

## Supporting Information

### An efficient synthesis of 1,3-dimethyl-5-(2-phenyl-4H-chromen-4-ylidene)pyrimidine-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-triones and investigation of their interactions with $\beta$ -lactoglobulin

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## Instrumentation

Standard literature procedures were used to dry the solvents used in the experiments. An oven-dried round-bottomed flask was used to perform the reactions and they were conducted under the atmospheric oxygen. Thin-layer chromatography plates (Silica gel G) were visualized by exposure to ultraviolet light and/ or iodine vapor. IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer FT-IR Spectrophotometer (Spectrum BX II) as KBr pellets.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  on a Bruker 300MHz or a Bruker 500MHz NMR spectrometer. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) were reported in parts per million (ppm) taking  $\text{CHCl}_3$  peak at  $\delta$  7.26. Coupling constants ( $J$ ) are quoted in hertz (Hz). Mass spectra were recorded on a Jeol MS Station 700 mass spectrometer by the electron spray ionization (ESI). Elemental analyses were done using two Perkin-Elmer 2400 Series II C, H, N analyzers.

## Materials

2-Hydroxychalcones and 1,3-dimethylbarbituric acid were used as starting materials for the synthesis of the title compounds. 2-Hydroxychalcones were synthesized by base catalyzed condensation of 2-hydroxybenzaldehydes and acetophenones<sup>1</sup>, and 1,3-dimethylbarbiyuric acid was commercially available (TCI chemicals). TLC was done with silica gel G. Starting materials used in the reaction were commercially available.

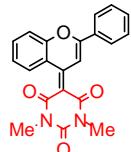
## General Procedures for Synthesis of *1,3-Dimethyl-5-(2-phenyl-4H-chromen-4-ylidene)pyrimidine-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-triones*(6)

Solution of 2-hydroxychalcone (**1**) (1 mmol) and 1,3-dimethyl-barbituric acid (1 mmol) in anhydrous toluene (10 mL) was added amberlyst-15 (40 mg) at room temperature. The resulting mixture was refluxed with stirring under atmospheric oxygen for 8 h. After completion of reaction, sufficient amount of dichloromethane was added to dissolve the product and then amberlyst-15 was filtered off. The filtrate was concentrated by removal of solvent and the resulting crude product was purified by crystallization from DCM hexane solvent system.

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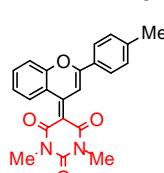
**Physical and Spectral data of 1,3-Dimethyl-5-(2-phenyl-4H-chromen-4-ylidene)pyrimidine-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-triones (6) and related compounds**

**1,3-Dimethyl-5-(2-phenyl-4H-chromen-4-ylidene)pyrimidine-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-trione (6a):**



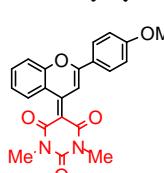
Red crystals (yield: 75 %), m.p. 171-172 °C, IR (KBr pellet): 1700, 1630, 1544, 1467, 1440, 1401, 1358, 1129, 1060, 861, 765 cm<sup>-1</sup>, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.43 (6H, s, 2 × >NCH<sub>3</sub>), 7.43 (1H, t, J=8.2 Hz), 7.56-7.61(3H, m, Ar-H), 7.67 (1H, d, J=8.4 Hz), 7.78 (1H, t, J=8.4 Hz), 8.05-8.11(3H, m, Ar-H), 9.13 (1H, s, H-3 of 2-chromene moiety). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 28.4, 99.6, 111.9, 118.0, 121.4, 124.8, 127.2, 129.4, 131.0, 131.8, 132.7, 135.1, 152.0, 154.8, 161.6, 162.6, 162.8, ESMS: m/z calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 361.1188, found 361.1180, Anal. Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 69.99; H, 4.48; N, 7.77. Found: C, 70.13; H, 4.67; N, 7.52.

**1,3-Dimethyl-5-(2-p-tolyl-4H-chromen-4-ylidene)pyrimidine-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-trione (6b):**



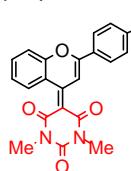
Red crystals (yield: 63 %), m.p. 175-176 °C, IR (KBr pellet): 1699, 1630, 1544, 1509, 1463, 1440, 1356, 1279, 1192, 1128, 1057, 763, 721, 615; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 2.47 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.43 (6H, s, 2 × >NCH<sub>3</sub>), 7.37 (2H, d, J = 8.1Hz, Ar-H), 7.42 (1H, t, J = 7.5Hz, Ar-H), 7.66 (1H, d, J = 8.7Hz, Ar-H), 7.78 (1H, br. t, J=7.2 Hz Ar-H), 8.00 (2H, d, J = 8.2 Hz, Ar-H), 8.05 (1H, br. d, J = 8.4 Hz, Ar-H), 9.07 (1H, s, H-3 of 2-chromene moiety), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 21.7, 28.3, 98.9, 111.8, 118.0, 121.5, 124.8, 127.3, 128.1, 130.2, 131.8, 135.0, 144.0, 152.1, 154.7, 162.2, 162.9; Anal. Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 70.58; H, 4.85; N, 7.48. Found: C, 70.72; H, 5.02; N, 7.61.

**5-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4H-chromen-4-ylidene)-1,3-dimethylpyrimidine-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-trione (6c):**



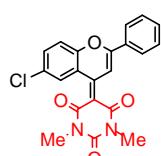
Red crystals (yield: 81 %), m.p. 199-200 °C <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.42 (6H, s, 2 × >NCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.92 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 7.05 (2H,d, J=8.5 Hz, H-3', 5'), 7.42 (1H, t, J=8.0 Hz, H-6), 7.65 (1H, d, J=8.5 Hz, H-8), 7.76 (1H, t, J=7.5 Hz, H-7), 8.05 (1H, d, J=8.5 Hz, H-5), 8.08 (2H,d, J=8.5 Hz, H-2', 6'), 9.00 (1H, s, H-3 of 2-chromene moiety). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 28.3, 55.7, 98.2, 111.5, 115.0, 117.9, 121.6, 123.1, 124.8, 129.5, 131.8, 134.8, 152.2, 154.6, 162.3, 162.9, 163.8; ESMS: m/z calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 391.1294, found 391.1214. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: C, 67.69; H, 4.65; N, 7.18. Found: C, 67.49; H, 4.79; N, 7.03.

**5-(2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-4H-chromen-4-ylidene)-1,3-dimethylpyrimidine-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-trione (6d):**



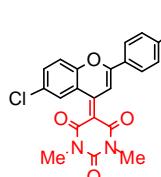
Red crystals (yield: 60%), m.p. 217-218 °C, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.42 (6H, s, 2 × >NCH<sub>3</sub>), 7.42 (1H, t, J=6.9 Hz), 7.53 (2H, d, J=8.7 Hz, H-3' & H-5'), 7.64 (1H, d, J=8.1Hz, Ar-H), 7.78 (1H, t, J=7.5 Hz), 8.01-8.05 (3H, m, Ar-H), 9.12 (1H, s, H-3 of 2-chromene moiety). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 28.5, 100.4, 111.6, 119.5, 122.3, 127.2, 129.4, 130.4, 130.7, 130.9, 132.9, 134.9, 151.8, 153.1, 160.8, 161.5, 162.7, Anal. Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 63.89; H, 3.83; N, 7.10. Found: C, 64.03; H, 3.76; N, 6.81.

**5-(6-Chloro-2-phenyl-4H-chromen-4-ylidene)-1,3-dimethylpyrimidine-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-trione (6e):**



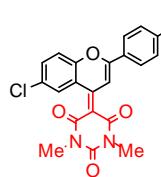
Red crystals (yield: 72%), m.p. 215-206 °C, IR (KBr pellet): 2920, 2850, 1701, 1649, 1627, 1515, 1467, 1366, 1262, 1192, 1120, 1022, 836, 753, 702, 641 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.42 (6H, s, 2 × >NCH<sub>3</sub>), 7.54-7.61 (4H, m, Ar-H), 7.69 (1H, dd, J=8.0 & 2.4 Hz, H-7), 8.01 (1H, d, J=2.4 Hz, H-5), 8.06 (2H, dd, J=8.2 & 2 Hz, H-2' & H-6'), 9.16 (1H, s, H-3 of 2-chromene moiety). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 28.5, 99.6, 111.8, 118.0, 119.4, 125.0, 128.3, 129.5, 129.6, 131.9, 135.4, 139.1, 153.0, 154.8, 160.0, 161.3, 163.1, Anal. Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 63.89; H, 3.83; N, 7.10. Found: C, 63.61; H, 3.67; N, 7.03.

**5-(6-Chloro-2-p-tolyl-4H-chromen-4-ylidene)-1,3-dimethylpyrimidine-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-trione (6f):**



Red crystals (yield: 69%), m.p. 203-204 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 2.46 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.42 (6H, s, 2 × >NCH<sub>3</sub>), 7.36 (2H, d, J=9 Hz, H-3', 5'), 7.58 (1H, d, J=9 Hz, H-8), 7.68 (1H, dd, J=9.0 & 2.3 Hz, H-7), 7.96 (2H, d, J=8.2 Hz, H-2', 6'), 8.01 (1H, d, J=2.3 Hz, H-5), 9.10 (1H, s, H-3 of 2-chromene moiety). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 21.7, 28.4, 99.7, 111.4, 119.4, 122.4, 127.3, 127.8, 130.2, 130.4, 130.9, 134.8, 144.2, 151.9, 153.0, 161.0, 162.0, 162.7. ESMS: m/z calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 409.09, found 409.39

**5-(6-Chloro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4H-chromen-4-ylidene)-1,3-dimethylpyrimidine-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-trione (6g):**



Red crystals (yield: 80%), m.p. 209-210 °C, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.42 (6H, s, 2 × >NCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.92 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 7.03 (2H, d, J=9.0 Hz, H-3', 5'), 7.58 (1H, d, J=9 Hz, H-8), 7.67 (1H, dd, J=9 & 2.4 Hz, H-7), 8.00 (1H, br.s, H-5), 8.05 (2H, d, J=9 Hz, H-2', 6'), 9.03 (1H, s, H-3 of 2-chromene moiety). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 28.4, 55.7, 99.6, 111.2, 115.0, 119.3, 122.4, 122.8, 129.4, 130.4, 130.9, 134.7, 152.0, 152.9, 161.0, 162.2, 163.9. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: C, 62.20; H, 4.03; N, 6.59. Found: C, 62.07; H, 4.18; N, 6.68.

**5-(2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-6-methyl-4H-chromen-4-ylidene)-1,3-dimethylpyrimidine-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-trione (6h):**



Red crystals (yield: 83%), m.p. 217-218 °C, IR (KBr pellet): 1699, 1628, 1551, 1515, 1430, 1466, 1363, 1262, 1224, 1120, 1025, 904, 838, 862, 804, 776, 754, 719, 643 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 2.47 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.42 (6H, s, 2 × >NCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.92 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 7.04 (2H, d, J=9.0 Hz, H-3', 5'), 7.56 (2H, br.s, H-7 & H-8), 7.82 (1H, br.s, H-5), 8.07 (2H, d, J=8.9 Hz, H-2', 6'), 8.93 (1H, s, H-3 of 2-chromene moiety). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 21.4, 28.3, 55.7, 97.7, 111.9, 114.9, 117.6, 121.5, 123.1, 129.4, 131.0, 134.9, 136.5, 152.3, 153.1, 162.2, 162.8, 136.0, 163.7. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: C, 68.31; H, 4.98; N, 6.93. Found: C, 68.14; H, 4.88; N, 7.11.

**1,3-Dimethyl-5-(6-methyl-2-p-tolyl-4H-chromen-4-ylidene)pyrimidine-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-trione (6i):**

Red crystals (yield: 78%), m.p. 181-182 °C, IR: 1701, 1630, 1546, 1546, 1511, 1358, 1275, 1192, 1131, 1054, 816, 778, 764, 719, 643; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 2.46 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.48 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.42 (6H, s, 2 × >NCH<sub>3</sub>), 7.36 (2H, d, J=7.8 Hz, H-3', 5'), 7.58 (2H, s, H-7,8), 7.82 (1H, s, H-5), 7.98 (2H, d, J=7.8 Hz, H-2', 6'), 9.00 (1H, s, H-3 of 2-chromene moiety), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 21.4, 21.7, 28.3, 98.3, 112.1, 117.7, 121.5, 127.3, 128.1, 130.1, 131.0, 134.9, 136.7, 143.9, 152.2, 153.2, 162.1, 162.8, 163.1 ESMS: m/z calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 389.1501, found 389.1541.

**5-(8-Methoxy-2-phenyl-4H-chromen-4-ylidene)-1,3-dimethylpyrimidine-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-trione (6j):**

Red crystals (yield: 81%), m.p. 219-220 °C, IR: 2923, 2852, 1692, 1550, 1501, 1402, 1450682, 701, 723, 755, 775, 802, 863, 1068, 1140, 122874, 1353; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.42 (6H, s, 2 × >NCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.06 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 7.22 (1H, d, J=7.9 Hz, H-7), 7.32 (1H, t, J=8.4 Hz, H-6), 7.53-7.59 (4H, m, Ar-H), 8.14 (2H, dd, J= 7.8 & 2.0 Hz, H-2', 6'), 9.14 (1H, s, H-3 of 2-chromene moiety). ESMS: m/z calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 391.12, found 391.20.

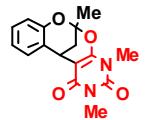
**5-(8-Methoxy-2-p-tolyl-4H-chromen-4-ylidene)-1,3-dimethylpyrimidine-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-trione (6k):**

Red crystals (yield: 85%), m.p. 231-232 °C, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 2.46 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.41 (6H, s, 2 × >NCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.05 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 7.20-7.37 (4H, m, Ar-H), 7.54 (1H, d, J=8.0 Hz, H-5), 8.04 (2H, d, J= 8.1Hz, H-2', 6'), 9.08 (1H, s, H-3 of 2-chromene moiety), ESMS: m/z calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 405.13, found 405.11

**1,3-Dimethyl-5-(2-(thiophen-2-yl)-4H-chromen-4-ylidene)pyrimidine -2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-trione (6l):**

Red crystals (yield: 25%), m.p. 243-244 °C, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.42 (6H, s, 2 × >NCH<sub>3</sub>), 7.26-7.28 (1H, m, ), 7.41 (1H, t, J = 7.5 Hz, Ar-H), 7.61 (1H, d, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.72-7.76 (2H, m, Ar-H), 7.96 (1H, d, J = 3.6 Hz, H-5 of thiophene moiety), 8.01 (1H, d, J = 8.3 Hz, Ar-H), 8.93 (1H, s, H-3 of 2-chromene moiety) <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 28.5, 99.1, 111.3, 118.0, 121.6, 124.9, 129.4, 131.0, 132.0, 133.1, 135.1, 152.5, 154.3, 158.2, 162.1, 162.9. HRMS: m/z calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 366.0674, found 367.0747

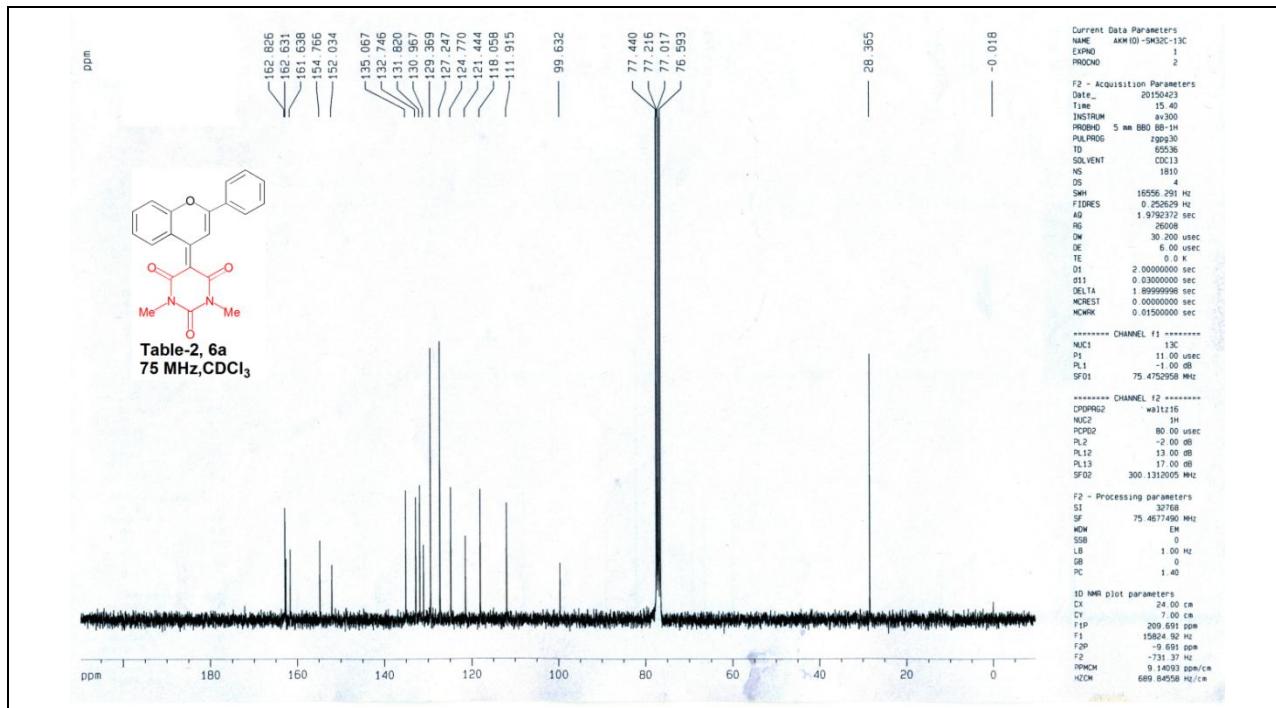
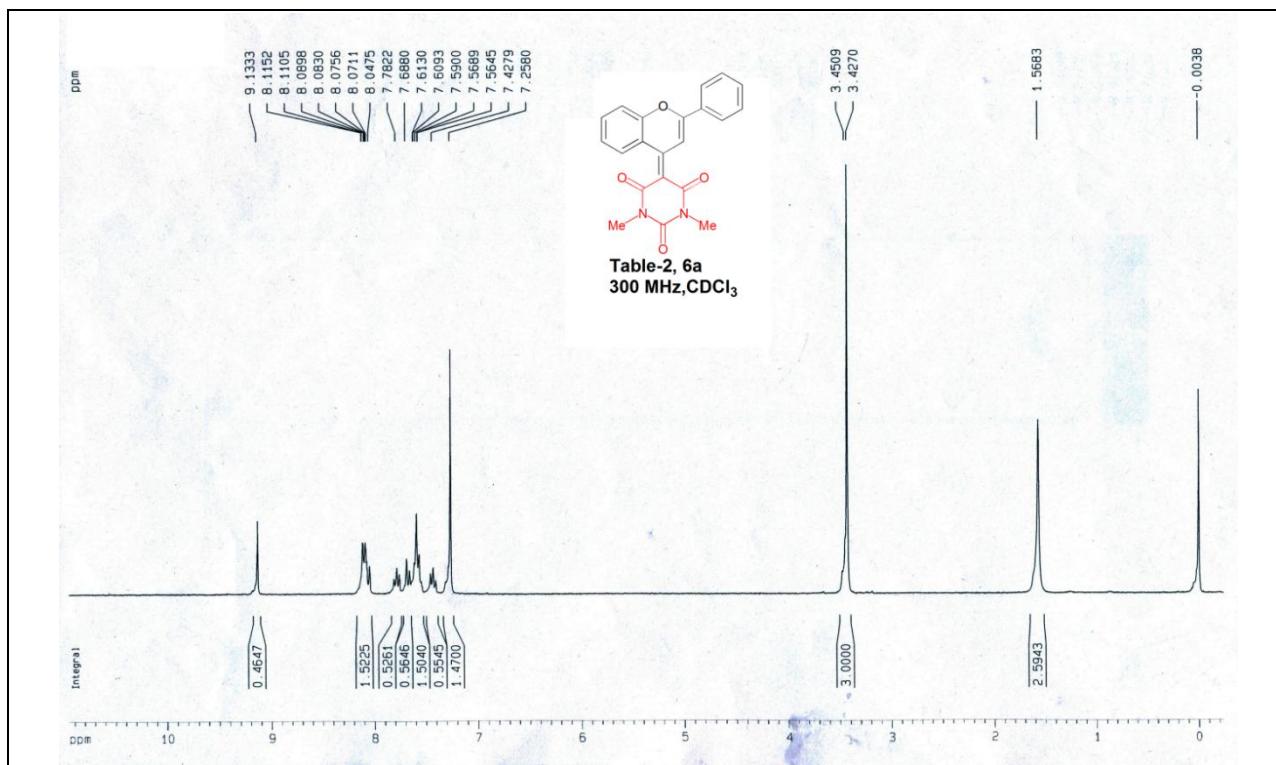
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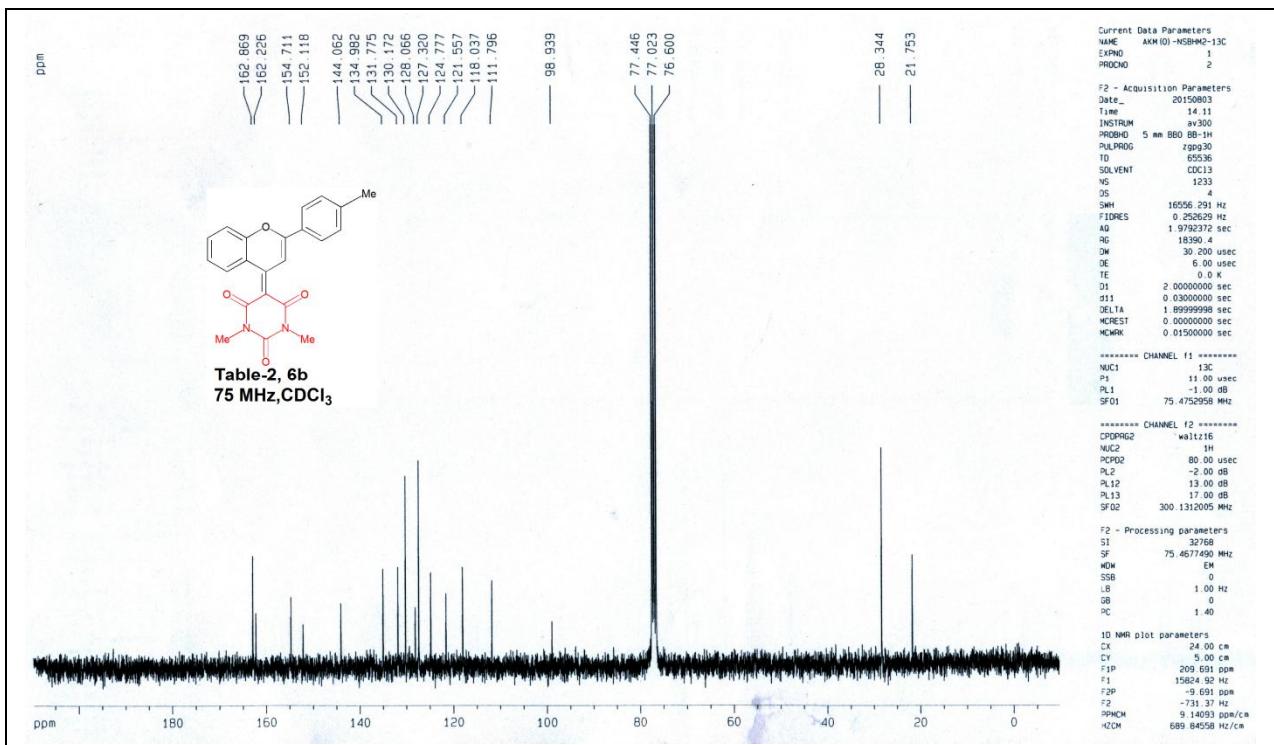
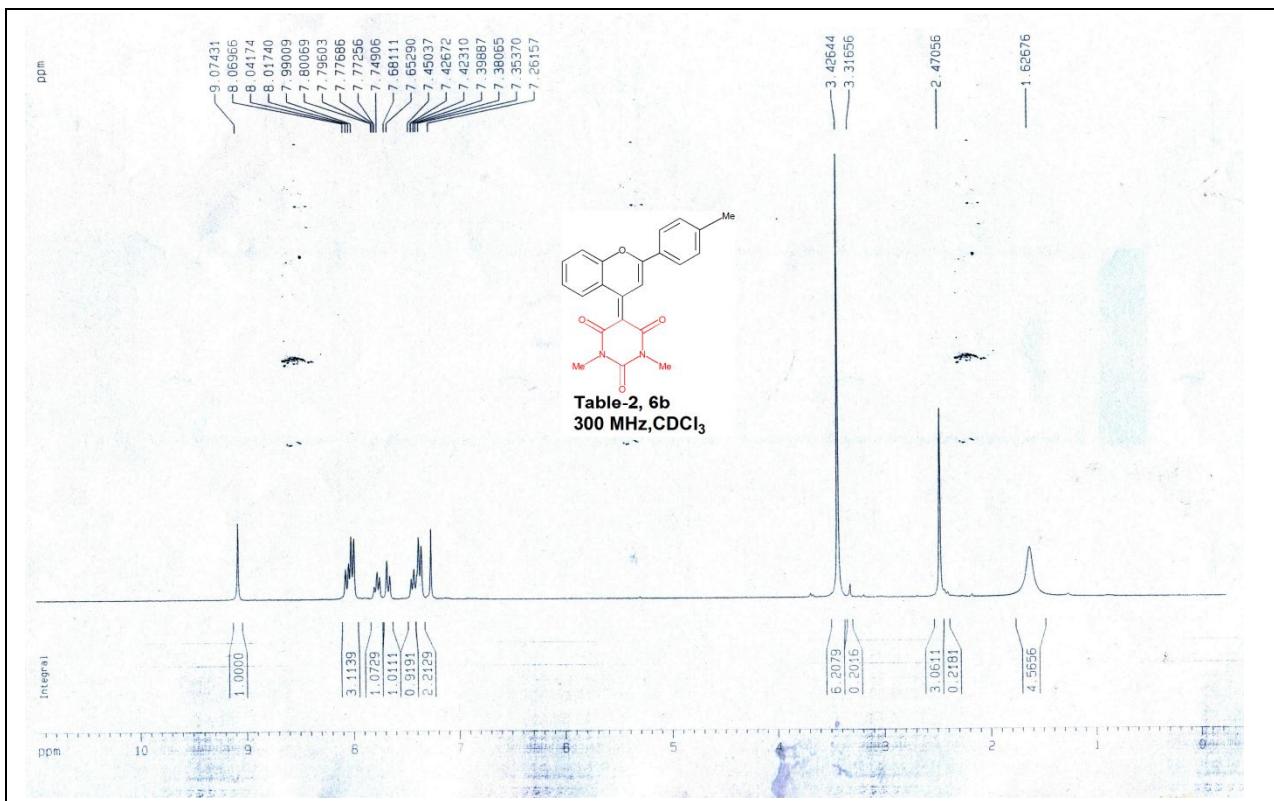
Colourless crystals (yield: 42%), m.p. 98-99 °C,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  1.91 (3H, s,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.14 and 2.23 (each 1H, br. d,  $J = 13.5$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.28 (3H, s,  $>\text{NCH}_3$ ), 3.34 (3H, s,  $>\text{NCH}_3$ ), 4.21 (1H, br. s, aliph. CH), 6.85 (1H, d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, Ar-H), 6.91 (1H, t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, Ar-H), 7.12 (1H, t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, Ar-H), 7.40 (1H, d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, Ar-H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  25.5, 26.7, 28.0, 28.7, 31.2, 91.8, 102.3, 116.0, 122.0, 126.3, 127.8, 128.0, 150.7, 155.1, 161.6. HRMS: m/z calculated for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$  [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ] $^+$ : 301.1110, found 301.1295.

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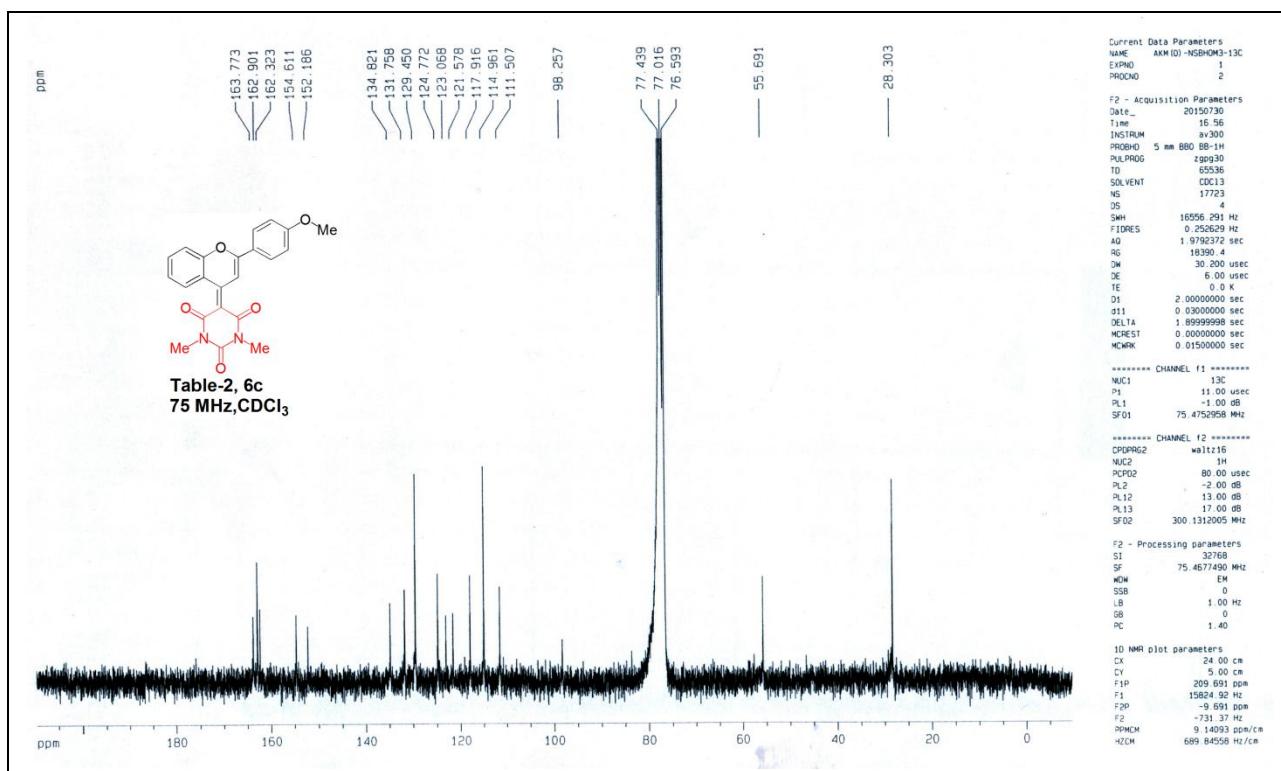
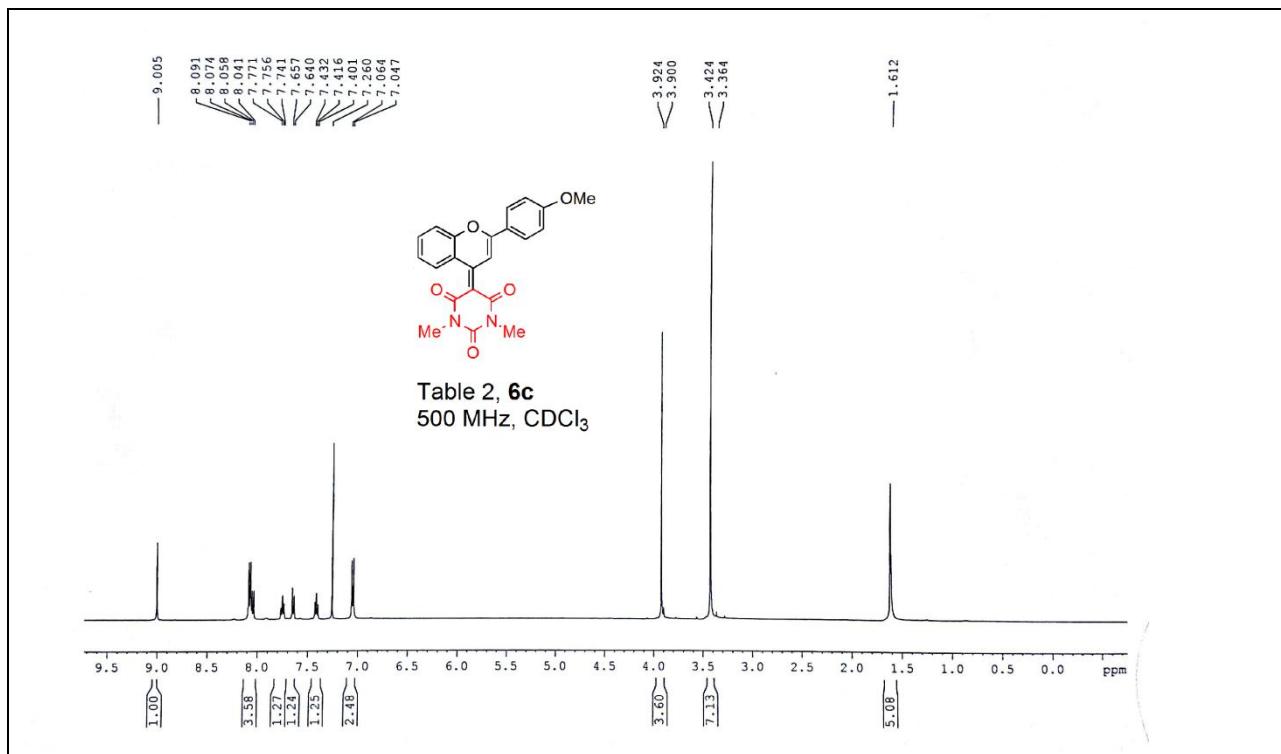
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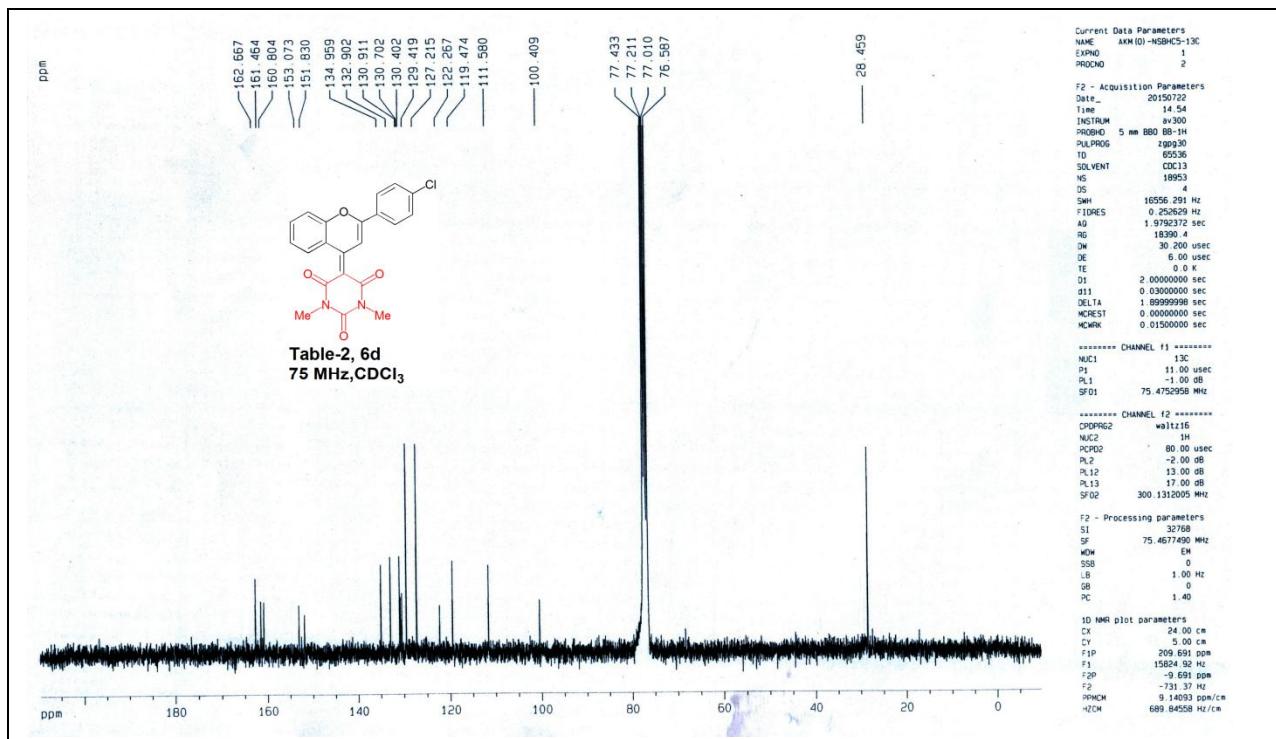
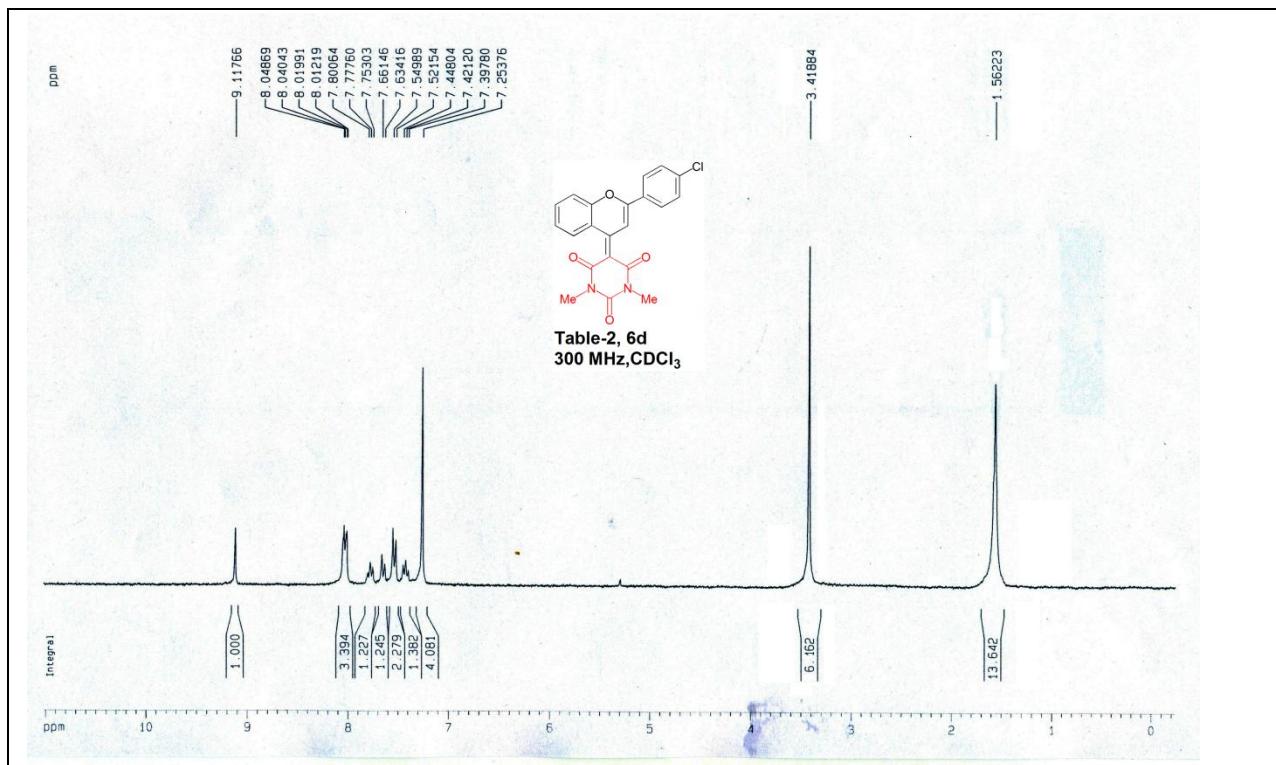
**Compound 6b**



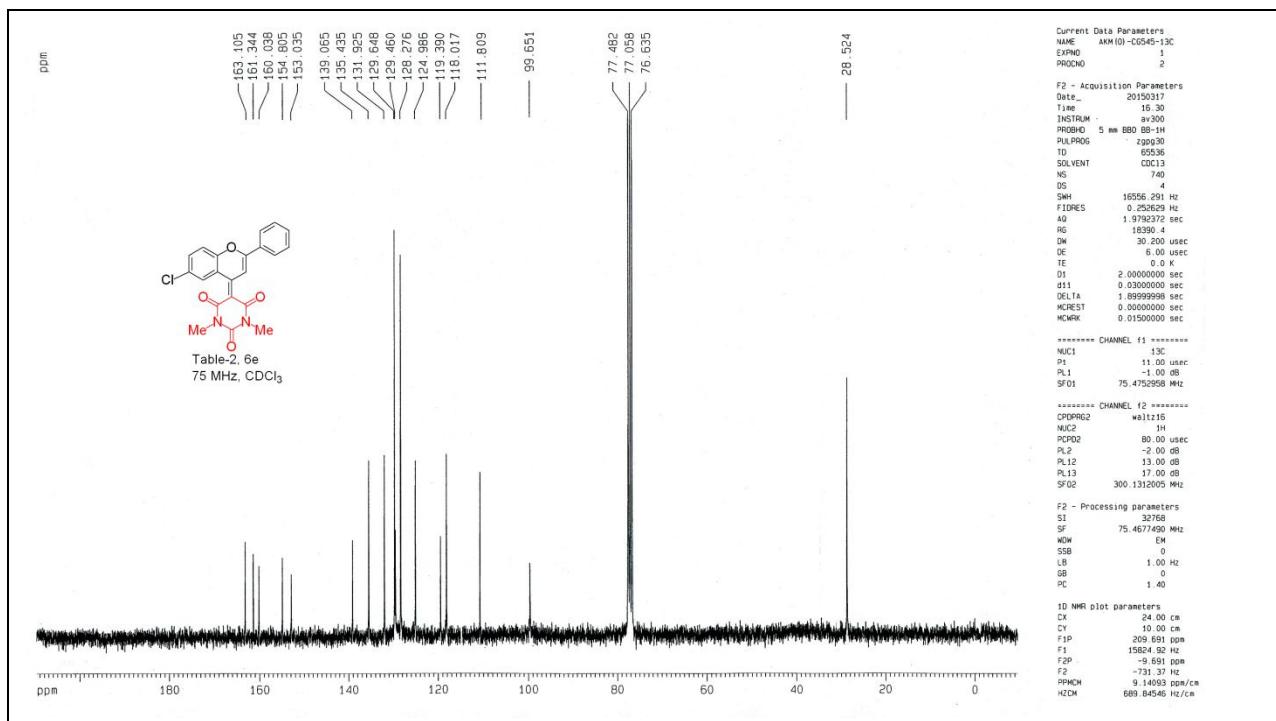
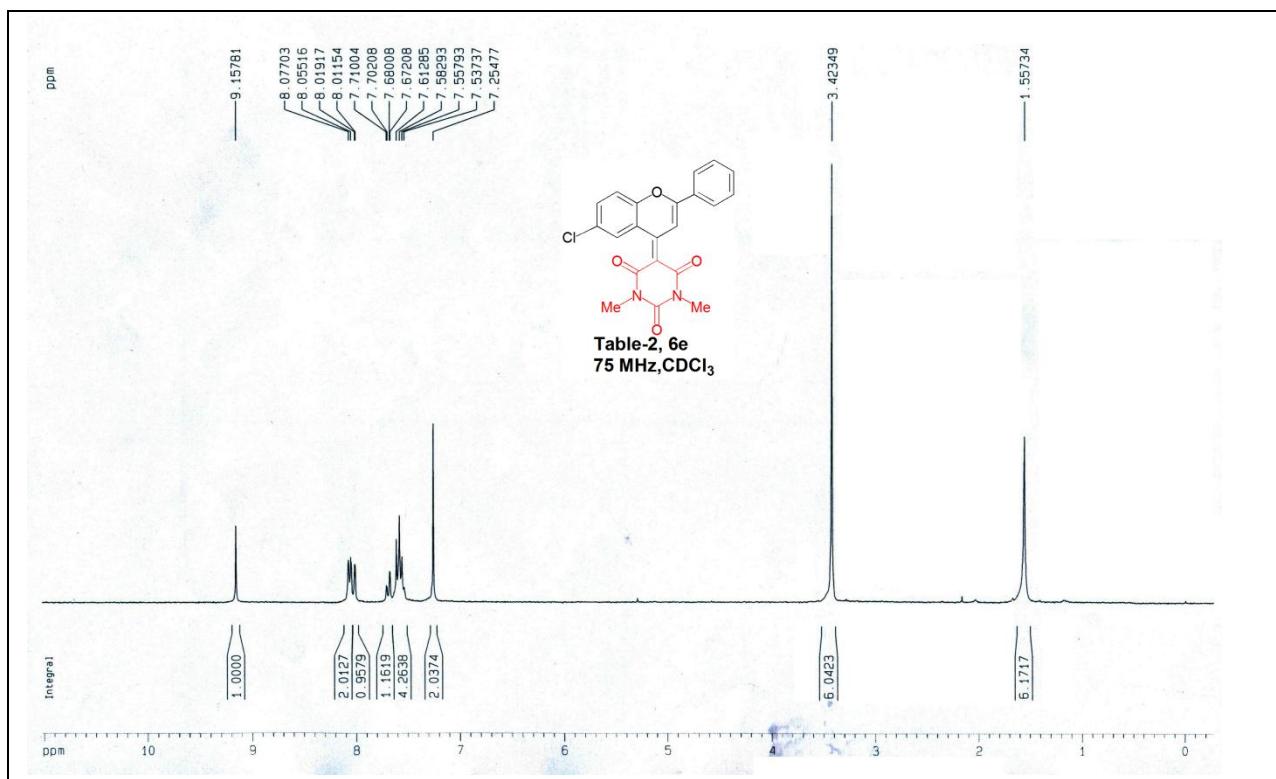
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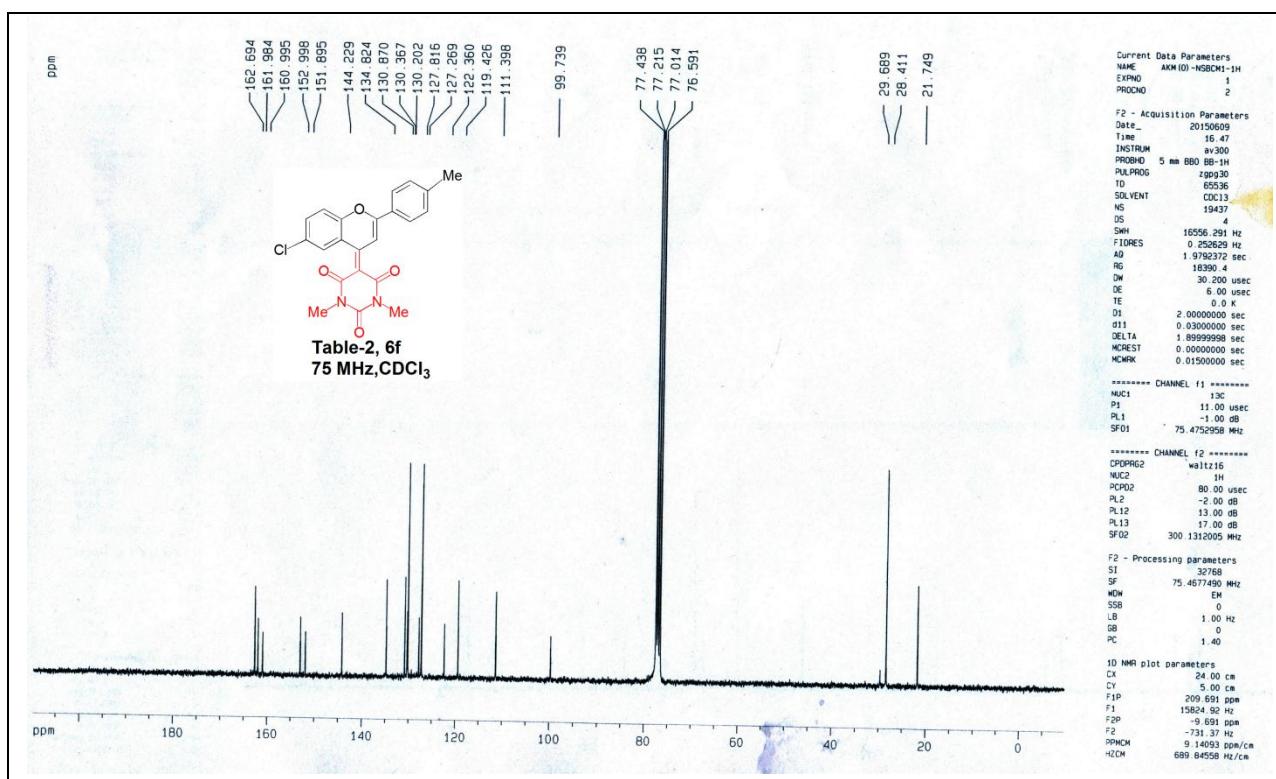
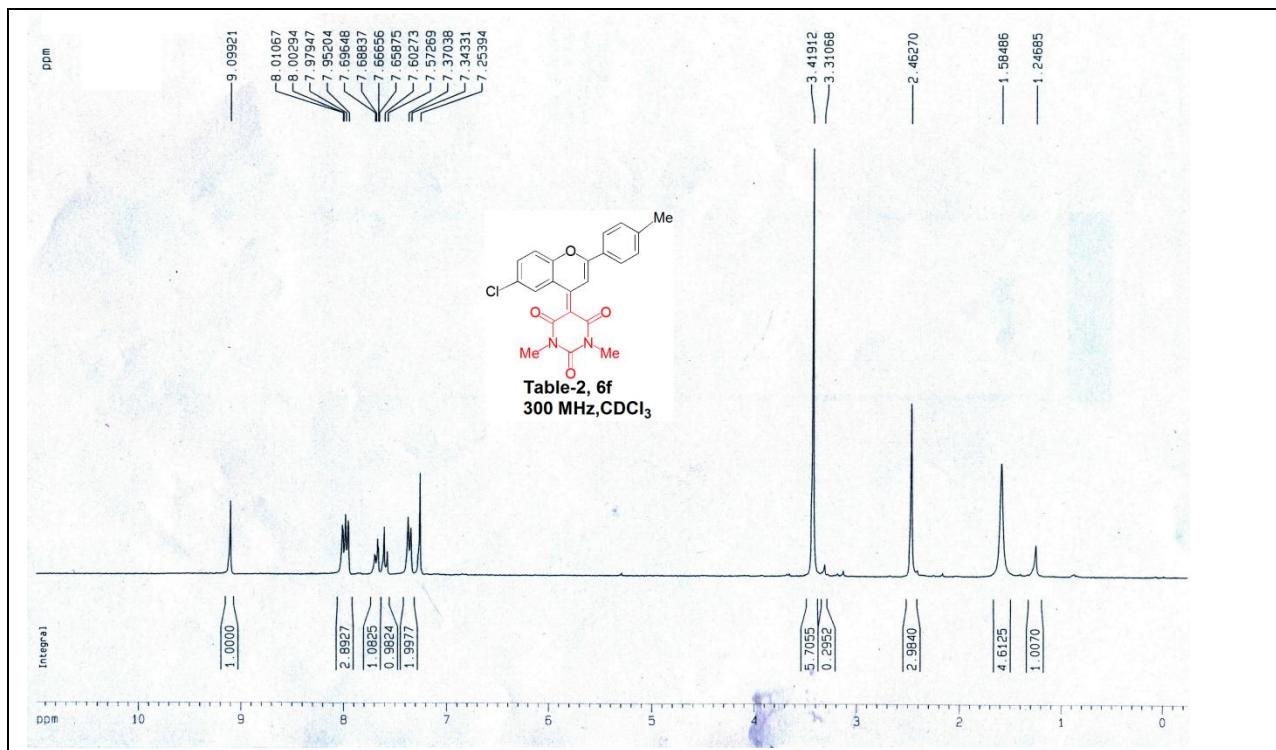
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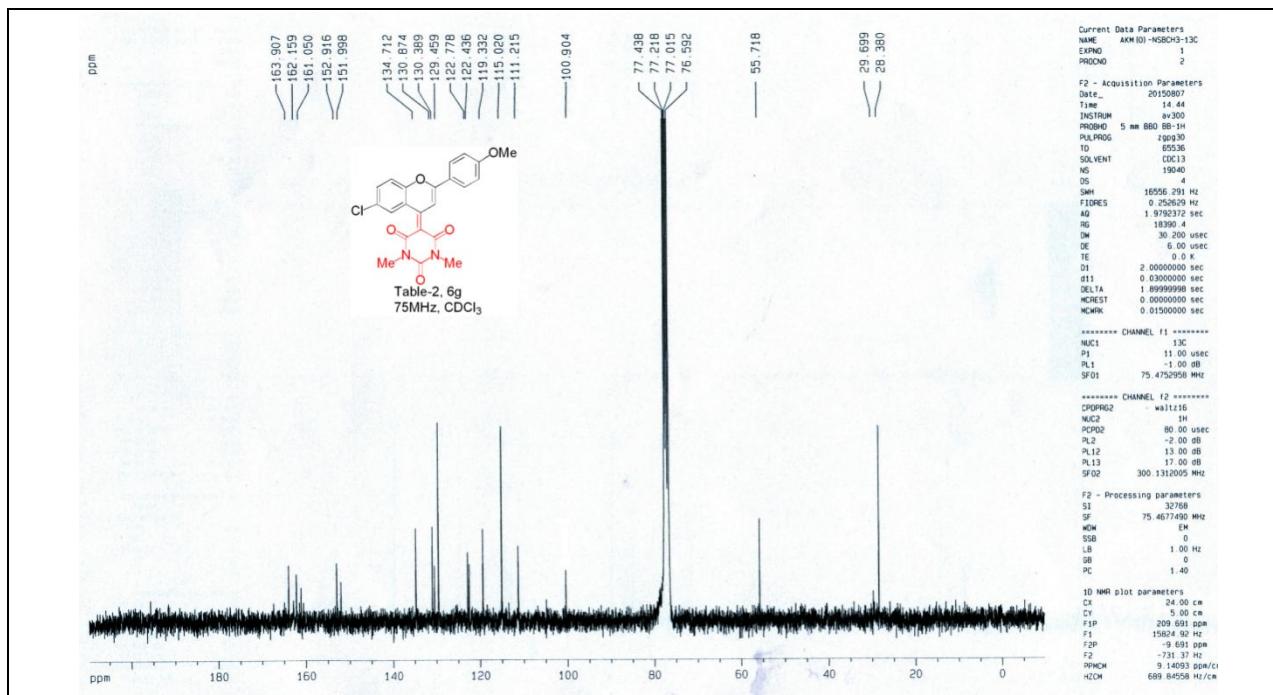
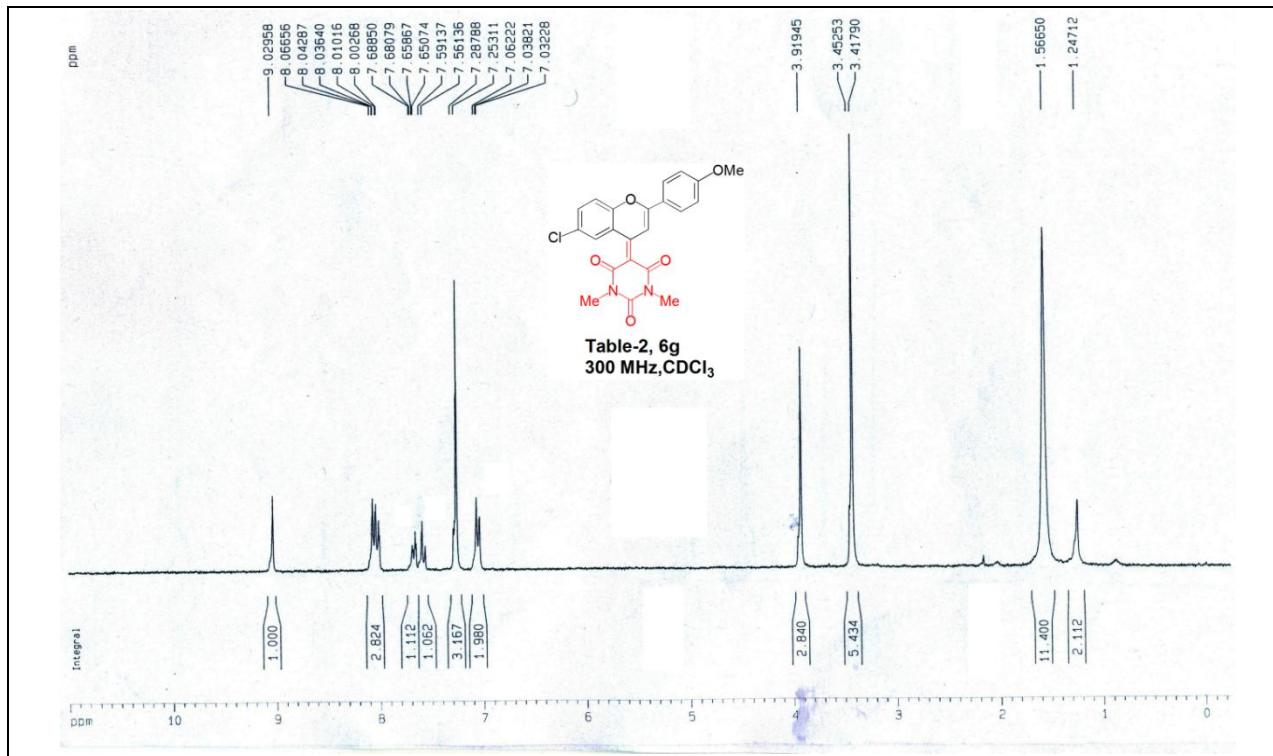
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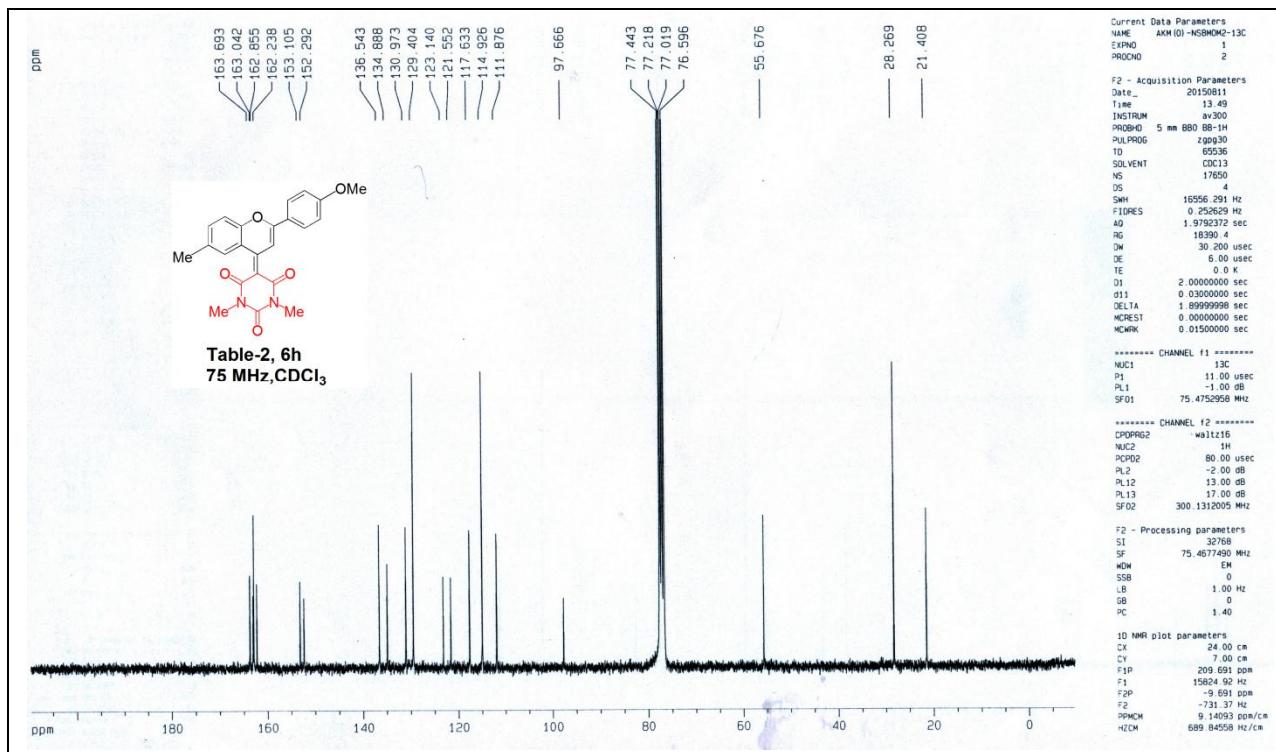
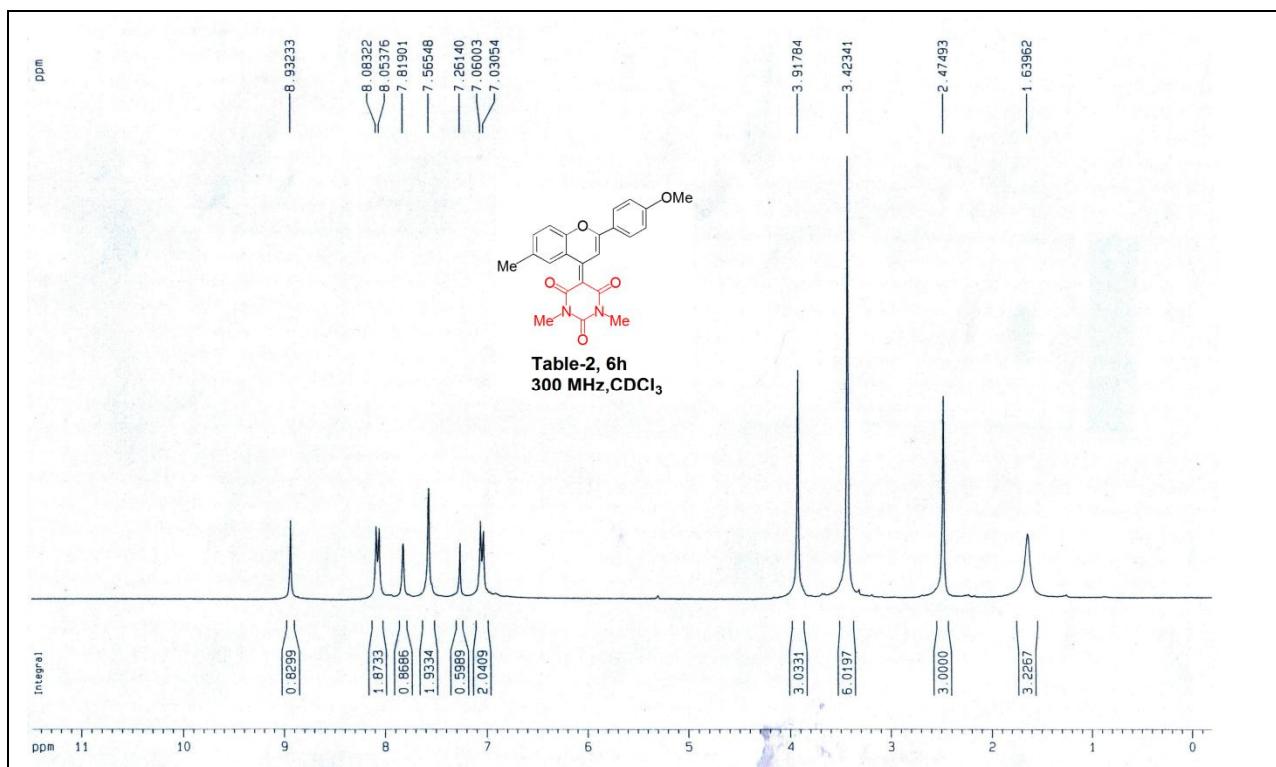


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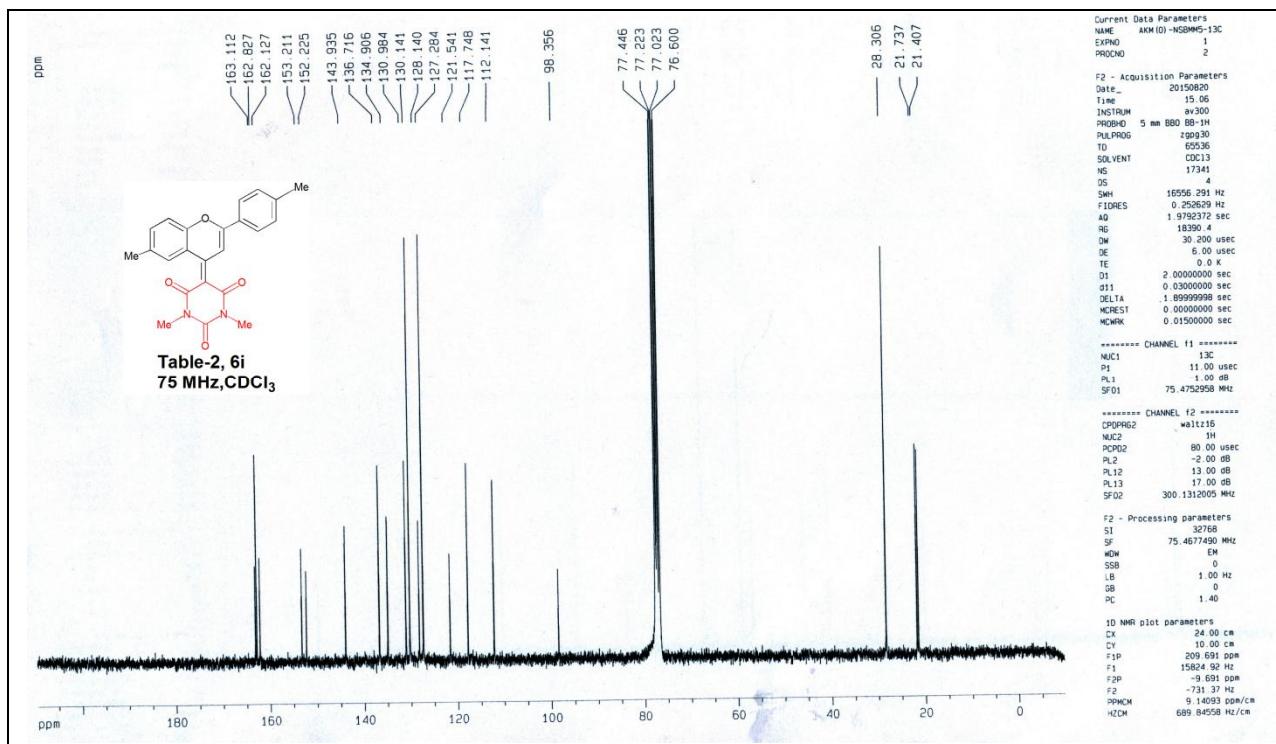
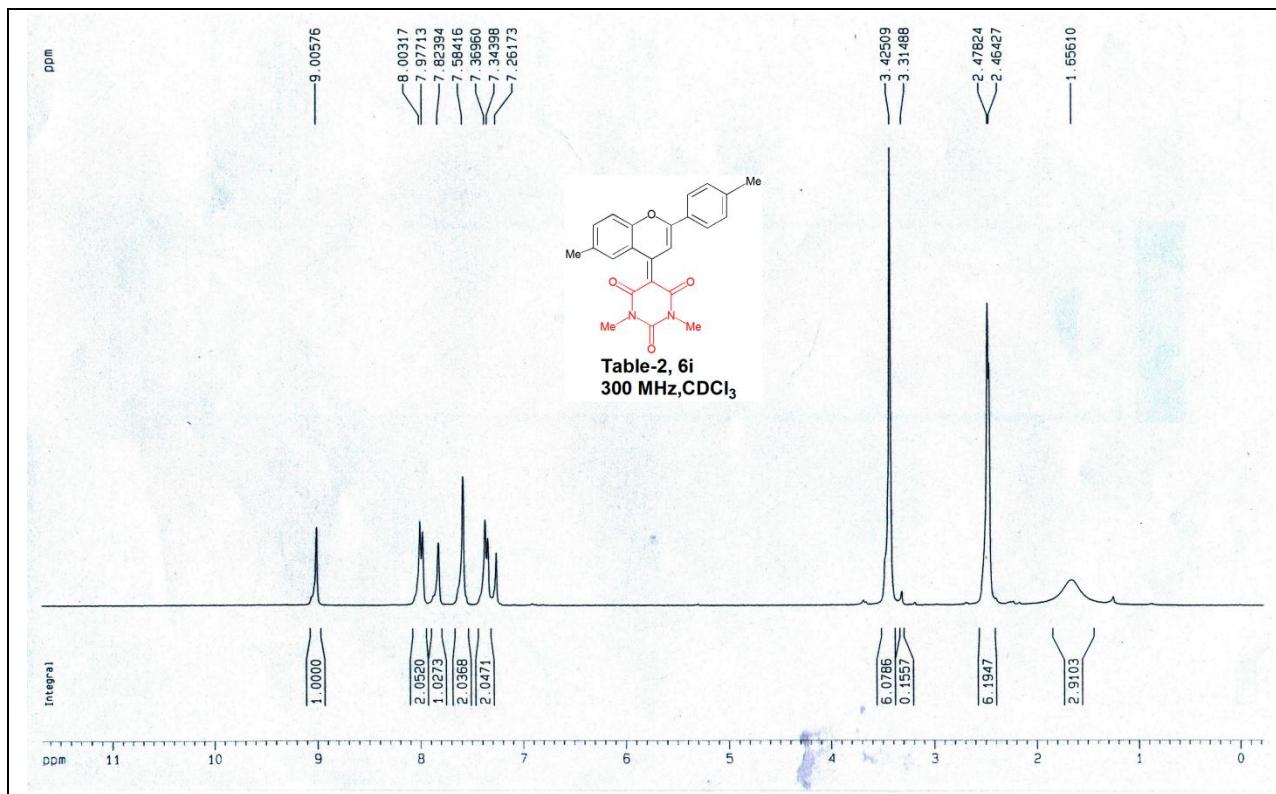


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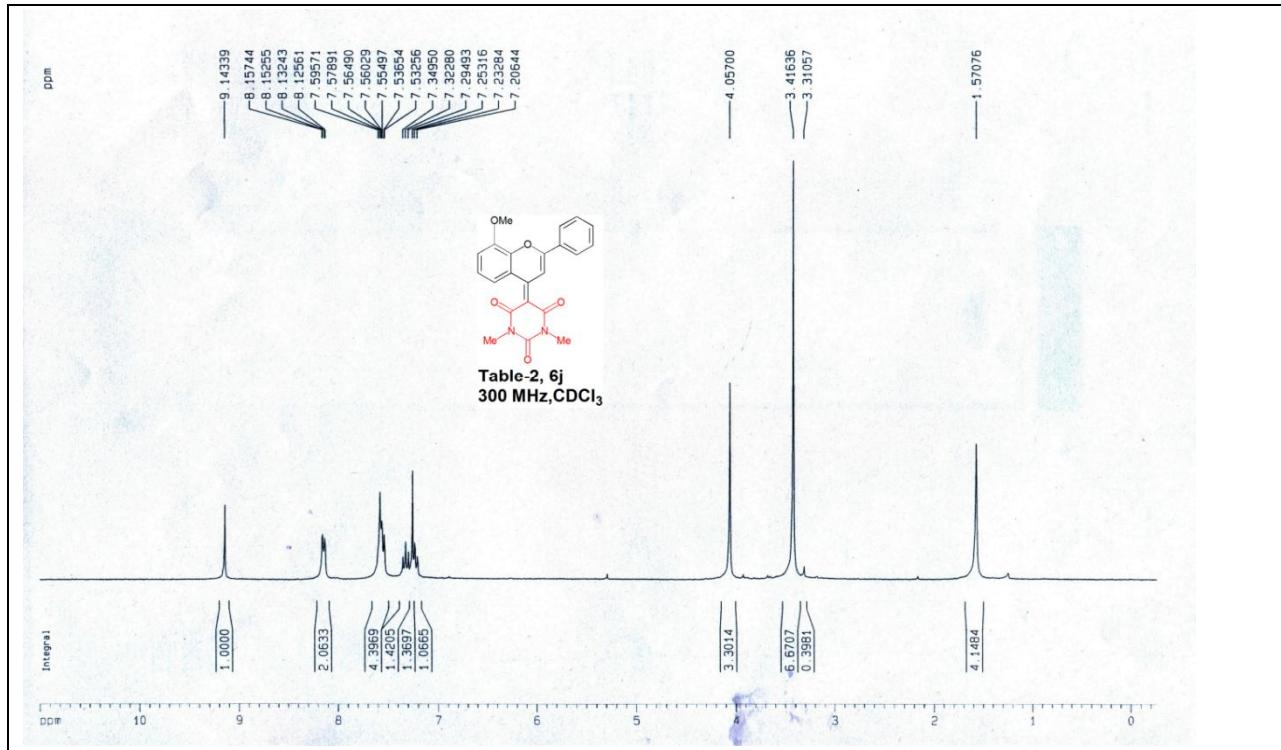


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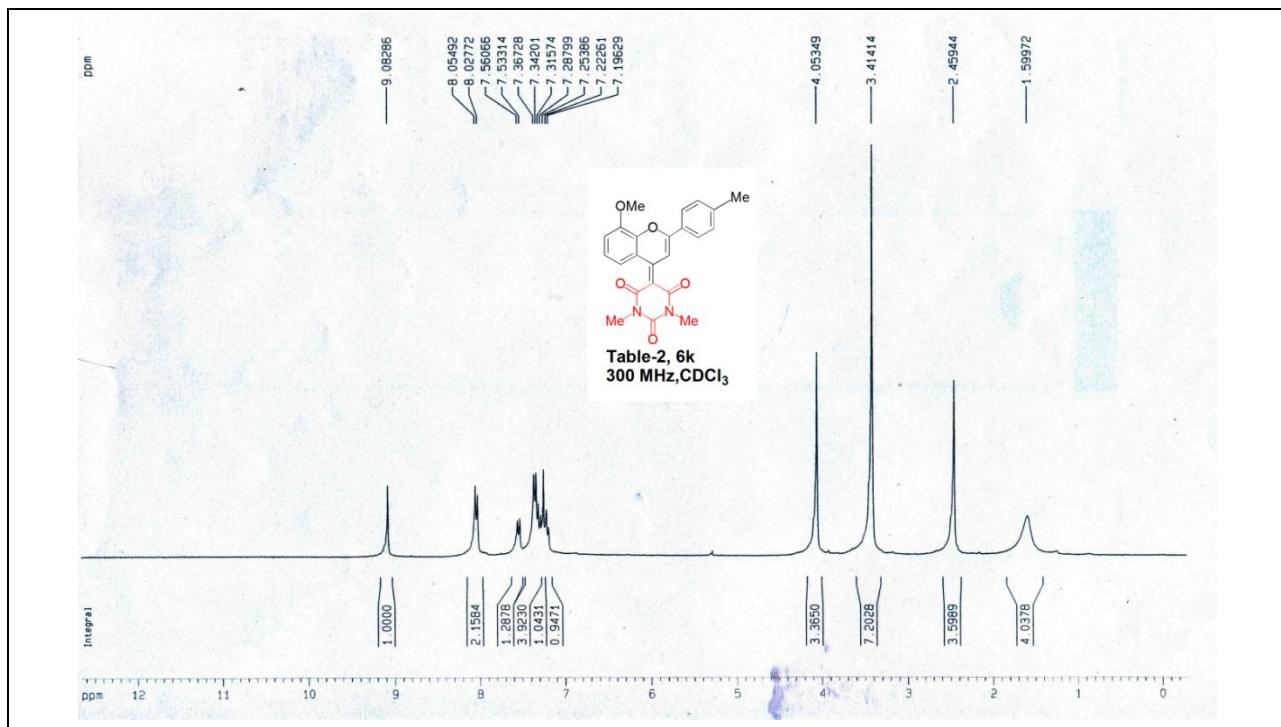
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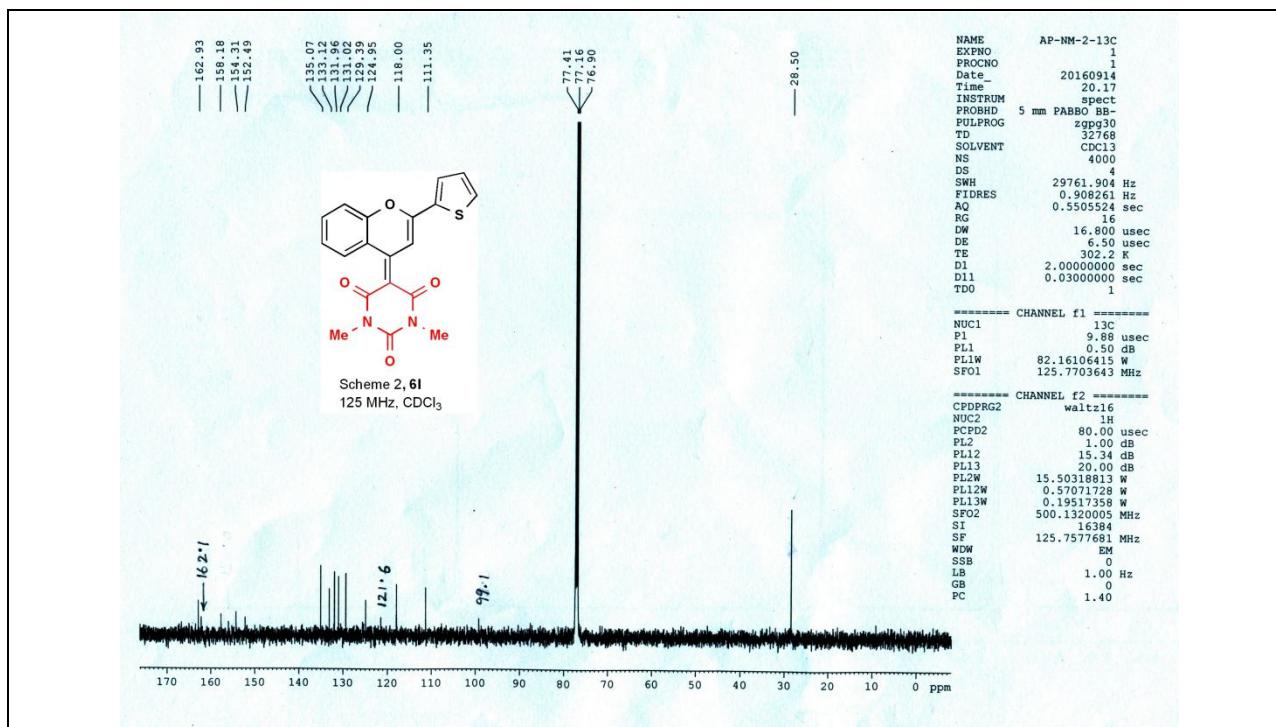
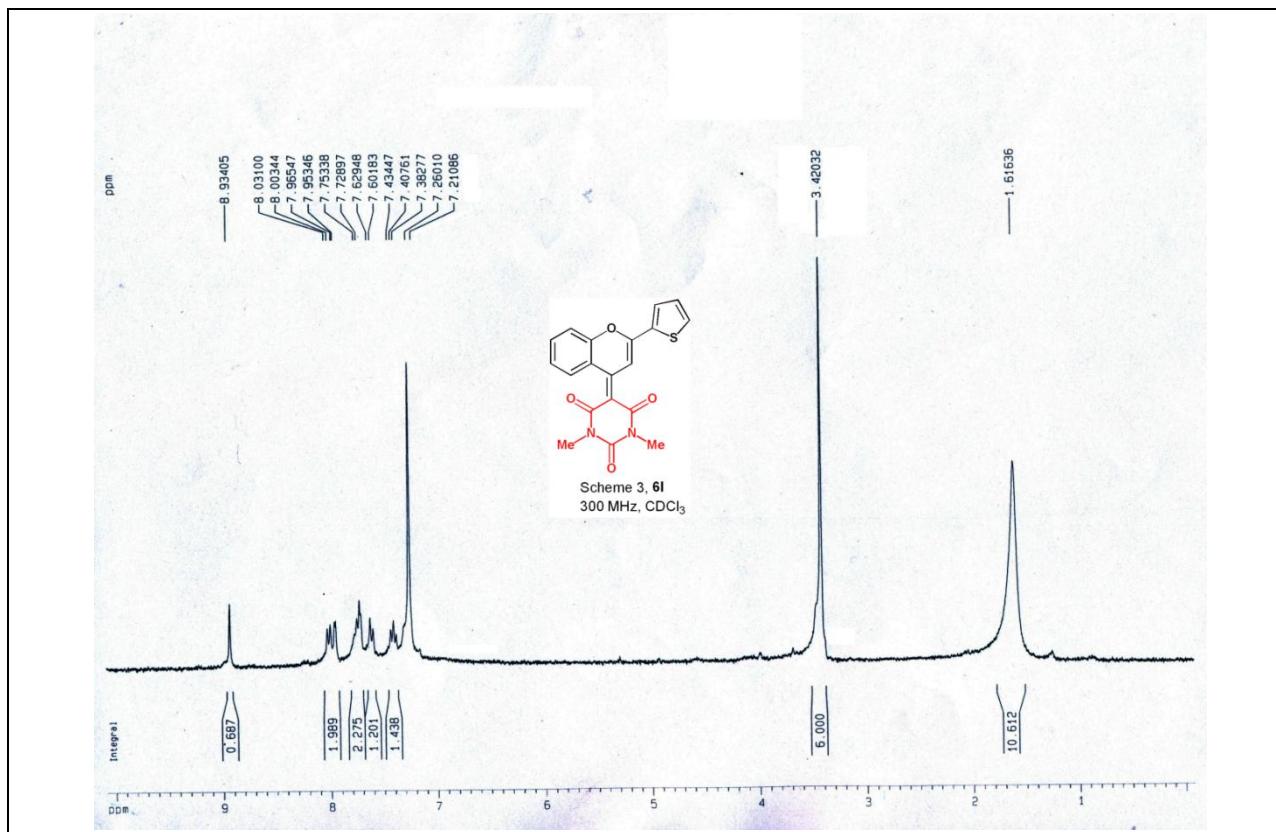
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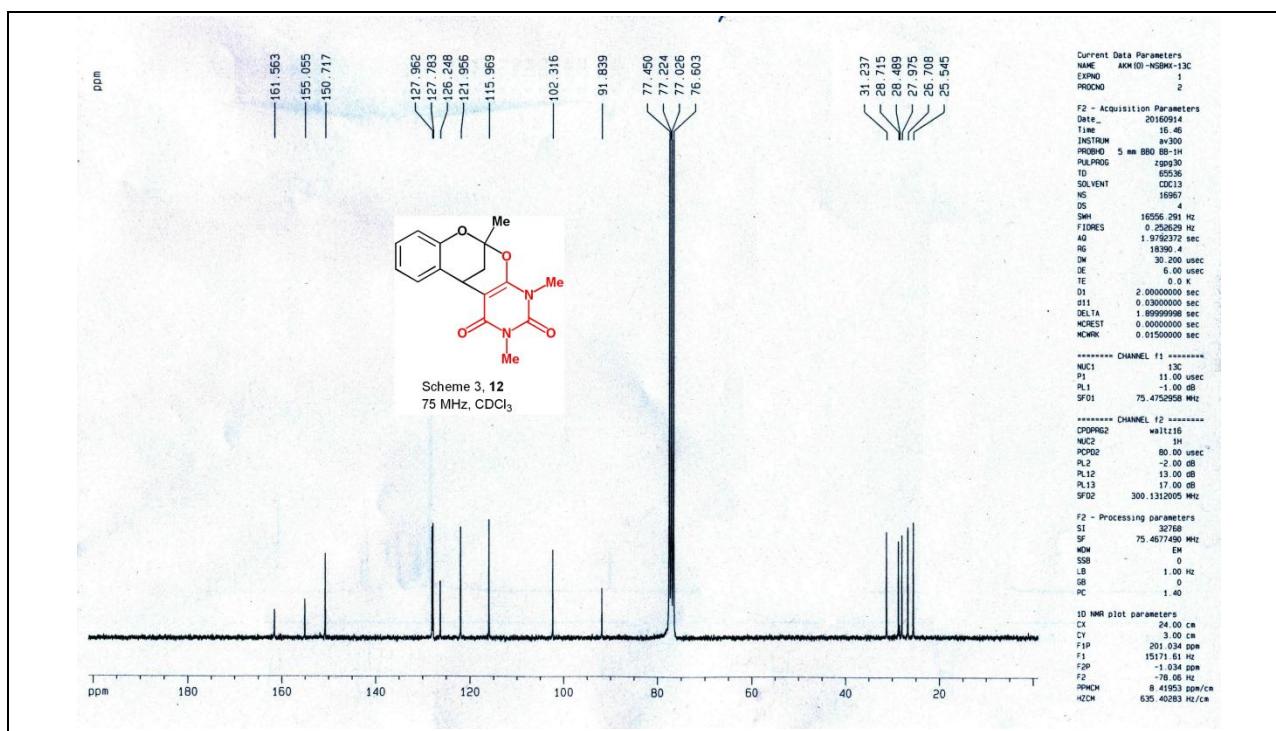
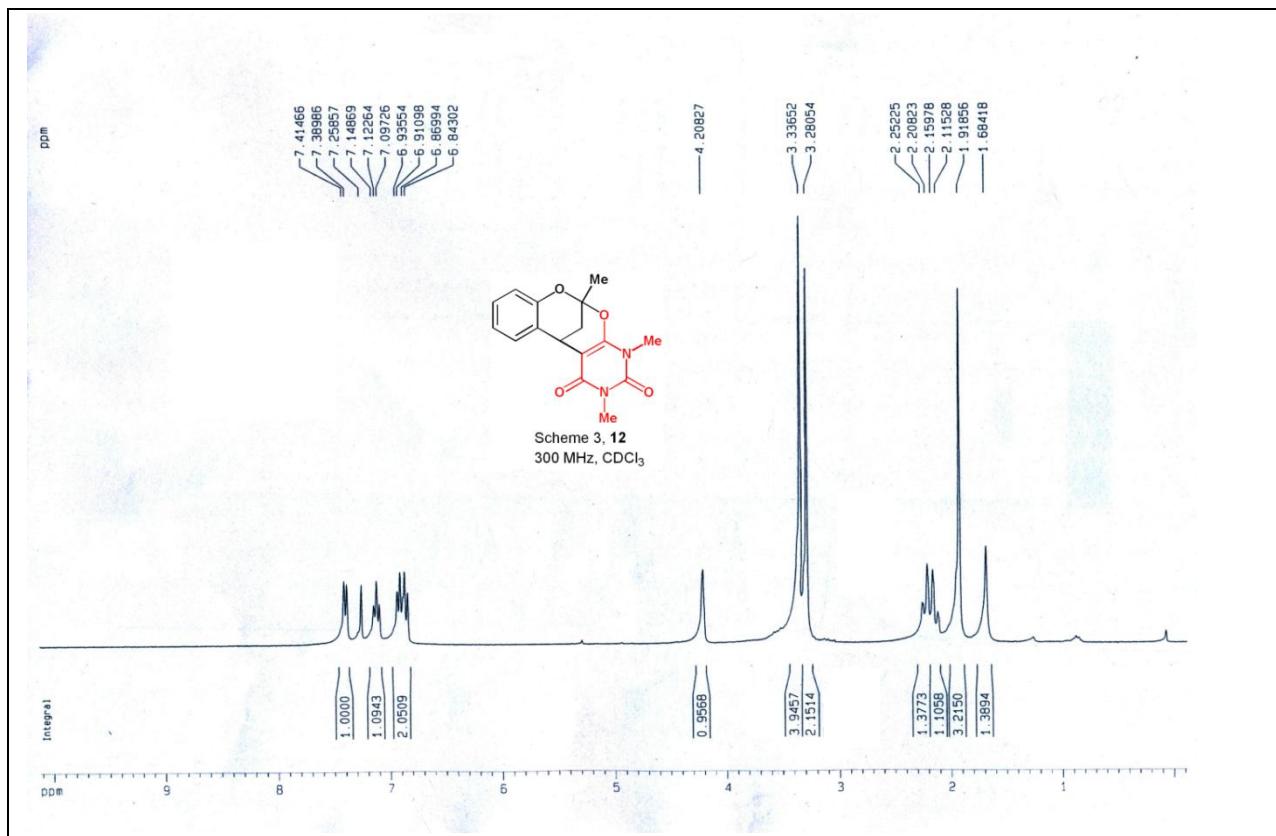
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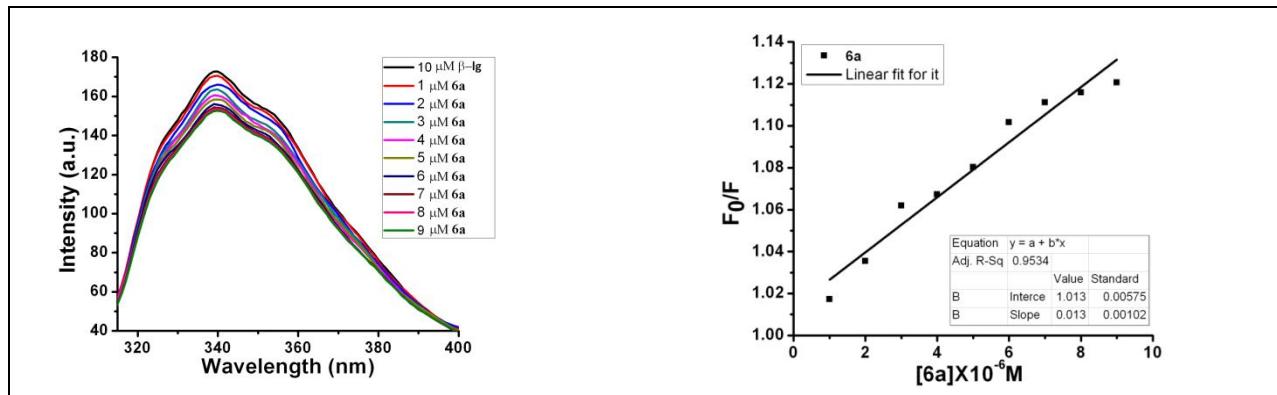
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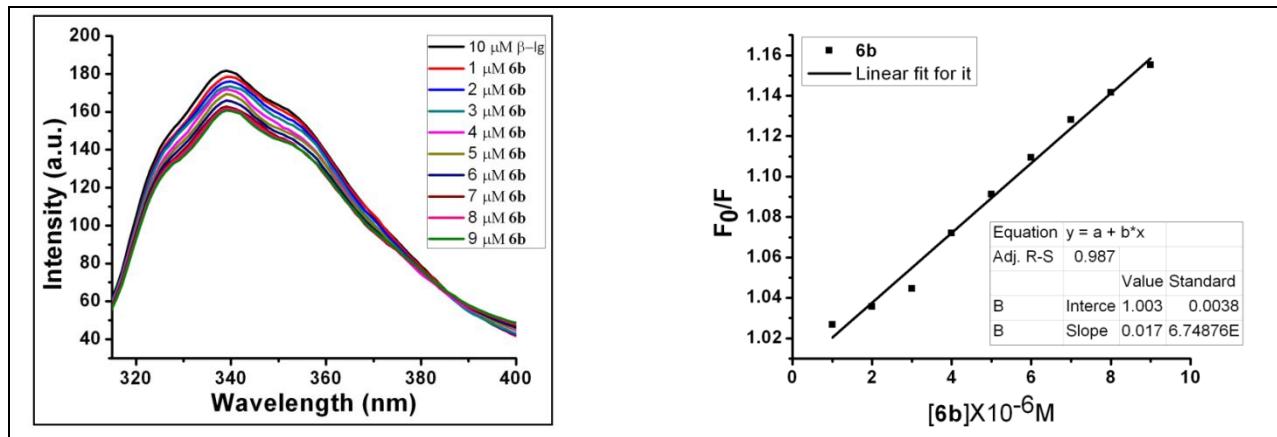
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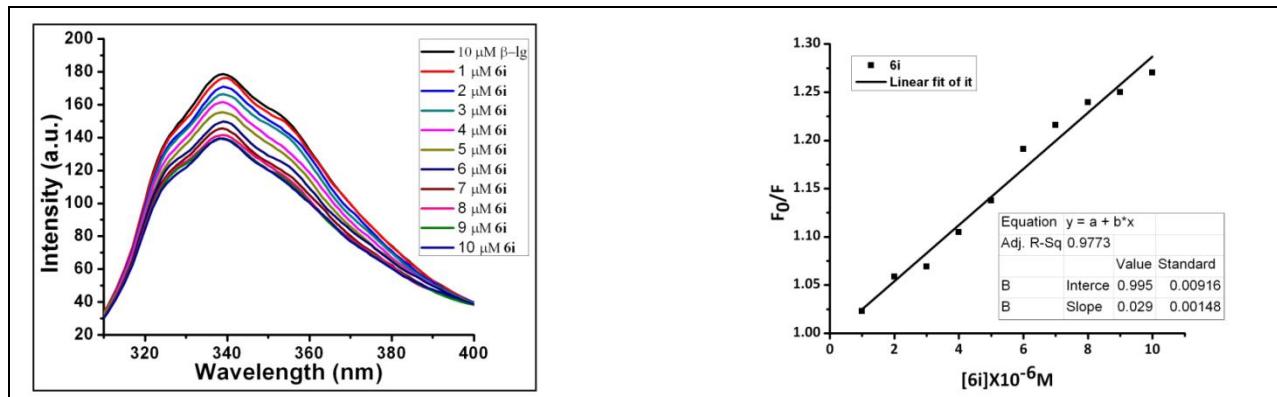
### Interaction study of **6a**, **6b** and **6i** with $\beta$ -lg



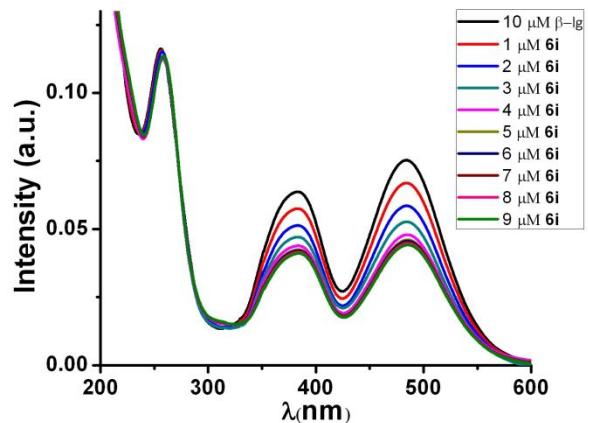
Fluorescence titration of 10  $\mu$ M of  $\beta$ -lg with 1-9  $\mu$ M of **6a** and Plot of  $F_0/F$  vs [compound **6a**] as per the Stern-Volmer equation



Fluorescence titration of 10  $\mu$ M of  $\beta$ -lg with 1-9  $\mu$ M of **6b** and Plot of  $F_0/F$  vs [compound **6b**] as per the Stern-Volmer equation



Fluorescence titration of 10  $\mu$ M of  $\beta$ -lg with 1-10  $\mu$ M of **6i** and Plot of  $F_0/F$  vs [compound **6i**] as per the Stern-Volmer equation



UV-Vis spectrum of **6i** and its change with addition of protein solution