

**Supporting Information for**

**Microwave-assisted, ruthenium-catalyzed intramolecular amide-alkyne annulation for the rapid synthesis of fused tricyclic isoquinolinones**

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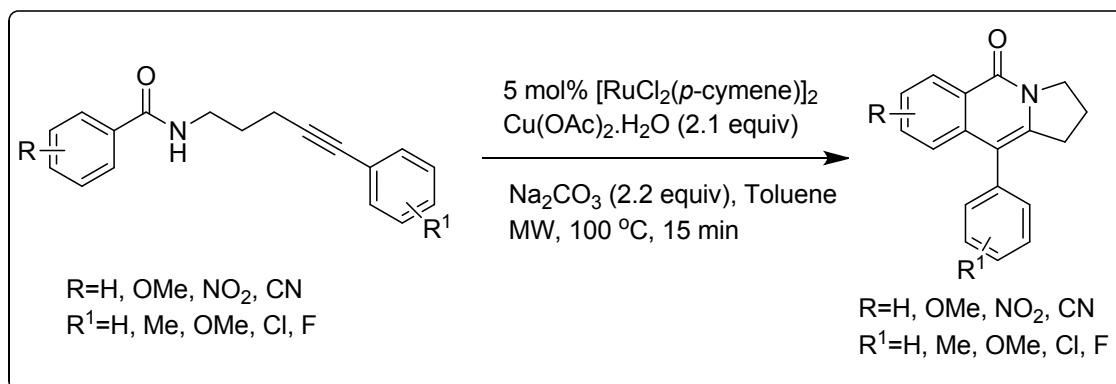
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## 1. Experimental Procedure & Spectral data

### 1.1 General

IR spectra were recorded on FT-IR spectrometer (KBr) and reported in reciprocal centimeters ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ).  $^1\text{H}$ NMR spectra were recorded at 500 MHz, 300 MHz and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR at 125 MHz, 75 MHz. For  $^1\text{H}$  NMR, tetramethylsilane (TMS) was used as internal standard ( $\delta = 0$ ) and the values are reported as follows: chemical shift, integration, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad), and the coupling constants in Hz. For  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR,  $\text{CDCl}_3$  ( $\delta = 77.27$ ) was used as internal standard and spectra were obtained with complete proton decoupling. Low-resolution MS and HRMS data were obtained using ESI ionization. Melting points were measured on micro melting point apparatus. Reaction progress was monitored by using analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) on precoated silica gel GF<sub>254</sub> plates and the spots were detected under UV light (254 nm).

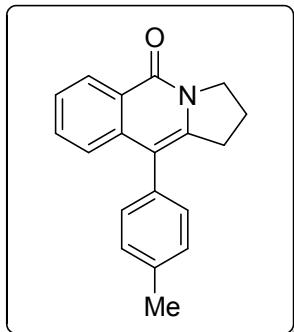
### General procedure for catalytic reactions of alkynyl benzamides



An oven-dried 10 mL microwave reaction vessel containing a stir bar was charged with alkyne-amide (0.1 mmol), [Ru(*p*-cymene)Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (5 mol %), Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2.2 equiv) and Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O (2.1 equiv) in 2 mL toluene. The vessel was sealed with a Teflon microwave septum. The vessel was placed into the CEM Discover SP system under the following conditions: 1–2 min ramp time, pre-stirring 30 sec, the stirring was set high. Power max was turn on. Maximum power and maximum pressure were set 250 W and 250 psi respectively, with a set temperature of 100 °C for 15 min (hold time). After microwave irradiation was complete, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and then diluted with ethyl acetate and filtered through celite. The filtrate was concentrated and the resulting product was purified via silica gel column chromatography, eluting with ethyl acetate/hexane mixtures.

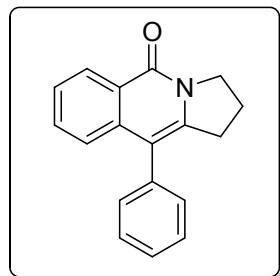
### 1.2 Characterization data of products (3a-p)

**10-(*p*-Tolyl)-2,3-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-*b*]isoquinolin-5(1*H*)-one (3a):**



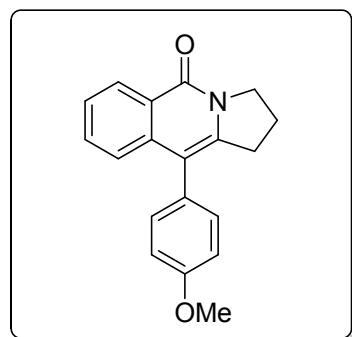
Off-white solid, m.p. 165–166 °C;  $^1\text{H}$ NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.48 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.26–7.30 (m, 3H), 7.19 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 4.28 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.94 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.25 – 2.06 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  161.1, 141.2, 138.2, 137.2, 133.2, 131.8, 130.4, 129.4, 127.4, 125.5, 124.9, 124.3, 113.6, 48.5, 31.08, 21.9, 21.3 ppm; IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3442, 3036, 1659, 1514, 1338, 1291, 1182, 885, 855  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (ESI):  $m/z$  ([M+H] $^+$ ): 276; HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}$ : 276.1380; found: 276.1388.

**10-Phenyl-2,3-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-*b*]isoquinolin-5(1*H*)-one (3b):**



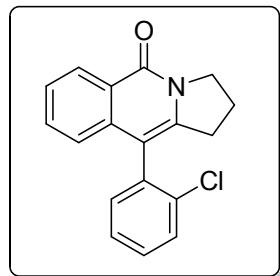
Green solid, m.p. 168–170 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.48 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.74 – 7.07 (m, 8H), 4.28 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.94 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.33 – 1.97 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  161.1, 141.3, 138.1, 136.3, 131.8, 130.6, 128.7, 127.5, 127.4, 125.6, 124.9, 124.2, 113.7, 48.5, 31.1, 21.9 ppm; IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3441, 3032, 1660, 1515, 1340, 1292, 1183, 856.1  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (ESI):  $m/z$  ([M+H] $^+$ ): 262; HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}$ : 262.1232; found: 262.1221.

**10-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-*b*]isoquinolin-5(1*H*)-one (3c):**



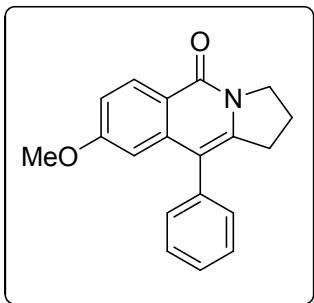
Off-white solid, m.p. 149–150 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.48 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.43 (dd,  $J = 11.1, 3.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.04 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 4.41 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.94 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.35 – 2.03 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  161.1, 158.9, 141.4, 138.4, 131.7, 131.5, 128.4, 127.4, 125.53, 124.9, 124.3, 114.2, 114.0, 113.2, 48.5, 31.0, 21.9 ppm; IR (KBr):  $\nu$  2965, 2916, 1645, 1605, 1510, 1481, 1231, 1155, 1025, 833  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (ESI):  $m/z$  ([M+H] $^+$ ): 292; HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_2$ : 292.1338; found: 292.1330.

**10-(2-Chlorophenyl)-2,3-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-*b*]isoquinolin-5(1*H*)-one (3d):**



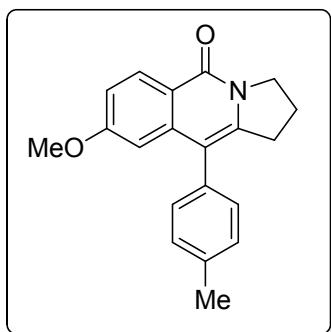
White solid, m.p. 161–163 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.48 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.71 – 7.15 (m, 6H), 7.03 (t,  $J = 10.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.29 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.02 – 2.68 (m, 2H), 2.31 – 2.00 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  161.2, 142.1, 137.5, 135.2, 134.9, 132.7, 132.0, 129.9, 129.5, 127.5, 127.2, 125.7, 124.8, 123.8, 111.0, 48.6, 30.7, 21.7 ppm; IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3041, 2885, 1660, 1515, 1341, 1293, 1183, 886, 855  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (ESI):  $m/z$  ([M+H] $^+$ ): 296; HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClNO}$ : 296.0800; found: 296.0802.

**8-Methoxy-10-phenyl-2,3-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-*b*]isoquinolin-5(1*H*)-one (3e):**



White solid, m.p. 178–179 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) δ 8.40 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 4.25 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.91 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.19 – 2.07 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) δ 162.5, 160.8, 142.0, 140.2, 136.4, 130.5, 129.5, 128.7, 127.5, 119.0, 114.4, 113.3, 106.0, 55.2, 48.3, 31.1, 21.9 ppm; IR (KBr):  $\nu$  2963, 2913, 1646, 1600, 1511, 1483, 1228, 1154, 1024, 831  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (ESI):  $m/z$  ([M+H] $^+$ ): 292; HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_2$ : 292.1259; found: 292.1266.

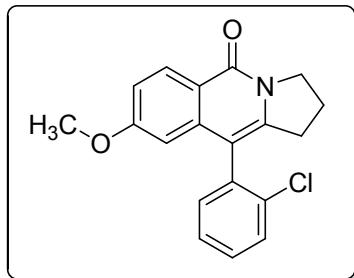
**8-Methoxy-10-(*p*-tolyl)-2,3-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-*b*]isoquinolin-5(1*H*)-one (3f):**



Off-white solid, m.p. 165–168 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) δ 8.39 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 3H), 7.19 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.07 – 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.66 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.35 – 4.15 (m, 2H), 3.73 (s, 4H), 2.91 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 4H), 2.24 – 2.04 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) δ 162.5, 160.8, 142.0, 140.4, 137.1, 133.3, 130.3, 129.4, 119.0, 114.4, 113.3, 106.0, 55.2, 48.3, 31.1, 21.9, 21.3 ppm; IR (KBr):  $\nu$  2964, 2912, 1645, 1599, 1510, 1482, 1227, 1153, 1024,

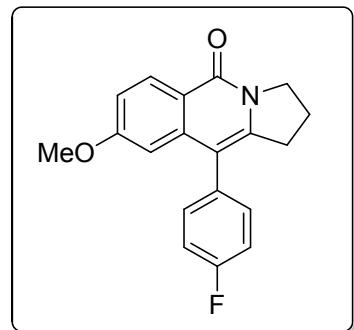
830 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (ESI): *m/z* ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 306; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: 306.1494; found: 306.1482.

**10-(2-Chlorophenyl)-8-methoxy-2,3-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-*b*]isoquinolin-5(1*H*)-one (3g):**



White solid, m.p. 160–162 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.40 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.43 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.06 – 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.36 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.03 – 2.67 (m, 2H), 2.31 – 2.06 (m, 2H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.6, 160.9, 142.9, 139.6, 135.2, 134.9, 132.6, 130.0, 129.6, 129.5, 127.2, 118.9, 114.3, 110.6, 105.7, 55.2, 48.4, 30.8, 21.7 ppm; IR (KBr): υ 3011, 2911, 1645, 1595, 1511, 1484, 1228, 1154, 1025, 831 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (ESI): *m/z* ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 326; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Cl: 326.0948; found: 326.0932.

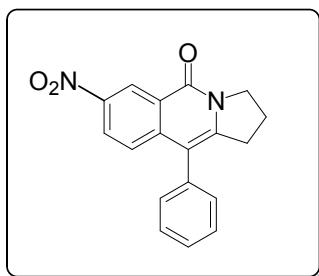
**10-(4-Fluorophenyl)-8-methoxy-2,3-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-*b*]isoquinolin-5(1*H*)-one (3h):**



Off-white solid, m.p. 158–160 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.40 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.32–7.23 (m, 2H), 7.22–7.13 (m, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.89 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.26–2.05 (m, 2H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.6, 160.8, 142.3, 140.2, 132.2, 132.1, 129.6, 119.0, 115.9, 115.7, 114.4, 112.2, 105.8, 55.31, 48.4,

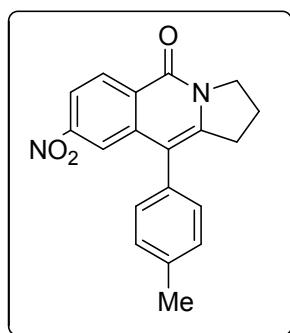
31.1, 21.8 ppm; IR (KBr):  $\nu$  2964, 2912, 1645, 1599, 1510, 1482, 1227, 1153, 1024, 830  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (ESI):  $m/z$  ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 310; HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>F: 310.1243; found: 310.1232.

**7-Nitro-10-phenyl-2,3-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-*b*]isoquinolin-5(1*H*)-one (3i):**



Yellow solid, m.p. 180–182 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.62 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d,  $J$  = 11.5 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 4.31 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.00 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.27 – 2.14 (m, 2H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.7, 150.1, 144.1, 138.7, 134.7, 130.3, 130.2, 129.2, 128.3, 128.3, 119.9, 119.1, 113.6, 48.9, 31.3, 21.7 ppm; IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3423, 2920, 1663, 1629, 1470, 1340, 1294, 837  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (ESI):  $m/z$  ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 307; HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 307.1083; found: 307.1073.

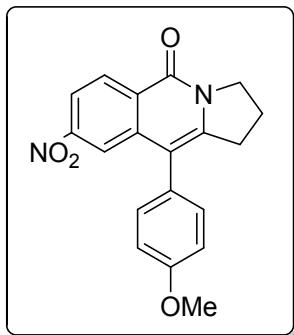
**8-Nitro-10-(*p*-tolyl)-2,3-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-*b*]isoquinolin-5(1*H*)-one (3j):**



Yellow solid, m.p. 199–200 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.67 – 8.56 (m, 1H), 8.15 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t,  $J$  = 10.7 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.28 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.99 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.27 – 2.13 (m, 2H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.8, 150.1, 144.1,

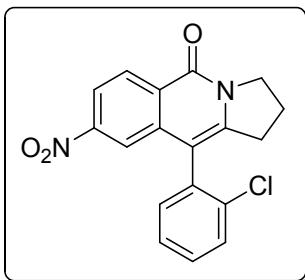
138.94, 138.1, 131.6, 130.1, 129.9, 129.4, 128.4, 120.0, 119.1, 113.7, 48.9, 31.3, 21.7, 21.3 ppm; IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3423, 2920, 1663, 1629, 1470, 1340, 1294, 837 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (ESI): *m/z* ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 321; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 321.1233; found: 321.1234.

**10-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-8-nitro-2,3-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-*b*]isoquinolin-5(1*H*)-one (3k):**



Orange Solid, m.p.132-134 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.65 – 8.58 (m, 1H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.30 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.99 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.26 – 2.16 (m, 2H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.4, 150.1, 144.3, 139.1, 131.4, 129.5, 126.8, 120.0, 119.1, 114.6, 55.4, 48.9, 31.3, 21.7 ppm; IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3102, 2975, 2838, 1657, 16178, 1517, 1467, 1342, 1247, 1025, 843 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (ESI): *m/z* ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 337; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 337.1188; found: 337.1179.

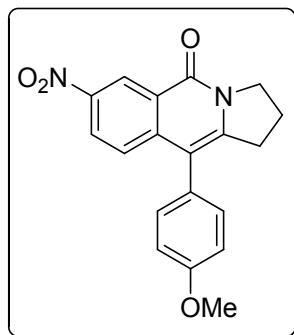
**10-(2-Chlorophenyl)-8-nitro-2,3-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-*b*]isoquinolin-5(1*H*)-one(3l):**



Yellow solid, m.p.205-206 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.63 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 4.30(t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.99 – 2.82 (m, 2H), 2.30 – 2.17 (m, 2H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.9, 150.3, 145.1, 138.2, 135.0, 133.3, 132.4, 130.4, 130.3, 129.6, 128.3, 127.6, 119.5, 119.3, 110.9, 49.02,

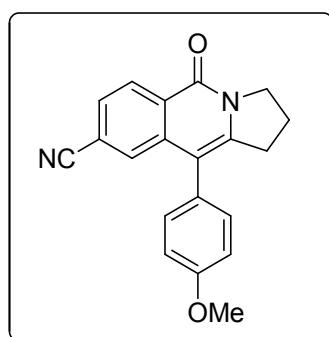
31.0, 21.5 ppm; IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3105, 2975, 2839, 1658, 16179, 1518, 1468, 1343, 1248, 1026, 844 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (ESI): *m/z* ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 341; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 341.0693; found: 341.0690.

**10-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-7-nitro-2,3-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-*b*]isoquinolin-5(1*H*)-one (3m):**



Orange solid, m.p. 161-162 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.31 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.08 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 4.29 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 2H), 2.99 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.28 – 2.14 (m, 2H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.1, 159.4, 146.5, 145.1, 142.8, 131.5, 127.0, 125.7, 124.7, 124.1, 114.5, 113.0, 55.4, 49.0, 31.6, 21.6 ppm; IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3099, 2974, 2839, 1655, 16179, 1516, 1454, 1344, 1249, 1025, 844 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (ESI): *m/z* ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 337; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 337.1188; found: 337.1184.

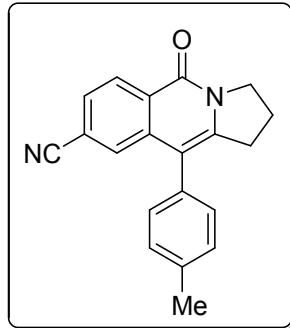
**10-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5-oxo-1,2,3,5-tetrahydropyrrolo[1,2-*b*]isoquinoline-8-carbonitrile (3n):**



Off-white solid, m.p. 164-165 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.54 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.70 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.30 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 2.3 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 2.3 Hz, 2H), 4.29 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.97 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.34 – 2.06 (m, 2H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.0, 159.4,

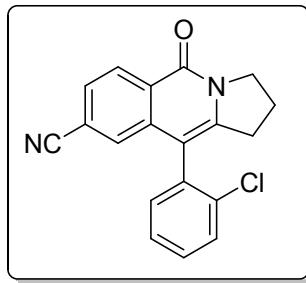
143.8, 138.5, 131.4, 129.4, 128.6, 127.1, 126.8, 118.5, 115.3, 114.6, 112.5, 55.4, 48.9, 31.2, 21.7 ppm; IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3448, 3038, 2886, 2224, 1649, 1515, 1340, 1293, 1185, 887, 855  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (ESI):  $m/z$  ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 317; HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 317.1284; found: 317.1296.

**5-Oxo-10-(*p*-tolyl)-1,2,3,5-tetrahydropyrrolo[1,2-*b*]isoquinoline-8-carbonitrile (3o):**



Off-white solid, m.p. 169-171 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.54 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.32 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 4.28 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.97 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.26 – 2.12 (m, 2H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.0, 143.7, 138.3, 138.0, 131.7, 130.2, 129.8, 129.4, 128.5, 127.2, 127.1, 118.5, 115.3, 112.8, 48.9, 31.2, 21.7, 21.3 ppm; IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3447, 3037, 2886, 2225, 1658, 1513, 1339, 1292, 1183, 886, 855  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (ESI):  $m/z$  ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 301; HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O: 301.1341; found: 301.1327.

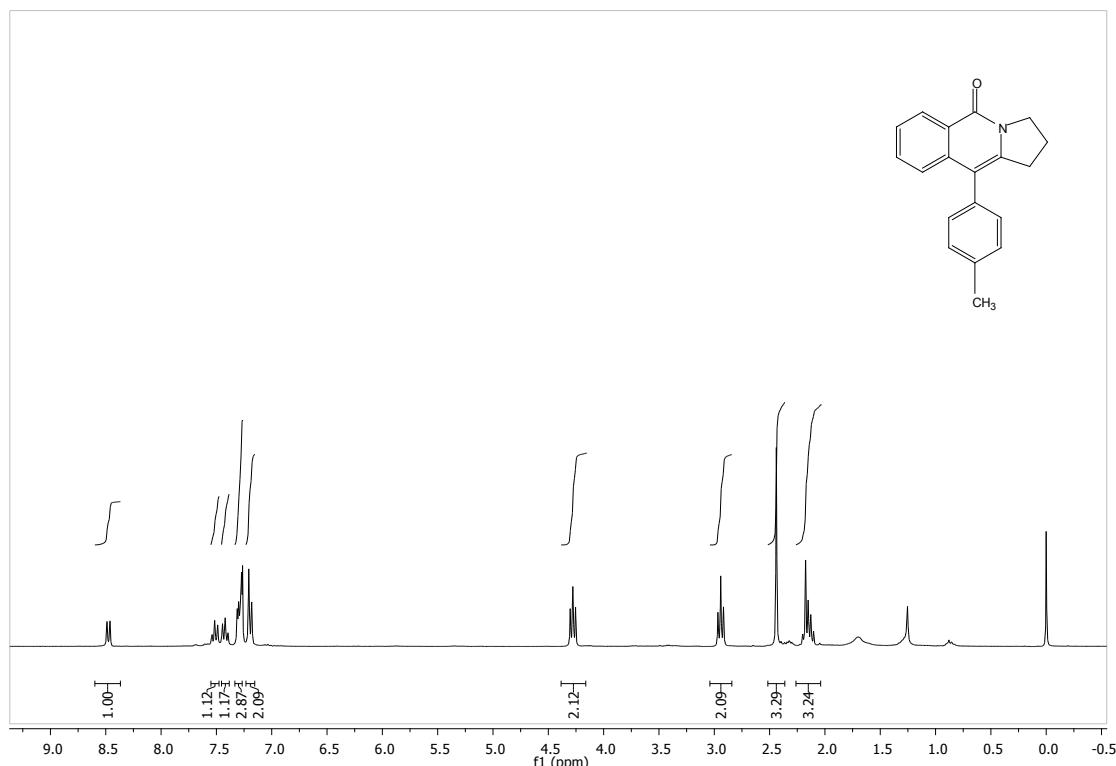
**10-(2-Chlorophenyl)-5-oxo-1,2,3,5-tetrahydropyrrolo[1,2-*b*]isoquinoline-8-carbonitrile (3p):**



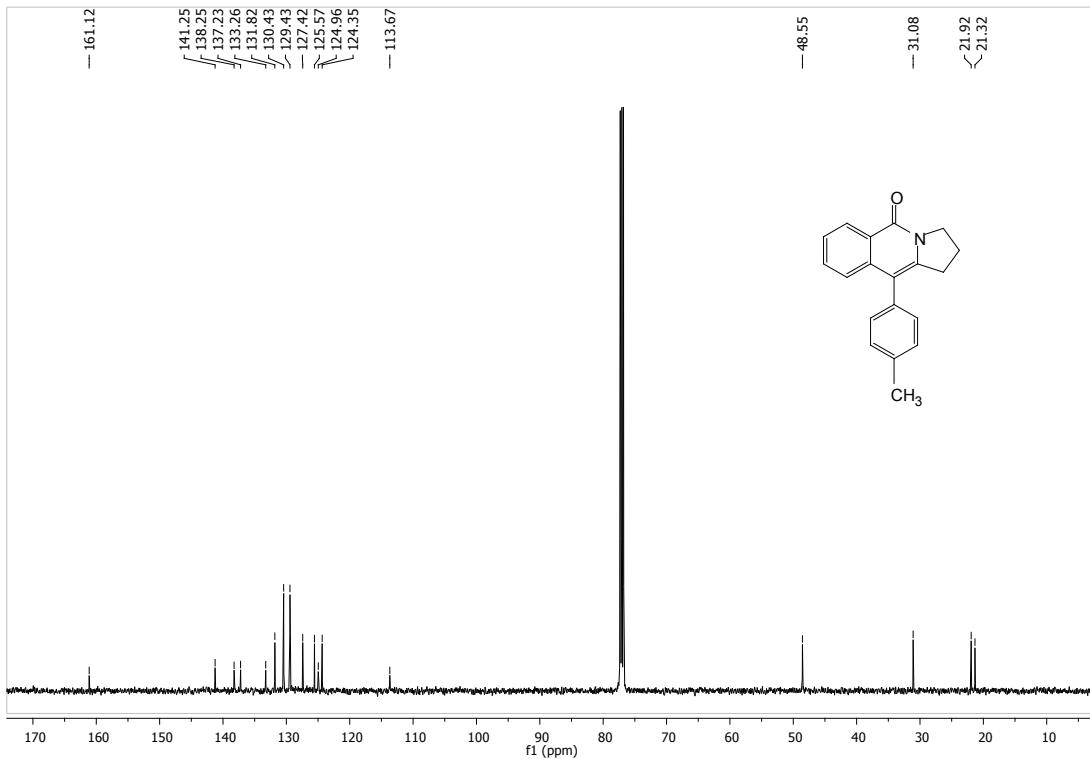
Off-white solid, m.p. 155-157 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.55 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.66 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.33 (t,  $J$  = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 4.39 – 4.23 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.01 – 2.80 (m, 2H), 2.32 – 2.14 (m, 2H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.1, 144.7, 137.6, 135.1, 133.4, 132.4, 130.3, 130.2, 128.9, 128.7, 127.6, 127.3, 127.1, 118.5, 115.6, 110.1, 48.96,

30.9, 21.5 ppm; IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3442, 3040, 2885, 2226, 1659, 1514, 1340, 1292, 1182, 885, 854  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (ESI):  $m/z$  ([M+H] $^+$ ): 321; HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$ : 321.0792; found: 321.0788.

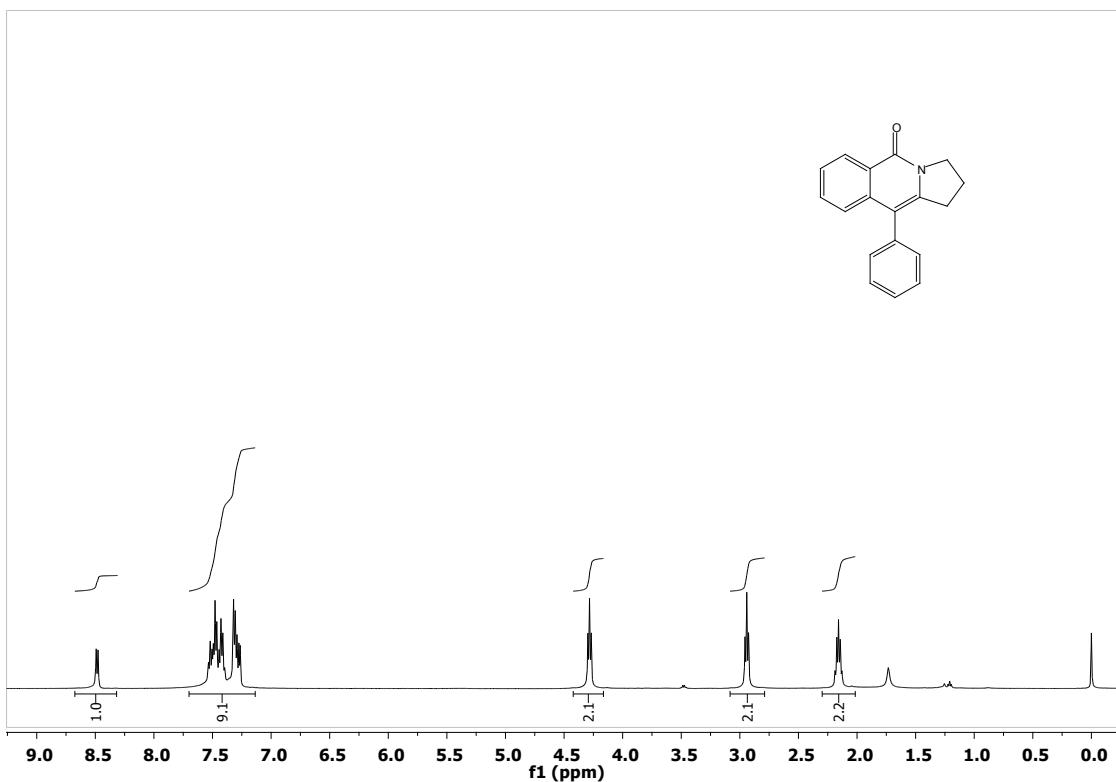
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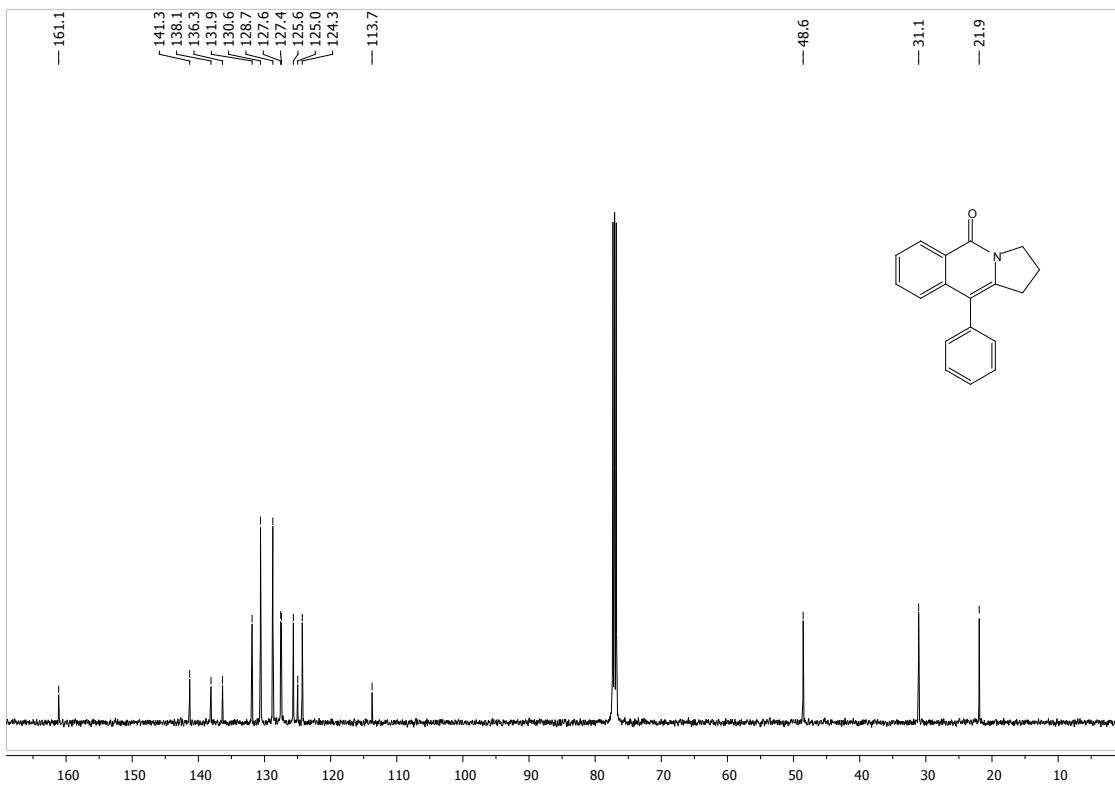
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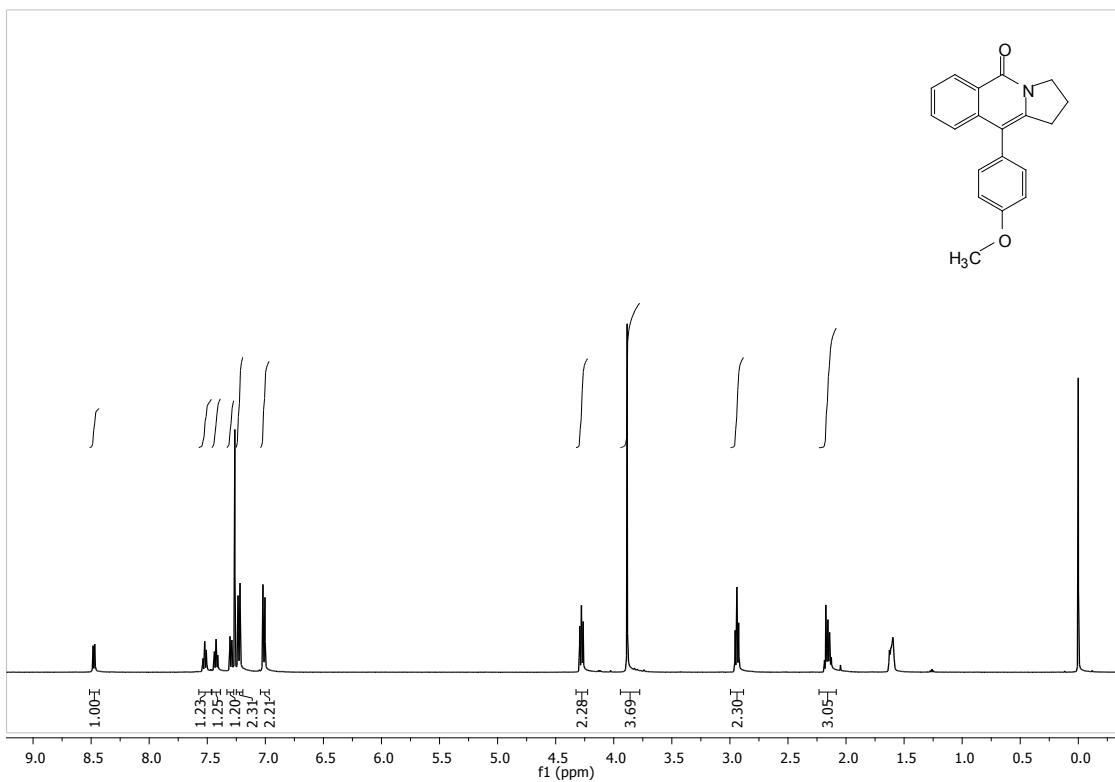
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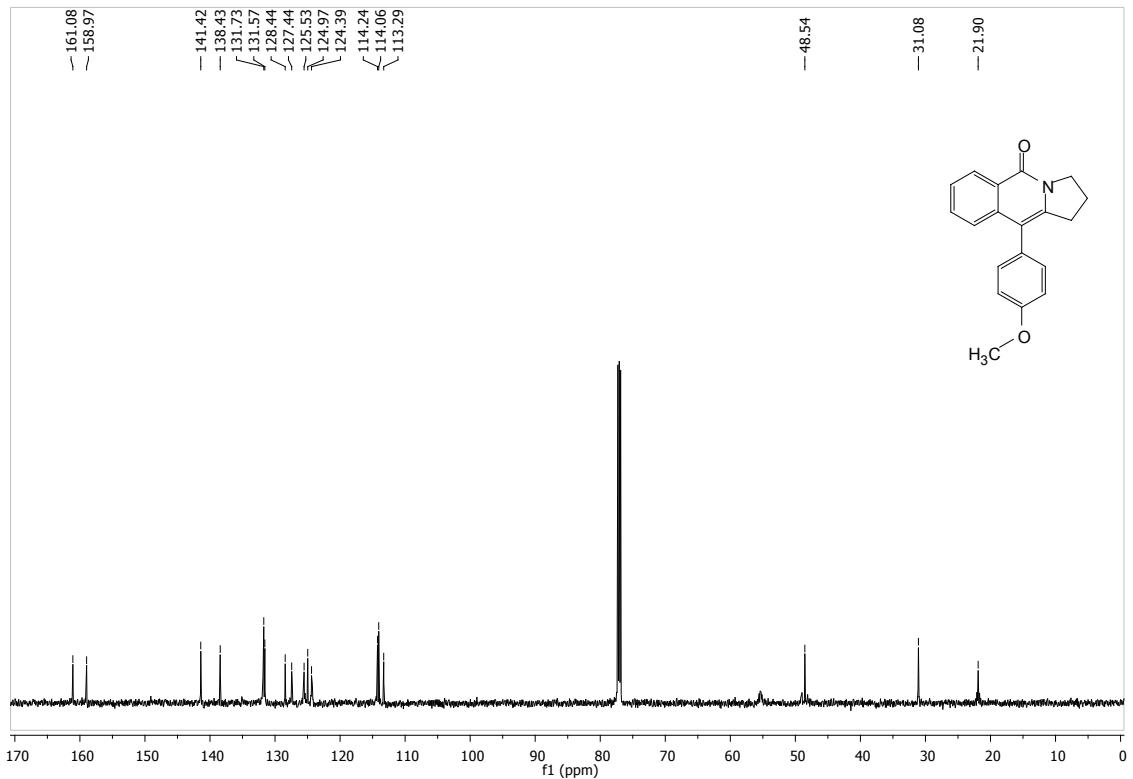
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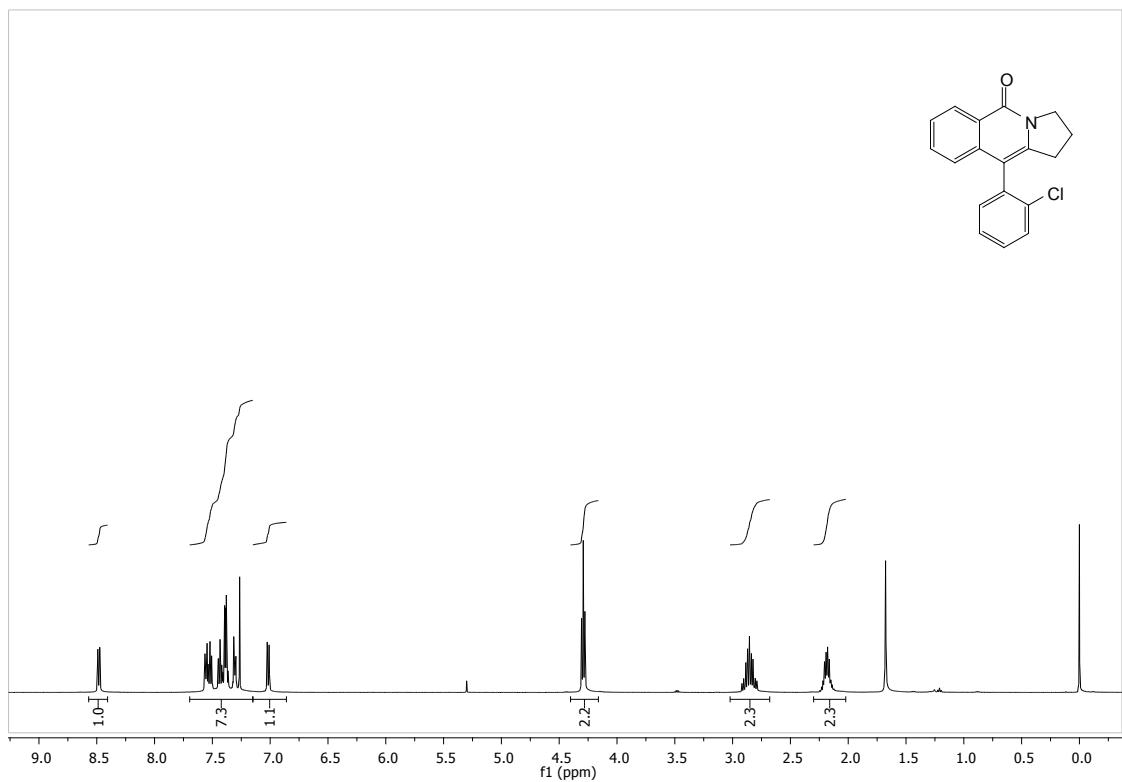
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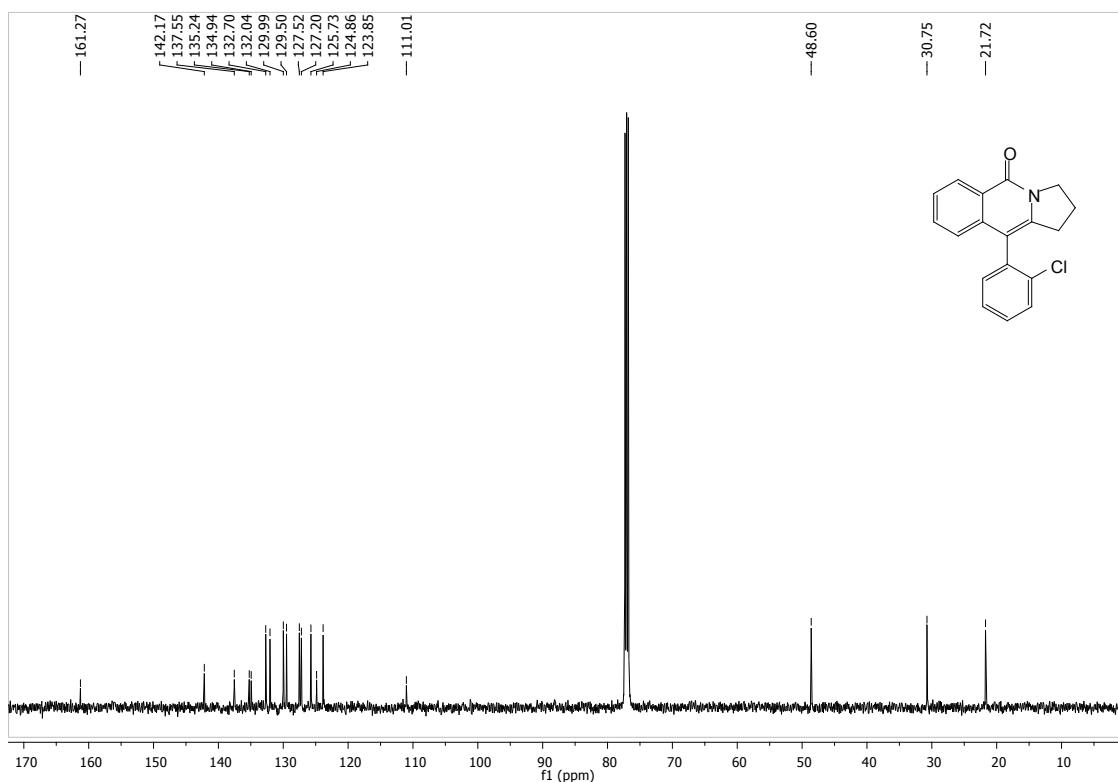
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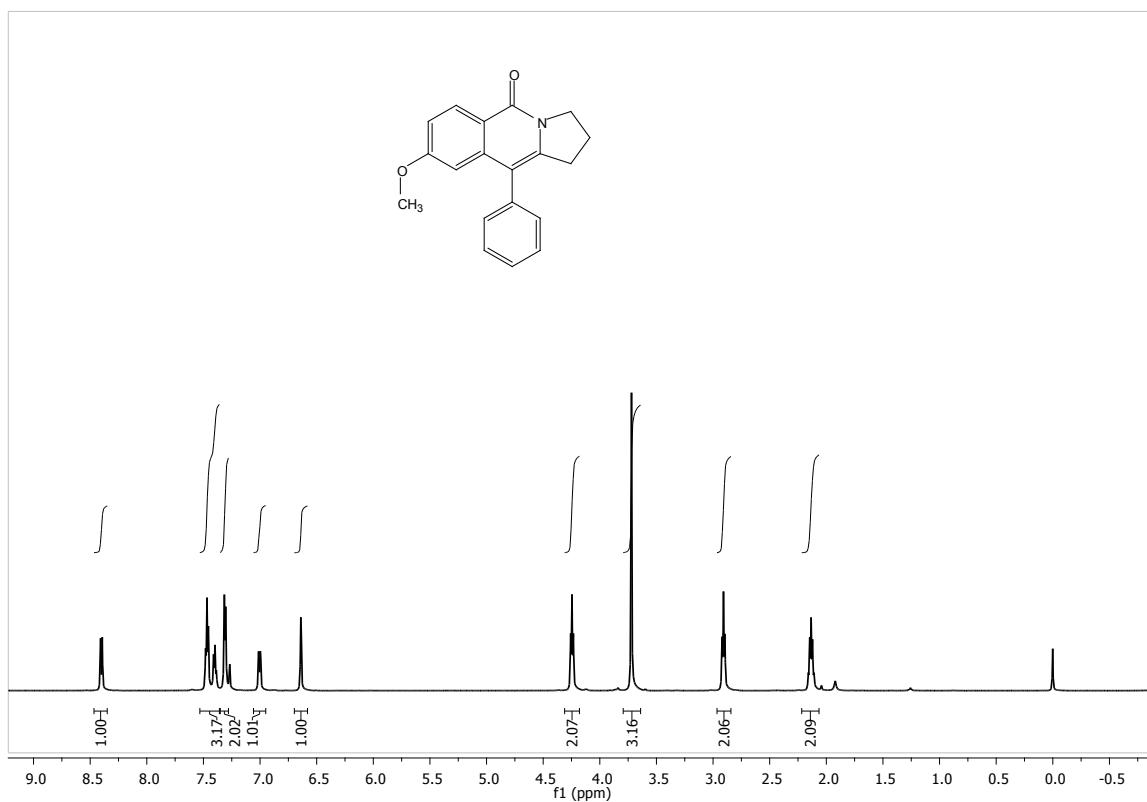
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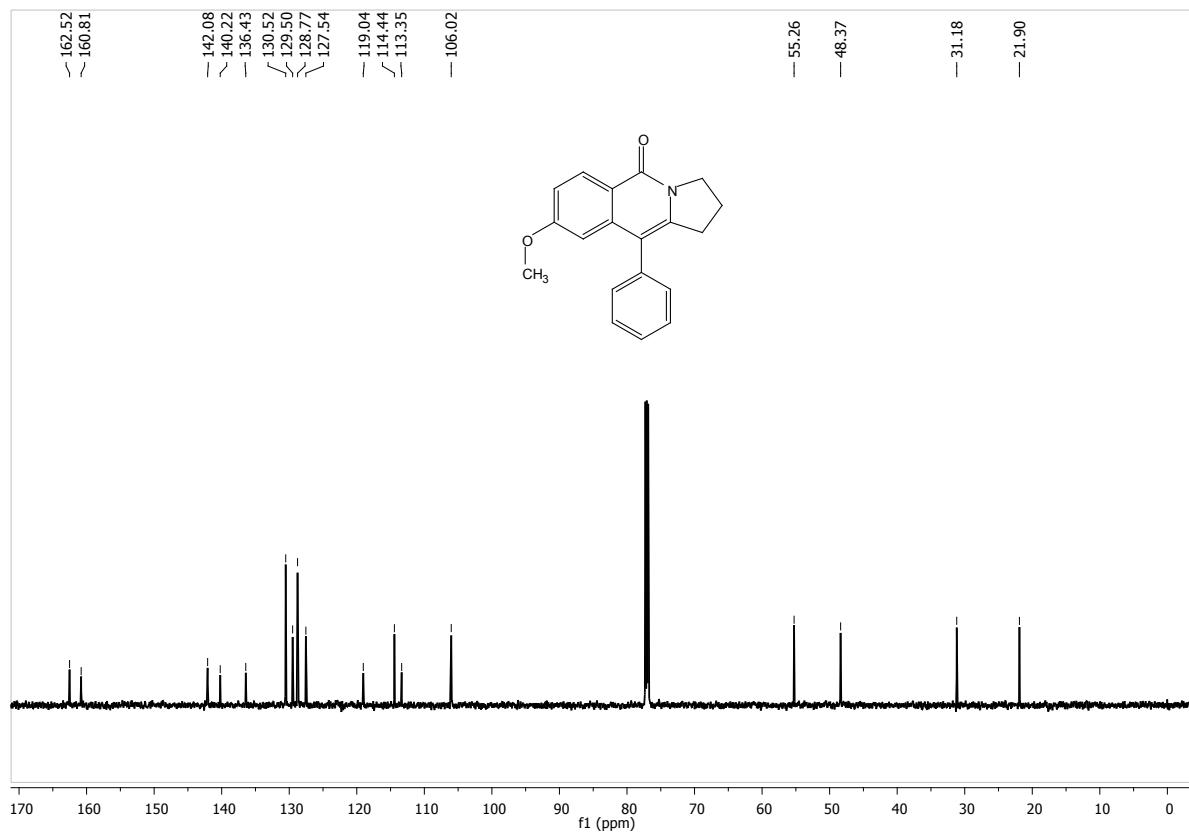
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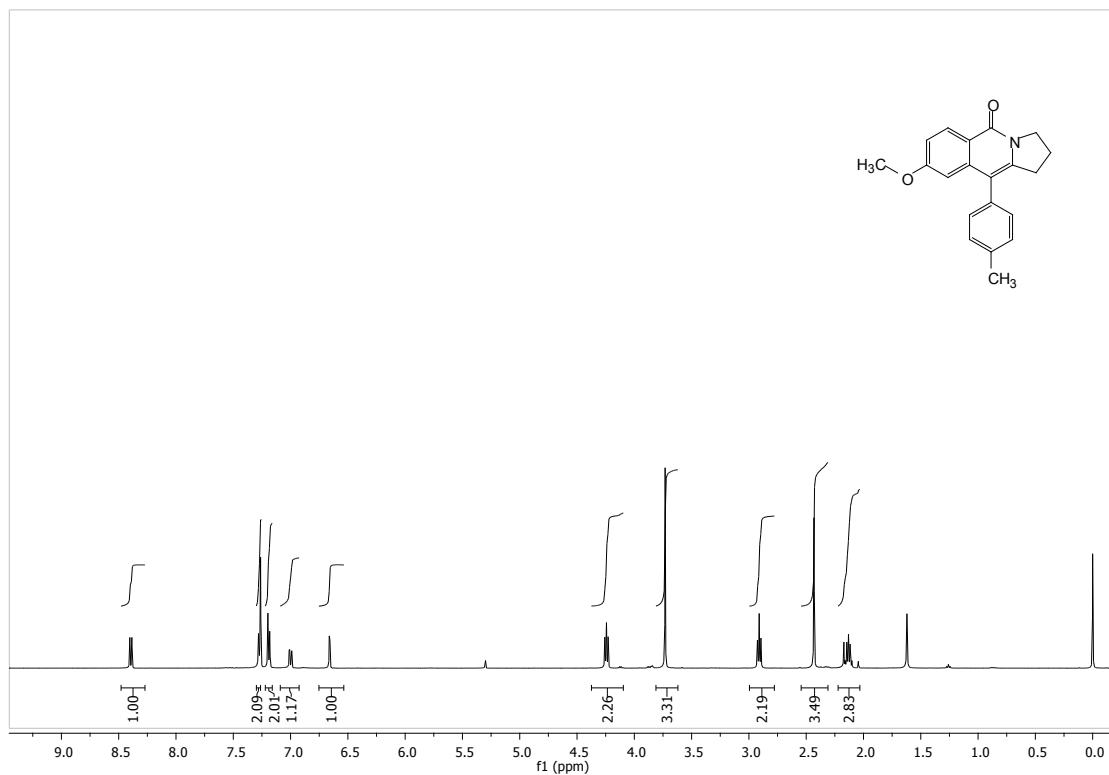
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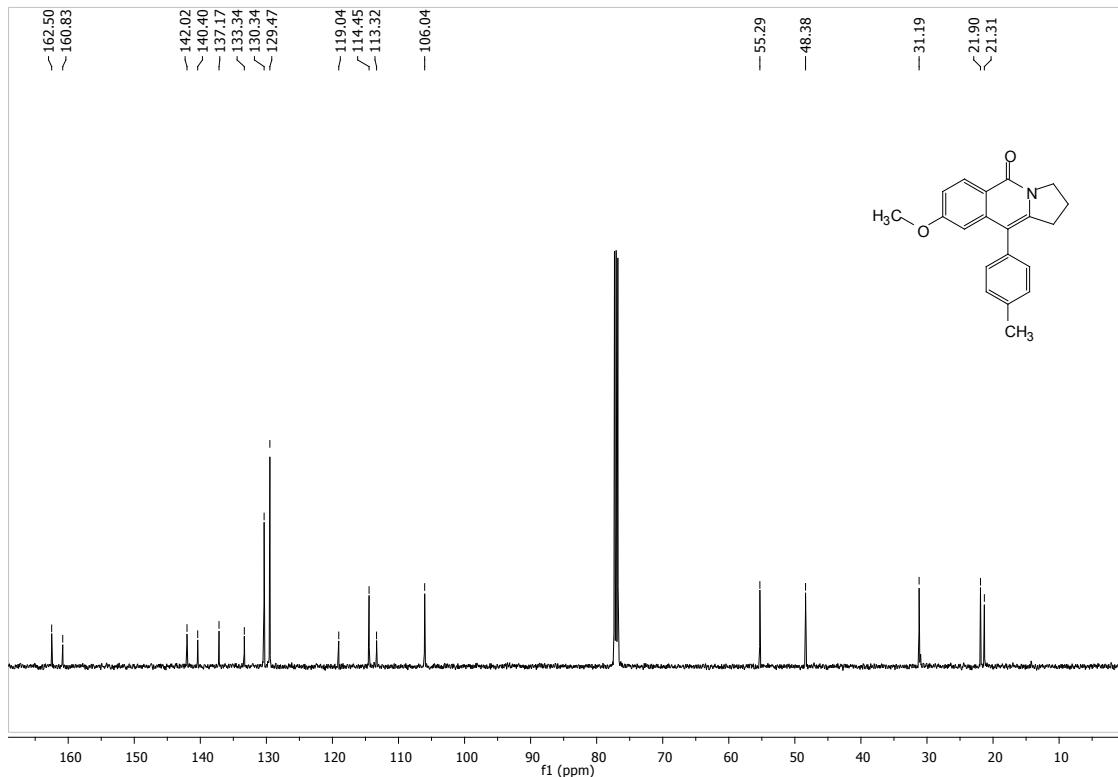
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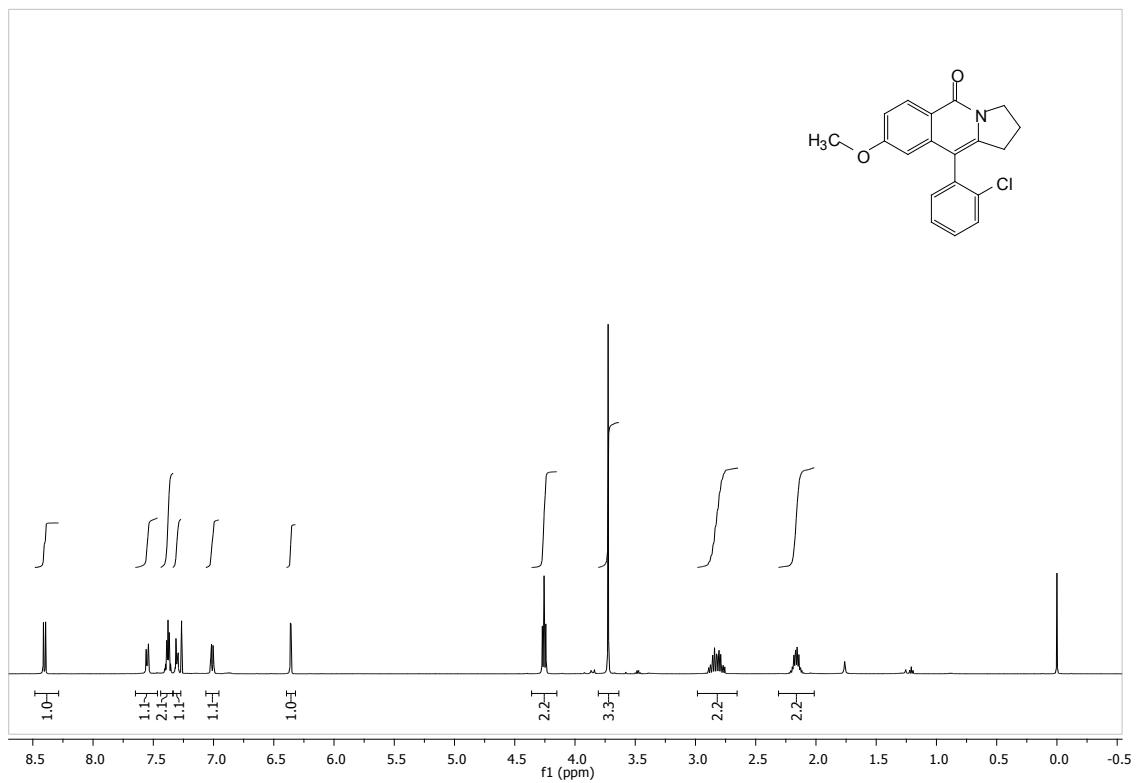
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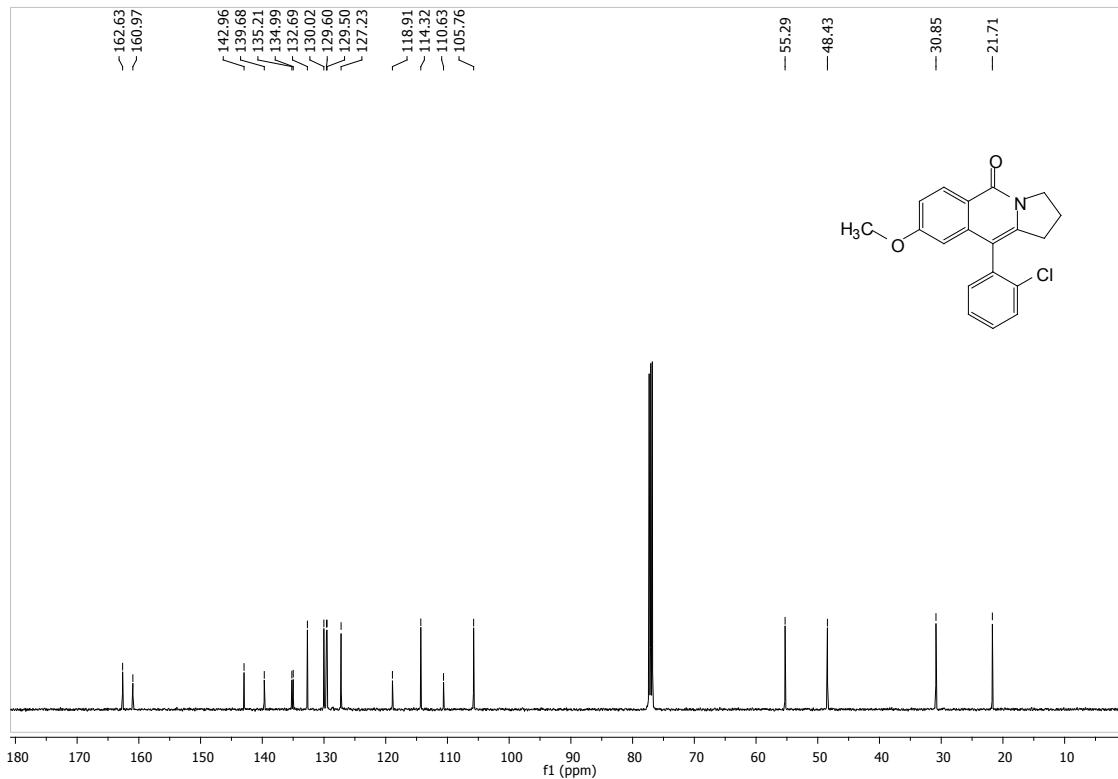
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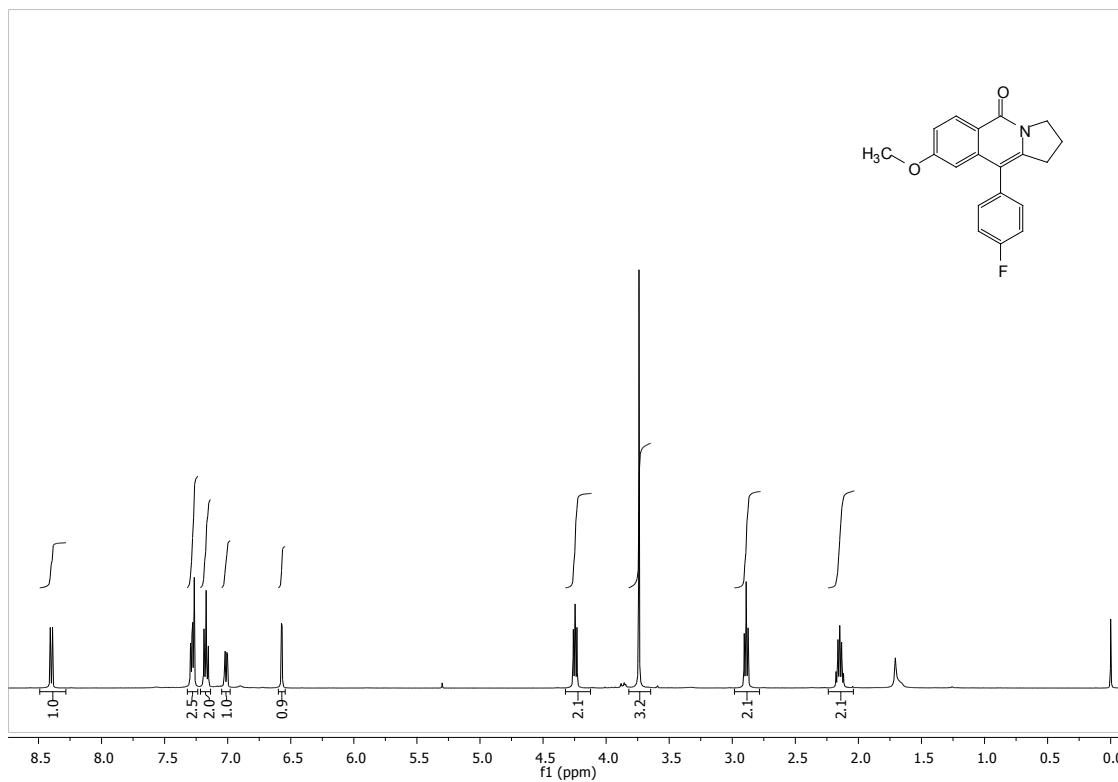
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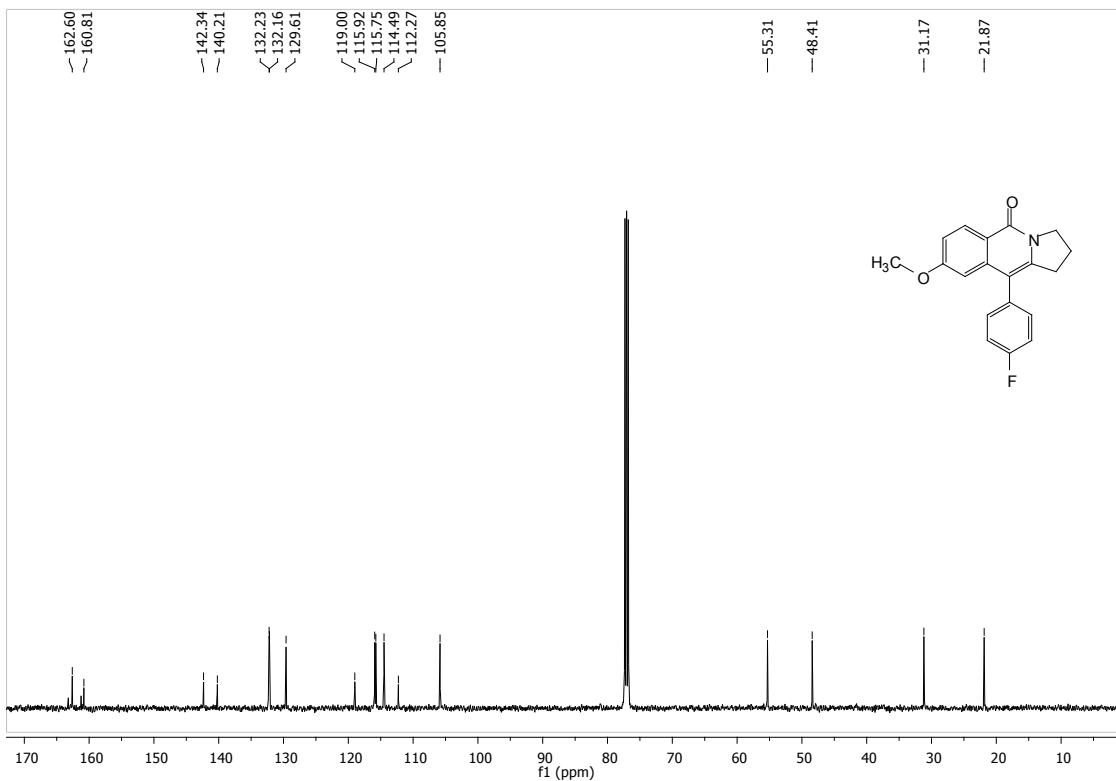
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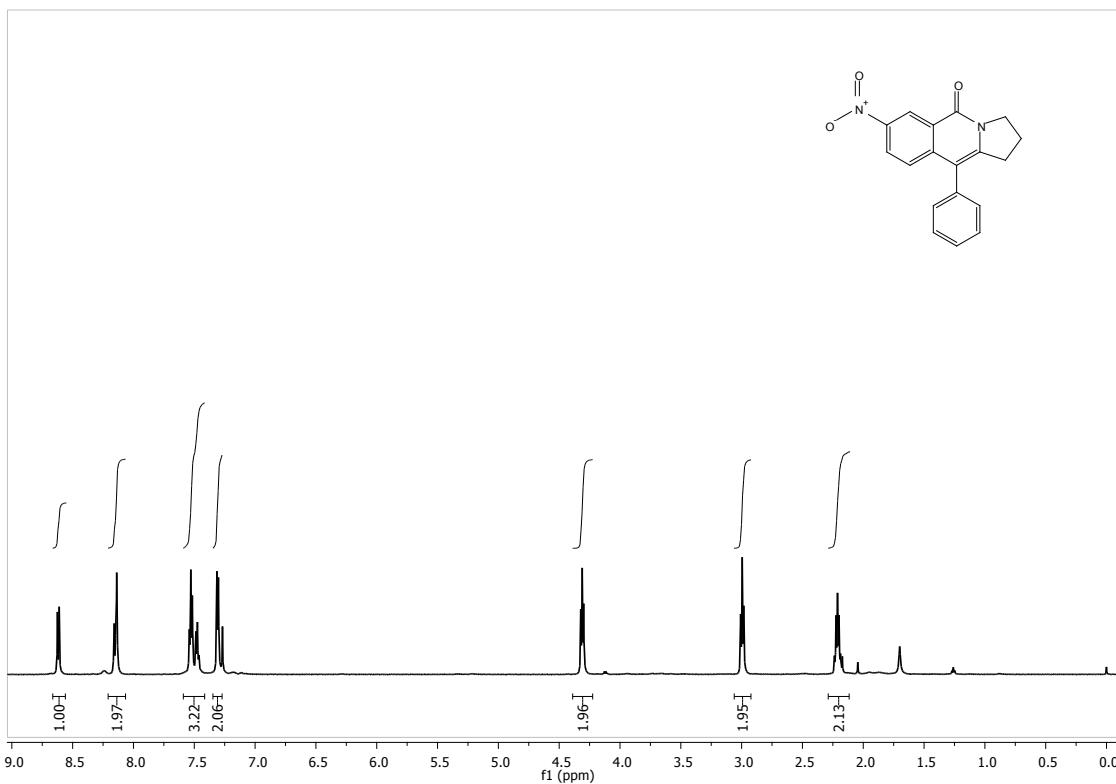
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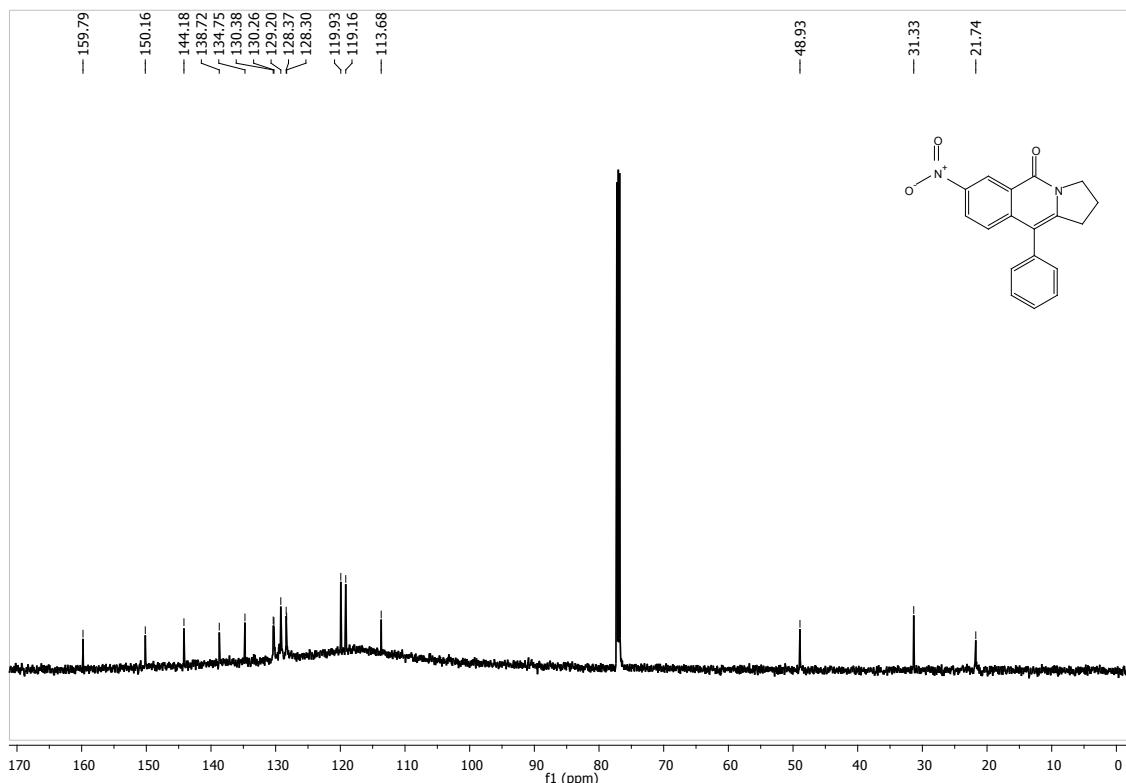
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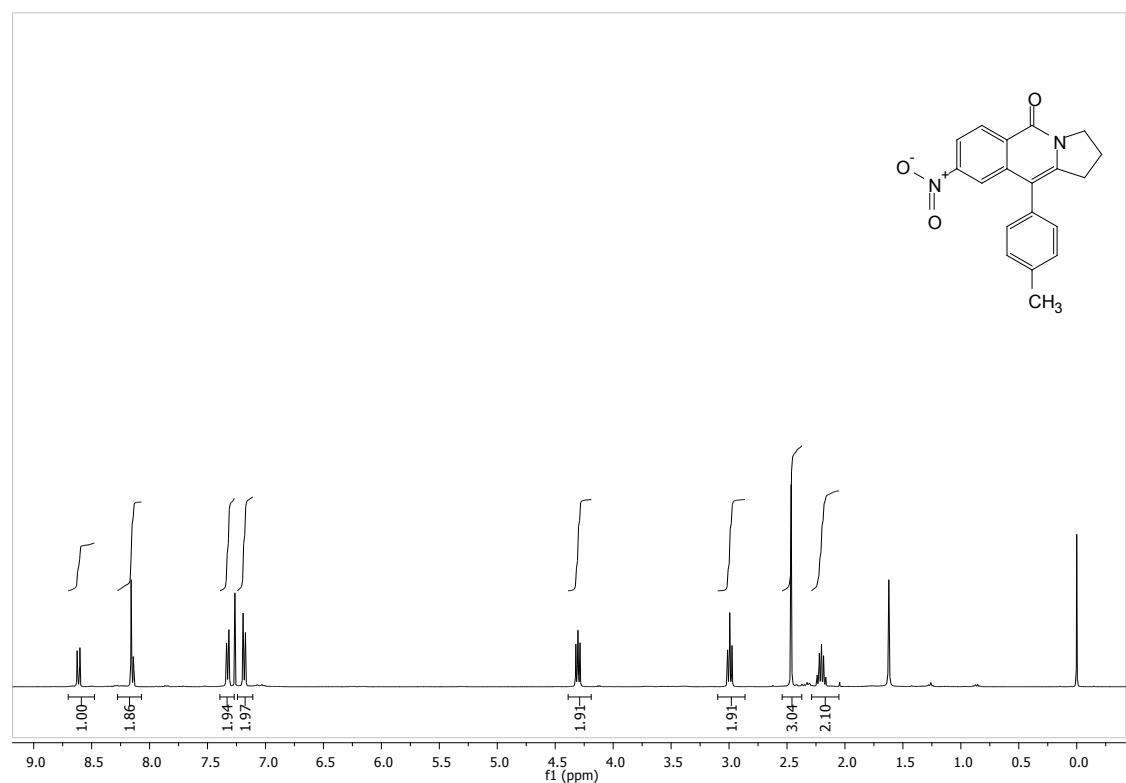
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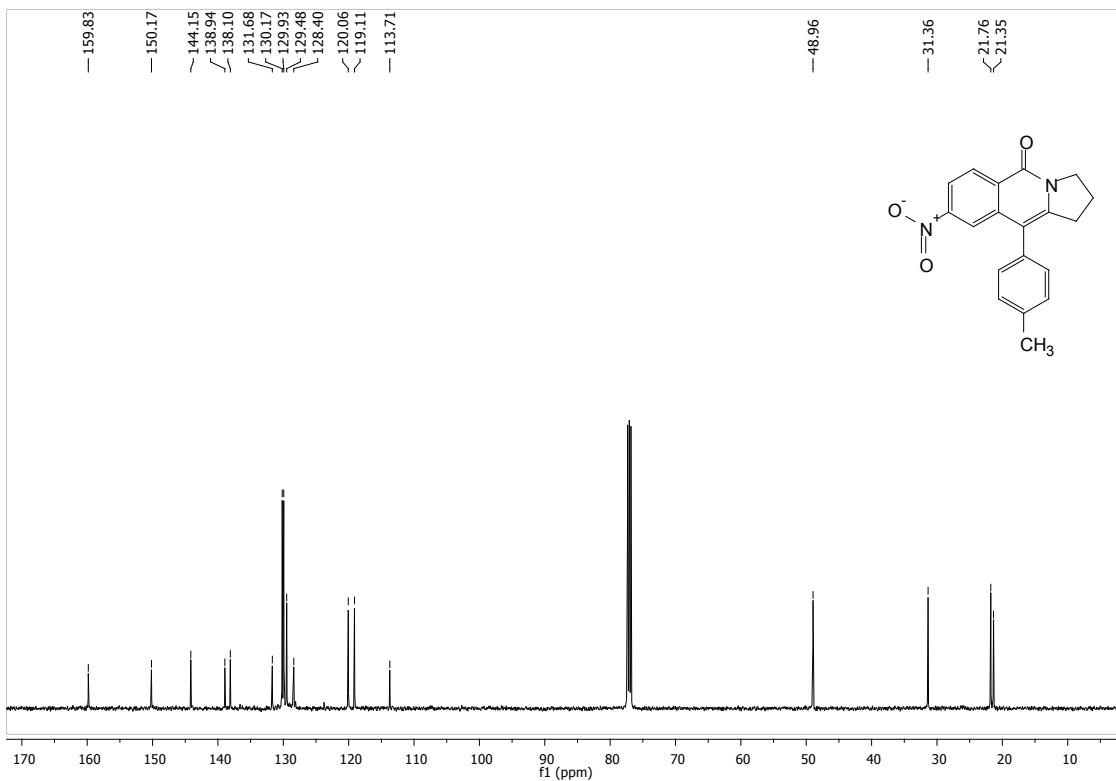
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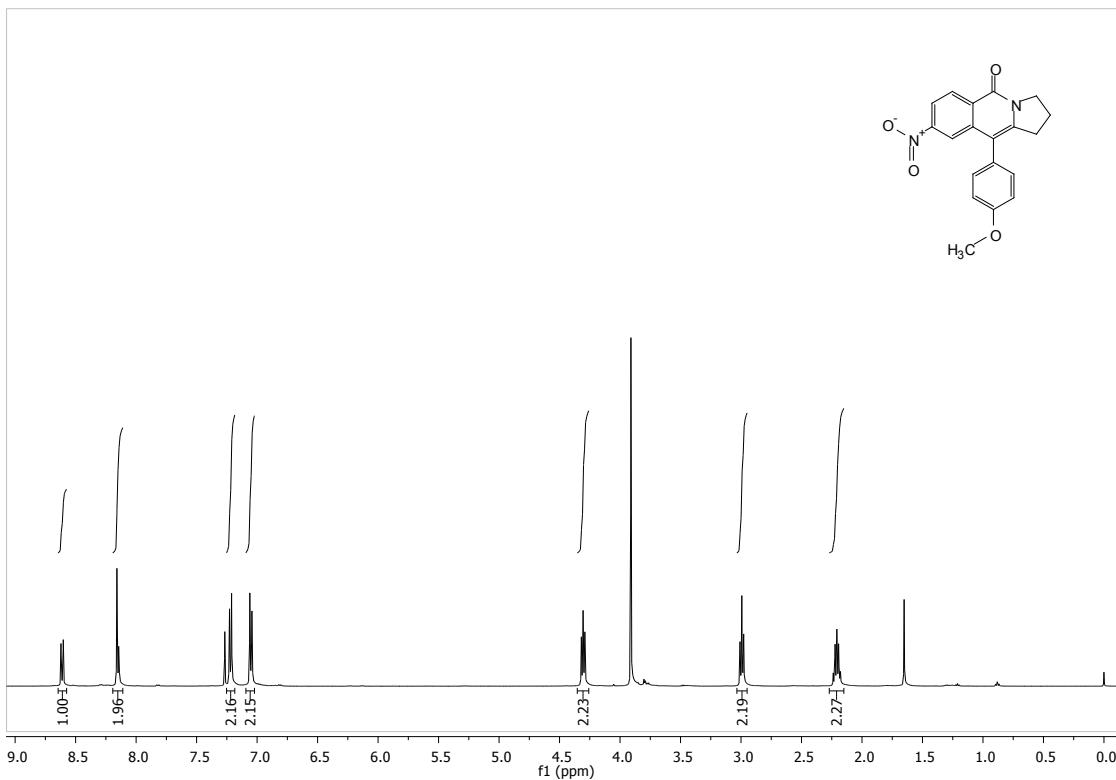
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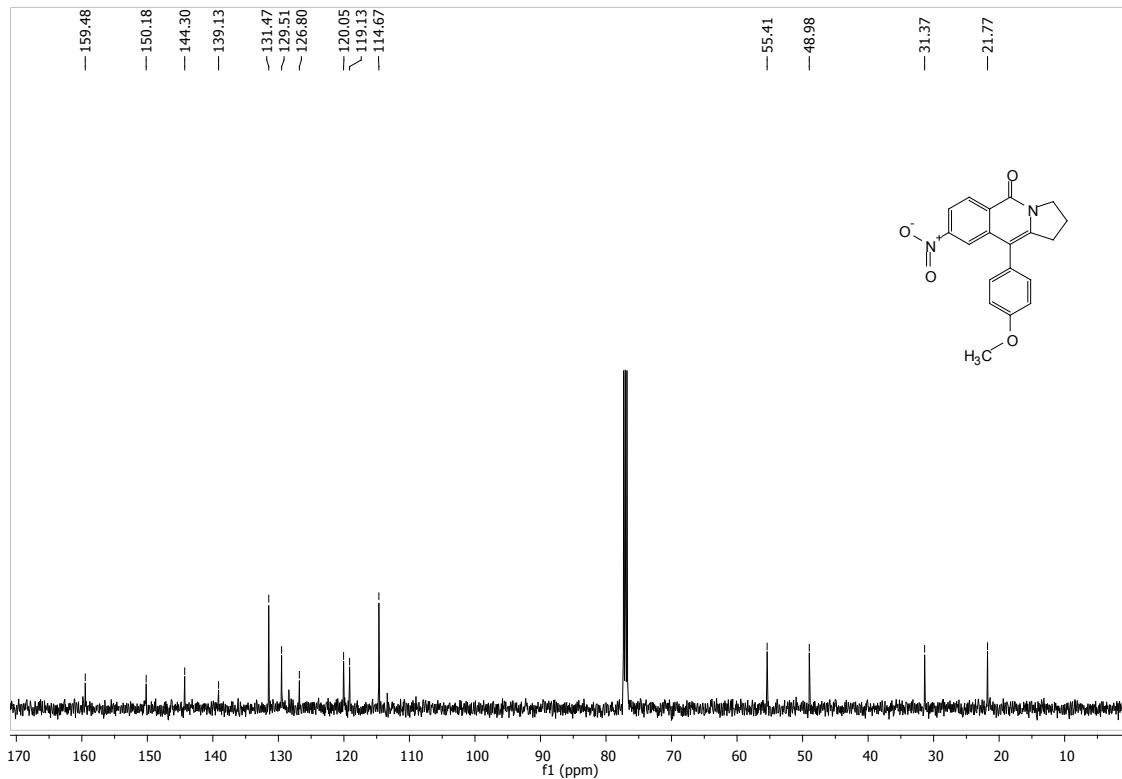
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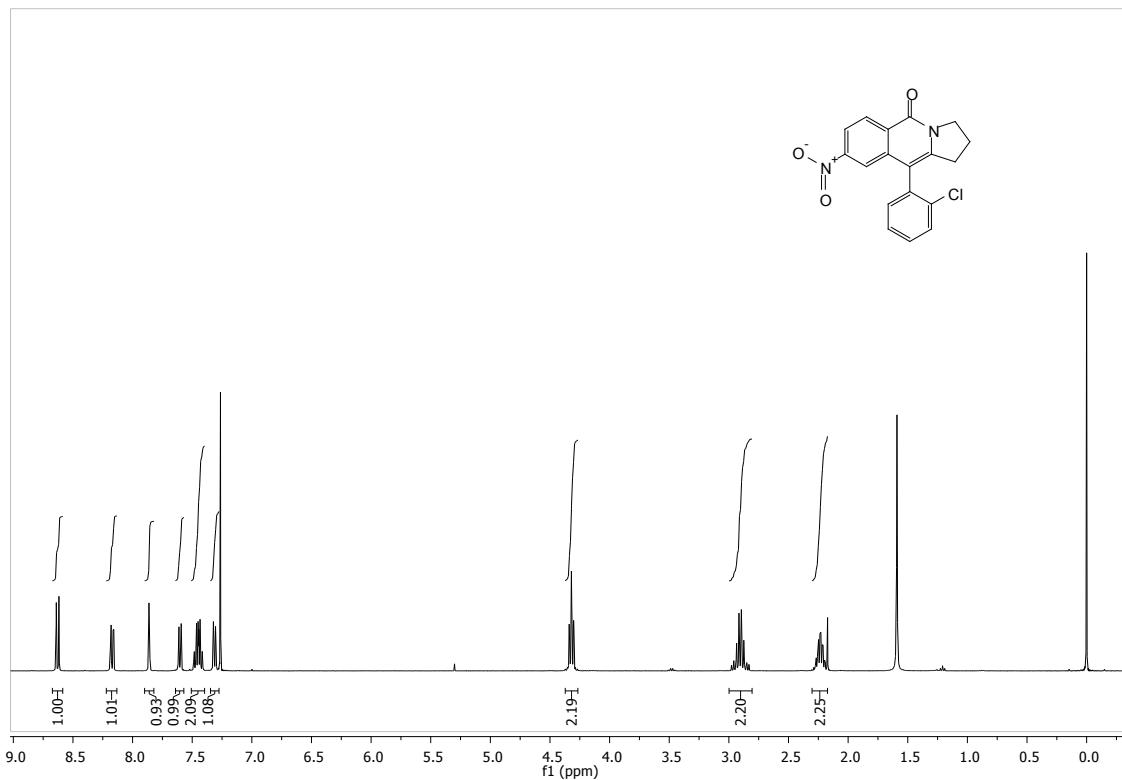
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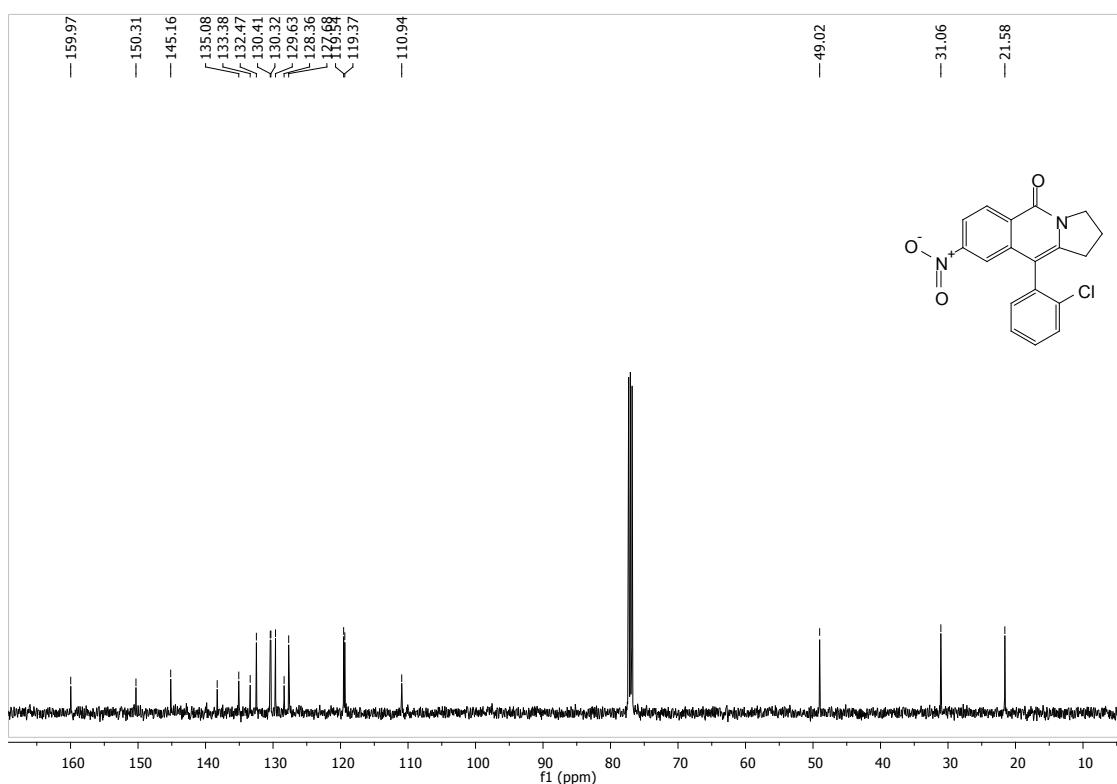
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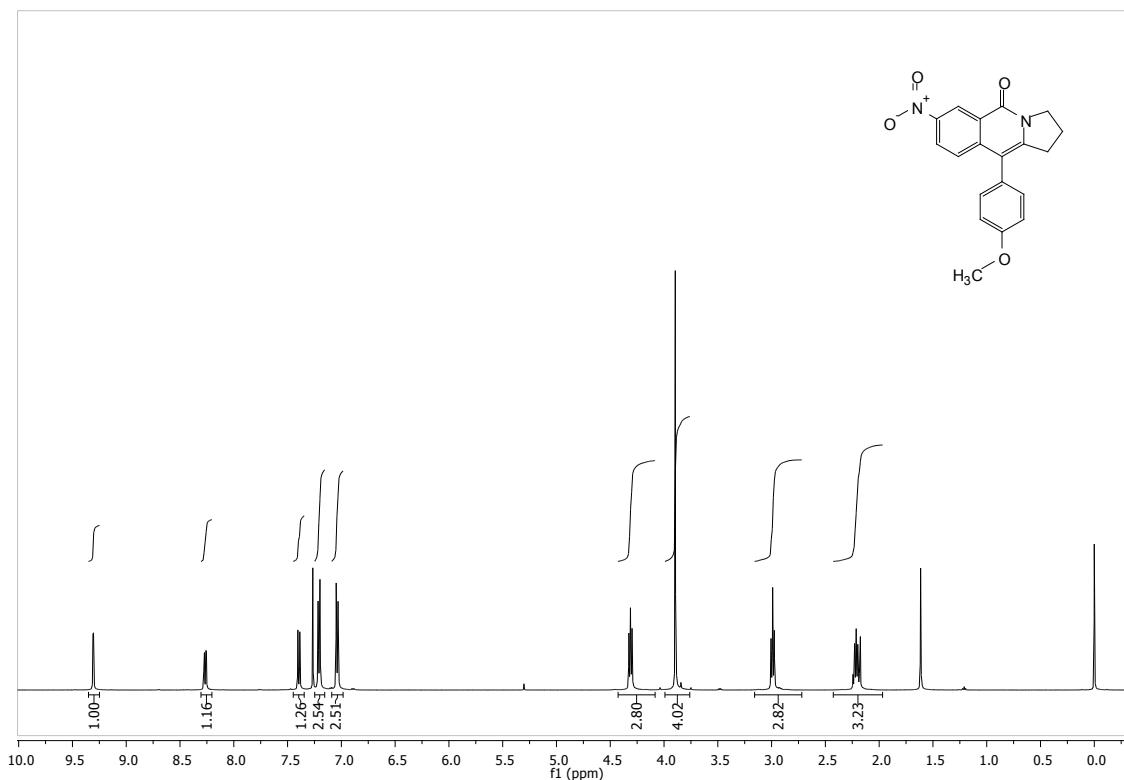
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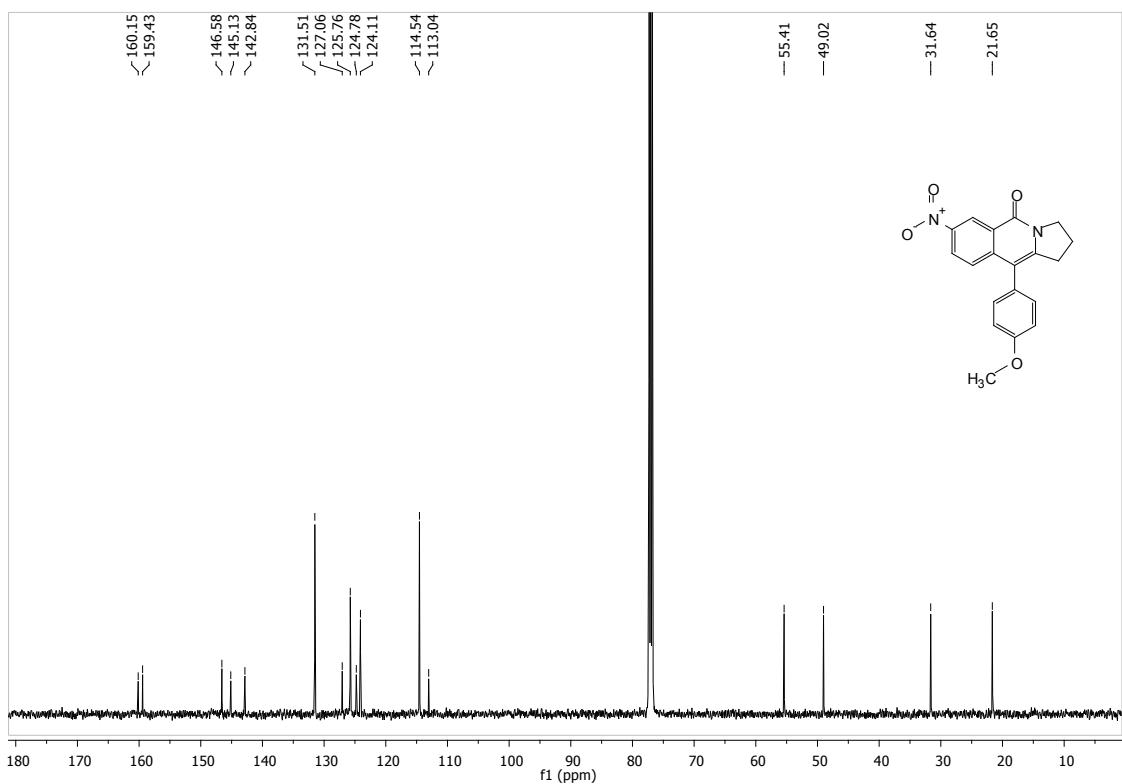
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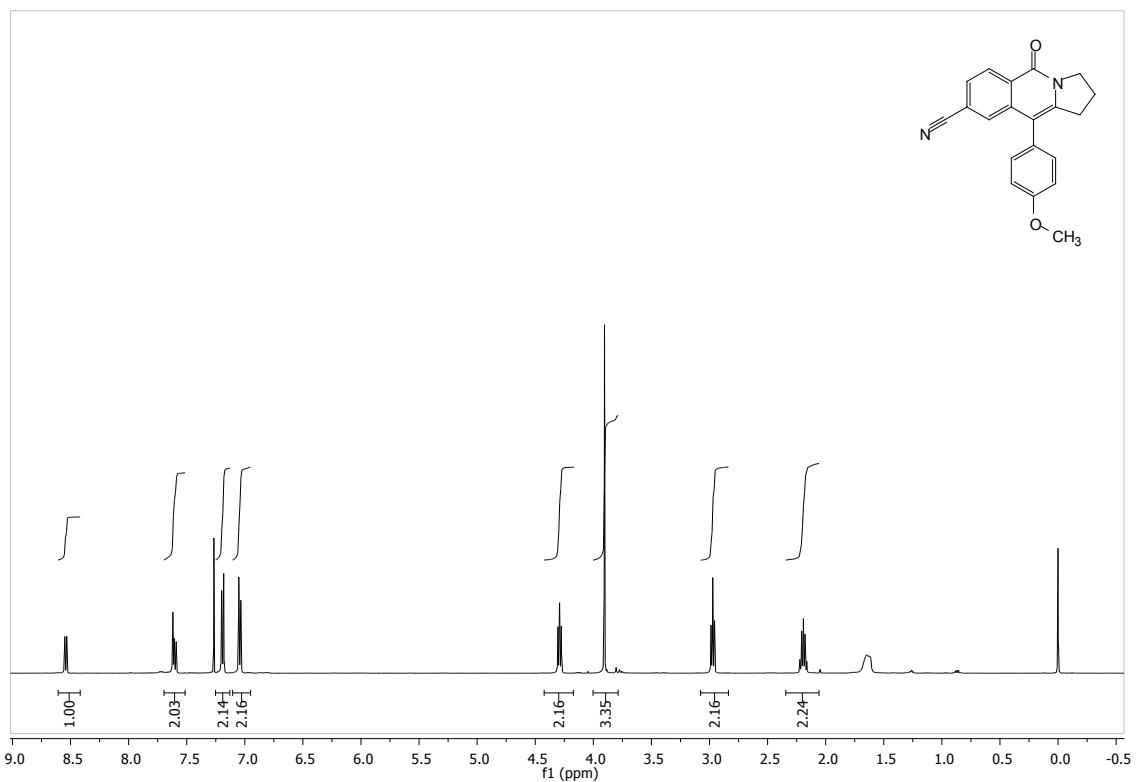
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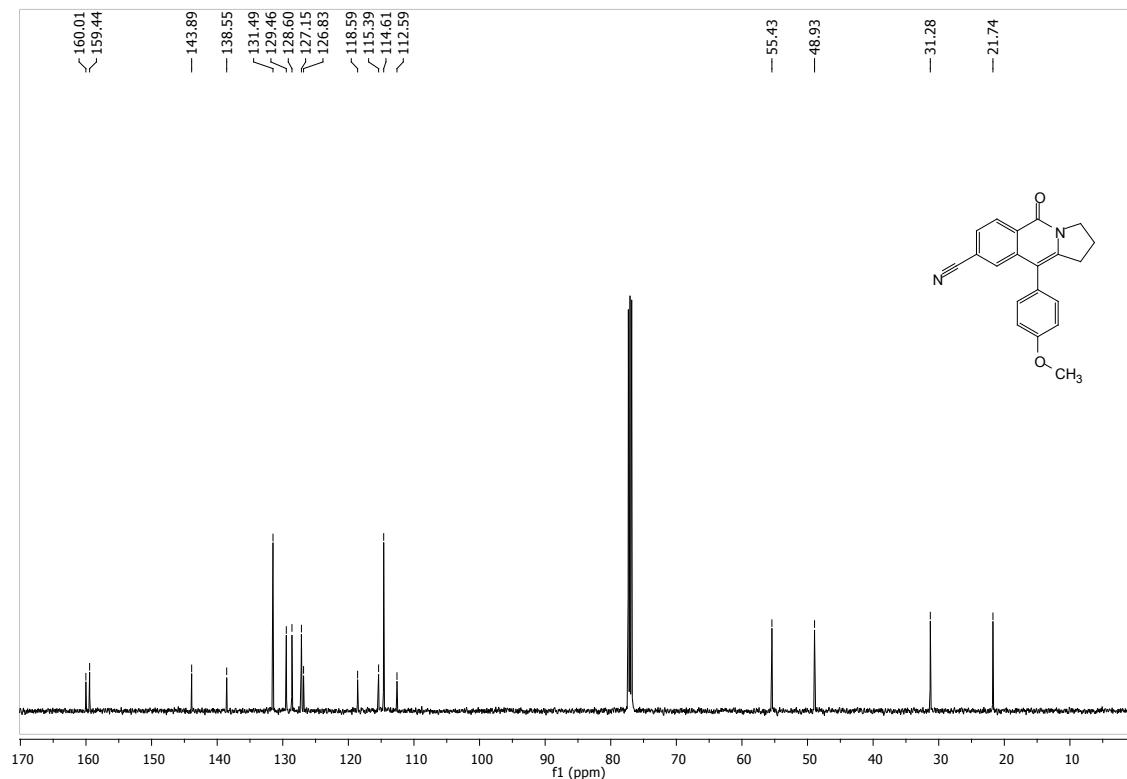
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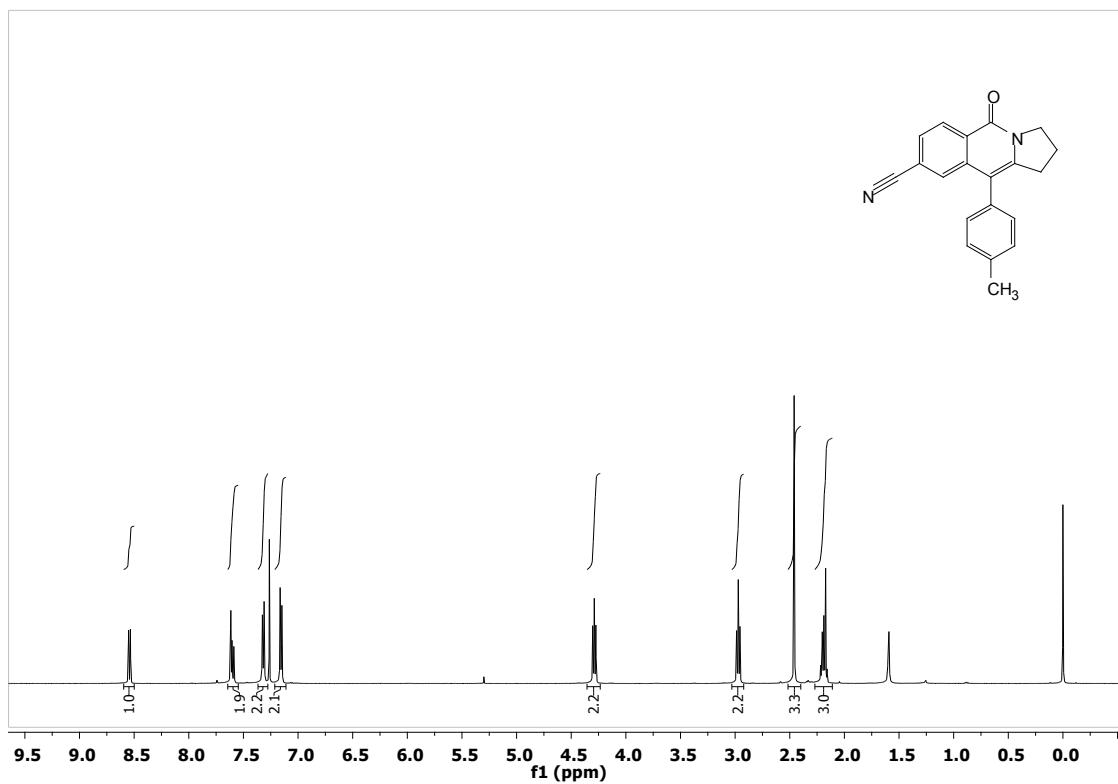
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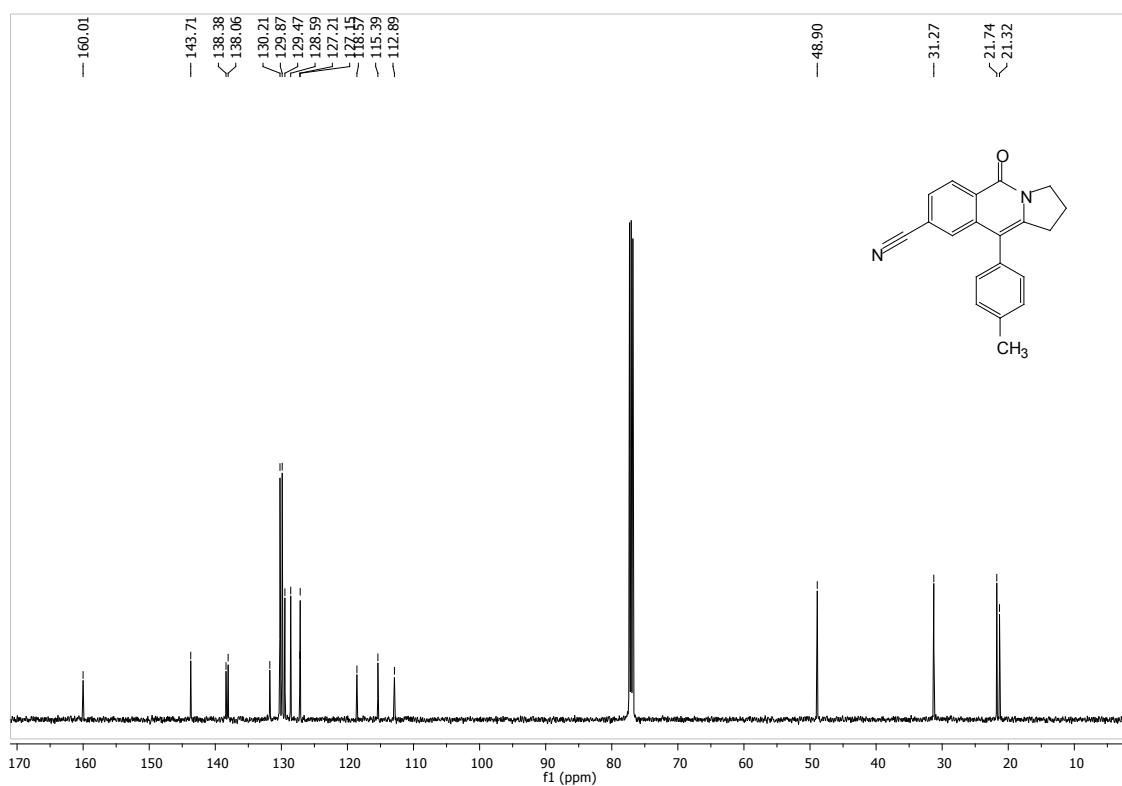
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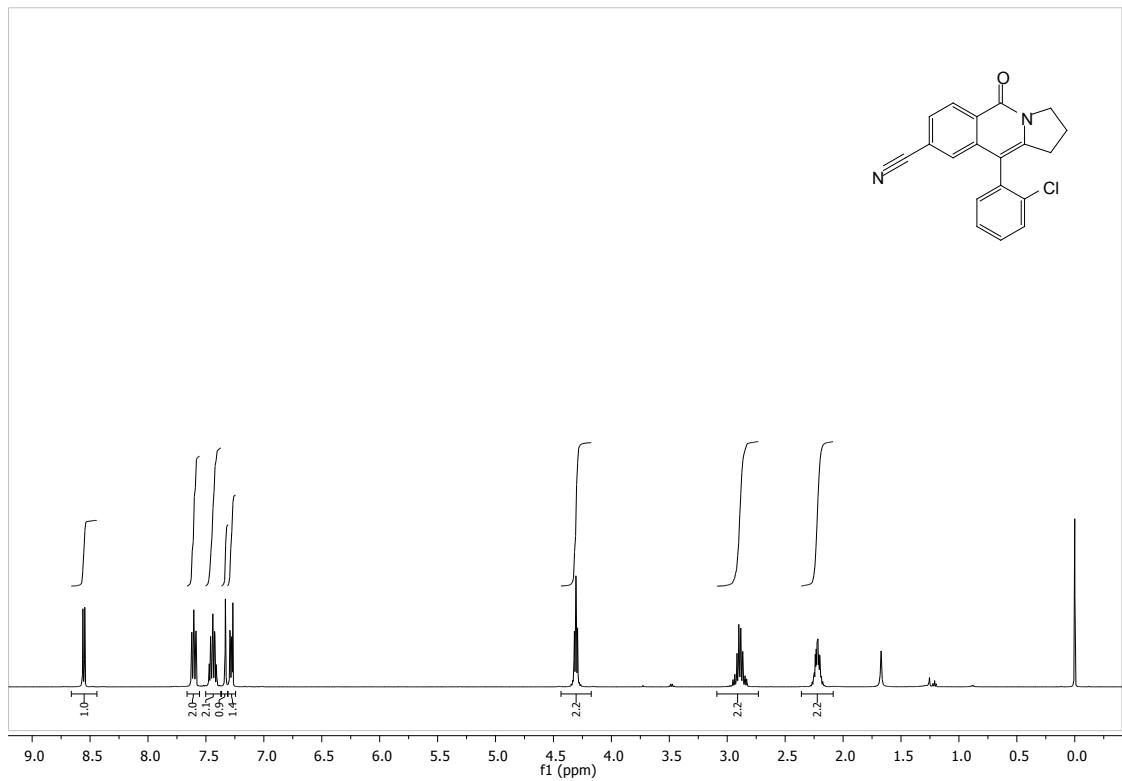
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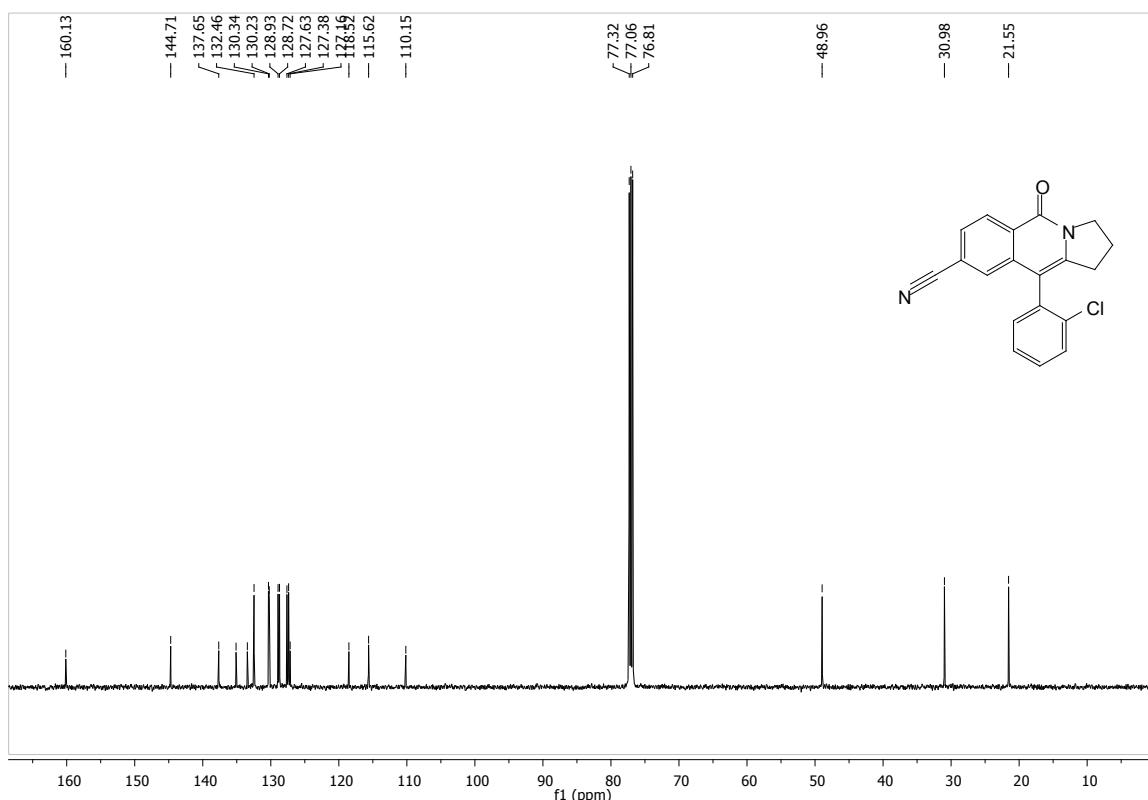
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$^{13}\text{C}$ NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of compound 3o



**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of compound 3p**



**<sup>13</sup>CNMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of compound 3p**

**3. X-ray Crystallography for 3e**

X-ray data for the compounds were collected at room temperature using a Bruker Smart Apex CCD diffractometer with graphite monochromated MoK $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda=0.71073\text{\AA}$ ) with  $\omega$ -scan method [1]. Preliminary lattice parameters and orientation matrices were obtained from four sets of frames.

Integration and scaling of intensity data were accomplished using SAINT program [1]. The structure was solved by direct methods using SHELXS [2] and refinement was carried out by full-matrix least-squares technique using SHELXL [2]. Anisotropic displacement parameters were included for all non-hydrogen atoms. The O-bound H atom of the water molecule (lying on the inversion centre) was located in a difference density map and was refined isotropically. However the isotropic displacement parameter of O bound H atom of (I) was fixed at 1.2 times the  $U_{\text{eq}}$  value of the parent atom. Distance restraint was also applied O-H bond distance. All other H atoms were positioned geometrically and treated as riding on their parent C atoms [ $\text{C}-\text{H} = 0.93\text{-}0.97 \text{\AA}$  and  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$  for methyl H or  $1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$  for other H atoms]. The methyl groups were allowed to rotate but not to tip.

**Crystal Data for **3e**:**  $2(\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2)$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  ( $M=600.69$ ): monoclinic, space group C2/c (no. 15),  $a = 14.3475(11) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $b = 11.0883(11) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $c = 20.423(2) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\beta = 107.064(2)^\circ$ ,  $V = 3106.0(5) \text{ \AA}^3$ ,  $Z = 4$ ,  $T = 294(2) \text{ K}$ ,  $\mu(\text{MoK}\alpha) = 0.085 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ ,  $D_{\text{calc}} = 1.285 \text{ g/mm}^3$ , 16119 reflections measured ( $4.172 \leq 2\Theta \leq 52.498$ ), 3145 unique ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0183$ ) which were used in all calculations. The final  $R_1$  was 0.0524 ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ) and  $wR_2$  was 0.1545 (all data). CCDC 1061398 contains supplementary Crystallographic data for the structure. These data can be obtained free of charge at [www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html](http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html) [or from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC), 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK; fax: +44(0) 1223 336 033; email: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk].

1. Bruker (2001). SAINT (Version 6.28a) & SMART (Version 5.625). Bruker AXS Inc., Madison, Wisconsin, USA.
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#### Figure Caption

Fig.1. A view of **3e**, showing the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level and H atoms are represented by circles of arbitrary radii. The water molecule is sitting on the inversion centre.