminophenyl ketones and 2-aminobenzamides with a number of biologically active amine substrates (**Table 5.7**). Treatment of (3-amino-6-nitrobenzofuran-2yl)(phenyl)methanone with (1S,2R)-2-aminocyclohexanecarboxylic acid led to the nitro/chloro-substituted products **5-10i**–**j** in excellent yields under the standard reaction conditions. The analogous coupling reaction of 5-chloro-2-aminobenzophenone with insitu generated 1-(4-(2,6,6-trimethylcyclohex-1-en-1-yl)but-2-en-2-yl)pyrrolidine and 1-(3-methyl-4-(2,6,6-trimethylcyclohex-2-en-1-yl)buta-1,3-dien-2-yl)pyrrolidine formed the corresponding quinoline products **5-9ak** and **5-9al** in good yields (59, 61% respectively) in a regioselective fashion.

Table 5.7: Coupling Reaction of 2-Aminophenyl Ketones and 2-Aminobenzamides

 Biologically Active and Functionalized Amines^a



^{*a*}Reaction conditions: 2-aminoketone or 2-aminobenzamide (0.5 mmol), amine/amino acid (0.7 mmol), **2-10** (3 mol %), **2-12** or **2/16** (10 mol %), 1,4-dioxane (2 mL), 140 °C, 20 h. ^{*b*}Benzene-1,2-diamine (0.5 mmol), enamine (0.5 mmol).

The coupling of 4-amino-1-methyl-3-n-propyl-5-pyrazolecarboxamide with a 4morpholinyl-substituted amine predictively formed the desired product **5-10aa** in 96% yield. The coupling of 2-aminobenzamide with in-situ generated 1-(4-(2,6,6trimethylcyclohex-1-en-1-yl)but-2-en-2-yl)pyrrolidine and 1-(4-(6-methoxynaphthalen-2yl)but-2-en-2-yl)pyrrolidine yielded the desired dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-one products **5-10ab** and **5-10ac** in 70% and 86% yields, respectively. Delightfully, the reaction of 2aminobenzamide with 1-((8S,9R,10R,13S,14R,17S)-10,13-dimethyl-17-((S)-6methylheptan-2-yl)-4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-tetradecahydro-1Hcyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-yl)pyrrolidine, afforded the desired cholesterol derivative **5-10ad** in an excellent yield (90%). The analogous treatment of 1,2-diamine with corresponding enamine also formed the quinoxaline product **5-11a-b**. The structures of both **5-9ai** and **5-11a** products have been confirmed by X-ray crystallographic method. These examples clearly demonstrated the general applicability of the catalytic coupling method in synthesizing biologically active dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-one derivatives.

Synthetic utility of the catalytic method has been further tested by running a preparatory scale reaction of 2-amino-5-chlorobenzophenone (1.16 g, 5.0 mmol) with (1S,2R)-2-aminocyclohexanecarboxylic acid (1.0 g, 7 mmol) under standard reaction conditions. Analytically pure product **5-9m** was obtained by crystallization in dichloromethane and n-hexanes (1.17 g, 80%). Similarly, the reaction of 2-aminobenzamide (1.04 g, 7.5 mmol) and cyclohexylamine (1.04 g, 10.5 mmol) under standard reaction conditions afforded the product **5-10m** in 84% yield (1.36 g).

5.2.5 Mechanistic Studies

5.2.5.1 Deuterium Labeling Study



We have chosen the coupling reaction of 2-aminoacetophenone with cyclohexylamine for probing mechanistic insights. First, we examined the deuterium-labeling pattern from the reaction of 2-aminophenylethanone- d_3 (89% D) with 4-methoxybenzylamine (**Eq. 5.7**).



Figure 5.3: ¹H and ²H NMR Spectra of **5-9k**-*d* Isolated from the Reaction of 2'-Aminoacetophenone- d_3 with (1S,2R)-2-Aminocyclohexanecarboxylic acid Thus, the treatment of perdeuterated 2-aminophenylethanone- d_3 (0.50 mmol) with 2aminocyclohexanecarboxylic acid (0.70 mmol) in the presence of **2-10** (3 mol %)/**2-16** (10 mol %) under the standard reaction conditions formed the coupling product **5-9k**-*d*. The isolated product **5-9k**-*d* as analyzed by ¹H and ²H NMR contained only 11% of the deuterium on the methyl group as most of the deuterium had been washed away (**Figure 5.3**). A relatively small amount of the deuterium on **5-9k**-*d* suggests an extensive keto–enol tautomerization under the reaction conditions.

5.2.5.2 Carbon Isotope Effect Study



To discern between the possible turnover limiting steps, Singleton's NMR technique¹²⁷ at natural abundance was used to measure the ¹²C/¹³C kinetic isotope effect (KIE) from the coupling reaction of 5-chloro-2-aminobenzophenone with β -leucine in the presence of **2-10** (3 mol %)/**2-16** (10 mol %) in 1,4-dioxane (8 mL) was heated at 130 °C for 20 h (**Eq. 5.8**). The high precision ¹³C NMR analysis showed, most pronounced carbon KIE was observed on the β -carbon atom of the product **5-9ad**, when the ¹²C/¹³C ratio of the product at 92% conversion was compared to the product obtained at a low conversion (KIE on C3 = 1.018; average of 3 runs) The unique carbon KIE on the carbon

atom of 5-9d suggests that the C-N bond cleavage is intimately involved in the turnover

limiting step of the coupling reaction. (Table 5.8).

Table 5.8: Average ¹³C Integration of the Product 5-9d Obtained from the Reaction of 5chloro-2-aminobenzophenone and β -Leucine at High Conversion (Virgin, R_0 ; 92% conversion), at Low Conversion (R; avg 15% conversion) and the Calculated ¹³C KIE (C1 = reference)

| Carbon # | High Conversion (R ₀) | Low Conversion (R) | R_0/R | KIE |
|----------|---|--------------------------|---------|--------|
| 1 (ref) | 1 | 1 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 |
| 2 | 2.1727 | 2.1722 | 1.0002 | 1.0002 |
| 3 | 1.0749 | 1.0556 | 1.0181 | 1.0181 |
| 4 | 1.0843 | 1.0799 | 1.0041 | 1.0041 |
| 5 | 1.4853 | 1.4899 | 0.9969 | 0.9969 |

5.2.5.3 Reaction with Enamine Substrates



To establish the enamine as a requisite intermediate for the formation of quinoline product, the reaction of and 1-pyrrolidino-1-cyclohexene was tested under the standard reaction conditions, which proceeded smoothly to afford the quinoline product **5-9m** in 85% yield (**Eq. 5.9**). In a control experiment, analogous treatment of with p-toluenesulfonic acid (5 mol %) did not form the product **5-9m** under otherwise similar reaction conditions. Delightfully, the reaction with ruthenium catecholate **2-11** also

afforded the desired product 85% yield indicating ruthenium catecholate is a viable catalytic species. The results showed that the ruthenium catalysis is essential for the cyclization and dehydrogenation steps of the product formation.

The reaction with the imine intermediate of the benzamide was performed under standard reaction conditions, which led to a quantitative product formation (**Eq. 5.10**). Interestingly, no desired product was formed when the reaction was performed under identical conditions without the ruthenium catalyst.



5.2.5.4 Reaction with Dihydrocoumarin Substrates

To probe the deamination versus decarboxylation sequence, a number of different carbonyl substrates were tested with β -homoleucine substrate under standard reaction condition. The trapped amide product **5-12** was successfully obtained from the treatment of dihydrocoumarin with l-leucine (**Eq. 5.10**), and its structure was established by NMR and x-ray crystallography. The selective formation of the amide product **5-12** supports a preferential decarboxylation over the deamination step for the amino acid substrate. Transition metal catalyzed decarboxylative coupling methods have been successfully employed for the synthesis of complex organic molecules.²⁹



5.3 Proposed Mechanism of the Catalytic Synthesis of Quinoline Derivatives

We offer a plausible mechanistic sequence for the formation of the quinoline products **5-9** on the basis of these preliminary results (**Scheme 5.3**). The reaction with enamine provides an additional experimental support for the formation of enamine by initial decarboxylation of β -amino acid. In support of this hypothesis, we previously found that the ruthenium–hydride complexes are efficient catalysts for olefin isomerization reaction^{125b} and dehydrogenation of saturated amines and carbonyl compounds.¹⁸¹ We believe that a redox-active catechol ligand may be essential for facilitating the dehydrogenation step on the catalysis.¹⁸² The coordination of 2aminoacetophenone to the ruthenium intermediate species **5-13** would give an intermediate ruthenium complex **5-14**. Nucleophilic enolate attack followed by dehydrative coupling would afford the ruthenium coordinated imine species **5-8**. Final deaminative^{126b} annulation steps would afford the corresponding regioselective quinoline product along with ammonia byproduct.



Scheme 5.3: Proposed Mechanistic Hypothesis for the Regio-selective synthesis of Quinolines from 2-Aminophenyl Ketones with β -Amino Acids

5.4 Conclusion

In summary, we have successfully developed a novel catalytic coupling method by using readily available β -amino acids and amines as substrates for the synthesis of nitrogen heterocycles. The salient features of the catalytic method are that it achieves direct C–N bond cleavage of biomass-derived β -amino acids, exhibits a broad range of substrate scope with high regioselectivity, and it does not require any reactive reagents or pre-functionalization of the substrates in forming the quinoline products. Synthetic utility of the catalytic system has been demonstrated by running a gram scale reaction and the reaction with biologically relevant substrates.
Chapter 6

Experimental Section

6.1 General Information

All operations were carried out in a nitrogen-filled glove box or by using standard high vacuum and Schlenk techniques unless otherwise noted. All the solvents used were freshly distilled over appropriate drying reagents. Chlorobenzene was distilled from purple solutions of sodium and benzophenone, and hexanes was dried over calcium hydride prior to use. All organic substrates were received from commercial sources and were used without further purification. The ¹H, ²H, ¹³C, and ³¹P NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian 400 MHz FT-NMR spectrometer, and the data are reported as: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad, app = apparent; coupling constant(s) in Hz; integration. In ¹H NMR, the chemical shifts were referenced to the residual hydrogen signal of the deuterated solvents. In ${}^{13}C{1H}$ NMR measurements, the signals of deuterated solvents were used as a reference. Reaction temperatures were reported as the temperatures of the oil bath. Mass spectra were recorded from Agilent 6850 GC-MS spectrometer by using a HP-5 (5% phenylmethylpolysiloxane) column (30 m, 0.32 mm, 0.25 µm) or from SHIMADZU GC-2010 Plus gas chromatography spectrometer coupled with GCMS-QP2010 SE mass spectrometer by using a SHIMADZU SH-Rxi-5SilMS (similar to 5% diphenyl/95%dimethyl polysiloxane) column (30 m, 0.25 mm, 0.25 µm). High resolution mass spectra were obtained at the Mass Spectrometry/ICP Lab, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI and Analytical

Instrumentation Center, School of Pharmacy, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI. Optical rotation was measured by using a 1 mL cell with 1 dm path length on a Perkin-Elmer 341 polarimeter with a sodium lamp, and are reported as $[\alpha_C^T]$ (c = g/100 mL, solvent). Elemental analyses were performed at the Midwest Microlab, Indianapolis, IN.

6.2 Experimental Procedures and Data for the Chapter 02

6.2.1 Synthesis of $[(PCy_3)(CO)RuH]_4(\mu^4-O)(\mu^3-OH)(\mu^2-OH)$ Complex (2-9)

The tetranuclear Ruthenium complex 2-9 was synthesized in two steps from the 5- coordinated Ru-hydride complex (PCy₃)₂(CO)RuHCl 2-7 (Scheme 2.9). In a glovebox, a 500 mL Schlenk reactor equipped with a magnetic stirring bar and Teflon stopcock was charged with (PCy₃)₂(CO)RuHCl (726 mg, 1.0 mmol), KOH (6.5 mmol), and 2- propanol (5 mL). The reaction tube was brought out of the box and was stirred in an oil bath at 90 °C for 8 h. The solvent was removed under high vacuum, and the residue was washed with 2-propanol and benzene to obtain the binuclear Ru complex 2-8. The binuclear Ru complex 2-8 can be purified by short column by benzene as the eluent. In the glove box, the obtained Ru binuclear complex 2-8 (500 mg, 0.46 mmol) and acetone (5 mL) were added to a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar and Teflon stopcock. The reaction tube was brought out of the glovebox and stirred in an oil bath at 100 °C for 4 h. After the tube was cooled to room temperature, the resulting red solid was filtered, washed with cold acetone (5 mL, 3 times), and recrystallized in dichloromethane to obtain product 2-9 in 90 % yield. Spectroscopic data for **2-9**: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 2.25-1.15 (m, PCy₃), -2.50 and -2.60 (s, μ-OH), -

14.56 (d, $J_{PH} = 19.2$ Hz, Ru-H), -15.02 (d, $J_{PH} = 18.0$ Hz, Ru-H), -15.28 (d, $J_{PH} = 34.8$ Hz, Ru-H), -18.64 (dt, $J_{PH} = 13.2$, 4.8 Hz, Ru-H-Ru); ³¹P{1H} NMR (CDCl₃, 121.6 MHz) δ 82.13 (s, PCy₃), 79.01 (d, $J_{PP} = 14.0$ Hz (PCy₃)), 71.96 (s, (PCy₃)), 68.89 (d, $J_{PP} = 14.0$ Hz, (PCy₃)); IR (CH₂Cl₂) vOH = 2926, 2849 cm⁻¹, vCO = 1925, 1912, 1894, 1868 cm⁻¹. Anal. Calcd for **2-9** C₇₆H₁₃₈O₇P₄-Ru₄: C 53.95; H 8.22. Found: C 55.03; H 8.14.^{125a}

6.2.2 Synthesis of [(η⁶-C₆H₆)RuH(CO)(PCy₃)]⁺BF₄⁻ Complex (2-10)

In a glove box, complex **2-9** (200 mg, 0.12 mmol) was dissolved in benzene (10 mL) in a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw-cap stopcock and a magnetic stirring bar. The tube was brought out of the box, and HBF₄·OEt₂ (64 μ L, 0.48 mmol) was added via syringe under N₂ stream. The color of the solution was changed from dark red to pale yellow immediately. After stirring for 1 h at room temperature, the solvent was removed under vacuum, and the residue was crashed by adding hexanes (20 mL). Filtering the resulting solid through a fritted funnel and recrystallization from CH₂Cl₂/hexanes yielded the product as a pale-yellow powder (262 mg, 95% yield). Single crystals of **2-10** suitable for X-ray crystallography were obtained from a slow evaporation of benzene and hexanes solution.

Data for **2-10**: ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 400 MHz) δ 6.53 (s, C₆H₆), 2.0-1.2 (m, PCy₃), -10.39 (d, $J_{PH} = 25.9$ Hz, Ru-H); ¹³C{1H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 100 MHz), δ 196.4 (d, $J_{CP} = 19.3$ Hz, CO), 100.0 (C₆H₆), 38.4, 38.2, 30.2, 29.9, 27.4, 27.3 and 26.2 (PCy₃); ³¹P{1H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 162 MHz) δ 72.9 (PCy₃); IR (KBr) ν CO = 1991 cm⁻¹; Anal. Calcd for **2-10** C₂₅H₄₀BF₄OPRu: C, 52.18; H, 7.01. Found: C, 51.73; H, 6.91.^{125b, 125c}

6.2.3 Synthesis of [Ru(PCy₃)₂(3-,5-(^tBu)₂(1-,2-(O)₂)C₆H₂)CO] Complex 2-11

The complex **2-10** (117 mg, 0.20 mmol), 3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-o-benzoquinone **2-12b** (44 mg, 0.20 mmol), PCy₃ (56 mg, 0.20 mmol) were dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) in a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock and a magnetic stirring bar under N₂ stream. After stirring for 24 h in a water bath set at 70 °C, the solvent was removed under vacuum, and the residue was washed with 2% hexanes/EtOAc under nitrogen atmosphere. The resulting residue was dissolved in acetone (3 mL), layered with n-pentane (4 mL), and stored in a glove box for five days for crystallization. The resulting solid was filtered through a fritted funnel to yield the complex **2-11** (102 mg, 56%) as a reddish crystalline solid. Single crystals of **2-11** were obtained by slow evaporation in EtOAc/pentanes, and its structure was determined by X-ray crystallography. Data for **2-11**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.91 (s, 1H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 2.60–0.70 (m, 84H) ppm; ³¹P{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 75.6, 75.4 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₅₁H₈₆O₃P₂RuH911.5183; Found 911.5146.

6.2.3.1 X-Ray Crystal Structure of Complex 2-11

Dark-red prism like single crystals of **2-11** were grown in pentanes/EtOAc at room temperature. A suitable crystal with the dimension of $0.748 \times 0.105 \times 0.04 \text{ mm}^3$ was selected and mounted on an Oxford SuperNova, Dual Cu at home/near, Atlas diffractometer, respectively. The crystal was kept at 100 K during data collection. Using Olex2,²⁰³ the structure was solved with the olex2.solve²⁰⁴ structure solution program using Charge Flipping and refined with the ShelXL²⁰⁵ refinement package using Least Squares minimization. The molecular structure of **2-11** is shown in **Figure 6.1**.



Figure 6.1: The Molecular Structure of Ruthenium Complex 2-11



Figure 6.2: Crystal Packing of Ruthenium Complex 2-11

6.2.3.2 X-ray Crystallographic Data for the Complex 2-11

| Identification code | yi4z |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Empirical formula | $C_{51}H_{86}O_3P_2Ru$ |
| Formula weight | 910.20 |
| Temperature/K | 100.3(9) |
| Crystal system | monoclinic |
| Space group | $P2_1/c$ |
| a/Å | 20.07721(19) |
| b/Å | 13.38539(14) |
| c/Å | 17.77134(18) |
| a/° | 90 |
| β/° | 90.3343(9) |
| γ/° | 90 |
| Volume/Å ³ | 4775.81(8) |
| Z | 4 |
| $\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$ | 1.266 |
| μ/mm^{-1} | 3.586 |
| F(000) | 1960.0 |
| Crystal size/mm ³ | $0.215\times0.183\times0.116$ |
| Radiation | $CuK\alpha \ (\lambda = 1.54184)$ |
| 2Θ range for data collection/° | 7.938 to 141.126 |
| Index ranges | $-24 \le h \le 22, -16 \le k \le 16, -20 \le l \le 21$ |
| Reflections collected | 44427 |
| Independent reflections | 9074 [$R_{int} = 0.0418$, $R_{sigma} = 0.0273$] |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 9074/0/520 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.027 |
| Final R indexes [I>=2 σ (I)] | $R_1 = 0.0319, wR_2 = 0.0821$ |
| Final R indexes [all data] | $R_1 = 0.0358, wR_2 = 0.0856$ |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e $Å^{-3}$ | 0.87/-0.55 |

 Table 6.1: Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for Ruthenium Complex 2-11

6.2.4.1 X-ray Crystal Structure of Complex 2-14

Orange needles shaped single crystal of **2-14** were grown in pentanes/EtOAc at room temperature. A suitable crystal with the dimension of $0.603 \times 0.112 \times 0.024$ mm³ was selected and mounted on an Oxford SuperNova, Dual Cu at home/near, Atlas

diffractometer, respectively. The crystal was kept at 100 K during data collection. Using Olex2,²⁰³ the structure was solved with the olex2.solve²⁰⁴ structure solution program using Charge Flipping and refined with the ShelXL²⁰⁵ refinement package using Least Squares minimization.



Figure 6.3: The Molecular Structure of Ruthenium Complex 2-14

Data for **2-14:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.21–7.10 (m, 4H), 2.71–0.62 (m, 78H) ppm; ³¹P{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 75.0, 74.8 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₅₃H₇₆O₃P₂RuH 911.5183; Found 911.5146.



Figure 6.4: Crystal Packing of Ruthenium Complex 2-14

6.2.4.2 X-ray Crystallography Data for the Complex 2-14

Table 6.2: Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for Ruthenium Complex 2-14

| Identification code | yi5b |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| Empirical formula | $C_{53}H_{76}BCl_2F_4O_4P_2Ru$ |
| Formula weight | 1097.85 |
| Temperature/K | 100.00(10) |
| Crystal system | monoclinic |
| Space group | $P2_1/m$ |
| a/Å | 9.83560(10) |
| b/Å | 15.2197(2) |
| c/Å | 17.2974(2) |

| α / \circ | 90 |
|---|---|
| β/° | 92.2990(10) |
| $\gamma/^{\circ}$ | 90 |
| Volume/Å ³ | 2587.25(5) |
| Z | 2 |
| $\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$ | 1.409 |
| μ/mm^{-1} | 4.468 |
| F(000) | 1150.0 |
| Crystal size/mm ³ | $0.603 \times 0.112 \times 0.024$ |
| Radiation | Cu Ka ($\lambda = 1.54184$) |
| 2Θ range for data collection/° | 7.74 to 141.174 |
| Index ranges | $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{-10} \leq h \leq 11, \textbf{-18} \leq k \leq 18, \textbf{-21} \\ \leq 1 \leq 21 \end{array}$ |
| Reflections collected | 24817 |
| Independent reflections | 5091 [$R_{int} = 0.0364$, $R_{sigma} = 0.0251$] |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 5091/0/354 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.042 |
| Final R indexes [I>= 2σ (I)] | $R_1 = 0.0325, wR_2 = 0.0840$ |
| Final R indexes [all data] | $R_1 = 0.0368, wR_2 = 0.0868$ |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³ | 0.78/-1.07 |

6.2.5 Synthesis of [Ru(PCy₃)₂(CO)H(OH₂)₂) Complex 2-15

A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (117 mg, 0.2 mmol), water (9 mg, 0.5 mmol), tricyclohexylphosphine (56 mg, 0.2 mmol) were dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (3 mL) in a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock and a magnetic stirring bar under N₂ stream. After stirring for 24 h in a 50 °C water bath, the solvent was removed under vacuum, and the residue was washed with 2% hexanes/EtOAc in a nitrogen atmosphere. The resulting residue was dissolved in acetone (3 mL), layered with n-pentane (4 mL), and stored in a glove box for five days for crystallization. The resulting solid was filtered through a fritted funnel to yield the product as brownish crystalline solid, which was recrystallized by following similar procedure to obtain

complex **2-15** (78 mg, 48%). Single crystals of **2-15** were obtained by slow evaporation in CH₂Cl₂/pentanes, and its structure was determined by X-ray crystallography. Data for **2-15:** Data for **2-14:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.21–7.10 (m, 4H), 2.71–0.62 (m, 78H) ppm; ³¹P{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 75.0, 74.8 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₃₇H₇₁O₃P₂RuH 728.4005; Found 728.4005.

6.2.5.1 X-Ray Crystal Structure of Complex 2-15

Brownish needles shaped single crystal of 2-15 were grown in pentanes/EtOAc at room temperature. A suitable crystal with the dimension of $0.612 \times 0.123 \times 0.077 \text{ mm}^3$ was selected and mounted on an Oxford SuperNova, Dual Cu at home/near, Atlas diffractometer, respectively. The crystal was kept at 100 K during data collection. Using Olex2,²⁰³ the structure was solved with the olex2.solve²⁰⁴ structure solution program using Charge Flipping and refined with the ShelXL²⁰⁵ refinement package using Least Squares minimization. The molecular structure of **2-15** is shown in **Figure 6.5**. The Ru(II) complex has an octahedral coordination. The hydride ligand was localized objectively and refined isotopically. The complex has trans-configuration in respect to phosphine ligands and cis-configuration in respect to aqua ligands. The tetrafluoroborate anion is disordered. The cations form H-bonds with bridging BF4⁻ anions making 1dimensional double chains along x axis.



Figure 6.5: The Molecular Structure of Ruthenium Complex 2-15



Figure 6.6: Crystal Packing of Ruthenium Complex 2-15

6.2.5.2 X-ray Crystallographic Data for the Complex 2-15

| Identification code | yi4v |
|---|---|
| Empirical formula | $C_{37}H_{71}BF_4O_3P_2Ru$ |
| Formula weight | 813.75 |
| Temperature/K | 101(2) |
| Crystal system | triclinic |
| Space group | P-1 |
| a/Å | 9.84636(17) |
| b/Å | 13.5122(3) |
| c/Å | 17.1420(3) |
| α/° | 71.3133(18) |
| β/° | 86.8988(14) |
| γ/° | 71.7993(17) |
| Volume/Å ³ | 2049.67(7) |
| Z | 2 |
| $\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$ | 1.319 |
| μ/mm^{-1} | 0.511 |
| F(000) | 864.0 |
| Crystal size/mm ³ | $0.612\times0.123\times0.077$ |
| Radiation | MoKa ($\lambda = 0.71073$) |
| 2Θ range for data collection/° | 6.7 to 59.326 |
| Index ranges | $-13 \le h \le 13, -17 \le k \le 17, -23$ < 1 < 23 |
| Reflections collected | 46281 |
| Independent reflections | $10496 [R_{int} = 0.0244, R_{sigma} = 0.0237]$ |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 10496/20/490 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.060 |
| Final R indexes $[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$ | $R_1 = 0.0258, wR_2 = 0.0575$ |
| Final R indexes [all data] | $R_1 = 0.0307, wR_2 = 0.0604$ |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³ | 0.87/-0.71 |

 Table 6.3: Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for Ruthenium Complex 2-15

6.2.6 General Procedures for the Catalytic Synthesis of Secondary Amines

In a glove box, complex **2-9** (13 mg, 0.75 mol %) and 4-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-1,2benzenediol **2-16**, (16 mg, 10 mol %) were dissolved in chlorobenzene (1 mL) in a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock and a magnetic stirring bar. The resulting mixture was stirred for 5 to 10 minutes until the solution turned to a reddish green color. One (procedure for symmetric coupling reactions, 1.0 mmol of primary amine substrate) or two amines substrates (1.0 mmol and 1.4 mmol) in chlorobenzene (1 mL) were added to the reaction tube. After the tube was sealed, it was brought out of the glove box, and was stirred in an oil bath maintained at 130-140 °C for 16-20 h. The reaction tube was taken out of the oil bath and was cooled to room temperature. After the tube was open to air, the solution was filtered through a short silica gel column by eluting with CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL), and the filtrate was analyzed by GC-MS. Analytically pure product was isolated by a simple column chromatography on silica gel (280-400 mesh, hexanes/EtOAc).

In an alternative procedure, the complex 1-45 (17 mg, 3 mol %) and 1-46 (24 mg, 10 mol %) or complex 2-9 were dissolved in anhydrous 1,4-dioxane (1 mL) in a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock and a magnetic stirring bar. After stirring for 5-10 min until the solution was turned light green color, both amine 1 (0.5 mmol) and an amine 2 (0.7 mmol) substrates, and dioxane (1 mL) was added to the tube. The tube was sealed, it was brought out of the glove box, and was stirred in an oil bath set at 130-140 °C for 16-20 h. Analytically pure product was isolated by flash chromatographic machine, Biotage IsolaraTM One. Dry loading of a sample in to a 10g of silica gel Biotage® SNAP KPSil Cartridge has been used (**Figure 6.3.1.1**).

6.2.7.1 Reaction Profile Study

In a glove box, complex 2-9 (2 mg, 3 mol %) and 2-16 (2 mg, 10 mol %) were dissolved in toluene- d_8 (0.5 mL) in a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock and a magnetic stirring bar. The resulting mixture was stirred for 10 minutes until the solution turned to a brownish green color. 4-methoxybenzylamine (14 mg, 0.10 mmol) were added to the reaction tube, and the solution was transferred into a J-Young NMR tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock. The tube was brought out of the glove box, and was immersed an oil bath set at 130 °C. The tube was taken out from the oil bath at 20 min intervals, was immediately cooled in ice-water bath, and was analyzed by ¹H NMR. The appearance of the product signal was normalized against an external standard peak (C₆Me₆).

6.2.7.2 Deuterium Labeling Study

In a glove box, complex **2-9** (7 mg, 0.75 mol %) and **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %) were dissolved in chlorobenzene (1 mL) in a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock and a magnetic stirring bar. The resulting mixture was stirred for 5 to 10 minutes until the solution turned to a reddish green color. Aniline- d_7 (50 mg, 0.5 mmol) and 4-methoxybenzylamine (78 mg) in chlorobenzene (1 mL) were added to the reaction tube. After the tube was sealed, it was brought out of the glove box, and was stirred in an oil bath maintained at 140 °C for 20 h. Analytically pure product was isolated by a simple column chromatography on silica gel (280-400 mesh, *n*-hexanes/EtOAc). The ¹H and ²H NMR spectra of the product **2-15e-d** are recorded (**Scheme 3.6.1**). Control experiment was conducted with the pure product **2-15e**, (107

mg, 0.5 mmol) with Aniline- d_7 (50 mg, 0.5 mmol) with the catalyst **2-9** (7 mg, 0.75 mol %) and **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %) which were dissolved in chlorobenzene (1 mL).

6.2.7.3 Carbon Isotope Effect Study

In a glove box, complex **2-9** (28 mg, 0.75 mol %) and **2-16** (32 mg, 10 mol %) were dissolved in chlorobenzene (2 mL) in a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock and a magnetic stirring bar. The resulting mixture was stirred for 5 to 10 minutes until the solution turned to a reddish green color. 4-Methoxybenzylamine (274 mg, 2.0 mmol) and chlorobenzene (2 mL) were added to the reaction tube. After the tube was sealed, those were brought out of the box, and was stirred in an oil bath at 130 °C for 16 h. The tube was cooled to room temperature and filtered through a small silica column (CH₂Cl₂), and the product conversion was determined by GC (86%, 88% and 89% conversions). The product 2-14c was isolated by a column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc). The procedure was repeated two more times. In a similar procedure, complex 2-9 (52 mg, 0.75 mol %) and 2-16 (80 mg, 10 mol %) were dissolved in chlorobenzene (5 mL) in a 100 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock and a magnetic stirring bar. 4-Methoxybenzylamine (685 mg, 5.0 mmol) and chlorobenzene (5 mL) were added to the reaction tube. After the tube was sealed, it was brought out of the box, and was stirred in an oil bath at 130 °C for 2 h. The tube was cooled to room temperature and filtered through a small silica column (CH₂Cl₂), and the product conversion was determined by GC (15%, 13% and 12% conversions). The product 2-14c was isolated by a column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc). The NMR sample was prepared identically by dissolving 2-14c (200

mg) in CDCl₃ (0.5 mL) in a 5 mm high precision NMR tube. The ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra were recorded with H-decoupling and 45-degree pulses. A 60 s delay between pulses was imposed to minimize T1 variations (d1 = 120 s, at = 5.0 s, np = 245098, nt = 512, dm = 'nny').

6.2.7.4 Hammett Study

In a glove box, complex **2-9** (20 mg, 0.75 mol %) and **2-16** (24 mg, 10 mol %) were dissolved in toluene- d_8 (1.5 mL) in a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock and a magnetic stirring bar. The resulting mixture was stirred for 5 to 10 minutes until the solution turned to a reddish green color. 4-Methoxyaniline (185 mg, 1.5 mmol) was added to the reaction tube, and the solution was stirred for 5 min. The solution was divided into 6 equal portions, and *p*-X-C₆H₄CH₂NH₂ (0.3 mmol) (X = OMe, Me, H, F, Cl, CF₃) was added to each solution. The resulting mixture was transferred into six different J-Young NMR tubes each equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock. The tubes were brought out of the glove box, and were immersed an oil bath set at 140 °C. Each tube was taken out from the oil bath at 30 min time intervals, cooled in ice-water bath, and was analyzed by ¹H NMR. The reaction rate was measured by monitoring the appearance of the product signals on ¹H NMR, which was normalized against the internal standard peak (C₆Me₆). The k_{obs} was determined from a first-order plot of $-ln[(4-methoxyaniline)_i/(4-methoxyaniline)_0]$ vs time.

6.2.8.1 Characterization Data of the Novel Unsymmetric Secondary Amines Listed in Table 2.3



N-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-2-(4-

methoxyphenyl)ethanamine (2-17e). A

chlorobenzene (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-9**

(13 mg, 0.75 mol %), **2-16** (16 mg, 10 mol %), 4-

chlorobenzylamine (141 mg, 1.0 mmol) and 4-methoxybenzeneethanamine (211 mg, 1.4 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **2-17e** was isolated by a column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 100:1 to 10:1; 158 mg, 57%). TLC; R_f = 0.4 (20% EtOAc in hexanes). Data for **2-17e**: ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30–7.25 (m, 2H), 7.24–7.19 (m, 2H), 7.15–7.09 (m, 2H), 6.87–6.82 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 2H), 2.87–2.82 (m, 2H), 2.80–2.74 (m, 2H), 1.73 (br s, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.9, 138.6, 132.5, 131.7, 129.5, 129.3, 128.4, 113.8, 55.1, 53.0, 50.5, 35.2 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₆H₁₈ClNO, m/z = 275 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₈ClNOH 276.1150; Found 276.1122.



N-(**Biphenyl-4-ylmethyl**)**hexan-1-amine** (2-17**f**). A chlorobenzene (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-9** (13 mg, 0.75 mol %), **2-16** (16 mg, 10 mol %), 4-

pheylbenzylamine (183 mg, 1.0 mmol) and 1-hexamine (141 mg, 1.4 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **2-17f** was isolated by a column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 100:1 to 10:1; 176 mg, 66%). TLC; $R_f = 0.3$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes). Data for **2-17f**: ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61–7.54 (m, 4H), 7.46–7.37 (m, 4H), 7.36–7.31 (m, 1H), 3.83 (s, 2H), 2.66 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.58–1.50 (m, 2H), 1.36–1.26 (m, 6H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.0, 139.8, 139.6, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 127.1, 127.0, 53.7, 49.6, 31.8, 30.1, 27.0, 22.6, 14.1 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₉H₂₅N, m/z = 267 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₂₅NH 268.2060; Found 268.2061.



N-(4-(Trifluoromethyl)benzyl)hexan-1-amine (2-

17g). A chlorobenzene (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-9** (13 mg, 0.75 mol %), **2-16** (16 mg, 10 mol %), 4-

trifluromethylbenzylamine (175 mg, 1.0 mmol) and 1-hexamine (141 mg, 1.4 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **2-17g** was isolated by a column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1 to 10:1; 142 mg, 55%). TLC; $R_f = 0.4$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes). Data for **2-17g**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 2H), 2.61 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.58 (br s, 1H), 1.55–1.46 (m, 2H), 1.37–1.22 (m, 6H), 0.91–0.84 (m, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.6, 129.1 (q, *J*_{CF} = 32.3 Hz), 128.3, 125.3 (q, *J*_{CF} = 3.8 Hz), 124.2 (q, *J*_{CF} = 272.0 Hz), 53.5, 49.5, 31.7, 30.0, 27.0, 22.6, 14.0; GC-MS for C₁₄H₂₀F₃N, m/z = 259 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₂₀F₃NH 260.1621; Found 260.1627.



4-Fluoro-*N***-hexylbenzenemethanamine** (**2-17i**). A chlorobenzene (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-9** (13 mg, 0.75 mol %), **2-16** (16 mg, 10 mol %), 4-

flurobenzylamine (125 mg, 1.0 mmol) and 1-hexamine (141 mg, 1.4 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **2-17i** was isolated by a column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 100:1 to 10:1; 132 mg, 63%). TLC; $R_f = 0.3$ (20% EtOAc in

hexanes). Data for **2-17i**: ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30–7.24 (m, 2H), 7.02–6.95 (m, 2H), 3.74 (s, 2H), 2.59 (t, *J* = 7.3, 2H), 1.53–1.44 (m, 2H), 1.35–1.21 (m, 6H), 0.90–0.84 (m, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.8 (d, *J*_{CF} = 244.6 Hz), 136.2 (d, *J*_{CF} = 3.1 Hz), 129.6 (d, *J*_{CF} = 7.9 Hz), 115.0 (d, *J*_{CF} = 21.2 Hz), 53.3, 49.4, 31.7, 30.0, 27.0, 22.6, 14.0 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₃H₂₀FN, m/z = 209 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₂₀FNH 210.1653; Found 260.1654.



N-[(4-fluorophenyl)methyl]-4-methoxy-

benzeneethanamine (2-17k). A chlorobenzene (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-9 (13 mg, 0.75 mol %), 2-16 (16 mg, 10 mol %), 4-flurobenzylamine (125 mg,

1.0 mmol) and 4-methoxybenzeneethanamine (211 mg, 1.4 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **2-17k** was isolated by a column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 100:1 to 10:1; 142 mg, 55%). TLC; $R_f = 0.3$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes). Data for **2-17k**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27–7.21 (m, 2H), 7.15–7.10 (m, 2H), 7.03–6.96 (m, 2H), 6.87–6.82 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 2H), 2.88–2.83 (m, 2H), 2.80–2.74 (m, 2H), 1.69 (br s, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.8 (d, $J_{CF} = 244.6$ Hz), 157.9, 135.8 (d, $J_{CF} = 3.1$ Hz), 131.8, 129.5, 129.5 (d, $J_{CF} = 7.9$ Hz), 115.0 (d, $J_{CF} = 21.2$ Hz), 113.8, 55.1, 53.0, 50.6, 35.2 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₆H₁₈FNO, m/z = 259 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₈FNOH 260.1445; Found 260.1439.



N-[(4-Fluorophenyl)methyl]-β-

methylbenzeneethanamine (2-17l). A chlorobenzene (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-9 (13 mg, 0.75 mol %), 2-

16 (16 mg, 10 mol %), 4-flurobenzylamine (125 mg, 1.0 mmol) and βmethylphenethylamine (189 mg, 1.4 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **2**-**171** was isolated by a column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 100:1 to 10:1; 141 mg, 58%). TLC; $R_f = 0.4$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes). Data for **2**-**171**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.26–7.19 (m, 5H), 7.03–6.96 (m, 2H), 3.74 (ABq, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 2H), 2.99 (qt, *J* = 7.1, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.84–2.77 (m, 2H), 1.55 (br s, 1H), 1.28 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.7 (d, *J*_{CF} = 244.2 Hz), 145.1, 135.8 (d, *J*_{CF} = 3.1 Hz), 129.4 (d, *J*_{CF} = 7.9 Hz), 128.5, 127.1, 126.3, 115.0 (d, *J*_{CF} = 21.2 Hz), 56.1, 52.9, 39.9, 20.0 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₆H₁₈FN, m/z = 243 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₈FNH 244.1496; Found 244.1500.



N-Cyclohexyl-4-methoxybenzeneethanamine (2-17m). A chlorobenzene (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-9 (13 mg, 0.75 mol %), 2-16 (16 mg, 10 mol %), 4-

methoxybenzeneethanamine (151 mg, 1.0 mmol) and

cyclohexylamine (139 mg, 1.4 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **2-17m** was isolated by a column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1 to 10:1; 187 mg, 80%). TLC; $R_f = 0.3$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes). Data for **2-17m**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.10 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.86–2.81 (m, 2H), 2.74–2.68 (m, 2H), 2.39 (tt, J = 10.6, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 1.88–1.78 (m, 2H), 1.74–1.64 (m, 2H), 1.62–1.54 (m, 1H), 1.48 (br s, 1H), 1.29–0.95 (m, 5H) ppm;

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.8, 132.0, 129.4, 113.7, 56.6, 55.0, 48.3, 35.5, 33.4, 26.0, 24.9 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₅H₂₃NO, m/z = 233 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₂₃NOH 234.1852; Found 234.1854.



N-(4-Methoxyphenethyl)-4-phenylbutan-2-amine (2-17n). A chlorobenzene (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-9 (13 mg, 0.75 mol %), 2-16 (16 mg, 10 mol %), 4-methoxybenzeneethanamine (151 mg, 1.0 mmol) and

(±)1-methyl-3-phenyl-1-propanamine (209 mg, 1.4 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **2-17n** was isolated by a column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1 to 10:1; 208 mg, 73%. TLC; $R_f = 0.3$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes). Data for **2-17n**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30–7.25 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.11 (m, 5H), 6.88–6.83 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.94–2.84 (m, 1H), 2.82–2.70 (m, 3H), 2.70–2.52 (m, 3H), 1.82–1.72 (m, 1H), 1.66–1.56 (m, 1H), 1.54 (br s, 1H), 1.10 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.9, 142.2, 132.0, 129.6, 128.3, 128.2, 125.6, 113.8, 55.2, 52.4, 48.5, 38.5, 35.5, 32.2, 20.2 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₉H₂₅NO, m/z = 283 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₂₅NOH 284.2009; Found 284.2010.



N-(**3**-Fluorophenethyl)-2,**3**-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-amine (2-**170**). A chlorobenzene (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-9** (13 mg, 0.75 mol %), **2-16** (16 mg, 10 mol %), 2-(3fluorophenyl)ethylamine (139 mg, 1.0 mmol) and 2-

aminoindane (186 mg, 1.4 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **2-170** was isolated by a column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 100:1 to 10:1; 193

mg, 76%). TLC; $R_f = 0.4$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes). Data for **2-170**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.3–7.24 (m, 1H), 7.24–7.12 (m, 4H), 7.06–7.00 (m, 1H), 6.99–6.89 (m, 2H), 3.67 (quintet, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (dd, J = 15.5, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.01–2.92 (m, 2H), 2.89–2.81 (m, 2H), 2.75 (dd, J = 15.5, 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.63 (br s, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.8 (d, $J_{CF} = 245.5$ Hz), 142.5 (d, $J_{CF} = 7.2$ Hz), 141.5, 129.8 (d, $J_{CF} = 8.3$ Hz), 126.4, 124.6, 124.3 (d, $J_{CF} = 2.7$ Hz), 115.4 (d, $J_{CF} = 20.8$ Hz), 113.0 (d, $J_{CF} = 21.0$ Hz), 59.4, 49.2, 39.9, 36.2 (d, $J_{CF} = 1.6$ Hz) ppm; GC-MS for C₁₇H₁₈FN, m/z = 255 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₁₈FNH 256.1496; Found 256.1501.



fluorophenyl)ethylamine (139 mg, 1.0 mmol) and (R)-(+)-1-(4methoxyphenyl)ethylamine (211 mg, 1.4 mmol) was stirred at

130 °C for 16 h. The product **2-17p** was isolated by a column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1 to 10:1; 157 mg, 58%). TLC; $R_f = 0.3$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes). Data for **2-17p**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27–7.16 (m, 3H), 6.98–6.80 (m, 5H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.73 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.83–2.63 (m, 4H), 1.60 (br s, 1H), 1.32 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.8 (d, *J*_{CF} = 245.4 Hz), 158.5, 142.6 (d, *J*_{CF} = 7.2 Hz), 137.3, 129.7 (d, *J*_{CF} = 8.3 Hz), 127.5, 124.3 (d, *J*_{CF} = 2.7 Hz), 115.4 (d, *J*_{CF} = 20.9 Hz), 113.7, 112.9 (d, *J*_{CF} = 21.0 Hz), 57.5, 55.2, 48.5, 36.1 (d, *J*_{CF} = 1.7 Hz), 24.2 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₇H₂₀FNO, m/z = 273 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₂₀FNOH 274.1602; Found 274.1604.



N-(**Benzo**[d][1,3]dioxol-5-ylmethyl)-1-(4methoxyphenyl)ethanamine (2-17q). A chlorobenzene (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-9** (13

mg, 0.75 mol %), **2-16** (16 mg, 10 mol %), 1-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)methanamine (151 mg, 1.0 mmol) and (*R*)-(+)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethylamine (211 mg, 1.4 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **2-17q** was isolated by a column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 100:1 to 10:1; 171 mg, 60%). TLC; $R_f = 0.3$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes). Data for **2-17q**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30–7.24 (m, 2H), 6.93–6.86 (m, 2H), 6.82–6.78 (m, 1H), 6.77–6.67 (m, 2H), 5.93 (s, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.76 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (ABq, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 2H), 1.70 (br s, 1H), 1.34 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.5, 147.6, 146.3, 137.4, 134.5, 127.7, 121.1, 113.8, 108.7, 108.0, 100.8, 56.5, 55.2, 51.3, 24.4 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₇H₁₉NO₃, m/z = 285 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₁₉NO₃H 286.1438; Found 286.1427.



N-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-ylmethyl)-β-

methylbenzeneethanamine (2-17r). A chlorobenzene
(2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-9 (13 mg, 0.75 mol %), 216 (16 mg, 10 mol %), 1-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-

yl)methanamine (151 mg, 1.0 mmol) and (±)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethylamine (211 mg, 1.4 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **2-17r** was isolated by a column chromatography on silica gel (n-hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1 to 10:1; 152 mg, 56%). TLC; Rf = 0.3 (20% EtOAc in hexanes). Data for **2-17r**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35–7.28 (m, 2H), 7.24–7.18 (m, 3H), 6.75 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (dd, J

= 7.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (s, 2H), 3.66 (ABq, J = 13.2 Hz, 2H), 2.96 (sextet, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.66 (br s, 1H), 1.26 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm; 13C{1H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.6, 146.4, 145.2, 134.1, 128.5, 127.2, 126.4, 121.1, 108.6, 108.0, 100.8, 56.0, 53.5, 39.9, 20.1 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₇H₁₉NO₂, m/z = 269 (M+); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]+ Calcd for C₁₇H₁₉NO₂H 270.1489; Found 270.1463.



N-[2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)ethyl]-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-1naphthalenamine (2-17s). A chlorobenzene (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-9 (13 mg, 0.75 mol %), 2-16 (16 mg, 10 mol %), 1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-1-naphthalenamine

(147 mg, 1.0 mmol) and 4-methoxybenzeneethanamine (211 mg, 1.4 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **2-17s** was isolated by a column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1 to 10:1; 177 mg, 63%). TLC; $R_f = 0.3$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes). Data for **2-17s**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28–7.23 (m, 1H), 7.21–7.13 (m, 4H), 7.12–7.07 (m, 1H), 6.90–6.85 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.81 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.05–2.89 (m, 2H), 2.87–2.69 (m, 4H), 2.01–1.86 (m, 3H), 1.80–1.70 (m, 1H), 1.63 (br s, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.9, 139.0, 137.3, 132.1, 129.6, 129.0, 128.5, 126.5, 125.6, 113.7, 55.3, 55.2, 48.6, 35.7, 29.3, 28.2, 19.0 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₉H₂₃NO, m/z = 281 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₂₃NOH 282.1852; Found 282.1843.



N-Cyclohexyl-5-methoxytryptamine (2-17t). A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-11 (10 mg, 1 mol %), 5- methoxytryptamine (190 mg, 1.0 mmol) and cyclohexylamine (139 mg, 1.4 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product 2-17t was isolated by a column chromatography on

silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 100:1 to 10:1; 88%). TLC; $R_f = 0.2$ (30% EtOAc in hexanes). Data for **2-17t**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.21 (br s, 1H), 7.26–7.20 (m, 1H), 7.08–7.05 (m, 1H), 7.02–6.99 (m, 1H), 6.85 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.07–2.90 (m, 4H), 2.45 (tt, *J* = 10.5, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 1.91–1.78 (m, 3H), 1.75–1.65 (m, 2H), 1.64–1.55 (m, 1H), 1.29–0.99 (m, 5H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.8, 131.5, 127.8, 122.8, 113.6, 112.1, 111.8, 100.6, 56.8, 55.9, 46.8, 33.5, 26.1, 25.9, 25.0 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₇H₂₄N₂O, m/z = 272 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₂₄FN₂OH 273.1961; Found 273.1960.



4-[2-Cyclohexylaminoethyl]phenol (2-17v). A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-11** (10 mg, 1 mol %), tyramine (136 mg, 1.0 mmol) and cyclohexylamine (139 mg, 1.4 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **2-17v** was isolated by a column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 100:1 to

10:1; 81%). TLC; R_f = 0.3 (20% EtOAc in hexanes). Data for **2-17v**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.71 (br s, 1H), 2.93 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.75 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (tt, *J* = 10.6, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 1.92–1.85 (m, 2H), 1.75–1.66 (m, 2H), 1.64–1.55 (m, 1H), 1.28–1.08 (m, 5H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.5, 130.0, 129.7, 115.9, 56.9, 47.6, 34.7, 32.9, 25.9, 25.0 ppm; GC-

MS for C₁₄H₂₁NO, m/z = 219 (M⁺); Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₂₁NO: C, 76.67; H, 9.65. Found: C, 76.78; H, 9.35; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₂₁NOH 220.1696; Found 220.1698.

6.2.8.2 Characterization Data of the Novel Symmetric Secondary Amines Listed in Table 2.4



Bis(3,4-methylenedioxybenzyl)amine (2-18g). A chlorobenzene (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-9** (13 mg, 0.75 mol %), **2-16** (16 mg, 10 mol %) and 1-(1,3-

benzodioxol-5-yl)methanamine (151 mg, 1.0 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **2-18g** was isolated by a column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1 to 10:1; 110 mg, 77%). TLC; $R_f = 0.4$ (40% EtOAc in hexanes). Data for **2-18g** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.85 (s, 2H), 6.77–6.75 (m, 4H), 5.94 (s, 4H), 3.69 (s, 4H), 1.59 (br s, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.7, 146.5, 134.3, 121.2, 108.7, 108.0, 100.9, 52.7 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₆H₁₅NO₄, m/z = 285 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₅NO₄H 286.1074; Found 286.1070.



Di-[2-aminoindane] (2-181). A chlorobenzene (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-9 (13 mg, 0.75 mol %), 2-16 (16 mg, 10 mol %) and 2-indanamine (133 mg, 1.0 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product 2-181 was isolated by a column

chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 100:1 to 10:1; 91 mg, 73%). TLC; $R_f = 0.5$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes). Data for **2-18l** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30–7.24 (m, 4H), 7.24–7.18 (m, 4H), 3.83 (quintet, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.26 (dd, *J* = 15.4, 7.2 Hz, 4H), 2.85 (dd, *J* = 15.4, 7.2 Hz, 4H), 1.77 (br s, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

141.5, 126.3, 124.5, 58.1, 40.2 ppm; GC-MS for $C_{18}H_{19}N$, m/z = 249 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for $C_{18}H_{19}NH$ 250.1590; Found 250.1598.



N-(2-Thienylethyl)-2-thiopheneethanamine (2-18n). A 1,4dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-11 (10 mg, 1 mol) and 2thiopheneethanamine (127 mg, 1.0 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product 2-18n was isolated by a column chromatography

on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 100:1 to 10:1; 96%). TLC; $R_f = 0.4$ (30% EtOAc in hexanes). Data for **2-18n** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.22–7.04 (m, 2H), 6.96–6.87 (m, 2H), 6.85–6.75 (m, 2H), 3.06–2.99 (m, 4H), 2.98–2.90 (m, 4H), 2.45 (br s, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.2, 126.8, 125.0, 123.5, 50.7, 30.2 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₂H₁₅NS₂, m/z = 237 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₅NS₂H 238.0719; Found 238.0716.

6.2.8.3 Characterization Data of the of Novel Unsymmetric Secondary Listed in Table 2.5



3,4,5-Trimethoxy-N-(4-

chlorophenyl)benzenemethanamine (2-19i). A
chlorobenzene (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-9 (7 mg,
0.75 mol %), 2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol %), 4-chloroaniline (64

mg, 0.5 mmol) and 3,4,5-trimethoxybenzylamine (138 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **2-19i** was isolated by a column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 150:1 to 40:1; 111 mg, 72%). TLC; $R_f = 0.6$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes). Data for **2-19i**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.12 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (s, 2H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 4.23 (s, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 6H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR

(100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.4, 146.4, 137.0, 134.5, 129.0, 122.3, 114.0, 104.1, 60.8, 56.0,
48.8 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₆H₁₈ClNO₃, m/z = 307 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₈ClNO₃: C,
62.44; H, 5.90. Found: C, 62.88; H, 6.05.



4-(2-(3,4,5-Trimethoxyphenylamino)ethyl)phenol (2-19j). A chlorobenzene (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-9** (7 mg, 0.75 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 3,4,5trimethoxyaniline (91 mg, 0.5 mmol) and 2-(4-

hydroxyphenyl)ethanamine (96 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **2-19j** was isolated by a column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 150:1 to 40:1; 77 mg, 51%). TLC; $R_f = 0.4$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes). Data for **2-19j**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.09–7.05 (m, 2H), 6.81–6.77 (m, 2H), 5.90 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 6H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.33 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.86 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.4, 153.9, 144.1, 130.7, 130.5, 129.8, 115.5, 91.1, 61.1, 55.9, 46.2, 34.4 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₇H₂₁NO₄, m/z = 303 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₂₁NO₄H 304.1543; Found 304.1516.



2,4-dimethoxy-N-(3-phenylpropyl)aniline (2-19k). A chlorobenzene (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-9** (7 mg, 0.75 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2,4-

dimethoxyaniline (77 mg, 0.5 mmol) and 3-phenyl-1-

propanamine (95 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **2-19k** was isolated by a column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 150:1 to 40:1; 97 mg, 46%). TLC; $R_f = 0.6$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes). Data for **2-19k**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36–7.28 (m, 2H), 7.27–7.19 (m, 3H), 6.56 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (d, J = 2.7

Hz, 1H), 6.43 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (br s, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.15 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.77 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.06–1.96 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.0, 148.0, 141.7, 132.2, 128.4, 128.3, 125.8, 110.5, 103.7, 99.1, 55.7, 55.4, 44.1, 33.4, 31.0 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₇H₂₁NO₂, m/z = 271 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₂₁NO₂H 272.1645; Found 272.1640.



N-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-2-amine (2-19l). A chlorobenzene (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-9 (7 mg, 0.75 mol %), 2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol %), 4-methoxyaniline (62 mg, 0.5 mmol) and 2-aminoindan (93 mg, 0.7 mmol)

was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **2-19I** was isolated by a column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 150:1 to 40:1; 88 mg, 74%). TLC; $R_f =$ 0.5 (30% EtOAc in hexanes). Data for **2-19I**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29–7.17 (m, 4H), 6.86–6.80 (m, 2H), 6.67–6.62 (m, 2H), 4.33 (tt, *J* = 6.8, 4.4 Hz,1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.37 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.90 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 4.4 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.2, 141.4, 141.4, 126.5, 124.9, 114.9, 114.9, 55.7, 54.9, 40.1 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₆H₁₇NO, m/z = 239 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₇NOH 240.1383; Found 240.1377.





mmol) and 3,4,5-trimethoxybenzylamine (138 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for

20 h. The product **2-19m** was isolated by a column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 150:1 to 40:1; 129 mg, 75%). TLC; $R_f = 0.4$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes). Data for **2-19m**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.84 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (s, 2H), 6.38–6.34 (m, 1H), 6.31–6.26 (m, 1H), 4.19 (s, 2H), 4.15 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 4.09 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 6H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.14 (quintet, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.3, 152.1, 143.9, 143.6, 137.0, 134.4, 122.2, 108.7, 106.5, 104.5, 70.9, 70.8, 60.8, 56.1, 49.8, 32.4 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₉H₂₃NO₅, m/z = 345 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₂₃FNO₅H 346.1649; Found 346.1618.



(R)-3-Ethyl-3-(4-(3,4,5-

trimethoxybenzylamino)phenyl)piperidine2,6-dione (2-19n). A chlorobenzene (2.0 mL)
solution of complex 2-9 (7 mg, 0.75 mol %), 216 (8 mg, 10 mol %), (*R*)-(+)-aminoglutethimide

(116 mg, 0.5 mmol) and 3,4,5-trimethoxybenzylamine (138 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **2-19n** was isolated by a column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/ethyl acetate = 100:1 to 1:1; 82 mg, 40%), $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +148.2$ (c = 0.2 in CH₂Cl₂); TLC; R_f = 0.2 (50% EtOAc in hexanes). Data for **2-19n**: δ 7.98 (br s, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.59 (s, 2H), 4.24 (s, 2H), 3.83 (s, 9H), 2.62–2.52 (m, 1H), 2.44 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (ddd, *J* = 14.2, 4.8, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (sext, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 1.87 (sextet, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 0.85 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.5, 172.5, 153.4, 147.0, 137.1, 134.5, 127.1, 113.4, 113.4, 104.4, 60.8, 56.1, 50.2, 48.9, 32.9, 29.3, 26.9,

9.0 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₃H₂₈N₂O₅, m/z = 412 (M⁺); HRMS (IT-TOF/ESI) Calcd for C₂₃H₂₈N₂O₅-H ([M-H]⁻): 411.1925, Found: 411.1908.



N-benzyl-9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-amine (2-190). A 1,4dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-11 (10 mg, 1 mol %), 3-amino-9-ethylcarbazole (105 mg, 0.5 mmol) and benzylamine (75 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product 2-190 was isolated by a column

chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 150:1 to 40:1; 86%). TLC; $R_f = 0.4$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes). Data for **2-190**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48–7.39 (m, 4H), 7.39–7.32 (m, 3H), 7.31–7.28 (m, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (dd, J = 8.7–2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (s, 2H), 4.29 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.39 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.8, 140.3, 139.3, 134.3, 128.6, 127.9, 127.3, 125.3, 123.5, 122.6, 120.4, 117.9, 114.7, 109.1, 108.3, 104.1, 50.2, 37.5, 13.8 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₁H₂₀N₂, m/z = 300 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₁H₂₀N₂H 301.1699; Found 301.1679.



N-(3,7-dimethyloct-6-en-1-yl)-9-ethyl-9Hcarbazol-3-amine (2-19p). A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-9 (10 mg, 1

mol %), 2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol %), 3-amino-9-

ethylcarbazole (105 mg, 0.5 mmol) and geranylamine (107 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **2-19p** was isolated by a column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 150:1 to 40:1; 66%). TLC; $R_f = 0.4$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes). Data for **2-19p**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (td, J = 7.6,

1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.40–7.33 (m, 2H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (td, J = 7.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (tt, J = 7.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.47 (brs, 1H), 3.34–3.20 (m, 2H), 2.13–2.00 (m, 2H), 1.81–1.62 (m, 2H), 1.74 (s, 3H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.59–1.46 (m, 2H), 1.42 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.33–1.23 (m, 1H), 1.03 (d, J = 6.5Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.1, 140.2, 133.8, 131.3, 125.2, 124.7, 123.6, 122.6, 120.3, 117.8, 114.5, 109.0, 108.2, 103.2, 43.5, 37.4, 37.1, 36.9, 30.5, 25.7, 25.5, 19.7, 17.7, 13.8 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₄H₃₂N₂, m/z = 348 (M⁺).



N-(3,7-dimethyloct-6-en-1-yl)-3,5-

dimethoxyaniline (2-19q). A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-9 (10 mg, 1 mol %),
2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol %), 3,5-dimethoxyaniline (77

mg, 0.5 mmol) and geranylamine (107 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **2-19q** was isolated by a column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 150:1 to 40:1; 51%). TLC; $R_f = 0.4$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes). Data for **2-19q**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.87 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.79 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 5.13–5.07 (m, 1H), 3.75 (s, 6H), 2.07–1.94 (m, 4H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 3H), 1.47–1.33 (m, 3H), 1.26–1.15 (m, 3H), 0.94 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.7, 150.4, 131.3, 124.6, 91.4, 89.4, 55.1, 41.9, 37.0, 36.6, 30.4, 25.7, 25.4, 19.5, 17.6 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₈H₂₉NO₂, m/z = 291 (M⁺).



N-(((1R,4aS,10aR)-7-isopropyl-1,4adimethyl-1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10aoctahydrophenanthren-1-yl)methyl)-4methoxyaniline (2-19r). A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-9** (10 mg, 1 mol %), 4-methoxyaniline (62 mg, 0.5 mmol) and (+)-dehydroabietylamine (200 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **2-19r** was isolated by a column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 150:1 to 40:1; 88%). TLC; $R_f = 0.7$ (30% EtOAc in hexanes). Data for **2-19r**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.22–7.19 (m, 1H), 7.05–7.02 (m, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.94–6.91 (m, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.90–2.85 (m, 2H), 2.39–2.34 (m, 1H), 2.04–1.93 (m, 2H), 1.86–1.73 (m, 6H), 1.55–1.47 (m, 4H), 1.33 (s, 3H), 1.29 (s, 3H), 1.24 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.4, 157.5, 146.8, 134.7, 134.0, 127.0, 124.1, 123.9, 121.6, 114.1,55.4, 46.7, 46.1, 43.4, 42.8, 38.2, 36.1, 33.4, 30.0, 25.3, 24.0, 20.6, 18.4, 16.5, 14.0 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₇H₃₇NO, m/z = 391 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₇H₃₇NOH 392.2869; Found 392.2857.



3-(3-Phenylpropylamino)piperidine-2,6-dione (2-17w). A chlorobenzene (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-9 (7 mg, 0.75 mol %), 2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol %), L-glutamine (73 mg, 0.5 mmol) and 3-phenyl-1-propanamine (95 mg,

0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **2-17w** was isolated by a column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/ethyl acetate = 50:1 to 1:1; 92 mg, 75%). TLC; $R_f = 0.2$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes). Data for **2-17w**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30– 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.22–7.12 (m, 3H), 6.73 (br s, 1H), 4.08 (dd, J = 9.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (dd, J = 8.9, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.50–2.37 (m, 1H), 2.37–2.19 (m, 2H), 2.16–2.05 (m, 1H), 1.84 (quintet, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.5, 172.1, 141.4, 128.4, 128.3, 126.0, 57.1, 39.3, 33.2, 30.8, 29.4, 25.7 ppm; GC-MS for $C_{14}H_{18}N_2O_2$, m/z = 246 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for $C_{14}H_{18}N_2O_2H$ 247.1441; Found 247.1408.



(S)-6-methoxy-4-methyl-4-(4-methylpent-3-en-1-yl)1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline (2-21a). A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-9 (10 mg, 1 mol %), 4methoxyaniline (62 mg, 0.5 mmol) and geranylamine (107

mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **2-21a** was isolated by a column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 150:1 to 40:1; 95%). TLC; $R_f = 0.6$ (30% EtOAc in hexanes). Data for **2-21a**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.75 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 5.2–4.98 (m, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 1.72–1.52 (m, 8H), 1.30 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 0.88 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.7, 137.2, 132.8, 124.6, 114.9, 114.6, 113.0, 112.1, 55.9, 50.6, 47.2, 43.3, 35.0, 30.9, 27.0, 24.8, 22.2 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₇H₂₅NO, m/z = 259 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₂₇NOH 260.2014; Found 260.2014.

6.2.8.4 Characterization Data from the Compounds Listed in Table 2.6



Bis(2-pyridylmethyl)amine (2-18p). A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-9 (10 mg, 1 mol %), 2-

(aminomethyl)pyridine (108 mg, 1 mmol) was stirred at

130 °C for 16 h. The product **2-18p** was isolated by a column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 150:1 to 40:1; 51%). TLC; $R_f = 0.6$ (30% EtOAc in hexanes). Data for **2-18p**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.56–8.58 (m, 2H), 8.50–8.53 (m, 2H),

7.64–7.57 (m, 2H,), 7.26–7.20 (m, 2H), 3.99 (s, 4H), 3.05 (brs, 1H) ppm; ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.7, 148.8, 135.9, 122.4, 122.1, 54.5 ppm; GC-MS for $C_{12}H_{13}N_3$, m/z = 199 (M⁺). ${}^{1}H$ and ${}^{13}C$ NMR spectral data were in good agreement with the literature values.¹²³



Piribedil (2-20a). A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-9** (10 mg, 1 mol %), 1-(2-

Pyrimidyl)piperazine (82 mg, 0.5 mmol) and 1-(1,3-

benzodioxol-5-yl)methanamine (151 mg, 1.0 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **2-17a** was isolated by a column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 30:1 to 1:1; 39%). Data for **2-17a**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.29 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 6.74 (s, 2H), 6.45 (t, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.95 (s, 2H), 3.82–3.79 (m, 4H), 3.46 (s, 2H), 2.50–2.47 (m, 4H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.6, 157.8, 147.5, 146.6, 132.0, 122.3, 109.7, 109.4, 107.8, 101.0, 62.8, 52.7, 43.6 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₆H₁₈N₄O₂, m/z = 298 (M⁺). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data were in good agreement with the literature values.²⁰⁶



Alverine (2-20b). A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-9** (10 mg, 1 mol %), **2-14k** (127 mg, 0.5 mmol) and ethylamine (90 mg, 2.0 mmol) was

stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **2-17b** was isolated by a column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 150:1 to 40:1; 58%). TLC; $R_f = 0.7$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes). Data for **2-17b**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.12–7.20 (m, 6H), 2.62–2.58 (m, 4H), 2.51 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 1.75 (tt, *J* = 8.0, 7.4 Hz, 4H), 0.97 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.2, 128.4, 128.3, 125.8, 52.9, 47.5, 33.7, 28.4, 11.4 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₀H₂₇N, m/z = 281 (M⁺). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data were in good agreement with the literature values.²⁰⁷
6.3 Experimental Procedures and Data for the Chapter 3

6.3.1 General Procedure for the Catalytic Deaminative Coupling of Ketones with Amines

In a glove box, complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol %), 3,4,5,6-tetrachloro-1,2benzoquinone 2-12 (12 mg, 10 mol %) were dissolved in anhydrous 1,4-dioxane (1 mL) in a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock and a magnetic stirring bar. After stirring for 5-10 min until the solution was turned light green color, both ketone (0.5 mmol) and an amine (0.7 mmol) substrates, and dioxane (1 mL) was added to the tube. The tube was sealed, it was brought out of the glove box, and was stirred in an oil bath set at 130 °C for 16-20 h. After the reaction tube was cooled to room temperature, the tube was open to air, the solution was filtered through a short silica gel column by eluting with CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL), and the filtrate was analyzed by GC-MS method. Analytically pure product **3-10** was isolated by a simple column chromatography on silica gel (280-400 mesh, hexanes/EtOAc).

6.3.2 General Procedure for the Catalyst and Ligand Screening Study

In a glove box, a Ru catalyst (3 mol % Ru atom) and a ligand (10 mol %) were dissolved in a solvent (1 mL) in a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock and a magnetic stirring bar. The resulting mixture was stirred for 5-10 min. Phenylethanone (60 mg, 0.5 mmol), 4-methoxybenzylamine (69 mg, 0.7 mmol) and a solvent (1 mL) were added to the reaction tube. The tube was brought out of the glove box and was stirred in an oil bath at 130 °C for 16 h. The product yield was determined by ¹H NMR by using hexamethylbenzene as an internal standard. The results are summarized in **Table 3.1** and **3.2**.

6.3.3.1 Reaction Profile Study

In a glove box, complex 2-10 (2 mg, 3 mol %) and 2-12 (2 mg, 10 mol %) were dissolved in toluene- d_8 (0.5 mL) in a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock and a magnetic stirring bar. The resulting mixture was stirred for 10 minutes until the solution turned to a brownish green color. Acetophenone (12 mg, 0.10 mmol) and 4-methoxybenzylamine (14 mg, 0.10 mmol) were added to the reaction tube, and the solution was transferred into a J-Young NMR tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock. The tube was brought out of the glove box, and was immersed an oil bath set at 130 °C. The tube was taken out from the oil bath at 20 min intervals, was immediately cooled in ice-water bath, and was analyzed by ¹H NMR. The appearance of the product signals were normalized against an external standard peak (C₆Me₆). The plot of the relative concentrations of substrates and products vs time is shown in **Figure 3.1**.

6.3.3.2 Reaction with Imine

In a glove box, complex **2-10** (2 mg, 3 mol %) and **2-12** (2 mg, 10 mol %) were dissolved in a 1,4-dioxane in a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock and a magnetic stirring bar. After stirring for 5-10 min until the solution was turned light green color, (4-Methoxyphenyl)-*N*-(1-phenylethylidene)methanamine **3-13a** (120mg 0.5 mmol) and dioxane (1 mL) was added to the tube. The tube was sealed, it was brought out of the glove box, and was stirred in an oil bath set at 130 °C for 16-20 h. After the reaction tube was cooled to room temperature, the tube was open to air, the solution was filtered through a short silica gel column by eluting with CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL), and the filtrate was analyzed by GC-MS method. Analytically pure product 3-10 was

isolated by a simple column chromatography on silica gel (280-400 mesh, hexanes/EtOAc).

6.3.3.3 Crossover Experiment

In a glove box, complex 2-10 (2 mg, 3 mol %) and 2-12 (2 mg, 10 mol %) were dissolved in a 1,4-dioxane in a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock and a magnetic stirring bar. After stirring for 5-10 min until the solution was turned light green color, independently generated 3-13a (60 mg, 0.25 mmol), *N*-cyclohexylidene-3-phenylpropan-1-amine (3-13c) (54 mg, 0.25 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (2 mL) and dioxane (1 mL) was added to the tube. The tube was sealed, it was brought out of the glove box, and was stirred in an oil bath set at 130 °C for 16-20 h. After the reaction tube was cooled to room temperature, the tube was open to air, the solution was filtered through a short silica gel column by eluting with CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL), and the filtrate was analyzed by GC-MS method. Product yields were determined by NMR methods with hexamethylbenzene as the internal standard.

6.3.3.4 Deuterium Labeling Study

In a glove box, complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol %), 2-12 (12 mg, 10 mol %),

acetophenone- d_8 (64 mg, 0.5 mmol) and 4-methoxybenzylamine (96 mg, 0.7 mmol) were dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) in a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock and a stirring bar. The tube was brought out of the glove box, and stirred in an oil bath preset at 130 °C for 16 h. The reaction tube was taken out of the oil bath and was cooled to room temperature. After the tube was open to air, the solution was filtered through a short silica gel column by eluting with CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL), and the filtrate was analyzed by GC-MS. Analytically pure product was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (230-460 mesh, hexanes/EtOAc = 80:1 to 10:1). The ¹H and ²H NMR spectra of the product **2a**-*d* are shown in **Figure 3.2**.

6.3.3.5 Deuterium Isotope Effect Study

In a glove box, complex **2-10** (3 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (3 mg, 10 mol %), water (4 mg 2eq.) and (4-Methoxyphenyl)-*N*-(1-phenylethylidene)methanamine **3-13a** (24 mg, 0.2 mmol) were dissolved in toluene- d_8 (1 mL) in a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock and a magnetic stirring bar. The resulting mixture was stirred for 5-10 min until the solid was completely dissolved and transferred into a J-Young NMR tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock. The tube was brought out of the glove box, and were immersed an oil bath set at 130 °C. The tube was taken out from the oil bath at 30 min time intervals, cooled in ice-water bath, and was analyzed by ¹H NMR. The reaction rate was measured by monitoring the appearance of the product signals on ¹H NMR, which was normalized against an internal standard peak (C₆Me₆). The k_{obs} was determined from a first-order plot of $-ln[(3-13a_0) - (3-13a_1))/3-13a_0]$ vs time. Similar procedure was performed with the deuterated (4-Methoxyphenyl)-*N*-(1-phenylethylidene)methanamine- d_8 . (Figure 3.4).

6.3.3.6 Hammett Study

In a glove box, complex **2-10** (21 mg, 3 mol %) and **2-12** (29 mg, 10 mol %) were dissolved in toluene- d_8 (1.5 mL) in a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock and a magnetic stirring bar. The resulting mixture was stirred for 5-10 min until the solution was turned to a reddish green color. Acetophenone (144 mg, 1.2 mmol) was added to the reaction tube and was stirred for 5 min. The solution was divided into six equal portions, and *p*-X-C₆H₄CH₂NH₂ (0.30 mmol) (X = OMe, Me, H, F, Cl, CF₃)

was added to each solution. The resulting mixture was transferred into six different J-Young NMR tubes, each equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock. The tubes were brought out of the glove box, and were immersed an oil bath set at 130 °C. Each tube was taken out from the oil bath at 30 min time intervals, cooled in ice-water bath, and was analyzed by ¹H NMR. The reaction rate was measured by monitoring the appearance of the product signals on ¹H NMR, which was normalized against an internal standard peak (C₆Me₆). The k_{obs} was determined from a first-order plot of $ln[([3-10a]_i-[3-10a]_i)/([3 10a]_i)_0]$ vs time. The Hammett plot of $log(k_X/k_H)$ vs σ_p is shown in **Figure 3.5(a)** ($\rho = -$ 0.49 ± 0.1). The analogous procedure was used to obtain the Hammett correlation for ketones by using complex 2-10 (21 mg, 3 mol %)/2-12 (29 mg, 10 mol %), 4methoxybenzylamine (247 mg, 1.8 mmol) and *p*-Y-C₆H₄COCH₃ (0.2 mmol) (Y = OMe, Me, H, F, Cl, CF₃) in toluene- d_8 (1.5 mL). The Hammett plot of $log(k_X/k_H)$ vs σ_p is shown in **Figure 3.5(b)** ($\rho = +0.20 \pm 0.1$).

6.3.3.7 Carbon Isotope Effect Study

In a glove box, **2-10** (34 mg, 3 mol %) and **2-12** (48 mg, 10 mol %) were dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (2 mL) in a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock and a magnetic stirring bar, and a resulting mixture was stirred for 5 to 10 min. Acetophenone (240 mg, 2.0 mmol), 4-methoxybenzylamine (384 mg, 2.8 mmol), and 1,4-dioxane (4 mL) were added to the reaction tube. After the tube was sealed, the tube was brought out of the box and was stirred in an oil bath at 130 °C for 20 h. The tube was cooled to room temperature and the solution was filtered through a small silica column and was eluted with CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL). The procedure was repeated for two more times, and the product conversion was determined by GC (92%, 89% and 90% conversion). For low conversion samples, **2-10** (59 mg, 1 mol%) and **2-12** (96 mg, 4 mol %) were dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (8 mL) in a 100 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock and a magnetic stirring bar. Acetophenone (1.2 g, 10 mmol), 4-methoxybenzylamine (1.9 g, 14 mmol) and 1,4-dioxane (8 mL) were added to the reaction tube. The tube was brought out of the box and was stirred in an oil bath at 130 °C for 2 h. The procedure was repeated for two more times, and the product conversion was determined by GC (11%, 13% and 15% conversion). The product **3-10a** was isolated by a column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc) for the ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR analysis.

The ¹³C{¹H} NMR analysis was performed by following Singleton's ¹³C NMR method¹²⁷. The NMR sample was prepared identically by dissolving 3-(4methoxyphenyl)-1-phenyl-1-propanone (**3-10a**) (280 mg) in CDCl₃ (0.5 mL) in a 5 mm high precision NMR tube. The ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra were recorded with H-decoupling and 45 degree pulses. A 60 s delay between pulses was imposed to minimize T₁ variations (d1 = 120 s, at = 5.0 s, np = 245098, nt = 512, dm = 'nny'). The data obtained were summarized in **Table 3.6**.

6.3.3.8 Determination of an Empirical Rate Law

In a glove box, **2-12** (19 mg, 10 mol %), water (29 mg, 2 eq.) and **3-13a** (191 mg, 0.8 mmol) were dissolved in toluene- d_8 (1.0 mL) in a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock and a magnetic stirring bar. The resulting mixture was stirred for 5-10 min until the solution was turned to a reddish green color. The solution was divided into four equal portions, and each portion was transferred into four separate J-Young NMR tubes. A stock solution containing complex **2-10** (22 mg in 500 µL of

toluene- d_8), were prepared and (52 µL, 4 mM), (78 µL, 8 mM), (105 µL, 12 mM), (131 µL, 20 mM) was added to the four different tubes respectively. The total volume of the reaction mixture was adjusted up to 500 µL by adding pure toluene- d_8 and each equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock. The tubes were brought out of the glove box, and were immersed an oil bath set at 130 °C. Each tube was taken out from the oil bath at 15 min time intervals, cooled in ice-water bath, and was analyzed by ¹H NMR. The reaction rate was measured by monitoring the appearance of the product signals on ¹H NMR, which was normalized against an internal standard peak (C₆Me₆). The initial rate of the reaction was determined from a first-order plot of **3-13a** vs time (**Figure 3.9(a), (b)**).

For Imine Dependence Study, complex **2-10** (14 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (19 mg, 10 mol %) and water (29 mg, 2eq.) in toluene- d_8 (1.0 mL) with **3-13a** (0.2, 0.4, 0.6 and 0.8 mM) was followed the same procedure. The initial rate of the reaction was determined from a first-order plot of **3-13a** vs time (**Figure 3.10 (a), (b)**).

For Water Dependence Study, complex **2-10** (14 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (19 mg, 10 mol %) and **3-13a** (191 mg, 0.8 mmol) in toluene- d_8 (1.0 mL) with water (0.4, 0.8, 1.0 and 1.2 mM) has been used by following above procedure (**Figure 3.11(a), (b)**).

6.3.3.9 Detection of Catalytically Relevant Organic Products

A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), 4,4,4-trifluoro-1-(2-naphthyl)-1,3-butanedione (133 mg, 0.5 mmol) and 3,4,5-trimethoxybenzylamine (99 mg, 0.5 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **3-14** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 80:1–15:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = mg (92%). Compound **14** was

completely characterized by both NMR and X-ray crystallographic techniques (**Eq. 3.13**). **3-15** and **3-16** compounds were obtained following standard procedure and completely characterized by both NMR and X-ray crystallographic techniques (**Eq. 3.14**, **Eq. 3.15**).

6.3.5 X-ray Crystallography Data for the Organic Products

6.3.5.1 X-ray Crystallography Data for 3-10at

Colorless plate like single crystals of **3-10at** were grown in pentanes/EtOAc at room temperature. A suitable crystal with the dimension of $0.36 \times 0.305 \times 0.043$ mm³ was selected and analyzed. Both symmetrically independent molecules have a planar extended conformation (with exception of bicyclic moiety). The molecules differ by orientation of the bicycle relative to the rest of the molecule – the dihedral angle C12-C13-C14-H is -56° in one of them and 45° and 174° in another one, which is disordered in a 2:1 population ratio. The compound seems to be enantiomerically pure; Flack parameter [0.2(2)]. The molecules form quasi-centrosymmetric dimers (which contributes into the uncertainty of Flack parameter), which are stacked along x axis. Also, the molecules form infinite chains along y axis through N-H...O hydrogen bonds. The aliphatic bicyclic moieties frame the resulting layers and form regions of lower order.



Figure 6.7: Molecular Structure of 3-10at



Figure 6.8: Crystal Packing of 3-10at

 Table 6.4: Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for 3-10at

| Identification code | yi4w |
|---------------------|----------|
| Empirical formula | C22H29NO |

| Formula weight | 323.46 |
|---|--|
| Temperature/K | 100.00(14) |
| Crystal system | monoclinic |
| Space group | P21 |
| a/Å | 7.58070(12) |
| b/Å | 11.25264(18) |
| c/Å | 21.8958(5) |
| α/\circ | 90 |
| β/° | 97.6552(19) |
| $\gamma/^{\circ}$ | 90 |
| Volume/Å ³ | 1851.13(6) |
| Z | 4 |
| $\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$ | 1.161 |
| μ/mm^{-1} | 0.535 |
| F(000) | 704.0 |
| Crystal size/mm ³ | $0.36 \times 0.305 \times 0.043$ |
| Radiation | $CuK\alpha (\lambda = 1.54184)$ |
| 2Θ range for data collection/° | 8.148 to 141.094 |
| Index ranges | $-9 \le h \le 7, -13 \le k \le 13, -26 \le l \le 25$ |
| Reflections collected | 15681 |
| Independent reflections | $6735 [R_{int} = 0.0327, R_{sigma} = 0.0337]$ |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 6735/87/467 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.024 |
| Final R indexes $[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$ | $R_1 = 0.0527, wR_2 = 0.1420$ |
| Final R indexes [all data] | $R_1 = 0.0599, wR_2 = 0.1509$ |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³ | 0.26/-0.21 |
| Flack parameter | 0.2(2) |

6.3.5.2 X-ray Crystallography Data for 3-10ax

Colorless single crystals of **3-10ax** were grown in dichloromethane/*n*-pentane/EtOAc at room temperature. A suitable crystal with the dimension of $0.803 \times 0.238 \times 0.18 \text{ mm}^3$ was selected and analyzed. The molecule has an extended, almost planar conformation. Methoxy group and morpholine nitrogen are conjugated with the adjacent benzene rings. The morpholine group exhibits a multiple disorder, of which two components were identified. The main component (population ~70%) has a chair conformation.



Figure 6.9: Molecular Structure of 3-10ax



Figure 6.10: Crystal Packing of 3-10ax; The Molecules form Translational Stacks along X Axis

Table 6.5: Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for 3-10ax

| Identification code | yi4t |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Empirical formula | $C_{20}H_{23}NO_{3}$ |

| Formula weight | 325.39 |
|---|--|
| Temperature/K | 100.00(10) |
| Crystal system | monoclinic |
| Space group | P2 ₁ /n |
| a/Å | 5.16080(10) |
| b/Å | 12.7726(4) |
| c/Å | 25.3964(7) |
| α/° | 90 |
| β/° | 93.866(2) |
| $\gamma/^{o}$ | 90 |
| Volume/Å ³ | 1670.24(8) |
| Z | 4 |
| $\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$ | 1.294 |
| μ/mm^{-1} | 0.087 |
| F(000) | 696.0 |
| Crystal size/mm ³ | $0.803 \times 0.238 \times 0.18$ |
| Radiation | MoK α ($\lambda = 0.71073$) |
| 2Θ range for data collection/° | 6.58 to 59.448 |
| Index ranges | $-7 \le h \le 7, -16 \le k \le 17, -35 \le l \le 34$ |
| Reflections collected | 19263 |
| Independent reflections | 4342 [$R_{int} = 0.0321$, $R_{sigma} = 0.0337$] |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 4342/0/230 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.031 |
| Final R indexes [I>= 2σ (I)] | $R_1 = 0.0513, wR_2 = 0.1156$ |
| Final R indexes [all data] | $R_1 = 0.0746, wR_2 = 0.1295$ |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³ | 0.35/-0.33 |

6.3.5.3 X-ray Crystallography Data for 3-14

Colorless prisms like single crystals of **3-14** were grown in pentanes/EtOAc at room temperature. A suitable crystal with the dimension of $0.36 \times 0.213 \times 0.065$ mm³ was selected analyzed. The central moiety of the molecule has a π -conjugated planar structure enhanced by an intra-molecular H-bond N-H...O. The bond lengths C2-C1 [1.404(2) Å] and C2-C3 [1.391(2) Å] are practically equilibrated. The naphthyl and trimethoxybenzyl groups are rotated out of this plane to avoid steric hindrances. In the

trimethoxybenzyl group, the central methoxy group is rotated by 73° out of conjugation because of this too.



Figure 6.11: Molecular Structure of 3-14



Figure 6.12: Crystal Packing of 3-14

Table 6.6: Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for 3-14

| Identification code | yi4u |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Empirical formula | $C_{24}H_{22}NO_4F_3$ |
| Formula weight | 445.42 |
| Temperature/K | 100(1) |
| Crystal system | monoclinic |
| Space group | $P2_1/c$ |
| | |

| a/Å | 18.7249(3) |
|---|--|
| b/Å | 20.5703(4) |
| c/Å | 5.47146(10) |
| α/° | 90 |
| β/° | 96.3997(18) |
| γ/° | 90 |
| Volume/Å ³ | 2094.35(7) |
| Z | 4 |
| $\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$ | 1.413 |
| μ/mm^{-1} | 0.965 |
| F(000) | 928.0 |
| Crystal size/mm ³ | $0.36 \times 0.213 \times 0.065$ |
| Radiation | $CuK\alpha \ (\lambda = 1.54184)$ |
| 2Θ range for data collection/° | 8.598 to 140.992 |
| Index ranges | $-21 \le h \le 22, -24 \le k \le 24, -6 \le l \le 6$ |
| Reflections collected | 19580 |
| Independent reflections | 3961 [$R_{int} = 0.0301$, $R_{sigma} = 0.0197$] |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 3961/0/296 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.037 |
| Final R indexes [I>= 2σ (I)] | $R_1 = 0.0366, wR_2 = 0.0941$ |
| Final R indexes [all data] | $R_1 = 0.0433, wR_2 = 0.0995$ |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³ | 0.30/-0.22 |

6.3.5.4 X-ray Crystallography Data for 3-15

Colorless needles like single crystals of **3-15** were grown in pentanes/EtOAc at room temperature. A suitable crystal with the dimension of $0.35 \times 0.07 \times 0.03$ mm³ was selected and analyzed. The structure contains four symmetrically independent molecules having a similar non-propeller conformation – the benzene rings adjacent to pyridine N-atom are rotated in opposite directions for all 4 molecules. In one of the molecules an anisyl group is disordered (180° rotation of OMe group with a corresponding parallel shift of the adjacent benzene ring).



Figure 6.13: Molecular Structure of 3-15



Figure 6.14: Crystal Packing of 3-15

| Identification code | yi3l |
|---|--|
| Empirical formula | $C_{26}H_{23}NO_3$ |
| Formula weight | 397.45 |
| Temperature/K | 100.15 |
| Crystal system | triclinic |
| Space group | P-1 |
| a/Å | 7.42330(15) |
| b/Å | 19.9021(4) |
| c/Å | 29.7033(6) |
| α/° | 72.3729(19) |
| β/° | 87.8182(17) |
| $\gamma/^{\circ}$ | 80.2040(17) |
| Volume/Å ³ | 4120.88(15) |
| Ζ | 8 |
| $\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$ | 1.281 |
| μ/mm^{-1} | 0.667 |
| F(000) | 1680.0 |
| Crystal size/mm ³ | $0.35 \times 0.07 \times 0.03$ |
| Radiation | $CuK\alpha (\lambda = 1.54184)$ |
| 2Θ range for data collection/° | 8.9 to 141.88 |
| Index ranges | $-9 \le h \le 8, -24 \le k \le 24, -36 \le l \le 36$ |
| Reflections collected | 74732 |
| Independent reflections | 15636 [$R_{int} = 0.0498$, $R_{sigma} = 0.0326$] |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 15636/17/1161 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.026 |
| Final R indexes $[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$ | $R_1 = 0.0471, wR_2 = 0.1191$ |
| Final R indexes [all data] | $R_1 = 0.0589, wR_2 = 0.1291$ |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³ | 0.27/-0.29 |

Table 6.7: Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for 3-15

6.3.5.5 X-ray Crystallography Data for 3-16

Colorless plates like single crystals of **3-15** were grown in pentanes/EtOAc at room temperature. A suitable crystal with the dimension of $0.32 \times 0.226 \times 0.045$ mm³ was selected and analyzed. The molecule has a twisted shape (pseudo-torsion angle Br-C...C-Br is 26°). The thiophene moiety is rotationally disordered by 30%. The crystal structure is unremarkable. No stacking interactions found.



Figure 6.15: Molecular Structure of 3-16



Figure 6.16: Crystal Packing of 3-16

 Table 6.8: Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for 3-16

yi5d

Identification code

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| Empirical formula | $C_{25}H_{17}Br_2NS$ |
|---|--|
| Formula weight | 523.28 |
| Temperature/K | 100.00(10) |
| Crystal system | monoclinic |
| Space group | P21/c |
| a/Å | 14.4965(3) |
| b/Å | 14.9626(3) |
| c/Å | 9.7254(2) |
| α/° | 90 |
| β/° | 106.201(2) |
| $\gamma/^{\circ}$ | 90 |
| Volume/Å ³ | 2025.72(7) |
| Z | 4 |
| $\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$ | 1.716 |
| μ/mm^{-1} | 6.122 |
| F(000) | 1040.0 |
| Crystal size/mm ³ | $0.32 \times 0.226 \times 0.045$ |
| Radiation | Cu Ka ($\lambda = 1.54184$) |
| 2Θ range for data collection/° | 8.676 to 141.036 |
| Index ranges | $-17 \le h \le 17, -17 \le k \le 17, -11 \le l \le 11$ |
| Reflections collected | 18855 |
| Independent reflections | 3826 [$R_{int} = 0.0377, R_{sigma} = 0.0235$] |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 3826/2/269 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.030 |
| Final R indexes $[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$ | $R_1 = 0.0255, wR_2 = 0.0654$ |
| Final R indexes [all data] | $R_1=0.0293,wR_2=0.0675$ |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³ | 0.41/-0.42 |

6.3.6.1 Characterization Data of Organic Compounds-Listed in Table 3.3



1-(4-Aminophenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)propan-1-one (3-10f): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), 4-acetylaniline (68 mg, 0.5 mmol) and 4-

methoxybenzylamine (96 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **3-10f** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 120:1-20:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.4$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 84 mg (66%). Data for **3-10f:** ¹H NMR

(400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.11–3.04 (m, 2H), 2.81 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 196.7, 157.6, 153.5, 133.6, 130.5, 129.5, 124.8, 113.8, 112.9, 55.1, 29.4, 26.0 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₆H₁₇NO₂, m/z = 255 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₇NO₂H 256.1332; Found 256.1302.



3-Cyclohexyl-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)propan-1-one (3-10l): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), 4'methoxyacetophenone (75 mg, 0.5 mmol) and

cyclohexylmethanamine (79 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **3-10l** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 120:1– 20:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.6$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 94 mg (76%). Data for **3-10l**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.97–2.85 (m, 2H), 1.79–1.56 (m, 7H), 1.32–1.09 (m, 4H), 0.99–0.85 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.4, 163.2, 130.2, 130.1, 113.6, 55.4, 37.4, 35.8, 33.1, 32.0, 26.5, 26.2 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₆H₂₂O₂, m/z = 246 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₂₂O₂H 247.1693; Found 247.1663.



3-Cyclohexyl-1-o-tolylpropan-1-one (3-10n). A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), 2'-methylacetophenone (75 mg, 0.5 mmol) and cyclohexylmethanamine (79 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 130

°C for 16 h. The product **3-10n** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 120:1-20:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.8$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 101 mg

(88%). Data for **3-10n:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38– 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.26–7.22 (m, 2H), 2.89 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 1.75–1.67 (m, 4H), 1.62–1.56 (m, 2H), 1.33–1.09 (m, 5H), 0.97–0.87 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.2, 138.3, 137.7, 131.8, 130.9, 128.2, 125.5, 39.2, 37.3, 33.1, 31.7, 26.5, 26.2, 21.2 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₆H₂₂O, m/z = 230 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₂₂OH 231.1743; Found 231.1736.



3-Cyclohexyl-1-o-tolylpropan-1-one (3-10o). A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol %), 2-12 (12 mg, 10 mol %), 2'-methoxyacetophenone (75 mg, 0.5 mmol) and cyclohexylmethanamine (79 mg, 0.7

mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **3-10o** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 120:1–20:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.6$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 105 mg (90%). Data for **3-10o**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.98 (dd, J = 8.6, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 7.14–7.07 (m, 2H), 2.93 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.78–1.57 (m, 7H), 1.30–1.08 (m, 4H), 1.01–0.86 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.2, 165.6 (d, $J_{CF} = 254.2$ Hz), 133.4 (d, $J_{CF} = 3.0$ Hz), 130.6 (d, $J_{CF} = 9.3$ Hz), 115.5 (d, $J_{CF} = 21.8$ Hz), 37.3, 36.0, 33.1, 31.7, 26.5, 26.2 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₅H₁₉FO, m/z = 234 (M⁺).



1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-6-methylheptan-4-one (3-10q):

A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), 4-methyl-2-

pentanone (50 mg, 0.5 mmol) and 4-methoxybenzeneethanamine (106 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **3-10q** was isolated by column

chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 120:1–20:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.5$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes). Yield = 93 mg (79%). Data for **3-10q:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.08 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.55 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.25 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.16–2.07 (m, 1H), 1.86 (pentet, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 0.89 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 6H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.8, 157.8, 133.7, 129.3, 113.7, 55.2, 51.9, 42.4, 34.2, 25.4, 24.5, 22.6 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₅H₂₂O₂, m/z = 234 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-QTOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₂₂O₂H 257.1512; Found 257.1512.



3-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-1-(4methoxyphenyl)propan-1-one (3-10t): A 1,4dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), 4'-

methoxyacetophenone (75 mg, 0.5 mmol) and 1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethylamine (106 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **3-10t** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 120:1–20:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.4$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 94 mg (66%). Data for **3-10t**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.75–6.71 (m, 2H), 6.71–6.66 (m, 1H), 5.90 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.22–3.16 (m, 2H), 3.00–2.93 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.7, 163.4, 147.5, 145.7, 135.2, 130.2, 129.8, 121.1, 113.6, 108.8, 108.2, 100.7, 55.4, 40.2, 30.0 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₇H₁₆O₄, m/z = 284 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₁₆O₄H 285.1121; Found 285.1090.



5-Cyclohexyl-1,1-diphenylpentan-3-one (3-10u). A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), 4,4-diphenyl-2-butanone (112 mg, 0.5 mmol) and

cyclohexylmethanamine (79 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred

at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **3-10u** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 120:1–20:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.8$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 150 mg (94%). Data for **3-10u**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48–7.01 (m, 10H), 4.64 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.39–2.31 (m, 2H), 1.71–1.57 (m, 5H), 1.42–1.35 (m, 2H), 1.22–1.03 (m, 4H), 0.88–0.76 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.2, 143.8, 128.4, 127.6, 126.2, 48.5, 45.9, 40.9, 36.8, 32.9, 30.6, 26.4, 26.1 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₃H₂₈O, m/z = 320 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₃H₂₈OH 321.2213; Found 321.2207.



3-Cyclohexyl-1-(1-methyl-1*H***-pyrrol-3-yl)propan-1-one** (**3-10v**): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), 3-Acetyl-1methylpyrrole (62 mg, 0.5 mmol) and

cyclohexylmethanamine (79 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **3-10v** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 120:1– 20:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.3$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 98 mg (89%). Data for **3-10v**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.21 (t, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.72–2.66 (m, 2H), 1.77–1.63 (m, 5H), 1.59–1.54 (m, 2H), 1.27–1.10 (m, 4H), 0.95– 0.86 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.5, 126.3, 125.7, 123.1, 109.3, 37.5, 37.1, 36.5, 33.1, 32.5, 30.9, 26.5, 26.2 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₄H₂₁NO, m/z = 219 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₂₁NOH 220.1696; Found 220.1698.



3-one (3-10w): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), 4-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)butan-2-one (94 mg, 0.5

1-(1H-Indol-3-yl)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)pentan-

mmol) and 4-methoxybenzylamine (96 mg, 0.7 mmol)was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **3-10w** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 120:1–20:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.2$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 108 mg (70%). Data for **3-10w**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (brs, 1H), 7.59 (dd, J = 7.9, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38–7.32 (m, 1H), 7.24–7.19 (m, 1H), 7.17–7.12 (m, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.10–3.02 (m, 2H), 2.90–2.76 (m, 4H), 2.70 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.2, 157.8, 136.2, 133.0, 129.2, 127.0, 121.9, 121.5, 119.2, 118.6, 115.0, 113.8, 111.1, 55.2, 44.6, 43.4, 28.8, 19.2 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₀H₂₁NO₂, m/z = 307 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₀H₂₁NO₂H 308.1645; Found 308.1639.



1-(5-Bromobenzofuran-2-yl)-5-methylhexan-1-one
(3-10x): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 210 (9 mg, 3 mol %), 2-12 (12 mg, 10 mol %), 1-(5bromo-1-benzofuran-2-yl)ethan-1-one (119 mg, 0.5

mmol) and isoamylamine (61 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **3-10x** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 120:1-

20:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.8$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 103 mg (67%). Data for **3-10x**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.83 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dd, J = 8.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (s, 1H), 2.92 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.80–1.72 (m, 2H), 1.59 (septet, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.30–1.24 (m, 2H), 0.90 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.4, 154.1, 153.6, 131.0, 128.9, 125.7, 116.9, 113.9, 111.3, 39.2, 38.4, 30.9, 27.8, 22.5 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₅H₁₇BrO₂, m/z = 309 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-QTOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₁₇BrO₂H 309.0485; Found 309.0476.



1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(thiophen-2-yl)propan-1-one (3-10y): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), 4'- chloroacetophenone (77 mg, 0.5 mmol) and 2-

thiophenemethylamine (79 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **3-10y** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 120:1–20:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.8$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 101 mg (81%). Data for **3-10y:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94–7.87 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.40 (m, 2H), 7.16–7.10 (m, 1H), 6.95–6.90 (m, 1H), 6.88–6.83 (m, 1H), 3.35–3.26 (m, 4H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.3, 143.5, 139.6, 134.9, 129.4, 128.9, 126.8, 124.7, 123.4, 40.5, 24.1 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₃H₁₁ClOS, m/z = 250 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₁₁ClOSH 251.0292; Found 251.0262.





isoamylamine (61 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **3-10aa** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 120:1–20:1; TLC: R_f = 0.7 (10% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 132 mg (91%). Data for **3-10aa:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.57 (s, 1H), 8.48 (s, 1H), 8.34 (s, 1H), 8.11–7.88 (m, 4H), 7.56–7.45 (m, 2H), 3.06 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.89–1.77 (m, 2H), 1.66 (septet, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.40–1.27 (m, 2H), 0.96 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.2, 133.7, 133.0, 132.5, 131.8, 130.8, 130.3, 128.8, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 126.5, 126.0, 125.8, 122.7, 38.6, 38.6, 27.9, 22.5, 22.3 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₁H₂₂O, m/z = 290 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-QTOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₁H₂₂OH 291.1743; Found 291.1734.

6.3.6.2 Characterization Data of the Compounds Listed in Table 3.4



1,4-Bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-methylbutan-1-one (**3-10ab):** A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), 4'-methoxypropiophenone (82 mg, 0.5

mmol) and 4-methoxybenzeneethanamine (106 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **3-10ab** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 120:1–20:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.3$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 125 mg (84%). Data for **3-10ab**: 7.86 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, J =9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.41 (sextet, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.63–2.51 (m, 2H), 2.17–2.08 (m, 1H), 1.74–1.65 (m, 1H), 1.21 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 202.7, 163.3, 157.8, 133.9, 130.5, 129.5, 129.4, 113.7, 113.7, 55.4, 55.3, 39.2, 35.6, 32.6, 17.5 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₉H₂₂O₃, m/z = 298 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₂₂O₃H 299.1642; Found 299.1631.



1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-phenylpentan-3-one (3-10ad): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), 1-phenyl-2-butanone (74 mg, 0.5 mmol) and 4-methoxybenzylamine (96 mg, 0.7 mmol) was

stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product 3-10ad was isolated by

column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 120:1–20:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.7$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 95 mg (71%). Data for **3-10ad:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30–7.21 (m, 3H), 7.19–7.14 (m, 2H), 6.94 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.34 (dd, J = 13.9, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (dd, J = 13.9, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.42–2.32 (m, 1H), 2.25–2.15 (m, 1H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.6, 157.8, 138.8, 131.8, 129.9, 128.8, 128.3, 127.2, 113.6, 60.8, 55.2, 37.9, 35.7, 7.7 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₈H₂₀O₂, m/z = 268 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-QTOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₂₀O₂H 291.1356; Found 291.1346.



2-(4-Methoxyphenethyl)cyclopentanone (3-10af): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol%), 2-12 (12 mg, 10 mol%), cyclopentanone (42 mg, 0.5 mmol) and 4-methoxybenzeneethanamine (106 mg, 0.7

mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **3-10af** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 120:1–20:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.5$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 93 mg (85%). Data for **3-10af**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.11 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.71–2.55 (m, 2H), 2.33–2.19

(m, 2H), 2.16–1.97 (m, 4H), 1.81–1.71 (m, 1H), 1.59–1.47 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 221.4, 157.8, 133.6, 129.3, 113.7, 55.2, 48.3, 38.2, 32.6, 31.6, 29.7, 20.7 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₄H₁₈O₂, m/z = 218 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-QTOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₁₈O₂H 219.1380; Found 219.1370.



2-(4-Methoxyphenethyl)cycloheptanone (3-10ag): A 1,4dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), cycloheptanone (56 mg, 0.5 mmol) and

2-phenylethylamine (85 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C

for 16 h. The product **3-10ag** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 120:1–20:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.7$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 85 mg (79%). Data for **3-10ag:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31–7.25 (m, 2H), 7.23–7.10 (m, 3H), 2.65–2.39 (m, 5H), 2.07–1.98 (m, 1H), 1.92–1.80 (m, 4H), 1.66–1.54 (m, 2H), 1.42– 1.27 (m, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 216.0, 142.0, 128.4, 128.3, 125.8, 51.4, 42.9, 33.9, 33.4, 31.4, 29.4, 28.5, 24.4 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₅H₂₀O, m/z = 216 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₂₀OH 217.1587; Found 217.1557.



dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), cycloheptanone (56 mg, 0.5 mmol) and 4-methoxybenzylamine (96 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 130

2-(4-Methoxybenzyl)cycloheptan-1-one (3-10ah): A 1,4-

°C for 16 h. The product **3-10ah** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 120:1–20:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.6$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 94 mg (81%). Data for **3-10ah:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.06 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.99 (dd, J = 13.4, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 2.80–2.71 (m, 1H), 2.50

(dd, J = 13.4, 8.5 Hz, 2H), 2.46–2.39 (m, 2H), 1.87–1.73 (m, 4H), 1.64–1.53 (m, 1H), 1.36–1.25 (m, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 215.8, 157.8, 131.8, 130.0, 113.6, 55.1, 53.8, 43.1, 37.0, 30.2, 29.2, 28.5, 24.2 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₅H₂₀O₂, m/z = 232 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₂₀O₂H 233.1536; Found 233.1505.



2-(4-Methoxybenzyl)cyclooctanone (3-10ai): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), cyclooctanone (63 mg, 0.5 mmol) and 4-methoxybenzylamine (96 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C

for 16 h. The product **3-10ai** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 120:1–20:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.7$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 108 mg (88%). Data for **3-10ai**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.03 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.95–2.84 (m, 2H), 2.56–2.46 (m, 1H), 2.33–2.25 (m, 1H), 2.15–2.08 (m, 1H), 2.02–1.92 (m, 1H), 1.84–1.45 (m, 7H), 1.38–1.28 (m, 1H), 1.24–1.15 ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 219.5, 157.8, 131.8, 129.8, 113.6, 55.1, 52.1, 43.0, 37.4, 32.7, 27.6, 25.3, 24.6, 24.5 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₆H₂₂O₂, m/z = 246 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₂₂O₂H 247.1693; Found 247.1661.



(2R,5S)-2-(4-Methoxyphenethyl)-5-

methylcyclohexanone (3-10an): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), 3-methylcyclohexanone (56 mg, 0.5

mmol) and 4-methoxybenzeneethanamine (106 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **3-10an** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 120:1–20:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.7$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 103 mg

(84%). Data for **3-10an:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.62–2.52 (m, 2H), 2.39–2.33 (m, 1H), 2.22–2.06 (m, 3H), 1.99 (td, *J* = 12.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 1.90–1.80 (m, 2H), 1.47–1.31 (m, 3H), 1.01 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 212.6, 157.6, 134.3, 129.2, 113.7, 55.2, 50.6, 48.7, 35.7, 34.0, 33.0, 32.2, 30.9, 22.4 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₆H₂₂O₂, m/z = 246 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₂₂O₂H 247.1693; Found 247.1668.



2-((S)-2-Phenylpropyl)cyclohexanone (3-10ao): A 1,4-

dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), cyclohexanone (49 mg, 0.5 mmol) and (R)-(+)- β -methylphenethylamine (95 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred

at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **3-10ao** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 120:1–20:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.8$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 101 mg (94%). Data for **3-10ao:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.24–7.09 (m, 3H), 2.88–2.72 (m, 1H), 2.41–2.29 (m, 1H), 2.25–2.09 (m, 3H), 2.04–1.89 (m, 2H), 1.83–1.74 (m, 1H), 1.66–1.52 (m, 2H), 1.42–1.29 (m, 2H), 1.25–1.21 (m, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.5, 147.3, 128.4, 127.0, 125.9, 48.7, 42.3, 38.3, 37.6, 35.1, 28.3, 25.0, 22.9 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₅H₂₀O, m/z = 216 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-QTOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₂₀ONa 239.1406; Found 239.1413.



6.3.6.3 Characterization Data of the Compounds Listed in Table 3.5

1-((1*S***,2***R***,5***S***)-6,6-Dimethylbicyclo[3.1.1]heptan-2-yl)-5-(1H-indol-3-yl)pentan-3-one (3-10at).** A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), 4-(1H-

indol-3-yl)butan-2-one (94 mg, 0.5 mmol) and (–)-cis-myrtanylamine (107 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **3-10at** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 120:1–20:1; TLC: R_f = 0.4 (10% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 126 mg (78%). Data for **3-10at**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.12 (brs, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24–7.18 (m, 1H), 7.16–7.11 (m, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.83 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.38 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.07–1.99 (m, 1H), 1.91–1.82 (m, 2H), 1.79–1.57 (m, 2H), 1.79–1.57 (m, 4H), 1.54–1.42 (m, 2H), 1.37–1.24 (m, 2H), 1.20 (s, 3H), 0.81 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 211.6, 136.2, 127.1, 121.9, 121.5, 119.1, 118.6, 115.1, 111.1, 45.4, 43.1, 40.9, 40.8, 39.2, 34.3, 30.1, 26.7, 24.3, 23.3, 22.2, 20.0, 19.4 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₂H₂₉NO, m/z = 323 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-QTOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₂₂H₂₉NONa 346.2141; Found 346.2145.



1-((1S,2R,5S)-6,6-

Dimethylbicyclo[3.1.1]heptan-2-yl)-5-(6methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)pentan-3-one (3-

10au): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of

complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), nabumetone (114 mg, 0.5 mmol) and (–)-cis-myrtanylamine (107 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h.

The product **3-10au** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 120:1–20:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.6$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 160 mg (88%). Data for **3-10au**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.29 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.03 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.79 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.40–2.31 (m, 2H), 2.05–1.97 (m, 1H), 1.88–1.79 (m, 2H), 1.77–1.56 (m, 4H), 1.51–1.41 (m, 2H), 1.30 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 0.98–0.85 (m, 1H), 0.79 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.6, 157.1, 136.2, 133.0, 128.9, 128.8, 127.5, 126.8, 126.2, 118.7, 105.5, 55.1, 45.4, 44.2, 40.9, 40.8, 39.2, 34.2, 30.1, 29.7, 26.7, 24.3, 23.3, 22.2, 20.0 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₅H₃₂O₂, m/z = 364 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₅H₃₂O₂H 365.2475; Found 305.2457.



1-(1H-Indol-3-yl)-7,11-dimethyldodec-10en-3-one (3-10av). A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL)
solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol %),
2-12 (12 mg, 10 mol %), 4-(1H-indol-3-

yl)butan-2-one (94 mg, 0.5 mmol) and geranylamine (107 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **3-10av** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 120:1–20:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.5$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 117 mg (72%). Data for **3-10av**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.14 (brs, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dt, J = 8.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24–7.17 (m, 1H), 7.13 (td, J = 7.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 5.10 (tt, J = 7.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.12–3.01 (m, 2H), 2.89–2.76 (m, 2H), 2.42–2.32 (m, 2H), 2.02–1.90 (m, 2H), 1.70 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 3H), 1.57–1.50 (m, 1H), 1.50–1.17 (m, 4H), 1.17–1.02 (m, 2H), 0.86 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 211.2, 136.2, 131.0, 127.1, 124.8, 121.9, 121.5, 119.1, 118.6, 115.1, 111.1, 43.3, 43.1, 36.9, 36.4, 32.2, 25.7, 25.4, 21.3, 19.3, 19.3, 17.6 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₂H₃₁NO, m/z = 325 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₂H₃₁NOH 326.2478; Found 326.2474.



1-(6-Methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)7,11-dimethyldodec-10-en-3-one
(3-10aw). A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL)
solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3

mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), nabumetone (114 mg, 0.5 mmol) and geranylamine (107 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **3-10aw** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 120:1–20:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.7$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 124 mg (68%). Data for **3-10aw**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.29 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (tt, J = 7.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.03 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.84–2.74 (m, 2H), 2.37 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.12–1.83 (m, 3H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 3H), 1.56–1.48 (m, 1H), 1.41–1.34 (m, 1H), 1.33–1.19 (m, 2H), 1.16–1.01 (m, 2H), 0.86 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.4, 157.2, 136.2, 133.0, 131.0, 129.0, 128.8, 127.5, 126.9, 126.2, 124.8, 118.7, 105.5, 55.2, 44.2, 43.3, 36.9, 36.4, 32.2, 29.7, 25.7, 25.4, 21.2, 19.3, 17.6 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₅H₃₄O₂, m/z = 366 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₅H₃₄O₂H 367.2632; Found 367.2627.



3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1-(4morpholinophenyl)propan-1-one (3-10ax). A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), 4'-

morpholinoacetophenone (102 mg, 0.5 mmol) and 4-methoxybenzylamine (96 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **3-10ax** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 120:1–20:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.1$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 116 mg (71%). Data for **3-10ax:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.88–3.83 (m, 4H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.32–3.27 (m, 4H), 3.21–3.16 (m, 2H), 3.02–2.96 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.6, 157.8, 154.0, 133.5, 130.0, 129.2, 127.7, 113.8, 113.2, 66.4, 55.1, 47.4, 40.1, 29.5 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₀H₂₃NO₃, m/z = 325 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₀H₂₃NO₃H 326.1751; Found 326.1751.



1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-3-(4-

morpholinophenyl)propan-1-one (3-10ay): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), 4'-

fluoroacetophenone (69 mg, 0.5 mmol) and 4-morpholinobenzylamine (134 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **3-10ay** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 120:1–20:1; TLC: R_f = 0.2 (10% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 93 mg (59%). Data for **3-10ay**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01–7.94 (m, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.14–7.08 (m, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H),

3.91–3.84 (m, 4H), 3.27–3.21 (m, 2H), 3.13 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 3.04–2.96 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.8, 165.6 (d, $J_{CF} = 254.5$ Hz), 133.2 (d, $J_{CF} = 3.1$ Hz), 130.6 (d, $J_{CF} = 9.1$ Hz), 129.1, 127.8, 117.1, 116.1, 115.6 (d, $J_{CF} = 21.8$ Hz), 66.8, 49.7, 40.4, 29.1 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₉H₂₀FNO₂, m/z = 313 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₂₀FNO₂H 314.1527; Found 314.1517.





morpholinobenzylamine (134 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **3-10az** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 120:1– 20:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.4$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 126 mg (66%). Data for **3-10az**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.12 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.38 (dd, J = 11.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.48–5.39 (m, 1H), 3.87–3.84 (m, 4H), 3.14–3.10 (m, 4H), 2.98–2.90 (m, 2H), 2.89–2.82 (m, 2H), 2.64 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 2.09–2.00 (m, 2H), 1.86 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 3H), 1.55–1.48 (m, 3H), 1.47–1.42 (m, 1H), 1.26–1.20 (m, 1H), 0.92 (s, 3H), 0.78 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.2, 149.6, 144.0, 139.8, 137.3, 133.2, 129.1, 121.9, 115.9, 66.9, 50.1, 49.6, 39.6, 32.8, 31.7, 30.0, 27.1, 27.1, 23.0, 22.8, 12.0 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₅H₃₅NO₂, m/z = 381 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-QTOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₅H₃₅NO₂H 382.2741; Found 382.2726.



1-(Thiophen-2-yl)-5-(2,6,6-trimethylcyclohex-1enyl)pentan-3-one (3-10ba): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), dihydro-β-ionone (97 mg, 0.5 mmol) and 2-

thiophenemethylamine (79 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **3-10ba** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 120:1–20:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.8$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 137 mg (94%). Data for **3-10ba**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.11 (dd, J = 5.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (dd, J = 5.1, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (dd, J = 3.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.79 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.50–2.45 (m, 2H), 2.31–2.21 (m, 2H), 1.90 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.58–1.56 (m, 1H), 1.55 (s, 3H), 1.43–1.39 (m, 2H), 1.09–1.07 (m, 1H), 0.97 (s, 6H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.4, 143.6, 135.8, 127.7, 126.7, 124.5, 123.2, 44.2, 43.7, 39.6, 34.9, 32.6, 28.3, 24.0, 22.1, 19.7, 19.4 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₈H₂₆OS, m/z = 290 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-QTOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₂₆OSH 291.1777; Found 291.1771.



1-(Furan-2-yl)-5-(2,6,6-trimethylcyclohex-1-

enyl)pentan-3-one (3-10bb): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), dihydro-β-ionone (97 mg, 0.5 mmol) and

furfurylamine (68 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **3-10bb** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 120:1–20:1; TLC: R_f = 0.8 (10% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 118 mg (86%). Data for **3-10bb**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28 (dd, J = 1.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.26 (dd, J = 3.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (dd, J = 3.2, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.77–2.71 (m, 2H), 2.50–2.45 (m, 2H), 2.28–

2.22 (m, 2H), 1.89 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.57–1.56 (m, 1H), 1.55 (s, 3H), 1.42–1.38 (m, 2H), 1.07–1.06 (m, 1H), 0.96 (s, 6H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.5, 154.5, 141.0, 135.9, 127.8, 110.1, 105.1, 43.6, 40.6, 39.6, 35.0, 32.7, 28.4, 22.3, 22.2, 19.7, 19.4 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₈H₂₆O₂, m/z = 274 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-QTOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₂₆O₂H 275.2006; Found 275.1994.



(*E*)-5-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-methyl-1-(2,6,6trimethylcyclohex-2-enyl)pent-1-en-3-one (310bc): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex
2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol %), 2-12 (12 mg, 10 mol %), α-

cetone (103 mg, 0.5 mmol) and 4-methoxybenzylamine (96 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **3-10bc** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 120:1–20:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.7$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 155 mg (95%). Data for **3-10bc:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.12 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.38 (dd, J = 11.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.48–5.39 (m, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.99–2.91 (m, 2H), 2.91–2.83 (m, 2H), 2.65 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 2.09–2.00 (m, 2H), 1.87 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 1.52 (dd, J = 3.6, 1.7 Hz, 3H), 1.49–1.42 (m, 1H), 1.27–1.21 (m, 1H), 0.93 (s, 3H), 0.79 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.2, 157.8, 144.0, 137.3, 133.5, 133.1, 129.2, 121.9, 113.8, 55.1, 50.1, 39.6, 32.7, 31.7, 30.0, 27.1, 27.0, 22.9, 22.7, 11.9 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₂H₃₀O₂, m/z = 326 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-QTOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₂H₃₀O₂H 327.2319; Found 327.2308.


4-((1*S*,4*aS*,10*aS*)-7-Isopropyl-1,4*a*-dimethyl-1,2,3,4,4*a*,9,10,10*a*-octahydrophenanthren-1yl)butan-2-one (3-10bd): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol %), 2-12 (12

mg, 10 mol %), acetone (29 mg, 0.5 mmol) and (+)-dehydroabietylamine (200 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **3-10bd** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 120:1–20:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.9$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 88 mg (54%). Data for **3-10bd:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.17 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 2.95–2.78 (m, 3H), 2.38–2.29 (m, 2H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.88–1.49 (m, 10H), 1.44–1.30 (m, 4H), 1.22 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H), 0.93 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.6, 147.5, 145.5, 134.7, 126.8, 124.2, 123.8, 47.7, 38.5, 38.2, 37.5, 37.2, 37.0, 35.3, 33.4, 30.2, 30.1, 29.7, 25.2, 24.0, 20.6, 18.9, 18.6 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₃H₃₄O, m/z = 326 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₃H₃₄OH 327.2682; Found 327.2684.



(8*R*,9*S*,10*S*,13*R*,14*S*,17*R*)-2-Isopentyl-10,13dimethyl-17-((*R*)-6-methylheptan-2-yl)dodecahydro-2*H*cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3(4*H*,9*H*,14*H*)one (3-10be): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL)

solution of complex **2-10** (5 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (6 mg, 10 mol %), 5 α -cholestan-3-one (97 mg, 0.25 mmol) and isoamylamine (44 mg, 0.5 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 16 h. The product **3-10be** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 120:1–20:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.8$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 104 mg

(91%). Data for **3-10be:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.37–2.15 (m, 3H), 2.11–2.02 (m, 2H), 2.00–1.95 (m, 1H), 1.86–1.76 (m, 2H), 1.75–1.60 (m, 2H), 1.59–1.44 (m, 5H), 1.41–1.20 (m, 8H), 1.17–0.96 (m, 14H), 0.93–0.81 (m, 15H), 0.73–0.62 (m, 4H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.0, 56.2, 56.2, 53.9, 48.1, 46.6, 46.3, 45.1, 42.6, 39.9, 39.5, 36.5, 36.3, 36.1, 35.7, 35.2, 31.7, 28.7, 28.3, 28.2, 28.0, 26.9, 24.2, 23.8, 22.8, 22.7, 22.5, 22.5, 21.5, 18.6, 12.5, 12.1 ppm; GC-MS for C₃₂H₅₆O, m/z = 456 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-QTOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₃₂H₅₆OH 479.4223; Found 479.4218.



(4-Methoxyphenyl)-N-(1-

phenylethylidene)methanamine (3-13a): A mixture of acetophenone (240 mg, 2 mmol), 4-methoxybenzylamine (274 mg, 2 mmol), *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (2 mg, 0.4 mol

%) and 4 Å molecular sieves (15 mg) in toluene (4 mL) was reacted for 5 h under refluxing conditions. After filtered through a celite bed, analytically pure product was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (column was flushed with 20 mL of pure Et₃N before loading the sample; hexanes/Et₃N = 100:1–10:1; Yield = 458 mg (96%). Data for **3-13a:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95–7.87 (m, 2H), 7.45–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.72 (s, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.5, 158.2, 140.9, 132.6, 129.4, 128.6, 128.0, 126.6, 113.7, 55.1, 55.0, 15.6 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₆H₁₇NO, m/z = 239 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₇NOH 240.1383; Found 240.1383.



N-(4-Methoxybenzylidene)-1-p-tolylethanamine (3-13b): A mixture of 4-methoxybenzaldehyde (680 mg, 5 mmol), 1-p-tolylethanamine (676 mg, 5 mmol), p-tolylethanamine (676 mg, 5 mmol), p-tolylethanamine

molecular sieves (30 mg) in anhydrous toluene (5 mL) was reacted for 2 h under reflux conditions. After filtered through a celite, analytically pure product was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (column was flushed with 20 mL of pure Et₃N before loading the sample; hexanes/Et₃N = 100:1–10:1; Yield = 1.21 g (96%). Data for **3b:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.35 (s, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.57 (q, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.68 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.5, 159.1, 141.7, 136.1, 129.8, 128.9, 128.7, 126.4, 113.7, 66.8, 55.0, 31.3, 20.8 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₇H₁₉NO, m/z = 253 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₇NOH 254.1539; Found 254.1525.



N-Cyclohexylidene-3-phenylpropan-1-amine (3-13e): A mixture of cyclohexanone (196 mg, 2 mmol), 3-phenyl-1-propylamine (270 mg, 2 mmol), *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (2 mg, 0.2 mol %), and 4 Å molecular sieves (15 mg) in

anhydrous toluene (4 mL) was reacted for 5 h under reflux conditions. After filtered through a celite bed, analytically pure product was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (column was flushed with 20 mL of pure Et₃N before loading the sample; hexanes/Et₃N = 100:1–10:1; Yield = 380 mg (88%). Data for **3-13e:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26–7.20 (m, 2H), 7.19–7.10 (m, 3H), 3.28 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.79–2.46 (m,

4H), 2.36–2.11 (m, 3H), 1.96–1.55 (m, 8H) ppm; ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.7, 141.9, 128.0, 127.9, 125.4, 49.1, 41.6, 39.6, 33.4, 28.5, 25.7 ppm; GC-MS for $C_{15}H_{21}N$, m/z = 215 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for $C_{15}H_{21}NH$; 216.1747 Found 216.1737.



(E)-N-(4-methoxybenzylidene)-1,1-

diphenylmethanamine (3-13f): A mixture of αaminodiphenylmethane (183 mg, 1 mmol), 4methoxybenzaldehyde (136 mg, 1 mmol) and sodium sulfate (0.40 g) in CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 mL) was stirred at room

temperature for 18 h. After filtered through celite, analytically pure product was isolated by recrystallization. Yield = 295 mg (98%). Data for **3-13f:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.40 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.55–7.49 (m, 1H), 7.47–7.45 (m, 3H), 7.41–7.32 (m, 4H), 7.31–7.34 (m, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.6, 160.0, 144.1, 130.0, 129.2, 128.3, 127.6, 126.8, 113.8, 77.7, 55.3 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₁H₁₉NO, m/z = 301 (M⁺). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with the literature values.²⁰⁸



N-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-1,1-diphenylmethanimine (3g):
A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol %), 2-12 (12 mg, 10 mol %), (*E*)-N-(4-methoxybenzylidene)-1,1-diphenylmethanamine (3-10g) (151 mg, 0.5 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 2 h. The

product **3-10e** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 80:1-15:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.6$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 123 mg (82%). Data for **3-**

10e: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.52–7.47 (m, 2H), 7.46– 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.30–7.17 (m, 4H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.58 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.6, 158.3, 139.6, 136.6, 132.6, 130.1, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 128.0, 127.8, 113.7, 56.7, 55.2 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₁H₁₉NO, m/z = 301 (M⁺). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with the literature values.²⁰⁹

6.3.7 DFT Computational Study

Electronic structure calculations were performed with the Gaussian 16 package, revision C01.²¹⁰ For the density functional theory (DFT) calculations we used M06L functional²¹¹ in combination with def2-SV(P) basis set.²¹² After geometry optimization, the SCF energies were refined by single-point calculations with triple-zeta def2-TZVPPD basis set.²¹² For Ru, the 28 core electrons were treated using the effective core approach²¹³ for both double-zeta and triple-zeta basis sets. Solvent effects were included using the implicit integral equation formalism polarizable continuum model (IEF-PCM, also referred as PCM)²¹⁴ with the solvent parameters characteristic for 1,4-dioxane (e = 2.2099). For all DFT calculations, ultrafine Lebedev's grid was used with 99 radial shells per atom and 590 angular points in each shell. The wave function stability tests were performed to ensure that the closed-shell singlet states were the lowest-energy solution (for 6', the SCF solution was found to have a partial open-shell character).²¹⁵ Tight cutoff convergence criteria on atomic forces (2E-6 and 1E-6 au for maximum/RMS forces, respectively) and displacements (6E-6 and 4E-6 au for maximum/RMS displacements, respectively) were used in geometry optimization procedure. Hessian matrices were calculated for the optimized structures to identify their nature (that is, zero imaginary

frequencies for minima and one for transition states). Intrinsic reaction coordinate $(IRC)^{216}$ was followed for the pentan-2-imine to pentan-2-imine (both for the uncatalyzed reaction and for the reaction in presence of the Ru-catecholate complex **4** with removed *t*-Bu groups) to validate the assignment of transition states to the corresponding elementary steps. Thermodynamic functions were calculated using the ideal gas approximation based on the particle-in-the-box, rigid rotor, and quantum harmonic oscillator models for the translational, rotational, and vibrational degrees of freedom, respectively.

6.4 Experimental Procedures and Characterization Data for Chapter 4

6.4.1.1 General Procedure for the Catalytic Synthesis of Quinazolines

In a glove box, complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol %), 4-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-1,2benzenediol (2-16) (8 mg, 10 mol %) were dissolved in anhydrous 1,4-dioxane (1 mL) in a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock and a magnetic stirring bar. After stirring for 5-10 min until the solution was turned light green color, both a 2aminophenylketone (0.5 mmol) and an amine (0.7 mmol) substrates, and dioxane (1 mL) was added to the tube. The tube was sealed, it was brought out of the glove box, and was stirred in an oil bath set at 140 °C for 20 h. After the reaction tube was cooled to room temperature, the tube was open to air, the solution was filtered through a short silica gel column by eluting with CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL), and the filtrate was analyzed by GC-MS method. Analytically pure product 4-12 was isolated by a simple column chromatography on silica gel (280-400 mesh, hexanes/EtOAc).

6.4.1.2 General Procedure for the Catalytic Synthesis of Quinazolinones

In a glove box, complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), were dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (1 mL) in a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock and a magnetic stirring bar. The resulting mixture was stirred for 5-10 min until the solution was turned to light green color. Both 2-aminobenzamide (0.5 mmol) and an amine (0.7 mmol) substrates were dissolved in dioxane (1 mL), and the solution was added to the reaction tube. The tube was brought out of the glove box and was stirred in an oil bath set at 140 °C for 20 h. The reaction tube was taken out of the oil bath, and it was cooled to room temperature. The resulting solution was filtered through a short silica gel column by eluting with CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL), and the filtrate was analyzed by GC-MS.

Analytically pure product **4-13** was isolated by a simple column chromatography on silica gel (280-400 mesh, hexanes/EtOAc).

6.4.2 Catalyst and Ligand Screening Study

In a glove box, a Ru catalyst (3 mol % Ru atom) and a ligand (10 mol %) were dissolved in a solvent (1 mL) in a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock and a magnetic stirring bar. The resulting mixture was stirred for 5-10 min. 2-Aminophenylethanone (68 mg, 0.5 mmol), 4-methoxybenzylamine (69 mg, 0.7 mmol) and a solvent (1 mL) were added to the reaction tube. The tube was brought out of the glove box and was stirred in an oil bath at 140 °C for 20 h. The product yield was determined by ¹H NMR by using hexamethylbenzene as an internal standard. The results are summarized in **Table 4.1** and **Table 4.2**.

6.4.3 General Procedures for the Mechanistic Studies

We have chosen the reaction of 2-aminoacetophenone with 4methoxybenzylamine for probing mechanistic insights for the coupling reaction.

6.4.3.1 Deuterium Labeling Study

In a glove box, 2-aminophenylethanone- d_3 (89 % D, 69 mg, 0.5 mmol), 4methoxybenzylamine (96 mg, 0.7 mmol) and complex **2-10** (3 mol %) were dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (2 mL) in a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock and a stirring bar. The tube was brought out of the box, and stirred in an oil bath preset at 140 °C for 20 h. The reaction tube was taken out of the oil bath, and was cooled to room temperature. After the tube was open to air, the solution was filtered through a short silica gel column by eluting with CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL), and the filtrate was analyzed by GC-MS. Analytically pure product was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (230-460 mesh, hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1 to 10:1). The ¹H and ²H NMR spectra of the product **4**-**12a** and **4-12a**-*d* are shown in **Figure 4.2**.

6.4.3.2 Reaction Profile Experiment

In a glove box, complex **2-10** (5 mg, 3 mol %) and **2-16** (4 mg, 10 mol %) were dissolved in toluene- d_8 (0.5 mL) in a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock and a magnetic stirring bar. The resulting mixture was stirred for 5 to 10 minutes until the solution turned to a blueish green color. 2-aminophenylethanone (34 mg, 0.25 mmol) and 4-methoxybenzylamine (35 mg, 0.25 mmol) were added to the reaction tube, and the solution was transferred into a J-Young NMR tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock. The tube was brought out of the glove box, and was immersed an oil bath set at 130 °C. The tube was taken out from the oil bath at 20 min intervals, was immediately cooled in ice-water bath, and was analyzed by ¹H NMR. The appearance of the product signals were normalized against the internal standard peak (C₆Me₆). The plot of relative concentration vs time is shown in **Figure 4.3**.

6.4.3.3 Reaction with Imines

Following the standard procedure, a reaction tube containing 4-chloro-2-(((4-methoxybenzyl)imino)(phenyl)methyl)aniline **4-14b** and complex **2-10** (3 mol %) in 1,4-dioxane (2 mL) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1 to 10:1) led to the isolation of the product **4-12h** in 87% yield.

Following the standard procedure, a reaction tube containing (E)-2-((4methoxybenzylidene)amino)benzamide **4-15** and complex **2-10** (3 mol %) in 1,4-dioxane (2 mL) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 40:1 to 10:1) led to the isolation of the product **4-13c** in 87% yield.

6.4.3.3 Reaction with Ruthenium Catecholate Complex 2-11

In a glove box, complex **2-11** (9 mg, 1 mol %) was dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (1 mL) in a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock and a magnetic stirring bar. The resulting mixture was stirred for 5-10 min until the solution was turned to light green color. Both 2-aminobenzamide (68 mg, 0.5 mmol) and 4- methoxybenzylamine (96 mg, 0.7 mmol) substrates were dissolved in dioxane (1 mL), and the solution was added to the reaction tube. The tube was brought out of the glove box and was stirred in an oil bath set at 140 °C for 20 h. The reaction tube was taken out of the oil bath, and it was cooled to room temperature. The resulting solution was filtered through a short silica gel column by eluting with CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL), and the filtrate was analyzed by GC-MS. Analytically pure product **4-13c** was isolated by a simple column chromatography on silica gel (280-400 mesh, hexanes/EtOAc).

6.4.4.1 X-ray Crystallography Data for 4-12i

Colorless single crystals of **4-12i** were grown in dichloromethane/*n*-hexane/Ethylacetate at room temperature. A suitable crystal with the dimension of 0.643 $\times 0.052 \times 0.02$ mm³ was selected and analyzed. The 2-phenylquinazoline moiety has a planar conjugated structure. The 4-phenyl group is rotated out of its plane and is disordered over 2 equally populated positions. The disorder of the 4-phenyl groups within

the stacks is apparently caused by two possible equivalent alternated patterns of their edge-to-face arrangement both within the stacks and between them.



Figure 6.17: Molecular Structure of 4-12i



Figure 6.18: Crystal Packing of 4-12i

| Identification code | yi3p |
|---|--|
| Empirical formula | $C_{20}H_{13}ClN_2$ |
| Formula weight | 316.77 |
| Temperature/K | 100.15 |
| Crystal system | monoclinic |
| Space group | $P2_1/c$ |
| a/Å | 16.1612(10) |
| b/Å | 4.9257(4) |
| c/Å | 19.6178(17) |
| α/° | 90 |
| β/° | 106.980(8) |
| $\gamma/^{\circ}$ | 90 |
| Volume/Å ³ | 1493.6(2) |
| Z | 4 |
| $\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$ | 1.409 |
| μ/mm^{-1} | 2.248 |
| F(000) | 656.0 |
| Crystal size/mm ³ | $0.643 \times 0.052 \times 0.02$ |
| Radiation | $CuK\alpha$ ($\lambda = 1.54184$) |
| 2Θ range for data collection/° | 9.428 to 141.218 |
| Index ranges | $-19 \le h \le 19, -6 \le k \le 5, -23 \le l \le 23$ |
| Reflections collected | 12968 |
| Independent reflections | 2793 [$R_{int} = 0.0568$, $R_{sigma} = 0.0355$] |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 2793/0/244 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.050 |
| Final R indexes $[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$ | $R_1 = 0.0619, wR_2 = 0.1462$ |
| Final R indexes [all data] | $R_1 = 0.0716, wR_2 = 0.1545$ |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³ | 0.43/-0.97 |

Table 6.9: Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for 4-12i

6.4.4.2 X-ray Crystallographic Data for 4-12k

Colorless single crystals of 4-12k were grown in dichloromethane/n-

hexane/EtOAc at room temperature. A suitable crystal with the dimension of 0.61×0.03 × 0.02 mm³ was selected and analyzed. The 2-phenylquinazoline moiety has a planar conjugated structure. The 4-phenyl group is rotated out of its plane and is disordered over 2 equally populated positions. The molecules form translational stacks along y axis. The disorder of the 4-phenyl groups within the stacks is apparently caused by two possible equivalent alternated patterns of their edge-to-face arrangement both within the stacks and between them.



Figure 6.19: Molecular Structure of 4-12k



Figure 6.20: Crystal Packing of 4-12k

 Table 6.10: Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for 4-12k

| Identification code | yi3n |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Empirical formula | $C_{20}H_{12}ClFN_2$ |
| Formula weight | 334.77 |
| Temperature/K | 446.15 |
| Crystal system | monoclinic |
| Space group | $P2_1/c$ |
| a/Å | 17.3595(3) |
| b/Å | 4.85966(9) |
| c/Å | 19.2750(4) |
| α/\circ | 90 |
| β/° | 113.162(2) |
| γ/° | 90 |
| Volume/Å ³ | 1494.99(6) |
| Z | 4 |

| $\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$ | 1.487 |
|---|--|
| μ/mm^{-1} | 2.379 |
| F(000) | 688.0 |
| Crystal size/mm ³ | $0.61 \times 0.03 \times 0.02$ |
| Radiation | $CuK\alpha$ ($\lambda = 1.54184$) |
| 20 range for data collection/° | 9.318 to 141.362 |
| Index ranges | $-20 \le h \le 21, -5 \le k \le 5, -23 \le l \le 23$ |
| Reflections collected | 14159 |
| Independent reflections | 2832 [$R_{int} = 0.0454$, $R_{sigma} = 0.0320$] |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 2832/24/262 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.052 |
| Final R indexes $[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$ | $R_1 = 0.0346, wR_2 = 0.0895$ |
| Final R indexes [all data] | $R_1 = 0.0429, wR_2 = 0.0957$ |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³ | 0.28/-0.31 |

6.4.4.3 X-ray Crystallographic Data for 4-13c

Colorless single crystals of **4-13c** were grown in hexanes/EtOAc at room temperature. A suitable crystal with the dimension of $0.37 \times 0.081 \times 0.049 \text{ mm}^3$ was selected and analyzed. The molecule has an overall planar shape with the OMe group conjugated with the adjacent benzene ring. The molecules form centrosymmetric H-bonded dimers packed into translational stacks along y axis.



Figure 6.21: Molecular Structure of 4-13c



Figure 6.22: Crystal Packing of 4-13c

| Table 6.11: Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for 4-13c |
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|---|

| Identification code | yi3t |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Empirical formula | $C_{15}H_{12}N_2O_2$ |
| Formula weight | 252.27 |
| Temperature/K | 100.15 |
| Crystal system | monoclinic |
| Space group | $P2_1/n$ |
| a/Å | 16.2243(8) |
| b/Å | 3.8498(2) |
| c/Å | 19.0475(13) |
| a/° | 90 |
| β/° | 96.405(5) |
| $\gamma/^{\circ}$ | 90 |
| Volume/Å ³ | 1182.30(12) |
| Z | 4 |
| $\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$ | 1.417 |
| µ/mm ⁻¹ | 0.782 |
| F(000) | 528.0 |
| Crystal size/mm ³ | $0.37 \times 0.081 \times 0.049$ |
| Radiation | $CuK\alpha \ (\lambda = 1.54184)$ |
| 2Θ range for data collection/° | 7.588 to 141.582 |
| Index ranges | $-19 \le h \le 19, -3 \le k \le 4, -22 \le l \le$ |

| Reflections collected | 10343 |
|---|---|
| Independent reflections | 2252 [R _{int} = 0.0330, R _{sigma} = 0.0182] |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 2252/0/174 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.074 |
| Final R indexes [I>= 2σ (I)] | $R_1 = 0.0435, wR_2 = 0.1259$ |
| Final R indexes [all data] | $R_1 = 0.0458, wR_2 = 0.1301$ |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³ | 0.25/-0.23 |

6.4.4 X-ray Crystallography Data for 4-13t

Colorless single crystals of **4-13t** were grown in Ethylacetate/n-hexanes at room temperature. A suitable crystal with the dimension of $0.12 \times 0.07 \times 0.05 \text{ mm}^3$ was selected and analyzed. The structure has two symmetrically independent molecules. They have practically identical dihedral angle between their cyclic moieties – 44.6 and 45.0° but the difference in planarity of methoxy group is more perceptible – 5.1 vs. 12.3°. In the crystals the molecules form stacks along x axis where both independent molecules alternate in a head-to-head fashion. There are no pi-pi interactions in the stacks, rather some C-H...pi contacts.



Figure 6.23: Molecular Structure of 4-13t



Figure 6.24: Crystal Packing of 4-13t

 Table 6.12: Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for 4-13t

| Identification code | yi4h |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Empirical formula | $C_{16}H_{14}N_2O_2$ |
| Formula weight | 266.29 |
| Temperature/K | 101(1) |
| Crystal system | triclinic |
| Space group | P-1 |
| a/Å | 9.6896(4) |
| b/Å | 12.6773(6) |
| c/Å | 12.8491(4) |
| α/\circ | 118.075(4) |
| β/° | 91.014(3) |
| $\gamma/^{\circ}$ | 109.265(4) |
| Volume/Å ³ | 1285.98(10) |
| Z | 4 |

| $\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$ | 1.375 |
|---|---|
| μ/mm^{-1} | 0.092 |
| F(000) | 560.0 |
| Crystal size/mm ³ | $0.12 \times 0.07 \times 0.05$ |
| Radiation | MoK α ($\lambda = 0.71073$) |
| 2Θ range for data collection/ ^c | 6.48 to 59.482 |
| Index ranges | $\text{-13} \leq h \leq 13, \text{-17} \leq k \leq 17, \text{-17} \leq l \leq 16$ |
| Reflections collected | 28972 |
| Independent reflections | 6544 [$R_{int} = 0.0354$, $R_{sigma} = 0.0349$] |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 6544/0/365 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.057 |
| Final R indexes [I>= 2σ (I)] | $R_1 = 0.0458, wR_2 = 0.1087$ |
| Final R indexes [all data] | $R_1 = 0.0640, wR_2 = 0.1213$ |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³ | 0.29/-0.26 |
| | |

6.4.4.5 X-ray Crystallography Data for 4-13aa

Colorless single crystals of **4-13aa** were grown in EtOAc/n-hexanes at room temperature. A suitable crystal with the dimension of $0.646 \times 0.171 \times 0.065 \text{ mm}^3$ was selected and analyzed. The structure contains 2 symmetrically independent molecules differing by conformation along C2-C9 bond – the dihedral angle N1-C2-C9-C14 is -84.4(2)° in one molecule and -68.1(2)° in another one. Both molecules represent the same S,S,S-enantiomer. The absolute configuration was established beyond doubts [Flack parameter is 0.01(5)]. The molecules form H-bonded quasi-centrosymmetric dimers through N-H...O interactions. The molecules are also stacked along x axis with quasicentrosymmetric overlap of quinazolone moieties.



Figure 6.25: Molecular Structure of 4-13aa



Figure 6.26: Crystal Packing of 4-13aa

 Table 6.13: Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for 4-13aa

| Identification code | yi3z |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Empirical formula | $C_{17}H_{20}N_2O$ |
| Formula weight | 268.35 |
| Temperature/K | 101.3(10) |
| Crystal system | monoclinic |
| Space group | P21 |
| a/Å | 7.33998(9) |
| b/Å | 15.20169(11) |
| | |

| c/Å | 13.16998(13) |
|---|--|
| $\alpha/^{\circ}$ | 90 |
| β/° | 105.9526(11) |
| $\gamma/^{\circ}$ | 90 |
| Volume/Å ³ | 1412.92(2) |
| Z | 4 |
| $\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$ | 1.262 |
| μ/mm^{-1} | 0.620 |
| F(000) | 576.0 |
| Crystal size/mm ³ | $0.646 \times 0.171 \times 0.065$ |
| Radiation | $CuK\alpha \ (\lambda = 1.54184)$ |
| 2Θ range for data collection/° | 6.98 to 141.282 |
| Index ranges | $-8 \le h \le 8, -18 \le k \le 18, -15 \le l \le 16$ |
| Reflections collected | 25935 |
| Independent reflections | 5350 [$R_{int} = 0.0201$, $R_{sigma} = 0.0127$] |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 5350/1/366 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.029 |
| Final R indexes $[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$ | $R_1 = 0.0303, wR_2 = 0.0814$ |
| Final R indexes [all data] | $R_1 = 0.0308, wR_2 = 0.0820$ |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³ | 0.20/-0.17 |
| Flack parameter | 0.01(5) |

6.4.4.6 X-ray Crystallography Data for 4-13ab

Colorless single crystals of **4-13ab** were grown in EtOAc/Dichloromethane/npentanes at room temperature. A suitable crystal with the dimension of $0.528 \times 0.083 \times 0.016 \text{ mm}^3$ was selected and analyzed. The molecule represents a C9(**R**), C13(**S**)enantiomer established objectively with a good probability [Flack parameter 0.18(8)]. The saturated 6-membered rings are trans-fused that corresponds to **R**-configuration of chiral center at C22. The Me-groups occupy axial positions and quinazolinone group – an equatorial one (the ring C9...C13, C22 has a chair conformation). The ring annealed with benzene moiety has C22-sofa conformation. In the crystal, the molecules form H-bonded dimers over crystallographic 2-fold axes through N-H...O interactions. The dimers are loosely stacked (at 3.65 Å and 169°).



Figure 6.27: Molecular Structure of 4-13ab



Figure 6.28: Crystal Packing of 4-13ab

 Table 6.14: Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for 4-13ab

| Identification code | yi4n |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Empirical formula | $C_{27}H_{32}N_2O$ |
| Formula weight | 400.54 |
| Temperature/K | 100.00(10) |
| Crystal system | tetragonal |
| Space group | $P4_{1}2_{1}2$ |
| a/Å | 16.41058(8) |
| | |

| b/Å | 16.41058(8) |
|---|--|
| c/Å | 16.10936(19) |
| $\alpha/^{\circ}$ | 90 |
| β/° | 90 |
| $\gamma/^{\circ}$ | 90 |
| Volume/Å ³ | 4338.37(7) |
| Z | 8 |
| $\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$ | 1.226 |
| μ/mm^{-1} | 0.571 |
| F(000) | 1728.0 |
| Crystal size/mm ³ | $0.528 \times 0.083 \times 0.016$ |
| Radiation | $CuK\alpha (\lambda = 1.54184)$ |
| 2Θ range for data collection/° | 7.618 to 141.342 |
| Index ranges | $-20 \le h \le 20, -15 \le k \le 19, -17 \le l \le 19$ |
| Reflections collected | 38387 |
| Independent reflections | 4137 [$R_{int} = 0.0280, R_{sigma} = 0.0132$] |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 4137/0/280 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.056 |
| Final R indexes [I>=2 σ (I)] | $R_1 = 0.0283, wR_2 = 0.0713$ |
| Final R indexes [all data] | $R_1 = 0.0297, wR_2 = 0.0724$ |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³ | 0.16/-0.12 |
| Flack parameter | 0.13(8) |

6.4.5.1 Characterization Data of the Quinazolin Compounds Listed in Table 4.3



2-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-4-methylquinazoline (4-12p): A

1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2-aminophenylethanone (68 mg, 0.5 mmol), and 4-phenylbenzylamine (128 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **4-**

12p was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–10:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.5$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 101 mg (68%). Data for **4-12p:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.71 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.11 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.93–7.83 (m, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.74–7.67 (m, 2H), 7.59 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52–7.45 (m, 2H), 7.43–7.35 (m, 1H), 3.04 (s, 3H) ppm; ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.4, 159.8, 150.2, 143.1, 140.7, 137.0, 133.6, 129.0, 128.8, 127.6, 127.3, 127.2, 126.9, 125.0, 123.0, 22.1 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₁H₁₆N₂, m/z = 296 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₁H₁₆N₂H 297.1386; Found 297.1399.



2-Phenethyl-4-phenylquinazoline (**4-12s**): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2-aminobenzophenone (99 mg, 0.5 mmol), and 3-phenyl-1-propanamine (95 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **4-12s** was isolated by

column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 80:1-10:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.3$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 104 mg, (67%). Data for **4-12s:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.78–7.71 (m, 2H), 7.59–7.48 (m, 4H), 7.35–7.23 (m, 4H), 7.22–7.15 (m, 1H), 3.54–3.46 (m, 2H), 3.35–3.27 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.6, 166.0, 151.3, 141.6, 137.3, 133.6, 129.9, 129.9, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 128.3, 127.0, 126.8, 125.9, 121.2, 41.5, 34.8 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₂H₁₈N₂ m/z = 310 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₂H₁₈N₂H 311.1543; Found 311.1563.



2-Phenethyl-4-phenylquinazoline (4-12t): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol%), 2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol%), 2-aminobenzophenone (99 mg, 0.5 mmol), and 4-benzenebutanamine (104 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product 4-12t

was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 80:1-10:1; TLC:

 $R_f = 0.3$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 114 mg, (70%). Data for **4-12t:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.78–7.70 (m, 2H), 7.60–7.53 (m, 3H), 7.51 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29–7.20 (m, 4H), 7.17–7.11 (m, 1H), 3.23 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.79 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (pentet, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.6, 166.7, 151.3, 142.2, 137.3, 133.5, 129.9, 129.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.0, 126.7, 125.7, 121.2, 39.6, 35.8, 30.6 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₃H₂₀N₂ m/z = 324 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₂H₁₈N₂H 325.1656; Found 325.1640.



2-Pentyl-4-phenylquinazoline (**4-12v**): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2-aminobenzophenone (99 mg, 0.5 mmol), and 1-hexylamine (71 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for

20 h. The product **4-12v** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–10:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.5$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 62 mg (45%). Data for **4-12v**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.12–8.00 (m, 2H), 7.86 (td, J =7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.80–7.71 (m, 2H), 7.61–7.54 (m, 3H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 2.0–1.91 (m, 2H), 1.50–1.34 (m, 4H), 0.91 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.6, 167.2, 151.1, 137.3, 133.6, 129.9, 129.8, 128.6, 128.1, 127.0, 126.7, 121.2, 40.0, 31.8, 28.8, 22.6, 14.1 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₉H₂₀N₂ m/z = 276 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₂₀N₂H 277.1699; Found 277.1665.



4-Methyl-2-(1-phenylethyl)quinazoline (4-12x): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol %), 2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2-aminophenylethanone (68 mg, 0.5 mmol), and (*R*)-(+)-β-methylphenethylamine (95 mg, 0.7

mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **4-12x** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–10:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.5$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 98 mg (79%). Data for **4-12x:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05–7.97 (m, 2H), 7.82 (ddd, J = 8.4, 6.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (ddd, J = 8.3, 6.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.52–7.47 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.15 (m, 1H), 4.53 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (s, 3H), 1.82 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.6, 168.3, 149.9, 144.5, 133.2, 128.8, 128.2, 127.9, 126.6, 126.3, 124.8, 122.7, 49.1, 21.9, 20.8 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₇H₁₆N₂ m/z = 248 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₁₆N₂H 249.1386, Found 249.1353; [α]_D²² = +5.2 (c = 0.1 g/100 mL in CH₂Cl₂).



2-Benzyl-4-methyl-quinazoline (4-12y): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2-aminophenylethanone (68 mg, 0.5 mmol), and 1- amino-2-phenylethane (85 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C

for 20 h. The product **4-12y** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 80:1–20:1; TLC: *R_f* = 0.4 (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 62 mg, (53%). Data for **4-12y:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.86–7.79 (m, 1H), 7.59–7.52 (m, 1H), 7.48–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.32–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.23–7.17 (m, 1H), 4.41 (s, 2H), 2.90 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.5, 165.1, 150.0, 138.6, 133.4, 129.2, 128.6, 128.3, 126.8, 126.3, 124.8, 122.5, 46.3, 21.8 ppm; GC-MS for $C_{16}H_{14}N_2$ m/z = 234 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for $C_{16}H_{14}N_2H$ 235.1230, Found 235.1203.



2-Benzyl-4-phenylquinazoline (**4-12z**): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2-aminobenzophenone (99 mg, 0.5 mmol), and 1-amino-2-phenylethane (85 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C

for 20 h. The product **4-12z** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 80:1–10:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.6$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes). Yield = 99 mg (67%). Data for **4-12z**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.12–7.99 (m, 2H), 7.83 (t, J = 7.7Hz, 1H), 7.79–7.69 (m, 2H), 7.56–7.49 (m, 5H), 7.37–7.14 (m, 4H), 4.52 (s, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.6, 165.2, 151.5, 138.6, 137.2, 133.4, 130.0, 129.8, 129.2, 128.7, 128.5, 128.5, 128.3, 126.9, 126.3, 121.2, 46.3 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₁H₁₆N₂ m/z = 296 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₁H₁₆N₂H 297.1386, Found 297.1352.



2-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-4-methylquinazoline (4-12aa): A

1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), **2-aminophenylethanone**

(68 mg, 0.5 mmol), and 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethanamine (106 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **4-12aa** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 80:1–20:1; TLC: R_f = 0.3 (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 63 mg (48%). Data for **4-12aa:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.34 (s, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.90 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.6, 165.3, 158.2, 149.9, 133.5, 130.7, 130.1, 128.6, 126.8, 124.9, 122.5, 113.8, 55.2, 45.3, 21.8 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₇H₁₆N₂O m/z = 264 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₁₆N₂OH 265.1335, Found 265.1305.



2-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-4-phenylquinazoline (4-12ab): A

1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2-aminobenzophenone (99 mg, 0.5 mmol), and 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethanamine

(106 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **4-12ab** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 80:1–20:1; TLC: R_f = 0.3 (20% EtOAc in hexanes). Yield = 124 mg, (76%). Data for **4-12ab**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.79–7.71 (m, 2H), 7.59–7.55 (m, 3H), 7.54 (td, *J* = 7.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.46 (s, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.7, 165.5, 158.2, 151.5, 137.3, 133.5, 130.8, 130.2, 130.0, 129.9, 128.5, 128.4, 126.9, 126.9, 121.2, 113.7, 55.2, 45.4 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₂H₁₈N₂O m/z = 326 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₂H₁₈N₂OH 327.1492, Found 327.1467.





20 h. The product **4-12ac** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–10:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.8$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 78 mg (50%). Data for **4-12ac**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.80 (dd, J = 9.1, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.78–7.68 (m, 2H), 7.64–7.53 (m, 3H), 3.16 (t, J =7.9 Hz, 2H), 2.01–1.90 (m, 2H), 1.50–1.33 (m, 4H), 0.91 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.8, 167.5, 149.7, 136.8, 134.5, 132.3, 130.1, 129.9, 129.8, 128.8, 125.7, 121.7, 39.9, 31.8, 28.6, 22.5, 14.0 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₉H₁₉ClN₂ m/z = 310 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₁₉ClN₂H 311.1310, Found 311.1300.



(*R*)-6-Chloro-4-phenyl-2-(1-phenylethyl)quinazoline (4-12ad): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol %), 2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2-amino-5chlorobenzylphenone (116 mg, 0.5 mmol), and (*R*)-(+)- β methylphenethylamine (95 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at

140 °C for 20 h. The product **4-12ad** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–10:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.8$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 131 mg (76%). Data for **4-12ad:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.14–7.98 (m, 2H), 7.85–7.71 (m, 3H), 7.66–7.51 (m, 5H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 1.88 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.7, 167.7, 149.7, 144.1, 136.9, 134.3, 132.5, 130.3, 130.2, 130.0, 128.7, 128.3, 128.0, 126.5, 125.6, 121.9, 49.0, 20.7 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₂H₁₇ClN₂ m/z = 344 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₂H₁₇ClN₂H 345.1153, Found 345.1118; [α]²²_D = +6.0 (c = 0.20 g/100 mL in CH₂Cl₂).



2-(3-fluorobenzyl)-4-methylquinazoline (4-12ae): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol%), 2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol%), 2'-aminoacetophenone (68 mg, 0.5 mmol), and 3-fluorobenzeneethanamine (97 mg, 0.7 mmol)

was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **4-12ae** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–10:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.5$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes). Yield = 81 mg, (64%). Data for **4-12ae**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (dd, J = 8.4, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (dd, J = 8.4, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.26–7.12 (m, 3H), 6.92–6.86 (m, 1H), 4.38 (s, 2H), 2.92 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.7, 164.4, 162.8 (d, $J_{CF} = 245.1$ Hz), 150.0, 141.0 (d, $J_{CF} = 7.6$ Hz), 133.6, 129.7 (d, $J_{CF} = 8.3$ Hz), 128.6, 127.0, 124.9, 124.8 (d, $J_{CF} = 2.8$ Hz), 122.5, 116.1 (d, $J_{CF} = 21.5$ Hz), 113.3 (d, $J_{CF} = 21.1$ Hz), 45.9 (d, $J_{CF} =$ 1.7 Hz), 21.8 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₆H₁₃FN₂ m/z = 252 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₃FN₂H 253.1136; Found 253.1128.



2-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-ylmethyl)-4-

methylquinazoline (4-12ag): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10

mol %), 2-aminophenylethanone (68 mg, 0.5 mmol), and 2-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-ylethylamine (116 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **4-12ag** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 80:1–20:1; TLC: R_f = 0.3 (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 114 mg (82%). Data for **4-12ag:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.88 (s, 2H), 4.30 (s, 2H), 2.90 (s, 3H) ppm; ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.6, 165.0, 149.9, 147.4, 146.0, 133.5, 132.3, 128.6, 126.8, 124.8, 122.4, 122.1, 109.6, 108.1, 100.7, 45.8, 21.8 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₇H₁₄N₂O₂ m/z = 278 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₁₄N₂O₂H 279.1128; Found 279.1099.

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dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), anthranilamide (68 mg, 0.5 mmol), and 4-fluorobenzylamine (88 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **4-13d** was isolated by column

2-(4-Fluorophenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (4-13d): A 1,4-

chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 20:1-1:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.3$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 79 mg, (66%). Data for **4-13d:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 12.54 (br s, 1H), 8.28–8.19 (m, 2H), 8.15 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44–7.34 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 164.1 (d, $J_{CF} = 249.2$ Hz), 162.3, 151.5, 148.7, 134.7, 130.4 (d, $J_{CF} = 8.9$ Hz), 129.3 (d, $J_{CF} = 1.7$ Hz), 127.5, 126.7, 125.9, 120.9, 115.7 (d, $J_{CF} = 22.0$ Hz) ppm; GC-MS for C₁₄H₉FN₂O, m/z = 240 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₉FN₂OH 241.0772, Found 241.0744.



2-(3-Phenylpropyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (4-13i): A

1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), anthranilamide (68 mg, 0.5 mmol), and 4-phenylbutylamine (104 mg, 0.7 mmol)

was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **4-13i** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 20:1–1:1; TLC: R_f = 0.2 (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 104 mg (79%). Data for **4-13i**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.32 (br s, 1H), 8.26 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.28–7.13 (m, 5H), 2.96–2.71 (m, 4H), 2.25 (pentet, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.5, 156.6, 149.4, 141.3, 134.7, 128.4, 128.3, 127.1, 126.3, 126.1, 125.9, 120.4, 35.3, 35.3, 28.9 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₇H₁₆N₂O, m/z = 264 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₁₆N₂OH 265.1335, Found 265.1309.



6-Methoxy-2-pentylquinazolin-4(3H)-one (4-13j): A

1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2-amino-5methoxybenzamide (83 mg, 0.5 mmol), and 1-

hexylamine (71 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **4-13j** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 40:1–1:1; TLC: R_f = 0.6 (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 108 mg (88%). Data for **4-13j**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.21 (br s, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd, J = 9.0, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 2.79 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 1.93–1.84 (m, 2H), 1.46–1.36 (m, 4H), 0.91 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.2, 158.0, 154.9, 143.9, 128.6, 124.9, 121.0, 105.5, 55.7, 35.6, 31.4, 27.3, 22.2, 13.9 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₄H₁₈N₂O₂, m/z = 246 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₁₈N₂O₂H 247.1441, Found 247.1414.



2-Cyclohexyl-6-methoxyquinazolin-4(3H)-one (4-13k): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2-amino-5- methoxybenzamide (83 mg, 0.5 mmol), and

cyclohexylmethanamine (79 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **4-13k** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 20:1–1:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.6$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 106 mg (82%). Data for **4-13k**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.22 (br s, 1H), 7.72–7.59 (m, 2H), 7.36 (dd, J = 9.0, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 2.67 (tt, J = 12.1, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.08–2.01 (m, 2H), 1.95–1.87 (m, 2H), 1.80–1.64 (m, 3H), 1.50–1.33 (m, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.7, 158.0, 157.7, 144.1, 128.9, 124.8, 121.4, 105.6, 55.7, 44.6, 30.6, 26.0, 25.7 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₅H₁₈N₂O₂, m/z = 258 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₁₈N₂O₂H 259.1441, Found 259.1413.



2-Benzyl-6-methoxyquinazolin-4(3H)-one (4-13l): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2-amino-5- methoxybenzamide (83 mg, 0.5 mmol), and 1-amino-2-

phenylethane (85 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **4-13l** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 20:1–1:1; TLC: R_f = 0.4 (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 101 mg (76%). Data for **4-13l**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 12.36 (br s, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.42–7.34 (m, 3H), 7.34–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.27–7.19 (m, 1H), 3.91 (s, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 161.8, 157.4, 153.6, 143.4, 136.8, 128.9,

128.6, 128.5, 126.8, 123.9, 121.5, 105.7, 55.6, 40.6 ppm; GC-MS for $C_{16}H_{14}N_2O_2$, m/z = 266 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for $C_{16}H_{14}N_2O_2H$ 267.1128, Found 267.1096.



7-Chloro-2-pentylquinazolin-4(3H)-one (4-13m): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2-amino-4chlorobenzamide (85 mg, 0.5 mmol), and 1-hexylamine

(71 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **4-13m** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 40:1–1:1; TLC: R_f = 0.8 (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 107 mg (86%). Data for **4-13m**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.42 (br s, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 1.93–1.83 (m, 2H), 1.47–1.35 (m, 4H), 0.91 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.0, 158.5, 150.4, 141.0, 127.5, 126.9, 126.8, 118.8, 35.7, 31.3, 27.0, 22.3, 13.9 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₃H₁₅ClN₂O, m/z = 250 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₁₅ClN₂OH 251.0946, Found 251.0912.



7-Chloro-2-(4-fluorophenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (4-13n): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2-amino-4chlorobenzamide (85 mg, 0.5 mmol), and 4-

fluorobenzylamine (88 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product 4-1**3n** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 40:1–1:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.8$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 88 mg (64%). Data for 4-1**3n**: ¹H NMR (400

MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 12.70 (br s, 1H), 8.27–8.21 (m, 2H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 164.2 (d, *J*_{CF} = 249.9 Hz), 161.8, 153.0, 149.8, 139.2, 130.6 (d, *J*_{CF} = 9.1 Hz), 129.0 (d, *J*_{CF} = 1.7 Hz), 128.0, 126.8, 126.5, 119.7, 115.7 (d, *J*_{CF} = 22.0 Hz) ppm; GC-MS for C₁₄H₈ClFN₂O, m/z = 274 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₈ClFN₂OH 275.0382, Found 275.0351.



2-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-3-ethylquinazolin-4(3H)-one
(4-13p): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 210 (9 mg, 3 mol %), 2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2-amino-Nethylbenzamide (82 mg, 0.5 mmol), and 1,3-benzodioxol-5-

ylmethylamine (106 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **4-13p** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 80:1–5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.3$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 85 mg, (58%). Data for **4-13p**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.31 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85–7.66 (m, 2H), 7.59–7.43 (m, 1H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.05 (s, 2H), 4.08 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.9, 155.7, 148.8, 147.8, 146.8, 134.2, 128.8, 127.1, 126.9, 126.6, 121.9, 120.8, 108.5, 108.3, 101.6, 41.2, 14.1 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₇H₁₄N₂O₃, m/z = 294 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₁₄N₂O₃H 295.1077; Found 295.1050.



3-Ethyl-2-pentylquinazolin-4(3H)-one (4-13q): A 1,4-

dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2-amino-N-ethylbenzamide (82 mg, 0.5 mmol), and 1-hexylamine (71 mg, 0.7 mmol) was

stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **4-13q** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 80:1–5:1; TLC: R_f = 0.7 (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 79 mg (65%). Data for **4-13q:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.24 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.81 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.90–1.80 (m, 2H), 1.50–1.38 (m, 4H), 1.36 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.0, 157.0, 134.0, 126.7, 126.6, 126.2, 120.4, 38.9, 35.0, 31.6, 27.4, 22.4, 14.1, 14.0 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₅H₂₀N₂O, m/z = 244 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₂₀N₂OH 245.1648, Found 245.1622.



3-Ethyl-2-(p-tolyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (4-13r): A 1,4-

dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol %),
2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2-amino-N-ethylbenzamide (82 mg,
0.5 mmol), and 4-methylbenzylamine (85 mg, 0.7 mmol) was

stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **4-13r** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 80:1–5:1; TLC: R_f = 0.8 (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 78 mg (59%). Data for **4-13r**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.31 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.76–7.69 (m, 2H), 7.50–7.45 (m, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.04 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.9, 156.4, 146.8, 139.9, 134.2, 132.3, 129.3, 127.5, 127.1, 126.8, 126.6, 120.7, 41.1, 21.3, 14.0 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₇H₁₆N₂O, m/z = 264 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₁₆N₂OH 265.1335, Found 265.1301.


3-ethyl-2-(4-fluorophenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (4-13s): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2-amino-N-ethylbenzamide (82 mg, 0.5 mmol), and 4-fluorobenzylamine (88 mg, 0.7 mmol)

was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product 4-13s was isolated by column

chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 80:1–5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.4$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 48 mg, (36%). Data for **4-13s:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.33 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.91–7.70 (m, 2H), 7.66–7.45 (m, 3H), 7.28–7.19 (m, 2H), 4.05 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.6 (d, $J_{CF} = 251.3$ Hz), 161.6, 155.6, 146.1, 134.6, 130.7 (d, $J_{CF} = 2.6$ Hz), 130.0 (d, $J_{CF} = 8.8$ Hz), 127.4, 126.8, 123.8, 120.7, 116.1 (d, $J_{CF} = 22.0$ Hz), 41.3, 14.1 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₆H₁₃FN₂O, m/z = 268 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₃FN₂OH 269.1085; Found 269.1058.





methylbenzylamine (85 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **4-13u** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 80:1–5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.8$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 77 mg (56%). Data for **4-13u:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.26 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.80–7.64 (m, 2H), 7.58 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.49–7.39 (m, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.24–3.00 (m, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 0.98–0.85 (m, 2H), 0.56–0.37 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.0, 157.1,

146.9, 140.1, 134.2, 133.1, 129.3, 129.0,128.2, 127.2, 126.7, 126.5, 120.7, 30.3, 21.4, 11.3 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₈H₁₆N₂O, m/z = 276 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₁₆N₂OH 277.1335, Found 277.1317.



3-Isopropyl-2-pentylquinazolin-4(3H)-one (4-13v): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2-amino-N-(propan-2-yl)benzamide (89 mg, 0.5 mmol), and 1-hexylamine (71

mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **4-13v** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 80:1–10:1; TLC: R_f = 0.9 (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 59 mg (46%). Data for **4-13v**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (m, 1H), 2.86 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 1.85–1.77 (m, 2H), 1.68 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.48–1.37 (m, 4H), 0.93 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.6, 157.3, 146.7, 133.8, 126.3, 126.2, 126.1, 121.7, 36.4, 31.4, 31.2, 27.4, 22.3, 19.6, 13.8 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₆H₂₂N₂O, m/z = 258 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₂₂N₂OH 259.1805, Found 259.1774.

6.4.5.3 Characterization of the Novel Quinazolin and Quinazolinone Compounds Listed in Table 4.5



2-((1H-Indol-3-yl)methyl)-4-methylquinazoline (4-

12ah): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2- aminophenylethanone (68 mg, 0.5 mmol), and tryptamine

(112 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product 4-12ah was isolated by

column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 60:1-5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.1$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 79 mg (58%). Data for **4-12ah:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.45 (br s, 1H), 8.04–7.97 (m, 2H), 7.84–7.78 (m, 2H), 7.54 (ddd, J = 8.3, 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.27–7.24 (m, 1H), 7.14–7.09 (m, 2H), 7.06 (ddd, J = 7.8, 7.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (s, 2H), 2.90 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.6, 165.5, 150.0, 136.3, 133.5, 128.5, 127.6, 126.7, 124.9, 122.9, 122.5, 121.8, 119.7, 119.2, 112.9, 111.0, 36.7, 21.8 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₈H₁₅N₃ m/z = 273 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₁₅N₃H 274.1339, Found 274.1333.



2-((1S,2S,5S)-6,6-Dimethylbicyclo[3.1.1]heptan-2-yl)-4methylquinazoline (4-12ai): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2aminophenylethanone (68 mg, 0.5 mmol), and (–)-*cis*-

myrtanylamine (107 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **4-12ai** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 60:1–10:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.8$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 113 mg (85%), d.r. = 10:1. Data for **4-12ai**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.70–3.59 (m, 1H), 2.90 (s, 3H), 2.62–2.48 (m, 1H), 2.31–2.23 (m, 1H), 2.16–2.09 (m, 1H), 2.00–1.90 (m, 5H), 1.27 (s, 3H), 1.03 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.0, 167.9, 149.9, 133.1, 128.7, 126.3, 124.7, 122.6, 46.2, 44.8, 40.1, 39.8, 26.6, 24.6, 23.9, 21.8, 20.4, 19.3 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₈H₂₂N₂, m/z = 266 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₂₂N₂H 267.1856, Found 267.1837; $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -29.1$ (c = 0.1 g/100 mL in CH₂Cl₂).



6-Chloro-2-((1S,2S,5S)-6,6dimethylbicyclo[3.1.1]heptan-2-yl)-4-phenylquinazoline
(4-12aj): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 210 (9 mg, 3 mol %), 2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol %), 5-chloro-2aminobenzophenone (116 mg, 0.5 mmol), and (-)-*cis*-

myrtanylamine (107 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **4-12aj** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 60:1–10:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.8$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 126 mg (70%), d.r. = 30:1. Data for **4-12aj**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.79–7.73 (m, 3H), 7.61–7.56 (m, 3H), 3.82–3.68 (m, 1H), 2.66–2.52 (m, 1H), 2.35–2.29 (m, 1H), 2.17–2.12 (m, 1H), 2.02–1.94 (m, 5H), 1.28 (s, 3H), 1.04 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.6, 167.4, 150.0, 137.1, 134.1, 132.0, 130.4, 130.0, 129.9, 128.7, 125.5, 121.9, 46.3, 44.9, 40.1, 26.7, 24.5, 23.9, 20.4, 19.4 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₃H₂₃ClN₂, m/z = 362 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₃H₂₃ClN₂H 363.1623, Found 363.1599; [α]²²_D = -34.5 (c = 0.2 g/100 mL in CH₂Cl₂).



4-(4-(4-Methylquinazolin-2-yl)phenyl)morpholine (412ak): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 210 (9 mg, 3 mol %), 2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2aminophenylethanone (68 mg, 0.5 mmol), and 4morpholinobenzylamine (135 mg, 0.7 mmol) was

stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **4-12ak** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 80:1–10:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.9$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 55 mg (36%). Data for **4-12ak:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.54 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.09–7.94 (m, 2H), 7.82 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.92–3.87 (m, 4H), 3.32–3.27 (m, 4H), 2.98 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.9, 160.1, 152.8, 150.5, 133.3, 129.7, 129.4, 128.9, 126.1, 125.0, 122.6, 114.6, 66.8, 48.4, 22.0 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₉H₁₉N₃O, m/z = 305 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₁₉N₃OH 306.1601, Found 306.1578.



2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-methylthieno[3,2-d]pyrimidine
(4-12al): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 210 (9 mg, 3 mol %), 2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2-acetyl-3aminothiophene (71 mg, 0.5 mmol), and 4-

methoylbenzylamine (96 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **4-12al** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1– 10:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.4$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 50 mg (39%). Data for **4-12al**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.49 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, J =5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.83 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.4, 161.4, 161.2, 161.2, 134.5, 130.9, 129.8, 127.8, 125.0, 113.8, 55.3, 23.5 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₄H₁₂N₂OS, m/z = 256 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₁₂N₂OSH 257.0743; Found 257.0710.



4-Methyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)thieno[3,2-

d]pyrimidine (4-12am): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2-acetyl-3-aminothiophene (71 mg, 0.5 mmol), and 3,4,5-trimethoxybenzylamine (138 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at

140 °C for 20 h. The product 4-12am was isolated by column chromatography on silica

gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 80:1–10:1; TLC: R_f = 0.4 (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 82 mg (52%). Data for **4-12am:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.92 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (s, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (s, 6H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 2.85 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.4, 161.2, 160.8, 153.3, 140.0, 134.7, 133.6, 128.3, 125.0, 105.4, 60.9, 56.2, 23.5 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₆H₁₆N₂O₃S, m/z = 316 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₆N₂O₃SH 317.0954, Found 317.0936.



2-(2,6-dimethylhept-5-en-1-yl)-4-methylquinazoline

(**4-12an**): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2'-aminoacetophenone (68 mg, 0.5 mmol), and

geranylamine (107 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **4**-**12an** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 80:1–10:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.4$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 83 mg 62%). Data for **4-12an:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (dd, J = 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dd, J = 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (dd, J = 13.3, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (s, 3H), 2.90–2.82 (m, 1H), 2.34–2.23 (m, 1H), 2.12–1.94 (m, 2H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.58 (s, 3H), 1.51–1.39 (m, 1H), 1.35–1.24 (m, 1H), 0.94 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.9, 166.2, 149.8, 133.4, 131.1, 128.5, 126.5, 124.9, 124.8, 122.4, 47.3, 37.1, 33.0, 25.7, 25.5, 21.7, 19.3, 17.6 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₈H₂₄N₂, m/z = 268 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₂₄N₂H 269.2012; Found 269.1988.



2-(2-Furanyl)-4-methylquinazoline (4-12ao): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-16** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2'-aminoacetophenone (68 mg, 0.5 mmol), and furfurylamine (68 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h.

The product **4-12ao** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–10:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.6$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 83 mg (79%). Data for **4-12ao:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09–8.04 (m, 2H), 7.85 (ddd, J =8.5, 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.69–7.66 (m, 1H), 7.56 (ddd, J = 8.5, 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, J =3.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (dd, J = 3.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.7, 153.3, 150.0, 145.1, 142.0, 133.9, 129.0, 126.9, 125.1, 122.8, 113.8, 112.2, 21.9 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₃H₁₀N₂O m/z = 210 (M⁺). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with the literature values.²¹⁷



4-Methyl-2-(thiophen-2-ylmethyl)quinazoline (4-12ap): A
1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol
%), 2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2-aminophenylethanone (68 mg,
0.5 mmol), and 2-thiopheneethanamine (89 mg, 0.7 mmol) was

stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **4-12ap** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 80:1–20:1; TLC: R_f = 0.2 (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 86 mg (72%). Data for **4-12ap:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (ddd, J = 8.3, 1.3, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (ddd, J = 8.3, 1.2, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dd, J = 8.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.18–7.15 (m, 1H), 7.04–7.01 (m, 1H), 6.93 (dd, J = 5.1, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (s, 2H), 2.94 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.8, 164.0, 149.9, 140.5, 133.6, 128.6, 127.0, 126.6, 125.8, 124.9, 124.4, 122.6, 40.6, 21.8 ppm; GC-MS for $C_{14}H_{12}N_2S$ m/z = 240 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for $C_{14}H_{12}N_2SH$ 241.0794, Found 241.0765.



(±)-2-(2,6-Dimethylhept-5-en-1-yl)quinazolin-4(3H)one (4-13w): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol %), 2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol %), anthranilamide (68 mg, 0.5 mmol), and geranylamine

(107 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **4-13w** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 40:1–1:1; TLC: R_f = 0.3 (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 97 mg (72%). Data for **4-13w:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.29 (br s, 1H), 8.28 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 2.27–2.19 (m, 1H), 2.17–1.97 (m, 2H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 1.59 (s, 3H), 1.52–1.42 (m, 1H), 1.41–1.31 (m, 1H), 1.02 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.5, 156.4, 149.5, 134.7, 131.5, 127.2, 126.2, 126.2, 124.3, 120.4, 43.3, 36.9, 32.3, 25.6, 25.4, 19.2, 17.6 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₇H₂₂N₂O, m/z = 270 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₂₂N₂OH 271.1805, Found 271.1770.



2-Pentylthieno[3,2-d]pyrimidin-4(3H)-one (4-13x): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol %), 2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol %), 3-aminothiophene-2-carboxamide (71 mg, 0.5 mmol), and 1-hexylamine (71 mg, 10 mol %).

0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **4-13x** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 80:1-5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.4$ (30% EtOAc in

hexanes)). Yield = 50 mg (60%). Data for **4-13x:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.68 (brs, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.93–1.80 (m, 2H), 1.48–1.32 (m, 4H), 0.91 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.9, 159.2, 159.0, 134.7, 125.1, 120.6, 35.3, 31.3, 27.5, 22.3, 13.9 HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₁H₁₄N₂OSH 223.0900; Found 223.0899.



2-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)thieno[3,2-d]pyrimidin-4(3H)-one (4-13y): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex
2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol %), 2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol %), 3-aminothiophene-2-carboxamide (71 mg, 0.5 mmol), and
4-phenylbenzylamine (128 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at

140 °C for 20 h. The product **4-13y** was isolated by crystallization. Yield = 89 mg (59%). Data for **4-13y:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 12.72 (br s, 1H), 8.29–8.19 (m, 3H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.54–7.46 (m, 3H), 7.44–7.39 (m, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 158.6, 158.6, 154.0, 142.8, 139.0, 135.5, 131.4, 129.1, 128.5, 128.2, 126.9, 126.8, 125.5, 121.3 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₈H₁₂N₂OS, m/z = 304 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₁₂N₂OSH 305.0743, Found 305.0718.





mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **4-13z** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 50:1-1:4; TLC: $R_f = 0.2$ (80% EtOAc in

hexanes)). Yield = 61 mg (48%). Data for **4-13z:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 12.69 (brs, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.69–7.57 (m, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.82–1.64 (m, 2H), 1.37–1.24 (m, 4H), 0.95–0.77 (m, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 159.8, 156.2, 153.4, 143.8, 137.6, 129.9, 124.3, 122.4, 121.5, 113.0, 34.3, 30.8, 27.2, 21.9, 13.9 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₅H₁₆N₂O₂, m/z = 256 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₁₆N₂O₂H 257.1285; Found 257.1262.



2-((1S,2S,5S)-6,6-Dimethylbicyclo[3.1.1]heptan-2yl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (4-13aa): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol %), 2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol %), anthranilamide (68 mg, 0.5 mmol), and (–)-*cis*myrtanylamine (107 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for

20 h. The product **4-13aa** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 80:1–5:1; TLC: R_f = 0.4 (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 91 mg (68%), d.r. = 99:1. Data for **4-13aa:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.69 (br s, 1H), 8.25 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.82–7.65 (m, 2H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.46–3.32 (m, 1H), 2.63–2.47 (m, 1H), 2.31–2.21 (m, 1H), 2.21–2.12 (m, 1H), 2.02–1.84 (m, 4H), 1.75 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 1.28 (s, 3H), 1.09 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.4, 159.6, 149.5, 134.5, 127.6, 126.1, 126.0, 120.8, 45.4, 41.2, 40.0, 39.8, 26.6, 23.9, 23.7, 20.3, 17.3 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₇H₂₀N₂O, m/z = 268 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₂₀N₂OH 269.1648; Found 269.1614)); [α]²²_D = -28.0 (c = 0.79 g/100 mL in CH₂Cl₂).





mg, 0.25 mmol), and (+)-((1R,4aS,10aR)-7-isopropyl-1,4a-dimethyl-1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydrophenanthren-1-yl)methanamine (100 mg, 0.35 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **4-13ab** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–10:1; TLC: R_f = 0.7 (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 57 mg (57%), d.r. > 99:1. Data for **4-13ab**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.60 (br s, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.75–7.63 (m, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 2.91–2.77 (m, 3H), 2.73 (d, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 2.08 (t, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 1.97 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 1.92–1.77 (m, 4H), 1.62 (s, 3H), 1.47–1.40 (m, 1H), 1.38 (s, 3H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.9, 162.4, 148.8, 147.0, 145.5, 134.7, 134.2, 127.5, 126.8, 126.3, 126.0, 124.0, 123.8, 120.4, 45.6, 45.1, 38.1, 37.6, 37.4, 33.3, 29.9, 25.4, 24.0, 23.9, 20.8, 19.1, 17.1 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₇H₃₂N₂O, m/z = 400 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₇H₃₂N₂OH 401.2587, Found 401.2561; [α]²²_D = +15.3 (c = 0.19 g/100 mL in CH₂Cl₂).

6.5 Experimental Procedures and Characterization Data for Chapter 5

6.5.1.1 General Procedure for the Catalytic Synthesis of Quinolines

In a glove box, complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol %), 2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol %), were dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (1 mL) in a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock and a magnetic stirring bar. The resulting mixture was stirred for 5-10 min until the solution was turned blueish green color. 2'-Aminoacetophenone (68 mg, 0.5 mmol) and a β -amino acid (0.7 mmol) were dissolved in dioxane (1 mL), and the solution was added to the reaction tube. The tube was brought out of the glove box, and was stirred in an oil bath maintained at 140 °C for 20 h. The reaction tube was taken out of the oil bath, and was cooled to room temperature. The resulting solution was filtered through a short silica gel column by eluting with CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL), and the filtrate was analyzed by GC-MS. Analytically pure product **5-9** was isolated by a simple column chromatography on silica gel (280-400 mesh, hexanes/EtOAc).

6.5.1.2 General Procedure for the Catalytic Synthesis of 2,3-Dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-one Products

In a glove box, complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (12 mg, 10 mol %), were dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (1 mL) in a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock and a magnetic stirring bar. The resulting mixture was stirred for 5-10 min until the solution was turned reddish green color. 2-Aminobenzamide (68 mg, 0.5 mmol) and a β -amino acid (0.7 mmol) were dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (1 mL), and the solution was added to the reaction tube. The tube was brought out of the glove box, and was stirred in an oil bath maintained at 140 °C for 20 h. The reaction tube was taken out of the oil bath, and was cooled to room temperature. The resulting solution was filtered

through a short silica gel column by eluting with CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL), and the filtrate was analyzed by GC-MS. Analytically pure product **5-10** was isolated by a simple column chromatography on silica gel (280-400 mesh, hexanes/EtOAc) or crystallization technique.

Alternatively, In a glove box, complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), were dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (1 mL) in a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock and a magnetic stirring bar. The resulting mixture was stirred for 5-10 min until the solution was turned reddish green color. 2-Aminobenzamide (68 mg, 0.5 mmol) and a branched amine (0.7 mmol) were dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (1 mL), and the solution was added to the reaction tube. The tube was brought out of the glove box, and was stirred in an oil bath maintained at 140 °C for 20 h. The reaction tube was taken out of the oil bath, and was cooled to room temperature. The resulting solution was filtered through a short silica gel column by eluting with CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL), and the filtrate was analyzed by GC-MS. Analytically pure product **5-10** was isolated by a simple column chromatography on silica gel (280-400 mesh, hexanes/EtOAc) or crystallization technique.

6.5.2 Catalyst and Ligand Screening Study

In a glove box, a catalyst (3 mol % Ru) and a ligand (10 mol %) were dissolved in a solvent (1 mL) in a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock and a magnetic stirring bar. The resulting mixture was stirred for 5-10 min until the solution was turned reddish green color. 2-Aminobenzamide (68 mg, 0.5 mmol) and cyclohexylamine (69 mg, 0.7 mmol) were dissolved in solvent (1 mL), and the solution was added to the reaction tube. The tube was brought out of the glove box, and was stirred in an oil bath at 140 °C for 20 h. The product yield was determined by ¹H NMR by using hexamethylbenzene as an internal standard. The results are summarized in **Tables 5.1** and **5.2**.

6.5.3.1 Deuterium Labeling Study

In a glove box, 2'-aminoacetophenone Me-D3 (90 % D, 68 mg, 0.5 mmol), (1S,2R)-2-aminocyclohexanecarboxylic acid (100 mg, 0.7 mmol), **2-10** (3 mol %), **2-16** (10 mol %), were dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (2 mL) in a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock and a stirring bar. The tube was brought out of the box and immersed in an oil bath preset at 140 °C for 20 h. The reaction tube was taken out of the oil bath and was cooled to room temperature. After the tube was open to air, the solution was filtered through a short silica gel column by eluting with CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL), and the filtrate was analyzed by GC-MS. Analytically pure product was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (230-460 mesh, hexanes/EtOAc = 50:1 to 10:1), and it was completely characterized by ¹H, ²H NMR and GC-MS spectroscopic methods. The ¹H and ²H NMR spectra of the product **5-9-d** are shown in **Figure 5.3**.

In a glove box, 2-aminobenzamide (68 mg, 0.5 mmol), cyclohexylamine (70 mg, 0.7 mmol), complex 1 (3 mol %) (20mg, 1 mmol) were dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (2 mL) in a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock and a stirring bar. The tube was brought out of the box and immersed in an oil bath preset at 140 °C for 20 h. The reaction tube was taken out of the oil bath and was cooled to room temperature. After the tube was open to air, the solution was filtered through a short silica gel column by eluting with CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL), and the filtrate was analyzed by GC-MS. Analytically pure product was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (230-460 mesh,

hexanes/EtOAc = 30:1 to 5:1), and it was completely characterized by ¹H, ²H NMR and GC-MS spectroscopic methods. The ¹H and ²H NMR spectra of the product **5-10-** d^{I} are shown in **Figure 5.4**.

6.5.3.2 Reaction with Dihydrocoumarin with β-Amino Acids

In a glove box, dihydrocoumarin (74 mg, 0.5 mmol), DL- β -Homoleucine (102 mg, 0.7 mmol), **2-10** (3 mol %), **2-16** (10 mol %), were dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (2 mL) in a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock and a stirring bar. The tube was brought out of the box and immersed in an oil bath preset at 140 °C for 20 h. The reaction tube was taken out of the oil bath and was cooled to room temperature. After the tube was open to air, the solution was filtered through a short silica gel column by eluting with CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL), and the filtrate was analyzed by GC-MS. Analytically pure product **5-12** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (230-460 mesh, hexanes/EtOAc = 50:1 to 10:1), and it was completely characterized by ¹H, ²H NMR and GC-MS spectroscopic methods. **5-12** are shown in **Figure 5.6**.

6.5.3.3 Reaction with Enamine Substrate

A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 5-chloro-2-aminobenzophenone (116 mg, 0.5 mmol) and 1-pyrrolidino-1-cyclohexene (91 mg, 0.6 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-9m** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel in 90% yield.

6.5.3.4 Preparatory Scale Reaction for the Synthesis of 5-9n and 5-10m

Synthesis of 5-9n: In a glove box, complex 1 (85 mg, 3 mol %) and **2-16** (80 mg, 10 mol %) were dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (5 mL) in a 125 mL Schlenk tube equipped

with a Teflon screw cap stopcock and a magnetic stirring bar. The resulting mixture was stirred for 5 to 10 minutes until the solution turned to a blueish green color. 2-Amino-5-chlorobenzophenone (1.16 g, 5.0 mmol) and (1S,2R)-2-aminocyclohexanecarboxylic acid (1.0 g, 7 mmol) 1,4-dioxane (5 mL) were added to the reaction tube. After the tube was sealed, those were brought out of the box, and was stirred in an oil bath at 140 °C for 20 h. The tube was cooled to room temperature and filtered through a small silica column (CH₂Cl₂), and the product conversion was determined by GC (90%). Analytically pure product **5-9n** was obtained by crystallization in dichloromethane and n-hexanes (1.17 g, 80%).

Synthesis of 5-10: In a glove box, complex **2-10** (128 mg, 3 mol %) and **2-12** (180 mg, 10 mol %) were dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (5 mL) in a 125 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap stopcock and a magnetic stirring bar. The resulting mixture was stirred for 5 to 10 minutes until the solution turned to a blueish green color. 2aminobenzamide (1.04 g, 7.5 mmol) and cyclohexylamine (1.04 g, 10.5 mmol) 1,4dioxane (5 mL) were added to the reaction tube. After the tube was sealed, those were brought out of the box, and was stirred in an oil bath at 140 °C for 20 h. The tube was cooled to room temperature and filtered through a small silica column (CH₂Cl₂), and the product conversion was determined by GC (92%). Analytically pure product **5-10m** was obtained by crystallization in a mixture of 1:2 dichloromethane and ethyl acetate layered with n-hexanes (1.36 g, 84%).

6.5.4.1 X-ray Crystallography Data for 5-9s

Colorless needle shape single crystals of **5-10s** were grown in dichloromethane/*n*-hexane/Ethylacetate at room temperature. A suitable crystal with the dimension of 0.628

 $\times 0.266 \times 0.105 \text{ mm}^3$ was selected and analyzed. The Ph substituent is rotated by ~60° relative to the quinoline nucleus. The benzodioxolane group is more co-planar with quinoline moiety being rotated only by ~10°. The dioxolane ring is slightly non-planar – it has an envelope conformation with atom C22 bent out of plane of other atoms of the ring by 17.4°.



Figure 6.29: Molecular Structure of 5-9s.



Figure 6.30: Crystal Packing of 5-9s

| Identification code | yi3q |
|---|--|
| Empirical formula | $C_{22}H_{15}NO_2$ |
| Formula weight | 325.35 |
| Temperature/K | 100.15 |
| Crystal system | monoclinic |
| Space group | P2 ₁ /c |
| a/Å | 6.28303(7) |
| b/Å | 12.33805(16) |
| c/Å | 20.3928(2) |
| $\alpha/^{\circ}$ | 90 |
| β/° | 91.5260(11) |
| $\gamma/^{\circ}$ | 90 |
| Volume/Å ³ | 1580.30(3) |
| Z | 4 |
| $\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$ | 1.367 |
| μ/mm^{-1} | 0.701 |
| F(000) | 680.0 |
| Crystal size/mm ³ | $0.628\times0.266\times0.105$ |
| Radiation | $CuK\alpha (\lambda = 1.54184)$ |
| 2Θ range for data collection/° | 8.376 to 141.314 |
| Index ranges | $-5 \le h \le 7, -15 \le k \le 15, -24 \le l \le 24$ |
| Reflections collected | 14591 |
| Independent reflections | $3000 [R_{int} = 0.0236, R_{sigma} = 0.0171]$ |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 3000/0/226 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.049 |
| Final R indexes [I>=2 σ (I)] | $R_1 = 0.0362, wR_2 = 0.0902$ |
| Final R indexes [all data] | $R_1 = 0.0415, wR_2 = 0.0946$ |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³ | 0.20/-0.22 |

Table 6.15: Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for 5-9s

6.5.4.2 X-ray Crystallography Data for 5-9aj

Colorless needle like single crystals of **5-9aj** were grown in *n*-hexane/Ethylacetate at room temperature. A suitable crystal with the dimension of $0.35 \times 0.03 \times 0.02 \text{ mm}^3$ was selected and analyzed. The molecule has an overall planar shape with the p-chlorophenyl group rotated by 55° relative to the main framework. The cyclohexene

moiety has C3, C4-half-chair conformation somewhat distorted to C4-sofa. The molecules form stacks along screw axes in y direction.



Figure 6.31: Molecular Structure of 5-9aj



Figure 6.32: Crystal Packing of 5-9aj

| Identification code | yi3v |
|---|--|
| Empirical formula | $C_{21}H_{15}ClN_2O_3$ |
| Formula weight | 378.80 |
| Temperature/K | 100.15 |
| Crystal system | monoclinic |
| Space group | P2 ₁ /c |
| a/Å | 14.8261(6) |
| b/Å | 6.7994(3) |
| c/Å | 16.8509(7) |
| $\alpha/^{\circ}$ | 90 |
| β/° | 92.899(4) |
| $\gamma/^{\circ}$ | 90 |
| Volume/Å ³ | 1696.55(12) |
| Z | 4 |
| $\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$ | 1.483 |
| μ/mm^{-1} | 2.215 |
| F(000) | 784.0 |
| Crystal size/mm ³ | $0.35 \times 0.03 \times 0.02$ |
| Radiation | $CuK\alpha (\lambda = 1.54184)$ |
| 2Θ range for data collection/° | 10.514 to 141.458 |
| Index ranges | $-18 \le h \le 17, -8 \le k \le 8, -19 \le l \le 20$ |
| Reflections collected | 15963 |
| Independent reflections | 3232 [$R_{int} = 0.0442, R_{sigma} = 0.0290$] |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 3232/0/245 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.037 |
| Final R indexes [I>= 2σ (I)] | $R_1 = 0.0338, wR_2 = 0.0861$ |
| Final R indexes [all data] | $R_1 = 0.0414, wR_2 = 0.0931$ |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³ | 0.28/-0.26 |

Table 6.16: Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for 5-9aj

6.5.4.3 X-ray Crystallography Data for 5-10a

Colorless prism shaped single crystals of **5-10a** (regular twins, 57° rotation around x axis) were grown in *n*-hexane/Ethylacetate at room temperature. A suitable crystal with the dimension of $0.16 \times 0.11 \times 0.05$ mm³ was selected and analyzed. The heterocycle of 2,3-dihydro-2-methyl-2-phenyl-4(1H)-quinazolinone moiety has a C2-sofa conformation with Ph group in an axial and Me group in an equatorial position. Imino group has a pyramidal configuration, despite the adjacent pi-conjugated benzene ring (its H atom deviates by 16° from NCC plane). The crystal is centrosymmetric, and the compound represents a racemic mixture of both enantiomers. The molecules form centrosymmetric dimers through H-bonds formed by their amido groups. Imido hydrogen does not have an acceptor for H-bond formation but It forms a close N-H...C contact with one of C atoms of Ph group of a neighboring molecule.



Figure 6.33: Molecular Structure of 5-10a



Figure 6.34: Crystal Packing of 5-10a

| Table 6.17: Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for 5 | -1 | 0 |
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| Identification code | yi415 |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Empirical formula | $C_{15}H_{14}N_2O$ |
| Formula weight | 238.28 |
| Temperature/K | 100.00(10) |
| Crystal system | monoclinic |
| Space group | $P2_1/n$ |
| a/Å | 8.46693(16) |
| b/Å | 8.7469(2) |
| c/Å | 16.0808(3) |
| α/° | 90 |
| β/° | 93.5464(19) |
| $\gamma/^{\circ}$ | 90 |
| Volume/Å ³ | 1188.65(5) |

| Z | 4 |
|---|---|
| $\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$ | 1.332 |
| μ/mm^{-1} | 0.676 |
| F(000) | 504.0 |
| Crystal size/mm ³ | $0.16 \times 0.11 \times 0.05$ |
| Radiation | $CuK\alpha$ ($\lambda = 1.54184$) |
| 2Θ range for data collection/° | 11.026 to 141.018 |
| Index ranges | $\begin{array}{l} \text{-10} \leq h \leq 10, \text{-10} \leq k \leq 10, \text{-19} \leq \\ l \leq 19 \end{array}$ |
| Reflections collected | 5192 |
| Independent reflections | 5192 [$R_{int} = ?, R_{sigma} = 0.0110$] |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 5192/0/173 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.067 |
| Final R indexes [I>= 2σ (I)] | $R_1 = 0.0331, wR_2 = 0.0888$ |
| Final R indexes [all data] | $R_1 = 0.0366, wR_2 = 0.0913$ |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³ | 0.26/-0.23 |

6.5.4.4 X-ray Crystallography Data for 5-11n

Colorless needle like single crystals of **5-11n** (Regular twins, rotation 180° over reciprocal x*) were grown in *n*-pentane/Ethylacetate at room temperature. A suitable crystal with the dimension of $0.2 \times 0.1 \times 0.07$ mm³ was selected and analyzed. The structure contains two symmetrically independent molecules. The planar heterocyclic part makes dihedral angles of 20.8 and 15.7° with keto group. The phenyl group is rotated relative the keto group by 26.6 and 35.5°. The molecules form infinite stacks along y axis.



Figure 6.35: Molecular Structure of 5-11n



Figure 6.36: Crystal Packing of 5-11n

Table 6.18: Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for 5-11n

| Identification code | yi5p5 |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Empirical formula | $C_{22}H_{14}N_2O$ |
| Formula weight | 322.35 |
| Temperature/K | 99.90(14) |
| Crystal system | monoclinic |
| Space group | Pc |
| a/Å | 16.9135(5) |
| b/Å | 7.6839(3) |
| c/Å | 11.9057(3) |
| $\alpha/^{\circ}$ | 90 |
| β/° | 94.233(2) |
| γ/° | 90 |
| Volume/Å ³ | 1543.06(9) |
| Z | 4 |
| $\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$ | 1.388 |
| μ/mm^{-1} | 0.684 |
| F(000) | 672.0 |

| Crystal size/mm ³ | 0.2 	imes 0.1 	imes 0.07 |
|---|---|
| Radiation | Cu Ka ($\lambda = 1.54184$) |
| 2Θ range for data collection/° | 10.49 to 141.264 |
| Index ranges | $\text{-}20 \leq h \leq 20, \text{-}9 \leq k \leq 9, \text{-}14 \leq l \leq 12$ |
| Reflections collected | 5515 |
| Independent reflections | 5515 [R _{int} = ?, R _{sigma} = 0.0192] |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 5515/2/452 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.053 |
| Final R indexes $[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$ | $R_1 = 0.0338, wR_2 = 0.0882$ |
| Final R indexes [all data] | $R_1 = 0.0366, wR_2 = 0.0901$ |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³ | 0.17/-0.19 |
| Flack parameter | 0.39(17) |

6.5.4.5 X-ray Crystallography Data for 5-12

Colorless prism shaped of **5-12** were grown in *n*-pentane/Acetone at room temperature. A suitable single crystal with the dimension of $0.704 \times 0.399 \times 0.171 \text{ mm}^3$ was selected and analyzed. The molecule has an extended conformation. The trans-amide group is planar. The molecule contains a chiral center but the compound represents a racemate. In the centrosymmetric crystals, the molecules form layers along bc plane being connected through hydrogen bonds N-H...O and O-H...O.



Figure 6.37: Molecular Structure of 5-12



Figure 6.38: Crystal Packing of 5-12

Table 6.19: Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for 5-12

| Identification code | yi5o |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Empirical formula | $C_{15}H_{23}NO_2$ |
| Formula weight | 249.34 |
| Temperature/K | 100.2(5) |
| Crystal system | monoclinic |
| Space group | $P2_1/c$ |
| a/Å | 14.9237(2) |
| b/Å | 10.35610(14) |
| c/Å | 9.50085(16) |
| α/° | 90 |
| β/° | 102.6627(17) |
| $\gamma/^{o}$ | 90 |
| Volume/Å ³ | 1432.65(4) |
| Z | 4 |

| $\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$ | 1.156 |
|---|--|
| μ/mm^{-1} | 0.599 |
| F(000) | 544.0 |
| Crystal size/mm ³ | $0.704\times0.399\times0.171$ |
| Radiation | Cu Ka ($\lambda = 1.54184$) |
| 2Θ range for data collection/° | 10.482 to 141.238 |
| Index ranges | $-18 \le h \le 18, -12 \le k \le 12, -11 \le l \le 11$ |
| Reflections collected | 25622 |
| Independent reflections | 2736 [$R_{int} = 0.0355$, $R_{sigma} = 0.0148$] |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 2736/0/171 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.035 |
| Final R indexes [I>=2 σ (I)] | $R_1 = 0.0337, wR_2 = 0.0834$ |
| Final R indexes [all data] | $R_1 = 0.0389, wR_2 = 0.0876$ |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³ | 0.20/-0.19 |

6.5.3 Characterization of the Organic Products

6.5.5.1 Characterization of the Quinoline Compounds Listed in Table 5.5



2-Methylquinoline (**5-9a**): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %) 2-

aminobenzaldehyde (61 mg, 0.5 mmol), and (\pm) -3-aminobutyric acid

(72 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-9a** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 110:1–5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.4$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 64 mg (90%). Data for **5-9a**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.60–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.27 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.4, 147.4, 135.6, 128.9, 128.1, 127.1, 126.0, 125.2, 121.5, 24.9 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₀H₉N, m/z = 143 (M⁺). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with the literature values.²¹⁸



2,4-Dimethylquinoline (5-9b): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %) 2'- aminoacetophenone (68 mg, 0.5 mmol), and (±)-3-aminobutyric acid (72 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-9b**

was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 110:1–5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.5$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 69 mg (88%). Data for **5-9b**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 2.68 (s, 3H), 2.63 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.5, 147.5, 144.2, 129.0, 129.0, 126.5, 125.3, 123.5, 122.6, 25.1, 18.5 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₁H₁₁N, m/z = 157 (M⁺). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with the literature values.²¹⁹



2-Methyl-4-phenylquinoline (5-9c): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2-aminobenzophenone (99 mg, 0.5 mmol), and (\pm)-3-aminobutyric acid (72 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-9c**

was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1-5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.3$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 71 mg, (65%). Data for **5-9c** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.55–7.45 (m, 5H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 2.78 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.4, 148.4, 148.3, 138.1, 129.4, 129.2, 129.0, 128.5, 128.3, 125.7, 125.6, 125.0, 122.2, 25.3 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₆H₁₃N, m/z = 219 (M⁺). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with the literature values.²²⁰



4-Methyl-2-phenylquinoline (5-9d): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2'-aminoacetophenone (68 mg, 0.5 mmol), and (\pm) - β -phenyl- β -alanine (116 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for

20 h. The product **5-9d** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.4$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 61 mg (56%). Data for **5-9d**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.20 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.18–8.13 (m, 2H), 8.00 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.77–7.69 (m, 2H), 7.59–7.49 (m, 3H), 7.49–7.43 (m, 1H), 2.77 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.1, 148.1, 144.8, 139.8, 130.2, 129.3, 129.1, 128.7, 127.5, 127.2, 126.0, 123.6, 119.8, 19.0 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₆H₁₃N, m/z = 219 (M⁺). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with the literature values.²²¹



2-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-4-methylquinoline (5-9e): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol%), 2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol%), 2'-aminoacetophenone (68 mg, 0.5 mmol), and (±)-β-amino-3-methoxybenzenepropanoic

acid (137 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-9e** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–5:1; TLC: R_f = 0.4 (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 94 mg (76%). Data for **5-9e**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.19 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.75–7.68 (m, 3H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 2.75 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.0, 156.8, 148.0, 144.7, 141.2, 130.2, 129.7, 129.3, 127.3, 126.0, 123.5, 119.9, 119.8, 115.2, 112.5, 55.3, 19.0 ppm; GC-

MS for $C_{17}H_{15}NO$, m/z = 249 (M⁺). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with the literature values.²²²



2-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-4-phenylquinoline (5-9f): A 1,4dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2-aminobenzophenone (99 mg, 0.5 mmol), and (±)-β-amino-3-methoxybenzenepropanoic acid (137 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h.

The product **5-9f** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–10:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.6$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 113 mg (73%). Data for **5-9f:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.27 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.82–7.71 (m, 3H), 7.62–7.41 (m, 7H), 7.04 (dd, J = 8.2, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.1, 156.6, 149.1, 148.7, 141.1, 138.3, 130.1, 129.8, 129.5, 129.5, 128.6, 128.4, 126.3, 125.8, 125.6, 120.0, 119.4, 115.4, 112.6, 55.4 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₂H₁₇NO, m/z = 311 (M⁺). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with the literature values.²²³



6-Chloro-2,4-diphenylquinoline (**5-9g**): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 5-chloro-2-aminobenzophenone (116 mg, 0.5 mmol), and (±)-3-amino-3-phenylpropionic acid (116 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-**

9g was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel

(hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.9$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 112 mg (71%). Data for **5-9g:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.28–8.13 (m, 3H), 7.90 (s, 1H),

7.85 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61–7.46 (m, 8H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.9, 148.3, 147.1, 139.0, 137.6, 132.1, 131.6, 130.3, 129.5, 129.3, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 127.4, 126.3, 124.4, 119.9 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₁H₁₄ClN, m/z = 315 (M⁺). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with the literature values.²²⁴



6-Chloro-2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-4-phenylquinoline

(5-9h): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol %), 2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol %), 5-chloro-2-aminobenzophenone (116 mg, 0.5 mmol), and (\pm)- β amino-3-methoxybenzenepropanoic acid (137 mg, 0.7

mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-9h** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.5$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 104 mg (60%). Data for **5-9h:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.18 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.81–7.77 (m, 1H), 7.73 (d, J =7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dd, J = 9.0, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61–7.51 (m, 5H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (dd, J = 8.2, 2.2 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.1, 156.8, 148.4, 147.1, 140.6, 137.7, 132.2, 131.7, 130.4, 129.8, 129.4, 128.8, 128.7, 126.5, 124.4, 120.1, 119.9, 115.6, 112.6, 55.4 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₂H₁₆ClNO, m/z = 345 (M⁺). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with the literature values.²²⁵



2,3-Dihydro-9-methyl-1H-cyclopenta[b]quinoline (5-9i): A 1,4-

mg, 10 mol %), 2'-aminoacetophenone (34 mg, 0.25 mmol), and (±)-

dioxane (1.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (5 mg, 3 mol %), 2-16 (4

2-amino-cyclopentanecarboxylic acid (45 mg, 0.35 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-9i** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.2$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). 88 mg (96%). Data for **5-9i:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.01 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.53 (s, 2H), 2.16 (pentet, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.9, 147.3, 138.0, 133.9, 129.0, 127.9, 126.9, 125.1, 123.2, 35.0, 29.5, 22.9, 14.8 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₃H₁₃N, m/z = 183 (M⁺). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with the literature values.²²⁶



1,2,3,4-Tetrahydroacridine (5-9j): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2-aminobenzaldehyde (61 mg, 0.5 mmol), and (1S,2R)-2-

aminocyclohexanecarboxylic acid (100 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-9j** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.3$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 82 mg (90%). Data for **5-9j**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (td, J = 7.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.92 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.99–1.91 (m, 2H), 1.89–1.80 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.1, 146.5, 134.8, 130.8, 128.3, 128.1, 127.1, 126.8, 125.4, 33.5, 29.1, 23.1, 22.8 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₃H₁₃N, m/z = 183. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with the literature values.²²⁷



9-Methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroacridine (**5-9k**): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2'-aminoacetophenone (68 mg, 0.5 mmol), and (1S,2R)-2-

aminocyclohexanecarboxylic acid (100 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h.

The product **5-9k** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–10:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.3$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 88 mg (89%). Data for **5-9k:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.12–3.03 (m, 2H), 2.83–2.76 (m, 2H) 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.92–1.82 (m, 4H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.3, 145.7, 141.0, 128.8, 128.4, 127.9, 126.7, 125.0, 123.1, 34.3, 26.9, 23.0, 22.6, 13.3 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₄H₁₅N, m/z = 197 (M⁺). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with the literature values.²²⁸



9-Phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroacridine (5-9l): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2-aminobenzophenone (99 mg, 0.5 mmol), and (1S,2R)-2-aminocyclohexanecarboxylic acid (100 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-9l** was isolated by column

chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.3$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 124 mg (96%). Data for **5-91**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (ddd, J = 7.4, 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51–7.39 (m, 3H), 7.32–7.24 (m, 2H), 7.23–7.17 (m, 2H), 3.18 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.57 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.02–1.97 (m, 2H), 1.79–1.70 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.9, 146.3, 146.1, 137.0, 128.9, 128.4, 128.2, 127.6, 126.5, 125.6, 125.2, 34.1, 27.9, 22.9, 22.8 ppm (two carbon signals were obscured or overlapping); GC-MS for C₁₉H₁₇N, m/z = 259 (M⁺). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with the literature values.²²⁹



7-Chloro-9-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroacridine (5-9m): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol %), 2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol %), 5-chloro-2-aminobenzophenone (116 mg, 0.5 mmol), and (1S,2R)-2-aminocyclohexanecarboxylic acid (100 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The

product **5-9m** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1-10:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.3$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes). Yield = 144 mg (98%). Data for **5-9m:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51–7.38 (m, 4H), 7.25 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.19–7.12 (m, 2H), 3.13 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.54 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.94–1.86 (m, 2H), 1.75–1.68 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.3, 145.5, 144.5, 136.2, 130.9, 129.9, 129.2, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 127.9, 127.2, 124.3, 34.0, 27.9, 22.7, 22.6 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₉H₁₆ClN, m/z = 293 (M⁺). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with the literature values.²³⁰



2-Chloro-7,8,9,10-tetrahydro-11-phenyl-6H-

cyclohepta[b]quinoline (5-9n): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL)
solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol %), 2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol
%), 5-chloro-2-aminobenzophenone (116 mg, 0.5 mmol), and
cis-2-aminocycloheptanecarboxylic acid (110 mg, 0.7 mmol)

was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-9n** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–10:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.5$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 138 mg (90%). Data for **5-9n:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.58–7.42 (m, 4H), 7.24 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.22–7.14 (m, 2H), 3.28–3.22 (m, 2H), 2.70–2.64 (m, 2H), 1.87–1.80 (m, 4H), 1.63–1.55 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.0, 144.6, 144.1, 136.8, 134.8, 131.3, 130.1, 129.2, 128.9, 128.6, 127.9, 127.6, 125.1, 40.0, 31.8, 30.6, 28.3, 26.9 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₀H₁₈ClN, m/z = 307 (M⁺). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with the literature values.²³¹



2-Chloro-12-phenyl-6,7,8,9,10,11-

hexahydrocycloocta[b]quinoline (5-9o): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol %), 2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol %), 5-chloro-2-aminobenzophenone (116 mg, 0.5 mmol), and *cis*-2-amino-cyclooctanecarboxylic acid (120 mg,

0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-90** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–10:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.4$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 151 mg (94%). Data for **5-90:** ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.98 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.65–7.37 (m, 4H), 7.21 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.74 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.01–1.86 (m, 2H), 1.56–1.42 (m, 4H), 1.40–1.27 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.8, 145.7, 144.7, 136.8, 132.9, 131.1, 130.1, 129.2, 129.0, 128.5, 127.9, 127.9, 124.8, 36.3, 31.1, 31.1, 28.1, 26.6, 25.7 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₁H₂₀ClN, m/z = 321 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₁H₂₀ClNH; 322.1357 Found 322.1327.



2-Nitro-12-phenyl-6,7,8,9,10,11-

hexahydrocycloocta[b]quinoline (5-9p): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol %), 2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol %), 5-chloro-2-aminobenzophenone (116 mg, 0.5 mmol), and cis-2-amino-cyclooctanecarboxylic acid

(120 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-9p** was isolated by

column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–10:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.4$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 142 mg (86%). Data for **5-9p:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.33 (dd, J = 9.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.66–7.45 (m, 3H), 7.27–7.18 (m, 2H), 3.24 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.78 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 1.99–1.90 (m, 2H), 1.55–1.42 (m, 4H), 1.40–1.29 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.8, 148.5, 148.2, 144.8, 135.8, 134.2, 130.2, 129.1, 128.7, 128.5, 126.3, 123.2, 121.8, 36.6, 31.1, 31.1, 28.2, 26.5, 25.7 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₁H₂₀N₂O₂, m/z = 332 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₁H₂₀N₂O₂H, 333.1598 Found 333.1566.



2-(1,3-Benzodioxol-5-yl)quinoline (5-9q): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2-aminobenzaldehyde (61 mg, 0.5 mmol), and (±)-3-amino-3-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-propionic acid

(146 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-9q** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–5:1; TLC: R_f = 0.5 (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 108 mg (87%). Data for **5-9q:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.16 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.82–7.76 (m, 2H), 7.75 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (td, J = 7.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (s, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.6, 148.8, 148.3, 148.1, 136.6, 134.0, 129.6, 129.5, 127.4, 126.9, 126.0, 121.7, 118.6, 108.4, 107.9, 101.3 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₆H₁₁NO₂, m/z = 249 (M⁺). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with the literature values.²³²


2-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-4-methylquinoline (5-9r): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2'-aminoacetophenone (68 mg, 0.5 mmol), and (±)-3-amino-3-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-

propionic acid (146 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-9r** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.6$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 73 mg (56%). Data for **5-9r**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.13 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.74–7.60 (m, 4H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (s, 2H), 2.73 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.3, 148.6, 148.2, 147.9, 144.6, 134.2, 130.0, 129.3, 127.0, 125.7, 123.5, 121.6, 119.3, 108.4, 107.8, 101.3, 19.0 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₇H₁₃NO₂, m/z = 263 (M⁺).



2-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-4-phenylquinoline (5-9s): A
1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol
%), 2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2-aminobenzophenone (99 mg,
0.5 mmol), and (±)-3-amino-3-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-ylpropionic acid (146 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for

20 h. The product **5-9s** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–5:1; TLC: *R_f* = 0.6 (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 114 mg (70%). Data for **5-9s:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.20 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.73–7.66 (m, 2H), 7.61–7.49 (m, 5H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dd, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (s, 2H), ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.2, 149.0, 148.8, 148.6, 148.3, 138.4, 134.0, 129.9, 129.5, 129.5, 128.5, 128.4, 126.1, 125.6, 125.6, 121.7, 118.9, 108.4, 107.9, 101.3 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₂H₁₅NO₂, m/z = 325 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₂H₁₅NO₂H; 326.1176 Found 326.1156.



2-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-6-chloro-4phenylquinoline (5-9t): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL)
solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol %), 2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol %), 5-chloro-2-aminobenzophenone (116 mg, 0.5 mmol), and (±)-3-amino-3-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-

propionic acid (146 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-9t** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.7$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 89 mg (50%). Data for **5-9t:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.12 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (t, J = 9.4 Hz, 2H), 7.60–7.49 (m, 5H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (s, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.2, 149.0, 148.4, 148.2, 147.0, 137.7, 133.5, 131.8, 131.4, 130.3, 129.4, 128.7, 128.6, 126.2, 124.4, 121.7, 119.5, 108.4, 107.7, 101.4 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₂H₁₄ClNO₂, m/z = 359 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₂H₁₄ClNO₂H; 360.0786 Found 360.0773.



2-Methyl-3-phenylquinoline (5-9u-a): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol %), 2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2-aminobenzaldehyde (61 mg, 0.5 mmol), and (±)-3-amino-4-phenylbutanoic acid (125 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C

for 20 h. The product **5-9u-a** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1-5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.5$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 71 mg

(65%). Data for **5-9u-a:** ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.54–7.38 (m, 6H), 2.68 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.3, 147.0, 139.9, 136.1, 135.7, 129.3, 129.2, 128.4, 128.4, 127.6, 127.4, 126.8, 126.0, 24.6 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₆H₁₃N, m/z = 219 (M⁺). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with the literature values.²³³



2-(Phenylmethyl)quinoline (5-9u-b): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2-aminobenzaldehyde (61 mg, 0.5 mmol), and (±)-3-

amino-4-phenylbutanoic acid (125 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-9u-b** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–51; TLC: $R_f = 0.3$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 37 mg (34%). Data for **5-9u-b**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd, J = 7.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dd, J = 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33–7.18 (m, 6H), 4.34 (s, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.2, 147.7, 139.2, 136.5, 129.5, 129.2, 128.9, 128.6, 127.5, 126.7, 126.5, 126.0, 121.5, 45.5 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₆H₁₃N, m/z = 219 (M⁺). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with the literature values.²³⁴



2,4-Dimethyl-3-phenylquinoline (5-9v): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2'-aminoacetophenone (68 mg, 0.5 mmol), and (±)-3-amino-4-phenylbutanoic acid (125 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at

140 °C for 20 h. The product 5-9v was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel

(hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.6$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 85 mg (73%). Data for **5-9v:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.58–7.46 (m, 3H), 7.45–7.38 (m, 1H), 7.24–7.17 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.6, 146.6, 141.2, 139.5, 134.9, 129.3, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 127.4, 126.7, 125.7, 124.1, 25.4, 15.9 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₇H₁₅N, m/z = 233 (M⁺). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with the literature values.¹⁸⁸



2-Methyl-3,4-diphenylquinoline (5-9w): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2-aminobenzophenone (99 mg, 0.5 mmol), and (±)-3-amino-4-phenylbutanoic acid (125 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-9w** was isolated by column

chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.5$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 106 mg (72%). Data for **5-9w:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.12 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32–7.15 (m, 6H), 7.14–7.02 (m, 4H), 2.55 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.8, 147.0, 146.5, 138.6, 136.7, 134.0, 130.1, 130.0, 129.1, 128.6, 127.9, 127.6, 127.2, 126.8, 126.6, 126.3, 125.8, 25.4 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₂H₁₇N, m/z = 295 (M⁺). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with the literature values.¹⁸⁸



2,4-Dimethyl-3-propylquinoline (5-9x): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0

mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2'-aminoacetophenone (68 mg, 0.5 mmol), and (\pm) -3-aminoheptanoic acid (102 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C

for 20 h. The product **5-9x** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.7$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 95 mg (95%). Data for **5-9x:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.97 (t, J = 9.7 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (t, J =7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.86–2.78 (m, 2H), 2.75 (s, 3H), 2.64 (s, 3H), 1.64– 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.07 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.2, 145.6, 140.6, 132.4, 128.9, 128.1, 127.3, 126.6, 125.4, 123.6, 31.8, 24.1, 23.0, 14.5, 14.2 ppm (two carbon signals obscured or overlapping); GC-MS for C₁₄H₁₇N, m/z = 199 (M⁺). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with the literature values.²³⁵



6-Chloro-2-methyl-3,4-diphenylquinoline (5-9y-a): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol%), 2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol%), 5-chloro-2-aminobenzophenone (116 mg, 0.5 mmol), and (±)-3-amino-4-phenylbutanoic acid (125 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The

product **5-9y-a** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1-5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.6$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 143 mg (87%). Data for **5-9y-a:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (dd, J = 9.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26–7.14 (m, 6H), 7.10–6.97 (m, 4H), 2.51 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.2, 145.8, 145.4, 138.2, 136.0, 134.9, 131.6, 130.3, 129.9, 129.9, 129.8, 127.9, 127.9, 127.5, 127.1, 127.0, 125.3, 25.4 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₂H₁₆ClN, m/z = 329 (M⁺). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with the literature values.¹⁸⁸



2-Benzyl-6-chloro-4-phenylquinoline (5-9y-b): A 1,4dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 5-chloro-2aminobenzophenone (116 mg, 0.5 mmol), and (±)-3amino-4-phenylbutanoic acid (125 mg, 0.7 mmol) was

stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-9y-b** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.4$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 19 mg (12%). Data for **5-9y-b:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09 (d, J = 9.0Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dd, J = 9.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.57–7.38 (m, 5H), 7.36–7.18 (m, 6H), 4.36 (s, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.0, 148.1, 146.7, 138.8, 137.4, 131.9, 131.0, 130.2, 129.4, 129.2, 128.7, 128.6, 126.6, 126.1, 124.5, 122.4, 45.5 ppm (one carbon signal obscured or overlapping); GC-MS for C₂₂H₁₆ClN, m/z = 329 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₂H₁₆ClNH; 330.1044 Found 330.1039.



6-Chloro-2-methyl-4-phenyl-3-propylquinoline (5-9z): A
1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol
%), 2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol %), 5-chloro-2-aminobenzophenone
(116 mg, 0.5 mmol), and (±)-3-aminoheptanoic acid (102 mg,
0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product 5-9z

was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–5:1; TLC: *R_f* = 0.6 (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 124 mg (84%). Data for **5-9z:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60–7.44 (m, 4H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (s, 3H), 2.56–2.45 (m, 2H), 1.51–1.37 (m, 2H), 0.82 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.0, 145.7, 144.4, 136.7, 133.2, 131.2, 130.0, 129.2, 129.1, 128.5, 128.0, 127.9, 125.0, 32.5, 23.8, 23.5, 14.5 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₉H₁₈ClN, m/z = 295 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₁₈ClNH; 296.1201 Found 296.1177.



2-(2-Methylpropyl)quinoline (5-9aa): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2-aminobenzaldehyde (61 mg, 0.5 mmol), and (±)-3-amino-

5-methylhexanoic acid (102 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-9aa** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.6$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 79 mg (85%). Data for **5-9aa:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, J = 7.6Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.19 (nonet, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 0.96 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.2, 147.9, 135.9, 129.2, 128.8, 127.4, 126.7, 125.6, 122.0, 48.3, 29.4, 22.5 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₃H₁₅N, m/z = 185 (M⁺). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with the literature values.²³⁶



4-Methyl-2-(2-methylpropyl)quinoline (5-9ab): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2'-aminoacetophenone (68 mg, 0.5 mmol), and (±)-3-amino-5-methylhexanoic acid (102 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at

140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-9ab** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 100:1–5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.6$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 62 mg (62%). Data for **5-9ab**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, J

= 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 2.80 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H) 2.66 (m, 3H), 2.20 (dt, *J* = 13.6, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 0.97 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.9, 147.7, 143.8, 129.3, 128.9, 126.7, 125.3, 123.5, 122.7, 48.2, 29.4, 22.5, 18.7 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₄H₁₇N, m/z = 199 (M⁺). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with the literature values.²³⁷



6-Chloro-2-isobutyl-4-phenylquinoline (5-9ac): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol
%), 2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol %), 5-chloro-2-aminobenzophenone

(116 mg, 0.5 mmol), and (\pm) -3-amino-5-methylhexanoic acid

(102 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-9ac** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–5:1; TLC: R_f = 0.7 (20% EtOAc in hexanes). Yield = 114 mg (77%). Data for **5-9ac**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.60 (dd, J = 9.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55–7.37 (m, 5H), 7.22 (s, 1H), 2.86 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.24 (nonet, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.00 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.0, 147.4, 146.7, 137.5, 131.5, 130.8, 129.9, 129.3, 128.6, 128.5, 125.9, 124.3, 122.9, 48.1, 29.3, 22.5 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₉H₁₈ClN, m/z = 295 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₁₈ClNH; 296.1201 Found 296.1167.





isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1-5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.7$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 71 mg, (51%). Data for **5-9ad:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.60 (dd, J = 9.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55–7.42 (m, 5H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 3.29 (septet, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.44 (d, J = 6.9Hz, 6H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.3, 147.8, 146.5, 137.6, 131.4, 130.9, 129.8, 129.3, 128.6, 128.4, 126.0, 124.2, 120.2, 37.1, 22.4 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₈H₁₆ClN, m/z = 281 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₁₆ClNH; 282.1044 Found 282.1010.



(1S,4R)-9-Methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-1,4-methanoacridine (5-

9ae): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2'-aminoacetophenone (68 mg, 0.5 mmol), and 3-aminobicyclo[2.2.1]heptane-2-carboxylic acid (109

mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-9ae** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.3$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 89 mg, (85%). Data for **5-9ae**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 1H), 3.51 (s, 1H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 2.09–1.99 (m, 2H), 1.89 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 1.70 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 1.47–1.40 (m, 1H), 1.33–1.23 (m, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.6, 146.3, 137.9, 133.2, 129.1, 127.6, 127.6, 125.0, 123.6, 46.2, 45.8, 40.3, 26.9, 25.8, 14.1 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₅H₁₅N, m/z = 209 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₁₅NH; 210.1277 Found 210.1252.



(1S,4R)-7-Chloro-9-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-1,4methanoacridine (5-9af): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol %), 2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol %), 5chloro-2-aminobenzophenone (116 mg, 0.5 mmol), and 3-

aminobicyclo[2.2.1]heptane-2-carboxylic acid (109 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-9af** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.4$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 138 mg, (90%). Data for **5-9af**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.97 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.58–7.45 (m, 4H), 7.45–7.27 (m, 2H), 3.57 (s, 1H), 3.38 (s, 1H), 2.13–1.92 (m, 3H), 1.68 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 1.52 (t, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 1.40–1.31 (m, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.3, 145.2, 138.6, 137.4, 135.3, 131.1, 130.4, 129.7, 129.4, 128.5, 128.2, 127.3, 124.7, 46.5, 45.8, 40.9, 27.4, 25.7 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₀H₁₆ClN, m/z = 305 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₀H₁₆ClNH; 306.1044 Found 306.1013.



3-(1H-Indol-2-yl)-4-phenylquinoline (5-9ag): A 1,4-

dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2-aminobenzophenone (99 mg, 0.5 mmol), and tryptamine (112 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-9ag** was isolated by column

chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.3$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 64 mg, (40%). Data for **5-9ag:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.26 (s. 1H), 8.42 (brs, 1H), 8.20 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.72–7.66 (m, 2H), 7.63 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37–7.31 (m, 4H), 7.27–7.24 (m, 2H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.6 Hz,

1H), 7.13 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.2, 146.6, 145.7, 137.1, 135.7, 130.1, 129.1, 128.7, 128.2, 127.9, 127.7, 126.9, 126.8, 126.7, 126.4, 125.1, 122.4, 120.4, 119.3, 113.1, 111.3 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₃H₁₆N₂, m/z = 320 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₃H₁₆N₂H; 321.1386 Found 321.1382.



6-Chloro-4-phenyl-3-(thiophen-2-yl)quinoline (5-9ah): A
1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol
%), 2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol %), 5-chloro-2-aminobenzophenone
(116 mg, 0.5 mmol), and 2-thiopheneethylamine (89 mg, 0.7

mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-9ah** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.4$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 68 mg, (42%). Data for **5-9ah:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.15 (s, 1H), 8.12 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (dd, J = 8.9, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.52–7.44 (m, 4H), 7.27–7.24 (m, 3H), 6.98–6.91 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.7, 150.7, 144.9, 139.0, 135.4, 133.3, 130.6, 130.3, 130.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 128.0, 127.7, 127.1, 127.1, 125.5 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₉H₁₂ClNS, m/z = 321 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₁₂ClNSH; 322.0452 Found 322.0444.



3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-methylquinoline (5-9am): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol%), 2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol%), 2'-aminoacetophenone (68 mg, 0.5 mmol), and 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethanamine (106 mg,

0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-9am** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.3$ (20% EtOAc

in hexanes)). Yield = 44 mg, (35%). Data for **5-9am:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.78 (s, 1H), 8.16 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (dd, *J* = 1.4, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.66 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.2, 151.4, 146.4, 141.1, 134.1, 131.1, 130.7, 129.6, 128.9, 128.0, 126.8, 124.2, 113.9, 55.4, 15.7 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₇H₁₅NO, m/z = 249 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₁₅NOH; 250.1149 Found 250.1144.

6.5.5.2 Characterization of the Dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-one Compounds Listed in Table 5.6



2-Methyl-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-one (5-10a):

A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), 2-aminobenzamide (68 mg, 0.5 mmol) and (\pm) - α -methylbenzylamine (85 mg, 0.7 mmol) was

stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-10a** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 50:1–5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.3$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 110 mg (82%). Data for **5-10a**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.80 (brs, 1H), 7.65 (brs, 1H), 7.53–7.46 (m, 3H), 7.31–7.24 (m, 2H), 7.23–7.14 (m, 2H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 1.64 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 164.0, 147.7, 147.3, 133.5, 128.1, 127.4, 127.2, 125.3, 117.0, 115.1, 114.4, 70.3, 30.8 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₅H₁₄N₂O, m/z = 238 (M⁺). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with the literature values.²³⁸



2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-methyl-2,3-dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-one (5-10b): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), 2aminobenzamide (68 mg, 0.50 mmol) and (*S*)-(-)-1-(4methoxyphenyl)ethylamine (106 mg, 0.70 mmol) was stirred

at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-10b** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 50:1–5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.2$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 124 mg (93%). Data for **5-10b**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88–7.73 (m, 2H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (td, J = 7.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.78–6.66 (m, 4H), 5.24 (brs, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 1.82 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.0, 159.0, 146.0, 137.4, 133.9, 128.1, 126.5, 118.6, 115.2, 114.8, 113.6, 70.5, 55.1, 29.9 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₆H₁₆N₂O₂, m/z = 268 (M⁺). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with the literature values.²³⁹



2-Methyl-2-(p-tolyl)-2,3-dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-one (5-10c): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol %), 2-12 (12 mg, 10 mol %), 2-aminobenzamide (68 mg, 0.5 mmol) and 1-(4-methylphenyl)ethylamine (95 mg, 0.7

mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-10c** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 50:1–5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.2$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 113 mg (92%). Data for **5-10c**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.72 (br s, 1H), 7.57 (brs, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 163.8, 147.2, 144.7,

136.1, 133.2, 128.5, 127.2, 125.1, 116.7, 115.1, 114.3, 70.0, 30.7, 20.5 ppm; GC-MS for $C_{16}H_{16}N_2O$, m/z = 252 (M⁺). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with the literature values.²³⁸⁻²³⁹



2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-methyl-2,3-dihydroquinazolin-4(1*H***)-one (5-10d): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), 2- aminobenzamide (68 mg, 0.5 mmol) and 1-(4-

chlorophenyl)ethylamine (109 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-10d** was isolated by recrystallization (50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ in hexanes). Yield = 108 mg (79%). Data for **5-10d**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.81 (brs, 1H), 7.67 (brs, 1H), 7.55–7.45 (m, 3H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 1.64 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.2, 143.4, 143.1, 129.9, 128.3, 124.4, 123.7, 123.6, 113.5, 111.4, 110.8, 66.4, 26.9 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₅H₁₃ClN₂O, m/z = 272 (M⁺). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with the literature values.^{238, 240}



2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-methyl-2,3-dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-one (5-10e): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), 2- aminobenzamide (68 mg, 0.5 mmol) and 4-fluoro-α-

methylbenzylamine (97 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-10e** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 50:1–5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.2$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 85 mg (66%). Data for **5-10e**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.80 (br s, 1H), 7.65 (brs, 1H), 7.57–7.45 (m, 3H), 7.24–7.18 (m, 1H),

7.17–7.06 (m, 2H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 1.63 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 163.8, 161.22 (d, $J_{CF} = 243.4$ Hz), 147.0, 143.86 (d, $J_{CF} = 2.9$ Hz), 133.4, 127.3, 127.2, 117.0, 115.0, 114.72 (d, $J_{CF} = 21.3$ Hz), 114.3, 69.9, 30.7 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₅H₁₃FN₂O, m/z = 256 (M⁺). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with the literature values.¹⁰²



2-Ethyl-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-one (5-10f): A

1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), 2-aminobenzamide (68 mg, 0.5 mmol) and α -ethylbenzylamine (95 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C

for 20 h. The product **5-10f** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 110:1–5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.3$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 106 mg (84%). Data for **5-10f**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 (brs, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.37–7.08 (m, 4H), 6.82–6.64 (m, 2H), 4.97 (brs, 1H), 2.09 (q, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.4, 146.1, 144.8, 133.9, 128.4, 128.3, 127.6, 125.4, 118.7, 115.5, 114.8, 73.7, 35.5, 8.1 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₆H₁₆N₂O, m/z = 252 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₆N₂OH; 253.1335 Found 253.1326.



2-Benzyl-2-ethyl-2,3-dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-one (5-10g): A
1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol %),
2-12 (12 mg, 10 mol %), 2-aminobenzamide (68 mg, 0.5 mmol)
and (±)-1-phenylbutan-2-amine (104 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred

at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-10g** was isolated by recrystallization (50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ in hexanes). Yield = 101 mg (76%). Data for **5-10g**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 7.90 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.41–7.17 (m, 4H), 7.15–7.07 (m, 2H), 6.81 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (brs, 1H), 6.63 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (brs, 1H), 3.20 (d, J = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (d, J = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 1.72–1.62 (m, 2H), 1.04 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.6, 146.1, 135.4, 134.1, 130.4, 128.4, 128.3, 127.0, 118.4, 114.5, 114.4, 72.3, 46.5, 31.3, 7.8 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₇H₁₈N₂O, m/z = 266 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₁₈N₂Na; 289.1311 Found 289.1325.



2-Methyl-2-phenethyl-2,3-dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-one (**5-10h**): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), 2aminobenzamide (68 mg, 0.5 mmol) and 3-amino-1-

phenylbutane (104 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-10h** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 50:1-5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.3$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 112 mg (84%). Data for **5-10h**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (brs, 1H), 7.28–7.20 (m, 3H), 7.19–7.08 (m, 3H), 6.78 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H) 4.19 (brs, 1H), 2.85–2.68 (m, 2H), 2.16–1.99 (m, 2H), 1.55 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.7, 146.0, 141.1, 133.9, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 126.0, 118.4, 114.5, 114.3, 69.8, 43.6, 30.4, 28.3 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₇H₁₈N₂O, m/z = 266 (M⁺). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with the literature values.²³⁹



2,3-Dimethyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)-**2,3-dihydroquinazolin-4**(**1H**)-one (**5-10i**): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), 2-amino-N-methylbenzamide (75 mg, 0.5 mol %) and 1-(4-

methylphenyl)ethylamine (95 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-10i** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 50:1–5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.3$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 117 mg (88%). Data for **5-10i**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (brs, 1H), 7.26 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.20–7.05 (m, 3H), 6.69–6.55 (m, 2H), 2.93 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.83 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.5, 163.3, 146.0, 141.5, 137.0, 133.1, 128.9, 127.5, 125.6, 117.0, 114.1, 74.4, 28.9, 26.8, 20.5 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₇H₁₈N₂O, m/z = 266 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₁₈N₂ONa; 289.1311 Found 289.1306.



2-Cyclohexyl-2-methyl-2,3-dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-one (5-10j): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol %), 2-12 (12 mg, 10 mol %), 2-aminobenzamide (68 mg, 0.5 mmol) and (S)-(+)- α -methylcyclohexanemethylamine (89 mg,

0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-10j** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 50:1–5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.3$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 98 mg (80%). Data for **5-10j**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.87 (brs, 1H), 7.51 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (td, J = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (brs, 1H), 6.56–6.52 (m, 1H), 1.80–1.65 (m, 4H), 1.59–1.50 (m, 2H), 1.29 (s, 3H), 1.13–0.95 (m, 5H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 163.0, 147.1,

133.3, 127.1, 115.8, 113.7, 113.5, 71.3, 47.9, 26.7, 26.4, 26.1, 26.0, 26.0, 24.9 ppm; GC-MS for $C_{15}H_{20}N_2O$, m/z = 244 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for $C_{15}H_{20}N_2OH$; 245.1648 Found 245.1622. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with the literature values.²⁴¹



7-Chloro-2-cyclohexyl-2-methyl-2,3-dihydroquinazolin-

4(1H)-one (5-10k): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), 2-amino-4-chlorobenzamide (85 mg, 0.5 mmol) and (S)-(+)-α-

methylcyclohexanemethylamine (89 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-10k** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 50:1-5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.3$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 122 mg (88%). Data for **5-10k**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.01 (brs, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (brs, 1H), 6.69 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 1.80–1.66 (m, 4H), 1.59–1.48 (m, 2H), 1.30 (s, 3H), 1.14–0.93 (m, 5H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 162.0, 148.0, 137.7, 129.0, 115.7, 112.5, 112.2, 71.6, 48.2, 26.6, 26.3, 25.9, 25.0 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₅H₁₉ClN₂O, m/z = 278 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₁₉ClN₂OH; 279.1259 Found 279.1255.



6'-Methoxy-1'H-spiro[cyclohexane-1,2'-quinazolin]-4'(3'H)one (**5-10l**): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), 2-amino-5methoxybenzamide (83 mg, 0.5 mmol) and cyclohexylamine

(69 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-10l** was isolated by recrystallization (50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ in hexanes). Yield = 120 mg (98%). Data for **5-10l**:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.95 (brs, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (brs, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H),1.80–1.69 (m, 2H), 1.65–1.34 (m, 7H), 1.27–1.17 (m, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 163.3, 151.1, 141.2, 121.3, 116.4, 115.2, 109.9, 68.0, 55.3, 38.9, 36.9, 24.8, 21.0 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₄H₁₈N₂O₂, m/z = 246 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₁₈N₂O₂H; 247.1441 Found 247.1408.



1'H-spiro[cyclohexane-1,2'-quinazolin]-4'(3'H)-one (5-10m): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), 2-aminobenzamide (68 mg, 0.5 mmol) and cyclohexylamine (69 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h.

The product **5-10m** was isolated by recrystallization (50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ in hexanes; TLC: $R_f = 0.3$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 104 mg (96%). Data for **5-10m**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.93 (brs, H), 7.56 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.70–6.49 (m, 2H), 1.80–1.68 (m, 2H), 1.67–1.48 (m, 6H), 1.46–1.36 (m, 1H), 1.31–1.16 (m, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 163.3, 146.8, 133.2, 127.2, 116.6, 114.6, 114.5, 67.9, 37.2, 24.7, 20.9 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₃H₁₆N₂O, m/z = 216 (M⁺). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with the literature values.²⁴²



6'-Chloro-1'H-spiro[cyclohexane-1,2'-quinazolin]-4'(3'H)-

one (5-10n): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol %), 2-12 (12 mg, 10 mol %), 2-amino-5- chlorobenzamide (85 mg, 0.5 mmol) and cyclohexylamine (69

mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product 5-10n was isolated by

recrystallization (50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ in hexanes; TLC: $R_f = 0.3$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 104 mg (83%). Data for **5-10n**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.12 (brs, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.90–6.79 (m, 2H), 1.79–1.69 (m, 2H), 1.66–1.46 (m, 6H), 1.45–1.37 (m, 1H), 1.28–1.17 (m, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 162.1, 145.5, 132.9, 126.3, 120.2, 116.6, 115.6, 68.1, 37.1, 24.6, 20.9 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₃H₁₅ClN₂O, m/z = 250 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₁₅ClN₂OH; 251.0946 Found 251.0912.



6'-Fluoro-1'H-spiro[cyclohexane-1,2'-quinazolin]-4'(3'H)-one (**5-10o**): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), 2-amino-5fluorobenzamide (77 mg, 0.5 mmol) and cyclohexylamine (69

mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-10o** was isolated by recrystallization (50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ in hexanes; TLC: $R_f = 0.3$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 98 mg (84%). Data for **5-10o**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.10 (brs, 1H), 7.26 (dd, J = 9.1, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (td, J = 8.8, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (dd, J = 8.8, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (brs, 1H), 1.80–1.69 (m, 2H), 1.65–1.36 (m, 7H), 1.28–1.18 (m, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 162.3, 154.4 (d, $J_{CF} = 132.8$ Hz), 143.4 (d, $J_{CF} = 0.8$ Hz), 120.5 (d, $J_{CF} = 23.0$ Hz), 116.2 (d, $J_{CF} = 7.0$ Hz), 115.1 (d, $J_{CF} = 7.0$ Hz), 112.2 (d, $J_{CF} = 23.0$ Hz), 68.0, 36.9, 24.6, 20.9 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₃H₁₅FN₂O, m/z = 234 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-QTOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₁₅FN₂OH; 235.1241 Found 235.1235.



1'H-spiro[cyclopentane-1,2'-quinazolin]-4'(3'H)-one (5-10p): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), 2-aminobenzamide (68 mg, 0.5 mmol) and cyclopentylamine (60 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h.

The product **5-10p** was isolated by recrystallization (50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ in hexanes; TLC: $R_f = 0.2$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 85 mg (84%). Data for **5-10p**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.11 (brs, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (td, J = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (brs, 1H), 6.70 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 1.85–1.74 (m, 4H), 1.70–1.61 (m, 4H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.6, 147.6, 133.1, 127.3, 116.6, 114.6, 114.4, 77.1, 39.3, 22.0 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₂H₁₄N₂O, m/z = 202 (M⁺). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with the literature values.²⁴²



1'H-spiro[cycloheptane-1,2'-quinazolin]-4'(3'H)-one (5-10q):

A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), 2-aminobenzamide (68 mg, 0.5 mmol) and cycloheptylamine (79 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at

140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-10q** was isolated by recrystallization (50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ in hexanes; TLC: $R_f = 0.3$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 86 mg (75%). Data for **5-10q**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.85 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29–7.23 (m, 1H), 6.87 (brs, 1H), 6.81–6.75 (m, 1H), 6.62 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (brs, 1H), 2.06–1.95 (m, 4H), 1.64–1.44 (m, 8H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 164.1, 145.6, 133.7, 128.2, 118.5, 115.2, 114.8, 72.4, 41.4, 29.0, 21.5 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₄H₁₈N₂O, m/z = 230 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₁₈N₂OH; 231.1492 Found 231.1489.



1'H-spiro[cyclooctane-1,2'-quinazolin]-4'(3'H)-one (5-10r): A
1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol %),
2-12 (12 mg, 10 mol %), 2-aminobenzamide (68 mg, 0.5 mmol)
and cyclooctylamine (89 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for

20 h. The product **5-10r** was isolated by recrystallization (50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ in hexanes; TLC: $R_f = 0.3$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 97 mg (80%). Data for **5-10r**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.85 (ddd, J = 7.7, 1.6, 0.4 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (dd, J = 7.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (ddd, J = 8.1, 1.0, 0.4 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (brs, 1H), 4.31 (brs, 1H), 2.10–1.96 (m, 4H), 1.74–1.42 (m, 10H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 164.0, 145.5, 133.8, 128.3, 118.5, 115.2, 114.7, 71.9, 36.0, 27.9, 24.5, 21.4 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₅H₂₀N₂O, m/z = 244 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₂₀N₂OH; 245.1648 Found 245.1622.



3'-Methyl-1'H-spiro[cyclohexane-1,2'-quinazolin]-4'(3'H)-one (**5-10s**): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), 2-amino-N-methylbenzamide (75 mg, 0.5 mmol) and cyclohexylamine (69 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred

at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-10s** was isolated by recrystallization (50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ in hexanes). Yield = 99 mg (86%). Data for **5-10s**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (brs, 1H), 3.07 (s, 3H), 2.06–1.98 (m, 2H), 1.77– 1.68 (m, 5H), 1.49–1.37 (m, 2H), 1.24–1.12 (m, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.7, 143.9, 133.0, 128.6, 118.9, 116.8, 114.7, 71.9, 32.9, 26.5, 24.5, 22.3 ppm; GC-MS for $C_{14}H_{18}N_2O$, m/z = 230 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for $C_{14}H_{18}N_2ONa$; 253.1311 Found 253.1302.



3'-Cyclopropyl-1'H-spiro[cyclohexane-1,2'-quinazolin]-4'(3'H)one (**5-10t**): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), 2-amino-Ncyclopropylbenzamide (88 mg, 0.5 mmol) and cyclohexylamine

(69 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-10t** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 40:1–10:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.4$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 69 mg (54%). Data for **5-10t**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.92 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (td, J = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (brs, 1H), 2.36–2.14 (m, 3H), 2.03–1.92 (m, 2H), 1.80–1.68 (m, 3H), 1.50–1.33 (m, 2H), 1.28–1.19 (m, 1H), 1.05–0.93 (m, 2H), 0.85–0.78 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.5, 144.2, 133.3, 128.6, 118.9, 117.3, 114.7, 74.2, 42.0, 33.4, 24.6, 22.7, 9.4 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₆H₂₀N₂O, m/z = 256 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₂₀N₂OH; 257.1648 Found 257.1641.



3,4-Dihydro-1'H,2H-spiro[naphthalene-1,2'-quinazolin]-**4'(3'H)-one (5-10u)**: A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), 2aminobenzamide (68 mg, 0.5 mmol) and (S)-(+)-1,2,3,4-

tetrahydro-1-naphthylamine (103 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-10u** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 110:1–5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.3$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 92 mg (70%). Data for **5-10u**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03–7.72 (m, 2H), 7.43–6.98 (m, 4H), 6.81 (t, J =

7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (brs, 1H), 4.71 (brs, 1H), 2.88–2.71 (m, 2H), 2.34–2.23 (m, 1H), 2.21–2.11 (m, 1H), 1.92–1.76 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.5, 145.3, 137.9, 137.7, 134.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.5, 128.3, 126.7, 118.5, 114.5, 114.3, 69.9, 37.0, 29.2, 19.0 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₇H₁₆N₂O, m/z = 264 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₁₆N₂OH; 265.1335 Found 265.1329.



(1R,4S)-6'-Methoxy-1'H-spiro[bicyclo[2.2.1]heptane-2,2'-

quinazolin]-4'(3'H)-one (5-10v): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), 2-amino-5-methoxybenzamide (83 mg, 0.5 mmol) and

exo-2-aminonorbornane (78 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-10v** was isolated by recrystallization (50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ in hexanes; TLC: $R_f = 0.1$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 87 mg (76%). Data for **5-10v**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.22 (brs, 1H), 7.13 (t, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.95–6.83 (m, 1H), 6.79–6.68 (m, 1H), 6.52 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.31–2.16 (m, 1H), 2.15–2.05 (m, 1H), 1.89– 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.54–1.06 (m, 6H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 163.7, 151.1, 141.9, 121.3, 116.1, 115.8, 110.0, 75.5, 55.4, 45.7, 45.4, 36.7, 35.2, 27.8, 22.2 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₅H₁₈N₂O₂, m/z = 258 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₁₈N₂O₂H; 259.1441 Found 259.1413.



(1R,4S)-1'H-Spiro[bicyclo[2.2.1]heptane-2,2'-quinazolin]-

4'(3'H)-one (5-10w): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), 2-aminobenzamide (68 mg, 0.5 mmol) and exo-2-aminonorbornane (78 mg, 0.7 mmol)

was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product 5-10w was isolated by recrystallization (50%

EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ in hexanes; TLC: $R_f = 0.1$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 97 mg (79%). Data for **5-10w**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.22 (brs, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (dd, J = 17.3, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.36–2.15 (m, 1H), 2.15–2.06 (m, 1H), 1.91–1.67 (m, 2H), 1.59–1.51 (m, 1H), 1.51–1.16 (m, 4H), 1.11 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 163.8, 147.5, 133.1, 127.4, 116.6, 115.4, 114.4, 75.2, 46.1, 45.3, 36.7, 35.2, 27.7, 22.1 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₄H₁₆N₂O, m/z = 228 (M⁺). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with the literature values.²⁴³



1,3-Dihydro-1'H-spiro[indene-2,2'-quinazolin]-4'(3'H)-one (**5-10x**): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), 2-aminobenzamide (68 mg, 0.5 mmol) and 2-aminoindane (67 mg, 0.7 mmol) was

stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-10x** was isolated by recrystallization (50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ in hexanes). Yield = 98 mg (78%). Data for **5-10x**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.36 (brs, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.27–7.15 (m, 5H), 7.09 (brs, 1H), 6.78–6.64 (m, 2H), 3.22 (ABq, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 4H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 163.7, 147.2, 139.6, 133.3, 127.4, 126.8, 124.8, 117.1, 114.9, 114.7, 76.9, 46.6 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₆H₁₄N₂O, m/z = 250 (M⁺). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with the literature values.²⁴⁴



2-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2-methyl-2,3dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-one (5-10y): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol %), 2-12 (12 mg, 10 mol %), 2-aminobenzamide (34 mg, 0.25 mmol) and

3-amino-3-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-propionic acid (73 mg, 0.35 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-10y** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 50:1–5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.1$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 55 mg (77%). Data for **5-10y**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.72 (brs, 1H), 7.57 (brs, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (td, J = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 1.61 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 164.0, 147.3, 147.2, 146.3, 141.9, 133.4, 127.3, 118.5, 117.0, 115.1, 114.4, 107.5, 106.0, 101.1, 70.2, 30.9 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₆H₁₄N₂O₃, m/z = 282 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₄N₂O₃H; 283.1077 Found 283.1057.



1'-Methyl-3'-propyl-1',4'-dihydrospiro[cyclohexane-1,5'pyrazolo[4,3-d]pyrimidin]-7'(6'H)-one (5-10z): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), 4-amino-1-methyl-3-n-propyl-5-

pyrazolecarboxamide (91 mg, 0.5 mmol) and cyclohexylamine (69 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-10z** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 40:1–10:1; TLC: R_f = 0.3 (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = mg (96%). Data for **5-10z**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.14 (brs, 1H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 2.52 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.92–1.82 (m, 2H), 1.75–1.46 (m, 10H), 1.44–1.35 (m, 1H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.5, 140.9, 130.1, 123.9, 71.7, 38.0, 36.7, 27.7, 25.1, 22.1, 21.9, 13.8 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₄H₂₂N₄O, m/z = 262 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₂₂N₄OH; 263.1866 Found 263.1862.

6.5.5.3 Characterization of Compounds Listed in Table 5.7



8-Nitro-11-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-b]quinoline (5-9ai): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol %), 2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol %), (3-amino-6-nitrobenzofuran-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (141 mg, 0.5 mmol), and (1S,2R)-2-

aminocyclohexanecarboxylic acid (100 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-9ai** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.6$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 146 mg, (85%). Data for **5-9ai:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (s, 1H), 8.34–8.26 (m, 2H), 7.62–7.49 (m, 3H), 7.49–7.40 (m, 2H), 3.21 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.80 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.03–1.95 (m, 2H), 1.85–1.78 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.8, 155.8, 149.2, 147.3, 138.9, 133.4, 132.2, 131.4, 129.3, 129.3, 128.8, 128.7, 120.9, 118.7, 108.4, 33.3, 28.0, 22.7, 22.6 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₁H₁₆N₂O₃, m/z = 344 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₁H₁₆N₂O₃H; 345.1234 Found 345.1205.



11-(4-Chlorophenyl)-8-nitro-1,2,3,4tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-b]quinoline (5-9aj): A 1,4dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol %), 2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol %), (3-amino-6-nitrobenzofuran-2-yl)(4-chlorophenyl)methanone (158 mg, 0.5 mmol), and (1S,2R)-2-aminocyclohexanecarboxylic acid (100

mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-9aj** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.5$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 167 mg, (88%). Data for **5-9aj**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.34 (s, 1H), 8.30–8.26 (m, 2H), 7.55 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.20 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.77 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.02–1.95 (m, 2H), 1.85–1.78 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.9, 155.9, 149.0, 147.4, 139.1, 135.0, 132.1, 131.2, 130.7, 130.6, 129.2, 129.1, 121.0, 118.9, 108.4, 33.3, 28.0, 22.7, 22.6 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₁H₁₅ClN₂O₃, m/z = 378 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₁H₁₅ClN₂O₃H; 379.0844 Found 378.0818.



6-Chloro-4-phenyl-2-(2-(2,6,6-trimethylcyclohex-1-en-1-yl)ethyl)quinoline (5-9ak): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol %), 2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol %), 5-chloro-2-aminobenzophenone (116 mg, 0.5 mmol), and in-situ generated 1-(4-(2,6,6-10))

trimethylcyclohex-1-en-1-yl)but-2-en-2-yl)pyrrolidine (173 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-9ak** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1-5:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.6$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 115 mg,

(59%). Data for **5-9ak:** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.58–7.47 (m, 5H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 3.09–3.01 (m, 2H), 2.53–2.47 (m, 2H), 1.96 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 1.71 (s, 3H), 1.63–1.58 (m, 2H), 1.49–1.44 (m, 2H), 1.08 (s, 6H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.8, 147.7, 146.9, 137.7, 136.4, 135.9, 131.5, 131.0, 129.9, 129.4, 128.7, 128.5, 128.0, 127.8, 126.0, 124.4, 122.1, 44.5, 39.7, 35.1, 32.8, 28.7, 28.4, 22.2, 20.1, 19.5 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₆H₂₈ClN, m/z = 389 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₆H₂₈ClNH; 390.1983 Found 390.1980.



6-Chloro-4-phenyl-2-(1-(2,6,6-trimethylcyclohex-2en-1-yl)prop-1-en-2-yl)quinoline (5-9al): A 1,4dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-16** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 5-chloro-2aminobenzophenone (116 mg, 0.5 mmol), and 1-(3-

methyl-4-(2,6,6-trimethylcyclohex-2-en-1-yl)buta-1,3-dien-2-yl)pyrrolidine (181 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-9al** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–5:1; TLC: R_f = 0.4 (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 124 mg, (61%). Data for **5-9al**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.58–7.45 (m, 6H), 6.22 (dd, *J* = 10.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.44 (s, 1H), 2.80 (dd, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 3H), 2.11–2.04 (m, 2H), 1.63 (s, 3H), 1.60–1.54 (m, 1H), 1.30–1.22 (m, 1H), 0.99 (s, 3H), 0.89 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.9, 147.3, 146.6, 138.0, 136.3, 135.8, 134.7, 131.5, 131.5, 130.0, 129.4, 128.7, 128.5, 126.2, 124.3, 121.0, 119.4, 50.2, 33.0, 32.0, 27.3, 27.2, 23.1, 23.0, 14.7 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₇H₂₈ClN, m/z =

401 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₇H₂₈ClNH; 402.1983 Found 402.1997.



1,5-Dimethyl-5-(4-morpholinophenyl)-3-propyl-1,4,5,6-tetrahydro-7H-pyrazolo[4,3-d]pyrimidin-7one (5-10aa): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (12 mg, 10 mol %), 4-amino-1-methyl-3-n-propyl-5-

pyrazolecarboxamide (91 mg, 0.5 mmol) and 1-[4-(4-morpholinyl)phenyl]ethanamine (144 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-10aa** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 40:1–10:1; TLC: R_f = 0.2 (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 143 mg (77%). Data for **5-10aa**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz 2H), 7.01 (brs, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz 2H), 6.05 (brs, 1H), 4.14 (s, 1H), 3.88–3.81 (m, 4H), 3.31–3.22 (m, 4H), 2.31 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz 2H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 1.64–1.54 (m, 2H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.7, 162.0, 153.1, 140.1, 132.6, 128.7, 124.5, 113.9, 66.5, 47.8, 39.7, 30.8, 28.4, 21.5, 17.9, 14.0 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₀H₂₇N₅O₂, m/z = 369 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₀H₂₇N₅O₂H; 370.2238 Found 370.257.2232.



2-Methyl-2-(2-(2,6,6-trimethylcyclohex-1-en-1-yl)ethyl)2,3-dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-one (5-10ab): A 1,4-dioxane
(2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol %), 2-12
(12 mg, 10 mol %), 2-aminobenzamide (68 mg, 0.5 mmol)

and in-situ generated 1-(4-(2,6,6-trimethylcyclohex-1-en-1-yl)but-2-en-2-yl)pyrrolidine (173 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-10ab** was isolated by

column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 40:1–10:1; TLC: R_f = 0.2 (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 109 mg (70%). Data for **5-10ab**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (brs, 1H), 7.25 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (brs, 1H), 2.21–2.03 (m, 2H), 1.93–1.72 (m, 4H), 1.68–1.55 (m, 1H), 1.53 (s, 3H), 1.51 (s, 3H), 1.51–1.38 (m, 1H), 1.37–1.29 (m, 2H), 0.93 (s, 3H), 0.91 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.7, 146.1, 135.6, 133.7, 128.2, 127.5, 118.3, 114.6, 114.4, 69.9, 41.8, 39.6, 34.9, 32.7, 28.5, 28.5, 27.7, 22.6, 19.7, 19.3 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₀H₂₈N₂O, m/z = 312 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₀H₂₈N₂OH; 313.2274 Found 313.2272.



2-(2-(6-Methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)ethyl)-2methyl-2,3-dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-one (5-10ac): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol %), 2-12 (12 mg, 10

mol %), 2-aminobenzamide (68 mg, 0.5 mmol) and in-situ generated 1-(4-(6methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)but-2-en-2-yl)pyrrolidine (197 mg, 0.7 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-10ac** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 40:1–10:1; TLC: R_f = 0.2 (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 148 mg (86%). Data for **5-10ac**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.12 (brs, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 6.32 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.27–7.21 (m, 2H), 7.11 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (brs, 1H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.43 (s, 3H), 2.91–2.76 (m, 2H), 2.09–1.93 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.3, 156.8, 147.3, 137.1, 133.4, 132.7, 128.8, 128.7, 127.8, 127.2, 126.8, 125.7, 118.5, 116.4, 114.2, 113.6, 105.8, 69.1, 55.1, 43.0, 29.9, 28.2 ppm; GC-MS for $C_{22}H_{22}N_2O_2$, m/z = 346 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for $C_{22}H_{22}N_2O_2H$; 347.1754 Found 347.1750.



(8S,9R,10R,13S,14R,17S)-10,13-Dimethyl-17-((S)-6-methylheptan-2-yl)-1,2,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17hexadecahydro-1'Hspiro[cyclopenta[a]phenanthrene-3,2'quinazolin]-4'(3'H)-one (5-10ad): A 1,4-

dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (5 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (6 mg, 10 mol %), 2aminobenzamide (34 mg, 0.25 mmol) and in-situ generated 1-

((8S,9R,10R,13S,14R,17S)-10,13-dimethyl-17-((S)-6-methylheptan-2-yl)-

4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-tetradecahydro-1H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3yl)pyrrolidine (176 mg, 0.4 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-10ad** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 40:1–10:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.1$ (50% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 113 mg (90%). Data for **5-10ad**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.03 (brs, 1H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, J =8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (brs, 1H), 6.61–6.58 (m, 1H), 1.95–1.90 (m, 1H), 1.80–1.74 (m, 2H), 1.64–1.56 (m, 2H), 1.51–1.42 (m, 6H), 1.36–1.25 (m, 6H), 1.20–1.02 (m, 1H), 0.99–0.92 (m, 3H), 0.88–0.85 (m, 3H), 0.84–0.81 (m, 6H), 0.75 (s, 3H), 0.62–0.56 (m, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 163.7, 147.0, 133.5, 127.4, 116.8, 115.1, 114.6, 68.8, 56.6, 56.2, 55.4, 53.3, 42.6, 36.1, 35.7, 35.5, 35.4, 33.5, 33.4, 32.0, 32.0, 31.9, 28.3, 27.9, 24.3, 23.7, 23.1, 22.9, 21.1, 19.0, 12.3, 11.7, 11.6 ppm; GC-MS for C₃₄H₅₂N₂O, m/z = 504 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + H]^+$ Calcd for C₃₄H₅₂N₂OH; 505.4152 Found 505.4144.



(11H-Indeno[1,2-b]quinoxalin-8yl)(phenyl)methanone (5-11q): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol %), 2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol %), (3,4-

diaminophenyl)(phenyl)methanone (106 mg, 0.5 mmol) and in-situ generated 4-(1Hinden-2-yl)morpholine (121 mg, 0.6 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-11q** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 40:1–10:1; TLC: R_f = 0.5 (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 127 mg (79%). Data for **5-11q**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.48 (s, 1H), 8.29 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 8.26–8.20 (m, 2H), 7.92–7.89 (m, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.65–7.61 (m, 1H), 7.59–7.52 (m, 4H), 4.17 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.7, 160.6, 156.3, 144.2, 143.9, 140.2, 137.6, 137.3, 137.1, 132.7, 132.2, 131.9, 130.1, 129.6, 129.3, 128.4, 128.3, 125.9, 123.1, 35.9 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₂H₁₄N₂O, m/z = 322 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₂H₁₄N₂OH; 323.1179 Found 323.1177.



Phenyl(6,7,8,9-tetrahydrophenazin-2-yl)methanone (5-11r): A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol %), 2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol %), (3,4-diaminophenyl)(phenyl)methanone (106

mg, 0.5 mmol) and 1-pyrrolidino-1-cyclohexene (91 mg, 0.6 mmol) was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **5-11r** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 40:1–10:1; TLC: $R_f = 0.3$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes)). Yield = 62 mg (67%). Data for **5-11r**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.01 (dd, J = 4.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.26

(dd, J = 8.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (dd, J = 8.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.25–3.11 (m, 4H), 2.06–1.96 (m, 4H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.8, 155.6, 152.8, 150.0, 137.1, 135.9, 124.2, 33.4, 33.0, 22.5, 22.3 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₁H₁₁N₃, m/z = 185 (M⁺). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data are in good agreement with the literature values.²⁴⁵

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8.0 ANNEX

8.1 Future Directions

We have been able to demonstrate the ligand enabled catalytic protocol for deaminative coupling reactions of amines to generate number of synthetically and pharmaceutically useful scaffolds. Also, we observed the following set of new coupling reactions which are potentially developed in the future.

8.1.1 Synthesis of Quinolones

We recently observed a new deaminative and dehydrative cyclization reaction to produce Quinolone derivatives of amino ketones with amines.



Characterization of the Quinolone Products

A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex 2-10 (9 mg, 3 mol %), 2-16 (8 mg, 10 mol

%), 2-aminophenylethanone (68 mg, 0.5 mmol), and 2-Norbornanone (56 mg, 0.5 mmol)

was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h. The product **4-12p** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 50:1-10:1; Yield = 53 mg (47%).

NMR data for 1'H-spiro[bicyclo[2.2.1]heptane-2,2'-quinolin]-4'(3'H)-one (A-1a): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (brs, 1H), 2.68 (s, 2H), 2.40 (s, 1H), 2.26 (s, 1H), 1.79–1.72 (m, 1H), 1.68–1.51 (m, 3H), 1.45–1.36 (m, 1H), 1.32– 1.21 (m, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.2, 150.8, 135.3, 127.3, 119.0, 117.5, 115.6, 62.1, 49.8, 45.9, 42.5, 37.0, 36.5, 28.3, 22.8 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₅H₁₇NO, m/z = 227 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₁₇NOH 228.1383, Found 228.1358.

X-ray Crystallographic Data for the Product A-1a:



Molecular Structure of A-1a

Experimental Features: Pale-yellow needles. The dataset was collected at 100K with an Oxford SuperNova diffractometer using $Cu(K\alpha)$ radiation.

Structure Description: The centrosymmetric crystal contains a racemic mixture of RRS and SSR diastereomers (RRS is shown on the picture). The dihydropyridine ring has a sofa conformation with the spiro-carbon C1 deviating from the rest. However, the sofa is distorted toward C1,C2-half-chair (C1 deviates by 0.484 Å and C2 deviates by -0.231 Å from the plane of the remaining 4 atoms). The norbornane moiety is disordered. The nature of the disorder is unclear. One of possibilities is a ~20% impurity of a rearranged by-product.



Crystal Packing of A-1a: The molecules form H-bonded chains along z axis.

| Identification code | yi4a | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| Empirical formula | C ₁₅ H ₁₇ NO | | |
| Formula weight | 227.29 | | |
| Temperature/K | 101(2) | | |
| Crystal system | orthorhombic | | |
| Space group | Pccn | | |
| a/Å | 10.72779(14) | | |
| b/Å | 17.0827(3) | | |
| c/Å | 12.9832(2) | | |
| a/° | 90 | | |
| β/° | 90 | | |
| $\gamma/^{\circ}$ | 90 | | |
| Volume/Å ³ | 2379.29(6) | | |
| Z | 8 | | |
| $\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$ | 1.269 | | |
| μ/mm^{-1} | 0.618 | | |
| F(000) | 976.0 | | |
| Crystal size/mm ³ | $0.441\times 0.057\times 0.042$ | | |
| Radiation | $CuK\alpha \ (\lambda = 1.54184)$ | | |
| 2Θ range for data collection/ | ^o 9.736 to 141.376 | | |
| Index ranges | $\text{-13} \le h \le 12, \text{-20} \le k \le 20, \text{-11} \le 1 \le 15$ | | |
| Reflections collected | 11454 | | |
| Independent reflections | 2249 [$R_{int} = 0.0178$, $R_{sigma} = 0.0114$] | | |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 2249/0/154 | | |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.076 | | |
| Final R indexes [I>= 2σ (I)] | $R_1 = 0.0830, wR_2 = 0.2083$ | | |
| Final R indexes [all data] | $R_1 = 0.0875, wR_2 = 0.2120$ | | |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³ 1.00/-0.46 | | | |

Table A.1 Crystal data and structure refinement for A-1a.

Synthesis of A-1b;

(1R,2R,3S,4S)-3-chloro-1'H-spiro[bicyclo[2.2.1]heptane-2,2'-quinolin]-4'(3'H)-one



X-ray Crystallographic Data for the Product A-1b:



Molecular Structure of A-1b

Experimental Features: Colorless thin needles. The dataset was collected at 100K with an Oxford SuperNova diffractometer using $Cu(K\alpha)$ radiation.

Structure Description: The molecule represents a diastereomer with Cl substituent in norbornane moiety oriented trans to its methylene bridge. The centrosymmetric crystals contain a racemic mixture of it. Interestingly, the imino group has a pyramidal configuration – its H atom deviates by 0.38 Å from the CNC plane.



Crystal Packing of A-1b: In the crystal, the molecules form translational H-bonded chain along x axis.

| Tał | ole A | .2 C | Crystal da | ta and structure refin | ement for yi4i. |
|-----|-------|-------------|------------|------------------------|-----------------|
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| Identification code | yi4i | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| Empirical formula | C ₁₅ H ₁₆ ClNO | | | |
| Formula weight | 261.74 | | | |
| Temperature/K | 100.00(14) | | | |
| Crystal system | monoclinic | | | |
| Space group | P21/c | | | |
| a/Å | 6.92048(14) | | | |
| b/Å | 18.3728(3) | | | |
| c/Å | 10.1341(2) | | | |
| a/° | 90 | | | |
| β/° | 104.567(2) | | | |
| $\gamma/^{\circ}$ | 90 | | | |
| Volume/Å ³ | 1247.11(4) | | | |
| Z | 4 | | | |
| $\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$ | 1.394 | | | |
| μ/mm^{-1} | 2.590 | | | |
| F(000) | 552.0 | | | |
| Crystal size/mm ³ | $0.465\times0.042\times0.018$ | | | |
| Radiation | $CuK\alpha$ ($\lambda = 1.54184$) | | | |
| 2@ range for data collection/°9.628 to 141.19 | | | | |
| Index ranges | $-8 \le h \le 8, -22 \le k \le 22, -12 \le l \le 12$ | | | |
| Reflections collected | 11770 | | | |
| Independent reflections | 2369 [$R_{int} = 0.0280, R_{sigma} = 0.0190$] | | | |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 2369/0/167 | | | |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.050 | | | |
| Final R indexes [I>=2 σ (I)] | $R_1 = 0.0370, wR_2 = 0.1003$ | | | |
| Final R indexes [all data] | $R_1 = 0.0402, wR_2 = 0.1037$ | | | |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³ 0.33/-0.33 | | | | |

8.1.2 Synthesis of Flavanones

To further extend the synthetic utility of ligand-promoted C–N bond coupling reactions, we have been exploring the coupling reactions of 2-hydroxoketones with primary amines which led to the formation of flavanone products **A-2**. Scope and mechanistic investigations are currently underway in our laboratory. A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2-hydroxyketone (0.5 mmol), and primary amine (0.5 mmol) was stirred at 120 °C for 20 h. The products were isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 100:1–10:1).



NMR Data for the Products

2-cyclohexyl-6-methoxychroman-4-one (**A-2a**) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.19–4.10 (m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.71–2.60 (m, 2H), 2.00–1.94 (m, 1H), 1.82–1.68 (m, 5H), 1.32–1.09 (m, 5H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.3, 156.6, 153.8, 125.2, 120.7,

119.2, 107.1, 82.1, 55.8, 41.7, 40.1, 28.3, 28.2, 26.3, 25.9, 25.9 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₆H₂₀O₃, m/z = 260 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₂₀O₃; 261.1485 Found 261.1490.

2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-methylchroman-4-one (**A-2b**) : ¹HNMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.01–6.93 (m, 3H), 5.01 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.08–2.97 (m, 1H), 1.00 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 207.1, 161.3, 135.8, 130.1, 128.7, 127.2, 121.4, 120.3, 117.9, 114.1, 85.2, 55.3, 46.3, 30.9, 10.3 ppm; GC-MS for C₇H₁₆O₃, m/z = 268 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for 269.1172 Found 269.1171.

2-isobutyl-3-methylchroman-4-one (**A-2c**) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.48–7.43 (m, 1H), 7.02–6.93 (m, 2H), 4.20 (dt, *J* = 10.2, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (dq, *J* = 10.2, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.09–1.98 (m, 1H), 1.84–1.76 (m, 1H), 1.51–1.42 (m, 1H), 1.22 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.00–0.94 (m, 6H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.1, 160.8, 135.7, 127.2, 121.0, 120.2, 117.8, 80.7, 45.7, 42.0, 24.1, 23.7, 21.5, 11.0 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₄H₁₈O₂, m/z = 218 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₁₈O₂; 219.1380 Found 1375.

8.1.3 C-C Bond Activation Reaction

To further extend the synthetic utility of ligand-promoted C–N bond activated C-C bond formation reactions, we have been exploring the coupling reaction of 1-(1-Ethyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethanone with tryptamine led to the formation of C-C bond activated homocoupling product **A-3**. A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (8 mg, 10 mol %), (0.5 mmol), and tryptamine (0.7 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 20 h. The products were isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 40:1–5:1).



NMR Data for 3,3'-(ethane-1,1-diyl)bis(1-ethyl-1H-indole) (**A-3**) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (s, 2H), 4.67 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (q, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 4H), 1.80 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.41 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 6H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.3, 127.4, 124.3, 121.0, 120.3, 119.9, 118.3, 109.1, 40.7, 28.1, 22.1, 15.5 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₂H₂₄N₂, m/z = 316 (M⁺).²⁴⁶

8.1.4 C-C Bond Formation via Alkene Insertion Reaction

To further extend the ligand-promoted C–C bond formation reactions, we have been exploring the coupling reaction of 1,2-dimethylindole with olefin led to the formation of olefin inserted product **A-4** in 60% yield. This protocol would be promising in generating substituted indole derivatives. A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (8 mg, 10 mol %), (0.5 mmol), 1,2-Dimethylindole and styrene (0.5 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 20 h. The products were isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 40:1-5:1).



NMR Data for 1,2-dimethyl-3-(1-phenylethyl)-1H-indole (A-4) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.33–7.28 (m, 3H), 7.22–7.16 (m, 2H), 7.03 (td, *J* = 7.4, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (q, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.84 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.3, 136.7, 132.4, 128.0, 128.0, 127.3, 125.5, 120.2, 119.3, 118.5, 115.4, 108.6, 35.7, 29.4, 20.7, 10.5 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₈H₁₉N, m/z = 249 (M⁺).

8.1.5 Transamidation Reactions

The coupling reaction of 2-hydroxybenzamide with primary amines led to the formation of N-substituted amide product **A-5** in 95% yield via C-N bond activation. A 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) solution of complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (8 mg, 10 mol %), 2-hydroxybenzamide (0.5 mmol), and primary amine (0.6 mmol) was stirred at 130 °C for 20 h. The products were isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 60:1-5:1).



NMR Data for 2-hydroxy-N-isopentylbenzamide (A-5) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.44 (brs, 1H), 7.41–7.32 (m, 2H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (brs, 1H), 3.48–3.42 (m, 2H), 1.67 (septet, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.55–1.47 (m, 2H), 0.94 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.9, 161.4, 134.0, 125.2, 118.6, 118.5, 114.3, 38.2, 38.0, 25.9, 22.4 ppm; GC-MS for C₁₂H₁₇NO₂, m/z = 207 (M⁺).

8.1.6 Synthesis of Quinoline Derivatives with Primary Amines

As an extension for the reaction described in chapter 5, 2-aminophenylethanones with β -amino acids are effective in formation of quinoline products. The reaction was carried out with the in-situ generated complex **2-10** (9 mg, 3 mol %), **2-12** (8 mg, 10 mol %) with 2-aminophenylethanone and branched amines. This protocol selectively generated the substituted quinoline products shown in **Table 5.5**. This catalytic protocol unveils the synthesis of quinoline derivatives via atom economical fashion than the reaction with β -amino acids which are quite rare and expensive.



The reaction of aniline derivatives with allyl amine were tested for the potential synthesis of quinoline derivatives. The reaction of aniline derivatives (0.5 mmol), allyl amine (1.5 mmol) with isolated ruthenium catecholate **2-11** yielded the 1 to 2 coupling products in reasonable yields.



However, the reaction of 3,5-dimethoxy aniline (0.5 mmol) with 2-Methyl-2propen-1-amine (1 mmol) yielded the 1 to 1 coupling product **5-9aq** over 90% yield.



NMR Data for the Quinoline Products.

2-Ethyl-5,7-dimethoxy-3-methylquinoline (**5-9an**): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.11 (s, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.94 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 3H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.7, 160.3, 155.4, 148.5, 130.7, 126.0, 115.3, 99.0, 97.2, 55.6, 55.5, 29.4, 18.9, 13.0 ppm; GC-MS for $C_{14}H_{17}NO_2$, m/z = 231 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for $C_{14}H_{17}NO_2H$ 232.1332; Found 232.1330.

2-ethyl-3-methylnaphtho[**2**,**3-g**]**quinoline** (**5-9ao**): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.06 (s, 1H), 8.78 (s, 1H), 8.39 (s, 1H), 8.13–8.10 (m, 1H), 8.08–8.04 (m, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 7.59–7.55 (m, 2H), 3.06 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (s, 3H), 1.41 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 132.0, 131.9, 131.8, 130.3, 129.9, 129.4, 128.2, 127.9, 127.9, 127.1, 127.0, 126.1, 126.0, 125.9, 124.1, 121.3, 120.6, 29.7, 19.3, 13.1 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₀H₁₇N, m/z = 271 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₀H₁₇NH 272.1434; Found 272.1429.

2,6-diethyl-3-methyl-6H-pyrido[**3,2-b**]**carbazole** (**5-9ap**): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.20 (s, 1H), 8.10 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (dd, *J* = 1.7, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37–7.35 (m, 1H), 7.23 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (td, *J* = 7.4, 0.1 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (q, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (pentet, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 1.44 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 1.12 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.6, 145.6, 144.5, 140.4, 138.3, 136.2, 125.7, 123.4, 123.1, 120.5, 119.9, 118.7, 112.2, 108.6, 108.5, 37.6, 22.1, 13.8, 13.5, 11.4 ppm; GC-MS for C₂₀H₂₀N₂, m/z = 288 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₀H₂₀N₂H 289.1699; Found 289.1687.

5,7-Dimethoxy-3-methyl-quinoline (5-9aq): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.64 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.21–8.16 (m, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.3, 155.4, 152.6, 148.5, 129.5, 127.3, 116.4, 99.5, 98.1, 55.7, 55.4, 18.5 ppm; GC-MS for
$C_{12}H_{13}NO_2$, m/z = 203 (M⁺). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for $C_{12}H_{13}NO_2H$ 204.1019; Found 204.1014.

Also, it has been found that the three-component coupling reaction of 3,5dimethoxy aniline (0.5 mmol), allyl amine (0.5 mmol) and enamine (0.5 mmol) afforded the tri substituted quinoline product **5-9ao**. This catalytic protocol enables to synthesize complex quinoline products.



8.1.7 Detection of Zwitterionic Ruthenium Hydride Complex A-6



In a glove box, complex **2-9** (200 mg, 0.12 mmol) and 5,5-ditertiarybutylcatechol (107 mg, 0.48 mmol) was dissolved in dichloromethane (10 mL) in a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw-cap stopcock and a magnetic stirring bar. The tube was brought out of the box, and HBF₄·OEt₂ (64 μ L, 0.48 mmol) was added via syringe under N₂ stream. The color of the solution was changed from dark red to pale yellow

immediately. After stirring for 24 h at 60 °C, the mixture was filtered through a celite bed. Then, the solvent was removed under vacuum, and the residue was dissolved by adding acetone (10 mL). The solution was recrystallized from acetone/pentanes yielded the product **A-6** as a light greenish prism shaped crystals. A suitable colorless prism shaped crystal with the dimension of $0.553 \times 0.278 \times 0.167 \text{ mm}^3$ was selected and analyzed. The dataset was collected with an Oxford SuperNova diffractometer using Mo(K α) radiation at 100K.

Structure description: The Ru(I) ion has a tripod coordination with η^6 -coordinated adduct of pyrocatechol with BF₂ and carbonyl, phosphine and hydride (not localized) "legs". It exists in an eclipsed conformation. The positions of the carbonyl group and presumed hydride ligand are statistically interchanged in the crystal by 20%. This results in the respective disorder of adjacent t-butyl and cyclohexyl groups (see below).



Molecular Structure of A-6



Crystal Packing of A-6

Evaluation of the activity and selectivity of the complex **A-6** towards deaminative

coupling reactions potentially useful in the future research.

| Table A-3 Crystal data and structure refinement for yi | |
|--|--------------------------|
| Identification code | yi4p |
| Empirical formula | $C_{33}H_{53}BO_3F_2PRu$ |
| Formula weight | 678.60 |
| Temperature/K | 100.00(10) |
| Crystal system | triclinic |
| Space group | P-1 |
| a/Å | 10.6805(2) |
| b/Å | 11.3363(3) |
| c/Å | 15.9739(3) |
| α/° | 97.0035(18) |
| β/° | 99.7171(18) |
| γ/° | 116.984(2) |
| Volume/Å ³ | 1654.85(7) |
| Z | 2 |
| $\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$ | 1.362 |
| µ/mm ⁻¹ | 0.564 |
| | |

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| F(000) | 714.0 |
|---|--|
| Crystal size/mm ³ | $0.553 \times 0.278 \times 0.167$ |
| Radiation | MoKa ($\lambda = 0.71073$) |
| 2Θ range for data collection/° | 6.724 to 59.408 |
| Index ranges | $\begin{array}{l} -14 \leq h \leq 13, -14 \leq k \leq 15, -\\ 22 \leq l \leq 21 \end{array}$ |
| Reflections collected | 37384 |
| Independent reflections | 8536 [$R_{int} = 0.0296$, $R_{sigma} = 0.0272$] |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 8536/0/416 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.049 |
| Final R indexes $[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$ | $R_1 = 0.0332, wR_2 = 0.0724$ |
| Final R indexes [all data] | $R_1 = 0.0383, wR_2 = 0.0755$ |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³ | 1.40/-1.68 |
| | |

8.2 Data for the Computational DFT Study

N-ethyl isopropenyl amine



 $\label{eq:linear} $$11GINC-COMET-10-22\FOpt\RM06L\Gen\C5H11N1\TALIPOVM\28-Aug-2020\0\\Pert{P}$$$

$$\begin{split} & M06L/chkbasis opt(verytight) freq scf(fermi,xqc,maxcyc=200) nosym int (grid=ultrafine) Geom(AllCheck) Guess(read) SCRF(Check)\\Title\\0,1\H, 5.99036121,7.7948961512,3.0055959123\H,8.0426186173,6.601994675,3.5699 734068\C,4.0084380283,9.3556195012,3.2193760815\C,7.4260033456,6.17056 04989,4.3796641651\N,5.5335428156,7.6266031909,3.9001607531\H,7.013065 0633,8.0354350479,5.3865471627\C,4.4949025809,8.5120052839,4.157331946 9\C,6.4514792133,7.1867379379,4.9313152028\H,8.1158291866,5.8164399715 ,5.1633570111\H,6.8951475943,5.2957009627,3.9658108971\C,3.9033345705, 8.4346454385,5.5299142851\H,5.8705288044,6.7313073955,5.7537501621\H,3 .0233487675,9.0903049685,5.6154918306\H,4.6263630387,8.741727831,6.308 4835713\H,3.5891524426,7.4036490314,5.7777329065\H,4.4509638192,9.4177 806555,2.216473412\H,3.1285409019,9.9726114584,3.4251612929\\Version=E S64L-G16RevC.01\HF=-251.6351738\RMSD=8.757e-10\RMSF=2.201e-06\Dipole=0 .6158143,-0.3297556,0.3410726\Quadrupole=10.1837344,-14.1815684,3.9978 34,5.2898997,6.6362494,2.3746248\PG=C01 [X(C5H11N1)]\\@$$

Sigmatropic TS (no catalyst, closed-shell)



 $\label{eq:comparison} 1\label{eq:comparison} 1\label{comparison} 1\label{eq:comparison} 1$

#P M06L/genECP opt(verytight,ts,calcfc,noeigentest) freq scf(fermi,xqc ,maxcyc=200) nosym int(grid=ultrafine)\\Title\\0,1\H,3.1301474274,-0.1 527300349,-0.4114938471\N,0.2231414641,-0.9474375151,-0.5525956473\C,-
$$\begin{split} 1.8426848461, 0.2008148178, -0.588553968 & H, 0.0063646894, 1.7175391892, -0. \\ 97647437 & C, 0.5164291603, 1.3445157761, -0.0859382249 & H, -1.508544195, -1.0 \\ 612967977, 1.0766742618 & H, -1.9649704905, -0.4904631389, -1.4252586797 & C, -2.2075819772, -0.2655254902, 0.7546750354 & H, -2.2040366037, 0.5392931745, 1 \\ .5066149941 & H, -3.2148647824, -0.7363979158, 0.7427109501 & H, 2.4758995275, \\ -1.2934598856, 0.7987646175 & C, 2.3849102707, -0.2692959331, 0.3971497023 & H, 2.672741329, 0.4376177698, 1.1939084608 & C, 0.9916959965, 0.0298459447, -0. \\ 1089666115 & H, -2.0008630286, 1.251695811, -0.8473240813 & H, 0.9881895898, 2. \\ 1071342511, 0.5504551367 & H, 0.7752664689, -1.7373000229, -0.925187729 & Ver \\ sion = ES64L-G16RevC.01 & HF = -251.4998791 & MSD = 6.440e-09 & MSF = 7.118e-07 & Di \\ pole = -0.1196629, -0.1605764, -0.0842516 & Quadrupole = 2.2205326, -0.9825844, \\ -1.2379482, -1.0880221, 0.5139797, 0.3762335 & PG = C01 & [X(C5H11N1)] & (@$$

Pentan-2-imine



1\1\GINC-COMET-05-67\FOpt\RM06L\Gen\C5H11N1\TALIPOVM\28-Aug-2020\0\\#P

 $\label{eq:max_construct} M06L/chkbasis opt(verytight) freq scf(fermi,xqc,maxcyc=200) nosym int (grid=ultrafine) Geom(AllCheck) Guess(read) SCRF(Check)\\Title\\0,1\H, 6.0168274351,8.0133237468,3.0985796929\H,8.7954205499,9.6826132594,7.1 204360421\C,6.8114489014,8.8543065414,5.3215416091\C,8.687327563,8.589 1208099,7.0014450548\N,5.1600354591,8.0321063304,3.6695617255\C,5.4393 012953,8.4372371956,4.8499610206\C,7.2675254683,8.2105237479,6.6282897 848\H,8.9985493378,8.1211373826,7.9512206186\H,9.4080687123,8.27280359 74,6.2258006924\C,4.3353051128,8.5276531291,5.8595318497\H,6.580307677 5,8.5011136051,7.4458510581\H,7.1815233615,7.1091557405,6.5436015881\H,7.5485197448,8.6454573125,4.5221855374\H,6.8104707078,9.9573653726,5. 4519592801\H,4.4591355319,7.7621163993,6.6478251941\H,3.3589991267,8.3 690185633,5.3762801166\H,4.3353240147,9.5069172662,6.3729291351\\Versi on=ES64L-G16RevC.01\HF=-251.649995\RMSD=8.844e-09\RMSF=3.363e-06\Dipol e=0.7669129,0.3055568,0.717208\Quadrupole=3.1148202,-3.3702769,0.25545 67,14.6730337,12.45728,13.8620527\PG=C01 [X(C5H11N1)]\\@$

3-20a (*N*-ethyl isopropenyl amine + catalyst system)



1\1\GINC-COMET-05-08\FOpt\RM06L\Gen\C15H24N1O3P1Ru1\TALIPOVM\27-Aug-20

20\0\\#P M06L/chkbasis opt(verytight) freq scf(fermi,xqc,maxcyc=200) n osym int(grid=ultrafine) Geom(AllCheck) Guess(read) SCRF(Check)\\Title \\0,1\Ru,3.9380945103,7.0207662807,2.5873546804\P,2.6366749729,5.65672 78128,3.9630800673\0,1.4483618032,7.360072282,0.982165757\0,4.71724318 62,5.1982846543,1.9717795515\O,5.4167794282,7.7180992124,1.2630023029\ C,1.1926257362,6.2927104584,4.8810447615\C,3.5794406929,4.7134676448,5 .2109944341\C,1.9173959837,4.3291570139,2.9476191403\C,2.4334670553,7. 2012575692,1.5857682989\C,5.755670365,5.3699931114,1.1466676837\C,6.49 65880713,4.286437727,0.6562729643\C,7.5861581751,4.4942845096,-0.19671 37349\H,8.1591532277,3.6346157492,-0.56544686\C,7.9373928902,5.7904888 687,-0.5760751481\C,7.2010117291,6.8822368986,-0.1026789096\H,7.459615 564,7.9082827095,-0.3933951146\C,6.117899052,6.6929826159,0.7667698921 \H,1.4916457546,7.0091845794,5.6625916938\H,0.6369989858,5.4667074799, 5.3597674557\H,0.5146335252,6.812322988,4.1823081688\H,3.94785468,5.35 94215163,6.0250631615\H.4.4456262147,4.2451681737,4.7130055336\H.2.952 9880664.3.9217685233,5.6596358987\H.1.169318731.4.7470036802,2.2532402 353\H,1.4351386194,3.558121165,3.5737976522\H,2.7281180348,3.880241701 4,2.3501315834\H,6.1859060869,8.1171766438,3.158837961\H,8.0483274016, 6.5595778958,3.6105774787\C,3.9130250916,9.1497296972,3.1030806119\C,7 .3810105732,6.099568713,4.3611207165\N,5.6656052282,7.7800783358,3.980 2462062\H,7.0584353877,7.8843681688,5.5620215083\C,4.4474447569,8.4363 526219,4.1964322133\C,6.4742457716,7.1278353454,4.9984640732\H,8.01612 59061,5.6152887272,5.1208726972\H,6.7919082343,5.3234414206,3.84244645 66\C,3.8853129653,8.4972194596,5.5770564028\H,5.7995514538,6.649021763 ,5.7268594516\H.2.8683534356.8.9174406027,5.5547519402\H.4.506279895,9 731666471,9.564346834,2.3299633704\H,2.9725885714,9.6873574635,3.27181 90263\H.6.2028125308,3.2744111178,0.9625217863\H.8.7884933985,5.959428 9322.-1.2472038354\\Version=ES64L-G16RevC.01\HF=-1301.9868378\RMSD=9.2 88e-09\RMSF=1.728e-06\Dipole=-1.3134139,0.4388931,4.718466\Quadrupole= -35.1294639.0.6352357.34.4942283.-5.9722805.33.6839245.60.8853252\PG=C 01 [X(C15H24N1O3P1Ru1)]\\@





1\1\GINC-COMET-05-15\FTS\RM06L\Gen\C15H24N1O3P1Ru1\TALIPOVM\27-Aug-202

0\0\\#P M06L/chkbasis opt(verytight,ts,calcfc,noeigentest) freq scf(fe rmi,xqc,maxcyc=200) nosym int(grid=ultrafine) Geom(AllCheck) Guess(rea d) SCRF(Check)|\Title\\0,1\Ru,-0.1811469883,0.7218890706,0.0551740935\ P,-1.3807861939,-1.2248622312,0.2909470106\O,-2.6426218982,2.331142391 8,0.6782285787\O,1.5089854252,-0.2821287717,-0.6517551481\O,-0.5728880 45,0.6823491078,-1.9648676867\C,-1.8067511077,-1.6633894763,2.00007831 73\C,-0.4942396287,-2.6628999251,-0.3668049375\C,-2.9576347238,-1.1998 313676,-0.6086865489\C,-1.6761255116,1.7150826031,0.4628931467\C,1.465 8934713,-0.4939900846,-1.9536927034\C,2.4433690007,-1.2218588168,-2.65 36291271\C.2.3076583206.-1.4379340767.-4.0251496055\H.3.0814478983.-1. 9970950718.-4.5648847572\C.1.1895139928.-0.9497979239.-4.7148240634\C. 0.1988799661,-0.2392002277,-4.0370259082\H,-0.6822326174,0.1518576735, -4.5598306681\C,0.3318926424,0.0109692892,-2.6613756748\H,-0.879734597 4,-1.8334969504,2.5738912908\H,-2.4206528019,-2.5810123907,2.022878013 6\H.-2.3704202721,-0.8417553838,2.473652629\H,0.4538256958,-2.79456447 17,0.1798677825\H,-0.253937531,-2.4983941511,-1.431798299\H,-1.1094982 543,-3.5752256302,-0.272211811\H,-3.615926928,-0.4150099655,-0.2004126 984\H,-3.4708480192,-2.1751740075,-0.536793368\H,-2.7614383582,-0.9636 157575,-1.6676023707\H,1.0905838864,-1.125263726,-5.7927248082\H,3.308 7122427,-1.6053944601,-2.0997650092\H,2.6146313663,-1.7492850221,2.902 5280643\H.-0.0065683446.3.6539747583.1.8030169697\H.1.4370229331.1.020 8935374,4.6459457331\C,2.00486109,-1.0966094676,2.2687583522\C,1.05503 75333.3.3497691454.1.7869071456\H.2.0985228561.-1.1737678264.1.1799820 38\C,1.1229287715,0.006588654,4.3352978232\C,1.2045429738,-0.160280250 2,2.8425896738\H,1.3977008739,3.2088010634,2.8253288476\H,1.6177580741 ,4.2102476057,1.3736504233\H,2.2746594765,1.6633832301,1.0256682969\C, 1.2896206336.2.1437061852.0.9415932271 H.0.0872859608.-0.1313995108.4.7019522241\H,1.7647665424,-0.7178172238,4.8608884135\N,0.4124239696,0. 7076043524,2.128687948\H,1.0937475899,2.3695344305,-0.1512060016\H,-0. 1397213659,1.3171610701,2.7291351519\\Version=ES64L-G16RevC.01\HF=-130 1.9100589\RMSD=5.084e-09\RMSF=4.670e-07\Dipole=-1.1110278,-0.5418275,2 .5053295\Quadrupole=-2.7449171,5.3961331,-2.6512161,10.7072466,2.20788 69,2.9487214\PG=C01 [X(C15H24N1O3P1Ru1)]\\@

3-21a: (*N*-ethyl isopropenyl amine + catalyst system)



 $\label{eq:linear} 1\label{eq:linear} 1\label{eq:l$

20\0\\#P M06L/chkbasis opt(verytight) freq scf(fermi,xqc,maxcyc=200) n osym int(grid=ultrafine) Geom(AllCheck) Guess(read) SCRF(Check)\\Title \\0,1\Ru,-0.1395015921,0.6507959787,0.4050411946\P,-1.5676352865,-1.43 94682635,0.4665004488\O,-2.3239275704,2.493601457,1.263912079\O,1.2758 407659,-0.6646786629,-0.624834689\O,-0.6002346991,0.9222728999,-1.5899 147796\C,-3.1507190239,-1.3998551713,1.3757353726\C,-0.6782808097,-2.8 371813778,1.2307486221\C,-2.0335891303,-2.0845217045,-1.175785651\C,-1 .4514423406,1.7829707743,0.9589296544\C,1.2085861362,-0.540536774,-1.9 040245841\C,2.0445630908,-1.2424981161,-2.8101568856\C,1.8789077831,-1 .0746434245,-4.1726617693\H,2.5344482478,-1.612329919,-4.8679362651\C, 0.8759684459,-0.2184557309,-4.6904925265\C,0.0333830597,0.4741520621,-3.8413498901\H,-0.7500309125,1.1392395191,-4.2211083146\C,0.1802529199 ,0.3344129007,-2.4405497435\H,-2.9685727711,-1.1028894889,2.4234018236 \H,-3.6627938638,-2.3789879528,1.3702733139\H,-3.820469161,-0.64528572 38.0.9286880963\H.-0.4416974947.-2.5964601687.2.2815621577\H.0.2783413 382,-2.9903168091,0.7027085639\H,-1.2657221808,-3.7726279222,1.2003308 943\H,-2.6435034429,-1.337317728,-1.711363777\H,-2.6014147374,-3.02982 05349,-1.1044040425\H,-1.1243882323,-2.2638850604,-1.7763374563\H,0.77 1286211,-0.106073964,-5.7756086656\H.2.8163348863,-1.9050964561,-2.403 0414377\H,3.491372039,-1.0309558132,2.6984490718\H,0.4014566887,3.9294 681599,1.082960757\H,1.3844486534,0.7567081953,4.8341755681\C,2.619852 2982.-0.6234574954.2.1749626696\C.1.3039780449.3.309481542.1.239128584 \H.2.6303511361,-0.5959894235,1.0811243104\C,1.5301777149,-0.248099302 ,4.3960917439\C,1.5379235,-0.1897916252,2.8934271799\H,1.2865017764,2. 9705446935,2.2932071323\H,2.1771004992,3.9873381636,1.1397675333\H,2.3 073234527,1.5696803669,0.4283180145\C,1.3711989367,2.1456925079,0.2817 103138\H,0.7047951319,-0.8833376509,4.76850641\H,2.4721600074,-0.65433 89923.4.7956564618\N.0.4142197013.0.3195883392.2.3141757107\H.1.366395 5475,2.4888117666,-0.7722512107\H,-0.2401647637,0.6480619293,3.0268280 058\\Version=ES64L-G16RevC.01\HF=-1301.9450029\S2=0.633175\S2-1=0.\S2A =0.044837\RMSD=5.275e-09\RMSF=4.225e-07\Dipole=-0.6694411,-2.0812759,0 .9569175\Ouadrupole=-2.7015089.-6.1941715.8.8956804.5.0052175.-0.01042 29,-1.6187703\PG=C01 [X(C15H24N1O3P1Ru1)]\\@

TS-3-22a (3-21a→3-22a): (*N*-ethyl isopropenyl amine + catalyst system)



1\1\GINC-COMET-05-51\FTS\RM06L\Gen\C15H24N1O3P1Ru1\TALIPOVM\27-Aug-202

0\0\\#P M06L/chkbasis opt(verytight,ts,calcfc,noeigentest) freq scf(fe rmi,xqc,maxcyc=200) nosym int(grid=ultrafine) Geom(AllCheck) Guess(rea d) SCRF(Check)\\Title\\0,1\Ru,4.5315162419,7.3272562892,3.4478668999\P ,3.1173752823,5.4839478635,3.4618590712\O,2.3610057686,9.1782255764,4. 3781980395\0,5.9229114125,6.0292058131,2.4991844114\0,4.1685361301,7.6 994612951,1.4573403093\C,1.6179180954,5.6010881555,4.4844424248\C,3.97 68623326,4.0049853683,4.0677998542\C,2.5300272979,5.0375917912,1.80455 32256\C,3.2280697283,8.4769940581,4.0402397688\C,5.9084302046,6.143913 4319,1.190362525\C,6.730911704,5.39083721,0.3324342888\C,6.6477170625, 5.5643403286.-1.0485569124\H.7.3079339439.4.9870402655.-1.7071664388\C ,5.7294563348,6.469376644,-1.601278719\C,4.8856772687,7.2079580319,-0. 7736602327\H,4.1551915245,7.9142411704,-1.185810482\C,4.9680723404,7.0 639221758,0.6219493744\H.1.8896579616,5.8208102484,5.5312348242\H.1.04 41625673,4.6578748657,4.4615553567\H.0.9749301414,6.4198519196,4.12072 69922\H,4.3060118412,4.1699492709,5.1070342236\H,4.8757771012,3.841375 891,3.4511803599\H,3.3242546621,3.1150556841,4.0249357286\H,1.93637194 64,5.8643692972,1.3820548099\H,1.9190412374,4.1180891829,1.8343141922\ H,3.3953675515,4.8731534853,1.1387170545\H,5.6730616369,6.5966338497,-2.6888620466\H,7.4427257848,4.6837881919,0.7752732979\H,8.2747704528,7 .1668254144,5.4634710869\H,5.4902894342,9.5159666095,5.6132791133\H,5. 5380041621,7.5324784009,7.9145836222\C,7.2759866375,6.9424829795,5.065 9769497\C,6.2334196156,9.8309902934,4.8522341149\H,7.2096041633,6.4819 397285,4.0811896062\C,6.3739565628,7.0034094694,7.4228991614\C,6.18858 57997,6.9066516849,5.937884225\H,7.1842233892,10.0002211064,5.38779580 16\H,5.877061199,10.8114550869,4.4741856261\H,7.3883872547,8.688581470 8.3.3430864538\C.6.3807494717.8.8283165927.3.755590026\H.6.4503020604. 6.0019835102,7.8862369988\H,7.3079603573,7.5360323595,7.6678025285\N,4 .9590673369.6.879382434.5.4277717175\H.5.7081607346.9.0066659067.2.878 9639581\H.4.2219062635,6.9162495969,6.1332368088\\Version=ES64L-G16Rev C.01\HF=-1301.9087146\RMSD=9.355e-09\RMSF=1.064e-06\Dipole=-1.0414478, -1.4535617,2.4592903\Quadrupole=-8.3772572,-29.8524105,38.2296677,-16. 347474,19.2549374,21.55849\PG=C01 [X(C15H24N1O3P1Ru1)]\\@

3-22a: (*N*-ethyl isopropenyl amine + catalyst system)



1\1\GINC-COMET-05-66\FOpt\RM06L\Gen\C15H24N1O3P1Ru1\TALIPOVM\27-Aug-20

20\0\\#P M06L/chkbasis opt(verytight) freq scf(fermi,xqc,maxcyc=200) n osym int(grid=ultrafine) Geom(AllCheck) Guess(read) SCRF(Check)\\Title \\0,1\Ru,-0.3251680693,0.3307436991,0.2287240365\P,-1.8619624413,-1.29 11178729,0.163903045\0,-2.484194489,2.3316407254,0.8732127807\0,1.3009 818274,-0.806912866,-0.3263722839\O,-0.4465009116,0.5093077021,-1.8293 767067\C,-2.5337861446,-1.8786695729,1.7550313236\C,-1.2161754471,-2.7 890100274,-0.6362713884\C,-3.3378145436,-0.8644679162,-0.8072960056\C, -1.6410430435,1.5575147113,0.6349373049\C,1.3908704216,-0.961062808,-1 .6431128\C,2.3407139184,-1.7889685555,-2.2588955209\C,2.3660026871,-1. 9211149081,-3.6503049541\H,3.1187971512,-2.5642319847,-4.1224240582\C, 1.4326131666,-1.2392260847,-4.4375360411\C,0.4696326985,-0.4204100977, -3.8413763297\H,-0.2682811684,0.1214541346,-4.4458545807\C,0.442041415 1,-0.2597504244,-2.4468923828\H,-1.7300768063,-2.3192314039,2.36916976 96\H,-3.3113017804,-2.6477684257,1.5985470406\H,-2.981237536,-1.036459 2566,2.3109442432\H,-0.3692947206,-3.1916158138,-0.0572325525\H,-0.838 7595685,-2.5342435554,-1.6426106472\H,-2.002477222,-3.5591088052,-0.72 9898551\H,-3.8791277986,-0.0317198147,-0.3278982797\H,-4.0178230413,-1 .7290523632,-0.907454839\H.-3.0153233166,-0.5292787077,-1.8070861718\H ,1.4522685356,-1.3458506937,-5.5291626858\H,3.0609689281,-2.3214806641 ,-1.6248763738\H,3.3334143313,1.3227606458,2.5631437555\H,0.484966908, 2.980260622,2.3378947693\H,0.9381181483,-0.4126699319,4.6928419392\C,2 .5066776913,1.0155428848,1.8962328547\C,1.4126917382,3.3229972595,1.84 3772066\H.2.9146215895.0.2304347439.1.2325461442\C.1.758915865.0.09416 29205,4.1593626041\C,1.4309168457,0.386906033,2.7354402783\H,2.0868211 999,3.7120657168,2.6294579563\H,1.1376420807,4.1708476107,1.1937985221 \H.2.9638107488,2.5927908569,0.5229278028\C,2.0719710706,2.2113075488, 1.0525150068\H,2.6633963354,-0.5378882598,4.2234225903\H,2.0026335639, 1.0307888195.4.6947554442\N,0.2713014141,0.1226843634,2.2340391739\H,1 .4014844272,1.8836670307,0.2239930159\H,-0.3749866585,-0.2743172141,2. 9215996852\\Version=ES64L-G16RevC.01\HF=-1302.0121025\RMSD=9.027e-09\R MSF=8.931e-07\Dipole=-0.6282483,-1.0526919,3.7810144\Quadrupole=2.3806 783.-3.3783337.0.9976554.13.5268424.9.1382723.-2.354226\PG=C01 [X(C15H 24N1O3P1Ru1)]\\@

3-20b: (*N*-benzyl-1-phenylethen-1-amine + catalyst system, X=Y=H)



 $\label{eq:linear} 1\1\GINC-COMET-07-02\FOpt\RM06L\Gen\C25H28N1O3P1Ru1\TALIPOVM\29-Aug-20$

20\0\\#P M06L/chkbasis opt(verytight) freq scf(fermi,xqc,maxcyc=200) n osym int(grid=ultrafine) Geom(AllCheck) Guess(read) SCRF(Check)\\Title \\0.1\Ru.4.1232894679,7.1121277536,2.6907596468\P.2.8942740433,5.60896 30063,4.0482719483\0,1.6419589587,7.2241759541,1.0431680349\0,5.024433 5758,5.3937077455,1.9713026133\O,5.5458671231,7.9599892906,1.390271197 6\C,1.1040145119,5.8654811993,4.3296558592\C,3.5005533574,5.2059360714 ,5.7258535025\C,2.8914004863,3.9748131812,3.2440501175\C,2.6226567591, 7.1616112391,1.6704240049\C,5.9975218651,5.6578466352,1.0994973262\C,6 .7451535895,4.6438458072,0.4871030193\C,7.7713725537,4.9625475658,-0.4 075779354\H,8.3574195465,4.1585195664,-0.8703286625\C,8.0458871443,6.2 974114899,-0.7124736235\C,7.2913946397,7.3204320141,-0.1270591831\H,7. 4861608277,8.3746799728,-0.3613738565\C,6.2721005286,7.0165928454,0.78 50080684\H.0.9120294046.6.6896674526.5.0333011726\H.0.657240208.4.9469 261339,4.7494385672\H,0.5994794058,6.0949892784,3.376110766\H,3.492474 5221,6.0884314986,6.3875198465\H,4.5306247267,4.8176902508,5.661593170 5\H.2.8660981788,4.4230904995,6.17905894\H.2.4348225873,4.0545379483,2 .2435206987\H.2.3227338975.3.2472384976.3.8495911692\H.3.926953177.3.6 327184079,3.0996049632\H,6.2878773219,8.3729341093,3.3264318125\C,3.97 73360298,9.2281564097,3.1981992793\N,5.7786303357,7.9867520217,4.13108 02983\C,4.5174908831,8.5703411139,4.3310644312\C,6.5904067031,7.213638 5963,5.0642403482\H,4.6504909308,9.6607721626,2.4468547048\H,3.0247591 664,9.7523722063,3.3293766852\H,6.5211546466,3.6010976225,0.7450564193 \H,8.8469734651,6.5497000847,-1.4184707446\C,7.4887413601,6.2517678417 ,4.3313512643\C,7.4718551768,4.8862741342,4.6305860581\H,6.791908881,4 .5074861509,5.4046812245\C.8.3170259904,3.9996622366,3.9625246205\H.8. 2866771842,2.9313242087,4.2059644194\C,9.1903950799,4.4713999457,2.983 8960404\H.9.8437106105.3.7749358343.2.4458026653\C.9.2189936931.5.8317 162216,2.6791488044\H,9.8893514087,6.2087976769,1.8992156558\C,8.37505 8695,6.713645745,3.3490178661\H,8.4130202981,7.7815631123,3.0941974906 \H,5.917272691,6.6724924157,5.7489826823\H,7.203234012,7.8950044071,5. 6907429283\C,3.8678498797,8.635020536,5.6564179987\C,4.5967169263,8.74 02551384,6.8517444849\H,5.6890648604,8.7721623568,6.8334968339\C,3.942 2543398,8.8466545472,8.0797290106\H,4.5344526856,8.9281199295,8.998114 5332\C,2.5505348579,8.8593934127,8.1415027824\H,2.0394911616,8.9357658

87,9.1074566569\C,1.8135934271,8.7932709982,6.9555585596\H,0.718122528 3,8.8218238483,6.9851785638\C,2.4649541588,8.6900696502,5.7327445276\H ,1.8794755246,8.6372781325,4.8076597228\\Version=ES64L-G16RevC.01\HF=-1685.129787\RMSD=9.147e-09\RMSF=1.940e-06\Dipole=-1.2989432,0.0209542, 4.389873\Quadrupole=-30.5545374,-6.9139902,37.4685276,-12.2633375,26.6 875364,56.5316007\PG=C01 [X(C25H28N1O3P1Ru1)]\\@

TS-3-20b (3-20b \rightarrow TS-3-20b): (*N*-benzyl-1-phenylethen-1-amine + catalyst system, X=Y=H)



 $\label{eq:linear} 1\label{eq:linear} 1\label{eq:l$

0\0\\#P M06L/chkbasis opt(verytight,ts,calcfc,noeigentest) freq scf(fe rmi,xqc,maxcyc=200) nosym int(grid=ultrafine) Geom(AllCheck) Guess(rea d) SCRF(Check)|\Title\\0,1\Ru,-0.3241194607,0.7454282876,0.0899513455\ P,-1.556825557,-1.1398127391,0.3371250123\O,-2.6606142381,2.3493652715 ,1.085696313\O,1.2709200019,-0.2362926205,-0.8406107566\O,-0.893501732 5,0.8583497571,-1.9022737297\C,-3.2295493881,-1.0373834778,-0.36469903 87\C.-1.8014127902.-1.6650017455,2.0596051249\C.-0.8033989934.-2.56709 79116,-0.4934343878\C,-1.7380365393,1.7339877638,0.7209590967\C,1.1119 727219,-0.3512049579,-2.144025007\C,2.011710329,-1.0416320884,-2.97516 84591\C,1.7589646478,-1.1523229162,-4.3414290472\H,2.4712063553,-1.683 3693096,-4.9842775117\C,0.5985098098,-0.5926827669,-4.8973056642\C,-0. 3160750102,0.0820733592,-4.0913441804\H,-1.2270381732,0.5263726266,-4. 5100405763\C.-0.0684215314.0.2272685155.-2.7139206576\H.-3.8102633646. -0.2541393854,0.1505357677\H,-3.760990115,-2.0010802619,-0.2709930112\ H,-3.1545928777,-0.7604721023,-1.4293401757\H,-2.3197014363,-0.8708001 12,2.6234075469\H,-0.8217770147,-1.8466357106,2.53455633\H,-2.40337159 13,-2.5897989543,2.1075118295\H,-0.6746005353,-2.3471249656,-1.5676796 948\H,-1.4392927552,-3.4632537177,-0.3825327789\H,0.1930149629,-2.7642 839746,-0.0657933168\H,0.4081470056,-0.6859256706,-5.973238704\H,2.910 5318944,-1.4796937458,-2.5247509781\H,2.7354912635,-1.8585831569,2.481 7451186\C,2.0986083049,-1.1432526909,1.9513674044\H,2.0261300614,-1.19 87967511,0.8596279827\C,1.4256819343,-0.181574605,2.646826463\C,1.4280 930731,2.2183044381,0.8671566003\N,0.5800878366,0.7153260288,2.0379131 525\H,0.1769311596,1.3711533609,2.7054993544\C,1.5942211471,-0.0300149 465,4.1182698881\C,0.5185724522,0.3509668812,4.9378414214\H,-0.4754998 656,0.5080903511,4.4992120528\C,0.6826571709,0.506273566,6.3132710532\ H.-0.1738429488.0.7970337219.6.9323644625\C.1.9282364139.0.2844093349.

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3-21b: (*N*-benzyl-1-phenylethen-1-amine + catalyst system, X=Y=H)



 $\label{eq:linear} 1\label{linear} 1\label{li$

20\0\\#P M06L/chkbasis opt(verytight) freq scf(fermi,xqc,maxcyc=200) n osym int(grid=ultrafine) Geom(AllCheck) Guess(read) SCRF(Check)\\Title \\0,1\Ru,0.0327885503,0.7070197456,0.2388003636\P,-1.4786725399,-1.250 9215469.0.4531519963\O.-2.0604166255.2.6966053625.0.9931328329\O.1.358 5405163,-0.7331636703,-0.7392706449\O,-0.4075273146,0.9308890531,-1.76 45484587\C,-3.0110304068,-1.0412439622,1.4196003123\C,-0.6451333452,-2 .6573814083,1.2581780341\C,-2.0508947018,-1.9377959293,-1.1355966556\C ,-1.2194469307,1.9345048212,0.7347919962\C,1.2874900957,-0.6695172243, -2.0228993616\C.2.0681381072.-1.4666328914.-2.8986666677\C.1.9008861436 ,-1.3507497832,-4.2660630118\H,2.5128925902,-1.9619524409,-4.939775728 3\C,0.9517810928,-0.4542850123,-4.8175660651\C,0.1648422865,0.33212371 14,-3.9978438349\H,-0.5752366321,1.0304640689,-4.4036162954\C,0.315883 4516,0.2468000878,-2.5933164793\H,-2.7631960275,-0.6925304776,2.437425 5205\H,-3.5859598476,-1.9814163605,1.4974776516\H,-3.6472971757,-0.271 6046693,0.9501695854\H,-0.3679544119,-2.3868270486,2.2915815447\H,0.28 6765021,-2.8865078539,0.7139171843\H,-1.2857108368,-3.5572192608,1.282 605045\H.-2.6274475859.-1.1757612203.-1.6867015783\H.-2.680358399.-2.8 344752348,-0.9927079049\H,-1.1812296189,-2.2133747228,-1.7577230112\H,

0.8451717307,-0.3862066948,-5.906086871\H,2.7988664057,-2.1586911401,-2.4659406695\H,3.4168144548,-1.3190546494,2.6296820819\C,2.6248034924, -0.793131934,2.0862657816\C,1.6642494945,3.2239516929,1.056808841\H,2. 6251375926,-0.8279210974,0.9921756996\C,1.6279413802,-0.1510484139,2.7 791823022\H,2.5547730577,1.4945286447,0.1405074515\C,1.6593467123,2.13 84162718,0.0603724983\N,0.5771162573,0.4643549714,2.1701320661\H,1.572 368376,2.513201099,-0.9756957872\H,0.0396653546,1.0091985289,2.8466023 889\C,1.6616747468,-0.0951825746,4.2651616889\C,0.4808897099,-0.206587 9094,5.0162479534\H,-0.4772471735,-0.3656903255,4.5043836092\C,0.50982 62657,-0.1505466742,6.4085734297\H,-0.4225319117,-0.2501810116,6.97599 91178\C,1.7213478364,0.024792406,7.0771895789\H,1.7450692318,0.0738666 267,8.1717215288\C,2.9028330135,0.1402728346,6.3427812941\H,3.85816006 59.0.2885215104.6.8592290881\C,2.8734055979.0.0792800436.4.9514731077\ H,3.8027760859,0.1926561766,4.3802270048\C,2.3787785055,3.1058842862,2 .2651760028\C,0.9150605712,4.4014660198,0.8646713997\C,0.8703372792,5. 4005709346,1.8328486896\C,2.3311655707,4.101670667,3.2395606125\C,1.57 40361118,5.2559516048,3.0319958911\H,2.9914032251,2.2100512378,2.43197 34202\H,0.3467134142,4.5218451006,-0.0676152026\H,0.2775116883,6.30558 57028,1.6514316018\H,1.5363031879,6.0411114769,3.796153907\H,2.8977972 132,3.976228455,4.1711041331\\Version=ES64L-G16RevC.01\HF=-1685.105171 1\S2=0.647919\S2-1=0.\S2A=0.053605\RMSD=9.476e-09\RMSF=1.112e-06\Dipol e=-1.044887,-2.5111266,0.6974784\Quadrupole=-0.8911454,-12.5040508,13. 3951963,0.9905467,0.6800306,-1.3656514\PG=C01 [X(C25H28N1O3P1Ru1)]\\@

TS-3-21b (3-21b \rightarrow TS-3-21b): (N-benzyl-1-phenylethen-1-amine + catalyst system, X=Y=H)



 $\label{eq:linear} 1\label{eq:linear} 1\label{eq:l$

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1\1\GINC-COMET-02-58\FTS\RM06L\Gen\C26H27F3N1O3P1Ru1\TALIPOVM\31-Aug-2

020\0\\#P M06L/chkbasis opt(verytight,ts,calcfc,noeigentest) freq scf(fermi,xqc,maxcyc=200) nosym int(grid=ultrafine) Geom(AllCheck) Guess(r ead) SCRF(Check)|\Title\\0,1\Ru,-0.2212807326,0.7545974343,0.050603208 9\P,-1.3581869801,-1.194122108,0.254459318\O,-2.6484209407,2.223470413 ,1.0389648474\0,1.4343910605,-0.1273400528,-0.8707216643\0,-0.77156489 58,0.8641872389,-1.9463563265\C,-3.0373336105,-1.1564379483,-0.4374841 767\C.-1.5671828638,-1.7742906175,1.9640869747\C.-0.5388848624,-2.5606 186943,-0.6149967682\C,-1.691992007,1.6605797073,0.6770898325\C,1.2998 589245,-0.2304609372,-2.1779440331\C.2.2473018501,-0.8579152507,-3.005 9003462\C,2.0188811868,-0.9613247864,-4.3767415269\H,2.7673588341,-1.4 42888015,-5.0172959435\C,0.8366735031,-0.4572988577,-4.9406495664\C,-0 .1241546552,0.1541329764,-4.1384107389\H,-1.0524763801,0.5539124277,-4 .5635772516\C,0.097129224,0.2915105643,-2.7556189926\H,-3.655864435,-0 .423539101,0.1069304273\H,-3.5162222429,-2.1497242333,-0.3754489273\H, -2.9827131545,-0.8392184641,-1.49208343\H,-2.1205932258,-1.0210784538, 2.5503443222\H,-0.5771464254,-1.9201762682,2.4296625937\H,-2.123221977 6,-2.728224683,1.9913250222\H,-0.4210487368,-2.3056757141,-1.682777041 2\H.-1.1322931193,-3.48814072,-0.5295367652\H.0.4660982546,-2.72352048 74.-0.1930748058\H,0.6662123109,-0.5443876994,-6.0203715133\H,3.162785 6622,-1.2528056875,-2.5492235606\H,2.9612981847,-1.7059560848,2.438561 5868\C,2.2896220637,-1.0205053674,1.9120566282\H,2.2226654849,-1.07241 59959,0.8197475064\C,1.5586938866,-0.1048045443,2.6107499635\C,1.45629 01633,2.3094746147,0.8696872384\N,0.6697522995,0.7520954387,2.00606916 93\H.0.225255916.1.3771222437.2.676532398\C.1.7098378364.0.0345263162, 4.0846490174\C,0.6136018141,0.3630457217,4.9020420672\H,-0.3834639158, 0.4869704615,4.4617313035\C,0.7601111534,0.5065418074,6.2763785837\H,-0.1079283676,0.7545923825,6.8977254166\C,2.0122244665,0.3243429338,6.8 702410358\C.2.141275887,0.504428153,8.3518685682\C.3.1107439239,-0.007 1512518,6.0761211338\H.4.0950551308,-0.1453426848,6.5341306897\C,2.957 4126389,-0.148638673,4.7000067206\H,3.8315175055,-0.3828788733,4.08231 8411\C,1.2102673887,3.4336155674,1.7501048317\H,1.0976587517,2.4719397 231,-0.1752771582\H,2.4393699204,1.8238159004,0.8833691086\C,1.9604209 088,3.5937925484,2.9345633794\C,1.7106190158,4.6579083734,3.792669747\ C,0.7072425289,5.5838195826,3.4891094583\C,-0.043125011,5.4398444474,2 .3193477727\C,0.2022986784,4.3745099365,1.4595130385\H,-0.3902764618,4 .2596745809,0.5430684624\H,2.7450408384,2.8642376768,3.1733445805\H,2. 301525927.4.7693620095.4.7088200971\H.-0.8281670216.6.164698923.2.0772 669831\H.0.5100619063.6.4209105078.4.1682025195\F.1.8722878636.1.77052 62285,8.7219606737\F,3.3693218666,0.2137917196,8.8002281025\F,1.275207 2628.-0.2759863054.9.0227577969\\Version=ES64L-G16RevC.01\HF=-2021.824 2565\RMSD=7.647e-09\RMSF=8.371e-07\Dipole=-0.747459,-0.6355906,1.29116 11\Ouadrupole=7.110139,14.7574956,-21.8676346,6.3263972,-0.0609642,5.1 967673\PG=C01 [X(C26H27F3N1O3P1Ru1)]\\@

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1\1\GINC-COMET-04-58\FOpt\RM06L\Gen\C26H30N1O4P1Ru1\TALIPOVM\30-Aug-20

20\0\\#P M06L/chkbasis opt(verytight) freq scf(fermi,xqc,maxcyc=200) n osym int(grid=ultrafine) Geom(AllCheck) Guess(read) SCRF(Check)\\Title \\0,1\Ru,4.1063819437,7.0931468476,2.6568761629\P,2.872343419,5.596987 2711,4.0060111426\0,1.6460425013,7.1765693718,0.978759062\0,5.04097220 41,5.3767272706,1.9687351158\Q,5.5417170737,7.9466166717,1.3735119781\ C,1.08495146,5.8594778437,4.3023392378\C,3.4916103104,5.1848819287,5.6 763645579\C,2.8543762767,3.9674135195,3.1925219\C,2.6208214714,7.12728 40595,1.6178423727\C,6.0157450269,5.6456934059,1.100421986\C,6.7788611 29,4.6356844517,0.5004308072\C,7.809573818,4.9583419775,-0.3878619878\ H,8.4065868782,4.1568816141,-0.841055835\C,8.074564871,6.2937837523,-0 .6982372596\C,7.3057032654,7.3128958566,-0.1244807934\H,7.4930662385,8 .3676852589,-0.3627188821\C,6.2806341692,7.0054076091,0.7798860351\H,0 .9024912899,6.6773921144,5.0158076747\H,0.6353131862,4.9389014337,4.71 48182106\H.0.5763499924.6.1019922768,3.3540459668\H.3.4870677852,6.065 4437812,6.3409895752\H,4.52276135,4.8010805058,5.6001213326\H,2.863961 0647,4.3978160772,6.1318651096\H,2.3785518426,4.0547310727,2.201485387 3\H,2.2976699003,3.2340755651,3.8022396636\H,3.8879713496,3.6291751016 ,3.0260651251\H,6.2521818613,8.3660057937,3.3064447537\C,3.94095089,9. 2102489383,3.167195142\N,5.7446182169,7.9896556685,4.1170906495\C,4.48 25898667,8.569866618,4.308956591\C,6.5570917007,7.2310741269,5.0605312 731\H,4.6138634882,9.641749355,2.4149176855\H,2.9861986601,9.731953271 4,3.291970607\H,6.5628608705,3.592379566,0.7631308922\H,8.879016672,6. 5495636968,-1.3991998518\C,7.4725457893,6.2720717313,4.3454796376\C,7.

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Radical Fragment 1



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21\FOpt\UM06L\GenECP\C13H19N1O3P1Ru1(2)\TALIPOVM\28-Aug-2020\0\\#P M06L/genECP opt(verytight) freq scrf(pcm,solvent=1,4-di oxane) scf(fermi,xqc,maxcyc=200) nosym int(grid=ultrafine)\\Title\\0,2 \Ru,-1.4637864544,0.2746258517,-0.6217650294\P,-1.8433250825,-1.587047 3665,0.5972869716\O.-4.4123769928,0.5494222321,-1.143064634\O.-1.17284 70801,-0.9435958734,-2.2742769803\O,0.6044989752,0.1760151649,-0.71069 35341\C,-2.4065193377,-1.2725471342,2.2921398169\C,-0.3429857652,-2.59 74021292,0.7589939907\C,-3.0690125039,-2.7164101063,-0.1222750006\C,-3 .2735396996,0.473427621,-0.9047883716\C,0.0816649026,-1.2854794821,-2. 4620117529\C,0.4940650673,-2.2116499514,-3.4392026345\C,1.8463055343,-2.5020670983,-3.5860412742\H,2.1683402332,-3.2191367162,-4.3502751722\ C,2.8038656048,-1.8816040689,-2.7641345845\C,2.4187285356,-0.968088205 5,-1.7871842178\H,3.1548325059,-0.4775728454,-1.139852036\C,1.05683020 03.-0.6601827481.-1.6157082165\H.-1.6675755989.-0.6364534466.2.8105203 026\H,-2.5293645604,-2.2188389349,2.8482464036\H,-3.3705033576,-0.7377 309465,2.2704353211\H,0.4415441039,-2.0390700793,1.2947242075\H,0.0462 05899,-2.8551137917,-0.2418565034\H.-0.5630417004,-3.5306166535,1.3072 361598\H,-4.0535620535,-2.2230841254,-0.1772347303\H,-3.1600523372,-3. 6372026684,0.4808059452\H,-2.7593088104,-2.9778782824,-1.1477328052\H, -2.269860031,2.2915645649,0.87984772\C,0.4151102466,1.0716474839,2.230 9787987\N,-1.4726579156,1.6539206437,0.8614368943\C,-0.6244688736,1.89 73429207,1.901627642\C,-0.9096270349,3.1363010046,2.7041727508\H,-0.83 30870909,4.0426778351,2.0760861429\H,-0.2093614639,3.2505732757,3.5461 918498\H,-1.9354956125,3.1196263697,3.1173389652\H,1.0849723003,1.3284 814836,3.0580790918\H,0.6415269992,0.1824662055,1.6340532544\H,-0.2655 31016,-2.6804919821,-4.0756395174\H,3.8660992648,-2.1211380208,-2.8931 552341\\Version=ES64L-G16RevC.01\HF=-1222.8286686\\S2=0.765559\\S2-1=0.\ S2A=0.750165\RMSD=6.618e-09\RMSF=4.077e-06\Dipole=-0.9723417,-0.863777 1,2.3565395\Quadrupole=-3.7492347,8.5066154,-4.7573807,3.4594508,-6.86 22332,-0.7893385\PG=C01 [X(C13H19N1O3P1Ru1)]\\@

Radical Fragment 2



 $\label{eq:comparameter} 1\label{eq:comparameter} 1\label{eq:comparame$

 $\label{eq:solution} $$ M06L/genECP opt(verytight) freq scrf(pcm,solvent=1,4-dioxane) scf(fermi,xqc,maxcyc=200) nosym int(grid=ultrafine) \\Title \\0,2 \H,4.384849 2594,3.8343261595,0.8157036869 \C,3.7706381063,3.951082724,-0.095684622 8 \H,2.9346352855,1.8750913026,0.1205883044 \C,2.7347077184,2.9028030593 ,-0.208430679 \H,4.4865681863,3.9399750169,-0.9476103742 \H,3.336052011, 4.967151918,-0.0802332209 \H,1.8358394331,3.0618398198,-0.8176730943 \\Version=ES64L-G16RevC.01 \HF=-79.0699757 \S2=0.756411 \S2-1=0. \S2A=0.75002 4 \RMSD=5.472e-09 \RMSF=1.068e-06 \Dipole=0.110727,0.0587785,-0.0553348 \Quadrupole=0.6681616,0.288862,-0.9570236,0.9468041,0.0785304,-0.608149 \PG=C01 [X(C2H5)] \\@$

Radical Fragment 3



 $\label{eq:linear} 1\1\GINC-COMET-10-36\FOpt\UM06L\GenECP\C3H6N1(2)\TALIPOVM\28-Aug-2020\$

 $\label{eq:solution} 0 \ P M06L/genECP opt(verytight) freq scrf(pcm, solvent=1,4-dioxane) sc f(fermi, xqc, maxcyc=200) nosym int(grid=ultrafine) \ Title \ 0,2 \ A,3.1232 \ 069079, -0.6309771825, -0.3208757943 \ N,0.3981145481, -0.799842443, -0.9600 \ 887402 \ A,-0.4125927492, 1.6038239896, -0.5695186595 \ C,0.5419854266, 1.361 \ 8663227, -0.0872180185 \ A,2.2531546759, -1.0993415643, 1.1519685083 \ C,2.38 \ 9189292, -0.2784727586, 0.4253170684 \ A,2.8370775699, 0.5734058517, 0.96220 \ 8767 \ C,1.0786641522, 0.0654047492, -0.2379483923 \ A,1.0499024723, 2.136918 \ 3586, 0.4982917064 \ A,0.9059277042, -1.6963353233, -0.9827764453 \ Version= ES64L-G16RevC.01 \ HF=-172.4482853 \ S2=0.775006 \ S2-1=0.\ S2A=0.7502 \ RMSD=3 \ .041e-09 \ RMSF=4.116e-06 \ Dipole=0.8032785, 0.0949672, 0.5203757 \ Quadrupol \ e=1.2380319, 1.3481094, -2.5861413, -1.3188939, -0.0712861, 0.1592876 \ PG=C0 \ 1 \ [X(C3H6N1)] \ @$