# Synthesis of New 2,3-Dihydro-2-phenyl-4-quinolone Derivatives; Aza Analogs of Flavanone 

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Flavonoids are natural polyphenol compounds of plant origin and exhibit various biological activities such as antiinflammatory, anti-oxidant, and anti-tumor activities. ${ }^{1-3}$ It has been previously reported that various plant flavonoids possess the inhibitory activity on cyclooxygenase/lipoxygenase. ${ }^{4-11}$
Based on the results from the structure-activity relationships of Hesperetin and some other naturally occurring flavanone such as Taxifolin (Figure 2) and in order to improve the antiinflammatory activities of Hesperetin, we



Flavanones

## 2,3-Dihydro-2-phenylquinolones

Figure 1. Structure of flavonones.
designed aza analogs of flavanones that were replaced the oxygen atom of B ring of flavanone to the nitrogen atom (Figure 1). In this work, we report the synthesis of the title compound 3, novel 2,3-dihydro-2-phenyl-4-quinolone derivatives as a potential candidate for NSAIDs (nonsteriodal antiinflammatory drugs).

A series of 2,3-dihydro-2-phenyl-4-quinolones 3a-g has been synthesized using acid-catalyzed one-pot reaction (Scheme 1). Quinolones 3a-g were prepared through cyclization of the condensation product 2a-g that were formed by heating of arylamines and ethyl benzoylacetate in toluene. Similarly, the 6 (7 or 8)-substituted 2,3-dihydro-2phenylquinolones were prepared from the para(ortho or meta)-substituted aniline. The reaction mechanism of the formation of the final product involves the nucleophilic dehydration and following cyclization between arylamines and ethyl benzoylacetate (EBA). Nucleophilic dehydration, the condensation was undertaken with $p$-toluene sulfonic acid at $90-110^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ in toluene for 2-6 hours over the dean-


Taxifolin


Hesperetin


Hesperidin

Figure 2. Structure of flavanones with antiinflammatory activity.


Scheme 1. Synthesis of 2,3-Dihydro-2-phenylquinolone Derivatives 3a-g and Isolation of the intermediate 2a-g.

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Scheme 2. Tautomerism of 2,3-Dihydro-2-phenylquinolone Derivatives 3a and Dehydrogenation of 4b.
stark apparatus for the ester $\mathbf{2}$. The ester $\mathbf{2}$ was continuously converted to the 2-phenylquinolones $\mathbf{3}$ with removal of ethanol and dihydrogenation. All synthetic process from arylamines and ethyl benzoylacetate to quinolones $\mathbf{3 a - g}$ could be carried out in one-pot without isolation of intermediates.
Even though synthetic pathways for 2-phenyl-4-quinolones were developed by Li et al., ${ }^{12}$ Kuo et al., ${ }^{13}$ Watterson et al. ${ }^{14}$ and Xia et al., ${ }^{15}$ the synthesis of 2,3-dihydro-2-phenyl-4-quinolones has not been reported until now. We applied the synthetic method of one-pot operations for dihydroquinolone by Cho et al. ${ }^{16}$ We synthesized the 2,3-dihydro-2-phenyl-4-quinolones using the reaction between ethyl benzoylacetate and arylamines.
The moiety that were introduced to aromatic nucleus of quinolones 3a-g were nonsubstituted, 7-acetyl, 6-acetyl, 8methoxy, 7-methoxy and 6-methoxy. Even though we efforted to complete cyclization in several methods, $\mathbf{2 a - g}$ were always isolated in reaction mixture. In the acid-catalytic dehydration, ethyl benzoylacetate was protonated and followed to transfer of electron. A molecule of water eliminated from nucleophillic attraction of aniline, C-N bond was formed for esters 2a-g. Starting material nearly disappeared after about 1 hour after starting of reaction.
Even though esters 2a-g were converted to $\mathbf{3}$ and $\mathbf{4}$, they were left in reaction mixture in state of chemical equibrium (Scheme 2). Prolonged reaction time could not make into a complection of reaction, but resulted in a complicated reaction mixture. For the additional cyclization, ester 2a-g were protonated at 2 and 3-position of ring, converted with $\mathbf{3}$ and 4 by eliminating ethanol.
Although enols 4a, b were isolated and charaterized, we found that $\mathbf{4 a}$ was transformed to quinolone 3a in nonpolar solvent such as $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$. Enol $\mathbf{4 a}$ was stable in state of solid, but changed to keto-form 3a as hydrogen transfer in solvent. Enol-form was transformed to more stable keto-form in the course of time. In the synthesis for $\mathbf{3 b}$, the product was not keto-form 3b but enol-form 4b. Enol 4b was not transformed
into enol 3b in solvent, but dehydrogenation at 1,2-position of quinolone ring took place during the process of reaction and chromatographic $\left(\mathrm{SiO}_{2}\right)$ isolation gave quinoline compound 5a-b (Scheme 2).

Enols 4a, b and keto-form 3a were defined by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H},{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR, IR spectra and GC-MS. In the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}, 11.02 \mathrm{ppm}$ of OH peak of enol-form was disappeared in keto-form. In ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$-NMR spectra of the enol- and keto-form, C-O peak of enol-form appeared at 168.20 ppm , while $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ peak of ketoform showed at the 196.50 ppm . Even though the carbonyl band of keto-form was clearly shown at about $1689 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ on IR spectra, was not shown in case of enol-form.

Enol-form 4b was not transformed into keto-form 3b but into quinoline $\mathbf{5 b}$ because of a strong steric hindrance between 8 -acetoxy moiety and NH of B ring and a weak conjugation effect. Keto-forms 3c (6-position) and 3d (7position) were produced in this condition since they do not have steric hindrance. The 8 -methoxy compound $\mathbf{3 e}$ was synthesized on less steric hindrance with NH of B ring because methoxy moiety was less bulky than acetoxy moiety. The reason for conversion of unsubstituted compound $\mathbf{4 a}$ into 3a in solvent such as $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ is that keto-form is more stable than enol-form. Also, a part of $\mathbf{4 a}$ was transformed into quinoline $5 \mathbf{a}$ due to conjugation effect. We thought that keto-form was more stable than enol-form because most of reaction was processed to yield keto-form $\mathbf{3 c - g}$. We could not find enol-form in reaction of methoxy compound because electron donating methoxy group facilitate cyclization and additional transfer of proton to make keto-form.

Identification of products $\mathbf{2 a - g}$ and $\mathbf{3 a - g}$ were defined by spectra of NMR, IR and GC-MS. The NH peak of 3a-g was appeared at 9.2 ppm , a coupling of CH peak at 7.12 ppm and $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ peak at 4.11 ppm was observed.

Finally, 2,3-dihydro-2-phenyl-4-quinolones 3a, 3c-g were synthesized through the condensation and cyclization of related amines and ethyl benzoylacetate. Esters 2a-g were isolated as intermediates through one-pot reaction (Scheme 1).

## Experimental Section

Chemicals were supplied by Aldrich, Sigma, Merck, and Tokyo Kasei. Melting points were determined in open capillary tubes on a Büchi 535 melting point apparatus and uncorrected. The NMR spectra were recorded using Bruker 300 MHz NMR spectrometer. Chemical shift values were reported in parts per million on the scale in deuteriochloroform or dimethyl- $\mathrm{d}_{6}$ sulfoxide with tetramethylsilane as the internal standard. The NMR spin multiplicities were indicated by the symbols: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet) and m (multiplet). IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 16F PC FT-IR spectrometer using NaCl discs and pellets. The Mass fragmentations were recorded using Agilent 6890 GC and 5973 MS.

Isolation of intermediate 2a-g; 3-phenyl-3-anilinopropenoic acid ethyl ester (2a). $\mathrm{mp} 72.5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ TLC $[n$-hexane : ethyl acetate (3:1)] Rf $0.73 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 10.30$ (s, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}$ ), $7.35-7.24(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), $7.08(\mathrm{t}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}$,

2 H , aromatic), $6.91(\mathrm{t}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), $6.65(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), $4.99(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 4.20(\mathrm{q}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $\left.2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 1.31\left(\mathrm{t}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta$ 170.10 (COO), 159.04, 140.35, 135.95, 129.42, 128.59, 128.41, 128.20, 122.17, $91.14(\mathrm{CH}), 59.30\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 14.52$ $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$, IR $\left(\mathrm{NaCl}, \mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right) 3259(\mathrm{NH}), 2979$ (aromatic), 1657 (CO).

3-Phenyl-3-(3-acetoxyanilino)propenoic acid ethyl ester (2c). oil TLC $\left[n\right.$-hexane : ethyl acetate ( $3: 2$ )] Rf $0.57 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ $\mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 10.40(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}), 7.56$ (s, 1 H , aromatic), $7.32(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), $7.20(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), $7.13(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), 6.81 (d, $J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), $5.05(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{CH}), 4.20\left(\mathrm{q}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 3.32\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{COCH}_{3}\right)$, $1.30\left(\mathrm{t}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 196.79$ (C=O), 170.33 (COO), 158.77, 141.19, 137.88, 131.60, 130.07, 129.26, 129.13, 129.04, 128.90, 126.47, 122.77, 122.02, $92.80(\mathrm{CH}), 60.68\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 26.79\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) 14.58\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$, IR (pellet, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) $3367(\mathrm{NH}), 2980$ (aromatic), $1740(\mathrm{CO})$, 1664 (CO).
3-Phenyl-3-(4-acetoxyanilino)propenoic acid ethyl ester (2d). oil TLC $\left[n\right.$-hexane : ethyl acetate ( $3: 1$ )] Rf $0.44 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 10.73(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}), 7.68(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), $7.34(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), $6.64(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), $5.11(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 4.23\left(\mathrm{q}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$, $2.46\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{COCH}_{3}\right), 1.30\left(\mathrm{t}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 196.69(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 169.77$ (COO), 155.44, 144.98, 133.73, 129.80, 129.39, 128.77, 128.49, 120.24, $94.28(\mathrm{CH}), 61.37\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 29.28\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) 14.44\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$, IR (pellet, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) $3367(\mathrm{NH}), 2980$ (aromatic), $1740(\mathrm{CO}), 1664$ (CO).

3-Phenyl-3-(2-methoxyanilino)propenoic acid ethyl ester (2e). mp $105^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ TLC [ $n$-hexane : ethyl acetate (2:1)] Rf 0.63. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 10.27$ (s, 1H, NH), 7.36-7.27 (m, 5 H , aromatic), $6.83(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), $6.49(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$, 1 H , aromatic), $6.20(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), $4.99(\mathrm{~s}$, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 4.21\left(\mathrm{q}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 3.88\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right)$, $1.30\left(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 170.25$ (COO), 158.79, 150.89, 136.78, 130.01, 129.78, 128.79, $128.39,123.29,122.19,120.27,110.91,91.99(\mathrm{CH}), 59.65$ $\left(\mathrm{OCH}_{2}\right), 56.11\left(\mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right) 14.98\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$.
3-Phenyl-3-(3-methoxyanilino)propenoic acid ethyl ester (2f). oil TLC [n-hexane : ethyl acetate (2:1)] Rf $0.59 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 10.29(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}), 7.37-7.28(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), 6.96 (t, $J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), 6.26 ( $\mathrm{t}, J=8.1$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), $6.16(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), 4.99 (s, 1H, CH), $4.20\left(\mathrm{q}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 3.53(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}$, $\left.\mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right), 1.31\left(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta$ 170.46 (COO), 160.14, 159.28, 141.95, 136.50, 129.85, $129.68,128.86,128.53,114.82,109.44,107.83,91.78$ (CH), $59.75\left(\mathrm{OCH}_{2}\right), 55.37\left(\mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right), 14.92\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$.

3-Phenyl-3-(4-methoxyanilino)propenoic acid ethyl ester (2g). mp $115{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ TLC $[n$-hexane : ethyl acetate (2:1)] Rf 0.6. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 10.22(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}), 7.36-7.28$ (m, 5 H , aromatic), $6.62(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), $4.93(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH})$, $4.21\left(\mathrm{q}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 3.69\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right), 1.33(\mathrm{t}, J$ $\left.=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 170.29(\mathrm{COO})$, $159.88,155.78,136.01,133.46,129.22,128.34,128.28$,
124.24, 113.84, $89.51(\mathrm{CH}), 59.16\left(\mathrm{OCH}_{2}\right), 55.30\left(\mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right)$ $14.55\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$, IR $\left(\mathrm{NaCl}, \mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right) 3255(\mathrm{NH}), 2976$ (aromatic), 1734 (CO), 1652 (CO).
General procedure for the synthesis of $3 \mathrm{a}, \mathbf{3 c - g}$; 2,3-Dihydro-2-phenyl-4-quinolone (3a). Ethyl benzoylacetate $(1.72 \mathrm{~mL}, 0.01 \mathrm{~mol})$, $p$-toluenesulfonic acid ( $19.2 \mathrm{mg}, 0.1$ mmol ) and aniline ( $1 \mathrm{~mL}, 0.011 \mathrm{~mol}$ ) were refluxed for about 4 h in anhydrous toluene ( 30 mL ) over the Dean-stark apparatus until the starting material disappeared. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature, concentrated under reduced pressure to remove the toluene. The residue was extracted with ethyl acetate ( 30 mL ) and water ( 15 mL ) and the organic layer was washed with $5 \%$ $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(15 \mathrm{~mL})$, water $(15 \mathrm{~mL} \times 2)$. The extracts were dried over anhydrous $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, and concentrated under a reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography to give compound $\mathbf{3 a}$ as a high viscous oil. The oil was crystallized from methanol.

Yield: $31.3 \%, \mathrm{mp} 105{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ TLC [ $n$-hexane : ethyl acetate (3:1)] Rf 0.27. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 9.29(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}), 8.04$ (d, $J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), $7.48(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), 7.33 (t, $J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), $7.12(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}$ ), $4.11\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 196.50(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O})$, 163.74, 137.56, 136.07, 134.37, 129.00, 128.62, 124.57, $120.20(\mathrm{CH}), 45.52\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$. IR (pellet $\left.\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right) 3307(\mathrm{NH}), 3063$ (aromatic), 1689 (C=O). GC-MS: m/z 93.10 (100.00), 66.10 (30.79), 65.10 (15.44), 92.20 (12.31), 94.10 (7.13).

7-Acetoxy-2,3-dihydro-2-phenyl-4-quinolone (3c). Yield: $43.9 \%$, mp $151^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ TLC $[n$-hexane : ethyl acetate ( $3: 2$ )] Rf $0.31 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 9.60(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}), 8.44(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), $8.10(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), $7.58(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), $7.49(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 4.12\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 2.55\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 198.89(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 196.32$ ( $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ ), 165.05, 138.09, 137.78, 136.34, 134.72, 129.69, 129.34, 128.89, 125.20, 124.71, 120.16, $46.25\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 27.46\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$. IR (pellet $\left.\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right) 3345(\mathrm{NH}), 1681,1656(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O})$. GC-MS: m/z 222.20 (100.00), 237.20 (54.07), 223.10 (17.30), 91.10 (12.96), 238.20 (9.58).

6-Acetoxy-2,3-dihydro-2-phenyl-4-quinolone (3d). Yield: $67.4 \%$, mp $164{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ TLC $[n$-hexane : ethyl acetate (2:1)] Rf 0.21 . ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 9.69(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}), 8.03(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.9$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), 7.99 (d, $J=6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), 7.68 (m, 3 H , aromatic), $7.55(\mathrm{t}, J=6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 4.15(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 2.55\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 197.01(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O})$, 196.42 ( $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ ), 164.08, 141.88, 135.87, 134.60, 133.13, 129.73, 129.06, 128.60, 119.38, $45.20\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 26.46\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$. IR (pellet $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) $3435(\mathrm{NH}), 1687,1663(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O})$. GC-MS: m/z 120.10 (100.00), 135.10 (51.28), 92.10 (37.80), 65.10 (21.62), 121.10 (8.26).

8-Metoxy-2,3-dihydro-2-phenyl-4-quinolone (3e). Yield: $41.6 \%, \operatorname{mp~} 87{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ TLC $[n$-hexane : ethyl acetate (2:1)] Rf 0.37. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 9.40(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}), 8.37(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.1$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), 7.96 (d, 2 H , aromatic), 7.43-7.36 (m, 3H, aromatic), 7.01-6.80 (m, 3 H , aromatic), $4.11\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$, $3.82\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 196.09(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O})$, 164.24 (CO), 148.76, 136.53, 134.52, 134.44, 129.24, $129.00,128.88,128.35,127.90,126.23,124.51,121.40$,
$120.51,110.55,56.22\left(\mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right), 46.99\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$. IR $\left(\mathrm{NaCl}, \mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right)$ 3291 (NH), 3089 (aromatic), 1693 (C=O). GC-MS: m/z 108.10 (100.00), 123.10 (99.66), 80.10 (70.35), 53.10 (12.48), 52.10 (8.69).

7-Metoxy-2,3-dihydro-2-phenyl-4-quinolone (3f). Yield: $55.3 \%$, oil TLC [ $n$-hexane : ethyl acetate ( $2: 1$ )] Rf $0.32 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 9.26(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}), 7.94(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), $7.55(\mathrm{t}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), $7.42(\mathrm{t}, J=7.5$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), $7.21(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), 7.13 (t, 1 H , aromatic), $6.99(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), $6.60(\mathrm{dd}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{CH}), 4.03\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=10.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 3.71\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 196.75(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 164.33,160.48,139.16$, $136.38,134.75,130.08,129.36,129.00,128.88,128.45$, $112.76,110.86,106.20,55.70\left(\mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right), 46.02\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$. GCMS: m/z 73.10 (100.00), 60.10 (72.73), 55.10 (59.93), 129.10 (59.70), 57.10 (57.74).

6-Metoxy-2,3-dihydro-2-phenyl-4-quinolone (3g). Yield: $36.8 \%, \operatorname{mp~} 120^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ TLC $[n$-hexane : ethyl acetate (2:1)] Rf $0.26 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 9.24(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}), 8.01$ (d, $J=7.2$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), $7.61(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), $7.50(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), $6.86(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), 4.09 (s, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ), $3.78\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta$ 196.78 ( $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ ), $164.23,156.93,136.45,134.66,131.11$, $129.33,128.98,128.85,122.41,114.49,55.84\left(\mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right)$, $45.89\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$. IR $\left(\mathrm{NaCl}, \mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right) 3291(\mathrm{NH}), 3089$ (aromatic), 1693 (C=O). GC-MS: m/z 108.10 (100.00), 123.10 (77.30), 80.10 (33.06), 53.10 (9.69), 109.10 (7.39).

4-Hydroxy-2-hydro-2-phenyl-4-quinolone (4a). Yield: $45.5 \%, \mathrm{mp} 135.5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ TLC [ $n$-hexane : ethyl acetate (3:1)] Rf $0.48 .{ }^{1}{ }^{H} \mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 11.02(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OH}), 7.51(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), $7.28(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic+NH), 7.03 (m, 2 H , aromatic), 6.87 (t, $J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), $6.62(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic) $4.92(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta$ 168.20 (C-O), 157.67, 140.51, 138.49, 136.36, 129.26, 128.94, 128.56, 128.51, 128.11, 122.57, 121.97 (CH), 120.21. IR (pellet $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3307 (NH), 3058 (aromatic), 1592. GC-MS: m/z 180.10 (100.00), 77.10 (49.5), 195.10 (47.99), 51.10 (17.14), 181.10 (14.01).

8-Acetoxy-4-hydroxy-2-hydro-2-phenyl-4-quinolone (4b). Yield: $38.6 \%, \mathrm{mp} 183{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ TLC [ $n$-hexane : ethyl acetate (1:1)] Rf 0.32. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 8.50(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OH}), 8.07$ (d, $J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), $7.58(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), 7.47 (m, 3 H , aromatic), $7.22(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), $6.71(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.2$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 4.68(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 1.63\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 197.04(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 166.63(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}), 136.75,134.20$, 130.14, 129.39, 128.94, 128.62, 124.36, 124.17, 115.87, $72.48,59.80,27.38$. IR (pellet $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) $3310(\mathrm{OH}), 3058$ (aromatic), 1705, 1646, 1595. GC-MS: m/z 120.10 (100.00), 135.10 (75.18), 92.10 (42.89), 65.10 (25.20), 121.10 (8.13).

4-Hydroxy-2-phenylquinoline (5a). Yield: $16 \%$, mp 261 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ TLC $\left[n\right.$-hexane : ethyl acetate (3:1)] Rf 0.1. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (DMSO-d ${ }_{6}$ ) $\delta 11.75(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OH}), 8.14(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), $7.84(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), $7.80(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), $7.69(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), $7.22(\mathrm{t}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic) $6.39(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (DMSO-d ${ }_{6}$ ) $\delta 177.75(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O})$,
$150.31,140.63,134.49,131.53,130.23,128.79,127.37$, $124.98,124.84,123.13,118.72,107.65(\mathrm{CH})$.
8-Acetoxy-4-hydroxy-2-phenylquinoline (5b). Yield: $28 \%$, mp $270{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ TLC [ $n$-hexane : ethyl acetate (1:1)] Rf $0.23 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (DMSO-d $\mathrm{d}_{6}$ ) $\delta 12.02(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OH}), 7.87$ (dd, $J$ $=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), $7.66(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), $7.52(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic +CH ), $7.40(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic), $7.26(\mathrm{t}, J$ $=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, aromatic) $2.28\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (DMSO-d ${ }_{6}$ ) $\delta 195.50(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 159.71$ (C-O), 144.39, 138.28, 136.41, 133.73, 130.83, 130.80, 128.81, 125.07, 122.10, 119.10, $115.72(\mathrm{CH}), 15.57$. IR (pellet $\left.\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right) 3449(\mathrm{OH})$, 2993 (aromatic), 1687 (C=O), 1640 (C-O).

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