New methods for the synthesis of naphthyl amines; application to the synthesis of dihydrosanguinarine, sanguinarine, oxysanguinarine and maclekarpines B and C

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General methods

¹H nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (NMR) were recorded at 200 MHz, 400 MHz or 500 MHz. ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 100 MHz or 125 MHz as stated. Chemical shifts are reported relative to residual solvent peaks or tetramethylsilane internal standard with signal splittings recorded as singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), multiplet (m), sextet (sxt.) septet (sept.) and broad singlet (br. s). Coupling constants, *J*, are quoted to the nearest 0.1 Hz and to 1 Hz for ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR, respectively. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at room temperature.

Fourier transform infrared spectra (FTIR) were recorded as evaporated films. Absorption maxima are quoted in wavenumbers (cm⁻¹) for the range 3500-800 cm⁻¹. Mass spectra were recorded on a Fisons Platform II spectrometer under electrospray ionisation (ESI). Melting points (m.p.) were obtained from recrystallised samples using a Lecia VMTG heated-stage microscope and are uncorrected. The solvent systems used for recrystallisation are quoted in parentheses. Optical rotations were recorded on a Perkin Elmer 241 Polarimeter (using the sodium D line, 589 nm) and $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ are given in units of deg dm⁻¹cm³g⁻¹; concentrations given in brackets are in g (100 mL)⁻¹.

Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel (60 Å, 0.040-0.063 mm, VWR). TLC analyses were performed on Merck Kiesegel 60 F254 0.25 mm precoated silica plates. Petrol refers to petroleum ether in the boiling range 40-60 °C. Product spots were visualized under UV light (λ max = 254 nm) and/or by staining with potassium permanganate or vanillin solutions as deemed appropriate. Reagents obtained from Aldrich, Alfa and TCI suppliers were used directly as supplied. All anhydrous reactions were carried out in flame-dried glassware and under an inert atmosphere of argon. THF and CH₂Cl₂ were dried by purification through activated alumina purification columns.

General Procedure 1 for palladium-catalysed α-arylation of ketones

(DtBPF)PdCl₂ (5.0 mol%) and NaOtBu (250 mol%) were sealed in a dry microwave vial and the vial sealed. Aryl halide (100 mol%) was dissolved in THF (0.2 M with respect to ketone) and the resulting solution was added *via* syringe to the tube at room temperature. The ketone (200 mol%) was then added *via* syringe to the tube. The tube was then heated to 70 °C for 18 h. The reaction was then cooled to room temperature and quenched by the addition of H₂O. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O and the combined organics were dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to give the crude product which was purified under the conditions noted.

General Procedure 2 for deprotection of acetal

para-Toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (10 mol%) was added to a solution of the acetal substrate (100 mol%) in THF/H₂O (1:1, 0.1 M with respect to acetal) in a microwave vial and the vial sealed. The tube was heated to 60 °C for 18 h then cooled to room temperature. Saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ was added and the aqueous layer extracted with EtOAc (3x) and the combined organics dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to give the crude product, which was purified as specified.

General Procedure 3 for Lewis acid cyclisation to form napthyl amine

A microwave vial fitted with a magnetic follower was charged with the corresponding 1,5-dicarbonyl (100 mol%) and ZnCl₂ (1.0 M in Et₂O, 100 mol%), dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (0.10 M with respect to 1,5-dicarbonyl) and the corresponding amine (500 mol%) added. The reaction mixture was heated at 55 °C for 18 h and then cooled to room temperature. The crude mixture was concentrated and purified by flash column chromatography, under the conditions noted to afford the corresponding napthyl amine.

General Procedure 4 for acid cyclisation to form napthyl amine

A microwave vial fitted with a magnetic follower was charged with the corresponding 1,5-dicarbonyl (100 mol%), dissolved in PhMe/AcOH 3:1 (0.10 M with respect to 1,5-dicarbonyl) and the corresponding amine (500 mol%) added carefully. The reaction mixture was heated at 110 °C for 18 h and then cooled to room temperature. The crude mixture was washed with 1.0 M NaOH (20 mL/mmol) and extracted into EtOAc (3x). The organic layers were combined, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography, under the conditions noted to afford the corresponding napthyl amine.

3-Methyl-1H-indene, S1

CeCl₃ (4.23 g, 11.4 mmol) was heated at 130 °C under a high vacuum for 2 h. THF (50 mL) was added and the reaction stirred for 90 min at rt. The reaction was cooled for –78 °C and then MeLi (7.13 mL, 1.6 M in Et₂O, 11.4 mmol) added and stirred for 30 min. A solution of indanone (1.00 g, 7.58 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added dropwise and the resulting solution stirred for 1 h, then allowed to warm to rt. The reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of saturated aqueous NH₄Cl then the THF removed *in vacuo*. The mixture was then partitioned between Et₂O and water and the organic layer separated. The aqueous layer was washed with Et₂O (2 x 100 mL), the organic layers combined, dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated. The residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) and *para*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (72 mg, 0.38 mmol) added. The reaction was stirred for 30 min, then concentrated and purified by flash column chromatography (petrol) to give indene S1 (845 mg, 86%).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 7.53 (1 H, d, *J*=7.3 Hz), 7.35 - 7.46 (2 H, m), 7.26 - 7.33 (1 H, m), 6.28 (1 H, s), 3.39 (2 H, s), 2.26 (3 H, s); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 146.2, 144.4, 140.0, 128.8, 126.1, 124.5, 123.7, 118.9, 37.7, 13.1; Data were consistent with those previously reported.¹

1-Methyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-1,2-diol, S2

K₂OsO₄.2H₂O (14 mg, 0.051 mmol) was added to a solution of indene **S1** (200 mg, 1.54 mmol), *N*-methylmorpholine *N*-oxide (360 mg, 3.08 mmol) in H₂O/THF/*t*BuOH (1:10:8, 10 mL) and the reaction stirred for 18 h. The reaction was quenched with a saturated solution of sodium sulphite (10 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 25 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated. Purification by flash column chromatography (petrol-EtOAc, 1:1) afforded *diol* **S2** (170 mg, 69%) as a colourless oil.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 7.23 - 7.30 (1 H, m,), 7.14 - 7.20 (2 H, m), 7.08 - 7.14 (1 H, m), 3.94 (1 H, br. s.), 3.12 (1 H, br. s.), 3.03 (1 H, d, *J*=4.9 Hz), 2.99 (1 H, d, *J*=5.8 Hz), 2.73 (1 H, dd, *J*=16.2, 4.6 Hz), 1.37 (3 H, s); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 145.6, 139.4, 128.8, 127.3, 125.4, 123.4, 80.0, 78.7, 38.2, 24.8; **FTIR** 3231, 2940, 1480, 1368, 1321, 1224, 1170, 1107, 1088, 1061, 1021, 963, 916, 844, 804, 759, 739, 717, 648 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** m/z [C₁₀H₁₂O₂+Na]⁺ cal. 187.0729, found 187.0729.

2-(2-Acetylphenyl)acetaldehyde, 1

Diol **S2** (170 mg, 1.04 mmol), was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) and NaIO₄.SiO₂ (5.6 g, 3.6 g/mmol, 1.56 mmol) and stirred. After 1 h the reaction was filtered and washed with CH₂Cl₂. The filtrate was concentrated to give 1,5-dicarbonyl **1** (140 mg, 89% yield) which was used in the next step without further purification.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 9.76 (1 H, s), 7.84 - 7.92 (1 H, m), 7.50 (1 H, td, *J*=7.5, 1.2 Hz), 7.38 - 7.45 (1 H, m), 7.23 (1 H, d, *J*=7.6 Hz), 3.99 (2 H, s), 2.60 (3 H, s); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 200.8, 199.0, 136.6, 133.5, 133.1, 132.5, 130.5, 127.7, 49.4, 28.7; **FTIR** 1721, 1676, 1600, 1573, 1488, 1357, 1256, 1034, 959, 761 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** m/z [C₁₀H₁₀O₂] cal. 162.0681, found 162.0677.

1-(Naphthalen-1-yl)pyrrolidine, 4

1,5-dicarbonyl **1** (60 mg, 0.37 mmol) and pyrrolidine were subjected to general procedure 4. Purification by flash column chromatography (petrol-EtOAc, 19:1) afforded napthyl amine **4** (49 mg, 68%) as a colourless oil.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 8.30 (1 H, s), 7.87 (1 H, s), 7.51 (3 H, s), 7.39 - 7.47 (1 H, m), 7.04 (1 H, d, *J*=7.3 Hz), 3.43 (4 H, br. s.), 2.08 (4 H, br. s.); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 147.8, 135.1, 128.4, 128.3, 126.0, 125.6, 124.9, 124.4, 121.4, 111.5, 52.8, 24.9. Data were consistent with those previously reported.²

N-benzylnaphthalen-1-amine, 5

1,5-dicarbonyl **1** (60 mg, 0.368 mmol) and benzylamine were subjected to general procedure 4. Purification by flash column chromatography (petrol-EtOAc, 19:1) afforded napthyl amine **5** (39 mg, 45%) as a colourless oil.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 7.75 - 7.86 (2 H, m), 7.23 - 7.53 (9 H, m), 6.62 (1 H, d, *J*=7.6 Hz), 4.68 (1 H, b. s.), 4.49 (2 H, s); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 143.2, 139.1, 134.2, 128.7, 128.7, 127.7, 127.4, 126.6, 125.7,

124.7, 123.3, 119.9, 117.6, 104.7, 48.6 ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 142.2, 138.0, 133.2, 127.7, 127.7, 126.7, 126.4, 125.6, 124.7, 123.7, 122.3, 118.8, 116.6, 103.7, 47.6. Data were consistent with those previously reported.²

2-(2-Bromophenyl)-2-methyl-1,3-dioxolane, S3

para-Toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (2.0 mol%) was added to a solution of 2'-bromoacetophenone (2.00 g, 10.1 mmol) and ethanediol (130 mol%) in toluene (100 mL). The flask was equipped with a Dean-Stark apparatus and the solution heated to reflux for 18 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to rt and quenched by the addition of saturated aqueous NH₄Cl and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 100 mL). The organic extracts were combined and extracted with brine (100 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by flash column chromatography (petrol-EtOAc, 19:1) afforded acetal **S3** (2.19 g, 90%) as a colourless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 7.59 (1 H, dd, *J*=7.8, 1.7 Hz, Ar*H*), 7.47 - 7.55 (1 H, m, Ar*H*), 7.15 - 7.26 (1 H, m, Ar*H*), 7.06 (1 H, td, *J*=7.6, 1.7 Hz, Ar*H*), 3.92 - 4.05 (2 H, m, OC*H*₂), 3.62 - 3.76 (2 H, m, OC*H*₂), 1.74 (3 H, s, C*H*₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 141.1, 135.0, 129.5, 127.9, 127.2, 120.6, 108.8, 64.3, 25.3. Data were consistent with those previously reported.³

2-(2-(2-Methyl-1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)phenyl)-1-phenylethan-1-one, S4

Acetal **S3** (100 mg, 0.413 mmol) and acetophenone were subjected to general procedure 1. Purification by flash column chromatography (petrol-EtOAc, 9:1) afforded acetal **S4** (96 mg, 83%) as a colourless oil.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 8.09 (2 H, d, *J*=8.3 Hz), 7.57 - 7.68 (2 H, m), 7.52 (2 H, t, *J*=7.6 Hz), 7.30 - 7.34 (2 H, m), 7.15 - 7.20 (1 H, m), 4.56 (2 H, s), 3.81 - 3.92 (2 H, m), 3.60 - 3.68 (2 H, m), 1.70 (3 H, s); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 197.8, 141.2, 137.4, 133.1, 132.8, 132.3, 128.6, 128.2, 128.1, 127.1, 126.4, 109.1, 64.2, 43.9, 27.7. Data were consistent with those previously reported.³

2-(2-Acetylphenyl)-1-phenylethan-1-one, 2

Acetal **S4** (90 mg, 0.319 mmol) was subjected to general procedure 2. Purification by flash column chromatography (petrol-EtOAc, 9:1) afforded 1,5-dicarbonyl **2** (61 mg, 80%) as a colourless oil.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 8.07 (2 H, d, *J*=7.6 Hz), 7.88 (1 H, d, *J*=7.8 Hz), 7.55 - 7.63 (1 H, m), 7.47 - 7.54 (3 H, m), 7.39 - 7.46 (1 H, m), 7.27 (1 H, d, *J*=7.3 Hz),

4.68 (2 H, s), 2.59 (3 H, s); 13 C NMR (100 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 201.2, 197.4, 137.3, 137.0, 135.3, 133.1, 133.0, 132.1, 130.2, 128.6, 128.2, 127.3, 44.7, 28.7. Data were consistent with those previously reported.⁴

1-(3-Phenylnaphthalen-1-yl)pyrrolidine, 6

Method A 1,5-dicarbonyl **2** (22 mg, 0.092 mmol) was subjected to general procedure 3. Purification by flash column chromatography (petrol-EtOAc, 49:1 to 19:1) afforded napthyl amine **6** (16 mg, 58%) as a colourless oil.

Method B 1,5-dicarbonyl **2** (50 mg, 0.21 mmol) and pyrrolidine were subjected to general procedure 3. Purification by flash column chromatography (petrol-EtOAc, 19:1) afforded napthyl amine **6** (39 mg, 69%) as a colourless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 8.27 (1 H, d, *J*=8.1 Hz), 7.84 - 7.94 (1 H, m), 7.75 - 7.80 (2 H, m), 7.68 (1 H, s), 7.38 - 7.56 (5 H, m), 7.24 - 7.28 (1 H, m), 3.49 (4 H, m), 2.01 - 2.17 (4 H, m); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 147.9, 141.7, 138.6, 135.2, 128.7, 128.6, 127.4, 127.2, 127.1, 126.0, 124.5, 119.6, 119.4, 111.4, 52.9, 24.9. Data were consistent with those previously reported.⁵

N-Benzyl-3-phenylnaphthalen-1-amine, 7

Method A 1,5-dicarbonyl **2** (22 mg, 0.092 mmol) was subjected to general procedure 3. Purification by flash column chromatography (petrol-EtOAc, 19:1) afforded napthyl amine **7** (16 mg, 58%) as a colourless oil.

Method B 1,5-dicarbonyl **2** (50 mg, 0.21 mmol) and benzylamine were subjected to general procedure 4. Purification by flash column chromatography (petrol-EtOAc, 19:1) afforded napthyl amine **7** (40 mg, 63%) as a colourless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 7.83 (1 H, d, *J*=8.1 Hz), 7.78 (1 H, d, *J*=8.3 Hz), 7.64 (2 H, d, *J*=7.8 Hz), 7.27 - 7.49 (11 H, m), 6.87 (1 H, s), 4.70 (1 H, br. s.), 4.53 (2 H, s); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 143.6, 142.1, 139.4, 139.0, 134.6, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 127.9, 127.5, 127.4, 127.2, 126.2, 124.8, 122.8, 119.8, 116.0, 104.6, 48.8; **FTIR** 3063, 1680, 1597, 1579, 1490, 1448, 1338, 1259, 1215, 1096, 1052, 999, 759, 690, 665 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** m/z [C₂₃H₁₉N+H]⁺ cal. 310.1590, found 310.1581.

2-(2-(2-Methyl-1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)phenyl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one, S5

Acetal **S3** (250 mg, 1.04 mmol) and propiophenone were subjected to general procedure 1. Purification by flash column chromatography (petrol-EtOAc, 9:1) afforded acetal **S5** (234 mg, 76%) as a colourless oil.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 8.01 - 8.08 (2 H, m, Ar*H*), 7.63 (1 H, dd, *J*=7.8, 1.5 Hz, Ar*H*), 7.52 (1 H, tt, *J*=7.4, 1.7 Hz, Ar*H*), 7.39 - 7.46 (3 H, m, Ar*H*), 7.32 (1 H, t, *J*=7.6 Hz, Ar*H*), 7.24 (1 H, t, *J*=7.8 Hz, Ar*H*), 5.51 (1 H, q, *J*=7.1 Hz, C*H*), 3.97 - 4.05 (1 H, m, C*H*_aH_b), 3.71 - 3.87 (2 H, m, C*H*₂), 3.46 - 3.54 (1 H, m, CH_aH_b), 1.78 (3 H, s, CC*H*₃), 1.57 (3 H, d, *J*=7.1 Hz, CHC*H*₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 202.2, 140.0, 138.3, 137.2, 132.4, 129.5, 128.7, 128.4 (2C), 126.7, 126.4, 109.3, 64.4, 64.1, 43.4, 28.1, 19.8. Data were consistent with those previously reported. ³

2-(2-Acetylphenyl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one, 3

Acetal **S5** (200 mg, 1.04 mmol) was subjected to general procedure 2. Purification by flash column chromatography (petrol-EtOAc, 9:1) afforded 1,5-dicarbonyl **3** (137 mg, 81%) as a colourless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 7.86 - 7.94 (2 H, m, Ar*H*), 7.66 (1 H, d, *J*=7.6 Hz, Ar*H*), 7.36 (1 H, d, *J*=7.3 Hz, Ar*H*), 7.25 - 7.33 (3 H, m, Ar*H*), 7.15 - 7.24 (2 H, m, Ar*H*), 5.60 (1 H, q, *J*=6.8 Hz, C*H*), 2.55 (3 H, s, CC*H*₃), 1.40 (3 H, d, *J*=6.8 Hz, CHC*H*₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 202.3, 201.3, 141.3, 136.5, 136.2, 132.7, 132.3, 130.0, 129.0, 128.8, 128.5, 126.7, 43.2, 29.8, 18.9; **FTIR** 2977, 1679, 1597, 1572, 1485,

1448, 1356, 1293, 1236, 1180, 1001, 951, 759, 727, 691 cm $^{-1}$; **HRMS** m/z $[C_{17}H_{16}O_2+Na]^+$ cal. 275.1043, found 275.1043.

1-(4-Methyl-3-phenylnaphthalen-1-yl)pyrrolidine, 8

Method A 1,5-dicarbonyl 3 (25 mg, 0.11 mmol) and pyrrolidine was subjected to general procedure **3**. Purification by flash column chromatography (petrol-EtOAc, 19:1) afforded napthyl amine **8** (17 mg, 55%) as a colourless oil.

Method B 1,5-dicarbonyl **3** (40 mg, 0.16 mmol) and pyrrolidine were subjected to general procedure 4. Purification by flash column chromatography (petrol-EtOAc, 19:1) afforded napthyl amine **8** (34 mg, 73%) as a colourless oil.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 8.32 (1 H, d, *J*=8.3 Hz), 8.10 (1 H, d, *J*=8.3 Hz), 7.39 - 7.56 (7 H, m), 6.98 (1 H, s), 3.37 (4 H, br. s.), 2.56 (3 H, s), 2.05 (4 H, br. s.); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 145.4, 143.4, 139.0, 134.2, 129.8, 128.1, 127.9, 126.7, 126.0, 125.0, 124.9, 124.2, 114.7, 53.0, 24.6, 16.0. Missing 1 C; **FTIR** 2963, 1587, 1495, 1456, 1389, 1352, 1263, 1158, 1091, 1033, 985, 907, 759, 731, 703, 645 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** m/z [C₂₁H₂₁N+H]⁺ cal. 288.1747, found 288.1740.

N-Benzyl-4-methyl-3-phenylnaphthalen-1-amine, 9

1,5-dicarbonyl **3** (50 mg, 0.20 mmol) and benzylamine were subjected to general procedure 4. Purification by flash column chromatography (petrol-EtOAc, 19:1) afforded napthyl amine **9** (45 mg, 70%) as a colourless oil.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 7.94 (1 H, d, J=8.2 Hz), 7.74 (1 H, d, J=8.2 Hz), 7.42 (1 H, t, J=7.5 Hz), 7.13 - 7.36 (11 H, m), 6.48 (1 H, s), 4.42 (1 H, br. s.), 4.30 (2 H, s), 2.35 (3 H, s); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 143.6, 141.2, 139.5, 139.2, 133.7, 129.8, 128.8, 128.1, 128.0, 127.5, 126.6, 126.2, 125.5, 124.5, 123.3, 120.4, 120.1, 107.7, 48.9, 15.8; **FTIR**: 1592, 1525, 1480, 1443, 1395, 1250, 1113, 1073, 1029, 907, 841, 753, 729, 701, 648 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** m/z [C₂₄H₂₁N+H]⁺ cal. 324.1747, found 324.1734; **m.p.** 123-126 °C (CH₂Cl₂/petrol).

7-Methyl-5*H*-indeno[5,6-d][1,3]dioxole, 11

A suspension of CeCl₃ (2.80 g, 11.4 mmol) in THF (50 mL) was stirred for 30 min at rt and then cooled to -78 °C. MeLi (7.13 mL, 1.6 M in THF, 11.4 mmol) was added dropwise over 5 min. A suspension of ketone **10** (1.00 g, 5.68 mmol) was then added and the reaction stirred for 1 h then warmed to rt. The reaction was quenched by the addition of a saturated aqueous

solution of NH₄Cl and the THF removed *in vacuo*. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 100 mL) and the organic layers combined, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated to give crude alcohol which was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ and pyridinium *p*-toluenesulfonate (71 mg, 0.28 mmol) added. The reaction was stirred for 30 min at rt and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (petrol-EtOAc, 19:1) to give *alkene* **11** (761 mg, 77 %) as a tan solid.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 6.99 (1 H, s), 6.86 (1 H, s), 6.15 (1 H, s), 5.99 (2 H, s), 3.26 (2 H, br. s.), 2.15 (3 H, s); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 146.5, 145.6, 140.2, 139.6, 138.0, 127.6, 105.2, 100.9, 100.1, 37.6, 13.2; **FTIR** 2890, 1594, 1500, 1467, 1331, 1270, 1246, 1100, 1034, 936, 863, 812, 746 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** m/z [C₁₁H₁₀O₂+H]⁺ cal. 175.0754, found 175.0753.

2-(6-Acetylbenzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)acetaldehyde, 12

To a solution of alkene **11** (320 mg, 1.84 mmol) and *N*-methylmorpholine *N*-oxide (430 mg, 3.68 mmol) in THF/*t*BuOH 10:8 (10 mL) was added a solution of K₂OsO₄·2H₂O (17 mg, 0.046 mmol) in water (1 mL). The reaction was stirred for 18 hr and then quenched by addition of a saturated solution of N₂SO₃ and extracted in to EtOAc. The organic layers were combined, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (petrol-EtOAc, 1:1) to give *diol* which was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) and NaIO₄.SiO₂ (9.94 g, 3.6 g/mmol, 2.76 mmol) and stirred. After 1 h the reaction was filtered and washed with CH₂Cl₂. The filtrate was concentrated to give dicarbonyl **12** (280 mg, 74%) which was used in the next step without further purification.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 9.64 (1 H, s), 7.27 (1 H, s), 6.60 (1 H, s), 5.98 (2 H, s), 3.82 (2 H, s), 2.45 (3 H, s); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 199.0, 198.4, 150.8, 147.0, 130.1, 130.0, 113.0, 110.5, 102.2, 49.5, 28.7; **FTIR** 720, 1671, 1608, 1506, 1489, 1371, 1240, 1113, 1036, 951, 915, 869, 728, 620 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** m/z [C₁₁H₁₀O₄+Na]⁺ cal. 229.0471, found 229.0474.

1-(5-Bromobenzo[d][1,3]dioxol-4-yl)-N-methylmethanamine, 14

To a solution of 5-bromo-1,3-benzodioxole-4-carboxaldehyde **13** (1.00 g, 4.39 mmol) in MeOH (20 mL) was added methylamine (40% in MeOH, 6.7 mL, 74.0 mmol) and the reaction stirred at rt for 3 h. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the crude residue dissolved in MeOH (20 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. NaBH₄ (334 mg, 8.78 mmol) was added portionwise and the reaction allowed to warm to rt. After stirring for 1 hr the reaction was quenched with 1M NaOH and extracted into EtOAc. The organic layers were combined, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂ - MeOH, 19:1) to yield *amine* **14** (1.07 g, 100%).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 6.94 (1 H, d, *J*=8.3 Hz), 6.54 (1 H, d, *J*=8.1 Hz), 5.91 (2 H, s), 3.76 (2 H, s), 2.35 (3 H, s), 1.65 (1 H, br. s); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 147.4, 146.7, 125.2, 121.2, 115.7, 108.5, 101.6, 49.3, 35.6; **FTIR** 2896, 1451, 1240, 1046, 927, 849, 796, 733, 644 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** m/z [C₉H₁₀BrNO₂+H]⁺ cal. 243.9968, found 243.9971.

N-((5-Bromobenzo[d][1,3]dioxol-4-yl)methyl)-N-methylnaphtho[2,3-d][1,3]dioxol-5-amine, 15 and naphtho[2,3-d][1,3]dioxol-5-ol, S6

Method A Aldehyde **12** (70 mg, 0.33 mmol) and amine **14** were subjected to general procedure 3. Purification by flash column chromatography (petrol-EtOAc, 19:1) afforded napthyl amine **15** (84 mg, 61%) as a tan solid.

Method B Amine **14** (50 mg, 0.206 mmol) and ZnCl₂ (1.0 M in Et₂O, 0.035 mmol) were dissolved in DCE (1.0 mL) and heated to 55 °C. To this solution, unsaturated 1,5-dicarbonyl **12** (23 mg, 0.112 mmol) was added dropwise over 12 h. The reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h, cooled and then concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (petrol - EtOAc, 19:1 to 5:1) to yield aryl amine **15** (20 mg, 54%) and phenol **S6** (5 mg, 24%).

Compound 15: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 7.70 (1 H, s), 7.31 (1 H, d, *J*=8.1 Hz), 7.17 (1 H, m), 7.05 (1 H, d, *J*=7.3 Hz), 7.00 (1 H, s), 6.94 (1 H, d, *J*=8.3 Hz), 6.52 (1 H, d, *J*=8.3 Hz,), 5.92 (2 H, s), 5.80 (2 H, s), 4.22 (2 H, s), 2.67 (3 H, s); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 149.6, 147.9, 147.5, 147.5, 146.7, 131.8, 127.2, 125.5, 124.3, 123.2, 119.9, 117.1, 115.9, 108.6, 104.1, 101.5, 101.2, 100.9, 54.2, 42.8; **FTIR** 2894, 1499, 1453, 1237, 1160, 1103, 1041, 935, 904, 850, 797, 733 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** m/z [C₂₀H₁₆BrNO₄+H]⁺ cal. 414.0335, found 414.0326; **m.p.** 122–124 °C (petrol/CH₂Cl₂).

Compound S6: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 7.50 (1 H, s), 7.27 (1 H, m), 7.16 (1 H, m), 7.10 (1 H, s), 6.70 (1 H, d, *J*=7.6 Hz,), 6.04 (2 H, m), 5.28 (1 H, s,); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 151.0, 148.1, 147.2, 132.1, 124.4, 120.8, 119.9, 107.8, 103.8, 101.1, 98.6. Data were consistent with those previously reported.⁶

Dihydrosanguanine, 16

A Schlenk tube was charged with napthyl amine **15** (50 mg, 0.12 mmol), neocuprine (25 mg, 0.12 mmol), freshly sublimed KO^tBu (81 mg, 0.72 mmol) and benzene (1 mL). The Schlenk tube was then back filled with argon and heated to 100 °C for 5 h. The reaction mixture was loaded directly onto SiO₂ and eluted with petrol:EtOAc (9:1). Fractions containing the desired product were combined and concentrated *in vacuo* to give dihydrosanguanine (**16**) (23 mg, 58%) as a tan solid.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 7.70 (1 H, d, *J*=8.6 Hz), 7.68 (1 H, s), 7.49 (1 H, d, *J*=8.6 Hz), 7.31 (1 H, d, *J*=8.1 Hz), 7.12 (1 H, s), 6.86 (1 H, d, *J*=8.1 Hz), 6.06 (2 H, s), 6.05 (2 H, s), 4.21 (2 H, s), 2.63 (3 H, s); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 148.2, 147.5, 147.1, 144.7, 142.5, 130.8, 127.3, 126.5, 124.4, 124.0, 120.4, 116.2, 113.6, 107.2, 104.4, 101.4, 101.1, 100.8, 48.5, 41.6; **m.p.** 268-270 °C. Data were consistent with those previously reported.⁷

Oxysanguanine, 25

Activated MnO₂ (65 mg, 0.750 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of dihydrosanguanine (16) (10 mg, 0.030 mmol) in chloroform (0.7 mL) under nitrogen at room temperature. After stirring for 36 h, the mixture was filtered and the filtrate was evaporated *in vacuo* to give a brown oil which was purified by flash column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂-MeOH, 99.5:0.5) to give oxysanguanine (25) (4 mg, 42%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 7.99 (1 H, d, J=8.6 Hz), 7.77 (1 H, d, J=8.6 Hz), 7.59 (1H, s), 7.54 (1 H, d, J=8.8 Hz), 7.25 (1H, d, J=8.4 Hz), 7.17 (1 H, s), 6.28 (2 H, s), 6.11 (2 H, s), 3.92 (3 H, s). Solvent containments could not be removed even under prolonged exposure to heat and high vacuum. Data were consistent with those previously reported.⁸

Sanguanine, 21

To a vigorously stirred solution of dihydrosanguanine (**16**) (10 mg, 0.030 mmol) in PhMe (10 mL) was added, 5% NaOH (1 mL) then DDQ (17 mg, 0.075 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 2 h at rt. Water (5 mL) was added and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL), the organic layers combined, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. Concentrated HCl was then

added to the resulting residue and the precipitate collected by filtration to yield sanguanine (21) (10 mg, 90%).

¹H NMR (200 MHz, METHANOL-d₄) δ ppm 9.93 (1 H, s), 8.59 (1 H, d, J=9.2 Hz), 8.50 (1 H, d, J=8.9 Hz), 8.19 (1 H, d, J=8.9 Hz), 8.13 (1 H, s), 7.94 (1 H, d, J=8.5 Hz), 7.54 (1 H, s), 6.53 (2 H, s), 6.28 (2 H, s), 4.94 (3 H, s); ¹³C NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 149.9, 148.7 (2 signals), 147.5, 146.3, 132.2, 131.5, 131.3, 127.2, 125.7, 120.3, 119.9, 118.9, 117.3, 109.5, 105.7, 104.9, 104.2, 102.8, 52.1. Data were consistent with those previously reported.⁹

5-(Amino(5-bromobenzo[d][1,3]dioxol-4-yl)methyl)-3-methylfuran-2(5H)-one, 20

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5-bromo-1,3-benzodioxole-4-carboxaldehyde (200 mg, 1.15 mmol) and o-Anisidine (141 mg, 1.15 mmol, 0.129 mL) were stirred in a round bottom flask and stirred for 15 min. Furan **22** (293 mg, 1.73 mmol) was added and the reaction stirred for a further 30 min. The crude material was filtered through a cartridge of SiO₂ (petrol - EtOAc, 7:3 to 1:1). The fractions containing the target product were combined and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude residue was dissolved in MeOH and added over 15 min to a stirring solution of PhI(OAc)₂ (849 mg, 2.64 mmol) in MeOH (5 mL) cooled to 0 °C. The reaction was stirred for 30 min then 1.0 M aqueous HCl (5 mL) was added and the reaction stirred for 1 h at rt. The reaction was diluted with CH₂Cl₂, the aqueous layer washed with CH₂Cl₂, the organic layers combined and washed with 1.0 M aqueous HCl. The aqueous layers were then combined, neutralised with 1.0 M aqueous NaOH, extracted with CH₂Cl₂, dried (NaSO₄) and concentrated. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂- MeOH, 19:1) to yield amine **20** (50 mg, 13 %, d.r. 1:0.4).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 7.12 - 7.17 (0.4 H, m), 7.08 (1.0 H, d, *J*=8.3 Hz), 7.05 (0.4 H, d, *J*=8.3 Hz), 6.76 - 6.82 (1.0 H, m), 6.68 (1.0 H, d, *J*=8.3 Hz), 6.65 (0.4 H, d, *J*=8.3 Hz), 6.04 (2.0 H, d, *J*=3.9 Hz), 6.02 (0.8 H, d, *J*=5.7 Hz), 5.15 - 5.23 (1.4 H, m), 4.56 (0.4 H, d, *J*=5.9 Hz), 4.26 (1.0 H, d, *J*=7.8 Hz), 2.00 (2.8 H, br. s.), 1.89 - 1.95 (4.2 H, s); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm174.0,(1C missing), 147.7, 147.6, 146.7, 146.5, 146.3, 145.9, 131.7, 131.2, 126.2, 126.1, 122.0, 121.5, 114.5, 114.3, 109.5, 109.3, 101.9, 101.8, 83.8, 82.8, 57.9, 56.5, 10.8, 10.7; **FTIR**: 1755, 1452, 1240, 1092, 1049, 931, 869, 801; **HRMS** m/z [C₁₃H₁₂BrNO₄+H]⁺ cal. 326.0022, found 326.0028.

Maclekarpine B, (23) and maclekarpine C, (24)

To a solution of diisopropyl amine (6 mg, 0.04 mmol) in THF (0.7 mL) at -78 °C was added *n*BuLi (0.15 mL, 0.43 mmol, 2.5 M in hexanes). The reaction was allowed to warm to rt and stirred for 10 min. The solution was then cooled to -78 °C and a suspension of sanguanine (10 mg, 0.03 mmol) (21) added dropwise. The solution was allowed to stir for a further 30 min then warmed to rt. The reaction was quenched by the addition of a saturated solution of NH₄Cl and extracted into EtOAc (3 x 5 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (petrol- EtOAc, 8:2) to give maclekarpine B (23) and maclekarpine C (24) (8 mg, 73 %, d.r. 0.85:1) as an inseparable mixture.

Maclekarpine B: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 7.67 (2 H, d, *J*=8.5 Hz), 7.53 (1 H, s), 7.46 (1 H, d, *J*=8.5 Hz), 7.38 (1 H, d, *J*=8.2 Hz), 7.09 (1 H, s), 6.93 (1 H, d, *J*=7.9 Hz), 6.51 (1 H, s), 6.14 (1 H, d, *J*=1.6 Hz), 6.07 (2 H, d, *J*=1.3 Hz), 6.06 (1 H, br. s.), 4.79 - 4.84 (1 H, m), 4.62 (1 H, d, *J*=6.0 Hz), 2.72 (3 H, s), 1.34 (3 H, s); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 174.2, 148.4, 147.7, 147.4, 145.8, 145.6, 140.0, 131.1, 129.5, 126.8, 126.0, 124.2, 123.2, 119.7, 116.3, 111.9, 108.5, 104.3, 101.8, 101.1, 100.6, 81.3, 60.2, 43.5, 10.1. Data were consistent with those previously reported.¹⁰

Maclekarpine C: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 7.76 (1 H, s), 7.67 (3 H, d, *J*=8.5 Hz), 7.50 (1 H, d, *J*=8.5 Hz), 7.35 (1 H, d, *J*=8.2 Hz), 7.12 (1 H, s), 6.91 (1 H, d, *J*=8.2 Hz), 6.45 (1 H, s), 6.10 (1 H, br. s), 6.07 (6 H, br. s), 6.03 (1 H, br. s), 4.75 - 4.83 (1 H, m), 4.48 (1 H, d, *J*=7.6 Hz), 2.74 (3 H, s), 1.72 (3 H, s); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, *CHLOROFORM-d*) δ ppm 173.9, 148.4, 147.9, 147.3, 146.0, 145.5, 139.3, 131.0, 130.2, 127.1, 126.6, 124.3, 123.4, 119.7, 116.6, 110.9, 108.6, 104.3, 101.7, 101.2, 101.1, 81.3, 60.9, 43.2, 10.6. Data were consistent with those previously reported.¹⁰

Natural product ¹H & ¹³C comparison tables

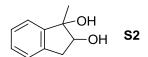
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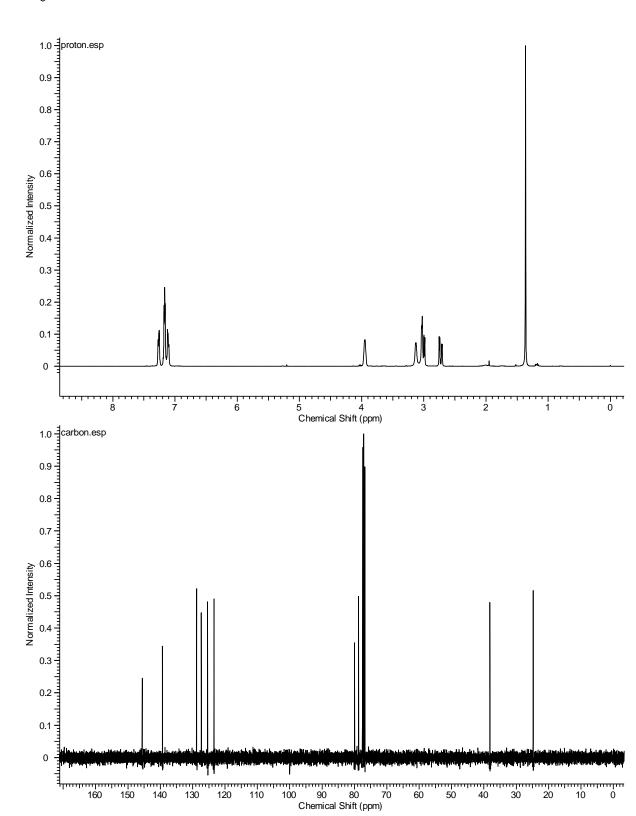
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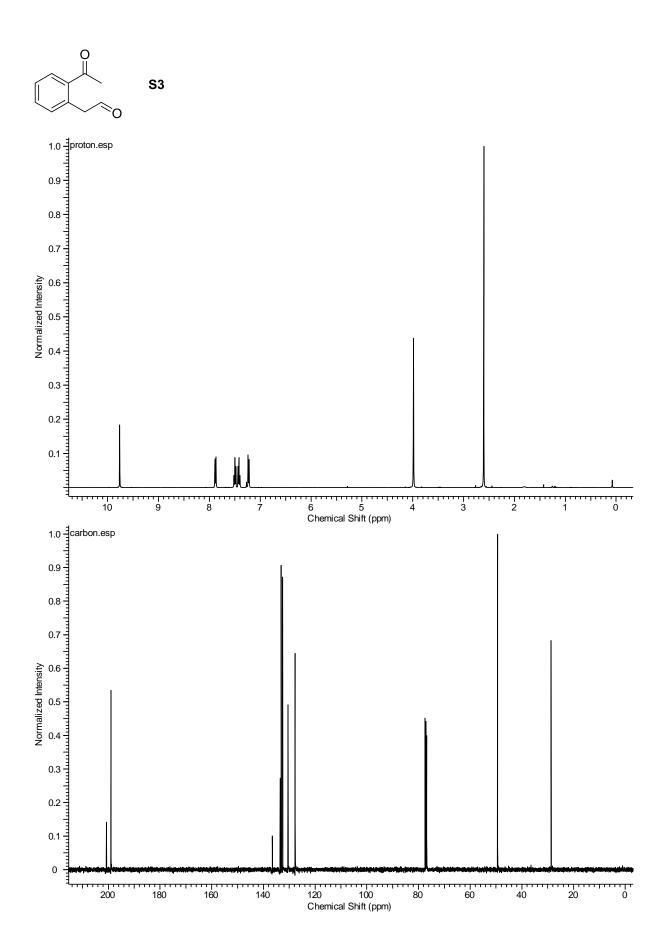
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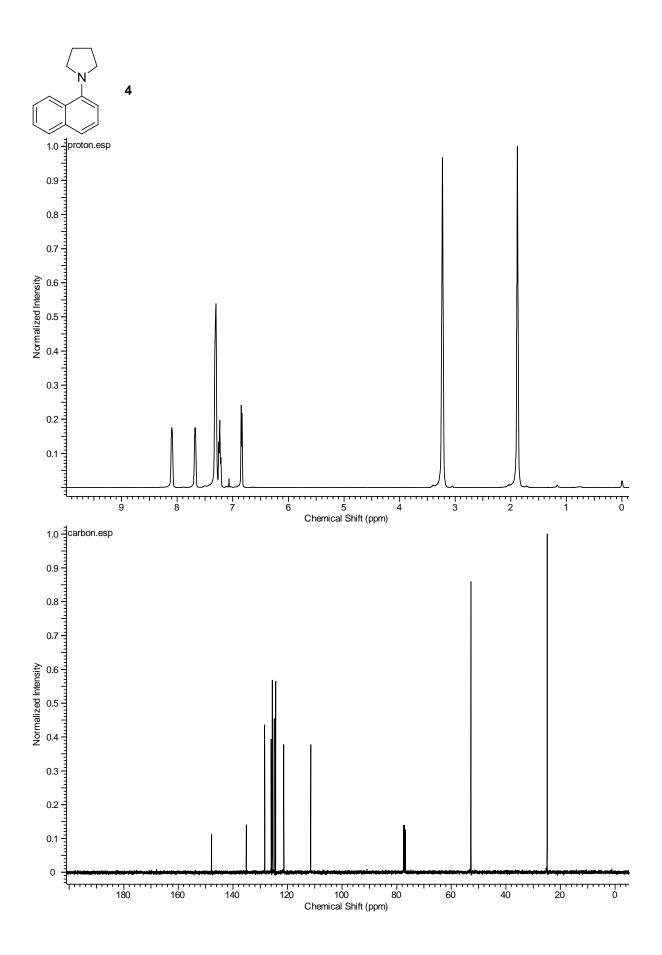
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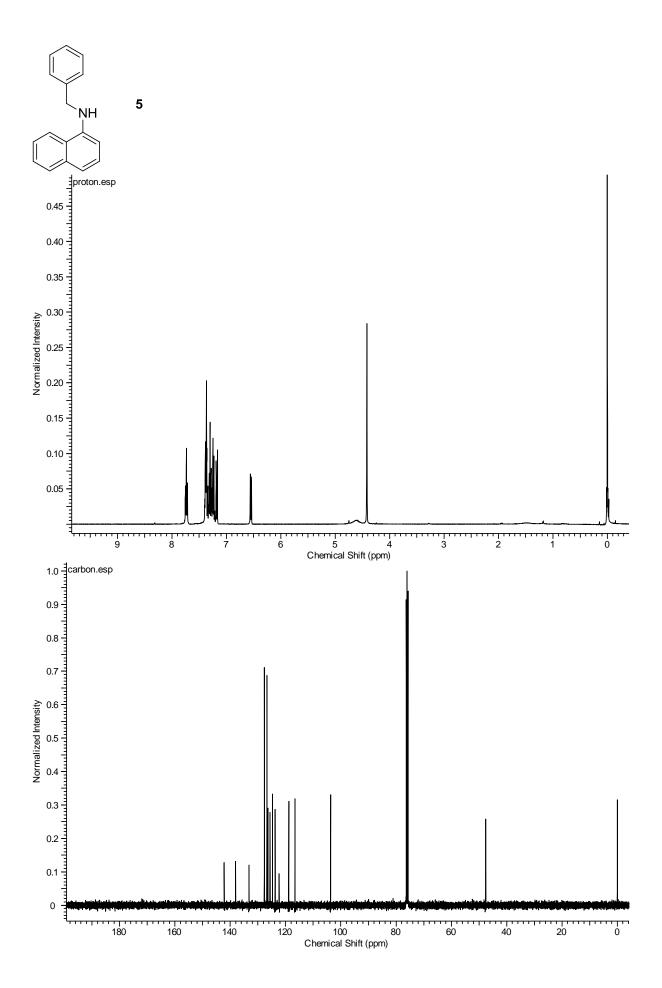
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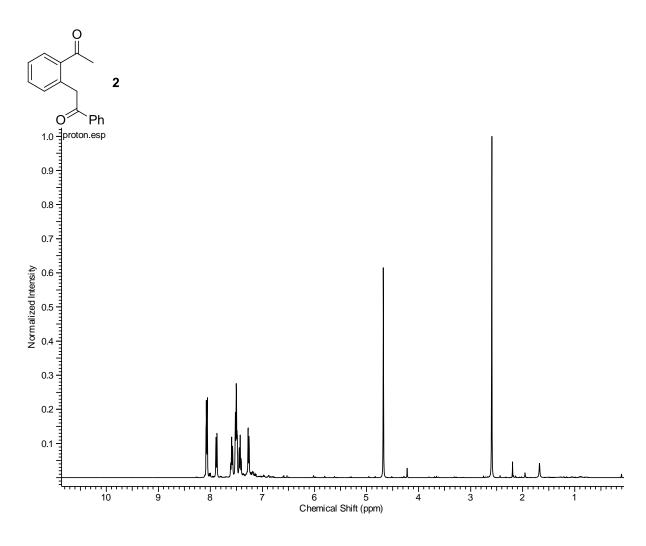


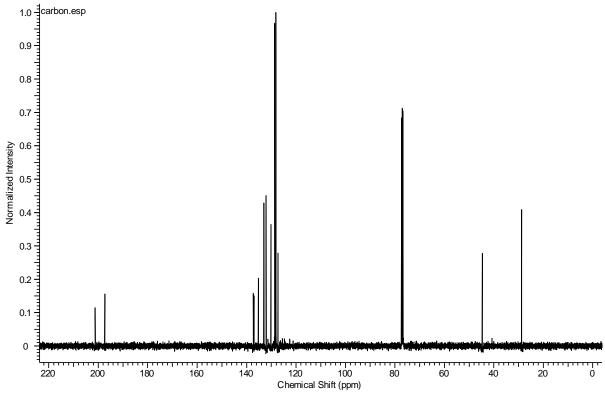


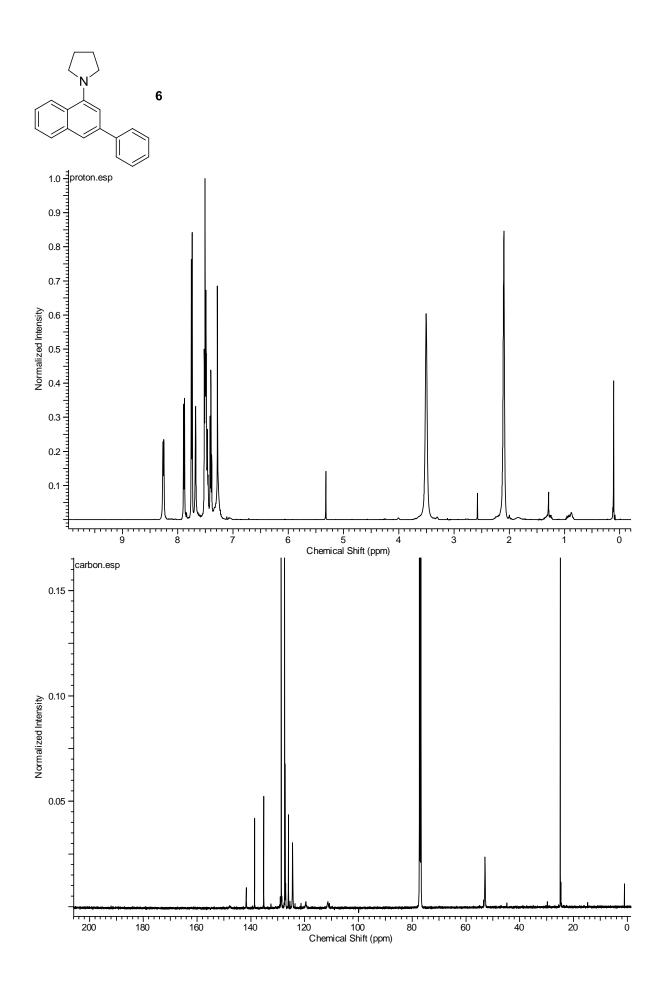


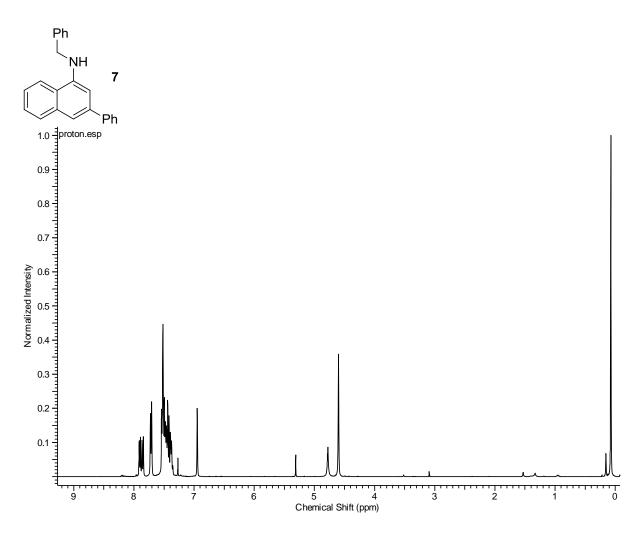


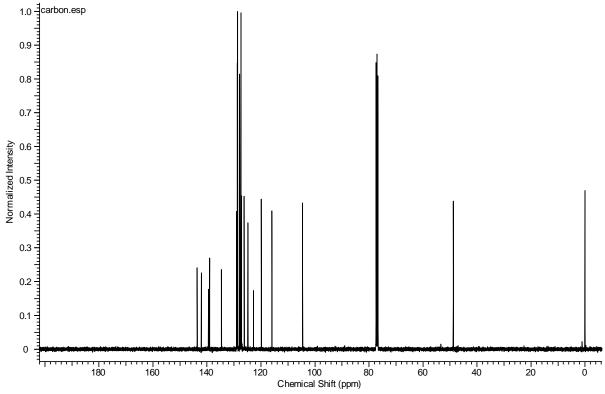


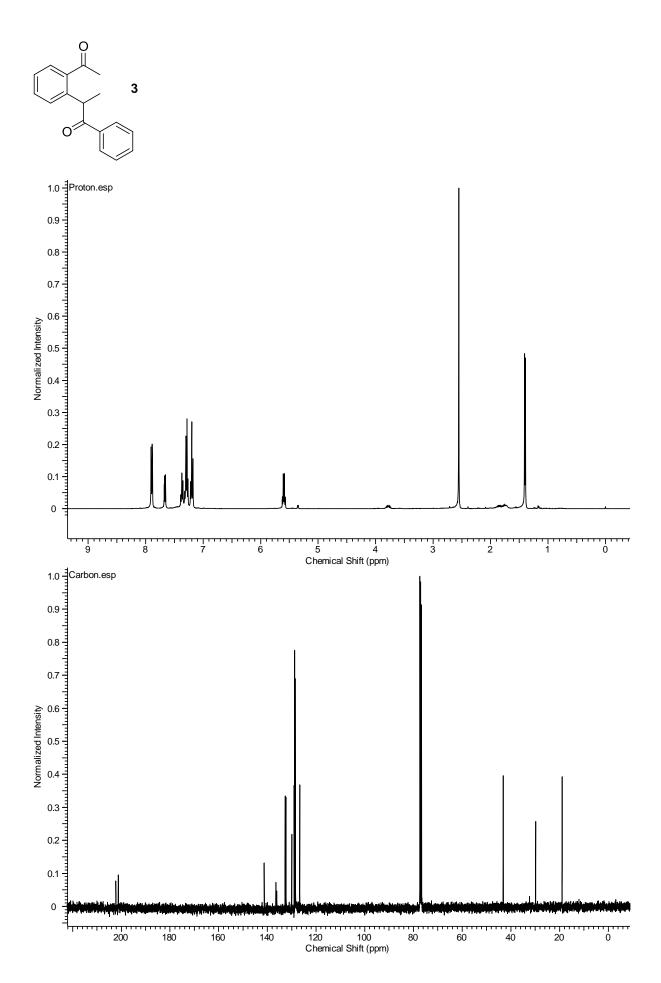


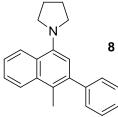


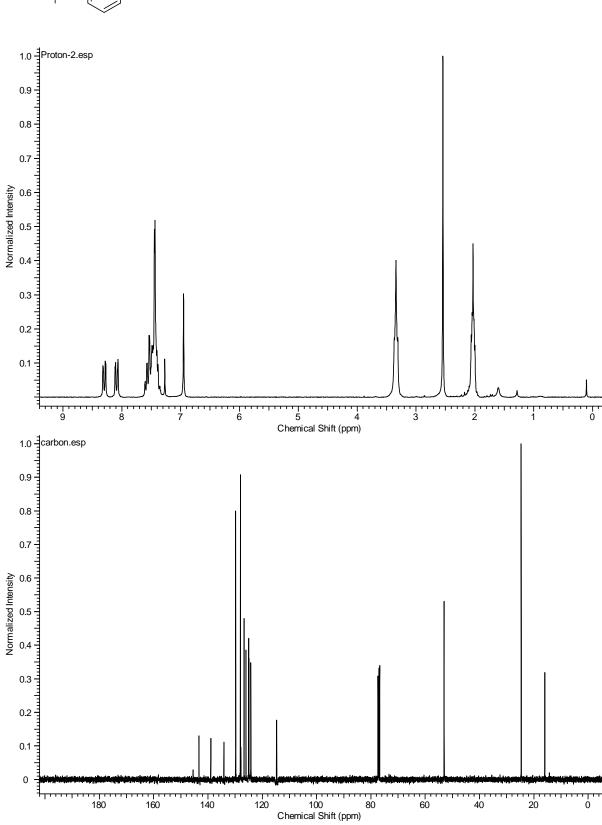


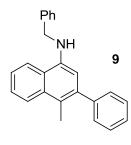


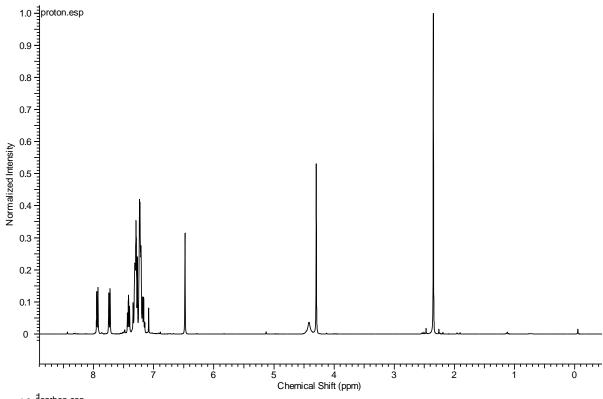


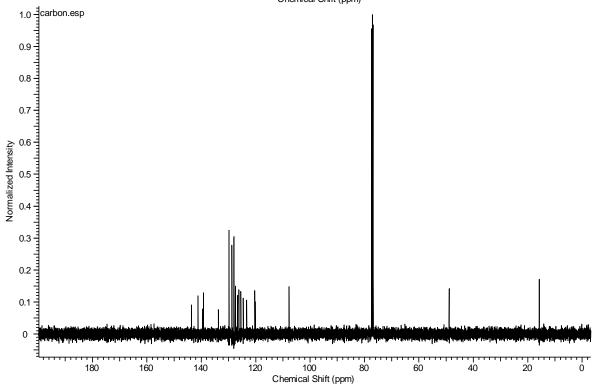


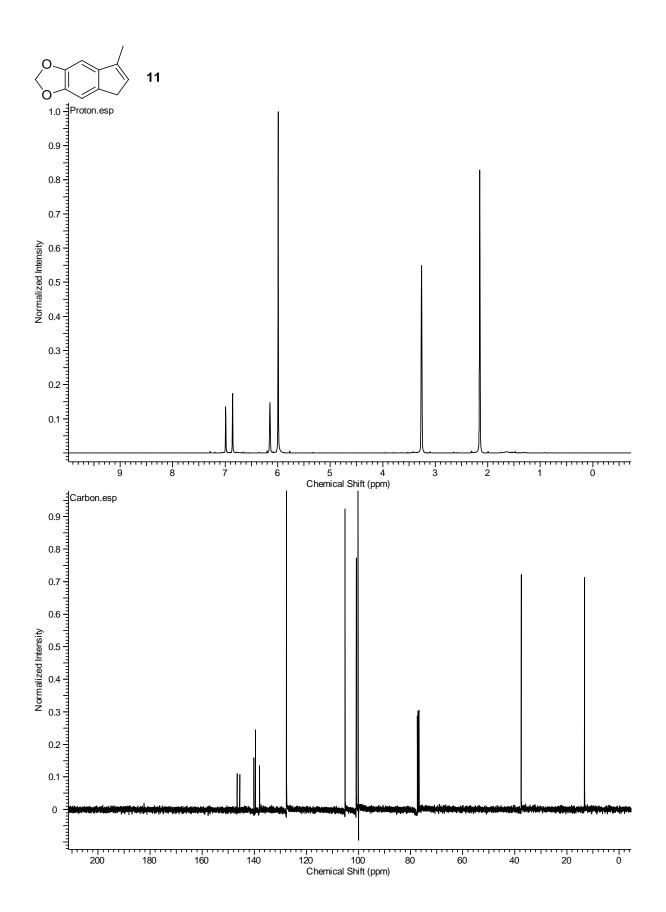


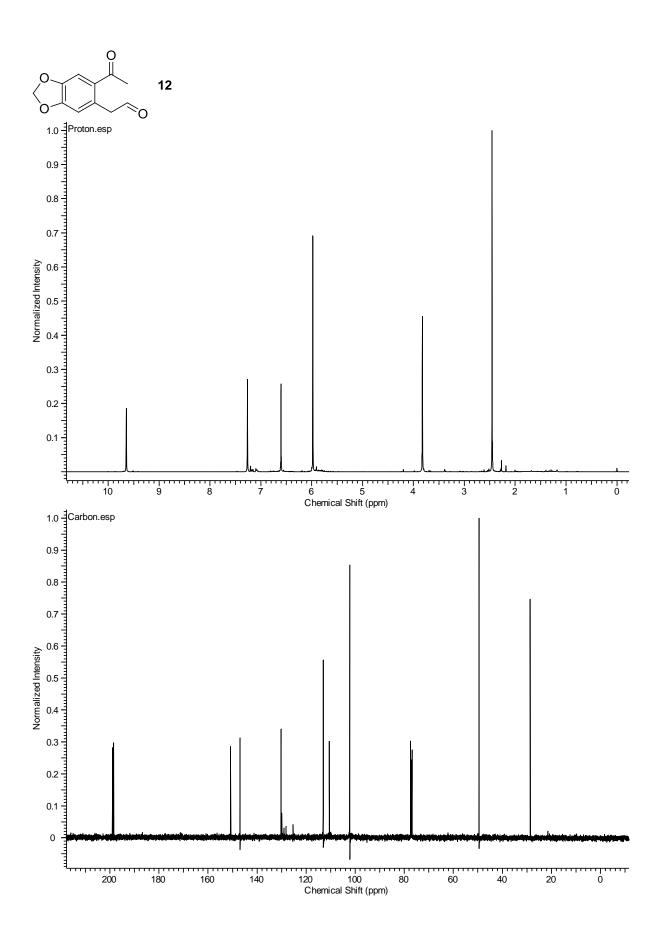


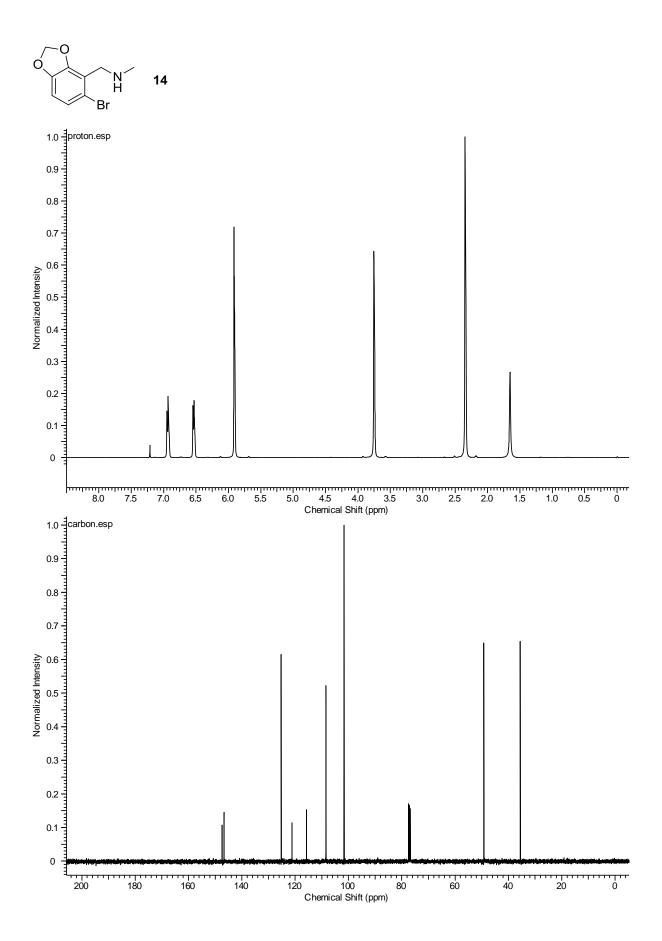


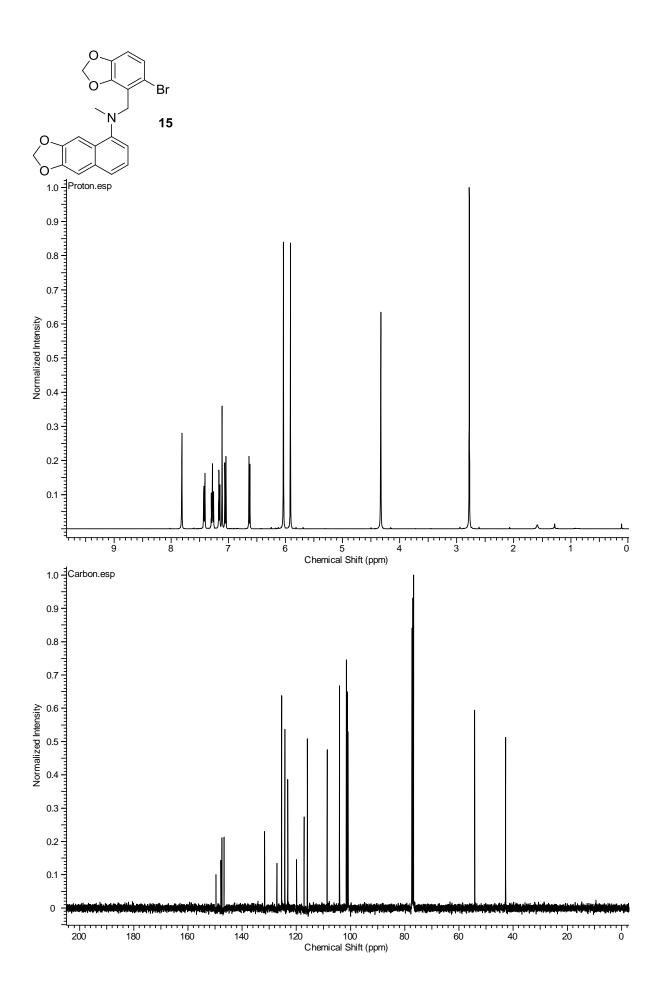


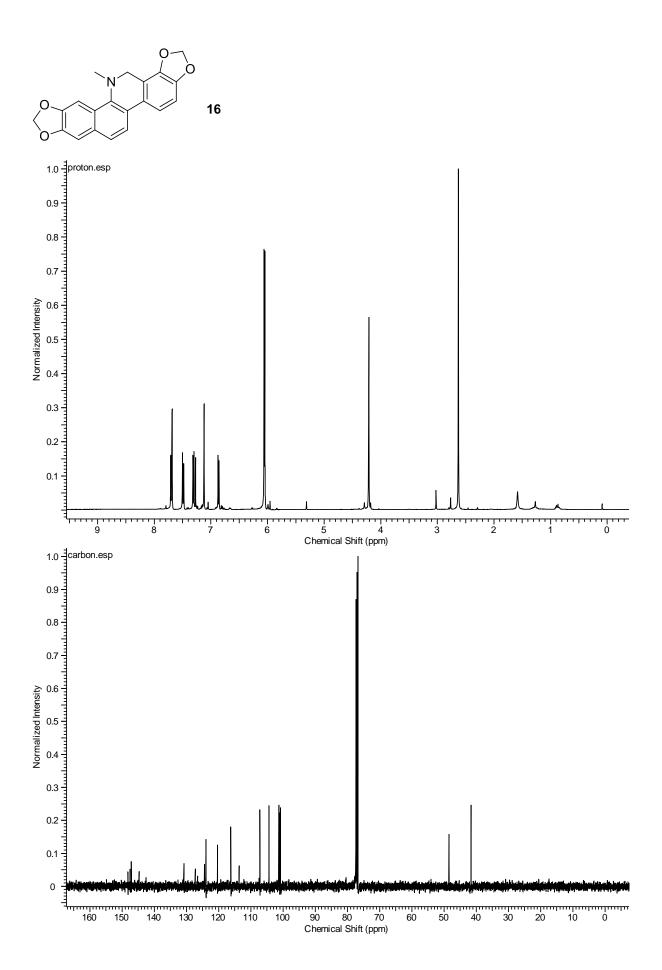


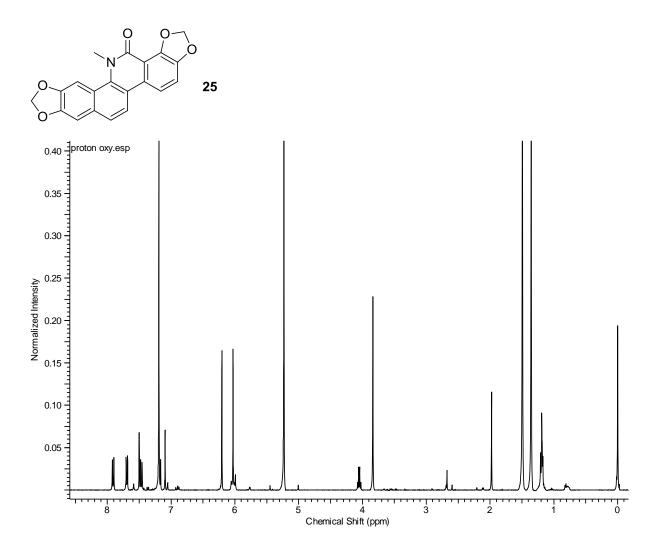


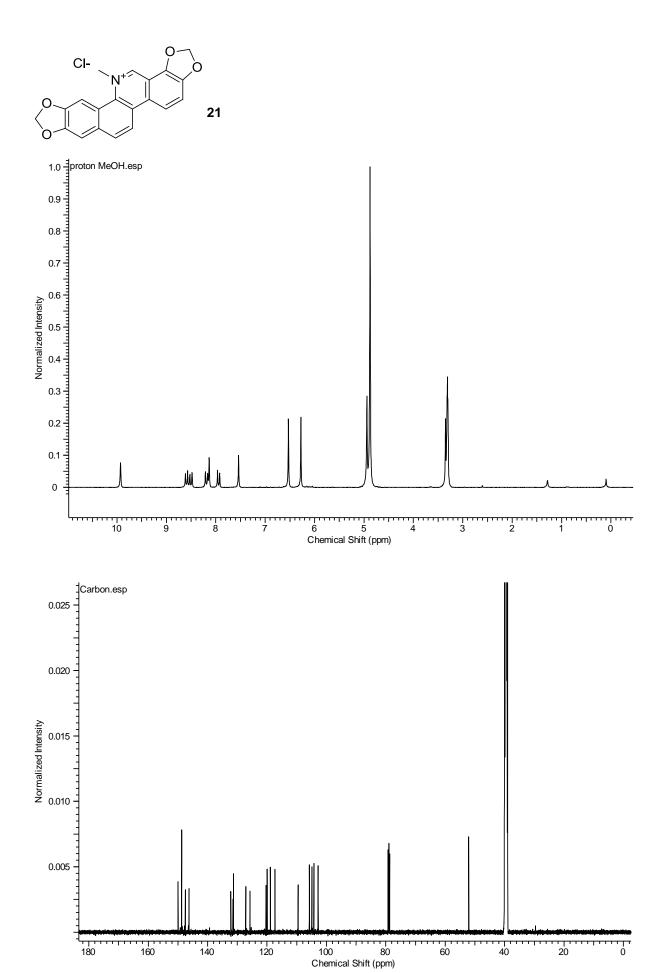


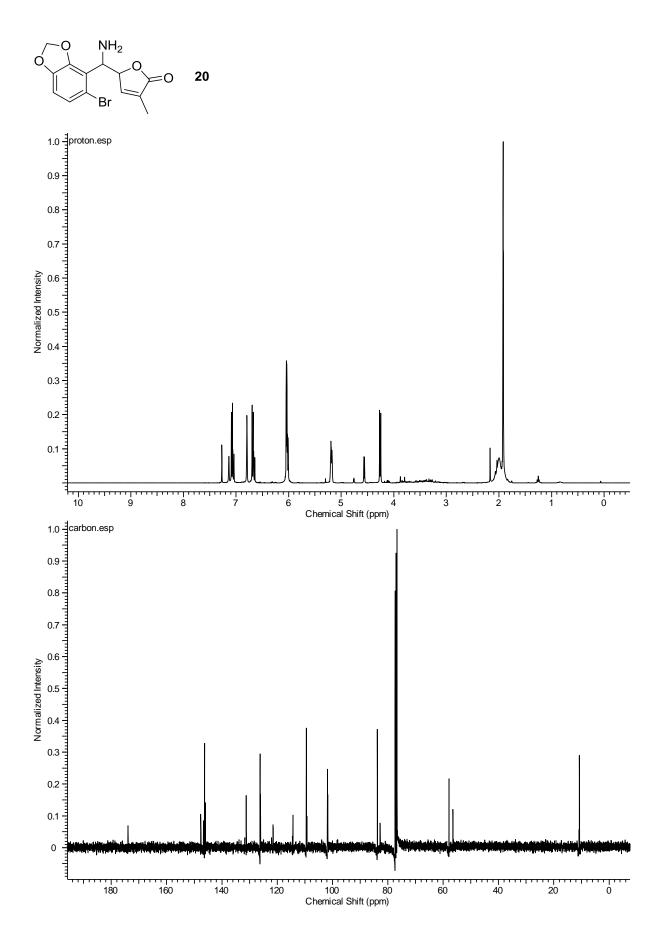


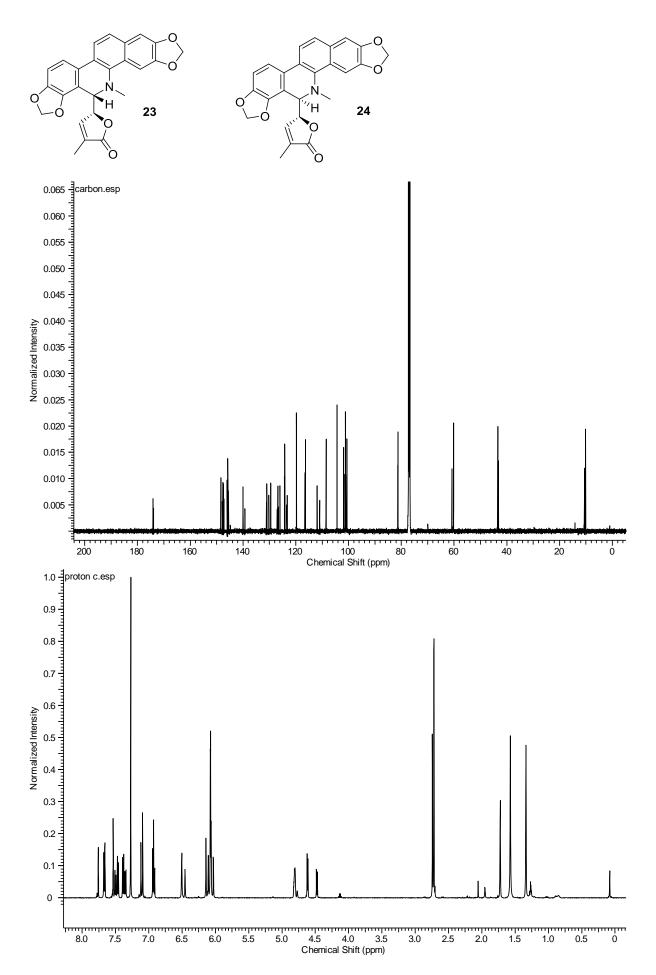












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