

## Supporting information for

# Regioselective Ring Expansion Followed By H-shift of 3-Ylidene oxindoles: A Convenient Synthesis of *N*-substituted/un-substituted Pyrrolo[2,3-*c*] quinolines and Marinoquinolines

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## General Information:

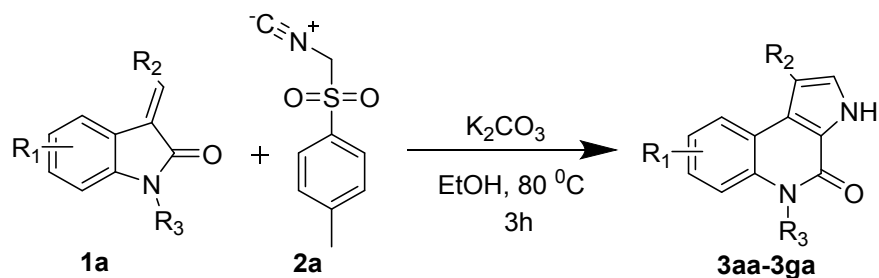
### General Procedures.

Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were used as received from commercial sources. All air and moisture sensitive reactions were conducted under a nitrogen or argon atmosphere using flame-dried or oven-dried glassware with magnetic stirring. Tetrahydrofuran (THF) was dried over Na, benzophenone and distilled prior to use. Reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography carried out on silica plates (silica gel 60 F254, Merck) using UV-light, iodine and *p*-anisaldehyde for visualization. Column chromatography was carried out using silica gel (60-120 mesh or 100- 200 mesh) packed in glass columns. Technical grade EtOAc and petroleum ether used for column chromatography and were distilled prior to use. Organic solutions were concentrated under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator. Room temperature (r.t.) is 23-25°C.

**Materials.** Commercial reagents were purchased from Merck, Alfa, Spectrochem or TCI, and used as received with the following exceptions. Tetrahydrofuran (THF), ethylene glycol dimethyl ether (DME), toluene and 1,4-dioxane were dried over Na with benzophenone-ketyl intermediate as indicator. Dichloroethane (DCE) and Dichloromethane DCM) were distilled over CaH<sub>2</sub> and acetonitrile (CH<sub>3</sub>CN) was distilled over P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>. *N,N*-Dimethylformamide (DMF) was distilled under reduced pressure. Other commercially available reagents and solvents were used without further purification.

**Instrumentation.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> or DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> as solvent on Bruker AVANCE 400, INOVA instruments with 300, 400 and 500 MHz frequencies spectrometers. The coupling constant J is given in Hz. Chemical shifts (δ) were reported in ppm relative to the residual solvent signal (CDCl<sub>3</sub> δ = 7.26 for <sup>1</sup>H NMR and δ = 77.0 for <sup>13</sup>C NMR), DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> (<sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ = 2.54 and <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ = 39.52 ppm). Chemical shifts (ppm) were recorded with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as the internal reference standard, or TMS (δ = 0.0) as internal standard and signal patterns are indicated as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, dd = doublet of doublet, dt = doublet of triplet, t = triplet, q = quartet, qd = quartet of doublet, m = multiplet, br = broad, tt = triplet of triplet. IR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Infrared spectrophotometer and are reported as cm<sup>-1</sup>. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Waters- spectrometer.TOF

### General procedure for the preparation of *N*-Substituted-3,5-dihydro-4*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*c*]quinolin-4-ones (3aa-3ga):

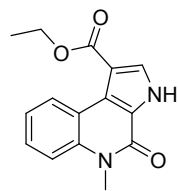


The 3-ylideneoxindole **1** (0.50 mmol), TosMIC **2a** (0.50mmol) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1.0 mmol) (2 equiv) were stirred in 5.0 mL of EtOH was stirred at refluxing temperature for 3h. Upon the completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with 10 ml of water and extracted with EtOAc (3X10 ml). The organic layers were combined and washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After the solvent was

removed under reduced pressure, the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the desired products (**3aa-3ga**).

**Analytical data for the compounds 3aa-3ga:**

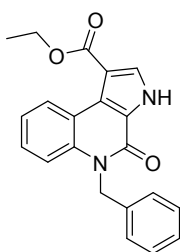
***Ethyl 5-methyl-4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-3H-pyrrolo[2,3-c]quinoline-1-carboxylate(3aa)***



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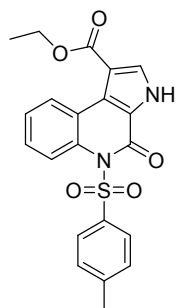
Following the general procedure (80 °C for 3 h), compound **3aa** was obtained after column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc 6:4) in 70% as a white solid. mp 283-285 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 13.03 (s, 1H), 9.41 – 9.32 (m, 1H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.41 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 10.8, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 1.35 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 164.48, 154.86, 137.35, 133.76, 128.21, 127.40, 124.82, 124.76, 122.32, 118.06, 115.88, 111.34, 60.34, 29.49, 14.76. HRMS calcd for C<sub>15</sub> H<sub>15</sub> O<sub>3</sub> N<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 271.1077; found:

***Ethyl 5-benzyl-4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-3H-pyrrolo[2,3-c]quinoline-1-carboxylate(3ab)***



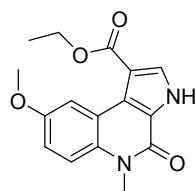
Following the general procedure (80 °C for 3 h), compound **3ab** was obtained after column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc 6:4) in 65% as a creamy white solid. mp 290-292 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>+ DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 12.31 (s, 1H), 9.34 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.02 (m, 8H), 5.53 (s, 2H), 4.22 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>+ DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 164.45, 155.46, 136.72, 136.16, 133.45, 128.58, 127.80, 127.39, 126.96, 126.25, 125.68, 124.22, 122.13, 118.62, 115.53, 111.59, 60.01, 45.38, 14.33. HRMS calcd for C<sub>21</sub> H<sub>19</sub> O<sub>3</sub> N<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 347.1390; found: 347.1381.

***Ethyl 4-oxo-5-tosyl-4,5-dihydro-3H-pyrrolo[2,3-c]quinoline-1-carboxylate(3ac)***



Following the general procedure (80 °C for 3 h), compound **3ac** was obtained after column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc 6:4) in 60% as a creamy white solid. mp 158-160°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 11.51 (s, 1H), 8.65 (s, 1H), 7.42 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.24 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 7.12 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 6.39 – 6.40 (m, 1H), 4.00 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.06 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 164.46, 142.69, 137.43, 134.41, 132.08, 131.13, 129.19, 127.11, 126.30, 124.98, 124.82, 124.35, 120.15, 119.85, 113.07, 58.87, 20.94, 13.96. HRMS calcd for C<sub>21</sub> H<sub>19</sub> N<sub>2</sub> O<sub>5</sub> S [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 411.1009; found: 411.1001.

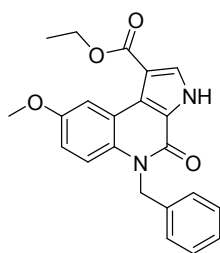
***Ethyl 8-methoxy-5-methyl-4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-3H-pyrrolo[2,3-c]quinoline-1-carboxylate(3ba)***



H]<sup>+</sup>: 301.1183; found: 301.1172.

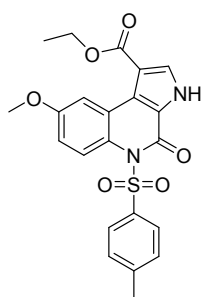
Following the general procedure (80 °C for 3 h), compound **3ba** was obtained after column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc 6:4) in 68% as a creamy white solid. mp 270-275°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 12.93 (s, 1H), 9.09 (s, 1H), 7.97 – 7.88 (m, 1H), 7.52 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.16 – 7.05 (m, 1H), 4.32 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 1.37 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 164.47, 154.65, 154.47, 133.39, 131.62, 125.12, 124.77, 119.01, 116.51, 115.50, 111.27, 110.75, 60.17, 55.67, 29.43, 14.74. HRMS calcd for C<sub>16</sub> H<sub>17</sub> O<sub>4</sub> N<sub>2</sub> [M +

**Ethyl 5-benzyl-8-methoxy-4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-3H-pyrrolo[2,3-c]quinoline-1-carboxylate(3bb)**



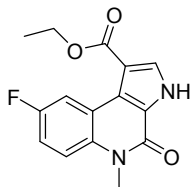
Following the general procedure (80 °C for 3 h), compound **3bb** was obtained after column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc 6:4) in 65% as a creamy white solid. mp 308-310°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 13.11 (s, 1H), 9.07 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.38 – 7.25 (m, 6H), 7.01 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.62 (s, 2H), 4.32 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 164.09, 157.36, 154.19, 137.11, 133.65, 130.12, 128.62, 126.96, 126.32, 124.62, 124.31, 118.78, 117.07, 115.08, 110.90, 110.45, 59.98, 55.27, 44.47, 14.26. HRMS calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 377.1496; found: 377.1491.

**Ethyl 8-methoxy-4-oxo-5-tosyl-4,5-dihydro-3H-pyrrolo[2,3-c]quinoline-1-carboxylate(3bc)**



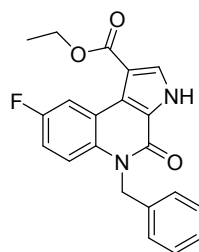
Following the general procedure (80 °C for 3 h), compound **3bc** was obtained after column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc 6:4) in 58% as a creamy white solid. mp 160-162°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 11.45 (s, 1H), 8.60 (s, 1H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 8.7, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.39 – 6.35 (m, 1H), 4.03 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.12 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 165.07, 157.33, 142.88, 137.88, 134.57, 129.51, 128.64, 127.23, 126.69, 125.19, 120.96, 120.45, 117.61, 113.23, 112.96, 59.43, 55.59, 21.45, 14.54. HRMS calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>6</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 441.1115; found: 441.1128.

**Ethyl 8-fluoro-5-methyl-4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-3H-pyrrolo[2,3-c]quinoline-1-carboxylate(3ca)**



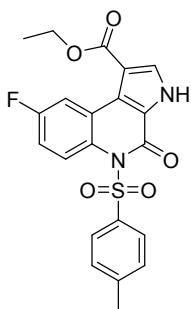
Following the general procedure (80 °C for 3 h), compound **3ca** was obtained after column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc 6:4) in 66% as a creamy white solid. mp 333-335°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 13.12 (s, 1H), 9.23 (s, 1H), 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.75 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 4.32 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 1.35 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 164.50, 158.83, 156.48, 154.56, 134.14, 133.92, 125.27, 124.04, 119.21, 117.80, 117.72, 115.43, 115.20, 112.89, 112.63, 111.34, 60.53, 29.81, 14.73. HRMS calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>F [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 289.0983; found: 289.0976.

**Ethyl 5-benzyl-8-fluoro-4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-3H-pyrrolo[2,3-c]quinoline-1-carboxylate(3cb)**



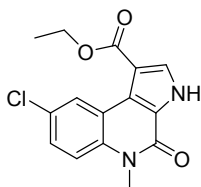
Following the general procedure (80 °C for 3 h), compound **3cb** was obtained after column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc 6:4) in 63% as a creamy white solid. mp 340-341°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 13.24 (s, 1H), 9.26 (dd, *J* = 11.2, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.43 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.34 – 7.17 (m, 6H), 5.66 (s, 2H), 4.33 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 163.97, 158.67, 155.53, 154.42, 136.81, 133.83, 132.64, 128.67, 127.03, 126.32, 124.46, 123.99, 119.15, 119.01, 117.81, 117.70, 115.01, 114.70, 112.65, 112.31, 110.98, 60.07, 44.69, 14.22. HRMS calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>F [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 365.1296; found: 365.1289

**Ethyl 8-fluoro-4-oxo-5-tosyl-4,5-dihydro-3H-pyrrolo[2,3-c]quinoline-1-carboxylate(3cc)**



Following the general procedure (80 °C for 3 h), compound **3cc** was obtained after column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc 6:4) in 55% as a creamy white solid. mp 158-160°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 11.52 (s, 1H), 8.86 (s, 1H), 7.39 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 7.11 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 6.93 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (s, 1H), 4.01 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.08 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 164.07, 160.92, 157.71, 142.52, 137.25, 134.63, 134.51, 130.29, 129.07, 127.94, 127.82, 126.15, 124.81, 120.01, 119.18, 118.56, 118.26, 113.73, 113.44, 112.87, 58.76, 20.88, 13.88. HRMS calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>5</sub>N<sub>2</sub>FS [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 429.0915; found: 429.0896.

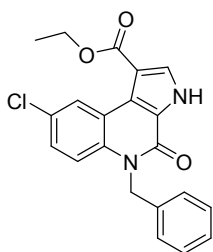
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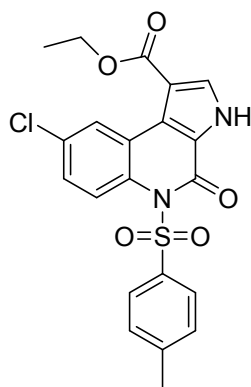
Following the general procedure (80 °C for 3 h), compound **3da** was obtained after column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc 6:4) in 67% as a creamy white solid. mp 298-300°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>+ DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 13.10 (s, 1H), 9.43 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 4.31 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 1.35 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 164.46, 154.62, 136.13, 134.08, 127.71, 126.70, 126.42, 125.17, 123.65, 119.33, 117.83, 111.35, 60.58, 29.71, 14.72. HRMS calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Cl [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 305.0687; found:

**Ethyl 5-benzyl-8-chloro-4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-3H-pyrrolo[2,3-c]quinoline-1-carboxylate(3db)**



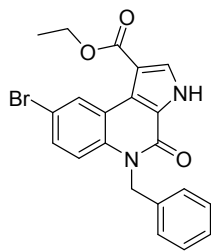
Following the general procedure (80 °C for 3 h), compound **3db** was obtained after column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc 6:4) in 62% as a creamy white solid. mp 286-289°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 13.28 (s, 1H), 9.51 (s, 1H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.16 (m, 5H), 5.65 (s, 2H), 4.34 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.37 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 164.44, 154.98, 137.17, 135.22, 134.50, 129.19, 127.72, 127.56, 126.85, 126.79, 126.70, 124.93, 124.15, 119.77, 118.31, 111.52, 60.62, 45.12, 14.73. HRMS calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Cl [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 381.1000; found: 381.1003.

**Ethyl 8-chloro-4-oxo-5-tosyl-4,5-dihydro-3H-pyrrolo[2,3-c]quinoline-1-carboxylate(3dc)**



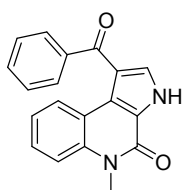
Following the general procedure (80 °C for 3h), compound **3dc** was obtained after column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc 6:4) in 58% as a creamy white solid. mp 158-160°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>+ DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 11.54 (s, 1H), 8.87 (s, 1H), 7.44 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (s, 1H), 3.98 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.05 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 164.59, 143.38, 137.68, 133.92, 133.85, 132.09, 129.79, 129.65, 127.38, 126.92, 126.80, 125.51, 120.60, 119.25, 113.63, 59.37, 21.46, 14.41. HRMS calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 445.0619; found :445.1590.

**Ethyl 5-benzyl-8-bromo-4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-3H-pyrrolo[2,3-c]quinoline-1-carboxylate(3ea)**



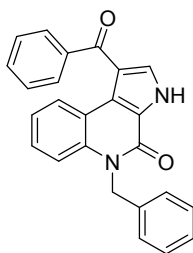
Following the general procedure (80 °C for 3 h), compound **3ea** was obtained after column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc 6:4) in 61% as a creamy white solid. mp 298-300°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 13.28 (s, 1H), 9.65 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.55 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.21 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 5.64 (s, 2H), 4.34 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.37 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 164.46, 154.98, 137.14, 135.59, 134.54, 130.50, 129.67, 129.19, 127.56, 126.79, 124.90, 124.06, 120.22, 118.66, 114.90, 111.52, 60.63, 45.08, 14.75. HRMS calcd for C<sub>21</sub> H<sub>18</sub> O<sub>3</sub> N<sub>2</sub> Br [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 425.0495; found: 425.0491.

**1-benzoyl-5-methyl-3,5-dihydro-4H-pyrrolo[2,3-c]quinolin-4-one(3fa)**



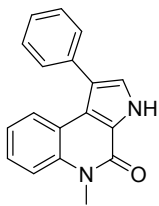
Following the general procedure (80 °C for 3 h), compound **3fa** was obtained after column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc 6:4) in 58% as a pale yellow solid. mp 232-234°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 12.21 (s, 1H), 9.13 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.56 – 7.50 (m, 4H), 7.36 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 6.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 191.80, 155.84, 140.37, 136.90, 135.22, 132.18, 129.69, 128.42, 128.16, 127.72, 126.54, 124.81, 122.93, 120.58, 118.65, 115.06, 29.75. HRMS calcd for C<sub>19</sub> H<sub>15</sub> O<sub>2</sub> N<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 303.1128; found: 303.1138.

**1-benzoyl-5-benzyl-3,5-dihydro-4H-pyrrolo[2,3-c]quinolin-4-one(3fb)**



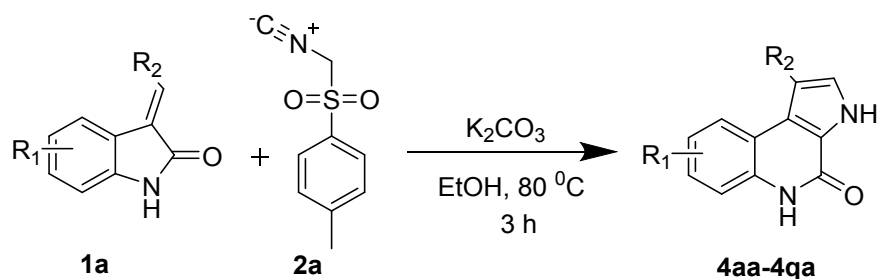
Following the general procedure (80 °C for 3 h), compound **3fb** was obtained after column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc 8:2) in 53% as a pale yellow solid. mp 212-214°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 11.93 (s, 1H), 9.10 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.45 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.11 (m, 5H), 5.76 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 196.22, 160.22, 145.24, 141.82, 141.23, 140.45, 136.86, 134.19, 133.57, 133.22, 132.57, 132.15, 131.96, 131.29, 130.69, 129.69, 126.85, 124.75, 123.41, 120.67, 50.07. HRMS calcd for C<sub>25</sub> H<sub>19</sub> O<sub>2</sub> N<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 379.1441; found: 379.1467.

**5-methyl-1-phenyl-3,5-dihydro-4H-pyrrolo[2,3-c]quinolin-4-one(3ga)**



Following the general procedure (80 °C for 3 h), compound **3ga** was obtained after column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc 8:2) in 58% as a pale yellow solid. mp 222-224°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 11.24 (s, 1H), 7.89 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.44 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.11 – 7.05 (m, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 156.00, 136.66, 135.73, 130.01, 128.54, 127.20, 126.66, 125.67, 124.04, 123.11, 122.03, 121.69, 119.44, 115.25, 29.42. HRMS calcd for C<sub>18</sub> H<sub>15</sub> O N<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: = 275.1178; found: 275.1185.

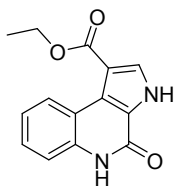
**General procedure for the preparation of *N*-Substituted-3,5-dihydro-4*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*c*]quinolin-4-ones (4aa-4qa):**



The 3-ylideneoxindole **1** (0.50 mmol), TosMIC **2a** (0.50 mmol) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1.00 mmol) (2 equiv) were stirred in 5.0 mL of EtOH was stirred at refluxing temperature for 3h. Upon the completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with 10 ml of water and extracted with EtOAc (3X10 ml). The organic layers were combined and washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the desired products (**4aa-4qa**).

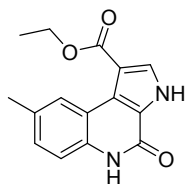
**Analytical data for the compounds 4aa-4qa:**

**Ethyl 4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-3*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*c*]quinoline-1-carboxylate(4aa)**



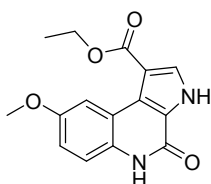
Following the general procedure (80 °C for 3 h), compound **4aa** was obtained after column chromatography (hexane: EtOAc 6:4) in 88% as a white solid. mp 290-292 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 12.96 (s, 1H), 11.67 (s, 1H), 9.22 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.45 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.22 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 6.2, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>+ DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 169.22, 159.91, 141.24, 138.20, 132.49, 131.65, 130.76, 129.98, 126.75, 121.91, 121.17, 116.28, 65.04, 19.51. HRMS calcd for C<sub>14</sub> H<sub>13</sub> O<sub>3</sub> N<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 257.0921; found: 257.0913.

**Ethyl 8-methyl-4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-3*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*c*]quinoline-1-carboxylate(4ba)**



Following the general procedure (80 °C for 3 h), compound **4ba** was obtained after column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc 6:4) in 78% as a white solid. mp 276-278°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 12.99 (s, 1H), 11.64 (s, 1H), 9.07 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.36 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 163.95, 154.54, 133.91, 132.87, 130.23, 128.27, 126.18, 125.31, 124.83, 116.58, 115.77, 110.98, 59.79, 20.95, 14.27. HRMS calcd for C<sub>15</sub> H<sub>15</sub> O<sub>3</sub> N<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 271.1077; found: 271.1068.

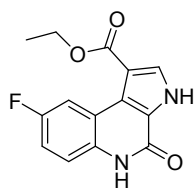
**Ethyl 8-methoxy-4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-3*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*c*]quinoline-1-carboxylate(4ca)**



Following the general procedure (80 °C for 3 h), compound **4ca** was obtained after column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc 6:4) in 82% as a creamy white solid. mp 280-282°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>+ DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 12.82 (s, 1H), 11.45 (s, 1H), 8.91 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.94 – 6.80 (m, 1H), 4.29 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 163.93, 154.36, 154.02,

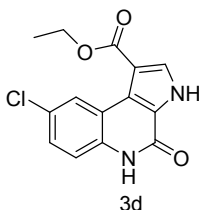
132.55, 130.10, 125.63, 125.00, 117.48, 116.79, 115.28, 110.96, 109.21, 59.57, 55.10, 14.21. HRMS calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 287.1026; found: 287.1015.

**Ethyl 8-fluoro-4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-3H-pyrrolo[2,3-c]quinoline-1-carboxylate(4da)**



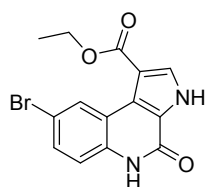
Following the general procedure (80 °C for 3 h), compound **4da** was obtained after column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc 6:4) in 80% as a creamy white solid. mp 326-329°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 13.08 (s, 1H), 11.76 (s, 1H), 9.07 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.30 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 4.30 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 164.47, 158.62, 156.28, 154.87, 133.60, 133.17, 125.67, 125.35, 118.09, 117.98, 117.89, 115.52, 115.28, 112.30, 112.04, 111.53, 60.47, 14.72. HRMS calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>F [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 275.0826; found: 275.0818.

**Ethyl 8-chloro-4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-3H-pyrrolo[2,3-c]quinoline-1-carboxylate(4ea)**



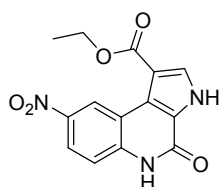
Following the general procedure (80 °C for 3 h), compound **4ea** was obtained after column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc 6:4) in 78% as a creamy white solid. mp 300-302°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 13.15 (s, 1H), 11.86 (s, 1H), 9.36 (s, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 4.33 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 163.92, 154.44, 134.77, 133.21, 127.04, 125.56, 125.14, 124.39, 117.91, 117.61, 111.07, 59.98, 14.22. HRMS calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Cl [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 291.0531; found: 291.0524.

**Ethyl 8-bromo-4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-3H-pyrrolo[2,3-c]quinoline-1-carboxylate(4fa)**



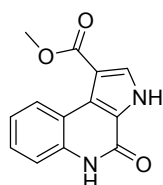
Following the general procedure (80 °C for 3 h), compound **4fa** was obtained after column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc 6:4) in 75% as a creamy white solid. mp 302-304°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 13.15 (s, 1H), 11.85 (s, 1H), 9.50 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.65 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 164.47, 154.96, 135.61, 133.80, 130.30, 129.02, 125.61, 124.79, 118.93, 118.48, 114.05, 111.58, 60.54, 14.76. HRMS calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Br [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 335.0026; found: 335.0019.

**Ethyl 8-nitro-4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-3H-pyrrolo[2,3-c]quinoline-1-carboxylate(4ga)**



Following the general procedure (80°C for 3 h), compound **4ga** was obtained after column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc 6:4) in 70% as a pale yellow solid. mp 360-362°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 13.28 (s, 1H), 12.26 (s, 1H), 10.28 (s, 1H), 8.26 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>+DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 168.99, 159.86, 146.64, 145.96, 138.85, 130.29, 129.85, 128.14, 127.38, 121.86, 121.50, 116.55, 65.37, 19.45. HRMS calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>5</sub>N<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 302.0771; found: 302.0791.

**Methyl 4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-3H-pyrrolo[2,3-c]quinoline-1-carboxylate(4ha)**

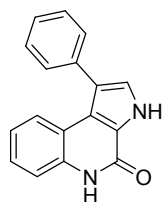


Following the general procedure (80°C for 3 h), compound **4ha** was obtained after column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc 6:4) in 80% as a white solid. mp 348-350°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 13.03 (s, 1H), 11.71 (s, 1H), 9.24 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.45 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 164.92, 155.15, 136.53, 133.46,



127.78, 126.87, 126.05, 125.26, 122.03, 117.14, 116.44, 111.18, 51.84. HRMS calcd for C<sub>13</sub> H<sub>11</sub> O<sub>3</sub> N<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 243.0764; found: 243.0756.

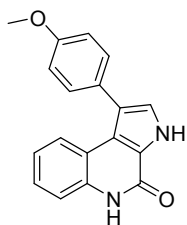
#### 1-phenyl-3,5-dihydro-4H-pyrrolo[2,3-c]quinolin-4-one(4ia)



Following the general procedure (80 °C for 3 h), compound **4ia** was obtained after column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc 6:4) in 60% as a creamy white solid. mp 310-312°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>+ DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 11.42 (s, 1H), 10.48 (s, 1H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.52 – 6.40 (m, 4H), 6.44 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.30 – 6.24 (m, 2H), 5.98 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 155.10, 135.54, 135.48, 129.53, 128.34, 126.84, 125.93, 125.46, 123.14, 122.85, 122.31, 121.01, 120.63, 117.56, 116.14. HRMS calcd for C<sub>17</sub> H<sub>13</sub> O N<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 261.1022; found:

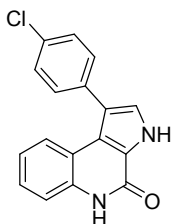
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#### 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3,5-dihydro-4H-pyrrolo[2,3-c]quinolin-4-one(4ja)



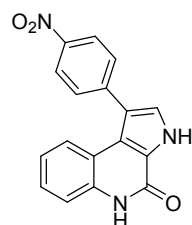
Following the general procedure (80 °C for 3 h), compound **4ja** was obtained after column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc 6:4) in 58% as a creamy white solid. mp 320-322°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 12.34 (s, 1H), 11.43 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 158.36, 155.03, 135.52, 130.79, 127.62, 125.98, 125.44, 122.98, 122.89, 122.23, 121.09, 120.26, 117.65, 116.08, 113.90, 55.10. HRMS calcd for C<sub>18</sub> H<sub>15</sub> O<sub>2</sub> N<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 291.1128; found: 291.1118.

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



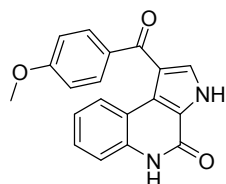
Following the general procedure (80 °C for 3 h), compound **4ka** was obtained after column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc 6:4) in 55% as a creamy white solid. mp 328-330°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>+ DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 12.50 (s, 1H), 11.49 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.48 (m, 4H), 7.39 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 155.49, 136.08, 134.98, 132.20, 131.90, 128.99, 126.73, 126.41, 123.82, 123.21, 122.70, 121.78, 119.77, 117.83, 116.73. HRMS calcd for C<sub>17</sub> H<sub>12</sub> O N<sub>2</sub> Cl [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 295.0633; found: 295.0625.

#### 1-(4-nitrophenyl)-3,5-dihydro-4H-pyrrolo[2,3-c]quinolin-4-one(4la)



Following the general procedure (80 °C for 3 h), compound **4la** was obtained after column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc 6:4) in 45% as a pale yellow solid. mp 370-373°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 12.66 (s, 1H), 11.55 (s, 1H), 8.34 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.85 – 7.80 (m, 2H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.07 – 7.00 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 155.42, 146.66, 143.43, 136.17, 130.91, 127.35, 127.06, 124.39, 124.27, 123.14, 122.86, 121.98, 119.26, 117.47, 116.88. HRMS calcd for C<sub>17</sub> H<sub>12</sub> O<sub>3</sub> N<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 306.0873; found: 306.0869.

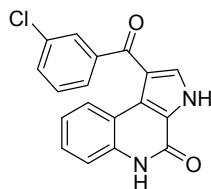
#### 1-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-3,5-dihydro-4H-pyrrolo[2,3-c]quinolin-4-one(4ma)



Following the general procedure (80 °C for 3 h), compound **4ma** was obtained after column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc 6:4) in 57% as a creamy white solid. mp 245-248°C. <sup>1</sup>H

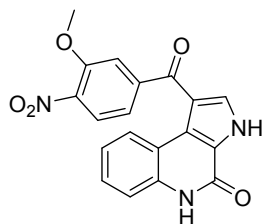
NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  13.12 (s, 1H), 11.80 (s, 1H), 8.88 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.35 (m, 5H), 7.27 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  190.56, 159.09, 154.81, 141.37, 136.10, 135.08, 129.51, 127.37, 126.11, 125.98, 125.12, 121.71, 121.41, 119.45, 117.91, 116.80, 115.99, 113.85, 55.25. HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_3\text{N}_2$  [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ] $^+$ : 319.1077; found: 319.1064.

#### **1-(3-chlorobenzoyl)-3,5-dihydro-4H-pyrrolo[2,3-c]quinolin-4-one(4na)**



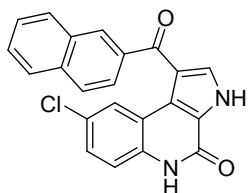
Following the general procedure (80 °C for 3 h), compound **4na** was obtained after column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc 6:4) in 56% as a creamy white solid. mp 275-278°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  13.11 (s, 1H), 11.78 (s, 1H), 8.86 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.67 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.58 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.16 (m, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  189.84, 155.27, 142.55, 136.66, 136.24, 133.77, 132.14, 130.86, 129.08, 128.35, 127.98, 126.67, 126.54, 125.84, 121.95, 119.63, 117.22, 116.50. HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2\text{N}_2\text{Cl}$  [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ] $^+$ : 323.0582; found: 323.0574.

#### **1-(3-methoxy-4-nitrobenzoyl)-3,5-dihydro-4H-pyrrolo[2,3-c]quinolin-4-one(4oa)**



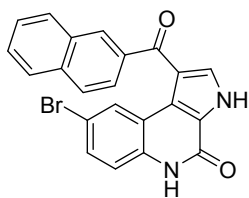
Following the general procedure (80 °C for 3 h), compound **4oa** was obtained after column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc 6:4) in 42% as a pale yellow solid. mp 260-262°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  13.15 (s, 1H), 11.76 (s, 1H), 8.76 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.33 (d,  $J$  = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (dd,  $J$  = 8.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d,  $J$  = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.19 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  187.29, 155.86, 146.78, 144.44, 142.00, 139.41, 136.10, 132.53, 131.11, 127.11, 126.21, 123.41, 117.24, 116.40, 115.02, 112.09, 57.85. HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_5\text{N}_3$  [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ] $^+$ : 364.0928; found: 364.0924.

#### **1-(2-naphthoyl)-8-chloro-3,5-dihydro-4H-pyrrolo[2,3-c]quinolin-4-one(4pa)**



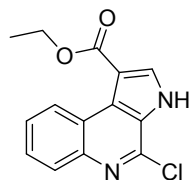
Following the general procedure (80 °C for 3 h), compound **4pa** was obtained after column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc 6:4) in 60% as a creamy white solid. mp 260-263°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  13.26 (s, 1H), 11.93 (s, 1H), 9.02 (s, 1H), 8.47 (s, 1H), 8.17 – 8.03 (m, 3H), 7.96 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.74 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.30 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  191.01, 154.61, 137.07, 135.76, 134.91, 134.60, 131.97, 130.70, 129.43, 128.18, 127.62, 127.21, 126.82, 125.61, 125.46, 125.34, 124.99, 119.60, 118.13, 117.72. HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2\text{N}_2\text{Cl}$  [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ] $^+$ : 373.0738; found: 373.0734.

#### **1-(2-naphthoyl)-8-bromo-3,5-dihydro-4H-pyrrolo[2,3-c]quinolin-4-one(4qa)**



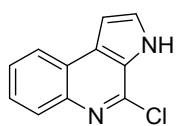
Following the general procedure (80 °C for 3 h), compound **4qa** was obtained after column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc 6:4) in 56% as a creamy white solid. mp 290-292°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  13.27 (s, 1H), 11.94 (s, 1H), 9.17 (d,  $J$  = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.47 (s, 1H), 8.17 – 8.02 (m, 3H), 7.99 – 7.93 (m, 1H), 7.85 (d,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.64 – 7.50 (m, 3H), 7.42 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  190.99, 154.62, 137.09, 135.73, 134.91, 134.60, 131.98, 130.66, 129.41, 128.16, 127.61, 127.19, 126.81, 125.63, 125.47, 125.33, 125.00, 119.61, 118.14, 117.71. HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2\text{N}_2\text{Br}$  [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ] $^+$ : 417.0233; found: 417.0226.

#### Ethyl 4-chloro-3H-pyrrolo[2,3-c]quinoline-1-carboxylate(5)



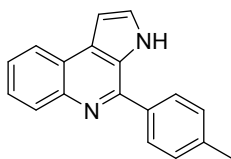
Following the general procedure (**Scheme 5**), compound **5** was obtained after column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc 7:3) in 85% as a creamy white solid. mp 270-272°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.64 (s, 1H), 9.38 (s, 1H), 8.15 (dd, *J* = 34.0, 10.8 Hz, 2H), 7.77 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 4.48 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.47 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>+ DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 168.92, 148.13, 141.90, 139.78, 133.30, 133.17, 132.09, 131.93, 131.81, 131.07, 128.13, 116.27, 65.03, 19.31. HRMS calcd for C<sub>14</sub> H<sub>12</sub> O<sub>2</sub> N<sub>2</sub> Cl [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 275.0582; found: 275.0575.

#### 4-chloro-3H-pyrrolo[2,3-c]quinoline(6)



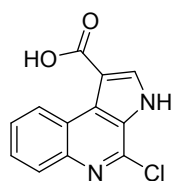
Following the general procedure (**Scheme 5**), compound **6** was obtained after column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc 7:3) in 70% as a creamy white solid. mp 260-262 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.10 (s, 1H), 8.20 – 8.15 (m, 1H), 8.14 – 8.07 (m, 1H), 7.65 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.11 (dd, *J* = 3.0, 2.1 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 142.60, 136.56, 130.51, 128.90, 126.88, 126.83, 126.50, 126.04, 123.33, 123.11. HRMS calcd for C<sub>11</sub> H<sub>8</sub> N<sub>2</sub> Cl [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 203.0371; found: 203.0364.

#### 4-(p-tolyl)-3H-pyrrolo[2,3-c]quinoline(7)



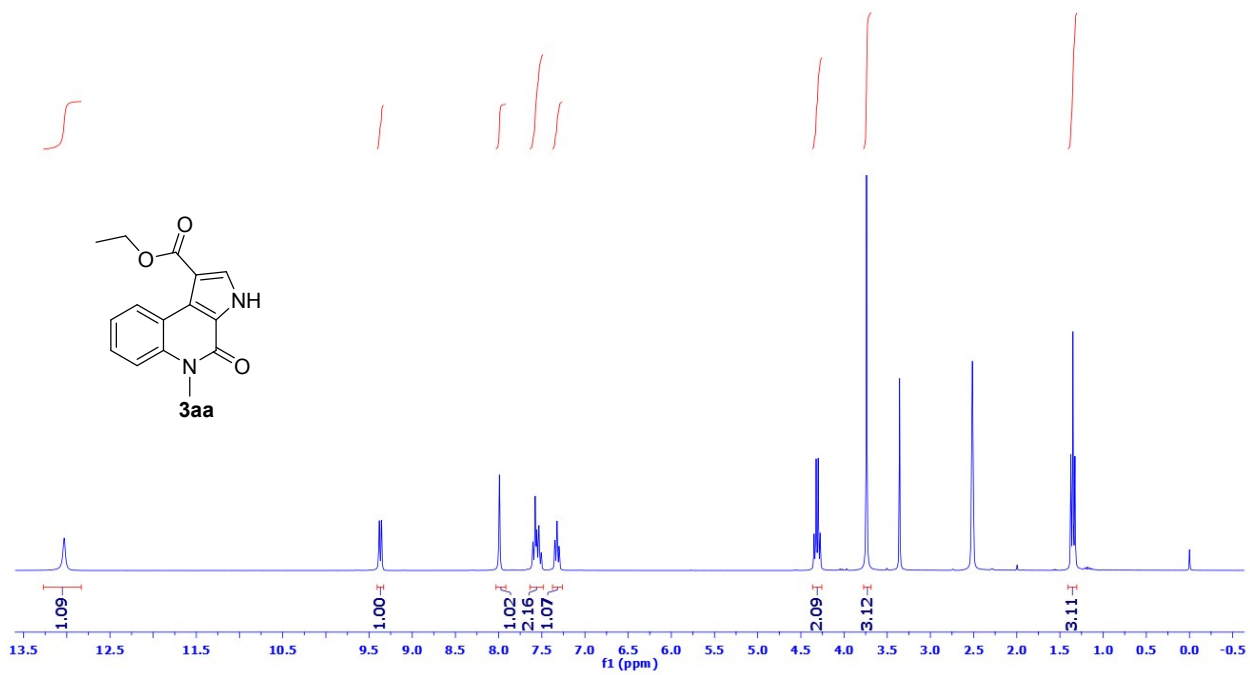
Following the general procedure (**Scheme 5**), compound **7** was obtained after column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc 7:3) in 80% as a creamy white solid. mp 258-260 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.46 (s, 1H), 8.23 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 146.63, 142.08, 139.65, 134.46, 129.80, 129.63, 129.44, 129.18, 128.70, 128.38, 127.25, 126.53, 125.95, 123.02, 122.94, 102.14. HRMS calcd for C<sub>18</sub> H<sub>15</sub> N<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 259.1230; found: 259.1222.

#### 4-chloro-3H-pyrrolo[2,3-c]quinoline-1-carboxylic acid(8)

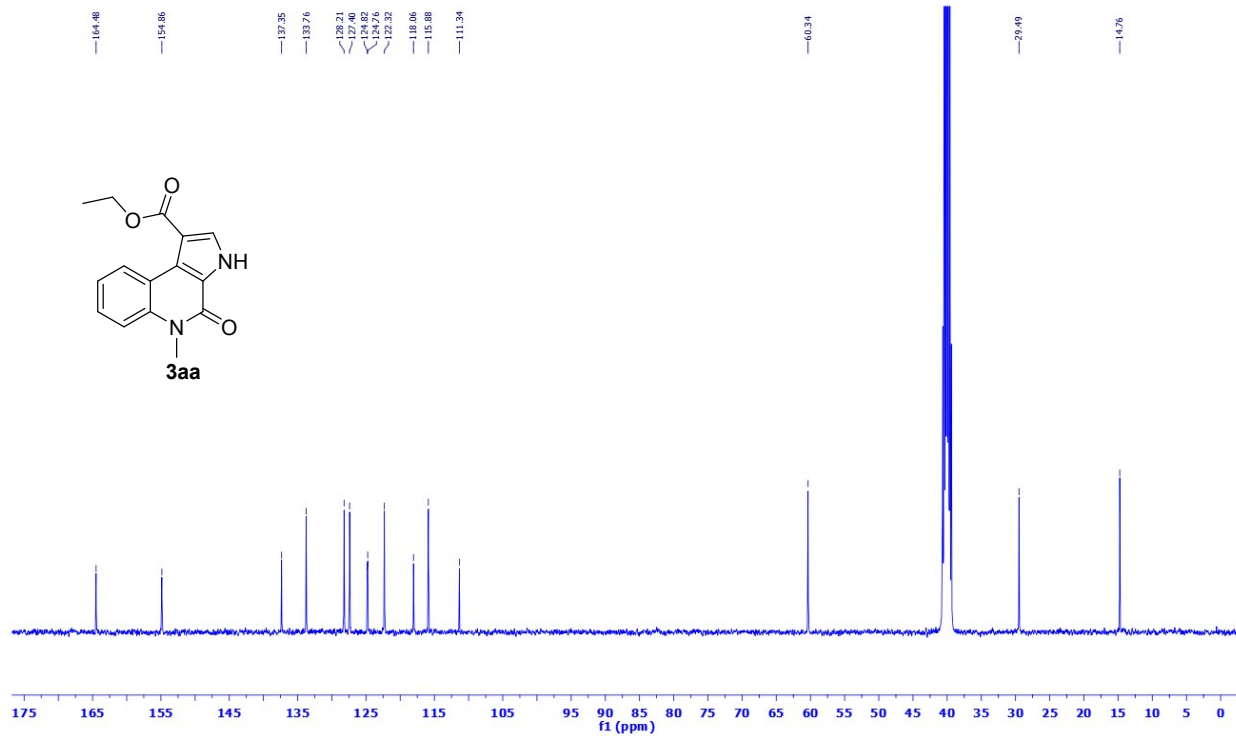


Following the general procedure (**Scheme 5**), compound **8** was obtained after column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc 5:5) in 76% as a creamy white solid. mp 358-360 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 13.14 (s, 1H), 12.63 (s, 1H), 9.70 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 8.34 (s, 1H), 8.02 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.75 – 7.65 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 164.77, 142.27, 136.15, 135.19, 127.80, 127.34, 126.81, 126.24, 125.75, 122.41, 111.21. HRMS calcd for C<sub>12</sub> H<sub>8</sub> O<sub>2</sub> N<sub>2</sub> Cl [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 247.0269; found: 247.0264.

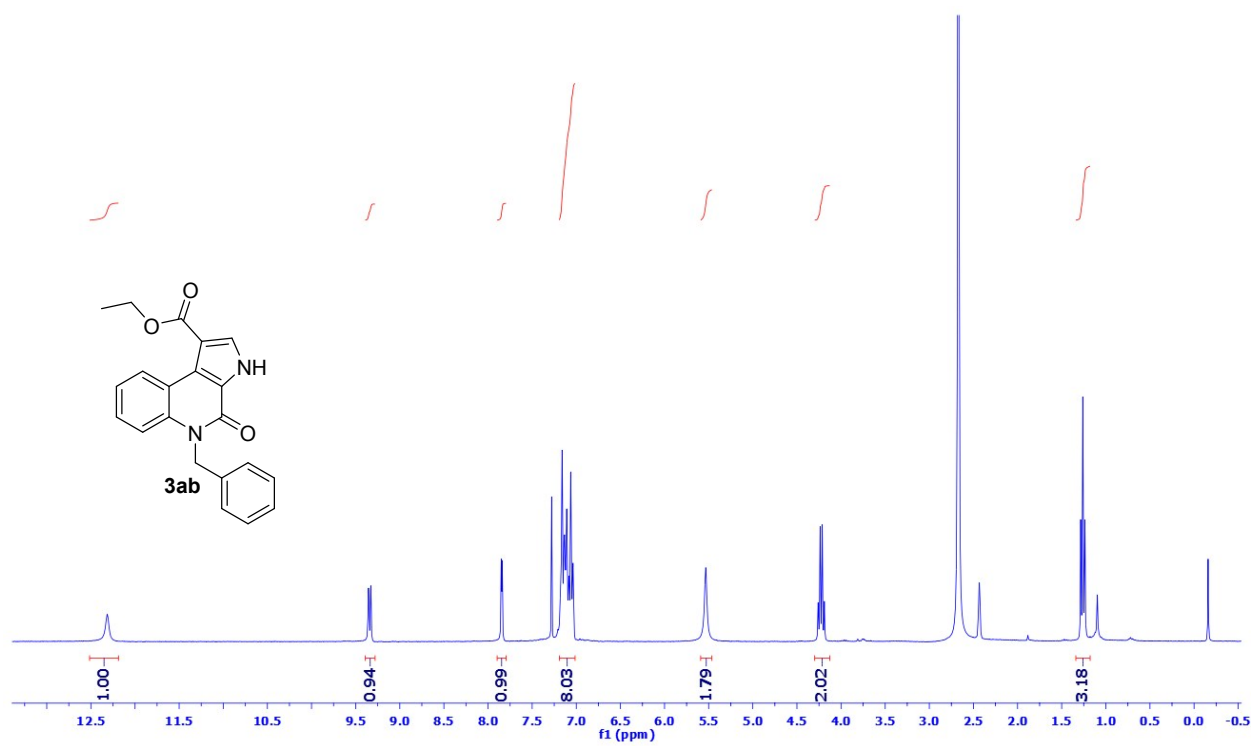
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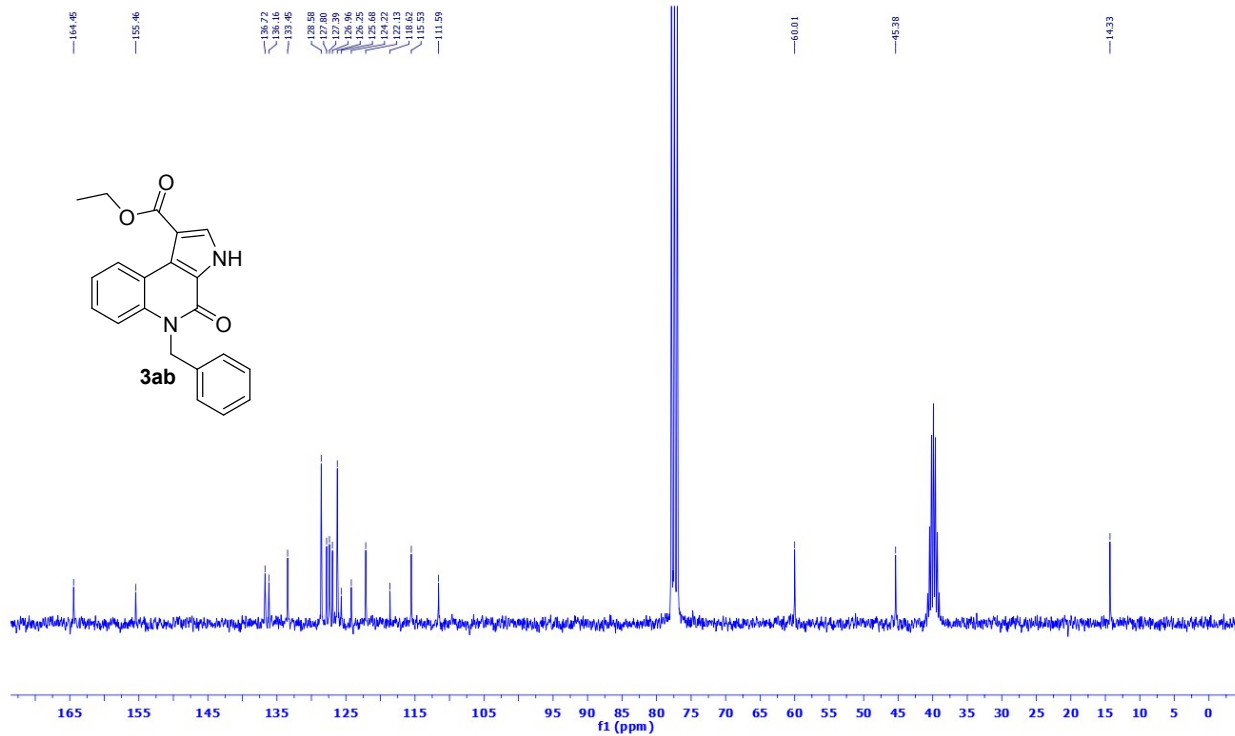
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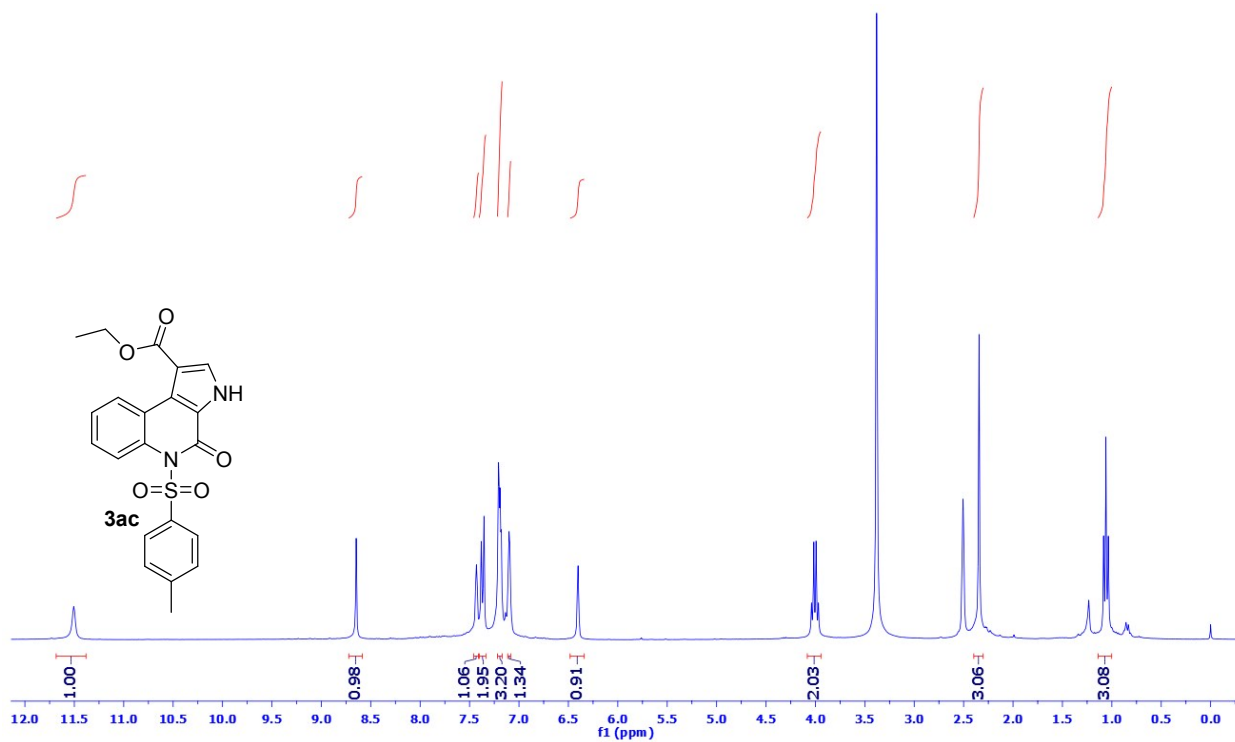
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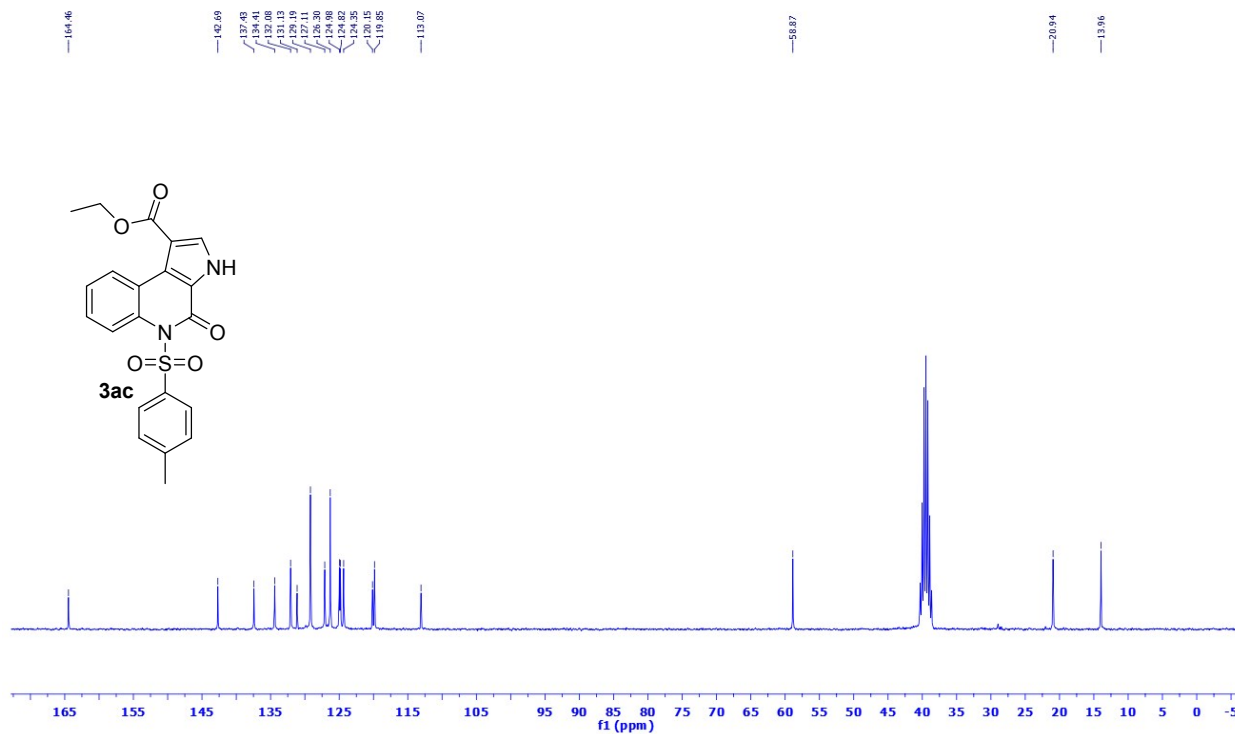
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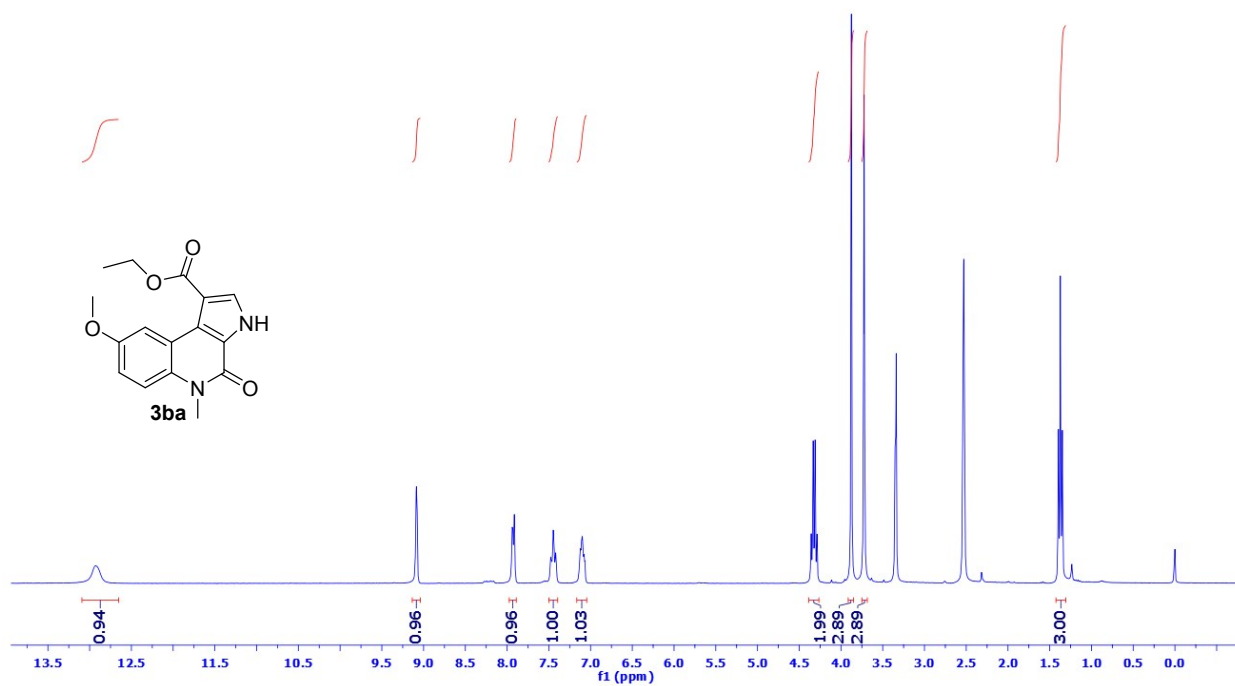
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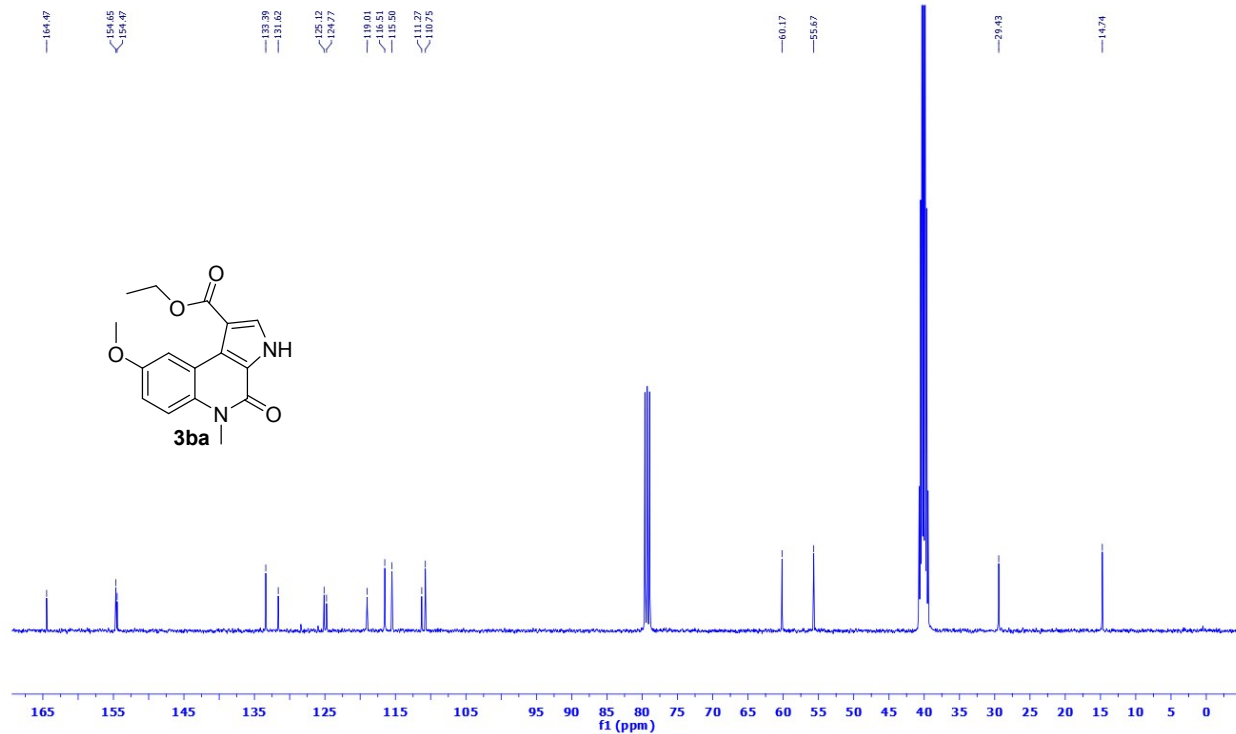
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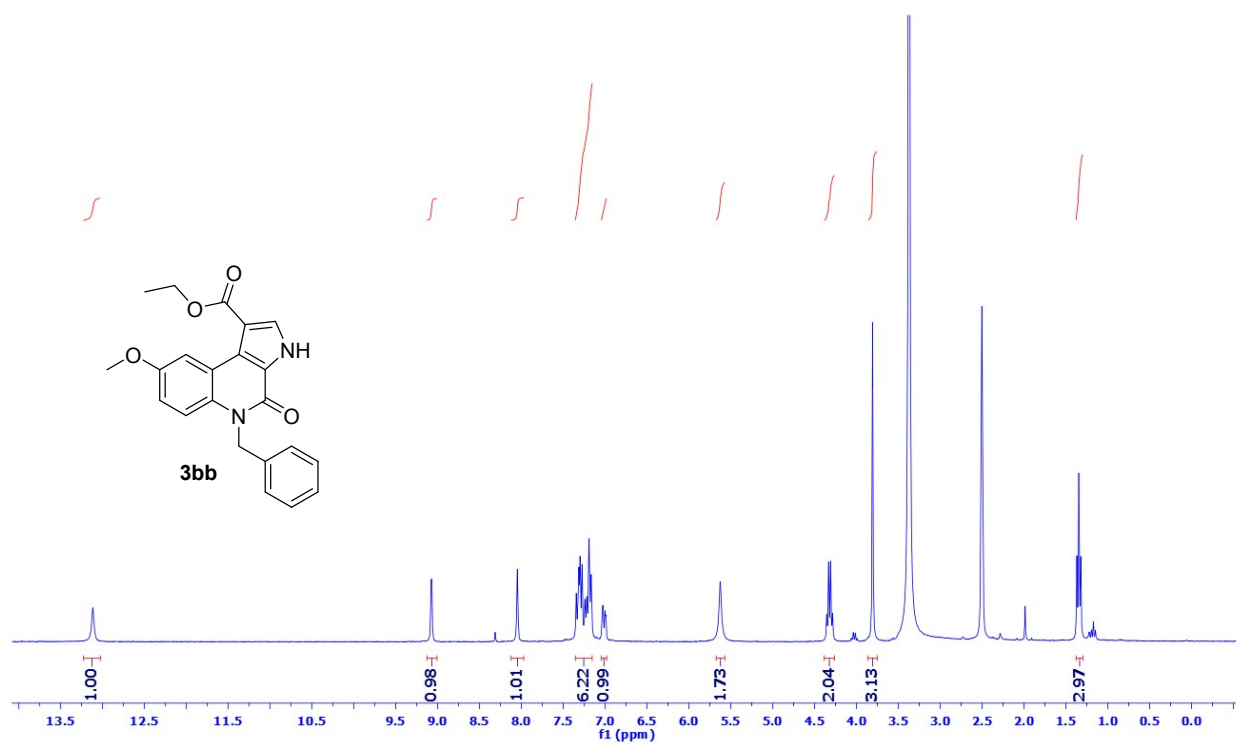
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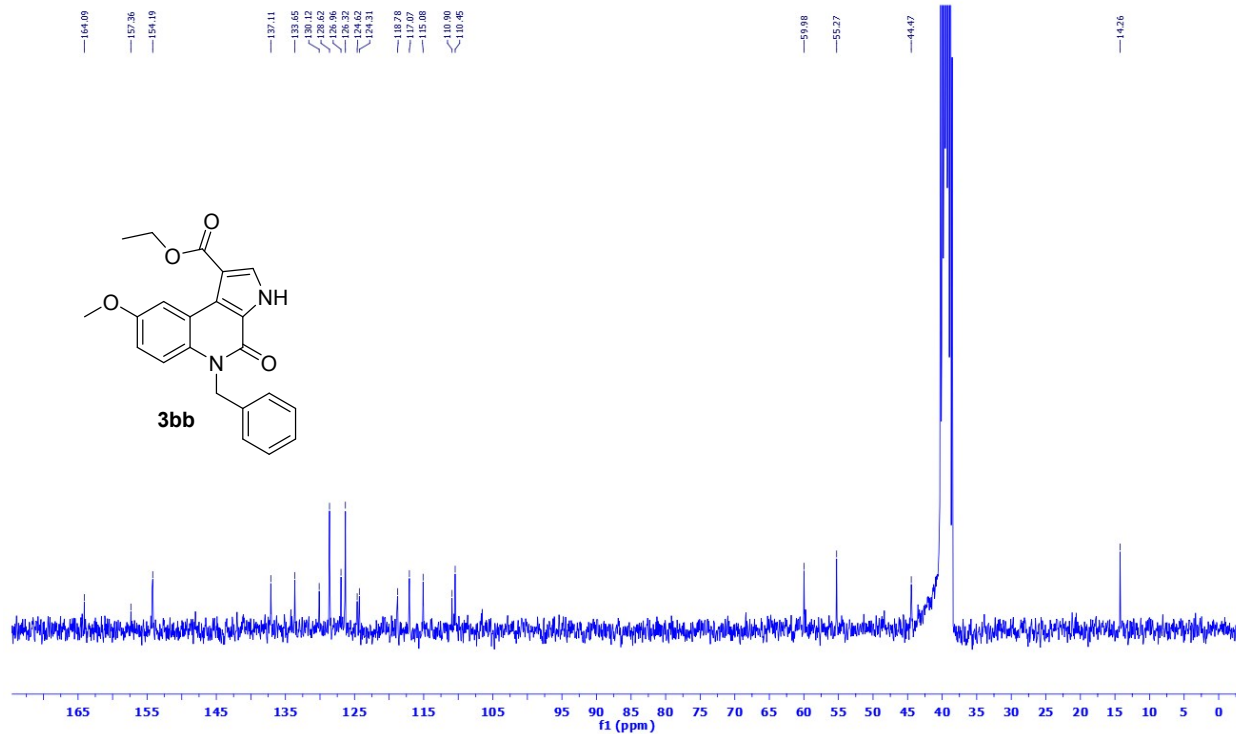


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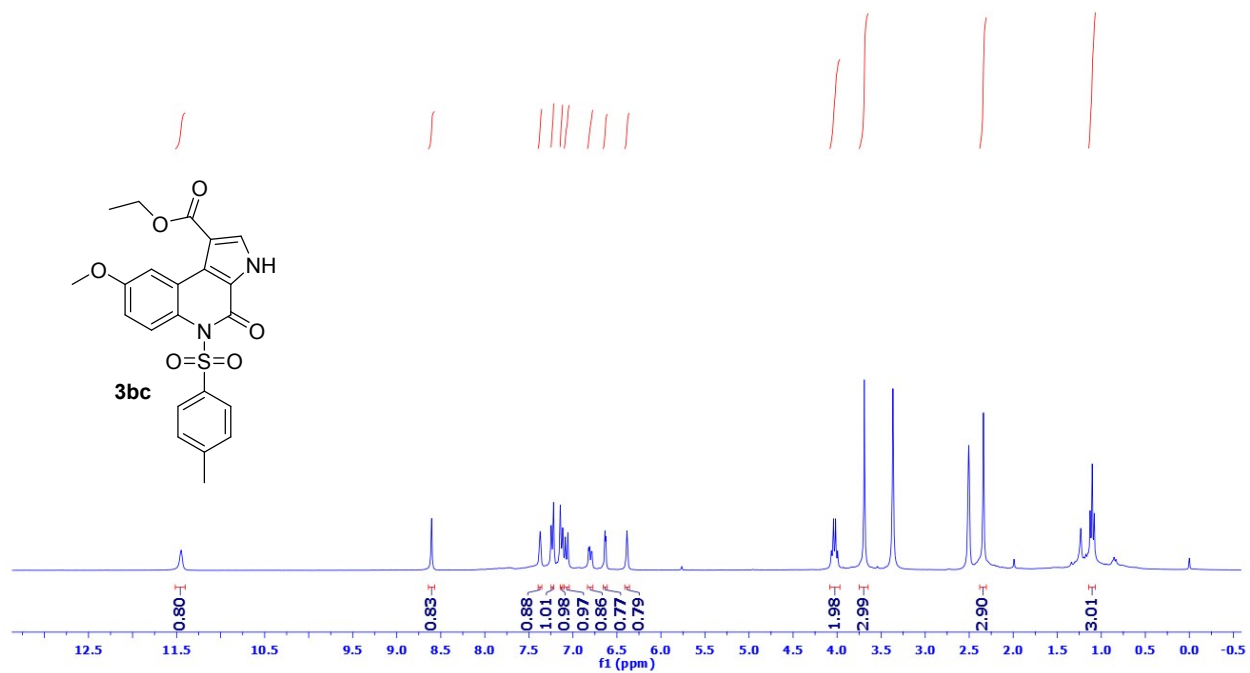


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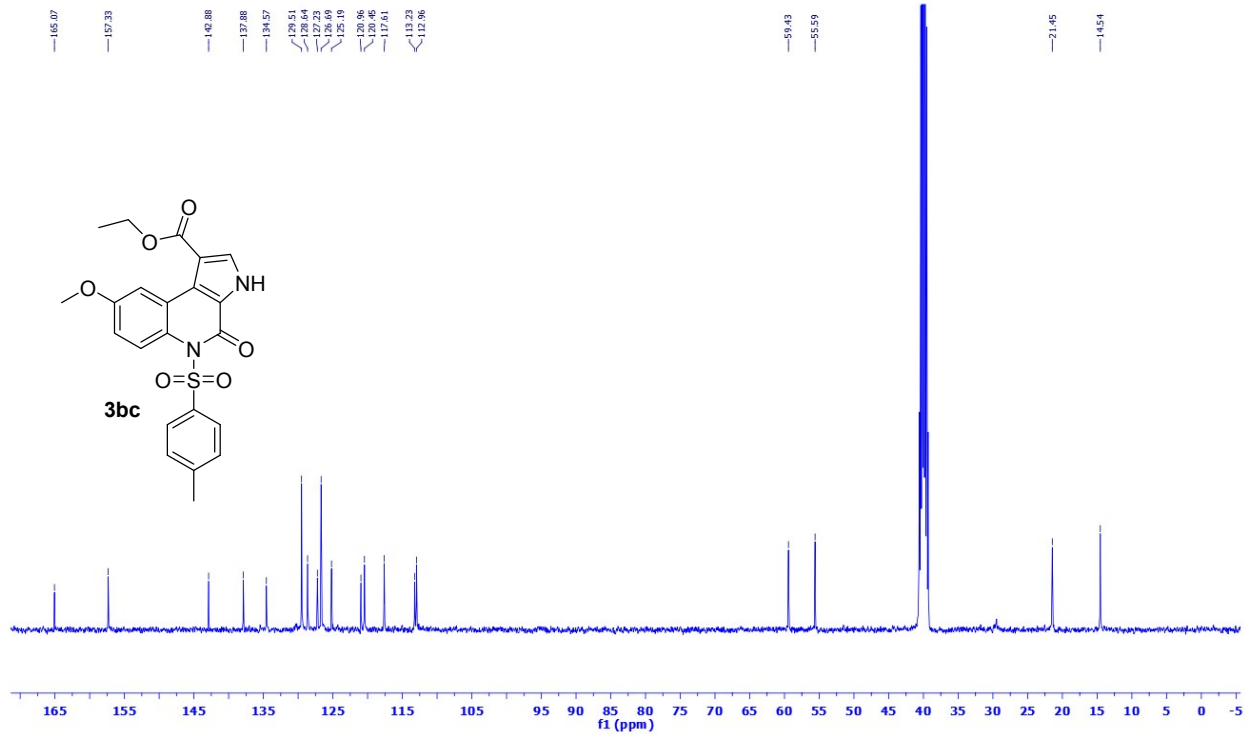




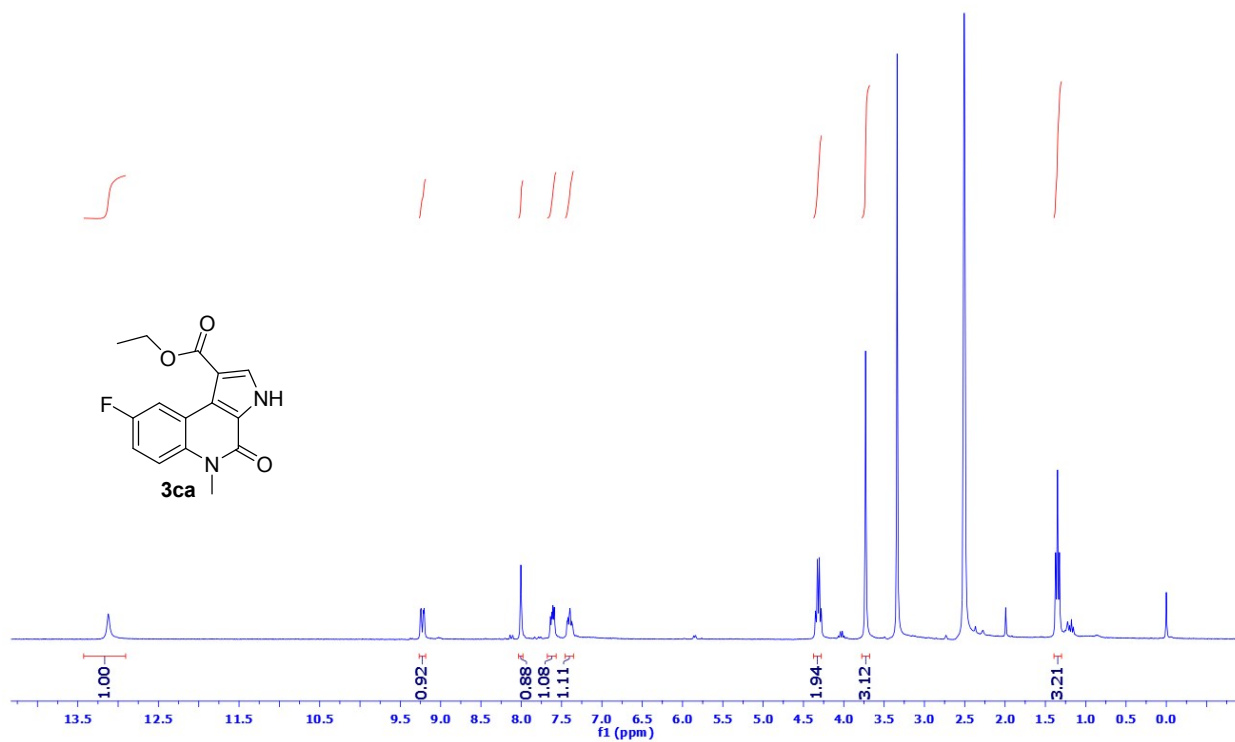
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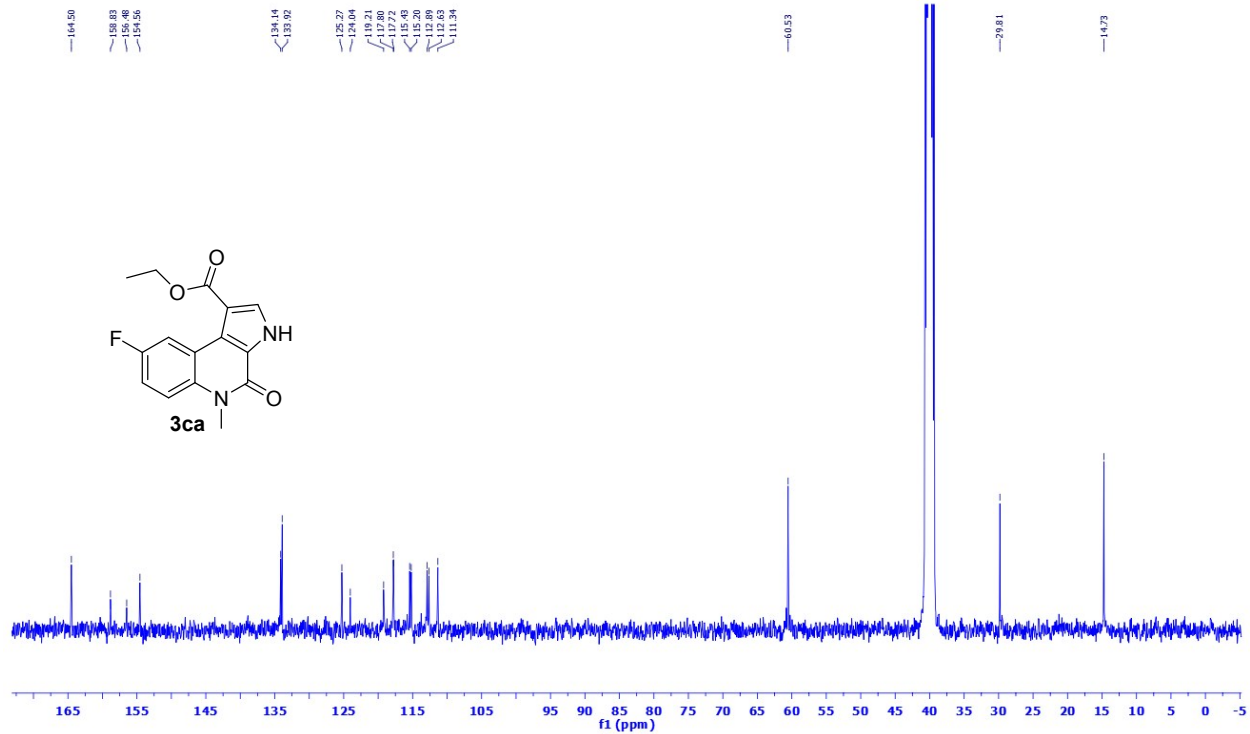
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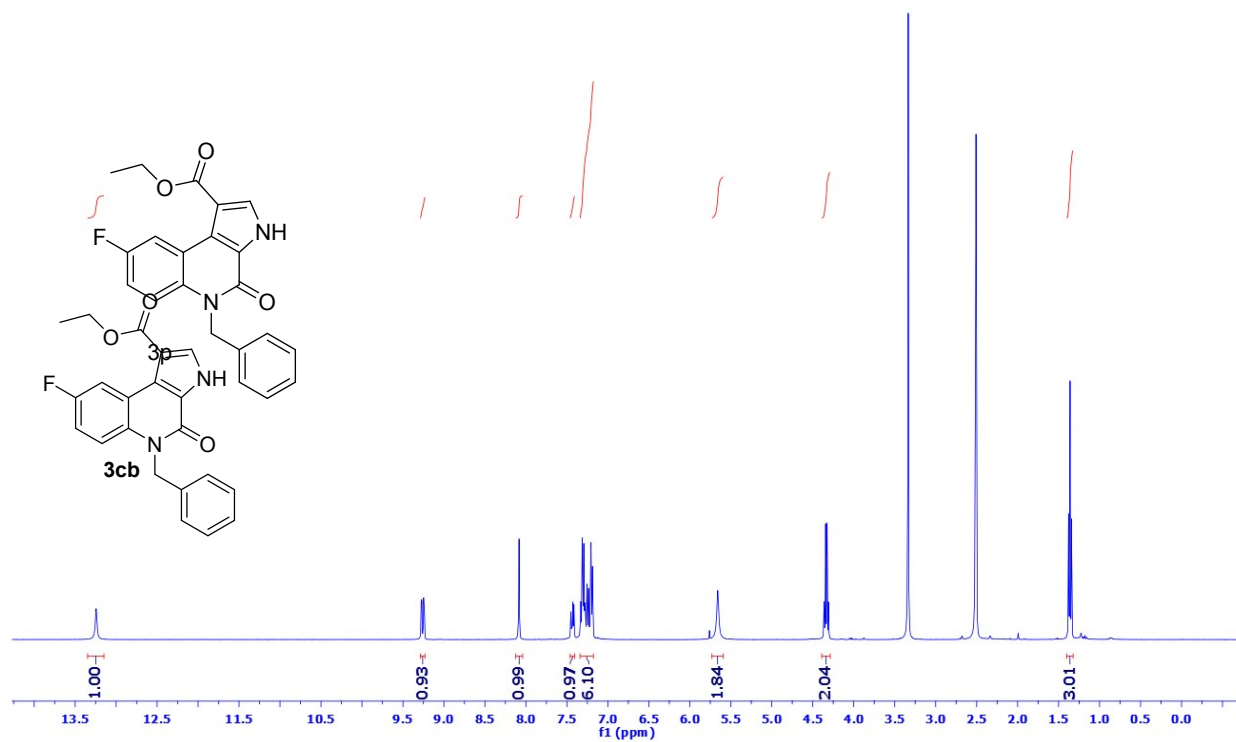
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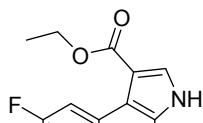
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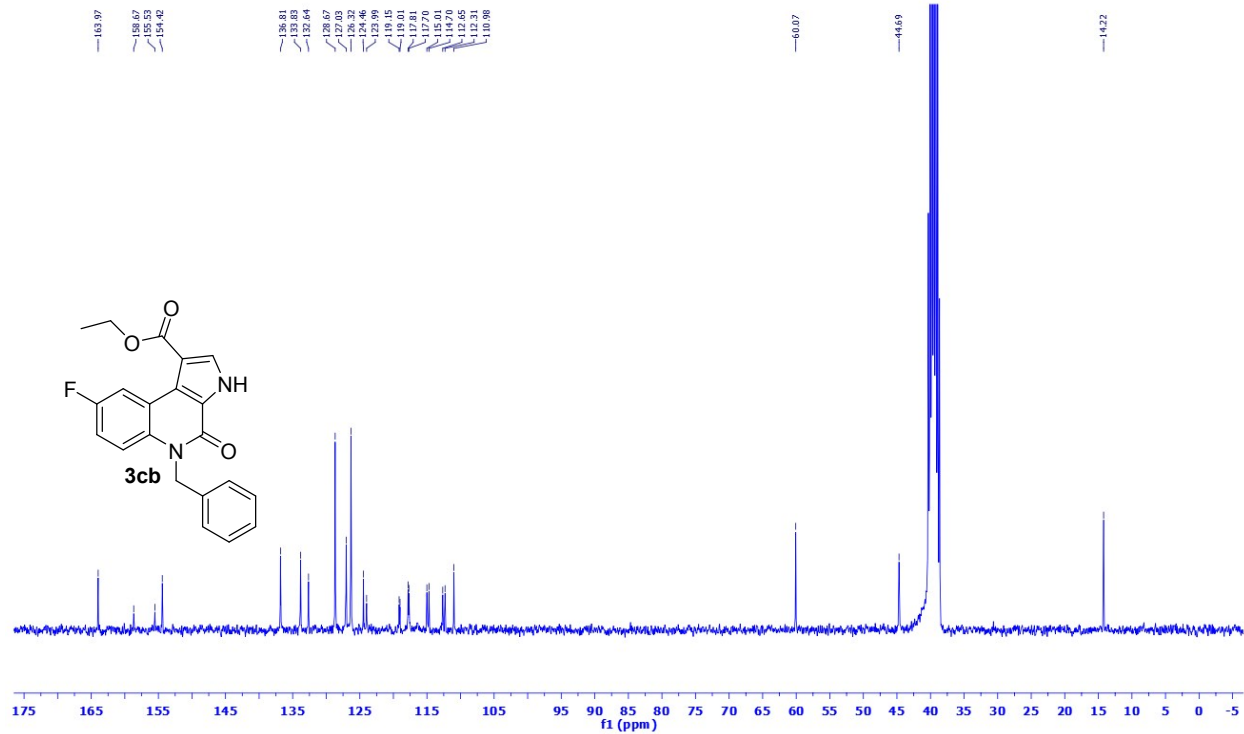


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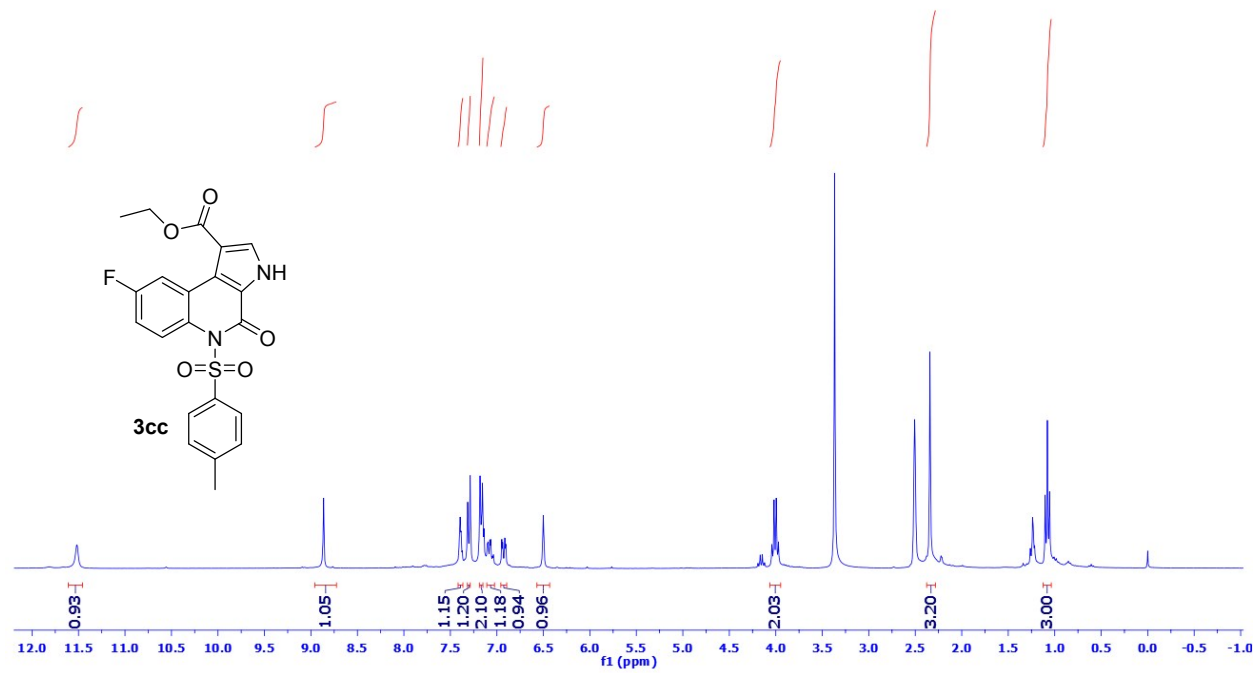


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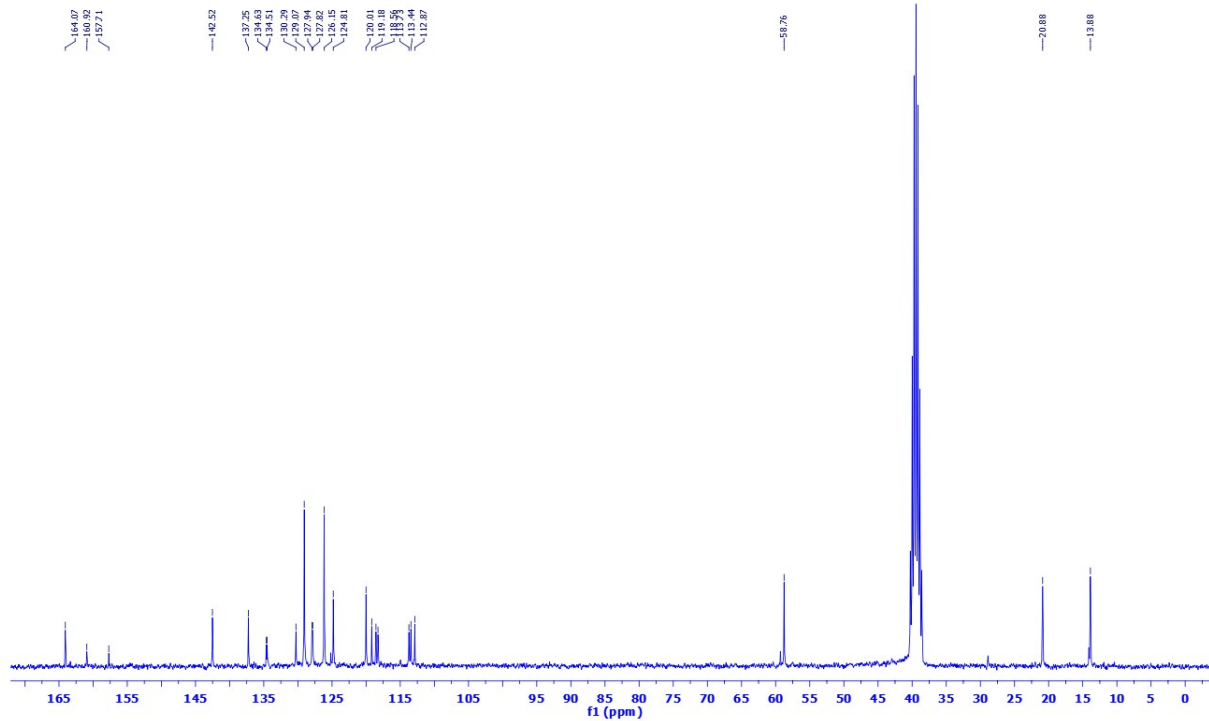




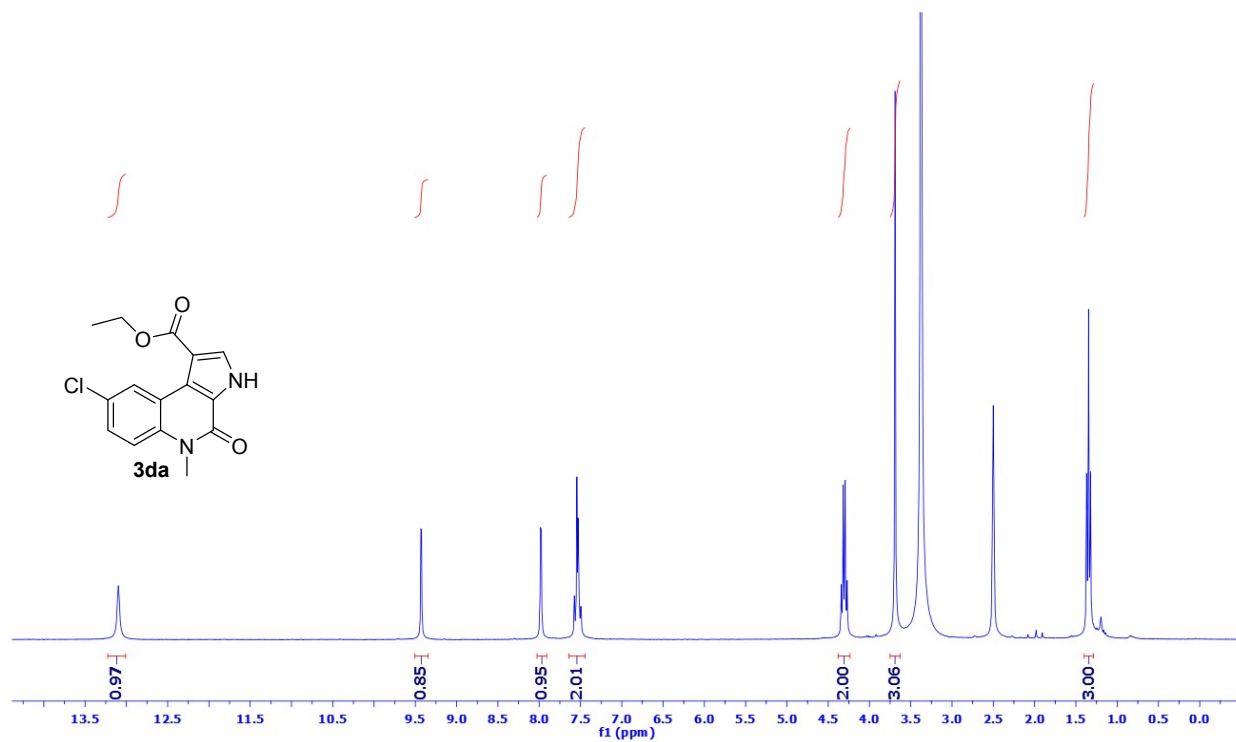
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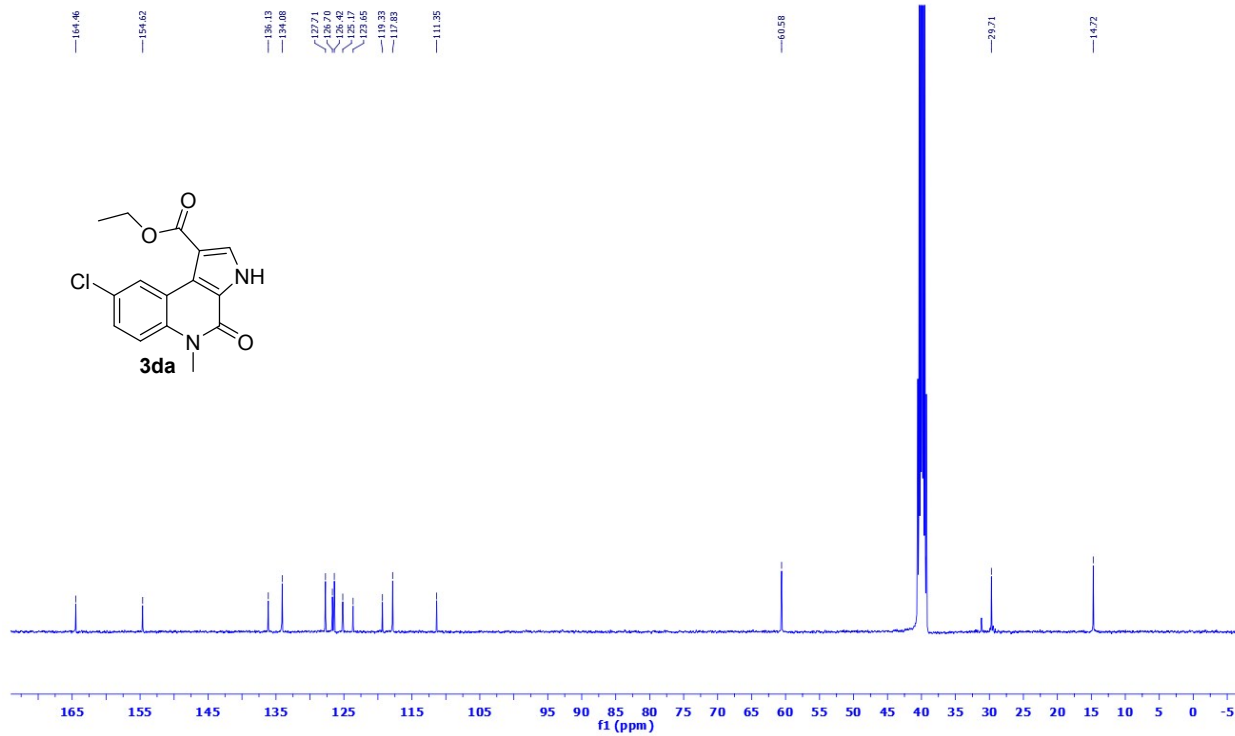
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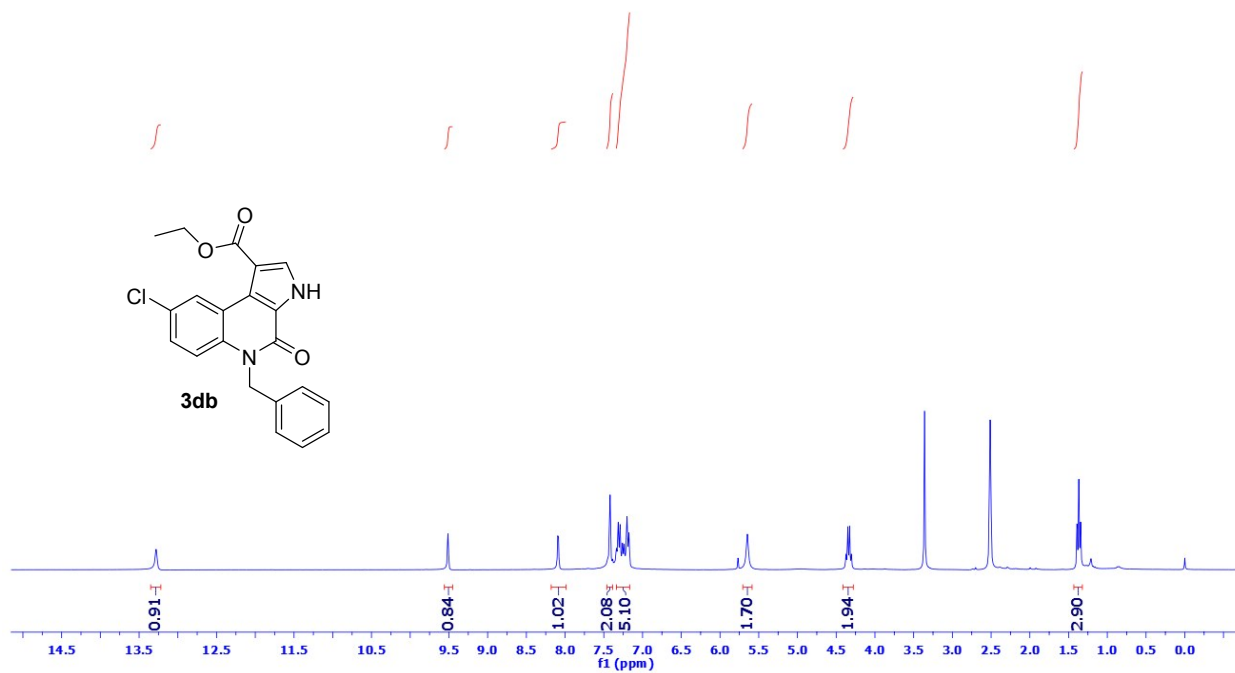
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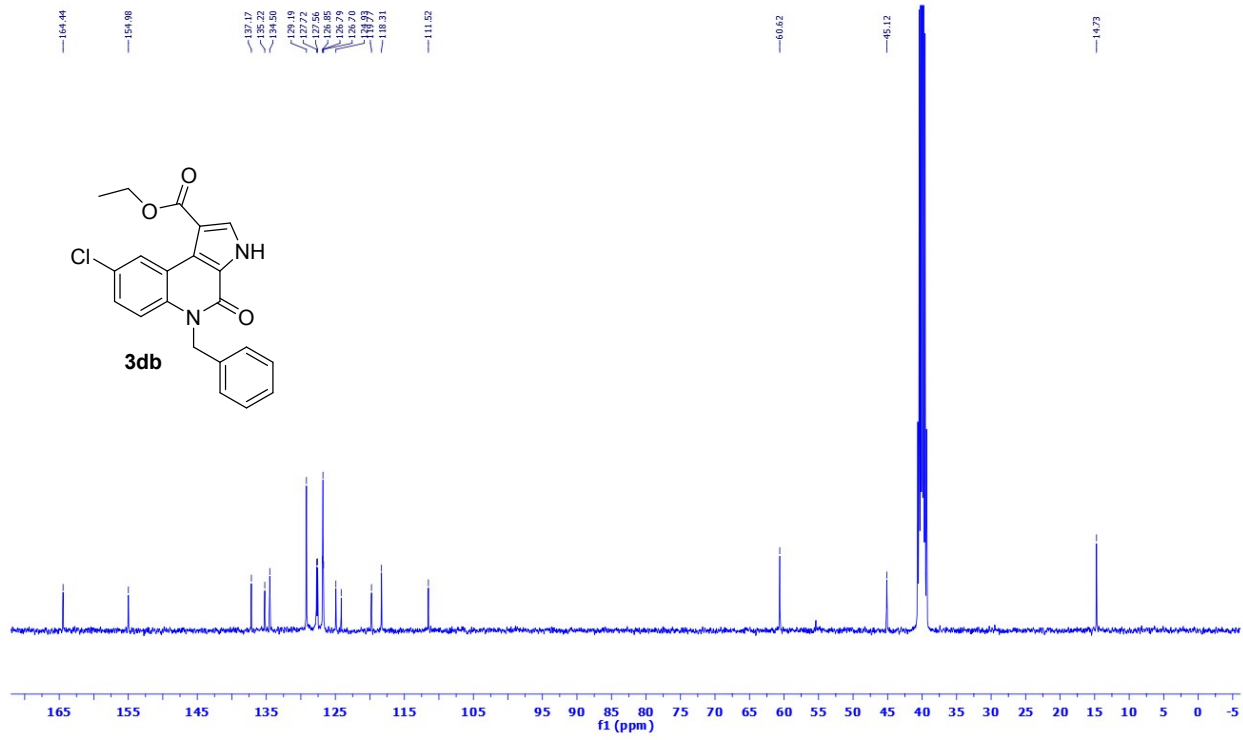
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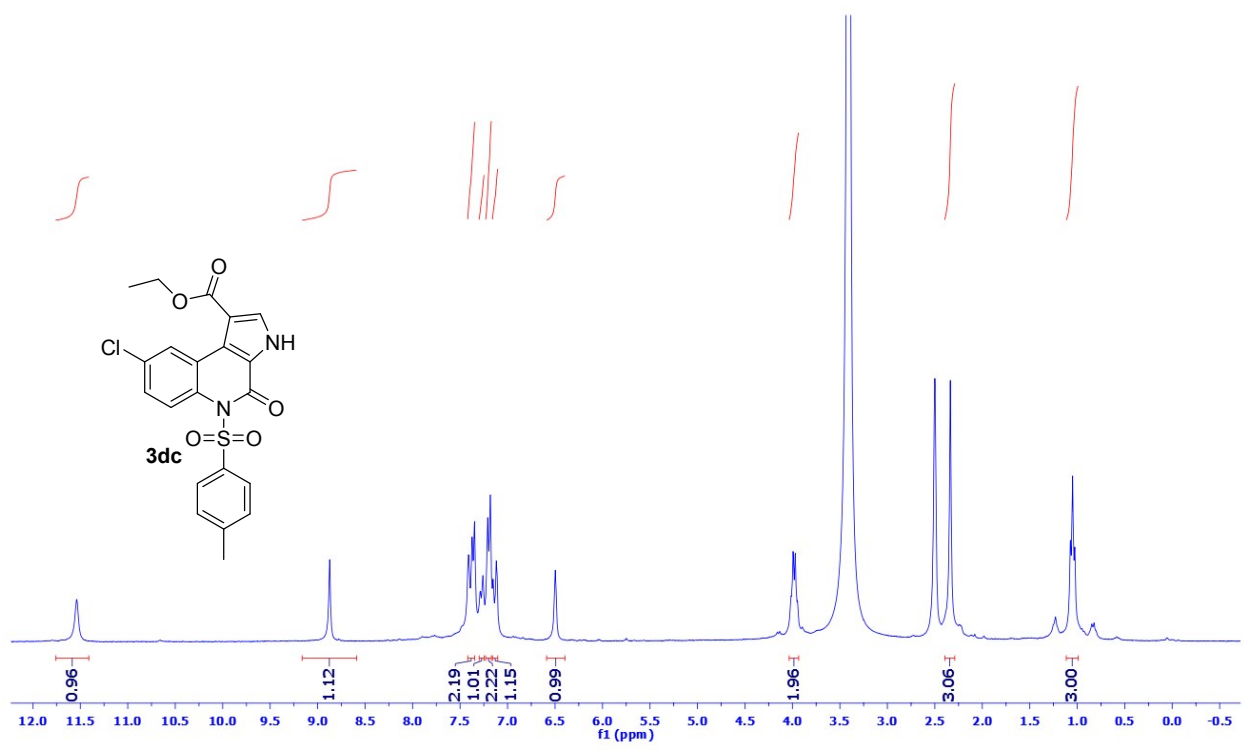
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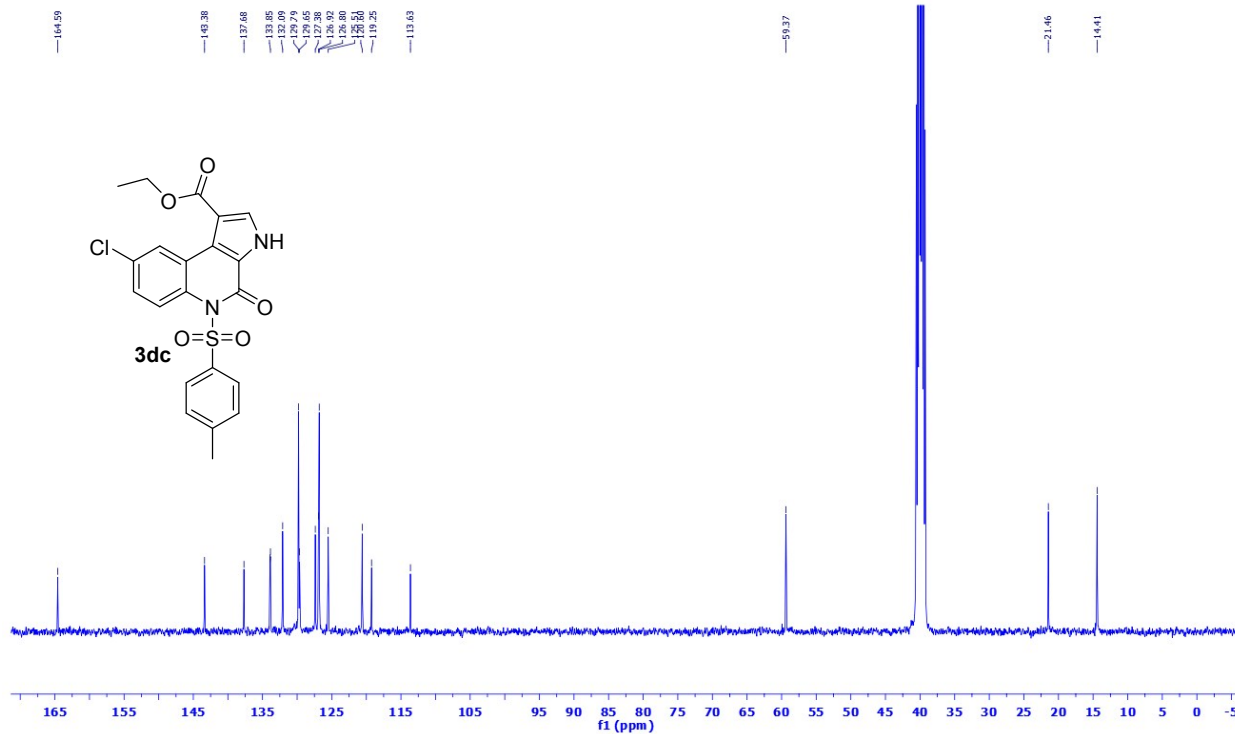
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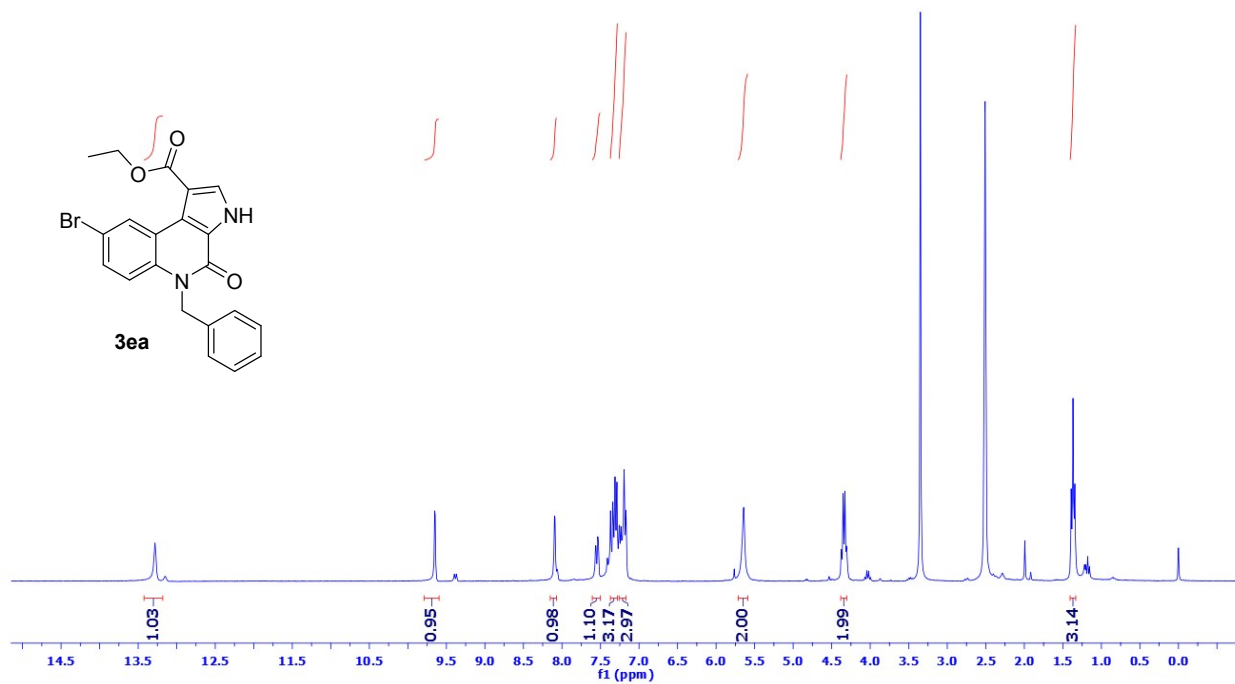
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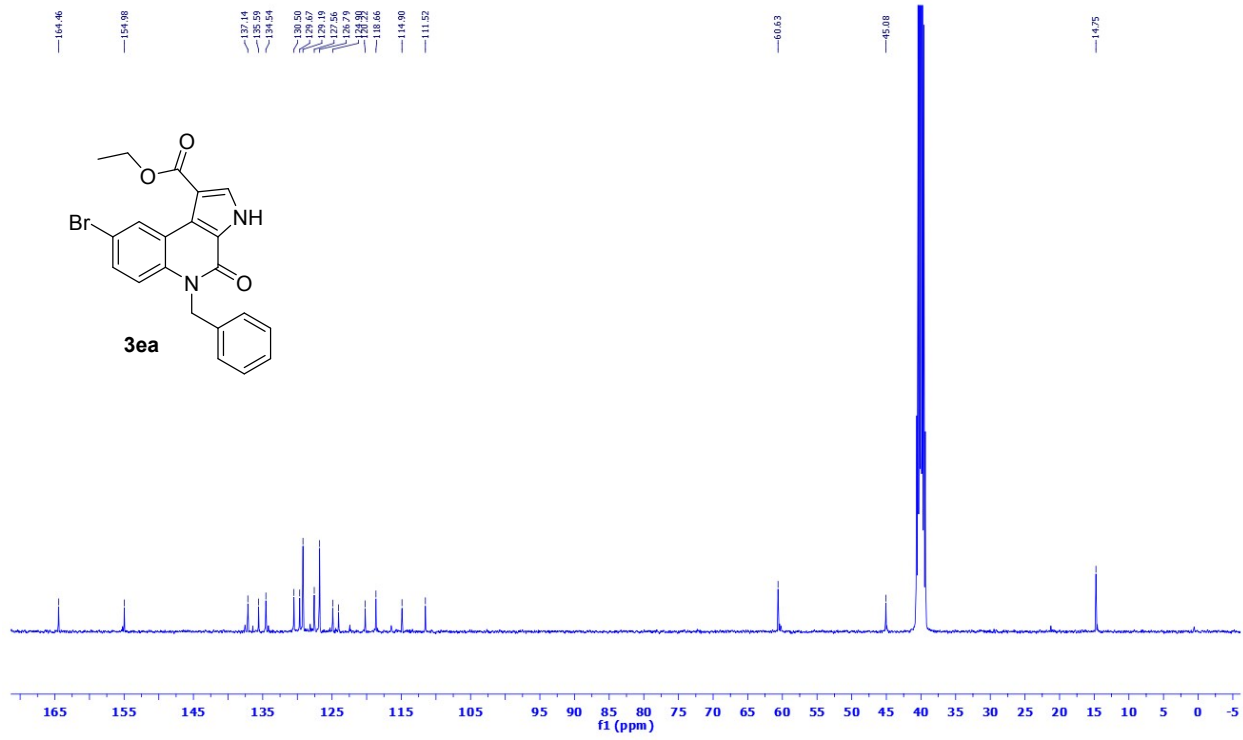


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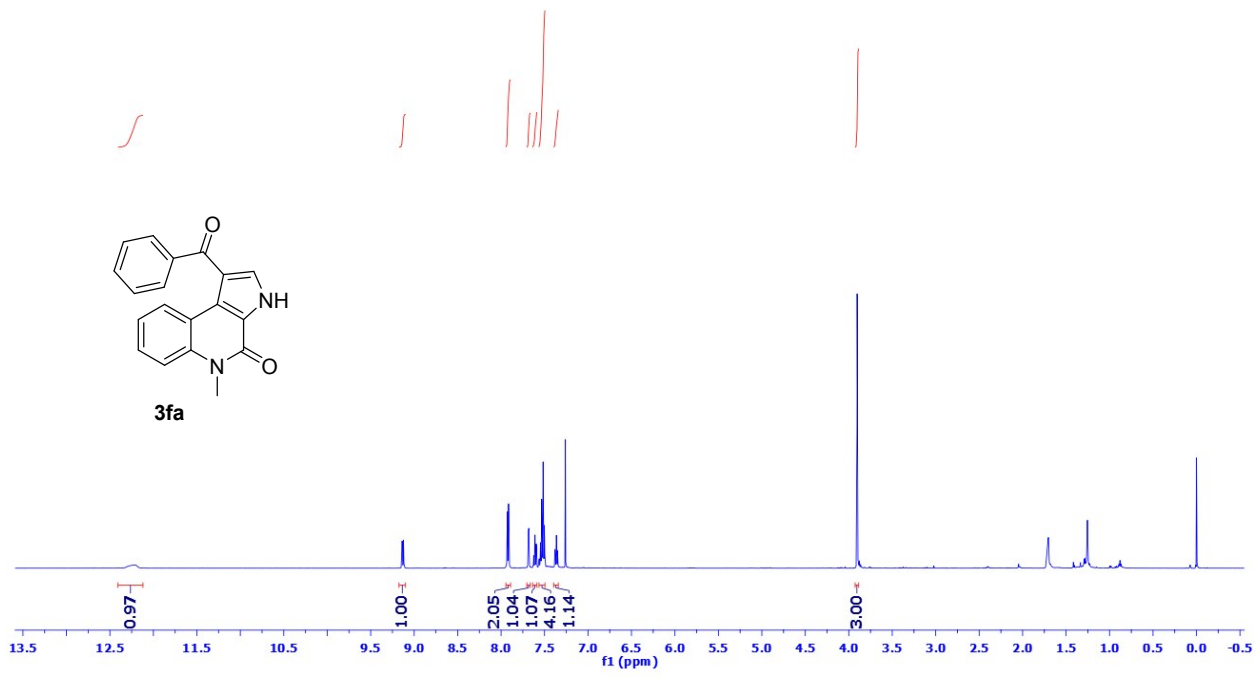


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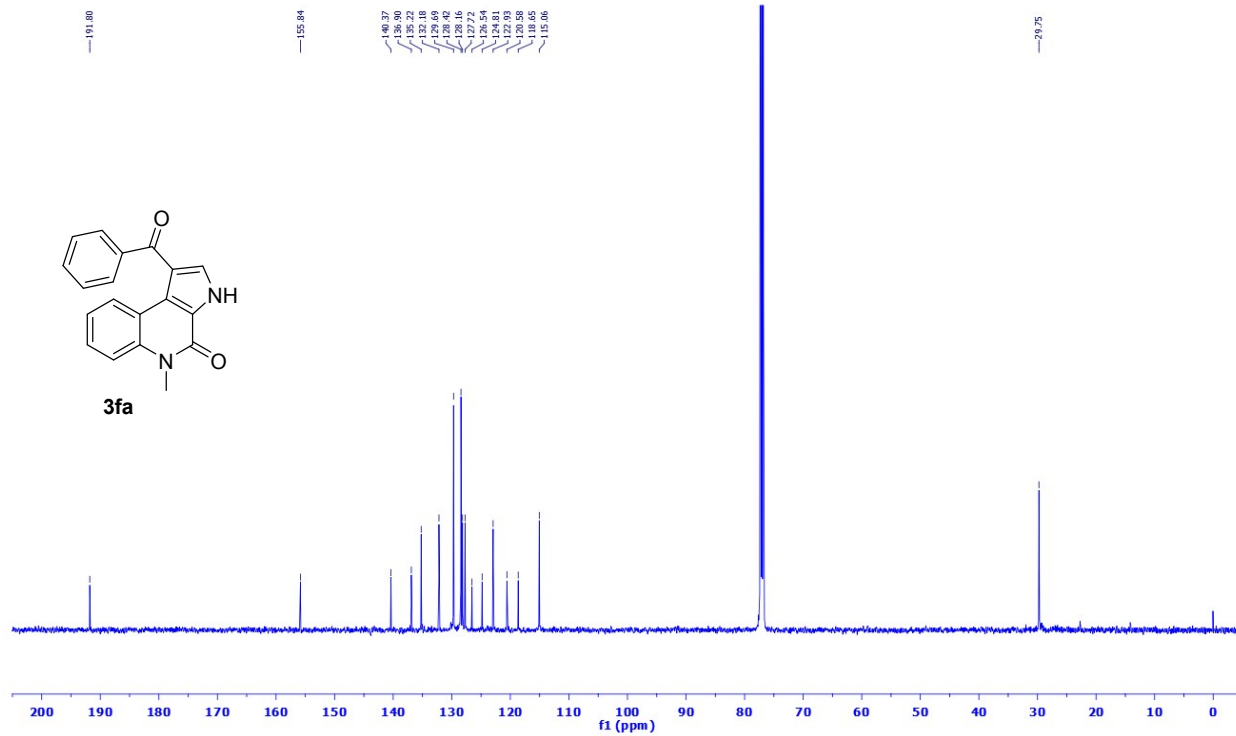




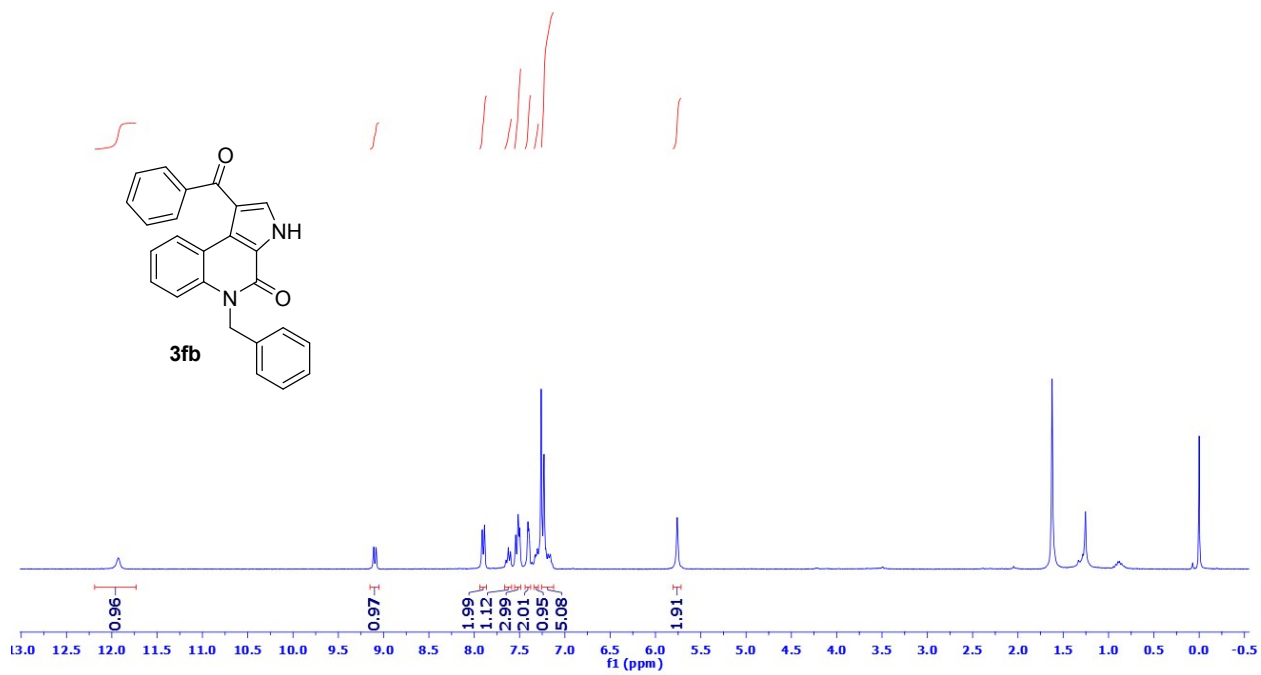
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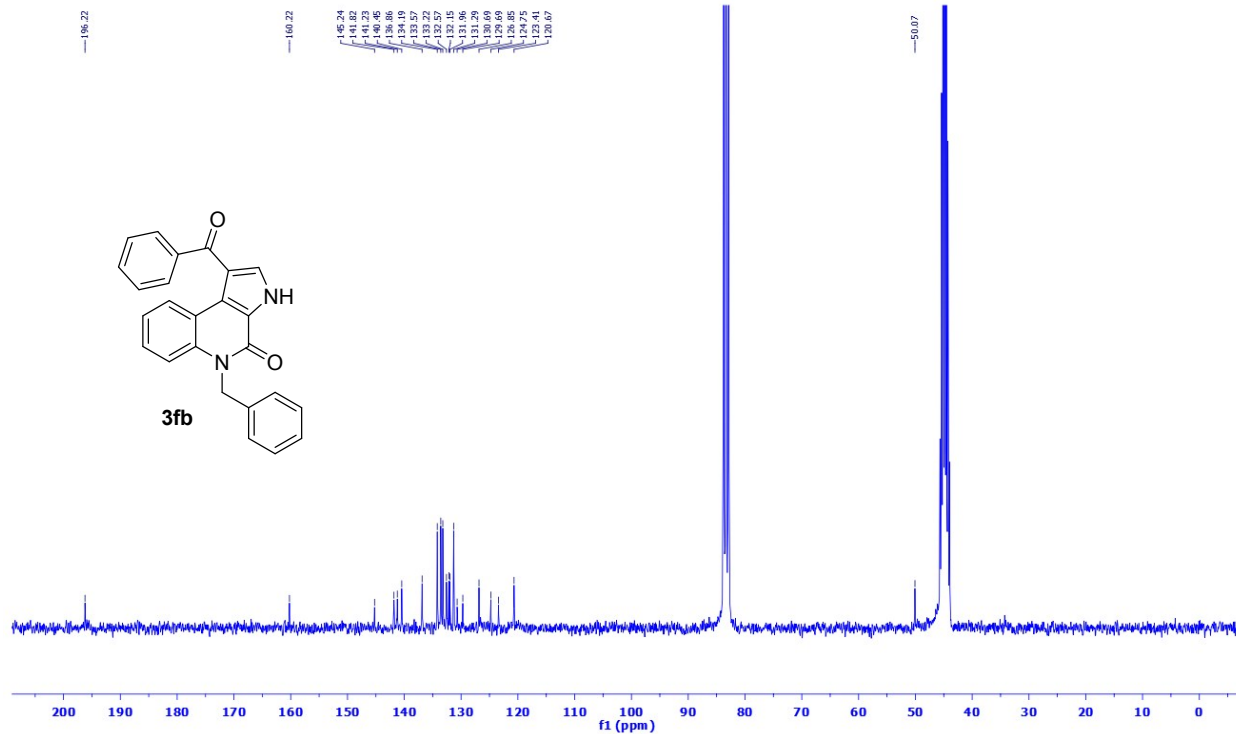
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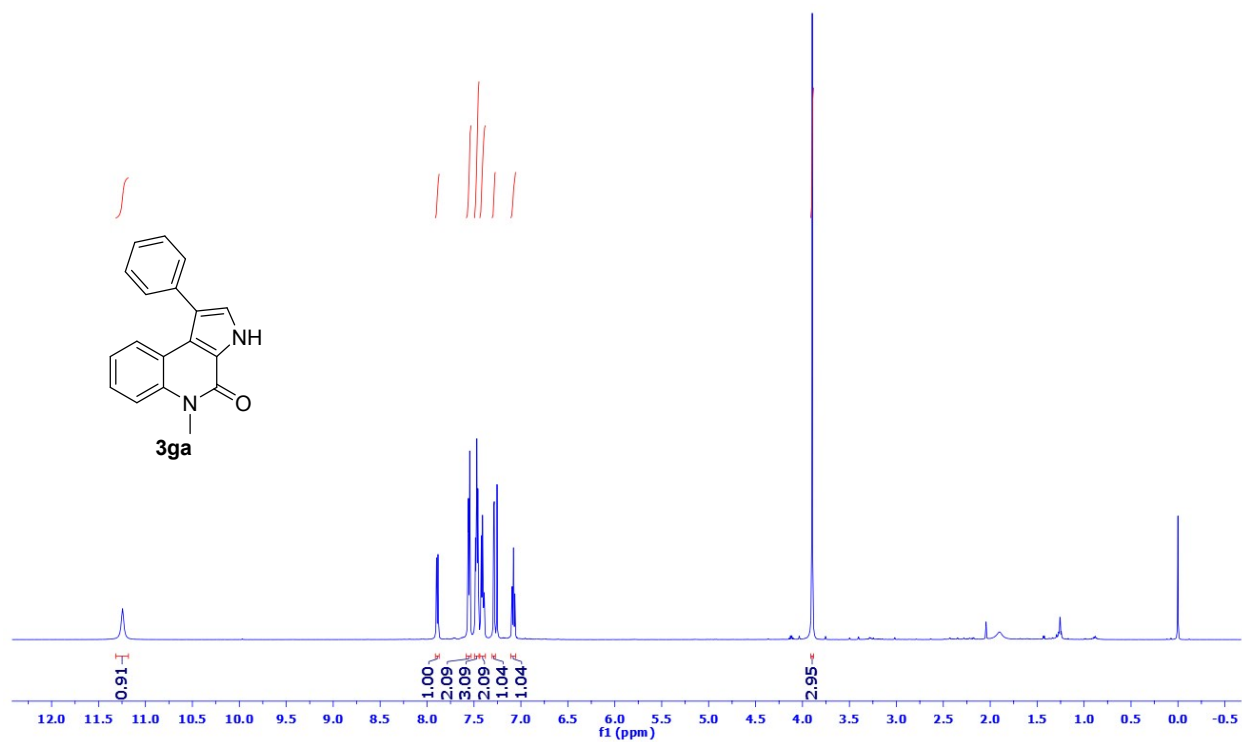
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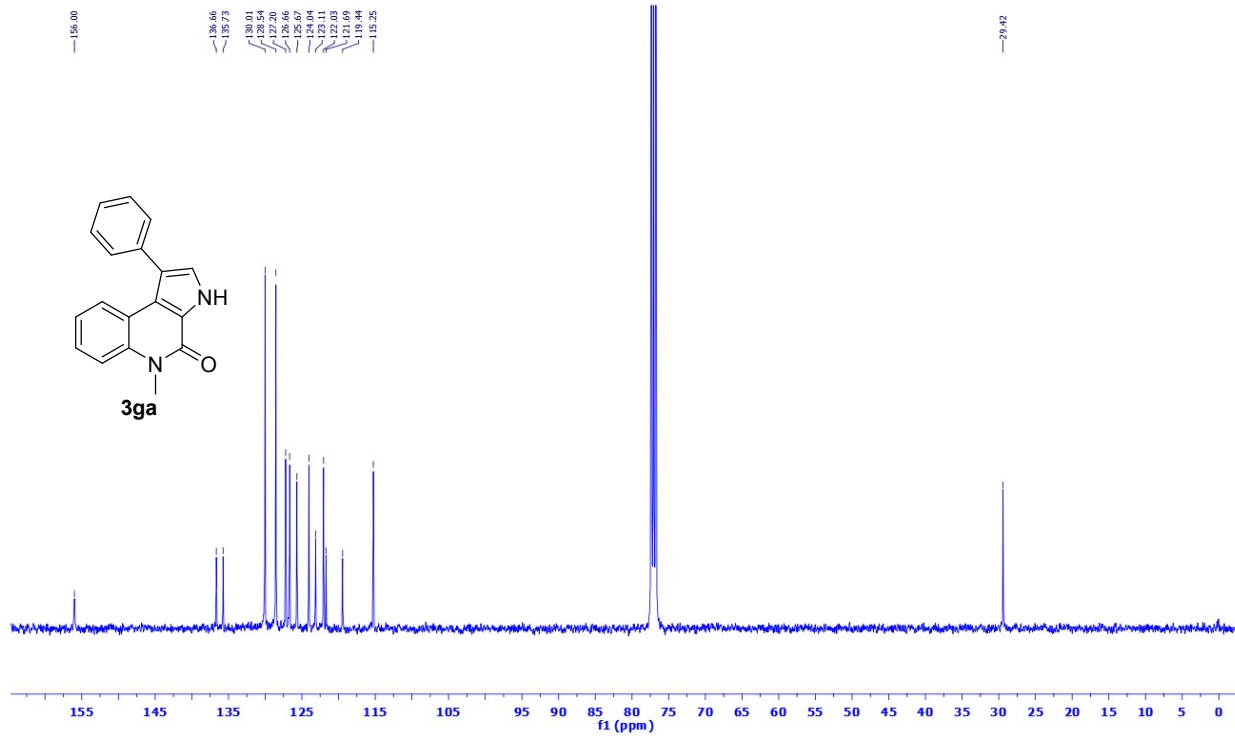
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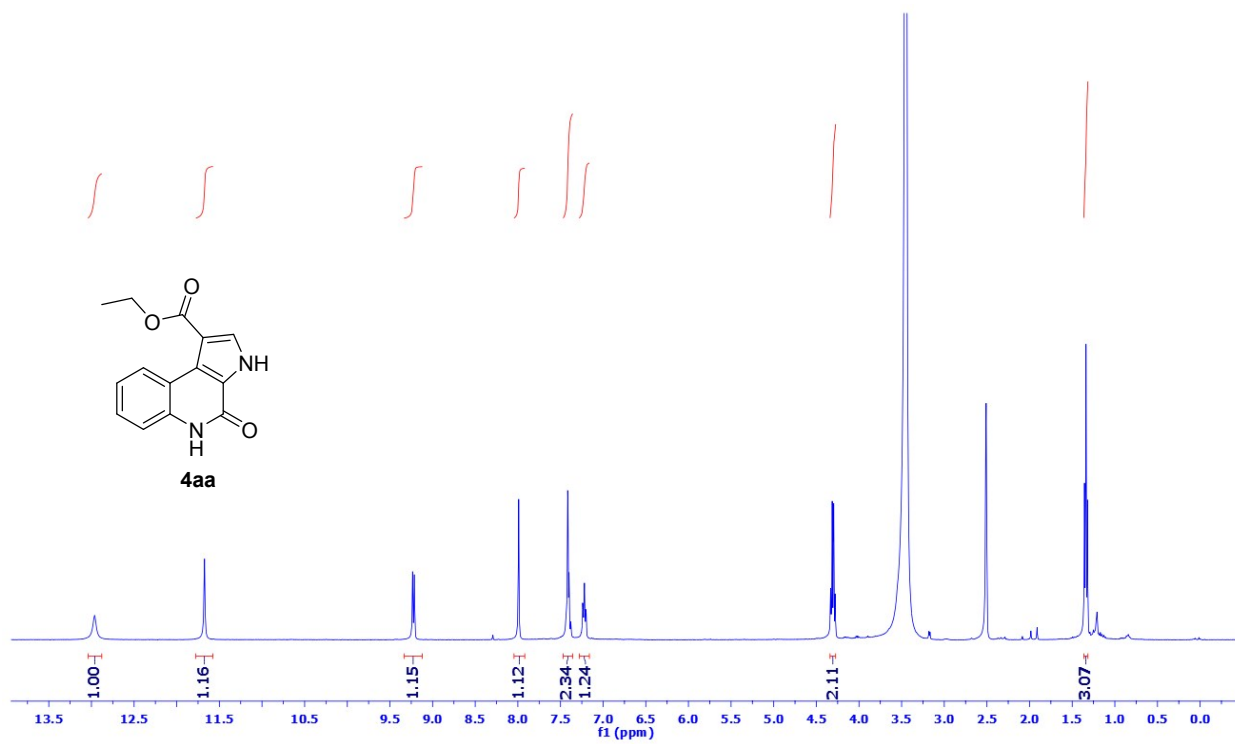
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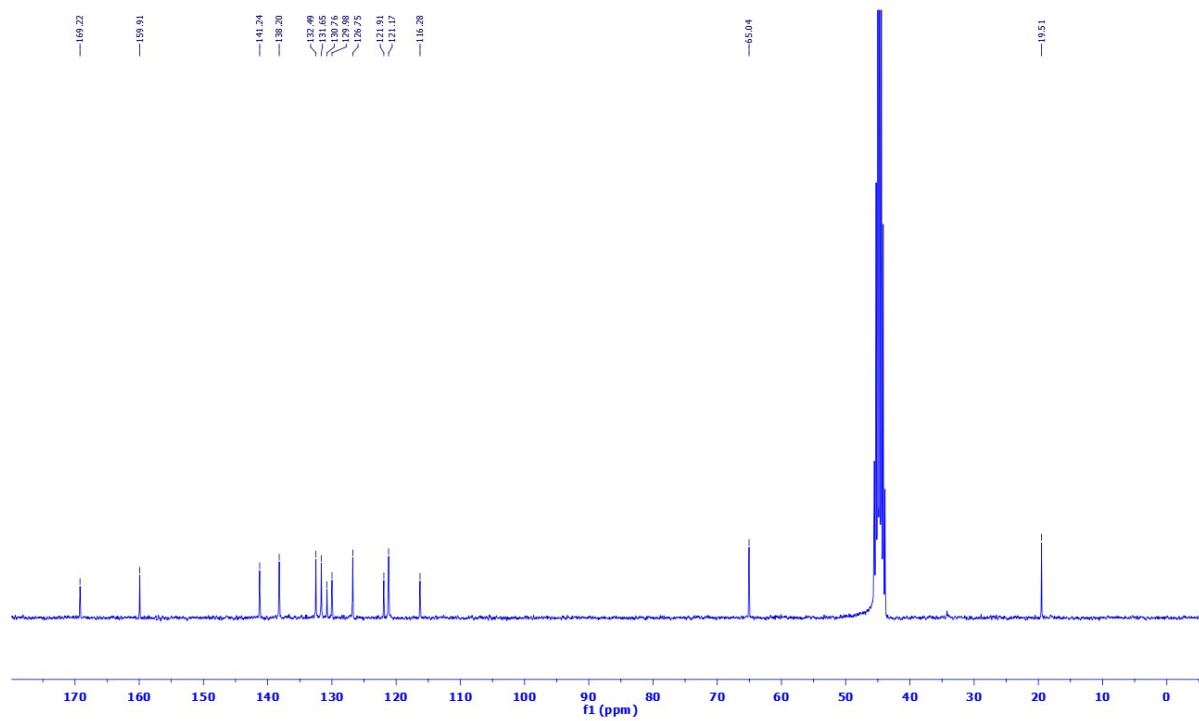
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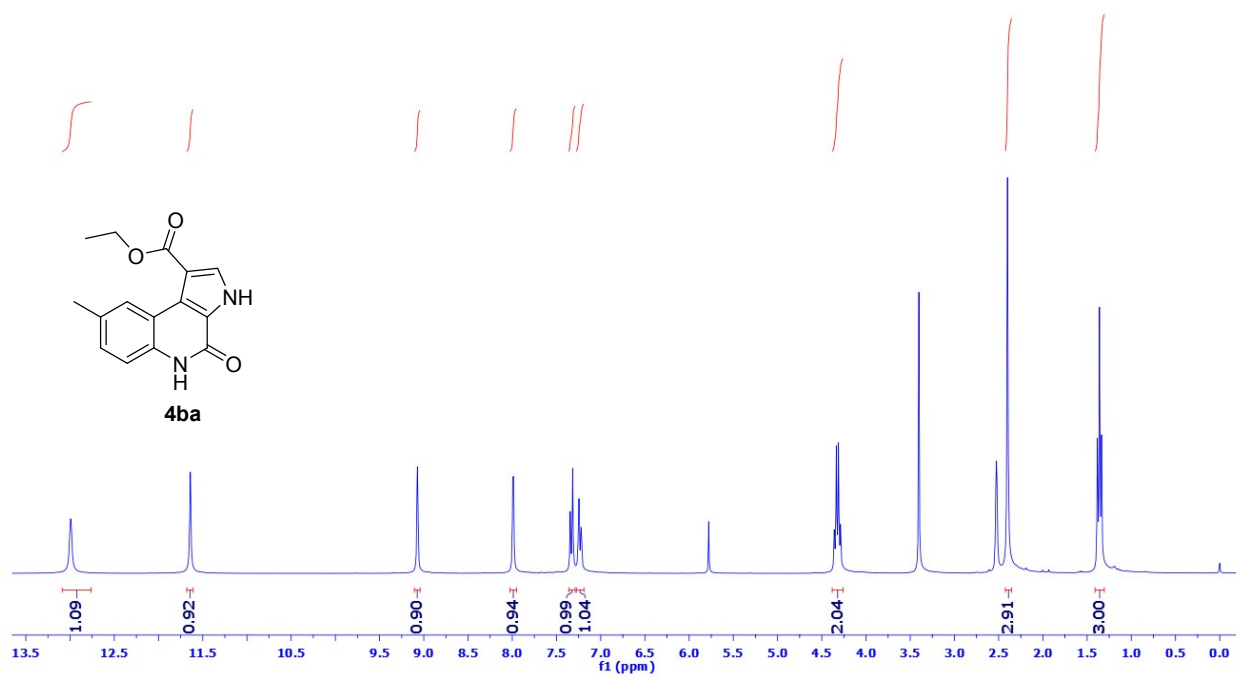
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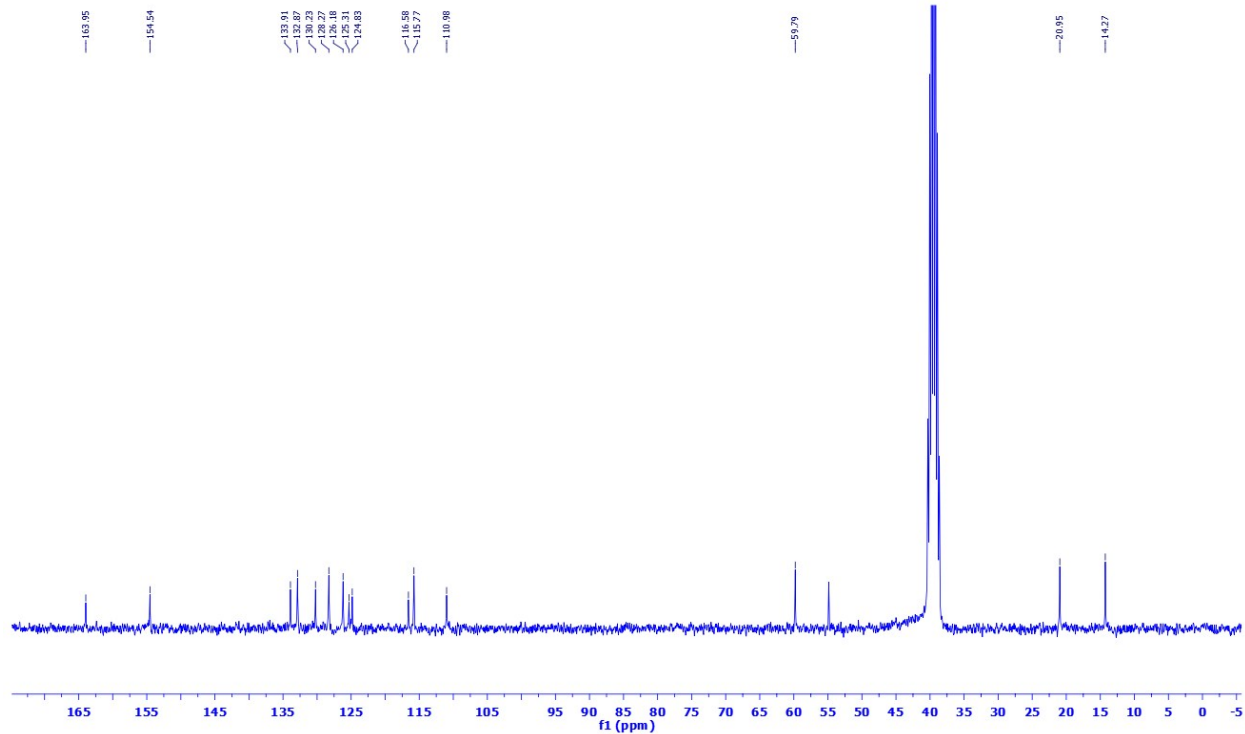
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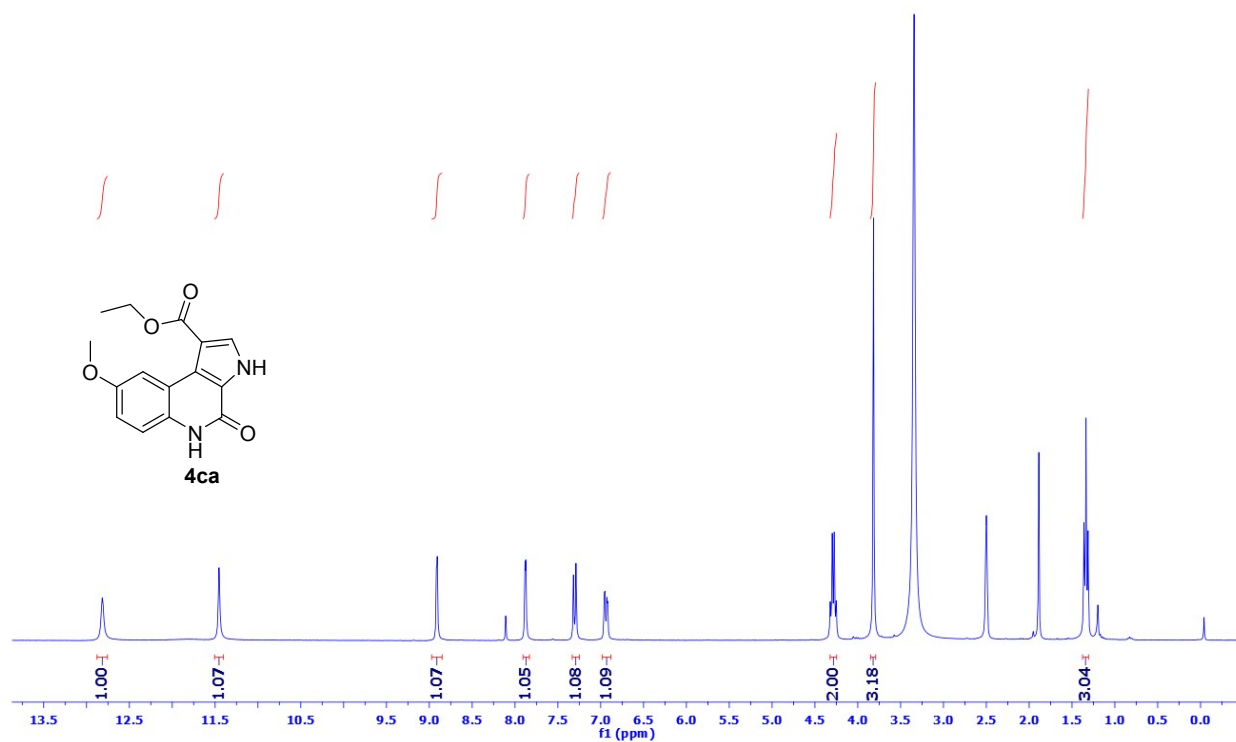
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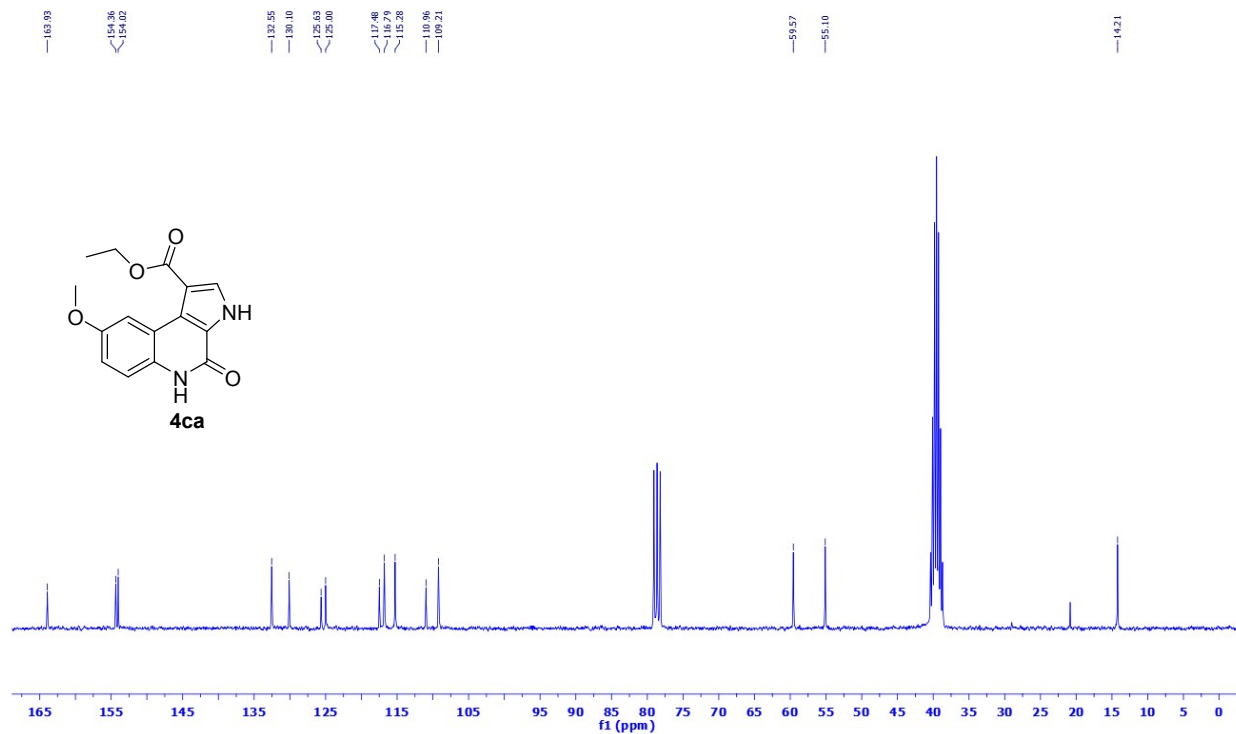
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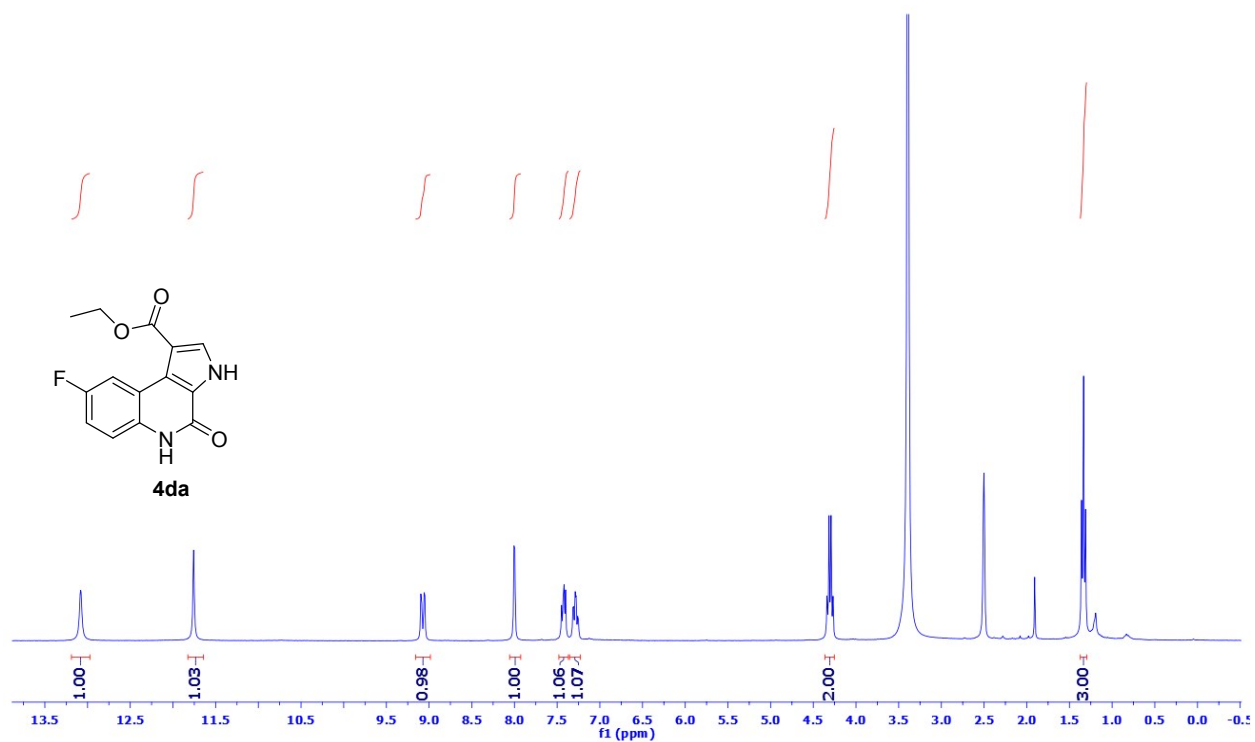
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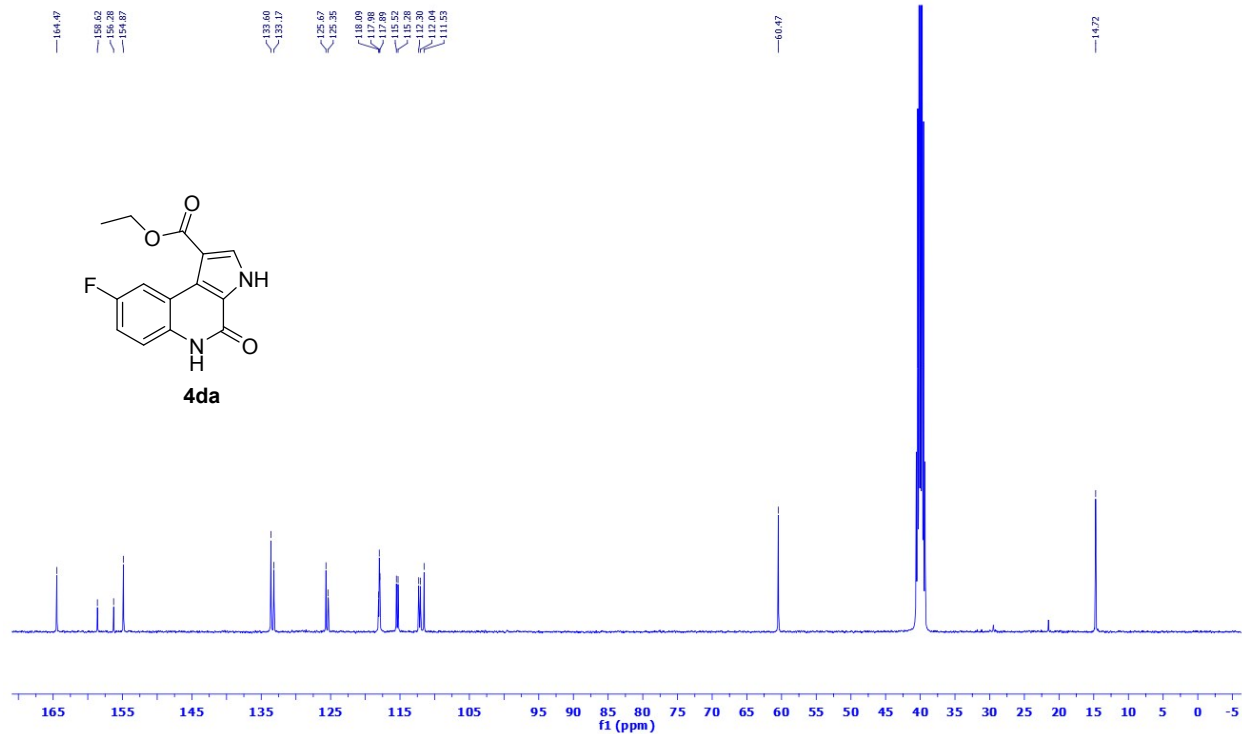
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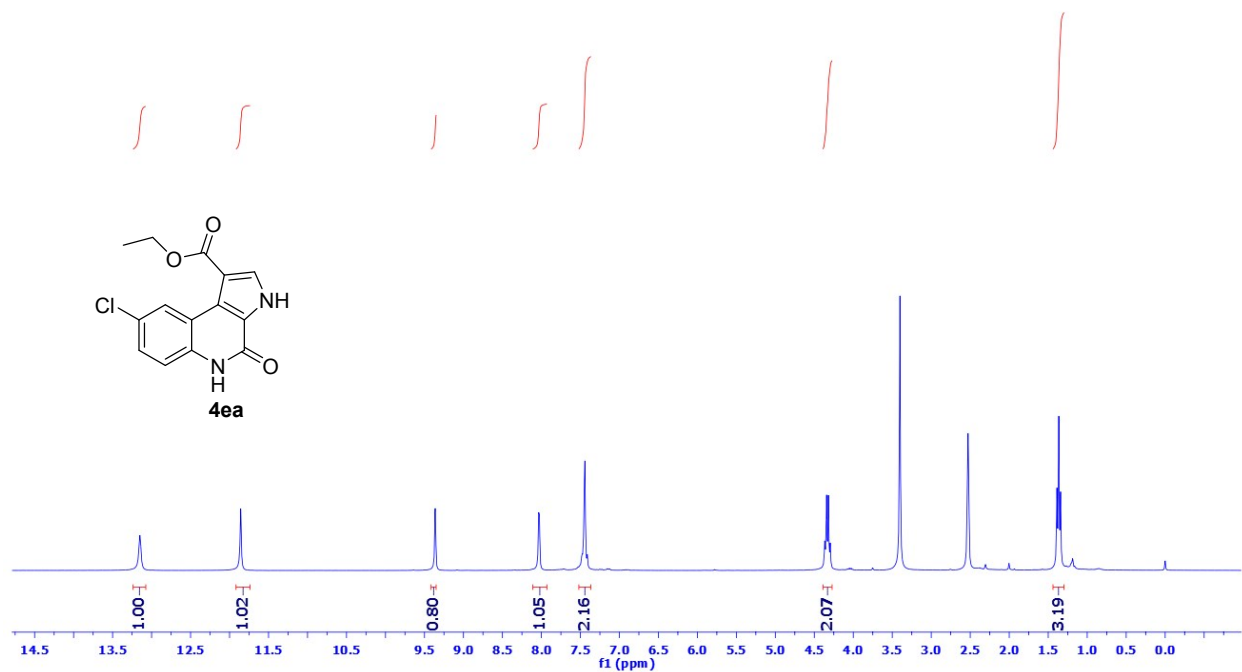
### <sup>1</sup>H-NMR of 4da:



### <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of 4da:

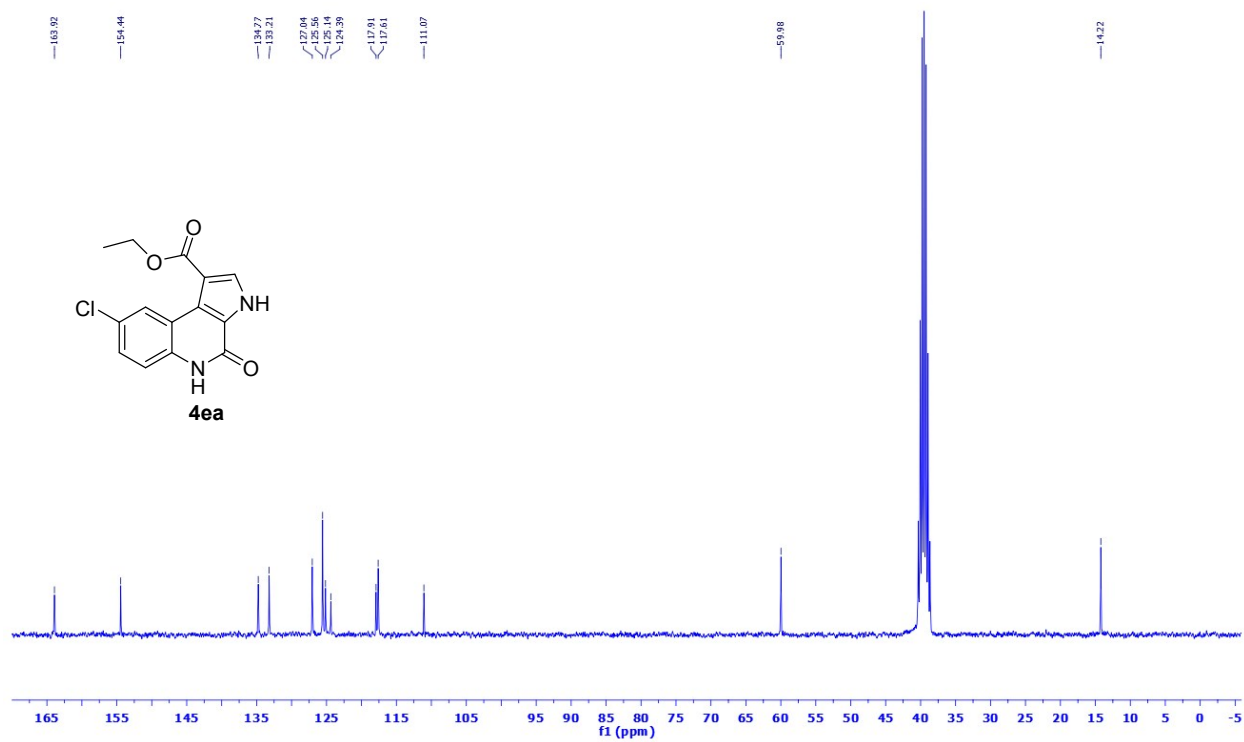


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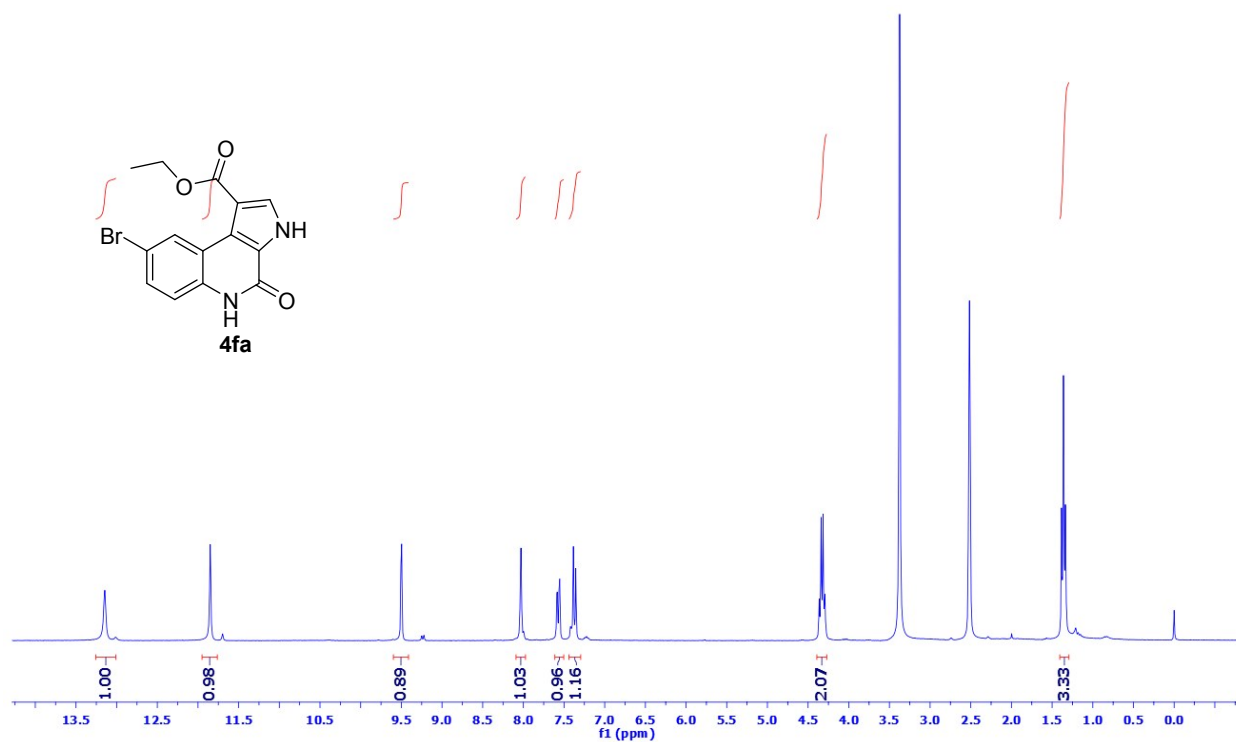




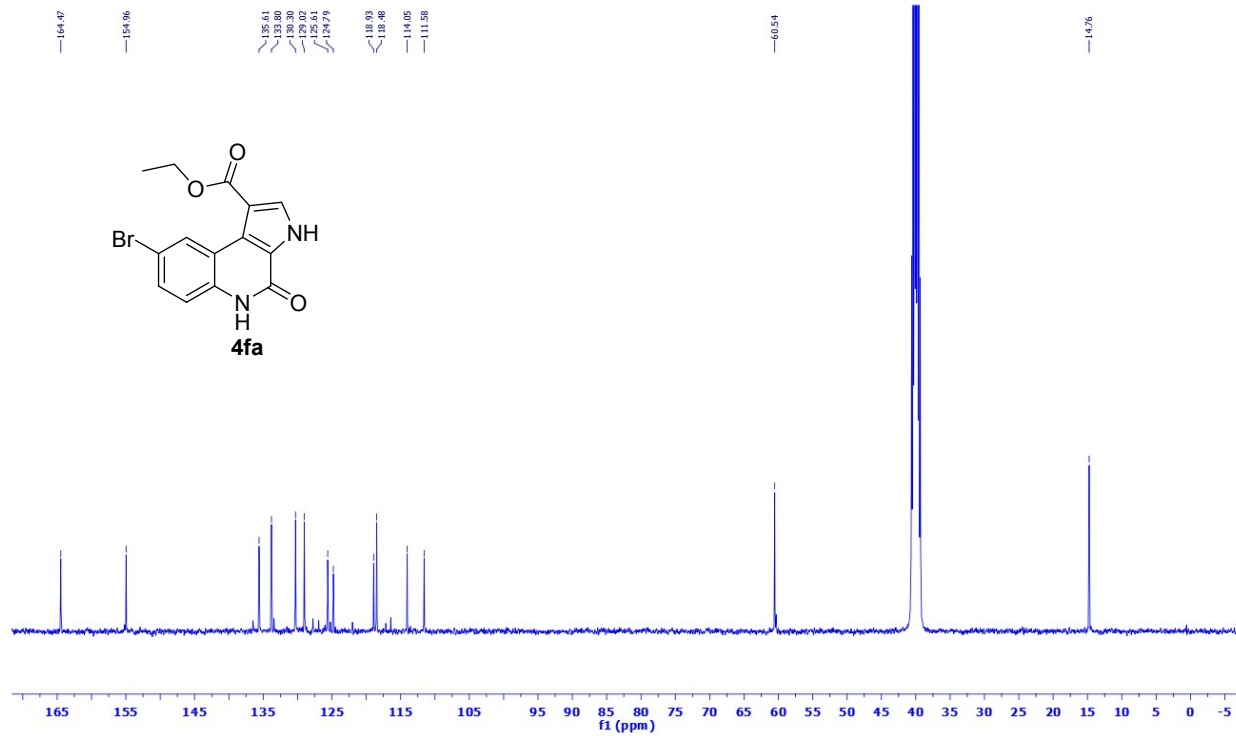
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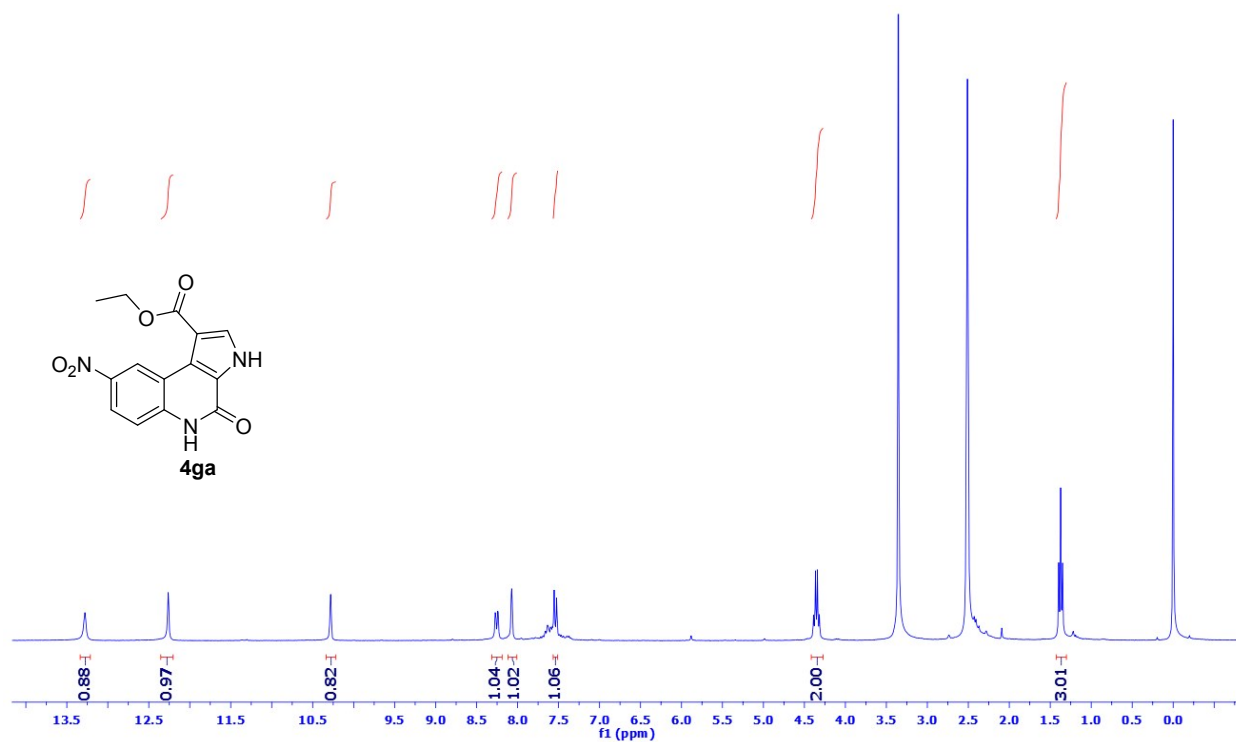
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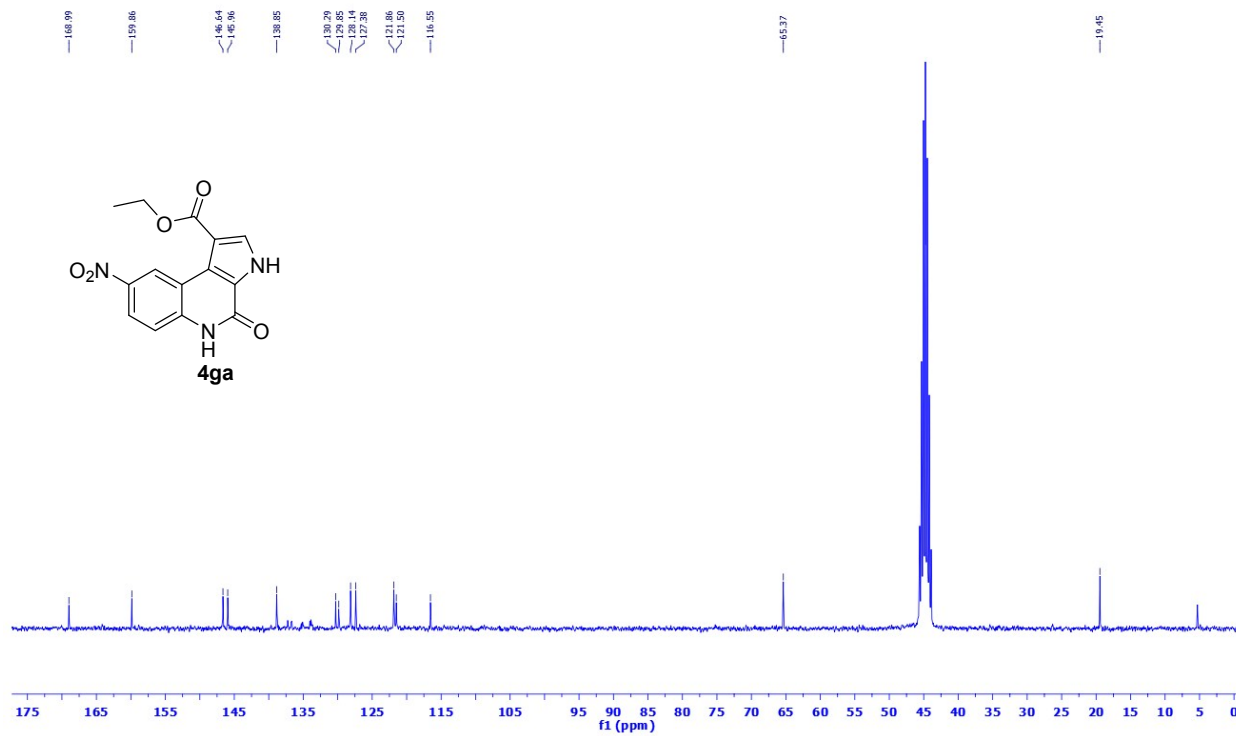
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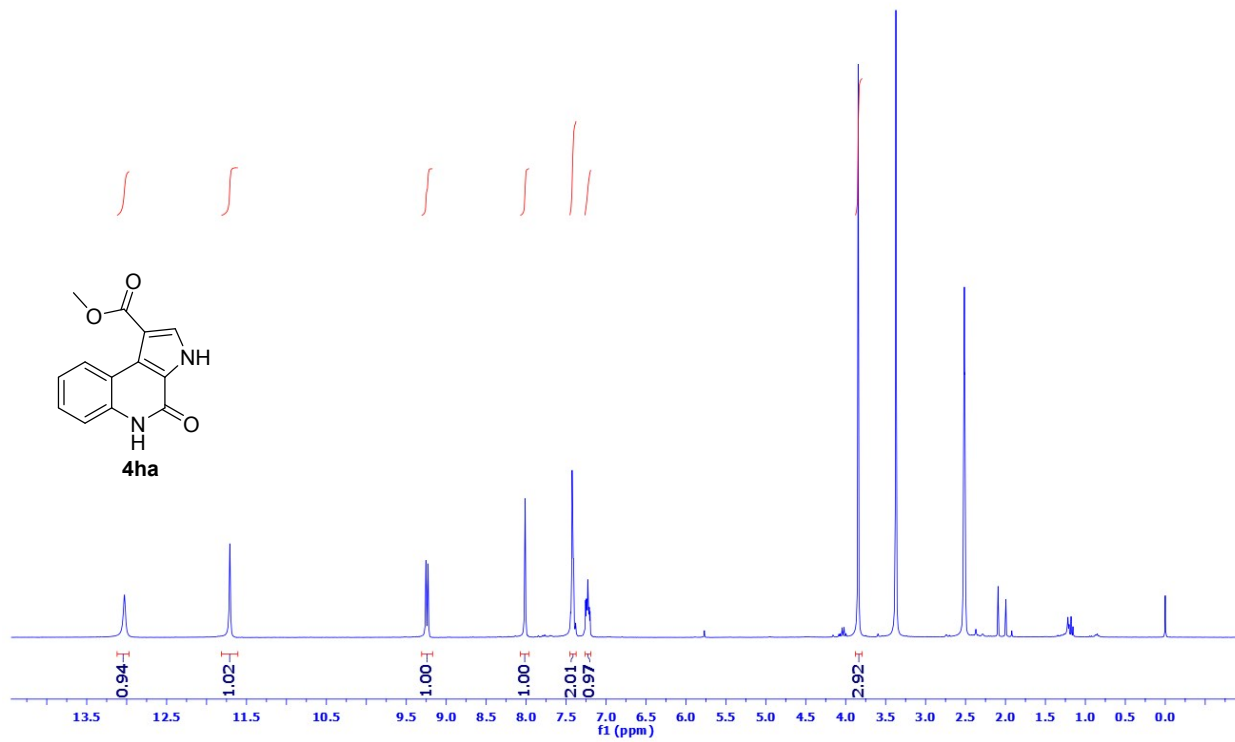
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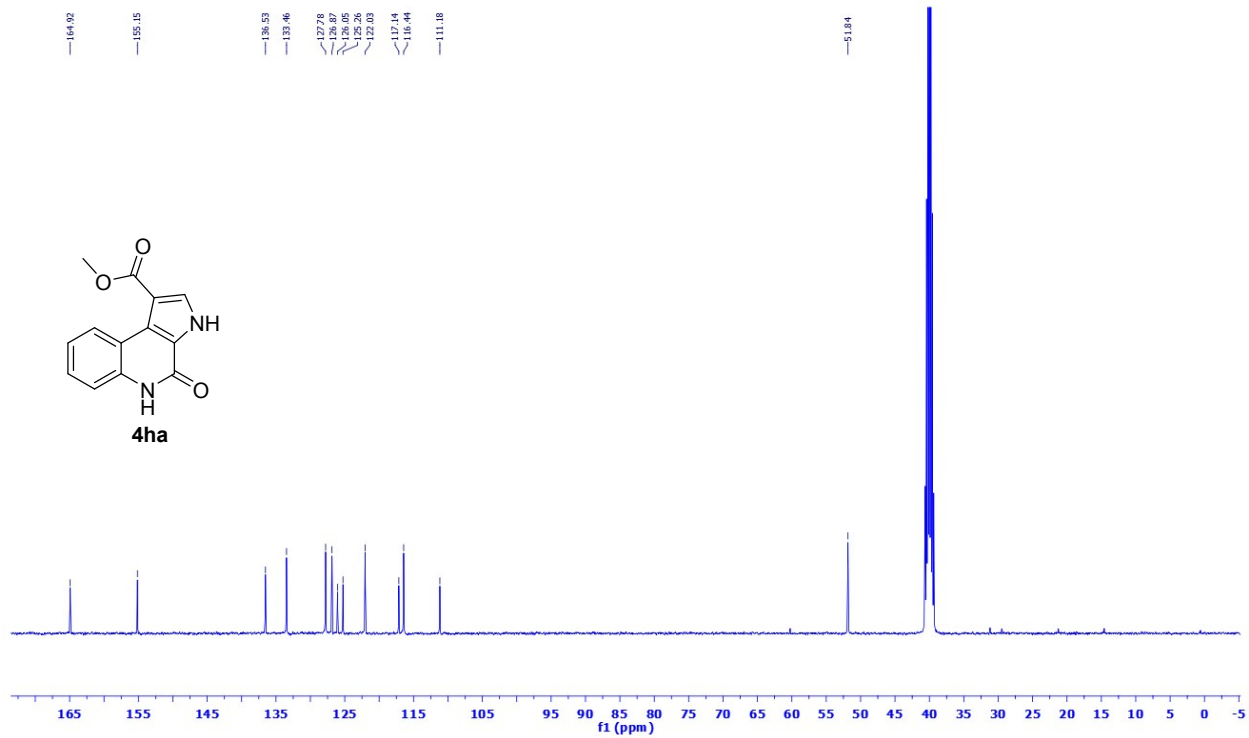
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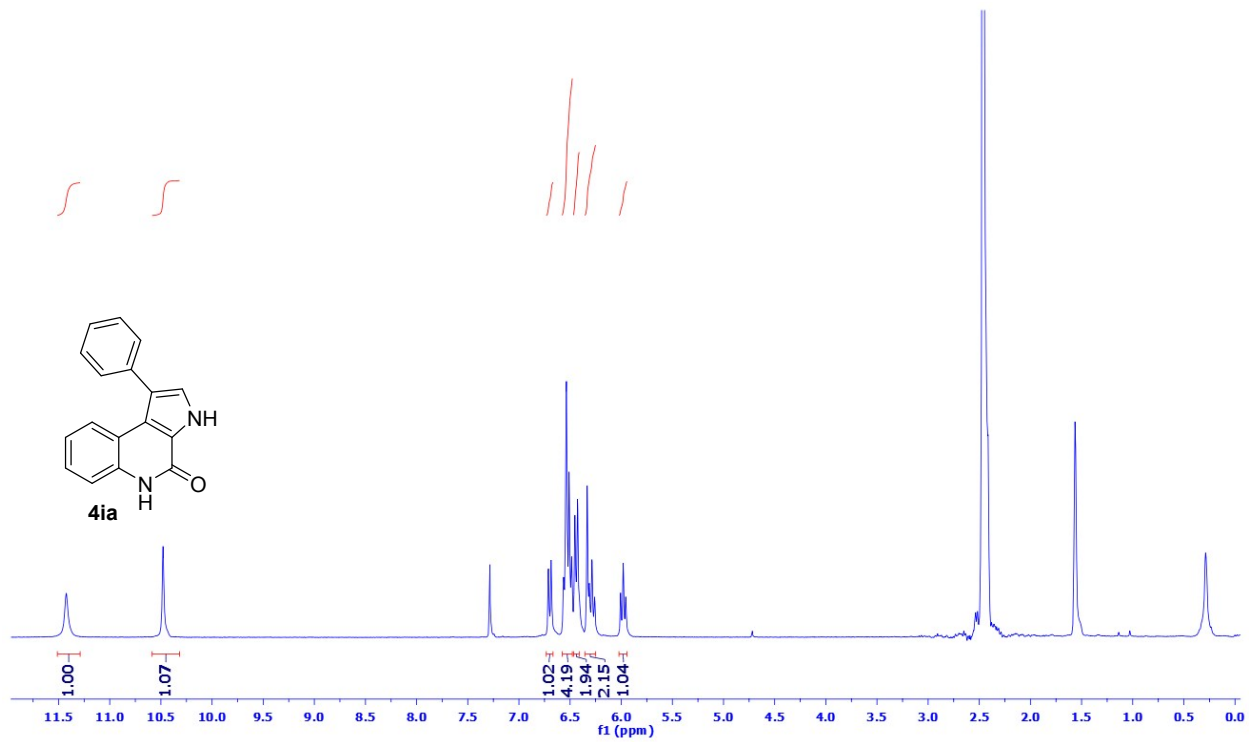
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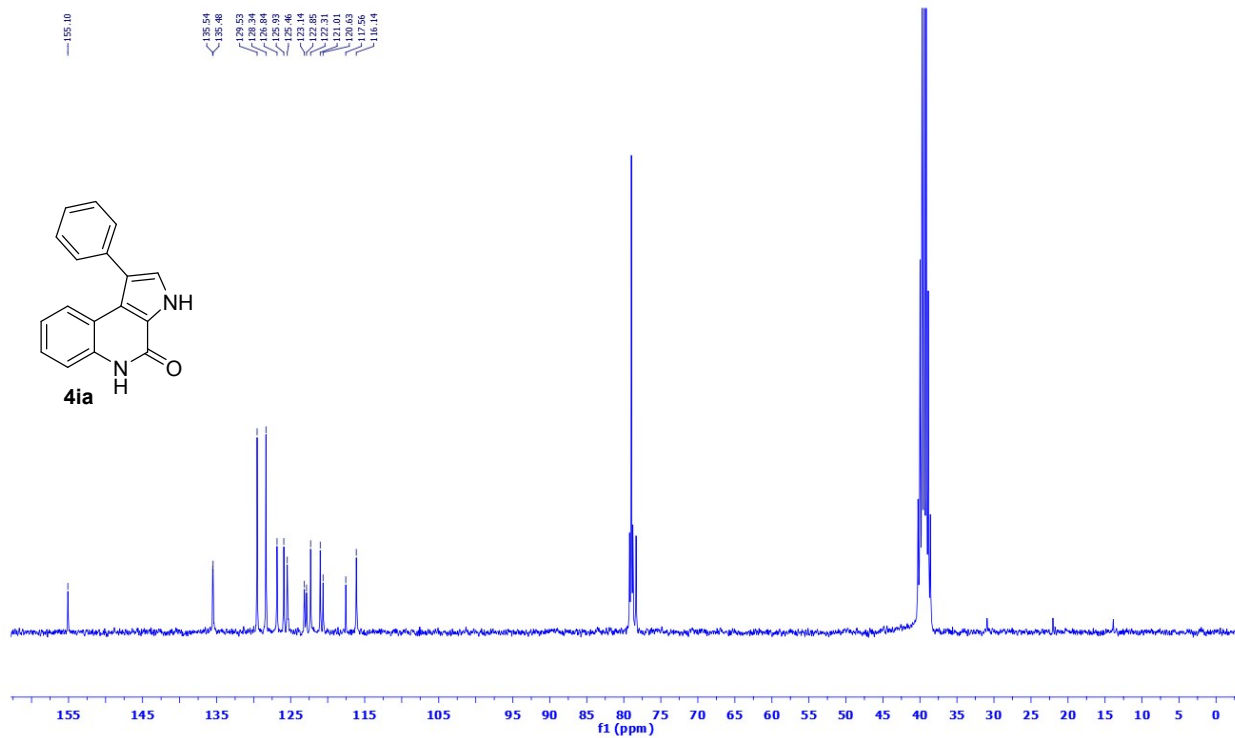
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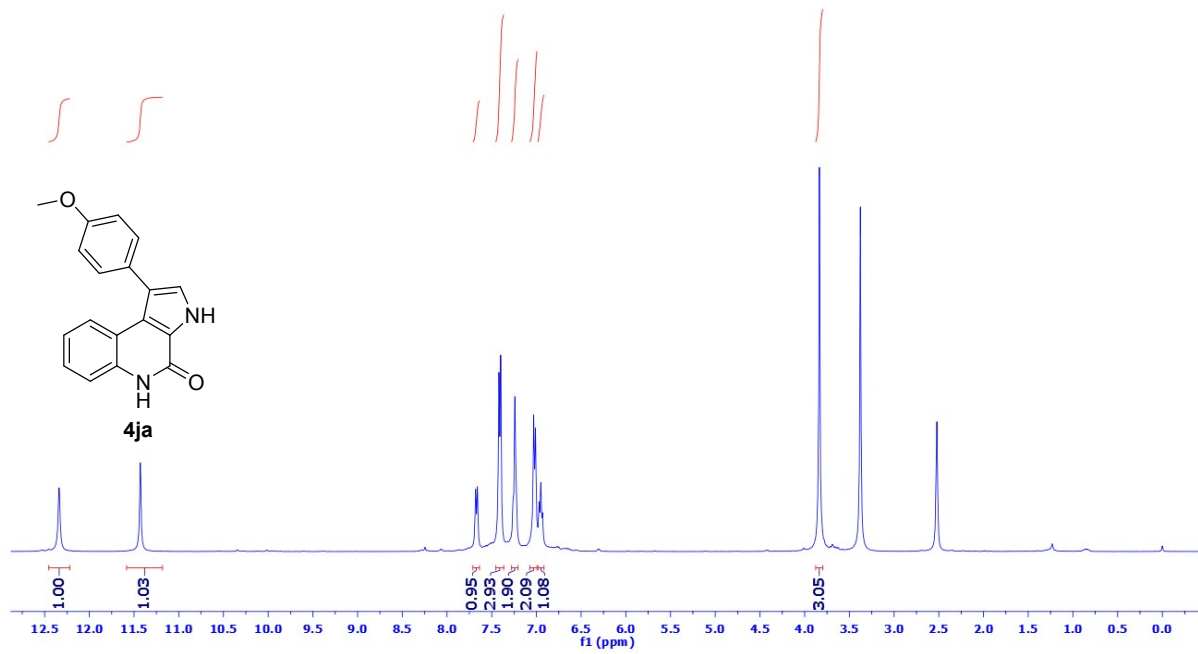
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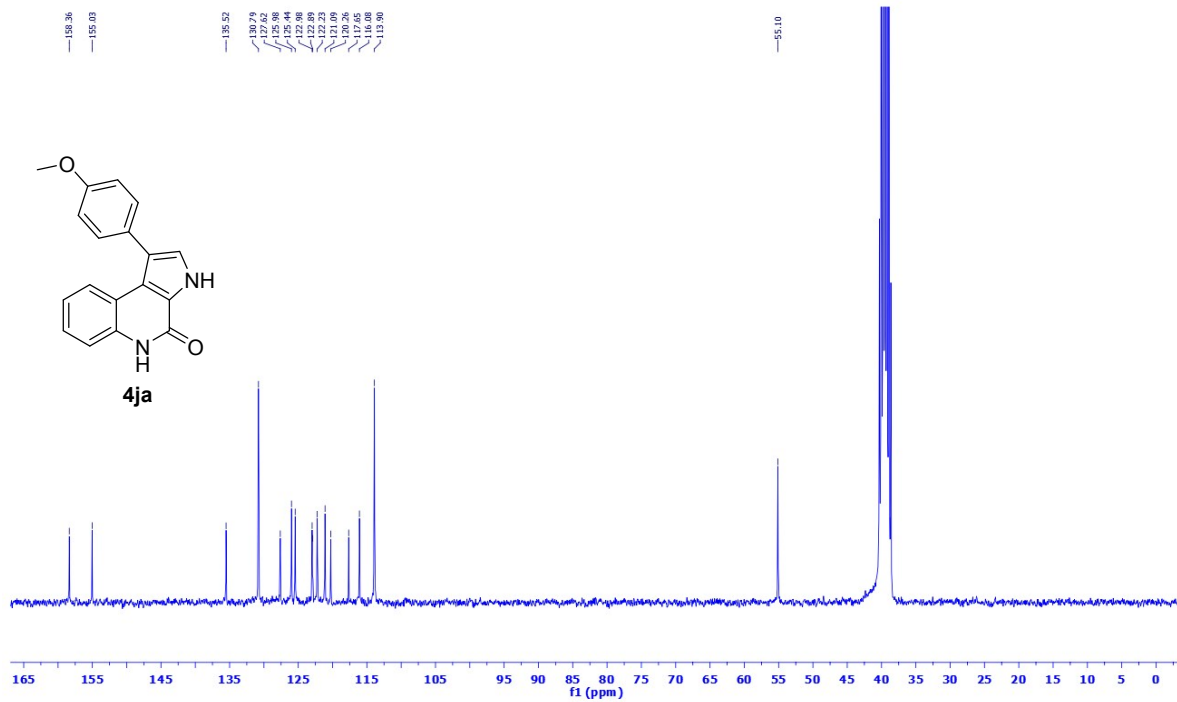
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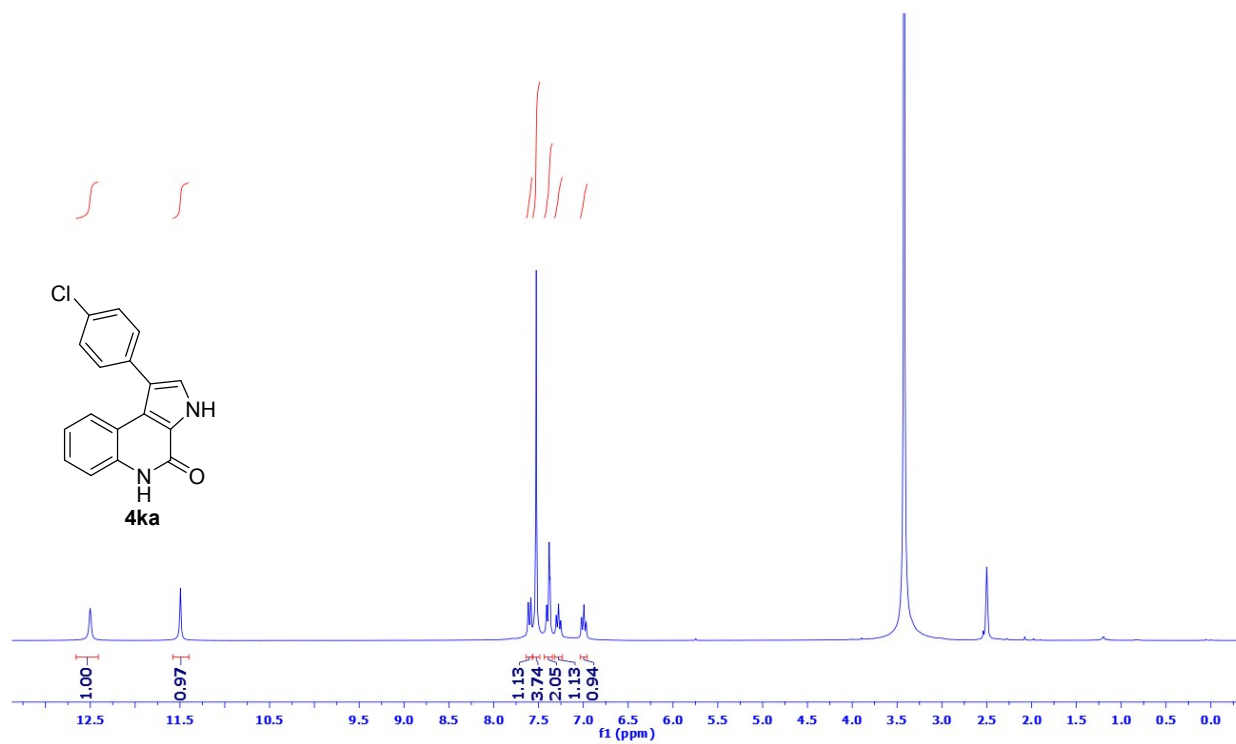
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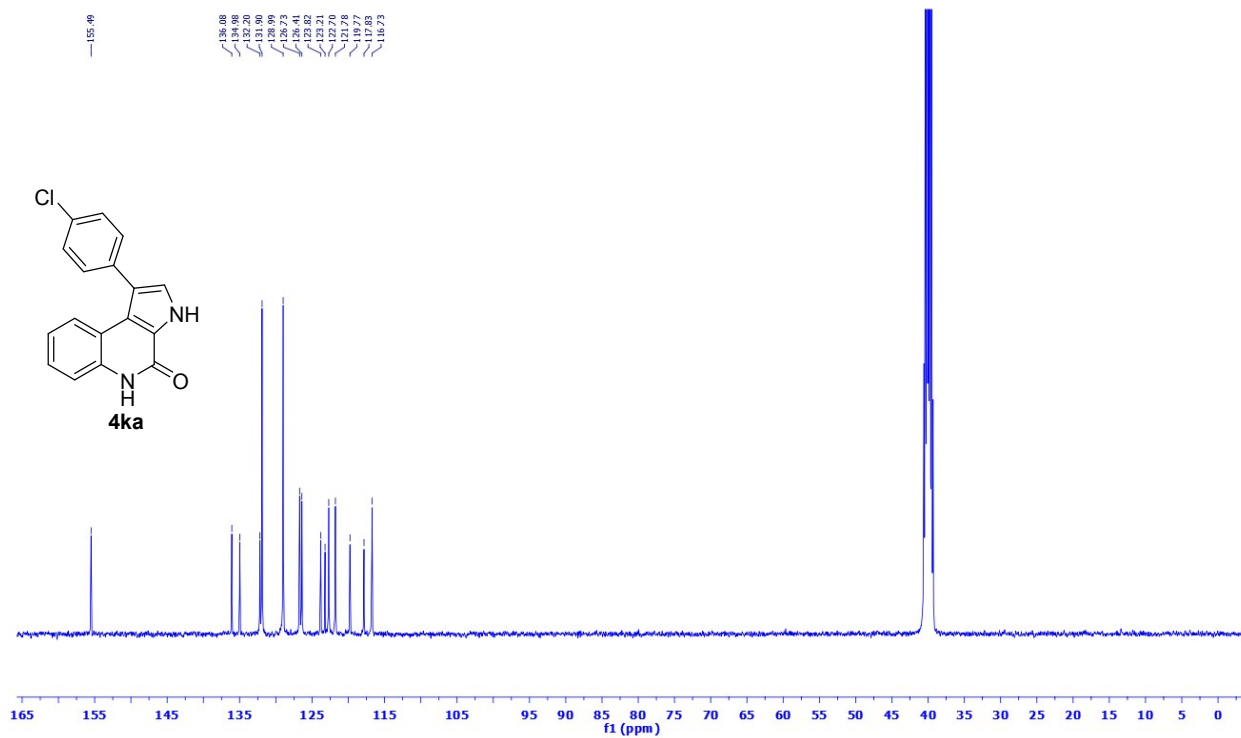
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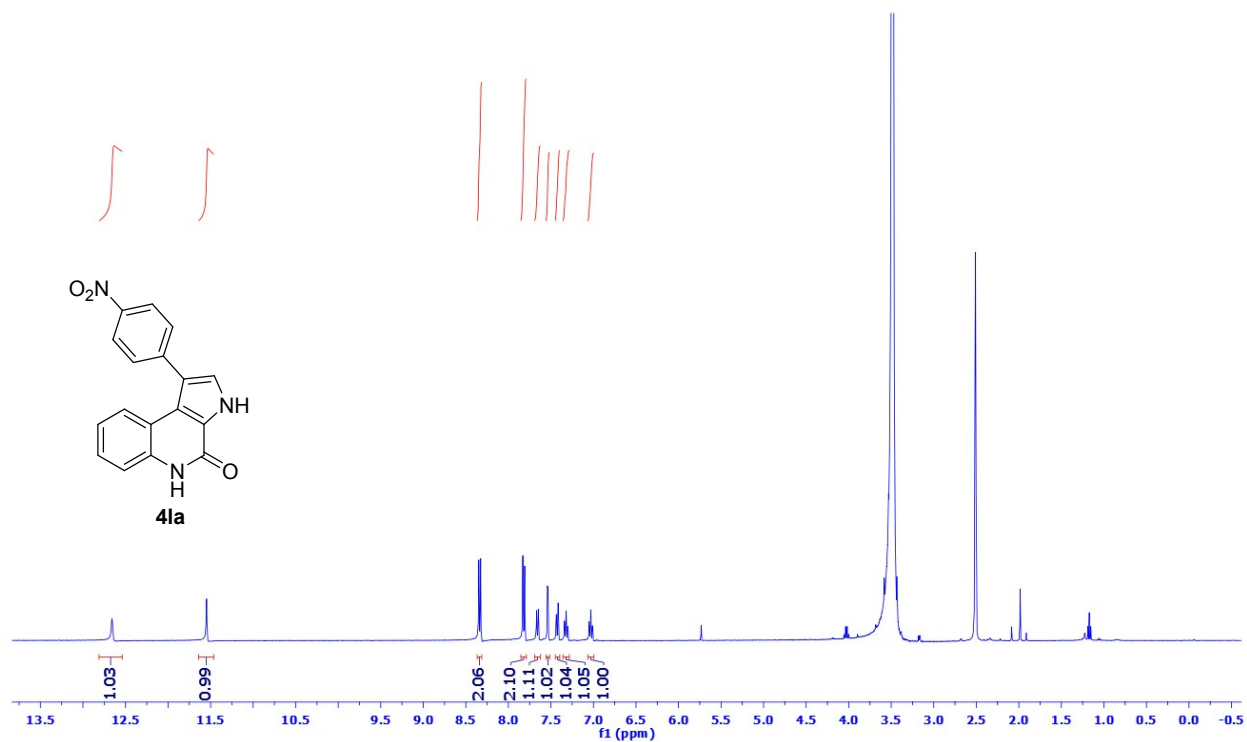
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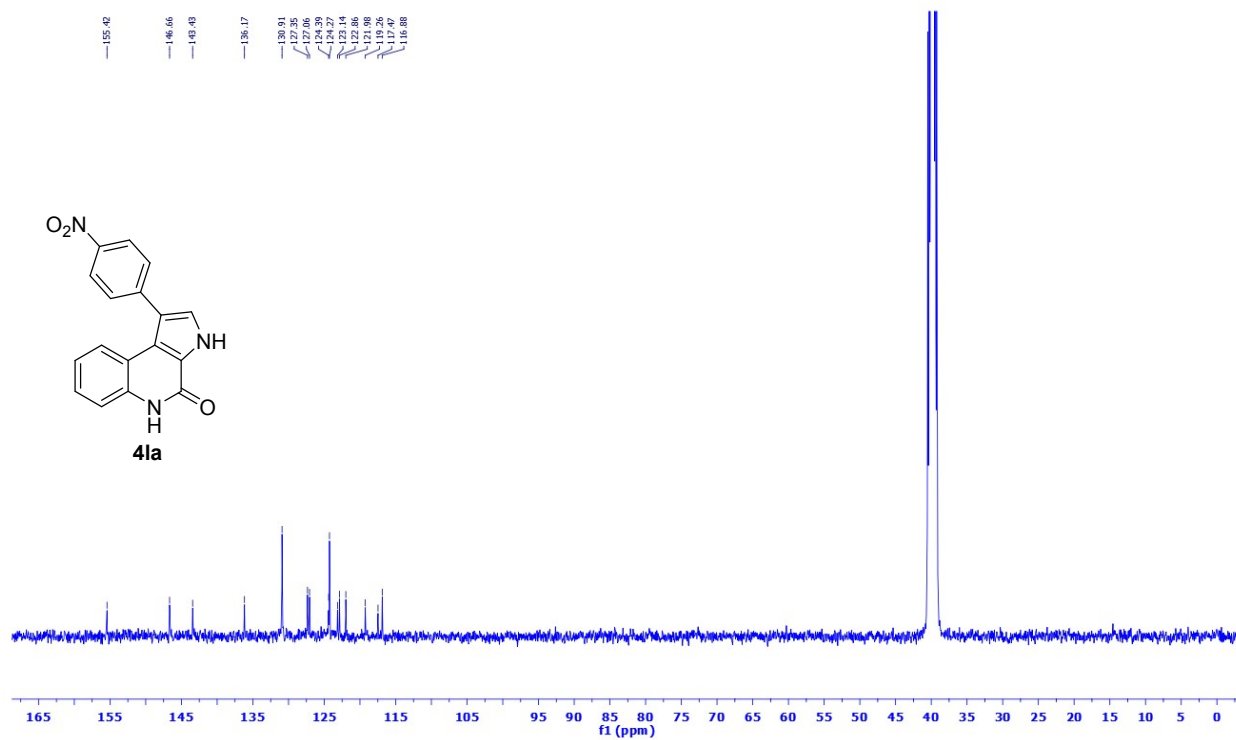
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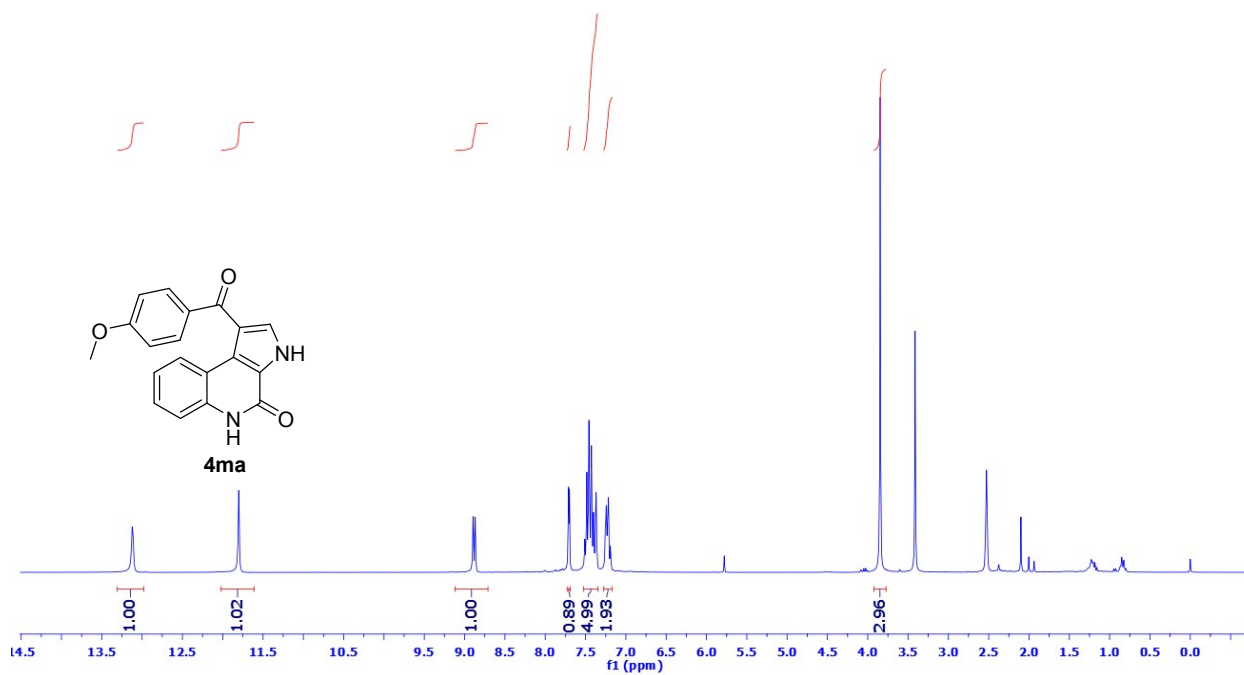


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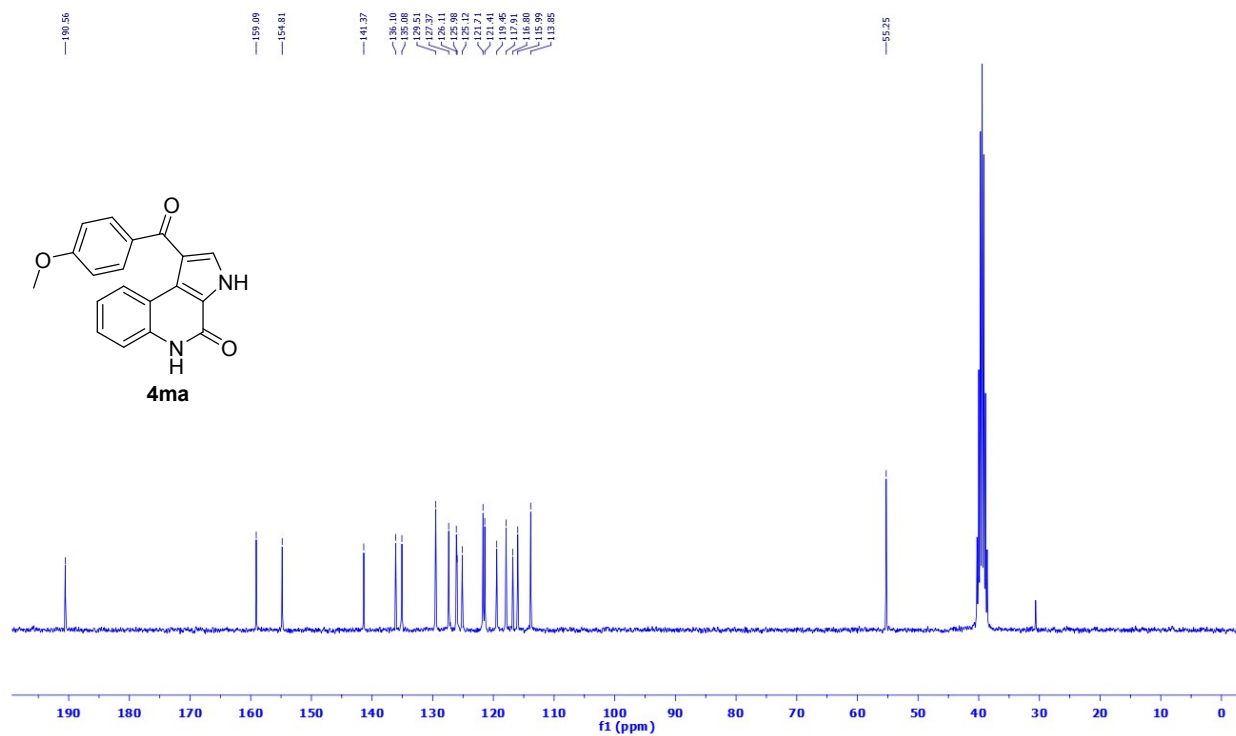


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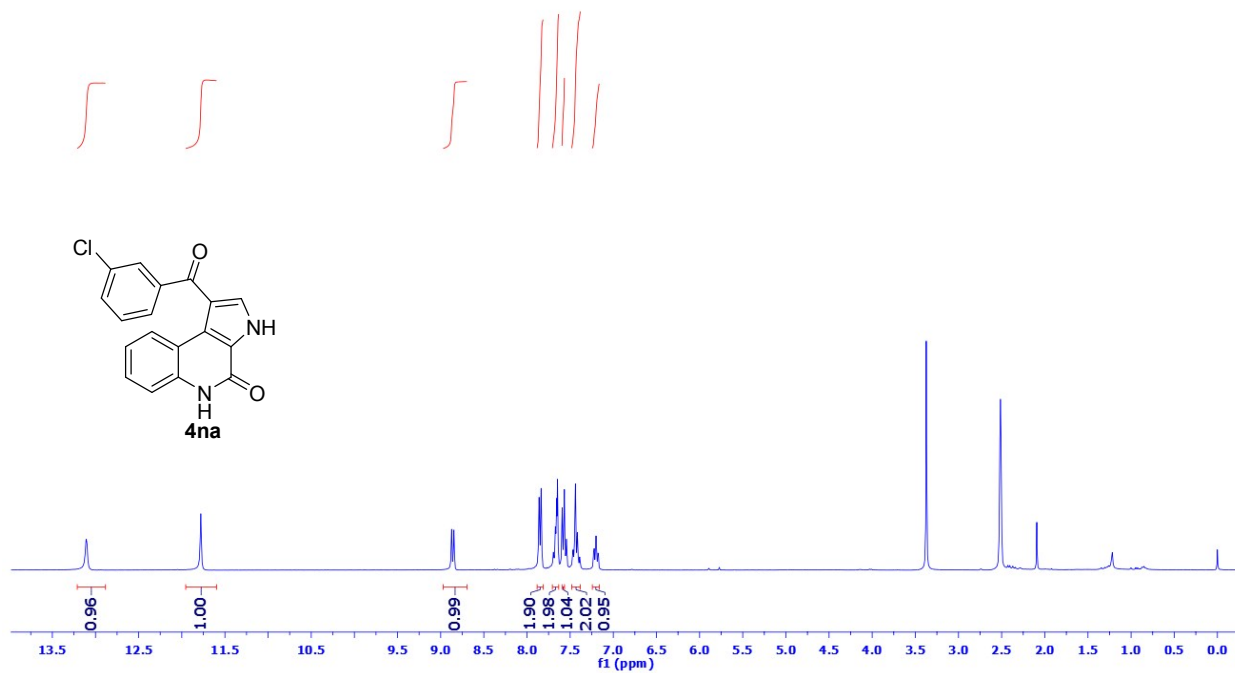




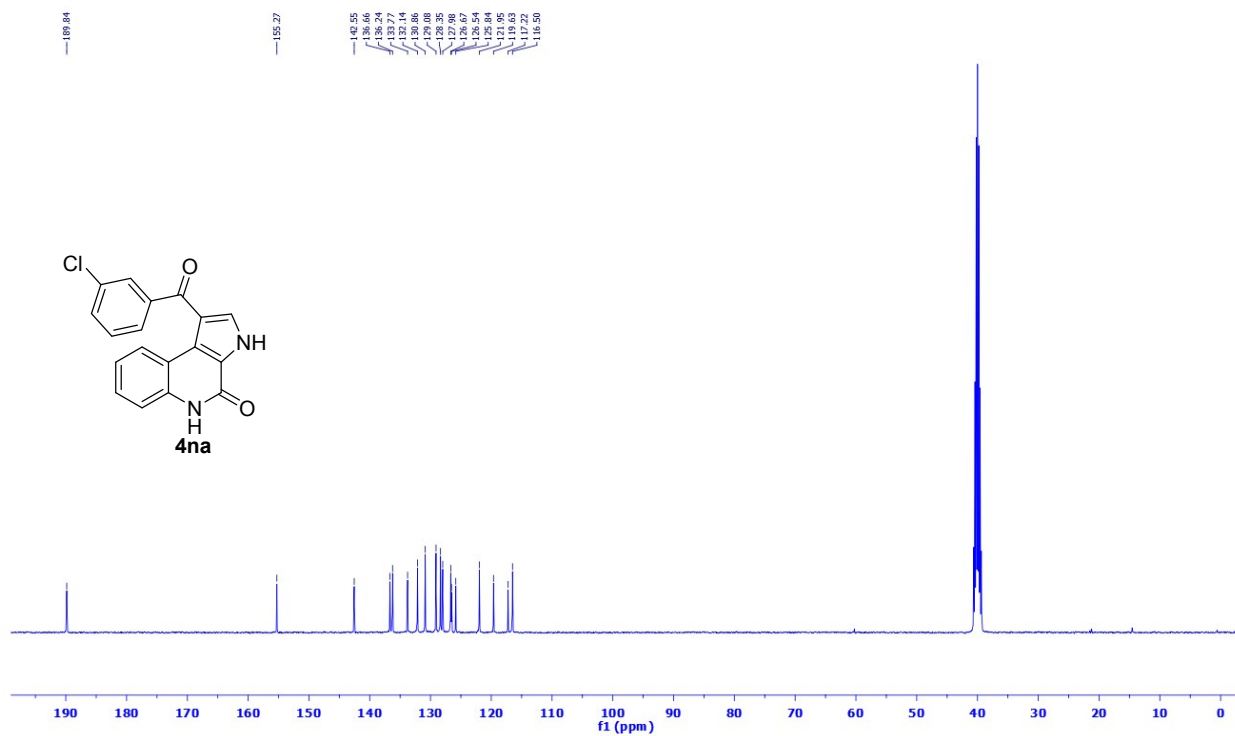
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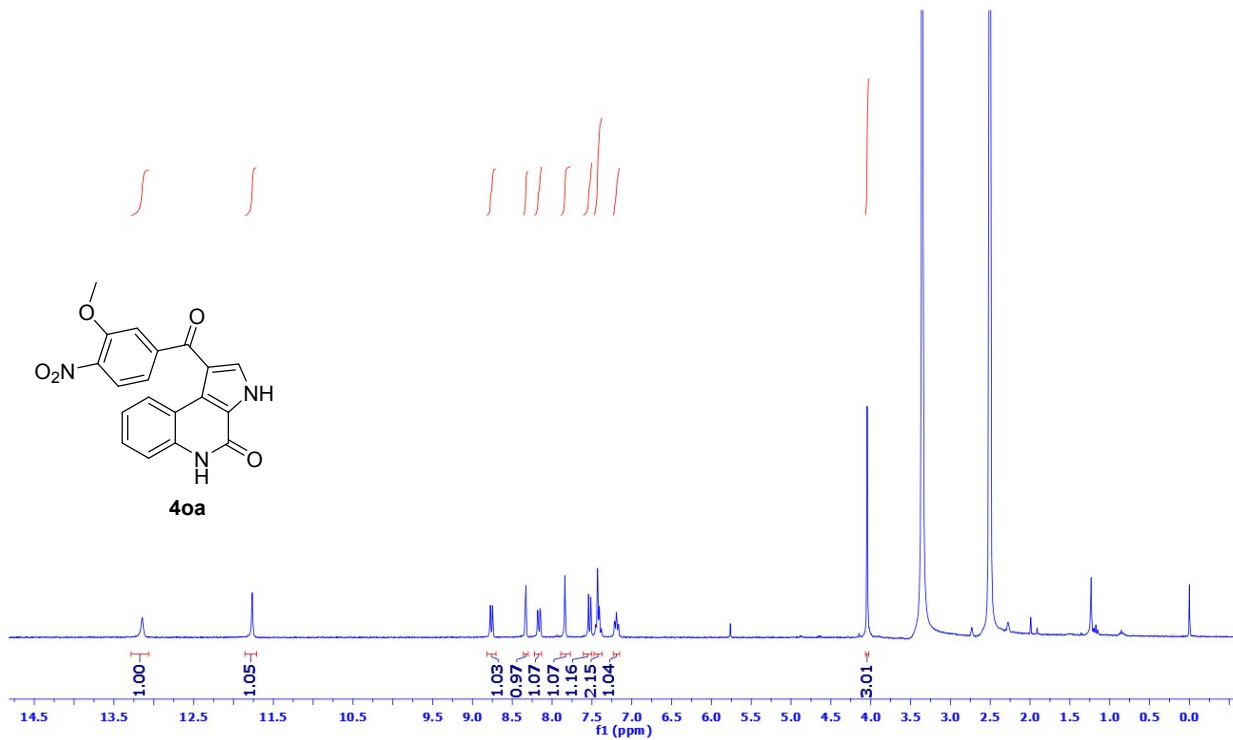
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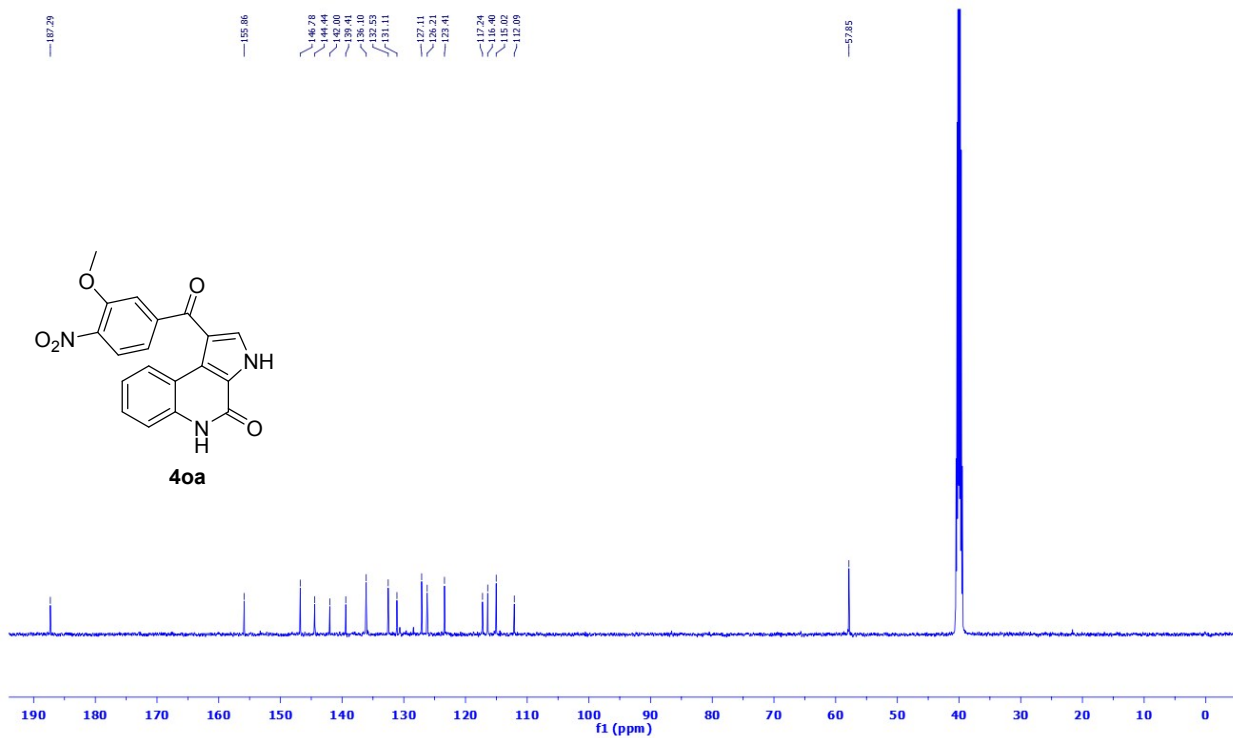
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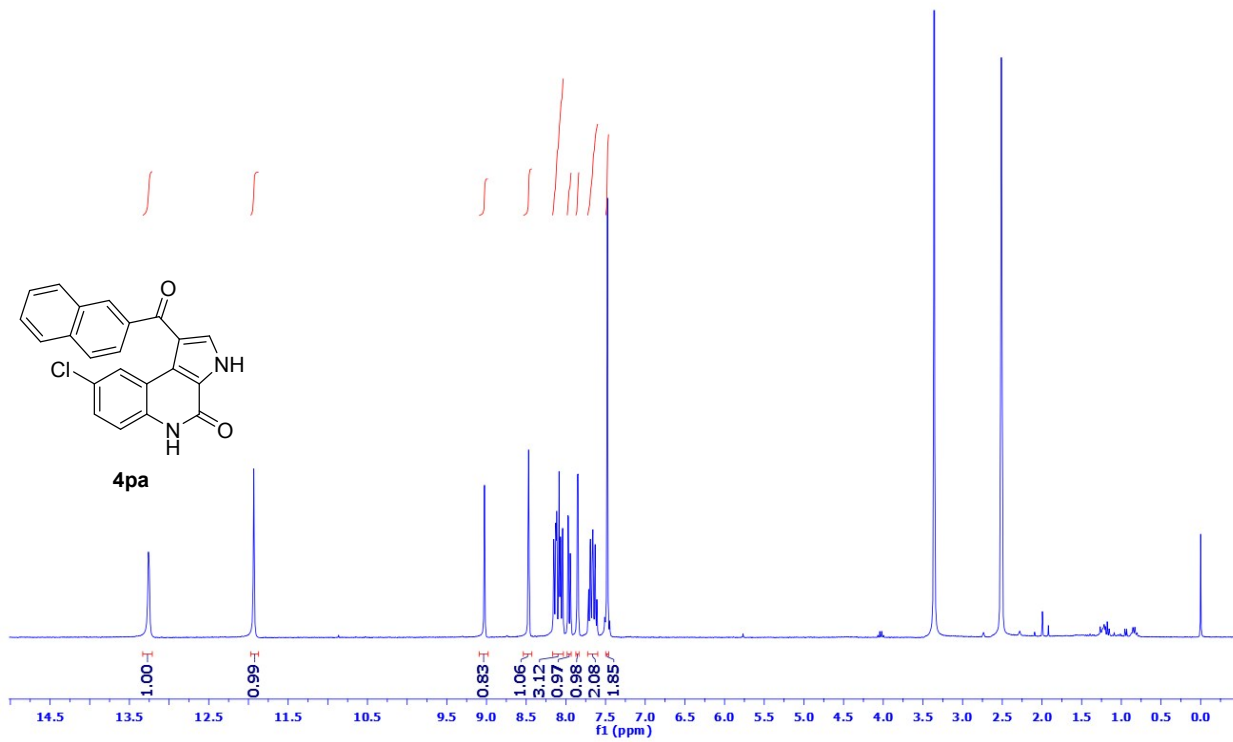
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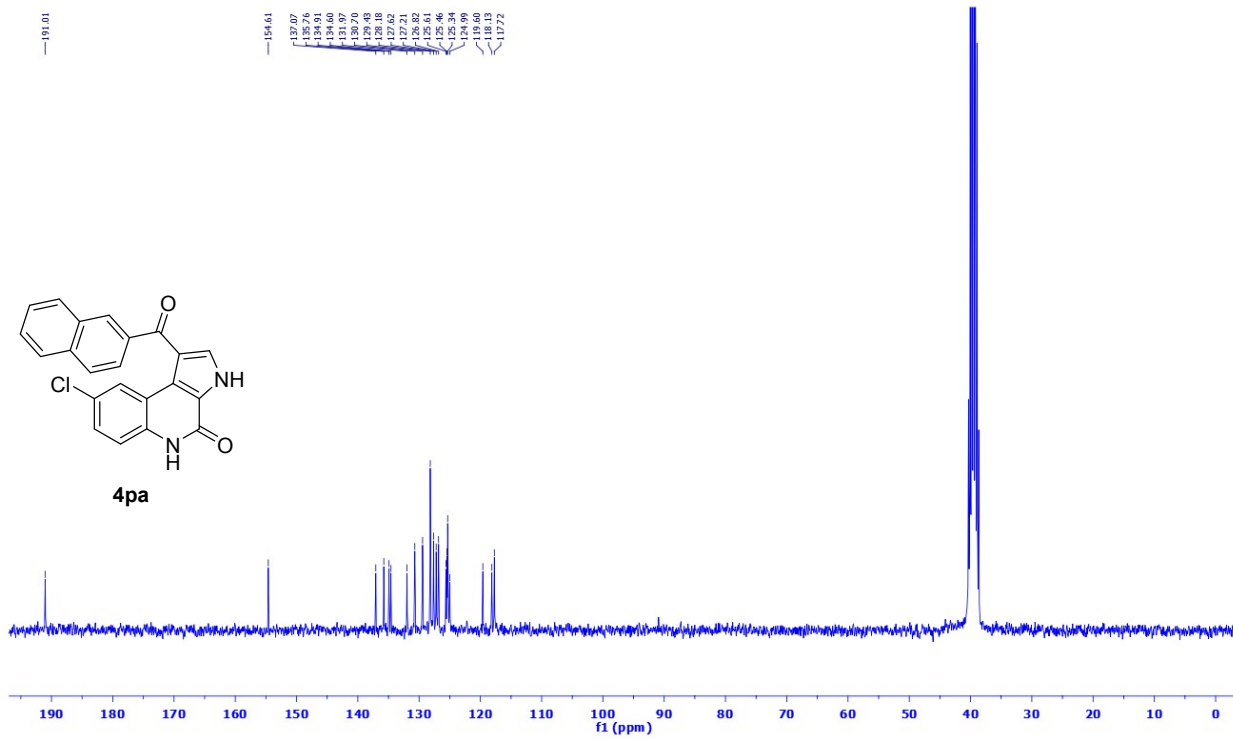
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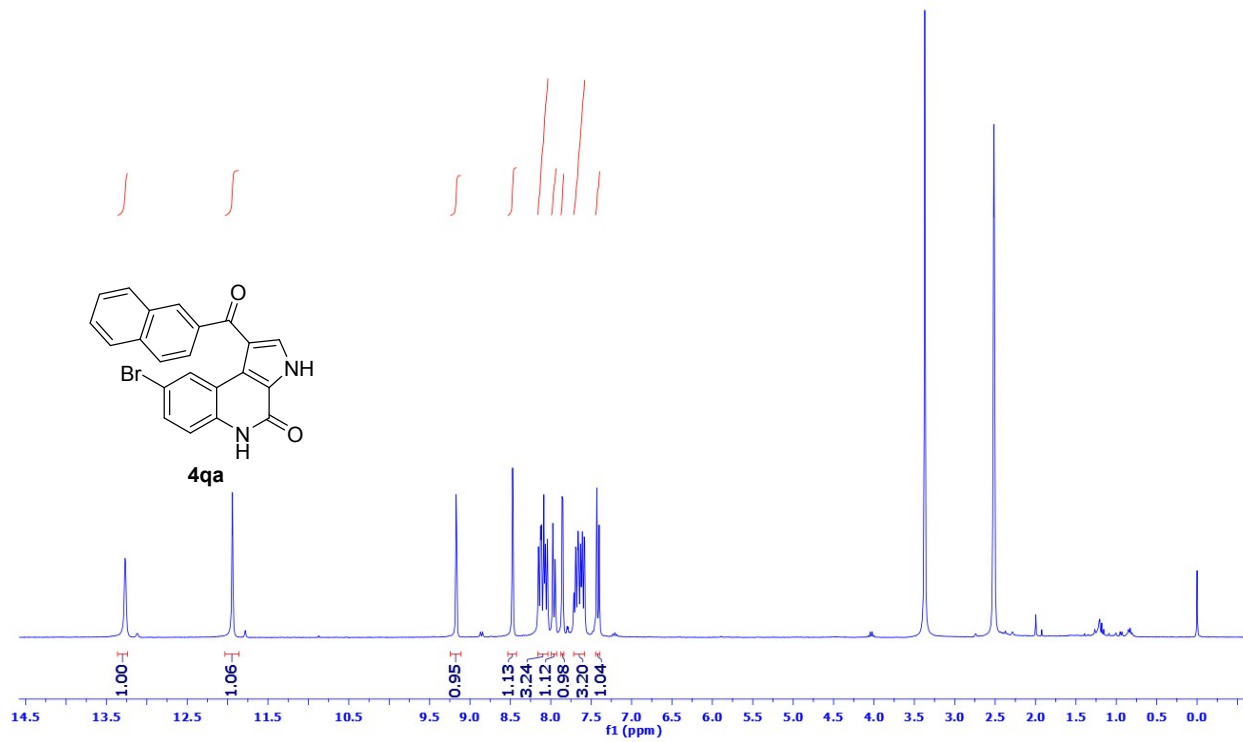
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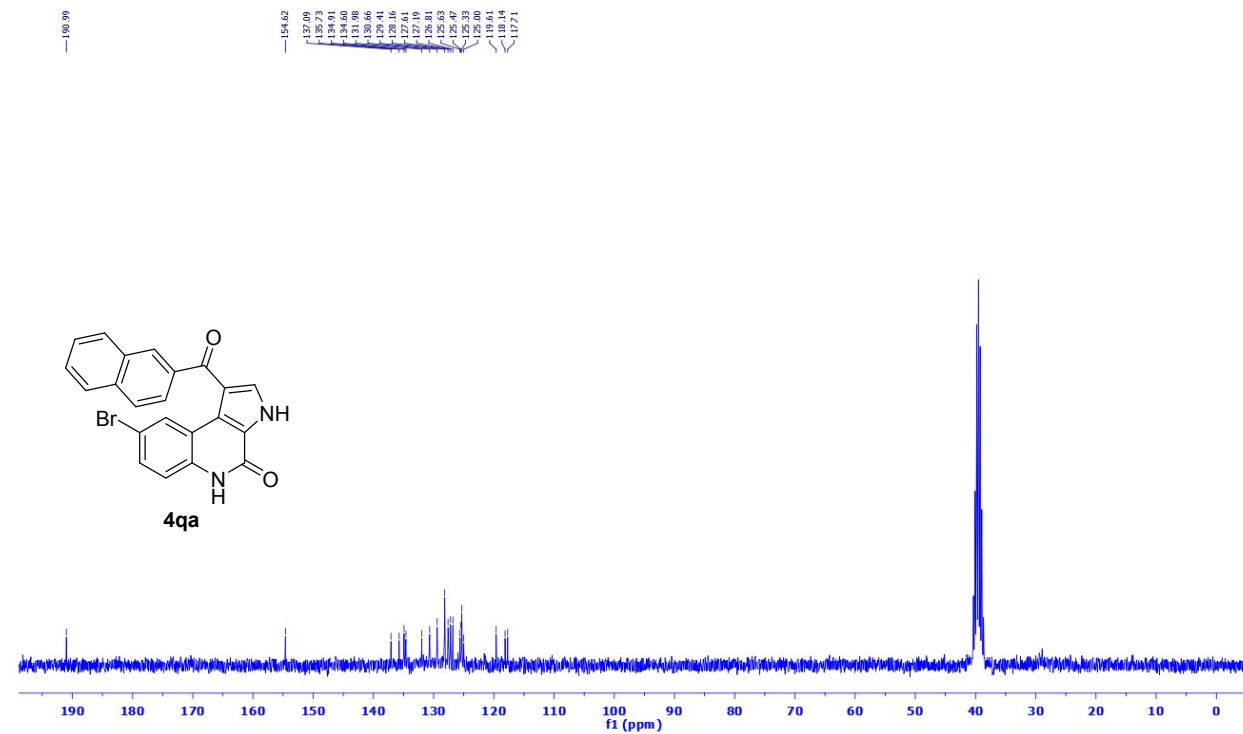
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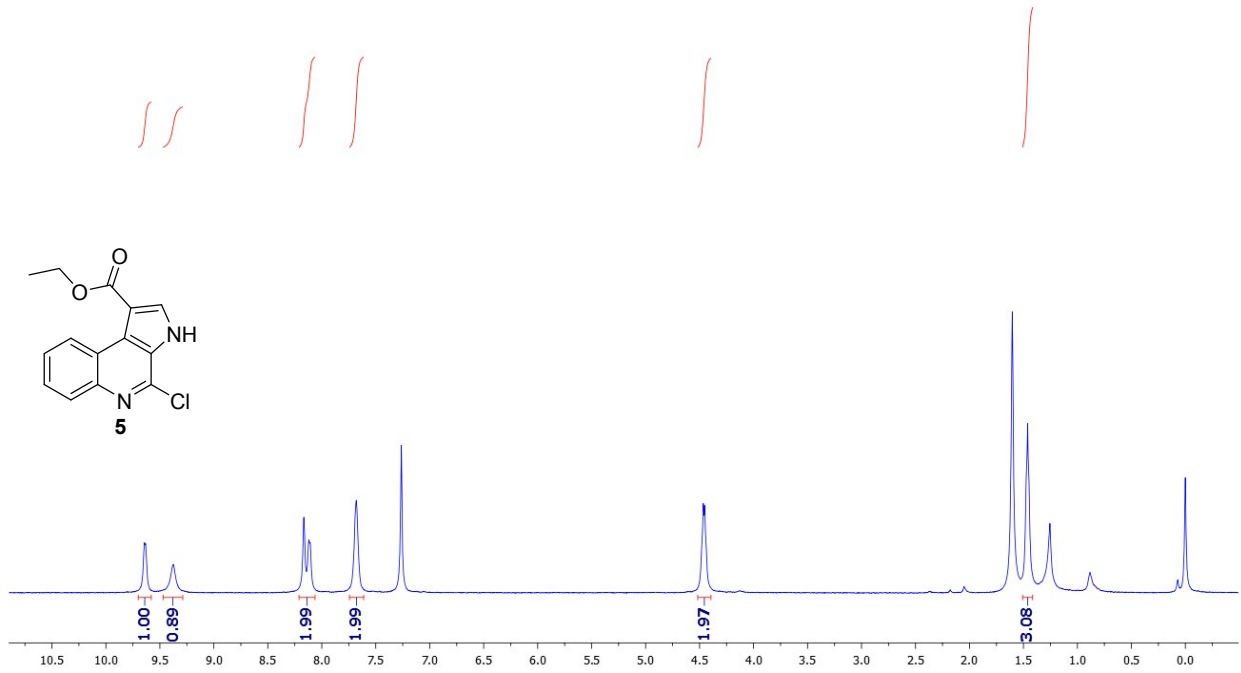
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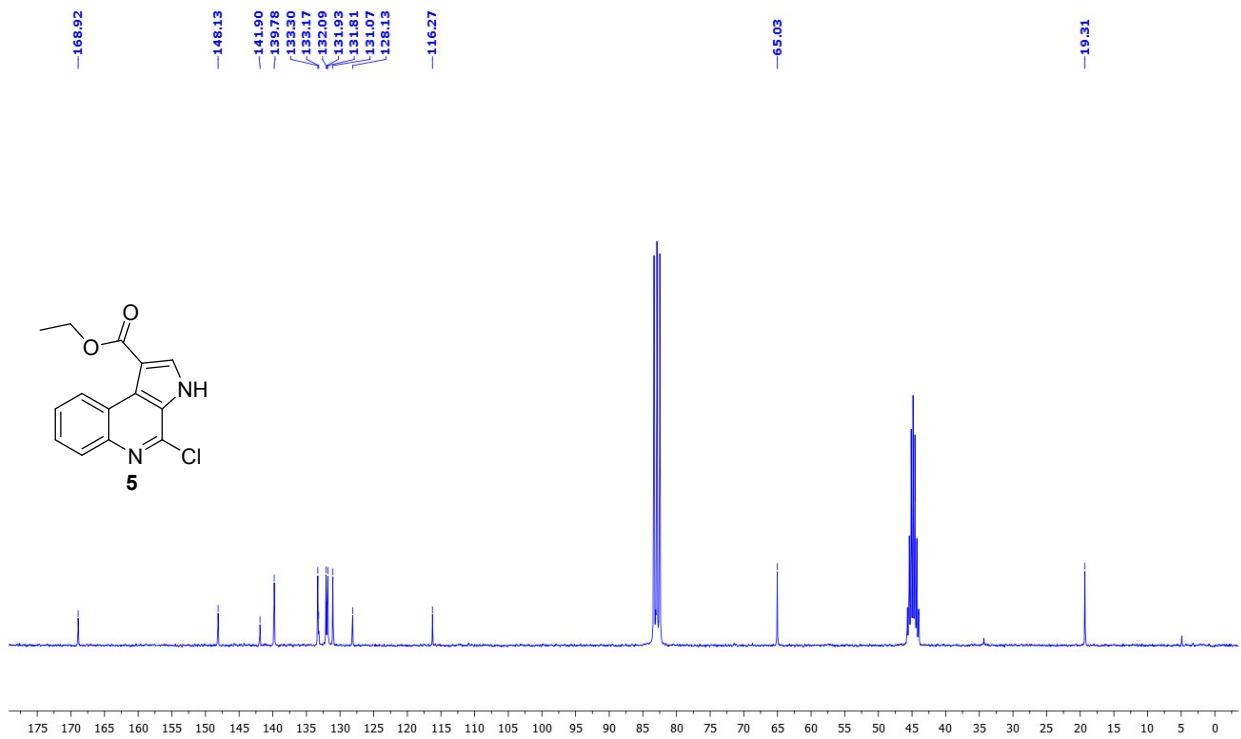
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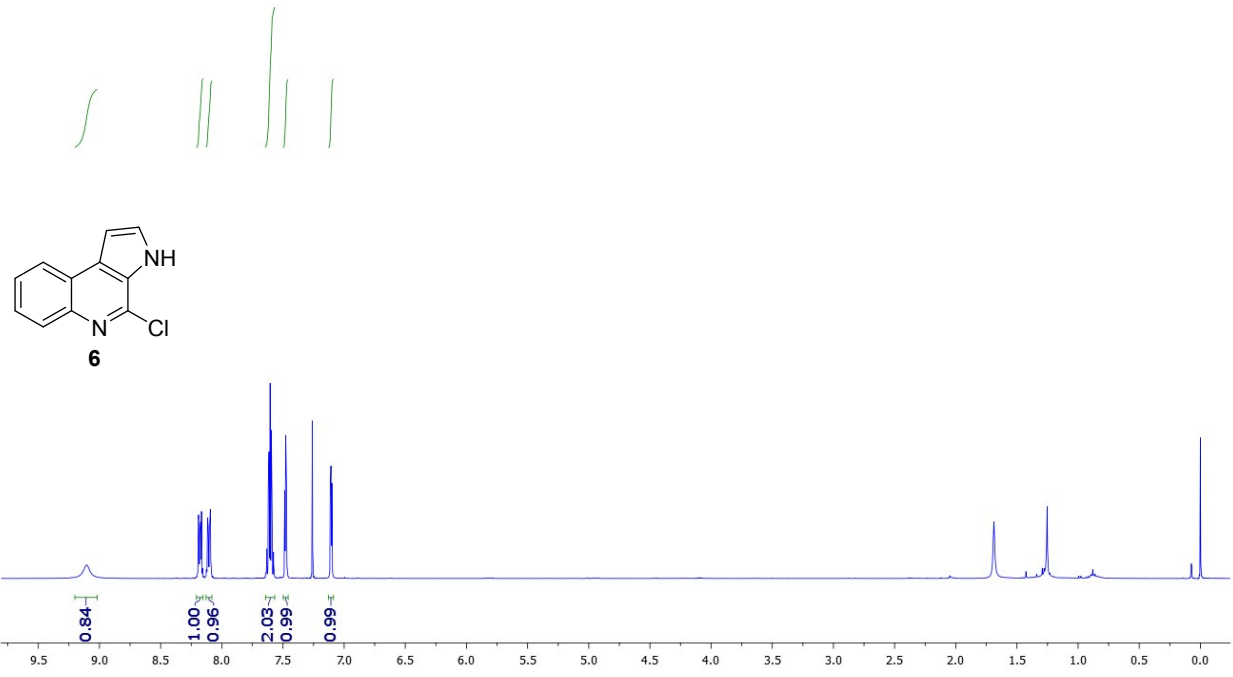
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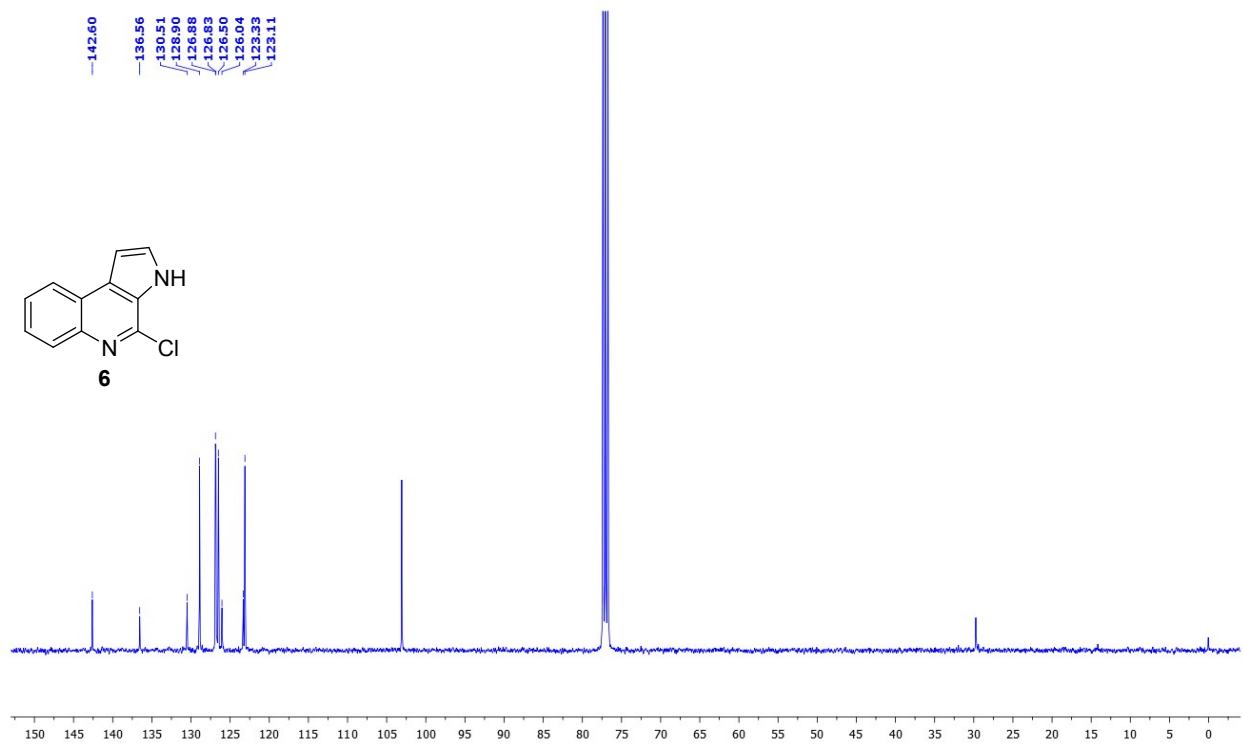
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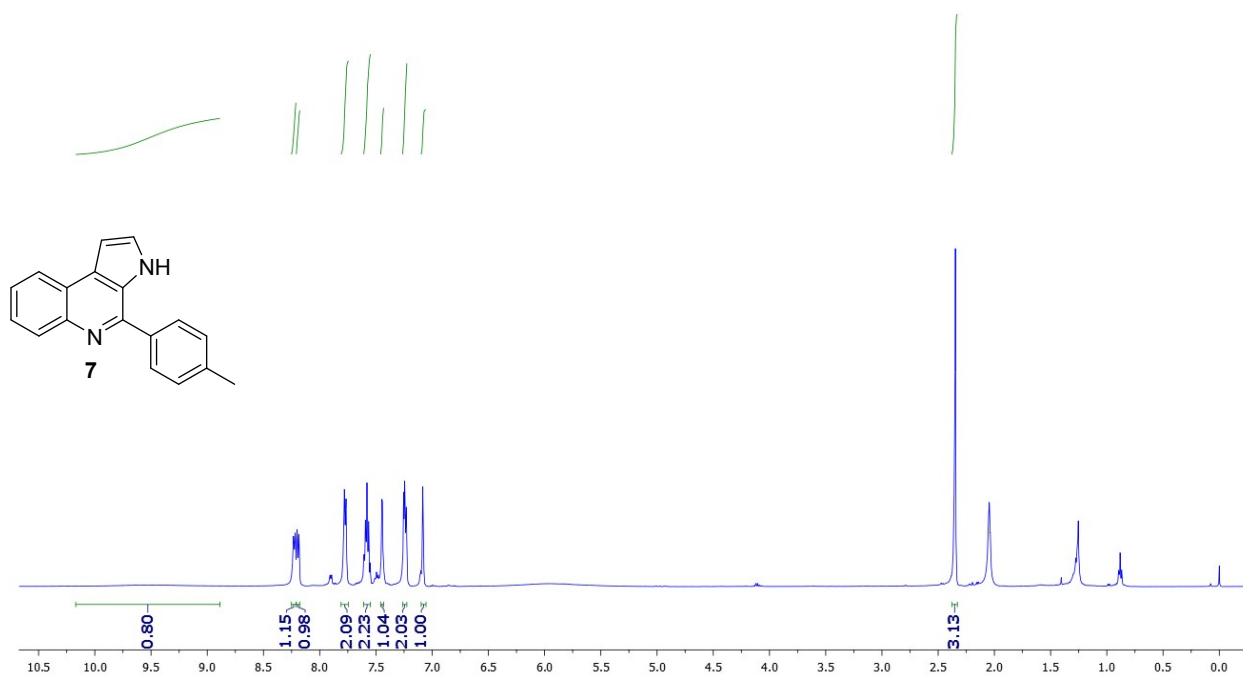
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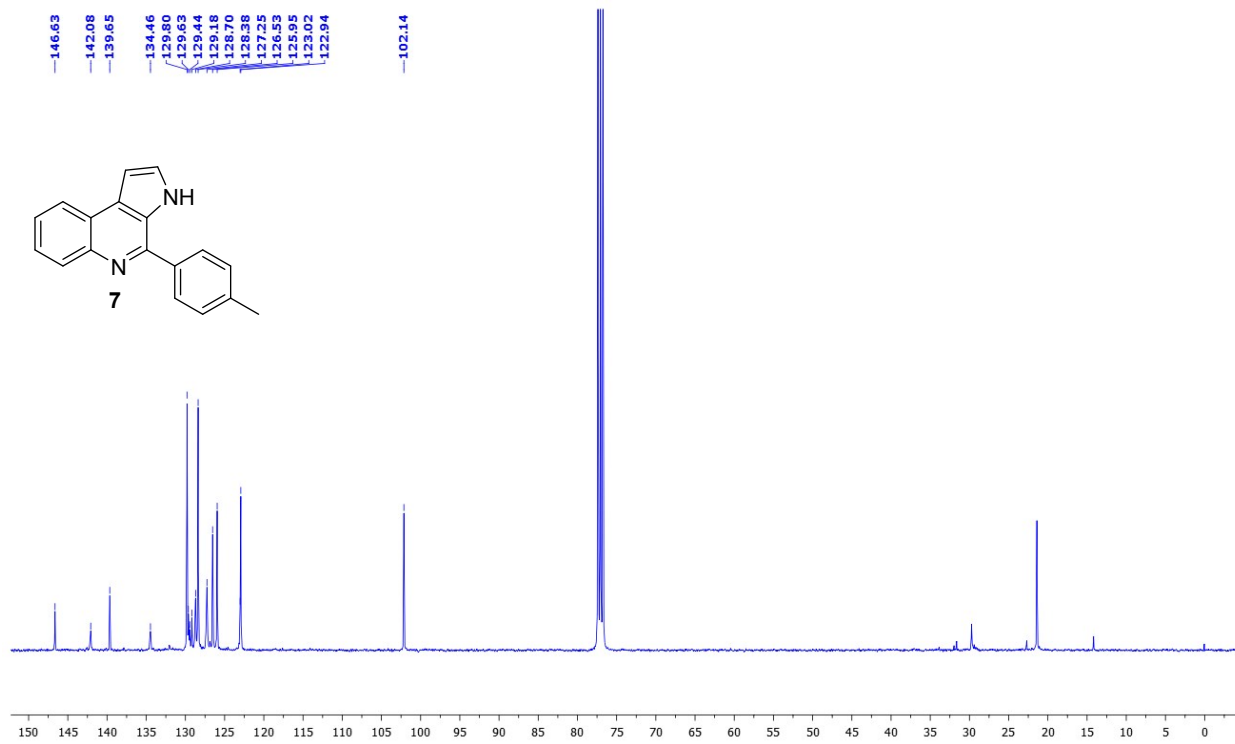
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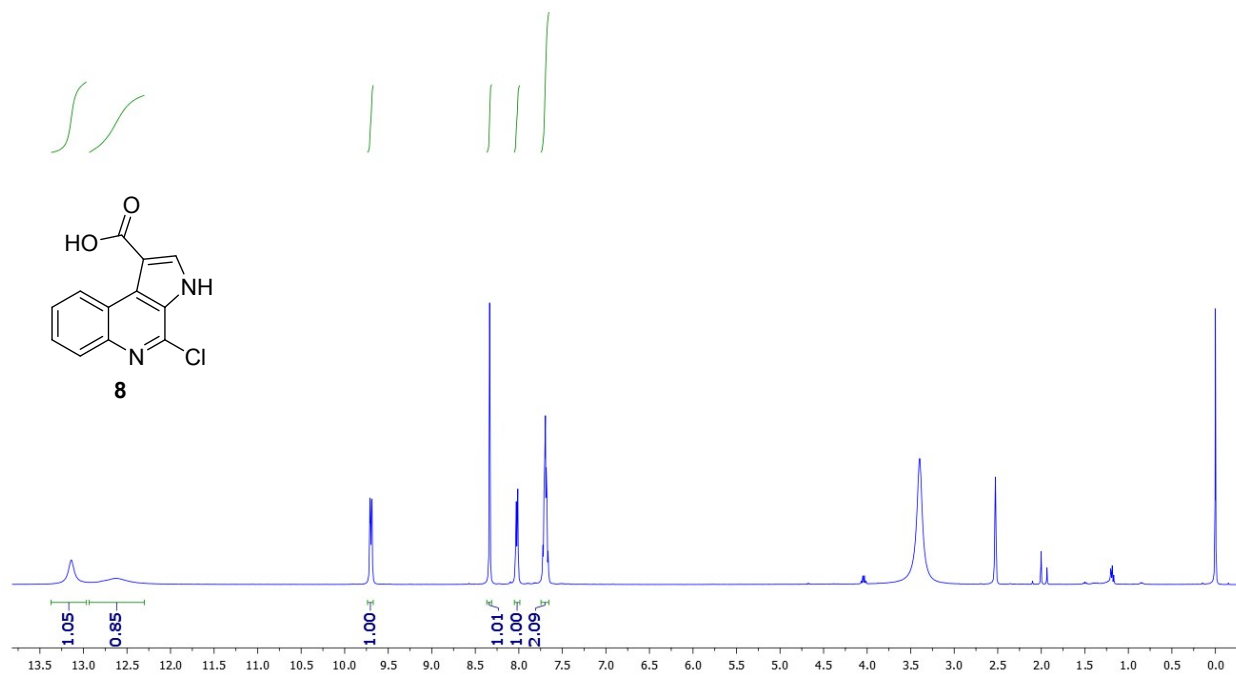


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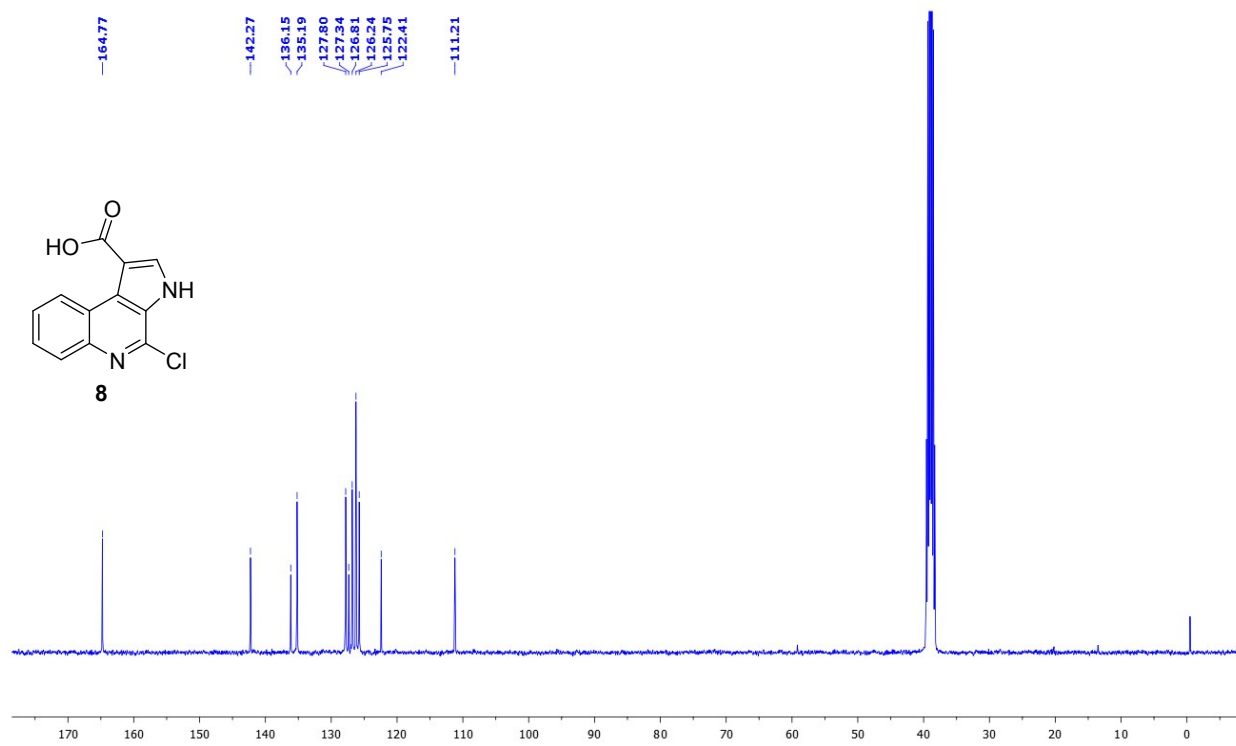




**<sup>1</sup>H-NMR of 8:**



**<sup>13</sup>C-NMR of 8:**



X-ray Crystallographic Data of compounds **3aa**.

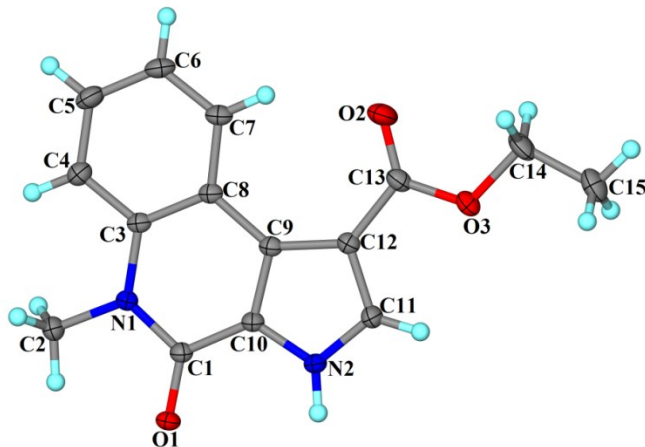


Figure caption: The molecular structure of **3aa** (in-house code # KA279) with the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level and H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radius. CCDC **1831087** contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via <https://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/structures/>.

Table 1 Crystal data and structure refinement for KA279MF.

Identification code	KA279MF , CCDC <b>1831087</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>14</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
Formula weight	270.28
Temperature/K	293(2)
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	$P\bar{1}$
a/Å	6.063(4)
b/Å	9.023(7)
c/Å	11.915(8)
$\alpha$ /°	96.04(3)
$\beta$ /°	90.884(19)
$\gamma$ /°	90.83(2)
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	648.1(8)
Z	2
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{cm}^3$	1.385
$\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$	0.098
F(000)	284.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.380 × 0.210 × 0.120
Radiation	MoK $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ = 0.71073)
2 $\theta$ range for data collection/°	4.54 to 51.988
Index ranges	-7 ≤ h ≤ 7, -11 ≤ k ≤ 11, -14 ≤ l ≤ 14

Reflections collected	8651
Independent reflections	2526 [ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0397$ , $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0403$ ]
Data/restraints/parameters	2526/0/188
Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	1.019
Final R indexes [ $I \geq 2\sigma(I)$ ]	$R_1 = 0.0406$ , $wR_2 = 0.1299$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0524$ , $wR_2 = 0.1521$
Largest diff. peak/hole / $e \text{ \AA}^{-3}$	0.24/-0.17

**Data collection and structure solution of 3aa (KA279):** Single crystal X-ray data for two compounds were collected at room temperature on a Bruker D8 QUEST equipped with a four circle kappa diffractometer and Photon 100 detector. An  $\mu\text{s}$  microfocus Mo source ( $\lambda=0.71073\text{\AA}$ ) supplied the multi-mirror monochromated incident beam. A combination of Phi and Omega scans were used to collect the necessary data. Unit cell dimensions were determined using 5997 reflections for KA279. Integration and scaling of intensity data were accomplished using SAINT program.<sup>1</sup> The structures were solved by Direct Methods using SHELXS97<sup>2</sup> and refinement was carried out by full-matrix least-squares technique using SHELXL-2014/7.<sup>2-3</sup> Anisotropic displacement parameters were included for all non-hydrogen atoms. All H atoms were positioned geometrically and treated as riding on their parent C atoms with C-H distances of 0.93--0.97  $\text{\AA}$ , and with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$  or  $1.5U_{\text{eq}}$  for methyl atoms.

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