

## Synthesis and evaluation of new pyridine-marinoquinolines as antimalarials

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### Highlights

- Synthesis of novel pyridine-marinoquinoline
- Evaluation of antimalarials

### Abstract

3H-pyrrolo[2,3-c]quinoline is a tricyclic system rare between natural products. The first example reported was Marinoquinoline A, isolated from the gliding bacterium *Ohtaekwangia kribbensis* together with the novel marinoquinolines B-F (Figure 1).<sup>1,2,3</sup> These compounds have demonstrated activity as acetylcholinesterase inhibitor<sup>1</sup>, antibiotic activity<sup>3</sup>, antitumoral<sup>3</sup> and antiprotozoatic<sup>3</sup>. In a previous study,<sup>4</sup> we synthesized several unnatural MQ derivatives as potential antimalarial compounds and discovered a lead compound named MQ-030 (Figure 2).

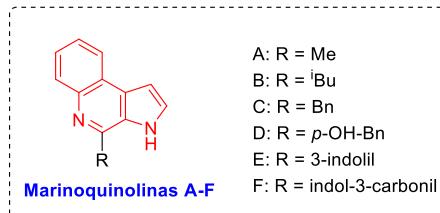


Figure 1. Structures of the natural marinoquinolines.

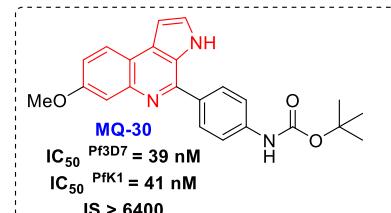
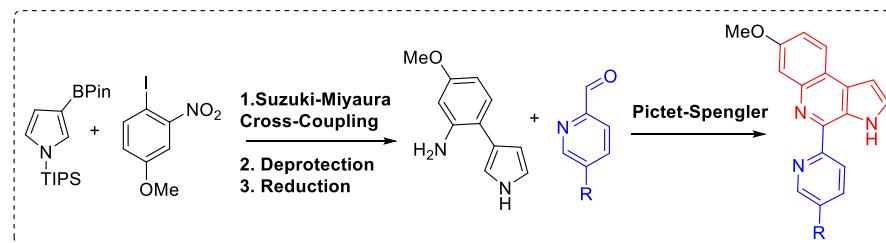


Figure 2. Structure of marinoquinoline MQ-30.

In view of the pharmacological potential of marinoquinolines, the present work describes the modular synthesis of novel marinoquinolines. Pyrroloanilines intermediates were synthesized by Suzuki-Miyaura cross-couplings followed by Pictet-Spengler cyclizations to obtain the desired pyridine-marinoquinoline in good overall yields (Scheme 1).



Scheme 1. Synthesis of pyridine-marinoquinoline.

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