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Efficient *N*-arylation and *N*-alkylation of quinazolines using PEG-400 as green solvent

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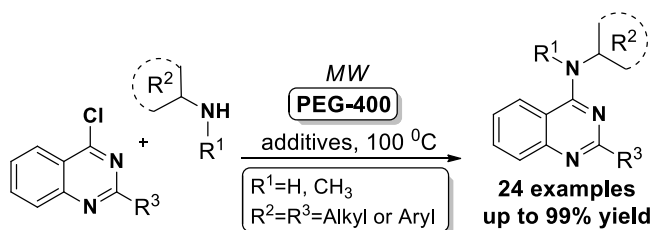
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ABSTRACT

Quinazolines represent a significant class of aromatic *N*-heterocycles.¹ Derivatives of 4-aminoquinazoline are particularly valuable due to their presence in numerous pharmaceuticals, including erlotinib, gefitinib, and prazosin, and their role as antagonists of human adenosine A3 receptors.²⁻⁴ The extensive utilization of this structural motif in biologically active compounds underscores the necessity for developing selective protocols to access functionalized derivatives.⁵ Thus, this study presents a green, cost-effective, and efficient method for *N*-arylation and *N*-alkylation employing PEG-400 in a microwave reactor (Scheme 1). This novel synthetic approach holds promise for future applications in multifunctional supramolecular nanosystems⁶ and in the development of candidates for cancer therapies, exemplified by the successful synthesis of Verubulin and analogs in high yields.



Scheme 1. Protocol employed in microwave-assisted reaction.

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