

Short Note

## *N*-{2-[3-(3-Formyl-2-oxoquinolin-1(2*H*)-yl)prop-1ynyl]phenyl}acetamide

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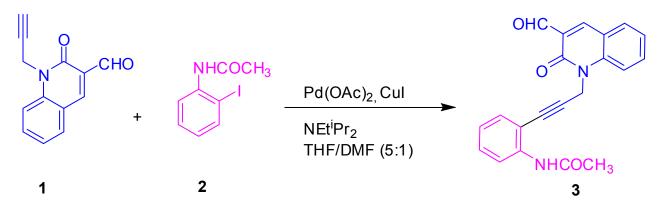
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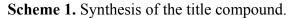
**Abstract:** The title compound, N-{2-[3-(3-formyl-2-oxoquinolin-1(2*H*)-yl)prop-1ynyl]phenyl}acetamide was synthesized in high yield by Sonogashira cross coupling of 2-oxo-1-(prop-2-ynyl)-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carbaldehyde with *N*-(2-iodophenyl)acetamide. The structure of the compound was fully characterized by IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, <sup>13</sup>C-NMR, Mass spectral analysis and elemental analysis.

Keywords: 2-quinolone; Sonogashira coupling; terminal alkyne

The usefulness of 2-quinolone framework has been well demonstrated in the development of a broad range of pharmacologically active compounds including antibacterial, antiulcer, anti HIV, anti-allergic, anti-inflammatory and antifungal agents [1–7]. In continuation of our efforts to identify novel small molecules of potential pharmacological interest, we have recently reported the synthesis and PDE4 inhibitory properties of 2-quinolone derivatives [8]. In further continuation of our earlier work, we now report the synthesis of a novel analogue *i.e.*, N-{2-[3-(3-formyl-2-oxoquinolin-1(2H)-yl)prop-1-ynyl]phenyl}acetamide. The alkynylation of iodoarenes *via* C-C bond forming reaction under Pd-Cu catalysis (the Sonogashira coupling) [9] was used in our earlier synthesis [8]. The methodology offered a very convenient, mild and one-step process for the direct coupling of terminal alkynes with iodoarene to provide the desired internal alkynes of medicinal value [10]. We adopted the

same strategy for the preparation of our present target molecule and the corresponding synthesis is shown in Scheme 1.





Preparation of N-{2-[3-(3-formyl-2-oxoquinolin-1(2H)-yl)prop-1-ynyl]phenyl}acetamide

To a solution of *N*-(2-iodophenyl)acetamide (2) (2.96 g, 11.36 mmol) in THF (20 mL) and DMF (4 mL) were added diisopropylethyl amine (2.44 g, 18.92 mmol),  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (0.21 gm, 0.946 mmol) and copper iodide (0.18 g, 0.946 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 15 min at room temperature. Then the terminal alkyne *i.e.*, 2-oxo-1-(prop-2-ynyl)-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carbaldehyde (1) [11] (2.0 g, 9.46 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was heated to reflux for 28 h and the progress of the reaction was monitored by checking TLC (thin layer chromatography) at a regular interval. After completion, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the crude product that was purified by column chromatography using cyclohexane/ethyl acetate (9.5:0.5) to give the title compound **3**.

The compound **3** was well characterized by spectral data. In the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum (DMSO- $d_6$  as a solvent), two characteristic singlets appeared at  $\delta$  10.50 and 8.40 ppm due to the aldehyde hydrogen and NH hydrogen respectively. The NH signal was confirmed by its disappearance during D<sub>2</sub>O exchange experiment. The methylene and methyl group appeared as two singlets at  $\delta$  5.36 and 2.17 ppm respectively. In the BB decoupled <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of compound **3**, the two characteristic signals of acetylenic carbon atoms appeared at  $\delta$  83.2 and 83.1 ppm. The appearance of a signal at  $\delta$  189.7 ppm confirmed the presence of an aldehyde carbonyl group. The formation of the desired compound **3** was also supported by the mass spectrum which showed molecular ion peak (M+1) at m/z 344.9.

Description of the compound: Pale yellow crystalline powder.

Yield: 75%. Mp: 220–225 °C.  $R_{f}$ : 0.4 (Cyclohexane:EtOAc = 3:2). IR  $v_{max}$  (KBr cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3266, 1698, 1648, 1609, 1560. Mass (ES): m/z 344.9 (M+1, 100%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 10.50 (s, 1H, CHO), 8.4 (s, 1H, NH), 7.78–7.66 (m, ArH, 3H), 7.44–7.32 (m, ArH, 5H), 7.20 (s, 1H, ArH), 4.36 (s, 2H), 2.17 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 189.7 (CHO), 168.5, 160.1, 157.0, 142.0, 140.4, 139.8, 134.2, 133.6, 132.2 (2C), 124.7, 123.2, 119.1, 116.1, 115.5, 115.4, 83.2 (acetylenic C), 83.1 (acetylenic C), 54.9 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 24.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

Anal. calc. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 73.24, H, 4.68, N, 8.13, O, 13.94; Found: C, 73.21, H, 4.61, N, 8.03.

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## **Conflicts of Interest**

The authors declare no conflict of interest.

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