## Efficient Synthesis of Novel Chloroquinoline Derivatives Using Mixed Lithium-Magnesium Reagents

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**Abstract:** We have prepared a library of functionalized quinolines through the magnesiation of 7-chloroquinolines under mild conditions employing both batch and continuous flow conditions. The preparation involved the generation of mixed lithium-magnesium intermediate which were reacted with different electrophiles. Mixed lithium-zinc reagents allowed the synthesis of halogenated and arylated derivatives. Some of the synthesized 4-carbinol quinolines prepared have shown interesting antiproliferative properties; their hydroxyl group being a suitable amino group bioisostere. We also report a two-step approach for optically active derivatives.

### Introduction

The benzo-fused *N*-heterocycle quinoline is a privileged scaffold in medicinal chemistry being a constituent of several therapeutics displaying activity against different human cancer cell lines as well as other disease conditions.<sup>6</sup> In this context, 4-anilinoquinolines (e.g., bosutinib (1)) show high inhibitory activity for the epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR), a highly expressed receptor in solid tumors.<sup>7–9</sup> Additionally, the analogous 4-phenoxyquinoline derivatives, including some important anticancer

pharmaceutical compounds such as foretinib (**X**), cabozantinib (**2**), and lenvatinib (**3**) (Figure 1), have been reported as antiproliferative compounds.<sup>10–13</sup> Interestingly, Charris and co-workers reported that quinolin-4-ylsulfonyl acrylate derivatives (**4**) based on the parent chloroquine structure are bioactive substances against malaria and cancer.<sup>14</sup> Moreover, the historical antimalarial alkaloid, quinine (**5**), and the synthetic therapeutic agent for chloroquine-resistant malaria, mefloquine (**6**), are further examples of bioactive carbinol derivatives.<sup>15,16</sup> Recently, Souza and co-workers reported molecular modifications at the C-4 position on the quinoline core to synthesize bioactive mefloquine-based analogues against *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*.<sup>17</sup>



**Figure 1.** Some examples of bioactive quinolines bearing functional groups at the C-4 position

Substituted quinolines can be synthesized by using classic cyclization reactions such as Doebner-von Miller, Combes, Conrad-Limpach-Knorr, Friedlander synthesis, and others.<sup>18–23</sup> Whereas aryl(quinolin-4-yl)methanols can be prepared through the reaction of quinoline-4-carboxaldehydes with aromatic organometallic reagents,<sup>24–28</sup> quinolines bearing different functional groups at the C-4 position are more commonly accessed from halogenated substrates by exploiting the reactivity of the corresponding lithium,<sup>29–31</sup> magnesium,<sup>32</sup> and zinc<sup>33</sup> organometallic intermediates. For example, Mongin and co-

workers have explored a Br/Mg exchange reaction promoted by a tributylmagnesium ate complex to prepare 4-substituted quinolines.<sup>34,35</sup>

Over the last few years, numerous functionalized heterocycles have been prepared by using Turbo-Grignard reagents, a class of mixed magnesium-lithium organometallic reagents, which enhance the rate of bromo and iodo-magnesium exchange.<sup>36,37</sup> Knochel and co-workers employed this type of reagents in the regioselective functionalization of 2,4-dibromoquinoline derivatives because *i*-PrMgCl•LiCl preferably reacts with a halogen located at the C-4 position.<sup>38</sup> Furthermore, Linington and co-workers have synthesized a collection of (quinoline-4yl)carbinols via bromo-magnesium exchange reactions but this required using an excess of *i*-PrMgCl•LiCl, at elevated temperature (X-Y °C) and extended reaction times between the organomagnesium intermediate and the electrophile.<sup>39</sup>

Chloro-substituted quinolines are important intermediates in medicinal chemistry. <sup>40</sup> For instance, 4,7-dichloroquinoline is a valuable precursor to the antimalarial chloroquine.<sup>41,42</sup> Given our interest in developing selective strategies to functionalize aromatic and heteroaromatic substrates,<sup>43–46</sup> we recently sort to prepared some novel di- and tri-functionalized quinolines by using regioselective metalation strategies.<sup>47</sup> Herein, we report the preparation of a library of functional quinolines through the fast and efficient magnesiation of halogenated substrates under mild conditions. We have shown that iodo-magnesium exchange of 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (7) with *i*-PrMgCl•LiCl is highly efficient and selective yielding exclusively organomagnesium species 8. Subsequent quenching of 8 with different electrophiles yields the corresponding 4-functionalized quinoline derivatives of types 9 or 10, whilst transmetalation of 8 with zinc chloride enables access to Negishi arylated derivatives of type 12 (Scheme 1). To aid synthesis we have demonstrated that magnesiations at C4 or C8 positions of 7-chloroquinolines can be efficiently conducted under continuous flow conditions giving easy access to scalable quantities of material.

# Scheme 1. General strategy toward 4-subtituted 7-chloroquinolines via organomagnesium reagent 8.



<sup>a</sup>LG: leaving group

#### **Results and Discussion**

We initiated this work by first performing a methodological study to identify the best reaction condition to promote efficient iodo-magnesium exchange from 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (7) with *i*-PrMgCl•LiCl. Interestingly, GC-MS analysis of reaction aliquots quenched with water showed that full conversion of the starting material into the organomagnesium reagent occurred within 10 min by using 1.1 equiv. of the Turbo Grignard reagent in THF at room temperature. In contrast, quenching of the reaction with benzaldehyde (1.1 equiv.) afforded a 4:1 mixture of the expected alcohol **9a** (64% yield) and corresponding ketone **10a** (16% yield), respectively. Formation of ketone **10a** could be rationalized by a magnesium variant of the Oppenauer oxidation reaction (Scheme 2).<sup>48–50</sup>

### Scheme 2. Iodo-magnesium exchange reaction using 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (7) and benzaldehyde as electrophile.



We optimized the reaction selectivity and increased the yield of **9a** by performing both the iodo-magnesium exchange and sequential reaction of organomagnesium 8 with benzaldehyde (1 equiv.) at 0 °C. Under these conditions, generation of **9a** was favored over ketone 10a (9a:10a = 93:7 ratio), allowing isolation of the desired alcohol in 74% yield (Scheme 3). We therefore applied the optimized conditions to prepare a library of quinoline-4-carbinol derivatives in good overall yields (Scheme 3). Quenching of intermediate 8 with different monosubstituted benzaldehydes bearing electron-donating or electron-withdrawing groups at the ortho, meta, or para positions of the aromatic ring afforded the expected derivatives (9a-r) in yields ranging from 61 to 91%. It is worth mentioning that methoxy, nitro, and fluorine groups at the *meta* position of the benzene moiety have been associated with antiproliferative activity on 4anilinoquinolines.<sup>51</sup> Moreover, the use of disubstituted benzaldehydes as electrophiles produced diaryl alcohols 9s and 9t in 82% and 74% yield, respectively. The reaction between intermediate 8 and heteroaromatic carboxaldehydes afforded the diheteroaryl alcohols 9u-9y in high yields, from 70 to 93%. Similarly, the quenching of the organomagnesium 8 with aliphatic aldehydes like isobutyraldehyde and cyclohexane carboxaldehyde also gave good isolated yields of the alcohol derivatives 9z and 9aa in 61% and 87%, respectively. In these reactions, we did not detect the presence of the corresponding Oppenauer oxidation ketone derivatives in the crude reaction.<sup>48</sup>

### Scheme 3. Iodo/magnesium exchange of 1 followed by reaction with an aldehyde



To expand the range of chemistry and to generate valuable reactive functional groups the reaction of organomagnesium reagent **8** with *trans*-cinnamaldehyde was tested and afforded the allyl alcohol **16** in 92% yield, which was further oxidized with Dess-Martin periodinane<sup>53</sup> (DMP) to chalcone **17** in 82% yield.

In a complementary approach we showed that a quinoline metalation approach<sup>47</sup> could be used to prepare the 3-substituted chalcone derivative **20**. Thus, after C-3 regioselective metalation of 4,7-dichloroquinoline **18** with LDA at -70 °C, reaction of the corresponding organolithium intermediate with *trans*-cinnamaldehyde furnished the allyl alcohol **19** in 50% yield, which was further oxidized with DMP to chalcone **20** in 63% yield (Scheme 4).



Scheme 4. Synthesis of allyl alcohol derivatives and subsequent oxidation to chalcones.

We next turned our attention to examining the reactivity of organomagnesium **8** with additional electrophiles (Scheme 5). Interestingly, quenching compound **8** with cyclohexanone gave the expected tertiary alcohol **10b** in 51% yield. Additionally, when we used tosyl cyanide as the electrophile, the 7-chloroquinoline-4-carbonitrile derivative **10c** was isolated in 85% yield. Similarly reaction of **8** with diphenyl disulfide and diphenyl diselenide afforded the expected chalcogens **10d** and **10e** in 71% and 91% yield, respectively. Palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling reactions are important synthetic tools to further functionalize heterocycles.<sup>54–57</sup> Notably, transmetalation of organomagnesium **8** with ZnCl<sub>2</sub> occurred smoothly at -40 °C, to generate the corresponding organozinc reagent **11** within 20 min. Further reaction of **11** with aryl iodides bearing electron-withdrawing and electron-donating groups in the presence of 5 mol% Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>) generated the expected arylated derivatives **12a-d** in yields ranging from 58 to 75%.

## Scheme 5. Turbo Grignard mediated preparation of 4-substituted 7chloroquinoline derivatives.



We also demonstrated the synthetic versatility of the methodology through the synthesis 7-chloroquinoline-4-carbaldehyde **10f**. of Reacting intermediate 8 with dimethylformamide (DMF, 1.1 equiv.) afforded the desired aldehyde in 18% yield, overnight stirring of intermediate 8 with an excess of DMF (3 equiv.) gave 10f in an improved 77% isolated yield. 2-Oxazolines are important intermediates in organic synthesis and are largely used as protecting groups for carboxylic acids<sup>58-60</sup> and in directed ortho metalation (DoM) reactions, allowing regioselective functionalization of aromatic and heteroaromatic rings.<sup>61–63</sup> To explore this chemistry in the synthesis of new functionalized quinolines, we reacted aldehyde 10f with 2-amino-2-methylpropan-1-ol, to generate the expected oxazoline, which was further oxidized with Nbromosuccinimide (NBS) to give the 4-quinolinyl oxazoline 10g in 91% isolated yield. With 10g in hands, we studied its magnesiation with TMPMgCl•LiCl. Interestingly, despite the powerful metalation directing effect of the 2-oxazoline group,<sup>64-66</sup> metalation exclusively occurred at the C-8 ring position, to yield the iodide 10h in 50% through iodine quenching. Similarly, application of the in situ-trapping metalation

strategy<sup>67</sup> through addition of TMPMgCl•LiCl to **10g** in the presence of ZnCl<sub>2</sub> (0.5 equiv.) led to the full conversion of the starting material within 1 h at room temperature. Further reaction with iodine allowed compound **10h** to be isolated in 94% yield (Scheme 6). To rationalize the regioselective metalation of **10g**, we conducted a computational study to determine the  $pK_a$  values of the aromatic hydrogens using the B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) level<sup>68,69</sup> in Gaussian 03.<sup>70</sup> We computed the  $pK_a$  values by employing hypothetical reactions between the heterocycle and pyridine (reference) in THF, as described in the literature.<sup>71,72</sup> As expected, H-8 was the most acid ( $pK_a$  34.8), being much more acidic than H-3 ( $pK_a$  38.4). Moreover, coordination of the quinoline nitrogen with ZnCl<sub>2</sub> should significantly affect the  $pK_a$  of the adjacent hydrogens,<sup>73</sup> favoring selective deprotonation of H-8 (See SI).

Scheme 6. Synthesis of the tri-functionalized quinoline derivative 10h using selective magnesiation strategies.



Over the last two decade, continuous flow processes have been highlighted as a powerful tool to synthesize natural products,<sup>74</sup> active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs),<sup>75–77</sup> and fragances.<sup>78</sup> Indeed, a number of quinoline derivatives have been obtained under flow conditions<sup>79</sup> through chlorination,<sup>80</sup> trihalomethylation,<sup>81</sup> and Suzuki-Miyaura arylation.<sup>82</sup> Moreover, microreactor technology has proved its value for the functionalization of several heteroarenes using organometallic intermediates.<sup>83–86</sup>

Given the fast kinetic of the iodo-magnesium exchange, we envisioned that the improved mixing promoted by a microreactor would enhance reaction times for the magnesiation of 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline **7** with *i*-PrMgCl•LiCl and the subsequent reaction of the intermediate an electrophile. Consequently, we set up a flow system

composed of three pumps (Syrris<sup>®</sup> syringe pumps), T-mixer connections and two flow coils reactors to perform this reaction using benzaldehyde as a model electrophile (Scheme 7).

Scheme 7. Magnesiation of 7 with *i*-PrMgCl•LiCl followed by benzaldehyde quench under flow conditions



Table 1. Magnesiation of 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline using *i*-PrMgCl•LiCl followed by reaction with benzaldehyde.

Entry	Type of Mixer	V <sub>R<sup>2</sup></sub> (mL)	Flowrate (mL.min <sup>-1</sup> )	R <sub>T</sub> (min)	NMR Conversion <sup>[a]</sup> (%)
1	Т	18	1.2	6.25	81.5
2	Т	18	1.5	5	94.3
3	Т	18	3	2.5	92.9
4	Т	3	1.2	2.08	81.0
5	Т	3	1.5	1.67	76.9
6	Т	3	3	0.83	94.7 (86) <sup>[b]</sup>
7	Y	3	3	0.83	84.3
8	Т	3	3	0.83	80.9 [c]
9	Т	3	3	0.83	clogged [d]
10	Т	3	6	0.42	55.5

All the experiment were carried out at 0.5 mmol scale. <sup>[a]</sup> Calculated via <sup>1</sup>HNMR analysis using dimethyl sulphone as internal standard. <sup>[b]</sup> Isolated yield. <sup>[c]</sup> Concentration: 0.1 mmol.mL<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>[d]</sup> Concentration: 0.4 mmol.mL<sup>-1</sup>.

By combining streams of the Turbo-Grignard and substrate **7** at a T-mixer, the iodinemagnesium exchange took place inside the first coil reactor (3 mL) in residence times of between 30 to 75 s at room temperature which was advantageous when compared to the batch process (10 min at 0 °C). Furthermore, according to our previously optimized batch results, 1 hour reaction between intermediate **8** and the aldehyde is crucial to achieving high yields of the alcohol **9a**. To our delight, by quenching the organomagnesium **8** with benzaldehyde added through an addition input flow and passing the newly combined stream through a second coil reactor (3 mL) afforded **9a** in 95% conversion after 50 seconds (Table 1, entry 6). A reaction concentration of 0.2 mol.L<sup>-1</sup> was shown to be optimal as diluted solutions decreased the conversion and a more concentrated reactions led to reactor fouling and eventual clogging (Table 1, entries 8 and 9). We note that mixing is key as changing from a Y mixer to a T mixer which induces more turbulent mixing improved the yield (Table 1, entries 6 and 7).

Consequently compound 9a was isolated in 86% isolated yield. By applying a flowrate of 3.0 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>, the synthesis of various aryl(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)methanol derivative was feasible in a reaction time of 50 s (Scheme 8). In contrast, using the same flow conditions for cyclohexanone and DMF as the electrophiles compounds 10b and 10f were isolated in low yields (28% and 22%, respectively). Therefore modifications regarding the electrophile concentration, volume of the second coil) and flow rate, the latter two generating different residence times were investigated.<sup>85,87</sup> According to results which are shown in Table 1, longer residence times may be used as an interesting alternative to afford quinoline derivatives in high conversions from less reactive electrophiles (Table 1, entries 1-3). Thus, an improved yield (37%) was obtained from a more concentrated solution of cyclohexanone (1.2 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 6 equiv.), larger coil reactor (18 mL) and high residence time (2.5 min). By decreasing the flowrate of all pumps (1.2 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>) and rising the total residence time in both coil reactors (1.25 min and 5 min, respectively), tertiary alcohol 10b could be isolated in 53% yield, which is similar to that obtained in batch. Application of the same reaction conditions also allowed the preparation of 4-formyl quinoline 10f in 71% yield. By keeping the coil reactor volumes at 3 and 18 mL, respectively, with each input flowrate set at 3.0 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>, equating to a residence time of 2.5 min, diphenyl diselenide (0.4  $mol.L^{-1}$ , 2 equiv.) and p-toluenesulfonyl cyanide (0.32 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 1.6 equiv.) furnished products **10c** and **10e** in yields of 90 and 87%, respectively (Scheme 8).

## Scheme 8. Magnesiation of 7 followed by the reaction with electrophiles under flow conditions



Having demonstrated the benifical use of continuous flow microreactors in the functionalization of quinolines, we turned our attention to investigate the magnesiation reactions using TMPMgCl•LiCl also in continuous flow, since this strategy has proven to be an interesting approach to functionalize the C8 position of 7-chloroquinolines.<sup>47</sup> Synthetic studies were conducted using a Vapourtec E-series<sup>®</sup> system equipped with 3 peristaltic pumps, T or Y mixers and coil reactors (3 mL). First, aiming to determine the best conditions for the functionalization of 4,7-dichoroquinoline (**18**), which is an important drug intermediate,<sup>88–90</sup> we pumped anhydrous solutions of this substrate and TMPMgCl•LiCl (1.1 to 2 equiv.) in THF with the in-flow-generated organomagnesium intermediate **22** being dispensed into an iodine stock solution as a batch quench (Scheme 9).



Table 2. Regioselective magnesiation of 4,7-dichloroquinoline usingTMPMgCl•LiCl followed by the reaction with iodine.

Entry	Type of Mixer	Base	Flowrate	R <sub>T</sub> (min)	NMR Conversion <sup>[a]</sup> (%)
		(equiv.)	(mL.min <sup>-1</sup> )		

1	Y	1.1	3	0.5	77.5
2	Т	1.1	3	0.5	72.6
3	Т	1.1	1.5	1	90.0
4	Y	1.1	1.5	1	82.8
5	Т	1.2	1.5	1	78.5
6	Y	1.5	3	0.5	88
7	Т	1.5	3	0.5	86.9
8	Т	1.5	1.5	1	96.1 (92) <sup>[b]</sup>
9	Y	1.5	1.5	1	87.6
10	Т	1.5	1.5	2[c]	84.8
11	Y	2.0	3	0.5	87.2
12	Y	2.0	1.5	1	85.6

All the experiments were carried out at 1 mmol scale. <sup>[a]</sup> Calculated via <sup>1</sup>HNMR analysis using dimethyl fumarate as internal standard. <sup>[b]</sup> Isolated yield. <sup>[c]</sup> A coil reactor of 6 mL was employed to have a residence time of 2 min.  $R_T$ : residence time of the metallation step

As shown in Table 2, conversion of **18** into the expected iodide **23a** reached 90% when the reaction was performed using 1.1 equiv. of TMPMgCl•LiCl and a 1 min residence time (Table 2, entry 3). Moreover, when the amount of base was increased to 1.5 equiv. maintaining the 1 min residence time, conversion peaked at 96.1% (Table 2, entry 8). Longer residence times did not improve the final outcomes (Table 2, entry 10). Considering the mixer types employed in the flow setup, we found that the turbulent flow promoted by the T mixer has advantages over the Y mixer. Thus, using the optimized flow setup, 4,7-dichoro-8-iodoquinoline **23a** could be prepared in 92% isolated yield, which is 11% improvement to that obtained in batch, coupled with the simplified scaling considering the continuous operation which could be utilized in flow.<sup>47</sup>

Returing to the previous concept of generate and quench in flow we added a second coil reactor (3 mL) to the system and demonstrated the ability to quench intermediate **22** with benzaldehyde. Different concentrations (0.24 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 1.2 equiv.

and 0.6 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 3 equiv.) gave conversions of 63.2% and 93.9%, respectively (Scheme 10). By keeping the same flow rate (1.5 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>) and using coil reactors of 3 or 10 mL, we achieved conversions of 93.9% and 96.1%, respectively, equating to residence times of 40 and 133 s. Despite the option of using a longer residence time which might allow a higher yield, we opted for a fast process (higher throughput) and consequently a residence time of 40 sec (Scheme 10). Thus, in a total of 100 s product **23b** could be isolated after purification in 83% yield, therefore presenting several advantages over the batch process.<sup>47</sup>

Scheme 10. Magnesiation of substrate 18 followed by the reaction with different aldehydes under flow conditions



Of particular note is then even for enolizable aldehydes, mixing the organomagnesium intermediate **22** in compounds **23c-e** were rapidly prepared in good yields (87 to 93%, Scheme 10). As noted with the previous system certain electrophiles have reduced reactivity requiring longer reaction times. However, by maintaining the same flow rates but substituting a larger volume (18 mL) coil reactor, a residence time of 4 min was attained for the second step, as such compound **23f** was prepared in 54% yield from substrate **18** and diphenyl diselenide (0.4 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 2 equiv.). of the reaction of **22** with DMF or 1,2-dibromotetrachloroethane as electrophiles required a further decreasing of the flow rate to 1.2 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>, affording products **23g** and **23h** in yields up to 94% which are much better than those obtained in batch (Scheme 11). Therefore, both metalation and halogen-metal exchange reactions under continuous flow conditions may be successfully used to prepare 4- and 8-substituted quinolines in a fast process and in good yields.

## Scheme 11. Magnesiation of substrate 18 followed by the reaction with different electrophiles under flow conditions



Finally, to illustrate the importance of the developed quinoline functionalization methodologies for the medicinal chemistry applications, we screened the antiproliferative activity of the synthesized racemic compounds 9a-aa and 16 against the cancer cell lines HOG (human oligodendroglioma) and T98G (human glioblastoma). At 50 mM, 9j, 9l, and 9aa inhibited > 75% of tumor growth for both cell types (see SI for details). Screening of all the alcohol derivatives against A549 (lung carcinoma) and HCT116 (colon carcinoma) showed that 9e, 9g, 9l, 9aa, and 16 were promising molecules. By using doxorubicin as the reference drug, the  $IC_{50}$  values for each compound were less than 22  $\mu$ M. According to the biological results, **9z** (IC<sub>50</sub> 12.51 and 10.76 µM, respectively) displayed the best activity profile under the tested experimental conditions, which makes it a potential pattern for further molecular modifications. Interestingly, 9e, 9g, and 9l are *meta*-substituted derivatives, which may be seen as an essential feature in novel molecular designs for medicinal chemistry investigation. Therefore, the synthesized carbinol derivatives 9a-aa and 16 displayed interesting antiproliferative properties, and their hydroxyl group is a suitable amino group bioisostere.

Table 3. Antiproliferative activity of promising quinolinic alcoholderivatives

		IC <sub>50</sub> (µM)		
Entry	Compound	A549	HCT116	
1	9e	16.3	21.94	
2	9g	19.13	20.09	
3	91	15.43	14.7	

4	9aa	12.51	10.76
5	16	14.95	11.03
6	Doxorubicin	0.05	1.568

Considering the identified antiproliferative activity of 4-carbinol quinolines of type **9** and the importance of specific chirality for drug selectivity, we further used the developed the iodo-magnesium exchange reaction in a straightforward two-stage process to illustrate how chiral compounds can be rapidly prepared. Thus, following *i*-PrMgCl•LiCl-mediated magnesiation of **7**, reaction quenching with the Weinreb amide **24** gave the acetophenone derivative **10a** in 58% yield. A ruthenium-based enantioselective reduction<sup>91,92</sup> of **10a** allowed us to isolate the optically active alcohols in good yields and high enantiomeric fraction (>99%). As indicated such a strategy would allow rapid access to each enantiomer for individual biological screening.





#### Conclusion

In summary, we have described the preparation of a series of novel functionalized quinolines by using organometallic intermediates under batch and flow conditions. Whereas 7-chloroquinoline-based mixed magnesium-lithium reagents reacted with aldehydes and other electrophiles to give the expected products under mild conditions, we were able to use mixed zinc-lithium reagents to prepare C-4 arylated or C-8 halogenated derivatives. Moreover, lithium and mixed magnesium-lithium amides appeared as interesting organometallic partners to increase the structural complexity of substituted quinolines. The use of continuous flow microreactors enabled a precise control of both chloroquinoline magnesiations and reactions of the corresponding organomagnesium intermediates with several electrophiles, allowing faster and more efficient reactions when compared to the respective batch processes. The library of synthesized quinoline derivatives may be seen as an important contribution to medicinal

chemistry due to the large application of this privileged scaffold, as illustrated by the antiproliferative activity of some synthesized derivatives. In this context, aiming at further biological studies, we have also developed a two-step approach for optically active 4-carbinol quinolines. The scope of the developed methodologies and their applicability toward the synthesis of other biologically active molecules are currently being investigated in our laboratories.

#### **Experimental Section**

General considerations. All solvents were purified according to standard procedures.<sup>93</sup> The starting materials such as 4,7-dichloroquinoline, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline, Turbo-Grignard, *n*-butyllithium, diisopropylamine electrophiles, and 2,2,6,6tetramethylpiperidine were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich Corp. THF was continuous refluxed and freshly distilled from sodium and benzophenone under a nitrogen atmosphere. All water-sensitive reactions were carried out with dry solvents under anhydrous conditions and a nitrogen atmosphere. The reactions were monitored by TLC on Fluka Analytical silica gel (silica gel matrix, with fluorescent indicator 254 nm) viewed by using UV light and gas chromatography on Shimadzu GC-2014 with capillary column (DB17MS, 30 m  $\times$  0,25 mm), nitrogen gas as mobile phase and flame ionization detector. Silica gel (particle size 0.040 - 0.063 nm) from Sigma Aldrich was used as stationary phase for flash chromatography. NMR analysis were recorded with Bruker DRX 400 and 700 (at 400 and 700 MHz for protons and 100 and 176 MHz for carbon-13, respectively) using chloroform, dimethyl sulfoxide or methanol as deuterium solvent. The chemical shifts are reported as  $\delta$  units in parts per million (ppm) relative to the solvent residual peak (CDCl<sub>3</sub>  $\delta$ H: 7.26 ppm;  $\delta$ C: 77.2 ppm, DMS-d<sub>6</sub>  $\delta$ H: 2.50 ppm;  $\delta C$ : 39.5 ppm, and MeOD-d<sub>4</sub>  $\delta H$ : 3.31 ppm;  $\delta C$ : 49.0 ppm) or the internal reference (TMS  $\delta H 0.00$  ppm). Gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC-MS) was performed in a Shimadzu GC (model 2010) coupled to a Shimadzu QP 2010 Ultra MS operated in the electron impact ionization mode (70 eV) using the column DB-5MS, helium as carrier gas, column flow of 1.2 mL.min<sup>-1</sup> and pressure of 68.1 kPa. High Resolution Mass Spectra were obtained with a Bruker Daltonics (model microTOF QII - ESI-TOF Mass Spectrometer). HPLC analyses were performed in a Shimadzu LC-20AP constituted of two gradient pumps equipped with DAD detector and automatic injector. HPLC chiral analyses were carried out on a column Chiralpack<sup>®</sup> AD-H (150  $\times$ 

4.6 mm, 5 $\mu$ m, Daicel, Tokyo, Japan) using MeOH as mobile phase with a flow rate of 1 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>. The column temperature, flow rate, and injection volume were set at 30 °C, 0.4 mL.min<sup>-1</sup> and 10  $\mu$ L, respectively. The detection was carried out at 278 nm. The melting point of synthesized compounds were obtained using the equipment from Buchi<sup>®</sup>, model-560 (more details see SI).

Typical Procedure 1 (TP1): Halogen/metal exchange reaction between 7-chloro-4iodoquinoline and *i*-PrMgCl•LiCl followed by the reaction with different electrophiles: To a dry nitrogen-flushed round-bottom flask (10 mL) under magnetic stirring containing a solution of 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (7) (144.7 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in anhydrous THF (2.0 mL), was added dropwise *i*-PrMgCl•LiCl (0.42 mL, 1.2 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) at 0 °C. After 10 min, the appropriate electrophile (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was added and the reaction mixture was kept under magnetic stirring at 0 °C for 1 h (except when DMF and *N*-methoxy-*N*-methylbenzamide were used as the electrophiles, in that cases, the reaction mixture was kept at 0 °C for 12 h). The reaction was then quenched with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution (20 mL) and the products were extracted with EtOAc (3 × 10 mL). The organic phase was dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography using a mixture of hexanes and EtOAc as an eluent.

(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)(phenyl)methanol (9a): Following the general procedure TP1, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (7) (171.0 mg, 0.59 mmol) and benzaldehyde (0.06 mL, 0.59 mmol) afforded the title compound 9a (118.0 mg, 74%) as a white solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4) as eluent; m.p. 138–140 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.81 (d,  $J^3 = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d,  $J^4 = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d,  $J^3 = 9.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d,  $J^3 = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd,  $J^3 = 9.1$  Hz,  $J^4 = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.34 -7.27 (m, 5H), 6.43 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  151.4, 148.9, 148.8, 141.9, 135.2, 129.1 (2 × C), 129.0, 128.6, 127.7, 127.3 (2 × C), 125.5, 124.2, 118.8, 72.9; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClNO 270.0680, found 270.0676.

(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)(phenyl)methanone (10a): CAS number: 169957-11-3. Following the general procedure **TP1**, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (7) (219.0 mg, 0.76 mmol) and benzaldehyde (0.07 mL, 0.75 mmol) afforded **10a** (8.1 mg, 4%) as a white solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4) as an eluent; m.p. 106–109 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.04 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.85 – 7.81 (m, 3H), 7.68 – 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.52 – 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  195.4, 150.2, 148.5, 145.0, 136.6, 136.4, 134.6, 130.4 (2 × C), 129.1, 129.0 (2 × C), 128.6, 126.9, 123.6, 119.9; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClNO 268.0524, found 268.0508.

(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)(2-methylphenyl)methanol (9b): Following the general procedure **TP1**, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (7) (261.0 mg, 0.90 mmol) and 2-methylbenzaldehyde (0.1 mL, 0.90 mmol) afforded **9b** (218.2 mg, 85%) as a white solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4) as an eluent; m.p. 164–166 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.82 (d,  $J^3 = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d,  $J^4 = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d,  $J^3 = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d,  $J^3 = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd,  $J^3 = 9.0$ ,  $J^4 = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.27 -7.21 (m, 2H), 7.10 (ddt,  $J^3 = 7.0$ ,  $J^4 = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d,  $J^3 = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.62 (s, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  151.4, 148.8, 148.7, 139.7, 136.1, 135.2, 131.2, 129.1, 128.8, 127.9, 127.2, 126.8, 125.3, 124.5, 119.2, 69.6, 19.3; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClNO 284.0837, found 284.0830.

(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)(3-methylphenyl)methanol (9c): Following the general procedure **TP1**, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (7) (226.0 mg, 0.78 mmol) and 3-methylbenzaldehyde (0.09 mL, 0.78 mmol) afforded 9c (166.6 mg, 75%) as a white solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4) as an eluent; m.p. 162–164 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.85 (d,  $J^3 = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d,  $J^4 = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d,  $J^3 = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d,  $J^3 = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd,  $J^3 = 9.0$ ,  $J^4 = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t,  $J^3 = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.14 -7.10 (m, 3H), 6.39 (s, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  151.5, 148.8, 141.9, 138.9 (2 × C), 135.1, 129.5, 129.0 (2 × C), 128.0, 127.7, 125.2, 124.5, 124.3, 118.8, 73.0, 21.6; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClNO 284.0837, found 284.0803.

(2-chlorophenyl)(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)methanol (9d): Following the general procedure **TP1**, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (7) (260.0 mg, 0.90 mmol) and 2-chlorobenzaldehyde (0.1 mL, 0.90 mmol) afforded **9d** (199.1 mg, 73%) as a white solid

after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4) as an eluent; m.p. 174– 176 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  8.86 (d,  $J^3 = 4.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d,  $J^3 = 9.1$  Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d,  $J^4 = 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.58 -7.54 (m, 2H), 7.48 -7.45 (m, 1H), 7.37 -7.26 (m, 3H), 6.85 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, MeOD- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  152.5, 151.2, 149.4, 140.9, 136.5, 134.2, 130.8, 130.7. 130.1, 128.8, 128.8, 128.5, 127.0, 126.0, 120.6, 69.2; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO: 304.0290, found 304.0285.

(3-chlorophenyl)(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)methanol (9e): Following the general procedure **TP1**, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (7) (248.0 mg, 0.85 mmol) and 3-chlorobenzaldehyde (0.09 mL, 0.85 mmol) afforded **9e** (225.8 mg, 87%) as a white solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4) as an eluent; m.p. 206–209 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.97 (d, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (d, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, *J*<sup>4</sup> = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (dd, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 9.1, *J*<sup>4</sup> = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.35 -7.28 (m, 3H), 6.52 (d, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 4.5 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  151.8, 149.5, 148.4, 145.8, 133.7, 133.0, 130.3, 128.2, 127.3, 127.0, 126.7, 126.6, 125.5, 123.8, 119.3, 70.2; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO 304.0290, found 304.0298.

(2-bromophenyl)(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)methanol (9f): Following the general procedure **TP1**, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (7) (225.0 mg, 0.78 mmol) and 2-bromobenzaldehyde (0.1 mL, 0.90 mmol) afforded **9f** (220.4 mg, 81%) as a white solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4) as an eluent; m.p. 198–200 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.94 (d,  $J^3 = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d,  $J^4 = 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d,  $J^3 = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.67 -7.64 (m, 1H), 7.62 (dd,  $J^3 = 4.5$ ,  $J^4 = 0.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd,  $J^3 = 9.0$ ,  $J^4 = 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.26 -7.18 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.08 (m, 2H), 6.85 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  151.8, 148.6, 148.4, 141.5, 133.8, 132.8, 129.9, 129.3, 128.3, 128.1, 127.4, 126.1, 124.5, 122.7, 119.4, 69.5; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>BrClNO 347.9785, found 347.9753.

(3-bromophenyl)(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)methanol (9g): Following the general procedure **TP1**, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (7) (265.0 mg, 0.91 mmol) and 3-bromobenzaldehyde (0.1 mL, 0.91 mmol) afforded **9g** (290.3 mg, 91%) as a white solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4) as an eluent; m.p. 191–194 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.96 (d,  $J^3 = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.23 (d,  $J^3 = 9.1$ 

Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d,  $J^4 = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d,  $J^3 = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.60 (dd,  $J^3 = 9.1$ ,  $J^4 = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.45 -7.42 (m, 1H), 7.36 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 6.51 (d,  $J^3 = 4.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d,  $J^3 = 4.4$  Hz, 1H);  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  151.9, 149.5, 148.4, 146.1, 133.7, 133.6, 130.3, 129.5, 128.2, 127.0, 126.8, 125.9, 123.8, 121.7, 119.3, 70.2; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>BrCINO 347.9785, found 347.9762.

(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)(2-fluorophenyl)methanol (9h): Following the general procedure **TP1**, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (7) (296.0 mg, 1.02 mmol) and 2-fluorobenzaldehyde (0.11 mL, 1.02 mmol) afforded **9h** (179.8 mg, 61%) as a white solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4) as an eluent; m.p. 144–145 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.83 (d,  $J^3 = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d,  $J^4 = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d,  $J^3 = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d,  $J^3 = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd,  $J^3 = 9.0$ ,  $J^4 = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.31 - 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.20 (td,  $J^3 = 7.7$ ,  $J^4 = 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.11 - 7.05 (m, 2H), 6.80 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.1 (d,  $J^1 = 247.4$  Hz, 1C), 151.4, 148.7, 148.1, 135.3, 130.5 (d,  $J^3 = 8.6$  Hz, 1C), 129.1, 129.0, 128.8 (d,  $J^3 = 2.9$  Hz, 1C), 127.9, 125.0, 124.9 (d,  $J^4 = 3.3$  Hz, 1C), 124.1, 118.8, 115.9 (d,  $J^2 = 21.9$  Hz, 1C), 65.8 (d,  $J^3 = 4.0$  Hz, 1C); HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClFNO 288.0586, found 288.0578.

(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)(3-fluorophenyl)methanol (9i): Following the general procedure **TP1**, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (7) (198.0 mg, 0.68 mmol) and 3-fluorobenzaldehyde (0.07 mL, 0.68 mmol) afforded **9i** (133.6 mg, 68%) as a white solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4) as an eluent; m.p. 165–167 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  8.91 (d,  $J^3 = 4.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d,  $J^3 = 9.1$  Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d,  $J^4 = 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d,  $J^3 = 4.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd,  $J^3 = 9.1$ ,  $J^4 = 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.02 – 6.97 (m, 1H), 6.47 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, MeOD- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  164.3 (d,  $J^1 = 245.2$  Hz, 1C), 152.5, 151.9, 149.5, 146.7 (d,  $J^3 = 6.8$  Hz, 1C), 136.5, 131.5 (d,  $J^3 = 8.1$  Hz, 1C), 128.7, 128.6, 127.6, 125.7, 124.1 (d,  $J^4 = 2.9$  Hz, 1C), 120.5, 115.6 (d,  $J^2 = 21.2$  Hz, 1C), 115.0 (d,  $J^2 = 22.5$  Hz, 1C), 72.6 (d,  $J^4 = 1.2$  Hz, 1C); HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>CIFNO 288.0586, found 288.0584.

(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)(4-fluorophenyl)methanol (9j): Following the general procedure **TP1**, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (7) (287.0 mg, 0.99 mmol) and 4-fluorobenzaldehyde (0.1 mL, 0.99 mmol) afforded **9j** (203.0 mg, 71%) as a white solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4) as an eluent; m.p. 152–154 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.82 (d,  $J^3 = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d,  $J^4 = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d,  $J^3 = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d,  $J^3 = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd,  $J^3 = 9.0$ ,  $J^4 = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.04 – 6.98 (m, 2H), 6.42 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.9 (d,  $J^1 = 248.0$  Hz, 1C), 151.4, 148.8, 148.7, 137.8 (d,  $J^4 = 3.1$  Hz, 1C), 135.3, 129.2, 129.1 (d,  $J^3 = 6.4$  Hz, 2 × C), 127.9, 125.4, 124.1, 118.8, 116.1 (d,  $J^2 = 21.4$  Hz, 2 × C), 72.2; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClFNO 288.0586, found 288.0589.

(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)(2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methanol (9k): Following the general procedure **TP1**, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (7) (272.0 mg, 0.94 mmol) and 2-(trifluoromethyl)benzaldehyde (0.12 mL, 0.94 mmol) afforded **9k** (278.5 mg, 88%) as a white solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4) as an eluent; m.p. 187–190 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.91 (d, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d, *J*<sup>4</sup> = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.72 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 6.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  151.7, 148.7, 148.4, 140.6, 133.8, 132.9, 129.5, 128.5, 128.3, 127.4, 126.4 (q, *J*<sup>2</sup> = 30.0 Hz, 1C), 126.1 (q, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 5.8 Hz, 1C), 125.9, 124.4 (q, *J*<sup>1</sup> = 274.7 Hz, 1C), 124.3, 119.7, 66.4 (d, *J*<sup>4</sup> = 1.7 Hz, 1C); HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClF<sub>3</sub>NO 338.0554, found 388.0550.

(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methanol (9l): Following the general procedure **TP1**, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (7) (283.0 mg, 0.98 mmol) and 3- (trifluoromethyl)benzaldehyde (0.13 mL, 0.98 mmol) afforded 9l (298.8 mg, 91%) as a white solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4) as an eluent; m.p. 161–163 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.98 (d, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, *J*<sup>4</sup> = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.64 – 7.59 (m, 3H), 7.55 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 6.61 (d, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 4.5 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  151.9, 149.4, 148.5, 144.7, 133.8, 130.9, 129.5, 129.1 (q, *J*<sup>2</sup> = 31.5 Hz, 1C), 128.2, 127.0, 126.7, 124.2 (q, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 3.7 Hz, 1C), 124.1 (q, *J*<sup>1</sup>)

= 272.6 Hz, 1C), 123.8, 123.2 (q,  $J^3$  = 3.9 Hz, 1C), 119.4, 70.2; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClF<sub>3</sub>NO 338.0554, found 338.0549.

(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)(2-nitrophenyl)methanol (9m): Following the general procedure **TP1**, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (7) (269.0 mg, 0.93 mmol) and 2-nitrobenzaldehyde (140.4 mg, 0.93 mmol) afforded **9m** (233.9 mg, 80%) as a white solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4) as an eluent; m.p. 195–197 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.86 (d, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d, *J*<sup>4</sup> = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (dd, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 8.1 Hz, *J*<sup>4</sup> = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (ddd, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 7.8 Hz, *J*<sup>4</sup> = 1.1 Hz, *J*<sup>4</sup> = 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.73 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.66 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 6.2 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  151.8, 148.4, 148.1, 147.8, 137.1, 133.9, 133.7, 129.3, 129.2, 128.2, 127.4, 126.4, 124.7, 124.6, 119.2, 66.3; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 315.0531, found 315.0525.

(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)(3-nitrophenyl)methanol (9n): Following the general procedure **TP1**, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (7) (262.0 mg, 0.90 mmol) and 3-nitrobenzaldehyde (136.7 mg, 0.90 mmol) afforded **9n** (242.2 mg, 85%) as a white solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4) as an eluent; m.p. 198–200 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.98 (d,  $J^3 = 4.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.34 – 8.33 (m, 1H), 8.28 (d,  $J^3 = 9.1$  Hz, 1H), 8.11 (ddd,  $J^3 = 8.2$  Hz,  $J^4 = 2.3$  Hz,  $J^4 = 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d,  $J^4 = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d,  $J^3 = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d,  $J^3 = 4.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 6.73 (d,  $J^3 = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d,  $J^3 = 4.5$  Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  151.9, 149.1, 148.5, 147.8, 145.6, 133.8, 133.4, 130.0, 128.3, 127.1, 126.8, 123.8, 122.4, 121.3, 119.6, 70.0; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 315.0531, found 315.0537.

(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)(2-methoxyphenyl)methanol (90): Following the general procedure **TP1**, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (7) (350.0 mg, 1.21 mmol) and 2-methoxybenzaldehyde (164.6 mg, 1.21 mmol) afforded **90** (283.7 mg, 78%) as a white solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4) as an eluent; m.p. 170–171 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.91 (d, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, *J*<sup>4</sup> = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (dd, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 9.0, *J*<sup>4</sup> = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.04 – 7.01 (m, 1H), 6.90 (td, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 7.5 Hz, *J*<sup>4</sup> = 0.9 Hz,

1H), 6.68 (d,  $J^3 = 5.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.12 (d,  $J^3 = 5.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  155.7, 151.7, 150.5, 148.2, 133.5, 131.0, 128.9, 128.1, 127.7, 126.9, 126.2, 124.3, 120.5, 119.0, 111.1, 64.2, 55.5; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClNO<sub>2</sub> 300.0786, found 300.0782.

(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)(3-methoxyphenyl)methanol (9p): Following the general procedure **TP1**, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (7) (277.0 mg, 0.95 mmol) e 3-methoxybenzaldehyde (0.11 mL, 0.95 mmol) afforded **9p** (231.1 mg, 81%) as a white solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4) as an eluent; m.p. 168–169 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD-*d*<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  8.89 (d,  $J^3$  = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d,  $J^3$  = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d,  $J^4$  = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d,  $J^3$  = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dd,  $J^3$  = 9.1,  $J^4$  = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t,  $J^3$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (t,  $J^4$  = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d,  $J^3$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, MeOD-*d*<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  161.4, 152.4, 152.3, 149.4, 145.3, 136.4, 130.7, 128.6, 128.4, 127.6, 125.8, 120.6, 120.3, 114.2, 114.2, 73.1, 55.6; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClNO<sub>2</sub> 300.0786, found 300.0784.

**4**-((7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)(hydroxy)methyl)benzonitrile (9q): Following the general procedure **TP1**, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (7) (386.0 mg, 1.33 mmol) and 4-formylbenzonitrile (174.8 mg, 1.33 mmol) afforded **9q** (253.2 mg, 64%) as a white solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4) as an eluent; m.p. 181–183 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.97 (d,  $J^3 = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.24 (d,  $J^3 = 9.1$  Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d,  $J^4 = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d,  $J^3 = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d,  $J^3 = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.57 (m, 3H), 6.65 (d,  $J^3 = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d,  $J^3 = 4.5$  Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  151.8, 149.2, 148.7, 148.5, 133.8, 132.3 (2 × C), 128.2, 127.7 (2 × C), 127.0, 126.8, 123.8, 119.6, 118.7, 110.1, 70.4; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O 295.0633, found 295.0655.

(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)methanol (9r): Following the general procedure **TP1**, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (7) (306.0 mg, 1.06 mmol) and 4- (dimethylamino)benzaldehyde (157.7 mg, 1.06 mmol) afforded 9r (246.1 mg, 74%) as a white solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4) as an eluent; m.p. 196–198 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.95 (d,  $J^3 = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d,  $J^3 = 9.1$  Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d,  $J^4 = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d,  $J^3 = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd,  $J^3 = 9.1$ ,

 $J^4 = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d,  $J^3 = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 6.62 (t,  $J^3 = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 6.30 (d,  $J^3 = 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.05 (d,  $J^3 = 4.2$  Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  151.7, 151.0, 149.7, 148.3, 133.4, 130.8, 128.1, 127.9 (2 × C), 126.8, 126.6, 123.9, 118.6, 112.1 (2), 70.6, 40.0 (2 × C); HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O: 313.1102, found 313.1108.

(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)(2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)methanol (9s): Following the general procedure **TP1**, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (7) (259.0 mg, 0.89 mmol) and 2,4-dimethoxybenzaldehyde (148.6 mg, 1.21 mmol) afforded **9s** (242.9 mg, 82%) as a white solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4) as an eluent; m.p. 194–196 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.92 (d,  $J^3 = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.06 (m, 2H), 7.63 (d,  $J^3 = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dd,  $J^3 = 9.0$ ,  $J^4 = 2.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d,  $J^3 = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.58 – 6.60 (m, 2H), 6.45 (dd,  $J^3 = 8.5$ ,  $J^4 = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.98 (d,  $J^3 = 4.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  160.0, 156.8, 151.7, 150.8, 148.2, 133.5, 128.6, 128.1, 126.9, 126.2, 124.2, 123.5, 118.8, 105.1, 98.3, 63.9, 55.6, 55.2; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClNO<sub>3</sub> 330.0891, found 330.0889.

**3**-((7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)(hydroxy)(methyl)-2-fluorobenzonitrile (9t): Following the general procedure **TP1**, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (7) (302.0 mg, 1.04 mmol) and 2-fluoro-3-formilbenzonitrile (155.4 mg, 1.04 mmol) afforded **9t** (240.3 mg, 74%) as a white solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4) as an eluent; m.p. 194–196 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.97 (d,  $J^3$  = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 8.13 – 8.10 (m, 2H), 7.88 (ddd,  $J^3$  = 7.7,  $J^3$  = 7.7,  $J^4$  = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.40 (t,  $J^3$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d,  $J^3$  = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d,  $J^3$  = 5.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  159.8 (d,  $J^1$  = 257.3 Hz, 1C), 151.9, 148.4, 147.7, 134.4 (d,  $J^3$  = 4.6 Hz, 1C), 133.9, 133.5, 131.3 (d,  $J^2$  = 12.4 Hz, 1C), 128.3, 127.4, 126.0, 125.7 (d,  $J^3$  = 3.6 Hz, 1C), 123.7, 119.5, 113.9, 100.4 (d,  $J^2$  = 15.3 Hz, 1C), 64.6; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>1</sub>ClFNO<sub>2</sub> 313.0538, found 313.0540.

(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)(thiofen-2-yl)methanol (9u): Following the general procedure TP1, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (7) (258.0 mg, 0.89 mmol) and thiophene-2-carboxaldehyde (0.08 mL, 0.89 mmol) afforded 9u (203.7 mg, 83%) as a white solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4) as an eluent; m.p. 180–

182 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.98 (d,  $J^3 = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d,  $J^3 = 9.1$  Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d,  $J^4 = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d,  $J^3 = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dd,  $J^3 = 9.1$ ,  $J^4 = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd,  $J^3 = 4.8$ ,  $J^4 = 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.92 – 6.89 (m, 2H), 6.69 – 6.65 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  151.9, 149.9, 148.4, 147.1, 133.7, 128.2, 126.9, 126.7, 126.6, 125.6, 125.1, 123.7, 118.5, 67.0; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>CINOS: 276,0244, found 276.0253.

(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)(furan-2-yl)methanol (9v): Following the general procedure TP1, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (7) (292.0 mg, 1.01 mmol) and furan-2-carboxaldehyde (0.08 mL, 1.01 mmol) afforded 9v (226.6 mg, 86%) as a white solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4) as an eluent; m.p. 139–141 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.97 (d,  $J^3 = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d,  $J^3 = 9.1$  Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d,  $J^4 = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d,  $J^3 = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dd,  $J^3 = 9.1$ ,  $J^4 = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dd,  $J^3 = 1.8$ ,  $J^4 = 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.47 – 6.45 (m, 2H), 6.37 (dd,  $J^3 = 3.2$ ,  $J^3 = 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.25 (d,  $J^3 = 3.2$  Hz, 1H);  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H{}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  155.4, 151.8, 148.2, 147.7, 142.6, 133.6, 128.1, 126.9, 126.4, 123.9, 119.2, 110.4, 107.6, 64.9; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClNO<sub>2</sub> 260.0473, found 260.0452.

(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)(furan-3-yl)methanol (9w): Following the general procedure TP1, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (7) (284.0 mg, 0.98 mmol) and furan-3-carboxaldehyde (0.08 mL, 0.98 mmol) afforded 9w (237.2 mg, 93%) as a light yellow oil after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4) as an eluent; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.95 (d, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (d, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, *J*<sup>4</sup> = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.54 (t, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (m, 1H), 6.22 (d, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 4.6 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  151.8, 149.9, 148.4, 143.4, 140.0, 133.6, 128.4, 128.1, 126.8, 126.6, 123.8, 118.8, 109.7, 63.9; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClNO<sub>2</sub> 260.0473, found 260.0463.

(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)(pyridin-2-yl)methanol (9x): Following the general procedure TP1, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (7) (367.0 mg, 1.27 mmol) and pyridine-2-carbaldehyde (0.12 mL, 1.27 mmol) afforded 9x (239.9 mg, 70%) as a colorless oil after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4) as an eluent; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.86 (d,  $J^3$  = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 8.60 (d,  $J^3$  = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d,  $J^4$  = 2.2 Hz,

1H), 8.07 (d,  $J^3 = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.60 (td,  $J^3 = 7.7$ ,  $J^4 = 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d,  $J^3 = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd,  $J^3 = 9.0$ ,  $J^3 = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.24 (ddd,  $J^3 = 7.1$ ,  $J^3 = 5.0$ ,  $J^4 = 0.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.39 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.5, 151.4, 149.2, 148.5, 148.1, 137.4, 135.2, 129.1, 127.8, 125.9, 124.8, 123.2, 121.4, 120.0, 72.6; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClNO<sub>2</sub> 271.0633, found 271.0628.

(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)(pyridin-3-yl)methanol (9y): Following the general procedure **TP1**, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (7) (308.0 mg, 1.06 mmol) and pyridine-3-carbaldehyde (0.10 mL, 1.06 mmol) afforded **9y** (259.7 mg, 90%) as a colorless crystal after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4) as an eluent; m.p. 100–102 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.98 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 8.68 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.44 (dd, *J* = 4.7, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (ddd, *J* = 7.9, *J* = 1.8, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 3H), 7.58 (dd, *J* = 9.1, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 7.9, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  151.9, 149.4, 148.7, 148.4 (2 × C), 138.7, 134.5, 133.8, 128.3, 127.1, 126.6, 123.7, 123.6, 119.2, 68.9; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O 271.0633, found 271.0629.

**1-(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)-2-methylpropan-1-ol (9z):** Following the general procedure **TP1**, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (**7**) (231.0 mg, 0.80 mmol) and isobutyraldehyde (0.07 mL, 0.80 mmol) afforded **9z** (93.7 mg, 61%) as a white solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4) as an eluent; m.p. 113–114 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.76 (d,  $J^3 = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d,  $J^4 = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d,  $J^3 = 9.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d,  $J^3 = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd,  $J^3 = 9.1$ ,  $J^4 = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.15 (d,  $J^3 = 5.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.21 – 2.09 (m, 1H), 0.97 (d,  $J^3 = 6.7$  Hz, 3H), 0.95 (d,  $J^3 = 6.7$  Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 151.0, 150.2, 148.7, 135.1, 129.0, 127.4, 125.1, 124.4, 119.0, 75.2, 34.7, 20.1, 17.0; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClNO 236.0837, found 236.0833.

(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)(cyclohexyl)methanol (9aa): Following the general procedure **TP1**, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (7) (239.0 mg, 0.82 mmol) and cyclohexane carboxaldehyde (0.10 mL, 0.82 mmol) afforded 9aa (198.5 mg, 87%) as a white solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4) as an eluent; m.p. 141–143 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.88 (d,  $J^3$  = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (d,  $J^3$  = 9.1

Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d,  $J^4 = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.62 (dd,  $J^3 = 9.1$ ,  $J^4 = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d,  $J^3 = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.57 (d,  $J^3 = 4.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.05 (t,  $J^3 = 4.4$  Hz, 1H), 1.67 – 1.54 (m, 5H), 1.36 – 1.33 (m, 1H), 1.21 – 1.04 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  151.2, 150.9, 148.3, 133.5, 128.2, 126.6, 126.6, 124.4, 119.6, 72.9, 44.2, 29.6, 27.3, 25.9, 25.8, 25.5; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>ClNO 276.1150, found 276.1152.

(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)(phenyl)methanone (10a): CAS number: 169957-11-3. The Weinreb amide, *N*-methoxy-*N*-methylbenzamide (24), was obtained as colourless oil (2.289 g, 13.87 mmol) in 92% isolated yield from *N*-methoxy-*N*-methylamine hydrochloride (1.463 g, 15 mmol), benzoyl chloride (1.74 mL, 15 mmol) and triethylamine (4.2 mL, 30 mmol) in DCM (30 mL) according to the reported procedure in the literature.<sup>94</sup> Following general procedure **TP1**, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (7) (179.0 mg, 0.62 mmol) and *N*-methoxy-*N*-methylbenzamide (0.20 mL, 1.24 mmol) afforded **10a** (96.0 mg, 58%) as a white solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:9) as an eluent; m.p. 106–109 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR(400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.04 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.85 – 7.81 (m, 3H), 7.68 – 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.52 – 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  195.4, 150.2, 148.5, 145.0, 136.6, 136.4, 134.6, 130.4 (2 × C), 129.1, 129.0 (2 × C), 128.6, 126.9, 123.6, 119.9; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>CINO 268.0524, found 268.0508.

**1-(7-chloroquinoline-4-yl)cyclohena-1-ol (10b):** Following the general procedure **TP1**, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (**7**) (175.0 mg, 0.60 mmol) and cyclohexanone (0.06 mL, 0.60 mmol) afforded **10b** (81.0 mg, 51%) as a white solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:9) as na eluent; m.p. 134–136 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.84 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 8.68 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 9.3, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (s, 1H), 2.17 – 2.11 (m, 2H), 1.98 – 1.71 (m, 8H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.0, 150.9, 150.1, 134.6, 129.2, 129.1, 126.6, 125.0, 117.4, 74.2, 38.1 (2 × C), 25.6, 22.0 (2 × C); HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClNO 262.7565, found 262.7565.

**7-chloroquinoline-4-carbonitrile (10c):** CAS number: 13337-75-2. Following the general procedure **TP1**, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (**7**) (168.0 mg, 0.58 mmol) and *p*-

toluenesulfoyl cyanide (115.7 mg, 0.64 mmol) afforded **10c** (93.0 mg, 85%) as a white solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:9) as na eluent; m.p. 171–172 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.05 (d,  $J^3 = 4.3$  Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d,  $J^4 = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d,  $J^3 = 8.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.74 – 7.71 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.7, 148.6, 137.6, 130.5, 129.5, 126.4, 125.0, 124.3, 118.9, 115.3; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>6</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub> 189.0214, found 789.0222.

**7-chloro-4-(phenylthio)quinoline (10d):** CAS number: 1025-43-0. Following the general procedure **TP1**, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (**7**) (173.0 mg, 0.60 mmol) and 1,2-diphenyldisulfide (131.0 mg, 0.60 mmol) afforded **10d** (116.0 mg, 71%) as a pale white solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:19) as na eluent; m.p. 85–87 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.55 (d,  $J^3 = 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d,  $J^4 = 8.9$  Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d,  $J^3 = 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.53 (dd,  $J^3 = 8.9$  Hz,  $J^4 = 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 6.72 (d,  $J^3 = 4.8$  Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.6, 149.2, 148.3, 135.9, 135.5 (2 × C), 130.3 (2 × C), 130.0, 129.2, 129.0, 127.6, 125.1, 124.5, 118.0; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClNS 272.0295, found 272.0299.

**7-chloro-4-(phenylselanyl)quinoline (10e):** CAS number: 1415931-33-7. Following the general procedure **TP1**, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (**7**) (283.0 mg, 0.98 mmol) and 1,2-diphenyldiselenide (329.5 mg, 1.05 mmol) afforded **10e** (284.2 mg, 91%) as a pale yellow solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:19) as na eluent; m.p. 93–95 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.53 (d,  $J^3 = 4.7$  Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d,  $J^4 = 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d,  $J^3 = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.68 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.53 (dd,  $J^3 = 9.0$ ,  $J^4 = 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 6.99 (d,  $J^3 = 4.7$  Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.6, 148.4, 146.2, 136.4 (2 × C), 135.9, 130.3 (2 × C), 129.7, 129.1, 127.8, 126.9, 126.5, 126.3, 122.2; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClNSe 319.9740, found 319.9729.

**7-chloroquinoline-4-carbaldehyde (10f):** CAS number: 35714-48-8. Following the general procedure **TP1**, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (**7**) (318.0 mg, 1.10 mmol) and DMF (0.25 mL, 3.29 mmol) afforded **10f** (162.0 mg, 77%) as a white solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:9) as na eluent; m.p. 112–113 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.45 (s, 1H), 9.21 (d,  $J^3 = 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 8.99 (d, J^3 = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 8.99 (d,  $J^3 = 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 8.91 (d, J^3 = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 8.91 (d, J^3

9.1 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d,  $J^4 = 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d,  $J^3 = 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dd,  $J^3 = 9.1$ ,  $J^4 = 2.1$  Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  192.7, 151.7, 149.8, 136.9, 136.5, 130.4, 129.1, 126.3, 126.2, 122.2; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>7</sub>ClNO 192.0211, found 192.0217.

(*E*)-1-(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (16): Following the general procedure **TP1**, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (7) (320.0 mg, 1.10 mmol) and *trans*-cinnamaldehyde (0.14 mL, 1.10 mmol) afforded **16** (301.0 mg, 92%) as a white solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4) as na eluent; m.p. 142-146 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.94 (d,  $J^3 = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.40 (d,  $J^3 = 9.1$  Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d,  $J^4 = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d,  $J^3 = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dd,  $J^3 = 9.1$  Hz,  $J^4 = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 6.80 (d,  $J^3 = 15.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.49 (dd,  $J^3 = 15.9$ ,  $J^3 = 6.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.15 (d,  $J^3 = 4.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.01 – 5.99 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  151.9, 149.7, 148.4, 136.2, 133.7, 131.5, 130.0, 128.6 (2 × C), 128.2, 127.7, 126.9, 126.7, 126.4 (2 × C), 124.0, 118.8, 69.6; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>CINO 296.0837, found 296.0829.

Lithiation of 4,7-dichloroquinoline using LDA and trans-cinnamaldehyde as an electrophile: To a dry nitrogen-flushed round bottom flask (10 mL) under magnetic stirring containing a solution of diisopropylamine (0.44 mL, 3.15 mmol) in dry THF (1 mL), *n*-butyllithium (1.22 mL, 2.86 mmol, 2.5 mol.L<sup>-1</sup> in hexanes) was added dropwise at -70 °C. After 10 min, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 0 °C and kept under magnetic stirring at the same temperature for 20 min. Then, the reaction flask was cooled to -70 °C, and a solution of 4,7-dichloroquinoline (378.0 mg, 1.91 mmol) in dry THF (3.5 mL) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture. The system was kept under magnetic stirring at -70 °C for 60 min. To the mixture was added trans-cinnamaldehyde (0.29 mL, 2.29 mmol) and the reaction mixture was kept under magnetic stirring for 12 h. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution. The product was extracted with EtOAc ( $3 \times 15$  mL), the organic phase was dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude was purified by column chromatography using a mixture of hexanes and EtOAc (4:1) as an eluent to afford (E)-1-(4,7-dichloroquinolin-3-yl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (19) (315.0 mg, 50%) as pale yellow solid; m.p. 137–139 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 9.10 (s, 1H), 8.23 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.15 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dd, J = 9.0, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.31 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 6.75 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (dd, J = 15.8, J = 6.1 Hz 1H), 6.27 (s, 1H), 5.84 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  151.4, 147.8, 138.0, 136.2, 134.9, 134.4, 130.2, 129.9, 128.8, 128.0, 127.8, 126.5, 126.0, 123.9, 69.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z: ([M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO: 330,0447, found 330.0444.

**Typical procedure 2 (TP2): Oxidation reaction of carbinol derivatives using Dess-Martin reagent:** To a dry flask (100 mL) containing a solution of the appropriate alchohol (2.48 mmol) in anhydrous dichloromethane (49.6 mL) at room temperature, was added slowly DMP (1.5793 g, 3.72 mmol) and the reaction mixture was kept under magnetic stirring for 12 h. The crude was then concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was solubilized in diethyl ether (30 mL). The etheric solution was washed with an aqueous solution (15 mL) of 1:1 mixture of Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (10%): saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. Then, the organic phase was washed with water (10 mL) and brine (10 mL). The all aqueous phases were extracted with diethyl ether (20 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography using a mixture of hexanes and EtOAc as an eluent.

(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)(phenyl)methanone (10a): CAS number: 169957-11-3. Following the general procedure **TP2**, the alcohol **9a** (669.0 mg, 2.48 mmol) and DMP (1.5793 g, 3.72 mmol) afforded **10a** (590.2 mg, 89%) as a white solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:9) as an eluent; m.p. 106–109°C; spectroscopic data were reported previously.

(*E*)-1-(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (17): Following the general procedure **TP2**, alcohol **16** (301.0 mg, 1.02 mmol) and DMP (647.5 mg, 1.52 mmol) afforded **17** (246.0 mg, 82%) as a white solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:9) as an eluent; m.p. 117–119 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.04 (d,  $J^3 = 4.3$  Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d,  $J^4 = 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d,  $J^3 = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.51 (m, 5H), 7.45 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.21 (d,  $J^3 = 16.1$  Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  194.1, 150.9, 149.4, 148.4, 144.6, 136.2, 134.0, 131.6, 129.3 (2 × C),

129.1, 129.0, 128.9 (2 × C), 126.9, 126.0, 123.1, 119.5; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClNO 294.0680, found 294.0674.

(*E*)-1-(4,7-dichloroquinolin-3-yl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-ona (20): Following the general procedure **TP2**, alcohol **19** (175.0 mg, 0.53 mmol) and DMP (337.4 mg, 0.79 mmol) afforded **20** (110.0 mg, 63%) as a white solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:9) as an eluent; m.p. 145-147 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.92 (s, 1H), 8.30 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 9.0 Hz, *J*<sup>4</sup> = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.54 (m, 3H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  191.6, 150.1, 149.7, 147.4, 140.4, 138.0, 134.2, 131.9, 131.5, 129.7, 129.3 (2 × C), 129.0, 128.9 (2 × C), 126.4, 126.1, 124.5; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO 328.0290, found 328.0284.

Typical Procedure 3 (TP3): Halogen/metal exchange reaction between 7-chloro-4iodoquinoline and *i*-PrMgCl•LiCl followed by the Negishi cross coupling reactions: To a dry nitrogen-flushed round-bottom flask (10 mL) under magnetic stirring containing a solution of 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (7) (144.7 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in anhydrous THF (2.0 mL) at 0 °C, was added dropwise *i*-PrMgCl•LiCl (0.42 mL, 1.2 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). After 10 min, the reaction mixture was cooled to -40 °C and an anhydrous THF solution of ZnCl<sub>2</sub> (0.52 mL, 1.0 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>) was added. The flask was kept at this temperature for 20 min. Then, a solution of Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (27.9 mg, 5 mol%) in THF (1.0 mL) and another with the appropriate electrophile (0.6 mmol) in THF (1.0 mL) were added at -40 °C. After that, the temperature was warmed to 60 °C and the reaction mixture was kept under stirring for 12 h. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution and the products were extracted with EtOAc (3 × 10 mL). The organic phase was dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography using a mixture of hexanes/EtOAc as an eluent.

**7-chloro-4-(4-chlorophenyl)quinoline (12a):** CAS number: 1318249-22-7. Following the general procedure **TP3**, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (**7**) (232.0 mg, 0.80 mmol) and 1-chloro-4-iodobenzene (210.2 mg, 0.88 mmol) afforded **12a** (149.0 mg, 68%) as a pale yellow solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexane (1:4) as an eluent ; m.p. 103–105 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.94 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, *J* =

2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (dd,  $J^3 = 9.0$ ,  $J^4 = 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H);  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H{}$  NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  151.1, 149.3, 147.4, 136.0, 135.6, 135.1, 130.9 (2 × C), 129.2 (2 × C), 129.0, 128.0, 127.1, 125.1, 121.5; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>9</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N 274.0185, found 274.0193.

**7-chloro-4-(4-nitrophenyl)quinoline (12b):** CAS number: 192063-50-6. Following the general procedure **TP3**, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (**7**) (286.0 mg, 0.99 mmol) and 1-iodo-4-nitrobenzene (268.4 mg, 1.08 mmol) afforded **12b** (210.0 mg, 75%) as a white solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexane (1:9) as an eluent; m.p. 170–171 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.99 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.41 (dl, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 8.19 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dl, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (dd, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 9.0 Hz, *J*<sup>4</sup> = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  151.1, 149.2, 148.2, 146.1, 144.1, 136.0, 130.6 (2 × C), 129.2, 128.5, 126.5, 124.5, 124.1 (2 × C), 121.4; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>10</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 285.0425, found 285.0426.

**2-(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)benzonitrile (12c):** Following the general procedure **TP3**, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (**7**) (193.0 mg, 0.67 mmol) and 2-iodobenzonitrile (183,0 mg, 0,80 mmol) afforded **12c** (102.0 mg, 58%) as a yellow solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexane (1:4) as an eluent ; m.p. 166–168 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.03 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.23 – 8.20 (m, 1H), 7.89 (dd,  $J^3 = 7.8$ ,  $J^4 = 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.77 (ddd,  $J^3 = 7.7$ ,  $J^3 = 7.7$ ,  $J^4 = 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.64 (ddd,  $J^3 = 7.7$ ,  $J^3 = 7.7$ ,  $J^4 = 1.4$  Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  151.0, 149.1, 144.4, 141.0, 136.0, 133.7, 132.9, 130.9, 129.3, 129.2, 128.5, 126.6, 124.9, 122.1, 117.3, 113.1; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>10</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub> 265.0527, found 265.0535.

**7-chloro-4-(2-methoxyphenyl)quinoline** (12d): CAS number: 1663480-67-8. Following the general procedure **TP3**, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (**7**) (172.0 mg, 0.59 mmol) and 1-iodo-2-methoxybenzene (0.08 mL, 0.65 mmol) afforded **12d** (118.0 mg, 74%) as a yellow oil after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexane (1:4) as an eluent; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.94 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.39 (dd, *J*<sup>3</sup> = 9.0 Hz, *J*<sup>4</sup> = 2.1 Hz, 1H),

7.32 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.11 (ddd,  $J^3 = 7.5$ ,  $J^3 = 7.5$ ,  $J^4 = 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.48 (m, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  156.8, 151.1, 148.9, 146.1, 135.1, 131.3, 130.4, 128.6, 128.0, 127.3, 126.4, 126.1, 122.4, 120.9, 111.3, 55.6; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClNO 270.0680, found 270.0696.

Synthesis of 2-(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)-4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazole (10g): To a nitrogen-flushed round-bottom flask (100mL) containing molecular sieves 4A (1.3 g) and a solution of 2-amino-2-methylpropan-1-ol (0.08 mL, 0.84 mmol) in anhydrous dichloromethane (6 mL), was added 7-chloroquinoline-4-carboxaldehyde (10f) (162.0 mg, 0.84 mmol) and the reaction mixture was kept under magnetic stirring at 25 °C for 12 h. To the mixture was added N-bromosuccinimide (NBS) (180.0 mg, 1.01 mmol) and the reaction mixture was kept under stirring for 30 min until the medium turned red. Then, the reaction mixture was filtered and washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution  $(4 \times 70 \text{ mL})$  and water (70 mL). The organic phase was dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography using hexanes/EtOAc (4:1) as an eluent to afford compound **10g** (200.0 mg, 91%) as a needle white solid; m.p. 78–79 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.10 (d,  $J^3 = 9.1$  Hz, 1H), 8.97 (d,  $J^3 = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d,  $J^4 = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d,  $J^3 = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.57 (dd,  $J^3 = 9.1$ ,  $J^4 = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.17 (s, 2H), 1.48 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.9, 151.0, 149.4, 135.7, 132.8, 128.8, 128.8, 128.3, 123.9, 121.9, 78.6, 69.1, 28.6 (2 × C); HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>NaO 283.0609, found 283.0617.

**Magnesiation of 2-(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)-4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazole (10h) using TMPMgCl-LiCl and iodine as an electrophile:** In a dry nitrogen-flushed round bottom flask (10 mL) containing a solution of 2-(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)-4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazole (**10f**) (74.0 mg, 0.28 mmol) in anhydrous THF (1.5 mL), an anhydrous solution of ZnCl<sub>2</sub> (0.14 mL, 0.14 mmol, 1.0 mol.L<sup>-1</sup> in THF) in THF was added and the reactional flask was kept under magnetic stirring at 25 °C for 10 min. Then, TMPMgCl-LiCl (0.49 mL, 0.42 mmol, 0.87 mol.L<sup>-1</sup> in THF) was added dropwise and the reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 1 h. After this time, a solution of iodine (86.0 mg, 0.34 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was added and the system was kept under stirring for 30 min. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution. The product was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 15 mL), the organic phase was dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude was purified by column chromatography using a mixture of hexanes and EtOAc as an eluent to afford compound **10h** (103.0 mg, 94%) as a white solid; m.p. 173–174 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.14 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 9.04 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (s, 2H), 1.47 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.5, 151.6, 149.3, 141.9, 133.5, 128.8, 128.2, 124.1, 122.5, 108.2, 78.7, 69.3, 28.6 (2 × C); HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClIN<sub>2</sub>O 386.9756, found 386.9753.

Typical Procedure 4 (TP4): Enantioselective reduction of ketone derivatives: To a dry round-bottom flask (25 mL) containing a solution of ketone 10a (276.0 mg, 1.03 mmol) in a mixture of THF – IPA (3 mL, THF:IPA (1:4)), was added K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (34.5 mg, 0.25 mmol) and the appropriate ruthenium catalyst C1 or C2 (12 mg, 0.01 mmol). The reaction mixture was degassed under high vacuum and purged with nitrogen. Then the reaction flask was kept under hydrogen (40 psi) at room temperature for 24 h. After the reaction time, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude was purified by chromatographic column using flash silica and hexanes/EtOAc (4:1) as an eluent. Following the general procedure **TP 4**, the ketone **10a** (276.0 mg, 1.03 mmol) and the ruthenium catalyst *trans*-RuCl<sub>2</sub>[(S)-xylbinap][(S)-daipen] (12.0 mg, 0.01 mmol) afforded (S)-(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)(phenyl)methanol (215.0 mg, 0.80 mmol, 77%, 99.1% enantiomeric fraction) as a white solid after chromatographic purification using hexanes/EtOAc (4:1) as an eluent. Following TP 4, the ketone 10a (267.0 mg, 1.00 mmol) and the ruthenium catalyst *trans*-RuCl<sub>2</sub>[(R)-xylbinap][(R)-daipen] (12.0 mg, 0.01 mmol) afforded (R)-(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)(phenyl)methanol (247.0 mg, 0.91 mmol, 91%, 99.4% enantiomeric fraction) as a white solid after chromatographic purification using hexanes/EtOAc (4:1) as an eluent (see SI).

**Enantioseparation from racemic mixture:** The separation of compounds **9a** was carried out on a chromatographic system acquired from Shimadzu (Kyoto, Japan). The equipment was equipped with two solvent delivery pumps models LC-20AT and LC-20AD; one column oven model CTO-20A, one diode array detector model SPD-M20A and one SIL-10AF automatic injector. The system was controlled by using a CBM-20A controller. The software used for data acquisition and processing was LC Solution

version 1.25 SP5, also from Shimadzu. Acceptable enantioseparation of compound **10a** (resolution > 1.5) was performed by using a chiral stationary phase based on amylose 3,5 (tris-dimethylphenylcarbamate). The chiral separation was accomplished on a chiralpak AD-H column (150 × 4.6 mm, 5µm, Daicel, Tokyo, Japan) and methanol (100%) was used as mobile phase (see SI, Figure S1). The column temperature, flow rate, and injection volume were set at 30 °C, 0.4 mL min<sup>-1</sup> and 10 µL, respectively. The detection was carried out at 278 nm. After the enantioselective hydrogenation of compound **10a**, the products were analyzed using the chromatographic method previously described. Figure S2 (see SI) represents the resulting products obtained. The enantiomeric fraction (EF) of each product was calculated according to equation S1. The enantiomeric fraction obtained in each enantioselective synthesis was higher than 99% (w/w) (see SI).

Cytotoxicity assay: lung carcinoma (A549) and colon adenocarcinoma (HCT-116): Compounds **9a-aa** and **16** were prepared as 10 mM stock solutions in DMSO. DMSO and doxorubicin were used as negative and positive control, respectively. The cancer cells were seeded into a 96-well microplate at an appropriate density (A549: 1 x 10<sup>4</sup> cells/mL and HCT-116: 5 x 10<sup>4</sup> cells/mL) and cultured for 24 h. After, the cells were treated with 0.0032, 0.016, 0.08, 0.4, 2.0, 10.0 and 50.0  $\mu$ M of each compound and incubated for 72 h. Then, the supernatant was substituted by culture medium (150  $\mu$ L) containing MTT, 3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide, (0.5 mg/mL), and the cells were incubated for an additional 3 h. The supernatant was removed, and the microplate was dried at least 3 h. The precipitated formazan was dissolved in DMSO (150  $\mu$ L), and the absorbance intensity was measured at 570 nm using a multi-well scanning spectrophotometer (Multiskan FC, Fisher Scientific, USA).<sup>95</sup> All experiments were conducted in triplicate (see SI).

**General remarks on flow chemistry:** Dimethyl fumarate was used as internal standard to calculate the conversion by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis. All flasks were dried inside the oven for 12 h, after that time the same were dried using heat gun (650 °C) under high vacuum and backfilled with anhydrous nitrogen after cooling. All flasks with rubber septa containing reagents in THF solution were kept under inert atmosphere. Syringes, which were used to transfer reagents and solvents, were purged with nitrogen three times prior to use. Batch quenching reactions were carried out with magnetic stirring. Flow
reactions were performed on commercially available flow systems. A Vapourtec Eseries Integrated Flow Chemistry System with  $3^{rd}$  Pump Kit, Organometallic Kit and Collection Valve Kit or an equipment using two Syrris Asia Flow Chemistry Syringe Pump, three set of Asia Red Syringes (2.5 mL/5 mL), three manual injection valve 2position-6-port, and homemade coiled tubular reactors and injection loop. Coiled tubular reactors were made from PEEK (I.D. = 0.75 mm, O.D. = 1.6 mm) and sample loops from PTFE (I.D. = 0.75 mm, O.D. = 1.6 mm). Two T-pieces (I.D. = 0.5 mm) were used as mixers. Prior to performing reactions, the systems were dried by flushing with dry THF (flow rate of all pumps: 1.0 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>; run-time: 30 min).

Typical procedure 5 (TP5): halogen-metal exchange reaction followed by the reaction with benzaldehyde using the Syrris Asia Flow Chemistry System: It was prepared the following solutions in anhydrous THF: 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (7) (0.20 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 1.0 equiv.), *i*-PrMgCl•LiCl (0.20 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 1.0 equiv.), and the appropriate electrophile. Injection loop A (2.5 or 5 mL) was loaded with 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline  $(0.2 \text{ mol}.L^{-1}, 1.0 \text{ mmol})$ , loop B (2.5 or 5 mL) was loaded with *i*-PrMgCl•LiCl (0.2 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 1.0 mmol) and loop C (2.5 or 5 mL) was loaded with the electrophile solution in THF. The solutions were simultaneously injected into separate THF streams (pump A and B, flowrates:  $FR_A = FR_B = 1.2$  or 3.0 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>) and mixed in a T-mixer. The combined streams passed a PEEK reactor tube (volume:  $(V_R = 3 \text{ mL})$ ; residence time: (RT = 30 s or 1.25 min)). After the respective residence time, the electrophile was injected into separate THF stream (pump C, flowrate:  $FR_C = 1.2$  or 3.0 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>) and mixed with the organomagnesium intermediate 8 generated from the first coiled reactor in a T-mixer. The second combined streams passed a PEEK reactor tube (volume:  $V_R =$ 3 or 18 mL; residence time: RT = 20 s, 2 min or 5 min). After that, the reaction was quenched with a saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution. The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc ( $3 \times 30$  mL) and the organic phases were dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub> and filtrated. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the crude was purified by flash column chromatography using hexanes/EtOAc as an eluent.

(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)(phenyl)methanol (9a): Following the general procedure TP5, 7-cloro-4-iodoquinoline (7) (289.5 mg, 0.2 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 1.0 mmol) and benzaldehyde (0.1 mL, 0.2 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 1.0 mmol) afforded **9a** (231.0 mg, 86%) as a white solid. Spectroscopic data matched that reported previously. Flow setup: flowrates ( $FR_A = FR_B$  =  $FR_C = 3.0 \text{ mL.min}^{-1}$ ), injection loops (loop A = loop B = loop C = 5 mL), first coil reactor (volume:  $V_R = 3 \text{ mL}$ ; residence time: RT = 30 s), and second coil reactor (volume:  $V_R = 3 \text{ mL}$ ; residence time: RT = 20 s).

**1-(7-chloroquinoline-4-yl)cyclohena-1-ol (10b):** Following the general procedure **TP5**, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (**7**) (144.7 mg, 0.2 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 0.5 mmol) and cyclohexanone (0.3 mL, 1.2 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 3.0 mmol) afforded **10b** (70.0 mg, 53%) as a white solid. Spectroscopic data matched that reported previously. Flow setup: flowrates (FR<sub>A</sub> = FR<sub>B</sub> = FR<sub>C</sub> = 1.2 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>), injection loops (loop A = loop B = loop C = 2.5 mL), first coil reactor (volume: V<sub>R</sub> = 3 mL; residence time: RT = 1.25 min), and second coil reactor (volume: V<sub>R</sub> = 18 mL; residence time: RT = 5 min).

**7-chloroquinoline-4-carbonitrile** (10c): CAS number: 13337-75-2. Following the general procedure **TP5**, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (7) (144.7 mg, 0.2 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 0.5 mmol) and *p*-toluenesulfoyl cyanide (143.0 mg, 0.3 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 0.75 mmol) afforded **10b** (82.0 mg, 87%) as a white solid. Spectroscopic data matched that reported previously. Flow setup: flow rates ( $FR_A = FR_B = FR_C = 3.0 \text{ mL.min}^{-1}$ ), injection loops (loop A = loop B = loop C = 2.5 mL), first coil reactor (volume:  $V_R = 3 \text{ mL}$ ; residence time: RT = 30 s), and second coil reactor (volume:  $V_R = 18 \text{ mL}$ ; residence time: RT = 2 min).

**7-chloro-4-(phenylselanyl)quinoline (10e):** CAS number: 1415931-33-7. Following the general procedure **TP5**, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (**7**) (144.7 mg, 0.2 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 0.5 mmol) and 1,2-diphenyldiselenide (312.1 mg, 0.4 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 1.0 mmol) afforded **10b** (144.0 mg, 90%) as a white solid. Spectroscopic data matched that reported previously. Flow setup: flow rates ( $FR_A = FR_B = FR_C = 3.0 \text{ mL.min}^{-1}$ ), injection loops (loop A = loop B = loop C = 2.5 mL), first coil reactor (volume:  $V_R = 3 \text{ mL}$ ; residence time: RT = 30 s), and second coil reactor (volume:  $V_R = 18 \text{ mL}$ ; residence time: RT = 2 min).

**7-chloroquinoline-4-carbaldehyde (10f):** CAS number: 35714-48-8. Following the general procedure **TP5**, 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (**7**) (144.7 mg, 0.2 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 0.5 mmol) and DMF (0.2 mL, 1.2 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 3.0 mmol) afforded **10b** (68.0 mg, 71 %) as a white solid. Spectroscopic data matched that reported previously. Flow setup: flowrates (FR<sub>A</sub> = FR<sub>B</sub> = FR<sub>C</sub> = 1.2 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>), injection loops (loop A = loop B = loop C = 2.5 mL),

first coil reactor (volume:  $V_R = 3 \text{ mL}$ ; residence time: RT = 1.25 min), and second coil reactor (volume:  $V_R = 18 \text{ mL}$ ; residence time: RT = 5 min).

Typical procedure 6 (TP6): metalation step using the Vapourtec E-series Integrated Flow Chemistry System and iodine as an electrophile: The following solutions were prepared: 4,7-dichloroquinoline (**X**) solution in THF (0.20 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 1.0 equiv.) and TMPMgCl•LiCl (0.30 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 1.5 equiv.). The solutions were pumped from their flasks through a suction needle at flow rate A (FR<sub>A</sub> = 1.5 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>) and flow rate B (FR<sub>B</sub> = FR<sub>A</sub>) for 3 min 20 s. The solutions were mixed in a T-mixer (PFA or PTFE, I.D. = 0.5 mm). The combined stream passed through a PEEK reactor tube (volume: V<sub>R</sub> = 3.0 mL; residence time RT = 1.0 min) and was subsequently injected in a flask containing iodine (304.8 mg, 1.2 equiv.). The reaction was quenched with a saturated aqueous solution Of Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc and the organic phases were dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and filtrated. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the crude was purified by flash column chromatographic seperation using hexane/EtOAc (9:1) as eluent.

Following the general procedure **TP6**, 4,7-dichloroquinoline (**18**) (198.0 mg, 0.2 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 1 mmol) and iodine (304.8 mg, 1.2 mmol) afforded 4,7-dichloro-8-iodoquinoline (**23a**) (298.0 mg, 92 %) (CAS number: 2169765-08-4) as a white solid after chromatographic purification with hexanes/EtOAc (1:9) as an eluent; m.p. 136–142 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.88 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  151.5, 149.6, 143.0, 142.8, 128.7, 125.6, 124.8, 121.9, 108.0. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NCl<sub>2</sub>I 323.6644, found 323.6634.

Typical procedure 7 (TP7): metalation followed by the reaction with aldehydes using the Vapourtec E-series Integrated Flow Chemistry System: The following solutions were prepared in anhydrous THF: 7-chloro-4-iodoquinoline (**X**) (0.20 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 1.0 equiv.), TMPMgCl•LiCl (0.30 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 1.5 equiv.), and the appropriate electrophile (0.60 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 3.0 equiv.). First of all, 4,7-dichloroquinoline (**X**) and TMPMgCl•LiCl solutions were pumped from their flasks through a suction needle at flow rate A (FR<sub>A</sub> = 1.5 ml.min<sup>-1</sup>) and flow rate B (FR<sub>B</sub> = FR<sub>A</sub>) for 3 min 20 s from pumps A and B, respectively. The solutions were mixed in a T-mixer (PFA or PTFE, I.D. = 0.5 mm). After 1 min, the respective electrophile solution was pumped from its flask at the same flowrate ( $FR_C = FR_A$ ) and mixed with the organomagnesium intermediate generated from the first coiled reactor in a T-mixer (PFA or PTFE, I.D. = 0.5 mm). The second combined streams passed through a PEEK reactor tube (volume:  $V_R = 3.0$  mL; residence time: RT = 40 s). The reaction was then quenched with a saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution. The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc ( $3 \times 30$  mL) and the organic phases were dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and filtrated. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the crude was purified by flash column chromatography using hexanes/EtOAc as an eluent.

(4,7-dichloroquinolin-8-yl)(phenyl)methanol (23b): CAS number: 2169765-11-9. Following the general procedure **TP7**, 4,7-dichloroquinoline (18) (198.0 mg, 0.2 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 1 mmol) and benzaldehyde (0.3 mL, 0.6 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 3 mmol) afforded compound **23b** (252.5 mg, 83%) as white solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4) as an eluent; m.p. 125–132 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.68 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 6.68 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  148.6, 147.9, 144.2, 143.8, 136.9, 135.6, 129.8, 128.3 (2 × C), 127.2, 126.3, 126.2 (2 × C), 124.7, 121.5, 74.3; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NOCl<sub>2</sub> 304.0296, found 304.0284.

cyclohexyl(4,7-dichloroquinolin-8-yl)methanol (23c): Following the general procedure **TP7**, 4,7-dichloroquinoline (18) (198.0 mg, 0.2 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 1 mmol) and cyclohexanecarbaldehyde (0.36 mL, 0.6 mol. $L^{-1}$ , 3 mmol) afforded compound 23c (279.2 mg, 90%) as crystal after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4) as an eluent; m.p. 168–175°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.71 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.20 – 2.12 (m, 1H), 2.04 (dtt, J = 11.6, 7.6, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.84 – 1.71 (m, 1H), 1.68 - 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.34 - 1.11 (m, 5H), 1.04 (tdd, J = 12.9, 9.3, 3.7 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (176 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 148.2, 148.2, 144.0, 137.5, 135.7, 129.7, 126.1, 124.0, 121.4, 78.0, 45.7, 29.7, 29.6, 26.5, 26.4, 26.2. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NOCl<sub>2</sub> 310.0765, found 310.0771; Crystal data for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO (M = 310.20 g/mol): monoclinic, space group P2<sub>1</sub>/c (no. 14), a = 10.4145(5) Å, b = 10.4145(5) Å10.1079(5) Å, c = 13.6710(7) Å,  $\beta = 91.857(2)^{\circ}$ , V = 1438.37(12) Å<sup>3</sup>, Z = 4, T = 120 K,

 $\mu$ (MoK $\alpha$ ) = 0.446 mm<sup>-1</sup>, *Dcalc* = 1.432 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, 33825 reflections measured (5.012°  $\leq 2\Theta$  $\leq 63.008°$ ), 4777 unique ( $R_{int} = 0.0424$ ,  $R_{sigma} = 0.0307$ ) which were used in all calculations. The final  $R_1$  was 0.0338 (I > 2 $\sigma$ (I)) and  $wR_2$  was 0.0866 (all data).

**1-(4,7-dichloroquinolin-8-yl)-2-methylpropan-1-ol** (**23d**): Following the general procedure **TP7**, 4,7-dichloroquinoline (**18**) (198.0 mg, 0.2 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 1 mmol) and isobutyraldehyde (0.27 mL, 0.6 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 3 mmol) afforded compound **23d** (235.0 mg, 87%) as white solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4) as an eluent; m.p. 83–86 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.70 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (t, *J* = 7.9, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.15 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.83 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  148.2, 148.2, 143.9, 137.7, 135.7, 129.7, 126.1, 124.0, 121.4, 78.8, 36.1, 19.5, 19.2; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NOCl<sub>2</sub> 270.0452, found 270.0450.

**1-(4,7-dichloroquinolin-8-yl)heptan-1-ol (23e):** Following the general procedure **TP7**, 4,7-dichloroquinoline (**18**) (198.0 mg, 0.2 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 1 mmol) and 1-heptanal (0.42 mL, 0.6 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 3 mmol) afforded compound **23e** (290.4 mg, 93%) as colourless oil after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4) as an eluent; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.72 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 5.48 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.09 – 2.02 (m, 1H), 1.87 – 1.79 (m, 1H), 1.71 – 1.61 (m, 1H), 1.49 – 1.41 (m, 1H), 1.41 – 1.22 (m, 8H), 0.95 – 0.84 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (176 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  148.1, 144.2, 138.4, 134.6, 129.8, 126.2, 123.9, 121.4, 73.5, 68.1, 38.9, 31.9, 29.3, 26.2, 22.7, 14.2; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NOCl<sub>2</sub> 312.0922, found 312.0912.

Typical procedure 8 (TP8): metalation reaction followed by the reaction with different electrophiles using the Syrris Asia Flow Chemistry System: The following solutions were prepared in anhydrous THF: 4,7-dichloroquinoline (**X**) (0.20 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 1.0 equiv.), TMPMgCl•LiCl (0.30 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 1.5 equiv.), and the appropriate electrophile. Injection loop A (2.5 mL) was loaded with 4,7-dichloroquinoline (**X**) (0.2 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 0.5 mmol), loop B (2.5 mL) was loaded with TMPMgCl•LiCl (0.3 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 0.75 mmol) and loop C was loaded with the electrophile solution. The solutions were simultaneously injected into separate THF streams (pump A and B, flow rates:  $FR_A = FR_B = 1.2$  or 1.5

mL.min<sup>-1</sup>) and mixed in a T-mixer. The combined streams passed a PEEK reactor tube (volume:  $V_R = 3$  mL; residence time: RT = 1 or 1.25 min). After the respective residence time, the electrophile was injected into separate THF stream (pump C, flow rate:  $FR_C = 1.2$  or 1.5 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>) and mixed with the organomagnesium intermediate **22** generated from the first coiled reactor in a T-mixer. The second combined streams passed through a PEEK reactor tube (volume:  $V_R = 18$  mL; residence time: RT = 2 or 5 min). The reaction was then quenched with a saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution. The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 30 mL) and the organic phases were dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub> and filtrated. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the crude was purified by flash column chromatography using hexanes/EtOAc as an eluent.

**4,7-dichloro-8-(phenylselanyl)quinoline (23f):** Following the general procedure **TP8**, 4,7-dichloroquinoline (**18**) (99.0 mg, 0.2 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 0.5 mmol) and diphenyl diselenide (312.1 mg, 0.4 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 1 mmol) afforded compound **23f** (95.3 mg, 54%) as a white solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:19) as an eluent; m.p. 101–103 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.87 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.14 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  151.1, 150.4, 143.4, 143.2, 132.2, 131.4 (2 × C), 129.7, 129.1 (2 × C), 128.4, 126.8, 126.2, 125.6, 121.7; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NOCl<sub>2</sub> 353.9350, found 353.9364. Flow setup: flowrates (FR<sub>A</sub> = FR<sub>B</sub> = FR<sub>C</sub> = 1.5 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>), injection loops (loops A, B, C = 2.5 mL), first coil reactor (volume: V<sub>R</sub> = 3 mL; residence time: RT = 1 min), and second coil reactor (volume: V<sub>R</sub> = 18 mL; residence time: RT = 4 min).

**4,7-dichloroquinoline-8-carbaldehyde (23g):** Following the general procedure **TP8**, 4,7-dichloroquinoline (**18**) (99.0 mg, 0.2 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 0.5 mmol) and DMF (0.2 mL, 1.2 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 3.0 mmol) afforded compound **23g** (76.0 mg, 67%) as a white solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:19) as an eluent; m.p. 159–160 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  11.26 (s, 1H), 8.90 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 8.35 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  191.7, 151.3, 149.2, 143.5, 137.2, 130.8, 129.7, 129.3, 125.3, 122.3; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NOCl<sub>2</sub> 225.9821, found 225.9825. Flow setup: flow rates (FR<sub>A</sub> = FR<sub>B</sub> = FR<sub>C</sub> = 1.2 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>), injection loops (loops A, B,

C = 2.5 mL), first coil reactor (volume:  $V_R = 3$  mL; residence time: RT = 1 min), and second coil reactor (volume:  $V_R = 18$  mL; residence time: RT = 5 min).

8-bromo-4,7-dichloroquinoline (23h): Following the general procedure TP8, 4,7 $mol.L^{-1}$ . 0.2 0.5 dichloroquinoline (18)(99.0 mg, mmol) and 1.2dibromotetrachloroethane (976.9 mg, 1.2 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>, 3.0 mmol) afforded compound 23h (130.1 mg, 94%) as a white solid after chromatographic purification using EtOAc/hexanes (1:19) as an eluent; m.p. 136–137 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 8.92 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H);  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  151.4, 147.3, 143.4, 138.1, 129.3, 126.0, 125.3, 124.4, 122.1; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NOCl<sub>2</sub> 275.8977, found 275.8968. Flow setup: flow rates ( $FR_A = FR_B = FR_C = 1.2 \text{ mL.min}^{-1}$ ), injection loops (loops A, B, C = 2.5 mL), first coil reactor (volume:  $V_R = 3$  mL; residence time: RT = 1 min), and second coil reactor (volume:  $V_R = 18$  mL; residence time: RT = 5 min).

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## Supporting Information

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