

Tetramethylguanidiniumchlorosulfonate ionic liquid (TMG IL): An efficient reusable catalyst for the synthesis of tetrahydro-1*H*-benzo[*a*]chromeno[2,3-*c*]phenazin-1-ones under solvent-free conditions and evaluation for their *in vitro* bioassay

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Synthesis of 16-(4-ethoxyphenyl)-3,3-dimethyl-2,3,4,16-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[a]chromeno[2,3-c]phenazin-1-one (4a).

A mixture of benzo[a]phenazin-5-ol (1, 1mmol), 4-ethoxybenzaldehyde (2a, 1mmol), and 5,5-dimethylcyclohexane-1,3-dione (3a, 1mmol), was taken in TMG IL (5% mol) and stirred at 60 °C for 45 min. After completion of the reaction (monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC)), the product was extracted with 20 mL of ethyl acetate (EA). The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the obtained solid was washed with hexane and recrystallized from ethanol to afford the product. The insoluble IL was separated by simple filtration, washed twice with EA, and then dried under vacuum before reuse.

16-(4-ethoxyphenyl)-3,3-dimethyl-2,3,4,16-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[a]chromeno[2,3-c]phenazin-1-one (4a). Yield 95%; yellow powder; mp 223-225 °C. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.26 (dd, *J* = 2.0, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (dd, *J* = 2.1, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.21-8.17 (m, 2H), 7.79-7.70 (m, 4H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.04 (s, 1H), 3.87-3.82 (q, 2H), 2.78 and 2.73 (AB System, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 2H), 2.39 and 2.32 (AB System, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 2H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 1.14 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 197.0, 163.4, 157.4, 147.0, 142.7, 142.1, 140.5, 140.4, 137.2, 130.5, 130.2, 130.0, 129.8, 129.5, 129.1, 128.5, 126.8, 125.7, 122.1, 116.6, 115.4, 113.9, 63.2, 51.1, 41.4, 32.8, 32.6, 29.6, 27.5, 14.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*): calcd for C₃₃H₂₈N₂O₃ (M+H⁺) 500.210; found: 500.202.

16-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-3,3-dimethyl-2,3,4,16-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[a]chromeno[2,3-c]phenazin-1-one (4b). Yield 90%; yellow powder; mp 286-288 °C. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.21 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.14-8.11 (m, 2H), 7.80-7.69 (m, 4H), 6.695 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.88 (s, 1H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 2.74 (s, 2H), 2.38 and 2.28 (AB System, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 2H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 1.20 (s, 3H), 1.06 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 197.1, 163.1, 147.0, 144.0, 142.7, 142.1, 141.1, 140.7, 134.8, 134.6, 130.8, 130.0, 129.9, 129.8, 129.5, 129.3, 128.3, 127.1, 126.7, 125.5, 122.0, 117.8, 116.4, 51.2, 41.5, 32.6, 30.2, 29.6, 27.3, 21.3, 20.3 ppm. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*): calcd for C₃₃H₂₈N₂O₂ (M+H⁺) 484.215; found: 484.211.

16-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-3,3-dimethyl-2,3,4,16-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[a]chromeno[2,3-c]phenazin-1-one (4c). Yield 88%; yellow powder; mp 230-232 °C. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.34-9.32 (m, 1H), 8.36-8.34 (m, 1H), 8.26-8.23 (m, 2H), 7.83-7.73 (m, 4H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.04-7.02 (m, 1H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.05 (s, 1H), 5.78 (dd, *J* = 1.4, 10.6 Hz, 2H), 2.82 and 2.74 (AB System, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 2H), 2.40 and 2.34 (AB System, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 2H), 1.20 (s, 3H), 1.14 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 197.1, 163.6, 147.2, 146.9, 145.9, 142.7, 142.0, 141.0, 140.9, 139.2, 131.0, 130.0, 129.6, 129.5, 128.5, 126.5, 125.6, 122.2, 122.0, 116.4, 115.3, 110.0, 107.8, 100.8, 51.1, 41.4, 33.3, 32.6, 29.6, 27.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*): calcd for C₃₂H₂₄N₂O₄ (M+H⁺) 500.174; found: 500.170.

3,3-dimethyl-16-(o-tolyl)-2,3,4,16-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[a]chromeno[2,3-c]phenazin-1-one (4d). Yield 90%; yellow powder; mp 248-250 °C. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.30 (dd, *J* = 2.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.35 (dd, *J* = 2.2, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.24-8.20 (m, 2H), 7.83-7.73 (m, 4H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (s, 1H), 2.82 and 2.75 (AB System, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 2H), 2.39 and 2.33 (AB System, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 2H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 1.13 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 197.1, 163.1, 147.0, 144.3, 142.6, 142.0, 141.0, 137.6, 130.8, 130.1, 129.9, 129.8, 129.5, 129.4, 128.5, 128.3, 126.6, 126.2, 125.6, 122.0, 117.8, 116.3, 51.1, 41.4, 32.5, 30.1, 29.6, 27.3, 20.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*): calcd for C₃₂H₂₆N₂O₂ (M+H⁺) 470.199; found: 470.192.

16-(3-bromophenyl)-3,3-dimethyl-2,3,4,16-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[a]chromeno[2,3-c]phenazin-1-one (4e). Yield 90%; yellow powder; mp 239-241 °C. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.32-9.30 (m, 1H), 8.39-8.33 (m, 2H), 8.24-8.21 (m, 1H), 7.83-7.76 (m, 4H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 7.06-7.01 (m, 1H), 6.86-6.82 (m, 1H), 6.22 (s, 1H), 2.77 (s, 2H), 2.40 and 2.34 (AB System, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 2H), 1.20 (s, 3H), 1.10 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 197.0, 163.4, 148.0, 142.9, 142.1, 140.5, 140.3, 133.3, 130.2, 130.0, 129.9, 129.7,

129.1, 128.7, 127.7, 126.9, 126.6, 125.7, 122.2, 115.8, 51.1, 41.6, 35.1, 32.4, 29.5, 27.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for C₃₁H₂₃BrN₂O₂ (M+H⁺) 535.431; found: 535.425.

16-(2-bromophenyl)-3,3-dimethyl-2,3,4,16-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[a]chromeno[2,3-c]phenazin-1-one (4f). Yield 91%; yellow powder; mp 247-249 °C. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.31 (dd, *J* = 1.8, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.38-8.33 (m, 1H), 8.25-8.19 (m, 2H), 7.83-7.77 (m, 4H), 7.72-7.71 (m, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.13 (m, 1H), 7.05-6.99 (m, 1H), 6.05 (s, 1H), 2.83 and 2.76 (AB System, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 2H), 2.40 and 2.34 (AB System, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 2H), 1.20 (s, 3H), 1.14 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 196.8, 163.9, 147.3, 147.0, 142.6, 141.7, 141.0, 140.9, 132.3, 131.3, 131.1, 130.1, 130.4, 129.7, 129.5, 128.6, 128.1, 126.4, 125.6, 122.1, 115.6, 114.6, 51.0, 41.4, 33.7, 32.6, 29.6, 27.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for C₃₁H₂₃BrN₂O₂ (M+H⁺) 534.094; found: 534.098.

16-(3-hydroxyphenyl)-3,3-dimethyl-2,3,4,16-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[a]chromeno[2,3-c]phenazin-1-one (4g). Yield 89%; yellow powder; mp 209-211 °C. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.24 (dd, *J* = 2.1, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (dd, *J* = 2.0, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.17-8.14 (m, 2H), 7.84-7.69 (m, 4H), 7.07-7.02 (m, 2H), 6.88-6.83 (m, 2H), 5.97 (s, 1H), 2.75 (s, 2H), 2.38 and 2.28 (AB System, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 2H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 1.05 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 197.1, 164.1, 152.7, 146.9, 142.5, 142.0, 141.5, 140.4, 130.9, 130.1, 129.7, 129.6, 129.1, 128.5, 126.6, 125.6, 122.0, 116.4, 114.9, 106.5, 51.0, 41.4, 33.7, 32.5, 29.9, 27.3 ppm. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for C₃₁H₂₄N₂O₃ (M+H⁺) 472.179; found: 472.172.

16-(3-methoxyphenyl)-3,3-dimethyl-2,3,4,16-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[a]chromeno[2,3-c]phenazin-1-one (4h). Yield 91%; yellow powder; mp 222-224 °C. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.33 (dd, *J* = 2.1, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.38 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.22-8.18 (m, 2H), 7.89-7.71 (m, 5H), 7.04-7.00 (m, 1H), 6.91-6.85 (m, 1H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.19 (s, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.77 and 2.72 (AB System, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 2H), 2.37 and 2.28 (AB System, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 2H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 1.08 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 196.7, 163.8, 159.3, 146.6, 140.8, 130.0, 129.7, 129.5, 128.8, 128.5, 126.6, 125.8, 122.1, 121.5, 115.3, 111.8, 52.2, 51.1, 41.4, 33.7, 32.6, 29.6, 27.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for C₃₂H₂₆N₂O₃ (M+H⁺) 486.194; found: 486.190.

4-(3,3-dimethyl-1-oxo-2,3,4,16-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[a]chromeno[2,3-c]phenazin-16-yl)benzonitrile (4i). Yield 89%; yellow powder; mp 236-238 °C. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.31 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 8.34-8.14 (m, 3H), 7.82-7.79 (m, 4H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 6.08 (s, 1H), 2.83 (s, 2H), 2.41 and 2.32 (AB System, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 2H), 1.21 (s, 3H), 1.09 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 197.0, 164.0, 150.6, 147.2, 141.5, 140.9, 131.8, 130.3, 130.2, 130.0, 129.5, 129.2, 128.8, 125.6, 122.1, 114.8, 114.0, 110.1, 50.9, 41.3, 34.3, 32.6, 29.6, 27.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for C₃₂H₂₃N₃O₂ (M+H⁺) 481.179; found: 481.173.

16-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3-dimethyl-2,3,4,16-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[a]chromeno[2,3-c]phenazin-1-one (4j). Yield 92%; yellow powder; mp 232-234 °C. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.41 (dd, *J* = 2.0, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.40-8.36 (m, 2H), 8.27-8.23 (m, 1H), 7.90-7.82 (m, 4H), 7.56-7.52 (m, 2H), 6.85-6.81 (m, 2H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 2.82 and 2.77 (AB System, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 2H), 2.43 and 2.37 (AB System, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 2H), 1.21 (s, 3H), 1.12 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C-

NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 197.0, 163.6, 162.4 (d, *J* = 241.2 Hz), 147.3, 142.7, 142.0, 139.7, 130.6, 130.5, 129.4, 128.9, 128.7, 126.8, 126.4, 126.0, 122.3, 116.0, 114.9, 114.7, 51.0, 41.4, 33.1, 32.6, 29.6, 27.5 ppm. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*): calcd for C₃₁H₂₃FN₂O₂ (M+H⁺) 474.174; found: 474.168.

16-(2-methoxyphenyl)-3,3-dimethyl-2,3,4,16-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[a]chromeno[2,3-c]phenazin-1-one (4k). Yield 93%; yellow powder; mp 280-282 °C. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.37 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.85-7.81 (m, 5H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.83 and 2.76 (AB System, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 2H), 1.20 (s, 3H), 1.15 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 197.1, 164.2, 158.1, 147.5, 142.7, 142.6, 140.8, 133.2, 131.6, 130.9, 129.8, 129.7, 129.5, 129.4, 129.2, 128.1, 127.8, 126.7, 125.5, 121.9, 120.1, 114.7, 113.0, 110.9, 55.4, 51.1, 41.5, 32.5, 31.7, 29.8, 27.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*): calcd for C₃₂H₂₆N₂O₃ (M+H⁺) 486.194; found: 486.188.

16-(1H-indol-3-yl)-3,3-dimethyl-2,3,4,16-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[a]chromeno[2,3-c]phenazin-1-one (4l). Yield 89%; yellow powder; mp 240-242 °C. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.32 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.35 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.25-8.22 (m, 1H), 8.16-8.13 (m, 1H), 7.87-7.78 (m, 3H), 7.74-7.71 (m, 3H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 6.09 (s, 1H), 2.84 and 2.78 (AB System, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 2H), 2.41 and 2.32 (AB System, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 2H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 1.12 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 197.1, 164.3, 147.7, 147.2, 142.5, 142.2, 140.7, 140.2, 131.3, 130.2, 129.8, 129.6, 129.2, 128.9, 126.0, 122.2, 120.9, 115.1, 114.2, 51.0, 41.4, 33.7, 32.6, 29.5, 27.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*): calcd for C₃₃H₂₅N₃O₂ (M+H⁺) 495.195; found: 495.191.

3,3-dimethyl-16-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-2,3,4,16-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[a]chromeno[2,3-c]phenazin-1-one (4m). Yield 90%; yellow powder; mp 239-241 °C. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.39 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 8.39-8.34 (m, 2H), 8.28-8.25 (m, 1H), 7.86-7.80 (m, 4H), 6.89 (s, 2H), 6.12 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 6H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.83 (s, 2H), 2.42 and 2.38 (AB System, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.21 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 197.0, 164.0, 152.7, 142.3, 141.9, 140.3, 130.3, 130.2, 130.0, 129.2, 129.0, 128.6, 126.6, 125.7, 122.1, 116.2, 114.8, 106.5, 60.7, 56.2, 51.0, 41.3, 33.6, 32.5, 29.9, 27.3 ppm. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*): calcd for C₃₄H₃₀N₂O₅ (M+H⁺) 546.215; found: 546.208.

3,3-dimethyl-16-(thiophen-2-yl)-2,3,4,16-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[a]chromeno[2,3-c]phenazin-1-one (4n). Yield 90%; yellow powder; mp 259-261 °C. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.31 (dd, *J* = 2.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.32-8.29 (m, 2H), 8.26-8.23 (m, 1H), 7.82-7.77 (m, 4H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.97-6.95 (q, 1H), 6.75-6.73 (m, 1H), 6.50 (s, 1H), 2.83 and 2.72 (AB System, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 2H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.22 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 196.8, 164.4, 148.7, 147.1, 142.6, 141.7, 141.1, 140.9, 130.9, 130.1, 130.0, 129.6, 128.5, 126.5, 125.5, 123.7, 122.1, 115.8, 114.7, 51.1, 41.4, 32.5, 29.7, 28.2, 27.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*): calcd for C₂₉H₂₂N₂O₂S (M+H⁺) 462.140; found: 462.130.

3,3-dimethyl-16-(3-nitrophenyl)-2,3,4,16-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[a]chromeno[2,3-c]phenazin-1-one (4o). Yield 91%; yellow powder; mp 280-282 °C. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.31-9.26 (m, 1H), 8.68 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.56-8.54 (m, 1H), 8.30-8.25 (m, 2H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.0

Hz, 2H), 8.02-7.99 (m, 3H), 7.34-7.29 (m, 2H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 2.87 and 2.80 (AB System, $J = 16.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.42 and 2.32 (AB System, $J = 16.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 1.13 (s, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C -NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 196.6, 164.6, 148.3, 147.2, 142.6, 141.5, 140.4, 135.6, 131.3, 129.9, 129.6, 129.3, 128.9, 126.4, 125.6, 124.4, 122.3, 121.6, 114.9, 51.1, 41.5, 34.1, 32.7, 29.5, 27.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$) 501.169; found: 501.162.

16-(3-fluorophenyl)-3,3-dimethyl-2,3,4,16-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[a]chromeno[2,3-c]phenazin-1-one (4p). Yield 90%; yellow powder; mp 313-315 °C. ^1H -NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.27 (dd, $J = 2.2, 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.30 (dd, $J = 2.2, 9.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.19 (dd, $J = 2.0, 10.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.81-7.72 (m, 4H), 7.36 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.07 (m, 1H), 6.72-6.67 (m, 1H), 6.08 (s, 1H), 2.80 and 2.74 (AB System, $J = 17.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.40 and 2.33 (AB System, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.20 (s, 3H), 1.12 (s, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C -NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 196.9, 163.9, 147.1, 142.6, 141.7, 141.0, 140.8, 131.0, 129.7, 129.5, 129.2, 128.6, 126.4, 125.6, 124.8, 122.0, 116.3, 116.1, 115.7, 114.8, 113.4, 51.1, 41.4, 33.6, 32.6, 29.6, 27.5 ppm. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{23}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$) 474.174; found: 474.170.

3,3-dimethyl-16-(4-nitrophenyl)-2,3,4,16-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[a]chromeno[2,3-c]phenazin-1-one (4q). Yield 90%; yellow powder; mp 296-298 °C. ^1H -NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.32-9.30 (m, 1H), 8.38-8.33 (m, 1H), 8.30-8.27 (m, 1H), 8.25-8.20 (m, 1H), 8.17-8.13 (m, 1H), 8.06-7.98 (m, 2H), 7.82-7.77 (m, 6H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 2.80 (s, 2H), 2.41 and 2.31 (AB System, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 1.10 (s, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C -NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 196.8, 164.2, 152.6, 147.2, 146.4, 142.5, 141.5, 141.1, 130.3, 130.1, 129.9, 129.6, 129.2, 128.9, 125.6, 123.3, 122.2, 114.8, 114.1, 50.9, 41.4, 34.3, 32.6, 29.6, 27.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$) 501.169; found: 501.162.

16-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-3,3-dimethyl-2,3,4,16-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[a]chromeno[2,3-c]phenazin-1-one (4r). Yield 93%; yellow powder; mp 248-250 °C. ^1H -NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.36 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.39 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.30-8.27 (m, 1H), 8.20-8.17 (m, 1H), 7.76-7.72 (m, 4H), 7.41 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.12 (s, 1H), 3.08 (s, 6H), 2.85 and 2.78 (AB System, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.44 and 2.37 (AB System, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 1.12 (s, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C -NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 197.2, 164.4, 147.7, 141.9, 140.7, 140.3, 131.3, 130.3, 129.5, 129.3, 128.9, 126.1, 125.7, 122.3, 120.1, 115.1, 114.2, 51.0, 47.1, 41.3, 33.7, 32.6, 29.4, 27.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$) 499.226; found: 499.219.

16-(4-ethoxyphenyl)-2,3,4,16-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[a]chromeno[2,3-c]phenazin-1-one (4s). Yield 90%; yellow powder; mp 224-226 °C. ^1H -NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.35 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.37 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.27-8.23 (m, 2H), 7.84-7.76 (m, 4H), 7.48 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.67 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.11 (s, 1H), 3.88-3.83 (q, 2H), 3.02-2.95 (m, 1H), 2.89-2.81 (m, 1H), 2.57-2.42 (m, 2H), 2.21-2.12 (m, 2H), 1.27 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C -NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 197.2, 165.2, 157.4, 147.0, 142.7, 142.1, 140.7, 137.4, 130.0, 129.9, 129.3, 128.4, 125.6, 122.0, 113.9, 63.2, 37.3, 32.7, 27.7, 20.7, 14.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$) 472.179; found: 472.172.

16-(4-isopropylphenyl)-2,3,4,16-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[a]chromeno[2,3-c]phenazin-1-one (4t). Yield 95%; yellow powder; mp 250-252 °C. ^1H -NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.31 (dd, $J =$

1.8, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.36-8.33 (m, 1H), 8.26-8.22 (m, 2H), 7.83-7.745 (m, 4H), 7.49 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.69 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 3.01-2.95 (m, 1H), 2.89-2.82 (m, 1H), 2.75-2.68 (m, 1H), 2.55-2.48 (m, 2H), 2.21-2.10 (m, 2H), 1.08 (dd, J = 2.2, 6.6 Hz, 6H) ppm. ^{13}C -NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 197.2, 165.2, 147.0, 146.6, 142.6, 142.4, 142.0, 140.7, 130.7, 130.0, 129.9, 129.6, 129.3, 128.8, 128.3, 126.7, 126.1, 125.6, 122.0, 116.7, 37.3, 33.6, 33.0, 27.7, 24.0, 20.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$) 470.199; found: 470.192.

16-(2-chlorophenyl)-2,3,4,16-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[a]chromeno[2,3-c]phenazin-1-one (4u). Yield 90%; yellow powder; mp 230-232 °C. ^1H -NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.29-9.26 (m, 1H), 8.32-8.30 (m, 1H), 8.21-8.18 (m, 2H), 7.80-7.75 (m, 4H), 7.53-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.10-6.97 (m, 2H), 6.07 (s, 1H), 3.00-2.96 (m, 1H), 2.87-2.80 (m, 1H), 2.52-2.48 (m, 2H), 2.21-2.14 (m, 2H) ppm. ^{13}C -NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 197.0, 165.6, 147.2, 142.6, 141.9, 141.1, 133.7, 130.1, 129.7, 129.4, 129.2, 129.1, 128.6, 127.7, 126.6, 126.4, 125.6, 122.1, 115.9, 37.2, 33.6, 27.7, 20.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{19}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$) 462.114; found: 462.110.

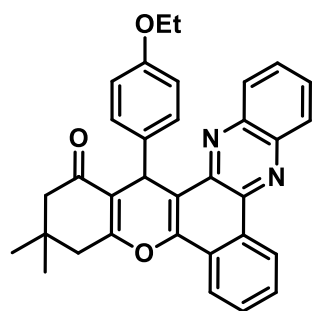
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16-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2,3,4,16-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[a]chromeno[2,3-c]phenazin-1-one (4w). Yield 95%; yellow powder; mp 241-243 °C. ^1H -NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.28 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.36-8.32 (m, 1H), 8.21-8.16 (m, 2H), 7.81-7.73 (m, 4H), 7.08-7.03 (m, 2H), 6.88-6.84 (m, 2H), 6.03 (s, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.00-2.94 (m, 1H), 2.87-2.81 (m, 1H), 2.57-2.46 (m, 2H), 2.20-2.11 (m, 2H) ppm. ^{13}C -NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 197.2, 164.8, 147.1, 144.6, 142.7, 142.0, 140.6, 137.6, 130.0, 129.6, 129.5, 128.7, 128.4, 126.2, 125.8, 122.5, 121.5, 116.2, 115.4, 111.4, 56.2, 37.3, 30.2, 27.8, 20.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$) 458.163; found: 458.155.

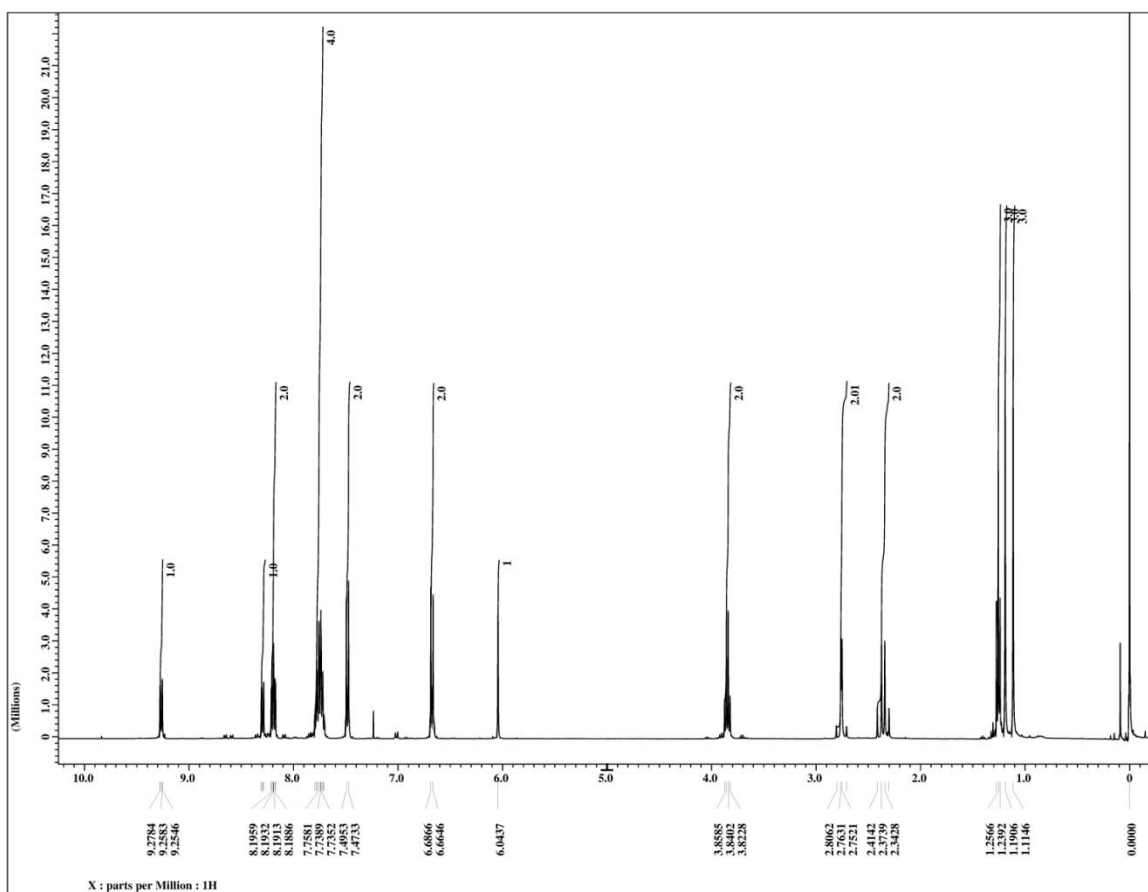
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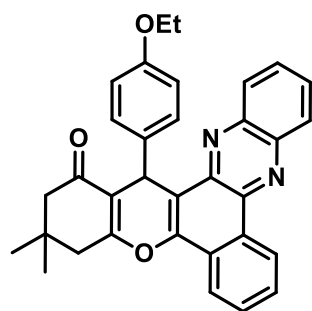
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2.22-2.10 (m, 2H) ppm. ^{13}C -NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 197.0, 165.5, 162.5 (d, $J = 240.2$ Hz), 147.7, 147.0, 142.5, 141.7, 141.0, 140.8, 130.9, 130.0, 129.6, 129.5, 129.2, 128.5, 126.4, 125.5, 124.8, 122.0, 116.2, 116.0, 115.7, 113.3, 37.2, 33.5, 27.7, 20.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{19}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$) 446.143; found: 446.135.

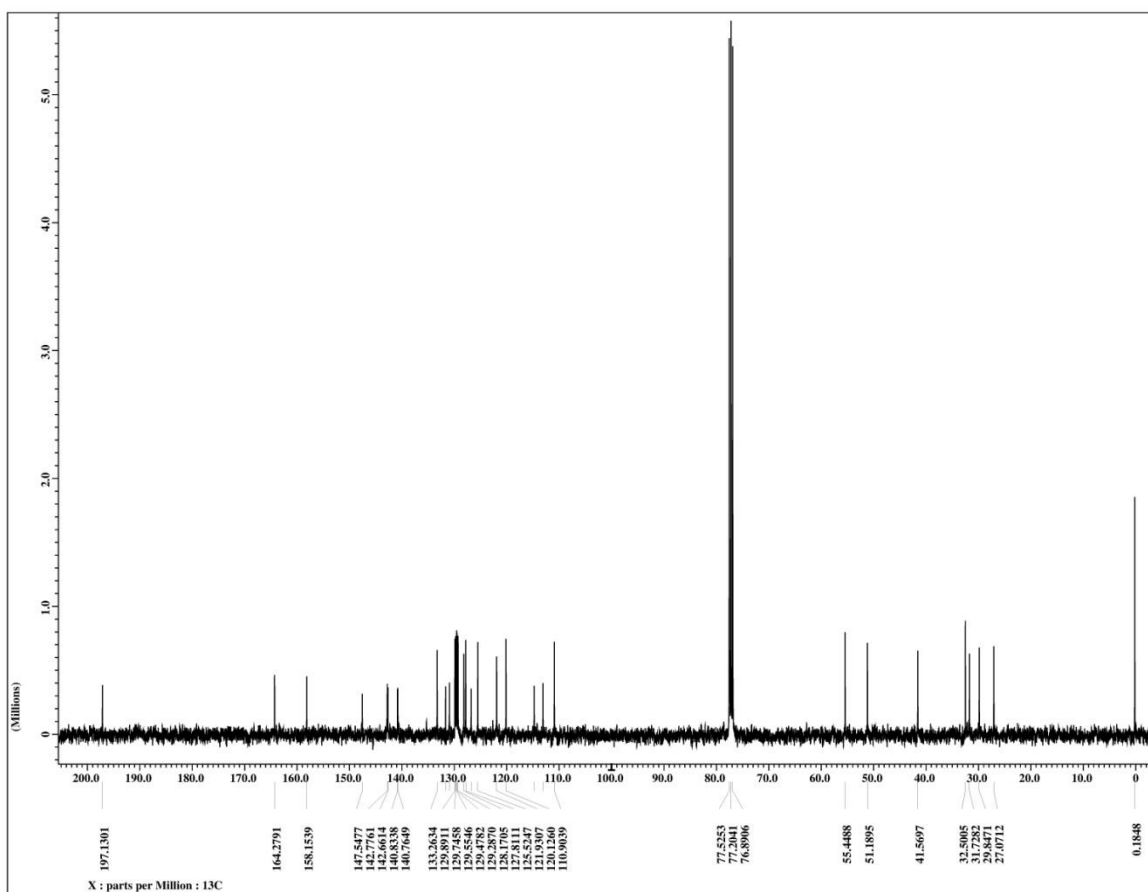


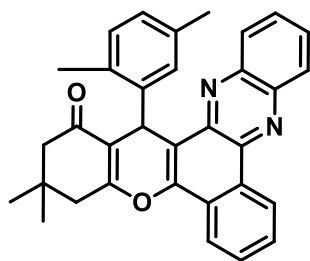
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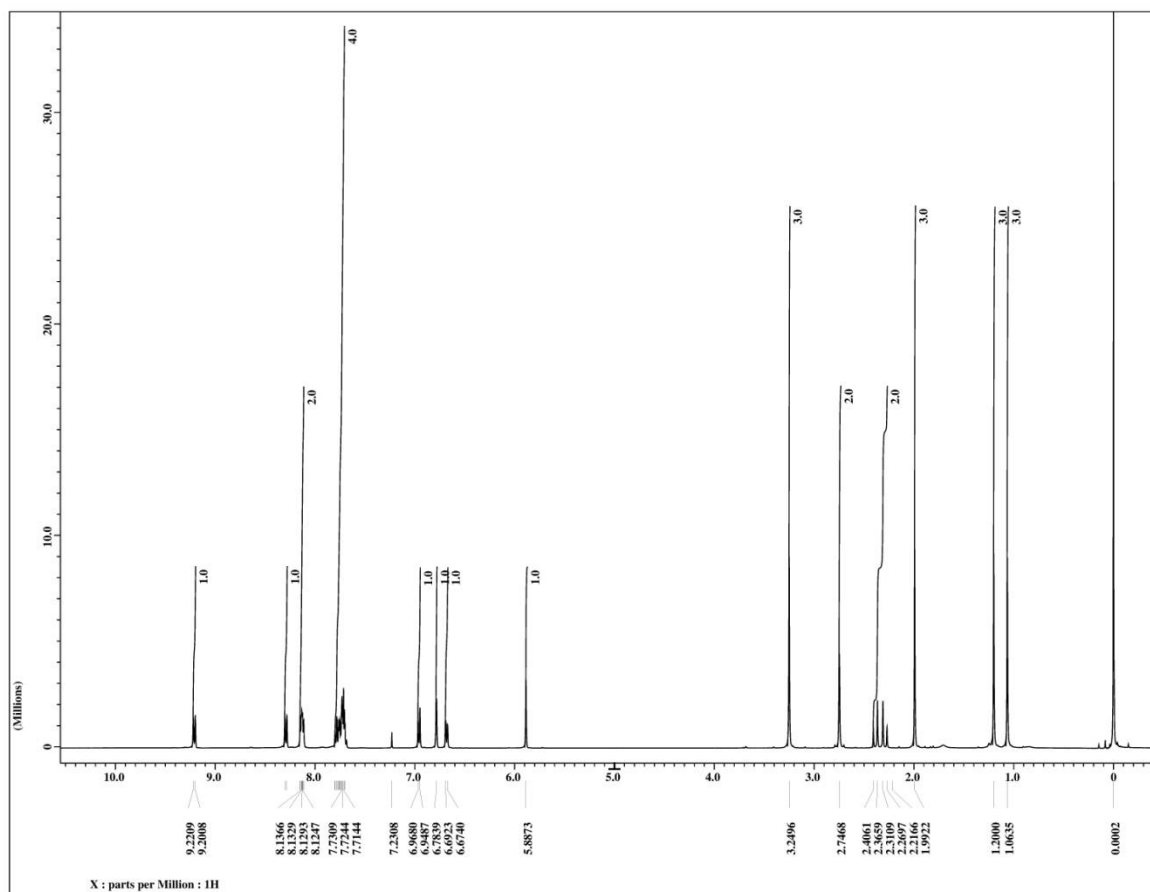


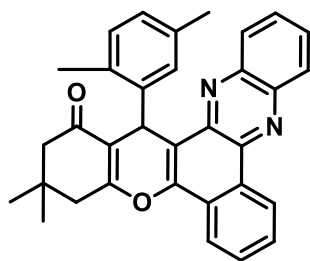
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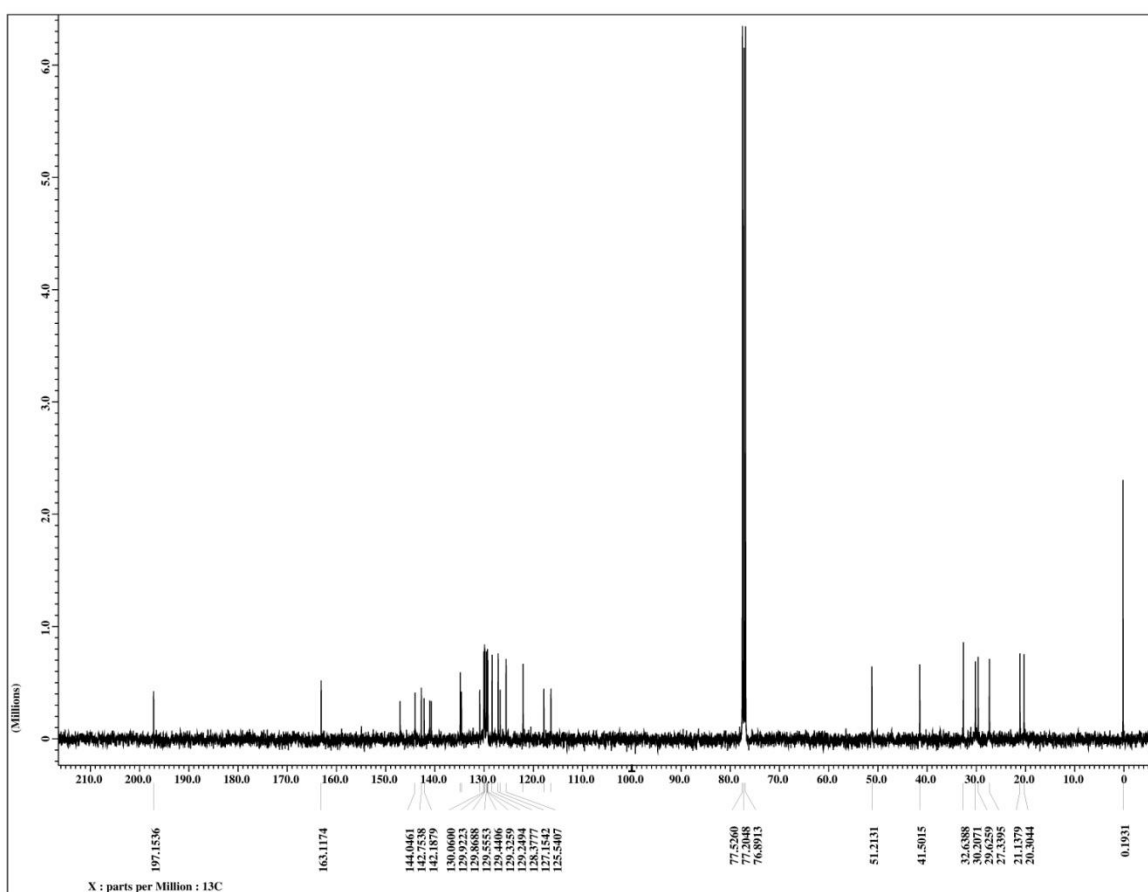


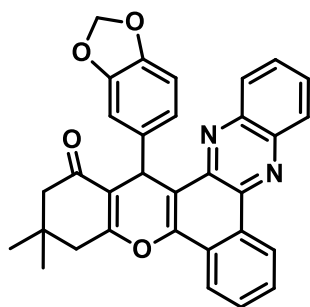
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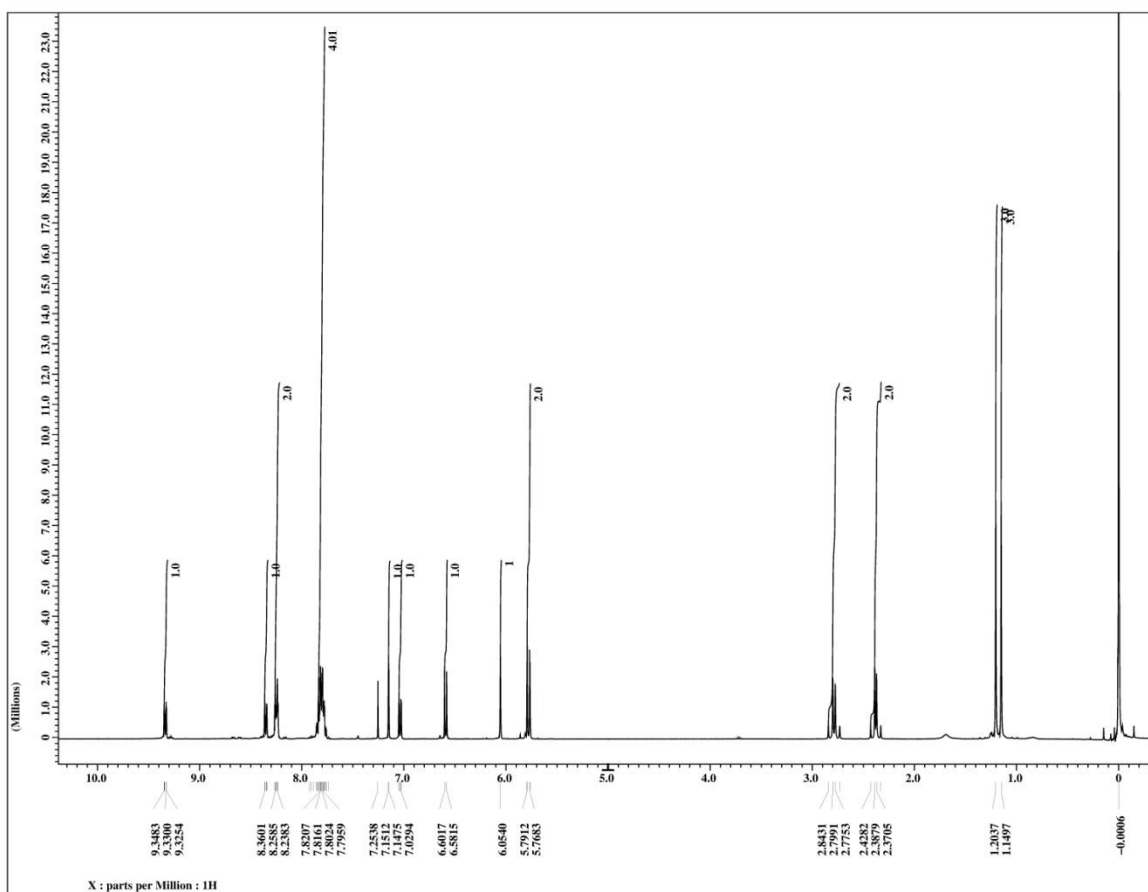


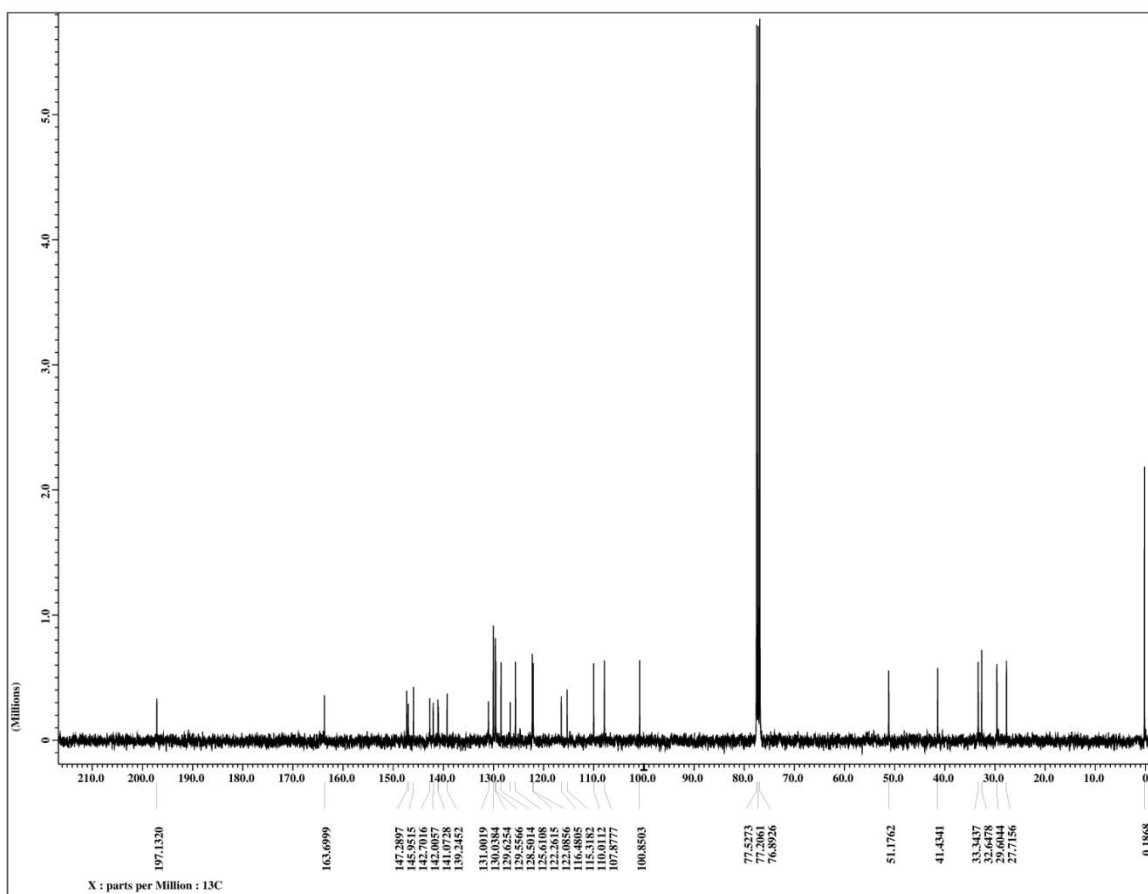
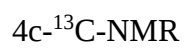
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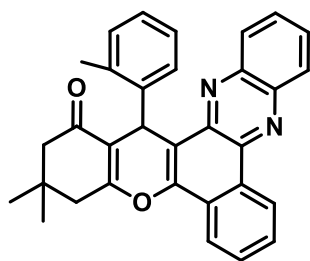




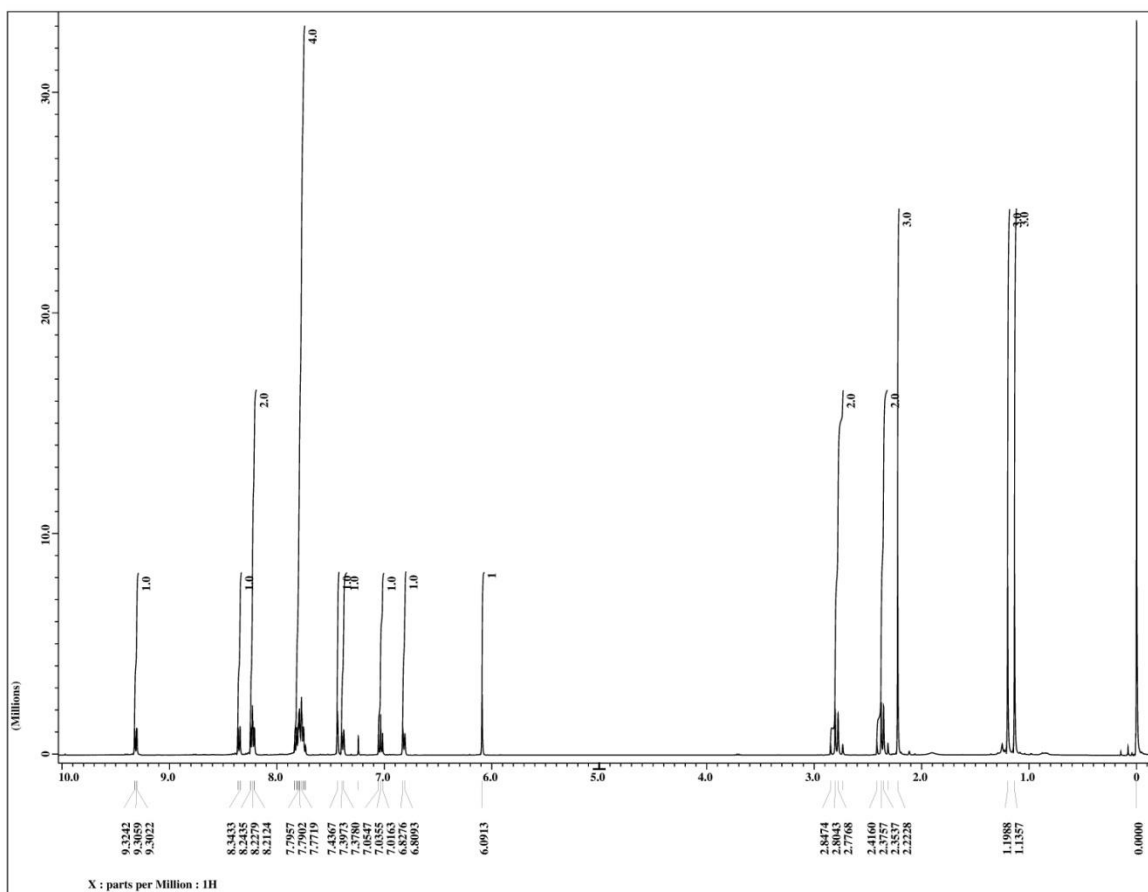
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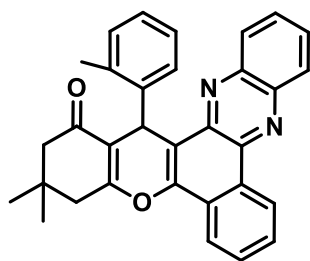




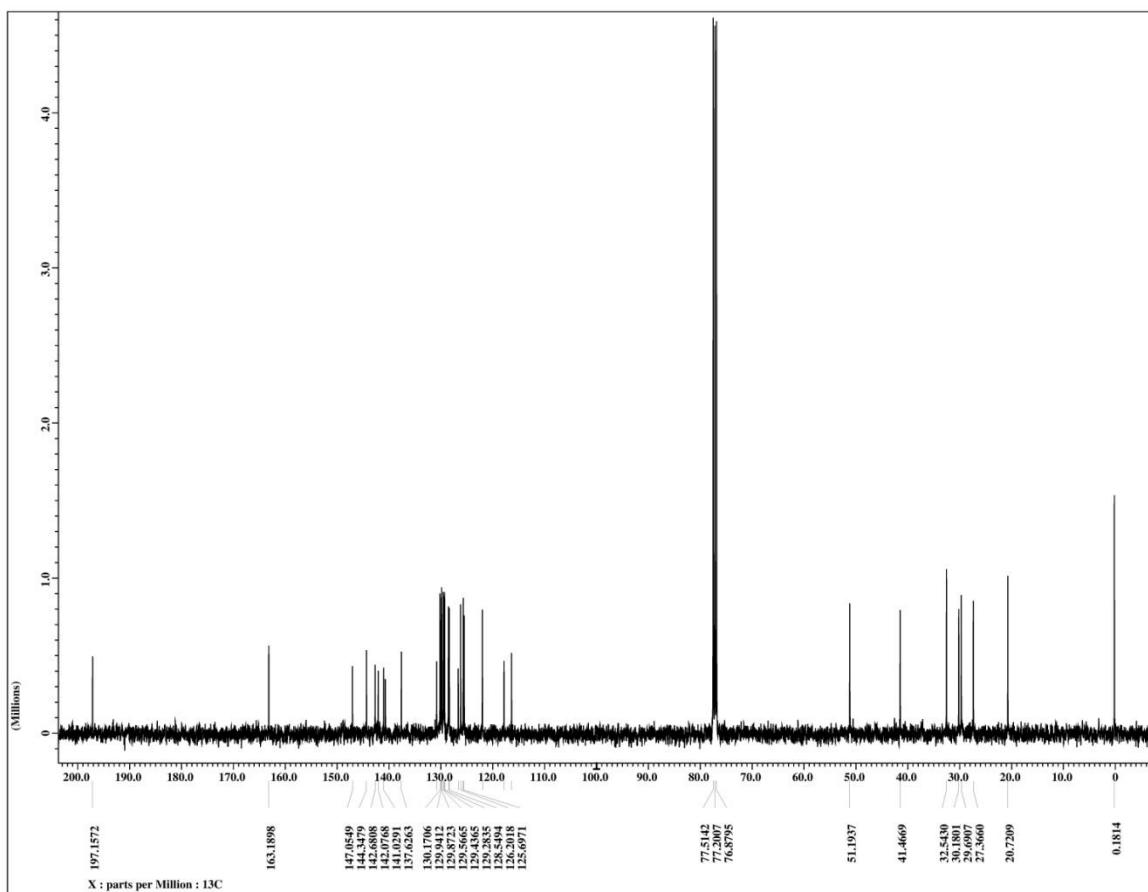


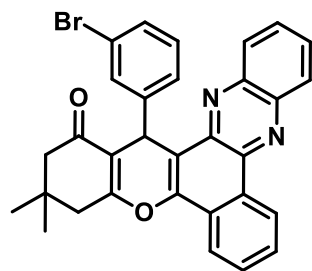
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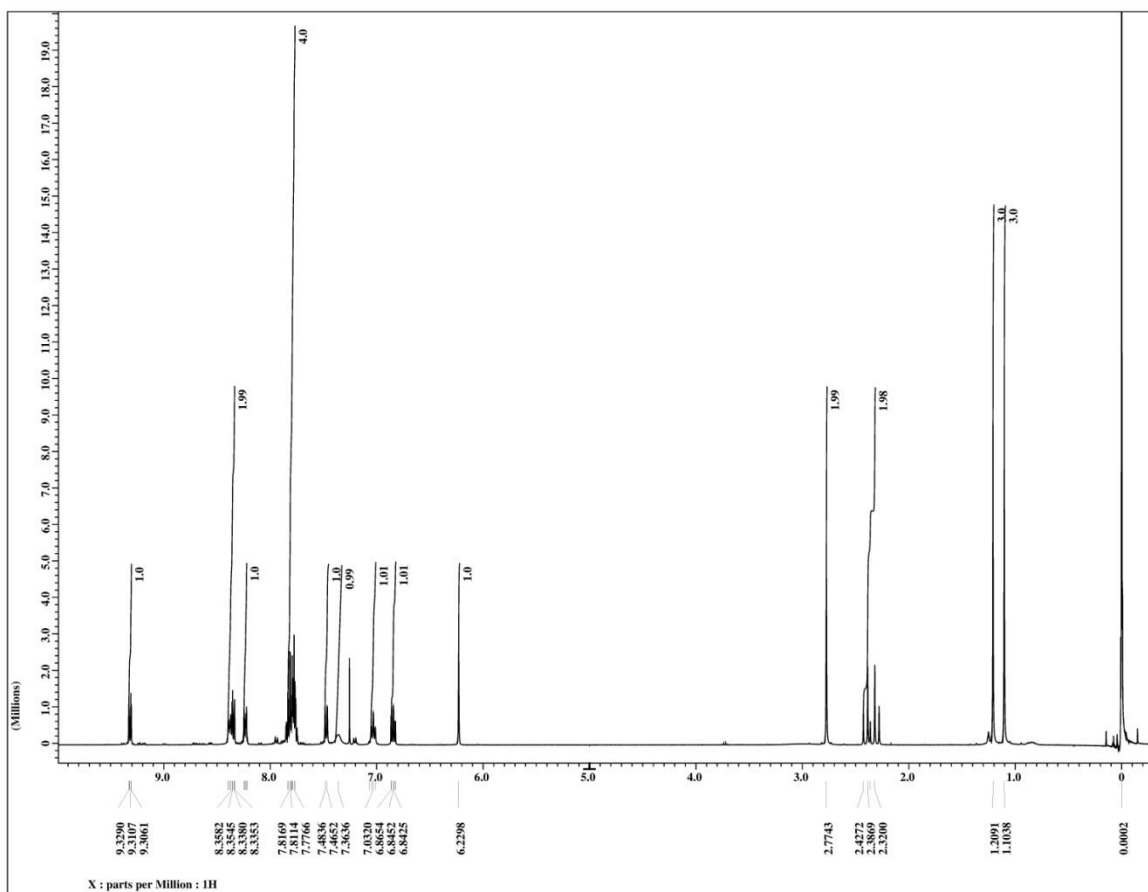


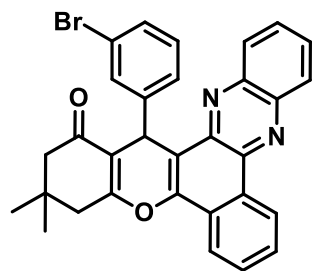
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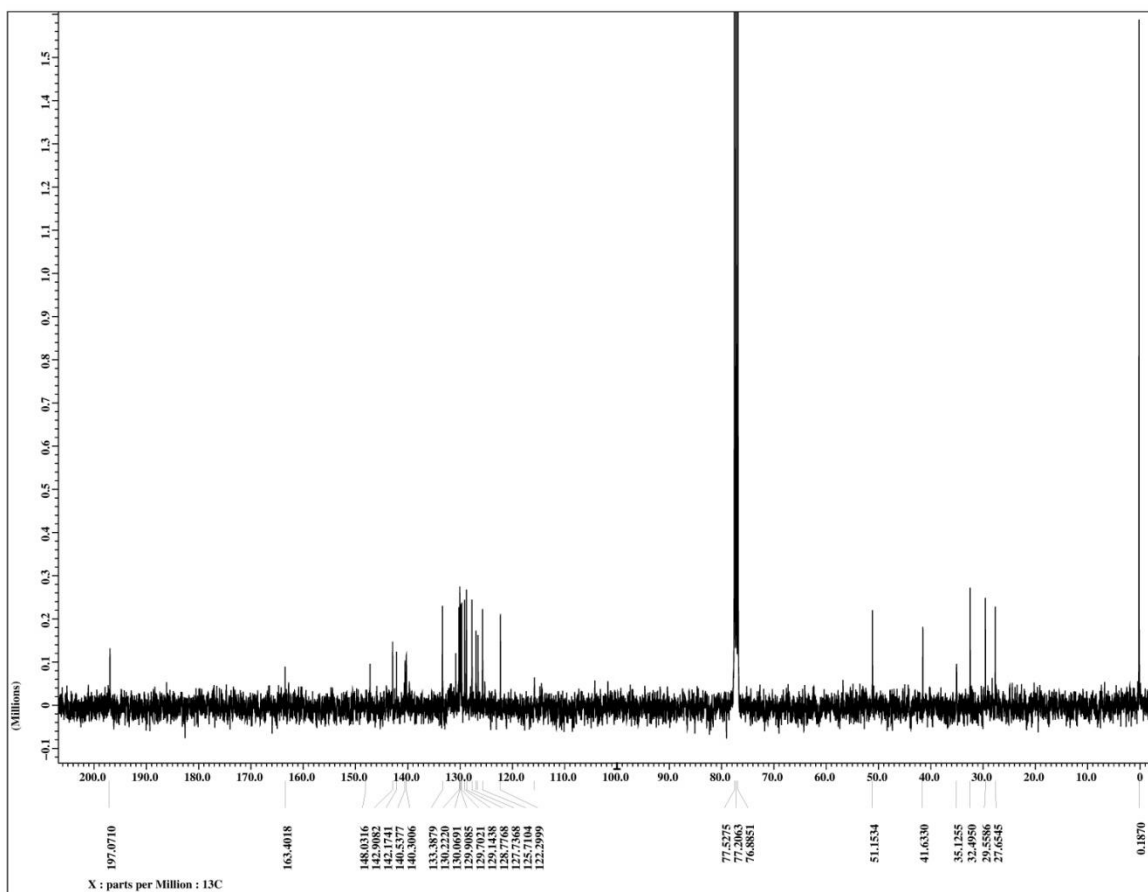


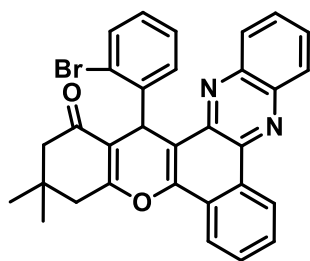
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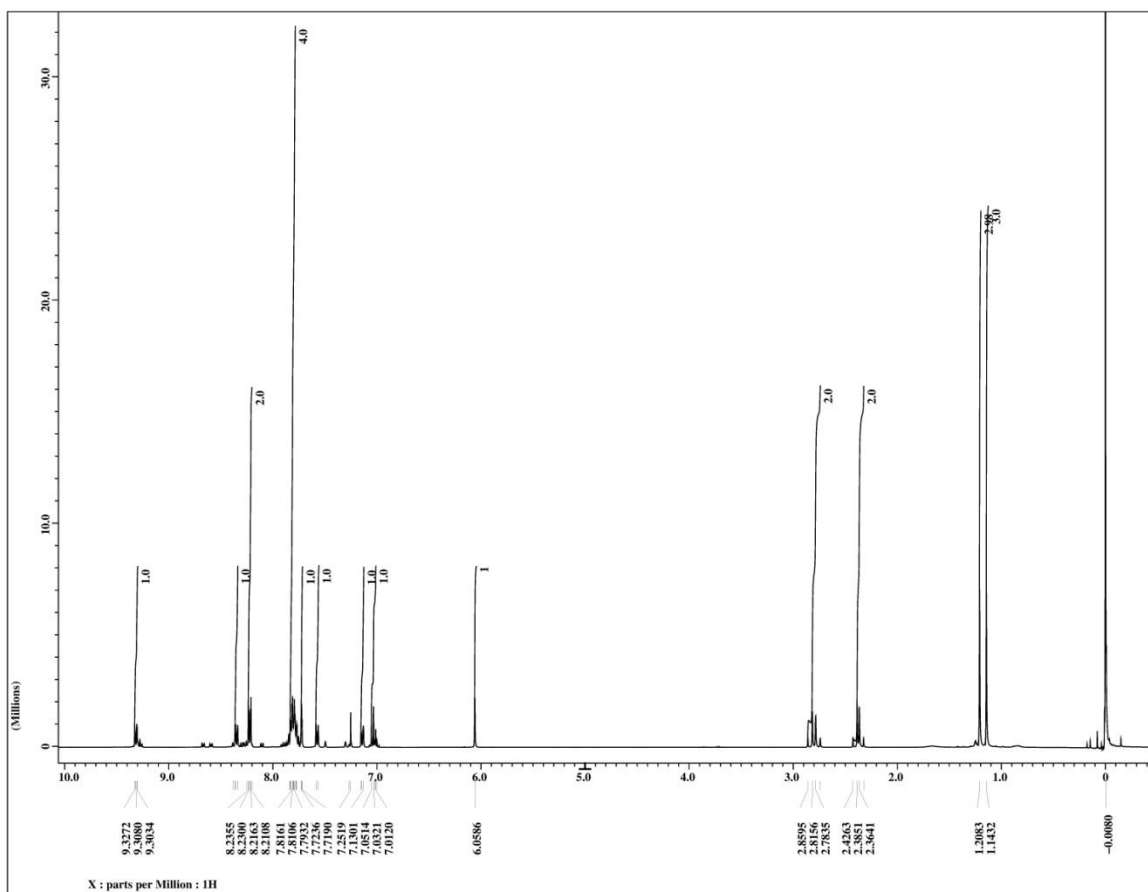


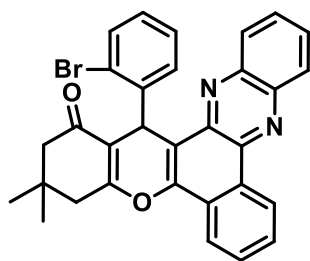
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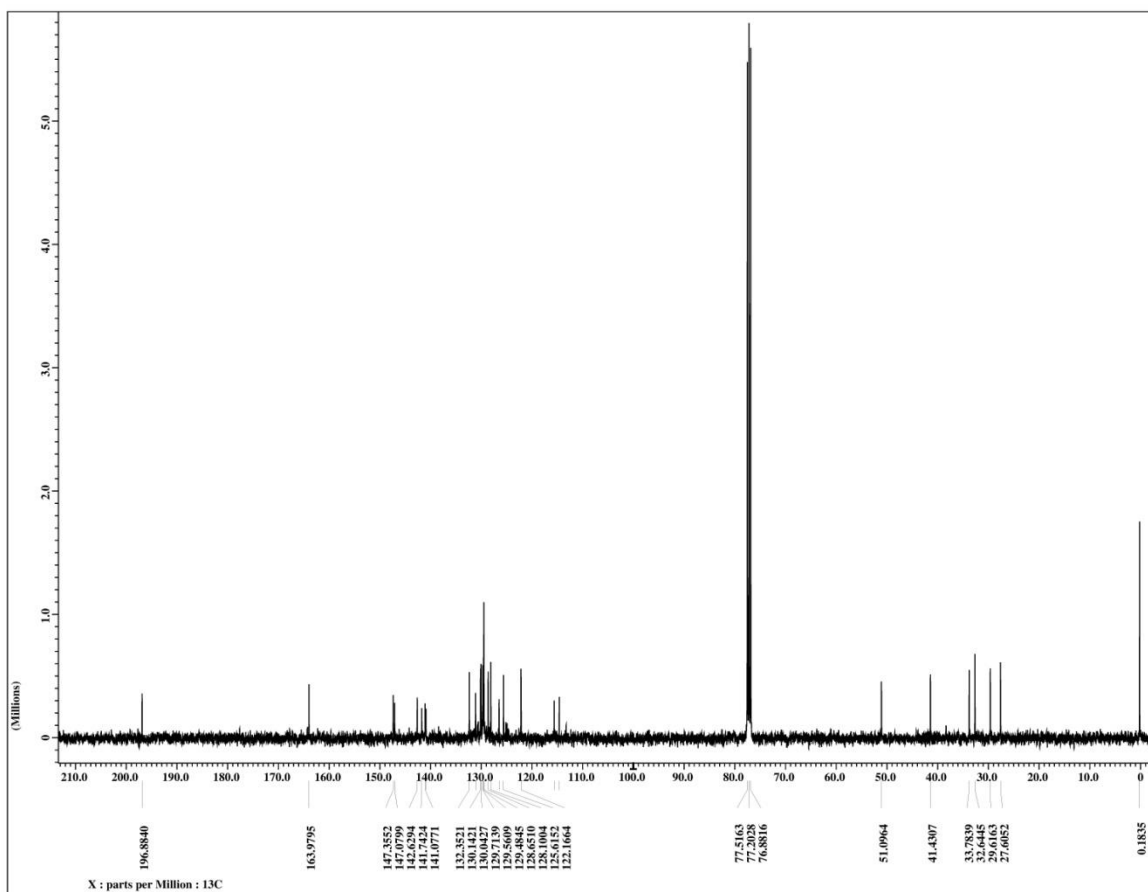


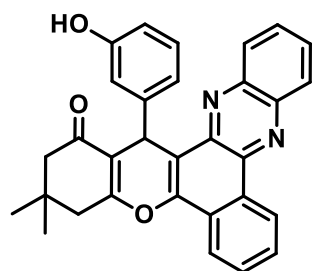
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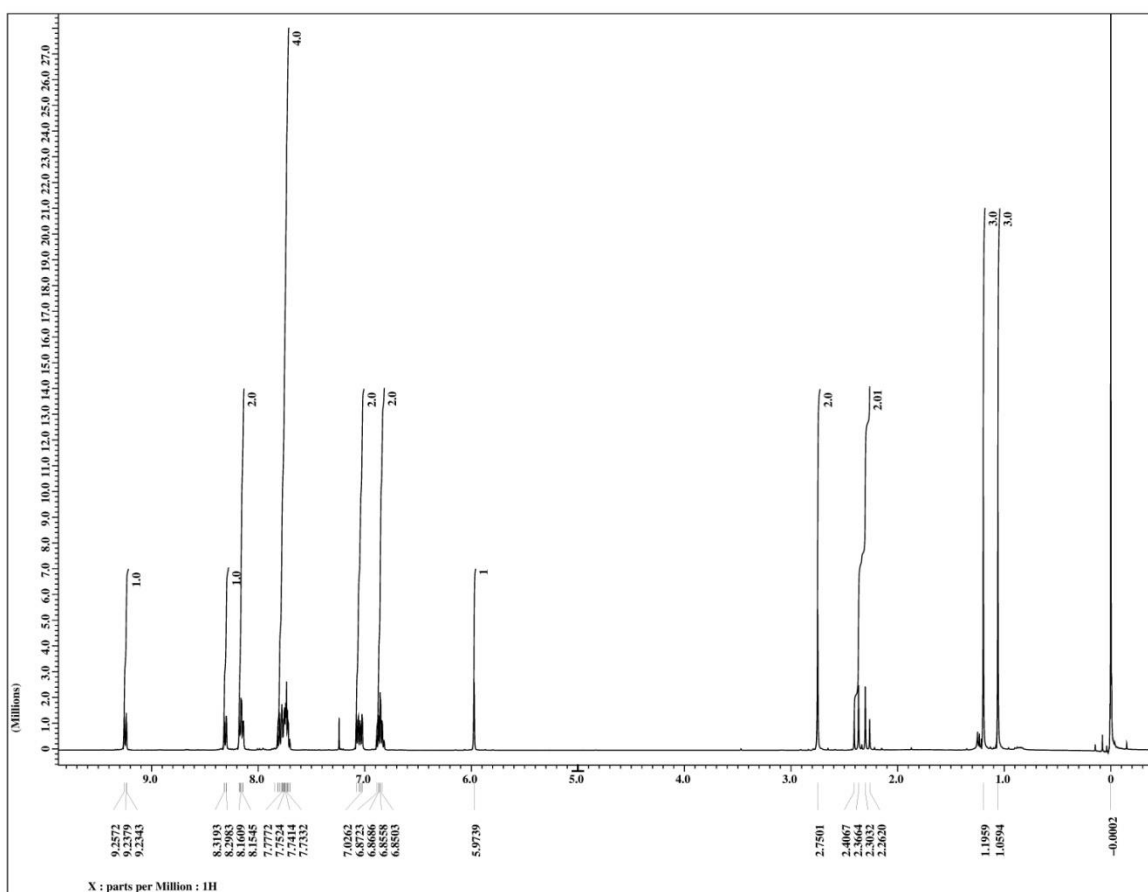


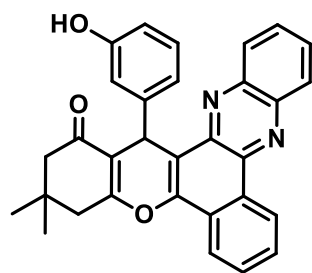
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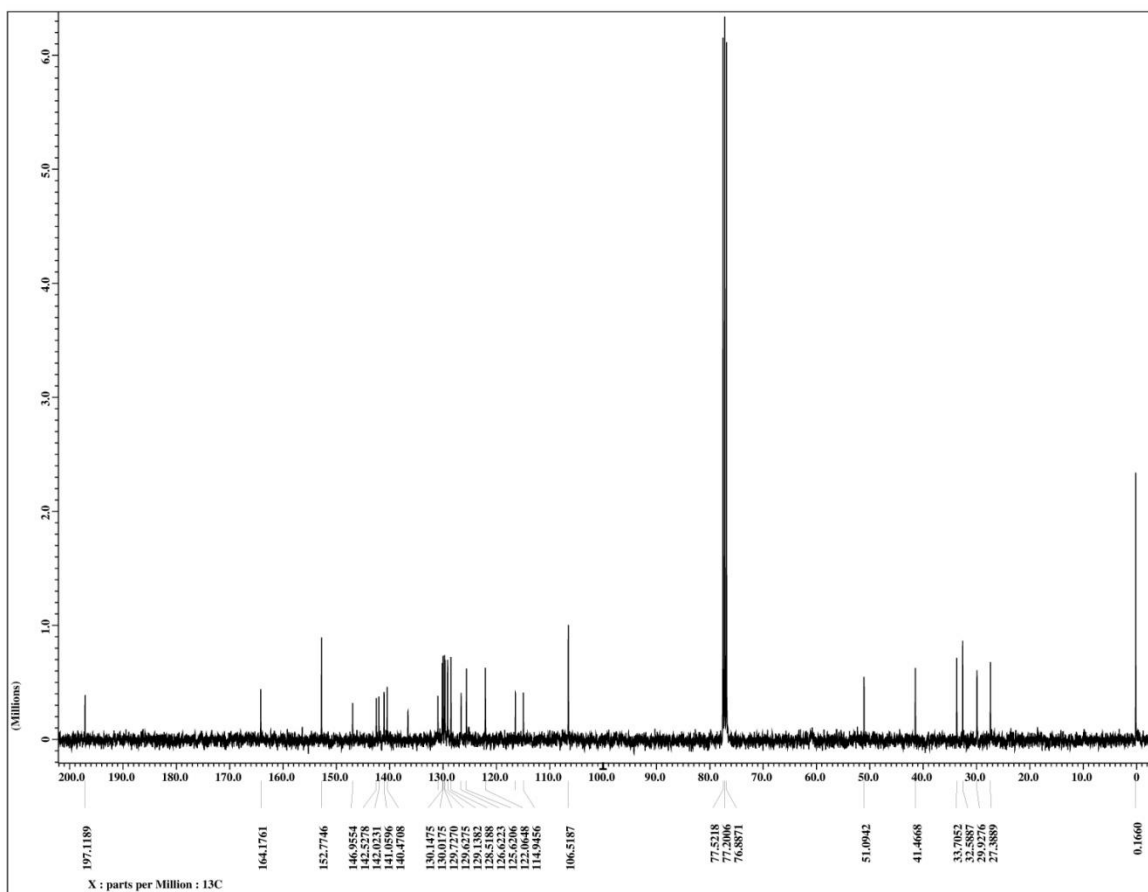


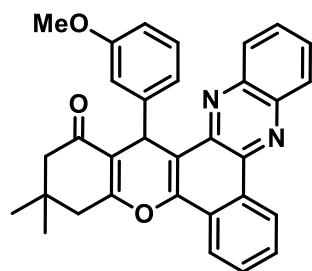
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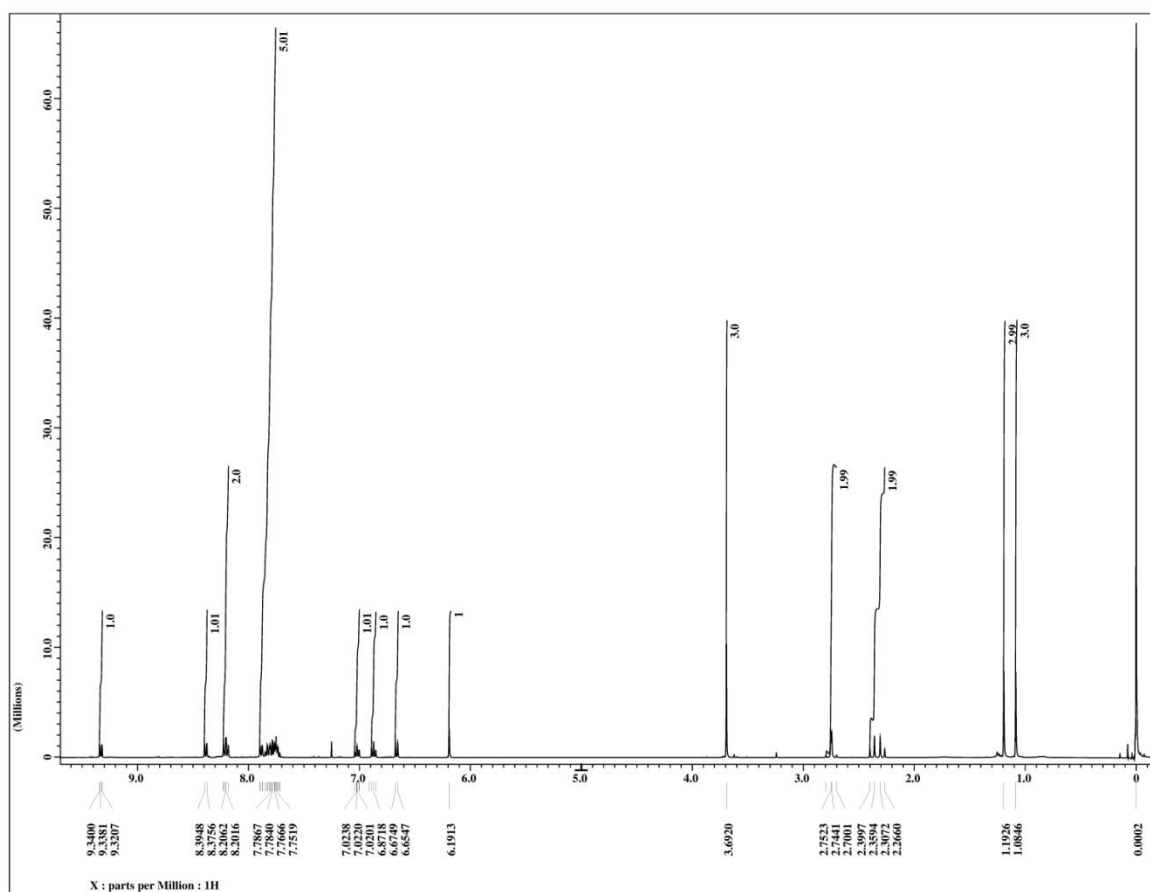


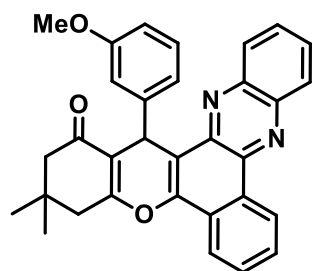
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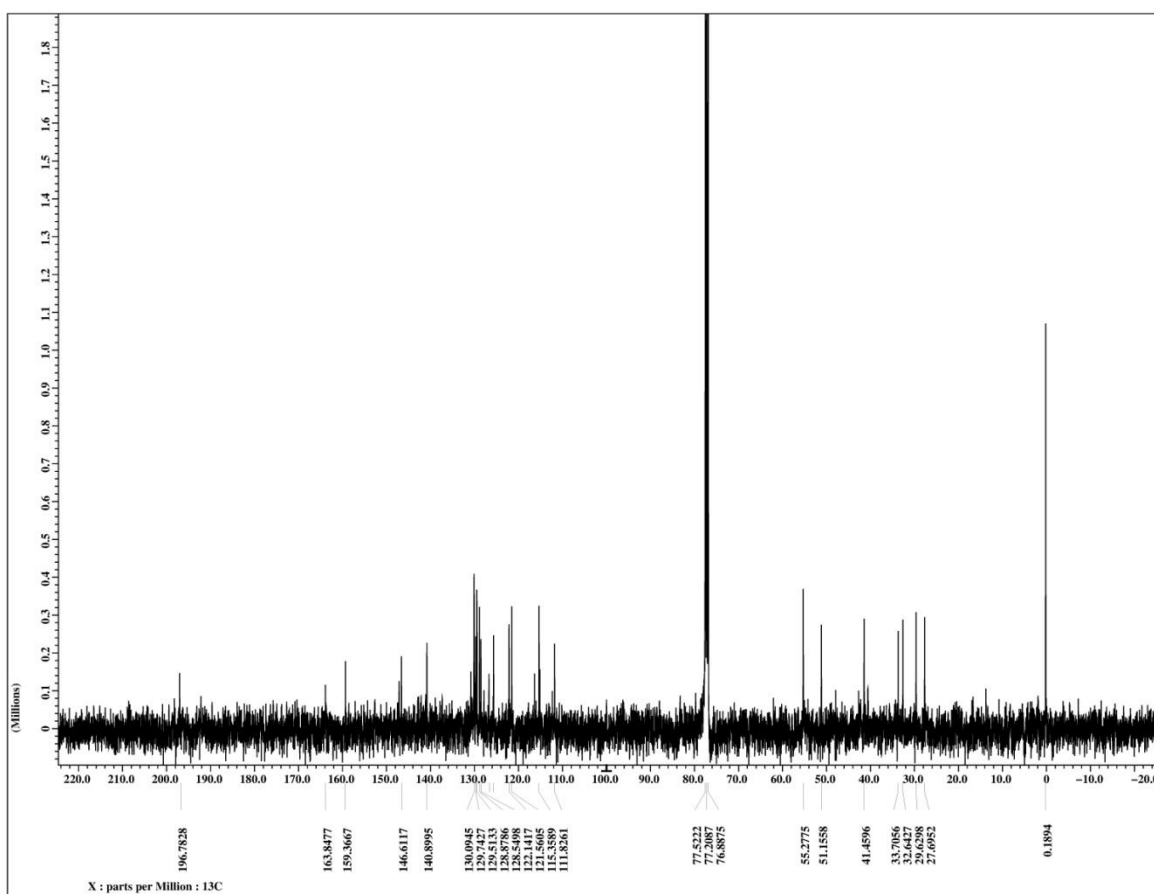


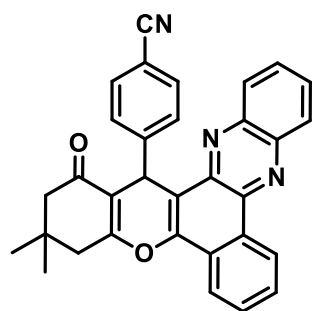
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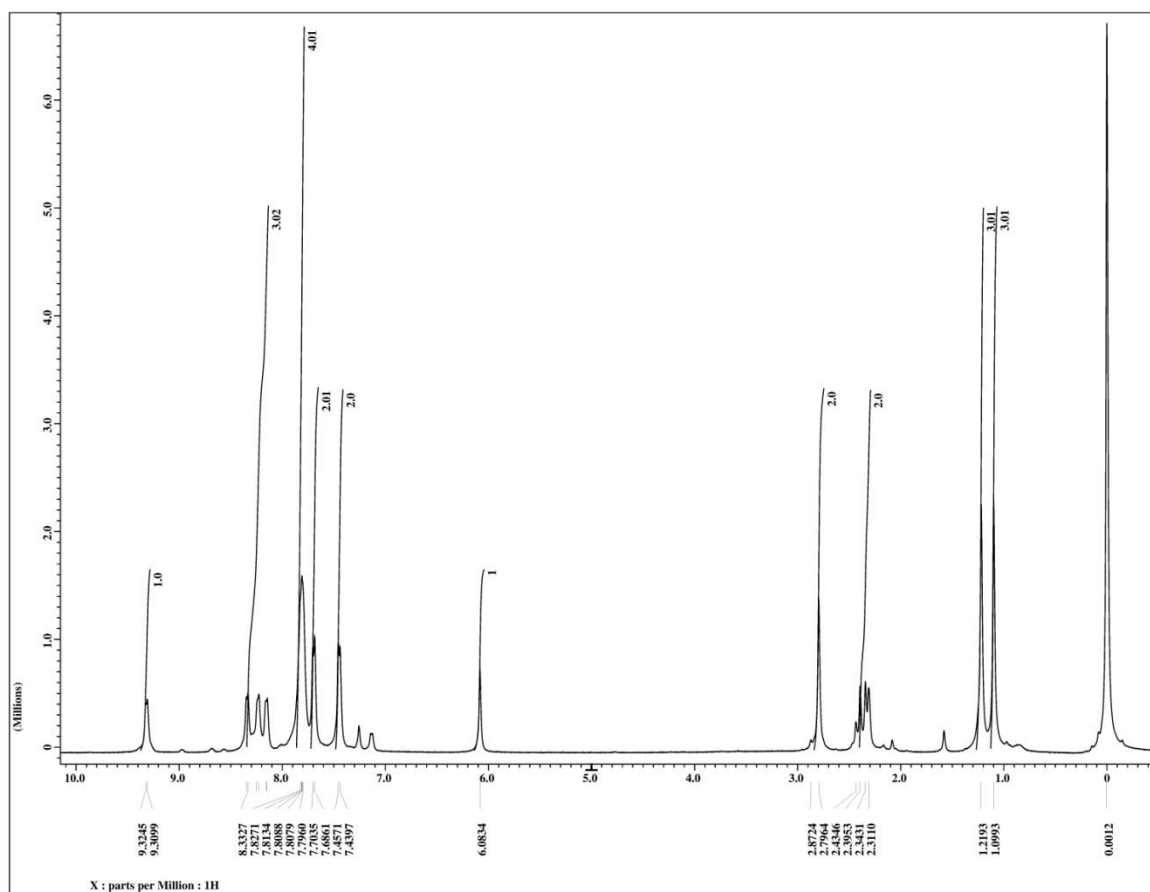


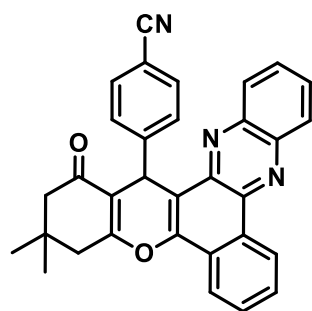
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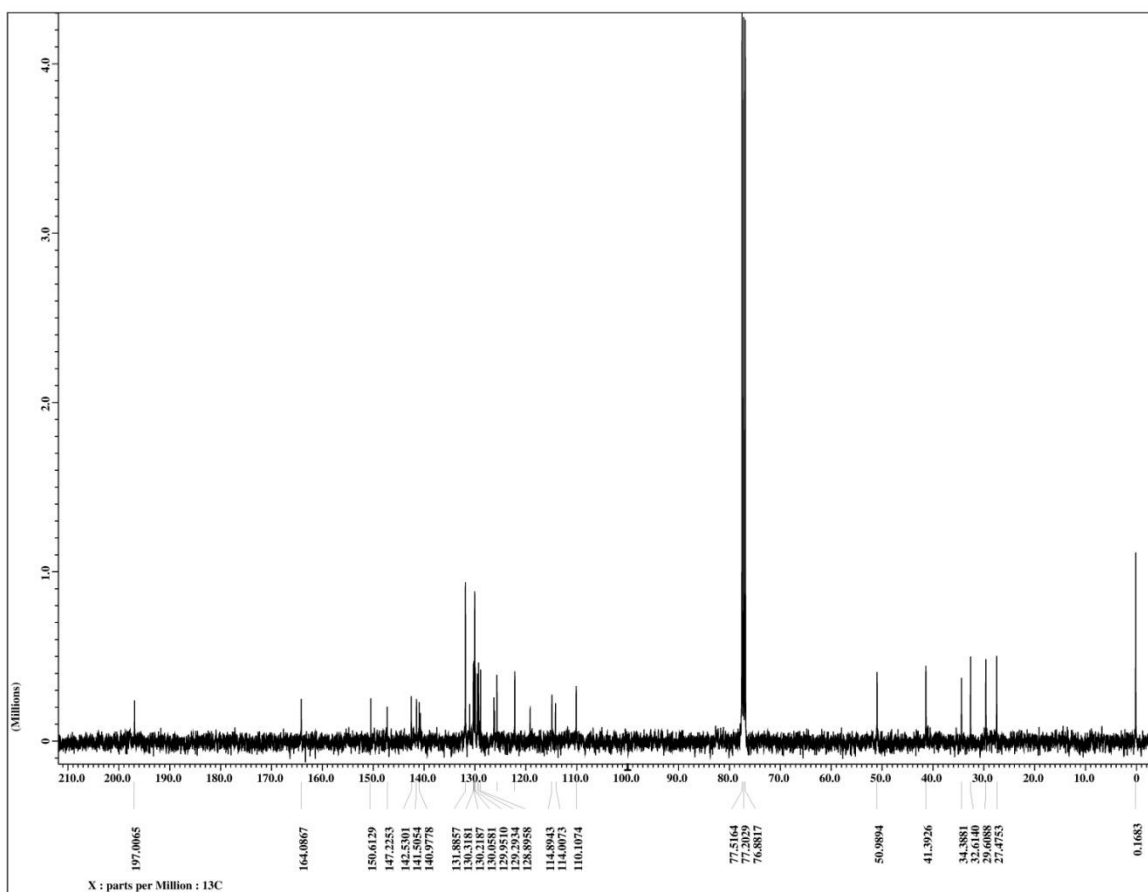


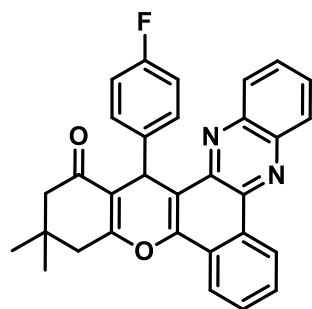
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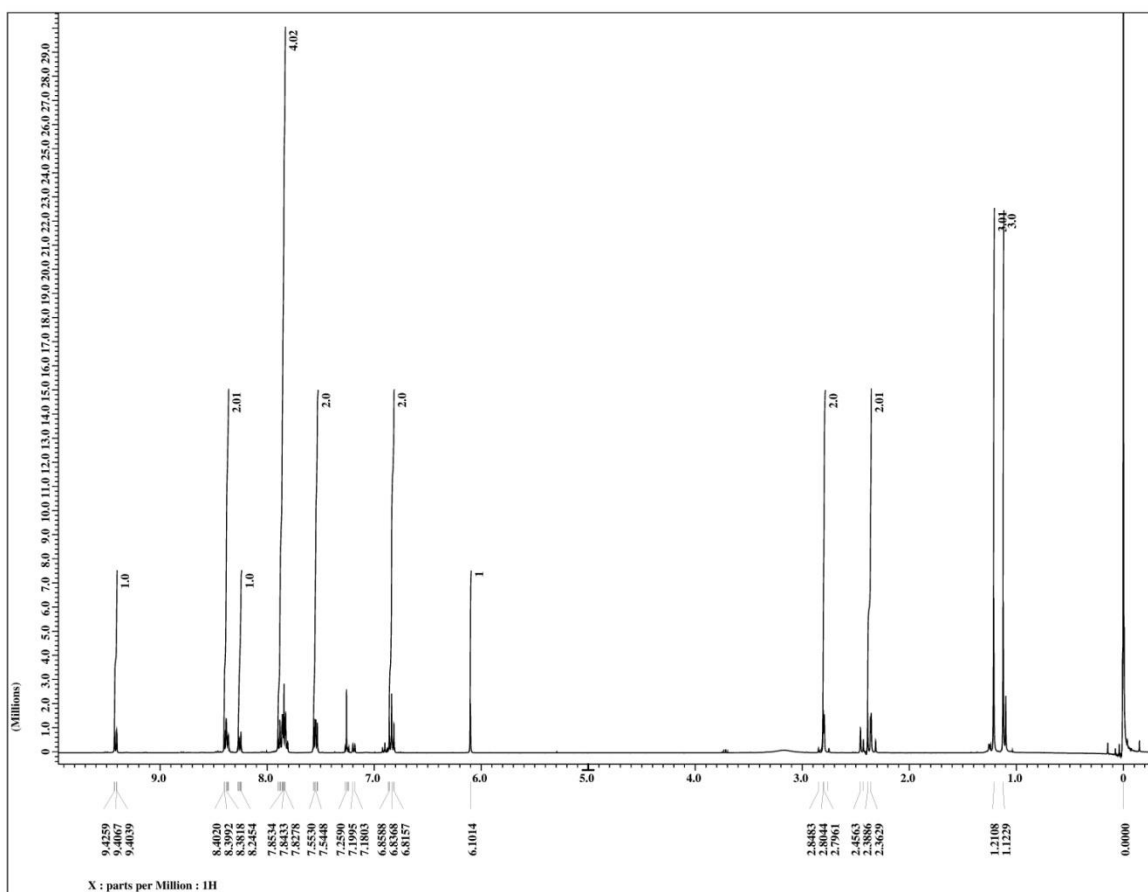


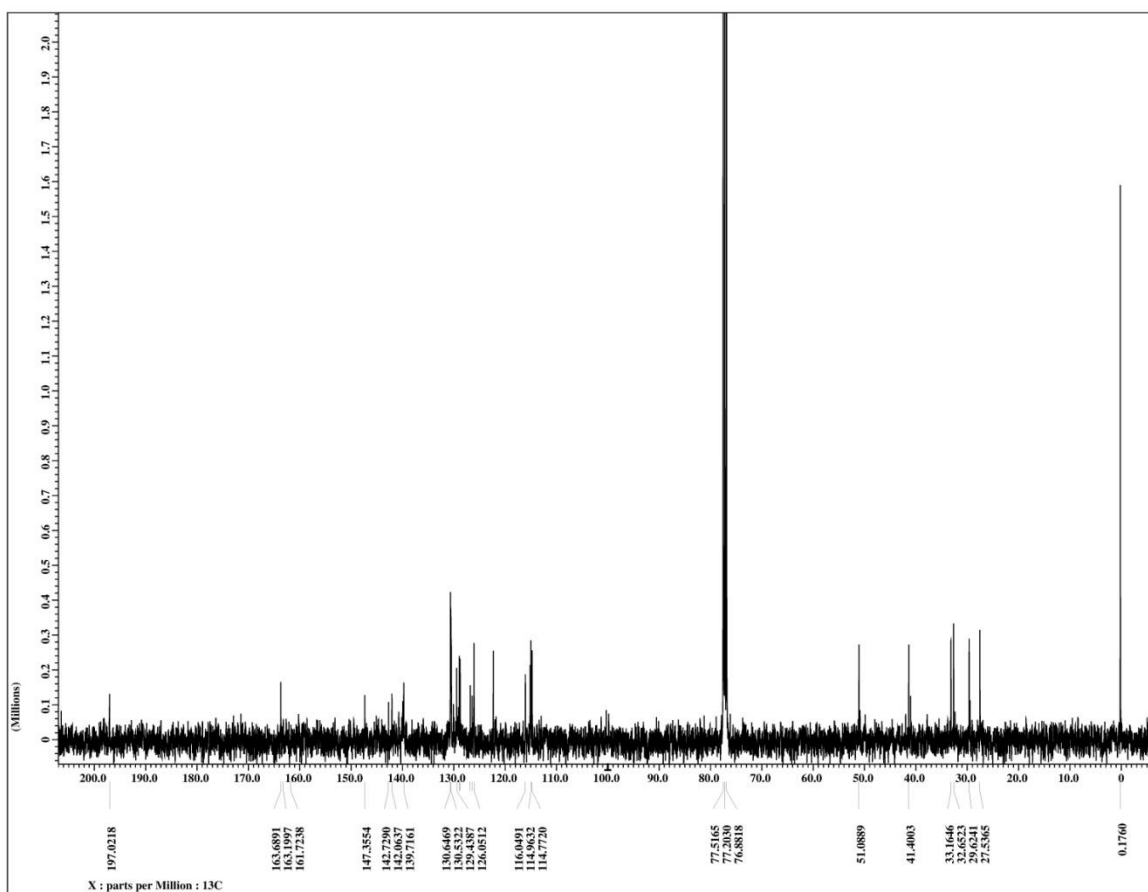
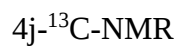
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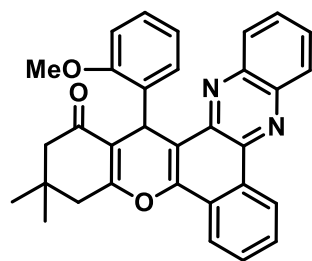




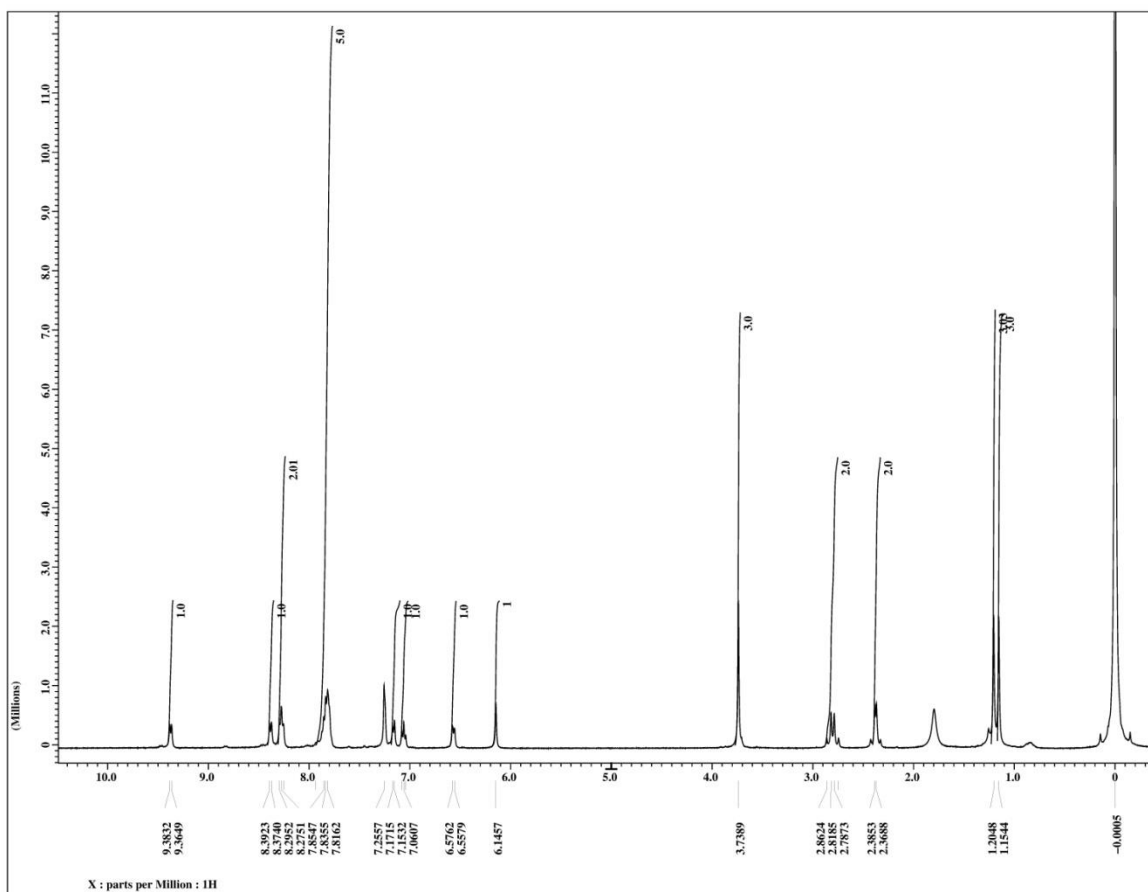
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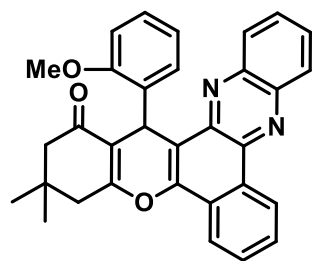




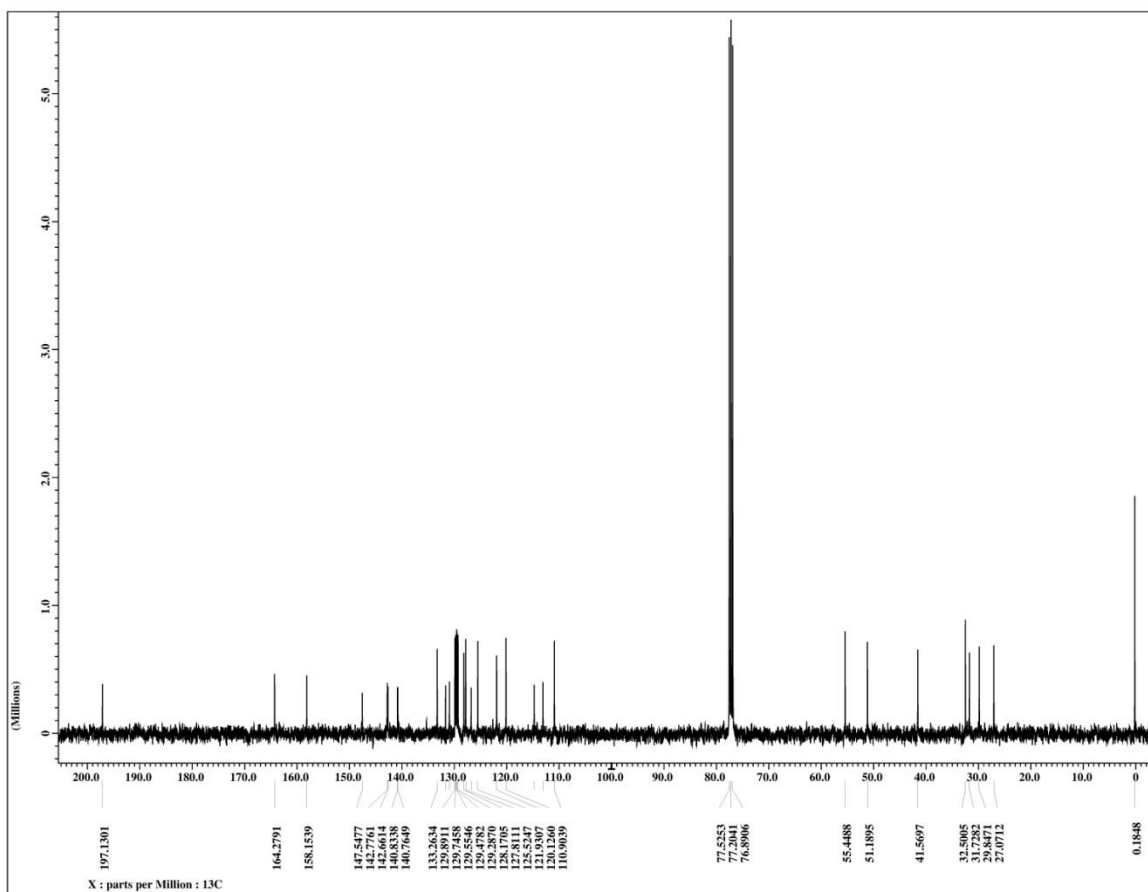


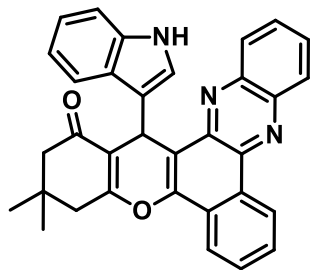
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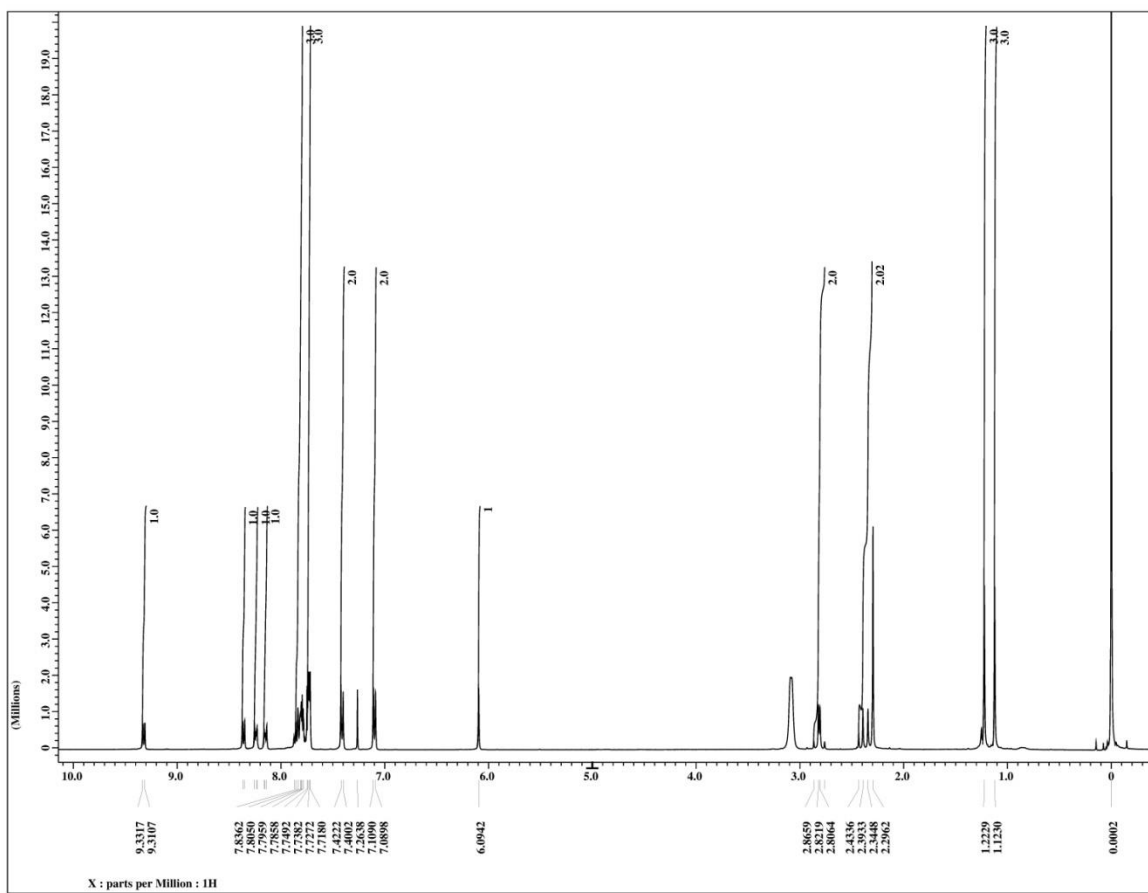


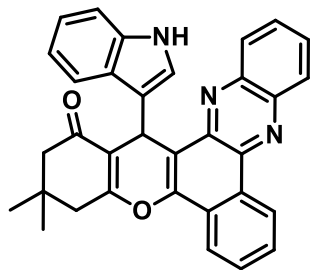
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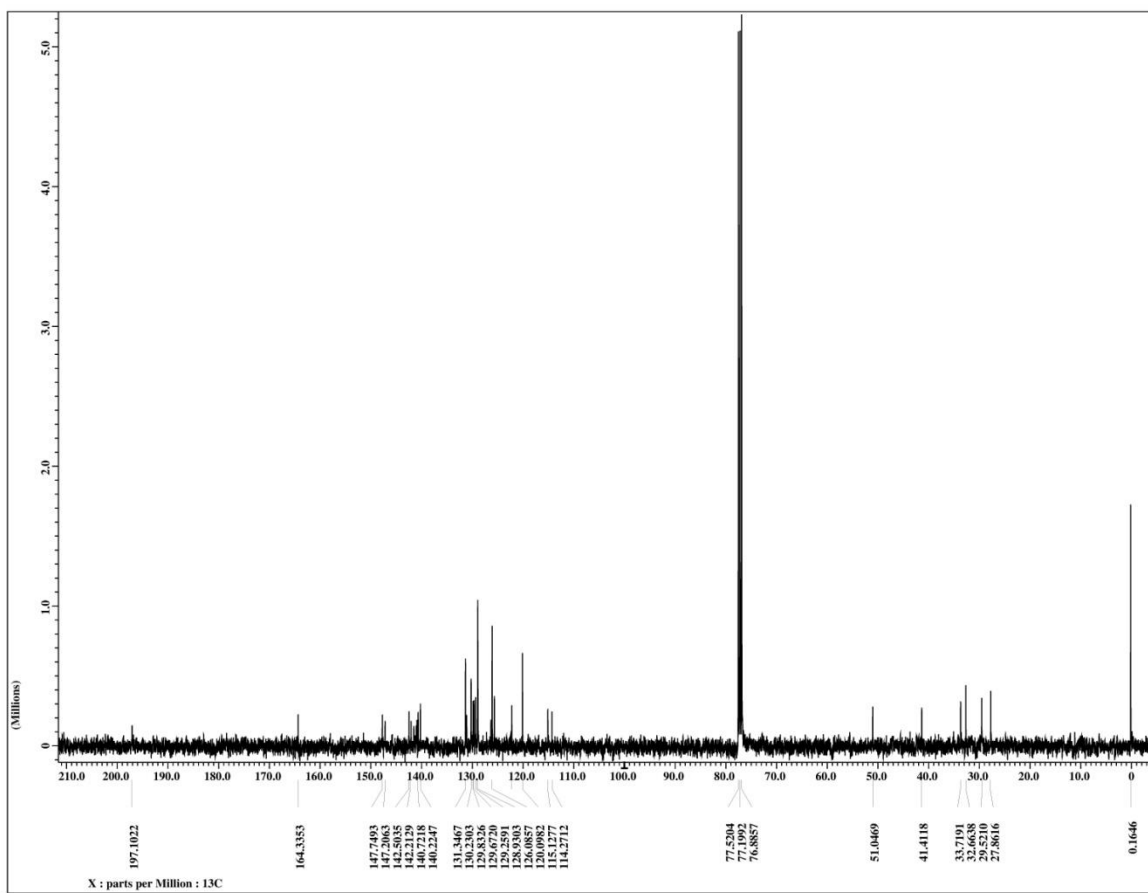


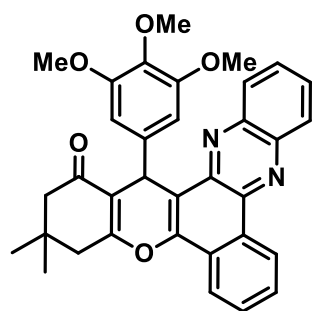
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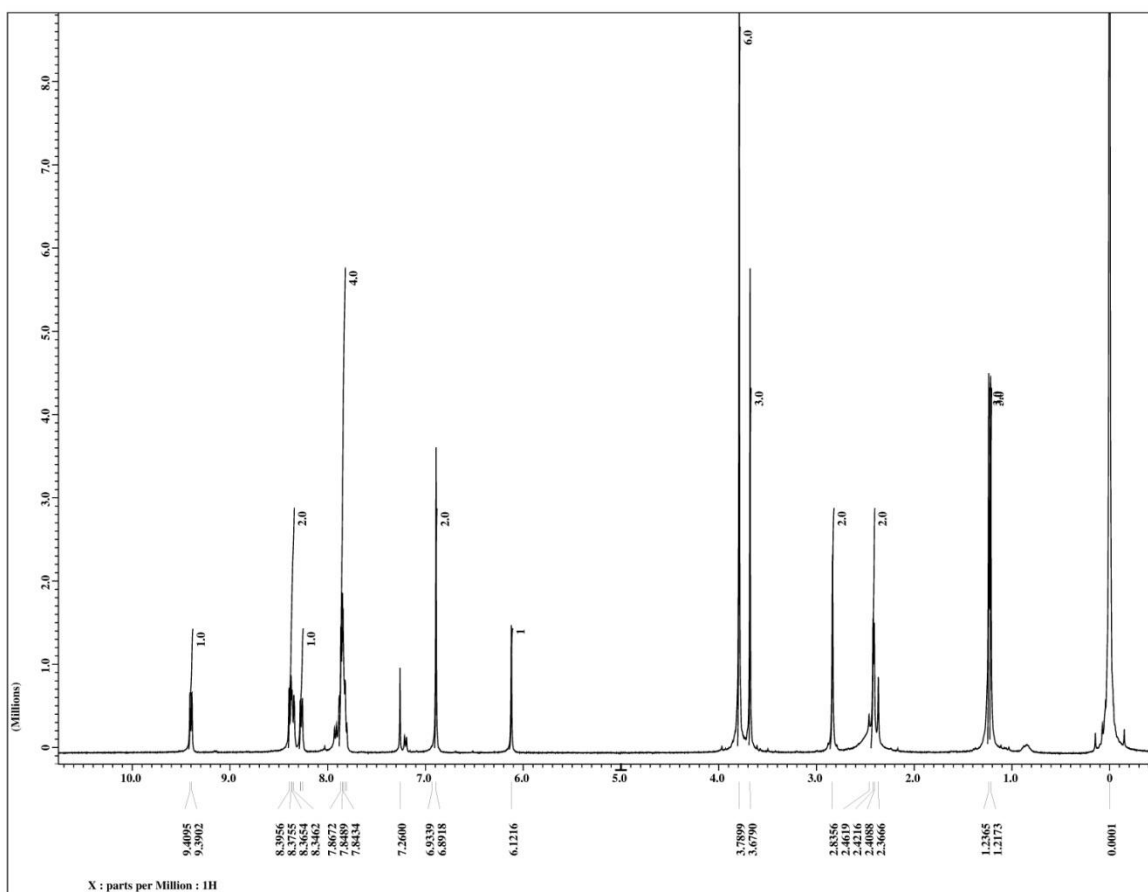


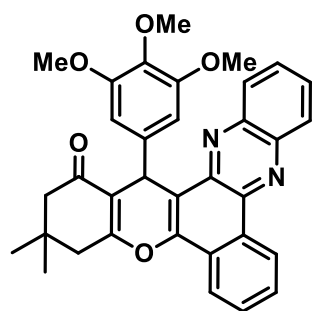
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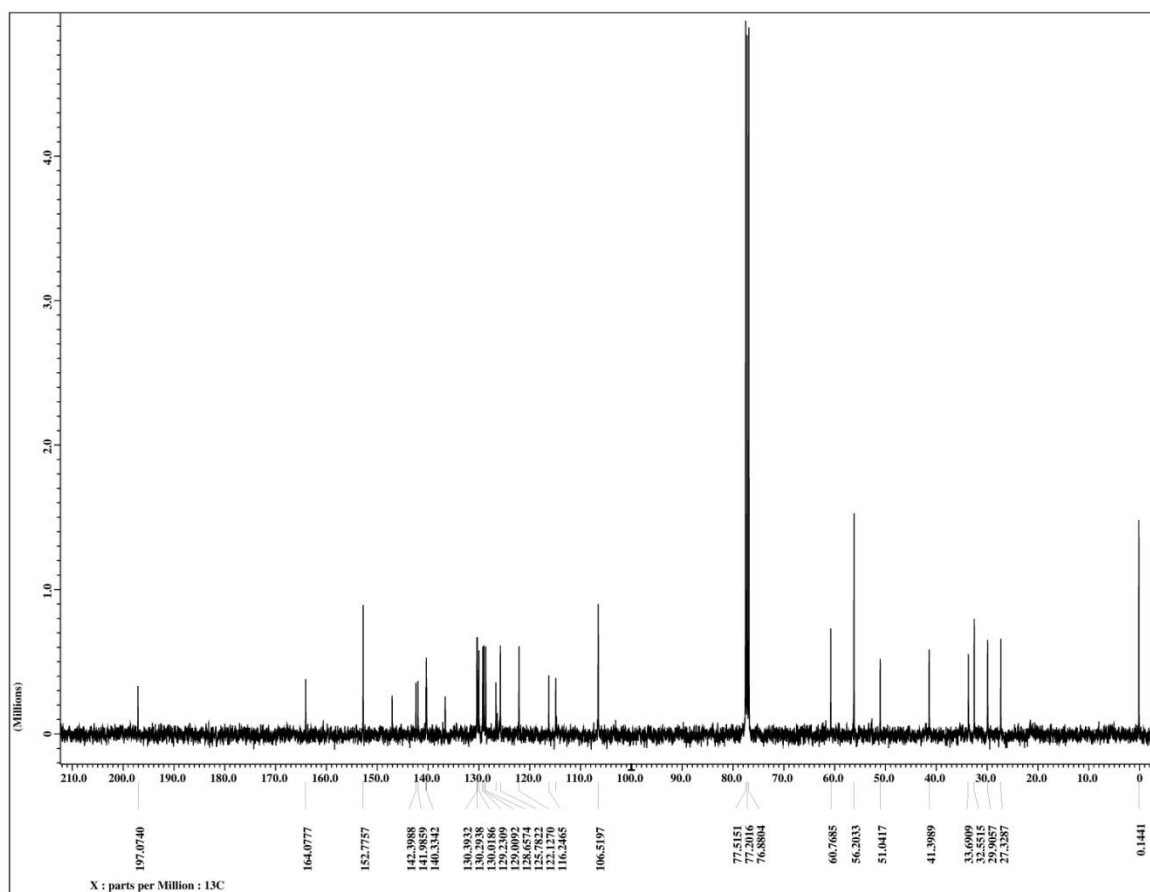


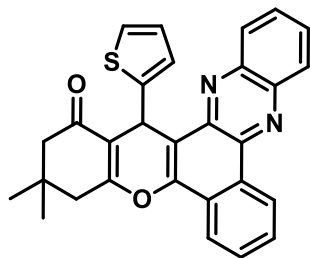
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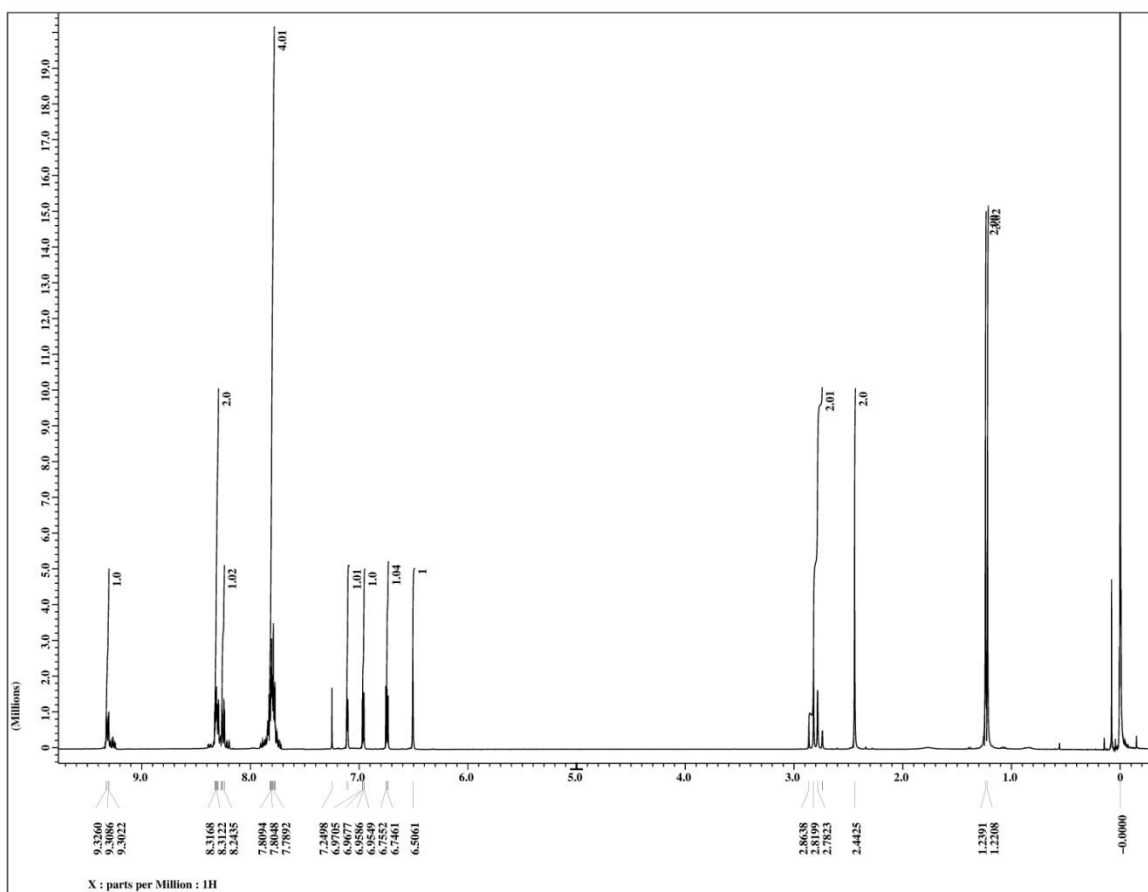


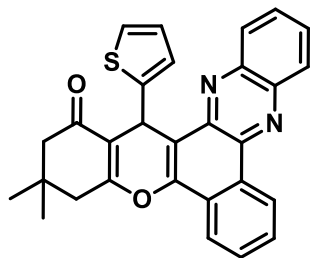
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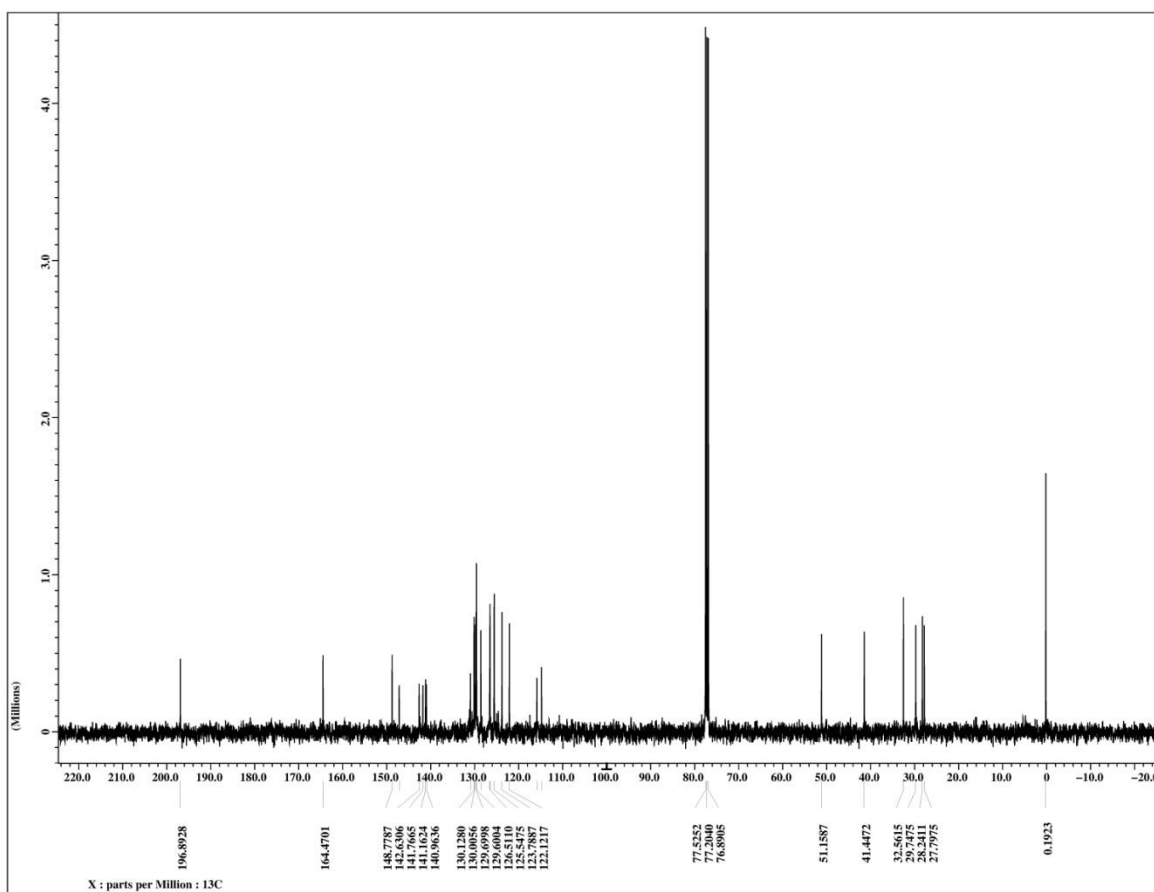


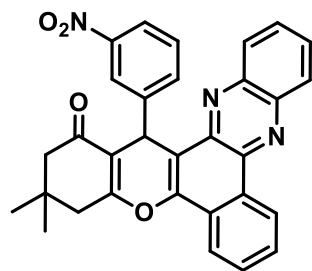
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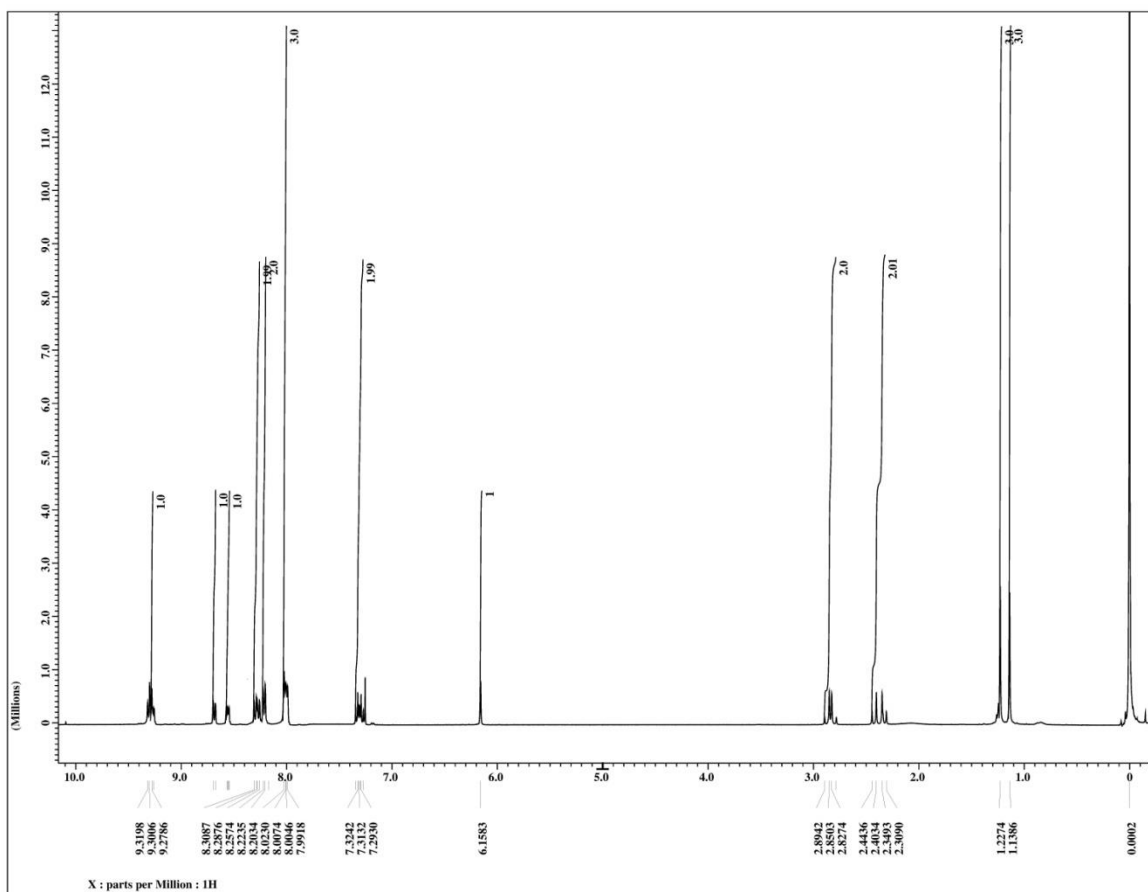


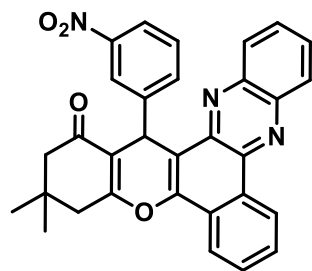
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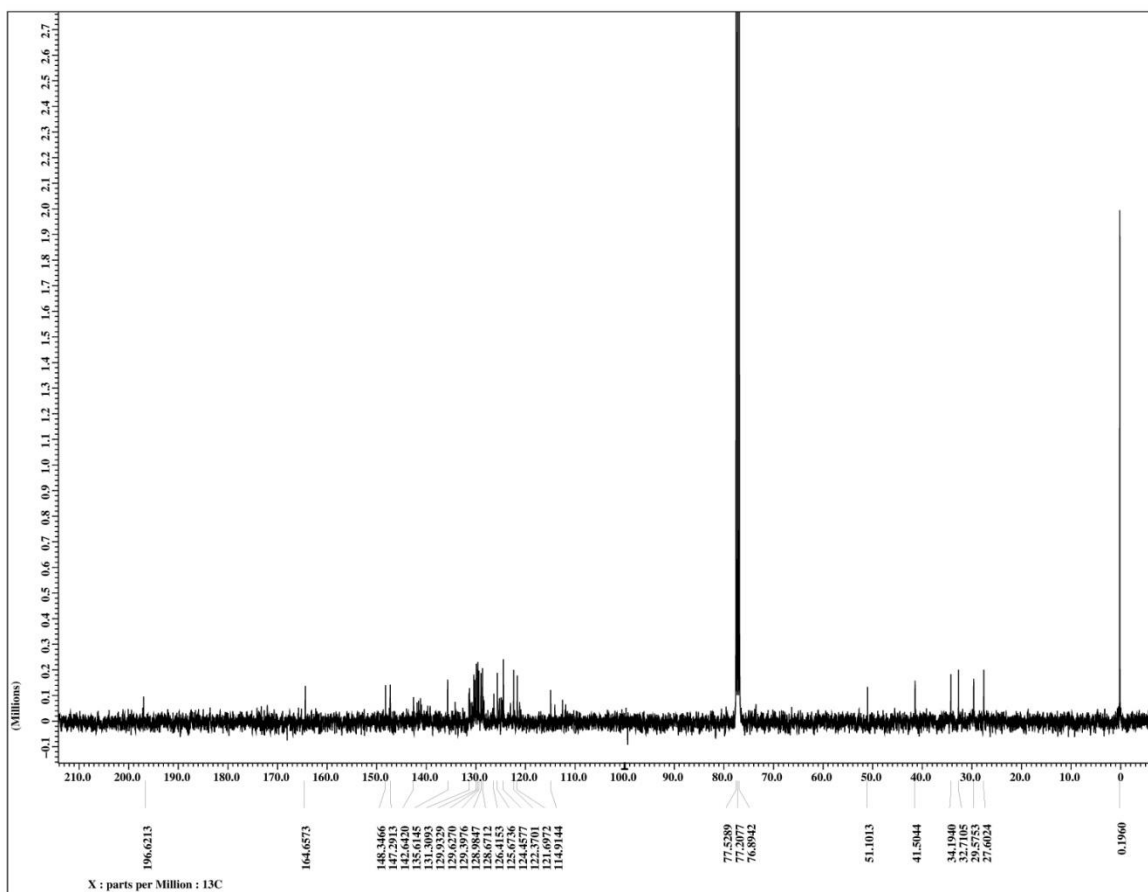


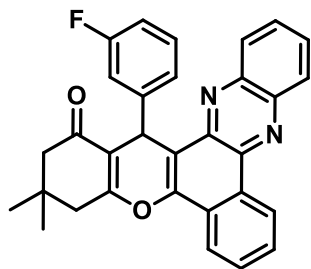
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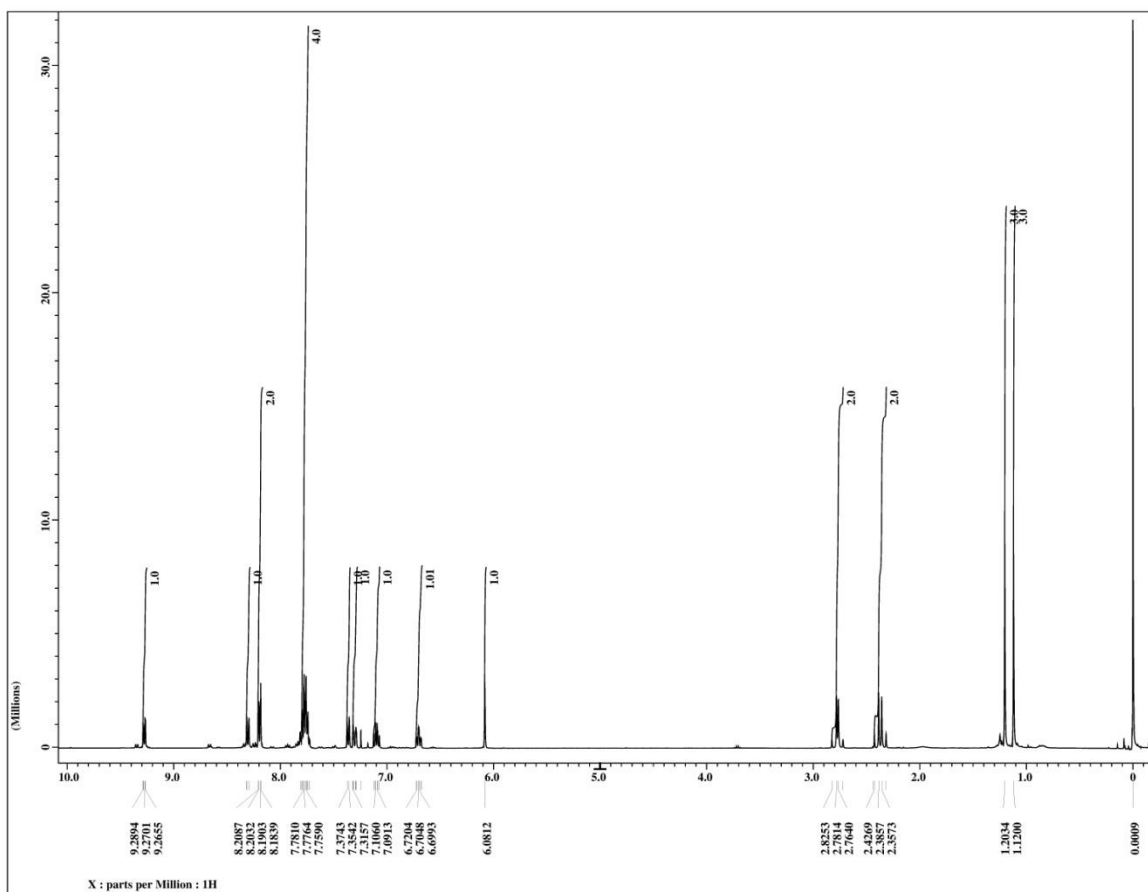


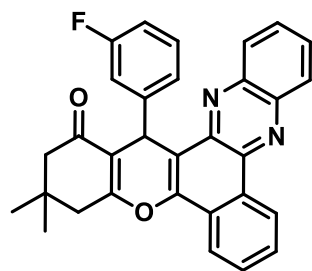
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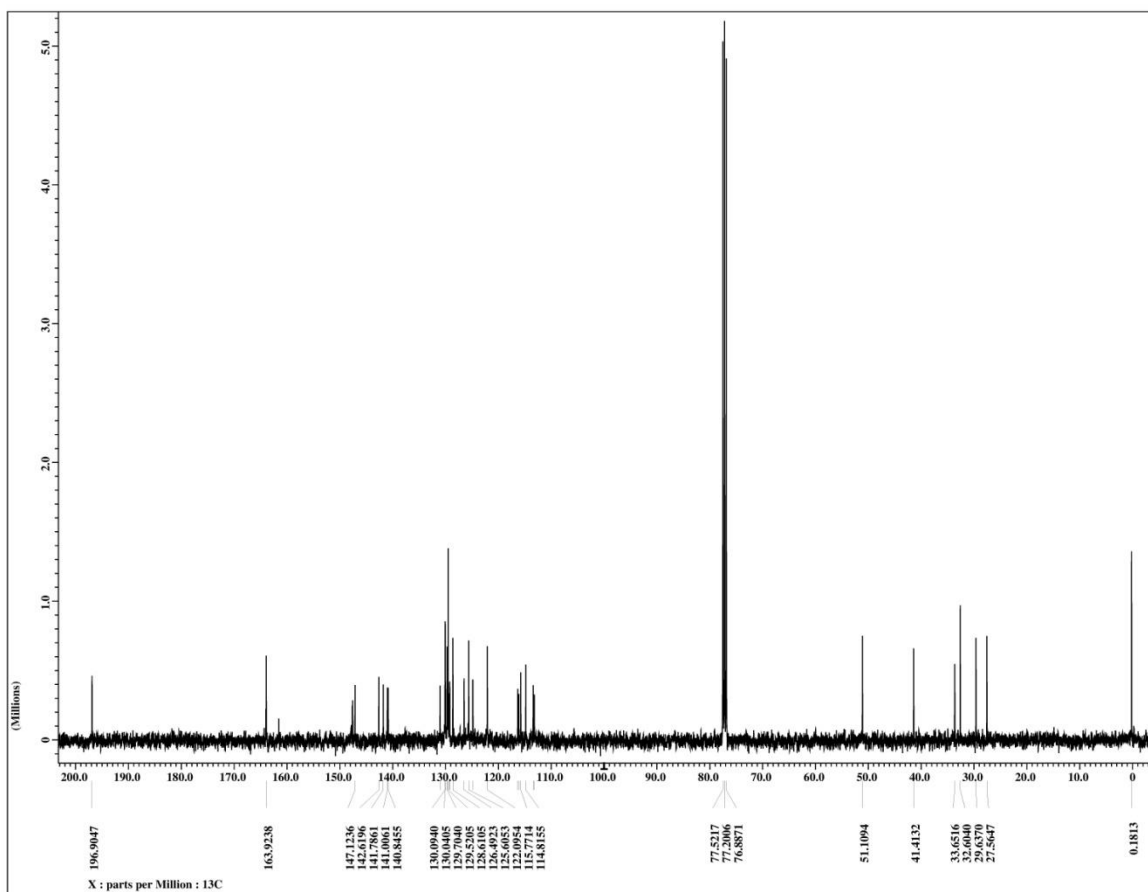


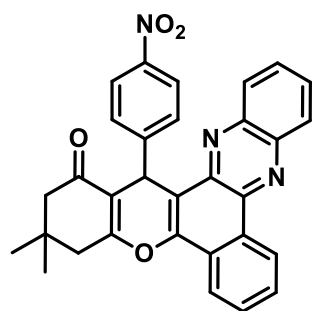
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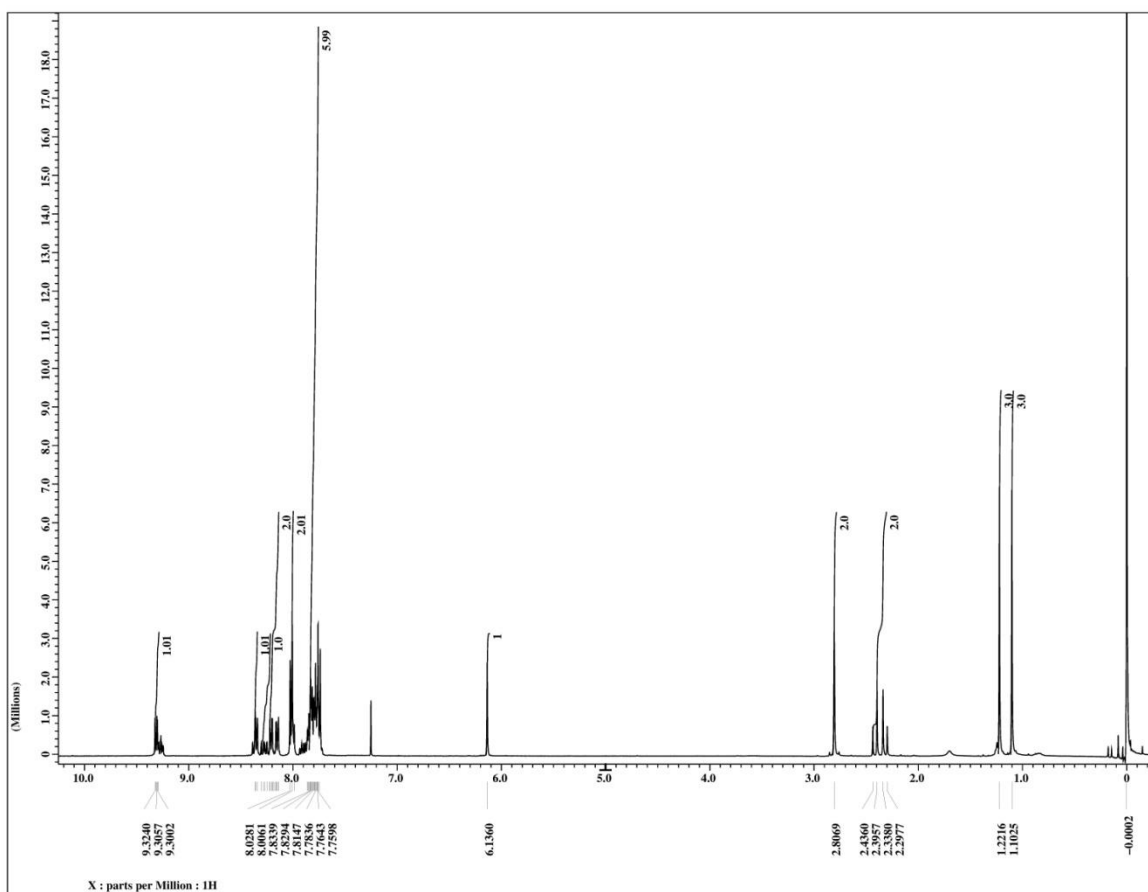


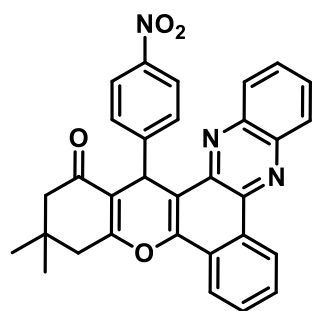
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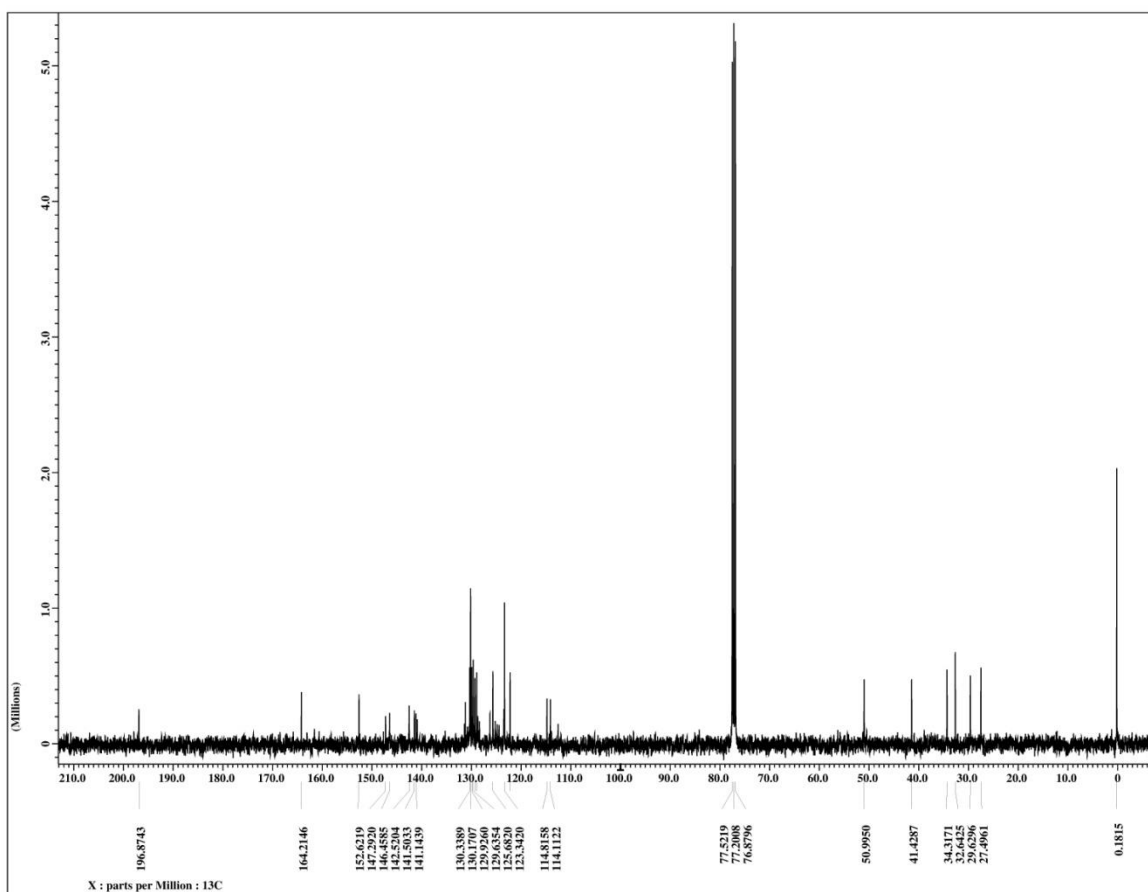


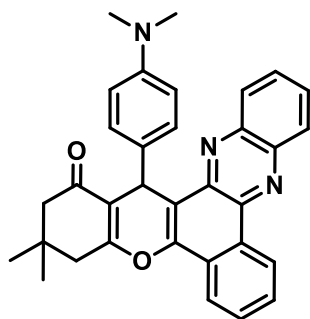
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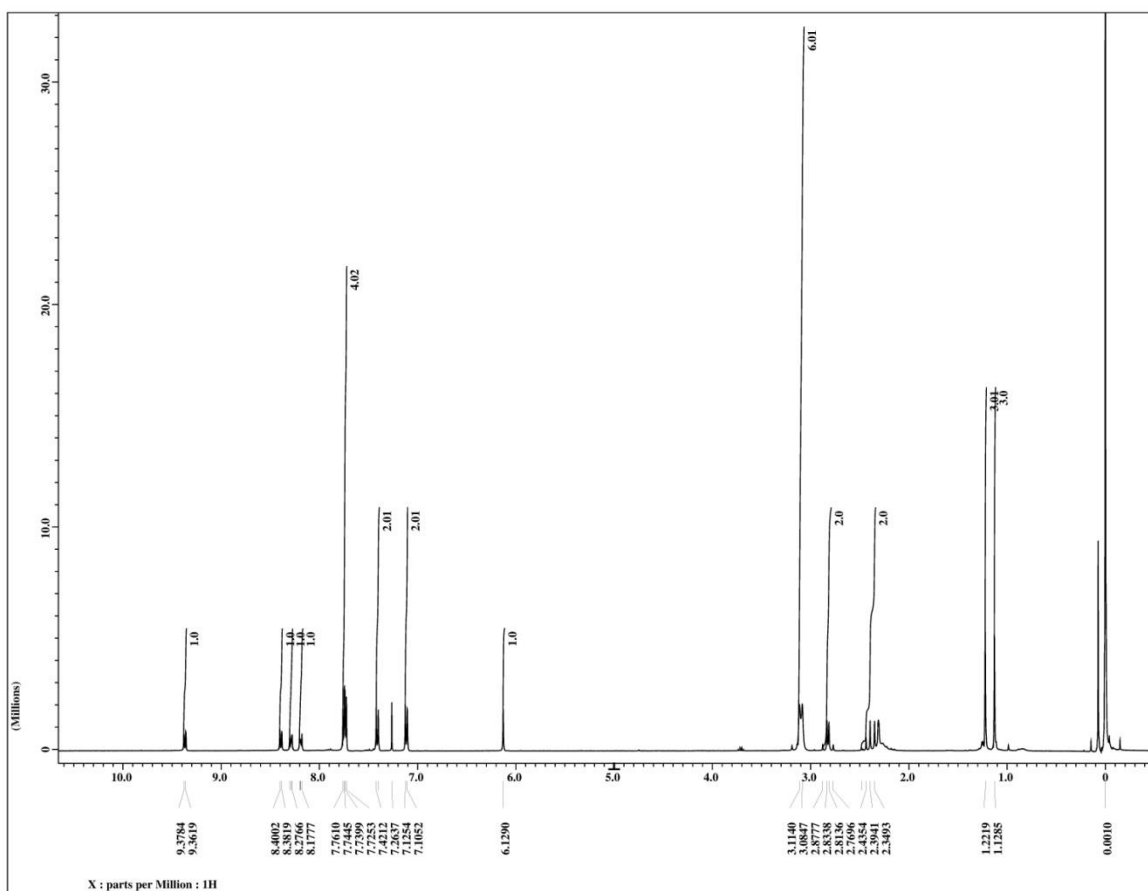


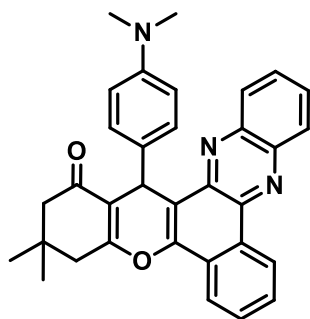
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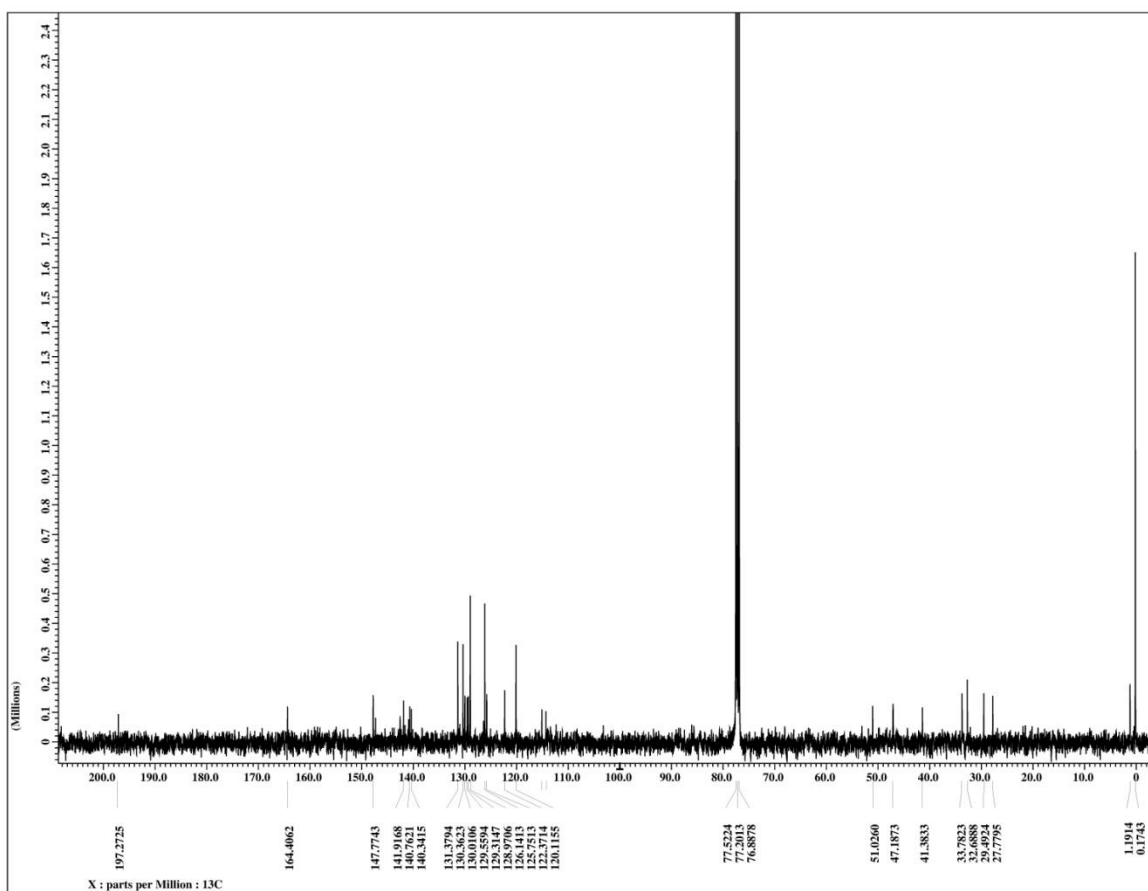


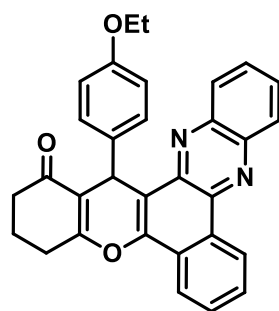
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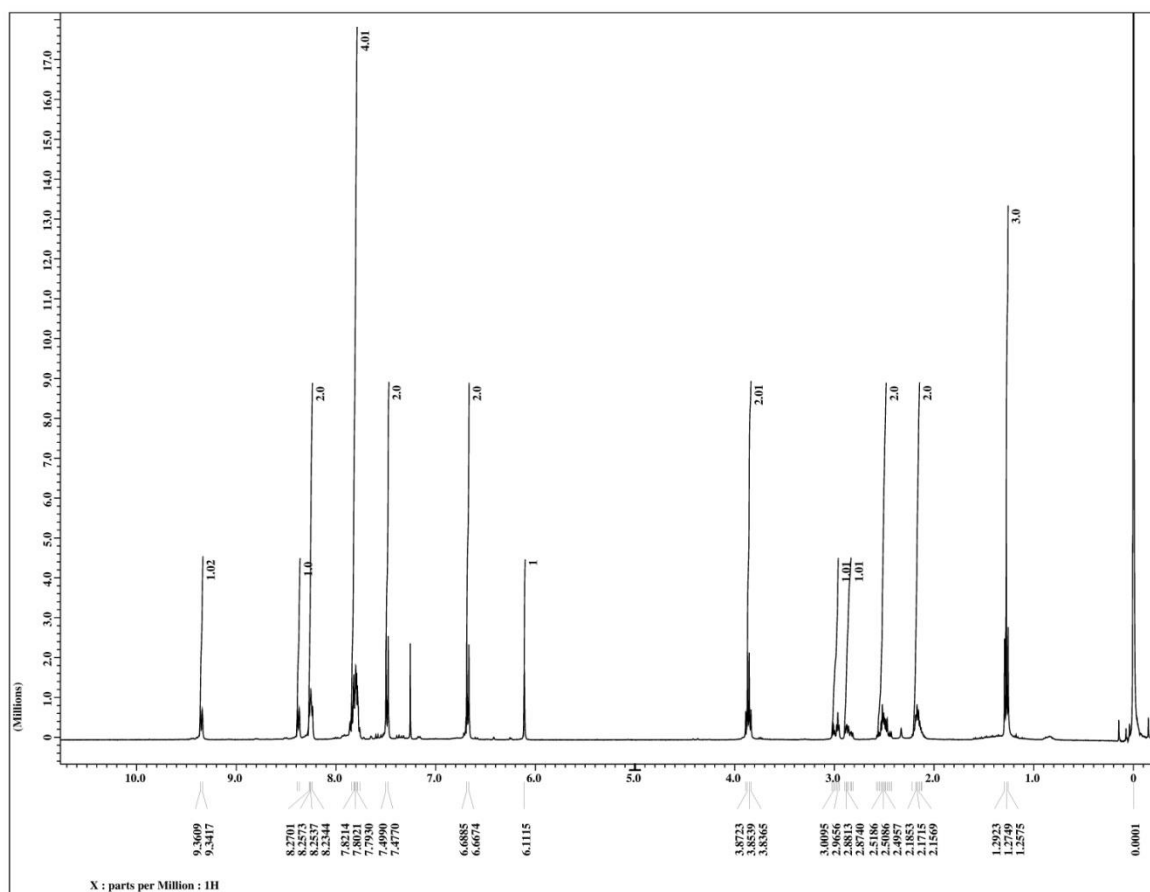


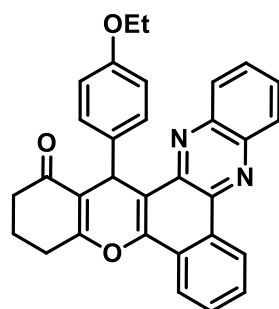
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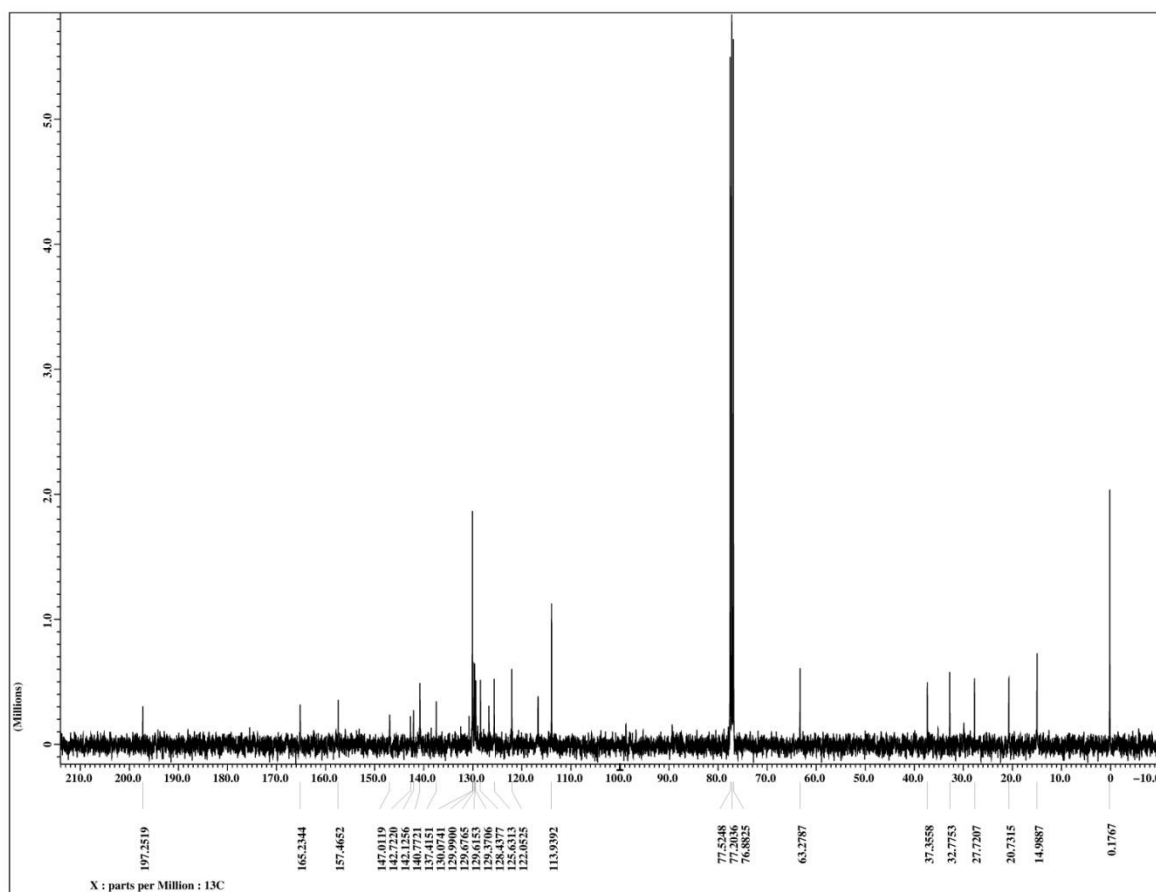


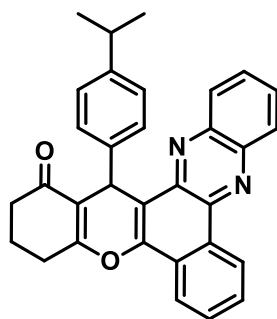
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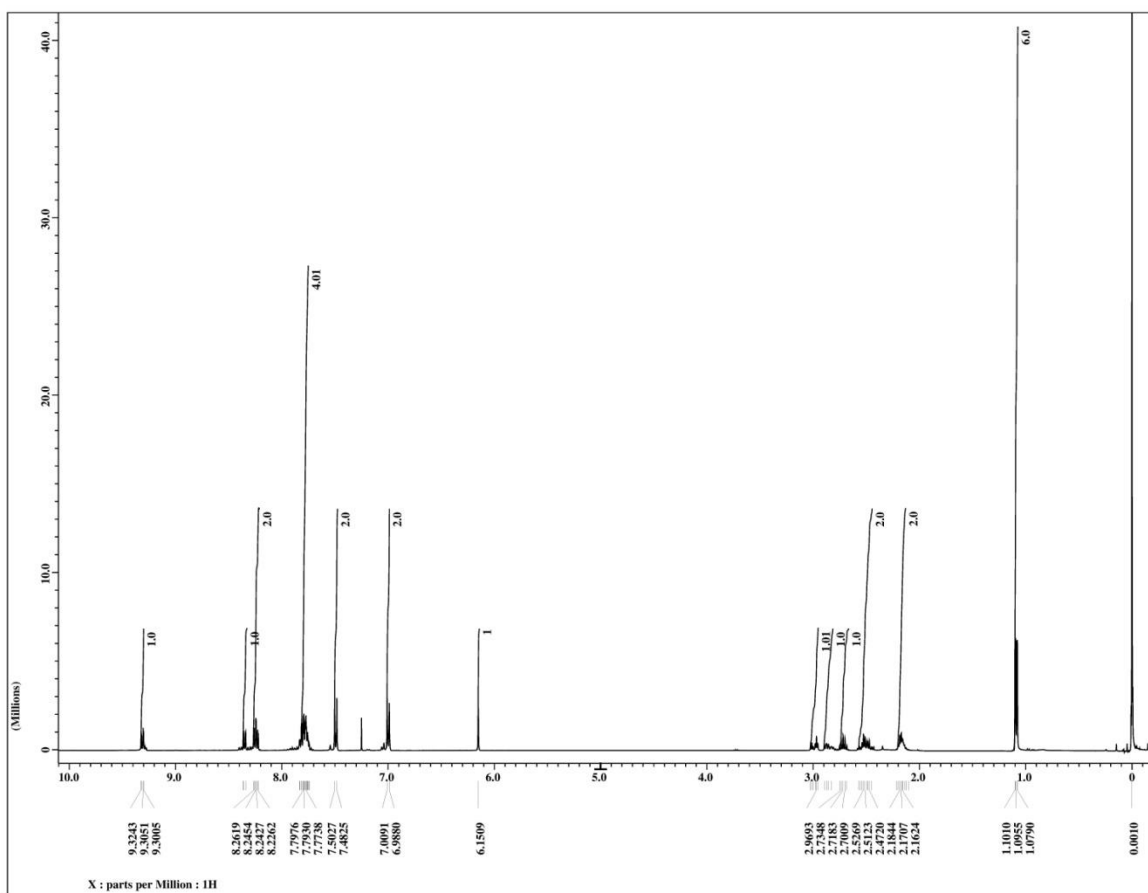


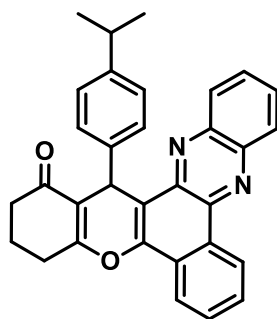
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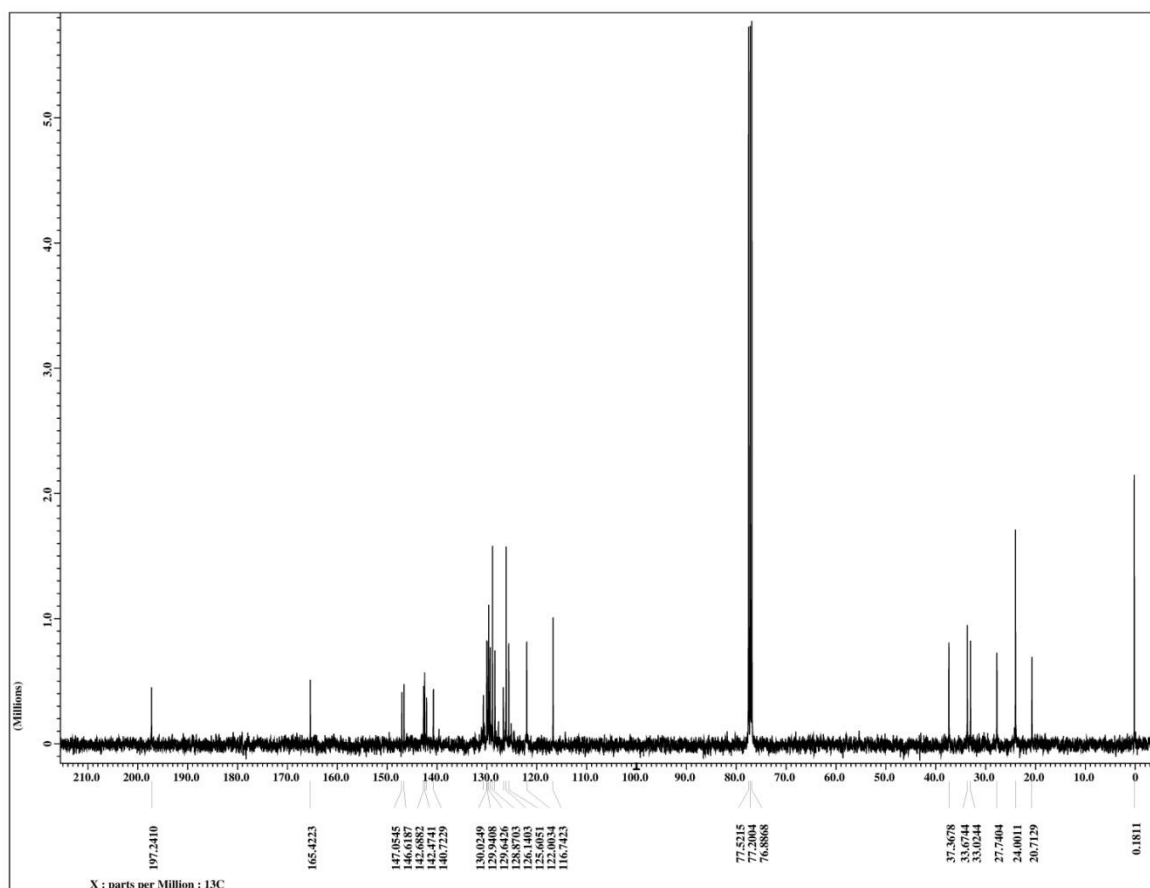


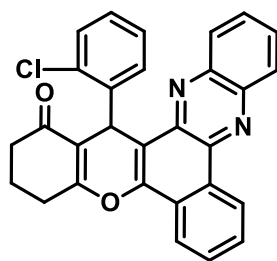
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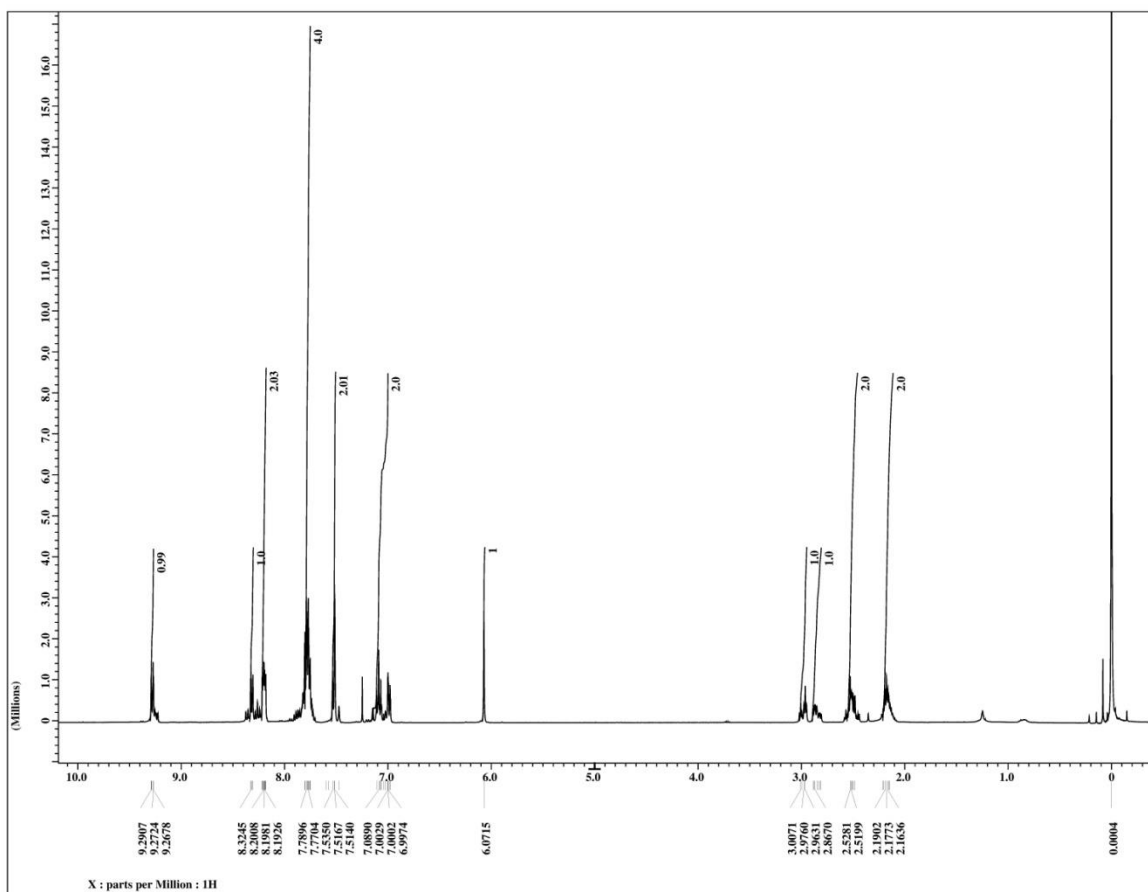


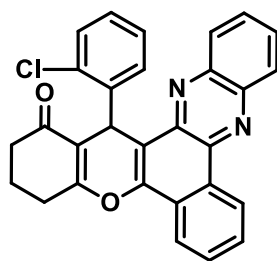
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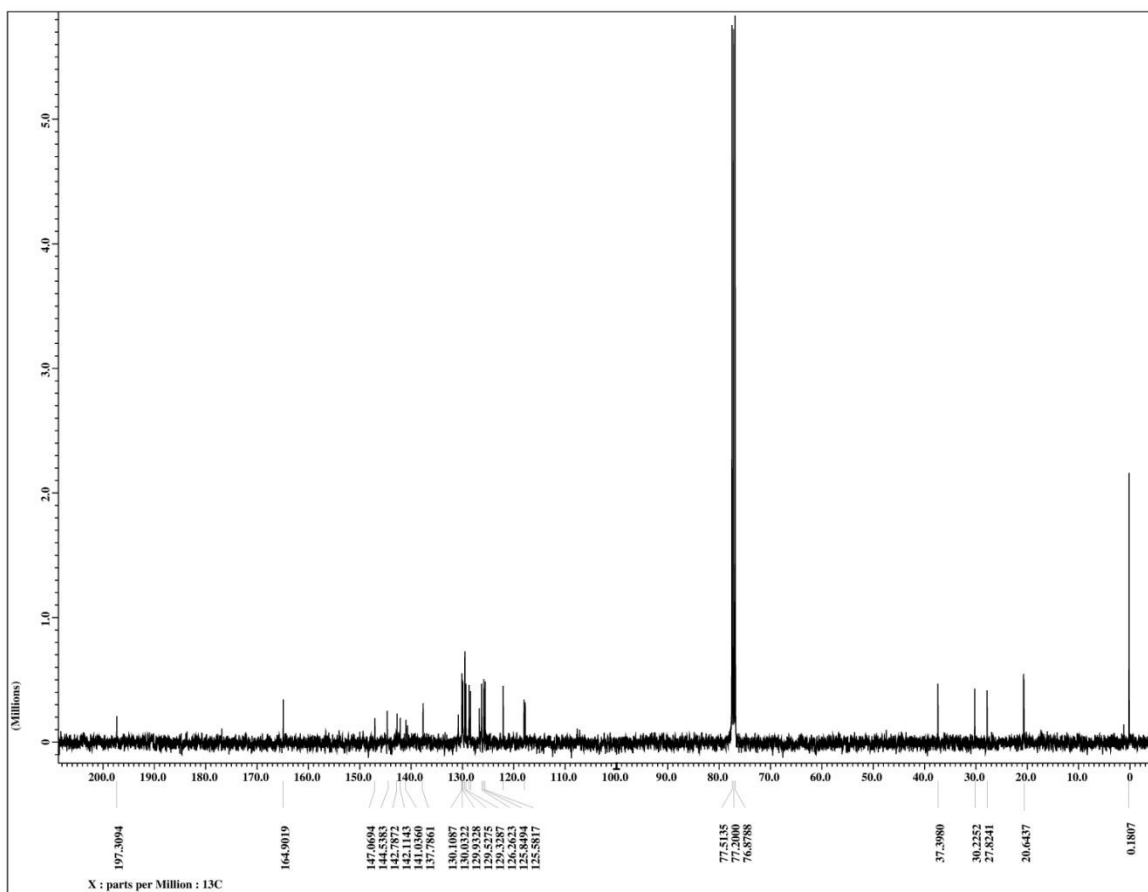


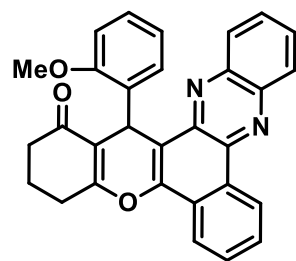
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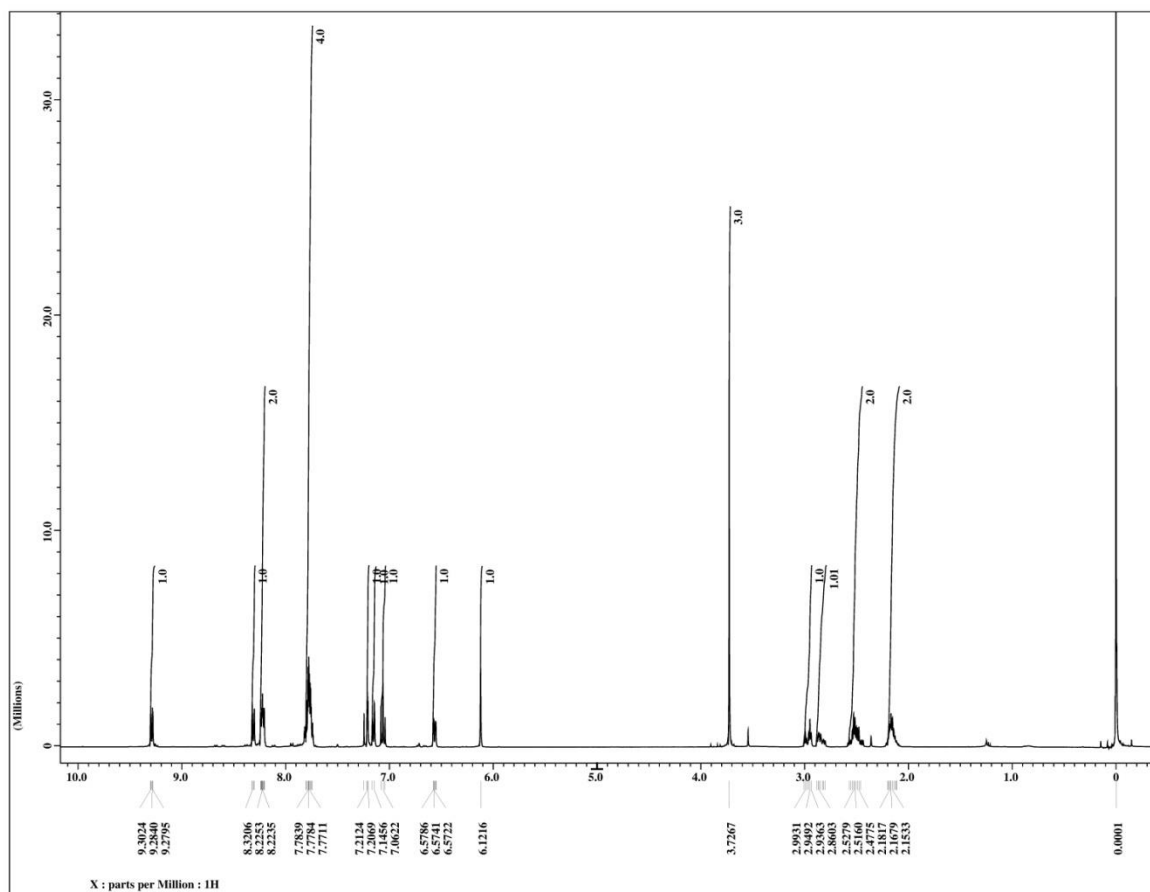


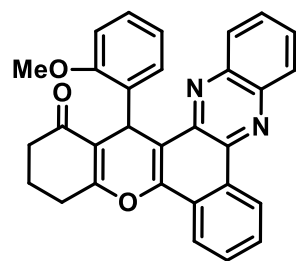
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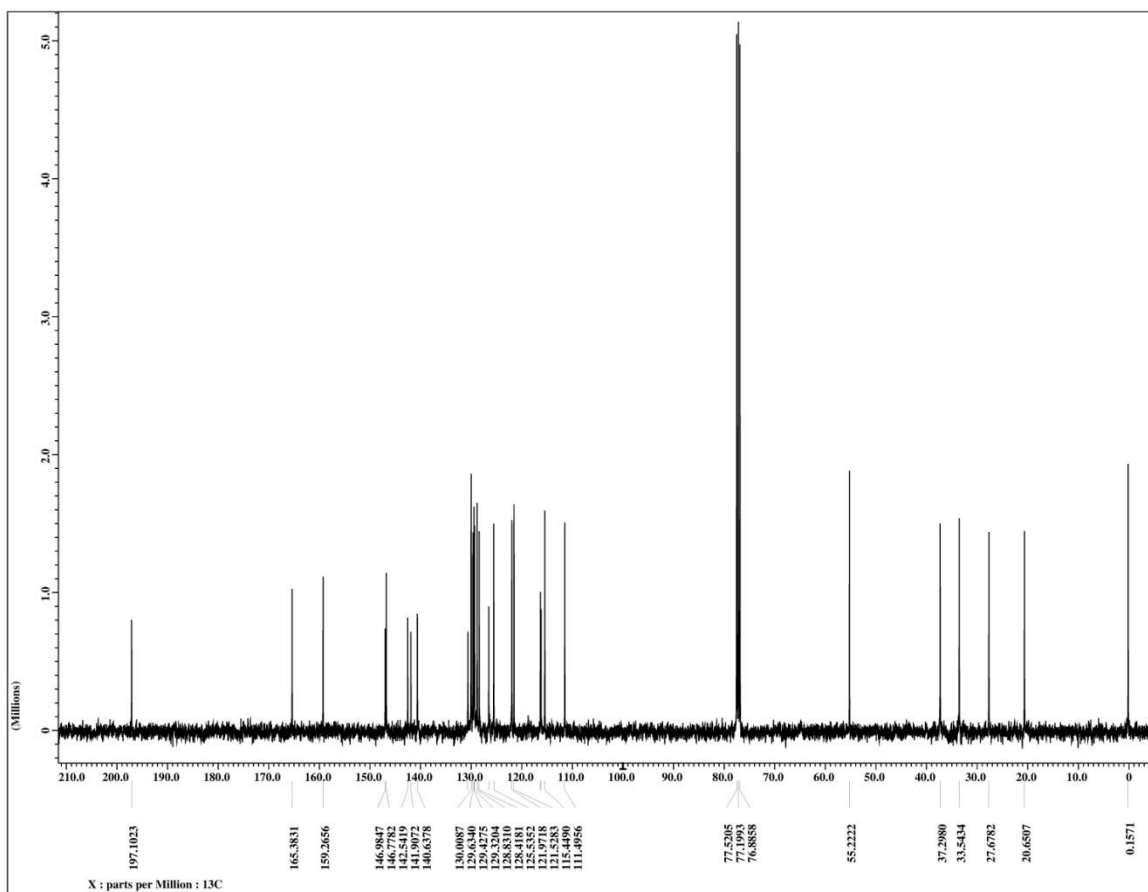


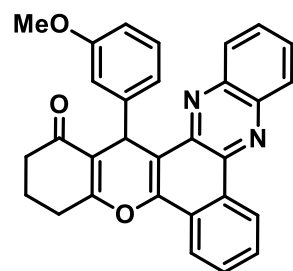
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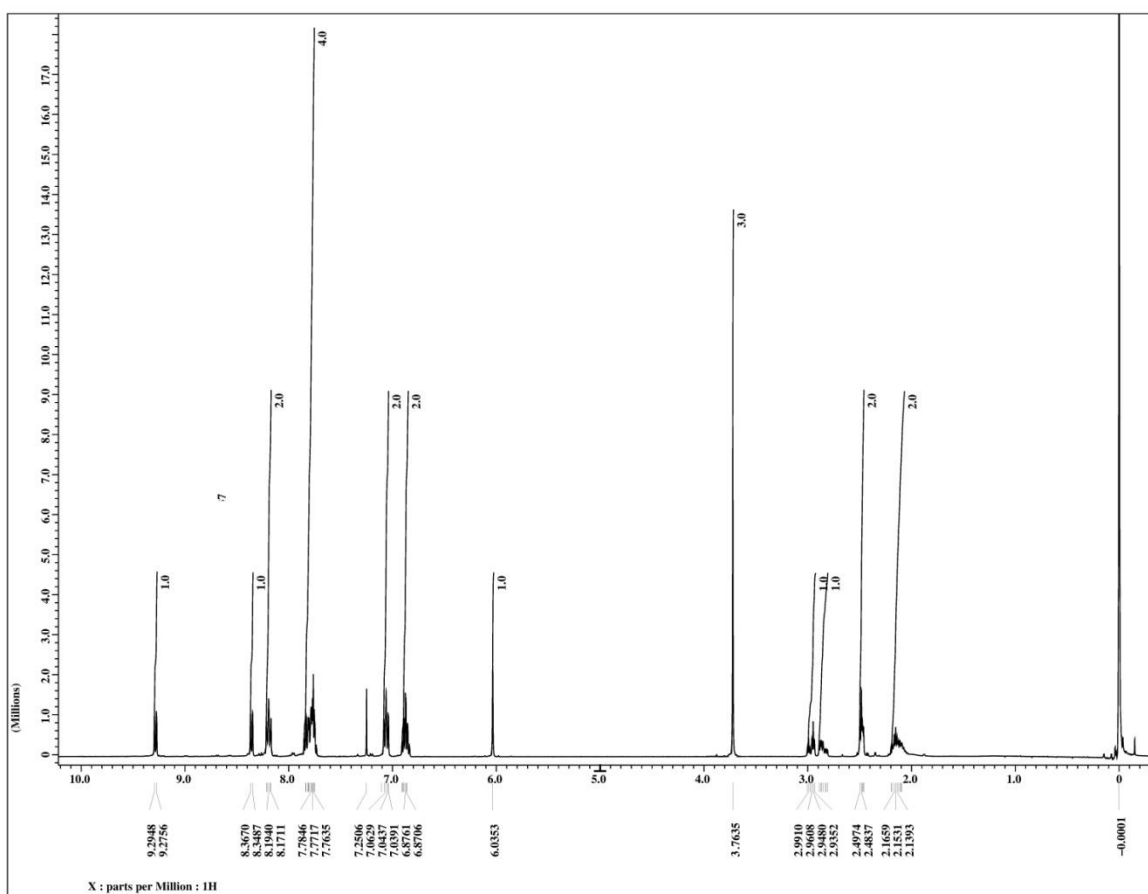


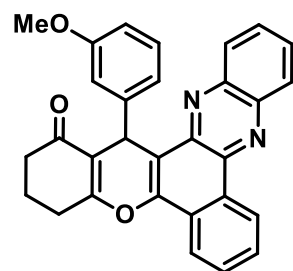
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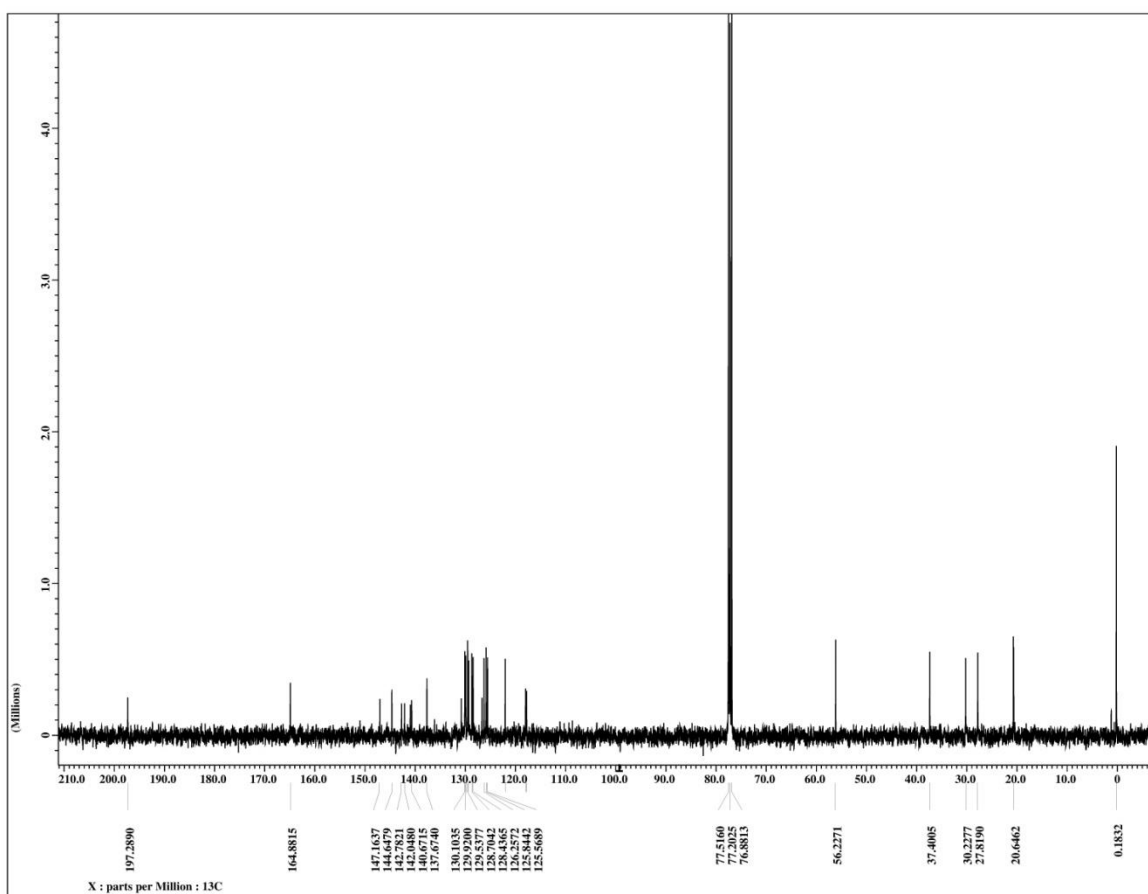


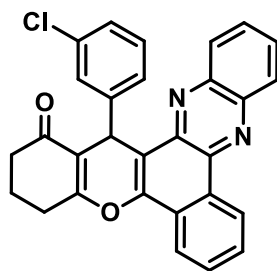
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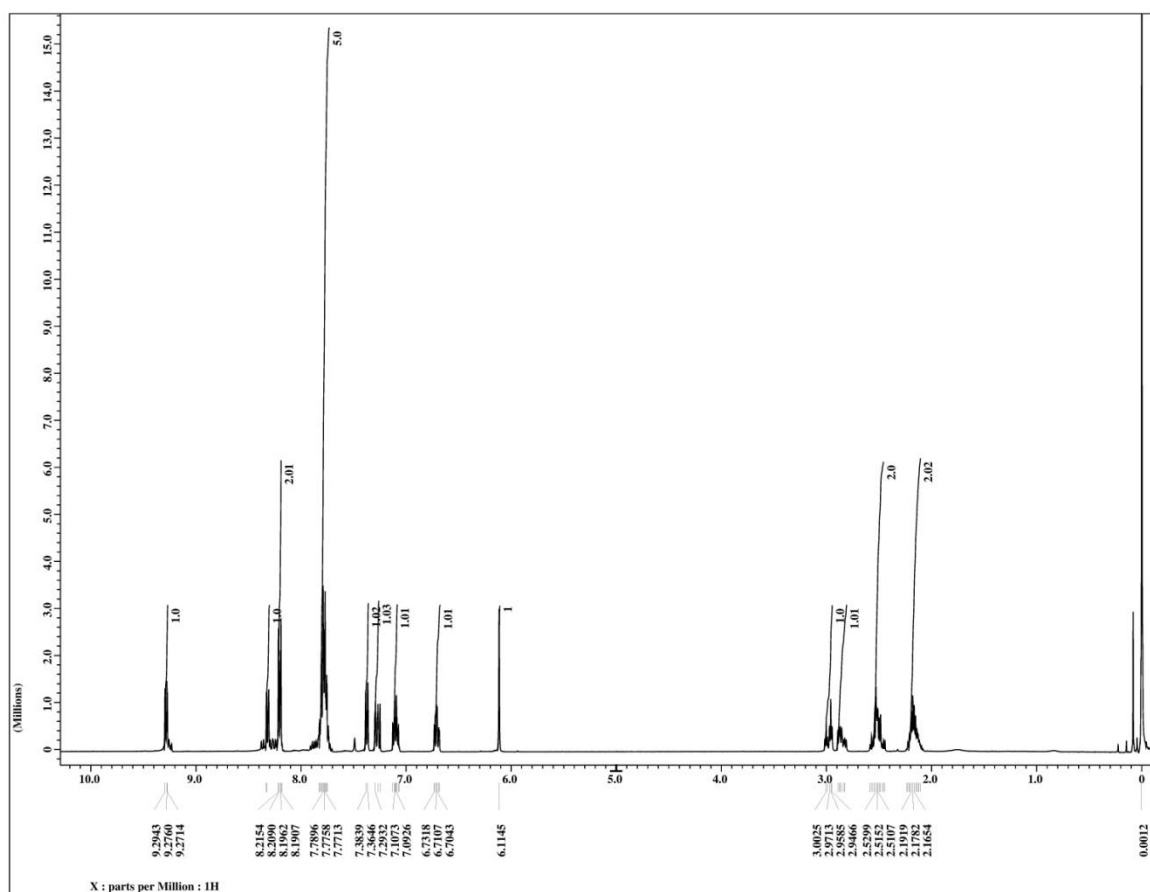


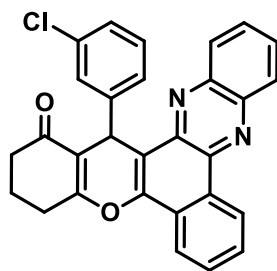
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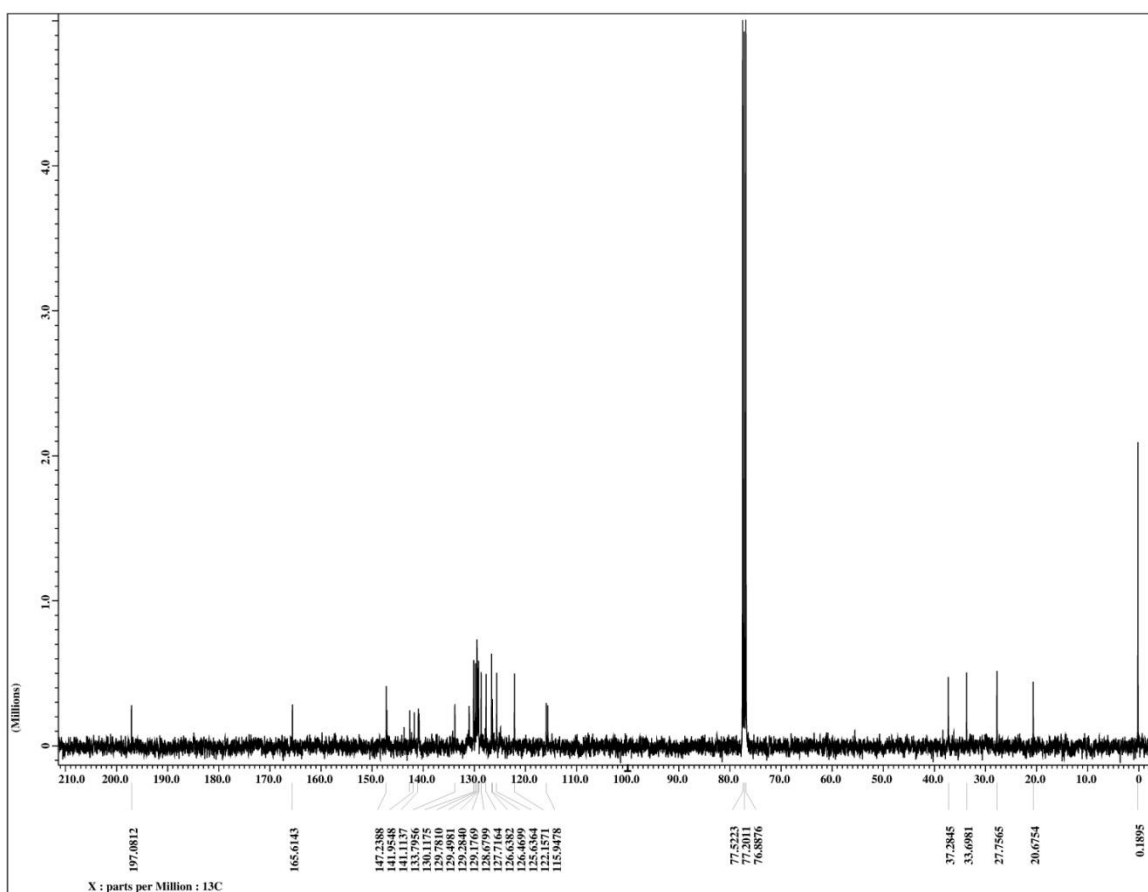


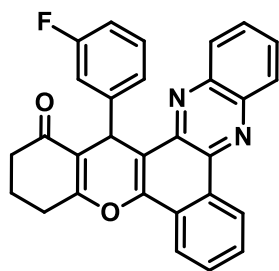
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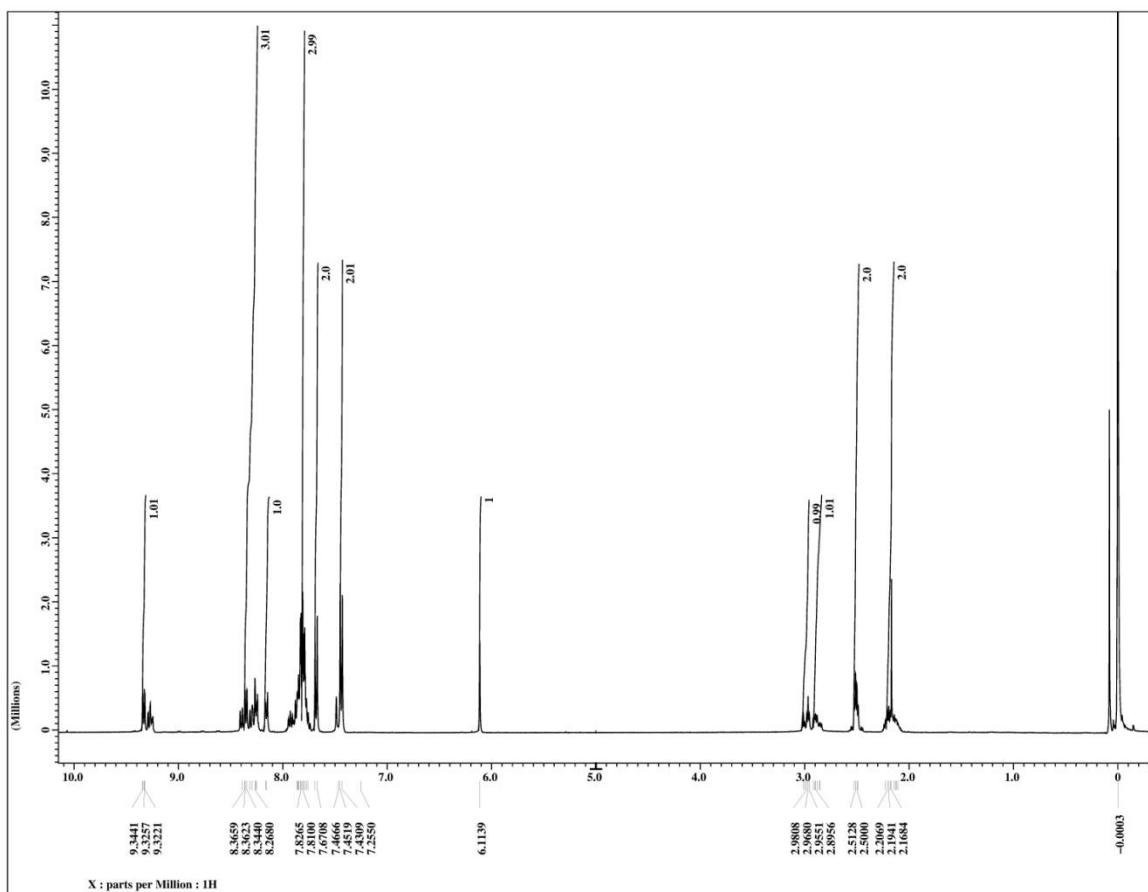


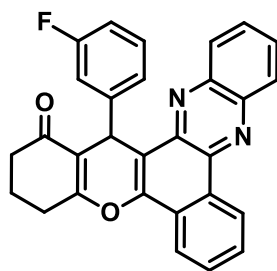
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