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### General procedure for the preparation of AHQ analogues

### Methyl-3-oxodecanoate

2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxane-4,6-dione (Meldrum's acid) (18.7 g, 130 mmol) was dissolved in distilled dichloromethane (200 mL). The solution was cooled to  $0^{\circ}$ C under a  $N_2$  atmosphere. To the cooled solution were added pyridine (20.5 mL, 260 mmol) and octanoyl chloride (23.8 mL, 140 mmol), dropwise. The solution was stirred at  $0^{\circ}$ C for 1 hr and then at room temperature for 1 hr. The mixture was washed with 5% HCl (3 x 75 mL) and with distilled water (75 mL). The solution was then dried with anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to yield acyl Meldrum's acid as a brown oil which was used in the subsequent step without further purification.

Acyl Meldrum's acid was dissolved in MeOH (180 mL) and heated at reflux for 5 hr with constant stirring. After allowing to cool, the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* yielding the crude product as an orange oil. Purification was achieved by fractional distillation affording the  $\beta$ -keto ester as a pale yellow oil (16.7 g, 64 % yield).

#### Substituted 2-alkyl-4-quinolones

To a solution of the  $\beta$ -ketoester (5 mmol) in dry hexane (10 mL) were added the substituted aniline (5 mmol) and p-toluene sulfonic acid (0.1 mmol). The reaction mixture was heated at reflux (>70°C) under  $N_2$  atmosphere overnight using a Dean-Stark system. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the crude  $\beta$ -enamino ester, which was then added drop-wise to refluxing diphenyl ether (2 mL, >260°C). Reflux was maintained for approx. 1.5 hr. After cooling to room temperature, ether (approx. 20 mL) was added to the reaction mixture and left overnight at 5°C, allowing the quinolone product to precipitate. The quinolone was collected by vacuum filtration, recrystallised from hot methanol (if necessary) and dried *in vacuo*.

## Spectra data of new compounds

# 6-Bromo-2-heptylquinolin-4(1H)-one (20).

Grey solid; yield: 355 mg (14 %); m. p. = 186-188 °C (Et<sub>2</sub>O); IR (KBr):  $\square \square 3421$ , 1632, 1596, 1130 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $^{1}$ H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  0.86 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.20-1.35, 1.65-1.75 (2m, 8 and 2H, respectively), 2.74 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.36 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (dd, J = 8.9 Hz,  $^{4}J$  = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (d,  $^{4}J$  = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 12.7 (s, br, 1H);  $^{13}$ C-NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  14.0, 22.1, 28.40, 28.46, 28.5, 31.2, 33.4, 107.3, 116.9, 121.1, 124.4, 126.5, 135.2, 138.8, 156.6, 173.4. HRMS calcd. (%) for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>21</sub>BrNO: 322.0807; found: 322.0798.

#### Ethyl 2-heptyl-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinoline-6-carboxylate (21)

Orange solid; yield: 202 mg (13 %); m.p. = 197-198 °C; IR (KBr): v 3261, 2926, 1719, 1645, 1495, 1278 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 0.85 (3H, t, J=6.7 Hz), 1.20-1.40 (11H, m), 1.60-1.75 (2H, m), 2.60 (2H, t, J=7.6 Hz), 4.34 (2H, q, J=7.2 Hz), 6.00 (1H, s), 7.61 (1H, d, J=8.7 Hz), 8.12 (1H, dd, J=8.6 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J=2.0 Hz), 8.65 (1H, d, <sup>4</sup>J=2.0 Hz), 11.74 (1H, bs); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 14.0, 14.2, 22.1, 28.2, 28.4, 28.5, 31.2, 33.2, 60.8, 108.7, 118.5, 123.86, 123.92, 127.2, 131.4, 143.1, 154.6, 165.4, 176.8; HRMS calcd. (%) for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: 316.1913; found: 316.1913.

### 6-Fluoro-2-heptylquinolin-4(1*H*)-one (22).

Pale yellow solid; yield: 357 mg (27 %); m. p. = 174-176 °C (Et<sub>2</sub>O); IR (KBr):  $\Box$  3426, 1644, 1599 cm ¹; ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  0.85 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.20-1.35, 1.60-1.75 (2m, 8 and 2H, respectively), 2.59 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 5.95 (s, 1H), 7.53 (td,  ${}^3J_{\text{(H,H)}} = {}^3J_{\text{(H,F)}} = 8.7$  Hz,  ${}^4J_{\text{(H,H)}} = 2.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.62 (dd,  ${}^3J_{\text{(H,H)}} = 8.8$  Hz,  ${}^4J_{\text{(H,F)}} = 4.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd,  ${}^3J_{\text{(H,F)}} = 9.4$  Hz,  ${}^4J_{\text{(H,H)}} = 2.9$  Hz, 1H), 11.65 (s, br, 1H);  ${}^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  13.8, 22.0, 28.32, 28.33, 28.4, 31.1, 33.2, 106.9, 108.7 (d,  ${}^2J_{\text{(C,F)}} = 22$  Hz), 120.1 (d,  ${}^2J_{\text{(C,F)}} = 25.4$  Hz), 120.5 (d,  ${}^3J_{\text{(C,F)}} = 8.4$  Hz), 125.7 (d,  ${}^3J_{\text{(C,F)}} = 6.4$  Hz), 136.8 (d,  ${}^4J_{\text{(C,F)}} = 0.6$  Hz), 153.8, 158.1 (d,  ${}^1J_{\text{(C,F)}} = 241$  Hz), 176.0 (d,  ${}^4J_{\text{(C,F)}} = 2.7$  Hz). HRMS calcd. (%) for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>21</sub>FNO: 262.1607; found: 262.1605.

# 6-(tert-Butyl)-2-heptylquinolin-4(1H)-one (23).

Pale yellow solid; yield: 385 mg (26 %); m. p. = 161-163 °C (Et<sub>2</sub>O); IR (KBr):  $\Box\Box$  3426, 1637, 1595, 1487 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  0.86 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.20-1.35 (m with s at 1.33, 17H), 1.60-1.75 (m, 2H), 2.57 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 5.90 (s, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (dd, J = 8.7 Hz,  ${}^4J$ 

= 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d,  ${}^4J$  = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 11.42 (s, br, 1H);  ${}^{13}C$ -NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  14.0, 22.1, 28.4 (2C), 28.5, 31.1 (3C), 31.2, 33.2, 34.4, 107.4, 117.7, 119.9, 124.1, 129.6, 138.2, 145.2, 153.2, 177.0. HRMS calcd. (%) for  $C_{20}H_{30}NO$ : 300.2327; found: 300.2318.

## 2-Heptyl-5,7-dimethylquinolin-4(1H)-one (24)

Pale yellow solid; yield: 612 mg (45 %); m.p. = 158-160 °C; IR (KBr): v 3252, 2959, 1641, 1551, 1462, 1296 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: 0.85 (3H, t, J = 6.8 Hz), 1.15-1.40 (8H, m), 1.55-1.70 (2H, m), 2.31 (3H, s), 2.45-2.55 (2H, t, overlap with DMSO) 2.73 (3H, s), 5.75 (1H, s), 6.76 (1H, m), 7.09 (1H, s), 11.05 (1H, bs); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: 13.9, 21.0, 22.0, 22.9, 28.1, 28.35, 28.39, 31.1, 32.6, 109.2, 115.3, 120.9, 126.7, 138.8, 140.2, 142.0, 151.5, 179.4; HRMS calcd. (%) for  $C_{18}H_{26}NO$ : 272.2014; found: 272.2009.



















