

## Supporting Information

### **[Bis-(trifluoroacetoxy)iido]benzene-mediated Oxidative Intramolecular Cyclization of 1-Aroyl-N-arylcyclopropane-1-carboxamides and its Application to the Synthesize of Pyrrolo[3,2-c]quinolinones**

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## I. General Information.

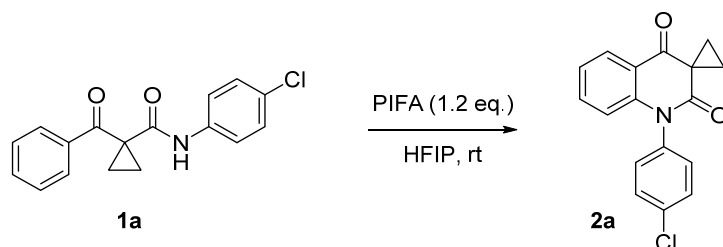
All reactions were carried out at room temperature, unless otherwise indicated. All reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used without further treatment, unless otherwise indicated. Compound **1** is prepared following the literature.<sup>[1]</sup> Petroleum ether (PE) used refers to the 60–90 °C boiling point fraction of petroleum. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 MHz NMR spectrometer (<sup>1</sup>H, 400 MHz; <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}, 100 MHz at 25 °C). Coupling constants are reported in Hz. All high-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were measured on a mass spectrometer (ESI-*oa*-TOF). Melting points were measured on a melting point apparatus equipped with a thermometer and are uncorrected. All reactions were monitored by TLC with GF254 silica gel coated plates. Flash chromatography was carried out on SiO<sub>2</sub> (silica gel 200-300 mesh).

## Reference:

[1] Zhang, Z.; Zhang, Q.; Sun, S.; Xiong, T.; Liu, Q. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*, **2007**, 46, 1726.

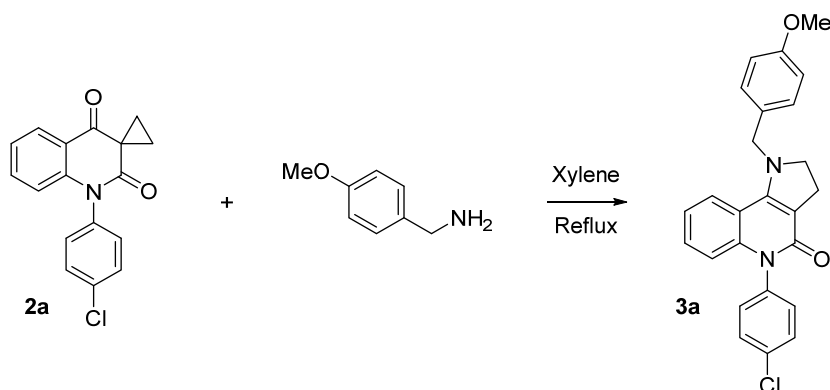
## II. General procedure for the synthesis of **2** and **3**

General procedure for the synthesis of **2** (**2a** as an example):



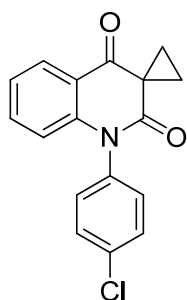
To a round-bottom flask (25 mL) was added 1-benzoyl-*N*-(4-chlorophenyl)cyclopropanecarboxamide **1a** (59.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) and PIFA (103 mg, 0.24 mmol), and the mixture was well stirred in HFIP (2 mL) at room temperature (the whole process was closely monitored by TLC). After 2 h, the residue was purified by a short flash silica gel column chromatography (Eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/20) to give 1'-(4-chlorophenyl)-2'*H*-spiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-quinoline]-2',4'(1'*H*)-dione **2a** as white solid (56 mg, 94%).

General procedure for the synthesis of **3** (**3a** as an example):

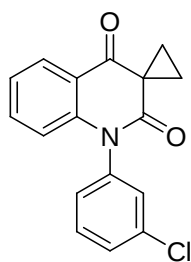


To a round-bottom flask (25 mL) was added 1'-(4-chlorophenyl)-2'*H*-spiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-quinoline]-2',4'(1'*H*)-dione (59.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), (4-methoxyphenyl)methanamine (31.4  $\mu$ L, 0.24 mmol), and the mixture was well stirred for 8 h in xylene (2 mL) at reflux (the whole process was closely monitored by TLC). After cooling, the solvent was evaporated in vacuum and the residue was washed by ether (1 mL  $\times$  2) to give 5-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(4-methoxybenzyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]quinolin-4(5*H*)-one **3a** as light yellow solid (71 mg, 85%).

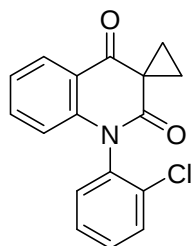
### III. Analytical data of compounds 2.



**1'-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1'H-spiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-quinoline]-2',4'-dione (2a).** The product was isolated by flash chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/PE = 1/20) as a white solid (56 mg, 94%): mp 149-151 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.08 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.55 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.48-7.39 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.23 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.18 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.52 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 2.15-2.06 (m, 4H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  191.6 (C=O), 170.3 (N-C=O), 144.4 (Ar), 135.7 (Ar), 135.5 (Ar), 135.0 (Ar), 130.5 (Ar), 130.52 (Ar), 127.1 (Ar), 123.2 (Ar), 120.0 (Ar), 116.7 (Ar), 35.2 (C), 29.9 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ). HRMS (ESI),  $m/z$  calcd. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClNO}_2$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ) 298.0629, found: 298.0631.

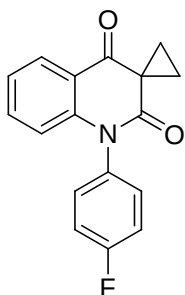


**1'-(3-Chlorophenyl)-1'H-spiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-quinoline]-2',4'-dione (2b).** The product was isolated by flash chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/PE = 1/20) as a white solid (56 mg, 95%): mp 128-130 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.09 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.55-7.49 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.47-7.43 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.32 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.22-7.17 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.52 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 2.16-2.08 (m, 4H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  191.6 (C=O), 170.2 (N-C=O), 144.3 (Ar), 138.4 (Ar), 135.8 (Ar), 135.5 (Ar), 131.2 (Ar), 129.6 (Ar), 129.4 (Ar), 127.5 (Ar), 127.1 (Ar), 123.3 (Ar), 120.0 (Ar), 116.7 (Ar), 35.3 (C), 30.02 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 29.96 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ). HRMS (ESI),  $m/z$  calcd. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClNO}_2$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ) 298.0629, found: 298.0635.

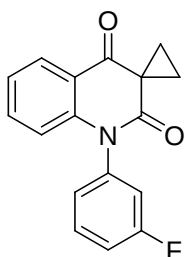


**1'-(2-Chlorophenyl)-1'H-spiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-quinoline]-2',4'-dione (2c).** The product was

isolated by flash chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/PE = 1/20) as a white solid (49 mg, 82%): mp 140-142 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.11 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.65-7.61 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.49-7.43 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.38-7.34 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.19 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.41 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 2.17-2.11 (m, 4H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  191.6 (C=O), 169.8 (N-C=O), 143.6 (Ar), 135.7 (Ar), 134.8 (Ar), 133.6 (Ar), 131.0 (Ar), 130.5 (Ar), 128.6 (Ar), 127.2 (Ar), 123.3 (Ar), 120.0 (Ar), 116.0 (Ar), 35.2 (C), 30.1 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 29.2 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ). HRMS (ESI),  $m/z$  calcd. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClNO}_2$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ) 298.0629, found: 298.0636.

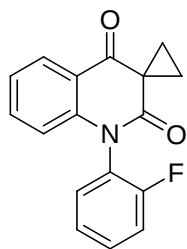


**1'-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1'H-spiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-quinoline]-2',4'-dione (2d).** The product was isolated by flash chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/PE = 1/20) as a white solid (47 mg, 83%): mp 163-165 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.09 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.46-7.41 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.27 (d,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.18 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.52 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.52 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.14 -2.08 (m, 4H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  191.7 (C=O), 170.5 (N-C=O), 162.5 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 247.5 Hz, Ar), 144.7 (Ar), 135.5 (Ar), 133.1 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 3.4 Hz, Ar), 130.9 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 8.7 Hz, Ar), 127.1 (Ar), 123.2 (Ar), 120.0 (Ar), 117.3 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 22.7 Hz, Ar), 116.7 (Ar), 35.3 (C), 29.9 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ). HRMS (ESI),  $m/z$  calcd. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{FNO}_2$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ ) 304.0744, found: 304.0757.

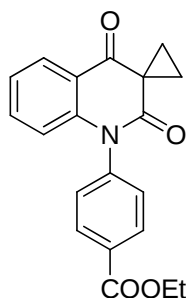


**1'-(3-Fluorophenyl)-1'H-spiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-quinoline]-2',4'-dione (2e).** The product was isolated by flash chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/PE = 1/20) as a white solid (50 mg, 88%): mp 103-105 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.09 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.56 (dd,  $J$  = 15.2, 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.45 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.20 (dd,  $J$  = 18.0, 10.0 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.10 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.04 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.53 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 2.13-2.11 (m, 4H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  191.6 (C=O), 170.2 (N-C=O), 163.5 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 247.8 Hz, Ar), 144.3 (Ar), 138.6 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 9.8 Hz, Ar), 135.5 (Ar), 131.5 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 8.9 Hz, Ar), 127.1 (Ar), 124.9 (d,

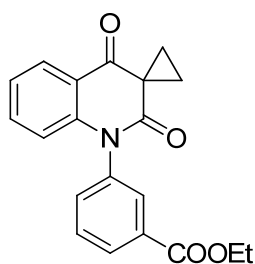
$J_{C-F} = 3.4$  Hz, Ar), 123.3 (Ar), 119.9 (Ar), 116.9 (Ar), 116.7 (Ar), 116.7 (Ar), 116.3 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 20.7$  Hz, Ar), 35.3 (C). 30.06 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.02 (CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS (ESI),  $m/z$  calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>12</sub>FNO<sub>2</sub> ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>) 304.0744, found: 304.0760.



**1'-(2-Fluorophenyl)-1'H-spiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-quinoline]-2',4'-dione (2f).** The product was isolated by flash chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/PE = 1/20) as a white solid (24 mg, 43%): mp 150-152 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.09 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.54-7.48 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.47-7.43 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.37-7.28 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.21-7.17 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.56 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 2.15-2.09 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  191.6 (C=O), 170.0 (N-C=O), 158.5 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 250.3$  Hz, Ar), 143.9 (Ar), 135.6 (Ar), 131.1 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 7.8$  Hz, Ar), 131.0 (Ar), 127.2 (Ar), 125.4 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 3.9$  Hz, Ar), 124.6 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 13.5$  Hz, Ar), 123.3 (Ar), 120.1 (Ar), 117.2 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 19.6$  Hz, Ar), 116.1 (Ar), 35.2 (C), 30.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS (ESI),  $m/z$  calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>12</sub>FNO<sub>2</sub> ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>) 304.0744, found: 304.0759.

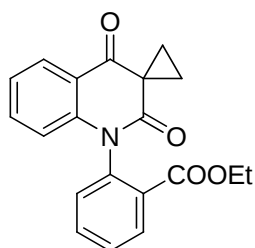


**Ethyl 4-(2',4'-dioxo-2',4'-dihydro-1'H-spiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-quinolin]-1'-yl)benzoate (2g).** The product was isolated by flash chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/PE = 1/20) as a white solid (56 mg, 83%): mp 99-101 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.27-8.25 (m, 2H, ArH), 8.09 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.43-7.37 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.18 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.47 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.43 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.15-2.08 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.42 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  191.6 (C=O), 170.1 (N-C=O), 165.6 (O-C=O), 144.2 (Ar), 141.4 (Ar), 135.5 (Ar), 131.6 (Ar), 131.1 (Ar), 129.3 (Ar), 127.1 (Ar), 123.3 (Ar), 120.0 (Ar), 116.6 (Ar), 61.3 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 35.3 (C), 29.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>). HRMS (ESI),  $m/z$  calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>) 358.1050, found: 358.1062.



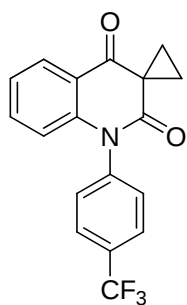
**Ethyl 3-(2',4'-dioxo-2',4'-dihydro-1'H-spiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-quinolin]-1'-yl)benzoate (2h).**

The product was isolated by flash chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/PE = 1/20) as a white solid (48 mg, 71%): mp 133-135 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.20 (d,  $J$  = 8.0, 1H, ArH), 8.11 (dd,  $J_1$  = 8.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.98 (t,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.67 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.51-7.48 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.45- 7.40 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.18 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.47 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.40 (q,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.17-2.08 (m, 4H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2$ ), 1.39 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  191.6 (C=O), 170.3 (N-C=O), 165.4 (O-C=O), 144.4 (Ar), 137.5 (Ar), 135.5 (Ar), 133.7 (Ar), 132.9 (Ar), 130.4 (Ar), 130.1 (Ar), 127.1 (Ar), 123.2 (Ar), 120.0 (Ar), 116.7 (Ar), 61.4 ( $\text{OCH}_2$ ), 35.3 (C), 30.0 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 29.8 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 14.3 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ). HRMS (ESI),  $m/z$  calcd. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_4$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ ) 358.1050, found: 358.1056.

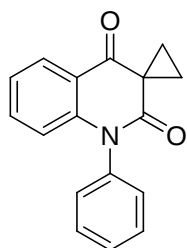


**Ethyl 2-(2',4'-dioxo-2',4'-dihydro-1'H-spiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-quinolin]-1'-yl)benzoate (2i).**

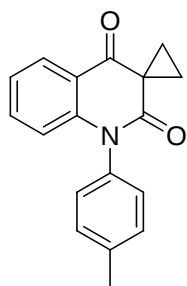
The product was isolated by flash chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/PE = 1/20) as a white solid (28 mg, 42%): mp 81-82 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.25 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.09 (dd,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.76-7.73 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.62-7.59 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.41-7.37 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.35 (t,  $J$  = 7.8, 0.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.15 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.37 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.12 (q,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.14-2.07 (m, 4H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2$ ), 1.07 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  192.0 (C=O), 170.5 (N-C=O), 164.5 (O-C=O), 144.9 (Ar), 137.3 (Ar), 135.5 (Ar), 134.2 (Ar), 132.9 (Ar), 131.0 (Ar), 129.3 (Ar), 127.0 (Ar), 122.9 (Ar), 119.9 (Ar), 116.2 (Ar), 61.3 ( $\text{OCH}_2$ ), 35.3 (C), 29.7 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 29.3 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 13.9 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ). HRMS (ESI),  $m/z$  calcd. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_4$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ ) 358.1050, found: 358.1071.



**1'-(4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1'H-spiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-quinoline]-2',4'-dione (2j).** The product was isolated by flash chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/PE = 1/20) as a white solid (52 mg, 78%): mp: 144-146 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.10 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.86 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.45 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 3H, ArH), 7.20 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.47 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 2.13 (m, 4H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  191.5 (C=O), 170.2 (N-C=O), 144.1 (Ar), 140.6 (Ar), 135.5 (Ar), 131.4 (Ar), 131.1 (Ar), 129.9 (Ar), 127.4 (q,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 3.4 Hz, Ar), 127.2 (Ar), 123.4 (Ar), 120.0 (Ar), 116.5 (Ar), 35.3 (C), 30.1 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ). HRMS (ESI),  $m/z$  calcd. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ ) 354.0712, found: 354.0722.

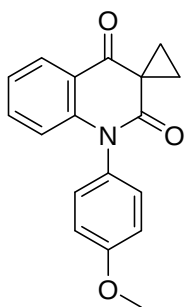


**1'-Phenyl-1'H-spiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-quinoline]-2',4'-dione (2k).** The product was isolated by flash chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/PE = 1/20) as a white solid (18 mg, 35%): mp 96-98 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.08 (dd,  $J_1$  = 7.8 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.58 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.51 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.43-7.40 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.29-7.27 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.17-7.15 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.52 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 2.13-2.10 (m, 4H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  191.9 (C=O), 170.4 (N-C=O), 144.8 (Ar), 137.3 (Ar), 135.4 (Ar), 130.3 (Ar), 129.1 (Ar), 129.0 (Ar), 127.0 (Ar), 123.0 (Ar), 120.0 (Ar), 116.9 (Ar), 35.3 (C), 29.9 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ). HRMS (ESI),  $m/z$  calcd. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_2$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ ) 286.0838, found: 286.0848.



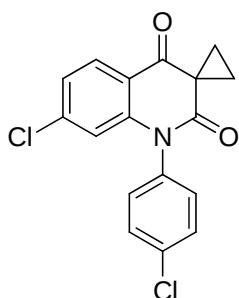
**1'-(p-Tolyl)-1'H-spiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-quinoline]-2',4'-dione (2l).** The product was isolated by

flash chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/PE = 1/20) as a white solid (28 mg, 51%): mp 146-148 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.07 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.42-7.39 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.37 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.15 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 6.3 Hz, 3H, ArH), 6.56 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 2.45 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.13-2.08 (m, 4H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  192.0 (C=O), 170.4 (N-C=O), 145.0 (Ar), 139.0 (Ar), 135.4 (Ar), 134.6 (Ar), 131.0 (Ar), 128.7 (Ar), 126.9 (Ar), 122.9 (Ar), 120.0 (Ar), 117.0 (Ar), 35.3 (C), 29.9 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 21.3 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ). HRMS (ESI),  $m/z$  calcd. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_2$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ ) 300.0995, found: 300.1007.



**1'-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2'H-spiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-quinoline]-2',4'-(1'H)-dione (2o)**

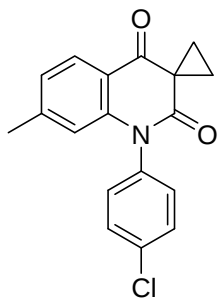
The product was isolated by flash chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/PE = 1/20) as a light yellow solid (8 mg, 13%): mp 76-78 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.87 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.50 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.47-7.44 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.34 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.89-6.86 (m, 2H, ArH), 3.79 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.87-1.81 (m, 4H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  195.2 (C=O), 164.8 (N-C=O), 158.0 (Ar), 151.7 (Ar), 136.8 (Ar), 134.6 (Ar), 132.9 (Ar), 128.7 (Ar), 128.5 (Ar), 119.6 (Ar), 112.6 (Ar), 95.4 (Ar), 55.9 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{O}$ ), 29.4 (C), 17.3 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ). HRMS (ESI),  $m/z$  calcd. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_3$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ ) 316.0944, found: 316.0944.



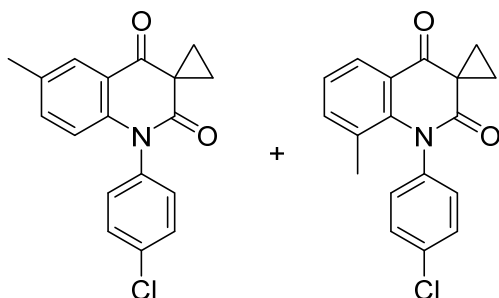
**7'-Chloro-1'-(4-chlorophenyl)-1'H-spiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-quinoline]-2',4'-dione (2r).**

The product was isolated by flash chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/PE = 1/20) as a white solid (36 mg, 54%): mp 268-278 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.03 (d,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.57-7.51 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.36 (dd,  $J$  = 9.2, 2.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.23-7.20 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.49 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 2.17-2.10 (m, 1H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  190.6 (C=O), 170.0 (N-C=O), 142.9 (Ar), 135.4 (Ar), 135.3 (Ar), 135.2 (Ar), 130.7 (Ar), 130.4 (Ar), 129.2 (Ar), 126.6

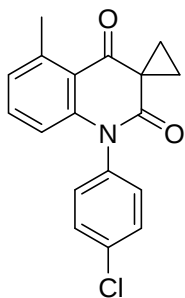
(Ar), 120.9 (Ar), 118.3 (Ar), 35.4 (C), 30.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS (ESI),  $m/z$  calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>11</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>) 354.0059, found: 354.0068.



**1'-(4-Chlorophenyl)-7'-methyl-1'H-spiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-quinoline]-2',4'-dione (2s).** The product was isolated by flash chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/PE = 1/20) as a white solid (55 mg, 88%): mp 248-250 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.87 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.56-7.52 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.25-7.20 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.42 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 2.35 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.12-2.04 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  191.7 (C=O), 170.1 (N-C=O), 142.3 (Ar), 136.3 (Ar), 135.9 (Ar), 134.8 (Ar), 133.0 (Ar), 130.5 (Ar), 130.5 (Ar), 126.9 (Ar), 119.8 (Ar), 116.6 (Ar), 35.1 (C), 29.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 20.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>). HRMS (ESI),  $m/z$  calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClNO<sub>2</sub> ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>) 334.0605, found: 334.0608.

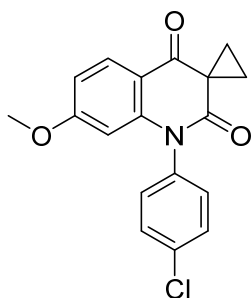


**Mixture of 1'-(4-Chlorophenyl)-6'-methyl-1'H-spiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-quinoline]-2',4'-dione (2ta) and 1'-(4-Chlorophenyl)-8'-methyl-1'H-spiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-quinoline]-2',4'-dione (2tb).** The mixture of **2ta** and **2tb** was isolated by flash chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/PE = 1/20) as a white solid (39 mg, 63%): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.97 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.87 (s, 1.5H, ArH), 7.55 (m, 5.7 H, ArH), 7.20-7.25 (m, 7.2H, ArH), 6.99 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1.1H, ArH), 6.42 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1.7H, ArH), 6.28 (s, 0.9H, ArH), 2.35 (s, 5H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.27 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.12-2.05 (m, 11.9H, CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  191.8 (C=O), 191.2 (C=O), 170.5 (N-C=O), 170.2 (N-C=O), 147.0 (Ar), 144.4 (Ar), 142.3 (Ar), 136.3 (Ar), 135.9 (Ar), 135.8 (Ar), 134.9 (Ar), 134.8 (Ar), 133.7 (Ar), 133.0 (Ar), 130.6 (Ar), 130.5 (Ar), 130.5 (Ar), 127.1 (Ar), 126.9 (Ar), 124.4 (Ar), 119.8 (Ar), 117.9 (Ar), 116.8 (Ar), 116.6 (Ar), 115.2 (Ar), 35.2 (C), 35.0 (C), 29.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>). HRMS (ESI),  $m/z$  calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClNO<sub>2</sub> ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>) 334.0605, found: 334.0615.



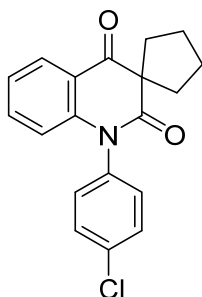
**1'-(4-chlorophenyl)-5'-methyl-2'H-spiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-quinoline]-2',4'(1'H)-dione (2u).**

The product was isolated by flash chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/PE = 1/20) as a white solid (44 mg, 71%): mp 194-196 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.99 (dd,  $J = 7.6, 1.2$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.41 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.33 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.27 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.16 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 2.10-2.05 (m, 4H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2$ ), 1.67 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  192.0 (C=O), 171.3 (N-C=O), 143.1 (Ar), 140.0 (Ar), 139.4 (Ar), 133.4 (Ar), 130.1 (Ar), 129.0 (Ar), 127.7 (Ar), 125.3 (Ar), 124.1 (Ar), 123.3 (Ar), 34.8 (C), 28.9 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 22.3 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ). HRMS (ESI),  $m/z$  calcd.  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClNO}_2$  for  $([\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+)$  334.0605, found: 334.0615.

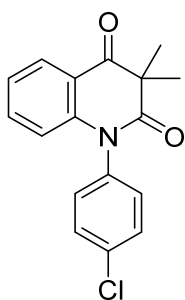


**1'-(4-chlorophenyl)-7'-methoxy-2'H-spiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-quinoline]-2',4'(1'H)-dione (2v).**

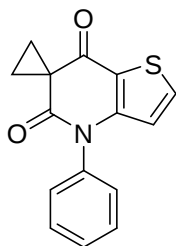
The product was isolated by flash chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/PE = 1/20) as a white solid (44 mg, 67%): mp 158-160 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.46-7.43 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.14-7.12 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.94-6.91 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.39-6.36 (m, 1H, ArH), 3.75 (t,  $J_1 = 2.8$  Hz,  $J_2 = 4.8$  Hz, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.02-2.00 (m, 4H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  191.6 (C=O), 169.9 (N-C=O), 155.6 (Ar), 138.7 (Ar), 136.0 (Ar), 134.9 (Ar), 130.6 (Ar), 130.5 (Ar), 123.8 (Ar), 120.6 (Ar), 118.3 (Ar), 108.4 (Ar), 55.8 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 35.1 (CH), 30.0 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ). HRMS (ESI),  $m/z$  calcd. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClNO}_3$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ) 328.0735, found: 328.0740.



**1'-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1'H-spiro[cyclopentane-1,3'-quinoline]-2',4'-dione (2w).** The product was isolated by flash chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/PE = 1/20) as a white solid (60 mg, 92%): mp 96-98 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.02 (dd,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.55-7.52 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.42-7.37 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.20-7.13 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.46 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 2.32-2.27 (m, 4H, 2CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.89-1.86 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  196.4 (C=O), 174.5 (N-C=O), 143.7 (Ar), 136.2 (Ar), 135.2 (Ar), 134.8 (Ar), 130.5 (Ar), 130.4 (Ar), 128.0 (Ar), 123.2 (Ar), 120.0 (Ar), 116.4 (Ar), 64.2 (C), 36.5 (2CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS (ESI),  $m/z$  calcd. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClNO}_2$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ ) 348.0762, found: 348.0773.



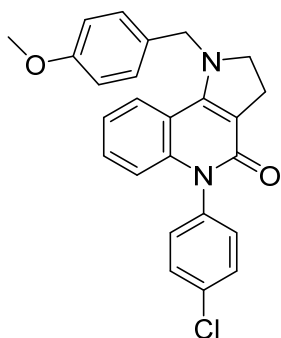
**1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3,3-dimethylquinoline-2,4(1H,3H)-dione (2x).** The product was isolated by flash chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/PE = 1/20) as a white solid (59 mg, 98%): mp 147-149 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.02 (dd,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.55-7.52 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.43-7.39 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.20-7.14 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.46 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 1.57 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  197.2 (C=O), 174.3 (N-C=O), 143.5 (Ar), 135.9 (Ar), 135.4 (Ar), 134.8 (Ar), 130.5 (Ar), 130.4 (Ar), 128.1 (Ar), 123.4 (Ar), 119.4 (Ar), 116.4 (Ar), 53.7, (C) 23.6 (2CH<sub>3</sub>). HRMS (ESI),  $m/z$  calcd. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClNO}_2$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ ) 322.0605, found: 322.0618.



**4'-phenyl-5'H-spiro[cyclopropane-1,6'-thieno[3,2-b]pyridine]-5',7'(4'H)-dione (2z).**

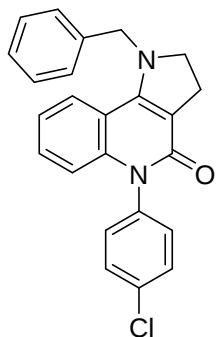
The product was isolated by flash chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate/PE = 1/20) as a yellow solid (19 mg, 35%): mp 112-114 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.56 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.52 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.39 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.27 (d,  $J$  = 5.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.69 (d,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 2.12-2.09 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.03-2.00 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  186.2 (C=O), 170.6 (N-C=O), 160.0 (Ar), 138.4 (Ar), 130.2 (Ar), 129.9 (Ar), 127.9 (Ar), 123.2 (Ar), 121.4 (Ar), 116.0 (Ar), 35.4 (C), 29.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS (ESI),  $m/z$  calcd. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ) 270.0583, found: 270.0583.

#### IV. Analytical data of compounds 3.



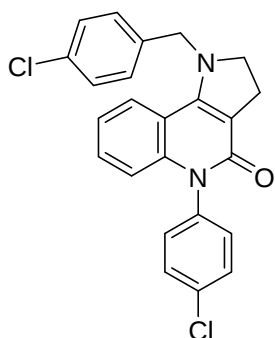
##### 5-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1-(4-methoxybenzyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[3,2-c]quinolin-4(5H)-one (3a).

The product was washed by ether (1 mL  $\times$  2) as a light yellow solid (71 mg, 85%): mp 137-139 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.74 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.51 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.32 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.25-7.19 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.01 (t,  $J$  = 7.6, 1H, ArH), 6.93 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.67 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.77 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 3.82 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.74 (t,  $J$  = 9.8 Hz, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 3.08 (t,  $J$  = 9.8 Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.6 (N-C=O), 159.0 (Ar), 155.7 (Ar), 142.1 (Ar), 137.0 (Ar), 134.3 (Ar), 130.9 (Ar), 130.2 (Ar), 129.7 (Ar), 129.5 (Ar), 127.7 (Ar), 123.4 (Ar), 121.2 (Ar), 116.9 (Ar), 114.3 (Ar), 113.2 (Ar), 109.2 (Ar), 55.5 ( $\text{NCH}_2$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Ar}$  or  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 55.3 ( $\text{NCH}_2$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Ar}$  or  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 55.0 ( $\text{NCH}_2$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Ar}$  or  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 25.9 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ). HRMS (ESI),  $m/z$  calcd. for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{21}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ ) 439.1184, found: 439.1175.



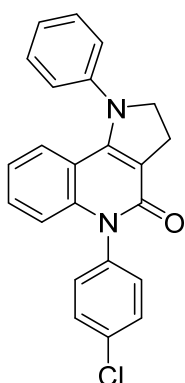
##### 1-Benzyl-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[3,2-c]quinolin-4(5H)-one (3b).

The product was washed by ether (1 mL  $\times$  2) as a light yellow solid (68 mg, 88%): mp 191-193 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.71 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.54 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.44-7.40 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.36-7.33 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.23 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 3H, ArH), 7.03-6.99 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.69 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.84 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 3.79 (t,  $J$  = 9.8 Hz, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 3.12 (t,  $J$  = 9.8 Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.6 (N-C=O), 155.6 (Ar), 142.1 (Ar), 138.0 (Ar), 137.0 (Ar), 134.3 (Ar), 130.9 (Ar), 130.2 (Ar), 129.5 (Ar), 128.9 (Ar), 127.5 (Ar), 126.5 (Ar), 123.3 (Ar), 121.2 (Ar), 116.9 (Ar), 113.1 (Ar), 109.3 (Ar), 55.8 ( $\text{NCH}_2$  or  $\text{CH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 55.6 ( $\text{NCH}_2$  or  $\text{CH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 25.9 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ). HRMS (ESI),  $m/z$  calcd. for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{19}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ ) 409.1078, found: 409.1079.



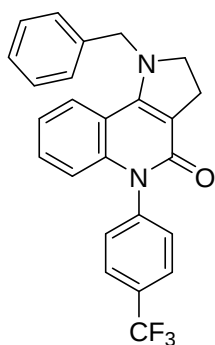
**1-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[3,2-c]quinolin-4(5H)-one (3c).**

The product was washed by ether (1 mL  $\times$  2) as a light yellow solid (67 mg, 80%): mp 188-189 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.65 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.55 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.42-7.38 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.29 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.23 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.03 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.71 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.81 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 3.78 (t,  $J$  = 9.8 Hz, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 3.14 (t,  $J$  = 9.8 Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.5 (N-C=O), 155.5 (Ar), 142.0 (Ar), 136.8 (Ar), 136.5 (Ar), 134.4 (Ar), 133.3 (Ar), 130.8 (Ar), 130.2 (Ar), 129.6 (Ar), 129.1 (Ar), 127.9 (Ar), 123.0 (Ar), 121.3 (Ar), 116.9 (Ar), 113.0 (Ar), 109.6 (Ar), 55.8 ( $\text{NCH}_2$  or  $\text{CH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 55.2 ( $\text{NCH}_2$  or  $\text{CH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 26.0 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ). HRMS (ESI),  $m/z$  calcd. for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{18}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ ) 443.0688, found: 443.0690.



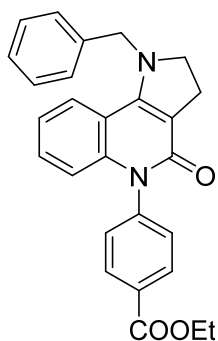
**5-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[3,2-c]quinolin-4(5H)-one (3d).**

The product was washed by ether (1 mL  $\times$  2) as a light yellow solid (54 mg, 72%): mp 208-210 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.57 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.40 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.29-7.27 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.22 (t,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 3H, ArH), 7.15 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.89 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.69 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.16 (t,  $J$  = 9.6 Hz, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 3.22 (t,  $J$  = 9.4 Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.9 (N-C=O), 152.6 (Ar), 146.1 (Ar), 141.8 (Ar), 136.8 (Ar), 134.4 (Ar), 130.8 (Ar), 130.2 (Ar), 129.4 (Ar), 129.3 (Ar), 125.4 (Ar), 124.9 (Ar), 124.5 (Ar), 120.8 (Ar), 116.4 (Ar), 113.0 (Ar), 112.9 (Ar), 58.4 ( $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 26.4 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ). HRMS (ESI),  $m/z$  calcd. for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ) 373.1102, found: 373.1118.

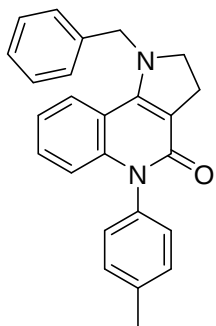


**1-Benzyl-5-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[3,2-c]quinolin-4(5H)-one (3e).**

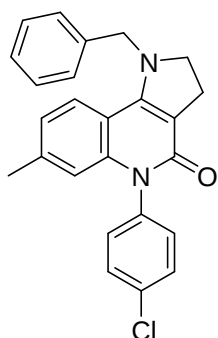
The product was washed by ether (1 mL  $\times$  2) as a light yellow solid (62 mg, 74%): mp 202-204 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.86 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.75 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.46-7.42 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.38-7.35 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.30-7.26 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.06-7.02 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.65 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.88 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 3.83 (t,  $J$  = 9.8 Hz, 1H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 3.15 (t,  $J$  = 9.8 Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.4 (N-C=O), 155.8 (Ar), 141.8 (Ar), 137.8 (Ar), 130.2 (Ar), 129.6 (Ar), 129.0 (Ar), 127.5 (Ar), 127.1 (q,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 4.0 Hz, Ar), 126.5 (Ar), 123.4 (Ar), 121.4 (Ar), 116.7 (Ar), 113.2 (Ar), 109.0 (Ar), 55.8 ( $\text{NCH}_2$  or  $\text{CH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 55.5 ( $\text{NCH}_2$  or  $\text{CH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 25.8 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ). HRMS (ESI),  $m/z$  calcd. for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ ) 443.1342, found: 443.1353.



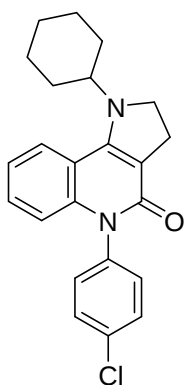
**Ethyl 4-(1-benzyl-4-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[3,2-c]quinolin-5(4H)-yl)benzoate (3f).** The product was washed by ether (1 mL  $\times$  2) as a light yellow solid (73 mg, 86%): mp 167-169 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.25 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.72 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.44-7.32 (m, 7H, ArH), 7.25-7.21 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.03-6.99 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.64 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.85 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 4.43 (q,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.80 (t,  $J$  = 9.8 Hz, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 3.13 (t,  $J$  = 10 Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.43 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.0 (O-C=O), 160.4 (N-C=O), 155.7 (Ar), 142.7 (Ar), 141.9 (Ar), 137.9 (Ar), 131.3 (Ar), 130.5 (Ar), 129.7 (Ar), 129.5 (Ar), 128.9 (Ar), 127.5 (Ar), 126.5 (Ar), 123.3 (Ar), 121.3 (Ar), 116.8 (Ar), 113.1 (Ar), 109.2 (Ar), 61.2 ( $\text{OCH}_2$ ), 55.8 ( $\text{NCH}_2$  or  $\text{CH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 55.6 ( $\text{NCH}_2$  or  $\text{CH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 25.9 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 14.3 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ). HRMS (ESI),  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ ) 447.1679, found: 447.1676.



**1-Benzyl-5-(p-tolyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[3,2-c]quinolin-4(5H)-one (3g).** The product was washed by ether (1 mL  $\times$  2) as a light yellow solid (63 mg, 86%): mp 156-158 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.70 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.46-7.40 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.37-7.32 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.25-7.21 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.15 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.01-6.97 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.73 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.83 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 3.77 (t,  $J$  = 9.8 Hz, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 3.13 (t,  $J$  = 9.8 Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.46 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.9 (N-C=O), 155.5 (Ar), 142.5 (Ar), 138.2 (Ar), 138.1 (Ar), 135.7 (Ar), 130.6 (Ar), 129.2 (Ar), 129.0 (Ar), 128.9 (Ar), 127.4 (Ar), 126.6 (Ar), 123.1 (Ar), 120.9 (Ar), 117.2 (Ar), 113.1 (Ar), 109.7 (Ar), 55.8 ( $\text{NCH}_2$  or  $\text{CH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 55.7 ( $\text{NCH}_2$  or  $\text{CH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 26.1 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 21.3 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ). HRMS (ESI),  $m/z$  calcd. for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ ) 389.1624, found: 389.1624.



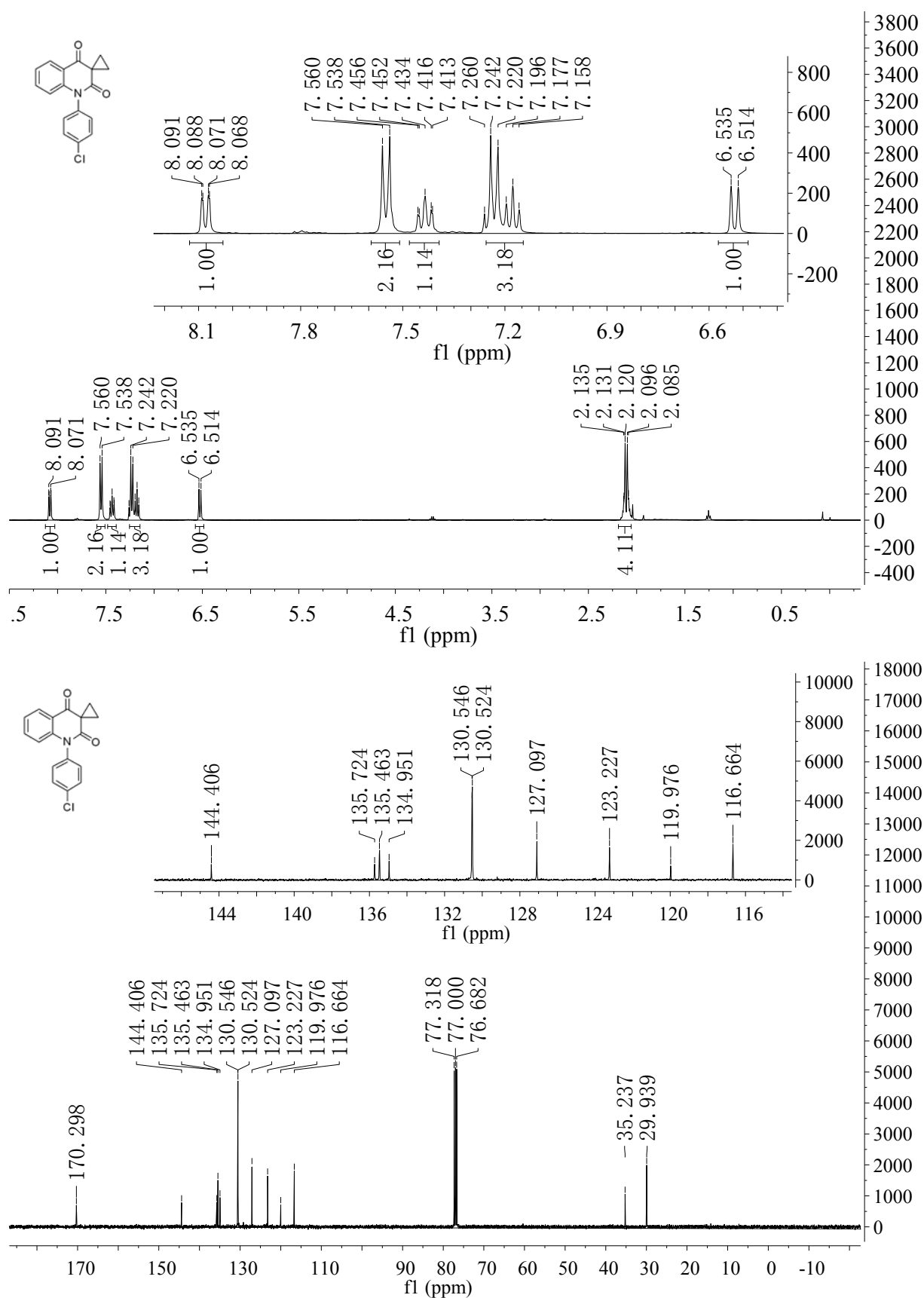
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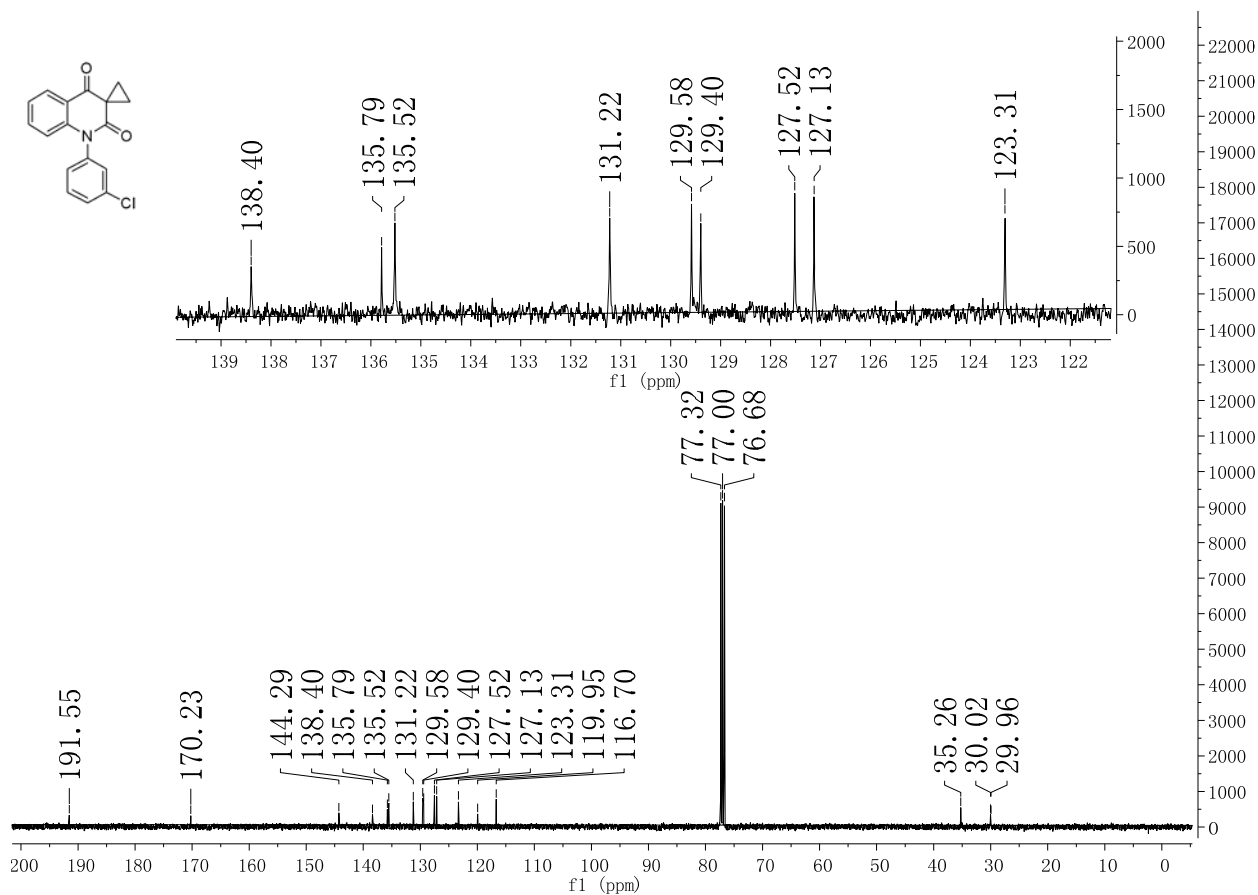
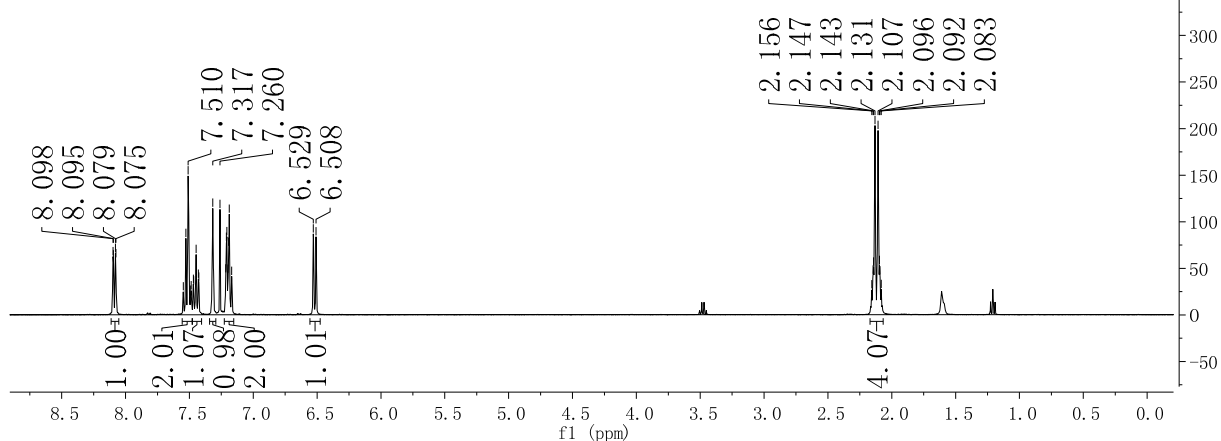
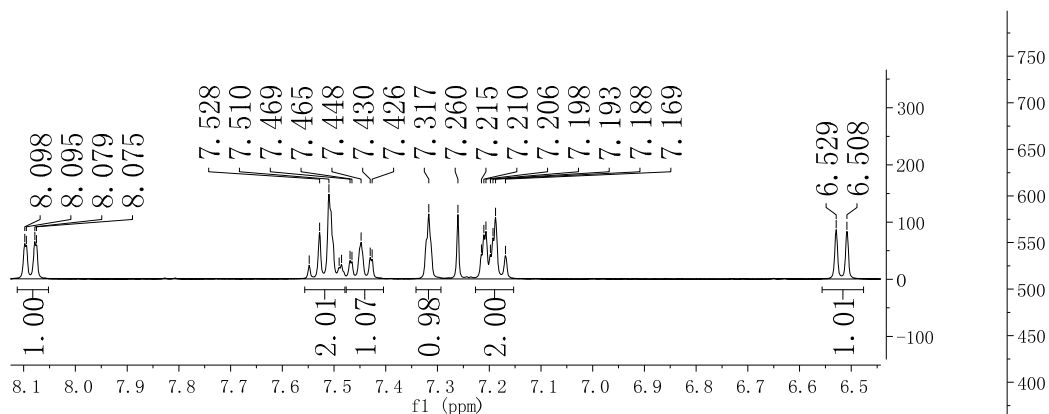
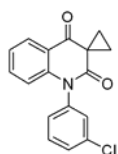
**5-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1-cyclohexyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[3,2-c]quinolin-4(5H)-one (3j).** The product was washed by ether (1 mL  $\times$  2) as a light yellow solid (66 mg, 79%): mp 222-224 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.89 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.53 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.30-7.26 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.22 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.15 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.70 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.15-4.07 (m, 1H, CH), 3.73 (t,  $J$  = 9.8 Hz, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 3.00 (t,  $J$  = 9.8 Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.03-1.83 (t,  $J$  = 16.8 Hz, 4H,  $2\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.73 (d,  $J$  = 12.8 Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.65-1.56 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.43-1.33 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.24-1.23 (m, 1H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.4 (N-C=O), 155.1 (Ar), 141.9 (Ar), 137.0 (Ar), 134.1 (Ar), 130.8 (Ar), 130.1 (Ar), 129.1 (Ar), 123.5 (Ar), 121.0 (Ar), 116.9 (Ar), 113.7 (Ar), 110.4 (Ar), 58.2 ( $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 47.3 (CH), 30.8 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 25.8 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 25.8 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 25.5 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ). HRMS (ESI),  $m/z$  calcd. for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ) 379.1572, found: 379.1577.

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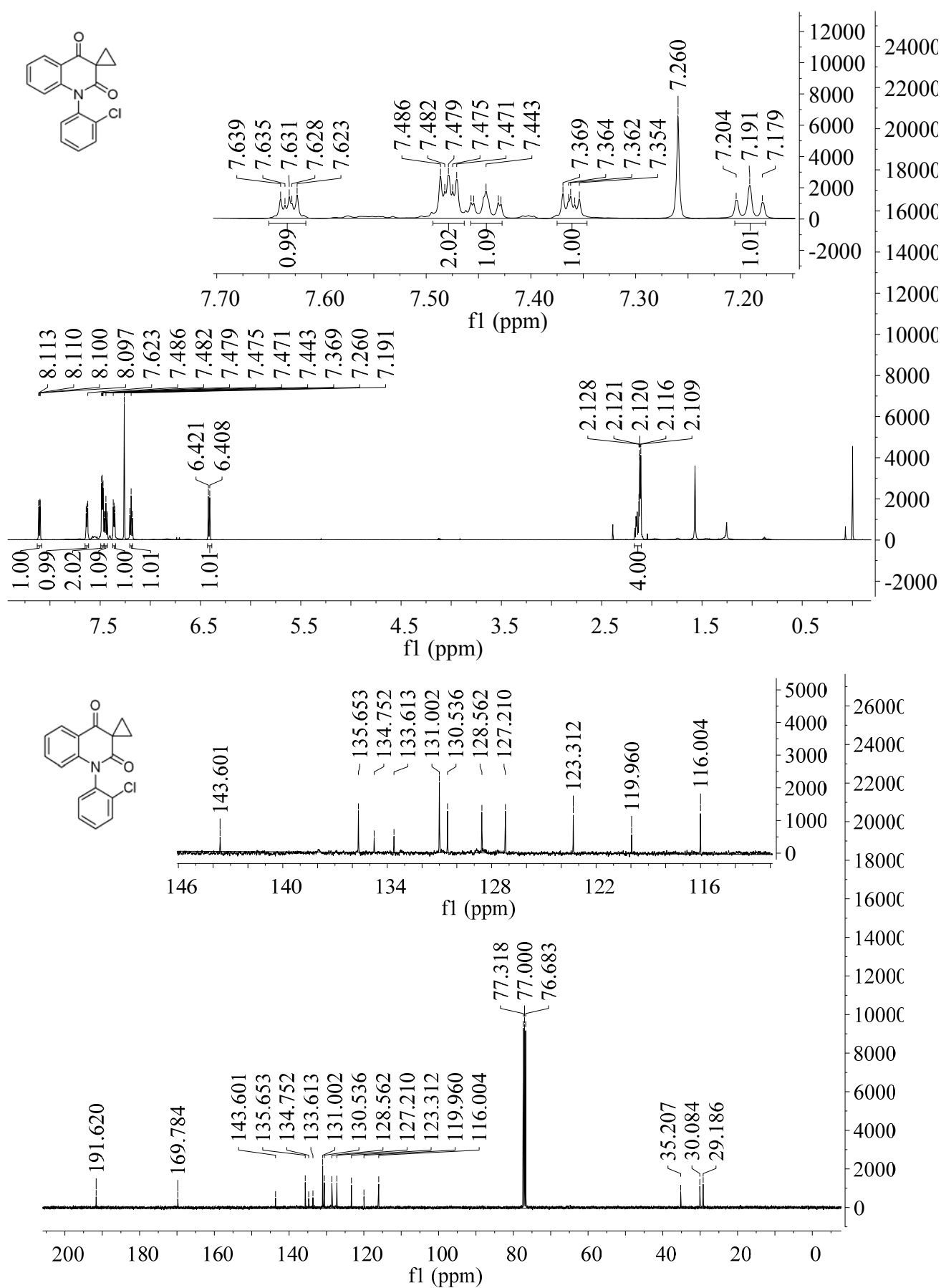
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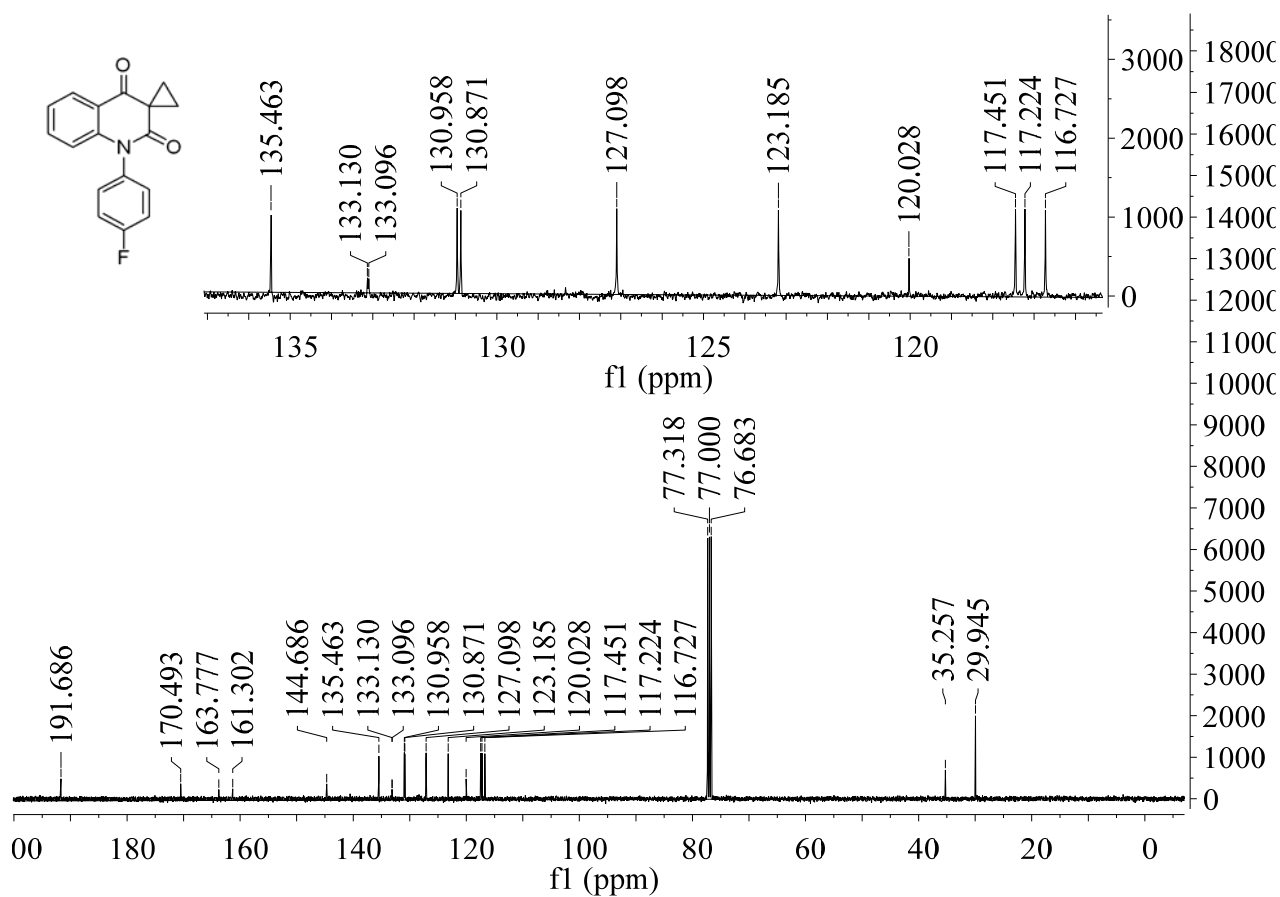
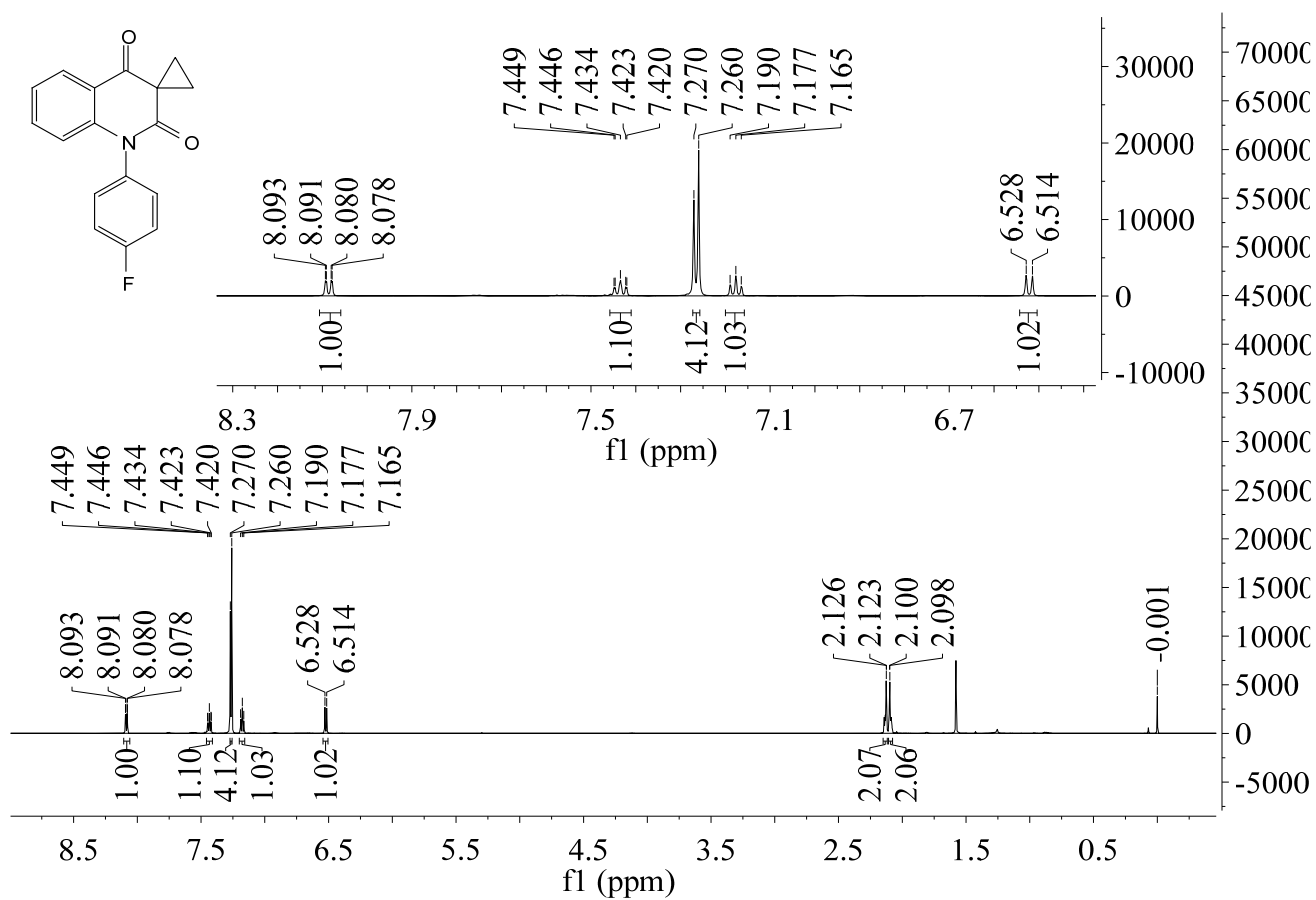
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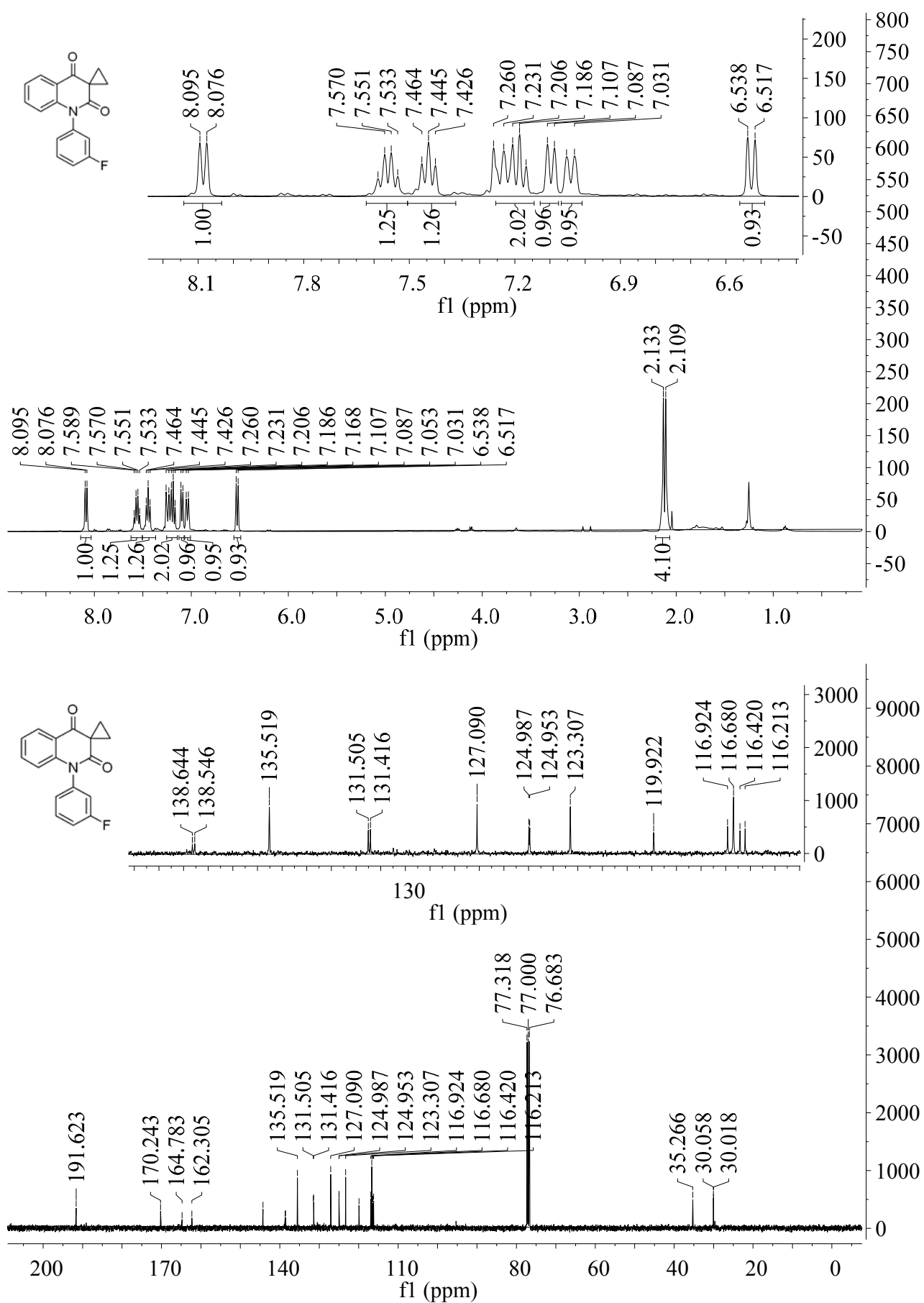
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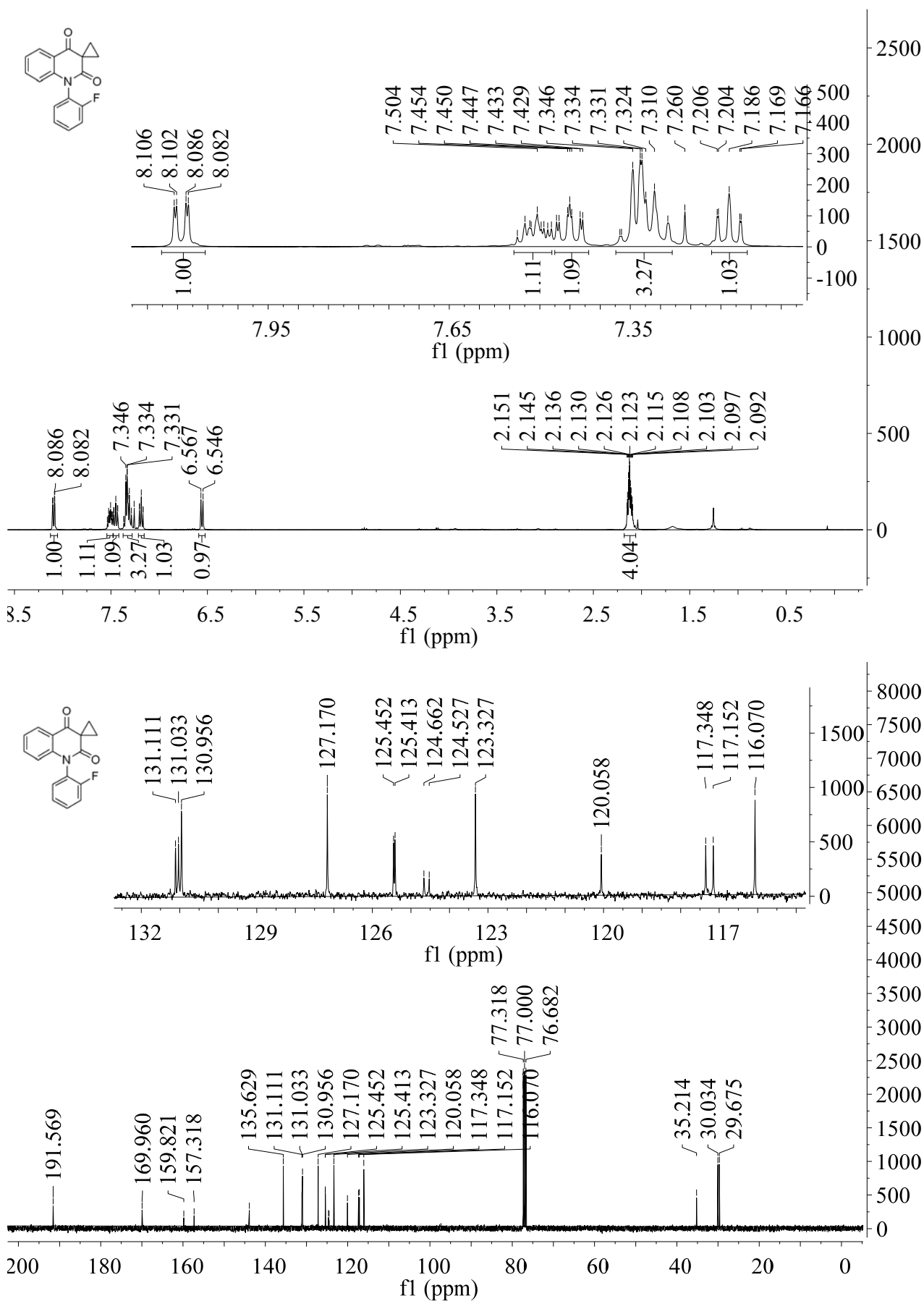
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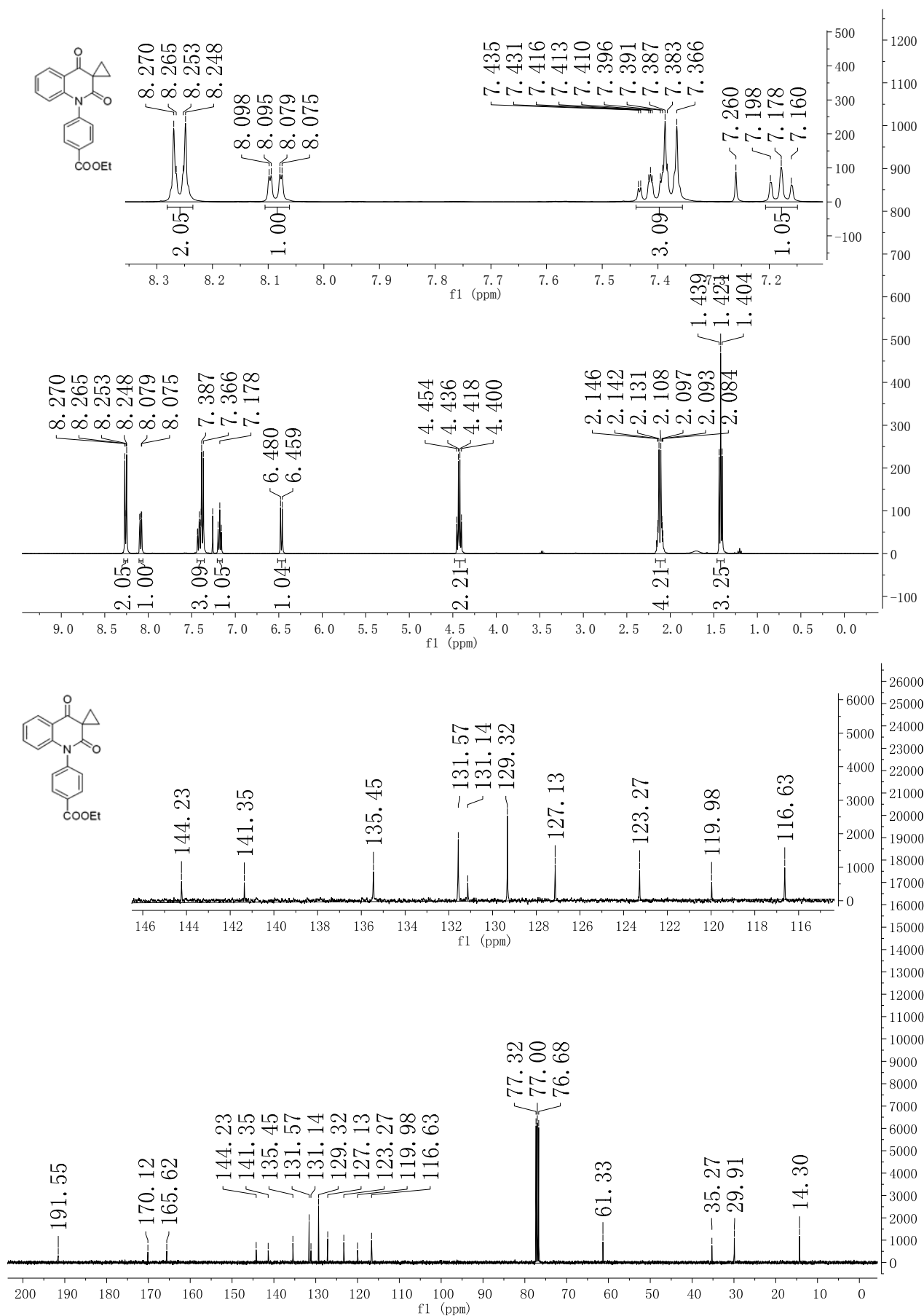
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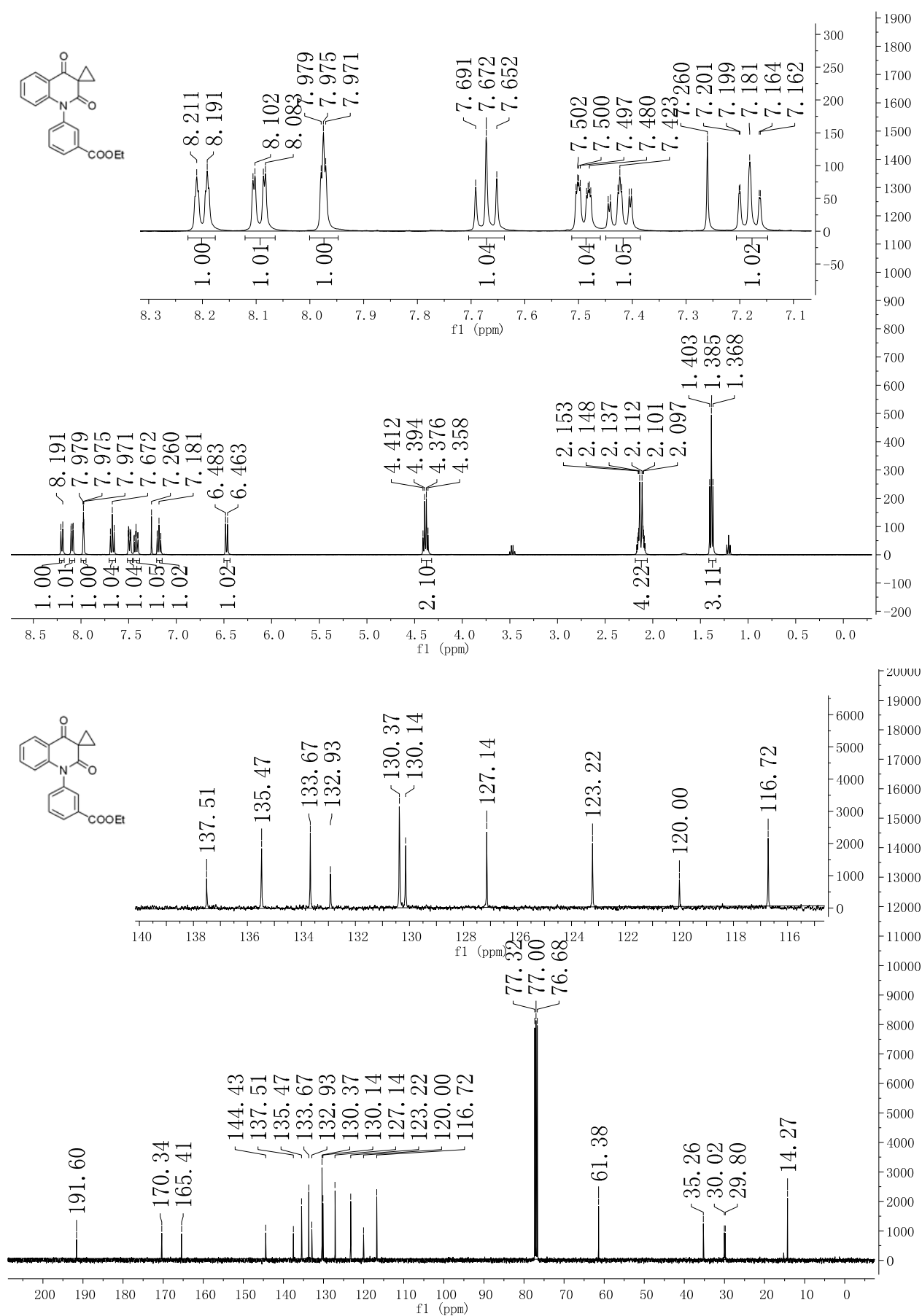
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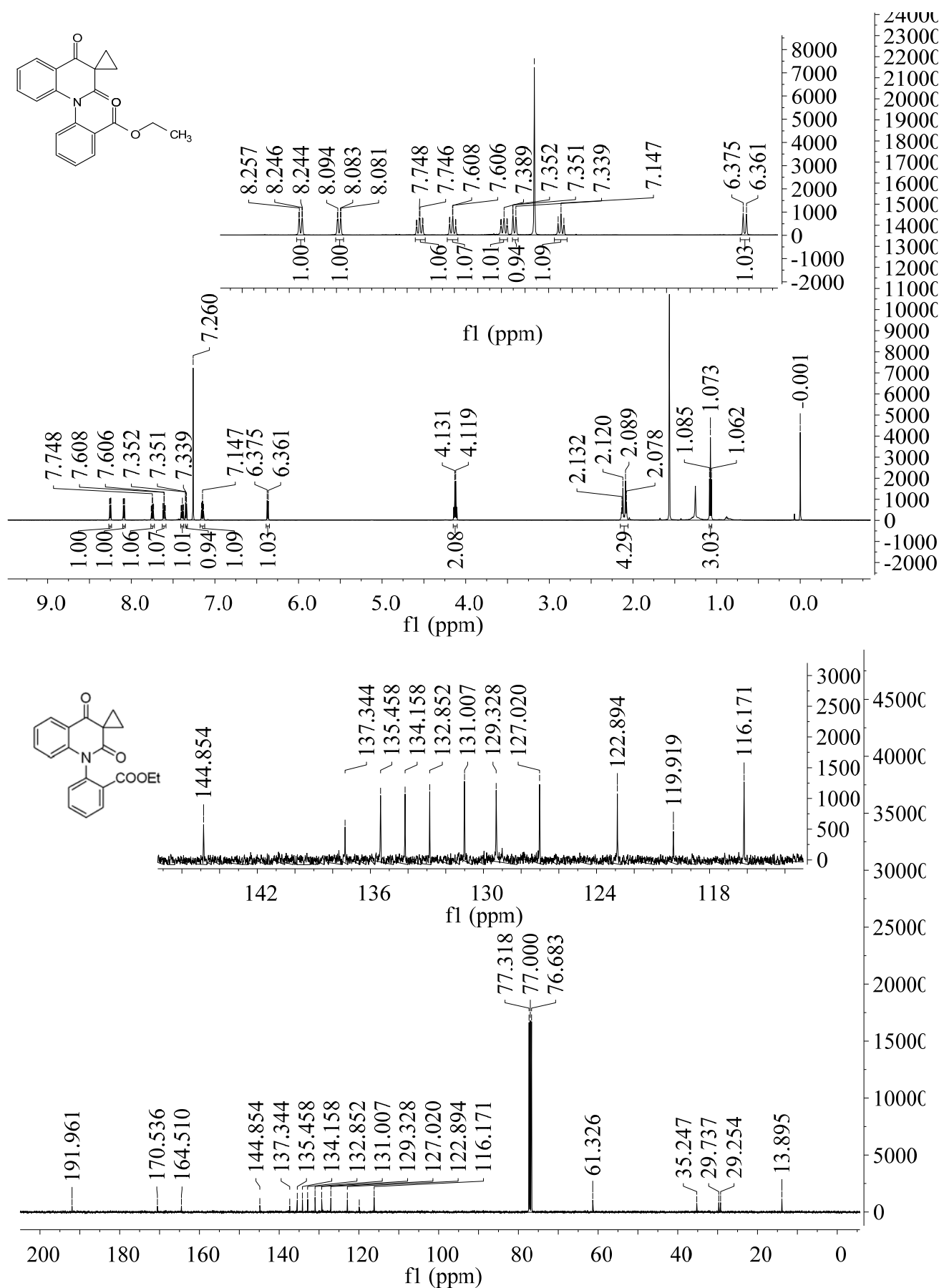
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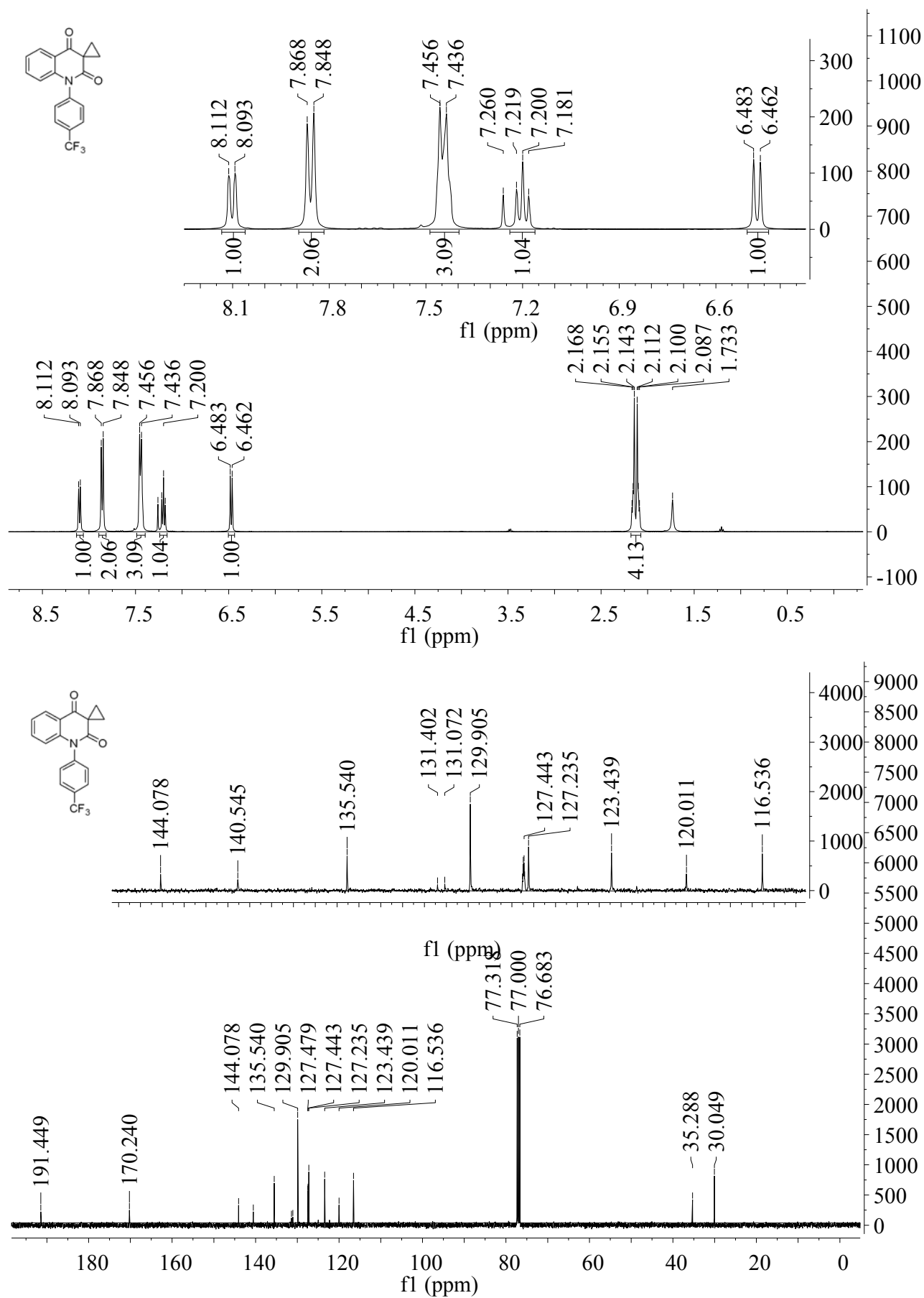
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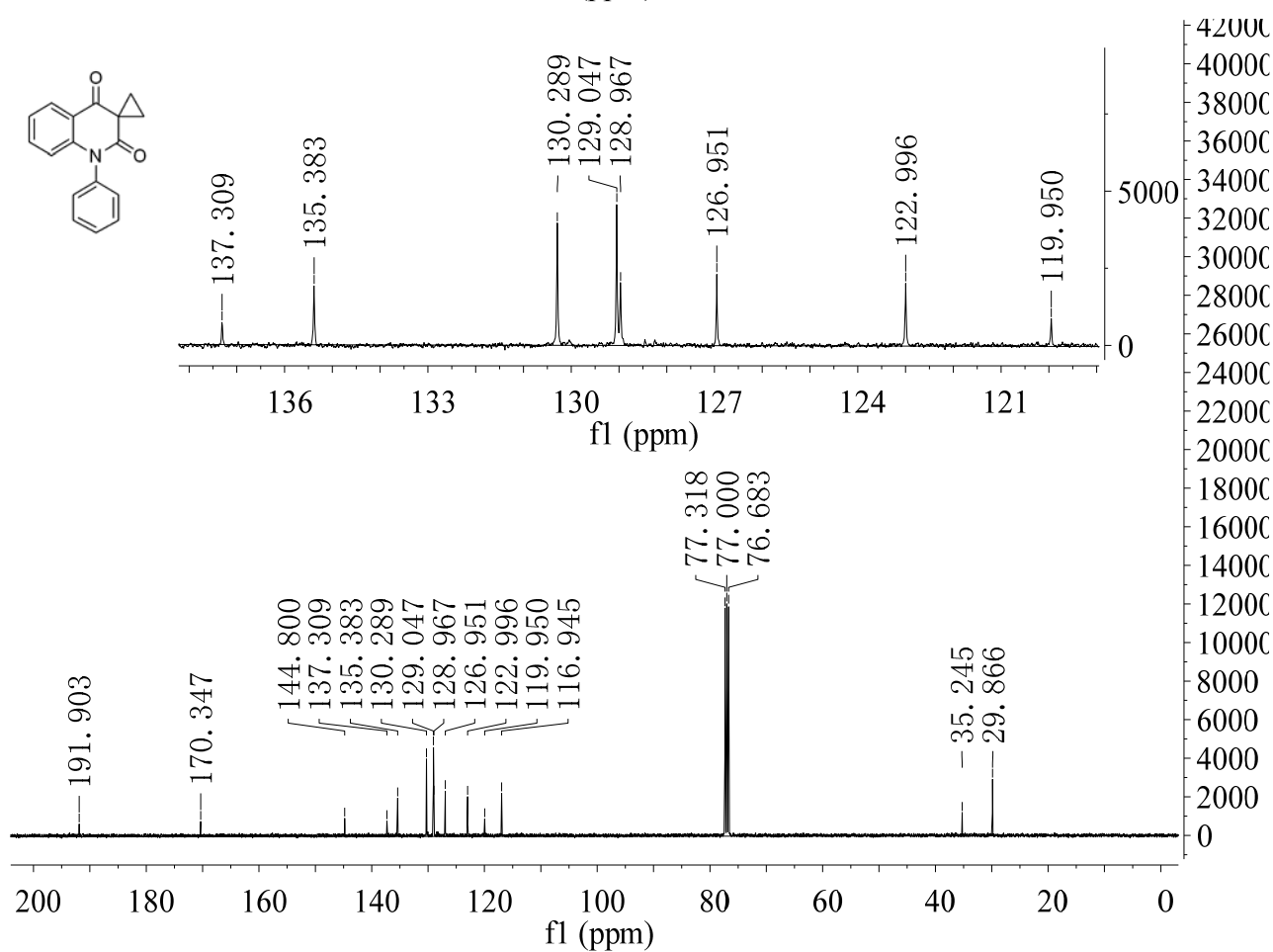
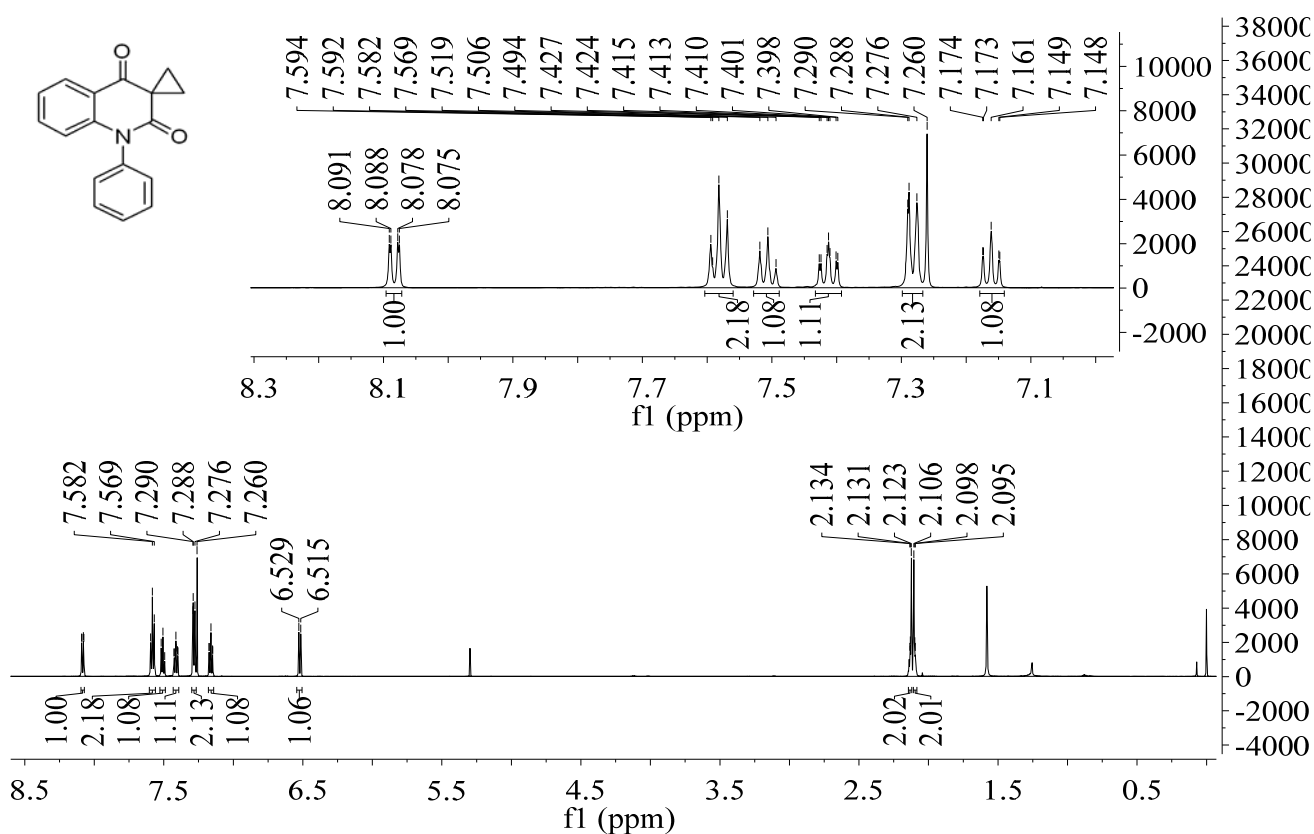
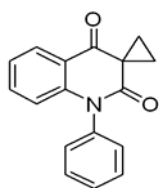
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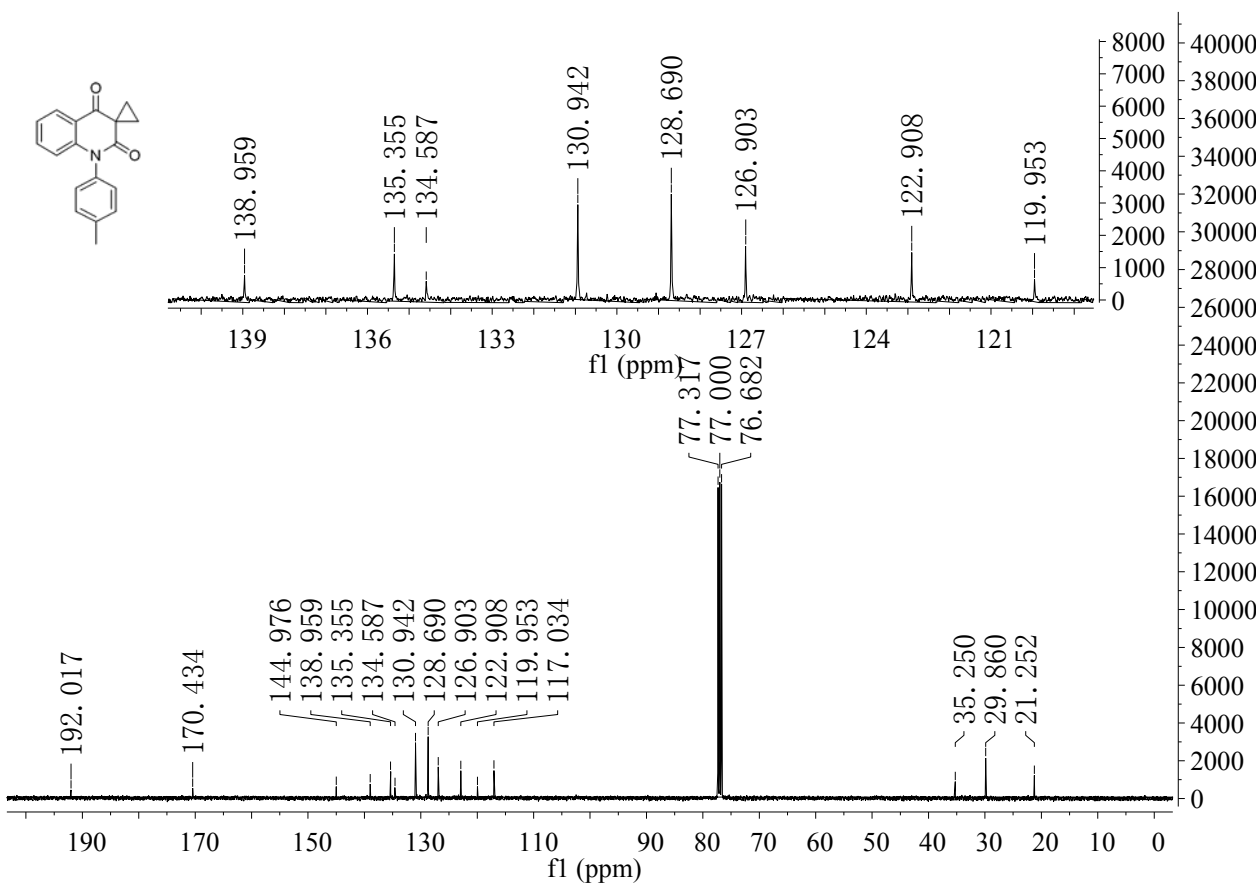
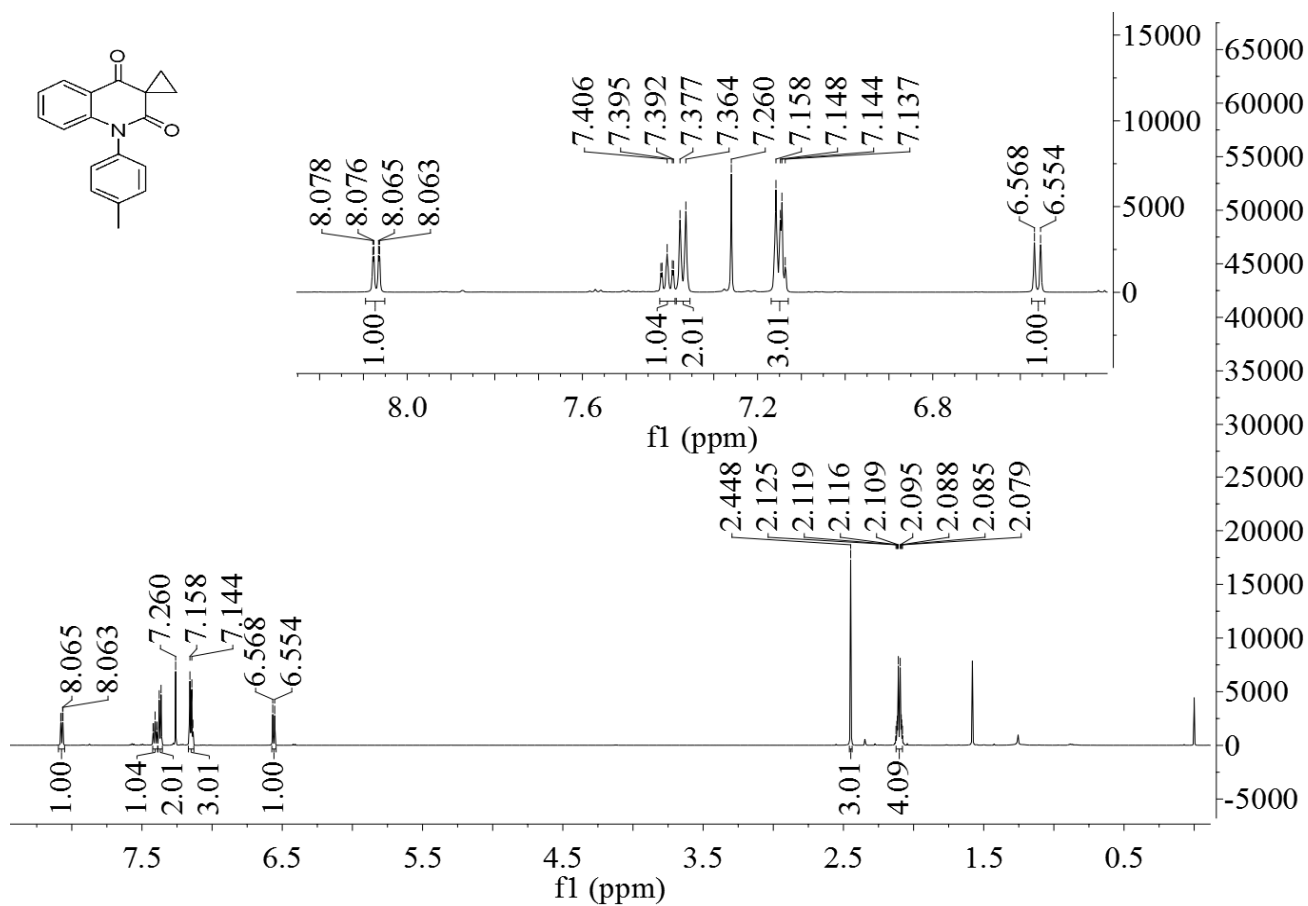
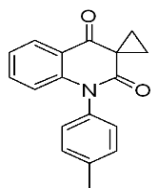
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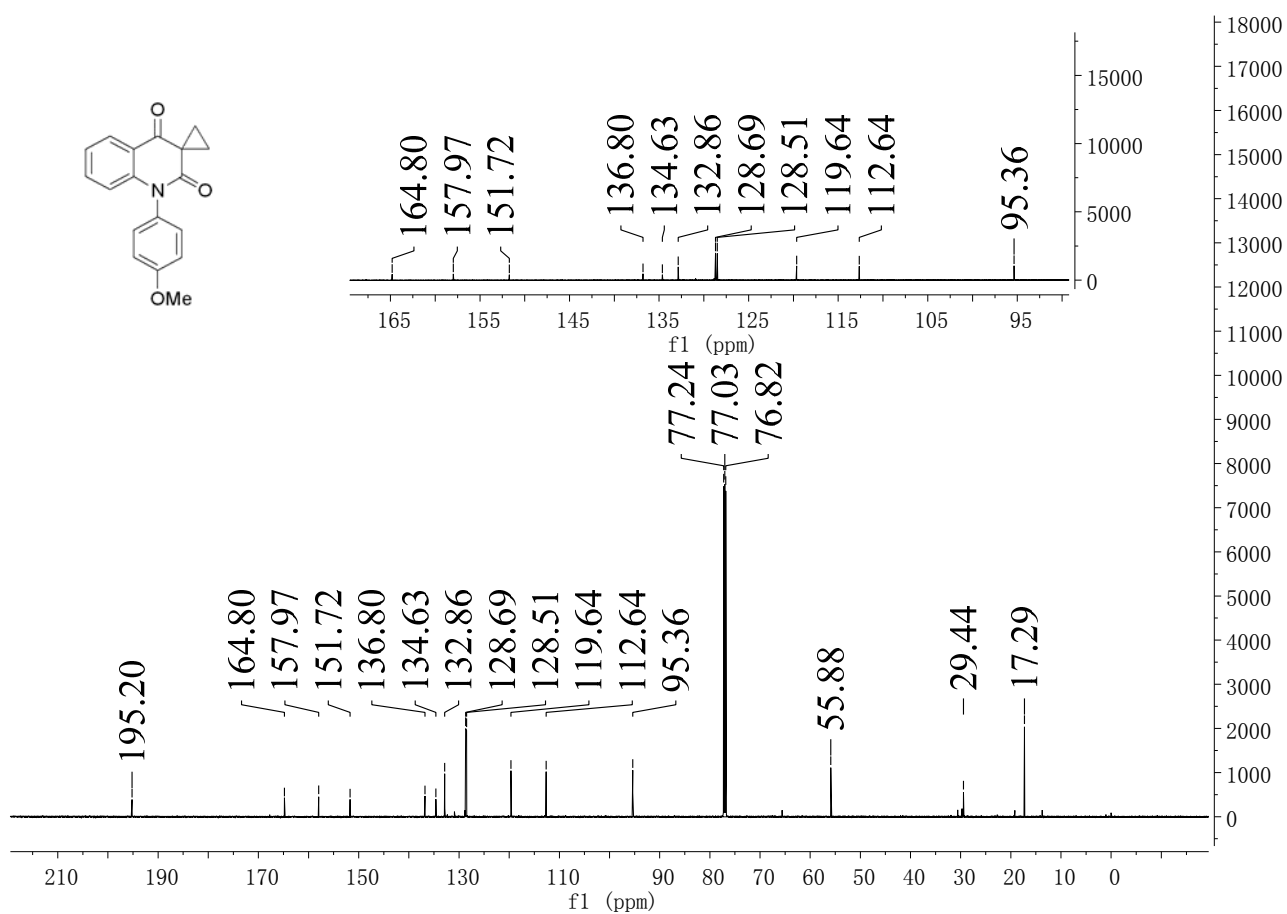
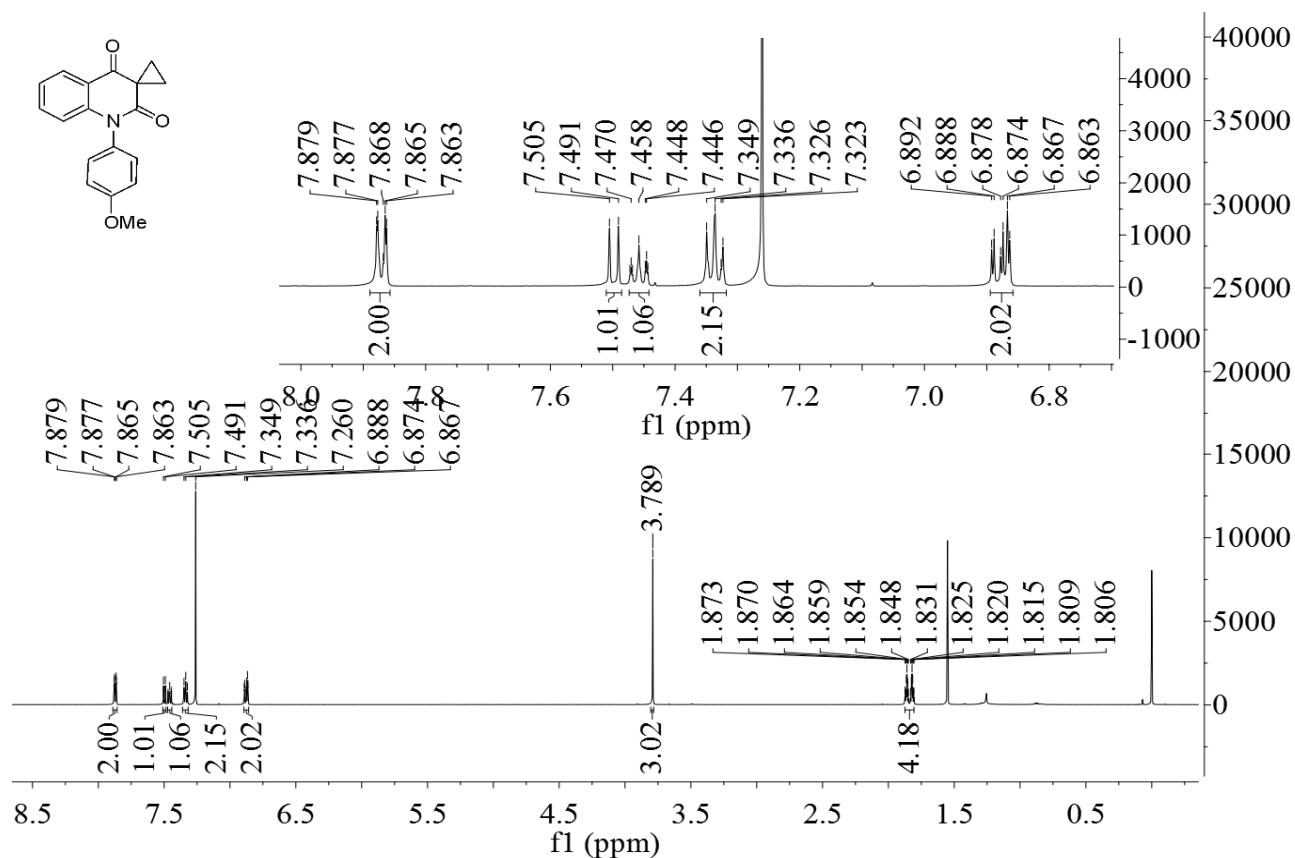
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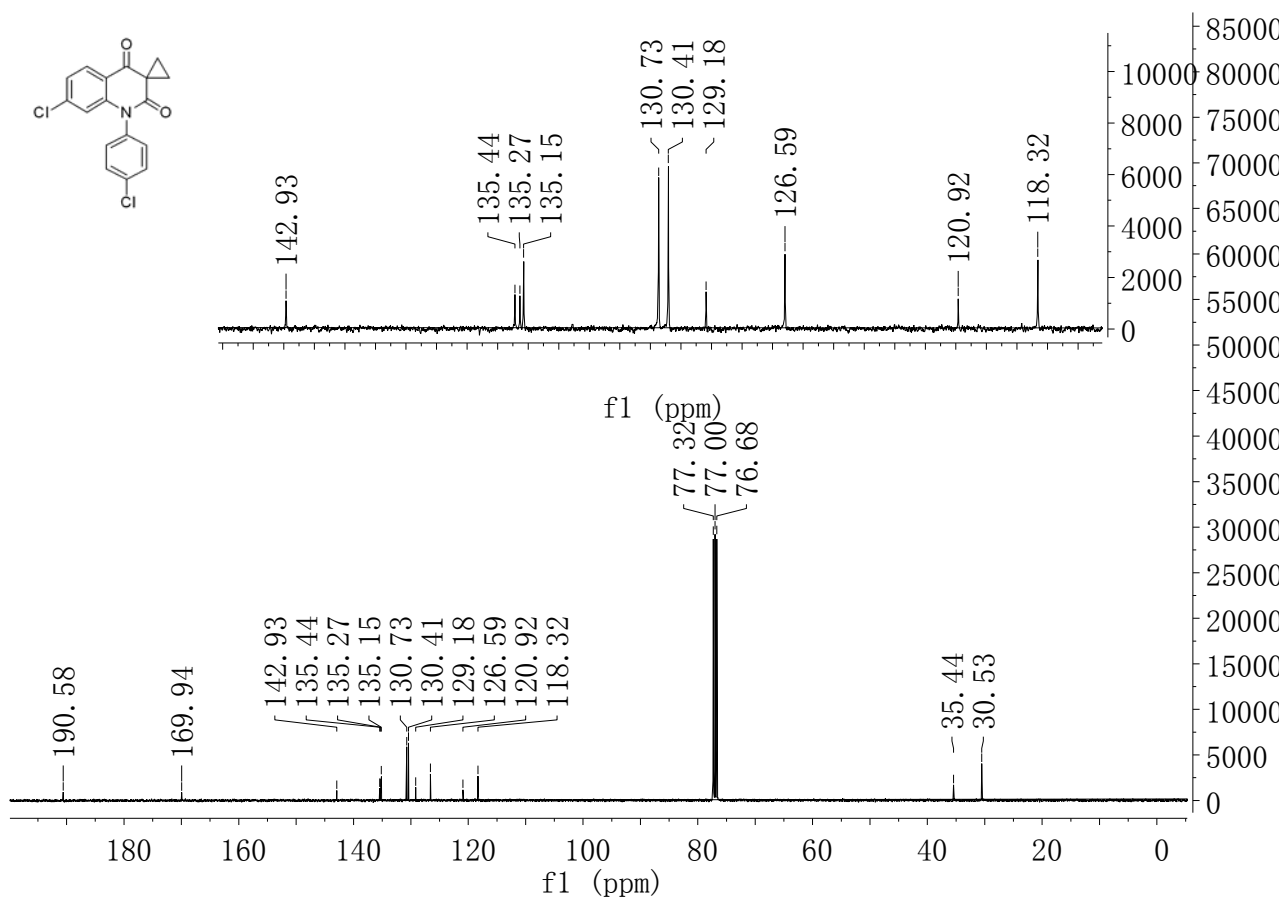
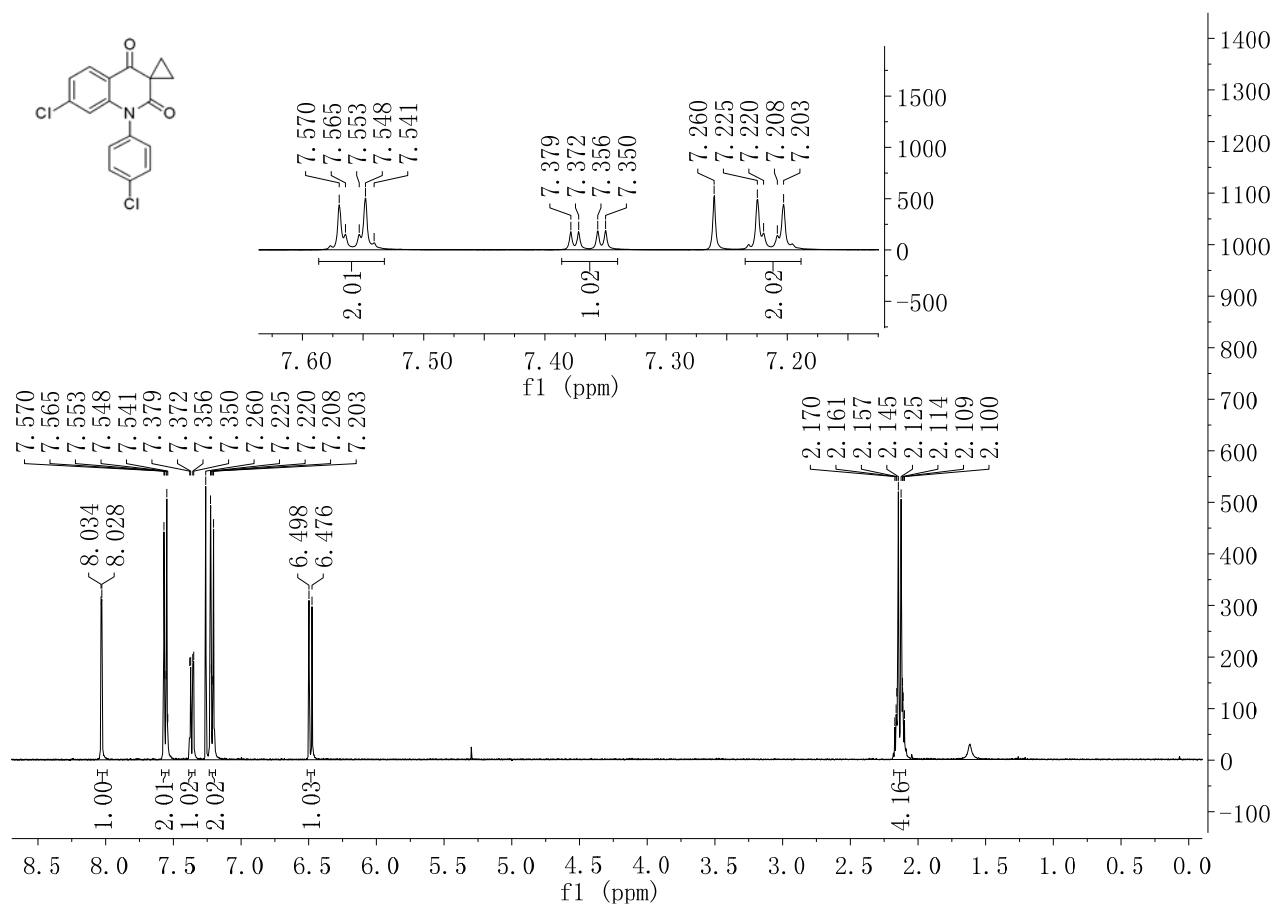
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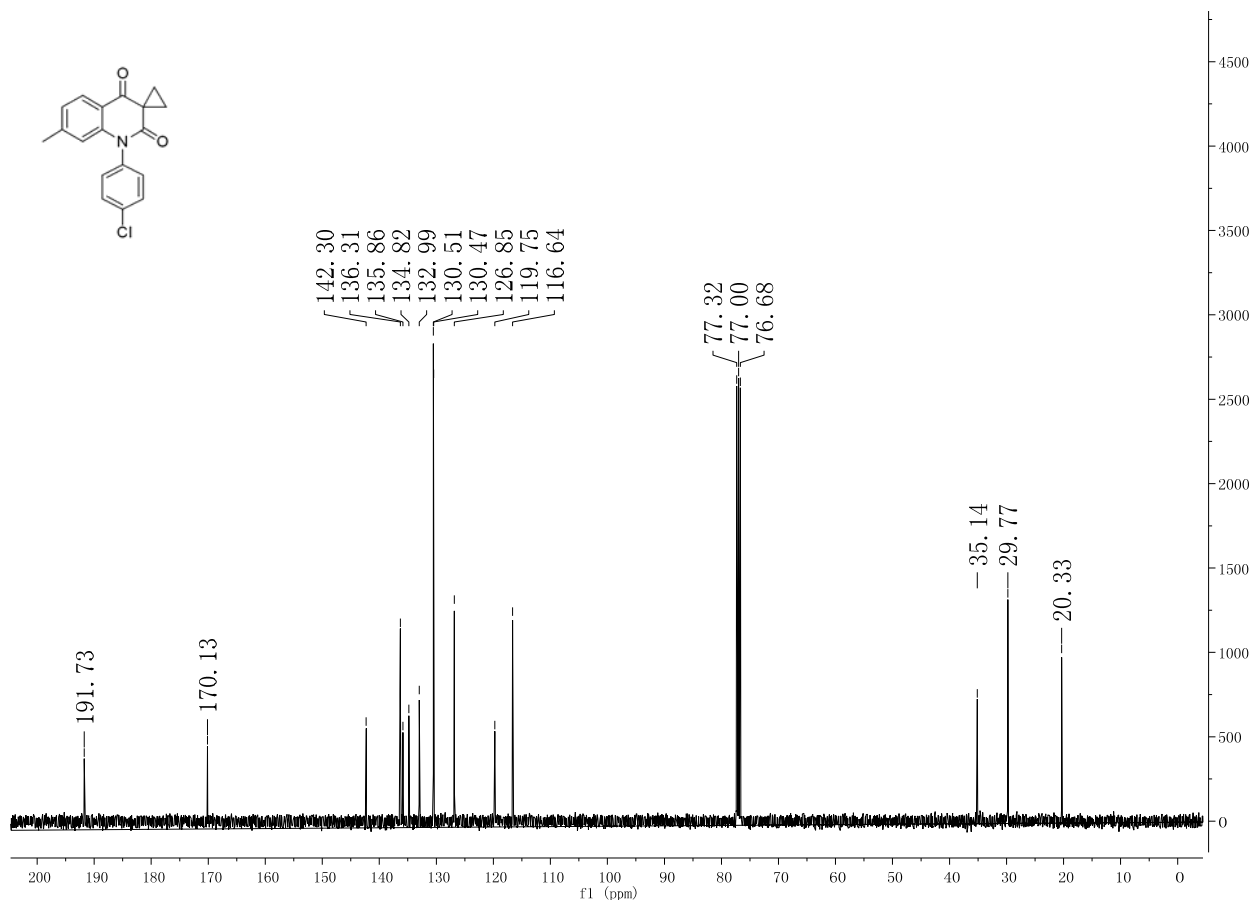
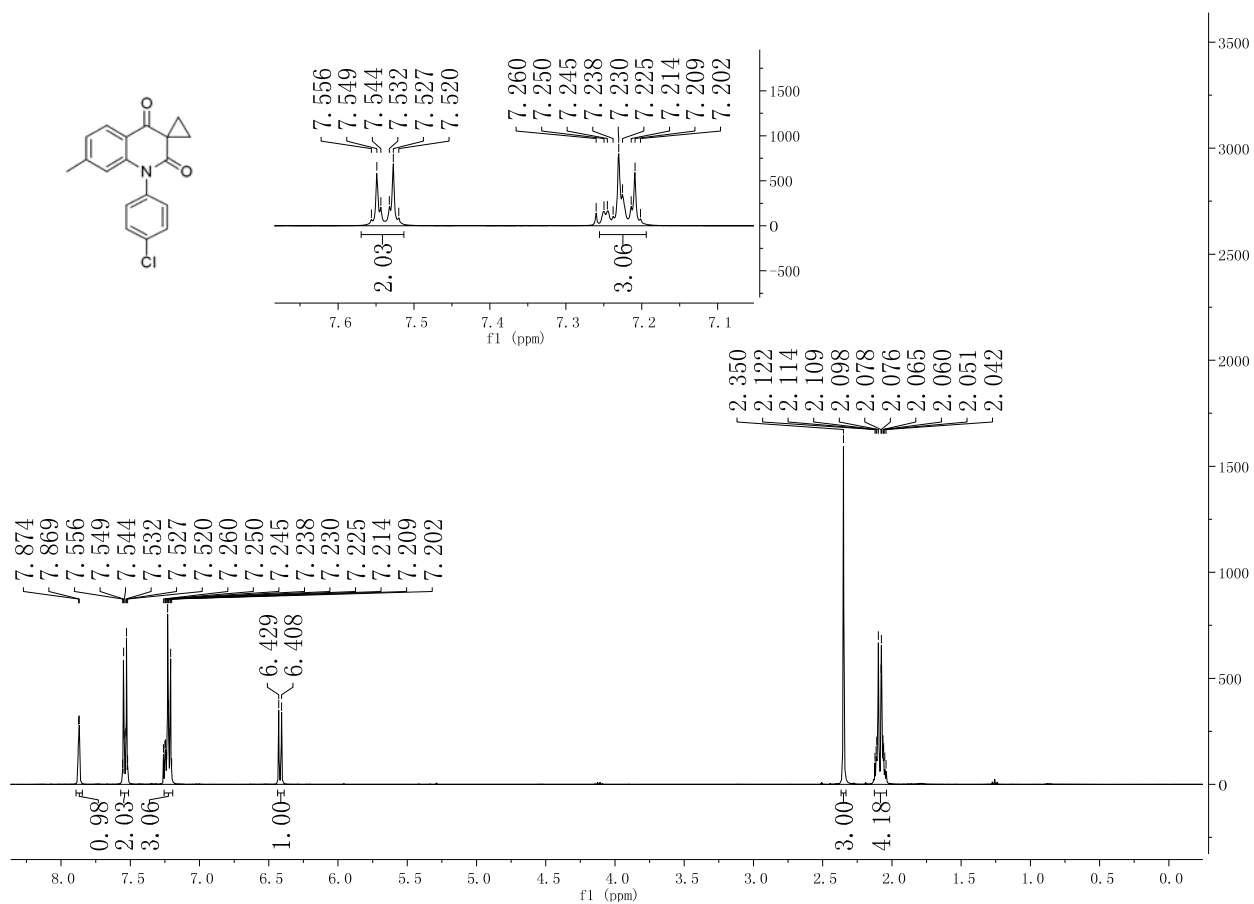
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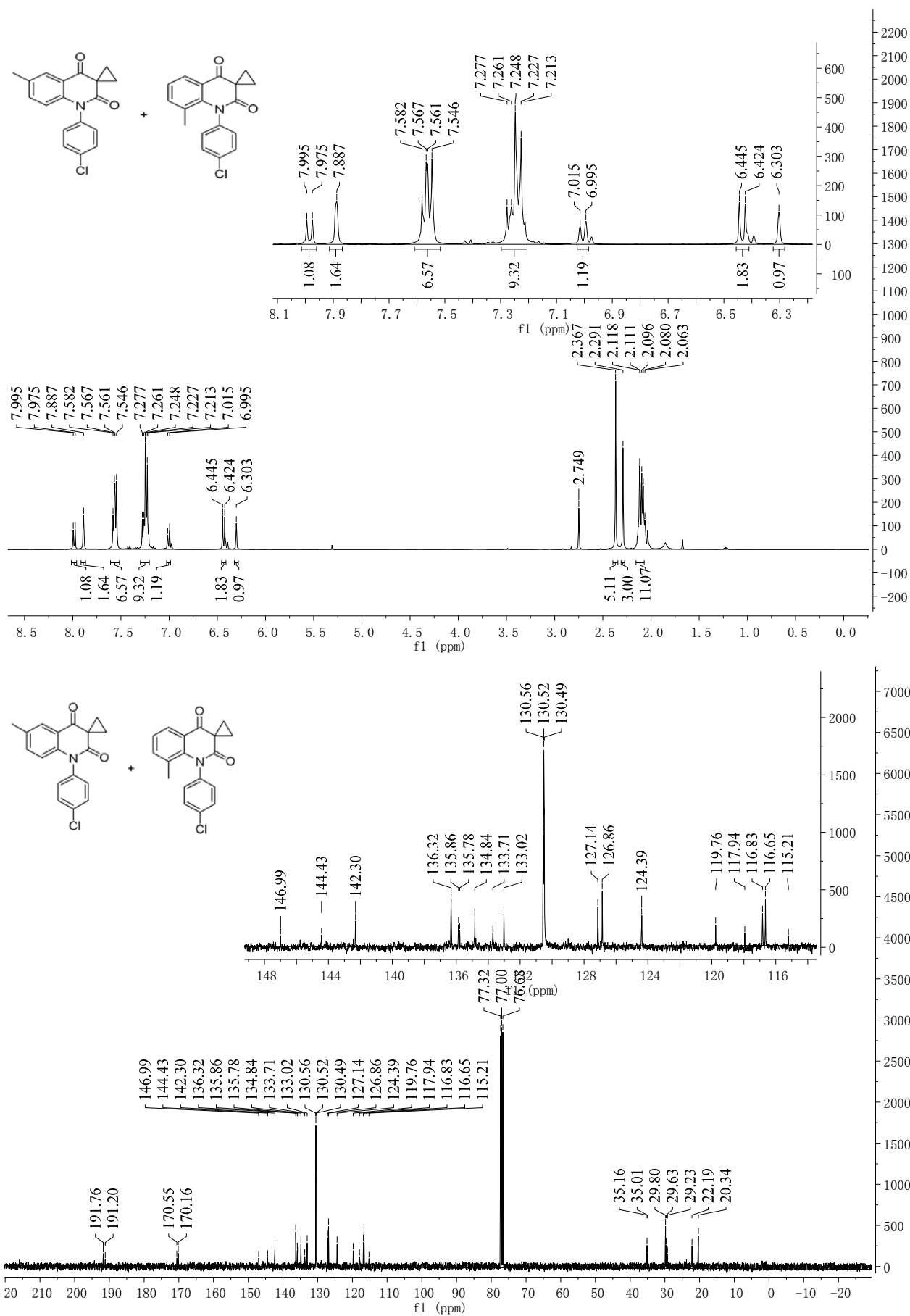
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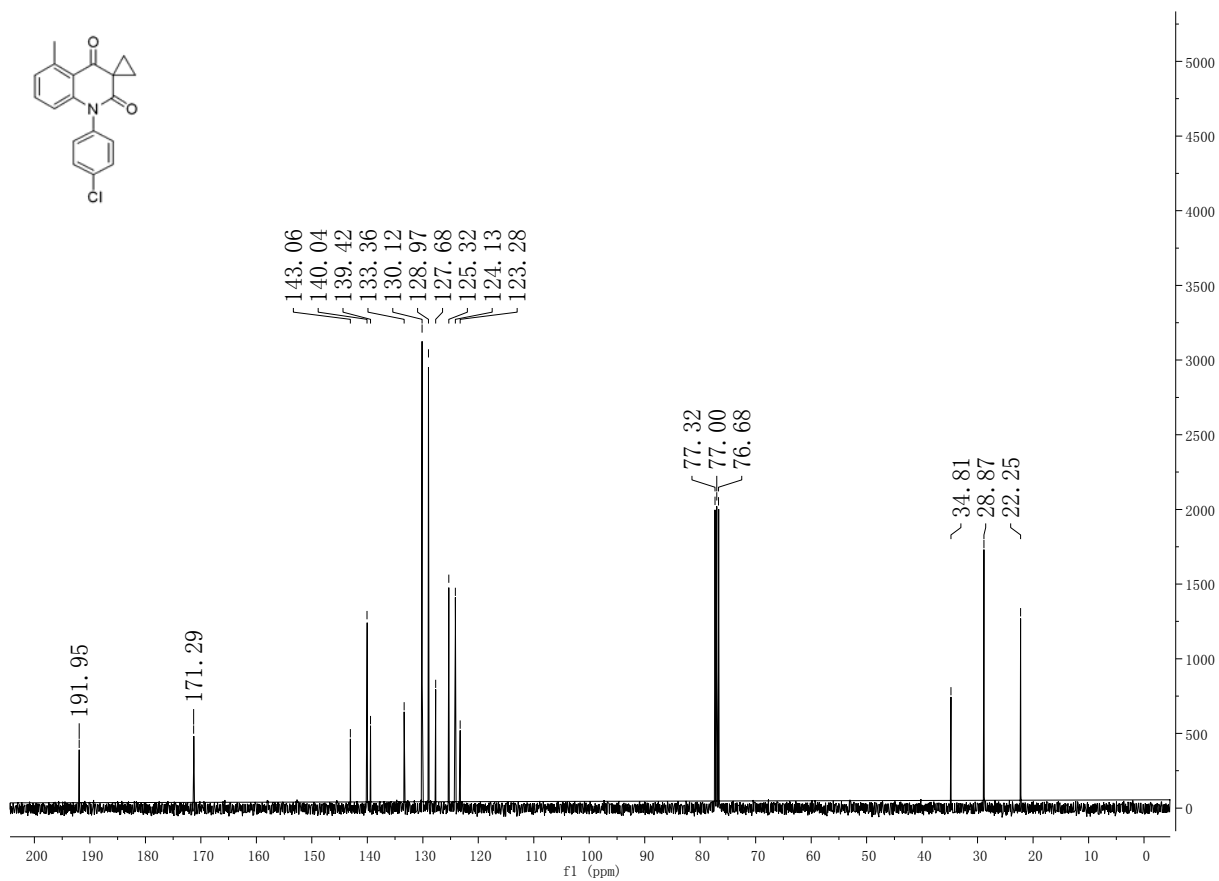
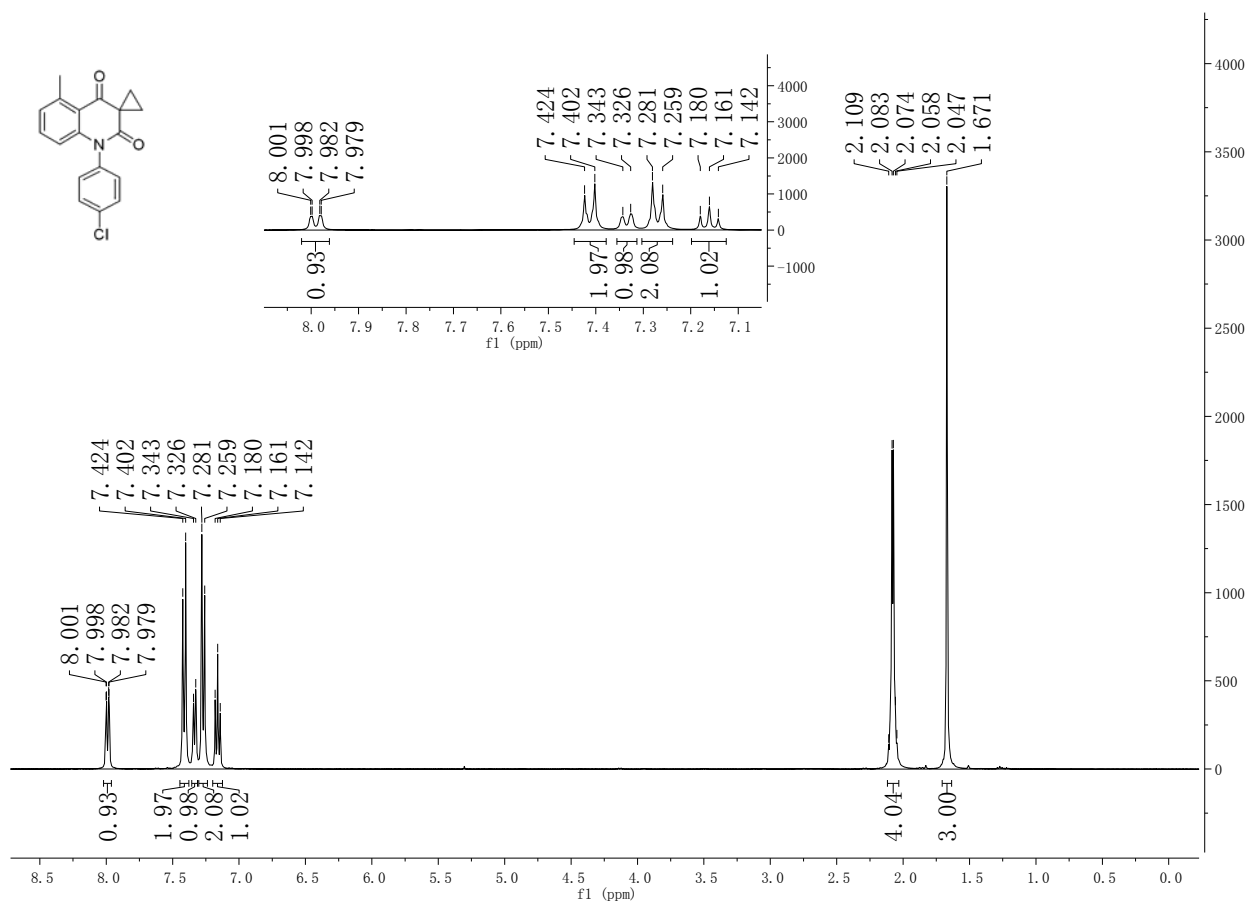
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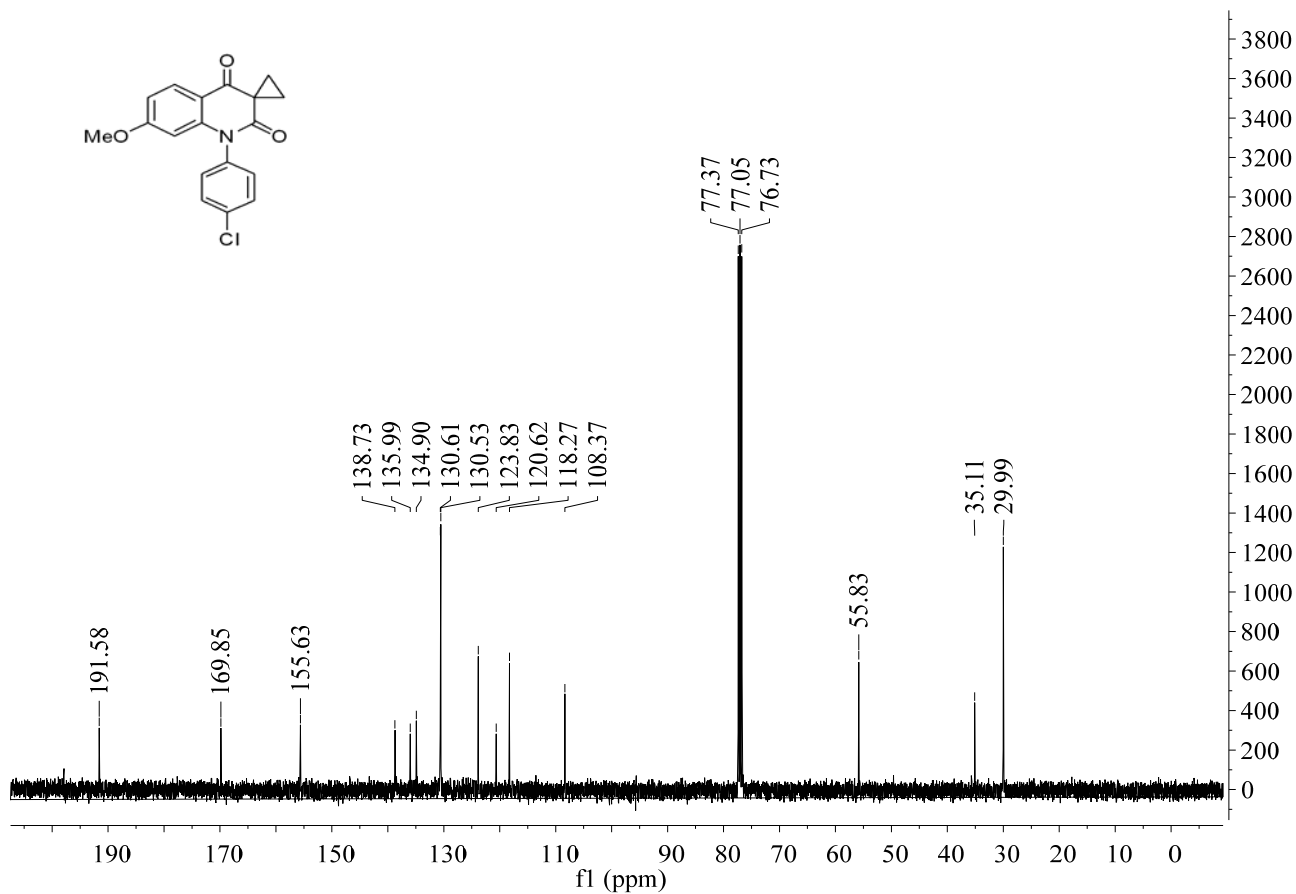
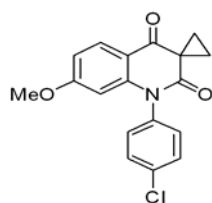
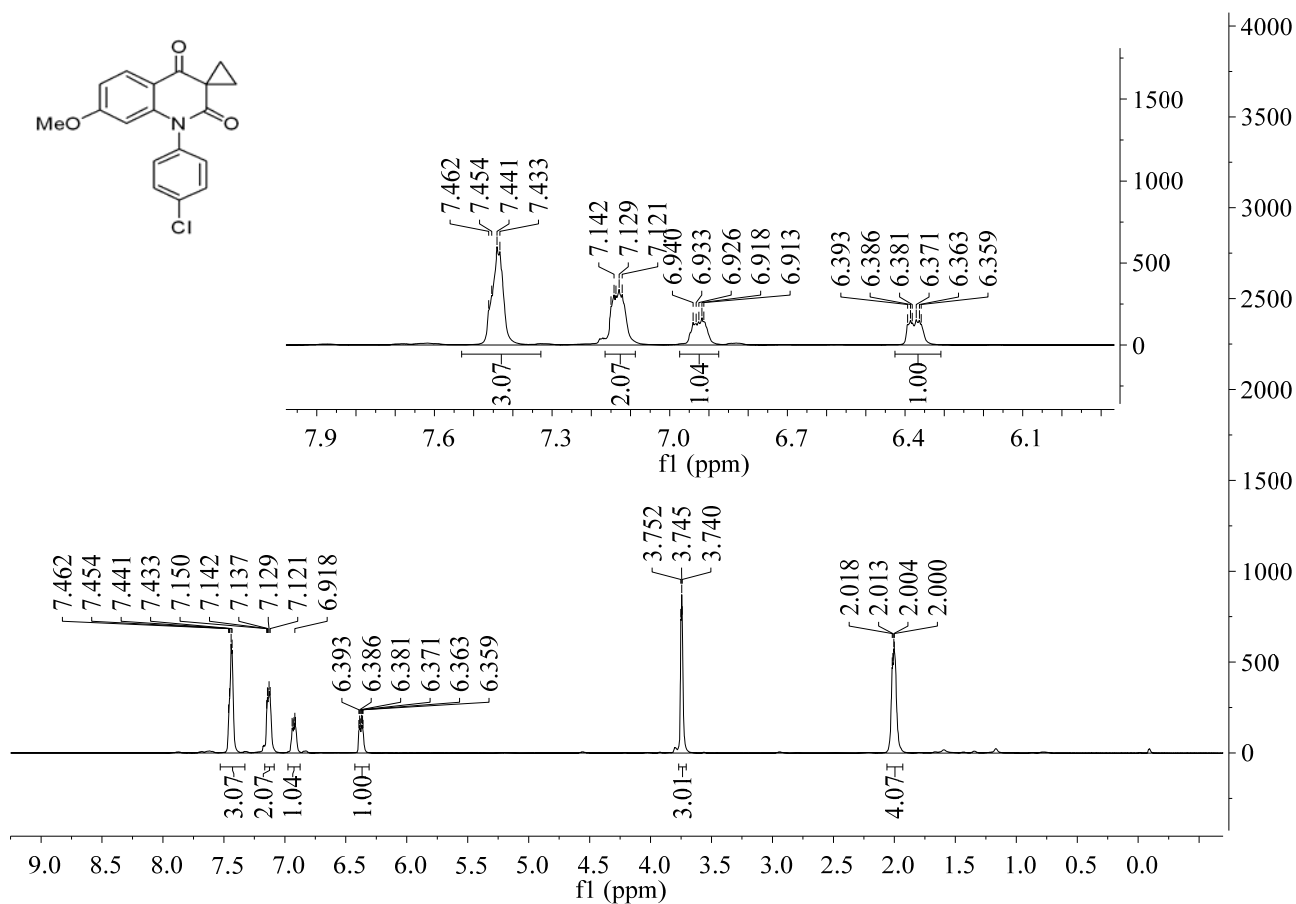
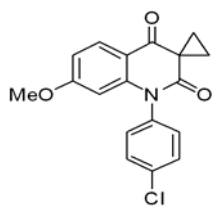
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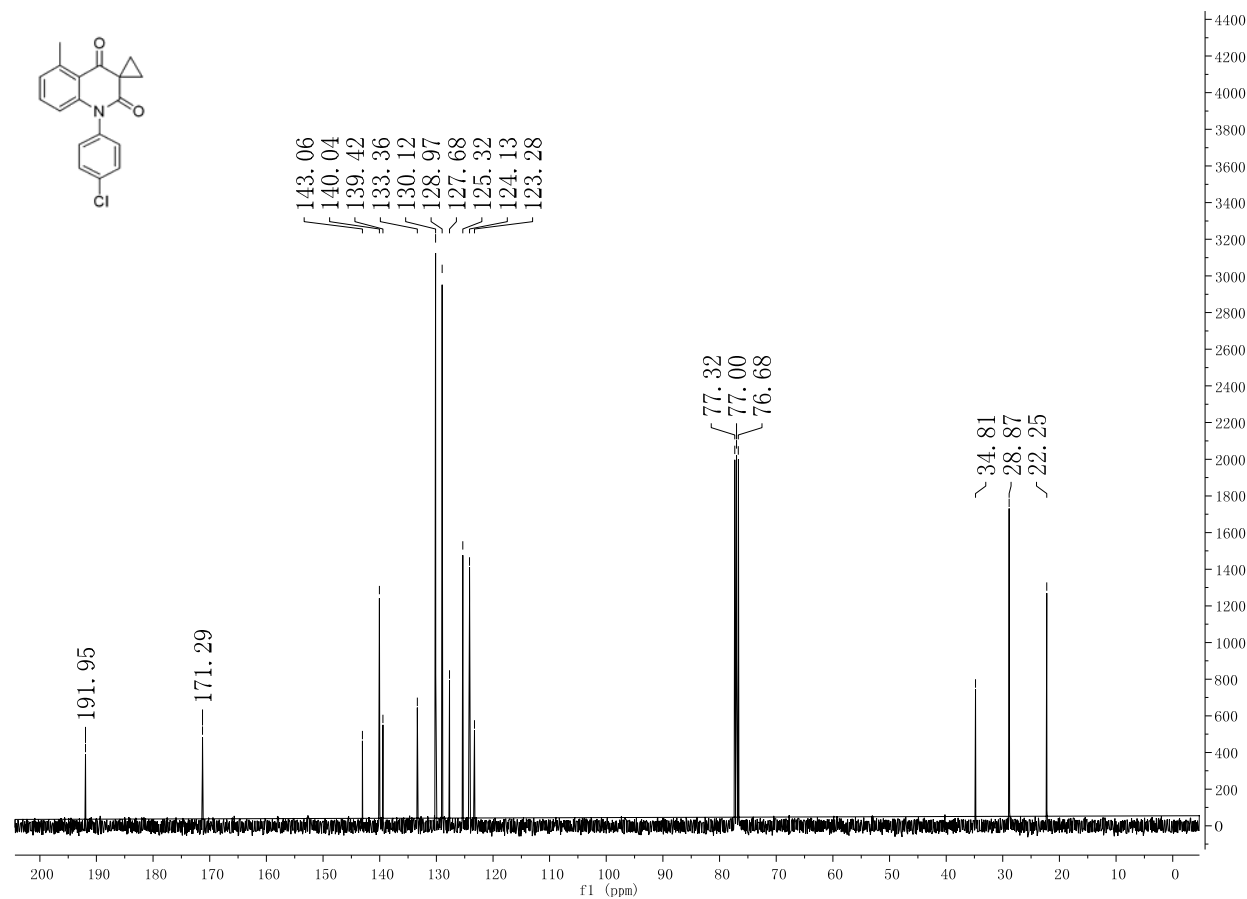
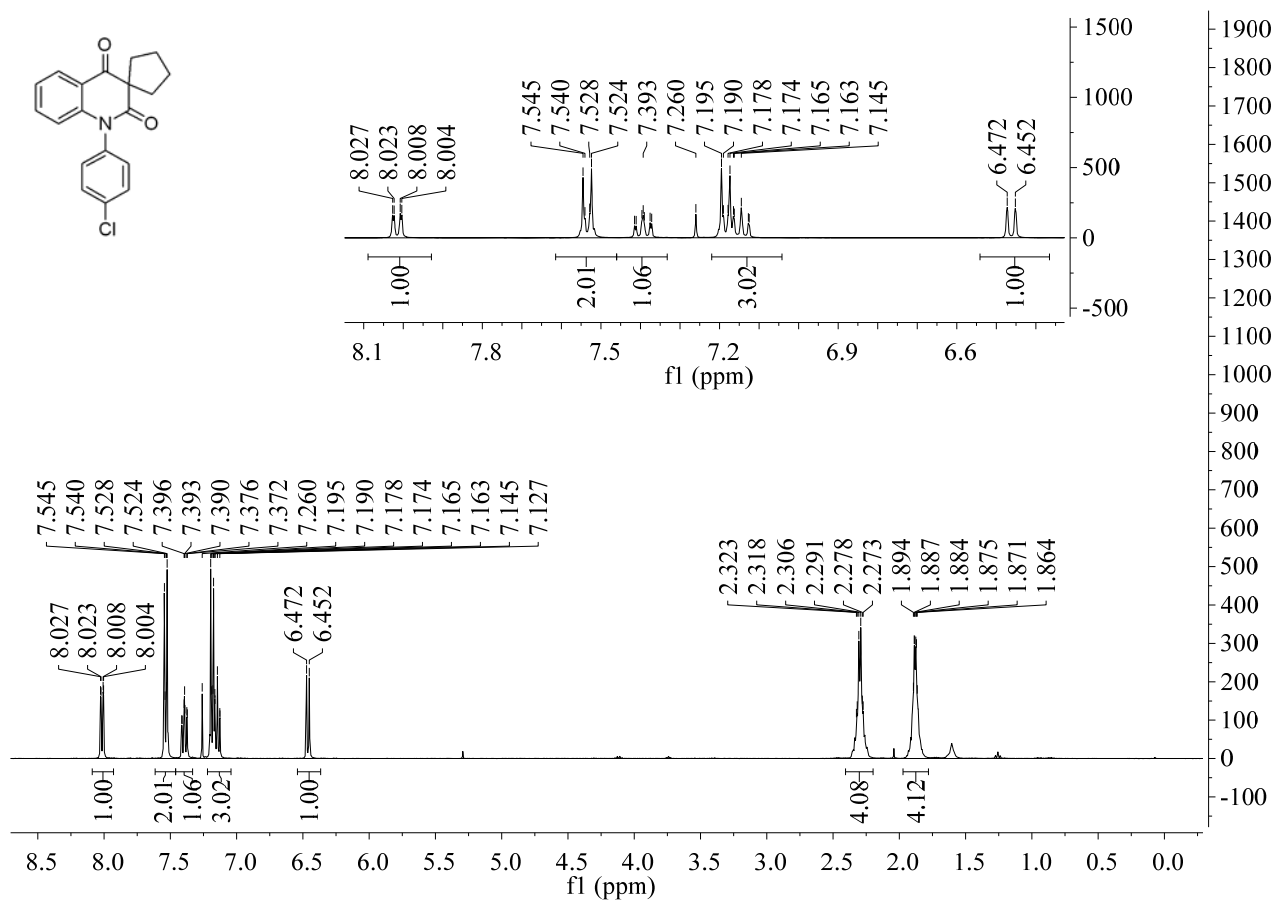
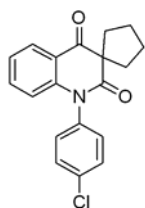
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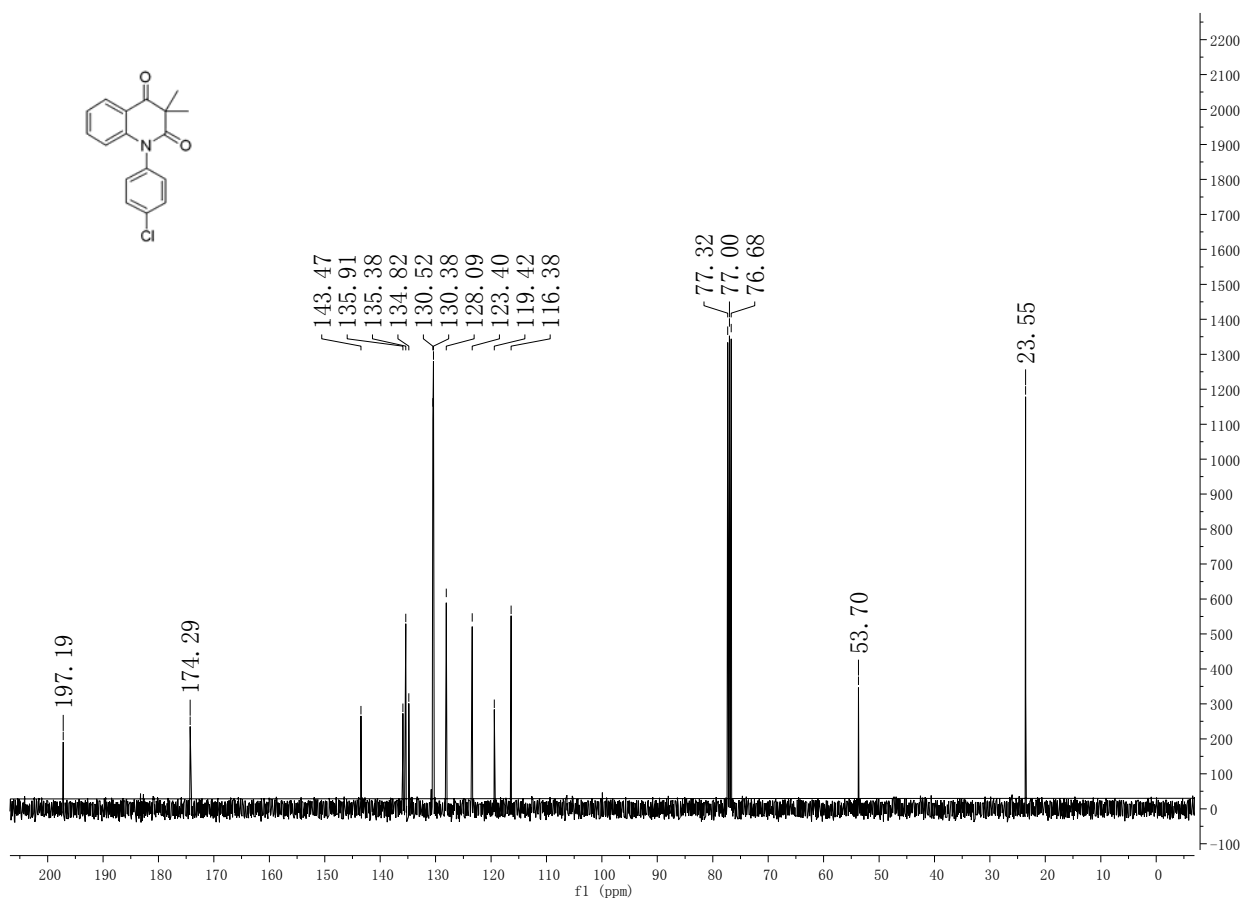
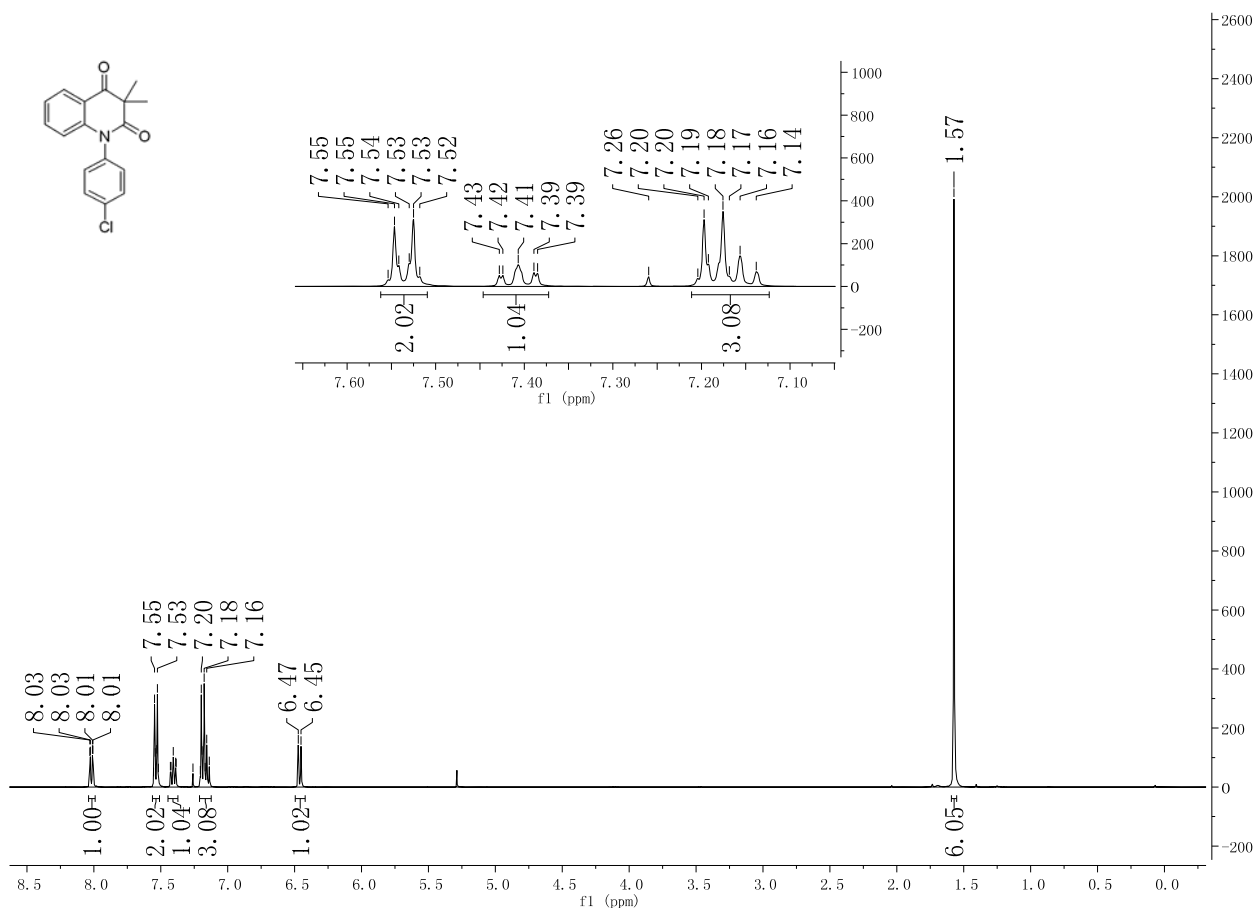
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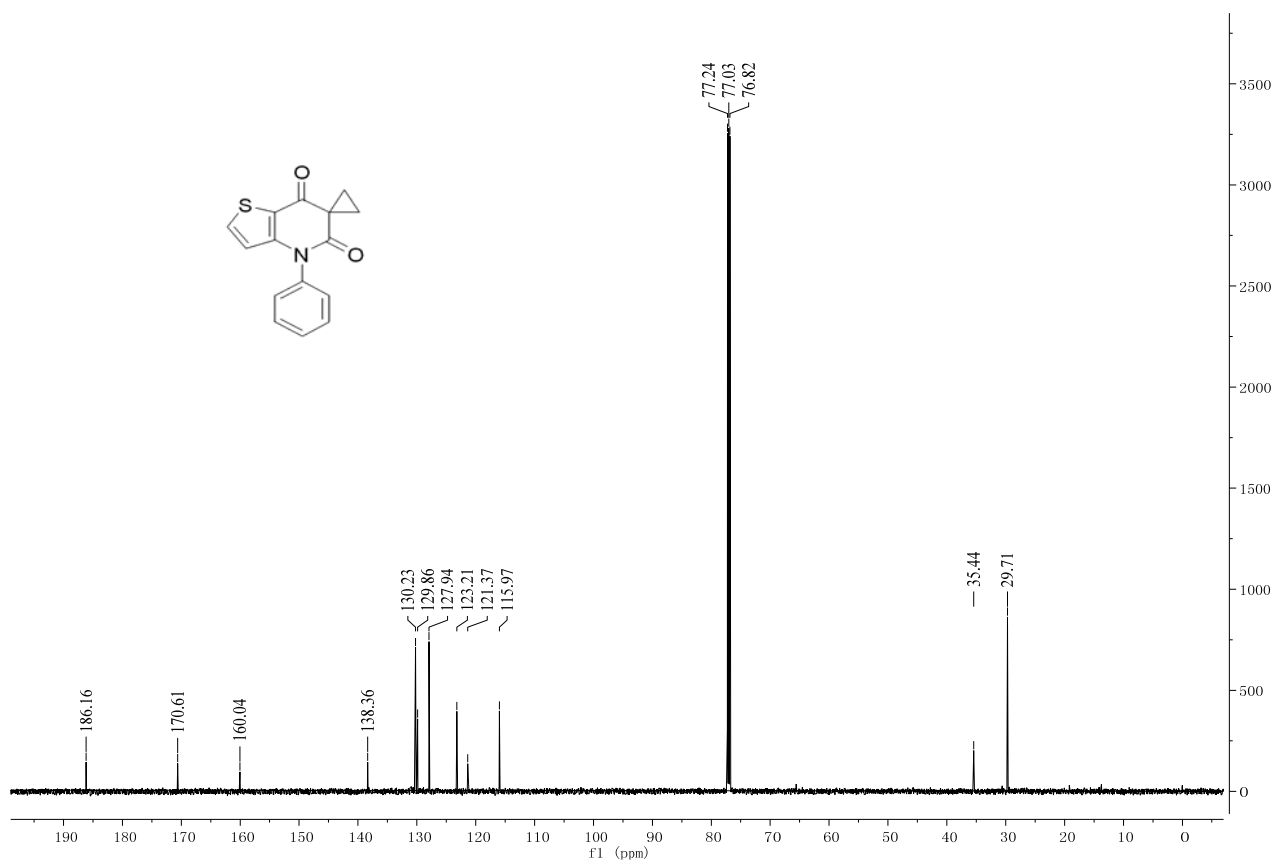
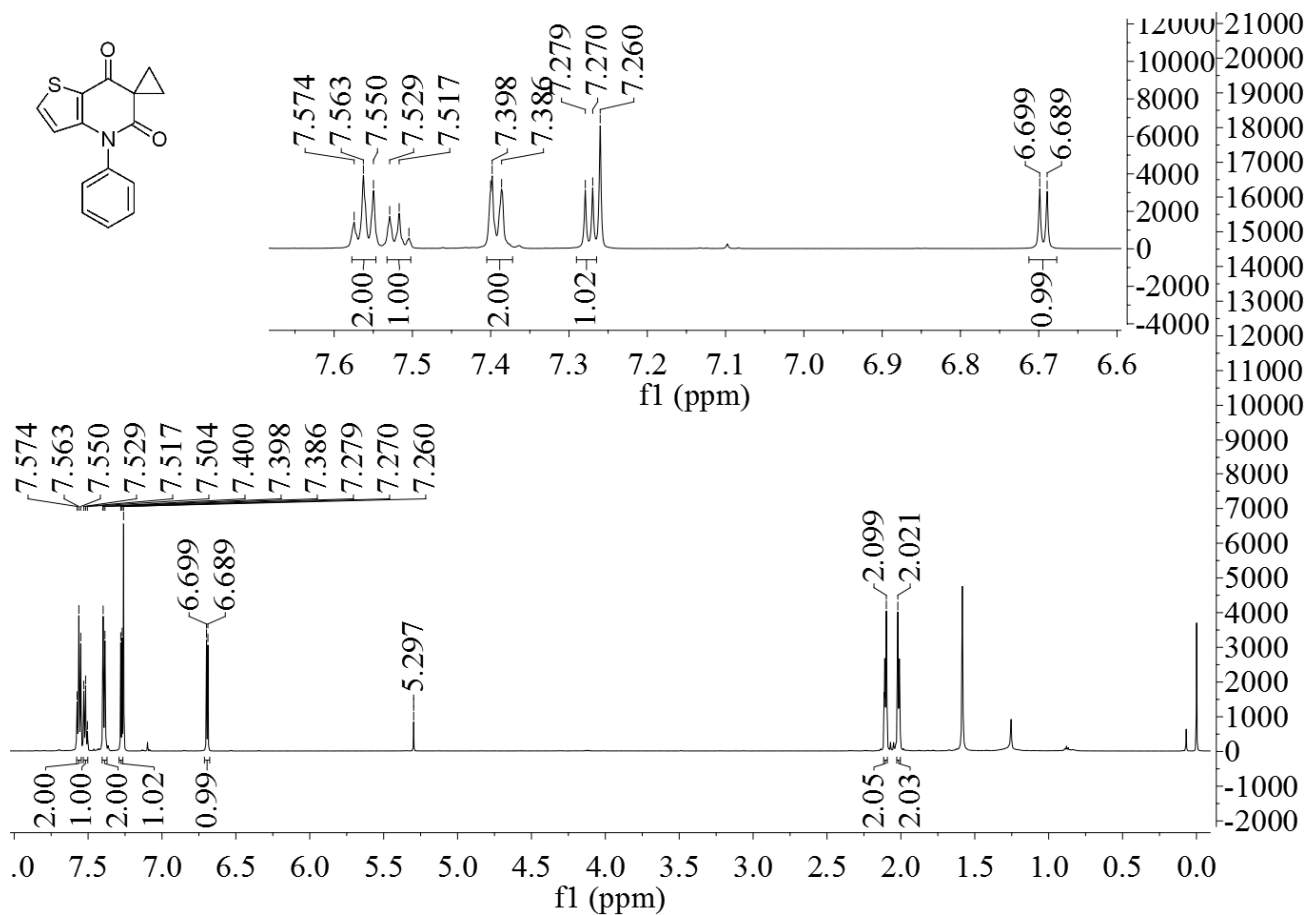
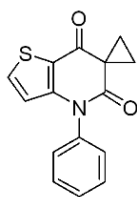
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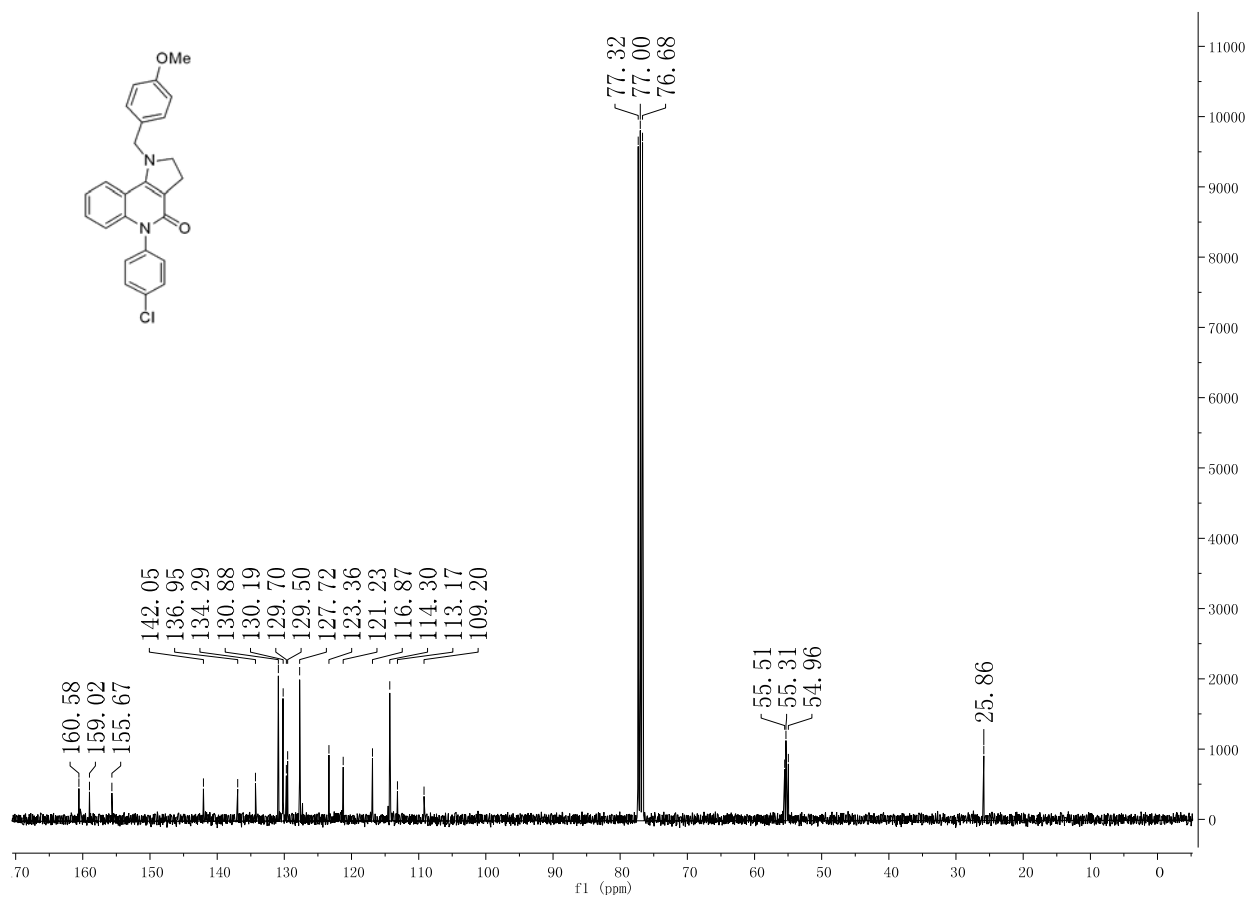
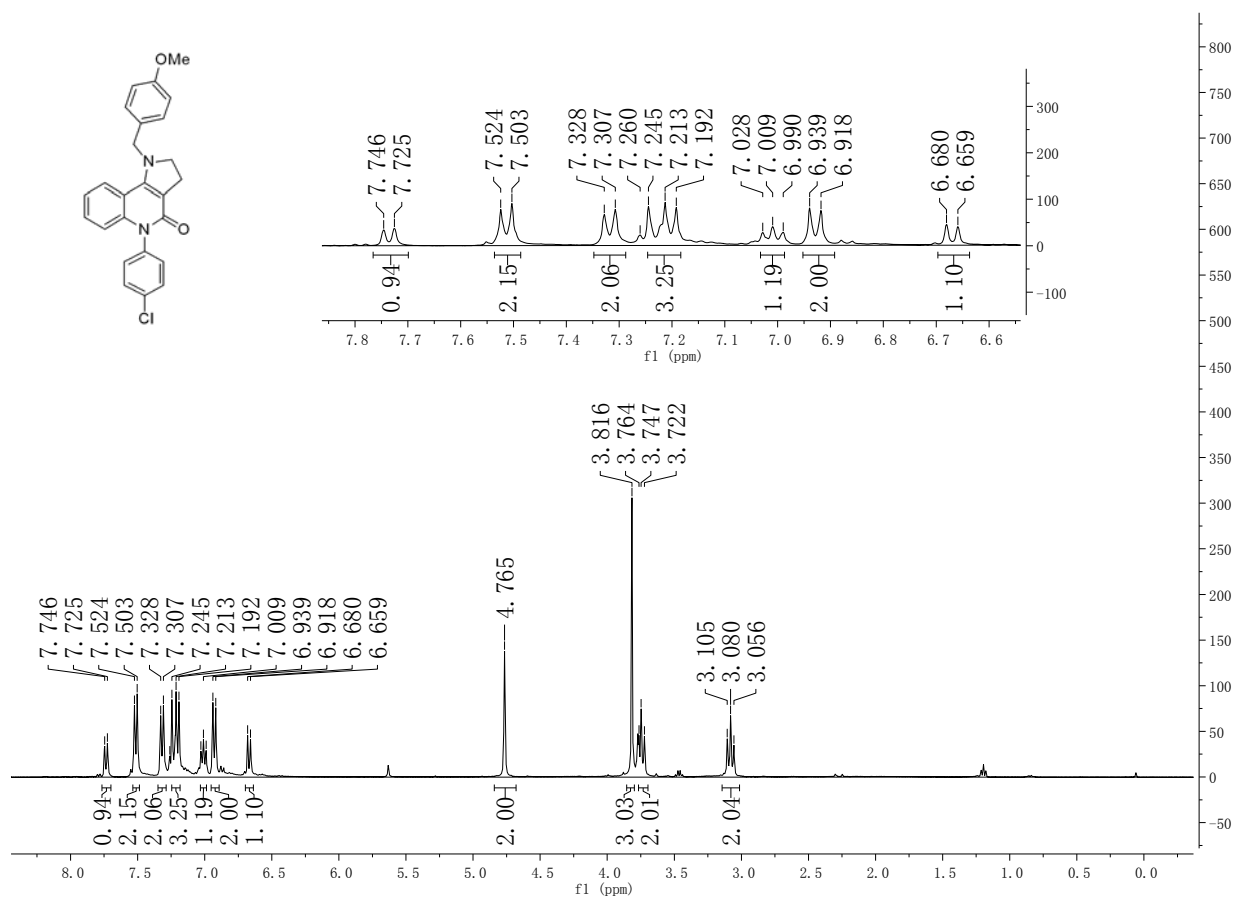
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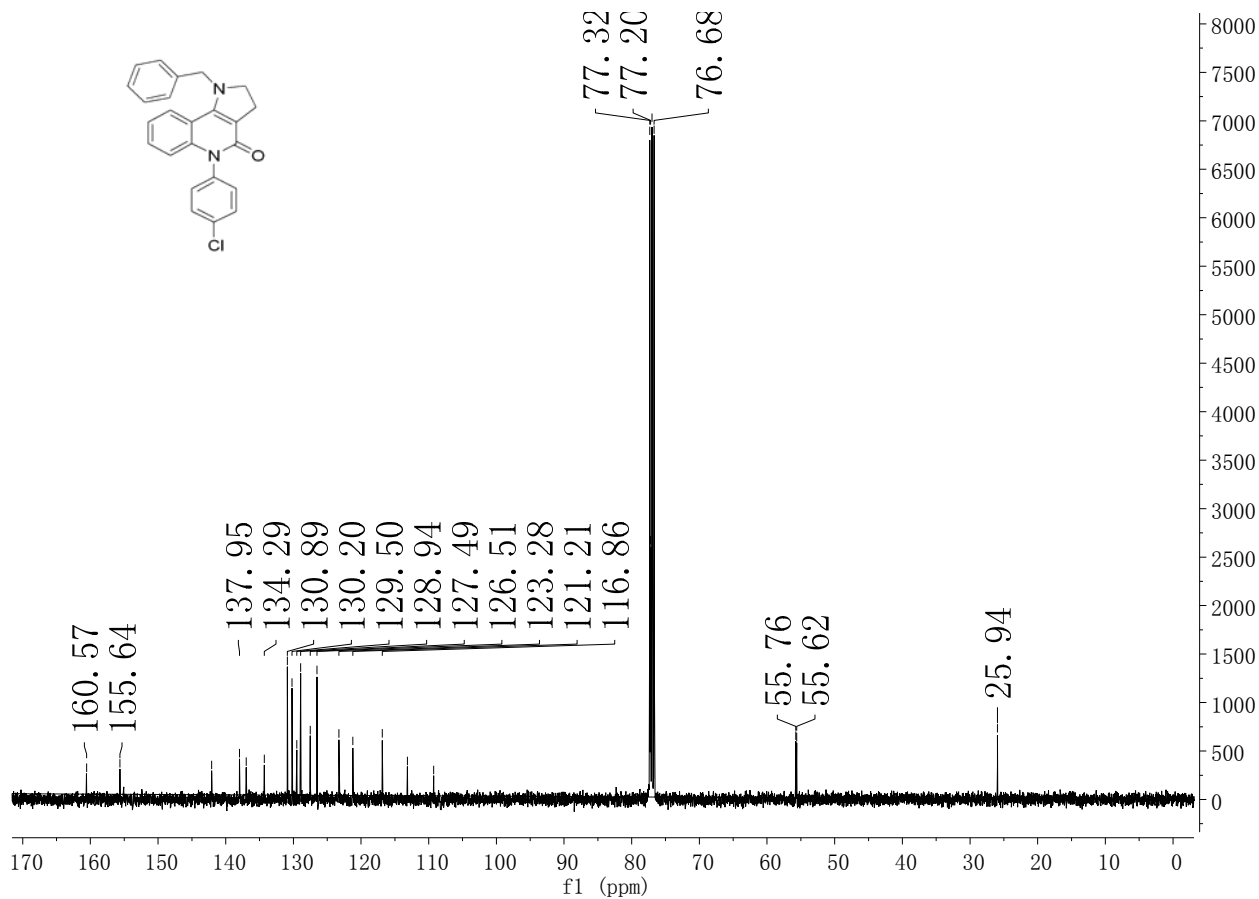
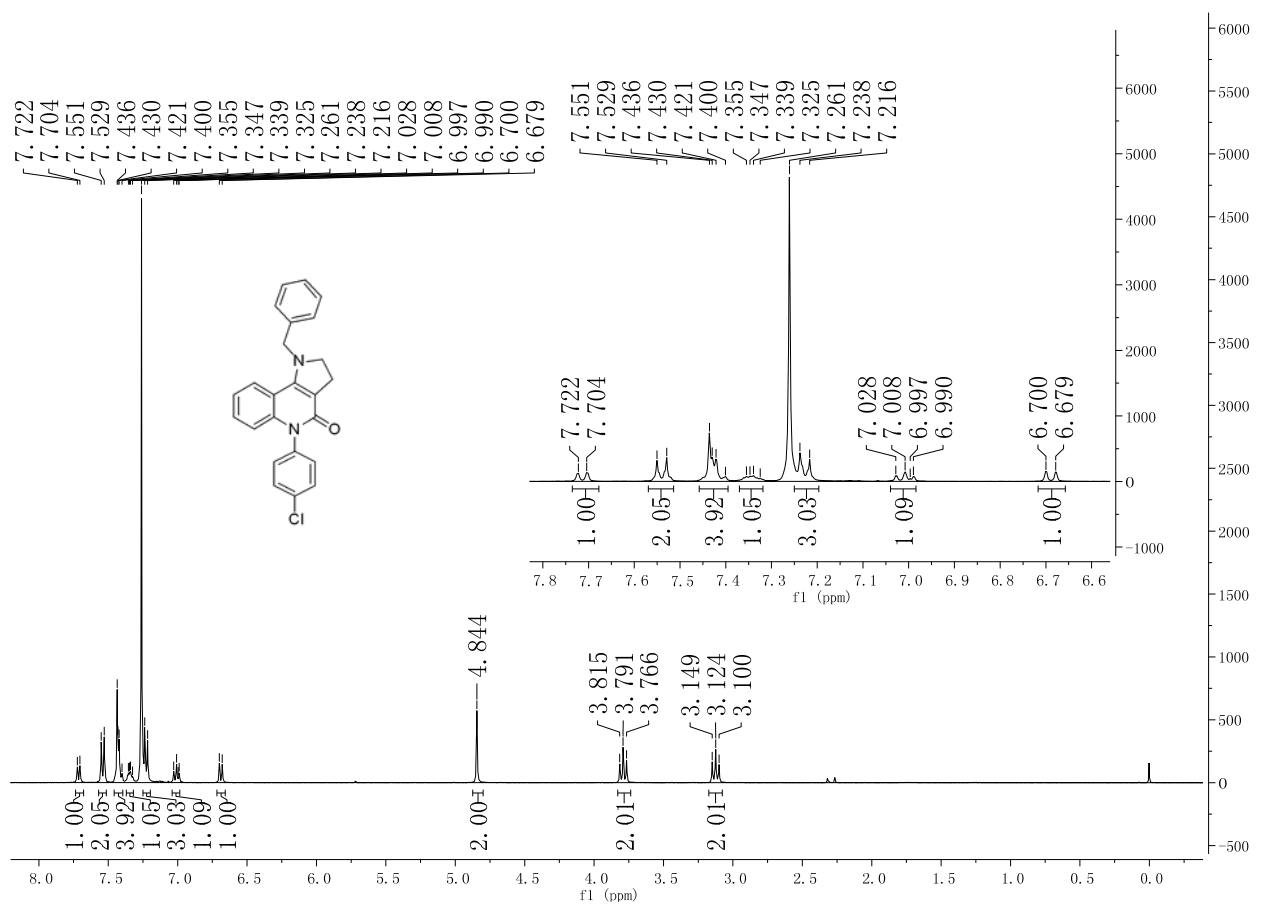
Compound **2z**



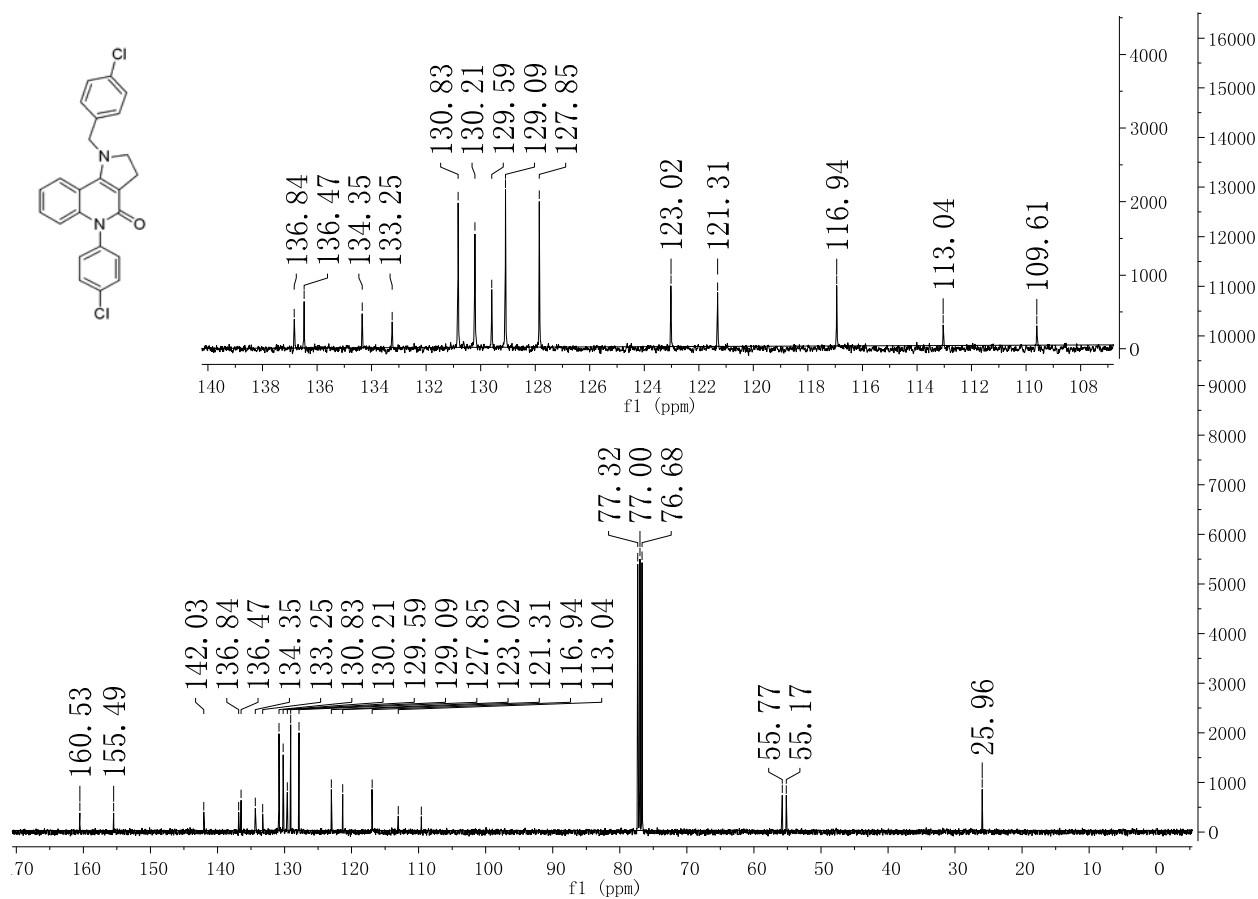
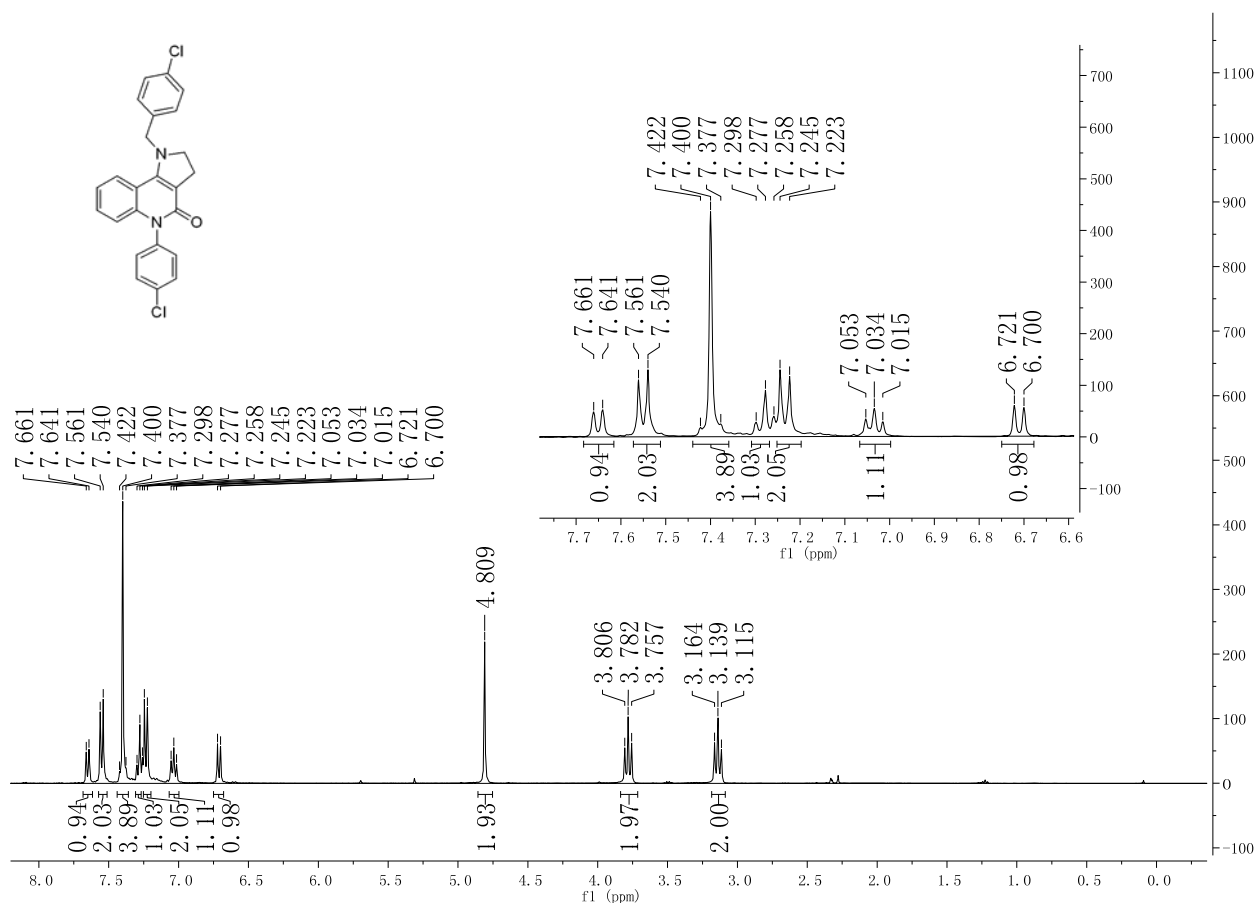
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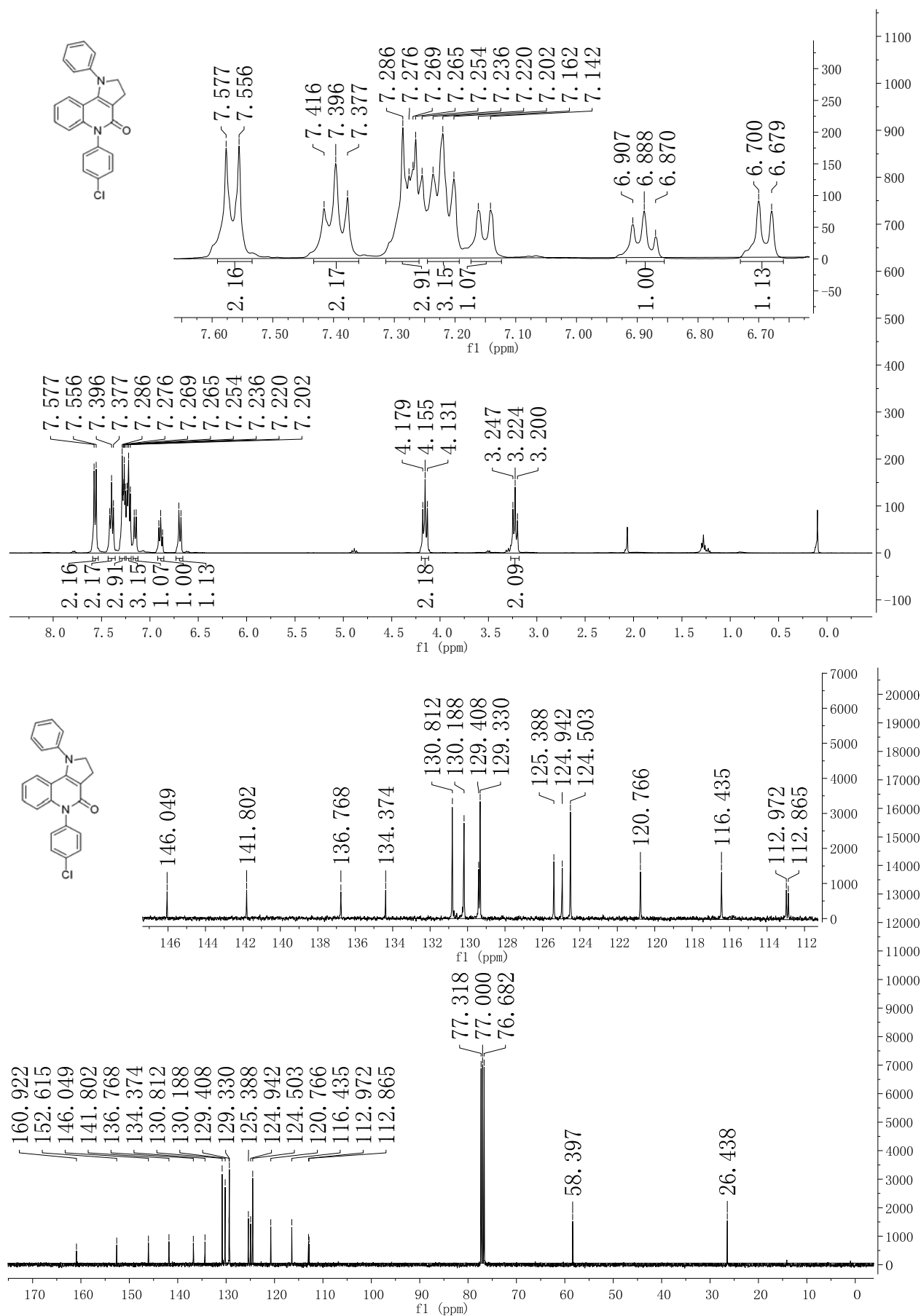
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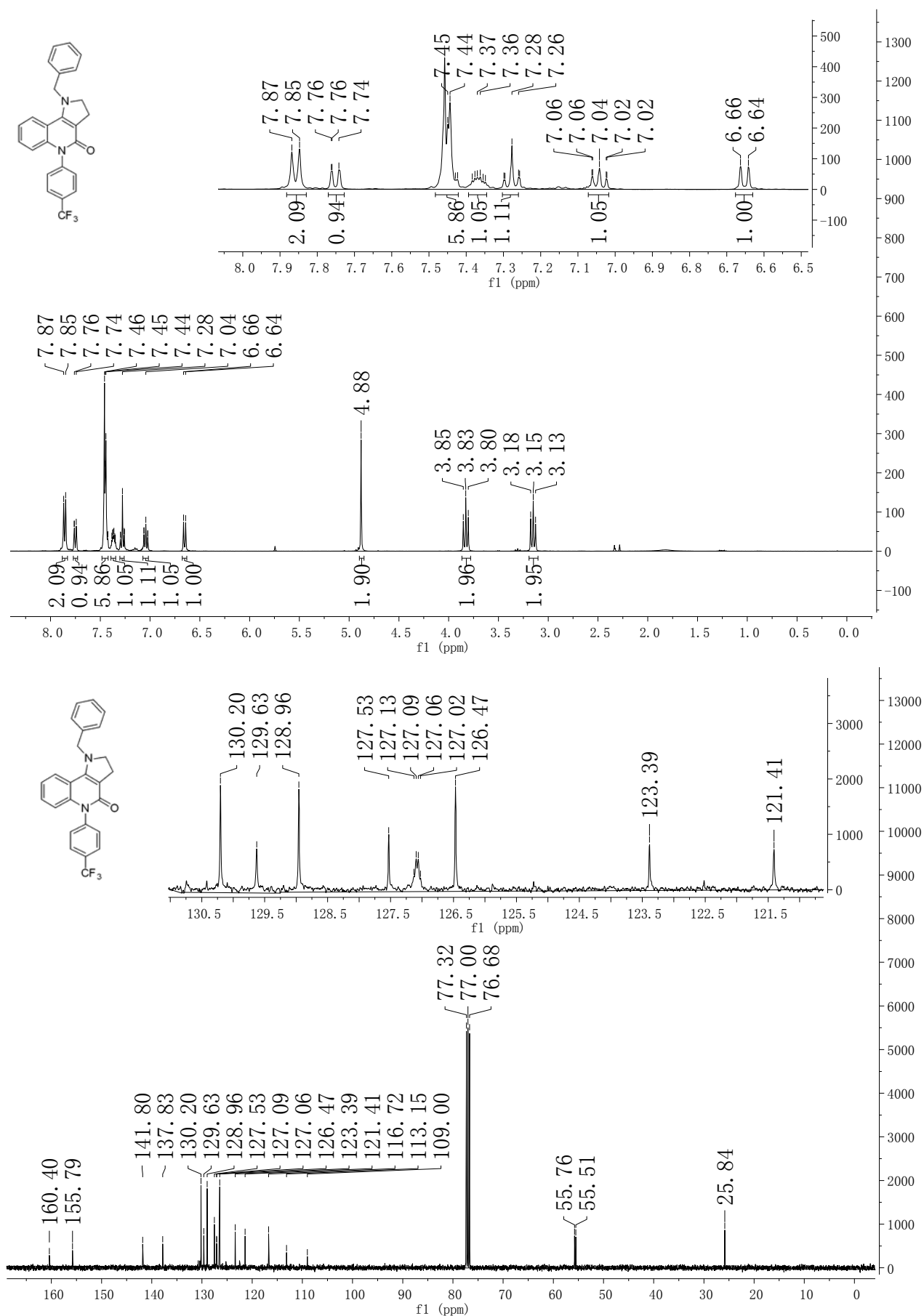
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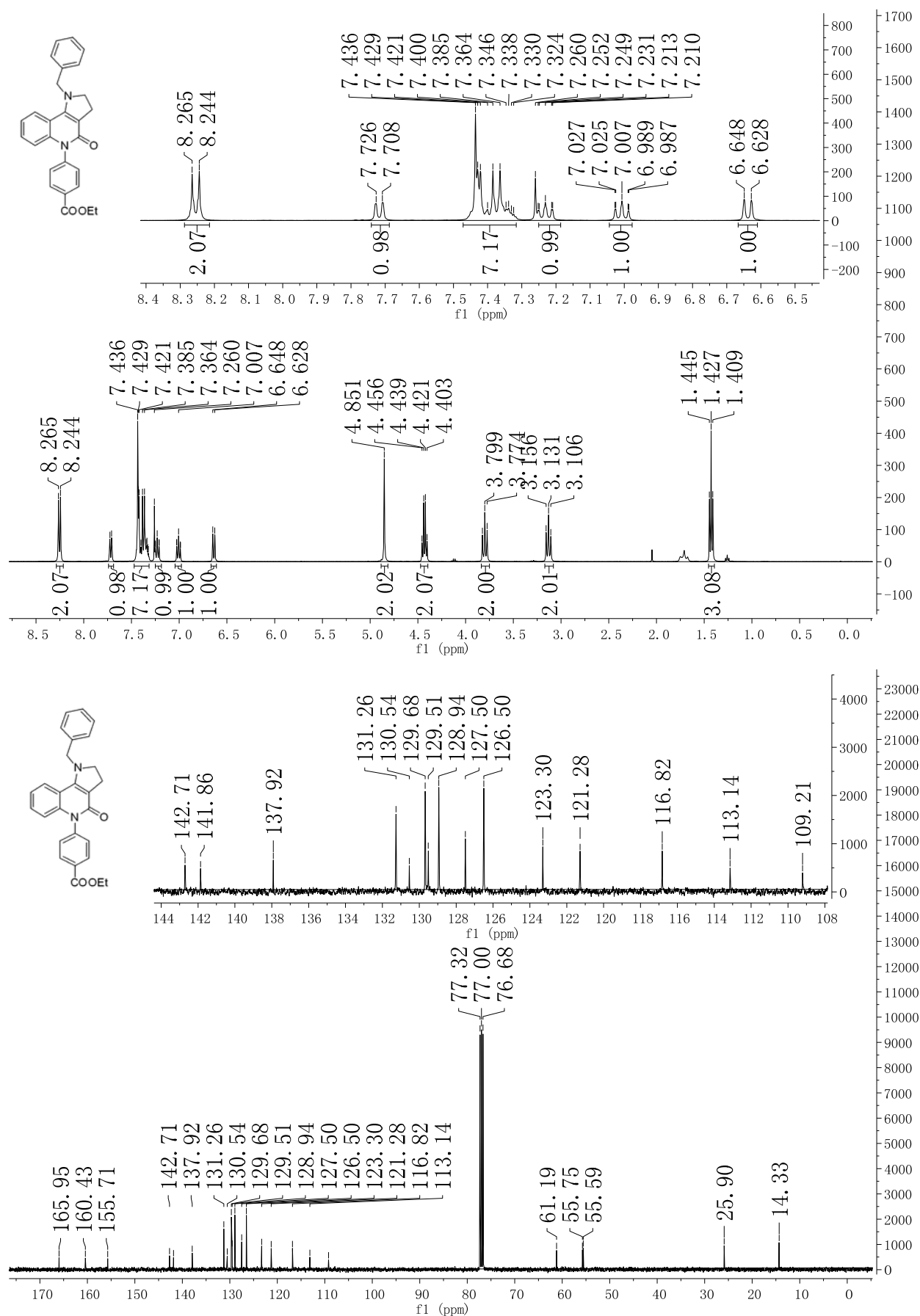
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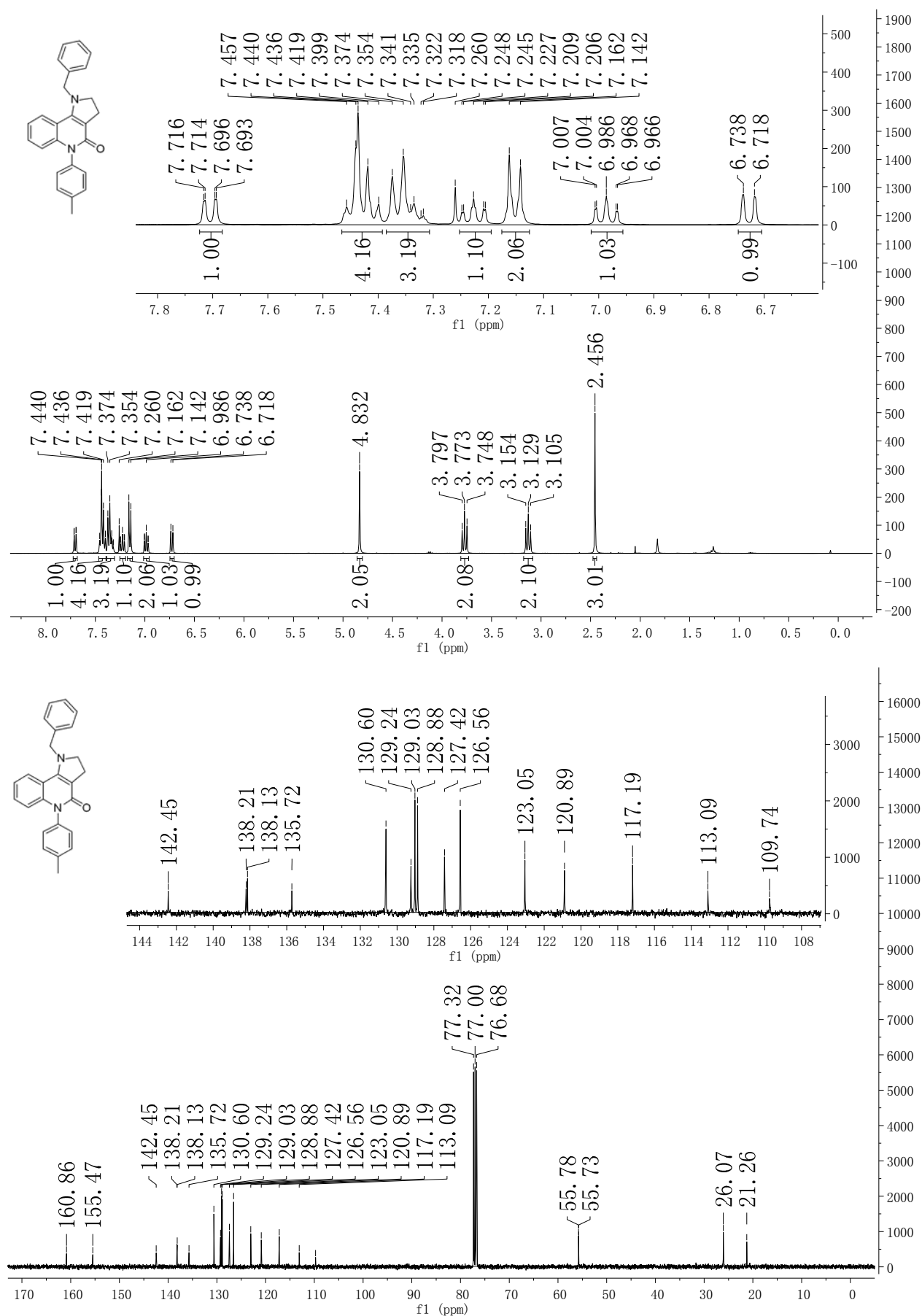
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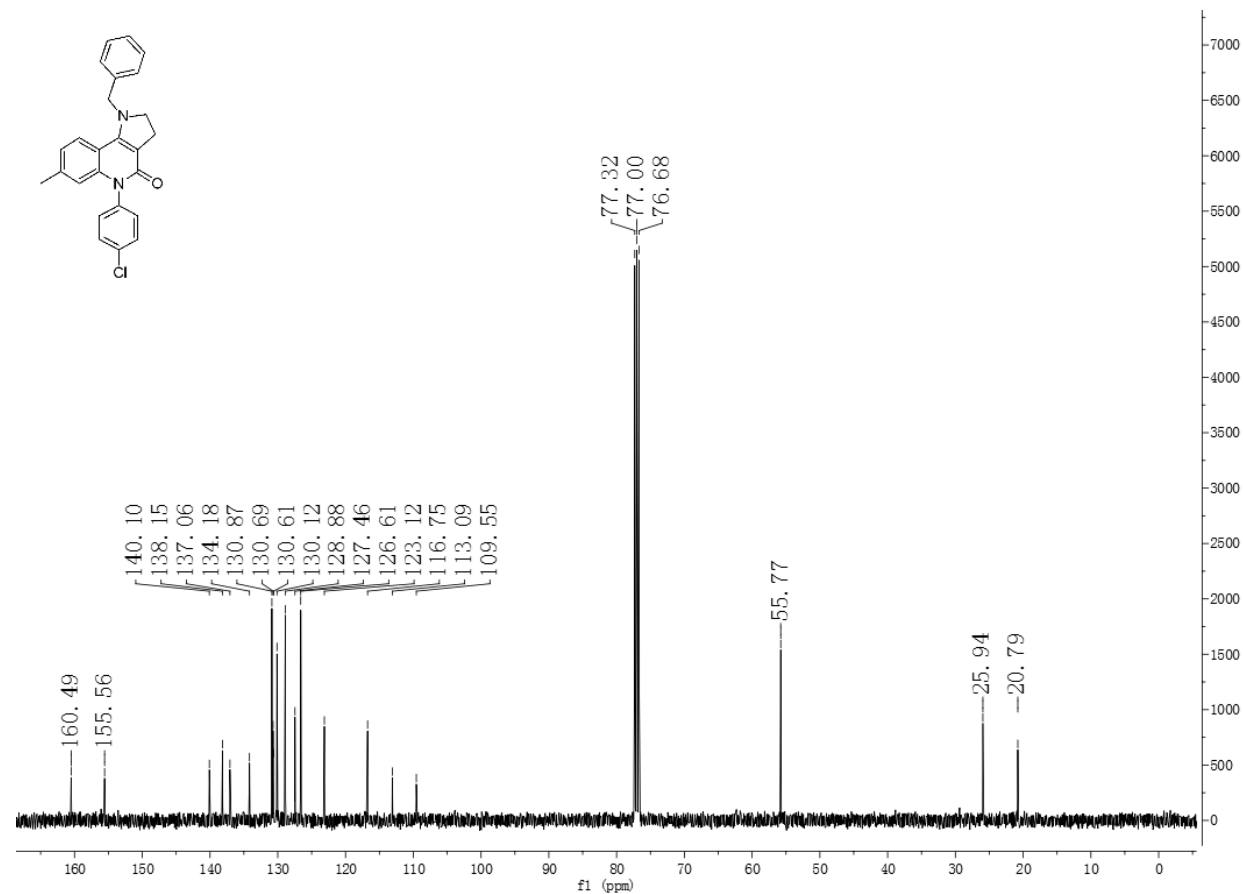
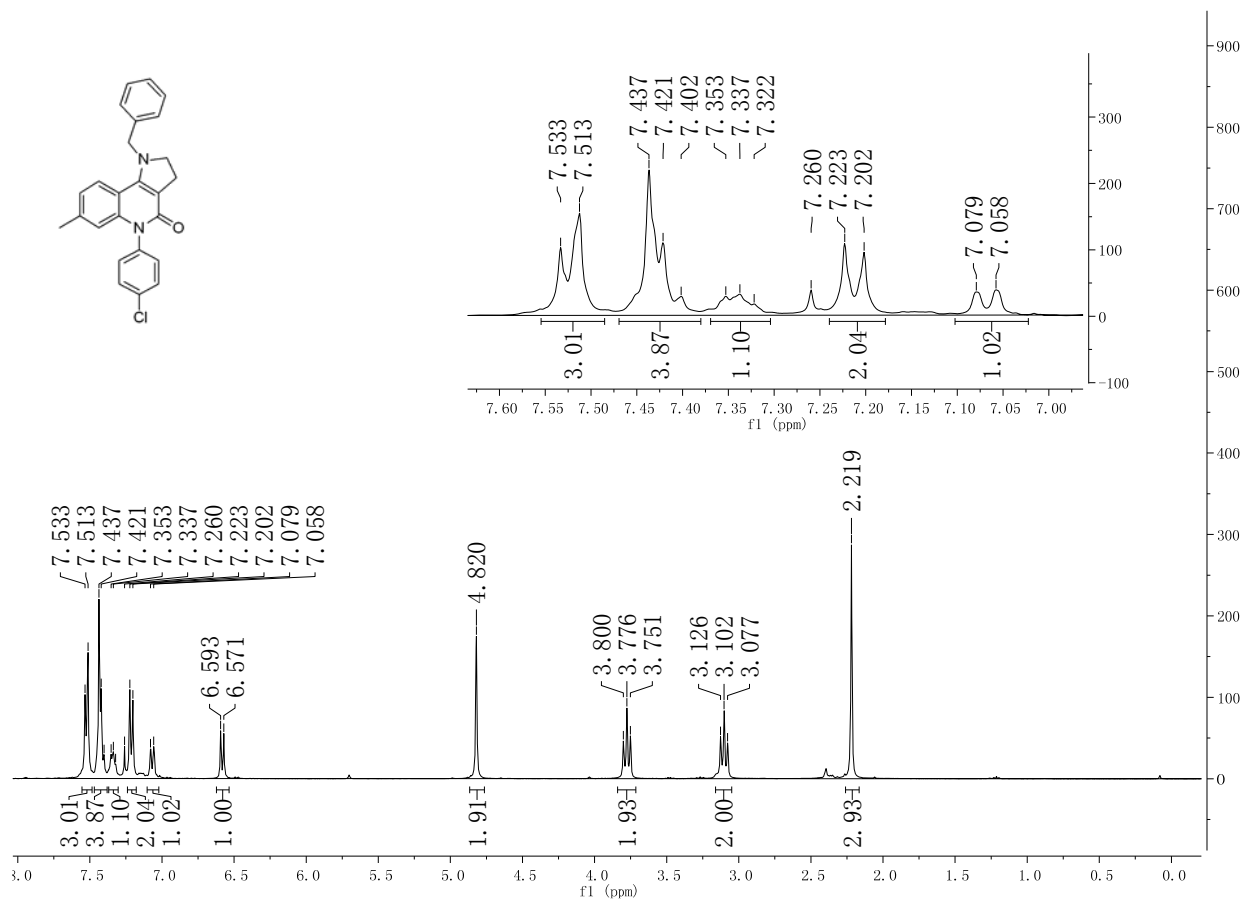
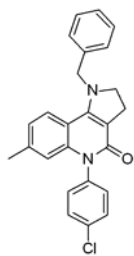
# Compound 3f



# Compound 3g



# Compound 3h



# Compound 3i

