

## Supporting information

### Functionalised dihydroazo pyrimidine derivatives from Morita-Baylis-Hillman Acetates: Synthesis and studies against Acetylcholinesterase inhibitors.

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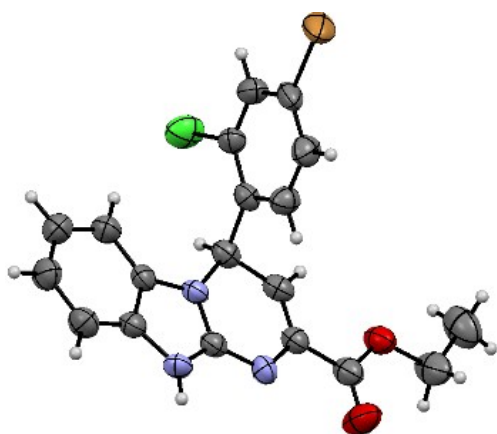
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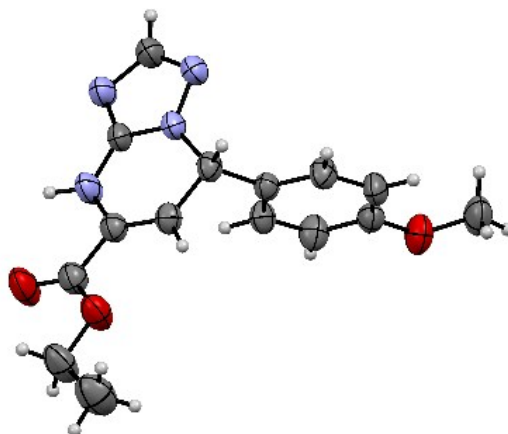
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## X-ray Crystallographic data



Compound 3e

CCDC Number: 1446736



Compound 4b

CCDC Number: 1456725

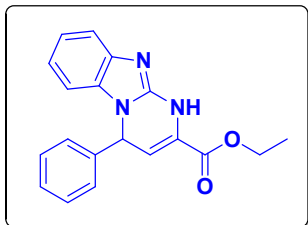
## **General information**

Morita-Baylis-Hillman Acetates of nitroalkenes **1** were synthesized according to literature.<sup>11</sup> All experiments were performed under nitrogen atmosphere. All solvents and reagents are procured from commercially available sources like Aldrich, Alfa-aser, spectrochem. Commercially available pre packed silica gel (230-400 mesh) plugs, hexane and ethyl acetate solvents were used for column chromatographic purification. Isolated yields correspond to products of greater > 90% purity as determined by LC-MS and NMR. All NMR (<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C) chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm), all coupling constants are reported in Hertz (Hz) and tetramethylsilane used as internal standard for <sup>1</sup>H NMR. Liquid chromatography- mass spectrometry (LC-MS) was used for reaction monitoring and identification for product mass.

## **Experimental procedure for synthesis of compound (3a-3l):**

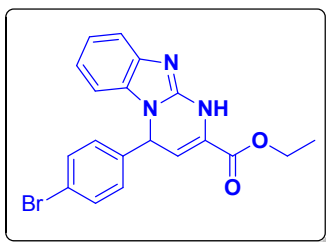
To a solution of 2-aminobenzimidazole (0.15 mmol) in acetonitrile (1.0 mL) was mixed with MBH Acetate of nitro alkene (0.18 mmol) followed by the addition of cesium carbonate (0.3 mmol) and the reaction mixture was stirred for 12h at RT. After completion of reaction (monitored by LCMS), the reaction mixture was quenched with water (5 mL). The reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate, filtered and concentrated. To this crude product was added methanol (4 mL) and stirred for 30 min at RT. A white precipitate was obtained which was filtered gave the product (60% - 82%). The mother liquid contains a small amount of product by LCMS.

**Ethyl 4-phenyl-4,10-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidine-2-carboxylate (3a):**



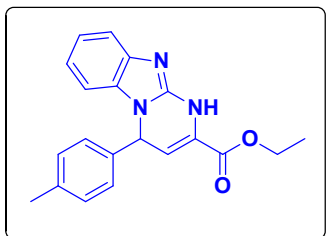
White solid; yield 46 mg, 82%; MP: 145-147 °C; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.55 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 - 7.28 (m, 5H), 7.17-7.13(m, 1H), 6.97-6.93(m, 1H), 6.79-6.77 (m, 1H), 6.19 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.38-4.30 (dq, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4.8Hz, 2.0Hz, 2H), 1.35 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.39, 144.42, 143.65, 137.79, 133.55, 129.53, 129.07, 128.19, 126.39, 122.96, 122.39, 122.19, 118.64, 109.97, 62.75, 59.28, 14.10. **LCMS:** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 319.13; Observed mass: 320.2 (M+1); Anal. Calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 71.46; H, 5.37; N, 13.16. Found: C, 71.44; H, 5.35; N, 13.18.

**Ethyl-4-(4-bromophenyl)-4,10-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidine-2-carboxylate (3b):**



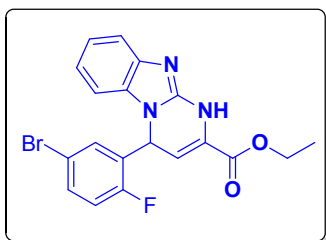
Pale brown solid; yield 57 mg, 80%; MP: 151-153 °C; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 6.99-6.95 (m, 1H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.17 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H). 5.92 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (qq, *J* = 7.3, 3.7 Hz, 2H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 161.71, 146.59, 142.04, 138.62, 132.44, 132.04, 131.51, 128.11, 126.17, 122.70, 122.52, 120.67, 117.21, 109.41, 105.84, 62.36, 57.40, 14.07. **LCMS:** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 397.04; Observed mass: 398.2, 400.2 (M+1, M+3); Anal. Calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 57.30; H, 4.05; N, 10.55;. Found: C, 57.31; H, 4.07; N, 10.54.

**Ethyl-4-(p-tolyl)-4,10-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidine-2-carboxylate (3c):**



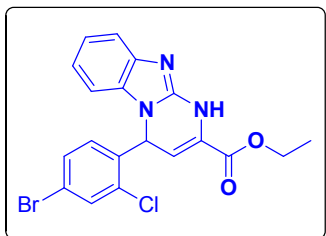
White solid; yield 46 mg, 77%; MP: 143-145 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ (ppm) 7.93 (d, *J* = 6.56 Hz, 2H), 7.84–7.81 (m, 2H), 7.61-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.29 (m, 2H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR δ (ppm) 161.94, 148.24, 144.41, 143.67, 133.13, 127.23, 126.11, 124.90, 123.99, 123.49, 122.88, 119.06, 63.05, 58.43, 23.08, 14.08. **LCMS:** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 333.15; Observed mass: 334.2 (M+1). Anal. Calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 72.05; H, 5.74; N, 12.60; Found: C, 72.07; H, 5.75; N, 12.64

**Ethyl-4-(5-bromo-2-fluorophenyl)-4,10-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidine-2-carboxylate (3d):**



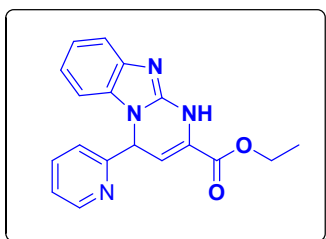
Yellow solid; yield 46 mg, 68%; MP: 150-152 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 10.15 (bs, 1H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.54 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.08-7.03 (m, 2H), 6.90 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.73-6.70 (m, 2H), 5.83 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 166.89, 161.63, 153.30, 150.78, 142.39, 131.47, 131.41, 130.59, 127.97, 125.85, 125.56, 123.80, 123.76, 121.28, 121.24, 118.20, 106.17, 62.18, 59.24, 14.31. **LCMS:** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>BrFN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 415.03; Observed mass: 416.2, 418.2 (M+1, M+3); Anal. Calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>BrFN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 54.82; H, 3.63; N, 10.10; Found: C, 54.83; H, 3.65; N, 10.12.

**Ethyl-4-(4-bromo-2-chlorophenyl)-4,10-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidine-2-carboxylate (3e):**



White solid; yield 54 mg, 70%; MP: 153-155 °C; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.65 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (qq, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.37 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 161.47, 135.37, 132.69, 131.32, 129.56, 126.72, 122.93, 122.81, 121.13, 117.19, 109.15, 103.84, 62.52, 50.80, 14.07. **LCMS:** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>BrClN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 431.00; Observed mass: 431.2, 433.2 (M+1, M+3); Anal. Calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>BrClN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 52.74; H, 3.49; N, 9.71; Found: C, 52.76; H, 3.50; N, 9.73.

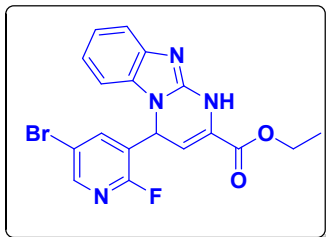
**Ethyl-4-(pyridin-2-yl)-4,10-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidine-2-carboxylate (3f):**



White solid; yield 40 mg, 70%; MP: 155-156 °C; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*6): δ 7.73-7.61 (m, 4H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.10-7.06 (m, 2H), 6.85-6.81 (m, 1H), 6.46 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 5.86 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (qq, *J* = 7.2, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 166.88, 161.51, 153.29, 150.95, 150.65, 140.81, 139.03, 136.16, 131.40, 128.88, 125.86, 124.63, 121.25, 121.30, 118.20, 103.72, 62.26, 59.34, 14.33. **LCMS:** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 320.13; Observed mass:

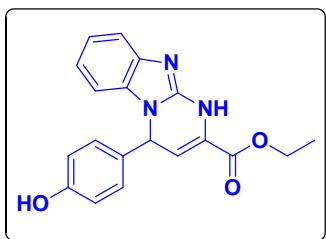
321.2 (M+1). Anal. Calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 67.49; H, 5.03; N, 17.49; Found: C, 67.51; H, 5.03; N, 17.48.

**Ethyl-4-(5-bromo-2-fluoropyridin-3-yl)-4,10-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidine-2-carboxylate (3g):**



Brown solid; yield 50 mg, 67%; MP: 162-164 °C; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): 8.35 (s, 1H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.62-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.25 (m, 2H), 6.67 (d, J= 3.9 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (d, J= 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (q, J= 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (t, J= 7.2 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.32, 143.99, 143.68, 140.10, 133.40, 127.46, 127.22, 126.80, 126.16, 123.40, 123.10, 122.48, 118.79, 109.70, 62.82, 53.92, 14.11. **LCMS**: *m/z* calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrFN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 416.03; Observed mass: 417.2, 419.2 (M+1, M+3); Anal. Calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrFN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 51.82; H, 3.38; N, 13.43; Found: C, 51.83; H, 3.40; N, 13.46.

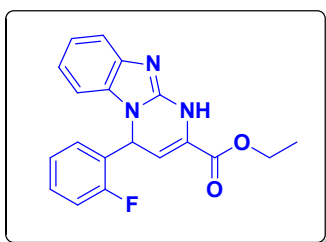
**Ethyl-4-(3-hydroxyphenyl)-4,10-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidine-2-carboxylate (3h):**



Colour less gummy nature; yield 44 mg, 73%; MP: 134-137 °C; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.88 – 7.86 (m, 1H), 7.78 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 7.69-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.18 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.88 (bs, 1H), 4.18 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.31 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 161.48, 151.75, 150.36, 139.70, 133.37, 131.35, 131.05, 129.22, 127.78, 126.54, 126.03, 122.34, 120.94, 119.11, 104.86, 62.52, 59.58, 14.12. **LCMS**:

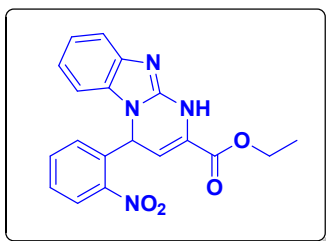
$m/z$  calculated for  $C_{19}H_{17}N_3O_3$ : 335.13; Observed mass: 336.2 (M+1); Anal. Calculated for  $C_{19}H_{17}N_3O_3$ : C, 68.05; H, 5.11; N, 12.53; Found: C, 68.07; H, 5.13; N, 12.55.

**Ethyl-4-(2-fluorophenyl)-4,10-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidine-2-carboxylate (3i):**



Pale yellow solid; yield 36 mg, 60%; MP: 141-143 °C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ ):  $\delta$  8.74 (dd,  $J = 7.2, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.27 (s, 1H), 7.90 (m, 1H), 7.82 - 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.56 - 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.48 - 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.38 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.54 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 1.48 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  162.47, 160.06, 144.40, 143.60, 133.54, 129.81, 128.50, 127.76, 122.92, 122.33, 121.74, 118.58, 114.83, 110.04, 62.72, 58.73, 14.11. **LCMS:**  $m/z$  calculated for  $C_{19}H_{16}FN_3O_2$ : 337.12; Observed mass: 338.2 (M+1); Anal. Calculated for  $C_{19}H_{16}FN_3O_2$ : C, 67.65; H, 4.78; N, 12.46; Found: C, 67.65; H, 4.76; N, 12.45.

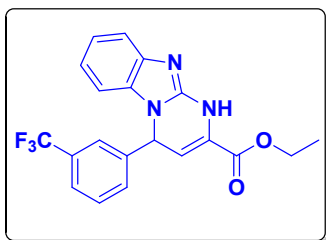
**Ethyl-4-(2-nitrophenyl)-1,4-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidine-2-carboxylate (3j):**



white solid; yield 33 mg, 51%; MP: 150-153 °C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ ):  $\delta$  8.13 (dd,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.18 (dt,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.03 (dd,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.99-6.97 (m, 1H), 6.95 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.27 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.38 (dq,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 1.37 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz,

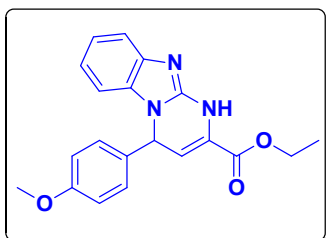
3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 161.78, 156.28, 148.83, 140.06, 134.69, 129.78, 129.16, 127.69, 127.24, 124.47, 121.53, 119.41, 114.12, 111.95, 61.94, 58.09, 14.24. **LCMS:** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 364.12; Observed mass: 365.2 (M+1); Anal. Calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 62.63; H, 4.43; N, 15.38; Found: C, 62.65; H, 4.44; N, 15.40.

**Ethyl-4-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,4-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidine-2-carboxylate (3k):**



white powder; yield 50 mg, 72%; MP: 140-142 °C; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.61-7.50 (m, 4H), 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.14 (m, 2H), 6.29 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.04, 161.61, 151.97, 150.24, 148.71, 138.70, 132.69, 132.22, 131.51, 128.85, 128.47, 127.53, 125.99, 123.03, 122.31, 120.90, 119.22, 105.49, 62.37, 60.03, 14.13. **LCMS:** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 387.12; Observed mass: 388.2 (M+1); Anal. Calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 62.01; H, 4.16; N, 10.85; Found: C, 62.03; H, 4.17; N, 10.87.

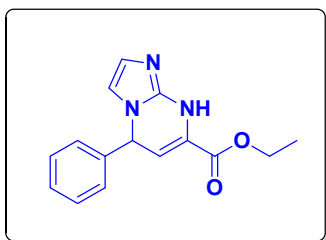
**Ethyl-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,4-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidine-2-carboxylate (3l):**



White solid; yield 47 mg, 75%; MP: 146-147 °C; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 9.68 (bs, 1H), 7.61-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.16-7.12 (m, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.17 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.41-4.29 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 1.35 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 161.82, 160.01, 150.06, 148.62, 132.03, 131.57, 128.54, 127.18, 125.97, 122.29,

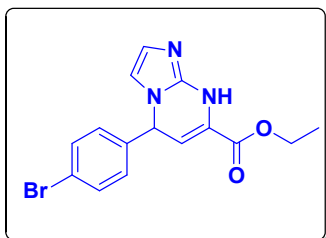
120.88, 119.27, 114.40, 106.45, 62.19, 60.05, 55.33, 14.14. **LCMS:**  $m/z$  calculated for  $C_{20}H_{19}N_3O_3$ : 349.14; Observed mass: 350.2 (M+1); Anal. Calculated for  $C_{20}H_{19}N_3O_3$ : C, 68.75; H, 5.48; N, 12.03; Found: C, 68.77; H, 5.49; N, 12.05.

**Ethyl-5-phenyl-5,8-dihydroimidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidine-7-carboxylate (3m):**



Colourless solid; yield 30 mg, 62%; MP: 162-164 °C;  **$^1H$  NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):  $\delta$  7.43-7.25 (m, 5H), 7.15 (dd,  $J$  = 3.9 Hz, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d,  $J$  = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.21 (dd,  $J$  = 3.9 Hz, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.92 (dd,  $J$  = 3.9 Hz, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (dq,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 1.35 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H).  **$^{13}C$  NMR** (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  161.78, 148.83, 140.06, 134.69, 129.78, 129.16, 127.69, 127.24, 124.47, 121.53, 119.41, 111.95, 61.94, 58.09, 14.24. **LCMS:**  $m/z$  calculated for  $C_{15}H_{15}N_3O_2$ : 269.12; Observed mass: 270.2 (M+1); Anal. Calculated for  $C_{15}H_{15}N_3O_2$ : C, 66.90; H, 5.61; N, 15.60; Found: C, 66.92; H, 5.60; N, 15.62.

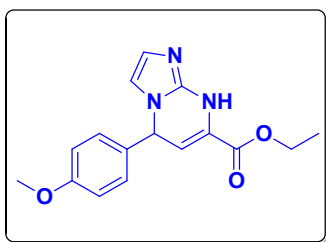
**Ethyl-5-(4-bromophenyl)-5,8-dihydroimidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidine-7-carboxylate (3n):**



Pale brown solid; yield 41 mg, 66%; MP: 169-172 °C;  **$^1H$  NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):  $\delta$  10.25 (bs, 1H), 7.46 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.16-7.11 (m, 1H), 6.54 (d,  $J$  = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (d,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (d,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (dq,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H).  **$^{13}C$  NMR** (101 MHz,

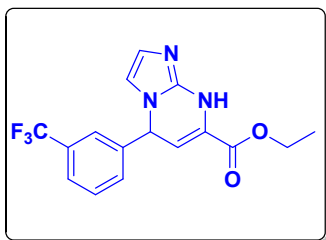
DMSO)  $\delta$  161.67, 150.63, 149.25, 140.47, 132.20, 129.49, 127.73, 121.94, 114.08, 106.46, 62.15, 59.11, 14.34. **LCMS**:  $m/z$  calculated for  $C_{15}H_{14}BrN_3O_2$ : 347.03; Observed mass: 348.2, 350.2 (M+1, M+3); Anal. Calculated for  $C_{15}H_{14}BrN_3O_2$ : C, 51.74; H, 4.05; N, 12.07; Found: C, 51.76; H, 4.07; N, 12.08.

**Ethyl-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5,8-dihydroimidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidine-7-carboxylate (3o):**



White solid; yield 31 mg, 59%; MP: 162-164 °C;  **$^1H$  NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ ):  $\delta$  9.59 (bs, 1H), 7.27-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.12 (d,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d,  $J$  = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (d,  $J$  = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (d,  $J$  = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (q,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 1.35 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H).  **$^{13}C$  NMR**: (75 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  161.58, 150.20, 148.70, 138.71, 132.33, 128.84, 128.57, 127.57, 123.01, 105.39, 62.12, 61.58, 54.35, 14.16. **LCMS**:  $m/z$  calculated for  $C_{16}H_{17}N_3O_3$ : 299.13; Observed mass: 300.2 (M+1); Anal. Calculated for  $C_{16}H_{17}N_3O_3$ : C, 64.20; H, 5.72; N, 14.04; Found: C, 64.22; H, 5.74; N, 14.06.

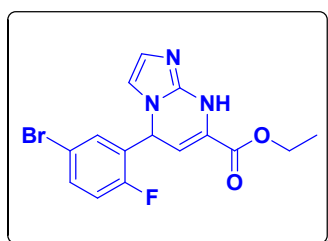
**Ethyl-5-(3-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl)-5,8-dihydroimidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidine-7-carboxylate (3p):**



yield 40 mg, 66%; MP: 155-157 °C;  **$^1H$  NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ ):  $\delta$  7.72-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.04 (d,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (d,  $J$  = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (d,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (dq,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H).  **$^{13}C$  NMR** (126 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  161.62, 150.80, 149.35, 142.41,

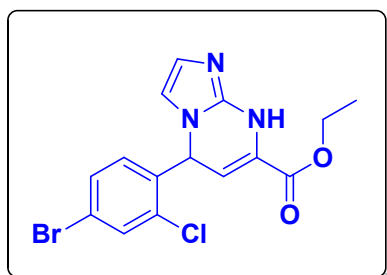
131.49, 130.63, 129.69, 127.91, 125.62, 123.79, 113.91, 106.18, 62.19, 59.20, 14.33. **LCMS:**  $m/z$  calculated for  $C_{16}H_{14}F_3N_3O_2$ : 337.10; Observed mass: 338.2 (M+1); Anal. Calculated for  $C_{16}H_{14}F_3N_3O_2$ : C, 56.97; H, 4.18; N, 12.46; Found: C, 56.96; H, 4.19; N, 12.48.

**Ethyl-5-(5-bromo-2-fluorophenyl)-5,8-dihydroimidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidine-7-carboxylate (3q):**



Pale brown solid; yield 30 mg, 45%; MP: 170-172 °C; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):  $\delta$  10.02 (bs, 1H), 7.52 (dd,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.10 (d,  $J$  = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d,  $J$  = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (d,  $J$  = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 5.87 (d,  $J$  = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (dq,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 1.35 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (126 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  161.59, 150.80, 149.25, 141.91, 131.86, 131.60, 131.45, 129.36, 128.01, 127.67, 113.64, 105.78, 62.20, 58.61, 14.34. **LCMS:**  $m/z$  calculated for  $C_{15}H_{13}BrFN_3O_2$ : 365.02; Observed mass: 366.2, 368.2 (M+1, M+3); Anal. Calculated for  $C_{15}H_{13}BrFN_3O_2$ : C, 49.20; H, 3.58; N, 11.48; Found: C, 49.22; H, 3.59; N, 11.50.

**Ethyl 5-(4-bromo-2-chlorophenyl)-5,8-dihydroimidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidine-7-carboxylate (3r):**



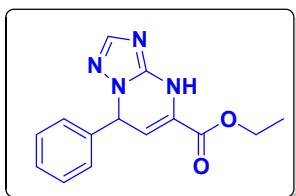
White solid; Yield 34 mg, 54%; MP: 171-173 °C; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  10.22 (s, 1H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d,  $J$  = 2.0

Hz, 1H), 7.18 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 6.35 (d,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, 1H), 5.83 (d,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.25 – 4.20 (m, 2H), 1.31 – 1.24 (m, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  161.59, 150.80, 149.25, 141.91, 131.86, 131.60, 131.45, 129.36, 128.01, 127.67, 113.64, 105.78, 62.20, 58.61, 14.34; **LCMS**:  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{BrClN}_3\text{O}_2$ : 381.00; Observed mass: 382.2, 384.2 (M+1, M+3); Anal. Calculated for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{BrClN}_3\text{O}_2$ : C, 47.08; H, 3.42; N, 10.98; Found: C, 47.09; H, 3.44; N, 11.00.

#### Experimental procedure for synthesis of compound (4a-4h):

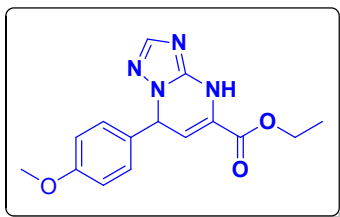
To a solution of 3-amino 1, 2, 4-triazole (0.30 mmol) in DMF (2.0 mL) was mixed with MBH Acetate of nitro alkene (0.36 mmol) and cesium carbonate (0.6 mmol) and the reaction mixture was heated to 60°C for 4h. After completion of reaction (monitored by LCMS), the reaction mixture was quenched with water (30 mL). The reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3x 30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate, filtered and concentrated over vacuum to give the crude product. To this crude product was added methanol (4 mL) and stirred for 30 min at RT. A white precipitate was obtained which was filtered gave the product (55% - 70%). The mother liquid contains a small amount of product along with small amount of other region isomer by LCMS.

#### Ethyl-7-phenyl-4,7-dihydro-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine-5-carboxylate-(4a):



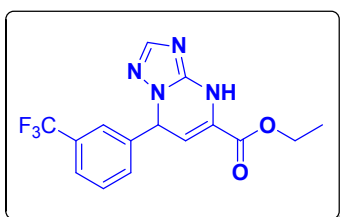
White solid; yield 60 mg, 60%; MP: 182-184 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm) 10.23 (bs, 1H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.42-7.28 (m, 5H), 6.22 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.94 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (dq,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) 161.82, 150.06, 148.99, 139.91, 129.02, 128.79, 127.42, 127.12, 106.10, 62.13, 60.63, 14.17; **LCMS**:  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$ : 270.11; Observed mass: 271.2 (M+1); Anal. Calculated for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$ : C, 62.21; H, 5.22; N, 20.73; Found: C, 62.22; H, 5.24; N, 20.75.

#### Ethyl-7-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4,7-dihydro-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine-5-carboxylate (4b):



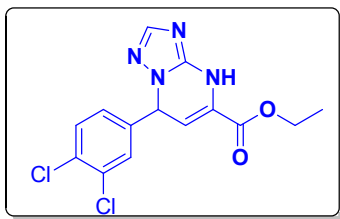
White solid; yield 70 mg, 65%; MP: 180-182 °C; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 9.86 (bs, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.24 (dd, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2.7 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.16 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (dq, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 1.36 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 161.82, 159.98, 149.93, 148.64, 132.05, 128.54, 127.24, 114.38, 106.35, 62.15, 60.05, 55.33, 14.16. LCMS: *m/z* calculated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 300.12; Observed mass: 301.2 (M+1); Anal. Calculated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 59.99; H, 5.37; N, 18.66; Found: C, 59.98; H, 5.39; N, 18.68.

**Ethyl-7-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-4,7-dihydro-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine-5-carboxylate (4c):**



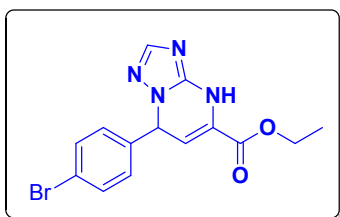
White solid; yield 70 mg, 58%; MP: 174-176 °C; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 10.45 (bs, 1H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.64-7.48 (m, 4H), 6.30 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 5.91 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (dq, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 1.37 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 161.53, 150.37, 148.82, 140.73, 131.62, 130.63, 129.63, 127.79, 125.76, 123.89, 105.05, 62.41, 60.25, 14.13. **LCMS**: *m/z* calculated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 338.12; Observed mass: 339.2 (M+1); Anal. Calculated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 53.26; H, 3.87; N, 16.56; Found: C, 53.28; H, 3.89; N, 16.58.

**Ethyl-7-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-4,7-dihydro-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine-5-carboxylate (4d):**



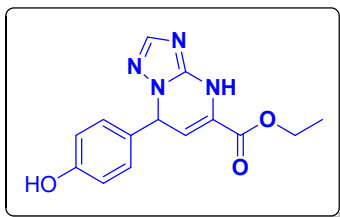
White solid; yield 75 mg, 62%; MP: 185-187 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 9.80 (bs, 1H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.18 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 5.87 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (dq, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 1.37 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 161.51, 150.68, 140.81, 139.08, 136.15, 128.84, 124.65, 103.72, 62.27, 59.33, 14.34. LCMS: *m/z* calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 338.03; Observed mass: 339.2 (M+1); Anal. Calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 49.58; H, 3.57; N, 16.52; Found: C, 49.60; H, 3.58; N, 16.54.

**Ethyl-7-(4-bromophenyl)-4,7-dihydro-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine-5-carboxylate (4e):**



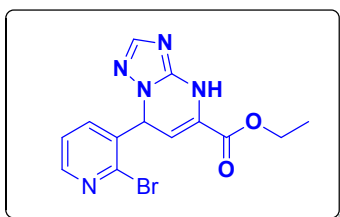
White solid; yield 83 mg, 67%; MP: 191-193 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 9.65 (bs, 1H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (dd, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 6.18 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (dq, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): 161.58, 150.12, 148.70, 138.71, 132.20, 128.84, 128.57, 127.57, 123.01, 105.39, 62.33, 60.02, 14.14. LCMS: *m/z* calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 348.02; Observed mass: 349.2, 351.2 (M+1, M+3); Anal. Calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 48.16; H, 3.75; N, 16.05; Found: C, 48.18; H, 3.76; N, 16.07.

**Ethyl-7-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-4,7-dihydro-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine-5-carboxylate (4f):**



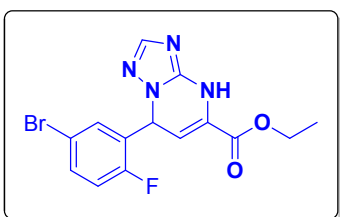
White solid; yield 53 mg, 52%; MP: 173-175 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 10.02 (s, 1H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.17 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 6.95 – 6.88 (m, 2H), 6.22 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.79 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.30 – 4.19 (m, 2H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 161.98, 159.93, 149.82, 148.54 132.05, 128.64, 126.35, 114.15, 107.24, 62.38, 60.17, 14.04. **LCMS:** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 286.11; Observed mass: 287.2 (M+1); Anal. Calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 58.73; H, 4.93; N, 19.57; Found: C, 58.75; H, 4.95; N, 19.59.

**Ethyl-7-(2-bromopyridin-3-yl)-4,7-dihydro-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine-5-carboxylate (4g):**



Brown solid; yield 77 mg, 62%; MP: 197-200 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 9.88 (bs, 1H), 8.36 (s, 1H), 7.83 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.16 (m, 2H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.38 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 160.50 (m), 150.81, 150.21, 149.16, 141.20, 136.84, 135.49, 128.86, 124.66, 103.72, 62.27, 59.33, 14.34; **LCMS:** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>BrN<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 349.02; Observed mass: 350.2, 352.2 (M+1, M+3); Anal. Calculated for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>BrN<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 44.59; H, 3.45; N, 20.00; Found: C, 44.58; H, 3.46; N, 20.02.

**Ethyl-7-(5-bromo-2-fluorophenyl)-4,7-dihydro-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine-5-carboxylate (4h):**



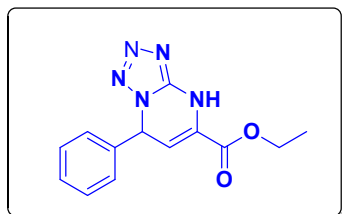
Plae brown solid; yield 35 mg, 53%; MP: 192-194 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*6): δ 10.18 (bs, 1H), 7.70-7.60 (m, 3H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.45

(d,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, 1H), 5.86 (d,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.24 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 1.26 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  164.40, 152.93, 145.45, 140.82, 128.59, 128.41, 126.42, 125.18, 123.64, 65.93, 60.17, 13.14. LCMS:  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrFN}_4\text{O}_2$ : 366.01; Observed mass: 367.1, 369.1 (M+1, M+3); Anal. Calculated for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrFN}_4\text{O}_2$ : C, 45.80; H, 3.29; N, 15.26; Found: C, 45.82; H, 3.30; N, 15.28.

#### Experimental procedure for synthesis of compound (5a & 5b):

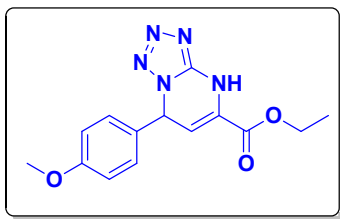
To a solution of 5-amino tetrazole (0.075 mmol) in DMF (1.0 mL) was mixed with MBH Acetate of nitro alkene (0.09 mmol) and cesium carbonate (0.15 mmol) and the reaction mixture was heated to 60°C for 4h. After completion of reaction (monitored by LCMS), the reaction mixture was quenched with water (10 mL). The reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate, filtered and concentrated over vacuum to give the crude product. To this crude product was added methanol (2 mL) and stirred for 30 min at RT. A white precipitate was obtained which was filtered gave the product (70% - 75%). The mother liquid contains a small amount of product along with small amount of other region isomer by LCMS.

#### Ethyl-7-phenyl-4,7-dihydrotetrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine-5-carboxylate (5a):



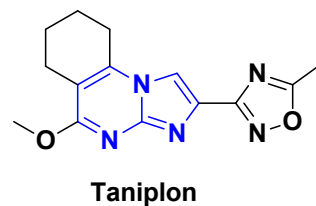
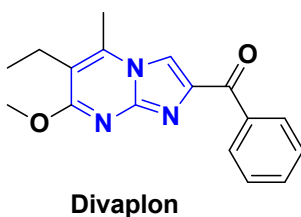
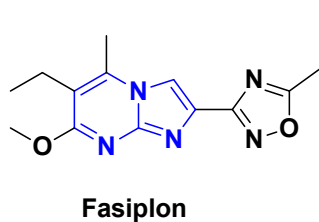
yield 18 mg, 75%; MP: 201-204 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ ):  $\delta$  7.62-7.55 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.25 (m, 2H), 6.67 (d,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.02 (d,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.36 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 1.36 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H). LCMS:  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_5\text{O}_2$ : 271.11; Observed mass: 272.2 (M+1).

#### Ethyl-7-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4,7-dihydrotetrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine-5-carboxylate (5b):

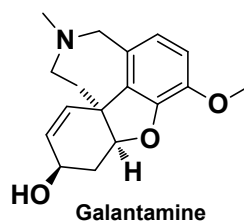
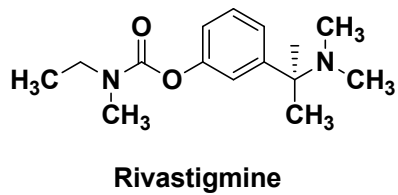
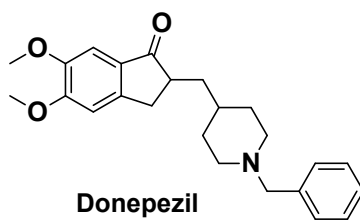
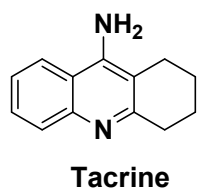


yield 19 mg, 72%; MP: 200-202 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  10.01 (s, 1H), 7.14 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.21 (d,  $J$  = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 5.78 (dd,  $J$  = 3.9 Hz, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (dq,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 1.26 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H). **LCMS:**  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 301.12; Observed mass: 302.2 (M+1).

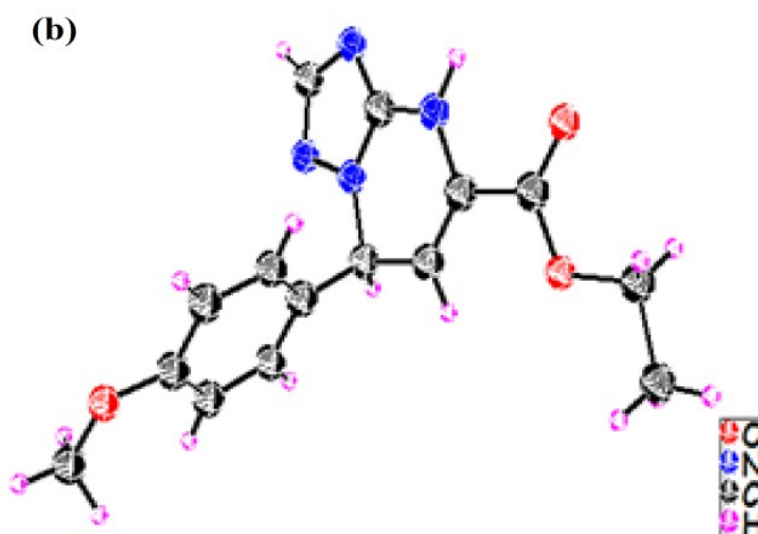
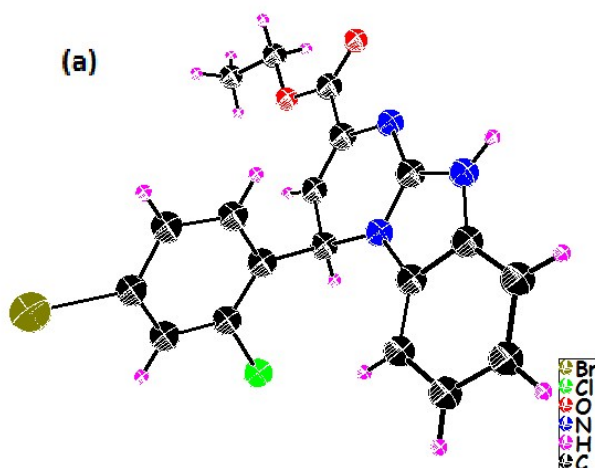
**Figure 1:** Imidazopyrimidine containing drugs



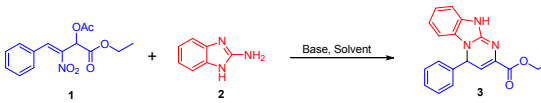
**Figure 2:** AChE inhibitors clinically used for the treatment of AD



**Figure 3:** ORTEP diagram of (a) compound **3e** and (b) compound **4b**



**Table 1.** Screening of reaction conditions <sup>a</sup>

				
S.No	Base	Solvent	Temp	Yield <sup>b</sup> (%)
1	--	THF	RT	0
2	--	THF	70°C	0
3	Et <sub>3</sub> N	THF	RT	20
4	DIPEA	THF	RT	22
5	Pyridine	THF	RT	40
6	2,6-Lutidine	THF	RT	40
7	DABCO	THF	RT	44
8	DBU	THF	RT	49
9	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	THF	RT	60
10	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	THF	RT	80
11	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	RT	45
12	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	RT	48
13	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	MeOH	RT	60
14	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	EtOH	RT	68
15	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	RT	82
16	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	1,4-dioxane	RT	81

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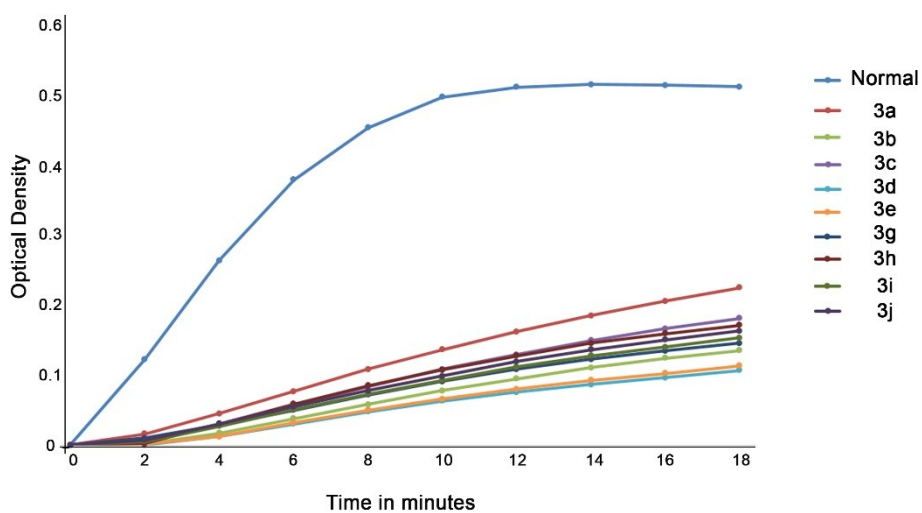
### Enzyme Inhibition studies

The *in vitro* inhibitory effect of newly synthesized ligands was assessed by Ellman's method<sup>22</sup> using AMPLITE™ AChE assay kit (AAT Bioquest, Inc., Sunnyvale, CA). The assay system consists of AChE from electric eel (EC 3.1.1.7), 5,5-dithiobis-(2-nitrobenzoic acid) (DTNB, known as Ellman's reagent) and acetylcholine. The assay procedure is as follows, an aliquots (total volume 100  $\mu$ L) was prepared by mixing 5.7 nMAChE (prepared in 0.1 % of BSA containing distilled water) with acetylcholine (500  $\mu$ M) and DTNB in a reaction buffer of pH 7.4. As a result of enzyme substrate interaction, the yellow colour formation was monitored and measured at 405 nm using a spectrophotometer at a time interval 2 minutes each for 20 minutes. Later the optical density was plotted against time. The same experiment (in triplicate) was repeated by incubating (15 minutes) the enzyme with different ligands. The relative activities of all ligands were expressed and compared with that of native enzyme activity. Finally the half maximal inhibitory concentration ( $IC_{50}$ ) was determined for each ligands.

**Table 2:** The *in vitro* AChE inhibitory profile of compounds 3a-3j

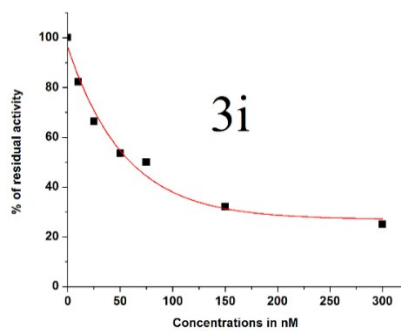
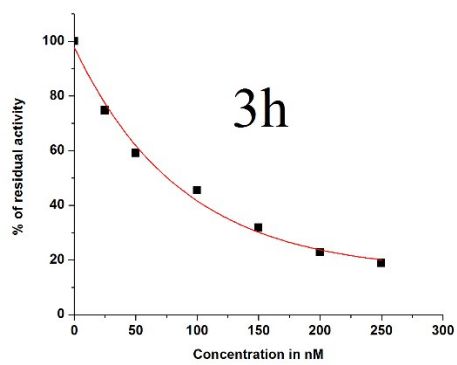
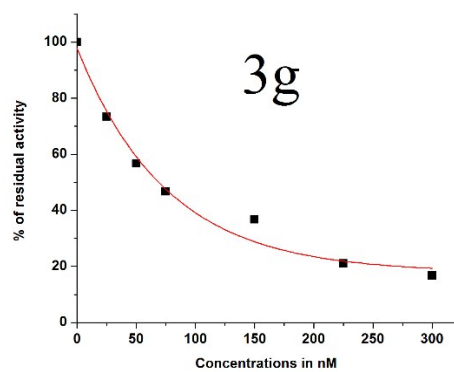
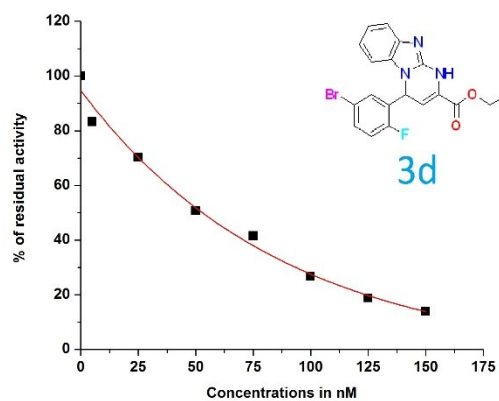
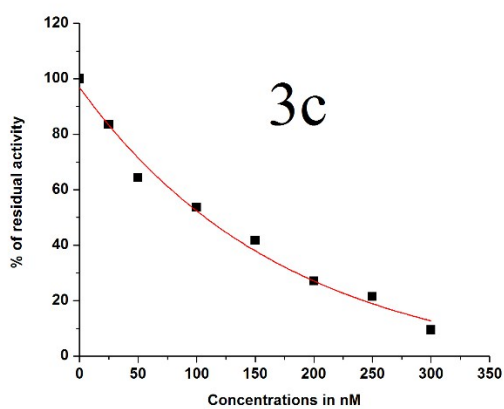
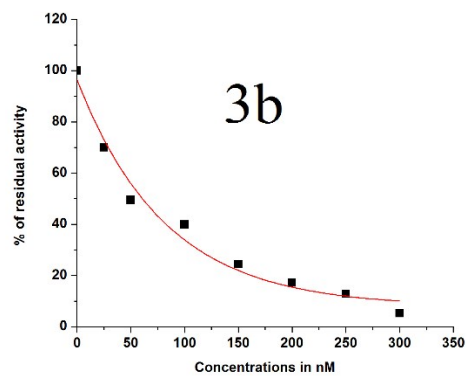
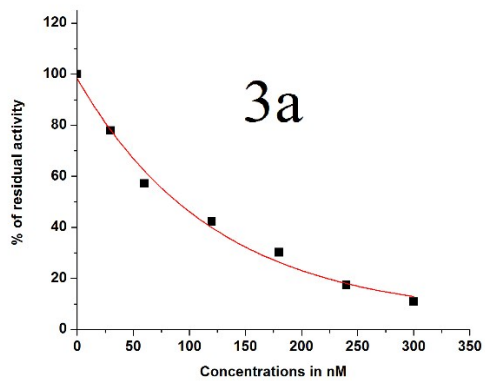
S. No	Compound	% of Inhibition at 208 nM	hAChE $IC_{50}$ (nM)+ SD
1	3a	53	70.78 $\pm$ 10.01

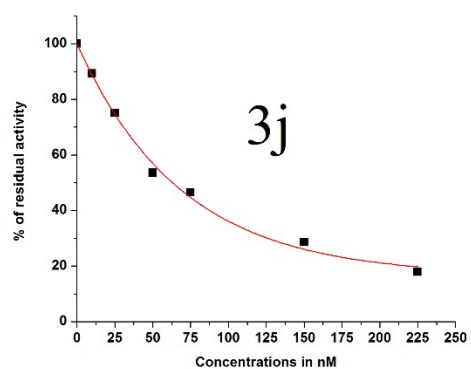
2	3b	70	$52.64 \pm 1.07$
3	3c	62	$91.8 \pm 3.6$
4	3d	76	$46.86 \pm 1.16$
5	3e	74	$42.52 \pm 5.17$
6	3g	69	$71.48 \pm 5.04$
7	3h	61	$67.32 \pm 4.94$
8	3i	67	$52.58 \pm 15.65$
9	3j	65	$68.4 \pm 7.94$
10	Tacrine		$551.58 \pm 19.17$
11	Galanthamine		$360 \pm 10^1$



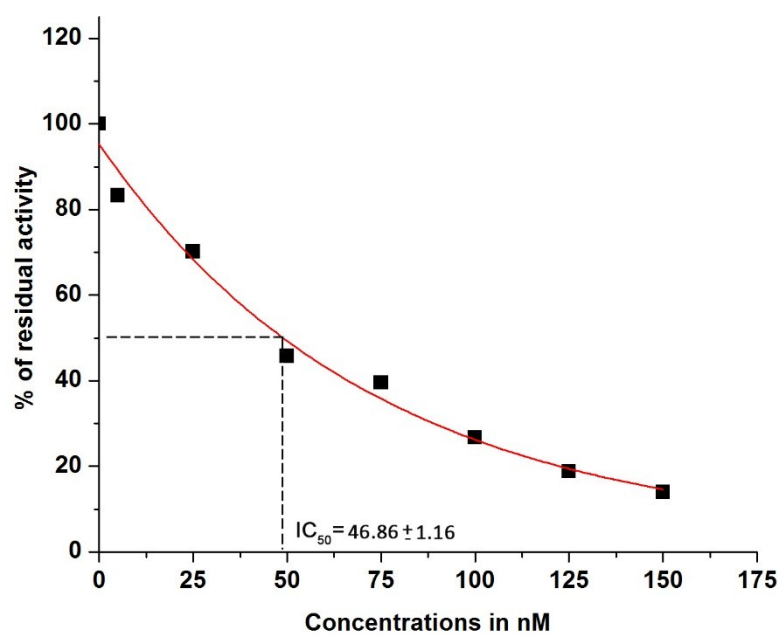
**Figure 4:** Velocity time graph obtained for native enzyme and in presence of compounds (208 nM)

**IC50 graphs for compounds 3a-3j**

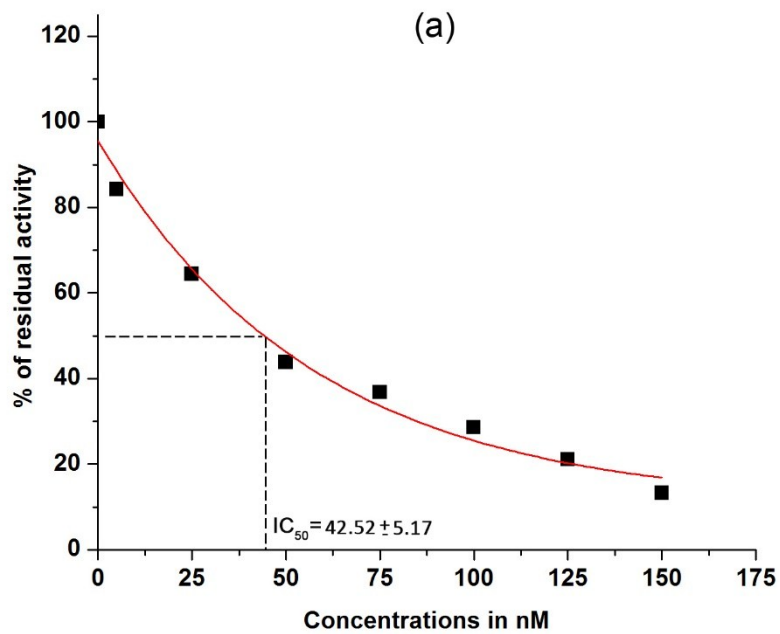




**Figure 5:** Relative residual activity of AChE plotted against the different concentrations of the most potent compounds **3d** (a) and **3e** (b).



(a)



(b)

**Table 3:** ADME profile of the compounds predicted by QikProp program

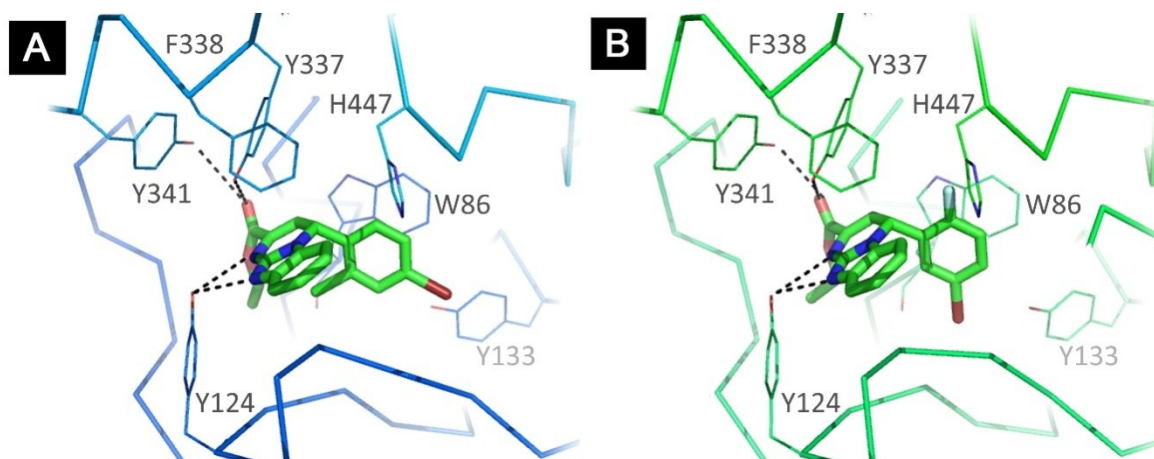
Compound	MW ( $\leq 450$ Da)	HBD ( $\leq 3$ )	HBA ( $\leq 7$ )	LogP ( $\leq 5$ )	CNS ( $\geq 0$ )	Rotor ( $\leq 7$ )	N and O ( $\leq 7$ )
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3a	319	1	3	4.35	0	2	5
3b	398	1	3	4.92	0	2	5
3c	333	1	3	4.66	0	2	5
3d	416	1	3	5.01	0	2	5
3e	433	1	3	5.32	0	2	5
3g	417	1	4	4.41	0	2	6
3h	335	2	4	3.58	-2	3	6
3i	337	1	3	4.53	0	2	5
3j	348	1	5	3.51	-2	3	7

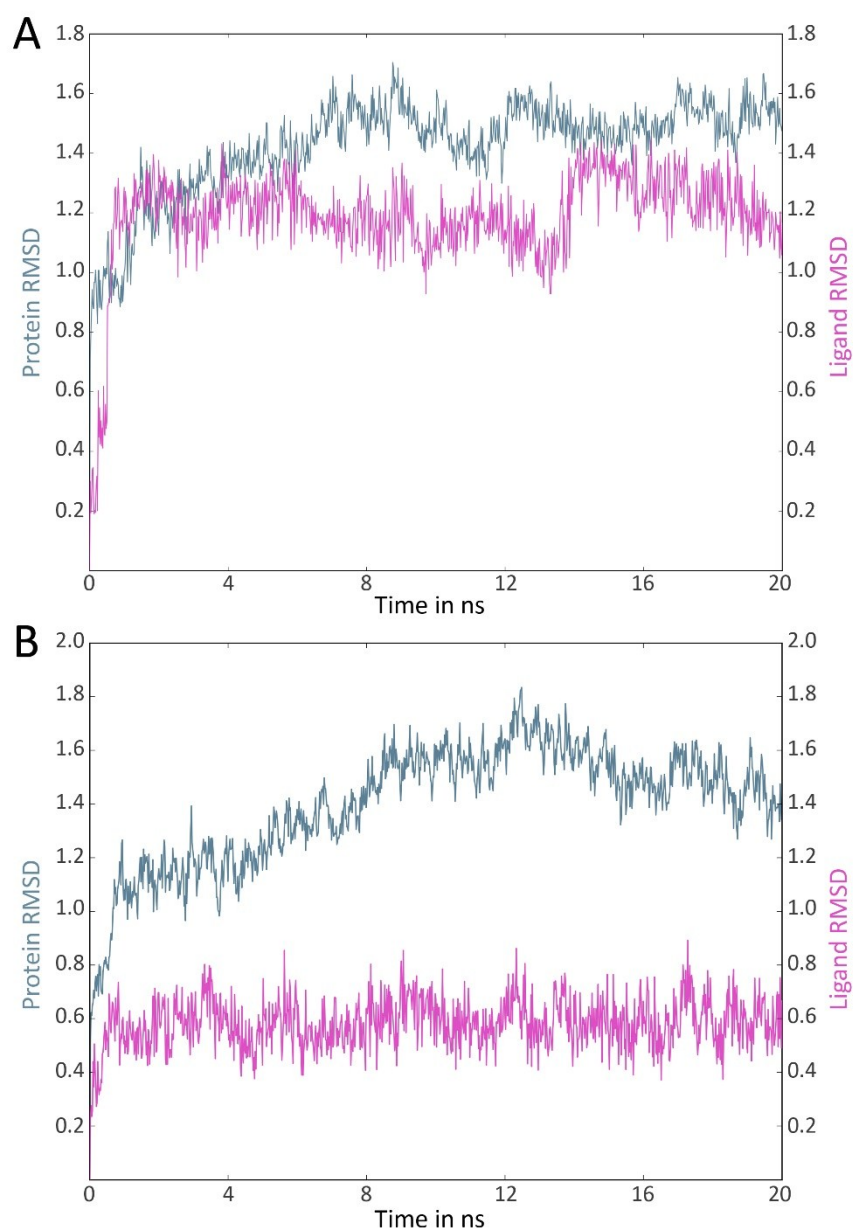
Compound	BBB (-1.2 -1.2)	SASA (320-735 Å <sup>2</sup> )	Volume (≤1250 Å <sup>3</sup> )	PSA (60 –70 Å <sup>2</sup> )	Caco (≥ 500 nm/s)	MDCK (≥ 500 nm/s)	% HOA
3a	-0.51	605	1052	64	1171	587	100
3b	-0.35	634	1105	64	1171	1554	100
3c	-0.54	637	1112	64	1171	587	100
3d	-0.27	641	1118	64	1170	2391	100
3e	-0.22	649	1141	63	1174	3126	100
3g	-0.51	634	1106	76	675	1362	100
3h	-1.12	618	1077	86	355	161	94
3i	-0.43	612	1065	64	1169	899	100
3j	-1.16	620	1090	96	319	144	92

**Table 4: The binding energetics of the compounds at the active site of hAChE**

Name	Glide score	Binding energy	Interacting residues
3a	-8.24	-74.38	F338,H447,Y337 and W86
3b	-8.62	-75.55	F338,H447, Y337, Y124 and W86
3c	-8.09	-72.60	F338,H447,Y124,Y337 and W86
3d	-9.15	-87.03	F338,H447, Y341,Y124,Y337 andW86
3e	-9.79	-92.26	F338,H447,Y341,Y337, Y124 and W86
3g	-8.70	-85.55	F338,Y124,Y337 and W86
3h	-9.11	-75.07	F338,Y124,Y133, G121 and W86
3i	-8.90	-76.65	F338,H447,Y124,Y337 and W86
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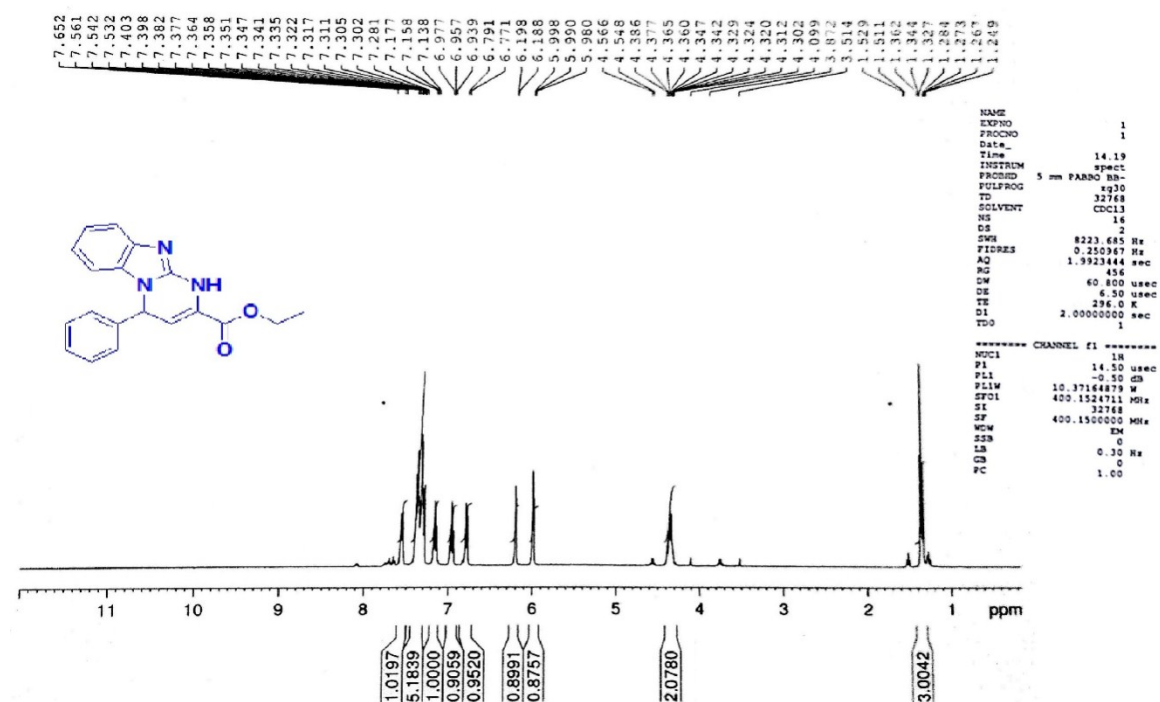


**Figure 6:** Binding pattern of compounds 3e (A) and 3d (B) at the active site of hAChE. The protein residues are shown in lines and the compounds are shown in stick. The hydrogen bonds are indicated by dotted lines

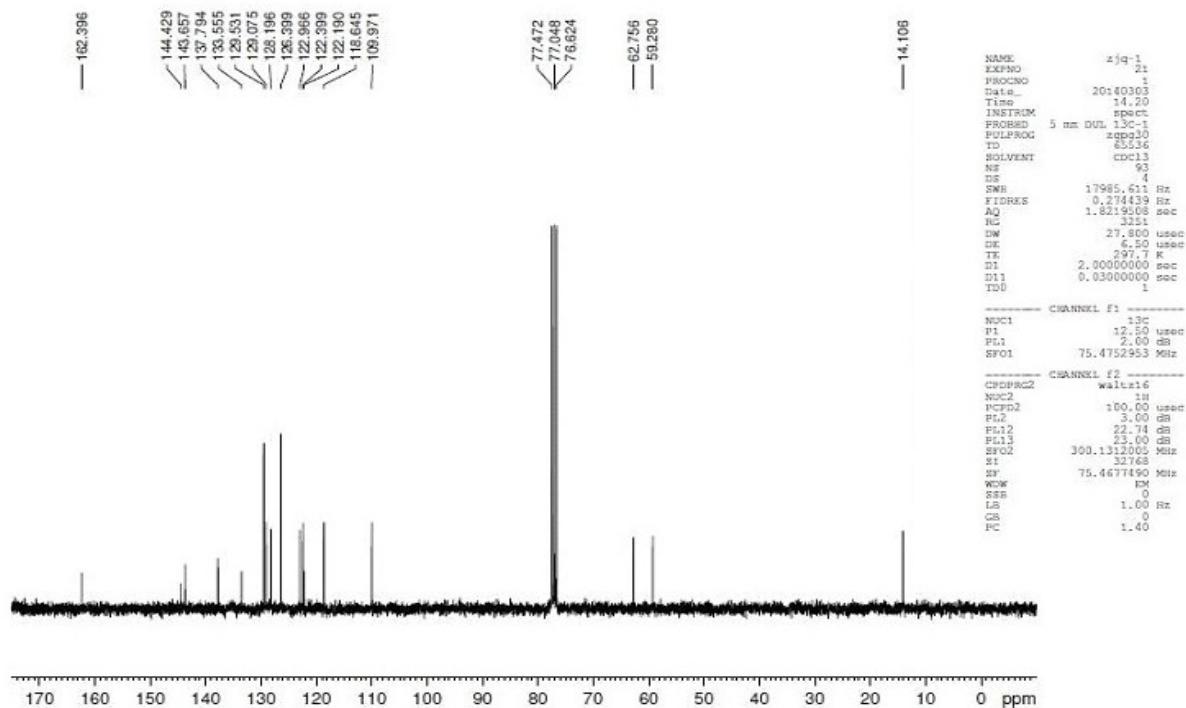


**Figure 7:** The RMSD graph of C $\alpha$  (blue in colour), ligand displacement (pink in colour) of 3d (A) 3e (B) respectively

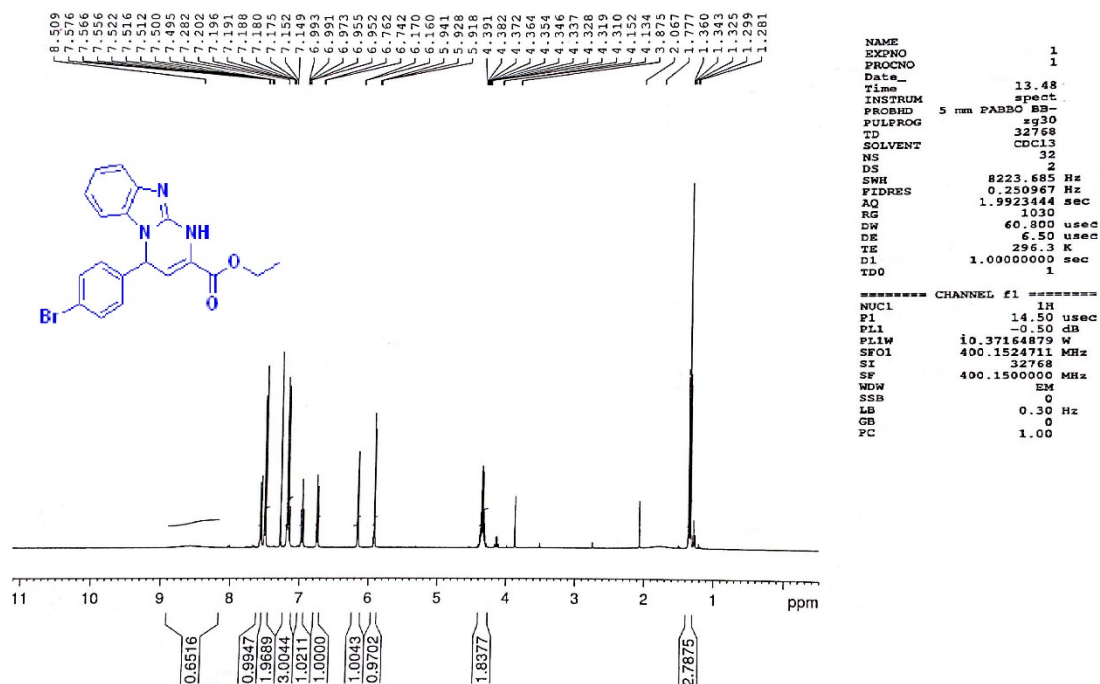
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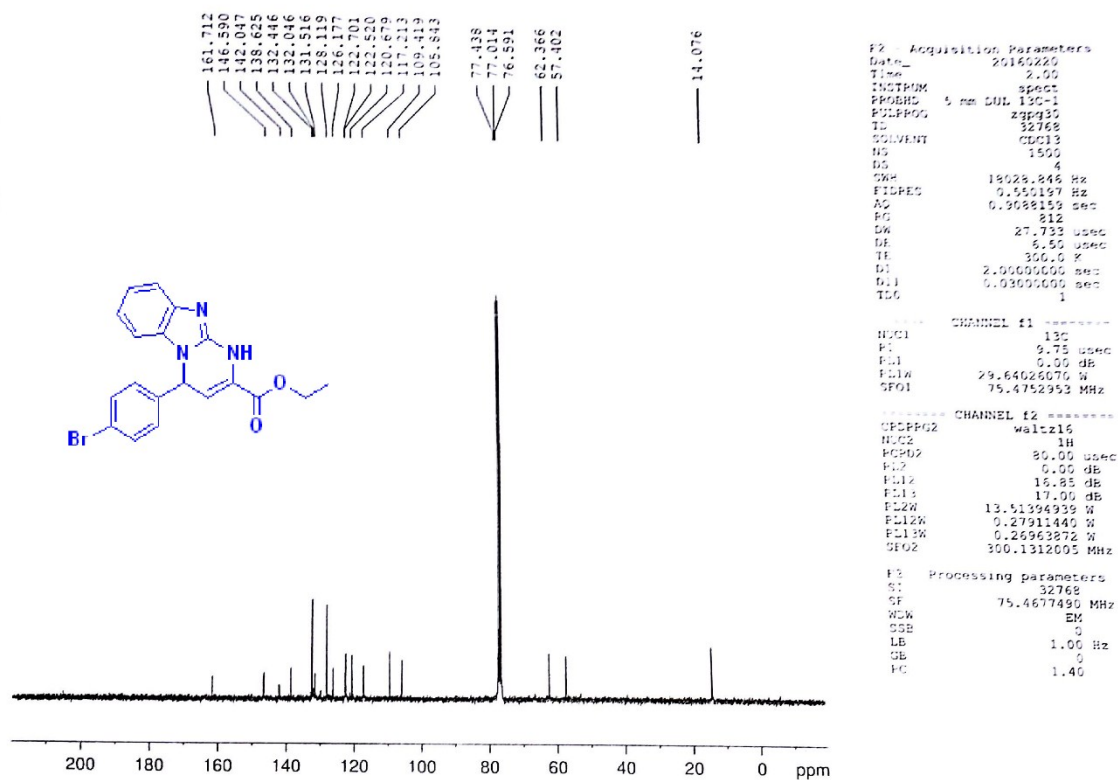
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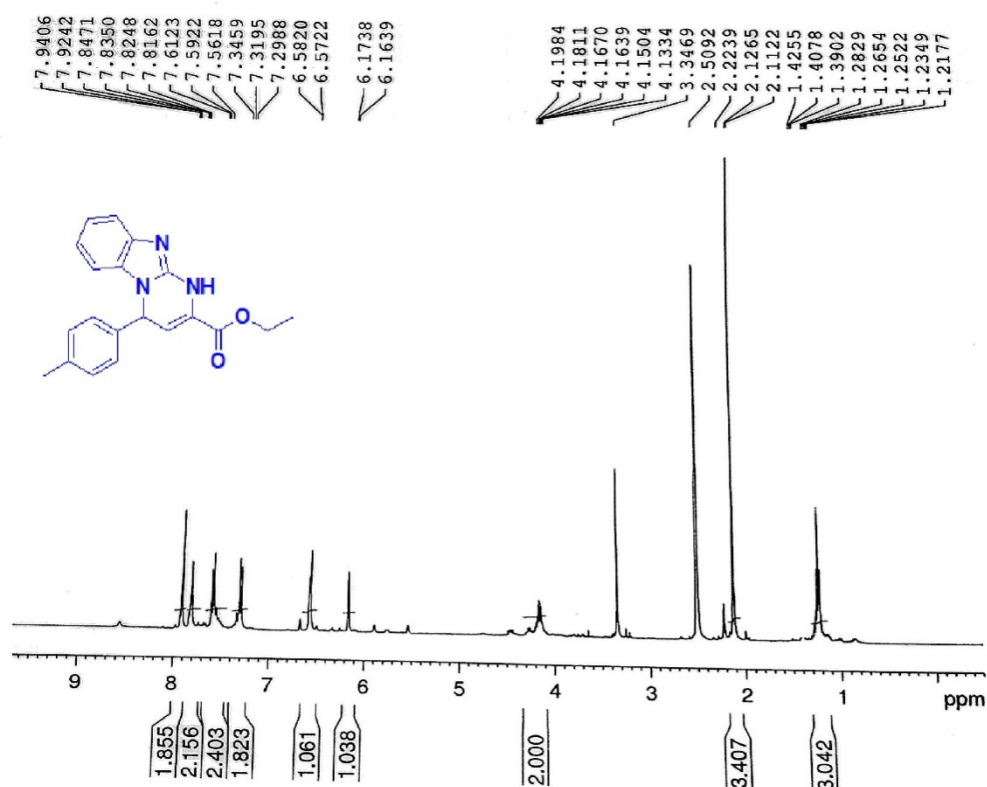
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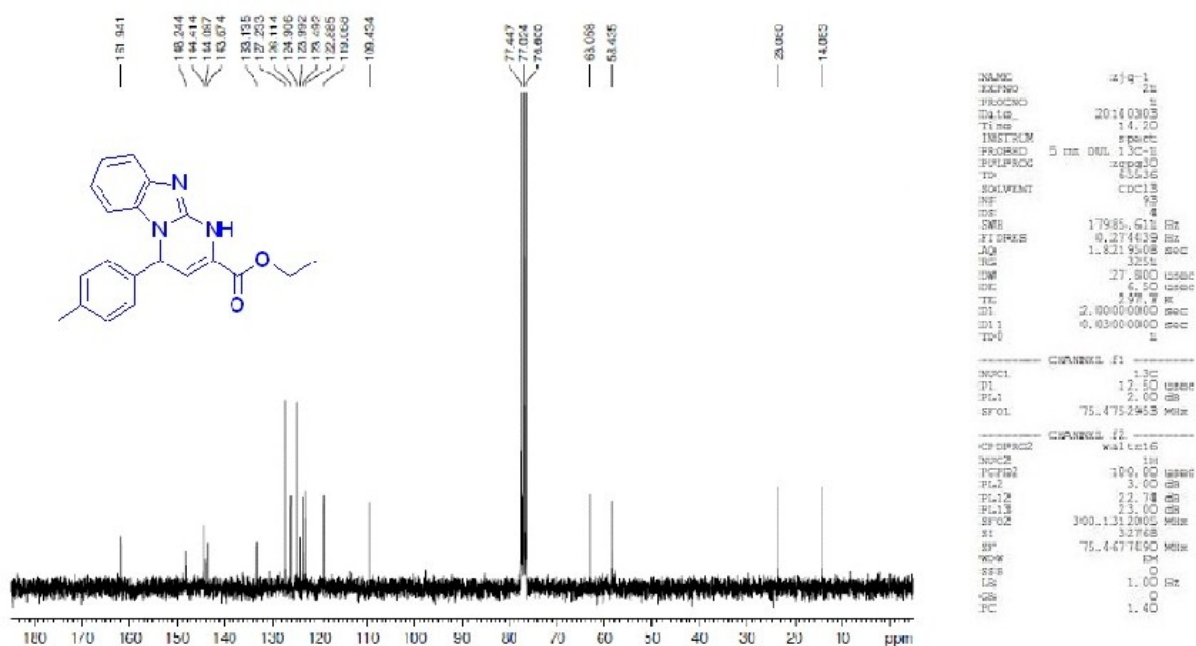
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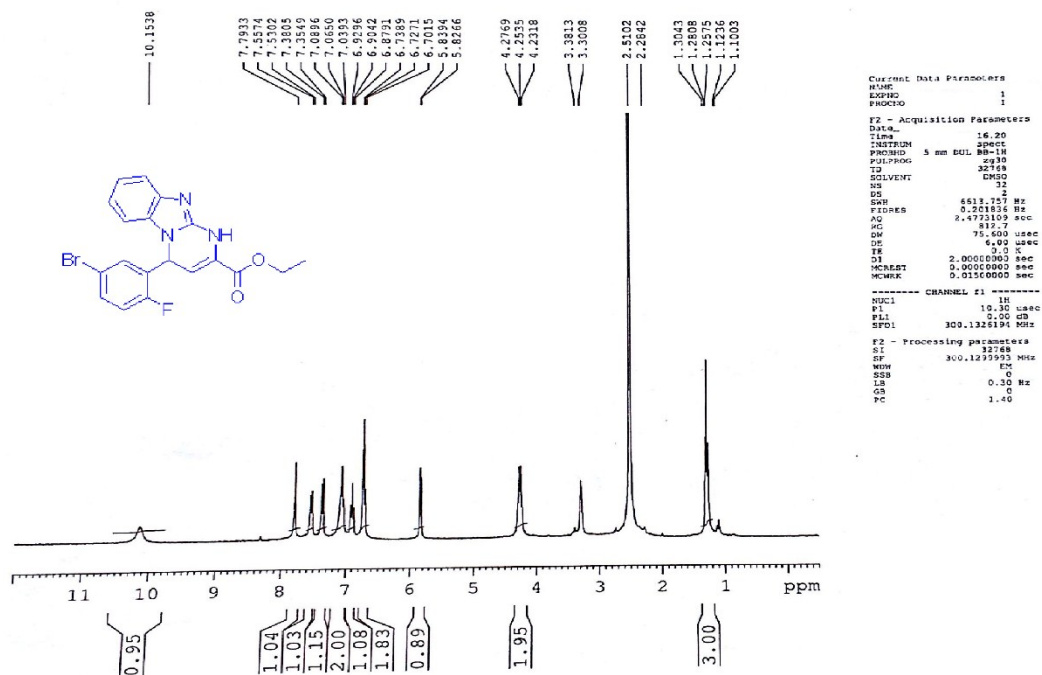
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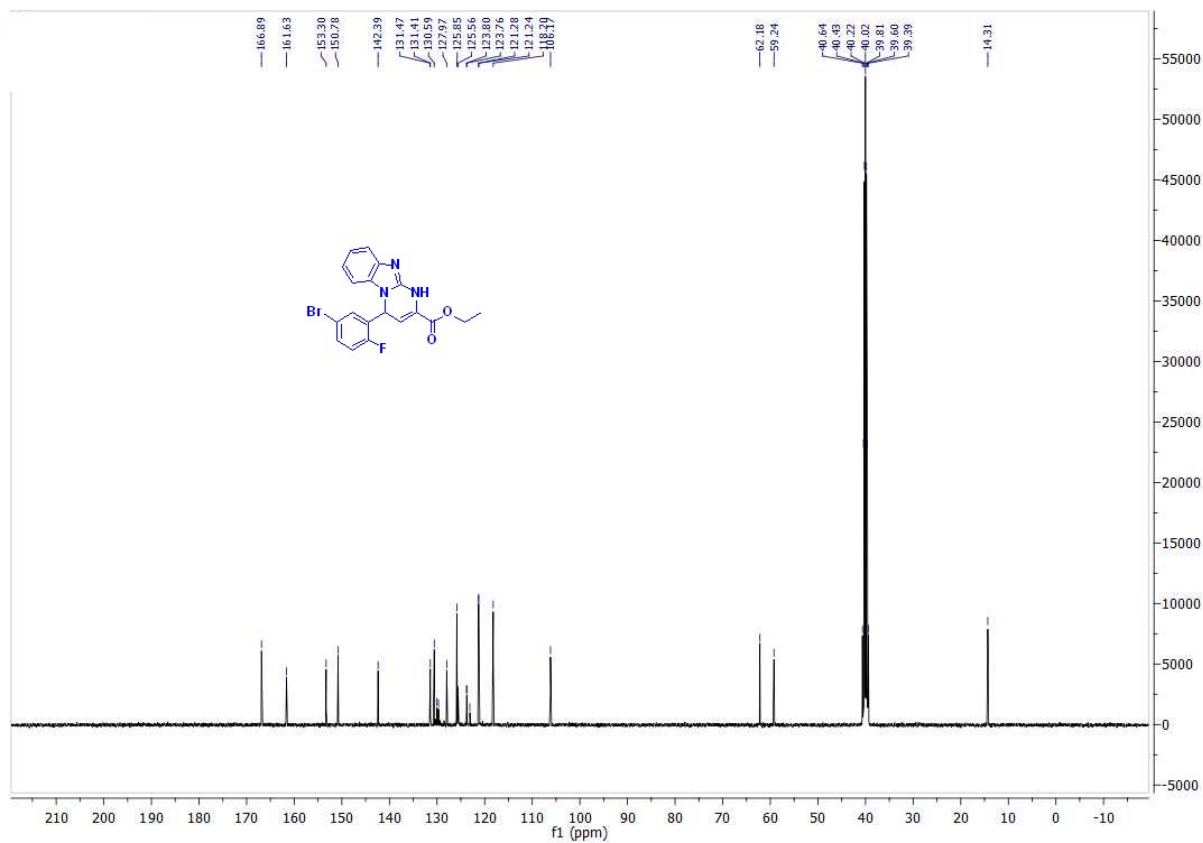
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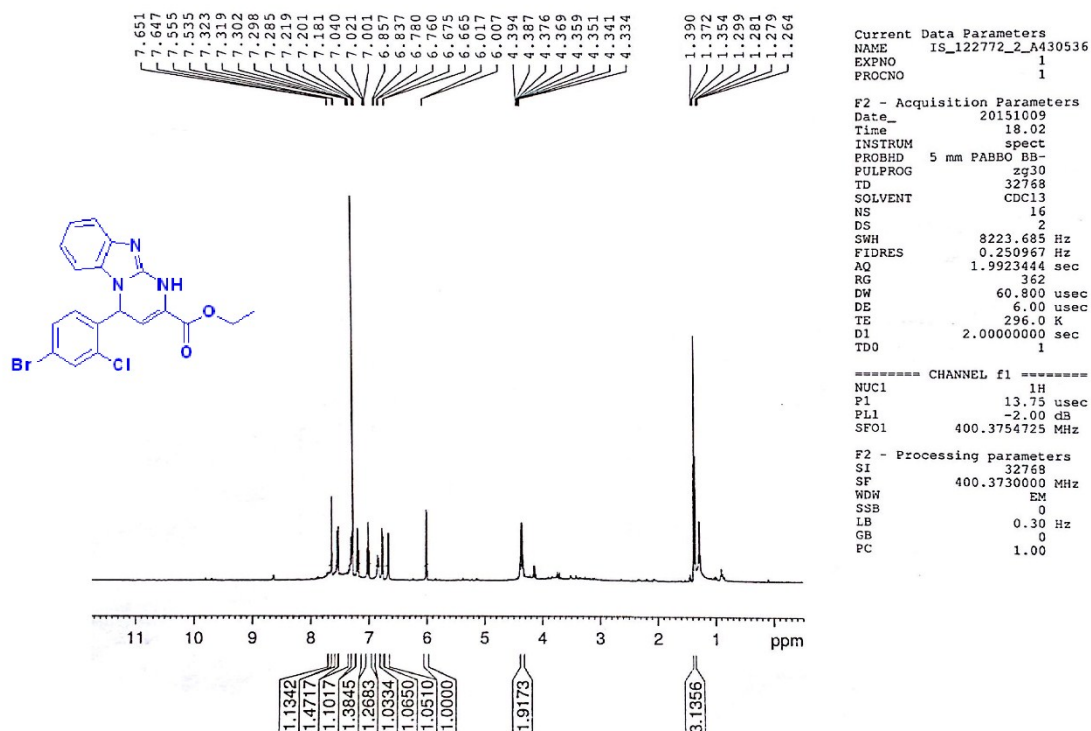
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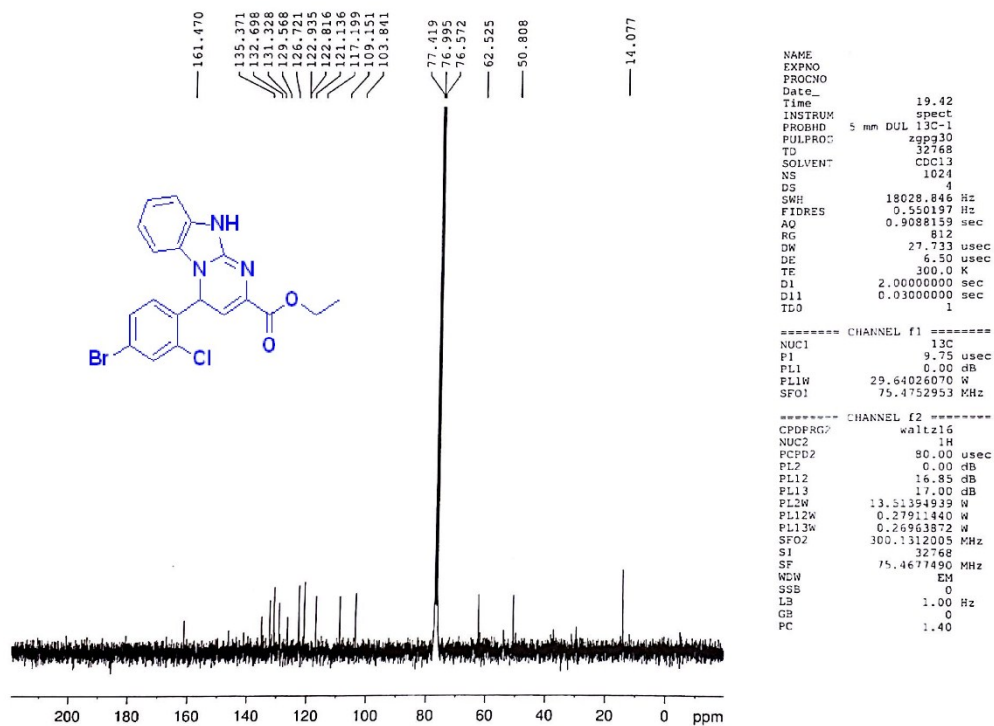
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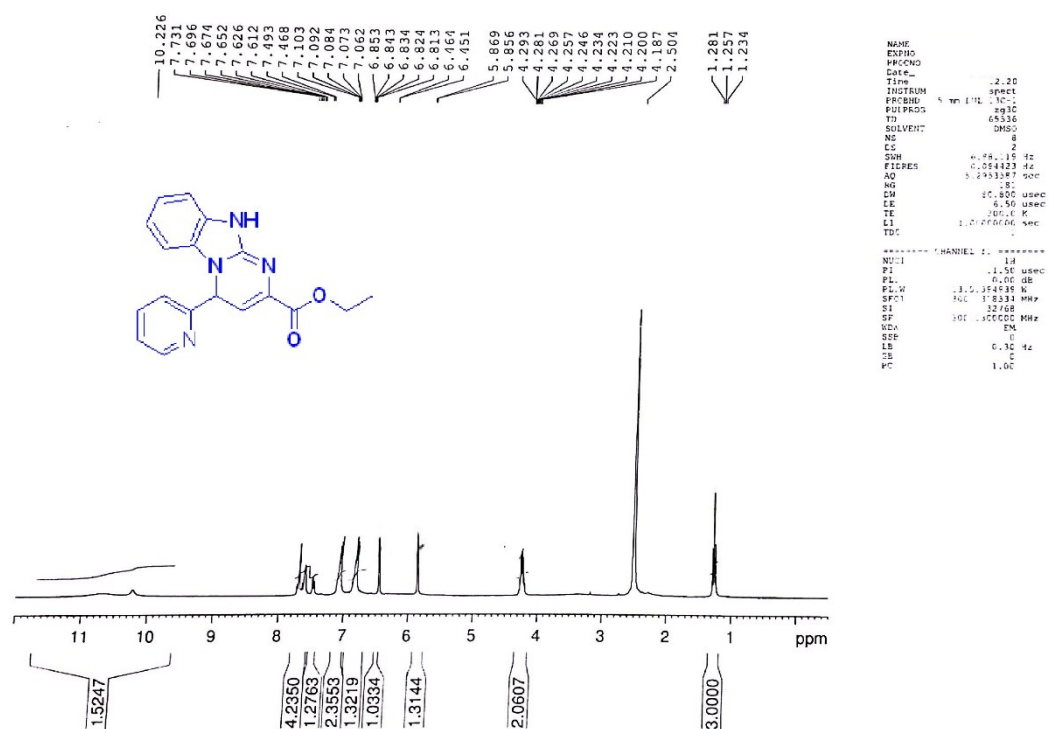
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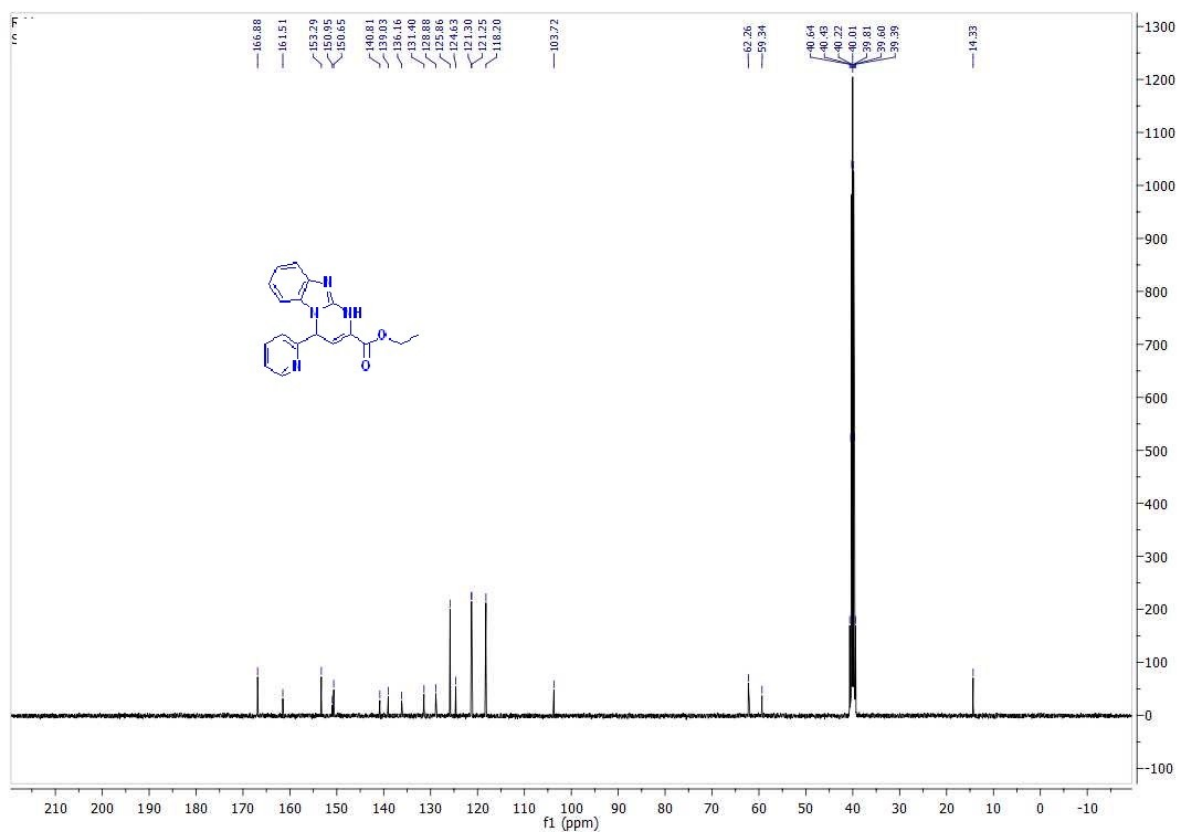
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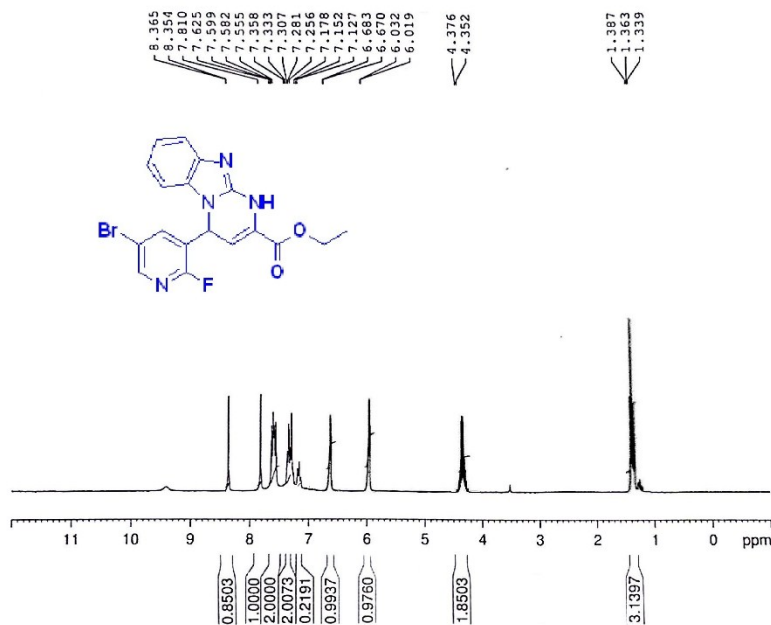
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# <sup>13</sup>C NMR for compound 3f



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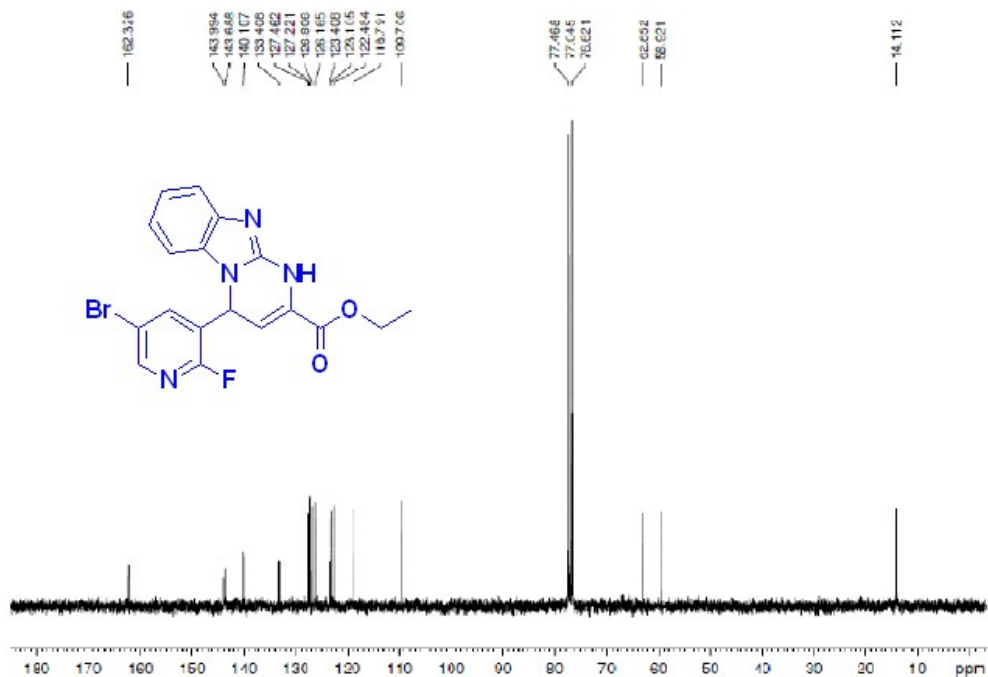
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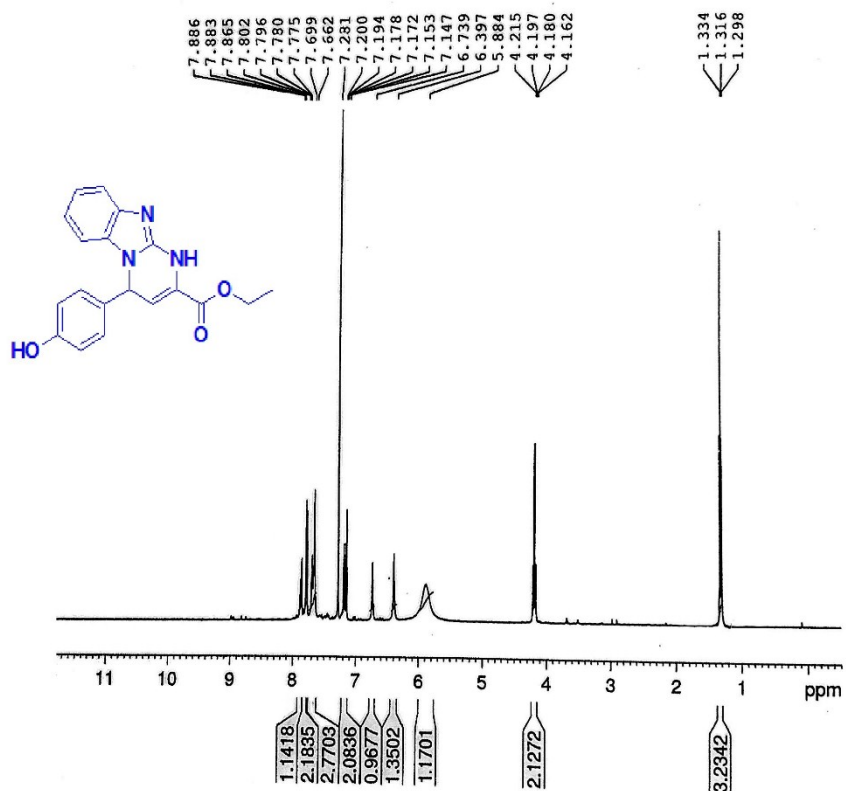
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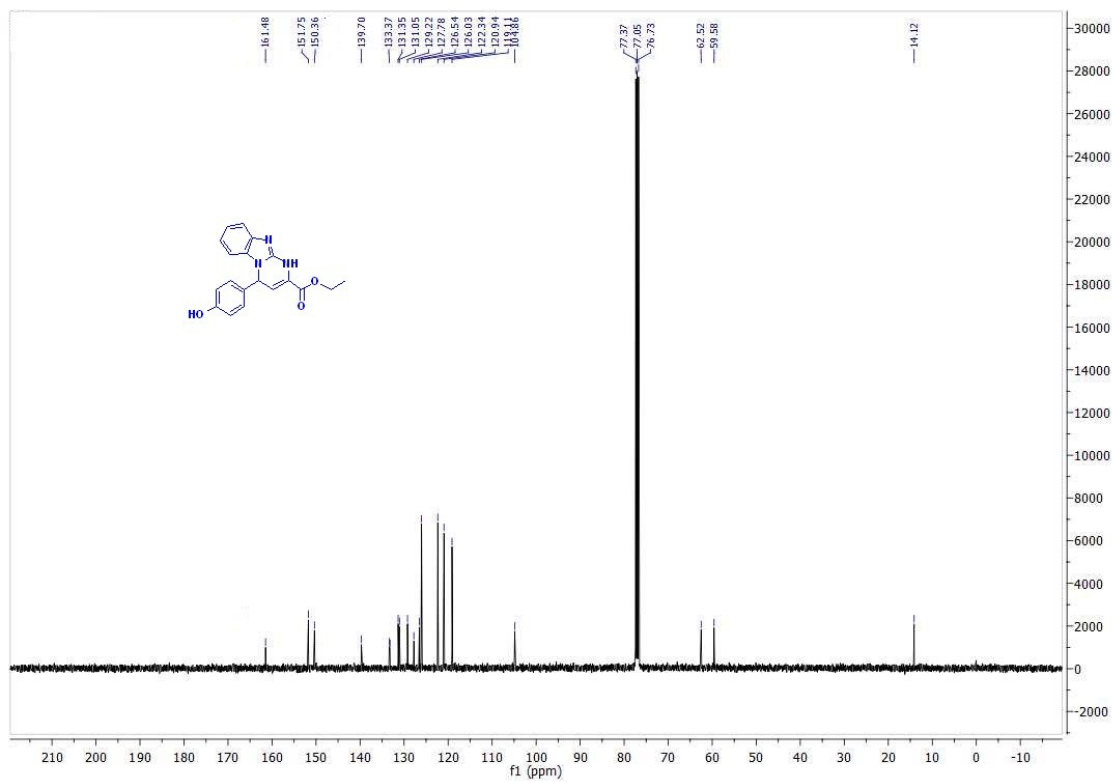
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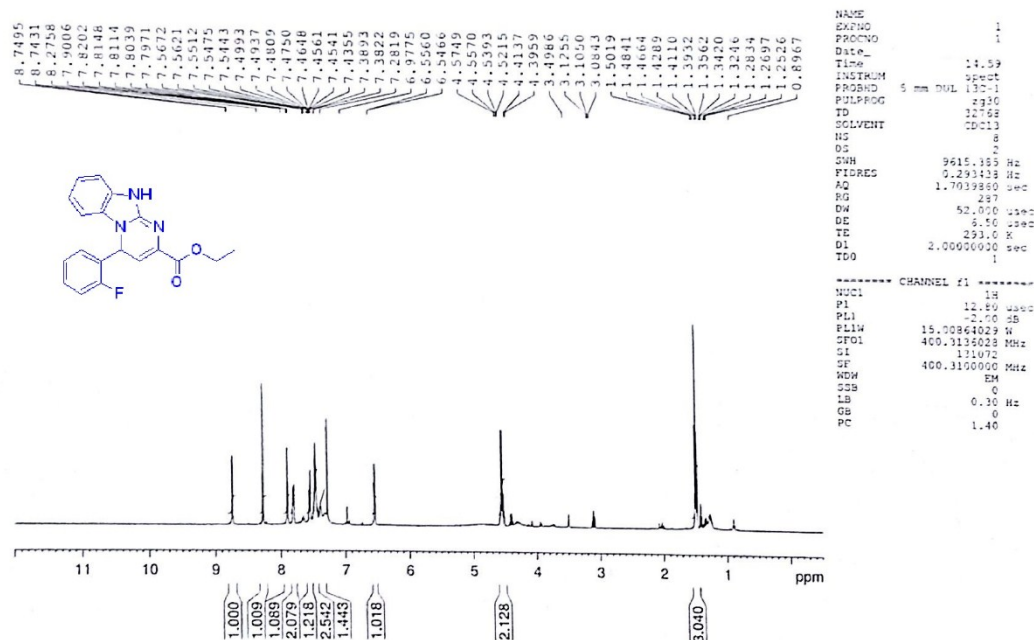
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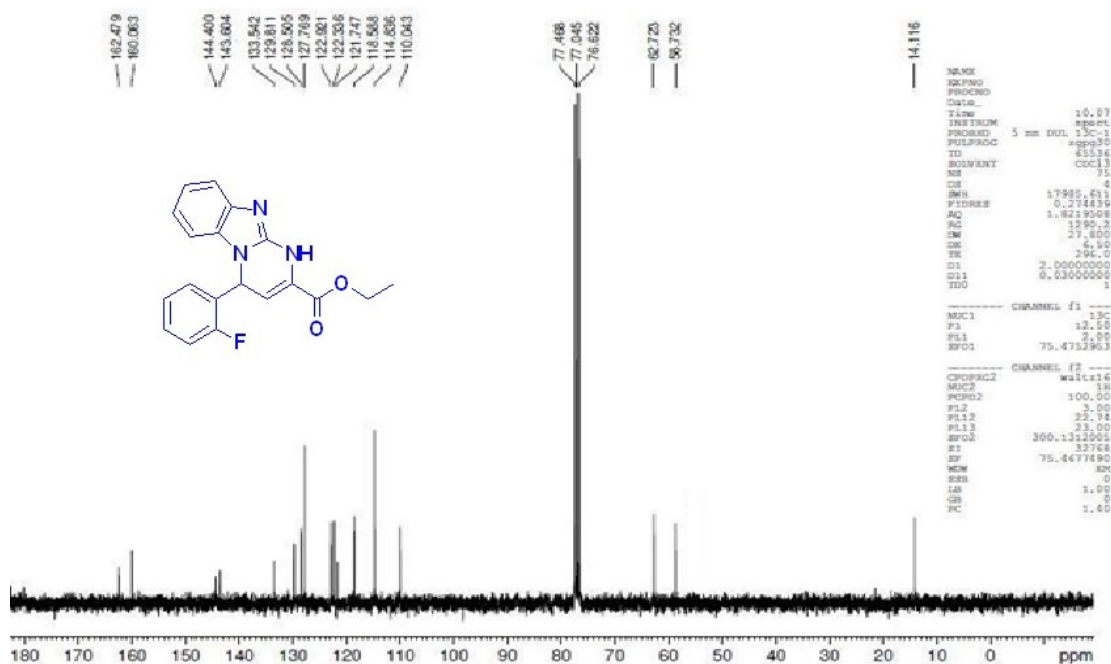
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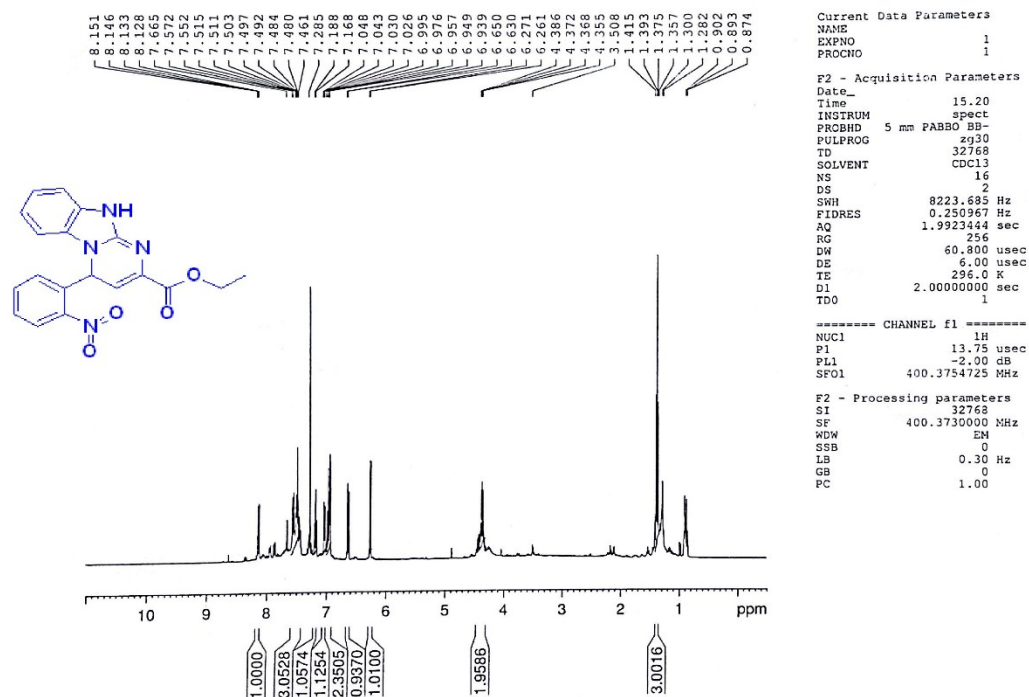
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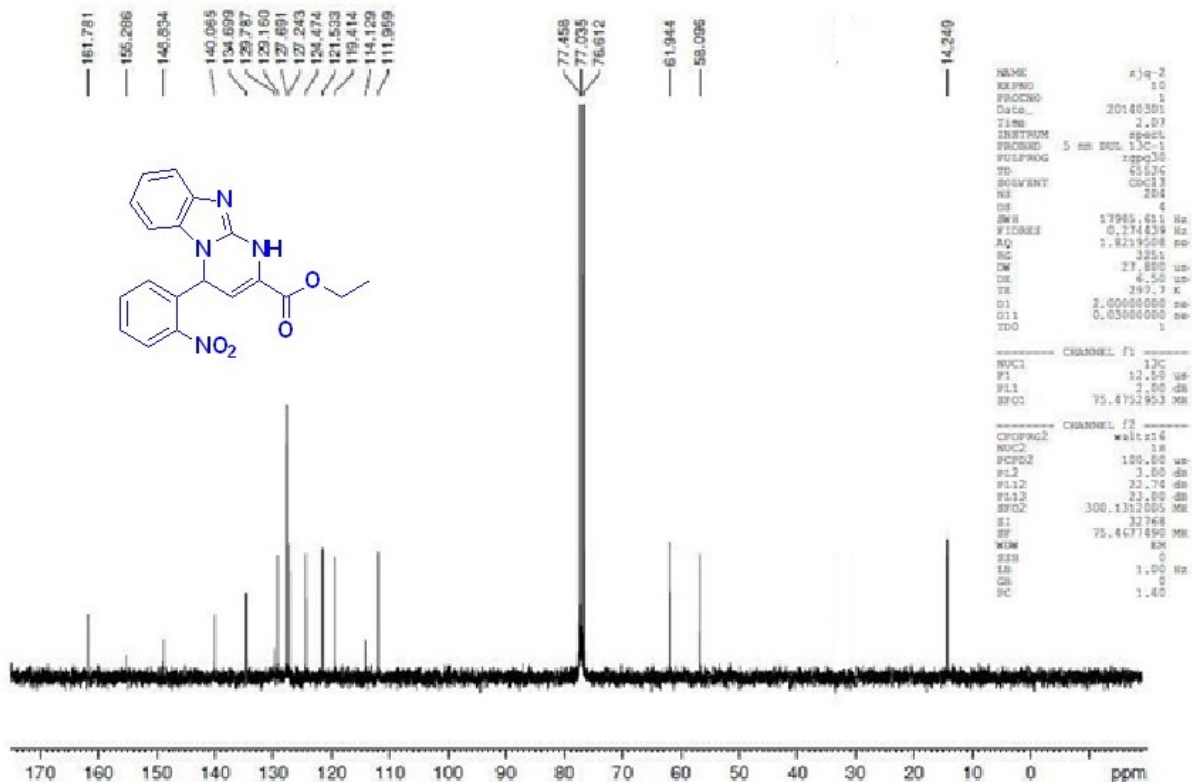
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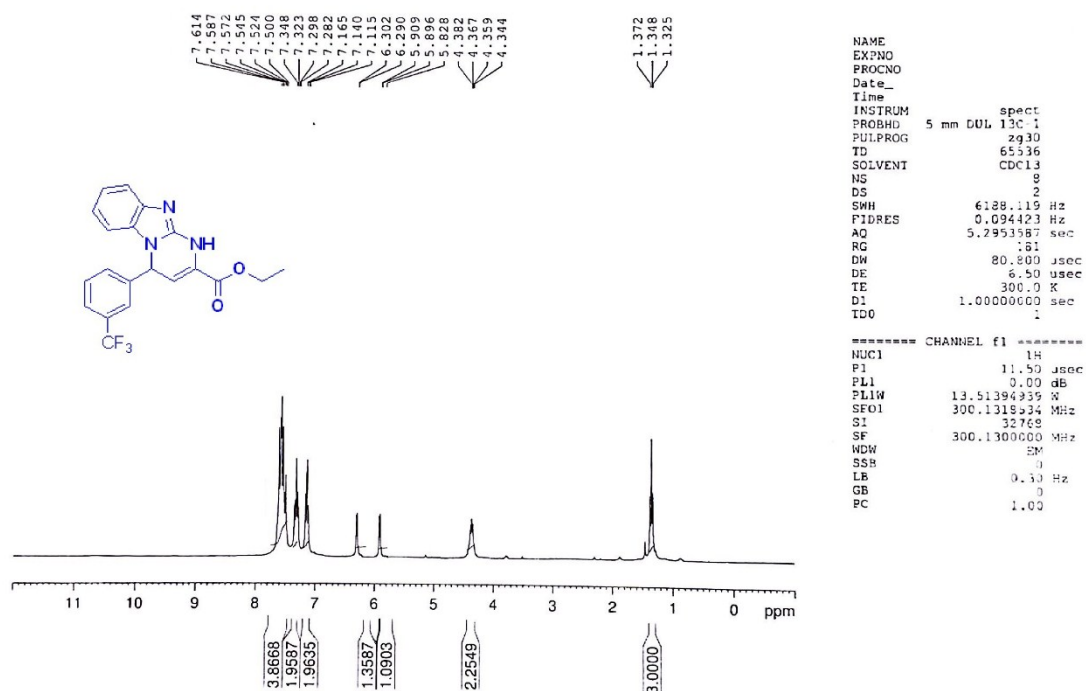
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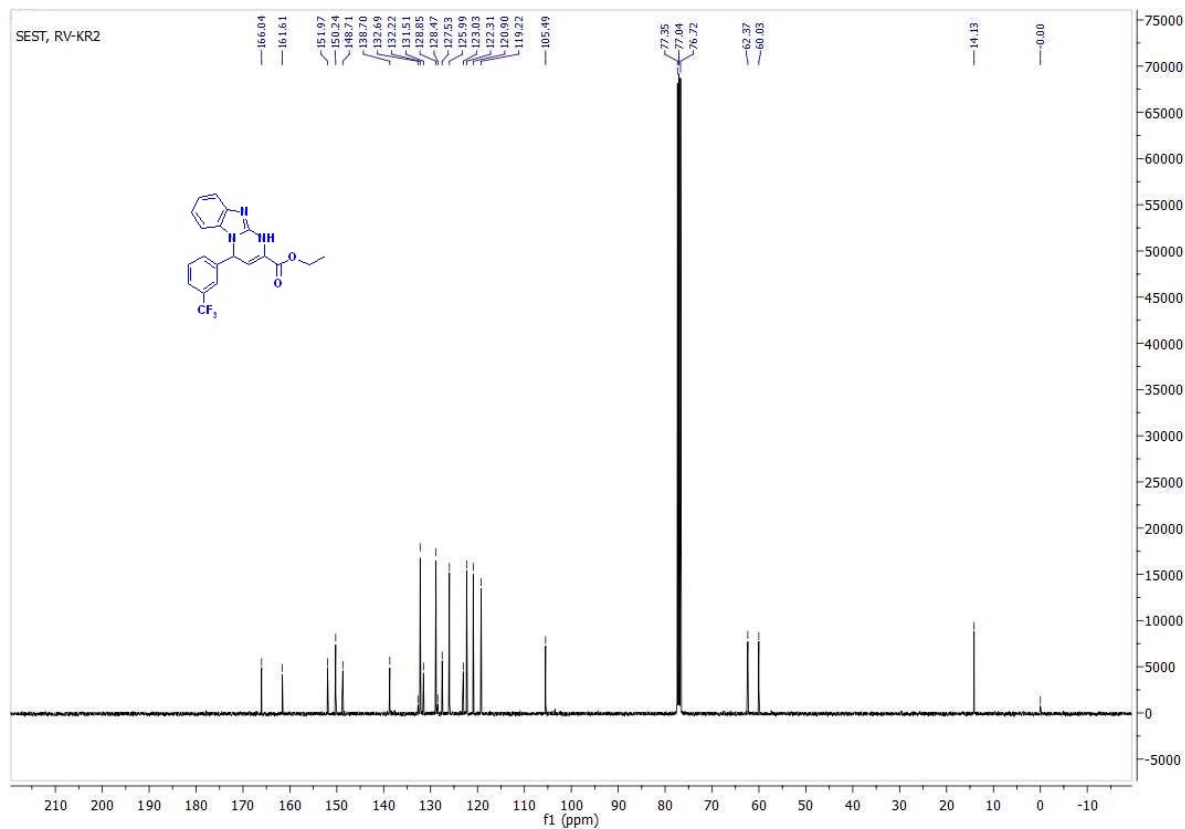
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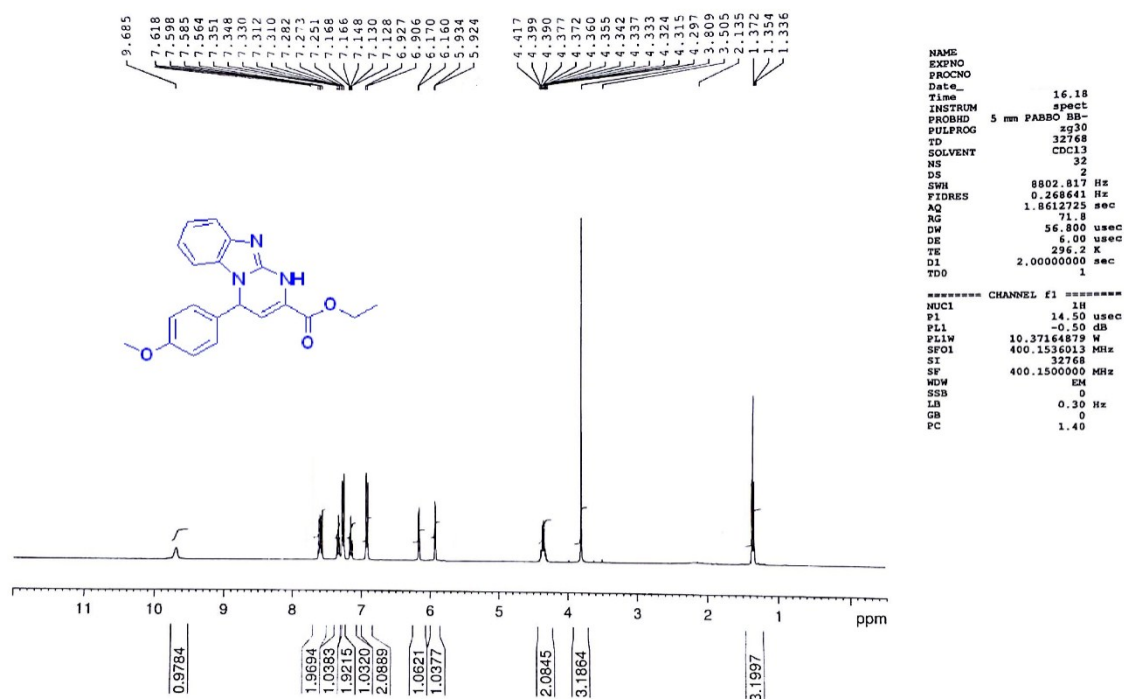
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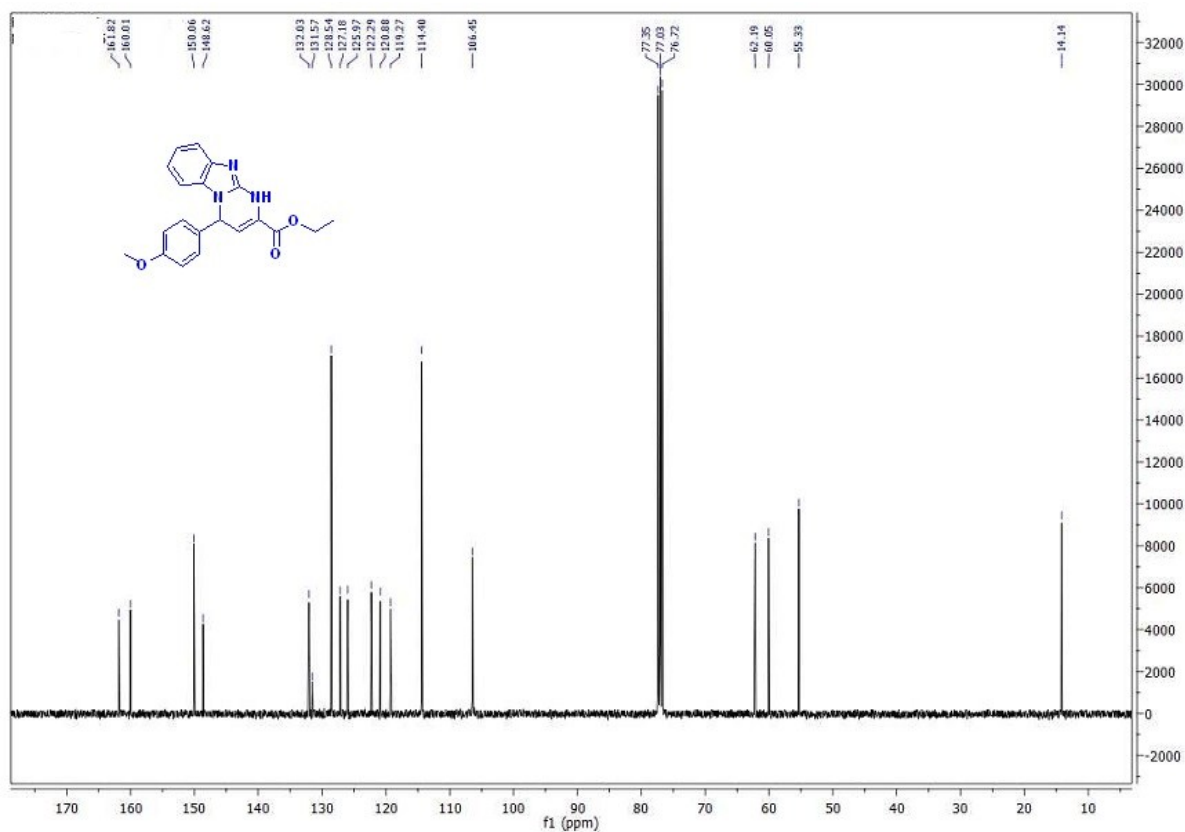
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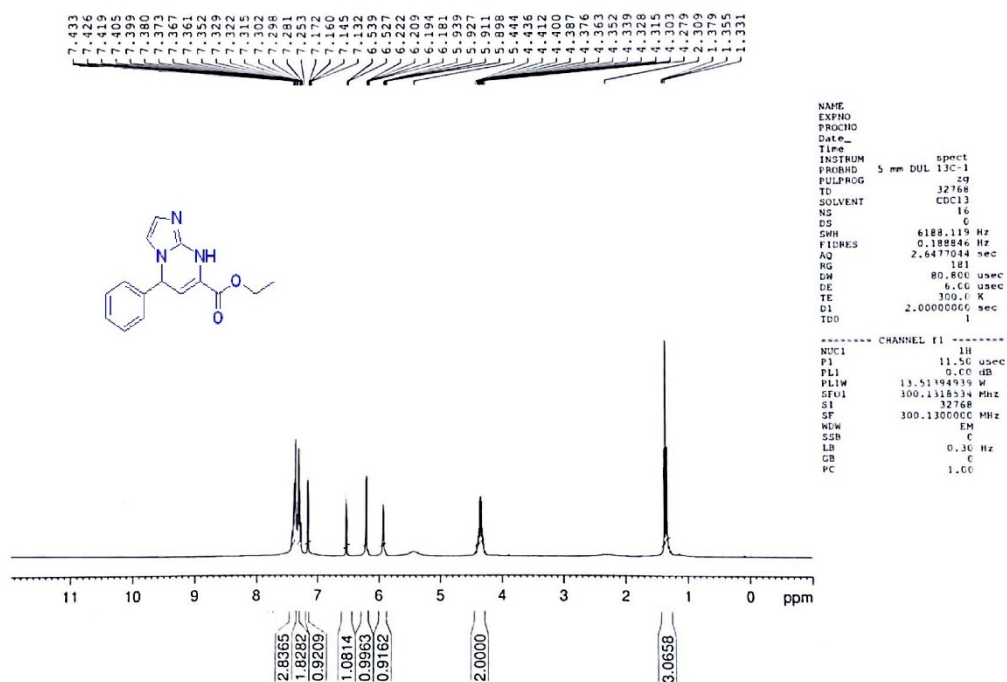
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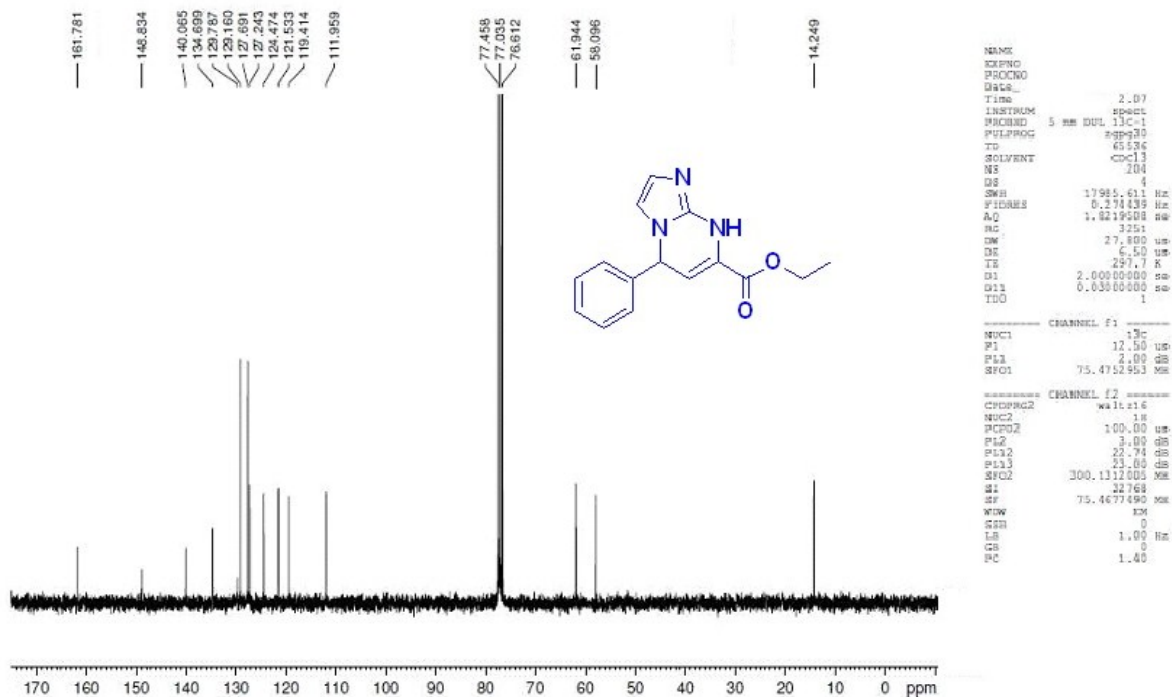
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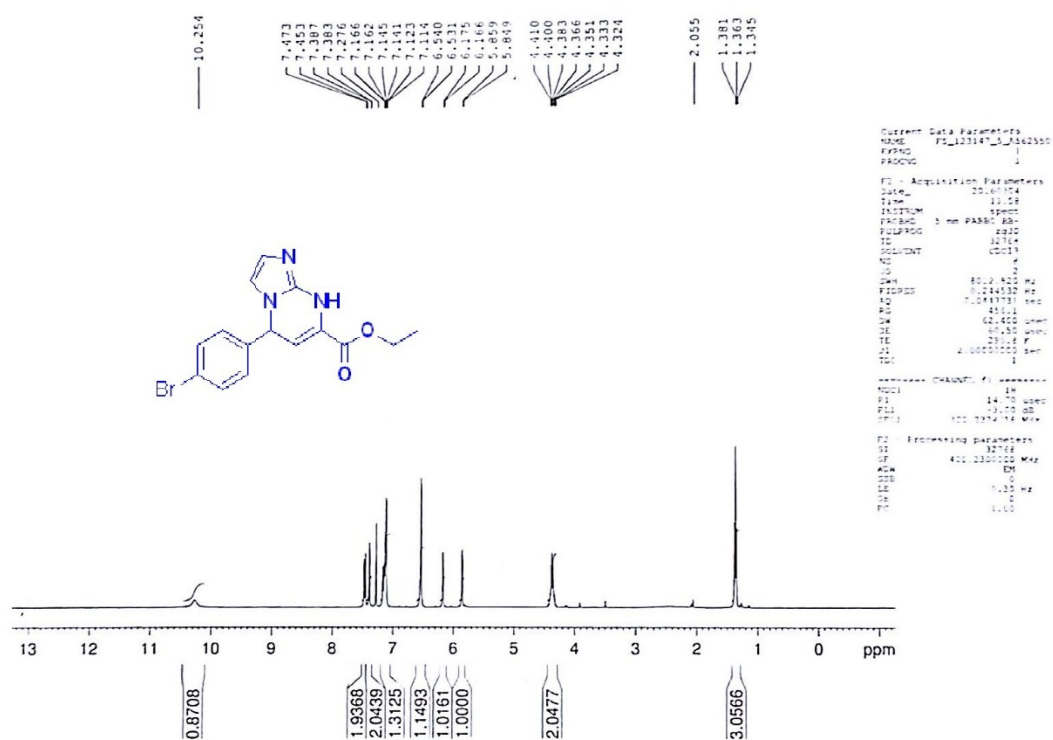
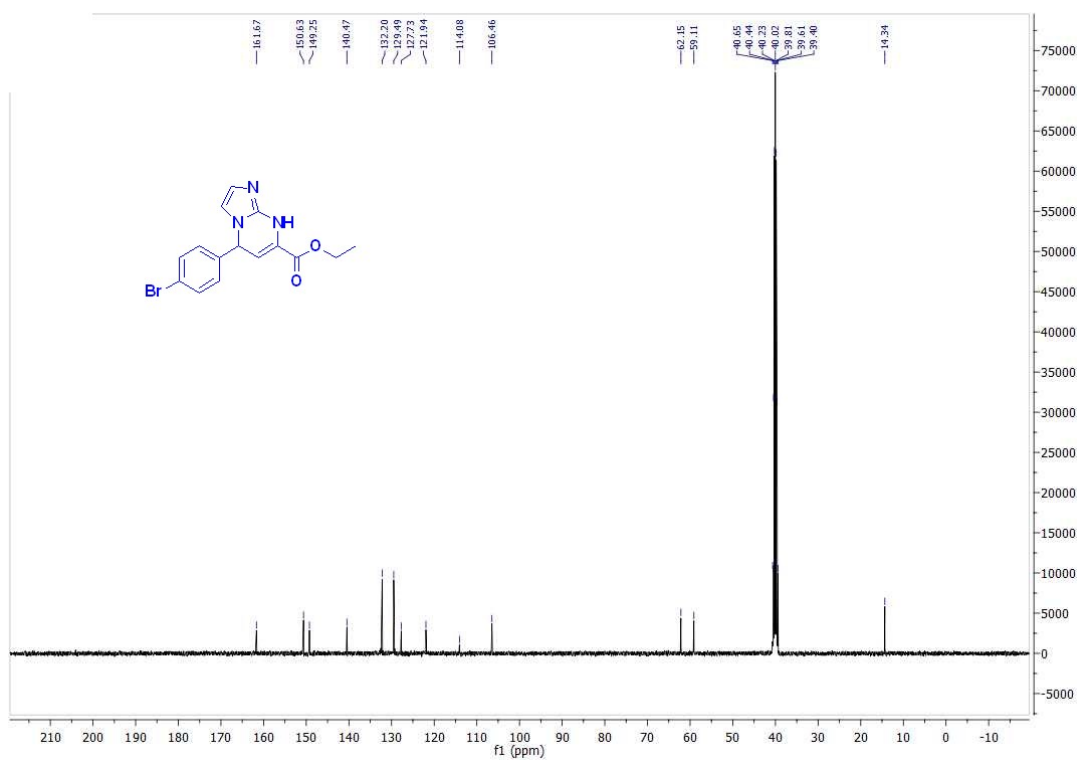


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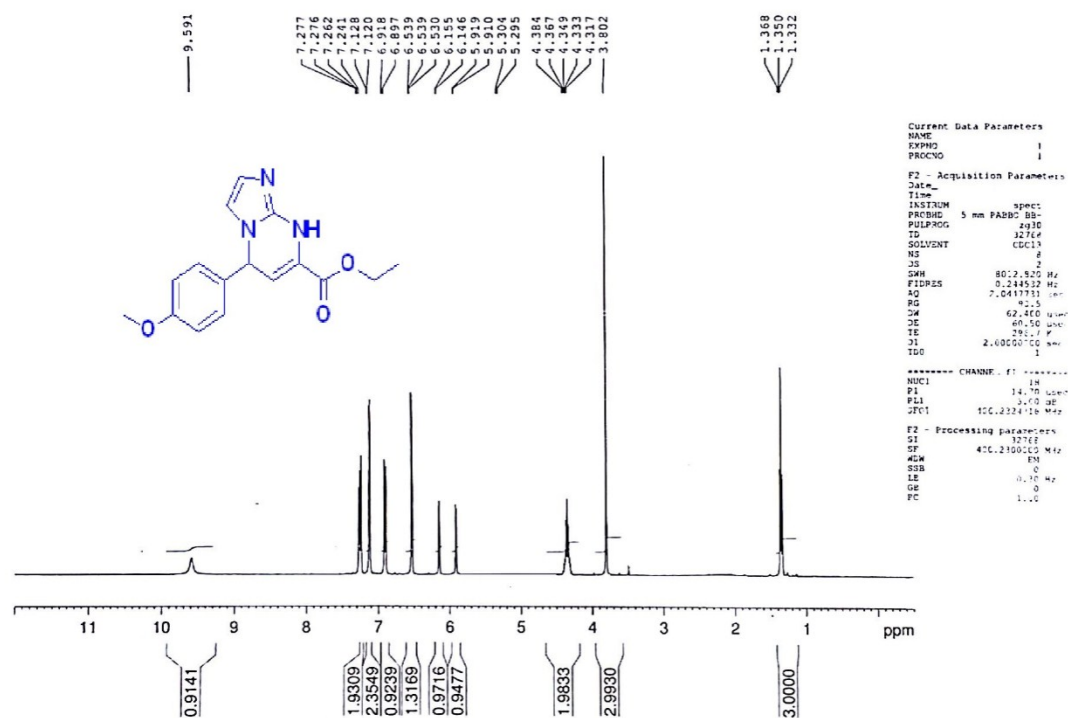


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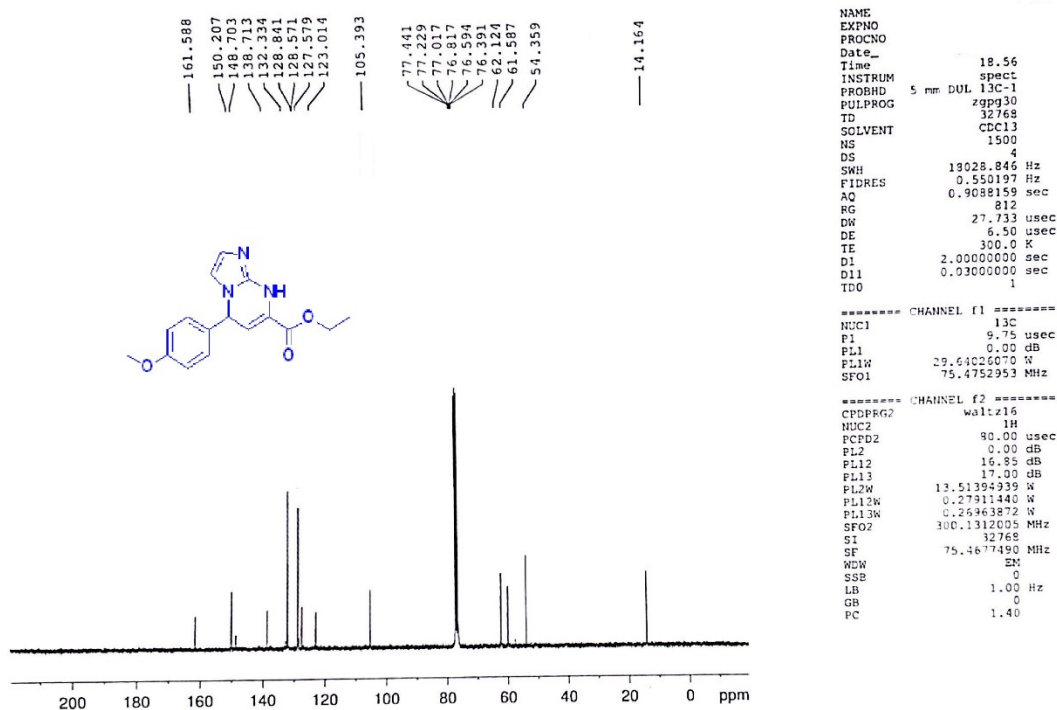


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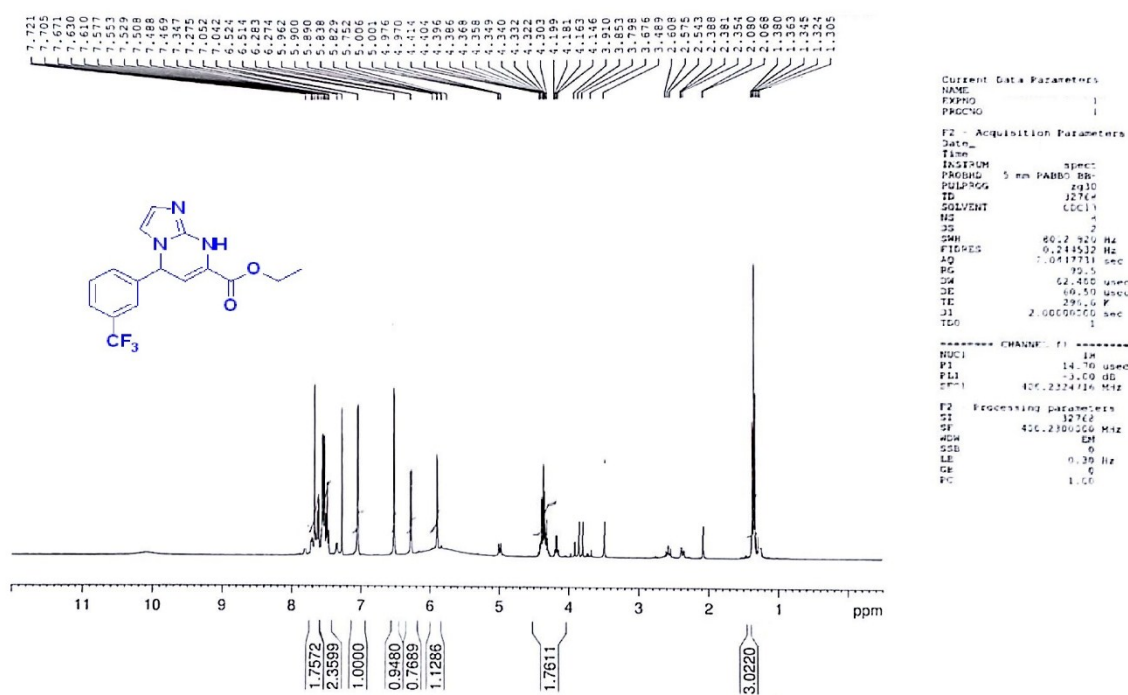
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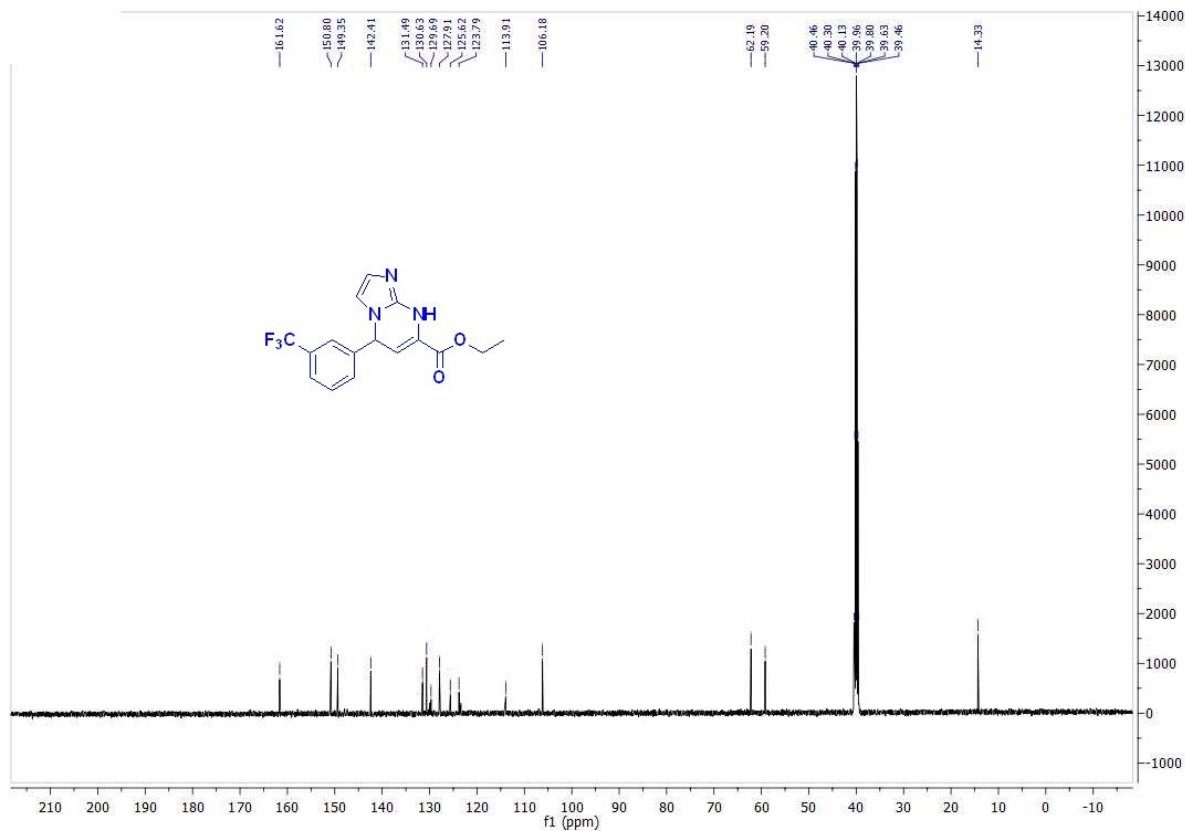
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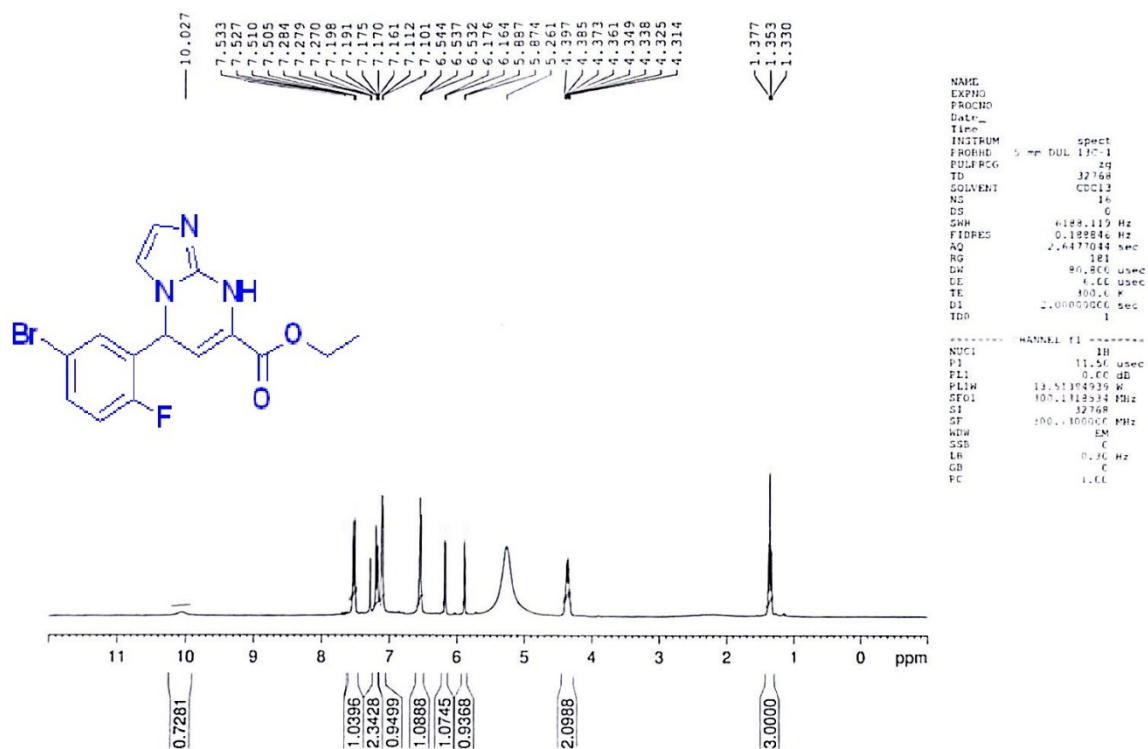
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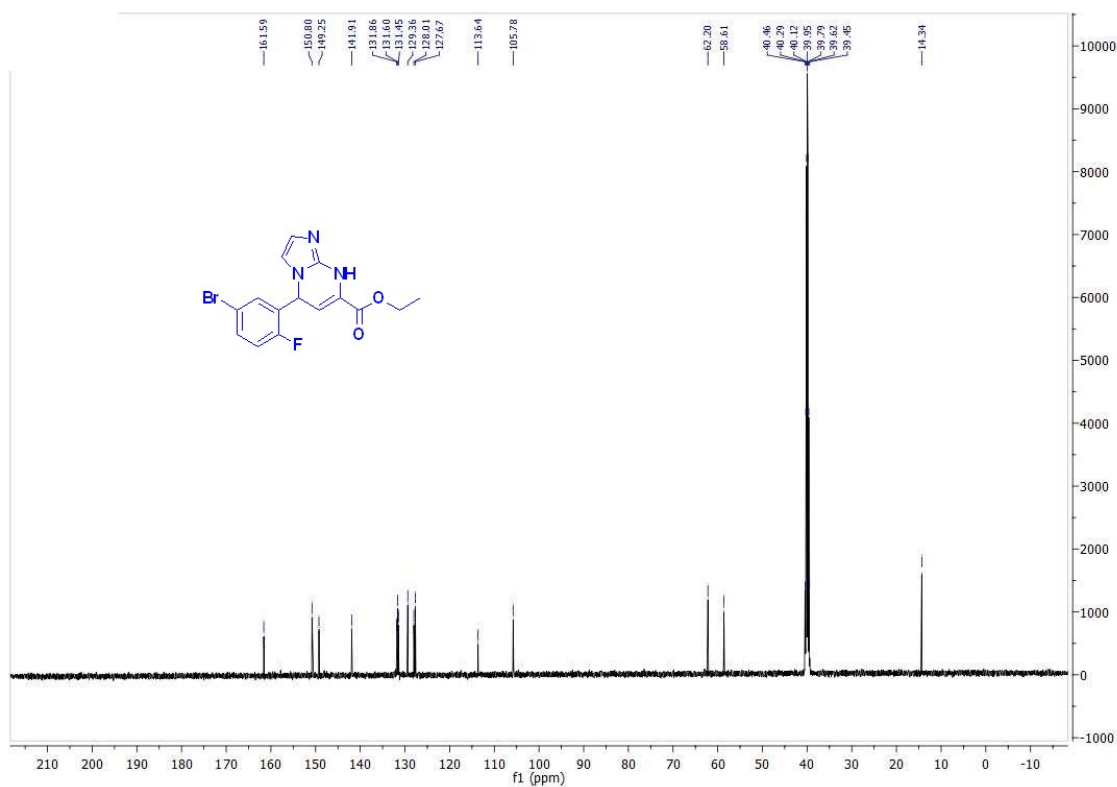
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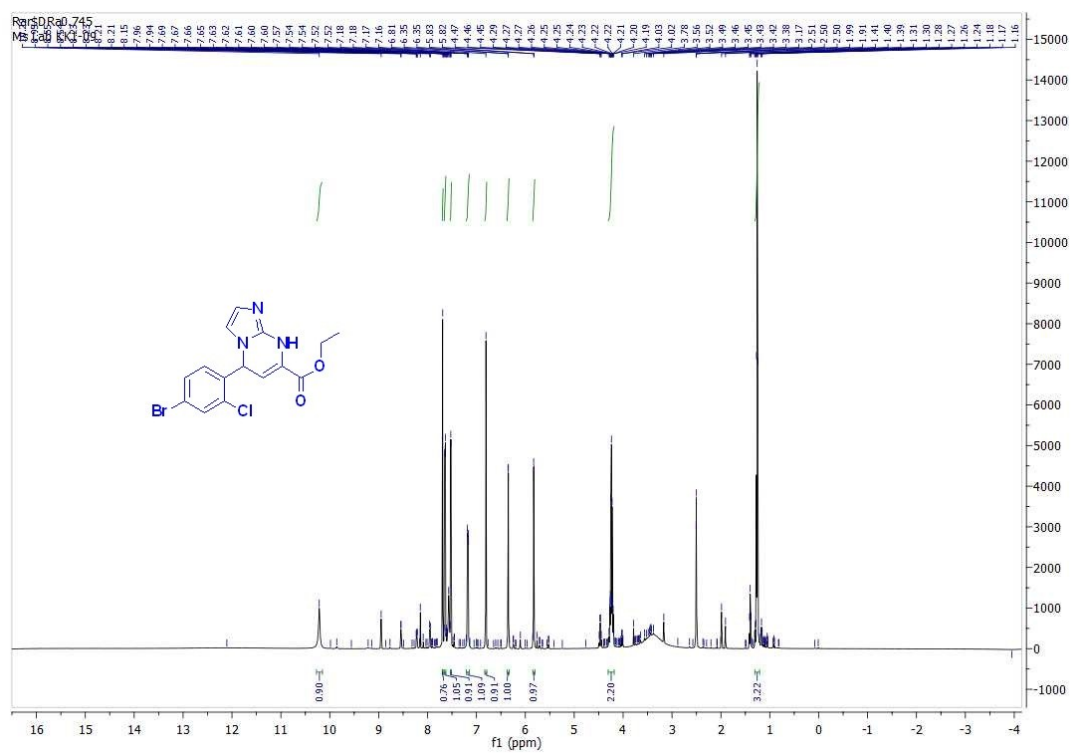
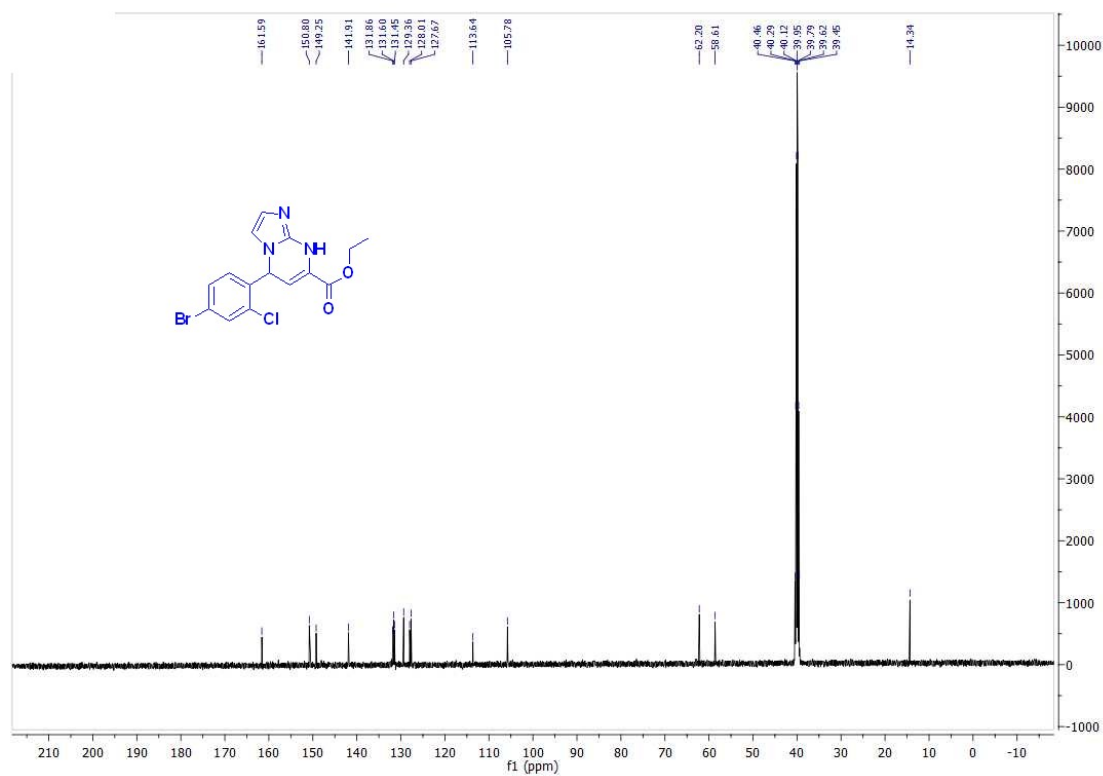


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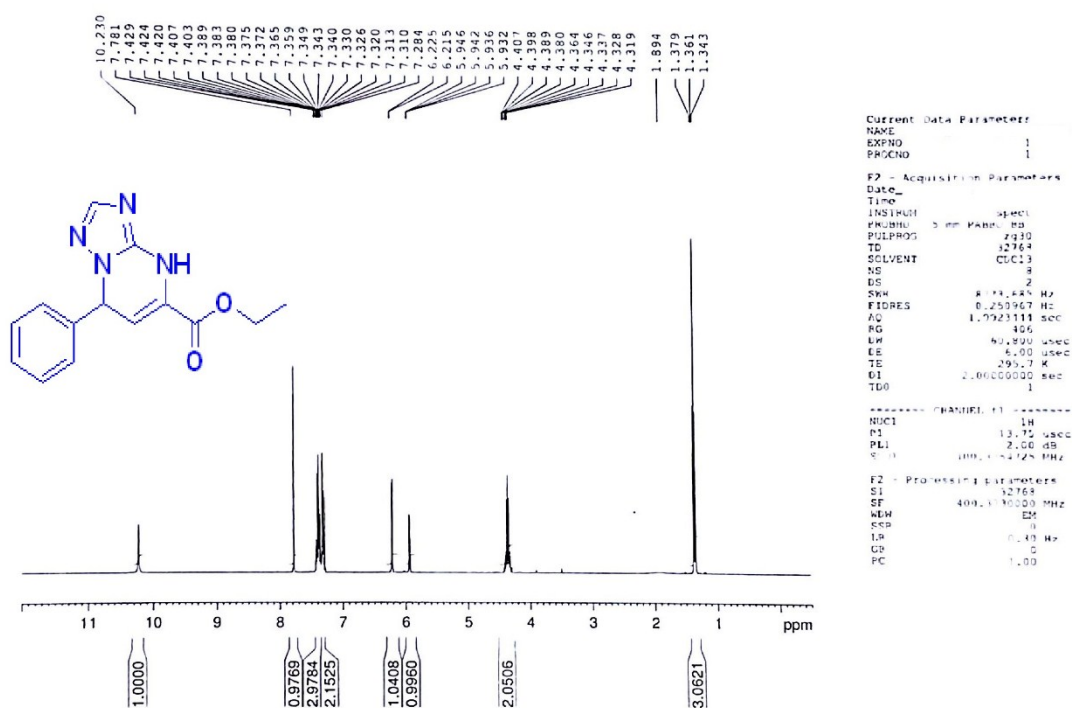


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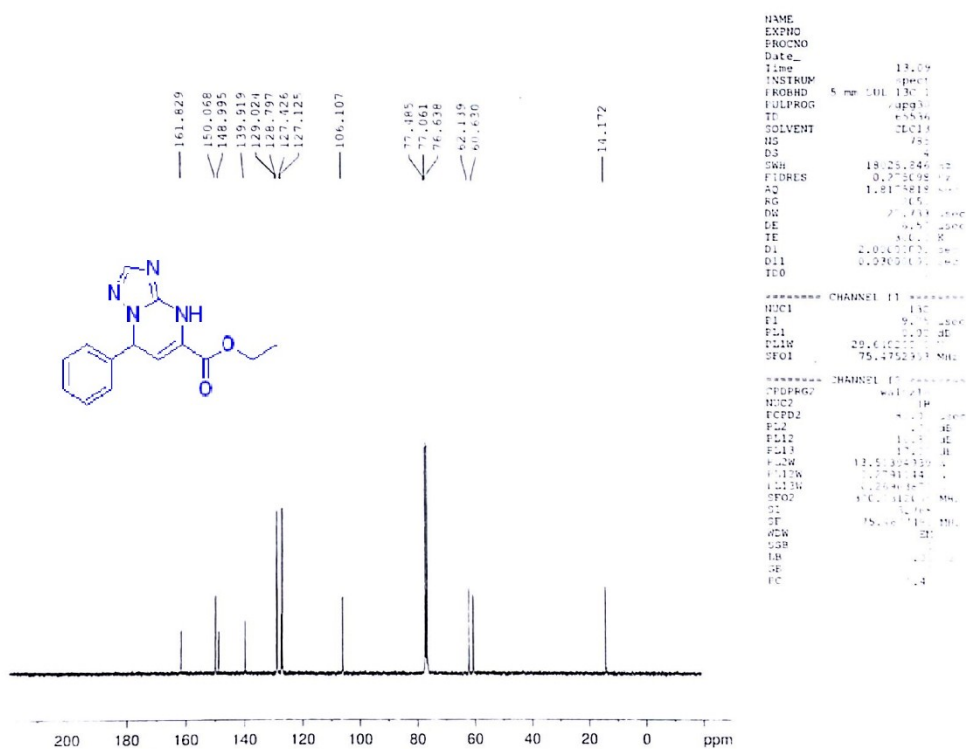


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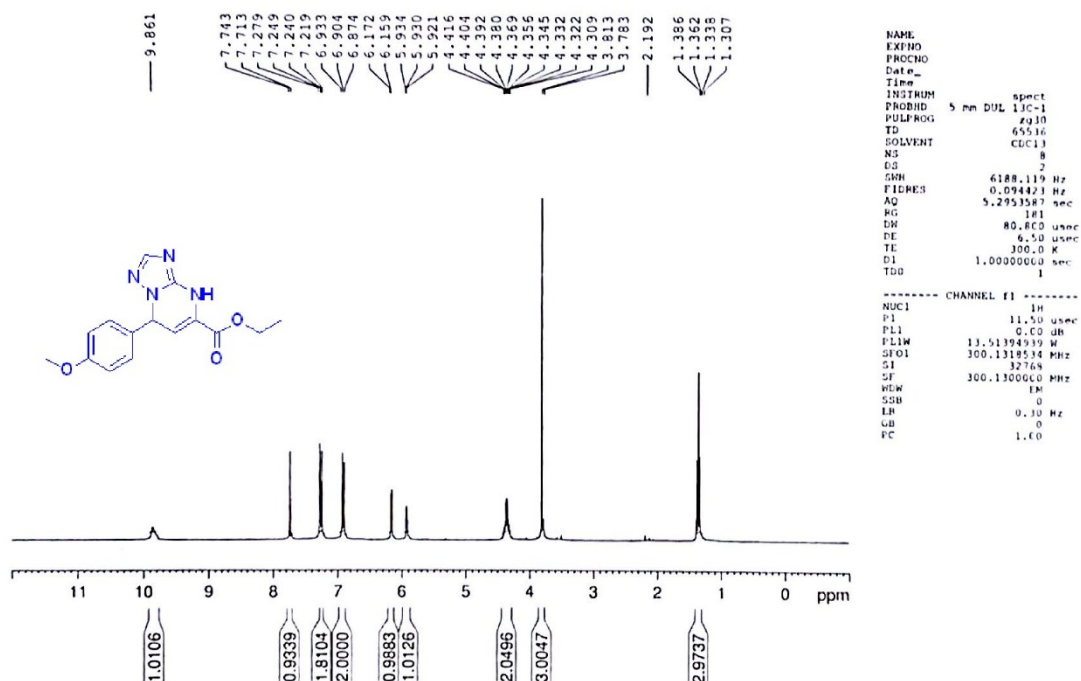
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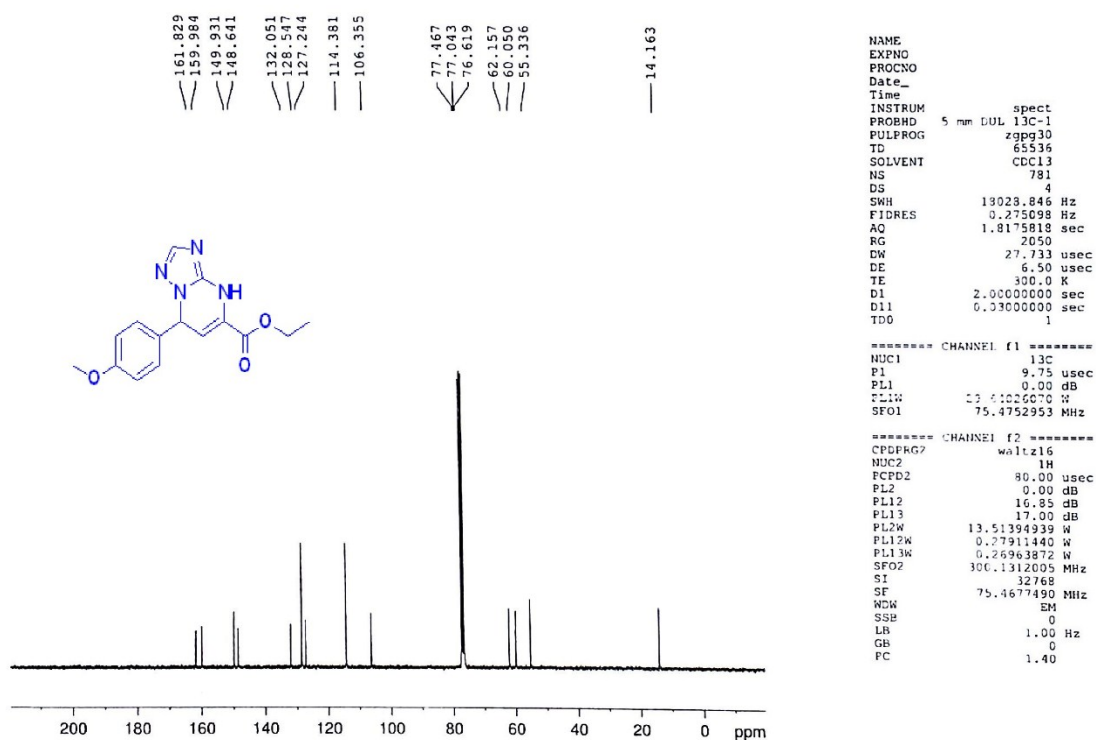
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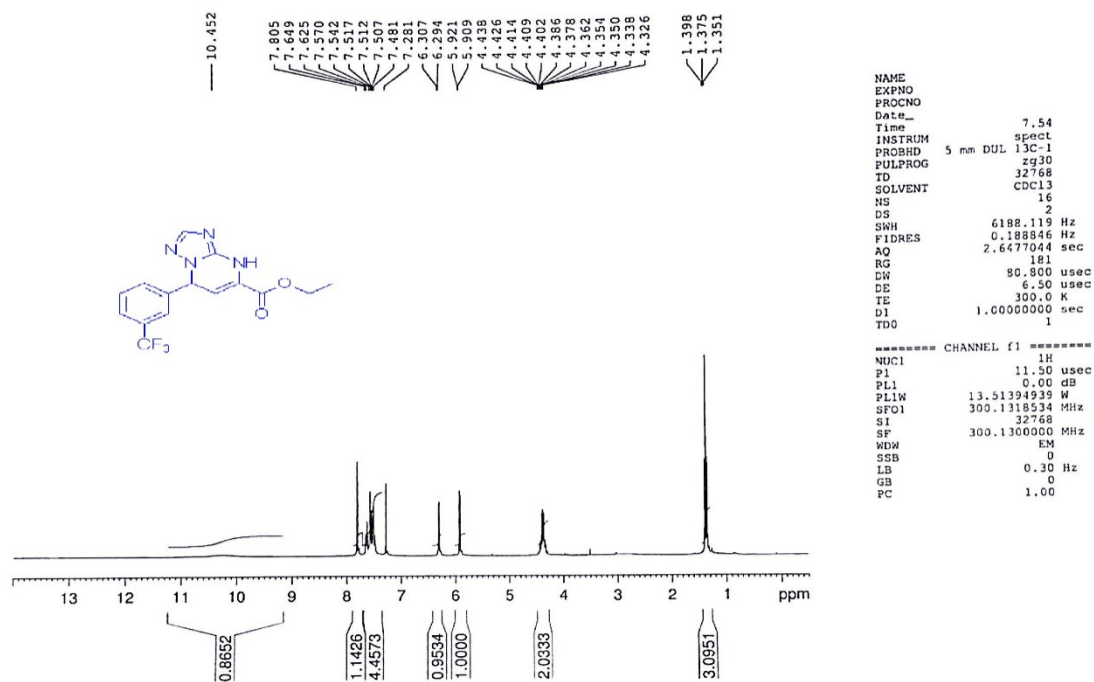
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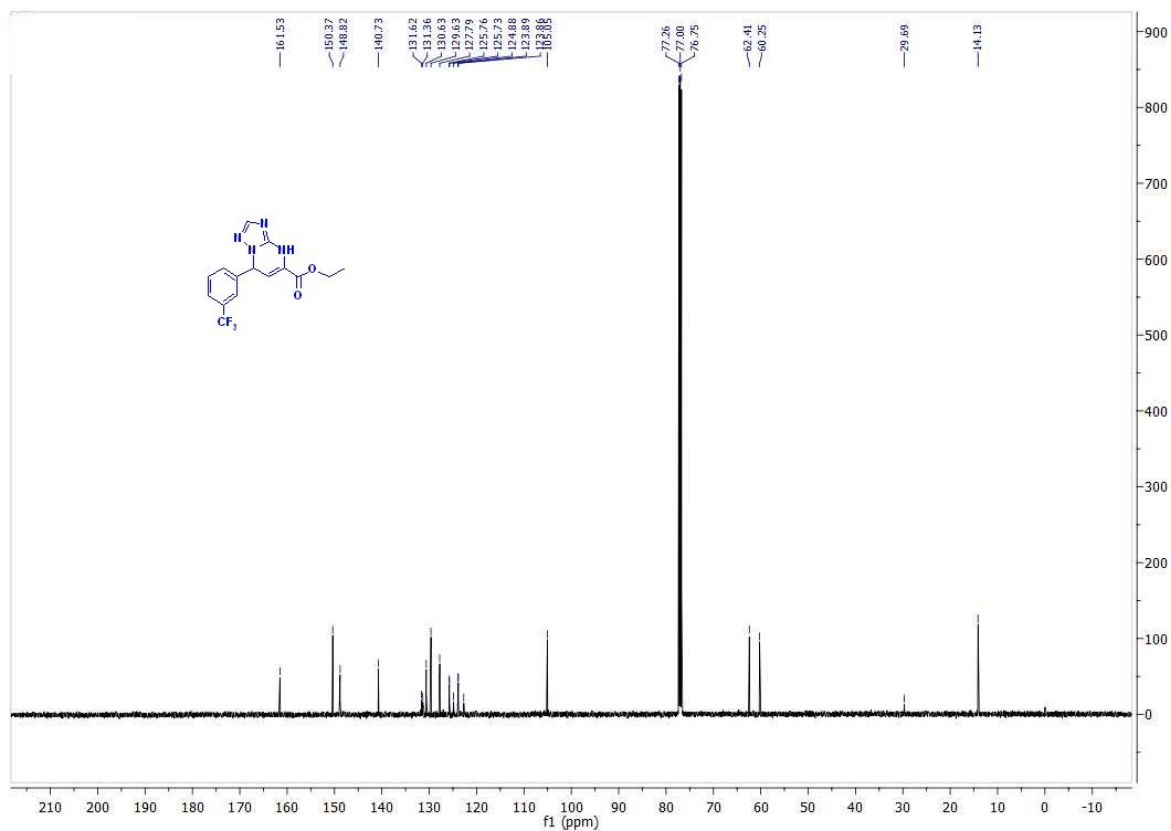
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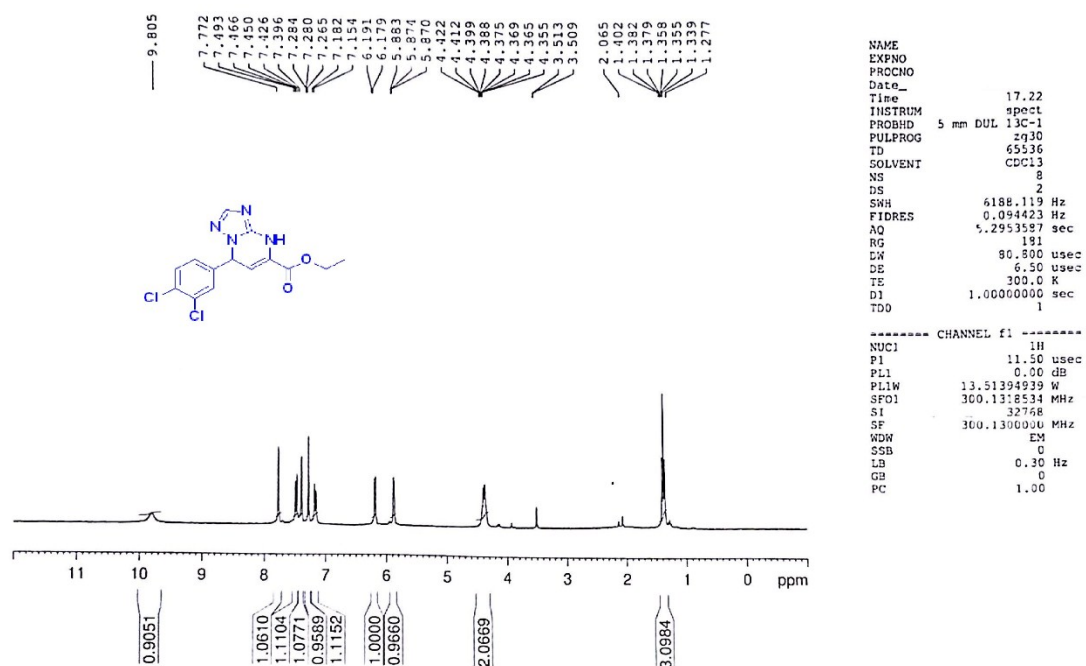
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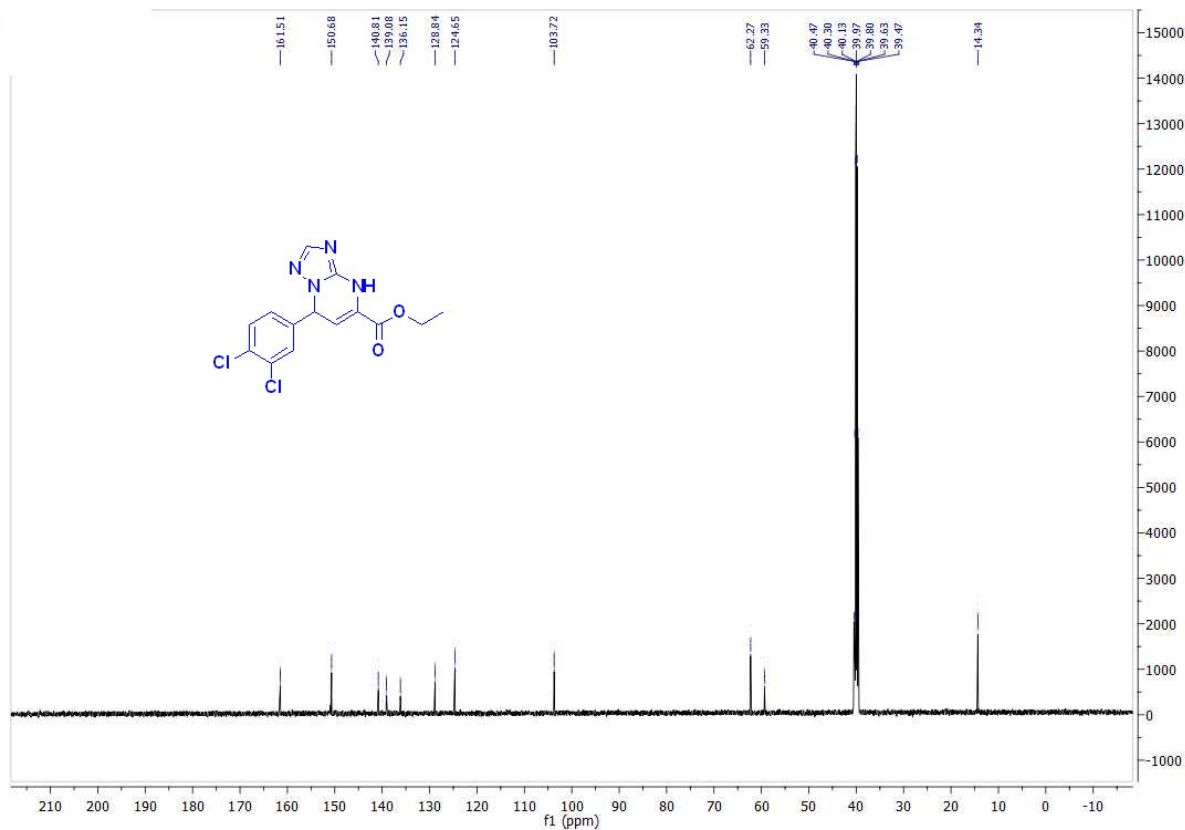
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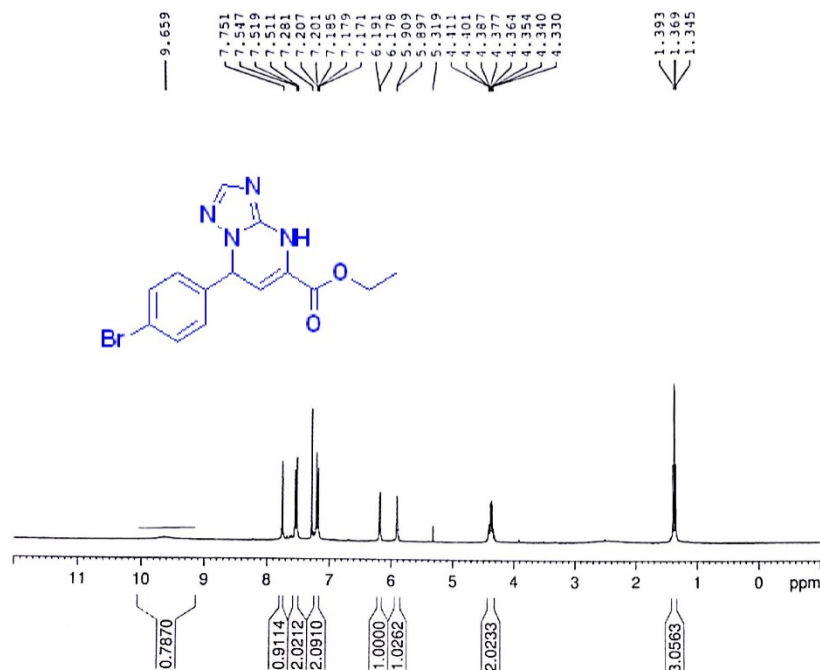
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# <sup>13</sup>C NMR for compound 4d



# <sup>1</sup>H NMR for compound 4e



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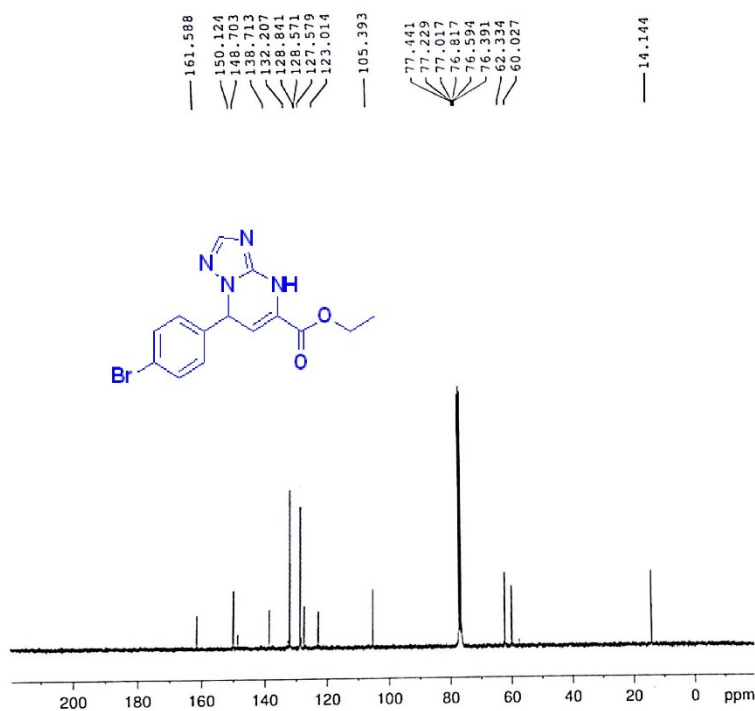
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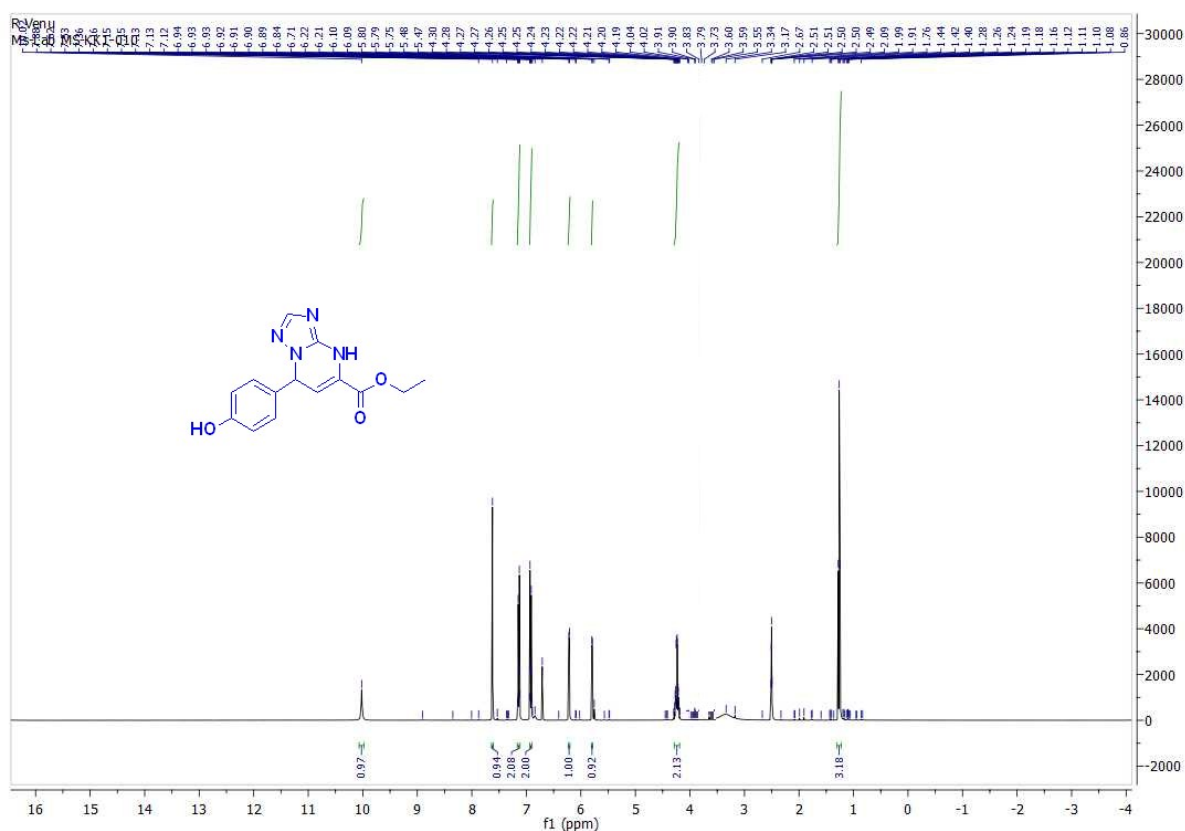
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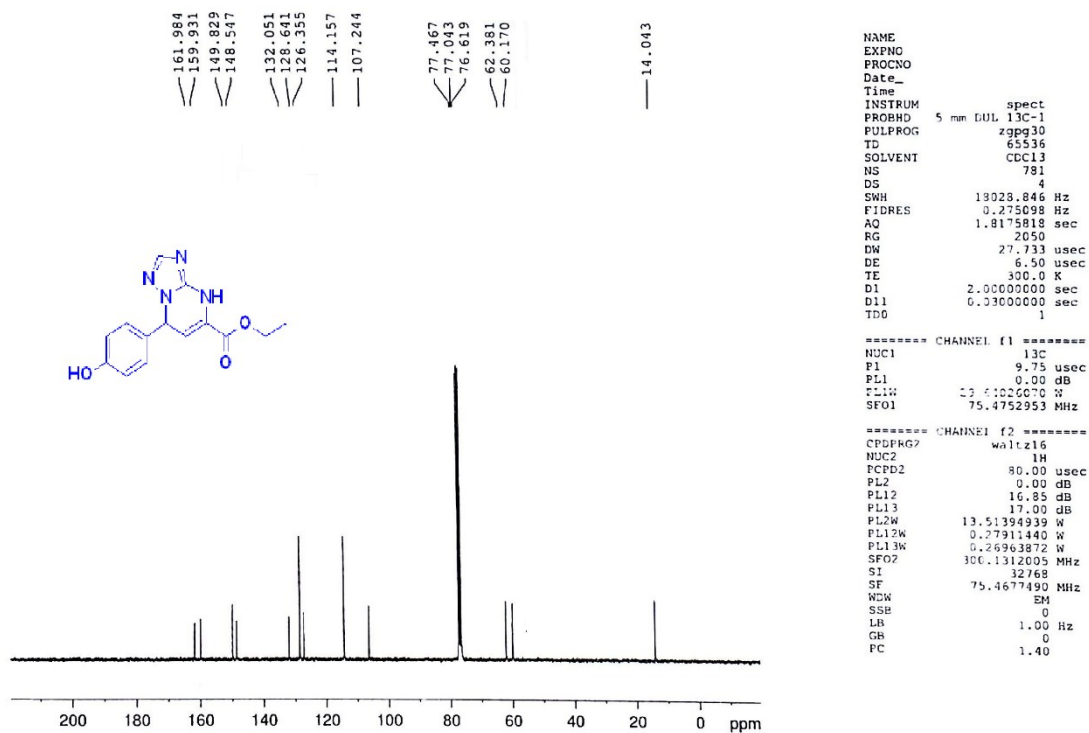
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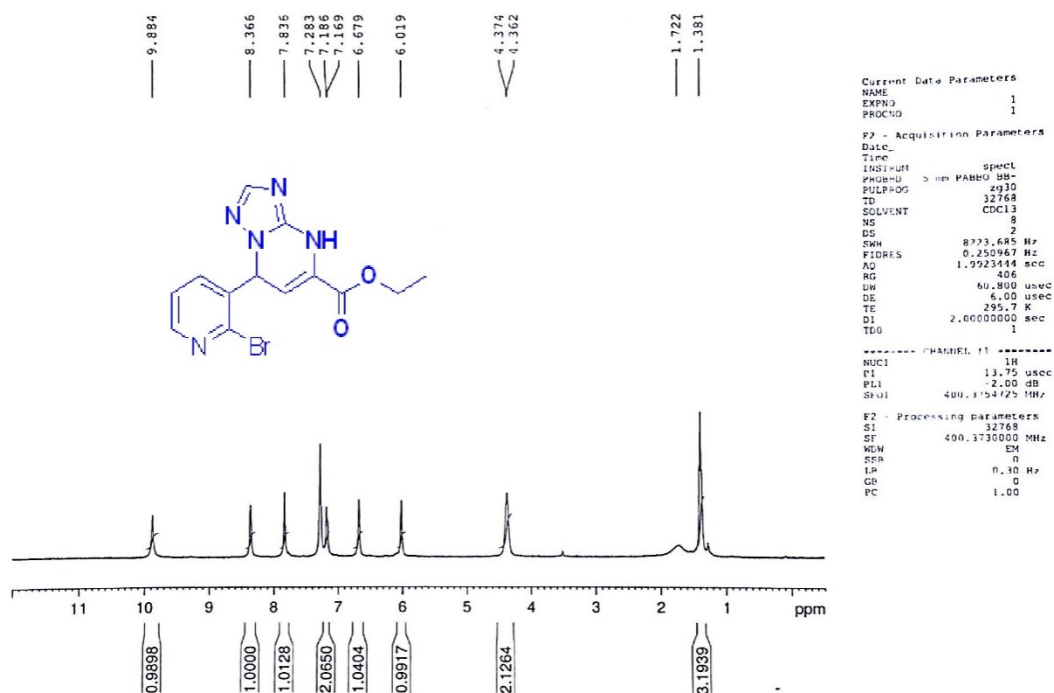
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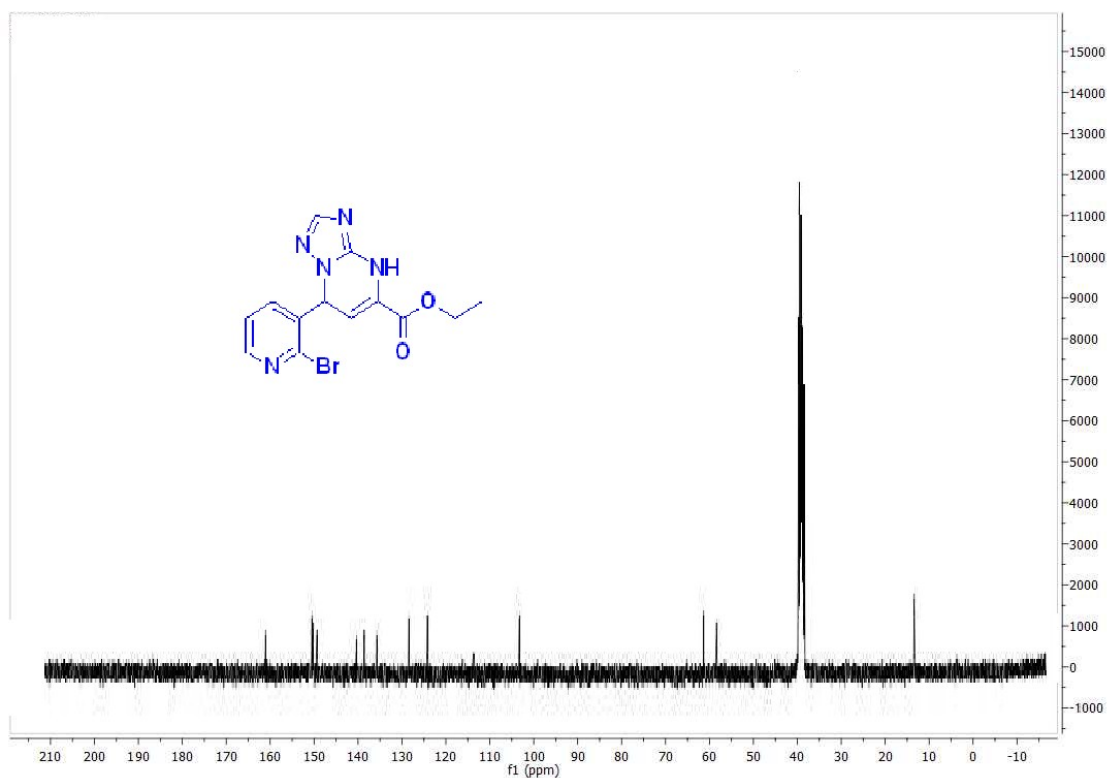
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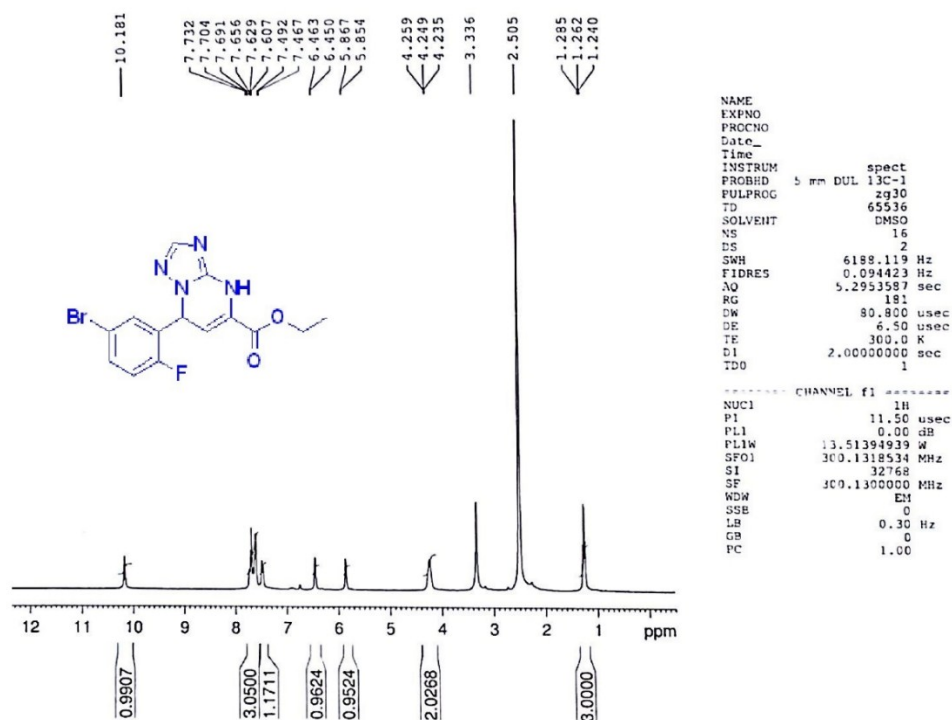
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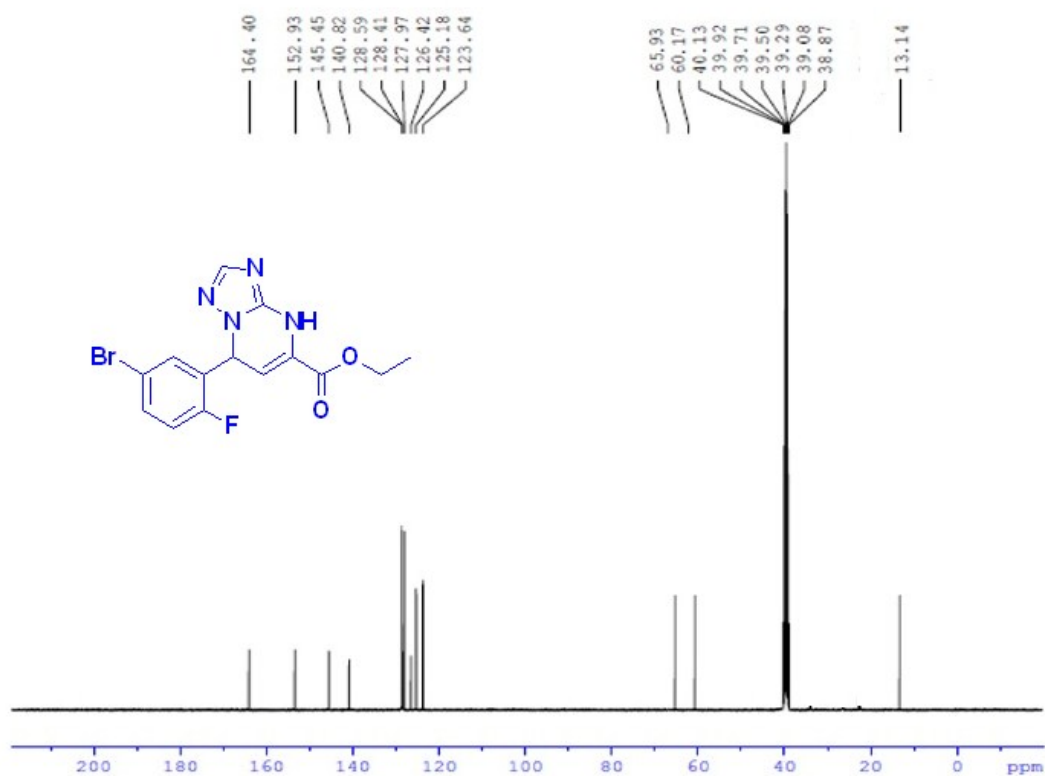
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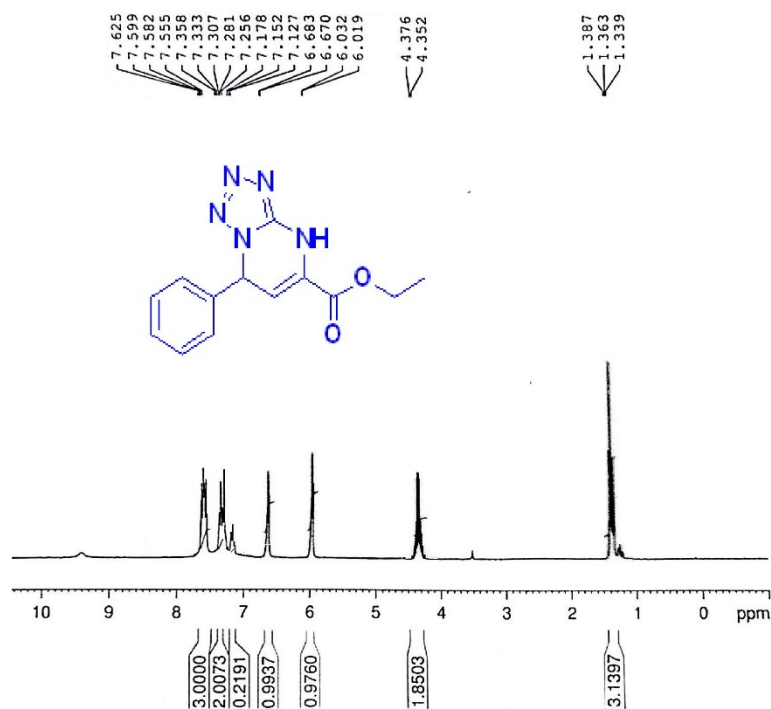
$^1\text{H}$  NMR for compound 4h



$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR for compound 4h (DMSO- $d_6$ )



<sup>1</sup>H NMR for compound 5a



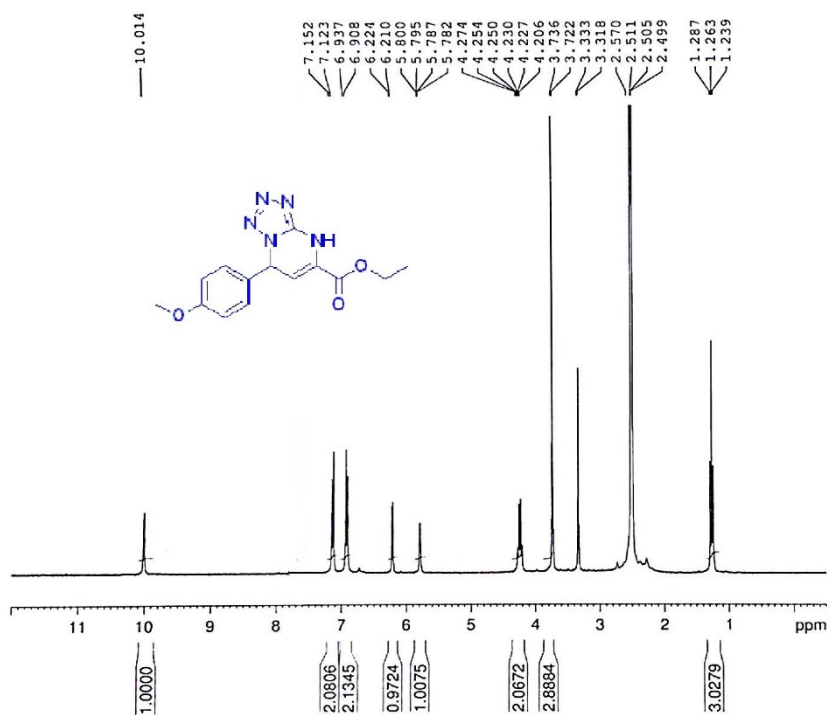
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