

Supporting Information

Regioselective C–H Alkylation and Alkenylation at C5 Position of 2-Amino-1,4-Naphthoquinones with Maleimides Under Rh(III) Catalysis

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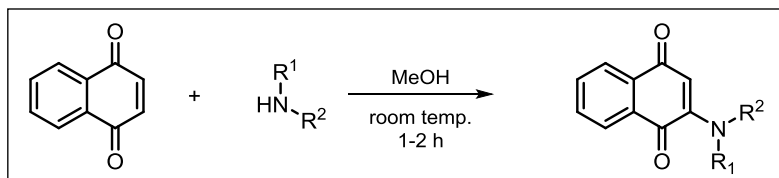
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General Information. All the chemicals were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. All the reactions were carried out under air using the sealed pressure tubes. NMR were recorded on Bruker (500 MHz) spectrometer with CDCl₃ or DMSO-d₆ as reference solvent. Chemical shifts of ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were reported in parts per million (ppm). Chromatographic separations were performed using neutral aluminium oxide. IR spectra were recorded as KBr pellet on Bruker Alpha FT-IR spectrometer. High-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) were recorded on Agilent Q-TOF LC/MS. Melting points were uncorrected and were taken on Buchi M-560.

Synthesis of 2-Amino-1,4-Naphthoquinones (1a-1n, 1p).^[1]



General Procedure for preparation of 2-Amino-1,4-naphthoquinones¹: To a solution of naphthoquinone (5 mmol) in methanol (10 mL) were dropwise added amines (5 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction flask was tightly closed with stopper and the stirring was continued at 25 °C for 1 h. Completion of the reaction was monitored by TLC, the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by neutral alumina column chromatography (eluent; hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 to 4:1) to provide 2-Amino-1,4-naphthoquinones.

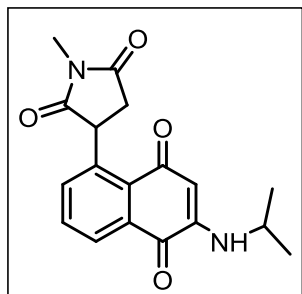
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1. M. Wang, C. Zhang, L. P. Sun, C. Ding and A. Zhang, *J. Org. Chem.*, 2014, **79**, 4553.

General procedure for regioselective C–H alkylation and spectral data (3aa-3ja, 3bb-3bf):

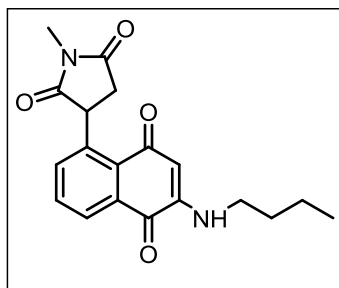
Typical procedure for regioselective C–H alkylation at C5 of 2-amino-1,4-naphthoquinone with N-substituted maleimide: To an oven-dried sealed tube with 2-(isopropylamino) naphthalene-1,4-dione (**1a**) (43 mg, 0.2 mmol, 100 mol %), *N*-Methylmaleimide (**2a**) (26.6 mg, 0.24 mmol, 120 mol %), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol %), AgSbF₆ (6.9 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol %) and AcOH (24.0 mg, 0.4 mmol, 200 mol %) was added in DCE (1 mL). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 80 °C for 16 h. After cooling at room temperature, the reaction mixture was evaporated. The resulting residue was purified by neutral alumina column chromatography (eluent; hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 to 1:1) to provide **3aa** (59 mg) in 90% yield.

3-(6-(Isopropylamino)-5,8-dioxo-5,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)-1-methylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (**3aa**):



59 mg (90 %); Orange solid; mp = 161.7–162.6 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.04 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.73–7.67 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.63 (s, 1H), 4.37 (bs, 1H), 3.68–3.59 (m, 1H), 3.00 (bs, 1H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 2.56 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.19 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 183.4, 181.6, 177.3, 176.4, 146.5, 140.7, 136.6, 132.4, 131.9, 129.7, 126.9, 100.9, 47.1, 43.5, 36.6, 24.4, 21.1, 21.1; IR (KBr) ν 3336, 3064, 2970, 1761, 1691, 1607, 1565, 1506, 1438, 1347, 1280, 1234, 1162, 1114, 1033, 959, 870, 777, 674 cm⁻¹; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₉N₂O₄ [M+H]⁺ 327.1339, found 327.1386.

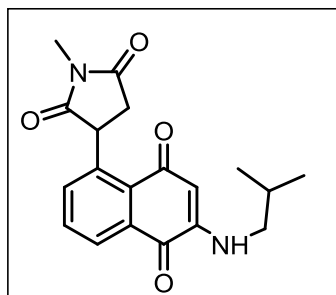
3-(6-(Butylamino)-5,8-dioxo-5,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)-1-methylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (**3ba**):



61 mg (89%); Orange solid; mp = 198.7–199.6 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.04 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72–7.67 (m, 2H), 7.57 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 4.35 (bs, 1H), 3.13 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.00 (bs, 1H), 2.91 (s, 3H), 2.56 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.54 (quint, *J* = 7.0, 2H), 1.31 (sextet, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 183.2, 181.5, 177.3, 176.5, 147.6, 140.9, 136.6, 132.4, 131.9, 129.8, 126.9, 100.5, 47.2, 41.5, 36.6, 29.4, 24.4,

19.7, 13.7; IR (KBr) ν 3343, 2951, 2867, 1762, 1690, 1614, 1568, 1509, 1443, 1342, 1250, 1113, 1008, 958, 861, 778, 692 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 341.1496, found 341.1500.

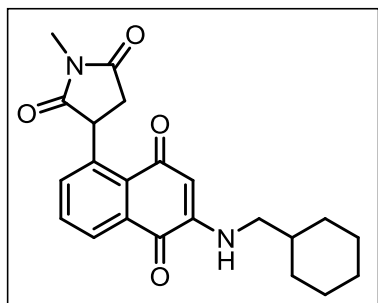
3-(6-(Isobutylamino)-5,8-dioxo-5,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)-1-methylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (3ca):



65 mg (96%); Yellow solid; mp = 217.0–218.3 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 8.05 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.73–7.67 (m, 2H), 7.62 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 4.35 (bs, 1H), 3.01 (bs, 1H), 2.97 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.91 (s, 3H), 2.56 (dd, J = 17.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (septet, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 0.88 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 183.3, 181.5, 177.3, 176.5, 147.8,

140.9, 136.5, 132.4, 131.9, 129.7, 127.0, 100.7, 49.2, 47.1, 36.6, 26.8, 24.4, 20.1; IR (KBr) ν 3308, 2961, 2867, 1763, 1683, 1611, 1568, 1512, 1436, 1346, 1280, 1237, 1168, 1110, 1013, 955, 838, 772, 681 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 341.1496, found 341.1518.

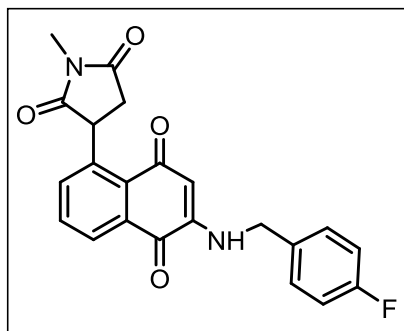
3-(6-((Cyclohexylmethyl)amino)-5,8-dioxo-5,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)-1-methylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (3da):



72 mg (94%); Yellow solid; mp = 207.0–208.6 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 8.05 (dd, J = 7.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.73–7.67 (m, 2H), 7.63 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 4.32 (bs, 1H), 3.04–2.97 (m, 3H), 2.91 (s, 3H), 2.55 (dd, J = 17.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.69–1.60 (m, 6H), 1.18–1.09 (m, 3H), 0.94–0.86 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 183.2, 181.5, 177.3, 176.5,

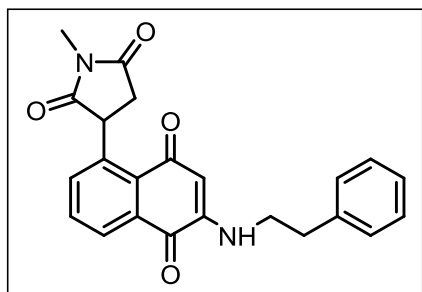
147.8, 140.9, 136.4, 132.4, 131.9, 129.7, 127.0, 100.6, 47.9, 47.2, 36.6, 36.1, 30.4, 26.0, 25.3, 24.4; IR (KBr) ν 3365, 2923, 2851, 1764, 1687, 1610, 1567, 1501, 1438, 1339, 1243, 1113, 1050, 1003, 957, 863, 884, 779, 690 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 381.1809, found 381.1822.

3-(6-((4-Fluorobenzyl) amino)-5,8-dioxo-5,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)-1-methylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (3ea):



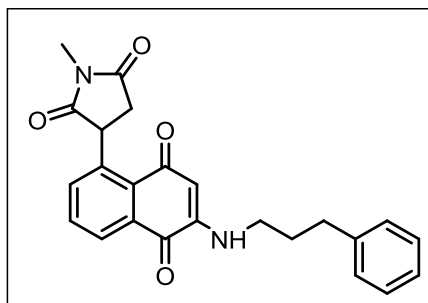
59 mg (75%); Yellow solid; mp = 228.0–230.0 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.19 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 8.07–8.05 (m, 1H), 7.74–7.68 (m, 2H), 7.38 (dd, J = 8.5, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.52 (s, 1H), 4.43–4.24 (m, 3H), 2.97 (bs, 1H), 2.88 (s, 3H), 2.52 (dd, J = 17.0, 6.5 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 183.4, 181.5, 177.2, 176.4, 161.3 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 241.2 Hz), 147.4, 140.8, 136.6, 133.6 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.1 Hz), 132.4, 132.1, 129.5, 129.1 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 8.0 Hz), 126.9, 115.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 21.2 Hz), 101.7, 47.1, 44.2, 36.5, 24.4; IR (KBr) ν 3390, 2869, 1785, 1695, 1621, 1577, 1438, 1385, 1277, 1236, 1119, 1067, 1008, 967, 879, 866, 775, 687, 665 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 393.1245, found 393.1252.

3-(5,8-Dioxo-6-(phenethylamino)-5,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)-1-methylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (3fa):



62 mg (80%); Orange solid; mp = 172.2–173.6 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.05 (dd, J = 7.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.73–7.68 (m, 2H), 7.51 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30–7.26 (m, 4H), 7.22–7.18 (m, 1H), 5.67 (s, 1H), 4.37 (bs, 1H), 3.41–3.37 (m, 2H), 3.00 (bs, 1H), 2.91 (s, 3H), 2.87 (t, J = 7.0, 2H), 2.56 (dd, J = 17.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 183.4, 181.5, 177.3, 176.5, 147.3, 140.8, 138.9, 136.6, 132.3, 132.0, 129.7, 128.7, 128.4, 126.9, 126.2, 100.9, 47.3, 43.2, 36.6, 33.3, 24.4; IR (KBr) ν 3357, 2907, 1765, 1694, 1611, 1567, 1508, 1432, 1342, 1275, 1233, 1112, 1012, 953, 844, 770, 709, 680 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 389.1496, found 389.1512.

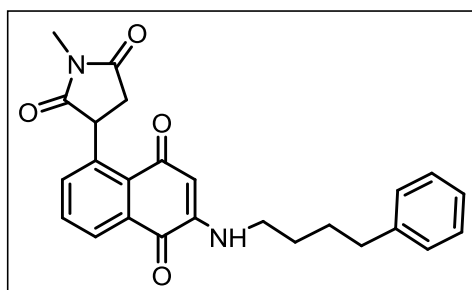
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62 mg (78%); Orange solid; mp = 154.1–156.8 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.05 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.73–7.67 (m, 2H), 7.62 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (s,

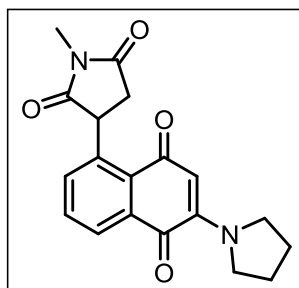
1H), 4.43 (bs, 1H), 3.16 (q, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.00 (bs, 1H), 2.91 (s, 3H), 2.62 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.54 (dd, $J = 17.5, 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.85 (quint, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 183.3, 181.5, 177.3, 176.5, 147.6, 141.5, 140.9, 136.6, 132.4, 131.9, 129.7, 128.3, 126.9, 125.8, 100.6, 47.1, 41.5, 36.6, 32.6, 29.2, 24.4; IR (KBr) ν 3323, 2923, 2860, 1689, 1615, 1566, 1512, 1436, 1341, 1243, 1113, 1041, 957, 837, 775, 689 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 403.1652, found 403.1658.

3-(5,8-Dioxo-6-((4-phenylbutyl)amino)-5,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)-1-methylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (3ha):



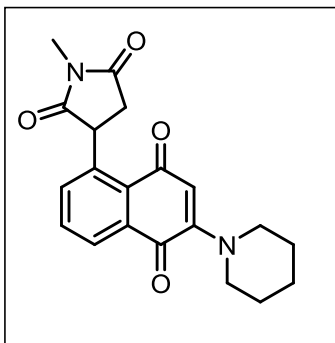
25 mg (30%); Yellow solid; mp = 136.3–137.0 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.04 (dd, $J = 7.0, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.72–7.67 (m, 2H), 7.58 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.25 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.14 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 4.36 (bs, 1H), 3.17 (q, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.01 (bs, 1H), 2.91 (s, 3H), 2.59 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.55 (dd, $J = 17.0, 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.63–1.53 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 183.2, 181.5, 177.3, 176.4, 147.5, 142.0, 140.9, 136.6, 132.4, 131.9, 129.7, 128.3, 128.2, 126.9, 125.6, 100.5, 47.0, 41.6, 36.6, 34.7, 28.4, 26.9, 24.4; IR (KBr) ν 3293, 3026, 2942, 2904, 1766, 1698, 1612, 1571, 1518, 1441, 1377, 1350, 1286, 1249, 1036, 1001, 956, 841, 788, 752, 691 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 417.1809, found 417.1814.

3-(5,8-Dioxo-6-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)-5,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)-1-methylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (3ia):



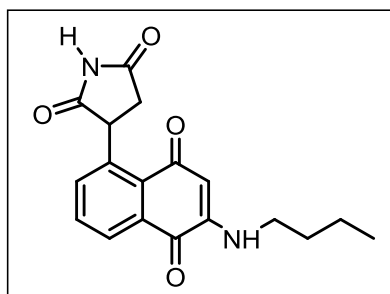
54 mg (80 %); Red solid; mp = 207.9–208.2 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.00–7.98 (m, 1H), 7.72–7.66 (m, 2H), 5.56 (s, 1H), 4.35 (bs, 1H), 3.85 (bs, 2H), 3.28 (bs, 2H), 3.01 (bs, 1H), 2.91 (s, 3H), 2.54 (dd, $J = 17.5, 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.91–1.86 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 182.6, 182.4, 177.3, 176.5, 148.4, 140.0, 136.0, 133.6, 131.7, 129.4, 127.1, 104.4, 50.8, 50.1, 46.9, 36.7, 26.1, 24.4, 23.5; IR (KBr) ν 2972, 2934, 1761, 1689, 1610, 1561, 1431, 1267, 1118, 1026, 955, 762, 684 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 339.1339, found 339.1359.

3-(5,8-Dioxo-6-(piperidin-1-yl)-5,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)-1-methylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (3ja):



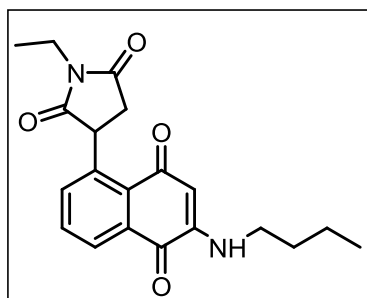
53 mg (75%); Red solid; mp = 148.2–150.0 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.94 (dd, J = 6.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71–7.66 (m, 2H), 5.91 (s, 1H), 4.40 (bs, 1H), 3.45 (s, 4H), 3.02 (bs, 1H), 2.91 (s, 3H), 2.55 (dd, J = 17.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.61 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 183.7, 183.0, 177.3, 176.4, 153.0, 139.5, 136.1, 134.9, 132.2, 128.8, 127.3, 108.9, 49.4, 46.7, 36.5, 25.4, 24.4, 23.8; IR (KBr) ν 2948, 2842, 1767, 1686, 1615, 1561, 1431, 1377, 1334, 1275, 1235, 1114, 1040, 997, 951, 848, 775, 686 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 353.1496, found 353.1509.

3-(6-(Butylamino)-5,8-dioxo-5,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)pyrrolidine-2,5-dione (3bb):



50 mg (76%); Orange solid; mp = 190.0–192.0 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 11.06 (s, 1H), 8.04–8.01 (m, 1H), 7.69–7.66 (m, 2H), 7.54 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (s, 1H), 4.36 (bs, 1H), 3.14 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.91 (bs, 1H), 2.58 (dd, J = 17.0, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.54 (quint, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.32 (sextet, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 183.2, 181.6, 178.5, 177.8, 147.5, 140.8, 136.7, 132.4, 131.9, 129.8, 126.8, 100.5, 48.7, 41.5, 37.8, 29.4, 19.7, 13.7; IR (KBr) ν 3346, 3146, 2976, 2891, 1770, 1699, 1609, 1558, 1510, 1459, 1378, 1339, 1251, 1165, 1073, 954, 779, 677 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 327.1339, found 327.1339.

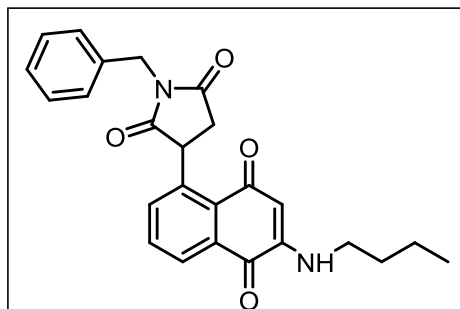
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64 mg (90%); Red solid; mp = 182.0–183.4 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.05–8.03 (m, 1H), 7.71–7.66 (m, 2H), 7.54 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (s, 1H), 4.34 (bs, 1H), 3.52–3.44 (m, 2H), 3.13 (q, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.97 (bs, 1H), 2.56 (dd, J = 17.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.52 (quint, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.31 (sextet, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H),

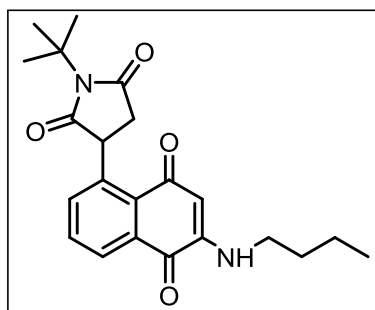
1.15 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 183.1, 181.5, 176.9, 176.1, 147.5, 141.0, 136.5, 132.4, 131.9, 129.7, 126.9, 100.5, 47.2, 41.5, 36.5, 33.0, 29.5, 19.7, 13.7, 12.8; IR (KBr) ν 3321, 2976, 2891, 1768, 1687, 1607, 1564, 1515, 1454, 1389, 1341, 1249, 1125, 1070, 954, 848, 786, 679 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 355.1652, found 355.1674.

1-Benzyl-3-(6-(butylamino)-5,8-dioxo-5,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)pyrrolidine-2,5-dione (3bd):



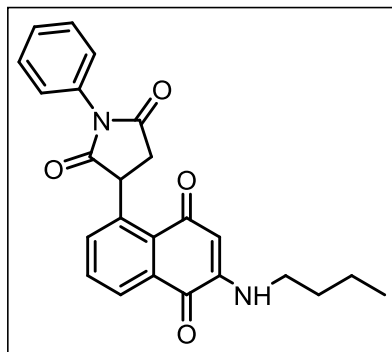
66 mg (79%); Orange solid; mp = 166.0–167.1 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.06–8.04 (m, 1H), 7.73–7.67 (m, 2H), 7.59 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.37–7.32 (m, 4H), 7.29–7.25 (m, 1H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 4.71 (d, $J = 15.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.60 (d, $J = 15.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.49 (bs, 1H), 3.15 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.07 (bs, 1H), 2.66 (dd, $J = 17.5, 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.54 (quint, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.32 (sextet, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 0.89 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 183.2, 181.5, 176.9, 176.2, 147.6, 140.9, 136.6, 136.3, 132.4, 131.9, 129.8, 128.4, 127.5, 127.2, 127.0, 100.5, 47.3, 41.5, 41.4, 36.5, 29.4, 19.7, 13.7; IR (KBr) ν 3324, 2935, 2872, 1771, 1700, 1514, 1443, 1399, 1353, 1243, 1169, 997, 839, 777, 733, 687, 645 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 417.1809, found 417.1820.

1-(tert-butyl)-3-(6-(butylamino)-5,8-dioxo-5,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)pyrrolidine-2,5-dione (3be):



23 mg (30%); Orange solid; mp = 139.3–140.1 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.02 (t, $J = 4.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.70–7.64 (m, 2H), 7.50 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 4.22 (bs, 1H), 3.14 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.86 (bs, 1H), 2.46 (dd, $J = 17.0, 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.56 (s, 9H), 1.52 (quint, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.31 (sextet, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 0.88 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 183.0, 181.6, 177.9, 177.1, 147.4, 140.9, 137.2, 132.4, 131.8, 129.6, 126.8, 100.6, 56.8, 47.1, 41.5, 36.6, 29.5, 28.1, 19.7, 13.7; IR (KBr) ν 3337, 2960, 2873, 1769, 1697, 1624, 1571, 1521, 1456, 1352, 1257, 1213, 1160, 1119, 990, 777, 684 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 383.1965, found 383.1976.

3-(6-(Butylamino)-5,8-dioxo-5,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)-1-phenylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (3bf):

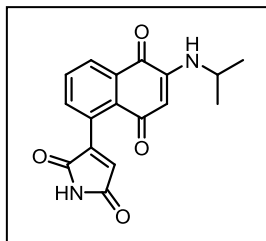


55 mg (69%); Yellow solid; mp = 190.4–191.0 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.08–8.07 (m, 1H), 7.79 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (t, J = 7.5, Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, J = 6.0, Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.5, Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.5, Hz, 1H), 7.40–7.38 (m, 2H), 5.67 (s, 1H), 4.56 (bs, 1H), 3.17–3.14 (m, 3H), 2.76 (dd, J = 17.5, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.54 (quint, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.32 (sextet, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 183.3, 181.5, 176.2, 175.6, 147.7, 141.0, 136.3, 133.3, 132.5, 132.0, 129.7, 128.8, 128.1, 127.4, 127.1, 100.5, 47.3, 41.6, 36.7, 29.5, 19.7, 13.7; IR (KBr) ν 3293, 2977, 2896, 1774, 1700, 1605, 1563, 1499, 1385, 1345, 1246, 1164, 1068, 954, 961, 882, 828, 755, 692 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 403.1652, found 403.1658.

General procedure for regioselective C–H alkenylation and spectral data (4ab–4lb, 4aa–4af):

Typical procedure for regioselective C–H alkenylation at C5 of 2-amino-1,4-naphthoquinone with *N*-substituted maleimide: To an oven-dried sealed tube with 2-(isopropylamino)naphthalene-1,4-dione (**1a**) (43 mg, 0.2 mmol, 100 mol %), *N*-Methylmaleimide (**2a**) (33.3 mg, 0.3 mmol, 150 mol %), $[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (6.2 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5 mol %), AgSbF_6 (13.7 mg, 0.04 mmol, 20 mol %) and Ag_2CO_3 (110.3 mg, 0.4 mmol, 200 mol %) was added in DCE (1 mL). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 80 °C for 16 h. After cooling at room temperature, the reaction mixture was evaporated. The resulting residue was purified by neutral alumina column chromatography (eluent; hexane/EtOAc = 5:1 to 1:10) provide **4aa** (43 mg) in 66% yield.

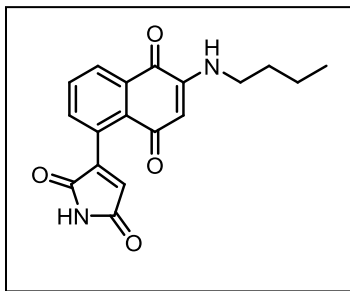
3-(6-(Isopropylamino)-5,8-dioxo-5,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dione (4ab);



46 mg (74%); Orange solid; mp = 182.1–184.4 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.93 (s, 1H), 8.13 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 5.63 (s, 1H), 3.72–3.65 (m, 1H), 1.21 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 181.5, 181.1, 172.3, 170.5, 150.8, 148.2, 136.7,

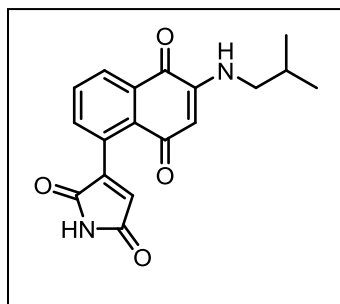
131.9, 131.7, 131.1, 128.8, 128.0, 124.3, 99.8, 49.3, 26.8, 20.2; IR (KBr) ν 3431, 3336, 3018, 2929, 2751, 1724, 1604, 1527, 1349, 1239, 1166, 1065, 890, 772 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 311.1026, found 311.1036.

3-(6-(Butylamino)-5,8-dioxo-5,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dione (4bb)



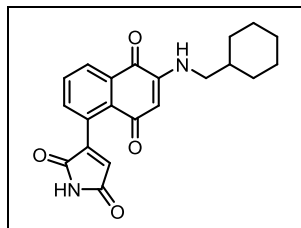
39 mg (60%); Orange solid; mp = 230.4–232.6 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 10.92 (s, 1H), 8.13 (dd, J = 9.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 5.59 (s, 1H), 3.17 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.55 (quint, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.33 (sextet, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 0.90 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 181.4, 181.1, 172.3, 170.4, 150.8, 148.0, 136.6, 131.9, 131.7, 131.1, 128.8, 127.9, 124.3, 99.6, 41.6, 29.4, 19.7, 13.7; IR (KBr) ν 3440, 3360, 3150, 3049, 2926, 2742, 1731, 1663, 1609, 1557, 1520, 1343, 1238, 839, 767 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 325.1183, found 325.1183.

3-(6-(Isobutylamino)-5,8-dioxo-5,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dione (4cb):



41 mg (63%); Orange solid; mp = 262.6–264.3 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 10.92 (s, 1H), 8.14 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.72–7.68 (m, 2H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 3.00 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.01–1.93 (m, 1H), 0.90 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 181.9, 181.5, 172.7, 170.9, 151.2, 148.6, 137.1, 132.2, 132.3, 131.5, 129.2, 128.4, 124.8, 100.29, 49.7, 27.2, 20.6; IR (KBr) ν 3432, 3356, 3158, 3062, 2925, 2861, 2731, 1724, 1683, 1607, 1558, 1521, 1460, 1348, 1251, 1171, 1062, 979, 861, 771 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 325.1183, found 325.1196.

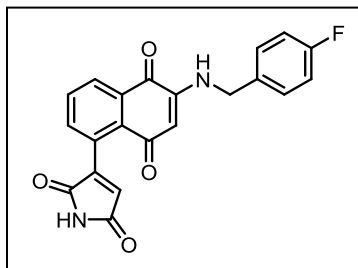
3-(6-((Cyclohexylmethyl)amino)-5,8-dioxo-5,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dione (4db):



45 mg (62%); Red solid; mp = 228.0–230.2 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 10.91 (s, 1H), 8.13 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 5.59 (s, 1H),

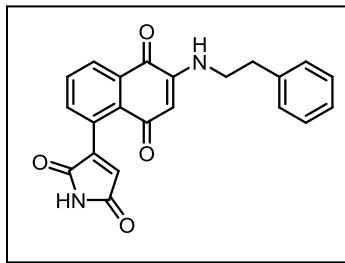
3.02 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.71–1.59 (m, 6H), 1.22–1.11 (m, 3H), 0.94 (t, J = 12.0 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 181.4, 181.1, 142.3, 170.5, 150.8, 148.2, 136.6, 135.3, 131.9, 131.1, 128.8, 128.0, 124.3, 99.8, 48.0, 36.1, 30.5, 26.0, 25.4; IR (KBr) ν 3413, 3281, 3145, 2925, 2854, 2747, 1724, 1681, 1600, 1556, 1457, 1332, 1250, 1183, 1132, 1057, 966, 882, 777 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 365.1496, found 365.1496.

3-(6-((4-Fluorobenzyl)amino)-5,8-dioxo-5,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dione (4eb)



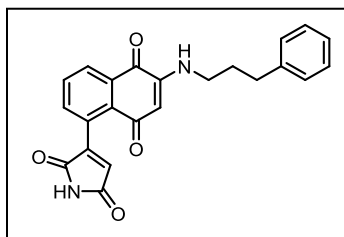
34 mg (47%); Light brown solid; mp = 291.7–292.5 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.91 (s, 1H), 8.29 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, J = 9.0, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.65 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.52 (s, 1H), 4.42 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 181.7, 181.1, 172.2, 170.4, 161.3 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 241.2 Hz), 150.7, 147.8, 136.7, 133.5 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 2.7 Hz), 132.1, 131.5, 131.2, 129.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 8.1 Hz), 128.8, 128.0, 124.5, 115.3 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 21.1 Hz), 100.9, 44.3; IR (KBr) ν 3442, 3270, 3069, 2924, 2860, 1713, 1610, 1513, 1415, 1344, 1234, 1168, 1105, 908, 836, 765 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{14}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 377.0932, found 377.0926.

3-(5,8-Dioxo-6-(phenethylamino)-5,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dione(4fb)



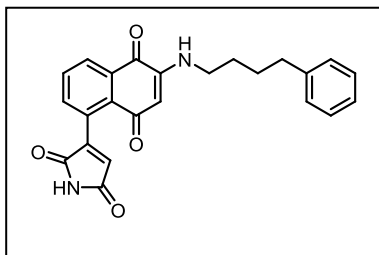
34 mg (45%); Light yellowish solid; mp = 208.8–209.4 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.94 (s, 1H), 8.13 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30–7.27 (m, 4H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (s, 1H), 3.42 (q, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.90 (t, J = 12.0 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 181.6, 181.1, 172.3, 170.5, 150.8, 147.8, 138.9, 136.7, 135.3, 132.0, 131.7, 131.0, 128.8, 128.4, 128.0, 126.3, 124.4, 100.1, 43.3, 33.4; IR (KBr) ν 3460, 3385, 3157, 3059, 2927, 2748, 1723, 1610, 1560, 1508, 1451, 1343, 1288, 1244, 1134, 982, 844, 753 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 373.1183, found 373.1188.

3-(5,8-Dioxo-6-((3-phenylpropyl)amino)-5,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dione (4gb)



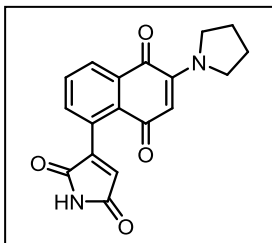
40 mg (52%); Yellow solid; mp = 236.5–238.6 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.93 (s, 1H), 8.13 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (t, J = 6 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.19–7.16 (m, 1H), 6.66 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.55 (s, 1H), 3.19 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.64 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.88 (quint, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 181.5, 181.1, 172.3, 170.5, 150.8, 148.0, 141.5, 136.6, 135.3, 131.9, 131.7, 131.1, 128.8, 128.3, 128.0, 125.9, 124.4, 99.7, 41.6, 32.6, 29.1; IR (KBr) ν 3392, 3158, 3064, 2933, 2744, 1721, 1677, 1609, 1563, 1511, 1462, 1346, 1285, 1238, 1131, 1054, 976, 875, 769 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 387.1339, found 387.1363.

3-(5,8-Dioxo-6-((4-phenylbutyl)amino)-5,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dione (4hb)



37 mg (46%); Light yellow solid; mp = 224.1–227.8 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.93 (s, 1H), 8.13 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.72–7.68 (m, 2H), 7.27 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.21–7.14 (m, 3H), 6.67 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 3.20 (q, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.60 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.61 (quint, J = 3.5 Hz, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 181.5, 181.1, 172.3, 170.5, 150.8, 148.0, 142.0, 136.7, 131.9, 131.7, 131.1, 128.8, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 125.7, 124.3, 99.7, 41.7, 34.8, 28.4, 27.0; IR (KBr) ν 3397, 3211, 2934, 2863, 1727, 1683, 1609, 1563, 1511, 1349, 1238, 1135, 1100, 1032, 933, 867, 820, 758 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 401.1496, found 401.1499.

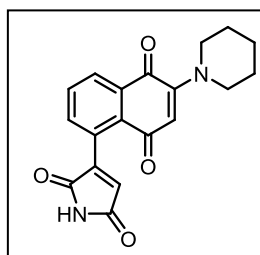
3-(5,8-Dioxo-6-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)-5,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dione (4ib)



40 mg (63%); Light orange solid; mp = 278.8–280.9 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.90 (s, 1H), 8.09 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 5.56 (s, 1H), 3.90 (s, 2H), 3.33 (s, 2H), 1.92 (quint, J = 4.0 Hz, 4H); ^{13}C NMR

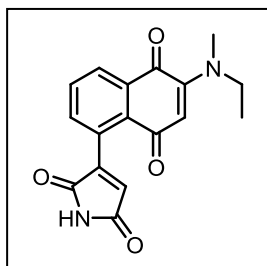
(125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 182.2, 180.7, 172.3, 170.4, 150.8, 148.8, 136.0, 132.2, 131.7, 131.4, 128.1, 124.3, 103.6, 51.1, 50.2, 26.2, 23.4; IR (KBr) ν 3127, 2984, 2749, 2383, 2311, 1722, 1596, 1552, 1432, 1329, 1283, 882, 828, 755 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 323.1026, found 323.1033.

3-(5,8-Dioxo-6-(piperidin-1-yl)-5,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dione(4jb):



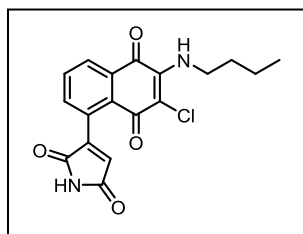
35 mg (52%); Brick red solid; mp = 250.1–251.9 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.95 (s, 1H), 8.05 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.91 (s, 1H), 3.49 (s, 4H), 1.64 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 182.4, 182.0, 172.2, 170.4, 153.4, 150.3, 135.7, 133.5, 132.1, 130.6, 128.4, 128.1, 125.0, 108.1, 49.6, 25.5, 23.7; IR (KBr) ν 3422, 2927, 1724, 1683, 1604, 1553, 1437, 1341, 1283, 977, 884, 760 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 337.1183, found 337.1185.

3-(6-(Ethyl(methyl)amino)-5,8-dioxo-5,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dione (4kb):



35 mg (57%); Light orange solid; mp = 228.7–229.9 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.92 (s, 1H), 8.05 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 3.59 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.05 (s, 3H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 182.5, 181.2, 172.2, 170.4, 151.9, 150.5, 135.7, 133.1, 131.9, 131.0, 128.3, 128.0, 124.7, 104.9, 48.5, 39.2, 12.8; IR (KBr) ν 3400, 2926, 2312, 1723, 1599, 1450, 1450, 1333, 1237, 1217, 1059, 926, 848, 770 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 311.1026, found 311.1035.

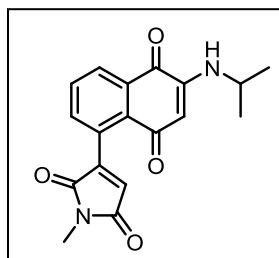
3-(6-(Butylamino)-7-chloro-5,8-dioxo-5,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dione (4lb)



45 mg (62%); Orange solid; mp = 239.7–241.2 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.97 (s, 1H), 8.13 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 6.71 (d,

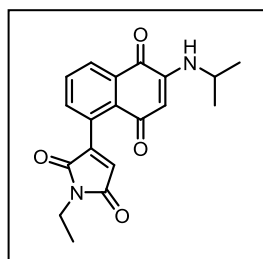
$J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.71 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.60 (quint, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.33 (sextet, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 0.91 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 179.7, 175.3, 172.1, 170.4, 150.2, 144.8, 144.6, 136.7, 132.4, 130.7, 130.5, 129.1, 128.5, 124.9, 43.7, 32.9, 19.3, 13.7; IR (KBr) ν 3274, 3212, 3088, 2950, 2871, 2697, 1728, 1690, 1528, 1591, 1335, 1138, 1062, 931, 843, 754 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 359.0793, found 359.0801.

3-(6-(Isopropylamino)-5,8-dioxo-5,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)-1-methyl-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dione (4aa)



43 mg (66%); Orange solid; mp = 175.2–178.7 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.15 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.81 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd, $J = 7.5, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 5.63 (s, 1H), 3.71–3.65 (m, 1H), 2.65 (s, 3H), 1.21 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 181.6, 181.2, 170.9, 169.2, 150.3, 147.0, 136.6, 132.0, 131.7, 131.1, 128.6, 128.1, 123.6, 99.9, 43.6, 23.7, 21.1; IR (KBr) ν 3446, 3342, 2926, 2859, 1708, 1609, 1566, 1512, 1447, 1350, 1241, 1169, 1128, 1044, 972, 860, 778 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 325.1183, found 325.1227.

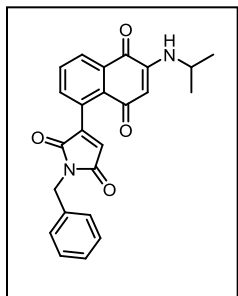
1-Ethyl-3-(6-(isopropylamino)-5,8-dioxo-5,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dione (4ac)



46 mg (68%); Reddish orange solid; mp = 208.1–210.9 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.21 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.43 (s, 1H), 5.77 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 3.69–3.58 (m, 3H), 1.30–1.28 (m, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 182.6, 181.5, 170.7, 169.1, 150.4, 146.2, 136.3, 132.4, 131.7, 131.5, 129.2, 128.6, 123.5, 101.4, 44.1, 33.1, 21.7, 14.0; IR (KBr) ν 3338, 2923, 2859, 1707, 1620, 1566, 1520, 1449, 1405, 1318, 1250, 1120, 1166, 1097, 1012, 960, 886, 839, 762 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 339.1339, found 339.1348.

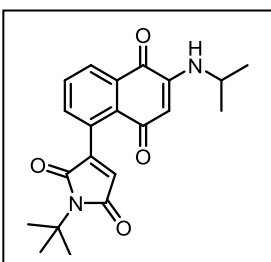
1-Benzyl-3-(6-(isopropylamino)-5,8-dioxo-5,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dione (4ad)

58 mg (73%); Light orange solid; mp = 198.4–200.2 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.16 (dd, $J = 7.5, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.74 (dd, $J = 7.5, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.39–7.33 (m,



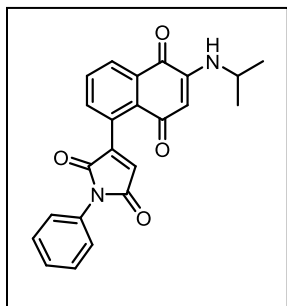
6H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 5.66 (s, 1H), 4.68 (s, 2H), 3.74–3.67 (m, 1H), 1.21 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 181.5, 181.2, 170.6, 168.8, 150.4, 147.0, 136.9, 136.7, 132.0, 131.7, 131.2, 128.6, 128.2, 127.3, 127.0, 123.7, 99.9, 43.6, 40.7, 21.1; IR (KBr) ν 3338, 2924, 2859, 1764, 1706, 1611, 1566, 1512, 1428, 1348, 1237, 1139, 1099, 960, 849, 767 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 401.1496, found 401.1523.

1-(tert-butyl)-3-(6-(isopropylamino)-5,8-dioxo-5,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dione (4ae)



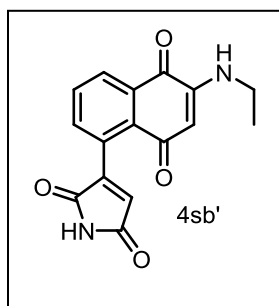
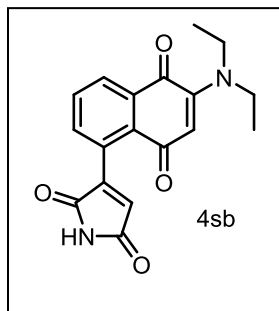
33 mg (46%); Light red solid; mp = 176.5–178.4 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.13 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 3.73–3.66 (m, 1H), 1.55 (s, 9H), 1.21 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 181.6, 181.2, 171.9, 167.0, 149.5, 146.9, 136.6, 131.9, 131.7, 131.1, 128.8, 128.0, 123.6, 100.0, 56.4, 43.5, 28.6, 21.1; IR (KBr) ν 3349, 2983, 1700, 1623, 1565, 1517, 1450, 1352, 1237, 1133, 1063, 958, 852, 771 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 367.1652, found 367.1676.

3-(6-(Isopropylamino)-5,8-dioxo-5,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dione (4af)



52 mg (67%); Orange solid; mp = 214.5–216.3 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.18 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 3.73–3.66 (m, 1H), 1.21 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 182.1, 181.6, 170.0, 168.4, 150.7, 147.5, 137.1, 132.5, 132.4, 132.3, 131.7, 129.5, 128.9, 128.8, 128.2, 127.0, 124.1, 100.3, 44.1, 21.6; IR (KBr) ν 3346, 2923, 2859, 1712, 1619, 1564, 1506, 1382, 1237, 1133, 1096, 1016, 961, 884, 840, 763 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 387.1339, found 387.1346.

3-(6-(Diethylamino)-5,8-dioxo-5,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dione (4sb) and 3-(6-(ethylamino)-5,8-dioxo-5,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dione (4sb')



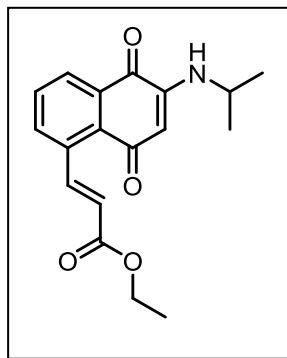
Mixture of **4sb** & **4sb'** (40mg); Brick red solid; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) (**4sb**; 47%); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.90 (s, 1H), 8.04 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (t, J = 7.5, 1H), 7.65 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 3.33 (s, 4H), 1.21 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H); (**4sb'**, 16%); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.90 (s, 1H), 8.14 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (t, J = 7.5, 1H), 7.69 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 3.50 (q, J = 7 Hz, 2H), 1.16 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) for the mixture **4sb** & **4sb'** δ 182.8, 181.5, 181.1, 181.1, 172.2, 170.4, 151.0, 150.8, 150.5, 147.8, 136.7, 135.6, 133.3, 131.9, 131.8, 131.7, 131.1, 130.9, 128.8, 128.3, 127.9, 124.6, 124.3, 104.2, 99.6, 46.0, 45.1, 36.7, 13.0, 12.5; IR (KBr) for the mixture **4sb** & **4sb'** ν 3437, 3390, 3280, 3061, 2925, 2853, 1718, 1611, 1561, 1517, 1448, 1345, 1236, 1063, 936, 847, 770 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) of (**4sb**) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 325.1183, found 325.1263.

Procedure for competitive reaction between 2-amino-1,4-naphthoquinone and acetophenone with maleimide: To an oven-dried sealed tube with 2-(isopropylamino)naphthalene-1,4-dione (**1a**) (21.5 mg, 0.1 mmol, 100 mol %), acetophenone (**5**) (12.0 mg, 0.1 mmol, 100 mol %), *N*-Methylmaleimide (**2a**) (11.1 mg, 0.1 mmol, 100 mol %), $[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5 mol %), AgSbF_6 (6.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 20 mol %) and Ag_2CO_3 (55.1 mg, 0.2 mmol, 200 mol %) was added in DCE (1 mL). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 80 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 16 h. After cooling at room temperature, the reaction mixture was evaporated. The resulting residue was purified by neutral alumina column chromatography (eluent; hexane/EtOAc = 5:1 to 1:10) to provide **4aa** (21 mg) in 65% yield.

Procedure for competitive reaction between maleimide and acrylate with 2-amino-1,4-naphthoquinone: To an oven-dried sealed tube with 2-(isopropylamino)naphthalene-1,4-dione (**1a**) (21.5 mg, 0.1 mmol, 100 mol %), *N*-Methylmaleimide (**2a**) (11.1 mg, 0.1 mmol, 100 mol %), ethyl acrylate (**7**) (10.0 mg, 0.1 mmol, 100 mol %), $[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5 mol %),

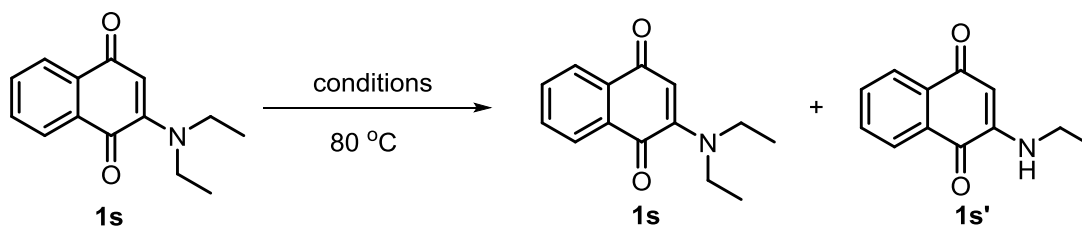
%), AgSbF₆ (6.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 20 mol %) and Ag₂CO₃ (55.1 mg, 0.2 mmol, 200 mol %) was added in DCE (1 mL). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 80 °C for 16 h. After cooling at room temperature, the reaction mixture was evaporated. The resulting residue was purified by neutral alumina column chromatography (eluent; hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 to 1:1) to provide **8** (20.1 mg) in 64% and **4aa** (2.7 mg) in 8% yield.

Ethyl (E)-3-(6-(isopropylamino)-5,8-dioxo-5,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)acrylate (8**)**



40 mg (64%); Orange solid; mp = 141.5–144.6 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.72 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 4.22 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.72–3.63 (m, 1H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.21 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 183.6, 181.5, 166.0, 146.5, 146.3, 135.2, 131.9, 131.7, 129.9, 127.9, 120.4, 101.2, 60.1, 45.1, 43.5, 21.1, 14.2; IR (KBr) ν 3420, 2979, 2354, 2252, 2124, 1664, 1618, 1247, 1175, 1094, 1011, 821, cm⁻¹; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₉NO₄ [M+H]⁺ 314.1387, found 314.1396.

Control experiment for dealkylation



entry	conditions	ratio (1s : 1s') ^a
1	RhCp*Cl ₂ (2.5 mol %), AgSbF ₆ (10 mol %), Ag ₂ CO ₃ (200 mol %), DCE	3:1
2	Ag ₂ CO ₃ (200 mol %), DCE	4:1
3	Ag ₂ CO ₃ (200 mol %), TEMPO (100 mol %), DCE	4:1
4	DCE	100:0

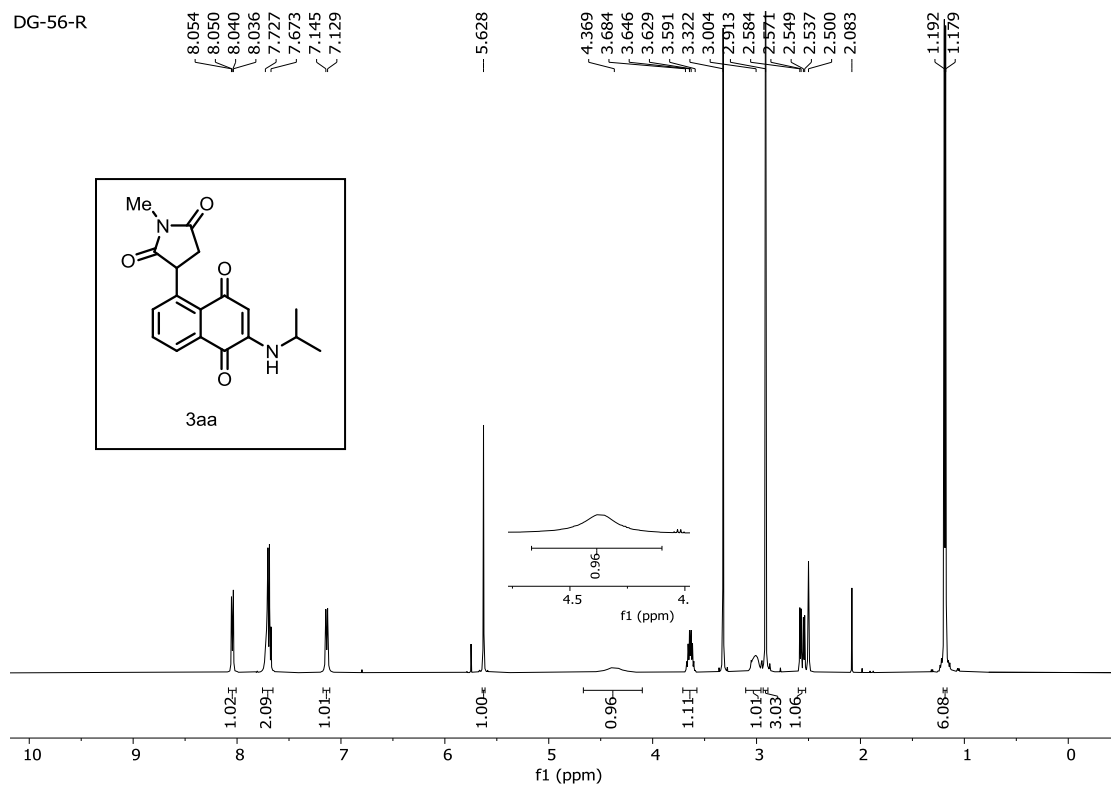
General Procedure for dealkylation reaction:

To an oven-dried sealed tube with 2-(diethylamino)naphthalene-1,4-dione (**1s**) (22.9 mg, 0.1 mmol, 100 mol %) in DCE (1 mL) was added catalyst and additives as per the above table. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 80 °C for 16 h. After cooling at room temperature, the reaction mixture was evaporated and the residue was passed through neutral alumina column chromatography (eluent; hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 to 4:1) to provide inseparable mixture of **1s** and **1s'**.

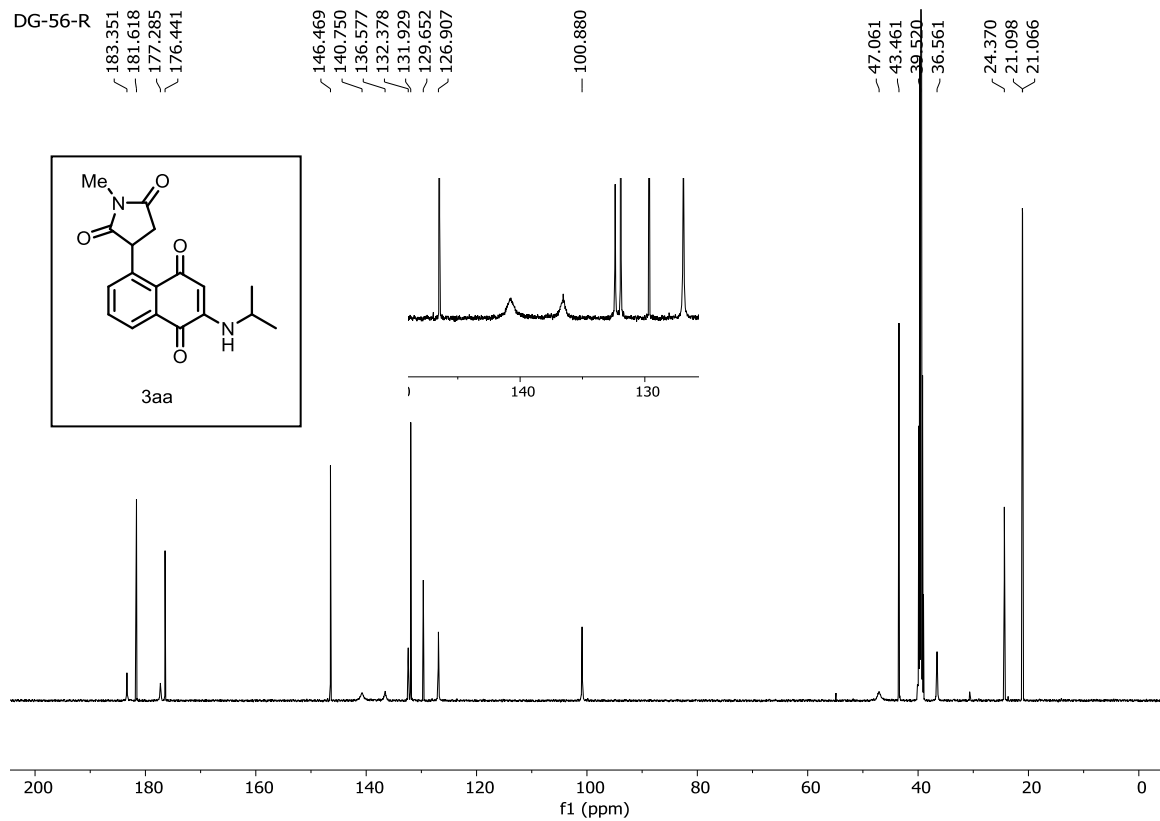
The ratio of **1s**:**1s'** was determined by ¹H NMR

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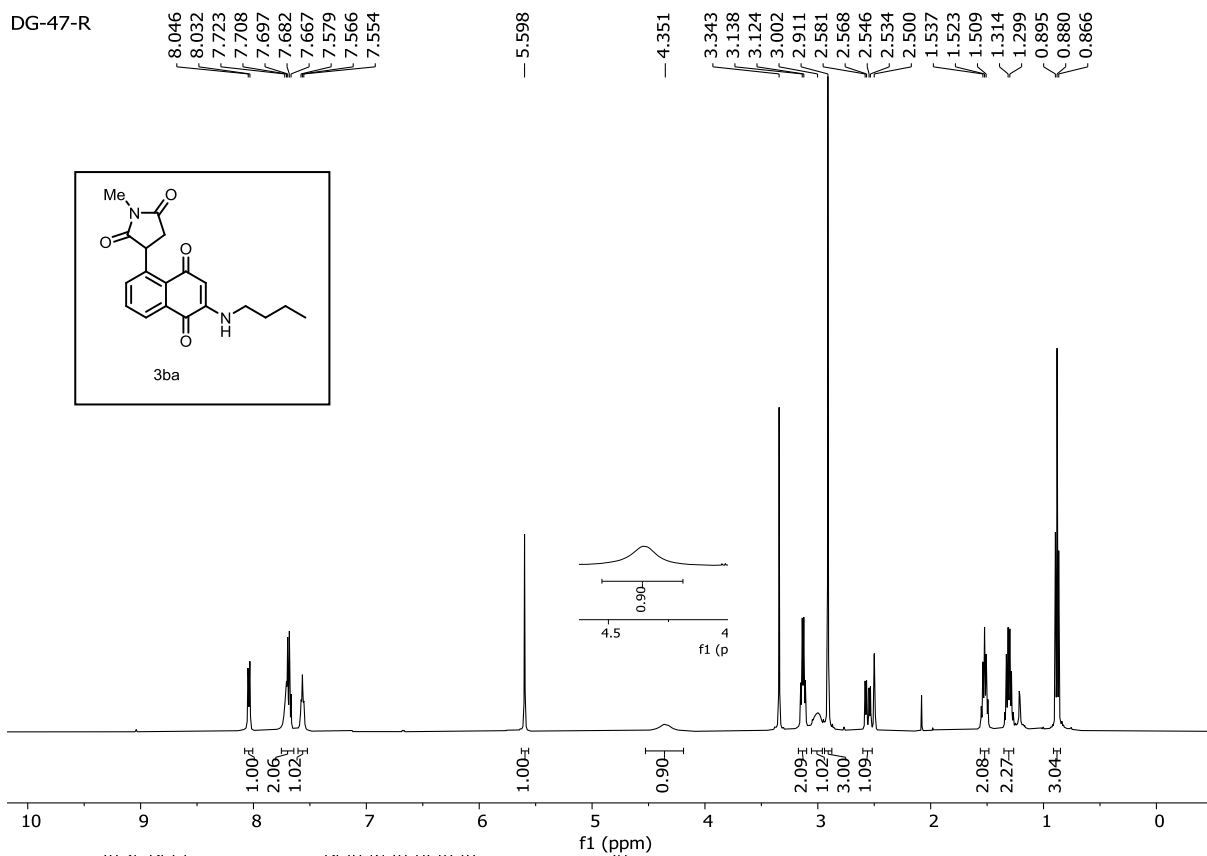
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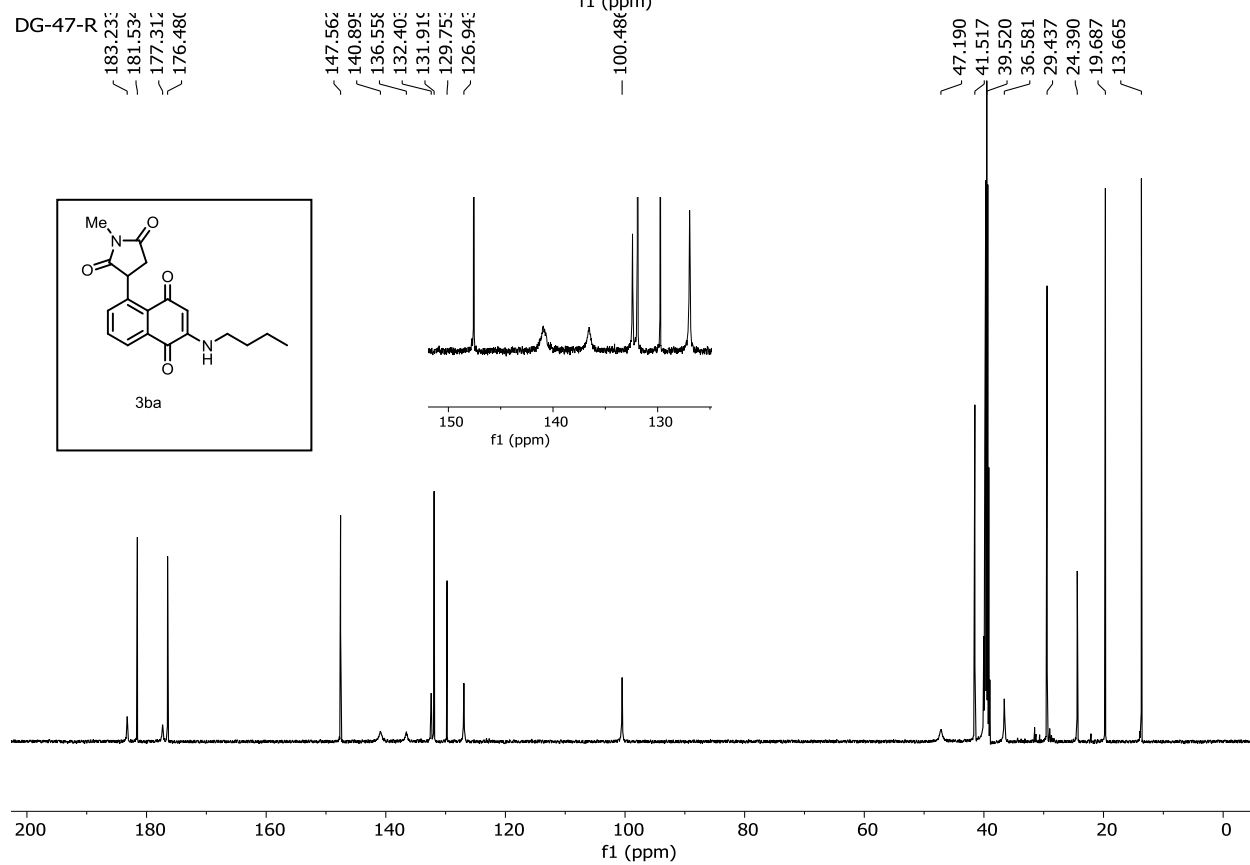
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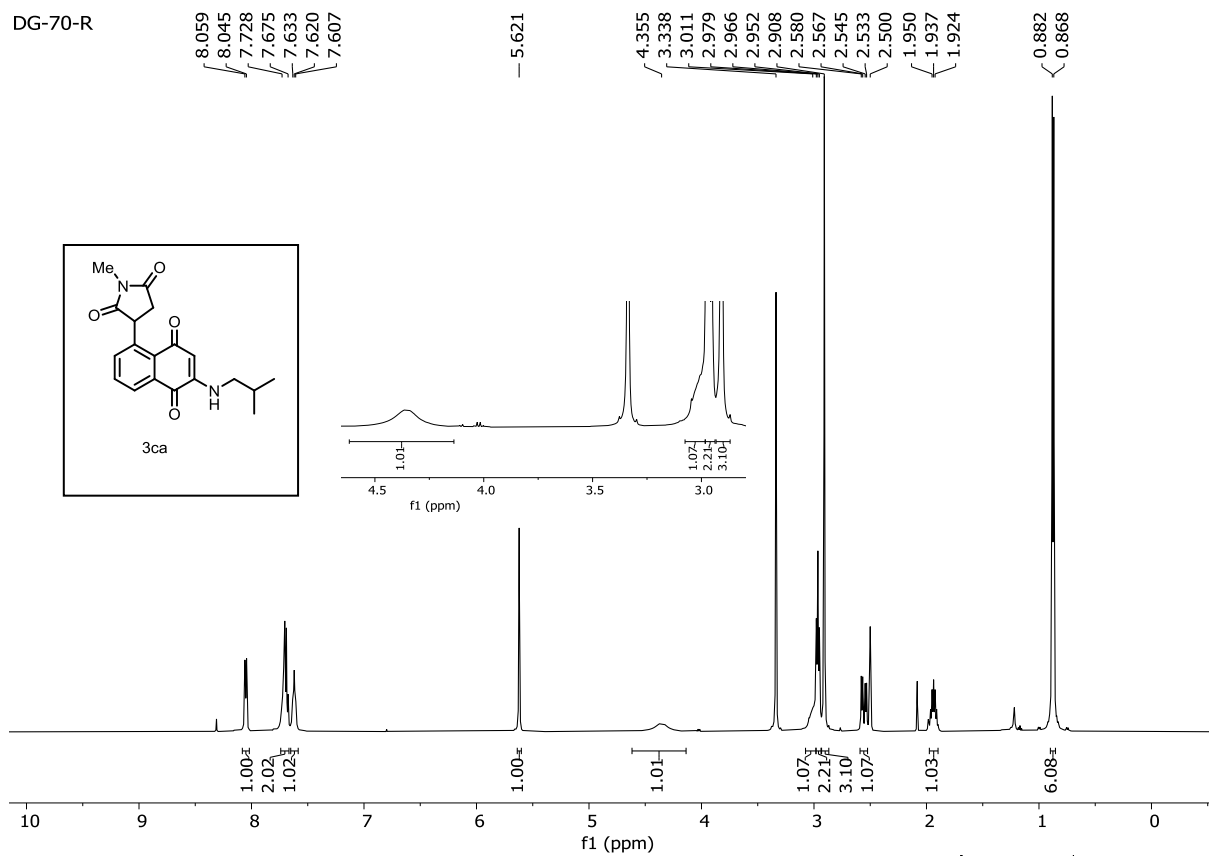
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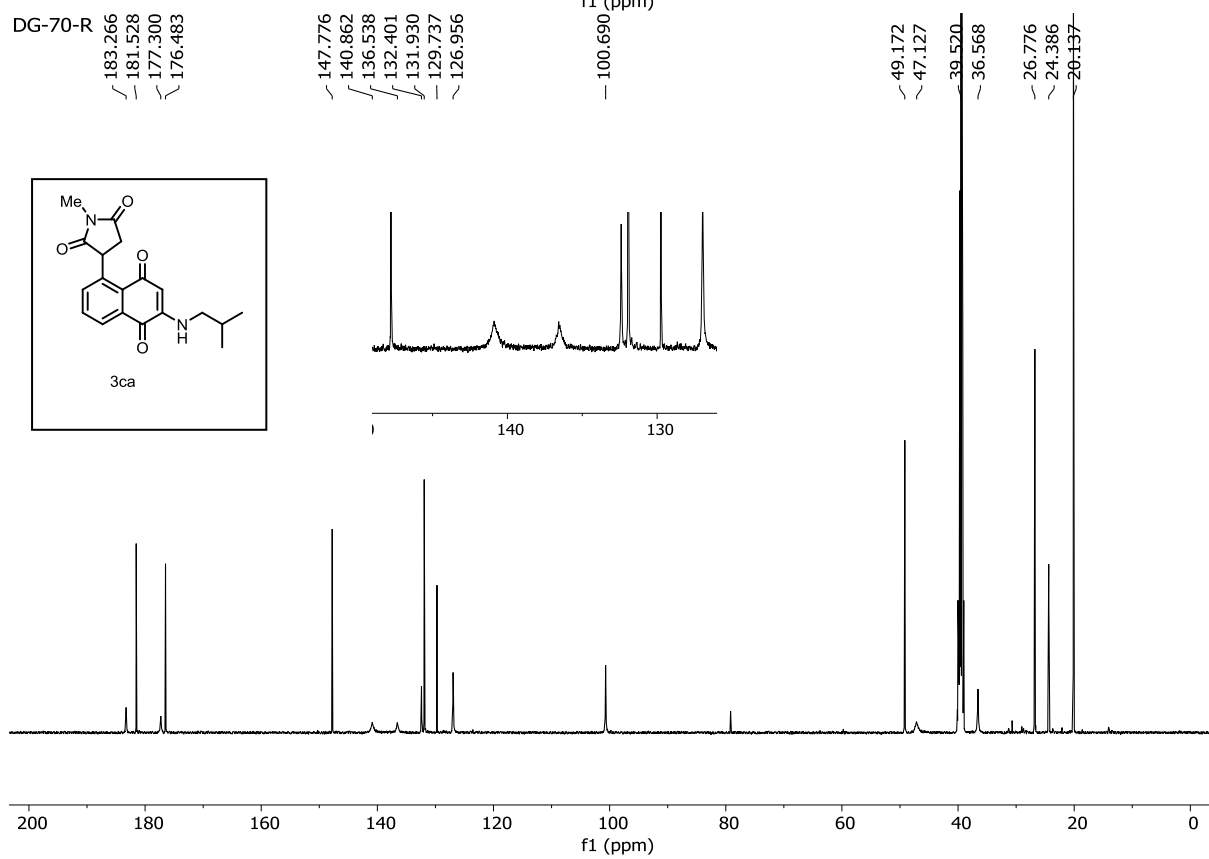
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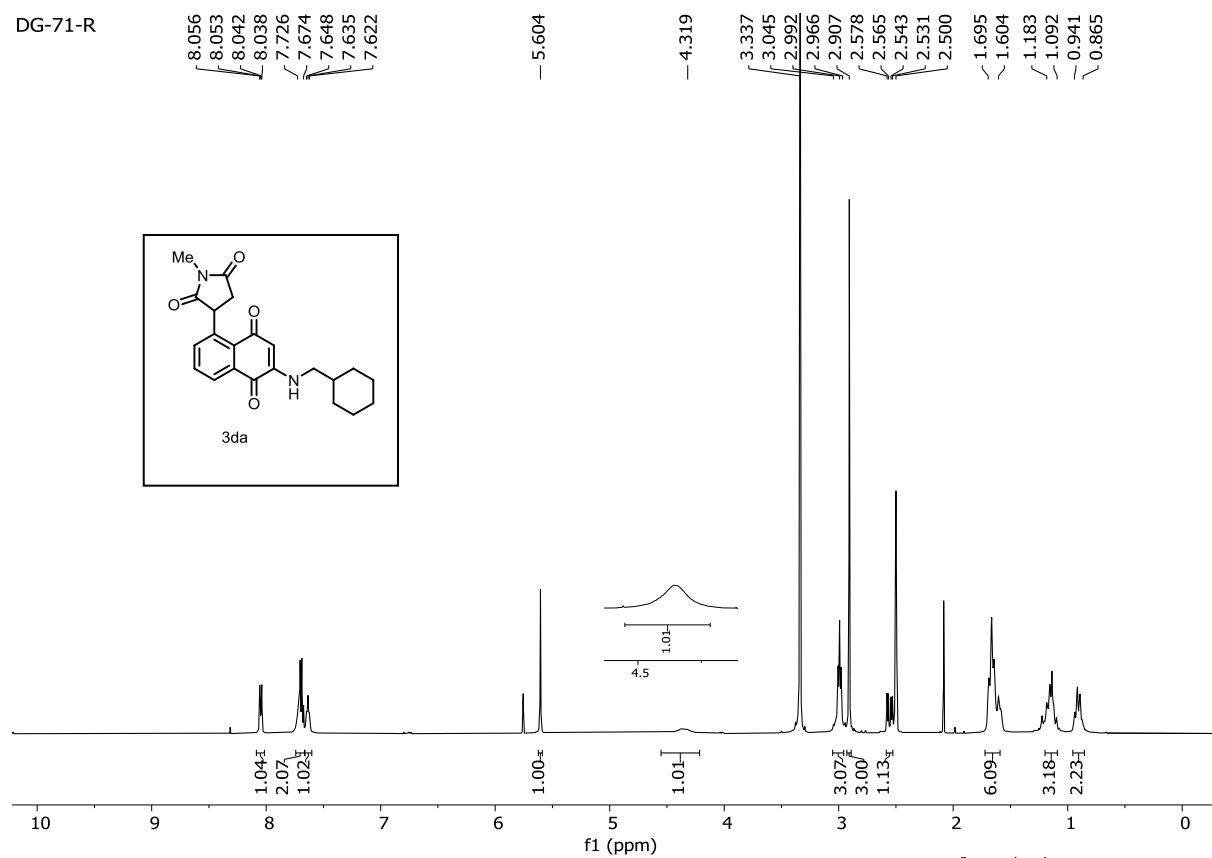
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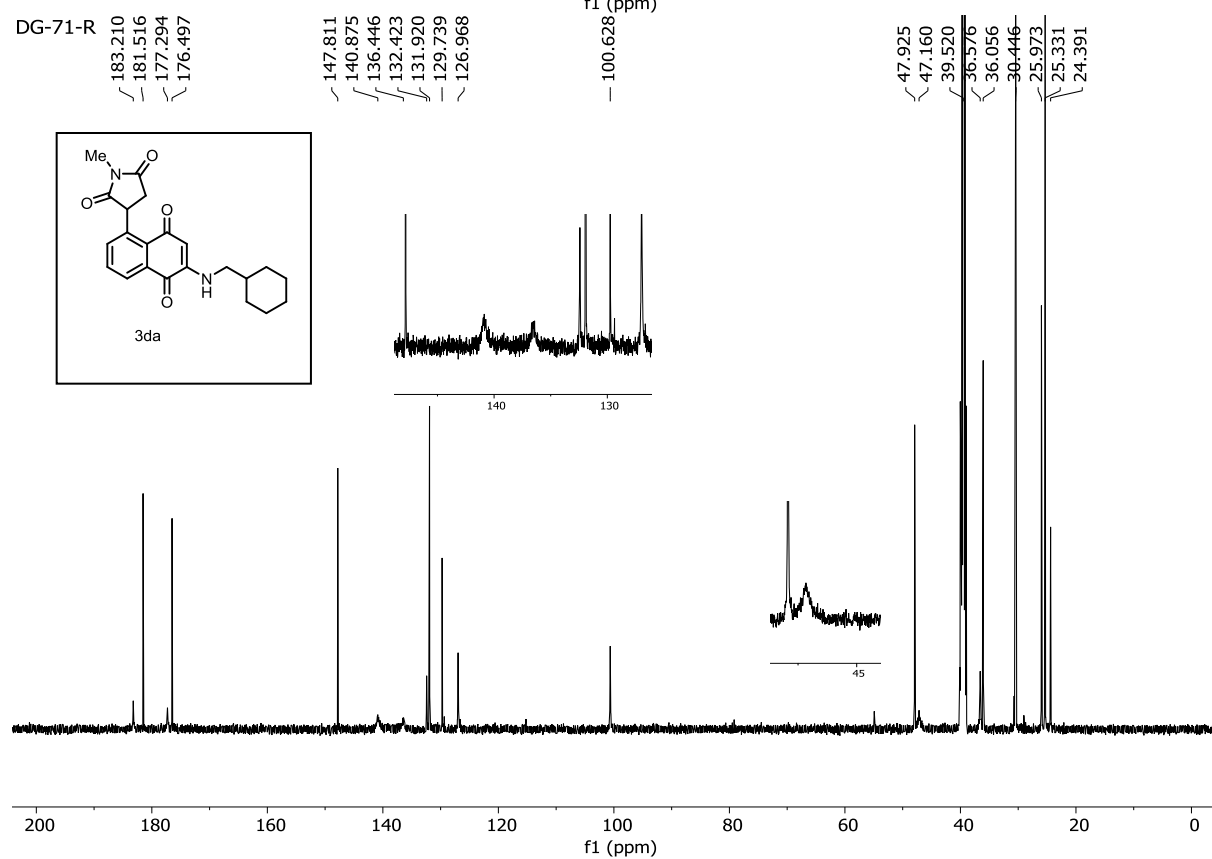
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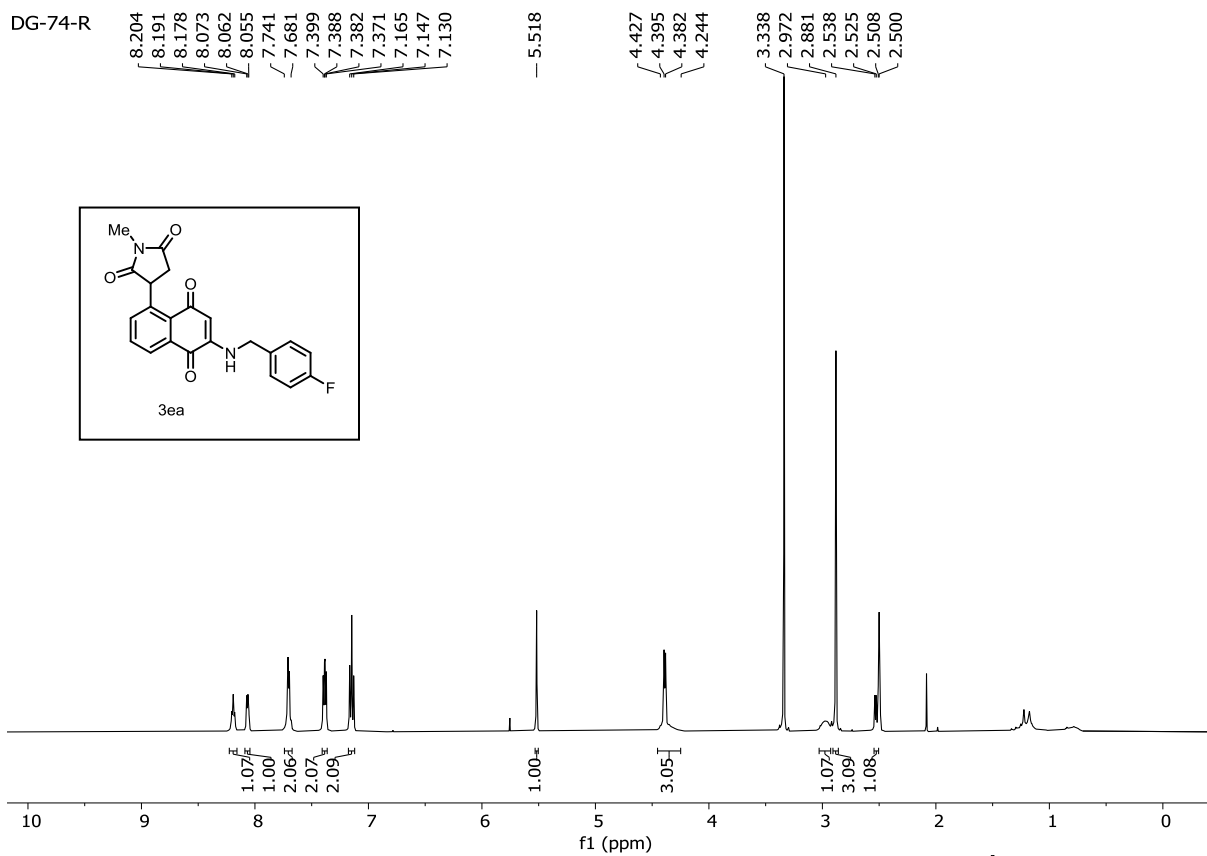
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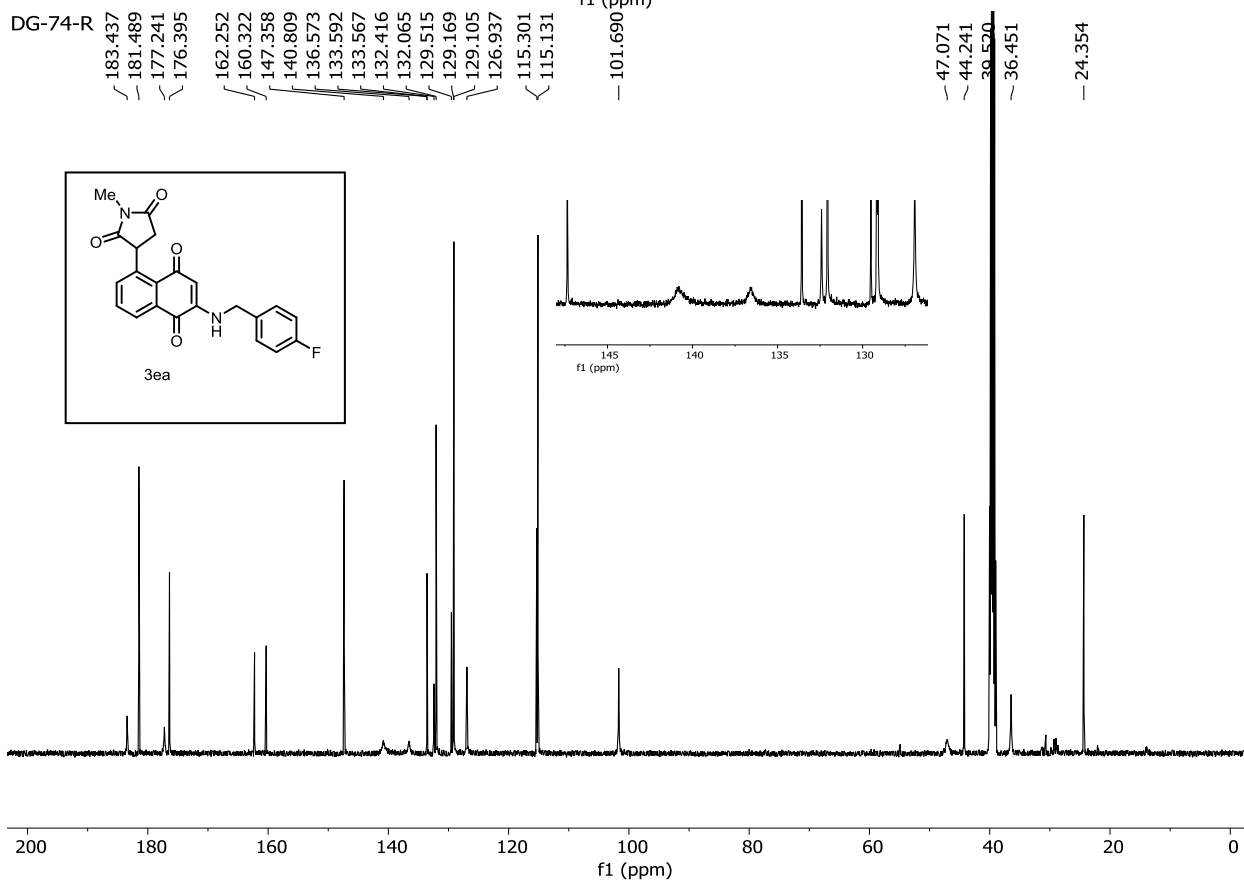
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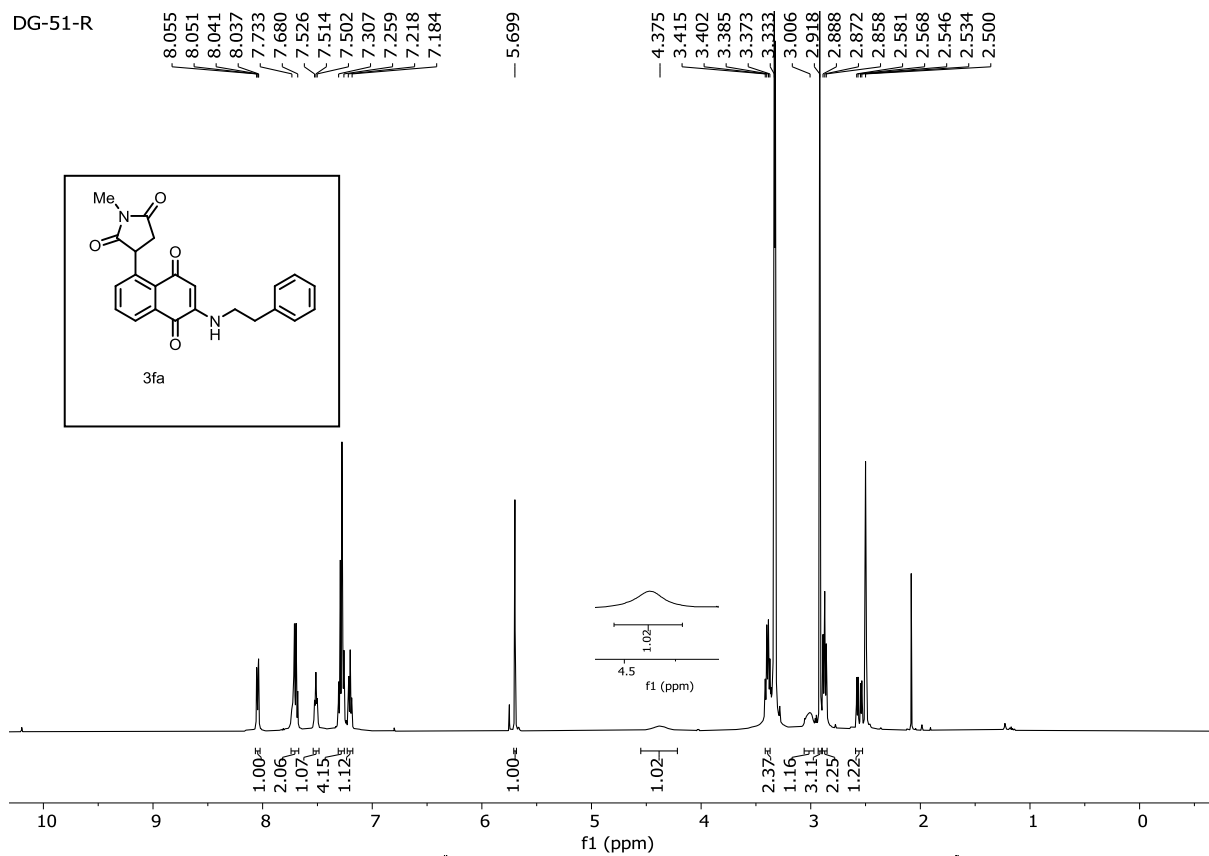
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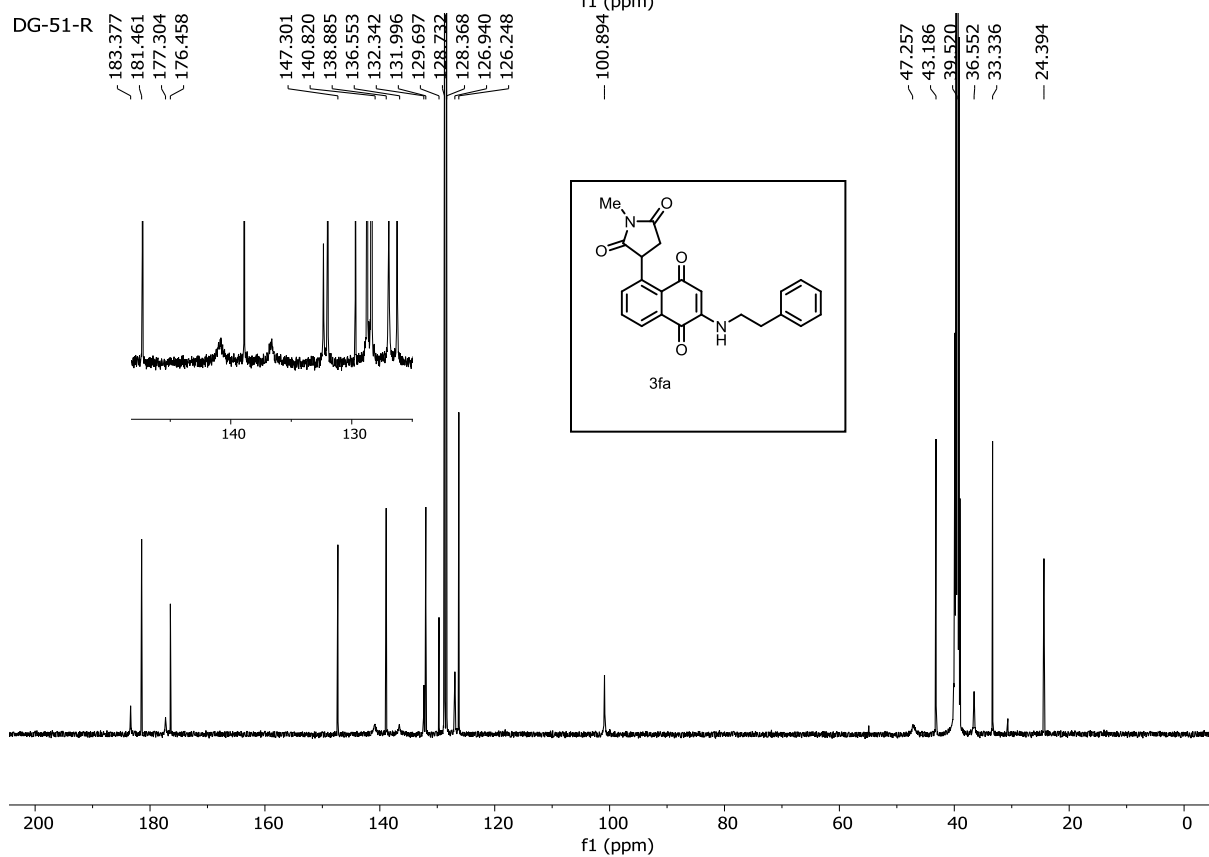
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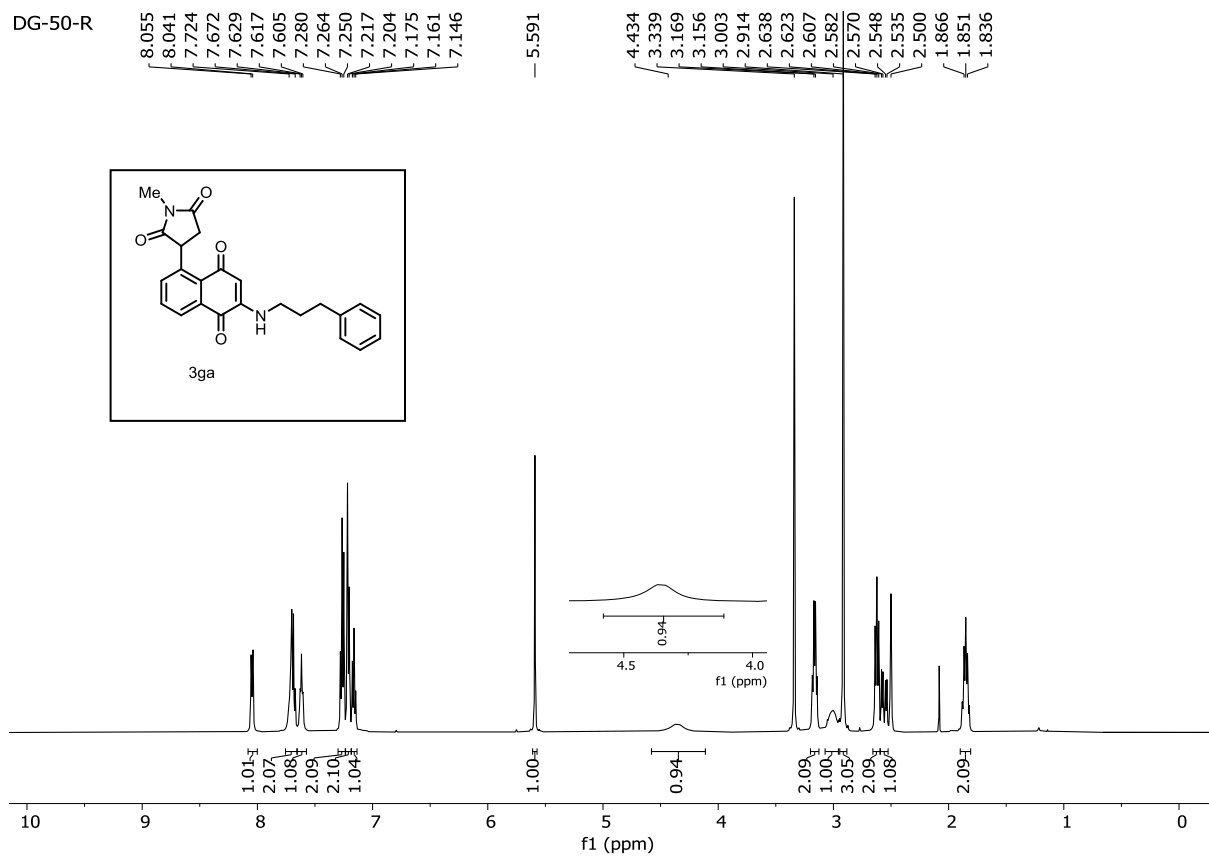
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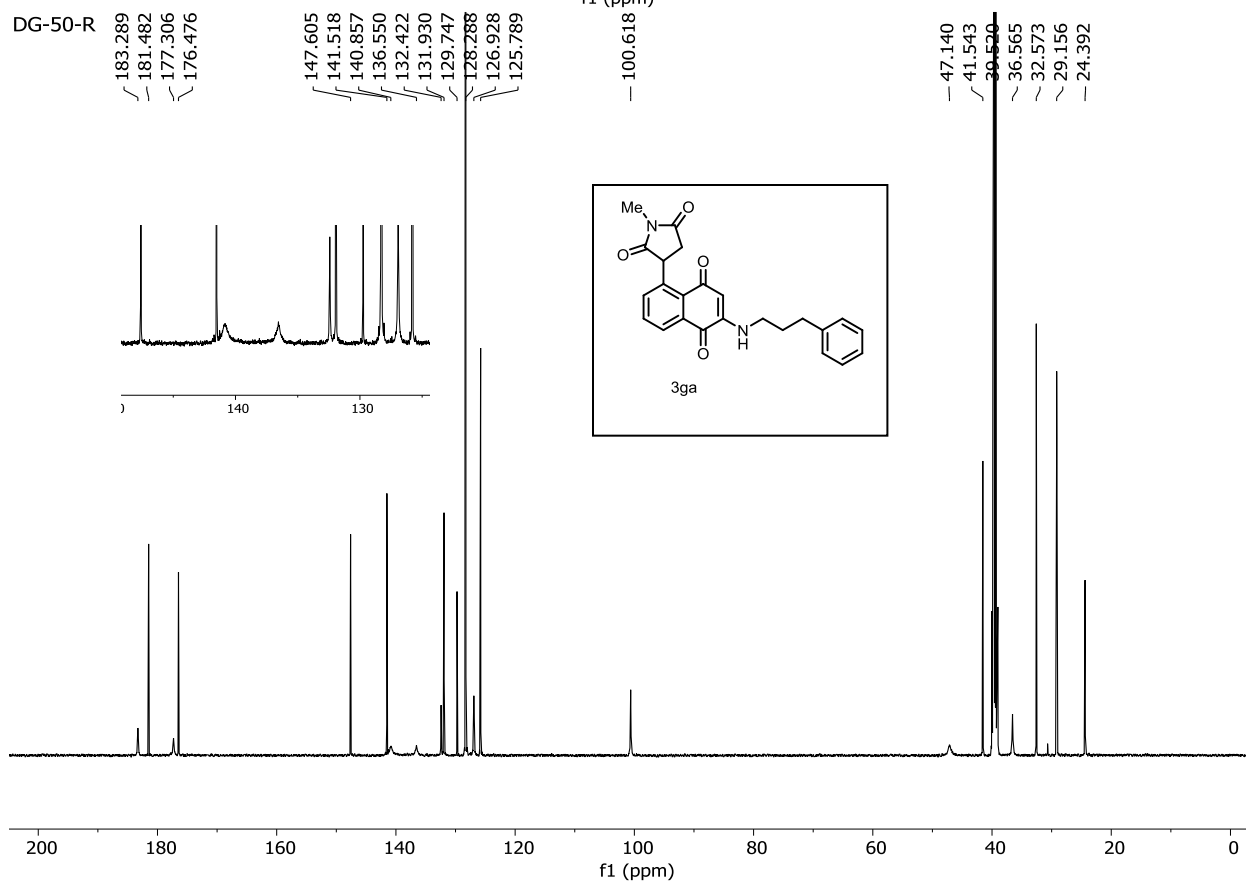
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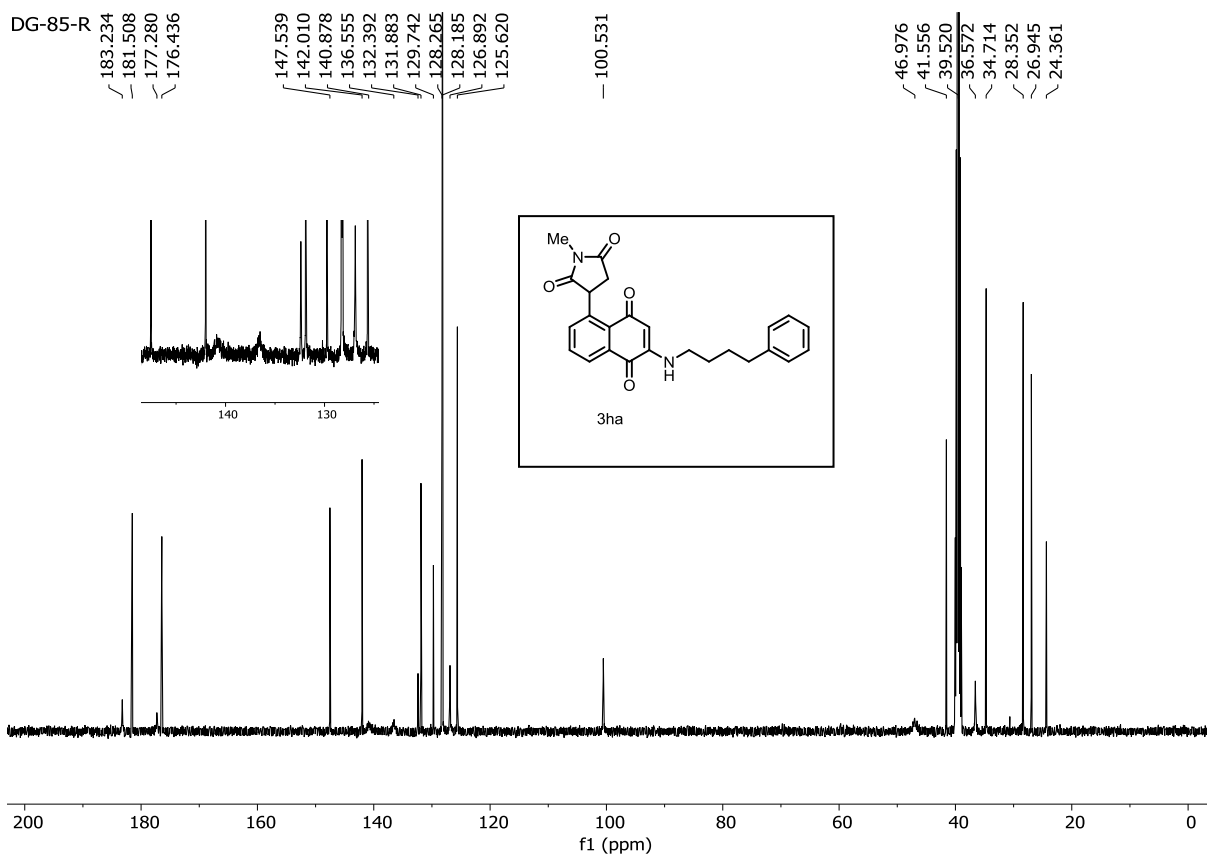
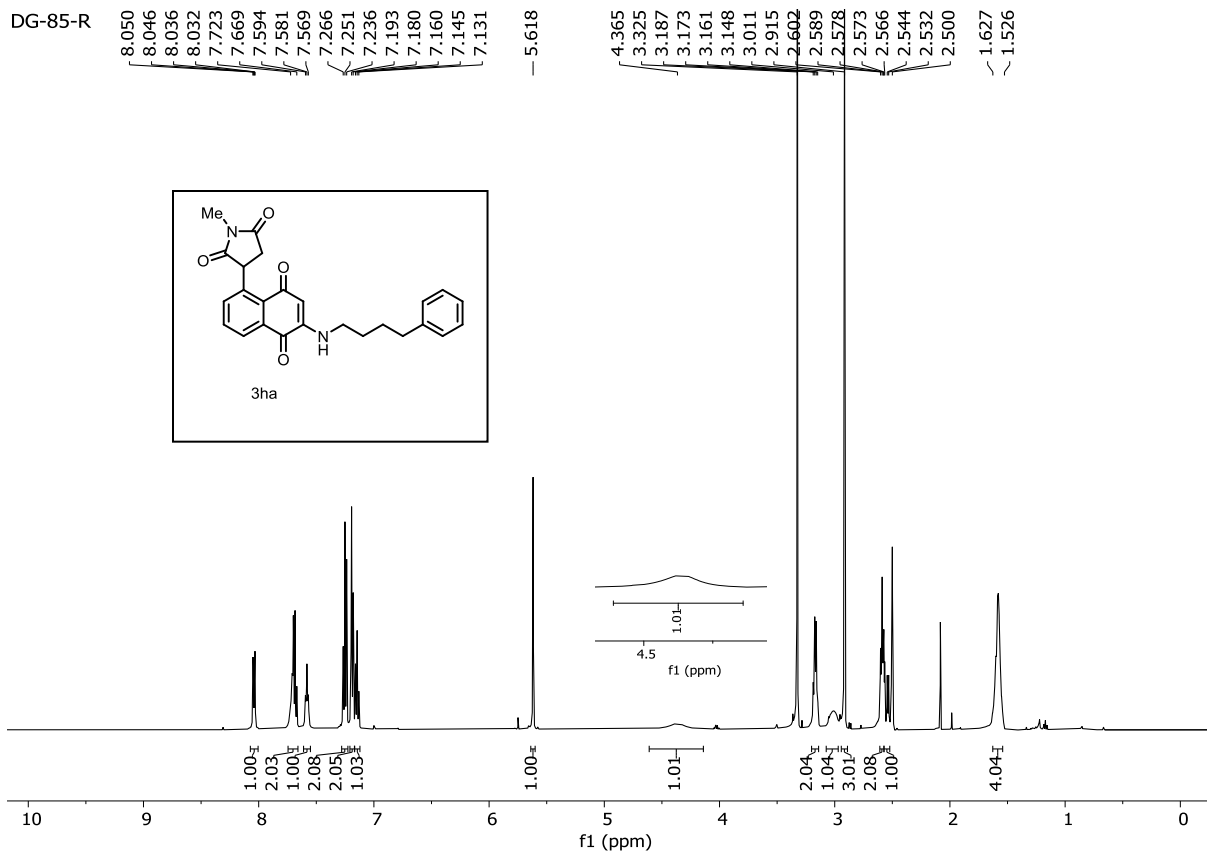


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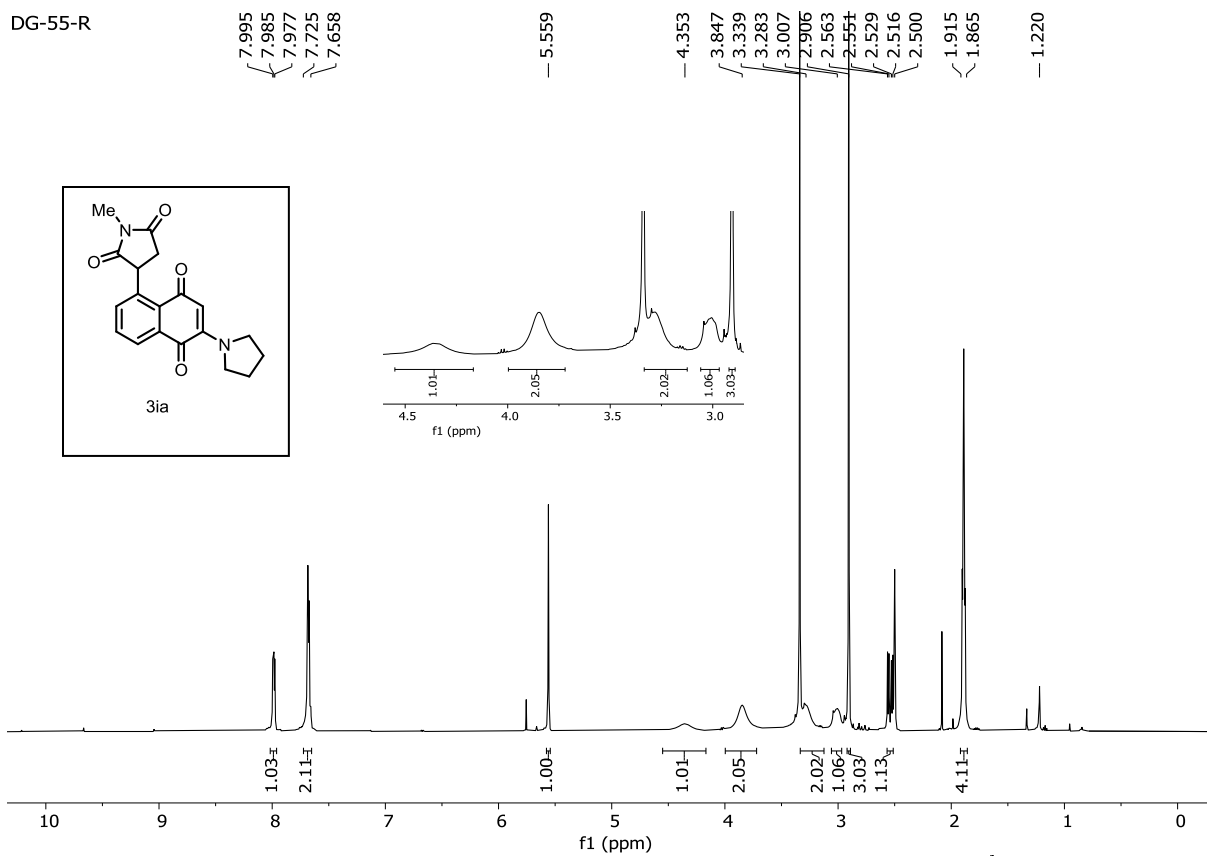


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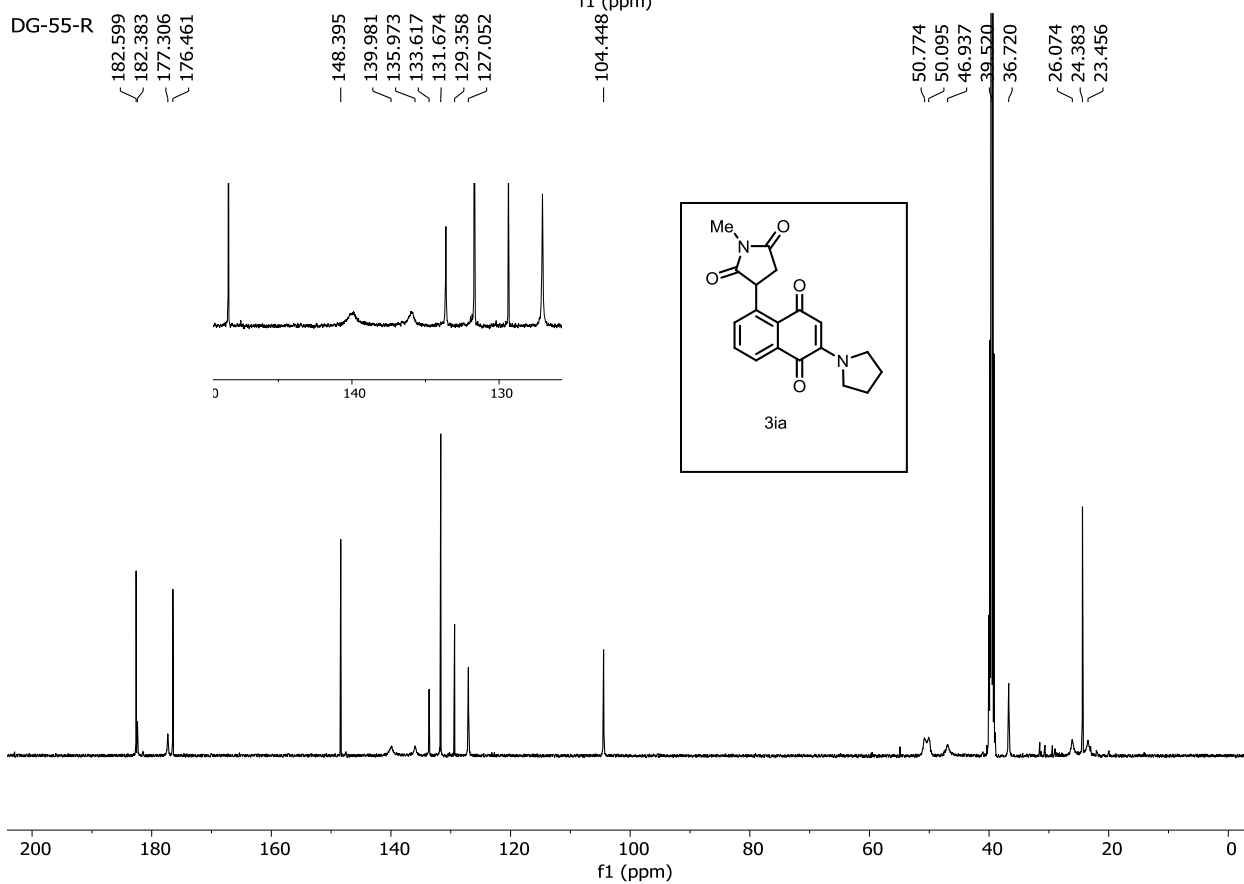




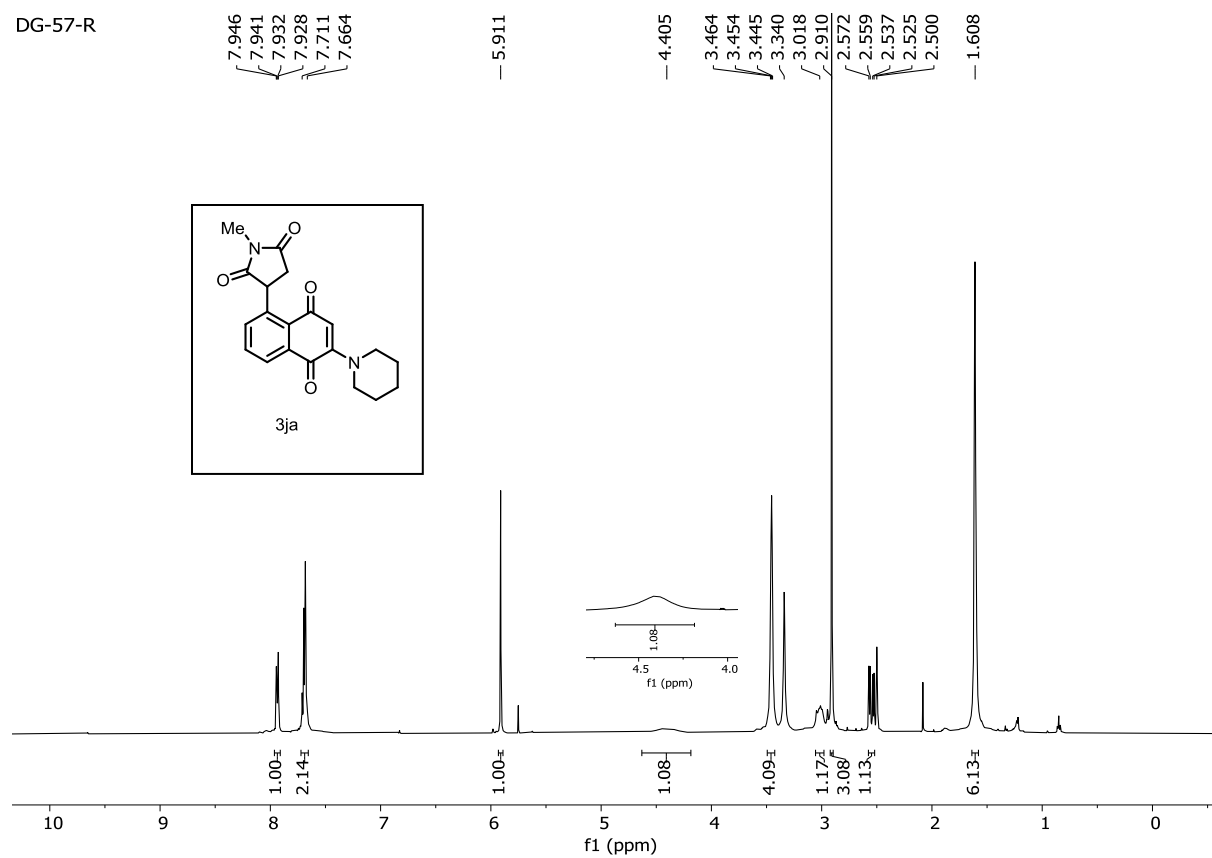
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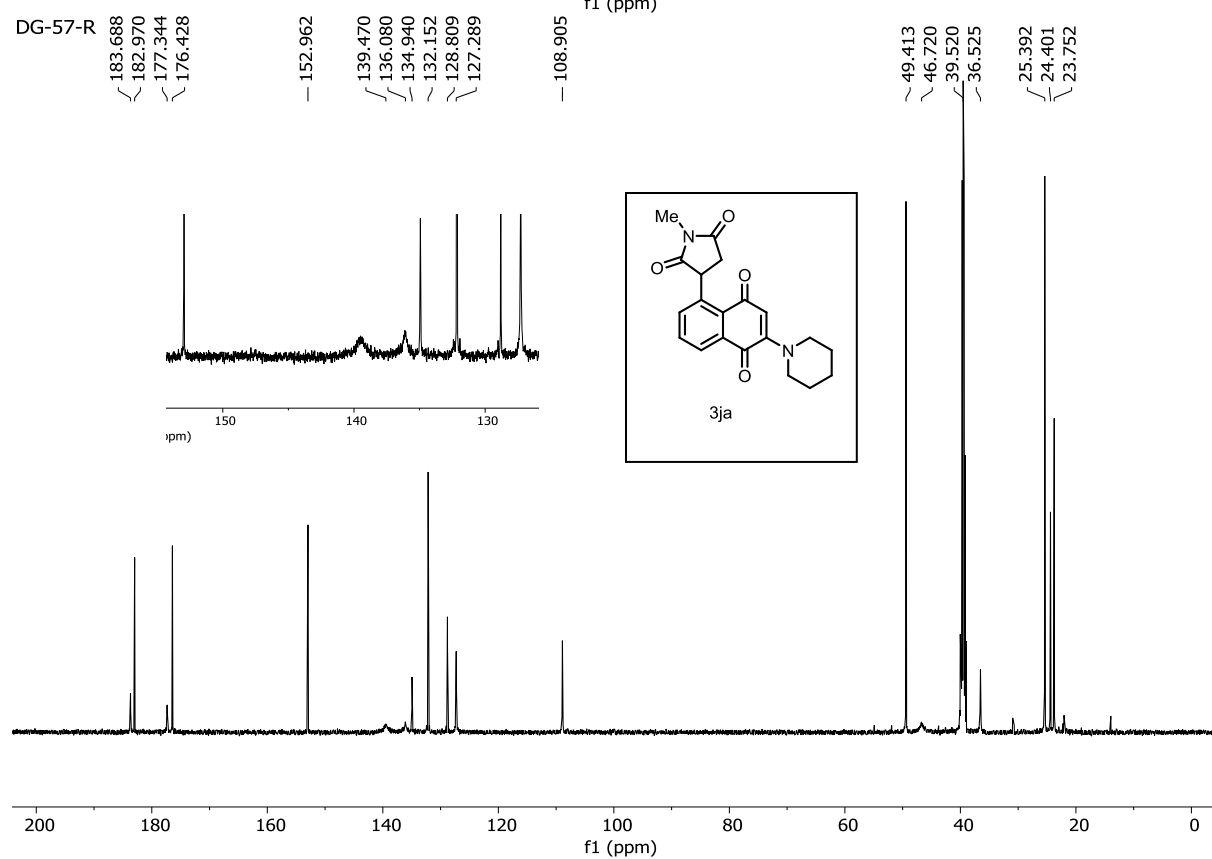
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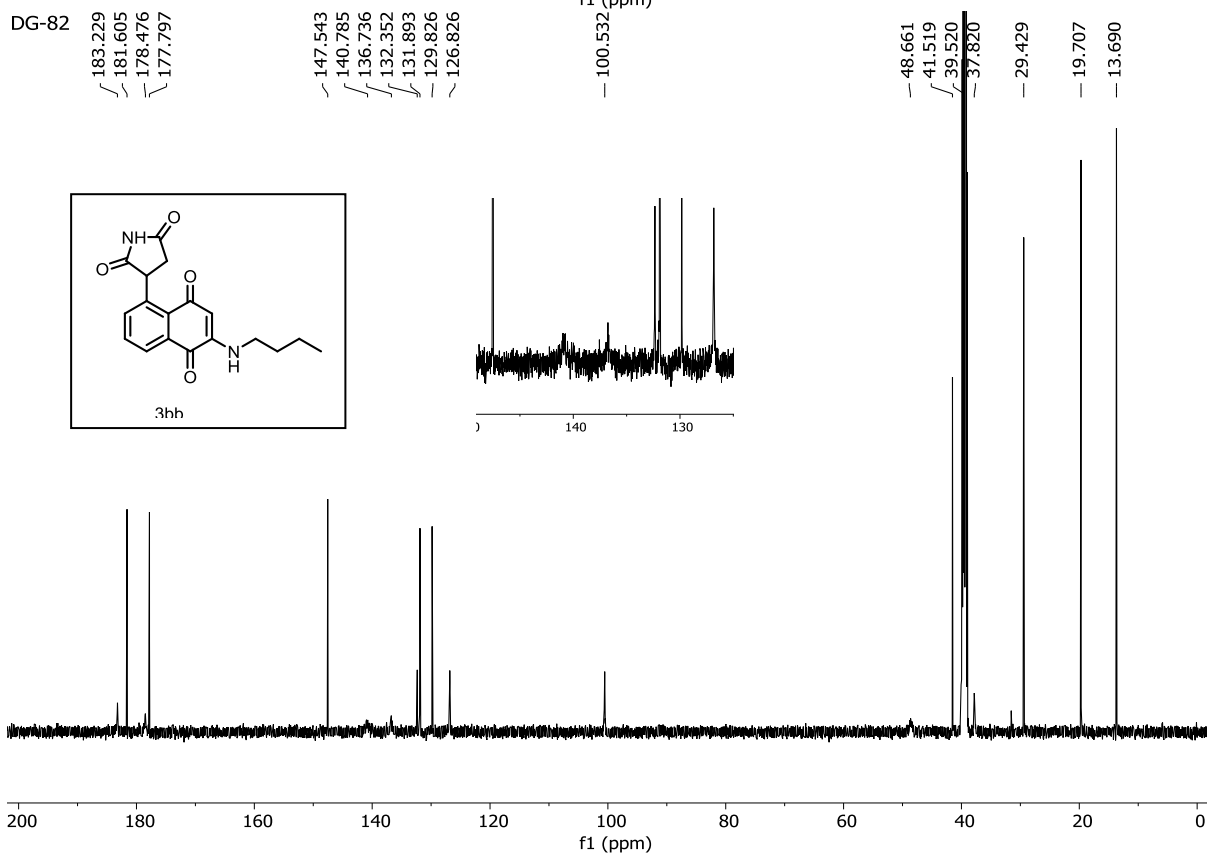
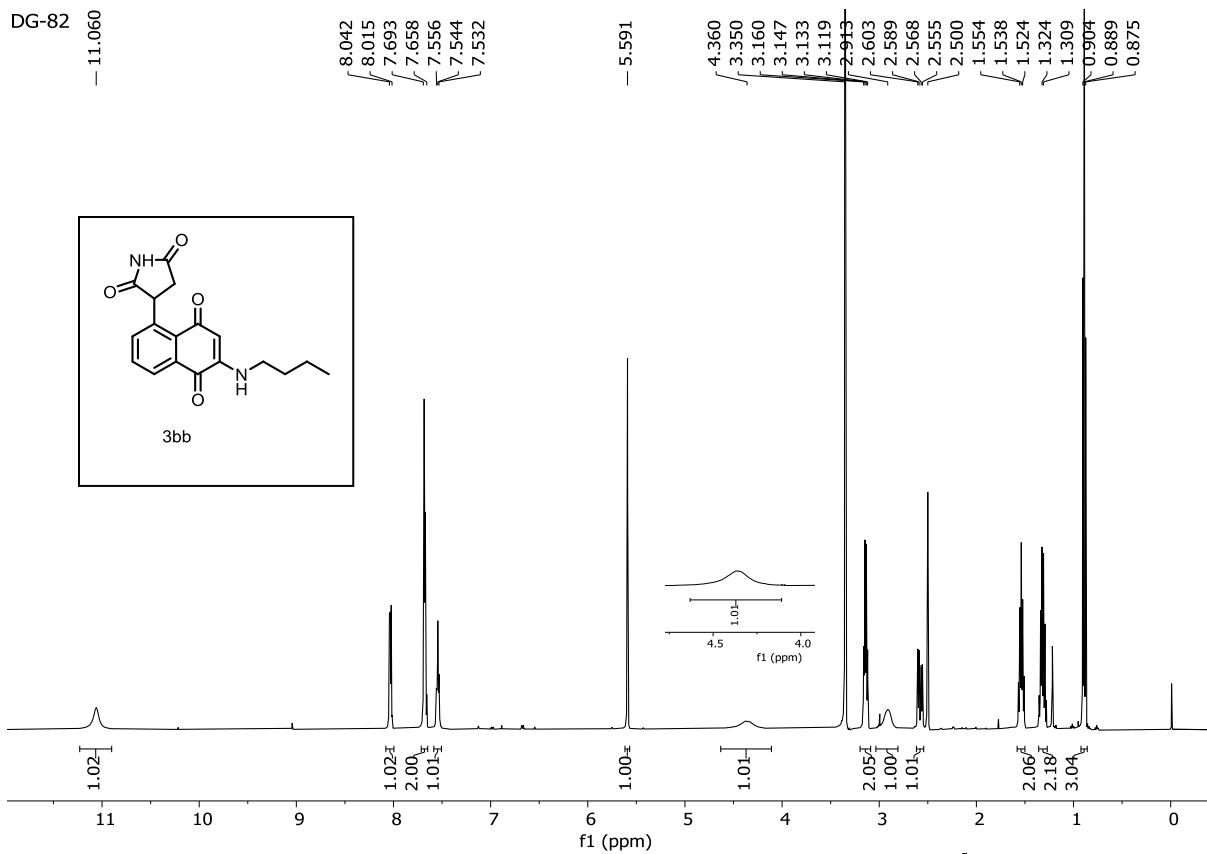


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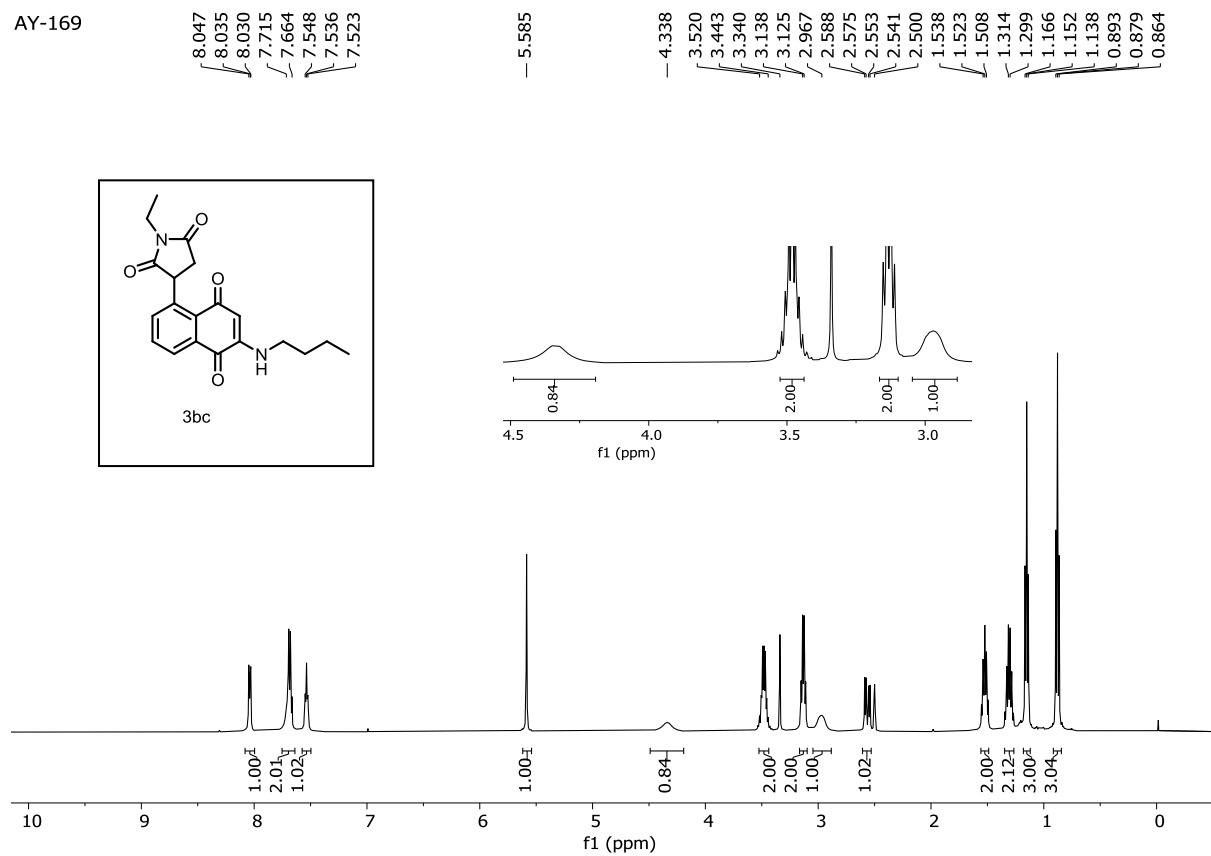


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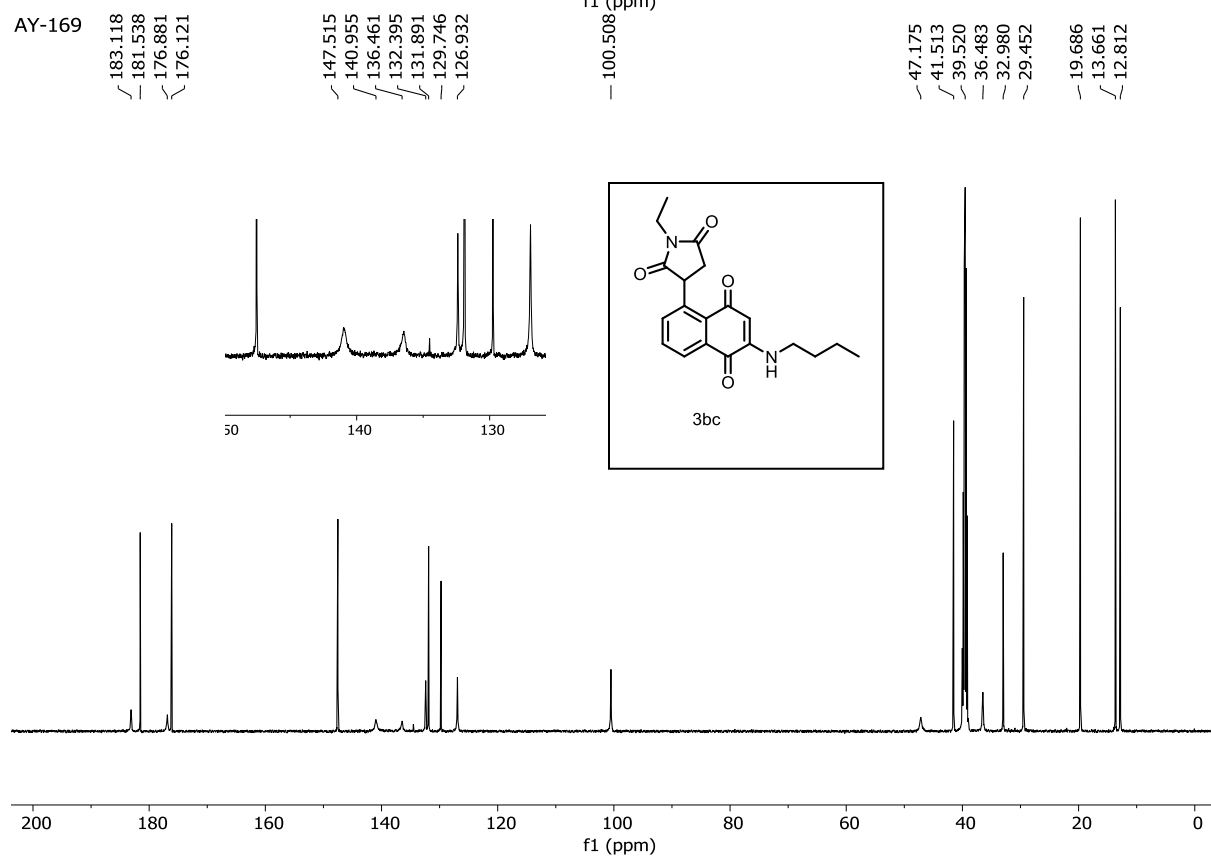




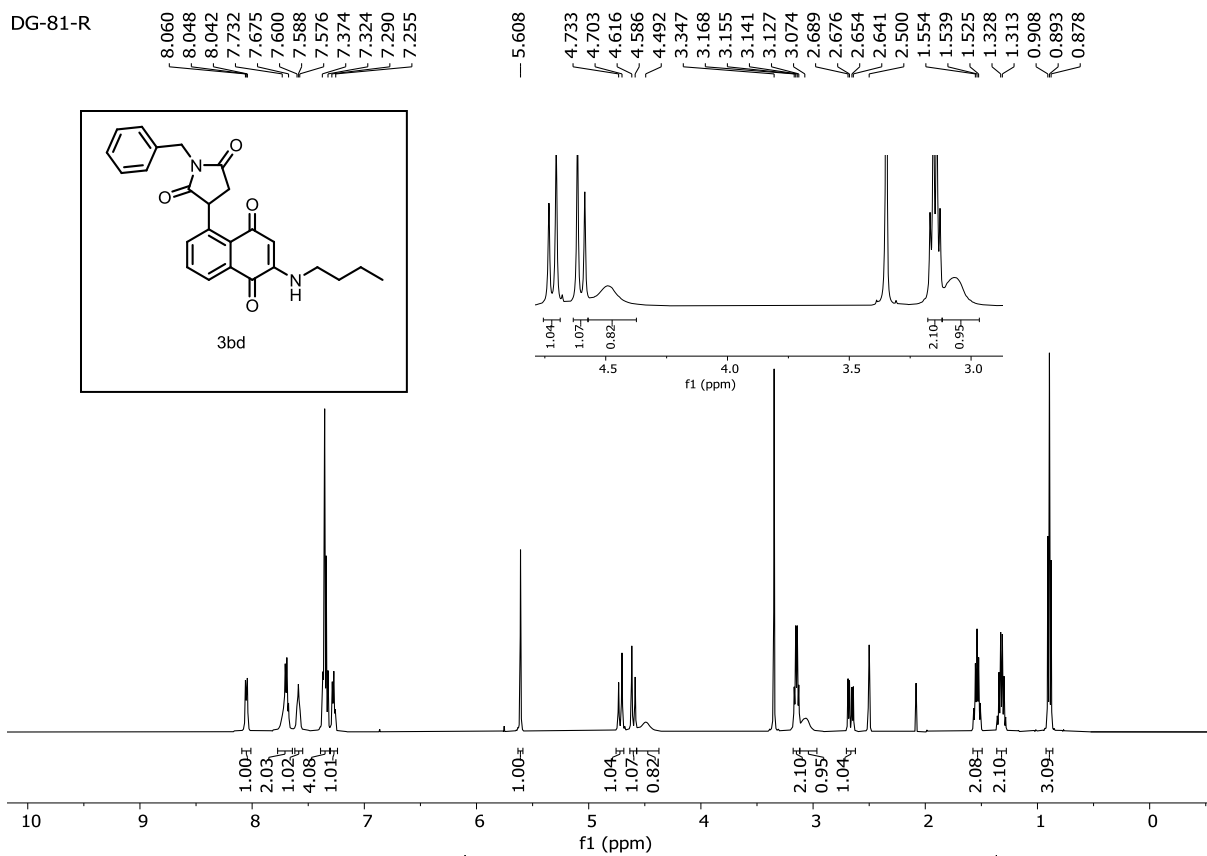
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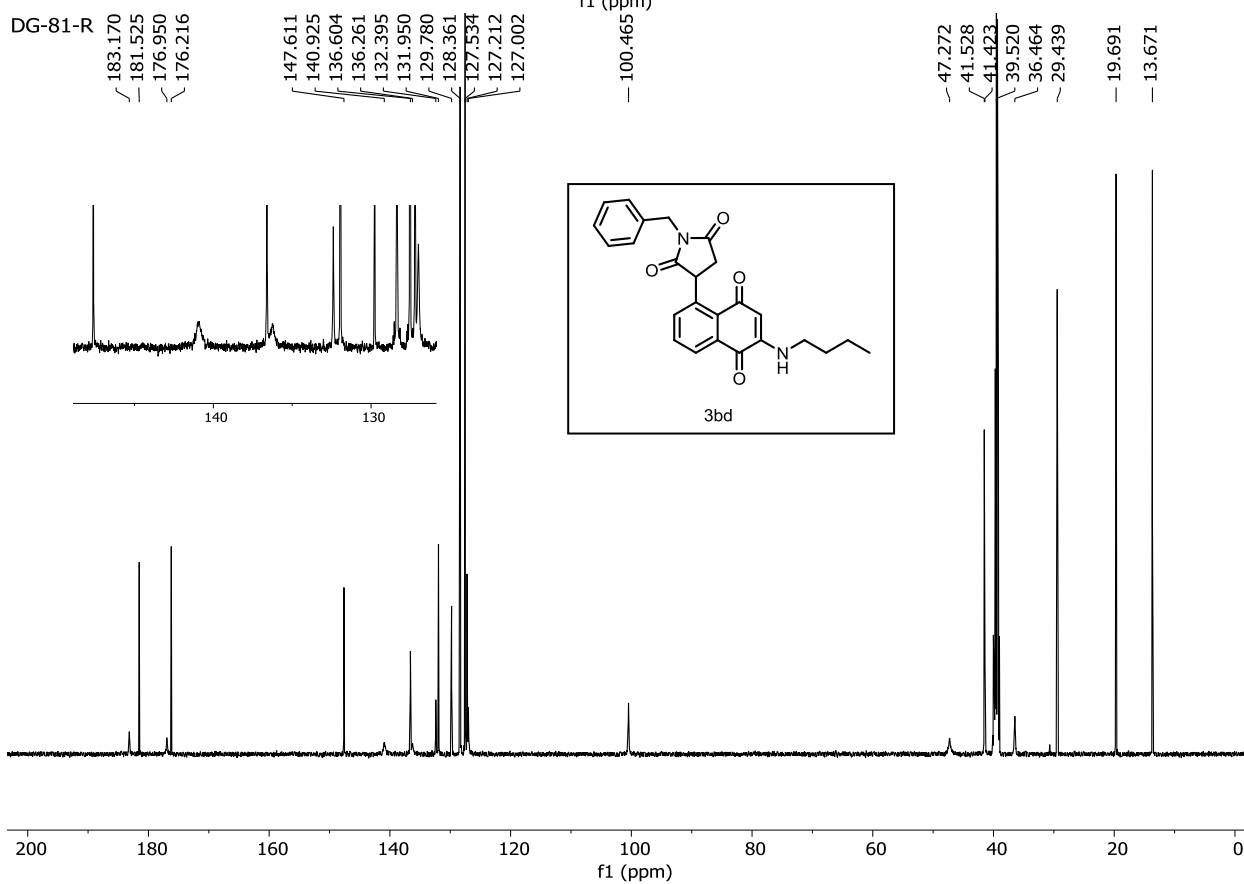
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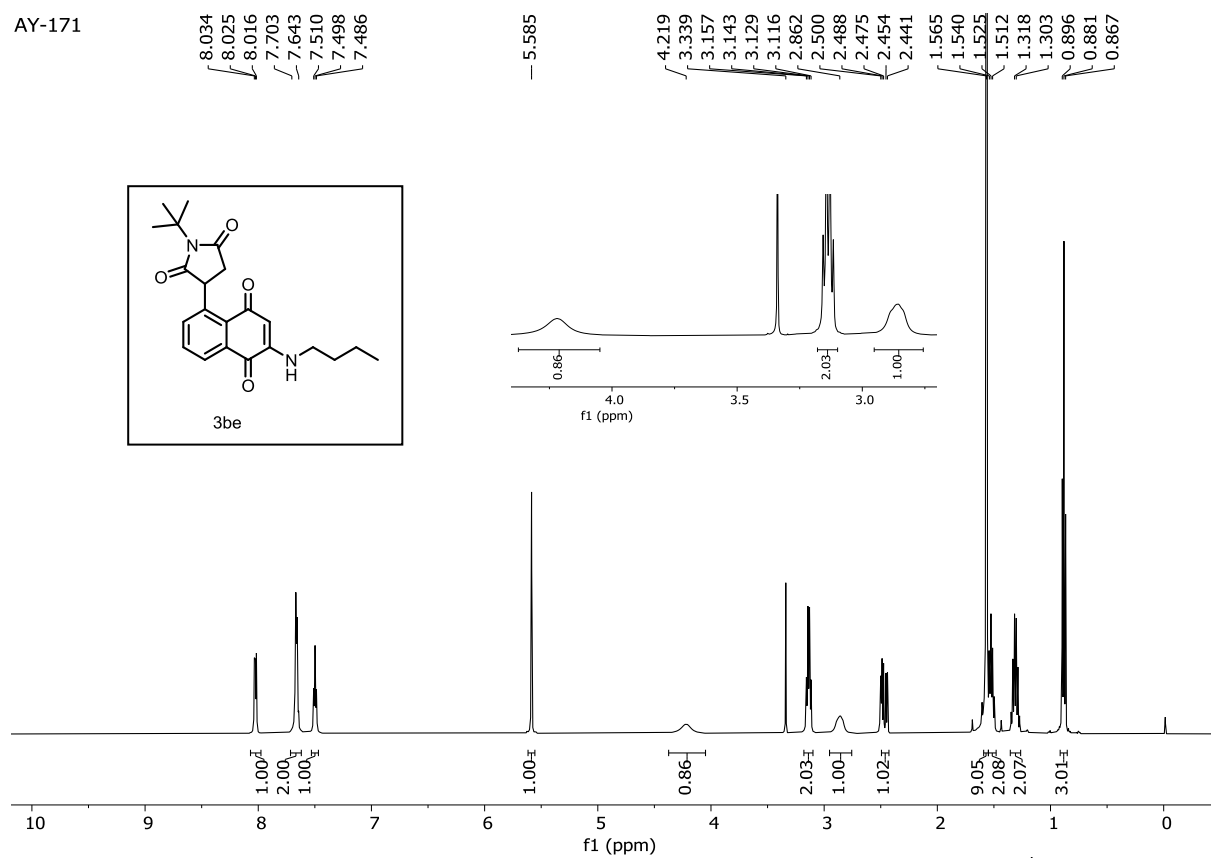
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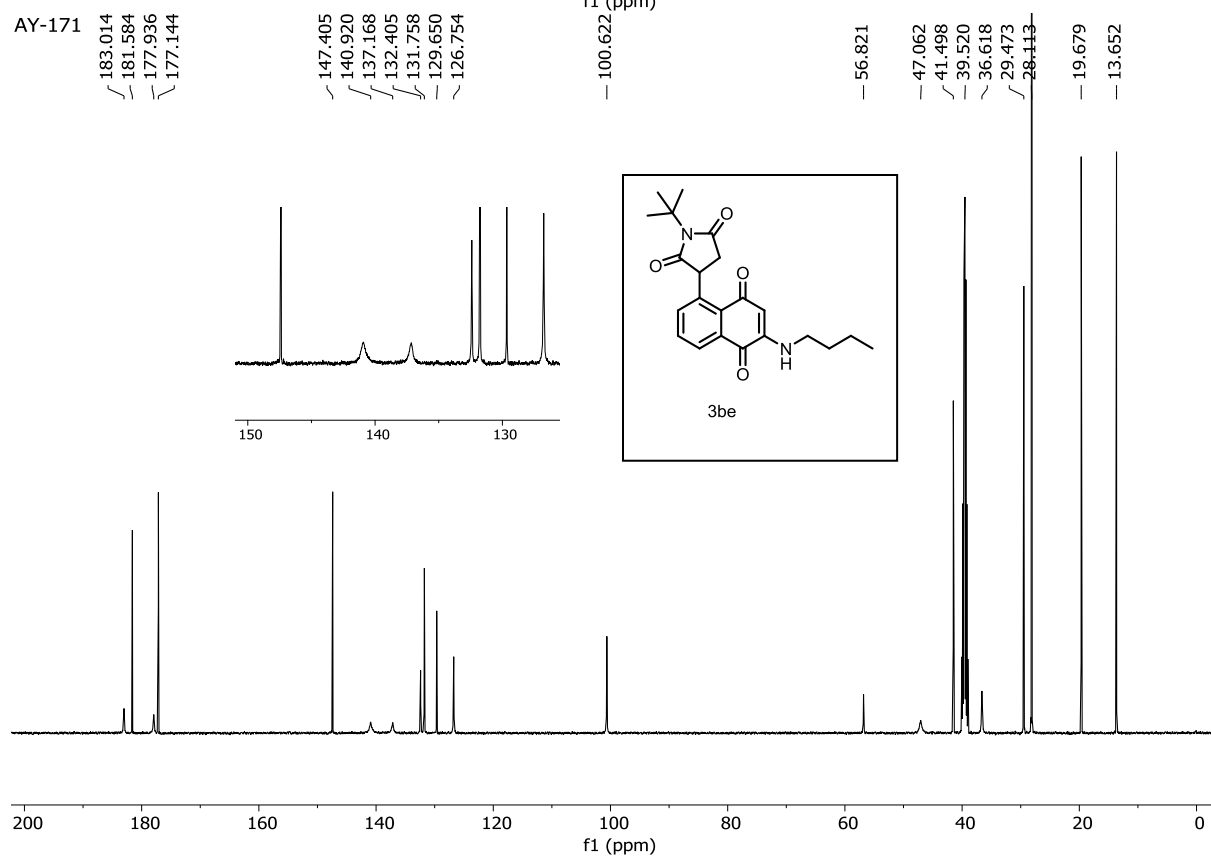
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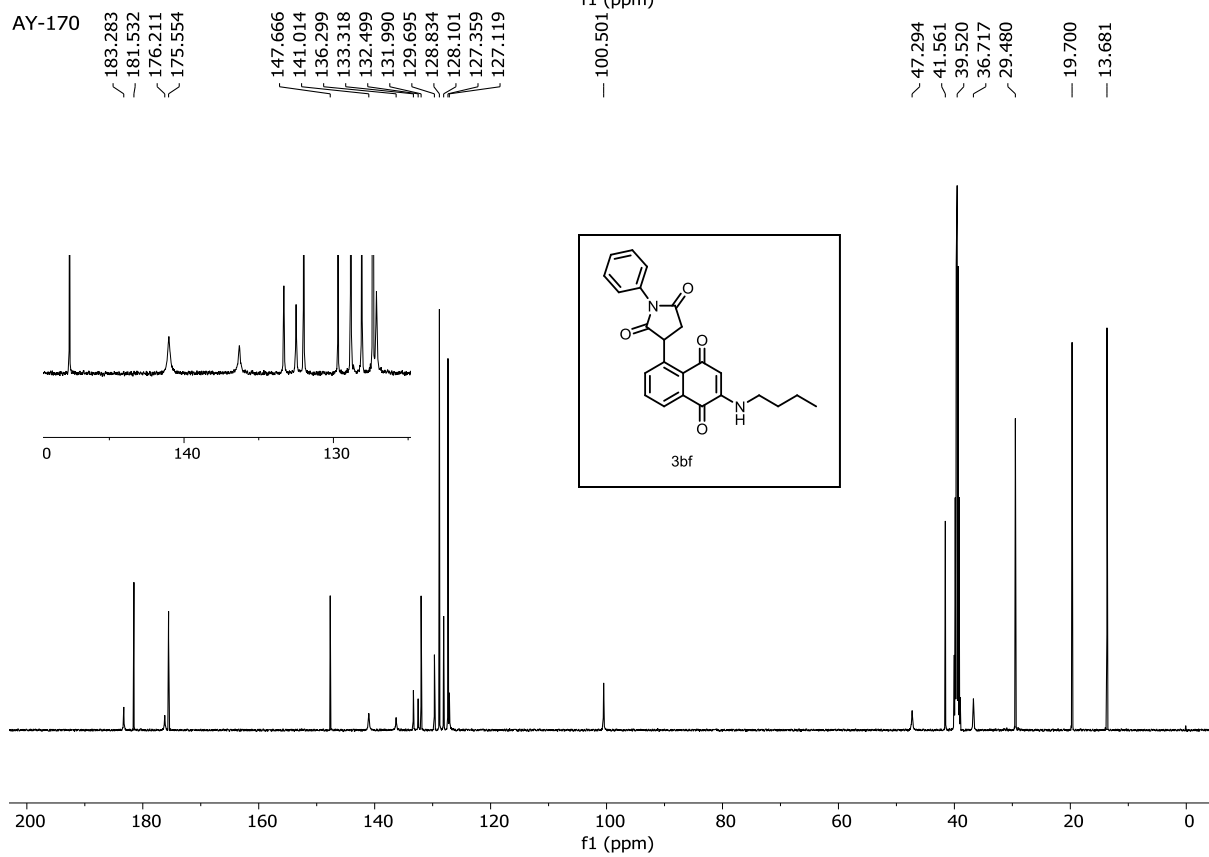
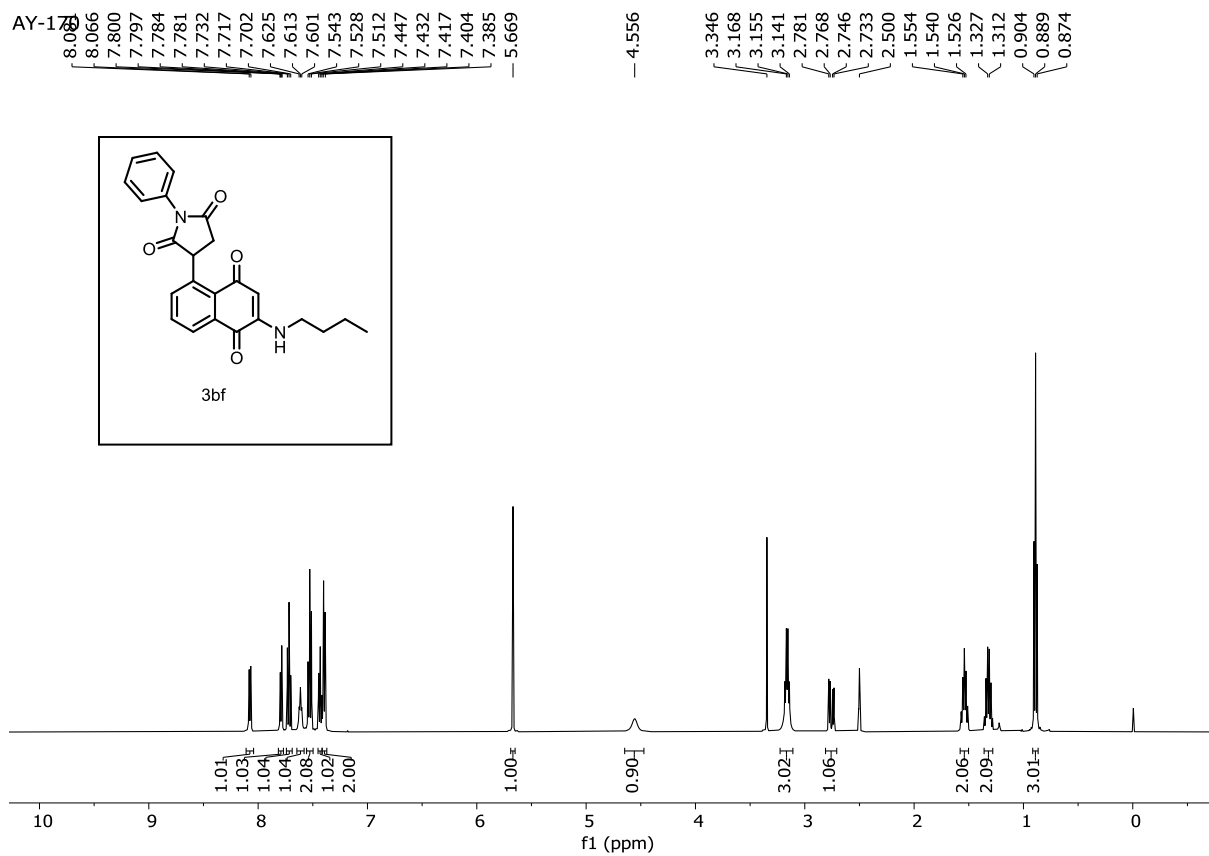


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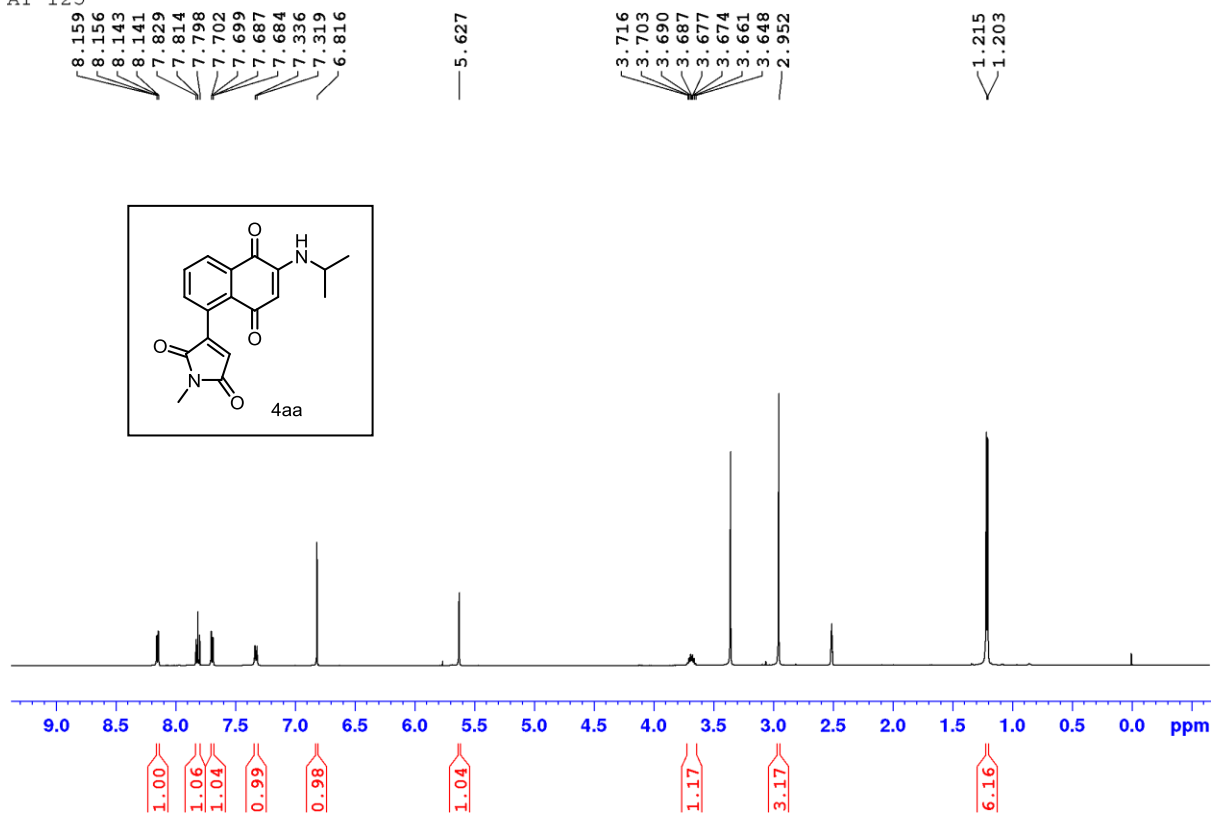


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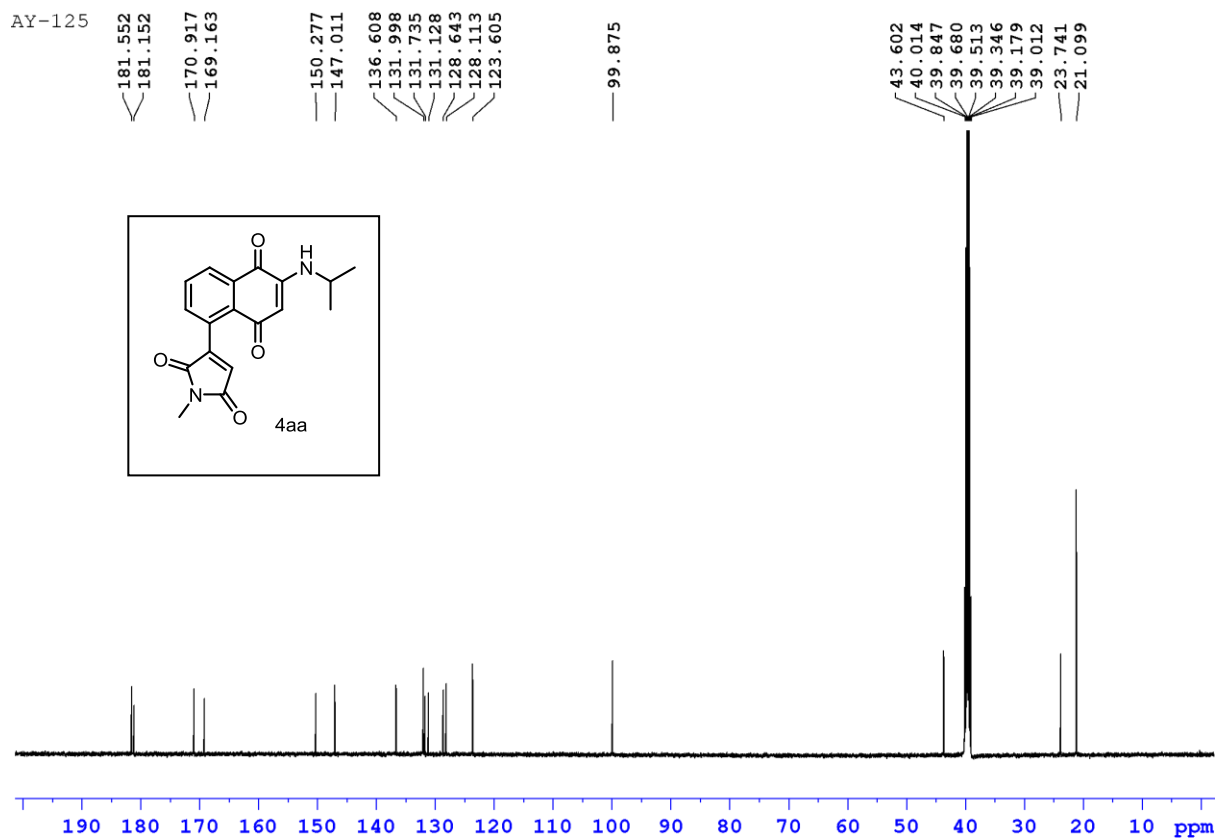




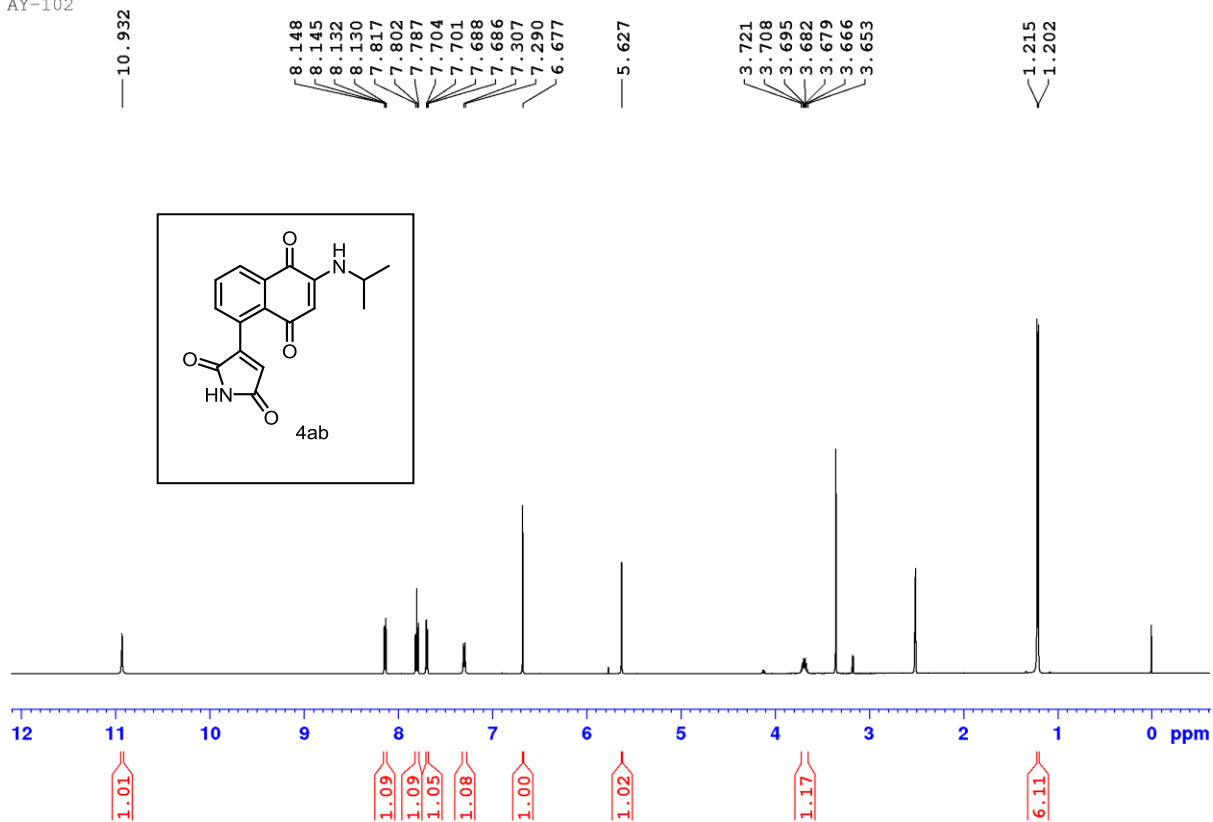
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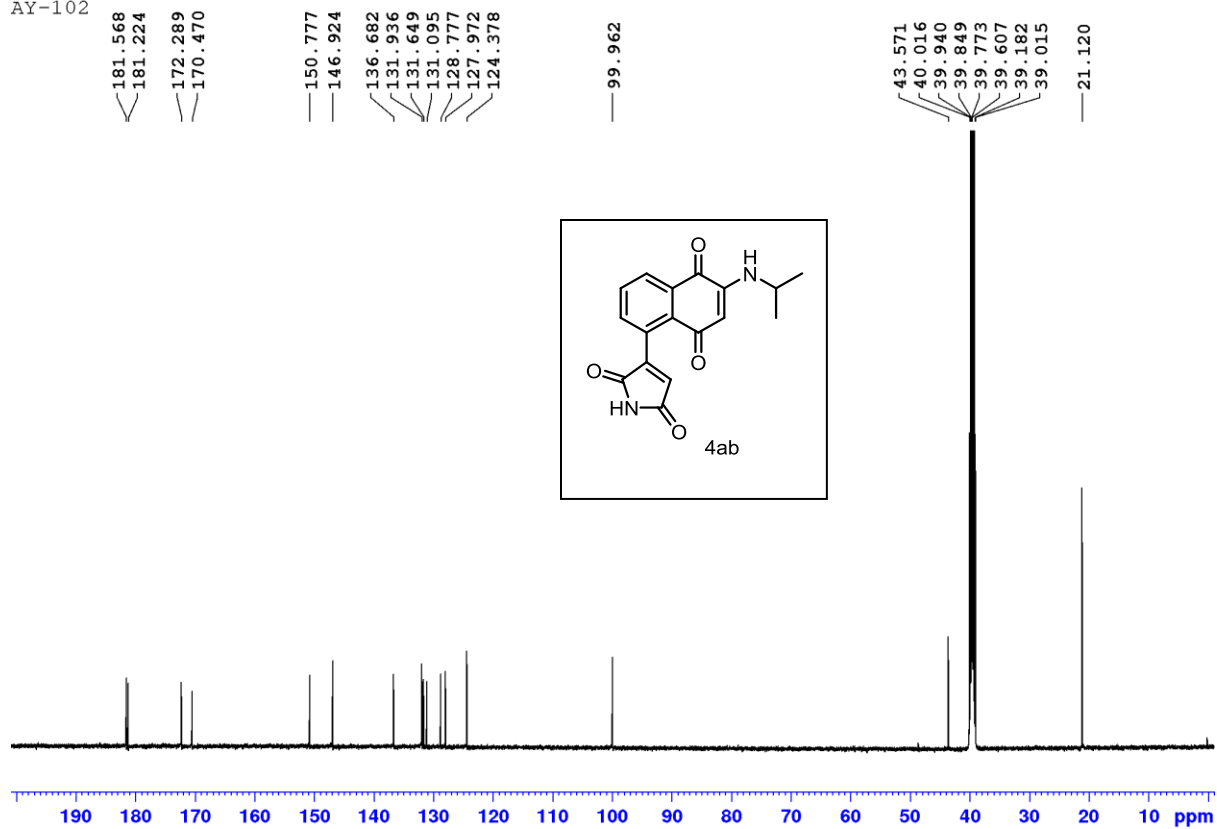
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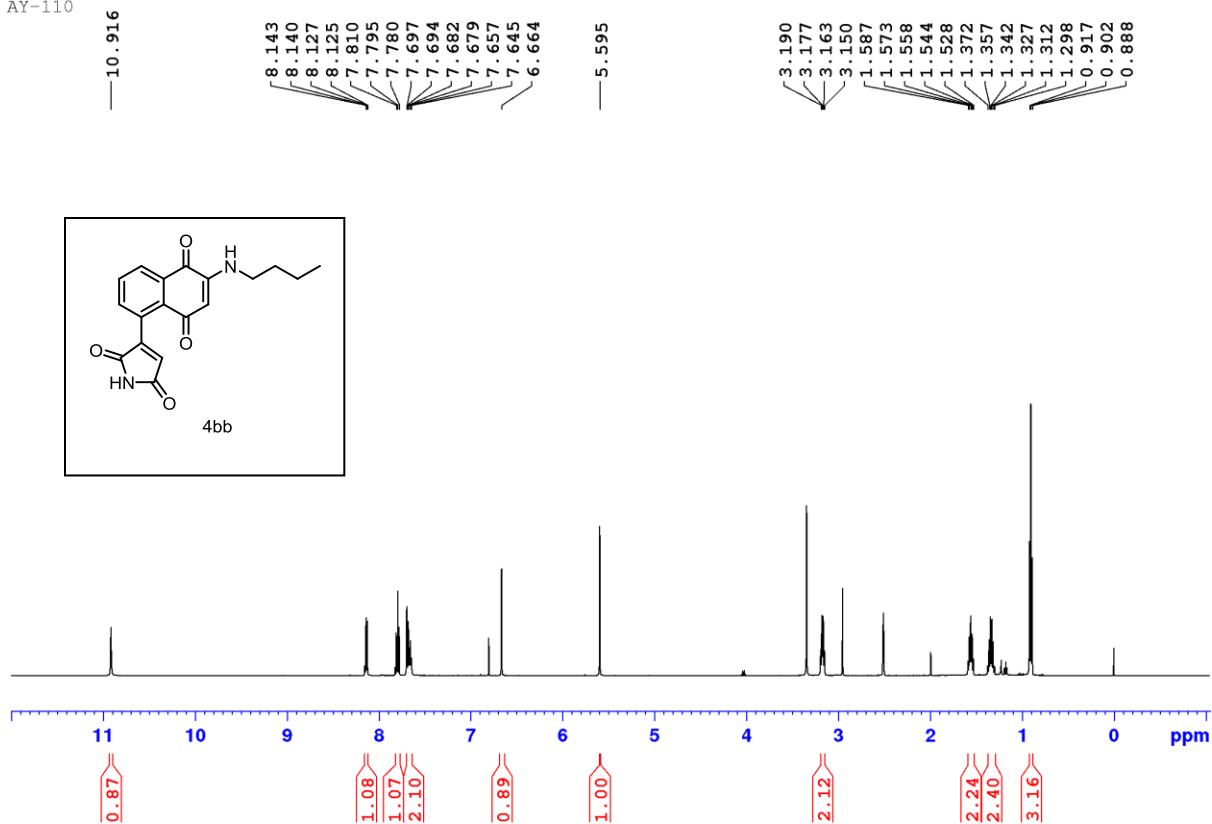
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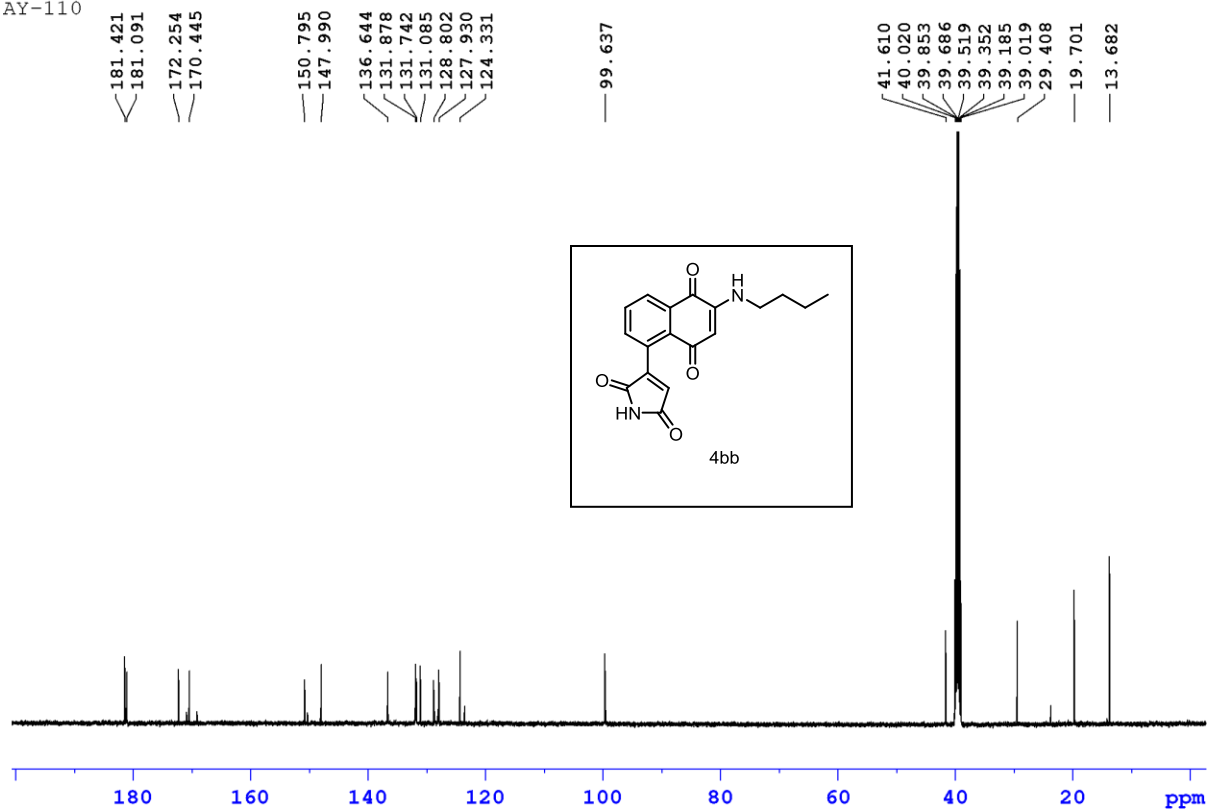
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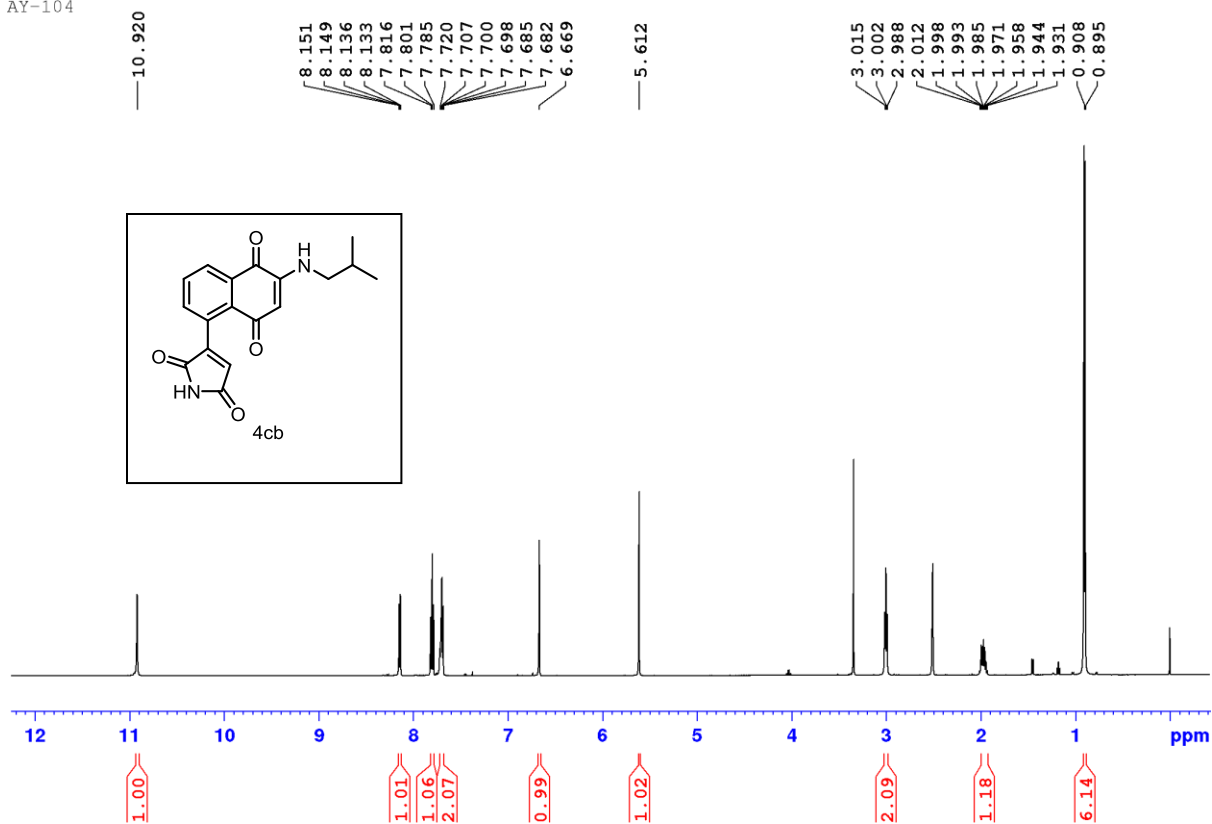
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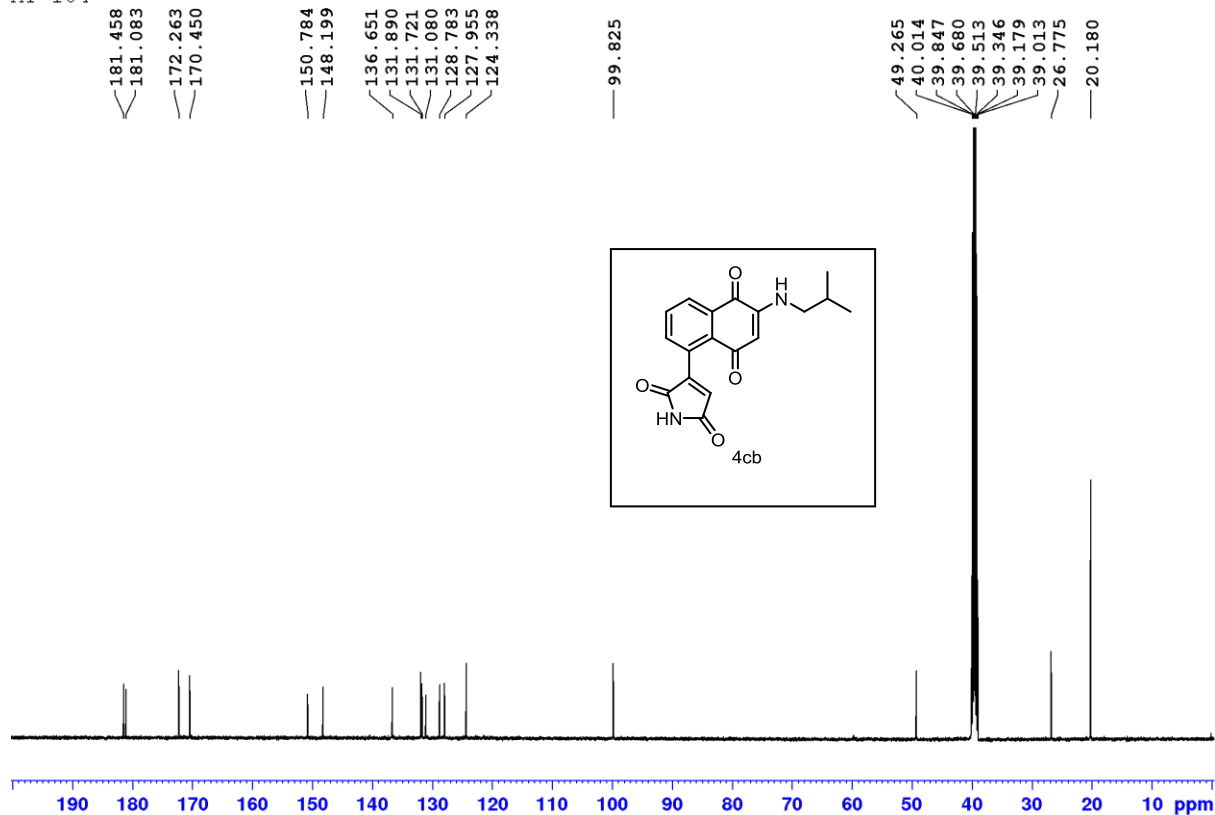
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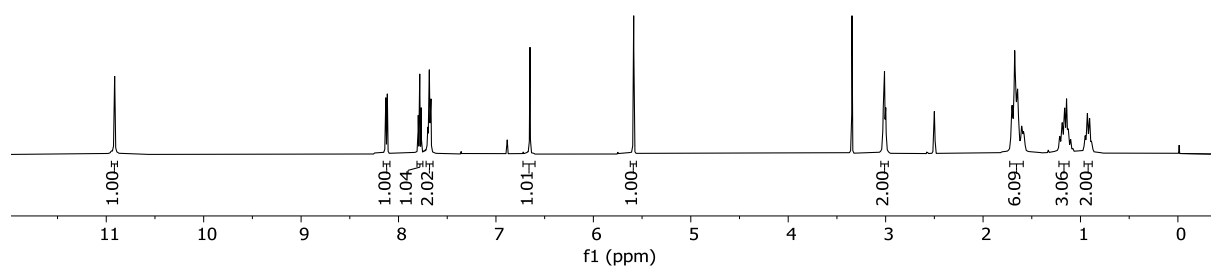
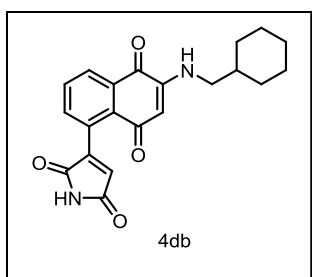
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— 6.649

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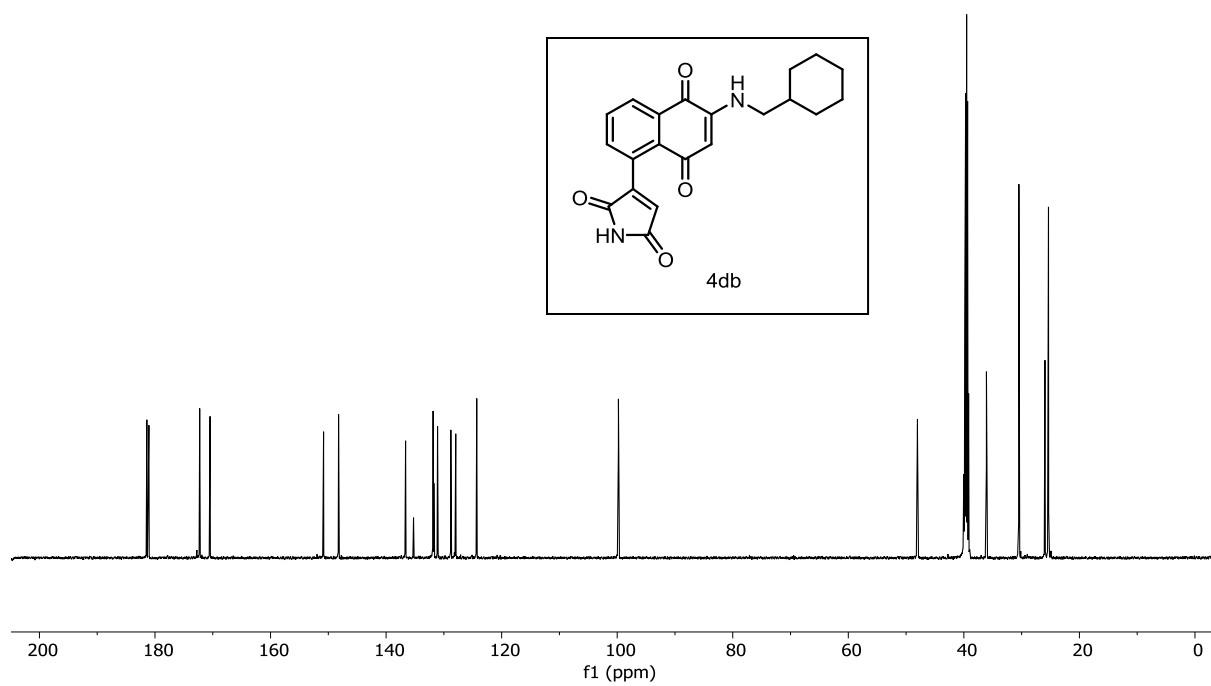
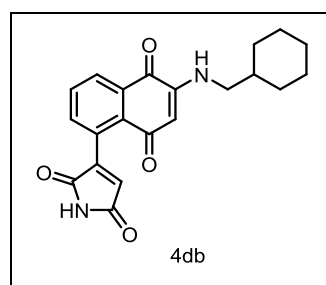
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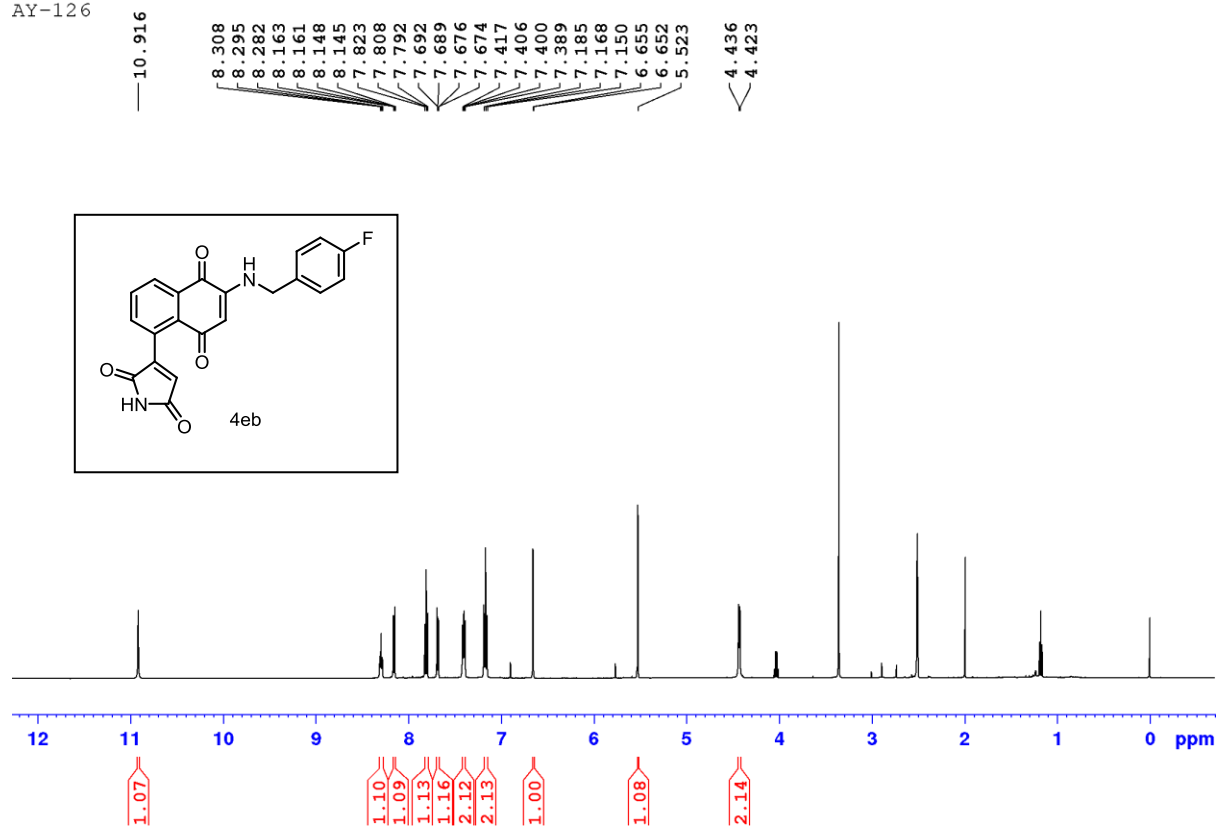
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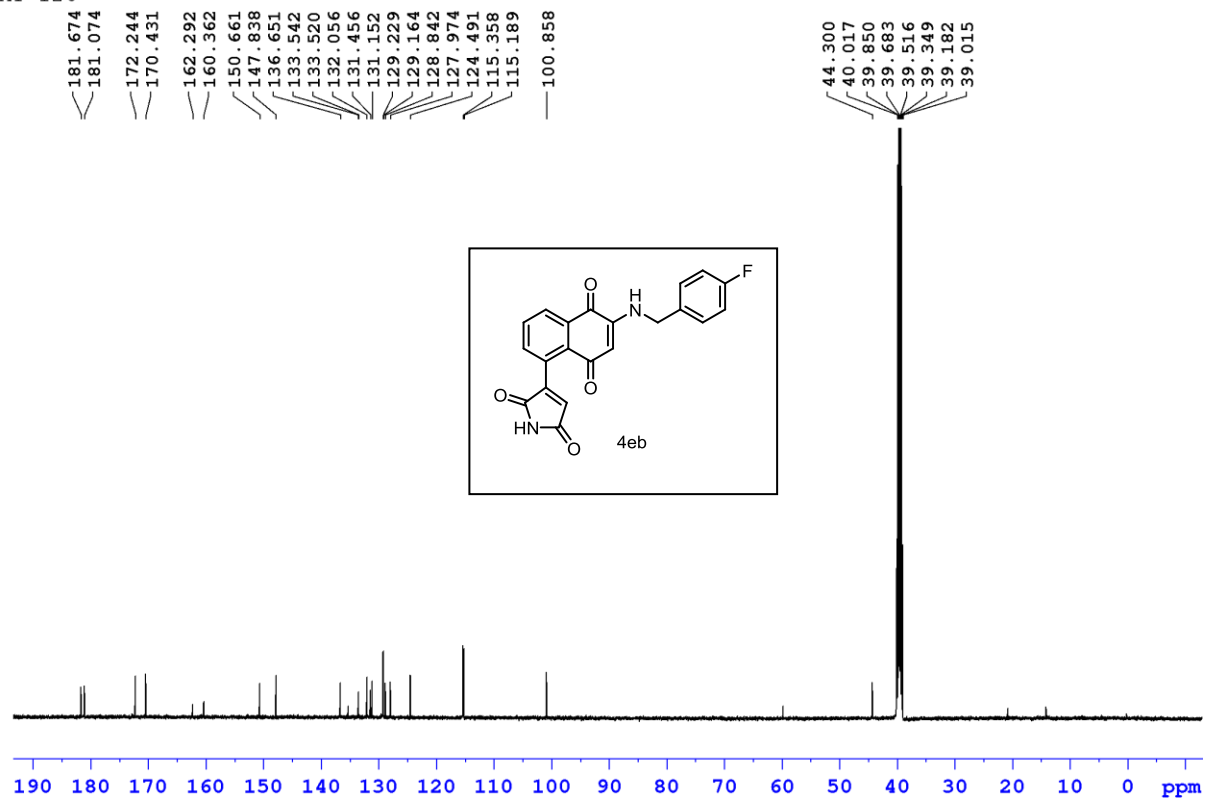
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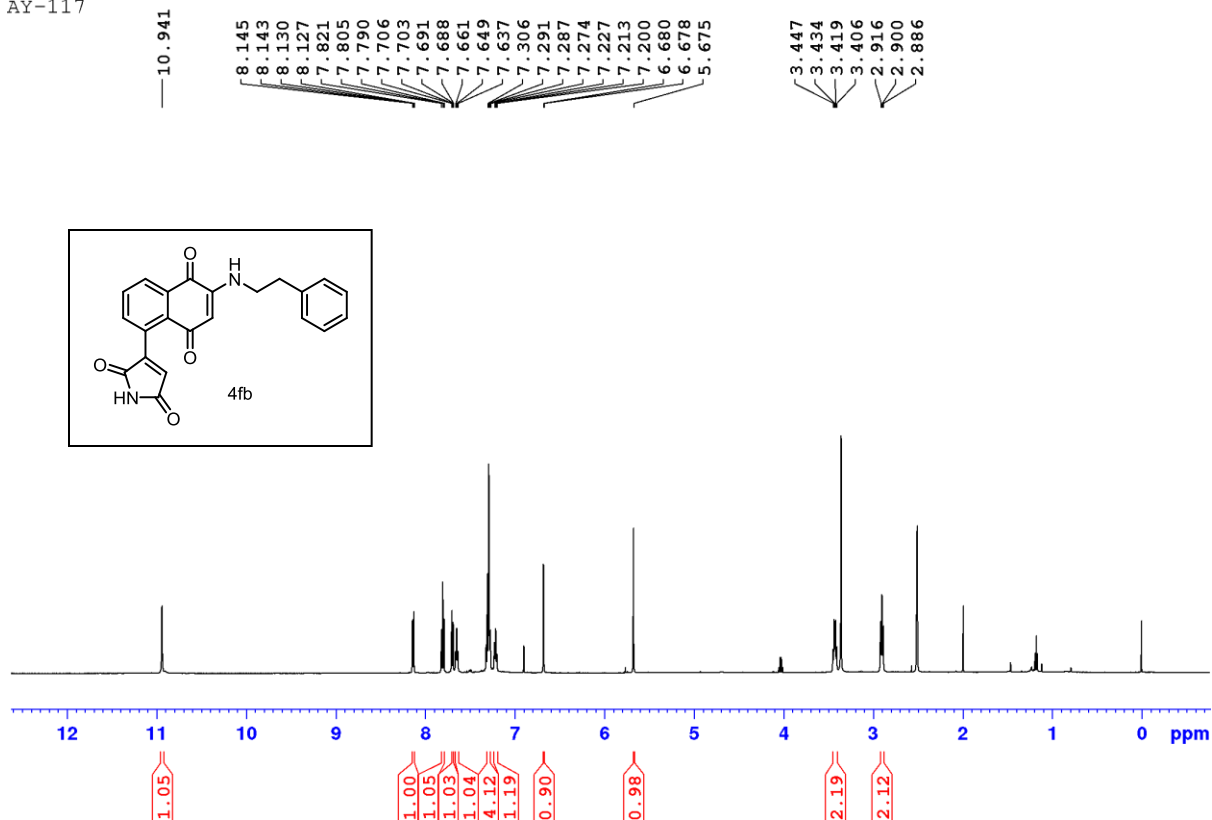
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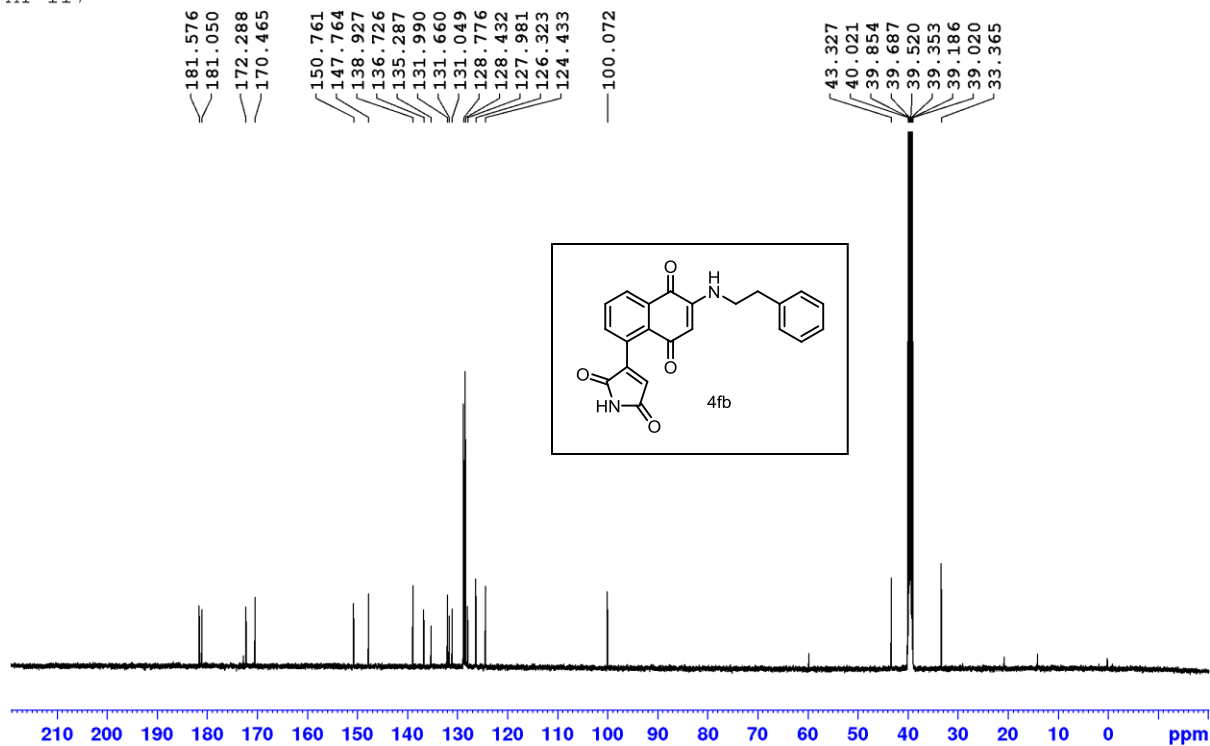
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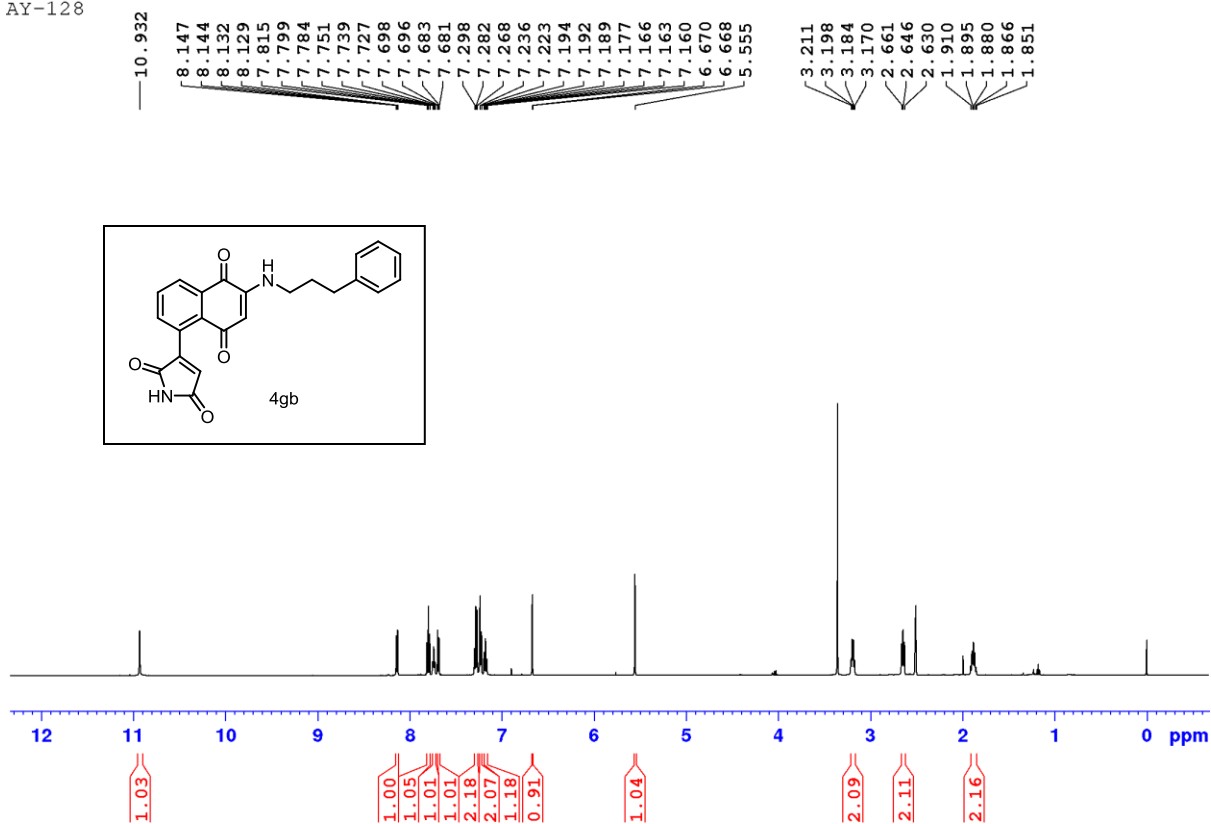
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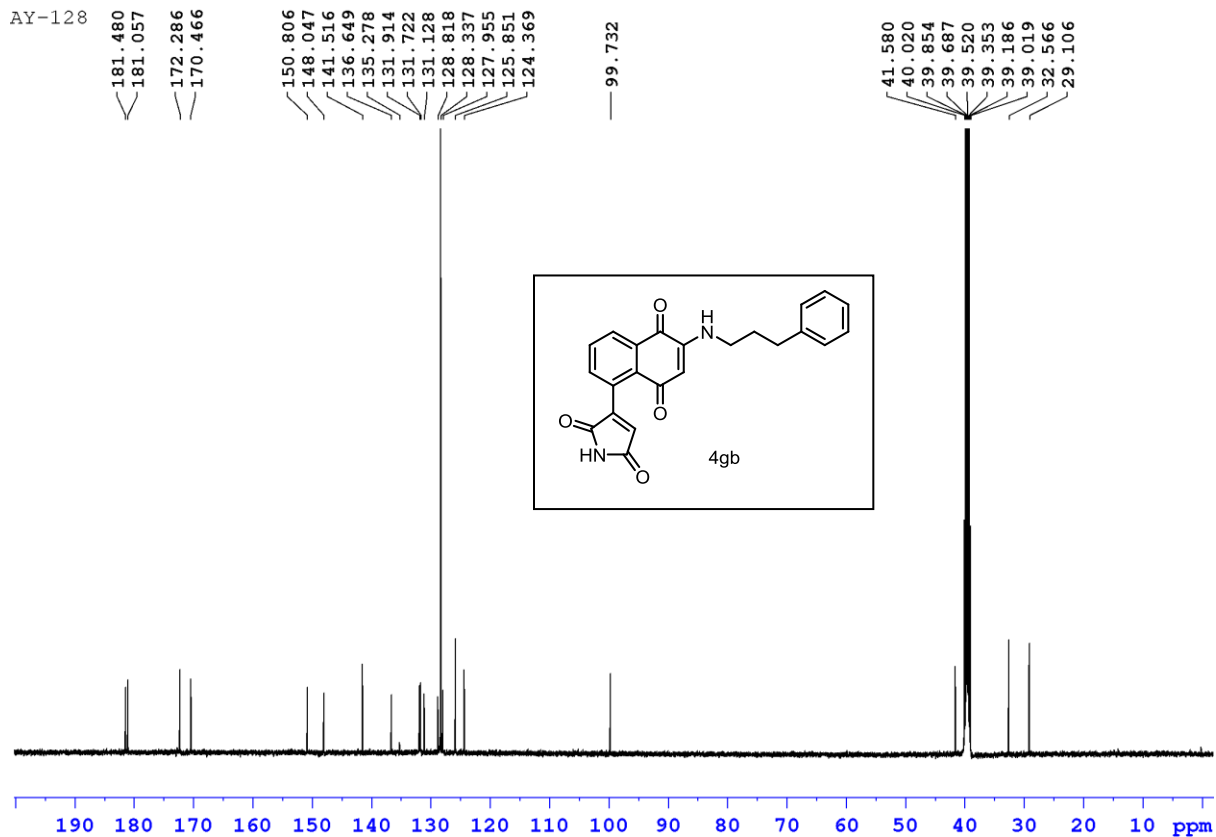
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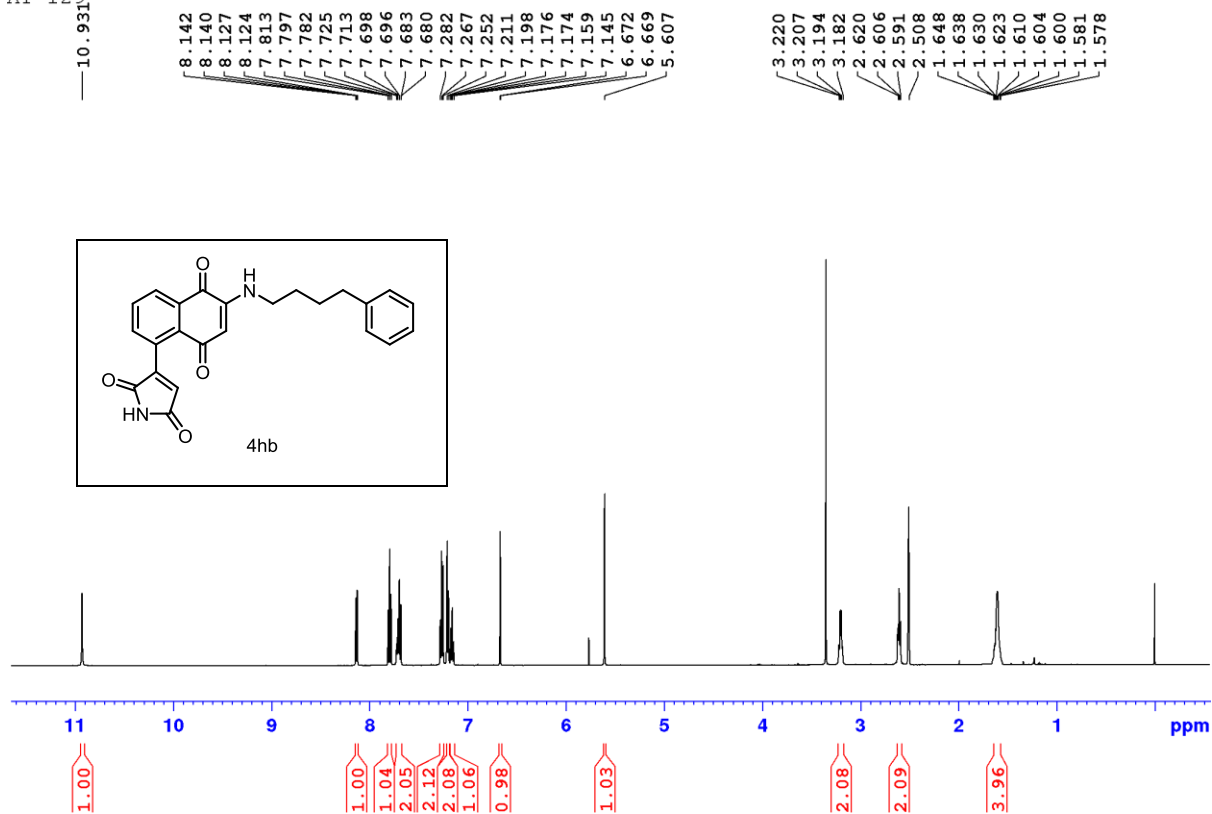
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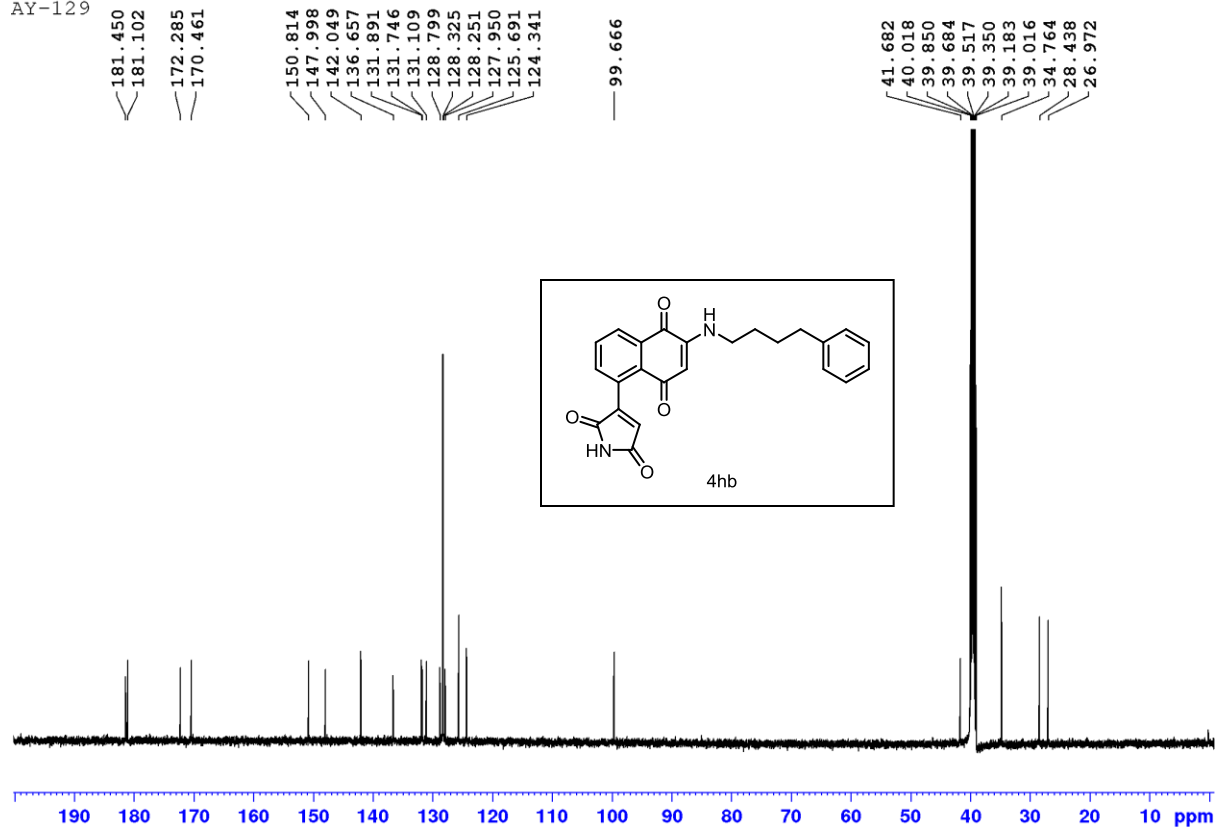
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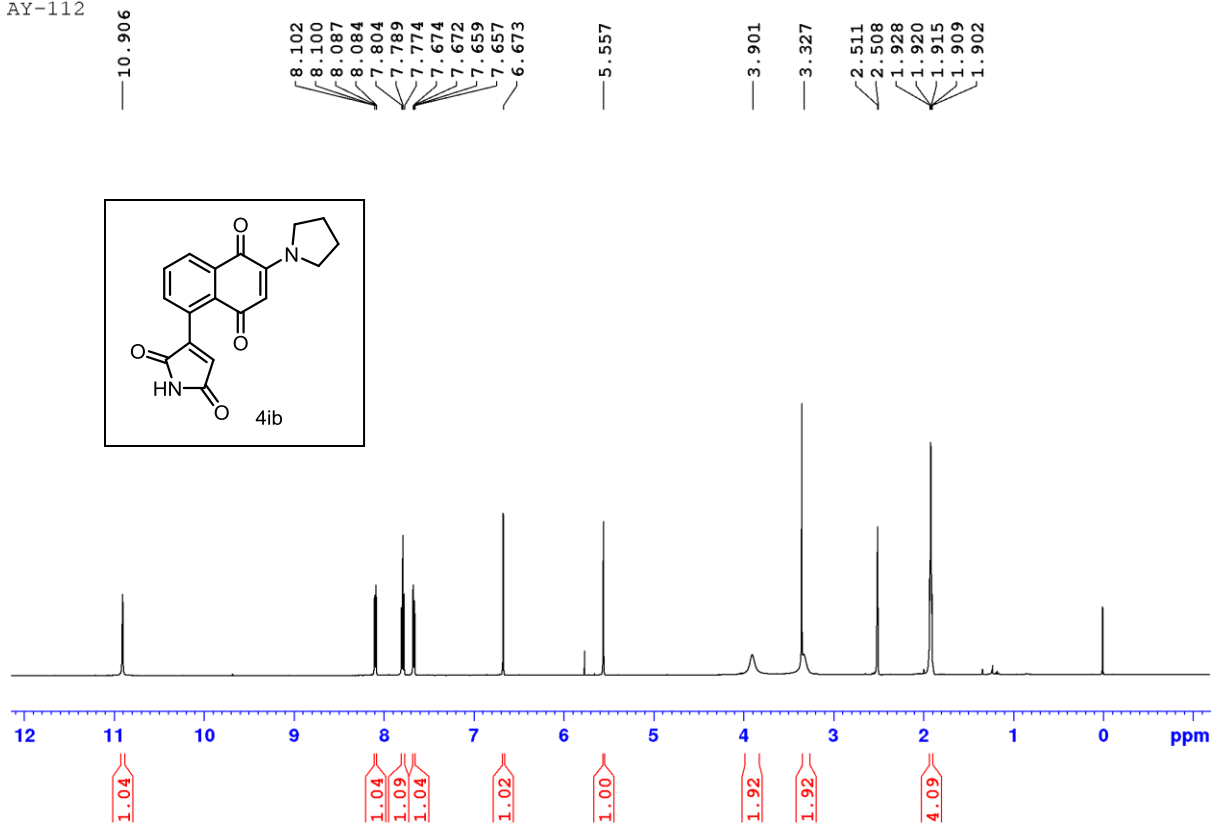
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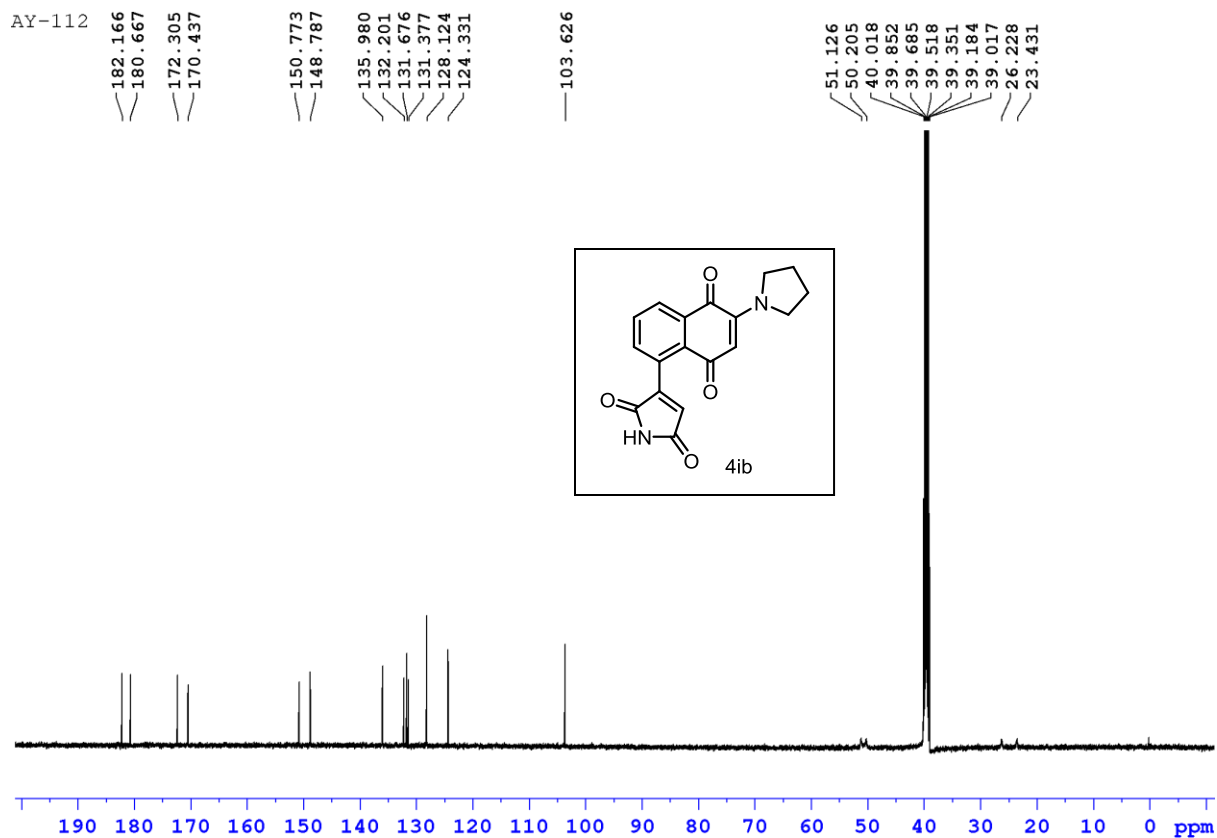
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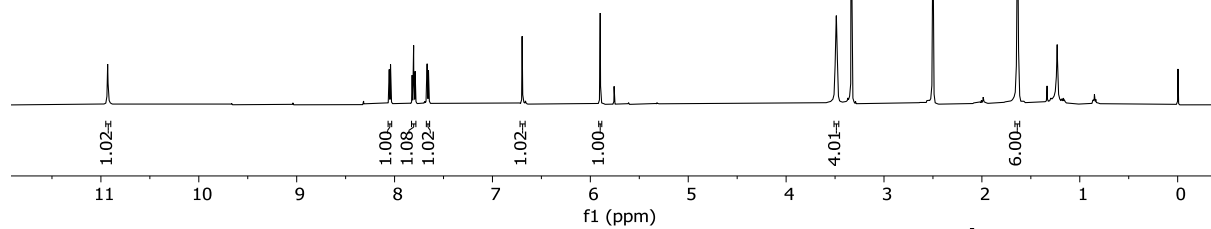
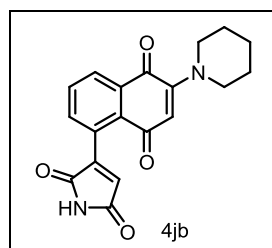
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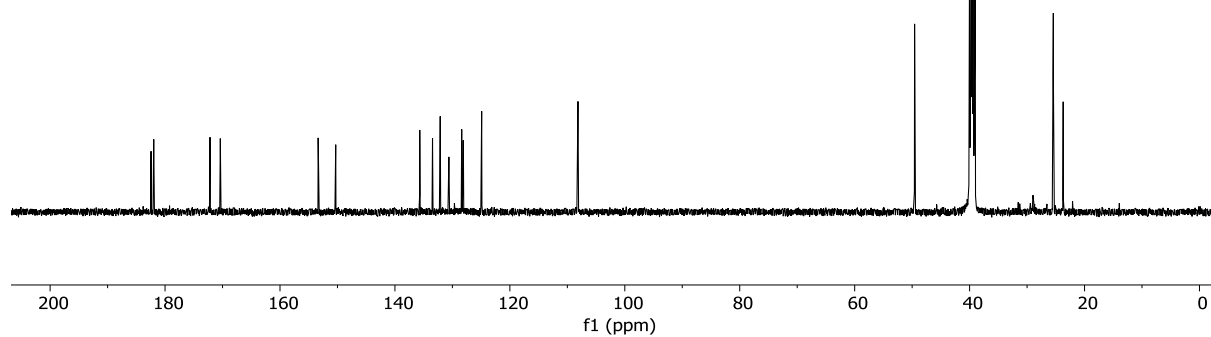
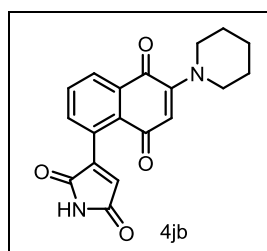
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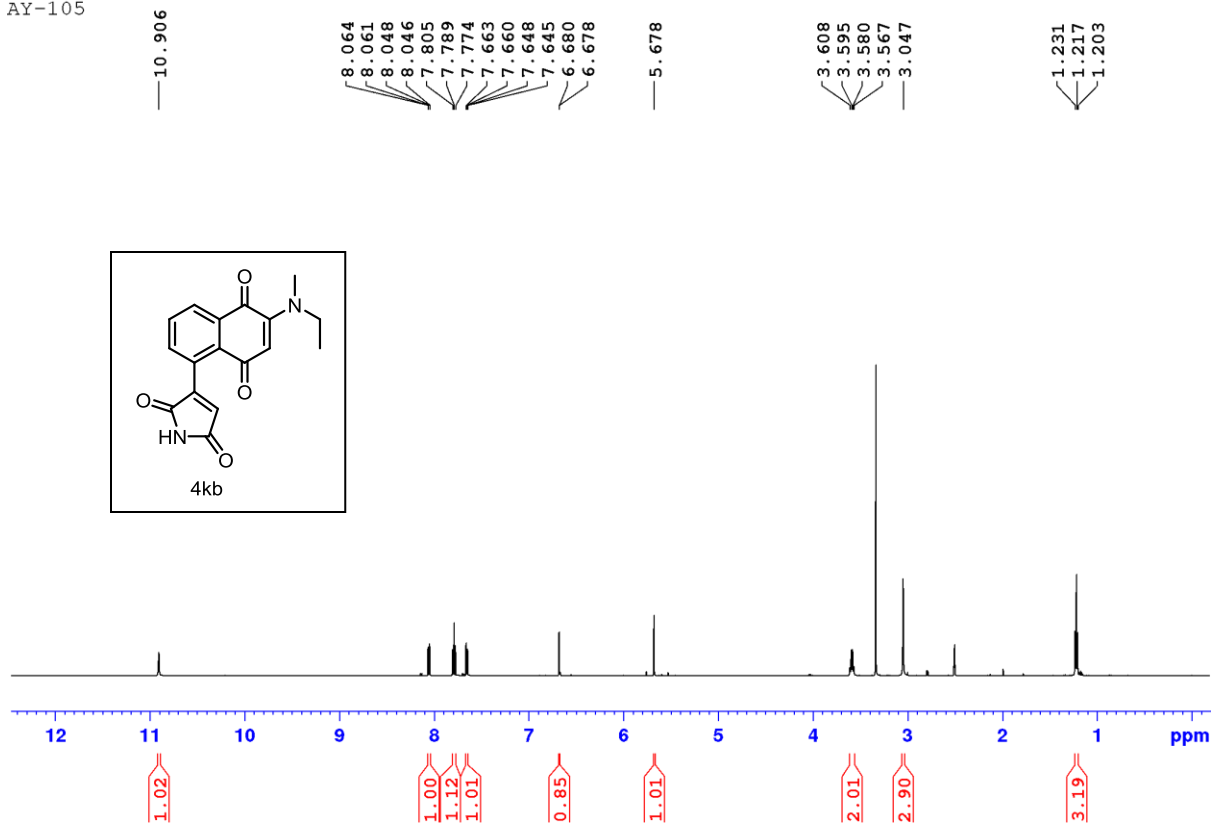
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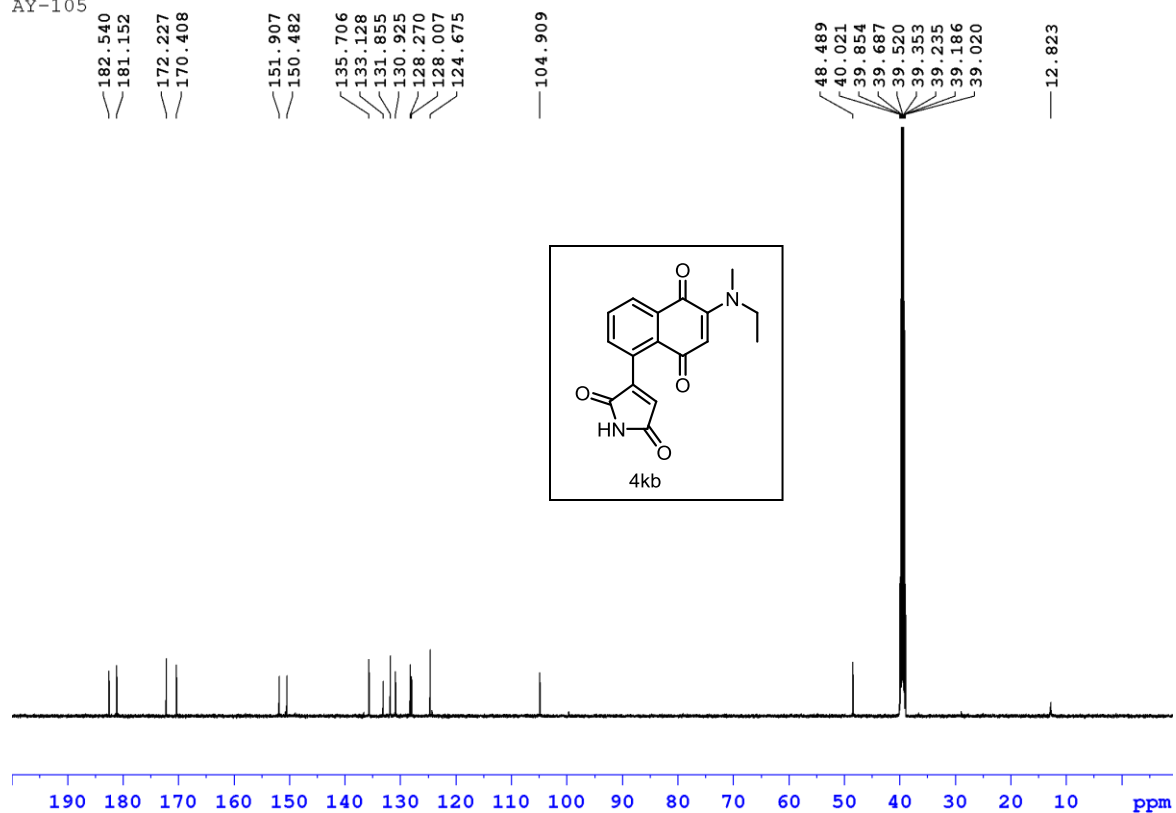
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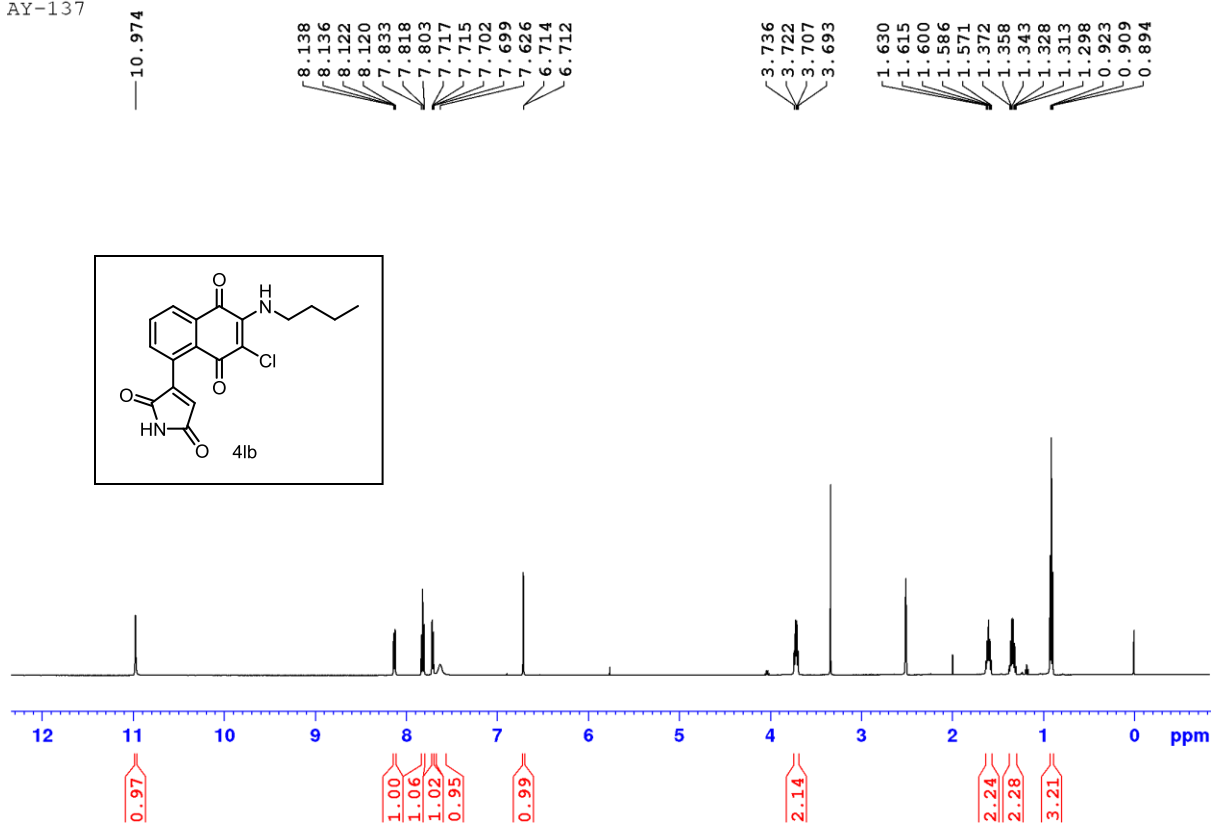
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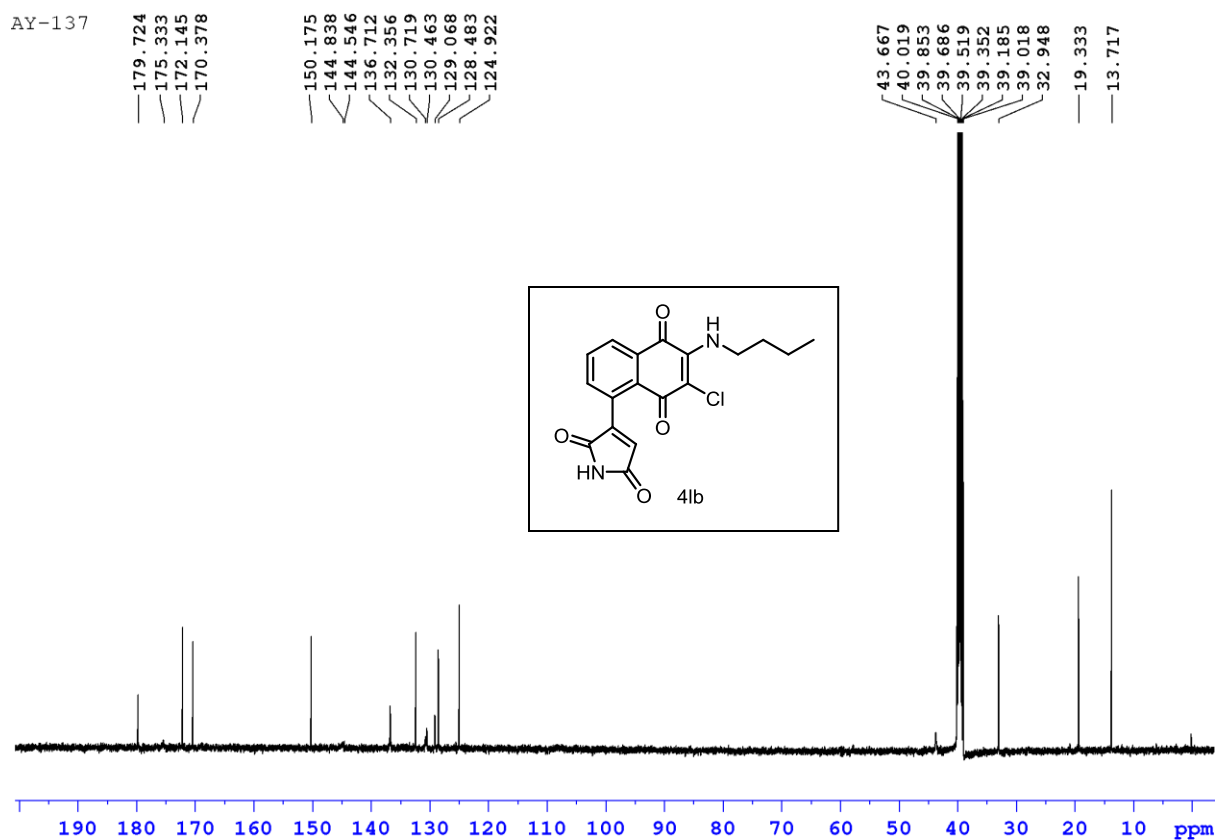
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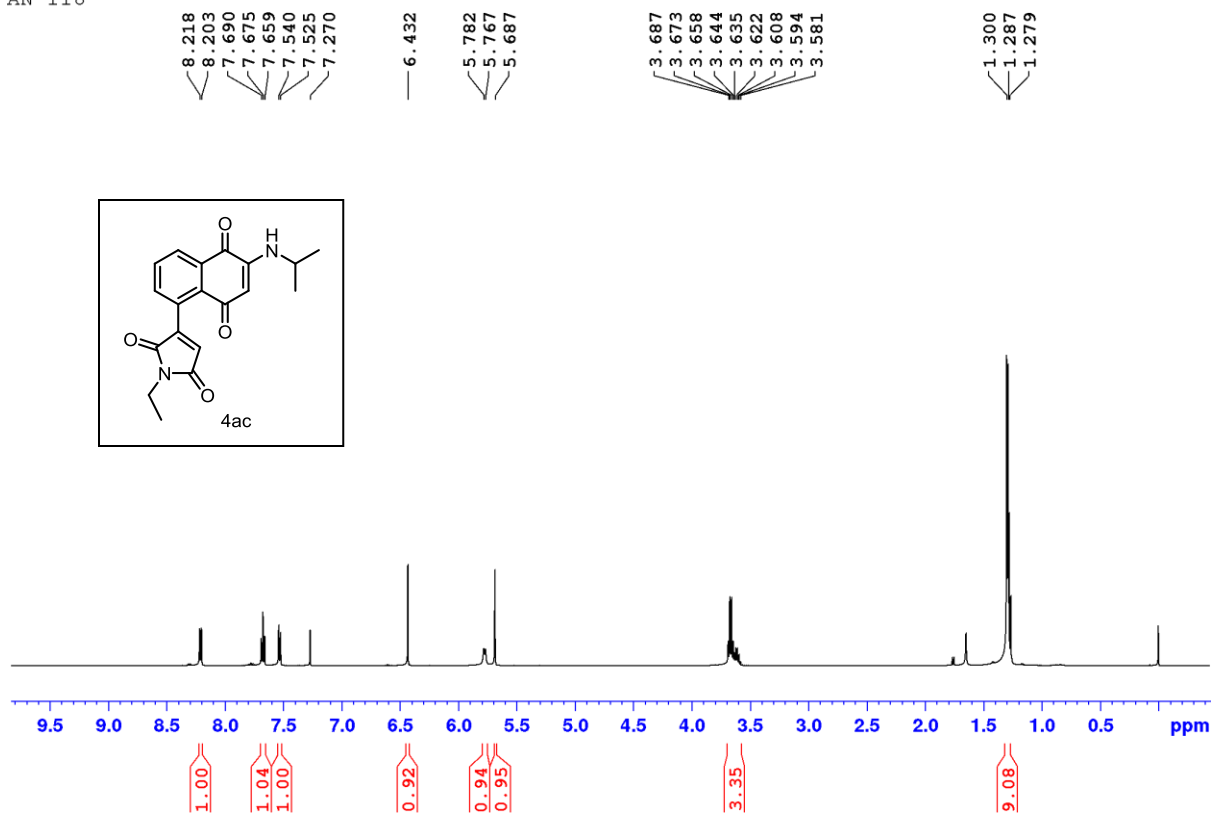
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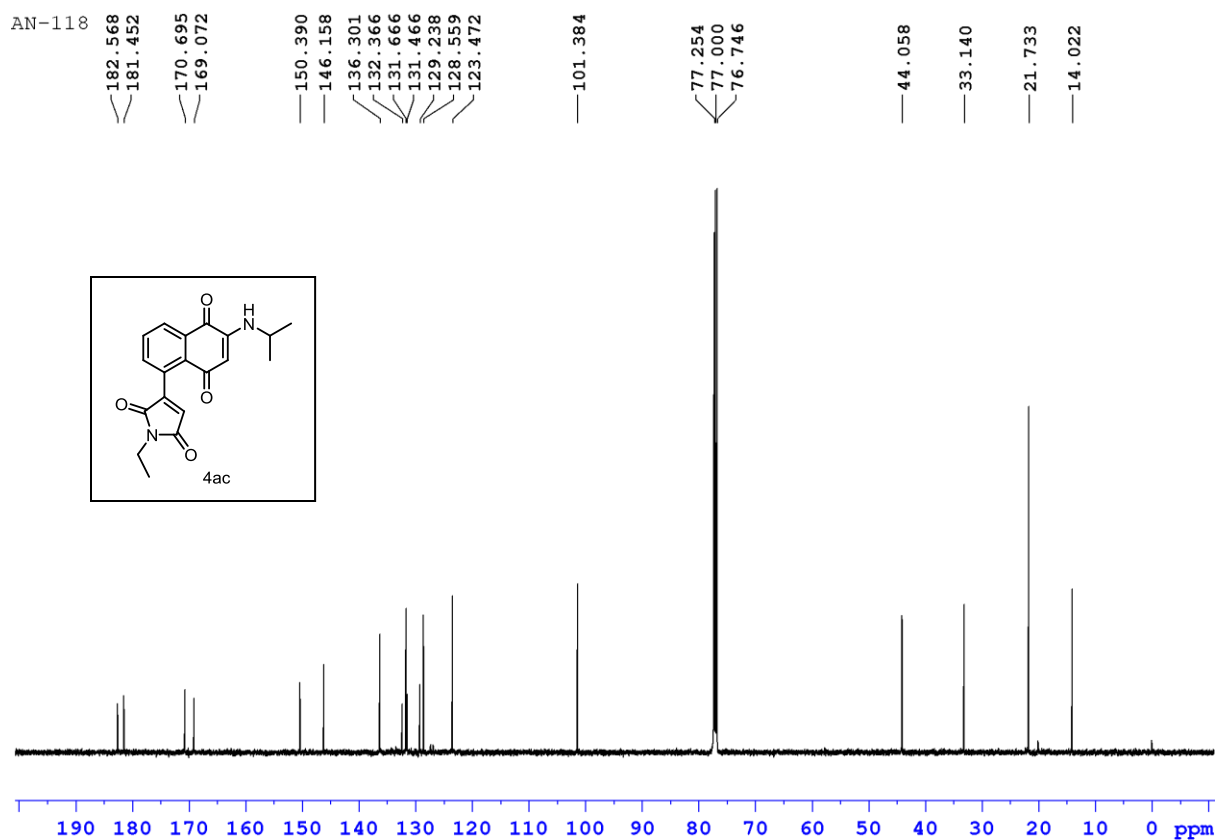
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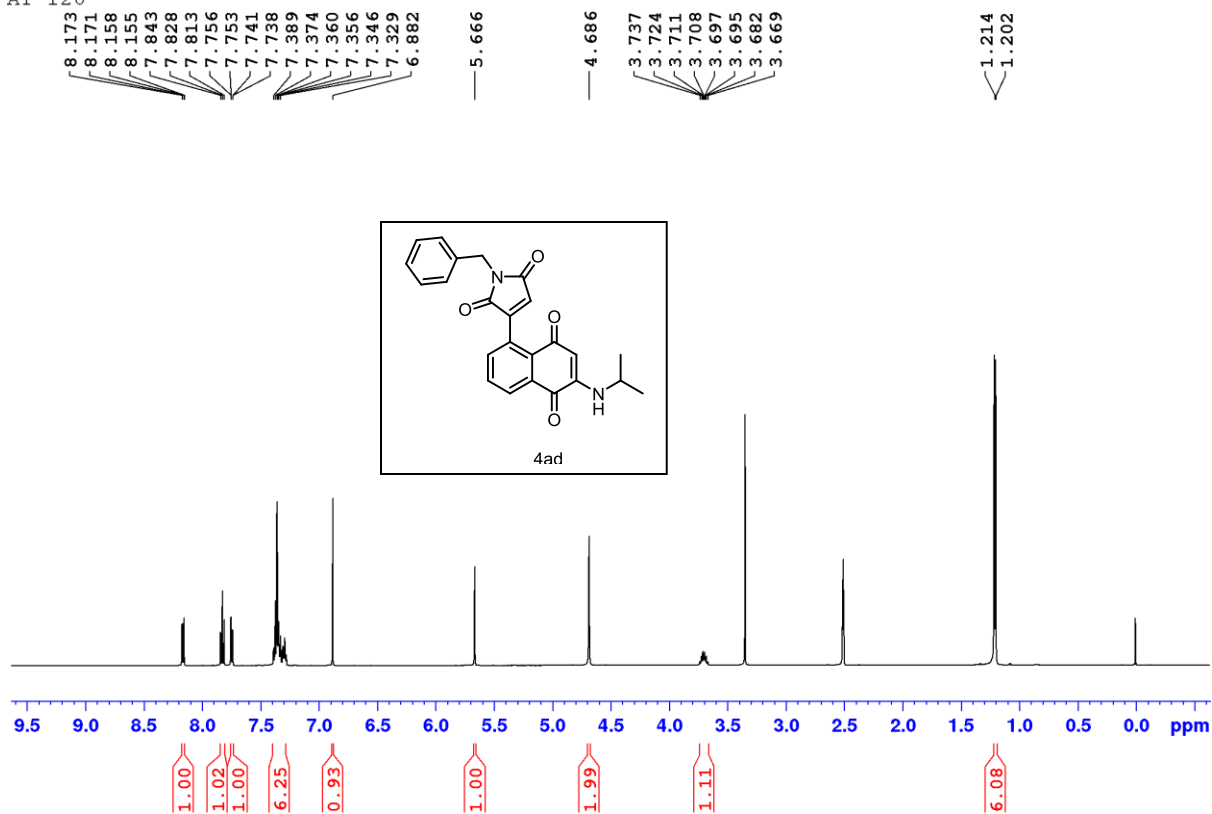
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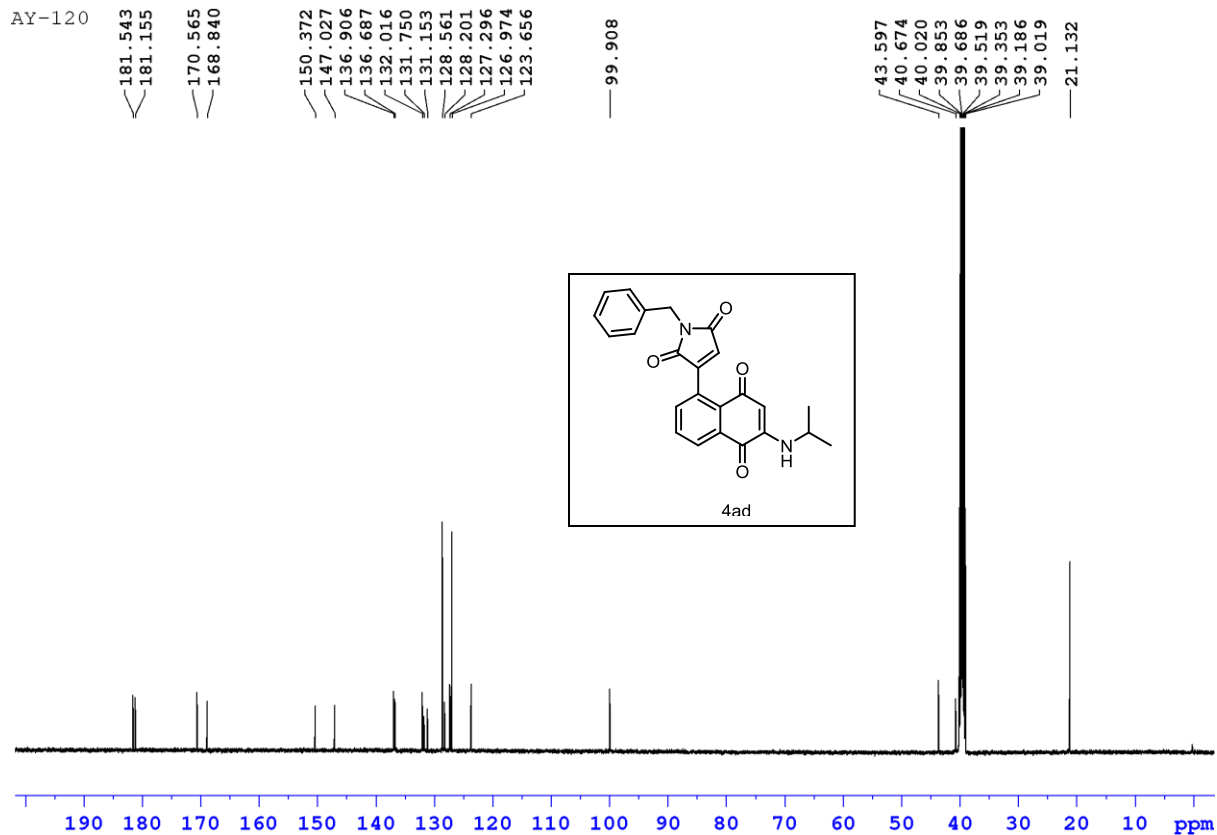
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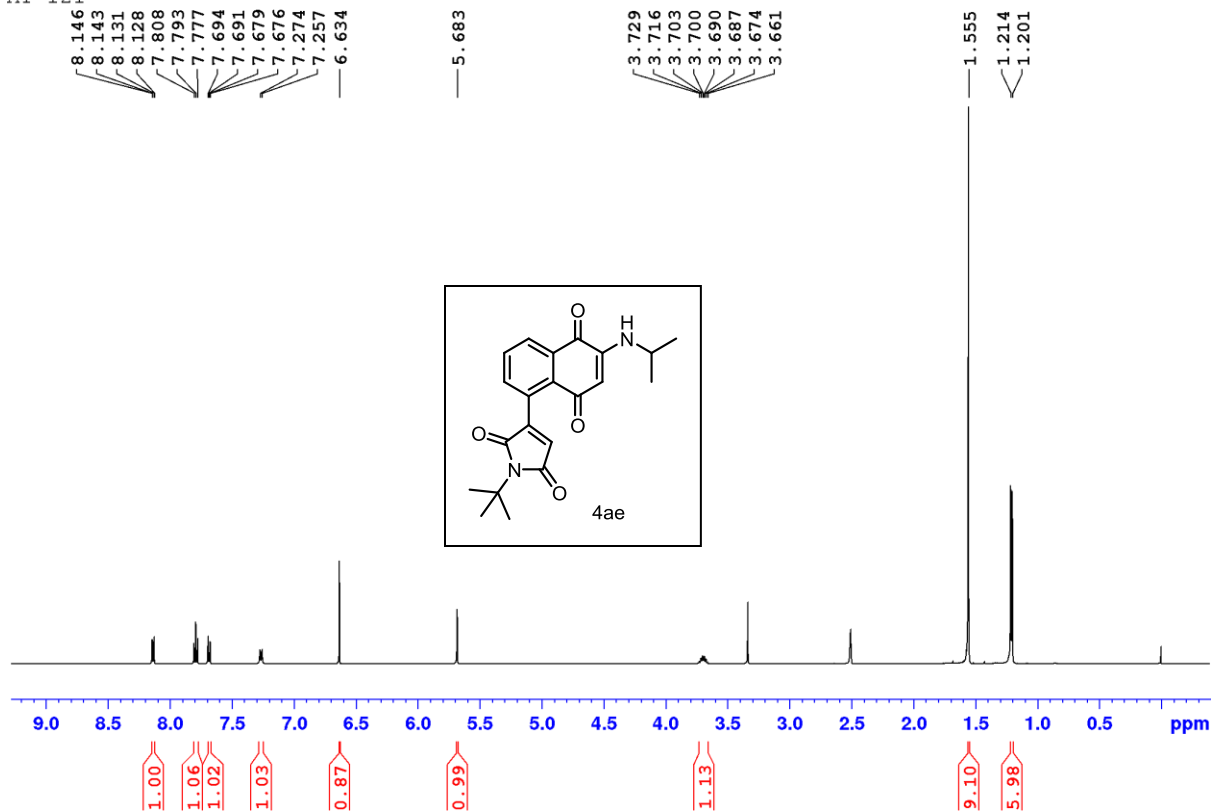
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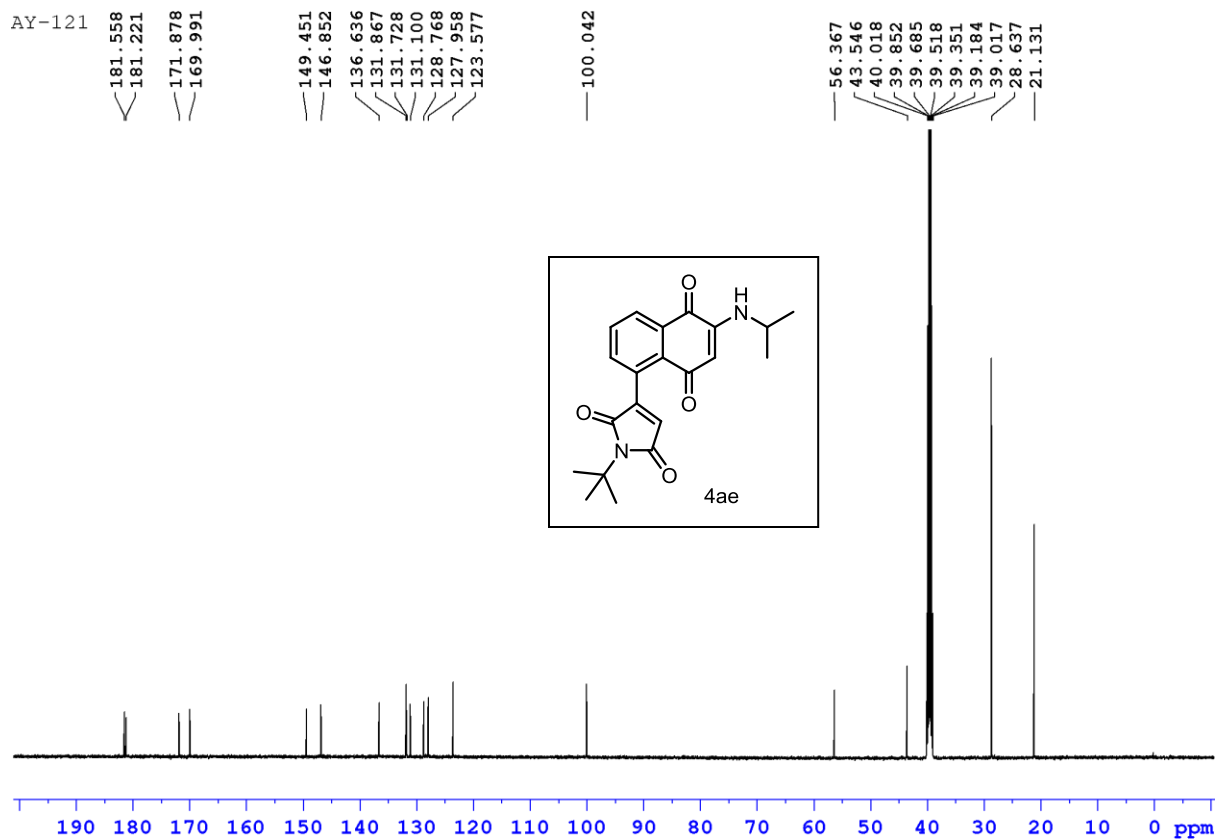
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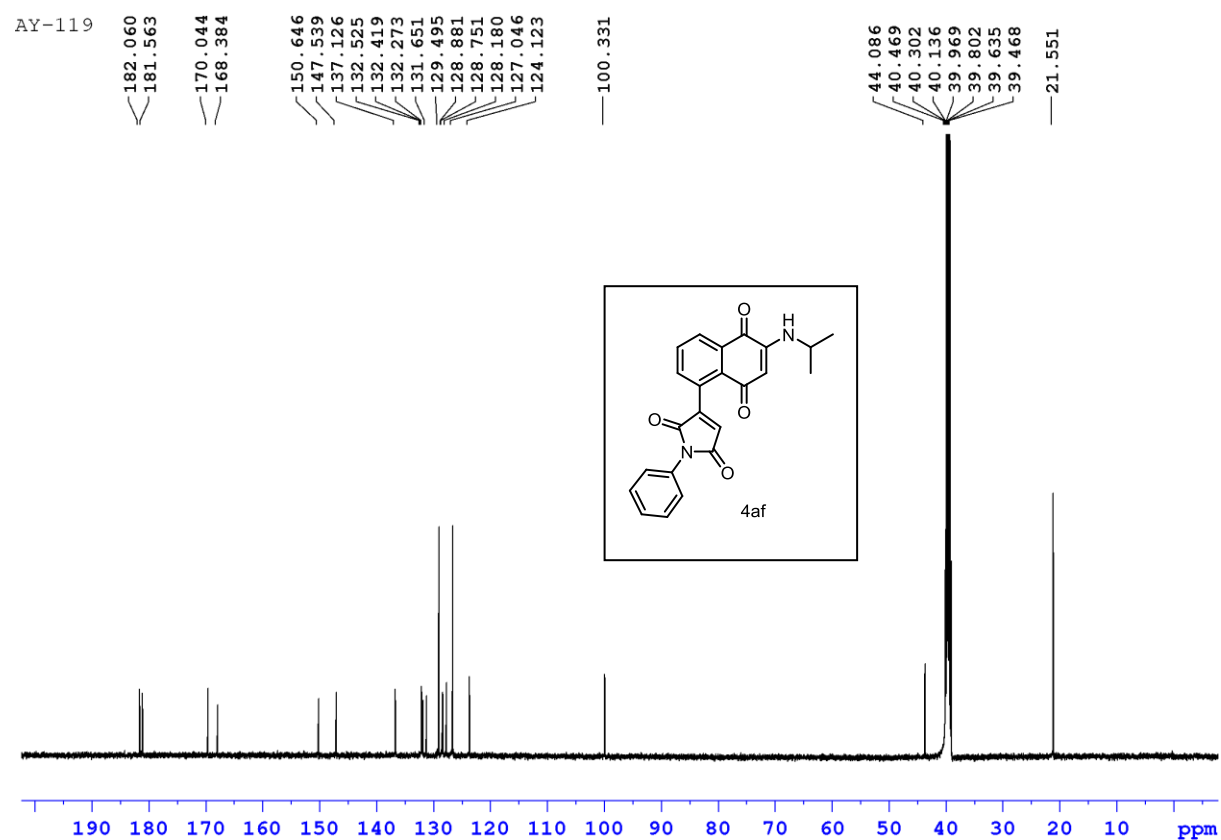
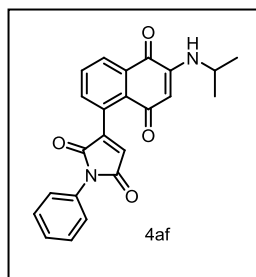
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Chemical structure of 4af: CC(C)NC(=O)c1ccc(cc1)-c2cc(=O)n(c3ccccc3)c2=O

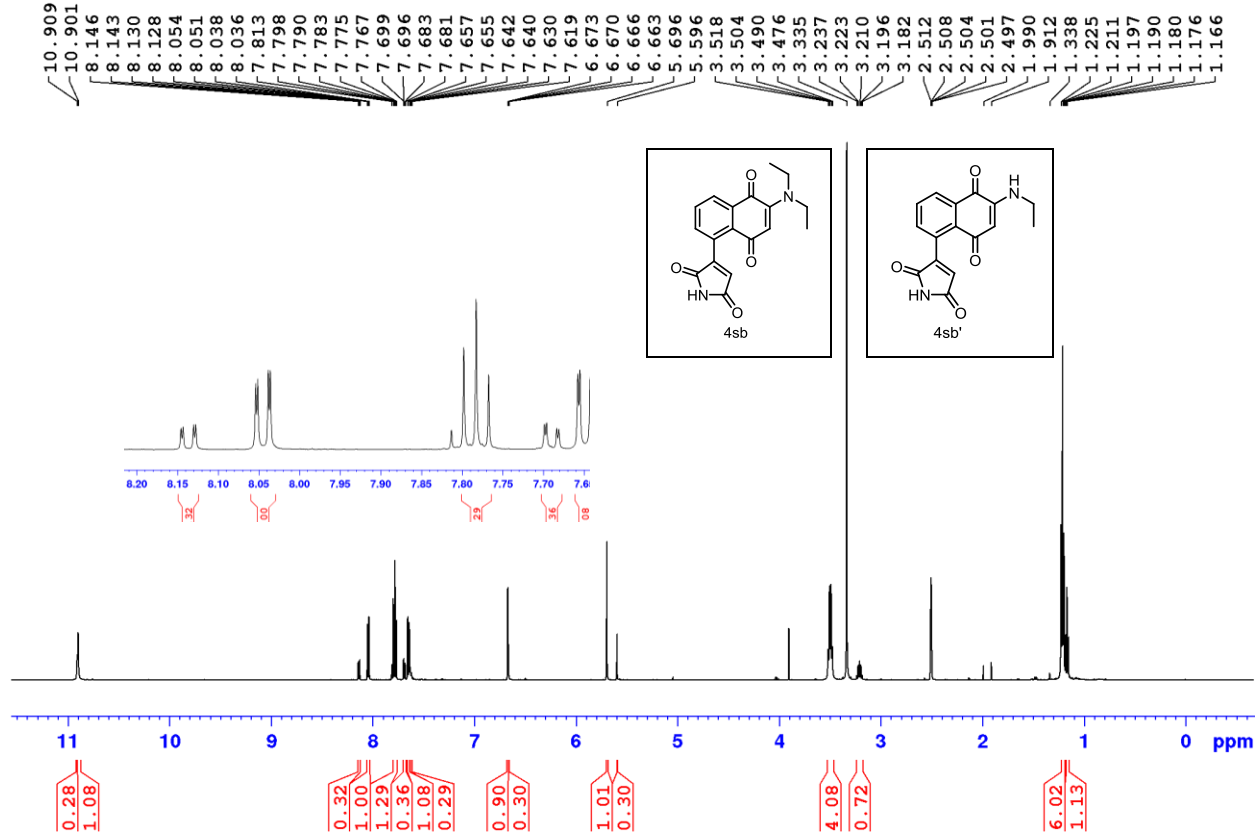
¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃) of compound 4af. The spectrum shows peaks from 0 to 8.5 ppm. Integration values are shown below the baseline, and chemical shifts are listed above the peaks.

Chemical shifts (ppm): 8.178, 8.176, 7.878, 7.863, 7.847, 7.804, 7.802, 7.789, 7.787, 7.551, 7.536, 7.520, 7.441, 7.426, 7.382, 7.368, 7.009, 5.687, 3.733, 3.720, 3.707, 3.691, 3.678, 3.666, 1.220, 1.207.

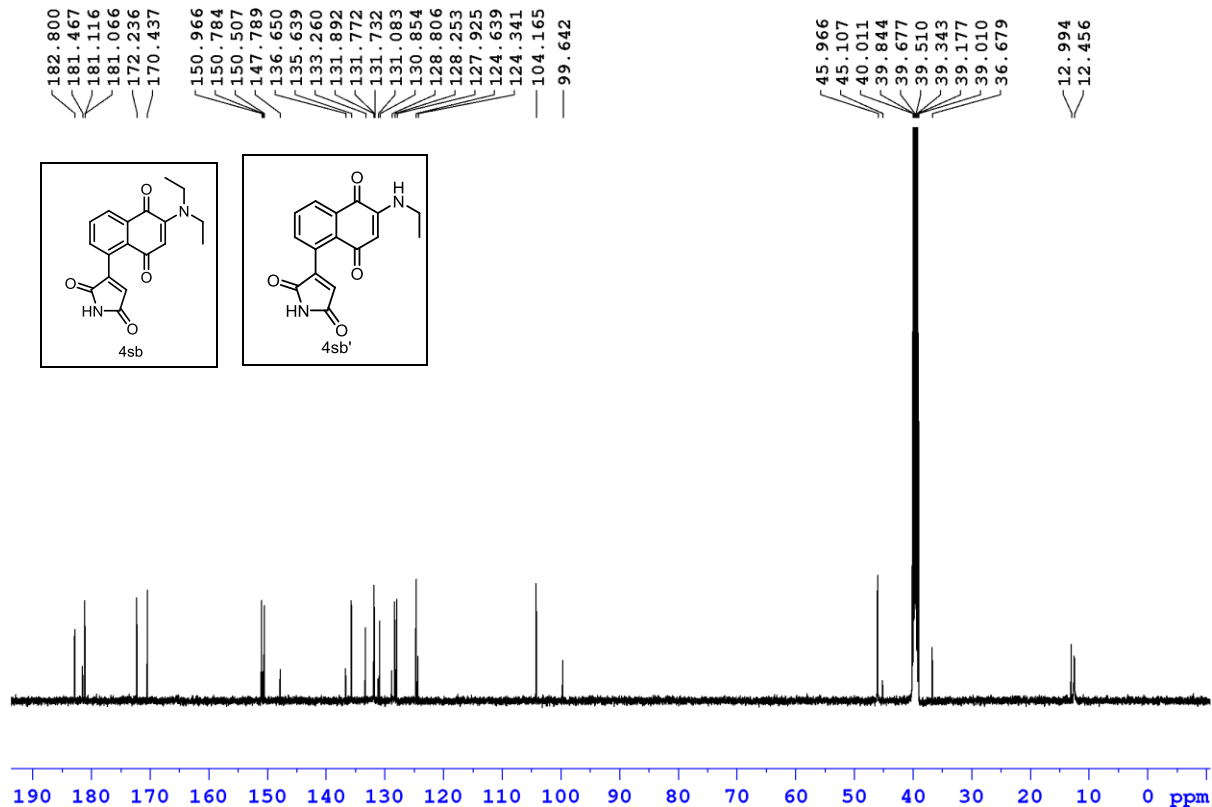
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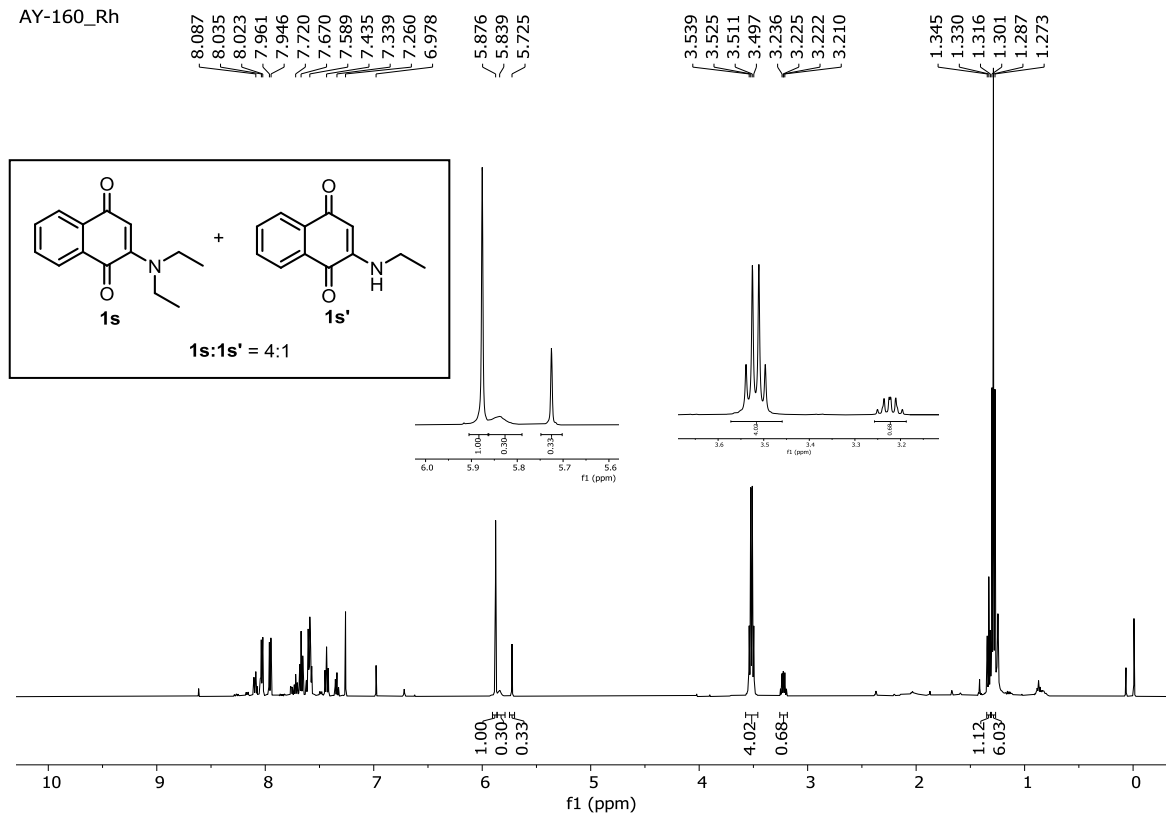
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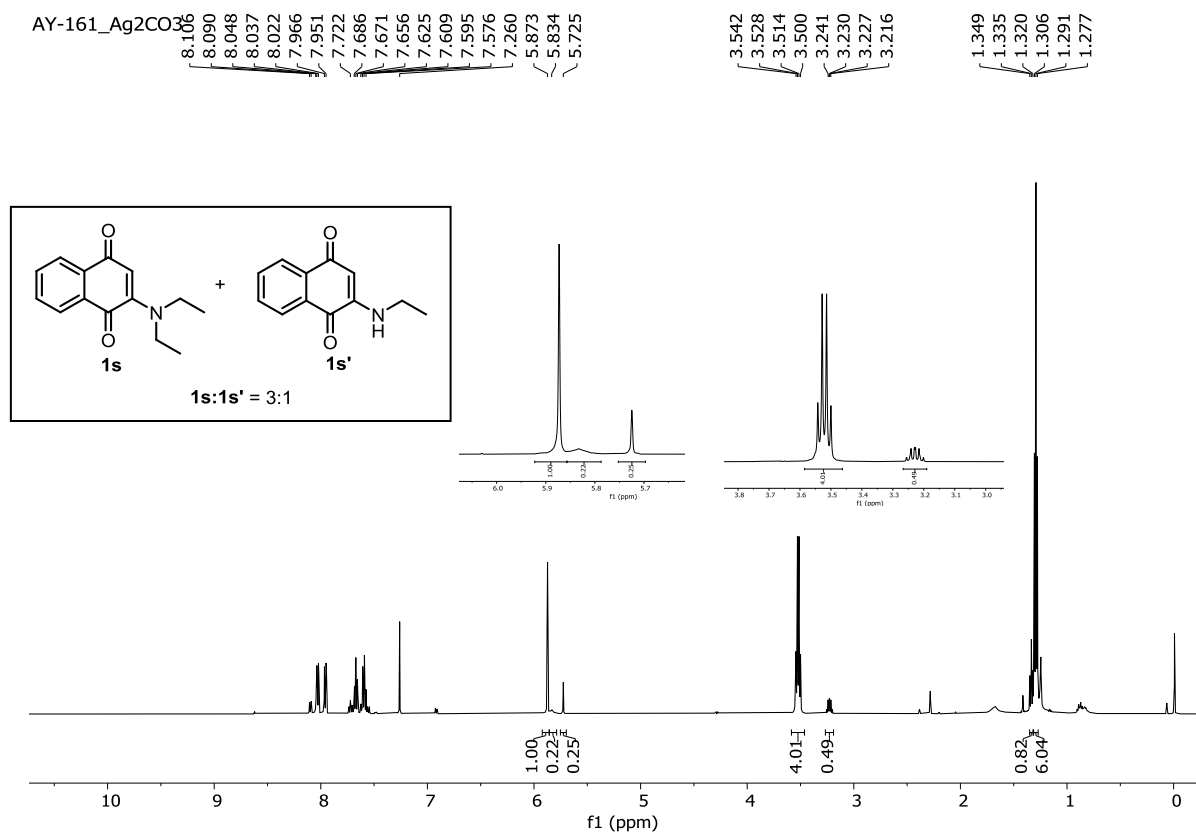
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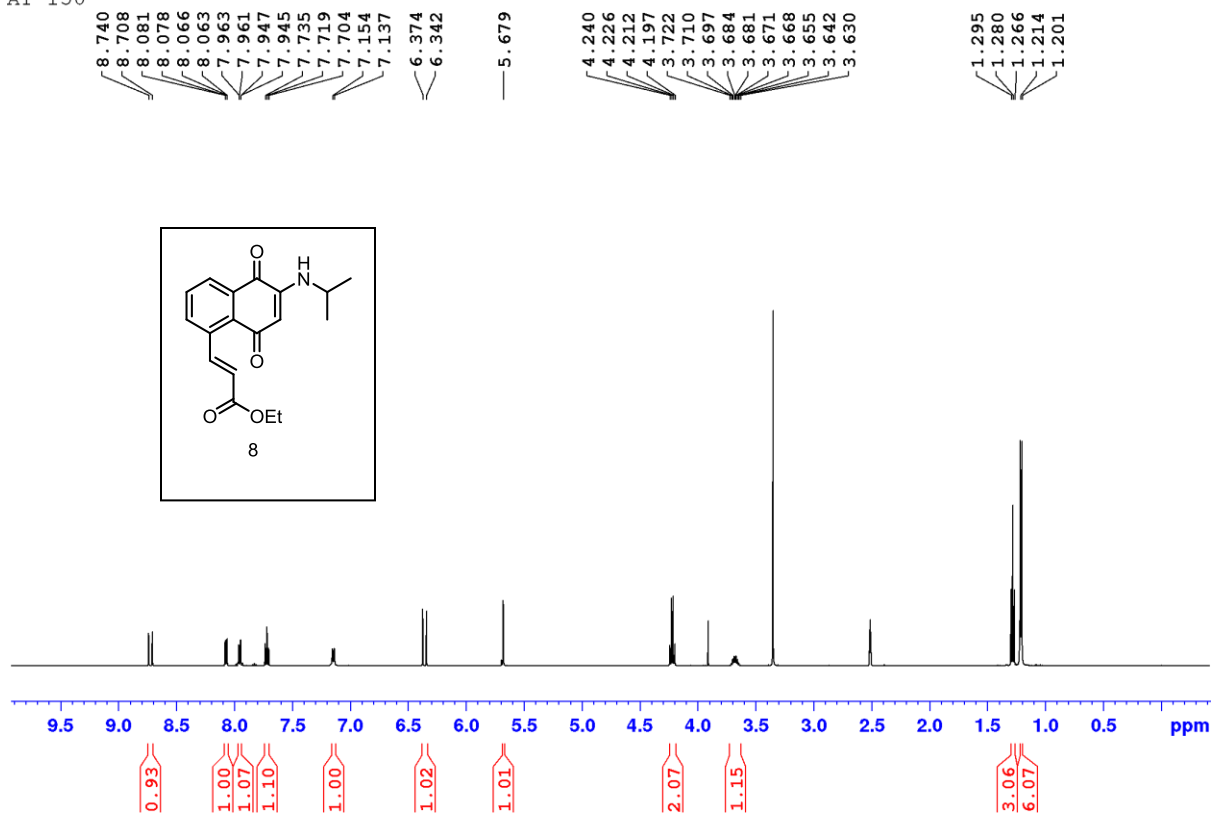
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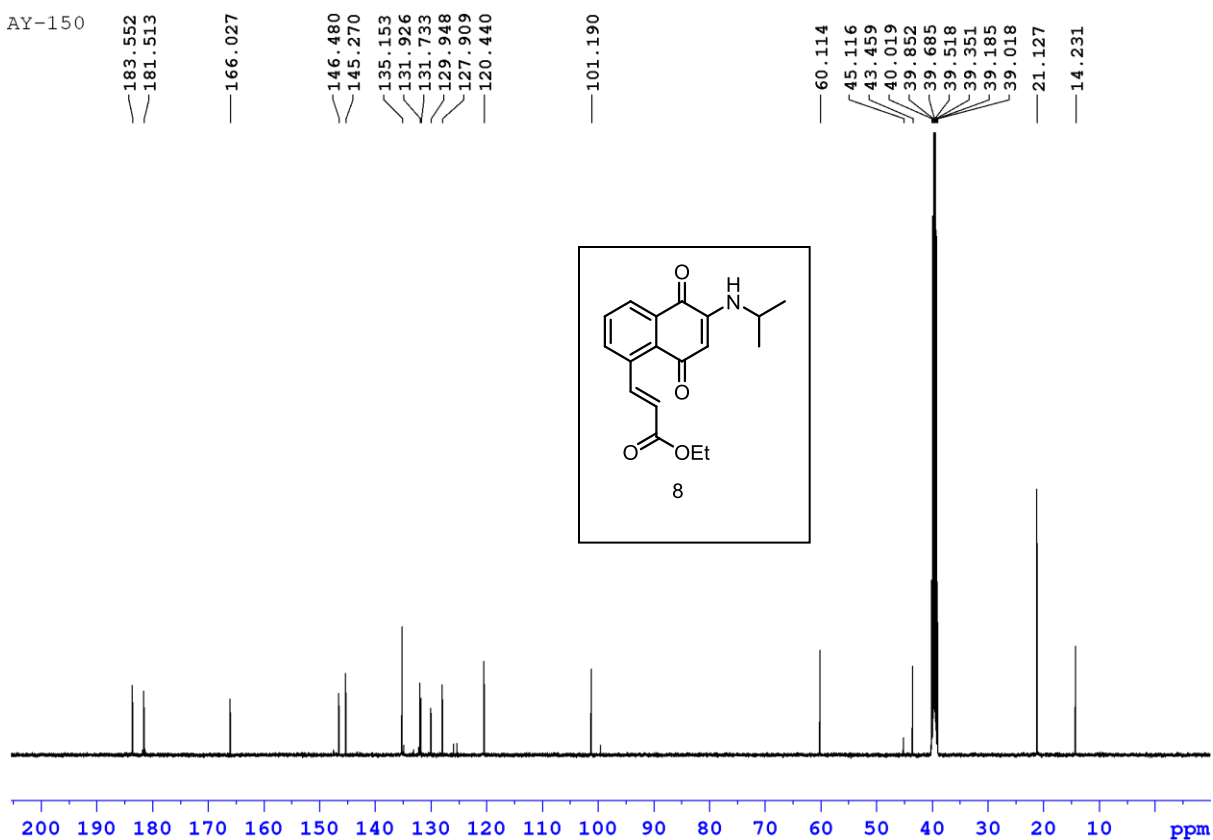
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AY-150



AY-150



Single Crystal X-ray data of 3bc

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Datablock: DG83R

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Temperature: 135 K			
Calculated	Reported		
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Hall group	-P 2ybc	-P 2ybc	
Moiety formula	C20 H22 N2 O4	?	
Sum formula	C20 H22 N2 O4	C20 H22 N2 O4	
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F000'	752.36		
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Nref	6628	6609	
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Tmin'	0.964		
Correction method= # Reported T Limits:	Tmin=0.964 Tmax=0.982	AbsCorr = MULTI SCAN	
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S = 1.051	Npar= 323		

The following ALERTS were generated. Each ALERT has the format

test-name_ALERT_alert-type_alert-level.

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Alert level C

[PLAT094 ALERT 2 C](#) Ratio of Maximum / Minimum Residual Density 2.62 Report [PLAT911 ALERT 3 C](#) Missing FCF Refl Between Tmin & STh/L= 0.600 15 Report [PLAT913 ALERT 3 C](#) Missing # of Very Strong Reflections in FCF 6 Note

Alert level G

[PLAT066 ALERT 1 G](#) Predicted and Reported Tmin&Tmax Range Identical ? Check
[PLAT333 ALERT 2 G](#) Large Aver C6-Ring C-C Dist C9 -C14 . 1.45 Ång.
[PLAT793 ALERT 4 G](#) Model has Chirality at C4 (Centro SPGR) S Verify
[PLAT883 ALERT 1 G](#) No Info/Value for _atom_sites_solution_primary . Please Do ! [PLAT910 ALERT 3 G](#)
Missing # of FCF Reflection(s) Below Theta(Min). 1 Note [PLAT912 ALERT 4 G](#) Missing
of FCF Reflections Above STh/L= 0.600 4 Note [PLAT978 ALERT 2 G](#) Number
C-C Bonds with Positive Residual Density. 19 Info

0 ALERT level A = Most likely a serious problem - resolve or explain

0 ALERT level B = A potentially serious problem, consider carefully

3 ALERT level C = Check. Ensure it is not caused by an omission or oversight

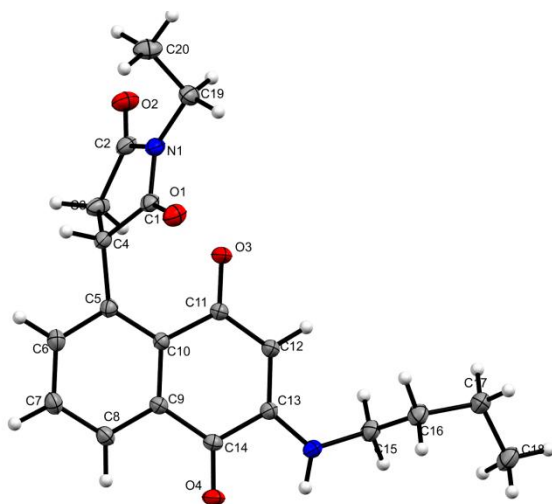
7 ALERT level G = General information/check it is not something unexpected

2 ALERT type 1 CIF construction/syntax error, inconsistent or missing data

3 ALERT type 2 Indicator that the structure model may be wrong or deficient

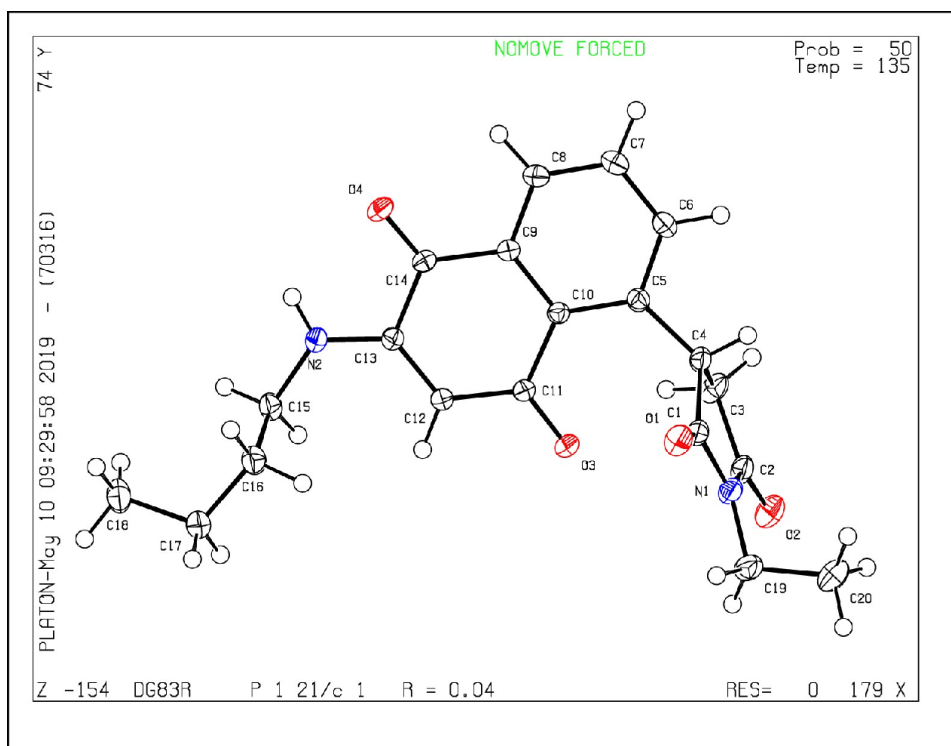
3 ALERT type 3 Indicator that the structure quality may be low

2 ALERT type 4 Improvement, methodology, query or suggestion
0 ALERT type 5 Informative message, check



Thermal ellipsoid plot of the organic compound with atom numbering scheme(50% probability factor for the thermal ellipsoids)

PLATON version of 03/05/2019; check.def file version of 29/04/2019
Datablock DG83R - ellipsoid plot



HMBC Spectra of **4bb**

