

UNIVERSIDADE FEDERAL DO RIO GRANDE DO SUL

FACULDADE DE FARMÁCIA

CURSO DE FARMÁCIA

MAYCON ANTONIO DE CESARE

PORTO ALEGRE

2017

MAYCON ANTONIO DE CESARE

SYNTHESIS OF NOVEL 8-METHOXYQUINOLINE DERIVATIVES AND *IN VITRO*
ANTIBACTERIAL ACTIVITY

Trabalho de Conclusão apresentado ao Curso de Farmácia da Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, como requisito parcial para a obtenção do título de Farmacêutico.

Orientador: Prof. Dr. Saulo Fernandes de Andrade.

Coorientadora: Farmacêutica Angélica Rocha Joaquim

PORTO ALEGRE

2017

Agradecimentos

O principal agradecimento dedico aos meus pais Luiz e Marlei de Cesare, aos quais devo tudo que tenho e sou hoje e que junto aos meus irmãos, Evandro, Everton e Wagner, nunca mediram esforços, sempre me apoiando e ajudando nas tomadas de decisões.

A todos meus amigos e colegas que sempre estiveram ao meu lado compartilhando momentos. Meu profundo agradecimento à Diana Tremea pela ajuda com esse trabalho, paciência e compreensão.

Ao Professor Dr. Saulo Fernandes de Andrade pela ótima orientação e companheirismo durante minha jornada. À coorientadora mestrande Angélica Rocha Joaquim que me ajudou passo a passo no desenvolvimento deste trabalho junto com a parceria do Professor Dr. Francisco Paulo dos Santos e os integrantes do Laboratório de Catálise Molecular (LAMOCA) do Instituto de Química-UFRGS.

Por último e não menos importante à Professora Dra. Grace Gosmann por toda a disposição junto ao laboratório 105 e Faculdade de Farmácia da Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS).

“In the desert there is no sign that says, Thou shalt not eat stones.”

Sufi proverb – The Handmaid’s Tale por Margaret Atwood

Este trabalho foi elaborado seguindo as normas do *European Journal of Medicinal Chemistry*, normas apresentadas em anexo.

SYNTHESIS OF NOVEL 8-METHOXYQUINOLINE DERIVATIVES AND *IN VITRO* ANTIBACTERIAL ACTIVITY

Maycon Antonio de Cesare^a, Angélica Rocha Joaquim^{ab}, Roberta Taufer Boff^c, Débora Assumpção Rocha^{a,b}, Gustavo Pozza Silveira^d, Francisco Paulo dos Santos^e, Andreza Francisco Martins^c, and Saulo Fernandes de Andrade^{a,b,c}*

^a Pharmaceutical Synthesis Group (PHARSG), Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre, RS, Brazil

^b Programa de Pós-graduação em Ciências Farmacêuticas, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre, RS, Brazil

^c Programa de Pós-graduação em Microbiologia Agrícola e do Ambiente, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre, RS, Brazil

^d Programa de Pós-graduação em Química, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre, RS, Brazil

^e Laboratório de Catálise Molecular, Instituto de Química, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre, RS, Brazil

*Corresponding author

Tel: + 55 51 3308 5528

Fax: + 55 51 3308 5243

saulo.fernandes@ufrgs.br

Abstract

The resistance of bacteria to antibiotics has become a worldwide concern and the development of new agents is of particular interest. Quinolines derivatives have shown activity against several microorganism and the presence of substituent on the quinoline ring seems to modulate the activity and the toxicity. Thus, the purpose of this study was the synthesis and characterization of the novel series of 8-methoxyquinoline derivatives and evaluation of *in vitro* antibacterial activity against ATCC strains of *Escherichia coli*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Staphylococcus epidermidis*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Enterobacter aerogenes*, *Shigella flexneri*, *Enterococcus faecalis*, and *Staphylococcus aureus*. The commercial available clioquinol **3** was used to prepare 5-chloro-7-amino-8-methoxyquinoline derivatives (**5a-5e**) with a two-step synthesis: methylation of **3** to 5-chloro-7-iodo-8-methoxyquinoline **4** and palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling reaction to amination at position 7 in 50-66% of overall yield. The compounds prepared were characterized by FT-IR, ¹H and ¹³C NMR. The nitroxoline **2**, synthesized from 8-hydroxyquinoline in 54% yield, and **3** were used as positive controls for *in vitro* evaluation of antibacterial activity for the novel series by broth microdilution assay. The compounds **5a** and **5b** presented activity against two Gram-positive bacteria *E. faecalis* and *S. aureus*, including the Methicillin resistant strain of *S. aureus* (ATCC 33591). However just the compound **5b**, that bear an electron withdrawing group (EWG) at *para*-position of the 7-aniline, presented activity comparable to the positive controls, with value of minimal inhibitory concentration (MIC) of 4-8 µg/mL for those strains. Thus, this compound has the potential to be developed as an antibacterial agent.

Keywords: clioquinol, 8-methoxyquinoline, antibacterial

1. Introduction

The 8-hydroxyquinoline (8HQ) or quinolin-8-ol **1**, a planar bicycle molecule bearing a phenol and a pyridine fused rings (1, Fig. 1), is a quinoline derivative that has been studied for over a century due to its biological activity. This way, several synthesis methods are available for its preparation, such as the modified Skraup reaction that uses metal catalysis to give it in around 80% yield [1]. The 8HQ and their derivatives, nitroxoline **2** and clioquinol **3**, are mostly used as antiseptic nowadays, but they present a wide range of medical application since they have shown neuroprotective effects, anticancer activity, and antimicrobial activity against virus, parasitic disease, bacterial, and fungal [2] [3] [4]. The mechanisms of actions involved in these activities are not well established but are being related with chelation of metals like Mn^{2+} , Cu^{2+} , Fe^{3+} , Co^{2+} , and Zn^{2+} . In addition, the metal-complexes are also active against microorganism and in some cases when tested against bacteria it presents a better activity that the ligand alone [3]. In the other hand, the complexation could affect the drug pharmacokinetic since it increases molecular weight and changes the molecular polar surface area. This is well established for quinolones that have large decrease on bioavailability when co-administrated with metal ions [5]. It is also known that these complexes could be produced after distribution contributing with the compound activity.

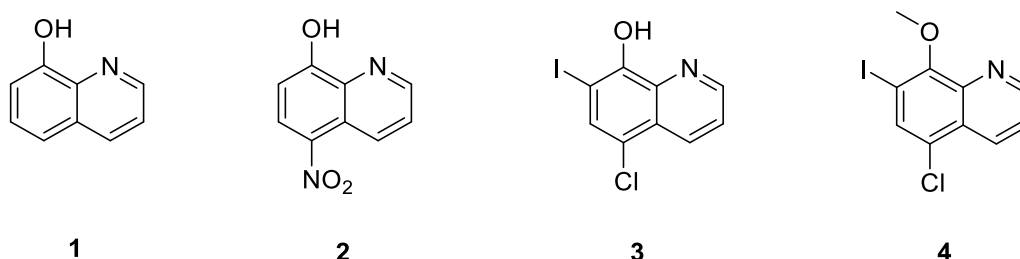


Fig. 1 - Chemical structure of quinolin-8-ol or 8-hydroxyquinoline **1**, nitroxoline or 5-nitro-8-hydroxyquinoline **2**, clioquinol or 5-chloro-7-iodo-8-hydroxyquinoline **3**, and 5-chloro-7-iodo-8-methoxyquinoline **4**.

The increasing number of severe cases of bacterial infections has become a worldwide concern. The abuse of commercial antibiotic contributes to the rapidly increase of multidrug resistant bacteria that cause infection difficult to treat with currently used antibiotic. These infections lead to treatment failure, increase of medical expenses and use of restrict and more potent antibiotics. Therefore, alternatives to solve the multi-resistant infections are being attempted and the introduction of novel compounds is an important topic of current research [6]. Quinolines derivatives have shown activity against several microorganism and the presence of substituent on the quinoline ring seems to modulate the toxicity. Substitution at position 5 and 7 of 8HQ seems to increase the activity against bacteria [7] [8]. Thus, the

antibacterial interest increases toward those quinolines, like clioquinol, a 5-chloro and 7-iodo substituted (3, Fig. 1).

The clioquinol **3** is a versatile molecule that initially was used as oral antiprotozoal medicine, nowadays besides the remaining use as antimicrobial in topical formulation, it has been studied as an alternative to treat Alzheimer's disease [2], and cancer [9]. However, it is also associated with severe cases of neurotoxicity in Japan, and this had being the reason of oral formulations banishment in the 70's. Some estimates shown that over 10,000 people had suffered from clioquinol neurotoxicity. The side effects reported by the patients in Japan were sensory, motor and visual disorders, abdominal pain, and diarrhea. Then, later toxicological studies demonstrated the relationship between clioquinol and the development of subacute myelo-optico-neuropathy (SMON) [10]. Otherwise, more recently, studies are relating the reducing of vitamin B₁₂ in serum and brain caused by oral administration of clioquinol with the neurotoxicity cases [11]. Therefore, the clioquinol is a good option to synthesis of new derivatives seeking better activity and less side effects. The 8-hydroxyl group together with the nitrogen, from the quinoline ring, provide the chelate propriety of 8HQ, which participate of the antimicrobial activity. So modifications at those positions could affect the compound bioactivity, as in the case of methylated clioquinol, 5-chloro-7-iodo-8-methoxyquinoline (4, Fig. 1), that despite of having few published works, it seems to maintain the antimicrobial activity [12]. Furthermore, aryl halides undergoes palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling reactions making possible the preparation of several substituted compounds.

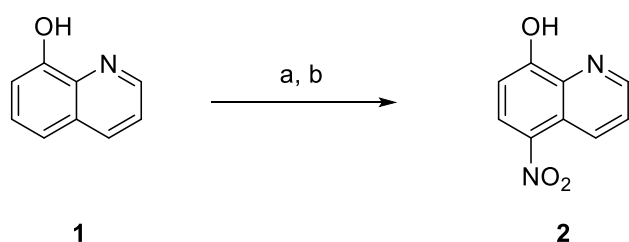
Those reactions have already been tested with quinolines to formation of C_{sp2}-C_{sp2} bound, as in the case presented by M. Brad Nolt et al. that cross-coupling halogenated quinolines with organoboronic acids in around 80% yield. The reaction is catalyzed by Cl₂Pd(dppf) that selectively substitute the bromine over the chlorine for aryl and heteroaryl compounds [13]. Another palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling uses amine to substitute aryl halide, and since its development, it has become a powerful tool to C_{sp2}-N bond formation, especially when it comes to anilines due its nucleophilicity. Production of secondary [14] and tertiary [15] amines can be achieved using Pd(OAc)₂, Pd₂(dba)₃, or PdCl₂(PhCN)₂, and a phosphine ligand, such as Xantphos, BINAP, or DPPE. To the best of our knowledge, this chemistry was never used before with clioquinol derivatives. Thus, the purpose of this study was to provide the synthesis and characterization of the novel 5-chloro-7-amino-8-methoxyquinoline derivatives. *In vitro* evaluation of this novel series against several strains of bacteria such as, *E. coli*, *P. aeruginosa*, *S. epidermidis*, *K. pneumoniae*, *E. aerogenes*, *S. flexneri*, *E. faecalis* and *S. aureus* aiming the development of new drug candidates for the treatment of microorganism infections.

2. Results and discussion

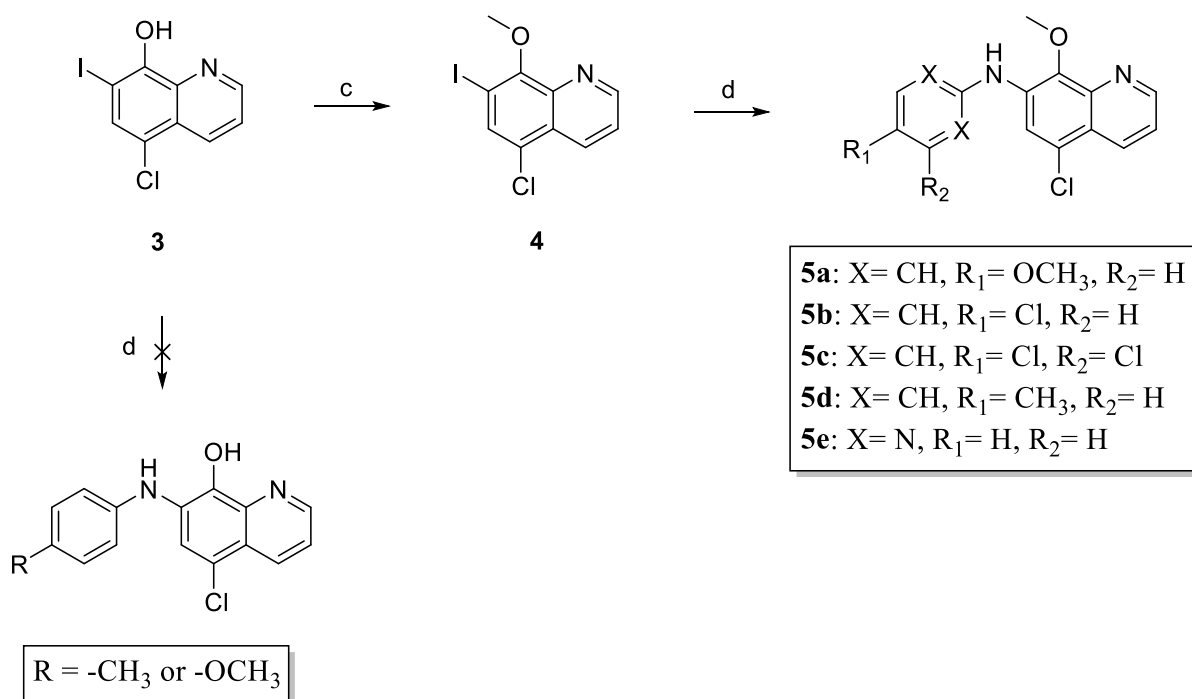
2.1 Chemistry

The nitroxoline **2** was prepared as previously described by Mazumder et al. (**Scheme 1**) [16]. In brief, commercially available 8-hydroxyquinoline **1** was dissolved in HCl (37%) and treated with NaNO₂ to give 5-nitroso-8HQ that was oxidized with HNO₃ to afford **2**. The mono-substitution at 5-position was confirmed by ¹H NMR spectrum with the presence of five ¹H signals at the aromatic region (around 7 to 9 ppm). The FT-IR spectrum present strong bands at 1283 and 1503 cm⁻¹ from stretching of nitro group (-NO₂).

Synthesis of nitroxoline (5-nitro-8-hydroxyquinoline)



Synthesis of the **5a-5e** derivatives



Scheme 1 – Synthesis of the nitroxoline **2** and the designed derivatives **5a-5e**. Reagents and conditions: (a) HCl, NaNO₂, 0 °C, 40 min; (b) HNO₃, 17 °C, 75 min; (c) CH₃I, K₂CO₃, DMF, r.t., 16h; (d) Pd(OAc)₂, Xantphos, Cs₂CO₃, appropriate aniline, dioxane, argon atm., 100 °C, 16h.

In order to modify the 7-position with amines, an initial attempt to couple clioquinol **3** with amines was carried out using Pd(OAc)₂/Xantphos system (**Scheme 1**). However, we just recovered the starting material in this condition for the two anilines tested: 4-methoxyaniline and 4-methylaniline. The possible cause for this could be due to hydroxyl deprotonation under alkaline condition, and consequential electron enrichment of the aromatic ring. Based on the literature reports, we decided to introduce the methyl group at OH-8 before the cross-coupling reaction to avoid the deprotonation [17] [18]. Then, the clioquinol **3** was treated with potassium carbonate and methyl iodide in DMF to provide 5-chloro-7-iodo-8-methoxyquinoline **4** in 96% yield [19]. The reaction was followed by FT-IR with the disappearance of broad O-H absorption at 3069 cm⁻¹ and appearance of alkane C-H stretching at 2932 cm⁻¹ and bending at 1454 cm⁻¹. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra confirm the methylation by the methyl peak at 4.153 ppm (3H integral) and at 62.45 ppm respectively.

The next step, palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling reaction, promotes the formation of secondary amine by replacing aryl iodide with anilines. It uses palladium acetate (Pd(OAc)₂) as source of Pd⁰, Xantphos as ligand, and Cs₂CO₃ as alkalizing agent. The catalysis mechanism, schematized by Hartwig in a Nature review published in 2008, starts with the oxidative addition of the palladium-xantphos complex to the aryl iodide, and it continues with the replacement of iodine by amine with releasing of hydrogen iodide (HI) that is neutralized by the Cs₂CO₃. Finally, the reductive elimination generate the aryl amine (**Fig. 2**) [20]. The integration values obtained from ¹H spectra confirm the mono-substitution of compound **4**, because the cross-coupling reactions can be also used with aryl chloride. However, as shown by Mphahlele and Lesenyeho the aryl chloride has a much lower reactivity than iodine once the C-Cl (96 kcal/mol) bond is strong than C-I (65 kcal/mol) [21]. The analysis of ¹³C NMR confirms the selectivity toward the iodide by the missing carbon peak from C-I that resonate with lower frequency due to shield effect from iodine vast electrosphere with peak at 90.30 ppm for the starting material **4**. The single band from secondary amine can be observed by FT-IR spectra around 3400 cm⁻¹. Five different anilines was used, 4-methoxyaniline, 4-chloroaniline, 3,4-dichloroaniline, 4-methylaniline, and 2-aminopyrimidine to give derivatives **5a** to **5e** in 50-66% of overall yield (**Scheme 1**).

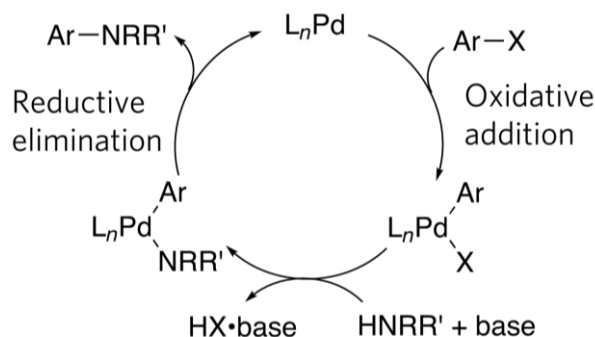
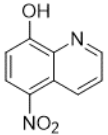
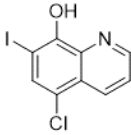
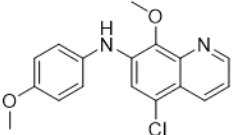
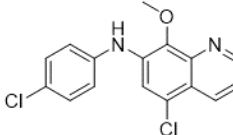
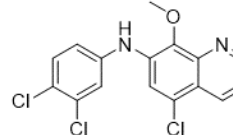
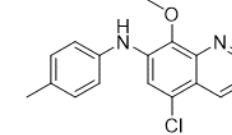
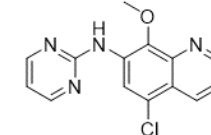


Fig. 2 – Catalysis mechanism of palladium-catalysed amination of aryl halides schematized by Hartwig in 2008 [20].

Table 1 - *In vitro* evaluation of MIC (minimal inhibitory concentration) values in $\mu\text{g/mL}$ for **2**, **3**, and derivatives **5a-5e** against bacteria strains.

Compound							
<i>E. coli</i> (35218)	4	>64	>64	>64	>64	>64	>64
<i>P. aeruginosa</i> (27853)	32	>64	>64	>64	>64	>64	>64
<i>K. pneumoniae</i> (70060)	32	>64	>64	>64	>64	>64	>64
<i>E. aerogenes</i> (13048)	16	>64	>64	>64	>64	>64	>64
<i>S. flexneri</i> (12022)	2	16	>64	>64	>64	>64	>64
<i>S. epidermitis</i> (35984)	8	4	64	>64	>64	>64	>64
<i>E. faecalis</i> (29212)	16	REP	>64	>64	>64	>64	>64
<i>E. faecalis</i> (51299)	16	4	32	8	>64	>64	>64
<i>S. aureus</i> (33591)	4	1	32	8	>64	>64	>64
<i>S. aureus</i> (29213)	2	2	16	4	>64	>64	>64
<i>S. aureus</i> (25923)	8	2	32	>64	>64	>64	>64

2.2 Biological activity

The minimal inhibitory concentration (MIC, $\mu\text{g/mL}$) against several strains of Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria was determined for the five novel synthesized quinoline-derivatives **5a-5e** (Table 1). The clioquinol **3** and the nitroxoline **2** were used as positive controls. The compounds **5a** and **5b** were active against two species of Gram-positive bacteria, *E. faecalis* (ATCC 51299) and *S. aureus* (ATCC 29213 and ATCC 33591 the Methicillin resistant strain). However, only the compound **5b** had values of MIC comparable with the controls for those strains, and with lower MIC than **2** for *E. faecalis*. Therefore, substituent at the 7-aniline ring modulate the activity.

Three substituent at *para*-position of 7-aniline ring were tested, and the activity against bacteria increase as follow: methyl (**5d**) \ll methoxy (**5a**) $<$ chlorine (**5b**). The chlorine substituent increases the compound hydrophobicity while methoxy group lead to a slight decrease, what could explain the activity improvement of compound **5b** against **5a**. However, the methyl group also increases the hydrophobicity and the compound **5d** presented the lowest activity between the *para*-substituted suggesting that the difference of activity is not related to hydrophobicity. In spite of that, among the tested compounds the chlorine is the only electron withdrawing group (EWG), which indicates that the introduction of a substituent that withdraw electron density from the 7-aniline ring could increase the activity of 5-chloro-7-amino-8-methoxyquinoline toward bacteria. The introduction of a second chlorine at *meta*-position (**5c**) was not tolerated for the activity. The replacement of the phenyl ring by 2-pyrimidinyl ring (**5e**) also did not prove to be advantageous.

3. Conclusions

The synthesis of the 5-chloro-7-amino-8-methoxyquinoline derivatives was achieved using clioquinol **3** as starting material. In order to undergo cross-coupling reaction **3** was successfully methylated by methyl iodide to give **4** in 96% yield. The palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling reaction, using $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ and Xantphos as catalysts, lead to iodine replacement selectively over chlorine for anilines affording a secondary amine. This reaction was tested for five different anilines (4-methoxyaniline, 4-chloroaniline, 3,4-dichloroaniline, 4-methylaniline, and 2-aminopyrimidine) with success, to give the derivatives **5a-5e** in 50-66% of overall yield.

Among all the prepared compounds, **5a** and **5b** presented activity against the strain ATCC 51299 of *E. faecalis* and two strains of *S. aureus*, ATCC 29213 and ATCC 33591 the Methicillin resistant strain. The compound **5b** is the most potent derivative with MIC value between 4-8 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ for those strains. The compound **5a** bears an electron donating group ($-\text{OCH}_3$) at *para*-position of the 7-aniline while **5b** an electron withdrawing group ($-\text{Cl}$) leading to the observation that EWG at that position increases the activity toward *E. faecalis* and *S. aureus*. Thus, the compound **5b** has the potential to be studied and developed as an antibacterial agent.

4. Experimental section

4.1. Materials and instruments

Reactants were obtained from commercial suppliers. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel Fluka (Sigma-Aldrich) 0.035-0.070 mm. Proton and carbon NMR was carried out on Bruker 400 or Varian 400 nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer. The proton and carbon shifts (δ) are given with respect to TMS. FT-IR was performed on PerkinElmer Spectrum BX. Melting points were determined on Buchi B-545 apparatus.

4.1.1. Synthesis of 5-nitro-8-hydroxyquinoline (2)

It was obtained as described previously [16]. Bright yellow crystal. 54% overall yield: mp 177 °C, lit: mp 180°C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 9.20 (dd, 1H, *J* = 1.4, 9.0 Hz), 9.02 (dd, 1H, *J* = 1.4, 4.2 Hz), 8.54 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 7.92 (dd, 1H, *J* = 4.2, 9.0 Hz), 7.21 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.0 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 159.4, 148.3, 135.3, 135.1, 134.8, 129.6, 125.4, 122.8, 110.8. IR ν (cm⁻¹): 3111, 3064, 2747, 1600, 1551, 1503, 1444, 1283, 1193, 1150, 867, 815, 792, 739, 721, 633.

4.1.2. Synthesis of 5-chloro-7-iodo-8-methoxyquinoline (4)

To a stirred solution of clioquinol (2.0 g, 6.5 mmol) in DMF (15 mL) was added K₂CO₃ (1.81 g, 13 mmol) at room temperature. After 30 minutes CH₃I (1.23 mL, 13 mmol) was added dropwise. After 16 hours, the addition of ethyl acetate (300 mL) stopped the reaction. The organic layer was washed with 0.5 M NaOH (200 mL), water (200 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to give 5-chloro-7-iodo-8-methoxyquinoline **4** as a purple solid that was used in the next step without further purification (96% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.93 (dd, 1H, *J* = 1.8, 4.2 Hz), 8.47 (dd, 1H, *J* = 1.8, 8.6 Hz), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.51 (dd, 1H, *J* = 4.2, 8.6 Hz), 4.11 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 156.2, 150.8, 142.5, 135.2, 133.7, 127.7, 126.9, 122.5, 90.3, 62.5. IR ν (cm⁻¹): 3408, 3010, 2974, 2932, 2836, 1659, 1597, 1570, 1481, 1454, 1370, 1365, 1350, 1216, 1084, 981, 932, 844, 790, 708, 665.

4.1.3. General procedure for the synthesis of 5a-5e

To a stirred solution of 5-chloro-7-iodo-8-methoxyquinoline (300 mg, 0.94 mmol) in dioxane (3 mL) was added, in order, Pd(OAc)₂ (5 mol%), Xantphos (5 mol%), appropriate aniline (1.41 mmol), and Cs₂CO₃ (613 mg, 1.88 mmol) under argon atmosphere in a sealed tube. After 16 h at 100 °C, the solution was allowed to cool at room temperature, concentrated under reduced pressure, and purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc).

4.1.3.1. 5-chloro-7-(4-methoxyphenylamino)-8-methoxyquinoline (5a)

Eluent hexane:EtOAc (8:2). Dark yellow wax. 50% overall yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 8.83 (dd, 1H, $J = 1.4, 4.1$ Hz), 8.32 (bd, 1H, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.20 (dd, 1H, $J = 4.1, 8.4$ Hz), 7.14 (d, 2H, $J = 8.8$ Hz), 6.90 (d, 2H, $J = 8.8$ Hz), 6.46 (s, 1H), 4.09 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 156.7, 150.8, 143.4, 138.8, 138.7, 133.7, 133.4, 127.0, 124.5, 120.8, 118.5, 116.1, 115.0, 61.5, 55.7. IR ν (cm^{-1}): 3408, 3010, 2924, 2827, 1607, 1517, 1495, 1457, 1457, 1433, 1398, 1338, 1292, 1242, 1192, 1151, 1099, 1038, 984, 924, 820, 774, 705, 667.

4.1.3.2. 5-chloro-7-(4-chlorophenylamino)-8-methoxyquinoline (5b)

Eluent hexane:EtOAc (8:2). Bright yellow solid. 50% overall yield: mp 151-157 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 8.79 (dd, 1H, $J = 1.6, 4.0$ Hz), 8.30 (dd, 1H, $J = 1.6, 8.4$ Hz), 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.04 (d, 2H, $J = 8.8$ Hz), 6.54 (s, 1H), 4.03 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 150.9, 143.4, 140.4, 139.8, 136.5, 133.5, 129.8, 128.2, 127.0, 121.8, 121.6, 119.3, 116.9, 61.9. IR ν (cm^{-1}): 3342, 3007, 2952, 1607, 1589, 1487, 1453, 1386, 1347, 1328, 1200, 1087, 985, 932, 836, 821, 804, 783, 642.

4.1.3.3. 5-chloro-7-(3,4-dichlorophenylamino)-8-methoxyquinoline (5c)

Eluent hexane:EtOAc (9:1). White solid. 55% overall yield: mp 167-169 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 8.88 (dd, 1H, $J = 1.7, 4.3$ Hz), 8.40 (dd, 1H, $J = 1.7, 8.6$ Hz), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.37 (d, 1H, $J = 8.8$ Hz), 7.32 (dd, 1H, $J = 4.3, 8.6$ Hz), 7.27 (d, 1H, $J = 2.6$ Hz), 7.02 (dd, 1H, $J = 2.6, 8.8$ Hz), 6.59 (s, 1H), 4.11 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 151.0, 143.5, 141.2, 135.5, 133.6, 133.5, 131.3, 127.2, 126.0, 122.3, 121.2, 119.7, 119.0, 62.2. IR ν (cm^{-1}): 3396, 2947, 1596, 1492, 1477, 1460, 1388, 1337, 1304, 1104, 980, 930, 800, 779, 702, 647.

4.1.3.4. 5-chloro-7-(4-methylphenylamino)-8-methoxyquinoline (5d)

Eluent hexane:EtOAc (9:1). Yellow solid. 57% overall yield: mp 149-153 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 8.87 (dd, 1H, $J = 1.7, 4.0$ Hz), 8.37 (dd, 1H, $J = 1.7, 8.5$ Hz), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.26 (dd, 1H, $J = 4.0, 8.5$ Hz), 7.18 (d, 2H, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 7.12 (d, 2H, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 6.57 (s, 1H), 4.12 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 150.8, 143.5, 139.5, 138.3, 137.7, 133.4, 133.4, 130.4, 127.0, 121.5, 121.2, 118.8, 116.7, 61.7, 21.02. IR ν (cm^{-1}): 3339, 3050, 3020, 2919, 1600, 1515, 1491, 1455, 1388, 1329, 1304, 1262, 1102, 988, 932, 876, 853, 782, 673.

4.1.3.5. 5-chloro-7-(pyrimidin-2-amino)-8-methoxyquinoline (5e)

Eluent hexane:EtOAc (9:1). Yellow solid. 66% overall yield: mp 159-161 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 9.13 (s, 1H), 8.89 (dd, 1H, J = 1.7, 4.0 Hz), 8.49 (d, 2H, J = 4.8), 8.45 (dd, 1H, J = 1.7, 8.5 Hz), 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.35 (dd, 1H, J = 4.0, 8.5 Hz), 6.80 (t, 1H, J = 4.8 Hz), 4.17 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 159.7, 158.2, 150.6, 142.6, 140.9, 133.3, 133.0, 126.4, 122.6, 120.0, 119.9, 113.7, 62.4. IR ν (cm⁻¹): 3400, 3010, 2943, 1612, 1585, 1564, 1519, 1495, 1444, 1422, 1379, 1253, 1092, 979, 927, 777.

4.2 Biological assay

The compounds were tested against several stains of ATCC bacteria, such as *Escherichia coli* (35218), *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (27853), *Staphylococcus epidermidis* (35984), *Klebsiella pneumoniae* (70060), *Enterobacter aerogenes* (13048), *Shigella flexneri* (12022), *Enterococcus faecalis* (51299 and 29212), *Staphylococcus aureus* (33591, 29213, and 25923) by broth microdilution assay following the document M100-S26 (CLSI, 2016) giving the MIC values in µg/mL [22].

References

- [1] Khusnutdinov R, Bayguzina A, Aminov R. Synthesis of quinolines by iron-catalyzed reaction of anilines with propane-1,3-diol. Russian Journal of General Chemistry. 2015 December:2725–2727.
- [2] Prachayasittikul V, Prachayasittikul S, Ruchirawat S, Prachayasittikul V. 8-Hydroxyquinolines: a review of their metal chelating properties and medicinal. Drug Design, Development and Therapy. 2013 October:1157-1178.
- [3] Shen A, Chen C, Roffler S. A chelating agent possessing cytotoxicity and antimicrobial activity: 7-morpholinomethyl-8-hydroxyquinoline. Life Sciences. 1999:813-825.
- [4] Gershon H, Clarke D, Gershon M. Evidence of steric factors in the fungitoxic mechanisms of 8-quinolinol and its 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 6- and 7-chloro and bromo analogues. Organische Chemie Und Biochemie. 1993:51-59.
- [5] Wallis S, Charles B, Gahan L, Filippich L, Bredhauer M, Duckworth P. Interaction of Norfloxacin with Divalent and Trivalent Pharmaceutical Cations. Complexation and Pharmacokinetic Studies in the Dog. Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences. 1996:803-809.
- [6] Romesberg F, A C. Discovery of novel antibacterials. Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry. 2016 December 15:6225-6226.

- [7] Cherdtrakulkiat R, Boonpangrak S, Sinthupoom N, Prachayasittikul S, Ruchirawat S, Prachayasittikul V. Derivatives (halogen, nitro and amino) of 8-hydroxyquinoline with highly potent antimicrobial and antioxidant activities. *Biochemistry and Biophysics Reports*. 2016:135-141.
- [8] Oliveri V, Vecchio G. 8-Hydroxyquinolines in medicinal chemistry: A structural perspective. *European Journal of Medicinal Chemistry*. 2016:252-274.
- [9] Chan-On W, Huyen N, Songtawee N, Suwanjang W, Prachayasittikul S, Prachayasittikul V. Quinoline-based clioquinol and nitroxoline exhibit anticancer activity inducing FoxM1 inhibition in cholangiocarcinoma cells. *Drug Design, Development and Therapy*. 2015 April 8:2033-2047.
- [10] Tateishi J. Subacute myelo-optico-neuropathy: clioquinol intoxication in humans and animals. *Neuropathology*. 2000 September:20-24.
- [11] Yassin M, Ekblom J, Xilinas M, Gottfries C, Orelund L. Changes in uptake of vitamin B(12) and trace metals in brains of mice treated with clioquinol. *J. Neurol Sci*. 2000 February 01:40-44.
- [12] Beugelmans R, Choussy M, Gayral P, Rigotherier M. Synthèse par S et évaluation de l'activité amoebicide de nouveaux dérivés quinoléiniques. *European Journal of Medicinal Chemistry*. 1988:539-546.
- [13] Nolt M, Zhijian Z, Wolkenberg S. Controlled derivatization of polyhalogenated quinolines utilizing selective cross-coupling reactions. *Tetrahedron Letters*. 2008 May 05:3137-3141.
- [14] Bhanushali MJ, Nandurkar NS, Bhor MD, Bhanage BM. Palladium/1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino) ethane catalysed amination of aryl halides with aliphatic/aromatic amines. *Journal of Molecular Catalysis A: Chemical*. 2006 November 15:46-50.
- [15] Kanazawa Y, Yokota T, Ogasa H, Watanabe H, Hanakawa T, Soga S, Kawatsura M. Chemoselective amination of bromiodobenzenes with diarylamines by palladium/Xantphos or ligand-free copper catalysts. *Tetrahedron*. 2015 March 04:1395-1402.
- [16] Mazumder U, Gupta M, Bhattacharya S, Karki S, Rathinasamy S, Thangavel S. Antineoplastic and antibacterial activity of some mononuclear Ru(II) complexes. *Journal of Enzyme Inhibition and Medicinal Chemistry*. 2004 April:185-192.
- [17] Heiskanen J, Hormi O. 4-Aryl-8-hydroxyquinolines from 4-chloro-8-tosyloxyquinoline using a Suzuki–Miyaura cross-coupling approach. *Tetrahedron*. 2009:518-524.
- [18] Verniest G, Wang X, De Kimpe N, Padwa A. Heteroaryl Cross-Coupling as an Entry toward the Synthesis of Lavendamycin Analogues: A Model Study. *The Journal of*

Organic Chemistry. 2010:424–433.

- [19] Zhai S, Yang L, Cui Q, Sun Y, Dou Q, Yan B. Tumor Cellular Proteasome Inhibition and Growth Suppression by 8-Hydroxyquinoline and Clioquinol Requires Their Capabilities to Bind Copper and Transport Copper into Cells. *Journal of Biological Inorganic Chemistry* . 2010:259-269.
- [20] Hartwig J. Review Article Carbon–heteroatom bond formation catalysed by organometallic complexes. *Nature*. 2008 September 18:314-322.
- [21] Mphahlele M, Lesenyeho L. Halogenated Quinolines as Substrates for the Palladium-Catalyzed Cross-Coupling Reactions to Afford Substituted Quinolines. *Journal of Heterocyclic Chemistry*. 2013 January:1-16.
- [22] Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute Performance Standards for Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing: Twenty-six Informational Supplement M100–S26, CLSI, Wayne, PA, USA, 2016.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

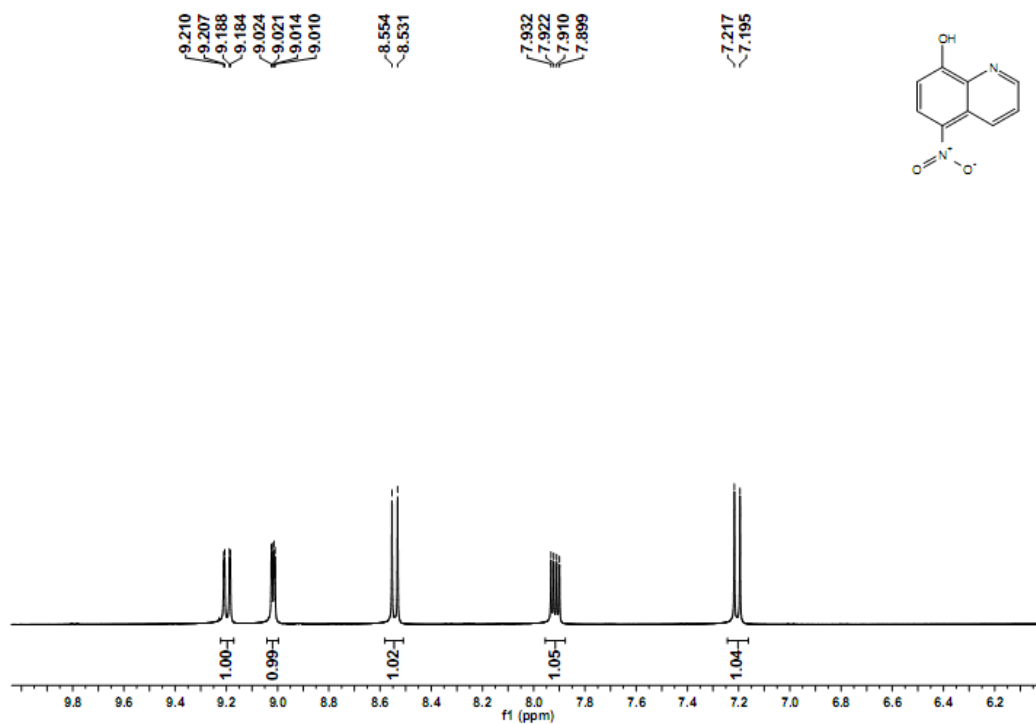


Figure 1 – NMR ^1H spectrum in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ of **2**.

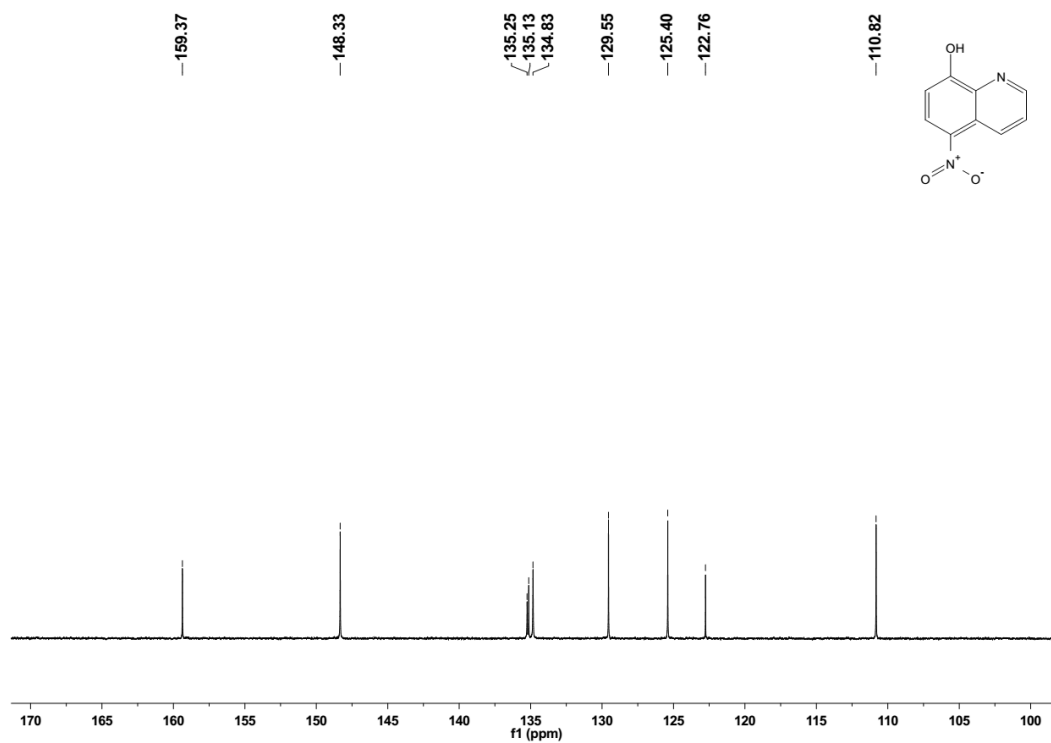


Figure 2 – NMR ^{13}C spectrum in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ of **2**.

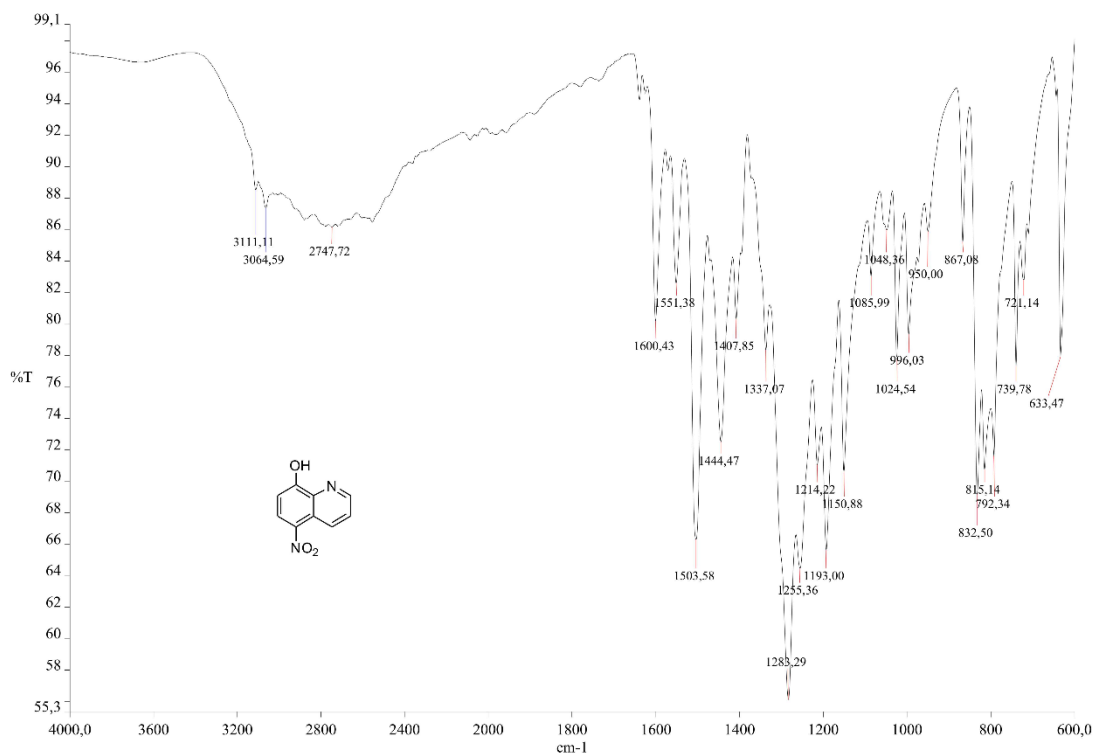


Figure 3 – FT-IR spectrum of 2.

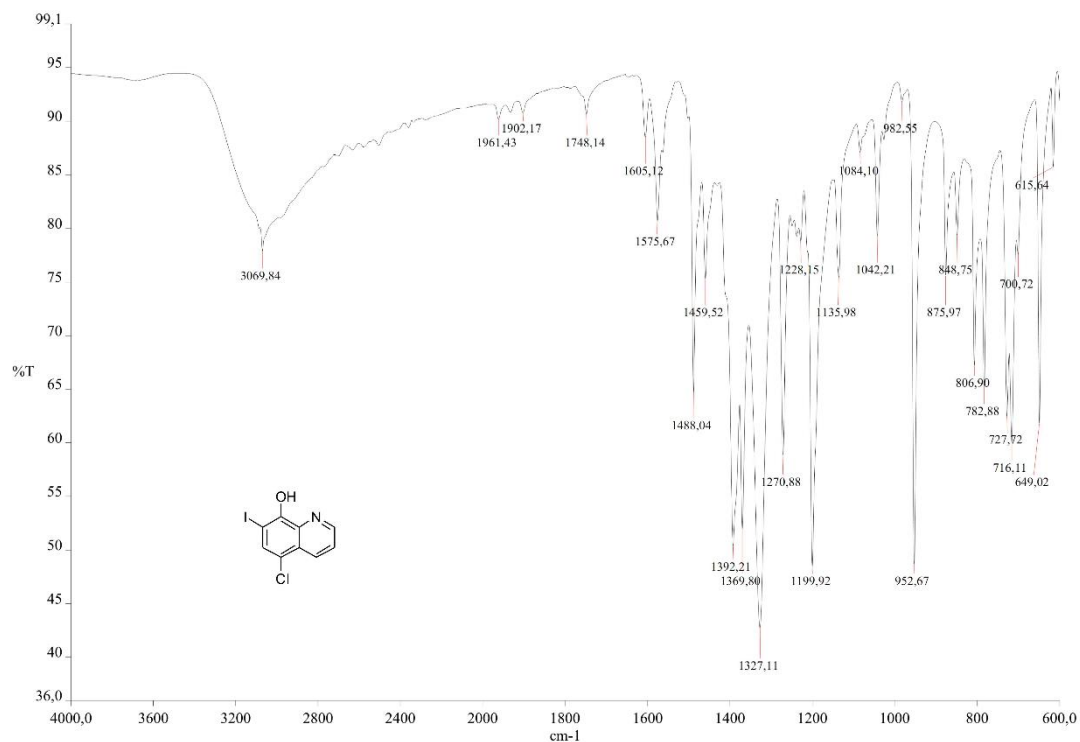


Figure 4 - FT-IR spectrum of 3.

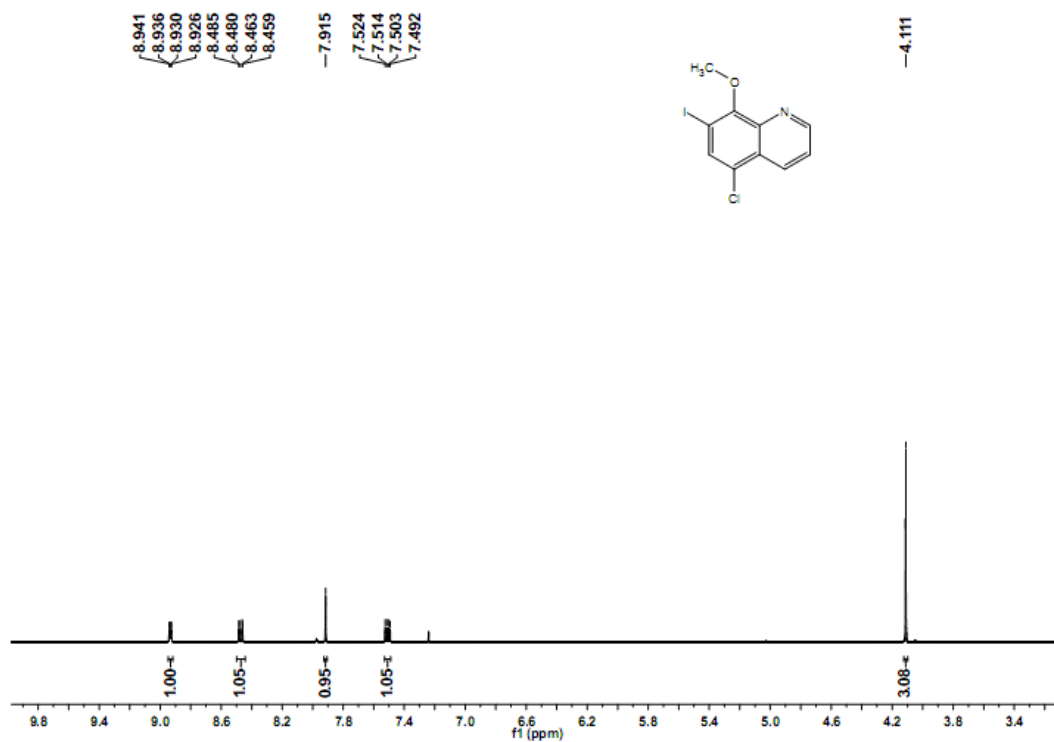


Figure 5 - NMR ^1H spectrum in CDCl_3 of 4.

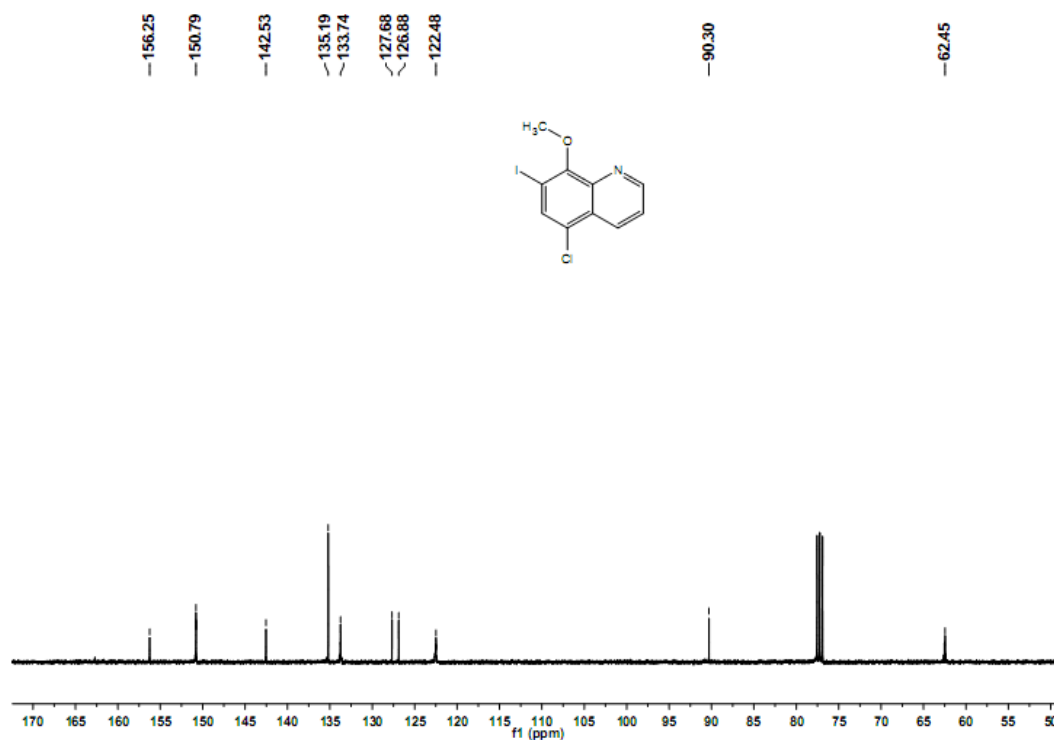


Figure 6 - NMR ^{13}C spectrum in CDCl_3 of 4.

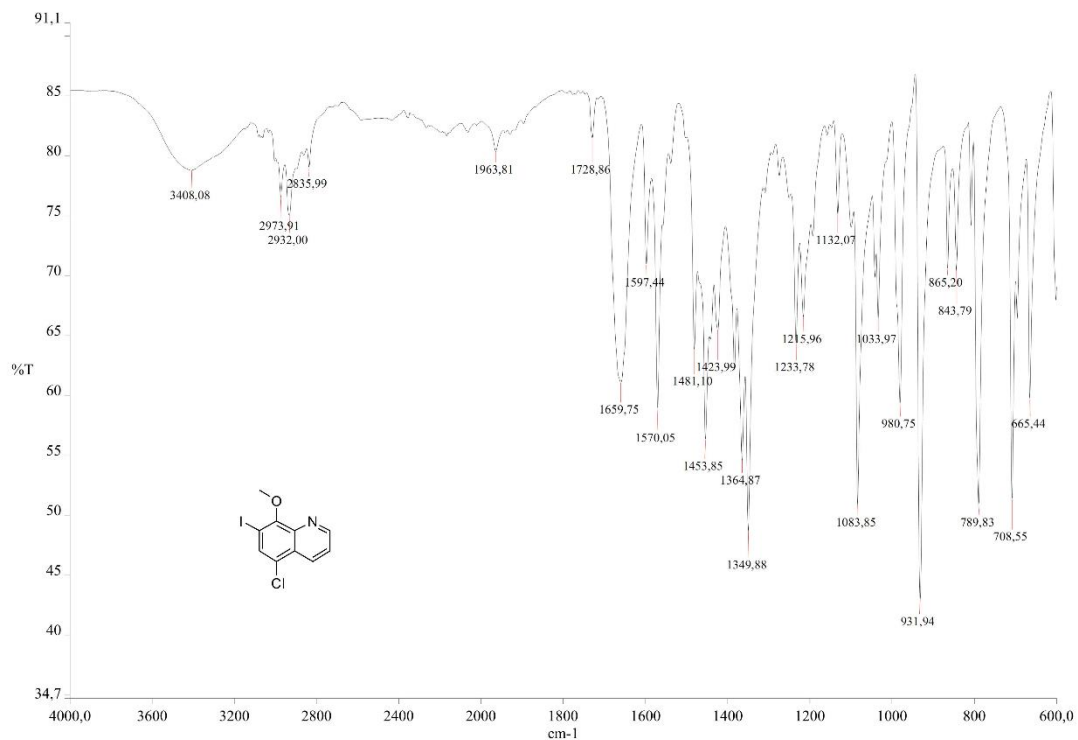


Figure 7 - FT-IR spectrum of 4.

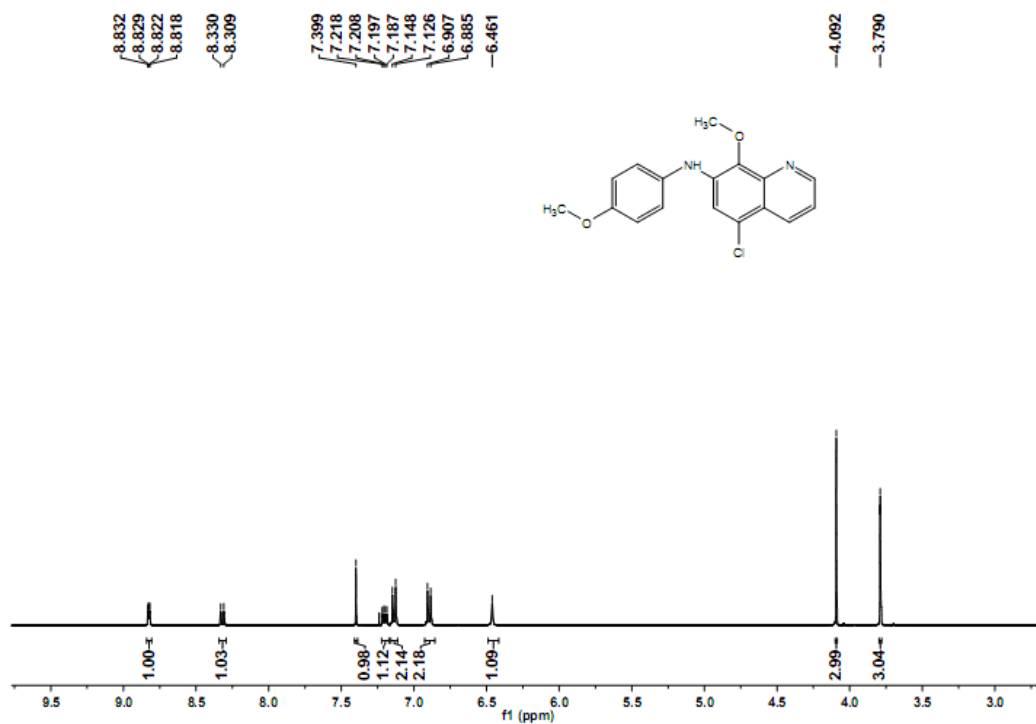


Figure 8 - NMR ^1H spectrum in CDCl_3 of 5a.

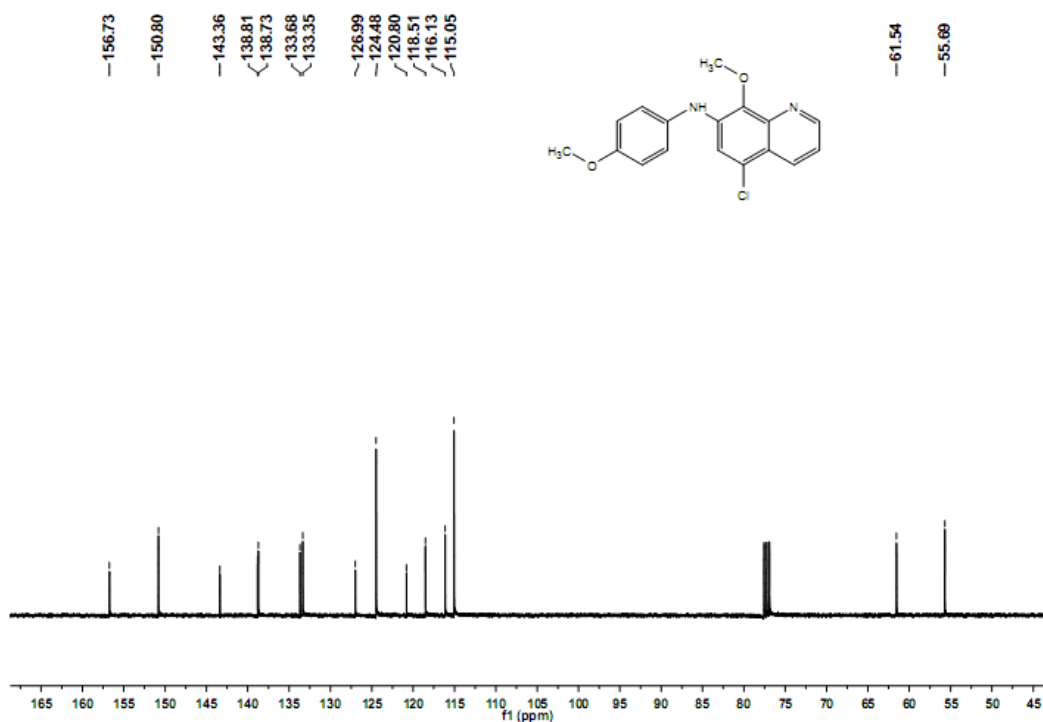


Figure 9 - NMR ^{13}C spectrum in CDCl_3 of 5a.

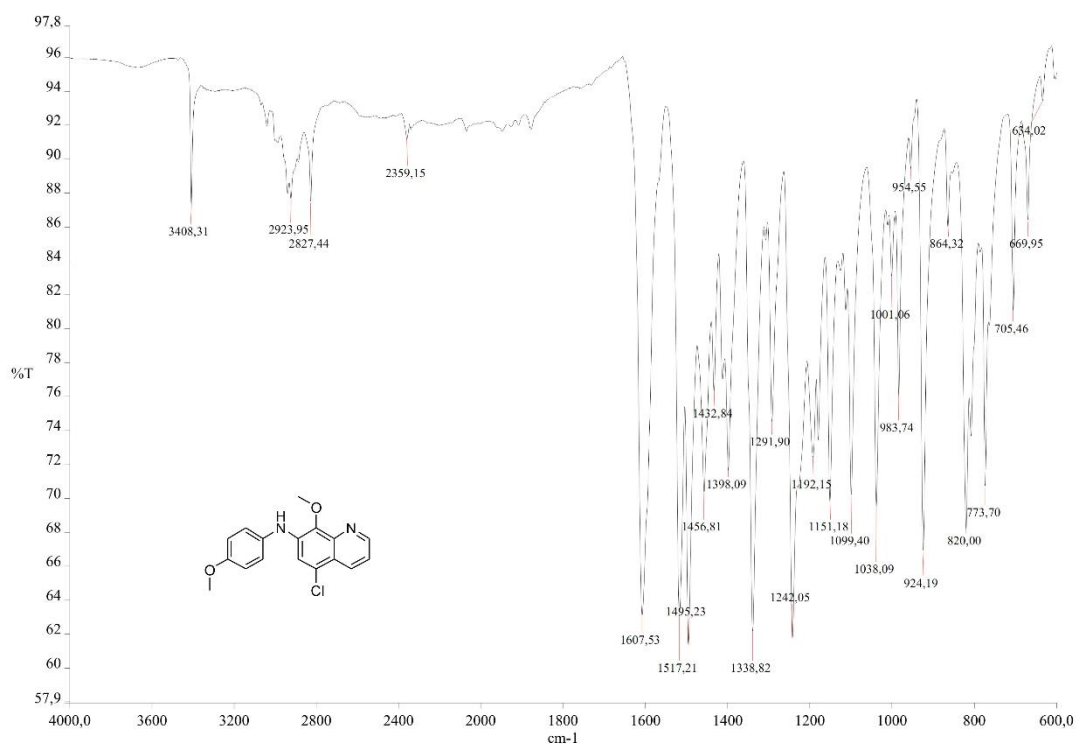


Figure 10 - FT-IR spectrum of 5a.

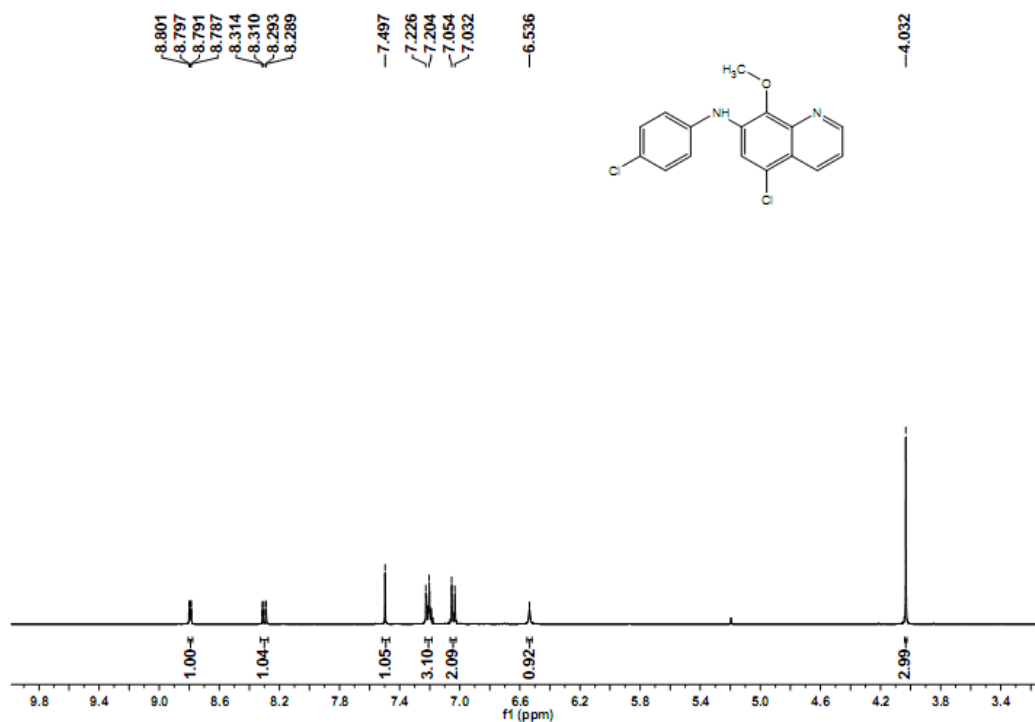


Figure 11 - NMR ¹H spectrum in CDCl₃ of **5b**.

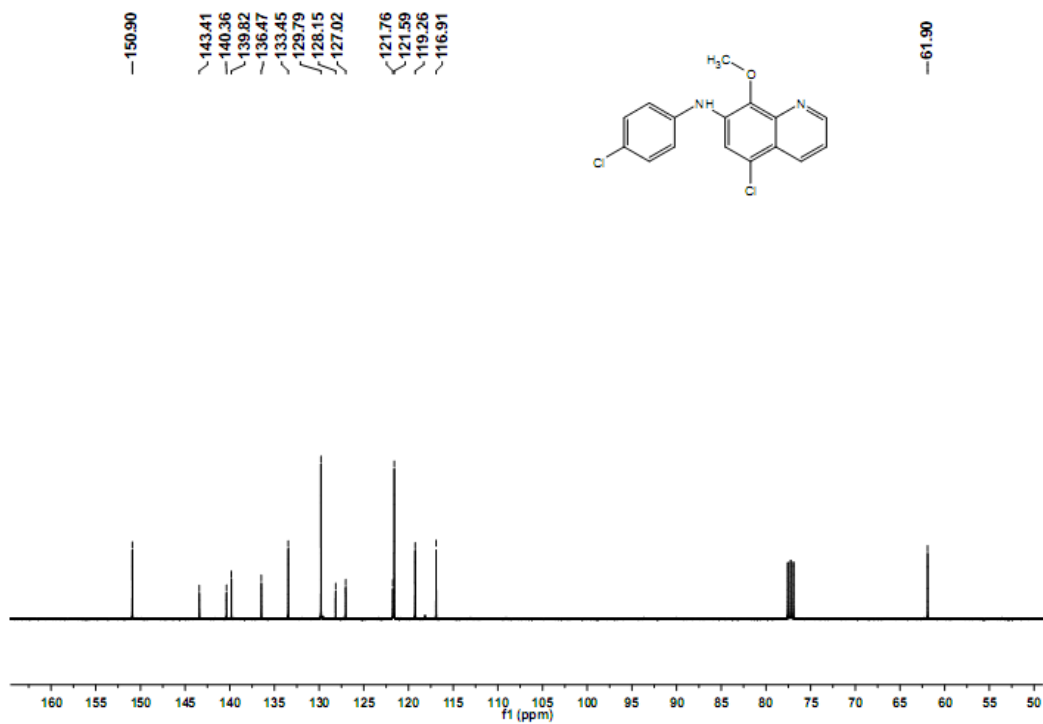


Figure 12 - NMR ¹³C spectrum in CDCl₃ of **5b**.

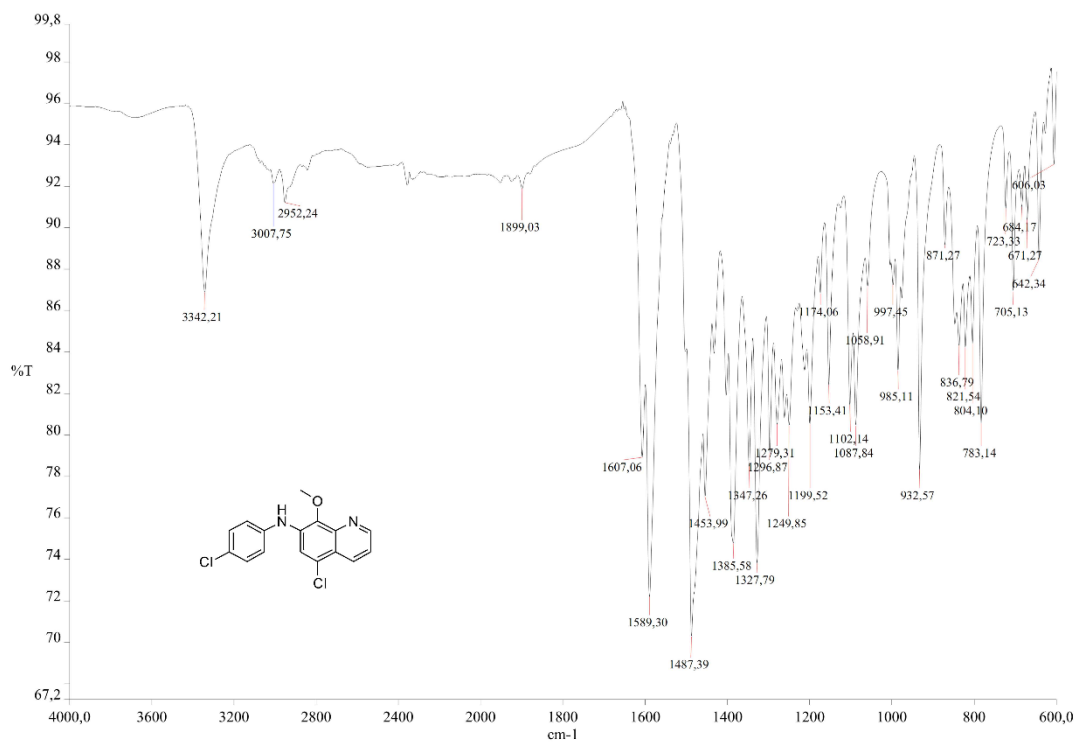


Figure 13 - FT-IR spectrum of 5b.

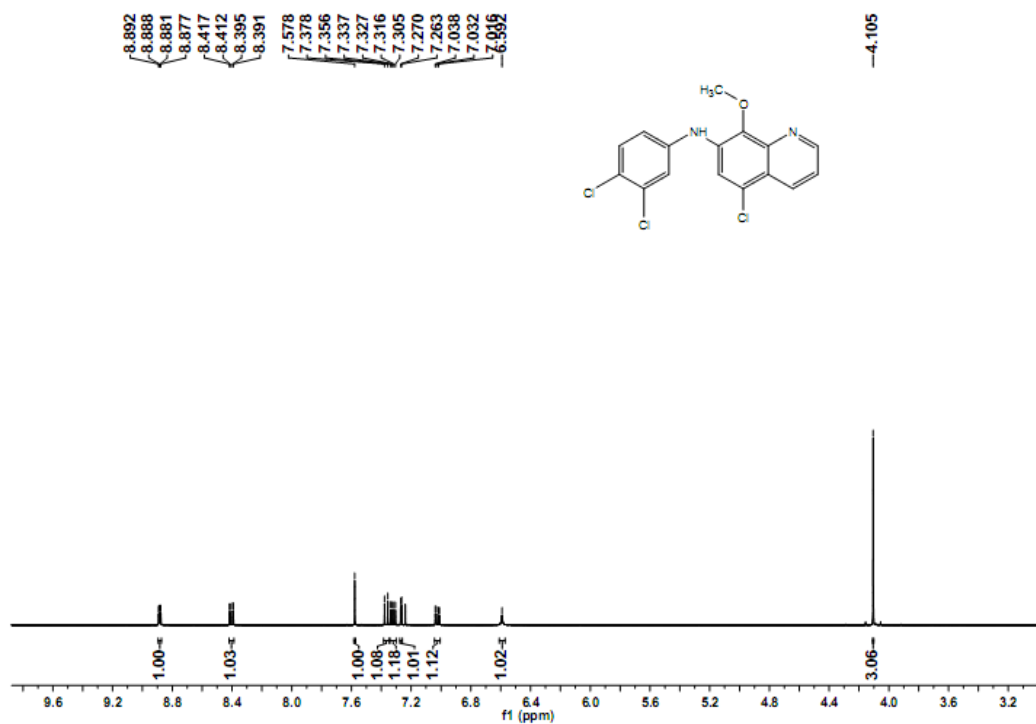


Figure 14 - NMR ¹H spectrum in CDCl₃ of 5c.

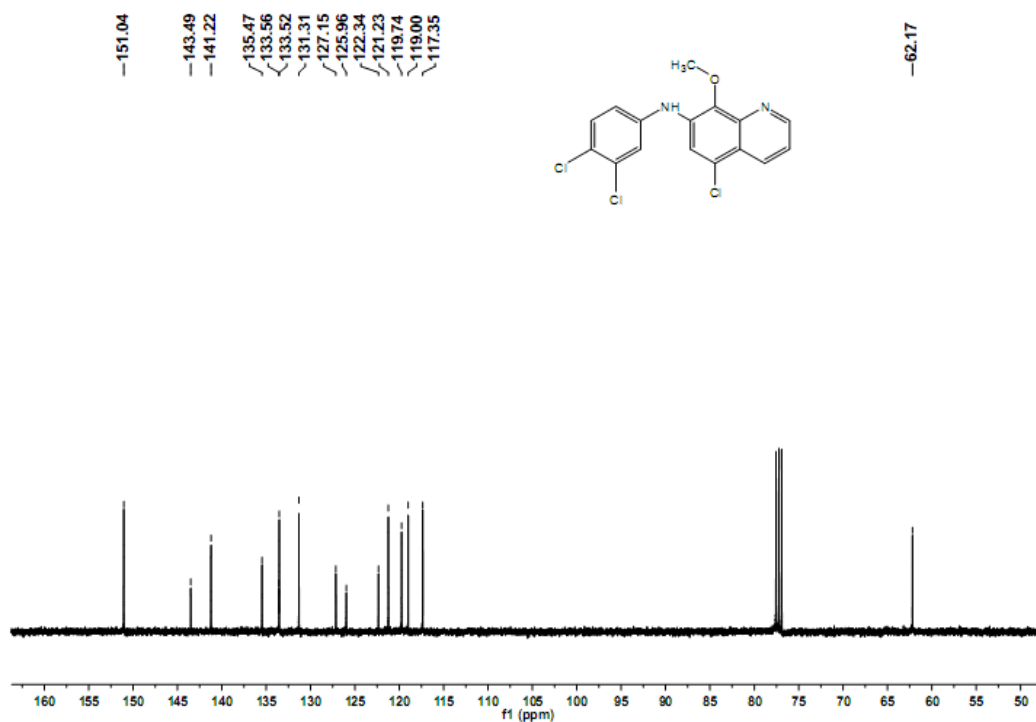


Figure 15 - NMR ^{13}C spectrum in CDCl_3 of **5c**.

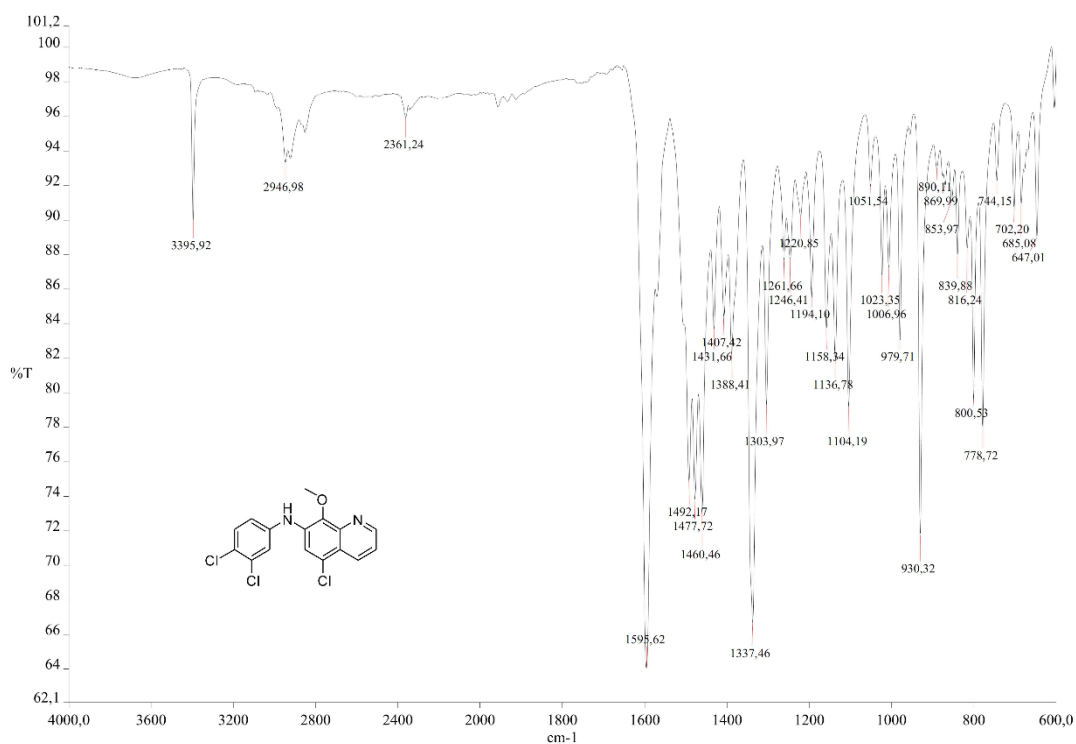


Figure 16 - FT-IR spectrum of **5c**.

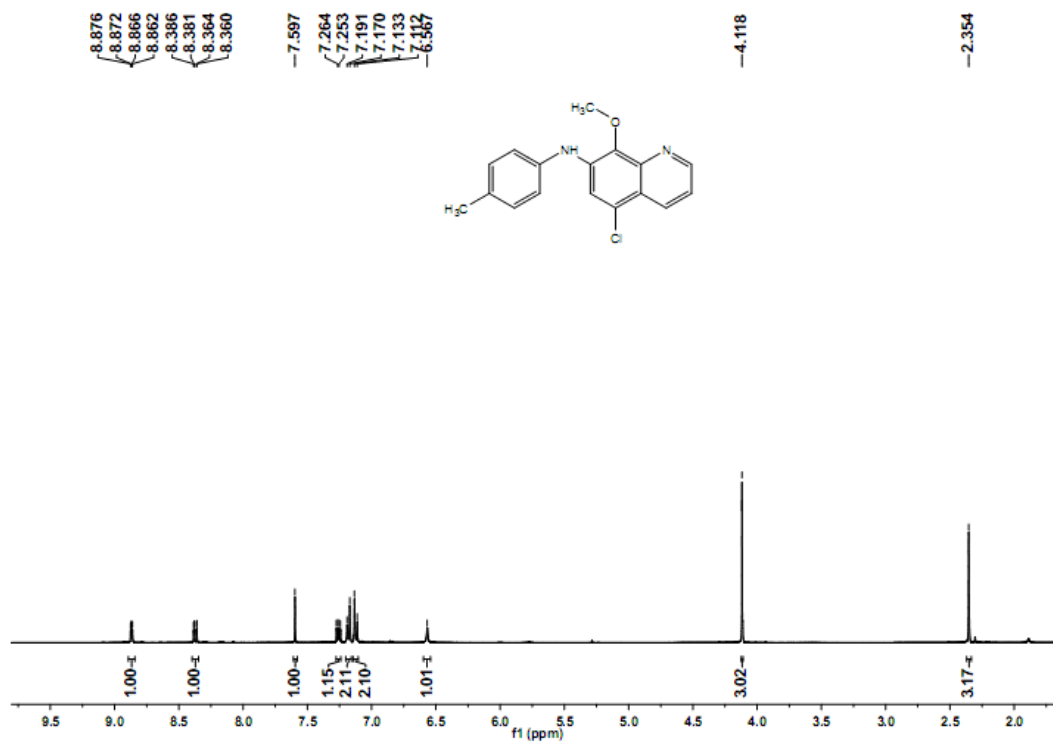


Figure 17 - NMR ^1H spectrum in CDCl_3 of **5d**.

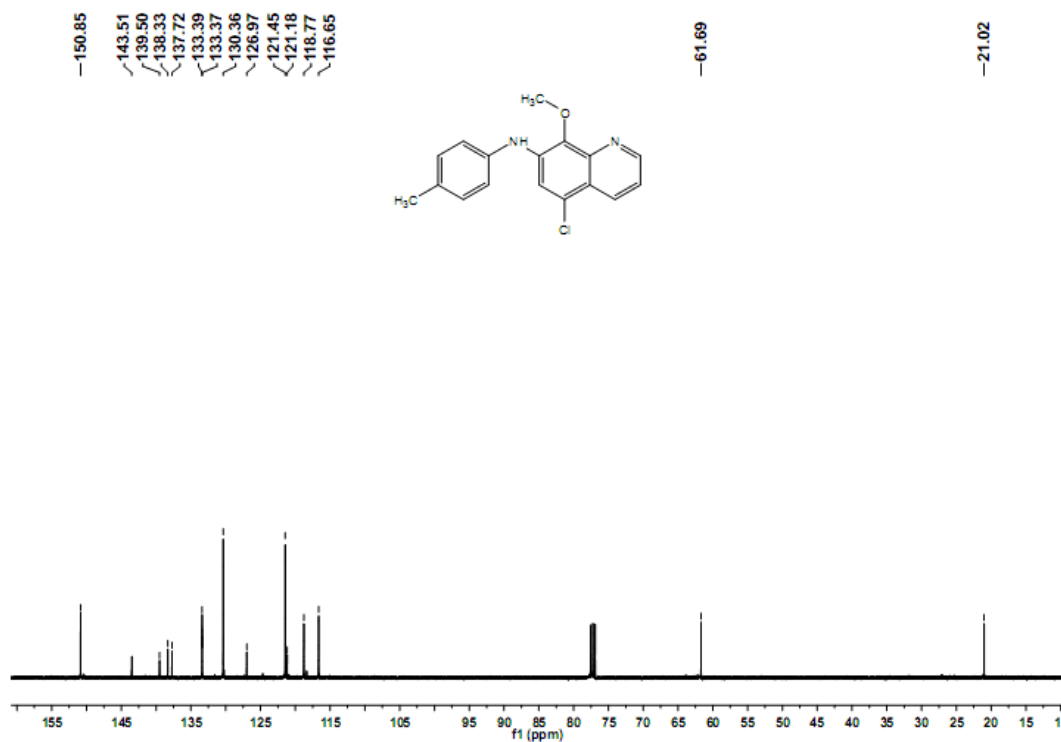


Figure 18 - NMR ^{13}C spectrum in CDCl_3 of **5d**.

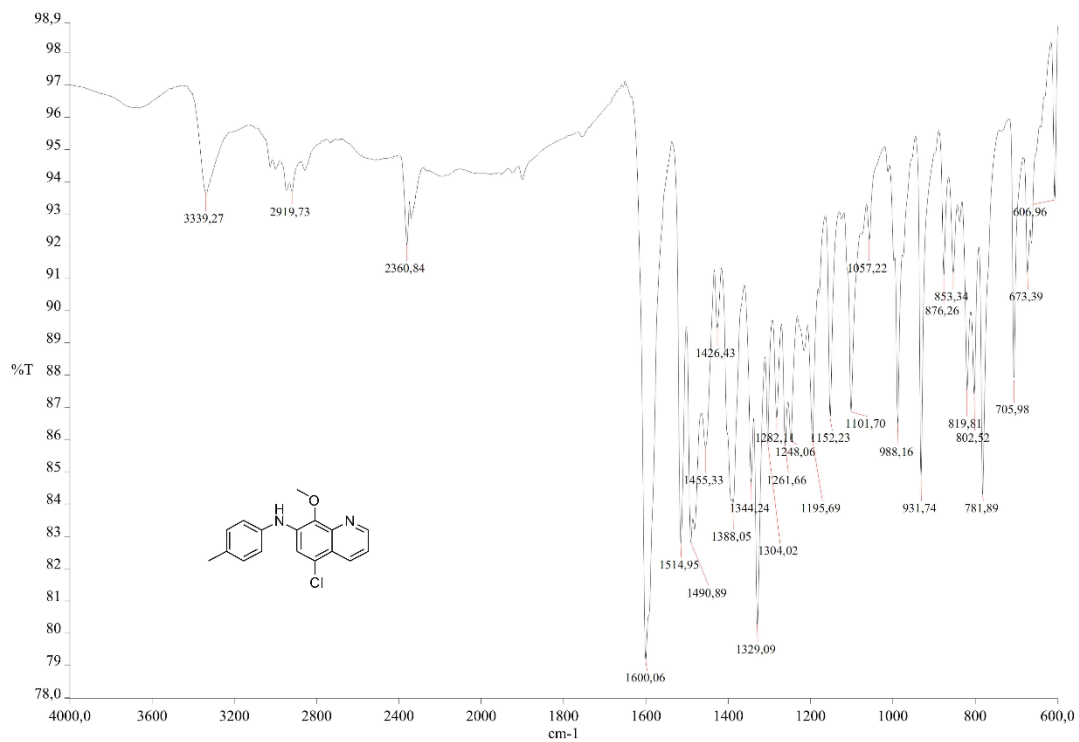


Figure 19 - FT-IR spectrum of **5d**.

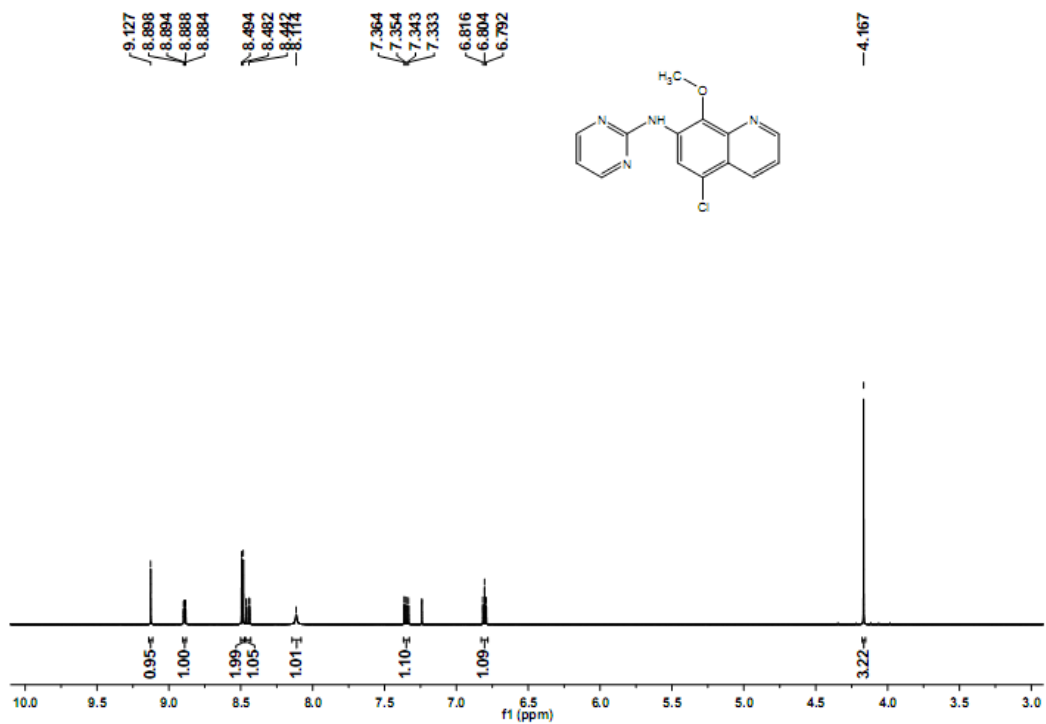


Figure 20 - NMR ¹³C spectrum in CDCl₃ of **5e**.

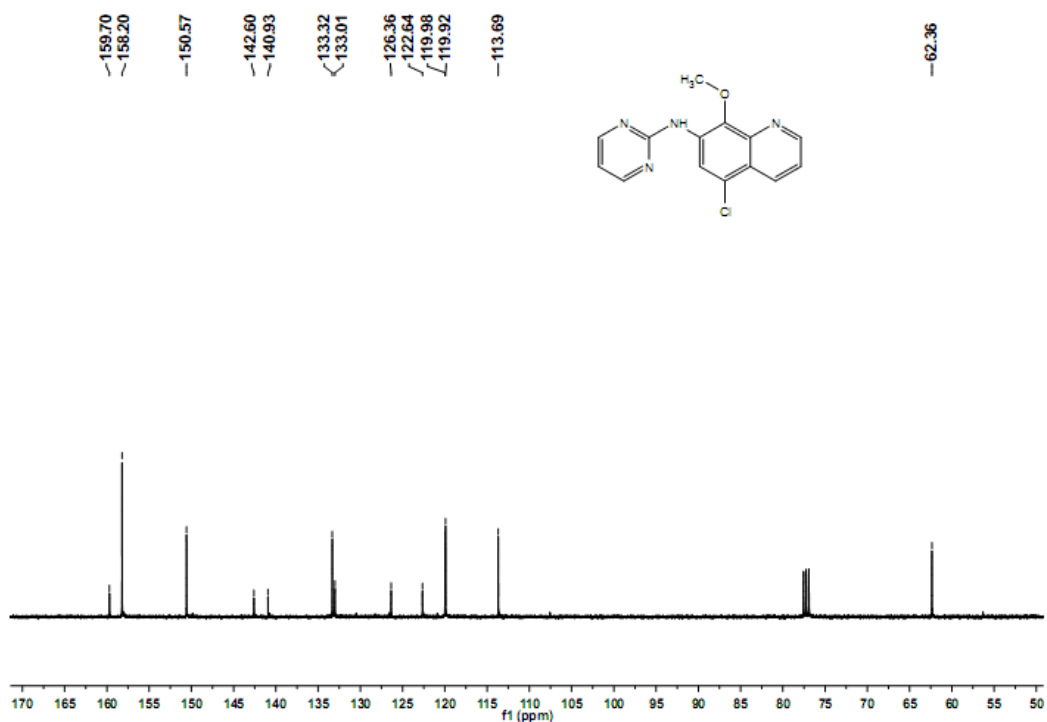


Figure 21 - NMR ^{13}C spectrum in CDCl_3 of 5e.

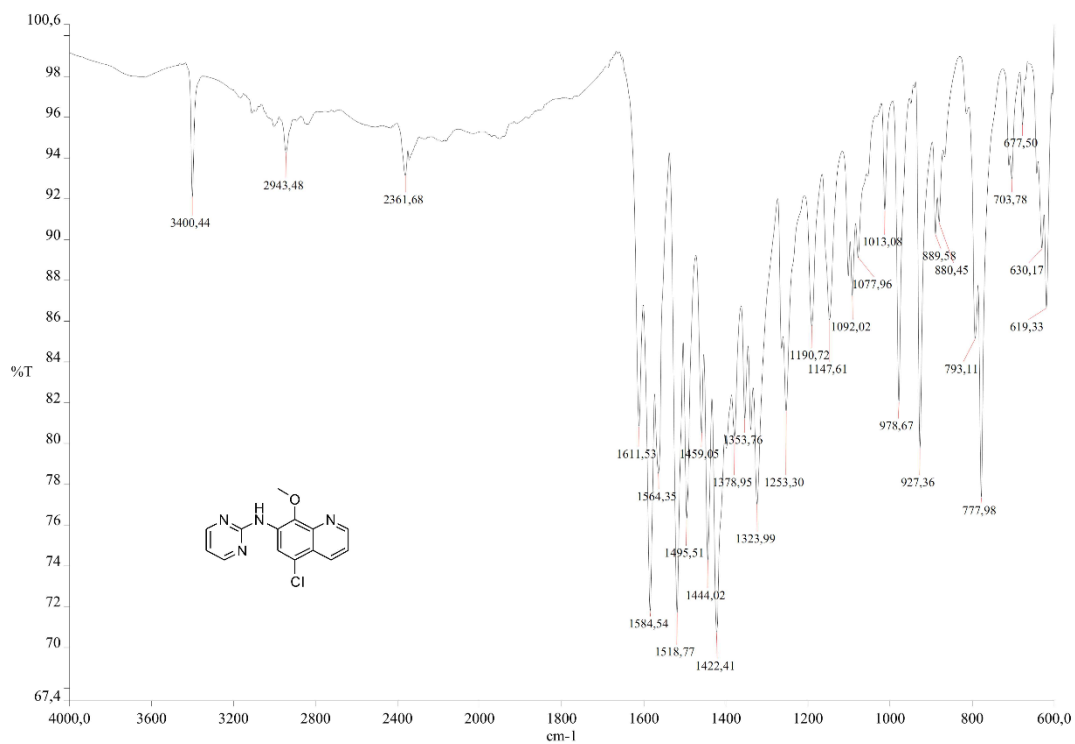


Figure 22 - FT-IR spectrum of 5e.

ANEXO 1



EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY

Published under the auspices of the French Société de Chimie Thérapeutique (SCT)

AUTHOR INFORMATION PACK

TABLE OF CONTENTS

• Description	p.1
• Audience	p.1
• Impact Factor	p.1
• Abstracting and Indexing	p.2
• Editorial Board	p.2
• Guide for Authors	p.3



ISSN: 0223-5234

DESCRIPTION

The *European Journal of Medicinal Chemistry* is a global journal that publishes studies on all aspects of medicinal chemistry. It provides a medium for publication of original papers and also welcome critical review papers.

A typical paper would report on the organic synthesis, characterization and pharmacological evaluation of compounds. Other topics of interest are drug design, QSAR, molecular modeling, drug-receptor interactions, molecular aspects of drug metabolism, prodrug synthesis and drug targeting.

Benefits to authors

We also provide many author benefits, such as free PDFs, a liberal copyright policy, special discounts on Elsevier publications and much more. Please click here for more information on our [author services](#).

Please see our [Guide for Authors](#) for information on article submission. If you require any further information or help, please visit our [Support Center](#) <http://about.elsevier.com/images/EJMECH2012.gif>

AUDIENCE

Medicinal Chemists, Pharmacologists, Pharmacists, Biochemists and Physicians.

IMPACT FACTOR

2016: 4.519 © Thomson Reuters Journal Citation Reports 2017

ABSTRACTING AND INDEXING

BIOSIS
Elsevier BIOBASE
CNRS/Pascal
Chemical Abstracts
Current Contents/Life Sciences
MEDLINE®
EMBASE
Science Citation Index
Current Awareness in Biological Sciences
Scopus

EDITORIAL BOARD

Editor-in-Chief

H. Galons, Université Paris Descartes, Paris, France

Associate Editors

L-H Zhang, Sch. of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Peking University, Beijing, China
R. Csuk, Dept. of Chemistry, Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Halle (Saale), Germany
N. Moïtessier, Chemistry Department, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
T. Jonckers, Janssen Infectious Diseases - Diagnostics BVBA, Janssen Research & Development, Beerse, Belgium

Honorary Editor-in-Chief

O. Lafont, Faculté de Médecine et Pharmacie, Rouen, France

Editorial Advisory Board

C.W.G. Fishwick, University of Leeds, Leeds, UK
P. Furet, Novartis International AG, Basel, Switzerland
P. G. George
T. Guzi, Blueprint Medicines, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA
D. Hadjipavlou-Litina, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki, Greece
R. Hawley, University of California at San Francisco (UCSF), San Francisco, California, USA
R. J-R. Hwu, National Tsing Hua University, Hsinchu, Taiwan, ROC
L.H. Jones, Pfizer BioTherapeutics Chemistry, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA
C. Kunick, Technische Universität Braunschweig, Braunschweig, Germany
C. Lasmezas, The Scripps Research Institute, Jupiter, Florida, USA
D. Lesuisse, Sanofi, Framingham, Massachusetts, USA
M. Lucas, Cubist Pharmaceuticals, Lexington, Massachusetts, USA
D. Neri, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich, Switzerland
T. Owens, Principia Bioharm Inc., San Francisco, California, USA
M.-J. Pérez-Pérez, Instituto de Química Médica (IQM-CSIC), Madrid, Spain
J. Quan, Peking University, Beijing, China
K. Roy, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India
J. K. Shen, Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), Shanghai, China
P. Singh, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, India
C.T. Supuran, Università degli Studi di Firenze, Firenze, Italy
T.T. Talele, St. John's University, Queens, New York, USA
P. Yu, Tianjin University of Science and Technology, Tianjin, China
Y.-M. Zhang, Université Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris, France
D. M. Zou, Peking University, Beijing, China

GUIDE FOR AUTHORS

Your Paper Your Way

We now differentiate between the requirements for new and revised submissions. You may choose to submit your manuscript as a single Word or PDF file to be used in the refereeing process. Only when your paper is at the revision stage, will you be requested to put your paper in to a 'correct format' for acceptance and provide the items required for the publication of your article.

To find out more, please visit the Preparation section below.

INTRODUCTION

The *European Journal of Medicinal Chemistry* (EJMECH) publishes studies on all aspects of medicinal chemistry, including organic synthesis; biological behavior; pharmacological activity; drug design; QSAR; molecular modelling; drug-receptor interactions; molecular aspects of drug metabolism; pro-drug synthesis and drug targeting. The journal accepts papers from any country in this world.

Types of Contributions

The journal provides a medium for publication of the following articles:

Original papers are full papers describing original research of high scientific level and timeliness. They are definitive reports on a full study.

Short communications are shorter pieces of work and report limited studies of the same level as described in original papers.

Preliminary communications are also limited studies but describe particularly novel and significant new findings which shall be developed further in the future.

Laboratory notes are focused on practical aspects. They may deal with an original synthesis of a series of compounds or with new pharmacological methods.

Review articles are specially commissioned by the Editors and may embrace the results of various workers in a given area or may feature recent developments from the author's own laboratory. A review that is distinguished by a novel interpretation or representation of earlier findings is especially suitable. The Editors welcome inquiries concerning the suitability of a particular topic for a review article. In addition, a book review section appears in the journal from time to time.

Contact Details for Submission

The *European Journal of Medicinal Chemistry* uses a web-based online manuscript submission and review system. Authors must submit their manuscript via the online submission page <http://ees.elsevier.com/ejmech>

Submission checklist

You can use this list to carry out a final check of your submission before you send it to the journal for review. Please check the relevant section in this Guide for Authors for more details.

Ensure that the following items are present:

One author has been designated as the corresponding author with contact details:

- E-mail address
- Full postal address

All necessary files have been uploaded:

Manuscript:

- Include keywords
- All figures (include relevant captions)
- All tables (including titles, description, footnotes)
- Ensure all figure and table citations in the text match the files provided
- Indicate clearly if color should be used for any figures in print

Graphical Abstracts / Highlights files (where applicable)

Supplemental files (where applicable)

Further considerations

- Manuscript has been 'spell checked' and 'grammar checked'
- All references mentioned in the Reference List are cited in the text, and vice versa
- Permission has been obtained for use of copyrighted material from other sources (including the Internet)
- A competing interests statement is provided, even if the authors have no competing interests to declare
- Journal policies detailed in this guide have been reviewed
- Referee suggestions and contact details provided, based on journal requirements

For further information, visit our [Support Center](#).

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Ethics in publishing

Please see our information pages on [Ethics in publishing](#) and [Ethical guidelines for journal publication](#).

Human and animal rights

If the work involves the use of human subjects, the author should ensure that the work described has been carried out in accordance with [The Code of Ethics of the World Medical Association \(Declaration of Helsinki\)](#) for experiments involving humans; [Uniform Requirements for manuscripts submitted to Biomedical journals](#). Authors should include a statement in the manuscript that informed consent was obtained for experimentation with human subjects. The privacy rights of human subjects must always be observed.

All animal experiments should comply with the [ARRIVE guidelines](#) and should be carried out in accordance with the U.K. Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act, 1986 and associated guidelines, [EU Directive 2010/63/EU for animal experiments](#), or the National Institutes of Health guide for the care and use of Laboratory animals (NIH Publications No. 8023, revised 1978) and the authors should clearly indicate in the manuscript that such guidelines have been followed.

In addition to the contents of the Directive 2010/63/EU Authors of papers submitted to EJMECH are encouraged to reduce as much as possible animal testing. Indeed, animal testing should be limited to the study of compounds that have already demonstrated enough interest in *in vitro* experiments. It should not be used as a general screening method.

Declaration of interest

All authors must disclose any financial and personal relationships with other people or organizations that could inappropriately influence (bias) their work. Examples of potential conflicts of interest include employment, consultancies, stock ownership, honoraria, paid expert testimony, patent applications/registrations, and grants or other funding. If there are no conflicts of interest then please state this: 'Conflicts of interest: none'. [More information](#).

Submission declaration and verification

Submission of an article implies that the work described has not been published previously (except in the form of an abstract or as part of a published lecture or academic thesis or as an electronic preprint, see '[Multiple, redundant or concurrent publication](#)' section of our ethics policy for more information), that it is not under consideration for publication elsewhere, that its publication is approved by all authors and tacitly or explicitly by the responsible authorities where the work was carried out, and that, if accepted, it will not be published elsewhere in the same form, in English or in any other language, including electronically without the written consent of the copyright-holder. To verify originality, your article may be checked by the originality detection service [CrossCheck](#).

Contributors

Each author is required to declare his or her individual contribution to the article: all authors must have materially participated in the research and/or article preparation, so roles for all authors should be described. The statement that all authors have approved the final article should be true and included in the disclosure.

Changes to authorship

Authors are expected to consider carefully the list and order of authors **before** submitting their manuscript and provide the definitive list of authors at the time of the original submission. Any addition, deletion or rearrangement of author names in the authorship list should be made only **before** the manuscript has been accepted and only if approved by the Journal Editor. To request such

a change, the Editor must receive the following from the **corresponding author**: (a) the reason for the change in author list and (b) written confirmation (e-mail, letter) from all authors that they agree with the addition, removal or rearrangement. In the case of addition or removal of authors, this includes confirmation from the author being added or removed.

Only in exceptional circumstances will the Editor consider the addition, deletion or rearrangement of authors **after** the manuscript has been accepted. While the Editor considers the request, publication of the manuscript will be suspended. If the manuscript has already been published in an online issue, any requests approved by the Editor will result in a corrigendum.

Article transfer service

This journal is part of our Article Transfer Service. This means that if the Editor feels your article is more suitable in one of our other participating journals, then you may be asked to consider transferring the article to one of those. If you agree, your article will be transferred automatically on your behalf with no need to reformat. Please note that your article will be reviewed again by the new journal.

[More information.](#)

Copyright

Upon acceptance of an article, authors will be asked to complete a 'Journal Publishing Agreement' (see [more information](#) on this). An e-mail will be sent to the corresponding author confirming receipt of the manuscript together with a 'Journal Publishing Agreement' form or a link to the online version of this agreement.

Subscribers may reproduce tables of contents or prepare lists of articles including abstracts for internal circulation within their institutions. [Permission](#) of the Publisher is required for resale or distribution outside the institution and for all other derivative works, including compilations and translations. If excerpts from other copyrighted works are included, the author(s) must obtain written permission from the copyright owners and credit the source(s) in the article. Elsevier has [preprinted forms](#) for use by authors in these cases.

For open access articles: Upon acceptance of an article, authors will be asked to complete an 'Exclusive License Agreement' ([more information](#)). Permitted third party reuse of open access articles is determined by the author's choice of [user license](#).

Author rights

As an author you (or your employer or institution) have certain rights to reuse your work. [More information.](#)

Elsevier supports responsible sharing

Find out how you can [share your research](#) published in Elsevier journals.

Role of the funding source

You are requested to identify who provided financial support for the conduct of the research and/or preparation of the article and to briefly describe the role of the sponsor(s), if any, in study design; in the collection, analysis and interpretation of data; in the writing of the report; and in the decision to submit the article for publication. If the funding source(s) had no such involvement then this should be stated.

Funding body agreements and policies

Elsevier has established a number of agreements with funding bodies which allow authors to comply with their funder's open access policies. Some funding bodies will reimburse the author for the Open Access Publication Fee. Details of [existing agreements](#) are available online.

Open access

This journal offers authors a choice in publishing their research:

Open access

- Articles are freely available to both subscribers and the wider public with permitted reuse.
- An open access publication fee is payable by authors or on their behalf, e.g. by their research funder or institution.

Subscription

- Articles are made available to subscribers as well as developing countries and patient groups through our [universal access programs](#).
- No open access publication fee payable by authors.

Regardless of how you choose to publish your article, the journal will apply the same peer review criteria and acceptance standards.

For open access articles, permitted third party (re)use is defined by the following [Creative Commons user licenses](#):

Creative Commons Attribution (CC BY)

Lets others distribute and copy the article, create extracts, abstracts, and other revised versions, adaptations or derivative works of or from an article (such as a translation), include in a collective work (such as an anthology), text or data mine the article, even for commercial purposes, as long as they credit the author(s), do not represent the author as endorsing their adaptation of the article, and do not modify the article in such a way as to damage the author's honor or reputation.

Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-NoDerivs (CC BY-NC-ND)

For non-commercial purposes, lets others distribute and copy the article, and to include in a collective work (such as an anthology), as long as they credit the author(s) and provided they do not alter or modify the article.

The open access publication fee for this journal is **USD 3050**, excluding taxes. Learn more about Elsevier's pricing policy: <https://www.elsevier.com/openaccesspricing>.

Green open access

Authors can share their research in a variety of different ways and Elsevier has a number of green open access options available. We recommend authors see our [green open access page](#) for further information. Authors can also self-archive their manuscripts immediately and enable public access from their institution's repository after an embargo period. This is the version that has been accepted for publication and which typically includes author-incorporated changes suggested during submission, peer review and in editor-author communications. Embargo period: For subscription articles, an appropriate amount of time is needed for journals to deliver value to subscribing customers before an article becomes freely available to the public. This is the embargo period and it begins from the date the article is formally published online in its final and fully citable form. [Find out more](#).

This journal has an embargo period of 24 months.

Elsevier Publishing Campus

The Elsevier Publishing Campus (www.publishingcampus.com) is an online platform offering free lectures, interactive training and professional advice to support you in publishing your research. The College of Skills training offers modules on how to prepare, write and structure your article and explains how editors will look at your paper when it is submitted for publication. Use these resources, and more, to ensure that your submission will be the best that you can make it.

Language (usage and editing services)

Please write your text in good English (American or British usage is accepted, but not a mixture of these). Authors who feel their English language manuscript may require editing to eliminate possible grammatical or spelling errors and to conform to correct scientific English may wish to use the [English Language Editing service](#) available from Elsevier's WebShop.

Submission

Our online submission system guides you stepwise through the process of entering your article details and uploading your files. The system converts your article files to a single PDF file used in the peer-review process. Editable files (e.g., Word, LaTeX) are required to typeset your article for final publication. All correspondence, including notification of the Editor's decision and requests for revision, is sent by e-mail.

Referees

Please submit the names and institutional e-mail addresses of several potential referees. For more details, visit our [Support site](#). Note that the editor retains the sole right to decide whether or not the suggested reviewers are used.

PREPARATION

NEW SUBMISSIONS

Submission to this journal proceeds totally online and you will be guided stepwise through the creation and uploading of your files. The system automatically converts your files to a single PDF file, which is used in the peer-review process.

As part of the Your Paper Your Way service, you may choose to submit your manuscript as a single file to be used in the refereeing process. This can be a PDF file or a Word document, in any format or layout that can be used by referees to evaluate your manuscript. It should contain high enough quality figures for refereeing. If you prefer to do so, you may still provide all or some of the source files at the initial submission. Please note that individual figure files larger than 10 MB must be uploaded separately.

References

There are no strict requirements on reference formatting at submission. References can be in any style or format as long as the style is consistent. Where applicable, author(s) name(s), journal title/book title, chapter title/article title, year of publication, volume number/book chapter and the pagination must be present. Use of DOI is highly encouraged. The reference style used by the journal will be applied to the accepted article by Elsevier at the proof stage. Note that missing data will be highlighted at proof stage for the author to correct.

Formatting requirements

There are no strict formatting requirements but all manuscripts must contain the essential elements needed to convey your manuscript, for example Abstract, Keywords, Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results, Conclusions, Artwork and Tables with Captions.

If your article includes any Videos and/or other Supplementary material, this should be included in your initial submission for peer review purposes.

Divide the article into clearly defined sections.

Figures and tables embedded in text

Please ensure the figures and the tables included in the single file are placed next to the relevant text in the manuscript, rather than at the bottom or the top of the file. The corresponding caption should be placed directly below the figure or table.

Peer review

This journal operates a single blind review process. All contributions will be initially assessed by the editor for suitability for the journal. Papers deemed suitable are then typically sent to a minimum of two independent expert reviewers to assess the scientific quality of the paper. The Editor is responsible for the final decision regarding acceptance or rejection of articles. The Editor's decision is final. [More information on types of peer review.](#)

REVISED SUBMISSIONS

Use of word processing software

Regardless of the file format of the original submission, at revision you must provide us with an editable file of the entire article. Keep the layout of the text as simple as possible. Most formatting codes will be removed and replaced on processing the article. The electronic text should be prepared in a way very similar to that of conventional manuscripts (see also the [Guide to Publishing with Elsevier](#)). See also the section on Electronic artwork.

To avoid unnecessary errors you are strongly advised to use the 'spell-check' and 'grammar-check' functions of your word processor.

Essential title page information

- **Title.** Concise and informative. Titles are often used in information-retrieval systems. Avoid abbreviations and formulae where possible.
- **Author names and affiliations.** Please clearly indicate the given name(s) and family name(s) of each author and check that all names are accurately spelled. Present the authors' affiliation addresses (where the actual work was done) below the names. Indicate all affiliations with a lower-case superscript letter immediately after the author's name and in front of the appropriate address. Provide the full postal address of each affiliation, including the country name and, if available, the e-mail address of each author.
- **Corresponding author.** Clearly indicate who will handle correspondence at all stages of refereeing and publication, also post-publication. **Ensure that the e-mail address is given and that contact details are kept up to date by the corresponding author.**
- **Present/permanent address.** If an author has moved since the work described in the article was done, or was visiting at the time, a 'Present address' (or 'Permanent address') may be indicated as a footnote to that author's name. The address at which the author actually did the work must be retained as the main, affiliation address. Superscript Arabic numerals are used for such footnotes.

Graphical abstract

A graphical abstract is mandatory for this journal. It should summarize the contents of the article in a concise, pictorial form designed to capture the attention of a wide readership online. Authors must provide images that clearly represent the work described in the article. Graphical abstracts should be submitted as a separate file in the online submission system. Image size: please provide an image with a minimum of 531 × 1328 pixels (h × w) or proportionally more. The image should be readable at a size of 5 × 13 cm using a regular screen resolution of 96 dpi. Preferred file types: TIFF, EPS, PDF or MS Office files. You can view [Example Graphical Abstracts](#) on our information site.

Authors can make use of Elsevier's [Illustration Services](#) to ensure the best presentation of their images also in accordance with all technical requirements.

Highlights

Highlights are mandatory for this journal. They consist of a short collection of bullet points that convey the core findings of the article and should be submitted in a separate editable file in the online submission system. Please use 'Highlights' in the file name and include 3 to 5 bullet points (maximum 85 characters, including spaces, per bullet point). You can view [example Highlights](#) on our information site.

Keywords

Immediately after the abstract, provide a maximum of 6 keywords, using American spelling and avoiding general and plural terms and multiple concepts (avoid, for example, 'and', 'of'). Be sparing with abbreviations: only abbreviations firmly established in the field may be eligible. These keywords will be used for indexing purposes.

Abbreviations

Define abbreviations that are not standard in this field in a footnote to be placed on the first page of the article. Such abbreviations that are unavoidable in the abstract must be defined at their first mention there, as well as in the footnote. Ensure consistency of abbreviations throughout the article.

Experimental

Analytical data should be included for examination by the editor and referees. However, these data will not be printed if they agree within within $\pm 0.4\%$ with calculated values, but may be noted as follows: 'Anal. C₁₄H₁₅NO₃ (C, H, N, O)', with the mentioning under Experimental protocols: 'Analyses indicated by the symbols of the elements or functions were within $\pm 0.4\%$ of the theoretical values'.

Characterization of prepared compounds

Organic compounds:

Sufficient experimental information should be given by the authors. In particular "supplementary material for publication online" should be constructed for all papers which should at least include representative ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra. Metal complexes:

X-Ray crystal structural determinations are required for metal complexes.

Acknowledgements

Collate acknowledgements in a separate section at the end of the article before the references and do not, therefore, include them on the title page, as a footnote to the title or otherwise. List here those individuals who provided help during the research (e.g., providing language help, writing assistance or proof reading the article, etc.).

Formatting of funding sources

List funding sources in this standard way to facilitate compliance to funder's requirements:

Funding: This work was supported by the National Institutes of Health [grant numbers xxxx, yyyy]; the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Seattle, WA [grant number zzzz]; and the United States Institutes of Peace [grant number aaaa].

It is not necessary to include detailed descriptions on the program or type of grants and awards. When funding is from a block grant or other resources available to a university, college, or other research institution, submit the name of the institute or organization that provided the funding.

If no funding has been provided for the research, please include the following sentence:

This research did not receive any specific grant from funding agencies in the public, commercial, or not-for-profit sectors.

Nomenclature

The author is responsible for providing the correct nomenclature which must be consistent and unambiguous. The use of chemical names for drugs is preferred.

Math formulae

Please submit math equations as editable text and not as images. Present simple formulae in line with normal text where possible and use the solidus (/) instead of a horizontal line for small fractional terms, e.g., X/Y. In principle, variables are to be presented in italics. Powers of e are often more conveniently denoted by exp. Number consecutively any equations that have to be displayed separately from the text (if referred to explicitly in the text).

Footnotes

Footnotes should be used sparingly. Number them consecutively throughout the article. Many word processors build footnotes into the text, and this feature may be used. Should this not be the case, indicate the position of footnotes in the text and present the footnotes themselves separately at the end of the article.

Artwork

Electronic artwork

General points

- Make sure you use uniform lettering and sizing of your original artwork.
- Preferred fonts: Arial (or Helvetica), Times New Roman (or Times), Symbol, Courier.
- Number the illustrations according to their sequence in the text.
- Use a logical naming convention for your artwork files.
- Indicate per figure if it is a single, 1.5 or 2-column fitting image.
- For Word submissions only, you may still provide figures and their captions, and tables within a single file at the revision stage.
- Please note that individual figure files larger than 10 MB must be provided in separate source files. A detailed [guide on electronic artwork](#) is available.

You are urged to visit this site; some excerpts from the detailed information are given here.

Formats

Regardless of the application used, when your electronic artwork is finalized, please 'save as' or convert the images to one of the following formats (note the resolution requirements for line drawings, halftones, and line/halftone combinations given below):

EPS (or PDF): Vector drawings. Embed the font or save the text as 'graphics'.

TIFF (or JPG): Color or grayscale photographs (halftones): always use a minimum of 300 dpi.

TIFF (or JPG): Bitmapped line drawings: use a minimum of 1000 dpi.

TIFF (or JPG): Combinations bitmapped line/half-tone (color or grayscale): a minimum of 500 dpi is required.

Please do not:

- Supply files that are optimized for screen use (e.g., GIF, BMP, PICT, WPG); the resolution is too low.
- Supply files that are too low in resolution.
- Submit graphics that are disproportionately large for the content.

Color artwork

Please make sure that artwork files are in an acceptable format (TIFF (or JPEG), EPS (or PDF), or MS Office files) and with the correct resolution. If, together with your accepted article, you submit usable color figures then Elsevier will ensure, at no additional charge, that these figures will appear in color online (e.g., ScienceDirect and other sites) regardless of whether or not these illustrations are reproduced in color in the printed version. **For color reproduction in print, you will receive information regarding the costs from Elsevier after receipt of your accepted article.** Please indicate your preference for color: in print or online only. [Further information on the preparation of electronic artwork.](#)

Figure captions

Ensure that each illustration has a caption. A caption should comprise a brief title (**not** on the figure itself) and a description of the illustration. Keep text in the illustrations themselves to a minimum but explain all symbols and abbreviations used.

Text graphics

Text graphics may be embedded in the text at the appropriate position. If you are working with LaTeX and have such features embedded in the text, these can be left. See further under Electronic artwork.

Tables

Please submit tables as editable text and not as images. Tables can be placed either next to the relevant text in the article, or on separate page(s) at the end. Number tables consecutively in accordance with their appearance in the text and place any table notes below the table body. Be sparing in the use of tables and ensure that the data presented in them do not duplicate results described elsewhere in the article. Please avoid using vertical rules and shading in table cells.

References

Citation in text

Please ensure that every reference cited in the text is also present in the reference list (and vice versa). Any references cited in the abstract must be given in full. Unpublished results and personal communications are not recommended in the reference list, but may be mentioned in the text. If these references are included in the reference list they should follow the standard reference style of the journal and should include a substitution of the publication date with either 'Unpublished results' or 'Personal communication'. Citation of a reference as 'in press' implies that the item has been accepted for publication.

Web references

As a minimum, the full URL should be given and the date when the reference was last accessed. Any further information, if known (DOI, author names, dates, reference to a source publication, etc.), should also be given. Web references can be listed separately (e.g., after the reference list) under a different heading if desired, or can be included in the reference list.

Data references

This journal encourages you to cite underlying or relevant datasets in your manuscript by citing them in your text and including a data reference in your Reference List. Data references should include the following elements: author name(s), dataset title, data repository, version (where available), year, and global persistent identifier. Add [dataset] immediately before the reference so we can properly identify it as a data reference. The [dataset] identifier will not appear in your published article.

References in a special issue

Please ensure that the words 'this issue' are added to any references in the list (and any citations in the text) to other articles in the same Special Issue.

Reference management software

Most Elsevier journals have their reference template available in many of the most popular reference management software products. These include all products that support [Citation Style Language styles](#), such as [Mendeley](#) and [Zotero](#), as well as [EndNote](#). Using the word processor plug-ins from these products, authors only need to select the appropriate journal template when preparing their article, after which citations and bibliographies will be automatically formatted in the journal's style. If no template is yet available for this journal, please follow the format of the sample references and citations as shown in this Guide.

Users of Mendeley Desktop can easily install the reference style for this journal by clicking the following link:

<http://open.mendeley.com/use-citation-style/european-journal-of-medicinal-chemistry>

When preparing your manuscript, you will then be able to select this style using the Mendeley plug-ins for Microsoft Word or LibreOffice.

Reference formatting

There are no strict requirements on reference formatting at submission. References can be in any style or format as long as the style is consistent. Where applicable, author(s) name(s), journal title/book title, chapter title/article title, year of publication, volume number/book chapter and the pagination must be present. Use of DOI is highly encouraged. The reference style used by the journal will be applied to the accepted article by Elsevier at the proof stage. Note that missing data will be highlighted at proof stage for the author to correct. If you do wish to format the references yourself they should be arranged according to the following examples:

Reference style

Text: Indicate references by number(s) in square brackets in line with the text. The actual authors can be referred to, but the reference number(s) must always be given.

Example: '..... as demonstrated [3,6]. Barnaby and Jones [8] obtained a different result'

List: Number the references (numbers in square brackets) in the list in the order in which they appear in the text.

Examples:

Reference to a journal publication:

[1] J. van der Geer, J.A.J. Hanraads, R.A. Lupton, The art of writing a scientific article, *J. Sci. Commun.* 163 (2010) 51–59.

Reference to a book:

[2] W. Strunk Jr., E.B. White, *The Elements of Style*, fourth ed., Longman, New York, 2000.

Reference to a chapter in an edited book:

[3] G.R. Mettam, L.B. Adams, How to prepare an electronic version of your article, in: B.S. Jones, R.Z. Smith (Eds.), *Introduction to the Electronic Age*, E-Publishing Inc., New York, 2009, pp. 281–304.

Reference to a website:

[4] Cancer Research UK, Cancer statistics reports for the UK. <http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/aboutcancer/statistics/cancerstatsreport/>, 2003 (accessed 13.03.03).

Reference to a dataset:

[dataset] [5] M. Oguro, S. Imahiro, S. Saito, T. Nakashizuka, Mortality data for Japanese oak wilt disease and surrounding forest compositions, *Mendeley Data*, v1, 2015. <https://doi.org/10.17632/xwj98nb39r.1>.

Video

Elsevier accepts video material and animation sequences to support and enhance your scientific research. Authors who have video or animation files that they wish to submit with their article are strongly encouraged to include links to these within the body of the article. This can be done in the same way as a figure or table by referring to the video or animation content and noting in the body text where it should be placed. All submitted files should be properly labeled so that they directly relate to the video file's content. In order to ensure that your video or animation material is directly usable, please provide the files in one of our recommended file formats with a preferred maximum size of 150 MB. Video and animation files supplied will be published online in the electronic version of your article in Elsevier Web products, including [ScienceDirect](#). Please supply 'stills' with your files: you can choose any frame from the video or animation or make a separate image. These will be used instead of standard icons and will personalize the link to your video data. For more detailed instructions please visit our [video instruction pages](#). Note: since video and animation cannot be embedded in the print version of the journal, please provide text for both the electronic and the print version for the portions of the article that refer to this content.

Supplementary material

Supplementary material such as applications, images and sound clips, can be published with your article to enhance it. Submitted supplementary items are published exactly as they are received (Excel or PowerPoint files will appear as such online). Please submit your material together with the article and supply a concise, descriptive caption for each supplementary file. If you wish to make changes to supplementary material during any stage of the process, please make sure to provide an updated file. Do not annotate any corrections on a previous version. Please switch off the 'Track Changes' option in Microsoft Office files as these will appear in the published version.

RESEARCH DATA

This journal encourages and enables you to share data that supports your research publication where appropriate, and enables you to interlink the data with your published articles. Research data refers to the results of observations or experimentation that validate research findings. To facilitate reproducibility and data reuse, this journal also encourages you to share your software, code, models, algorithms, protocols, methods and other useful materials related to the project.

Below are a number of ways in which you can associate data with your article or make a statement about the availability of your data when submitting your manuscript. If you are sharing data in one of these ways, you are encouraged to cite the data in your manuscript and reference list. Please refer to the "References" section for more information about data citation. For more information on depositing, sharing and using research data and other relevant research materials, visit the [research data](#) page.

Data linking

If you have made your research data available in a data repository, you can link your article directly to the dataset. Elsevier collaborates with a number of repositories to link articles on ScienceDirect with relevant repositories, giving readers access to underlying data that give them a better understanding of the research described.

There are different ways to link your datasets to your article. When available, you can directly link your dataset to your article by providing the relevant information in the submission system. For more information, visit the [database linking page](#).

For [supported data repositories](#) a repository banner will automatically appear next to your published article on ScienceDirect.

In addition, you can link to relevant data or entities through identifiers within the text of your manuscript, using the following format: Database: xxxx (e.g., TAIR: AT1G01020; CCDC: 734053; PDB: 1XFN).

Open data

This journal supports Open data, enabling authors to submit any raw (unprocessed) research data with their article for open access publication under the CC BY license. [More information](#).

Transparency

To foster transparency, we encourage you to state the availability of your data in your submission. If your data is unavailable to access or unsuitable to post, this gives you the opportunity to indicate why. If you submit [this form](#) with your manuscript as a supplementary file, the statement will appear next to your published article on ScienceDirect.

ARTICLE ENRICHMENTS

AudioSlides

The journal encourages authors to create an AudioSlides presentation with their published article. AudioSlides are brief, webinar-style presentations that are shown next to the online article on ScienceDirect. This gives authors the opportunity to summarize their research in their own words and to help readers understand what the paper is about. [More information and examples are available](#). Authors of this journal will automatically receive an invitation e-mail to create an AudioSlides presentation after acceptance of their paper.

Chemical Compound Viewer (Reaxys)

You can enrich your article with visual representations, links and details for those chemical structures that you define as the main chemical compounds described. Please [follow the instructions](#) to learn how to do this.

3D molecular models

You can enrich your online articles by providing 3D molecular models (optional) in PDB, PSE or MOL/MOL2 format, which will be visualized using the interactive viewer embedded within the article. Using the viewer, it will be possible to zoom into the model, rotate and pan the model, and change display settings. Submitted models will also be available for downloading from your online article on ScienceDirect. Each molecular model will have to be uploaded to the online submission system separately, via the '3D molecular models' submission category. [More information](#).

Interactive plots

This journal enables you to show an Interactive Plot with your article by simply submitting a data file. [Full instructions](#).

AFTER ACCEPTANCE

Online proof correction

Corresponding authors will receive an e-mail with a link to our online proofing system, allowing annotation and correction of proofs online. The environment is similar to MS Word: in addition to editing text, you can also comment on figures/tables and answer questions from the Copy Editor. Web-based proofing provides a faster and less error-prone process by allowing you to directly type your corrections, eliminating the potential introduction of errors.

If preferred, you can still choose to annotate and upload your edits on the PDF version. All instructions for proofing will be given in the e-mail we send to authors, including alternative methods to the online version and PDF.

We will do everything possible to get your article published quickly and accurately. Please use this proof only for checking the typesetting, editing, completeness and correctness of the text, tables and figures. Significant changes to the article as accepted for publication will only be considered at this stage with permission from the Editor. It is important to ensure that all corrections are sent back to us in one communication. Please check carefully before replying, as inclusion of any subsequent corrections cannot be guaranteed. Proofreading is solely your responsibility.

Offprints

The corresponding author will, at no cost, receive a customized [Share Link](#) providing 50 days free access to the final published version of the article on [ScienceDirect](#). The Share Link can be used for sharing the article via any communication channel, including email and social media. For an extra charge, paper offprints can be ordered via the offprint order form which is sent once the article is accepted for publication. Both corresponding and co-authors may order offprints at any time via Elsevier's [Webshop](#). Corresponding authors who have published their article open access do not receive a Share Link as their final published version of the article is available open access on ScienceDirect and can be shared through the article DOI link.

AUTHOR INQUIRIES

Visit the [Elsevier Support Center](#) to find the answers you need. Here you will find everything from Frequently Asked Questions to ways to get in touch. You can also [check the status of your submitted article](#) or find out [when your accepted article will be published](#).

© Copyright 2014 Elsevier | <http://www.elsevier.com>