

Synthesis of quinazolin-4-ones through acid ion exchange resin mediated cascade reaction

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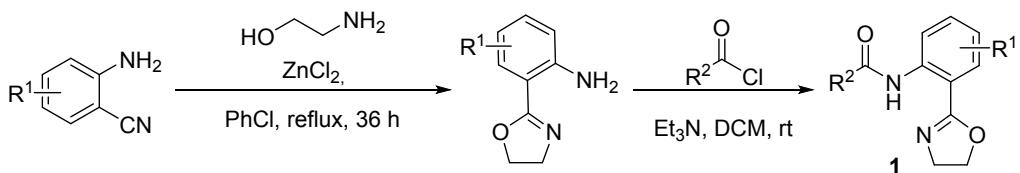
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1. Procedures to synthesize starting materials 1

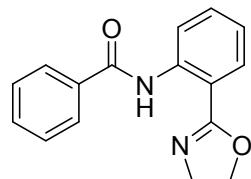


2-aminobenzonitrile(19.00 g, 250 mmol) and ZnCl₂(3.34 g, 25mmol) was added to a 500 mL three-necked flask, and then suspended in chlorobenzene (350 mL) under nitrogen. 2-aminoethanol (45 mL, 750 mmol) was added to the suspension via a syringe. The mixture was slowly heated to reflux until no gas was produced. After refluxing for 36 hours, the reaction mixture was cooled down to room temperature and the solvent was removed in a rotary evaporator. CH₂Cl₂ (250 mL) was added to the residue and washed with saturated NaHCO₃ (150 mL) and H₂O (150 mL). The aqueous fraction was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (250 mL × 3). The combined organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and the solvent was removed in a rotary evaporator. The crude product was recrystallized from EA/PE to give the substituted 2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)anilines.

Substituted 2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)anilines (5 mmol) and acid chloride (5.5 mmol) were added to a 100 mL flask and then dissolved with DCM (20 mL). Et₃N (7.5 mmol) was taken to the vigorously stirred solution via a syringe. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 10 h and quenched with saturated NaHCO₃. And then the mixture was extracted with EtOAc. Combined organic phase was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was further recrystallized from EA/PE to give the starting materials 1.

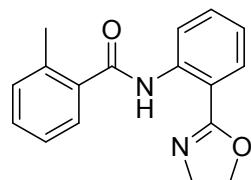
2. Characterization of starting materials 1

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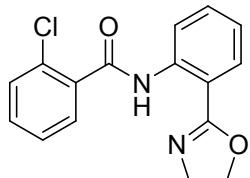
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.02 (s, 1H), 8.97 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.11 – 8.06 (m, 2H), 7.89 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.46 (m, 4H), 7.10 (td, *J* = 7.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (t, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 2H), 4.18 (t, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 2H).

N-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)-2-methylbenzamide (1b)



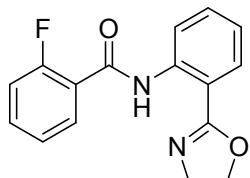
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.58 (s, 1H), 8.95 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (t, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 4.05 (t, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 2.57 (s, 3H).

2-Chloro-N-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)benzamide (1c)



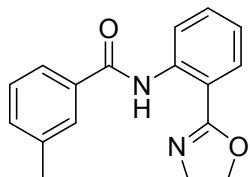
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N-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)-2-fluorobenzamide (1d)



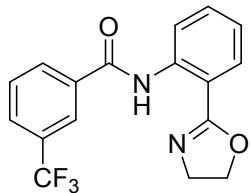
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.81 (s, 1H), 8.91 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.24 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (t, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 4.07 (t, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H).

N-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)-3-methylbenzamide (1e)



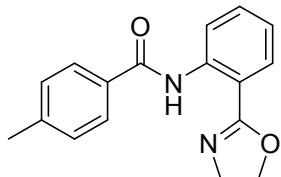
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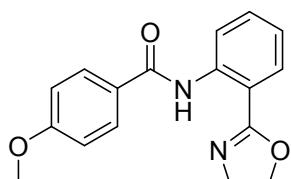
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N-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)-4-methylbenzamide (1g)



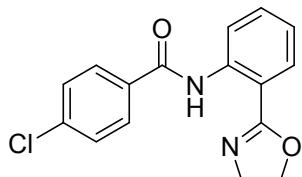
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.96 (s, 1H), 8.96 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (t, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (t, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H).

N-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)-4-methoxybenzamide (1h)



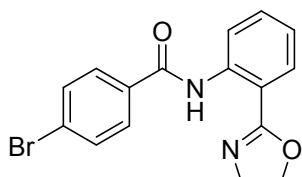
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.90 (s, 1H), 8.95 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.93 – 7.84 (m, 1H), 7.54 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.40 (t, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 4.20 (t, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H).

4-Chloro-N-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)benzamide (1i)



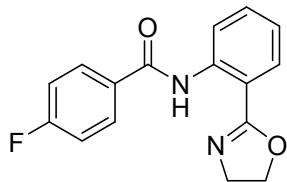
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4-Bromo-N-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)benzamide (1j)



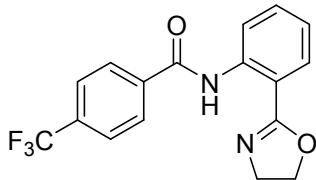
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N-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)-4-fluorobenzamide (1k)



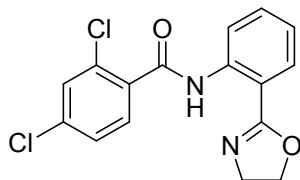
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N-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzamide (1l)



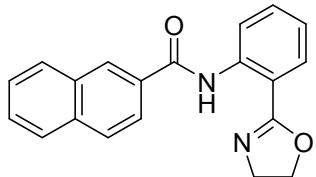
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2,4-Dichloro-N-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)benzamide (1m)



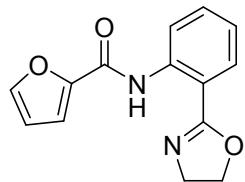
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N-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)-2-naphthamide (1n)



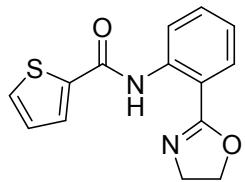
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***N*-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)furan-2-carboxamide (1o)**



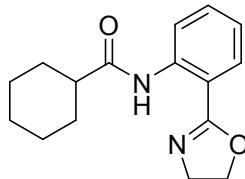
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.05 (s, 1H), 8.85 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (ddd, *J* = 19.5, 16.8, 5.8 Hz, 2H), 7.58 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.15 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 4.37 (dd, *J* = 20.4, 10.3 Hz, 2H), 4.23 – 4.09 (m, 2H).

***N*-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)thiophene-2-carboxamide (1p)**



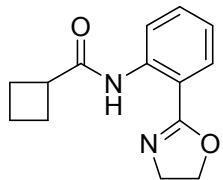
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***N*-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)cyclohexanecarboxamide (1r)**



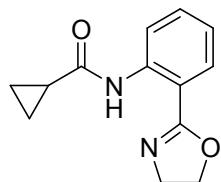
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***N*-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)cyclobutanecarboxamide (1s)**



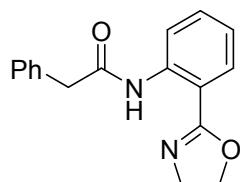
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***N*-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)cyclopropanecarboxamide (1t)**



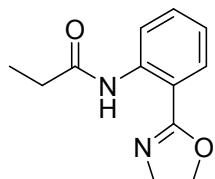
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***N*-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)-2-phenylacetamide (1u)**



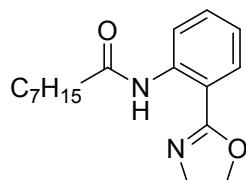
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***N*-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)propionamide (1w)**



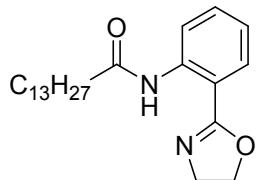
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***N*-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)octanamide (1x)**



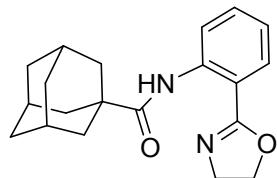
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***N*-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)tetradecanamide (1y)**



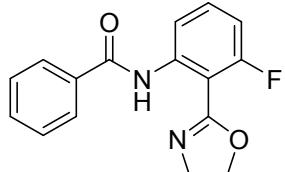
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.15 (s, 1H), 8.76 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.37 (t, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.14 (t, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.42 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 1.83 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.37 (s, 2H), 1.25 (s, 17H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 4H).

(3r,5r,7r)-*N*-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)adamantane-1-carboxamide (1z)



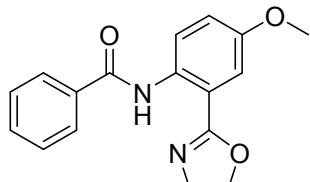
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***N*-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)-3-fluorophenyl)benzamide (1aa)**



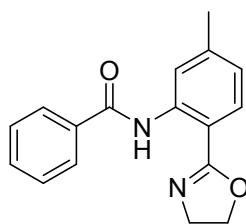
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.01 (s, 1H), 8.74 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.11 – 7.99 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.42 (m, 4H), 6.91 – 6.82 (m, 1H), 4.48 (t, $J = 9.7$ Hz, 2H), 4.14 (t, $J = 9.7$ Hz, 2H).

***N*-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)-4-methoxyphenyl)benzamide (1ab)**



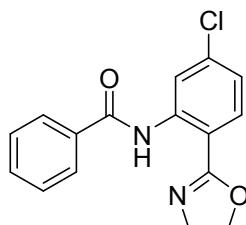
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.79 (s, 1H), 8.91 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.10 – 8.02 (m, 2H), 7.53 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.42 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.09 (dd, $J = 9.2, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.41 (t, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 2H), 4.20 (t, $J = 9.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H).

N-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)-5-methylphenyl)benzamide (1ac)



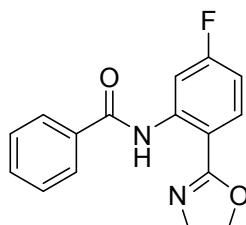
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.00 (s, 1H), 8.82 (s, 1H), 8.10 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 6.7 Hz, 3H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (t, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 2H), 4.15 (t, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H).

N-(5-chloro-2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)benzamide (1ad)



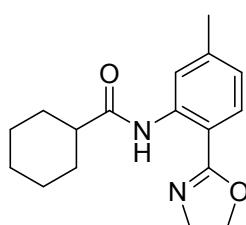
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.07 (s, 1H), 9.07 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.08 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (t, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 4.20 (t, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H).

N-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)-5-fluorophenyl)benzamide (1ae)



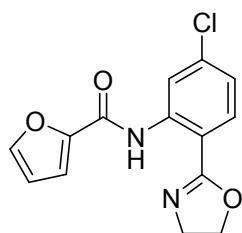
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N-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)-5-methylphenyl)cyclohexanecarboxamide (1ag)



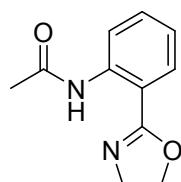
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.08 (s, 1H), 8.64 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.90 – 6.81 (m, 1H), 4.36 (t, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (t, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.31 (ddd, *J* = 11.6, 7.6, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.00 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 1.87 – 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.74 – 1.67 (m, 1H), 1.58 (qd, *J* = 12.4, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 1.39 – 1.25 (m, 3H).

***N*-(5-chloro-2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)furan-2-carboxamide (1ah)**



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.05 (s, 1H), 8.96 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (dd, *J* = 3.5, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 4.9 Hz, 2H), 4.21 (t, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 2H).

***N*-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)acetamide (1aj)**



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.17 (s, 1H), 8.72 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (t, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 2H), 4.13 (t, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 2H), 3.60 – 3.58 (m, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H).

3. Optimization of reaction conditions

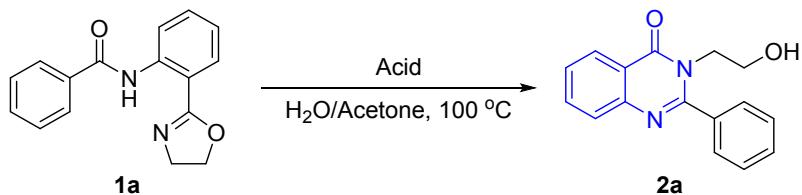
The effect of ratios of mixed solvents on the reaction^{a,b}

The reaction scheme shows the conversion of compound **1a** to compound **2a**. Compound **1a** (N-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)acetamide) reacts with Dowex 50WX2 in H₂O/Acetone at 100 °C to yield compound **2a** (2-(2-hydroxyethyl)-3-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole-5-one).

Entry	H ₂ O/Acetone (v/v)	Yield [%] ^b
1	19:1	45
2	14:1	72
3	9:1	83
4	4:1	82
5	1:1	85

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.3 mmol), dowex 50WX2 (150 mg), H₂O/Acetone (5.0 mL), 100 °C, 6 h, air. ^b Isolated yields.

The effect of strong acids on the reaction^{a,b}



Entry	Deviation from initial conditions	Yield [%] ^b
1	none	83
2 ^c	dowex 50WX2 was replaced with HCl	57
3 ^d	dowex 50WX2 was replaced with H ₂ SO ₄	45

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.3 mmol), dowex 50WX2 (150 mg), H₂O/Acetone (5.0 mL, v/v = 9:1), 100 °C, 6 h, air. ^b Isolated yields. ^c HCl (12 M) (0.3 mmol). ^d H₂SO₄ (18.4 M) (0.3 mmol).

4. X-ray Crystal Data for **2a**

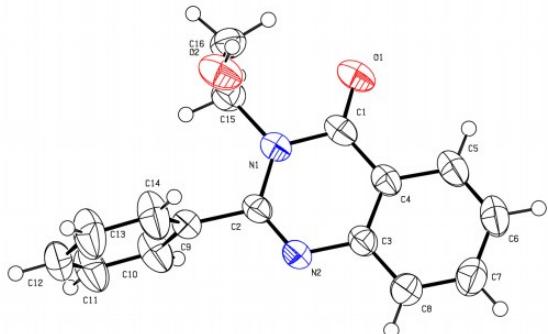
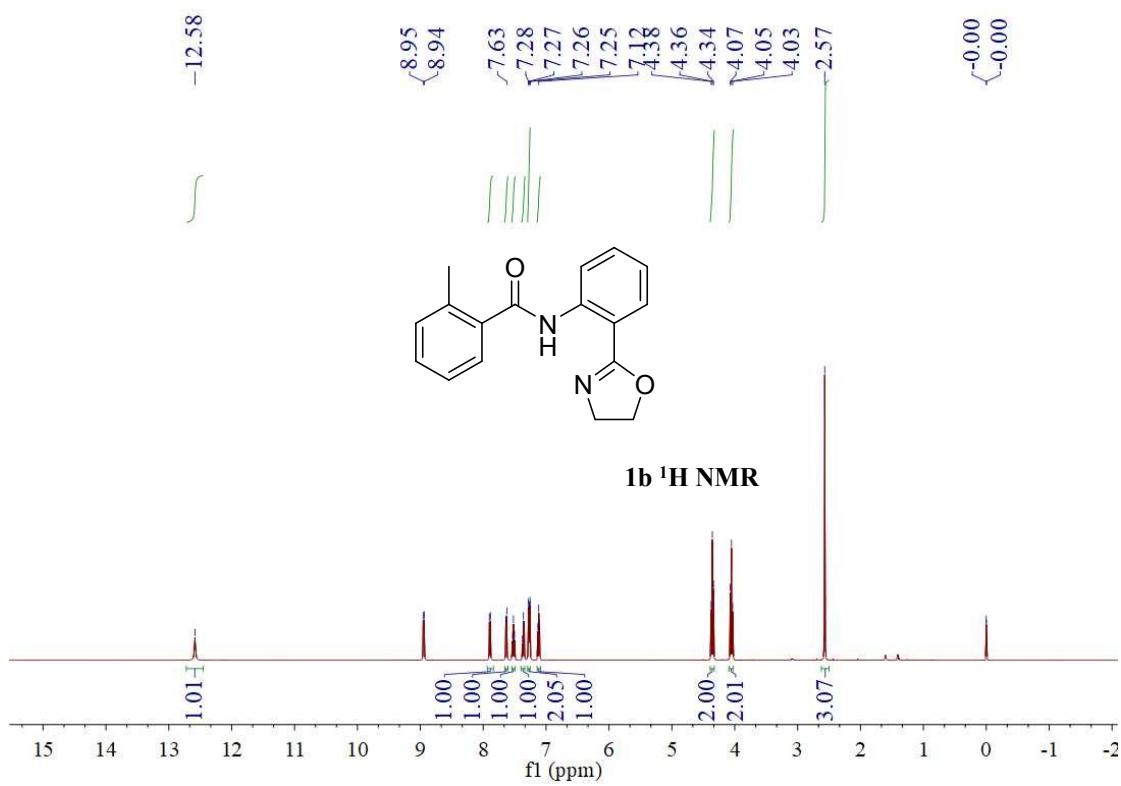
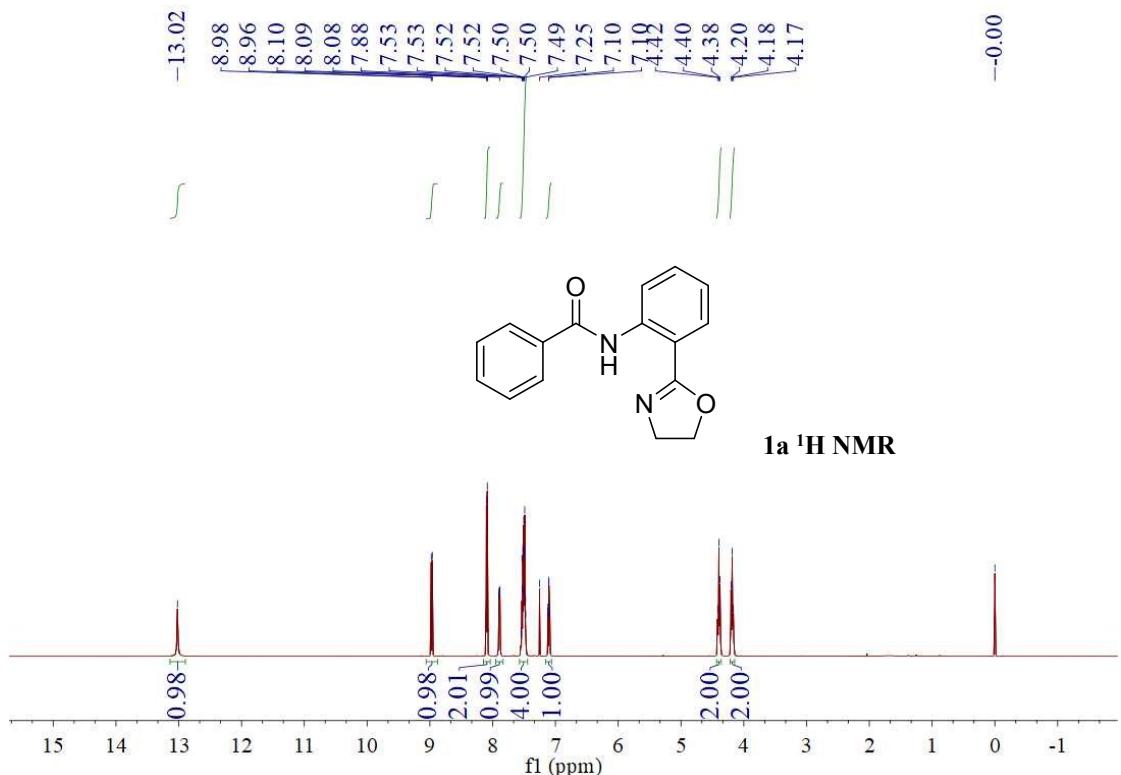


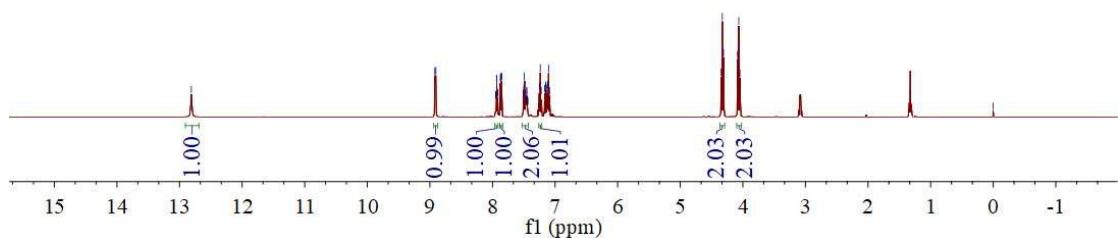
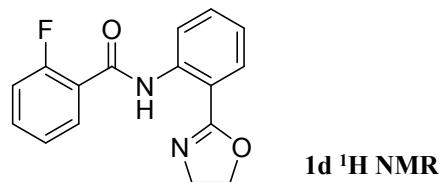
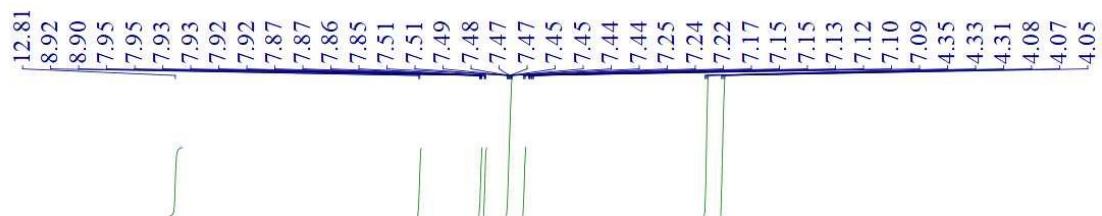
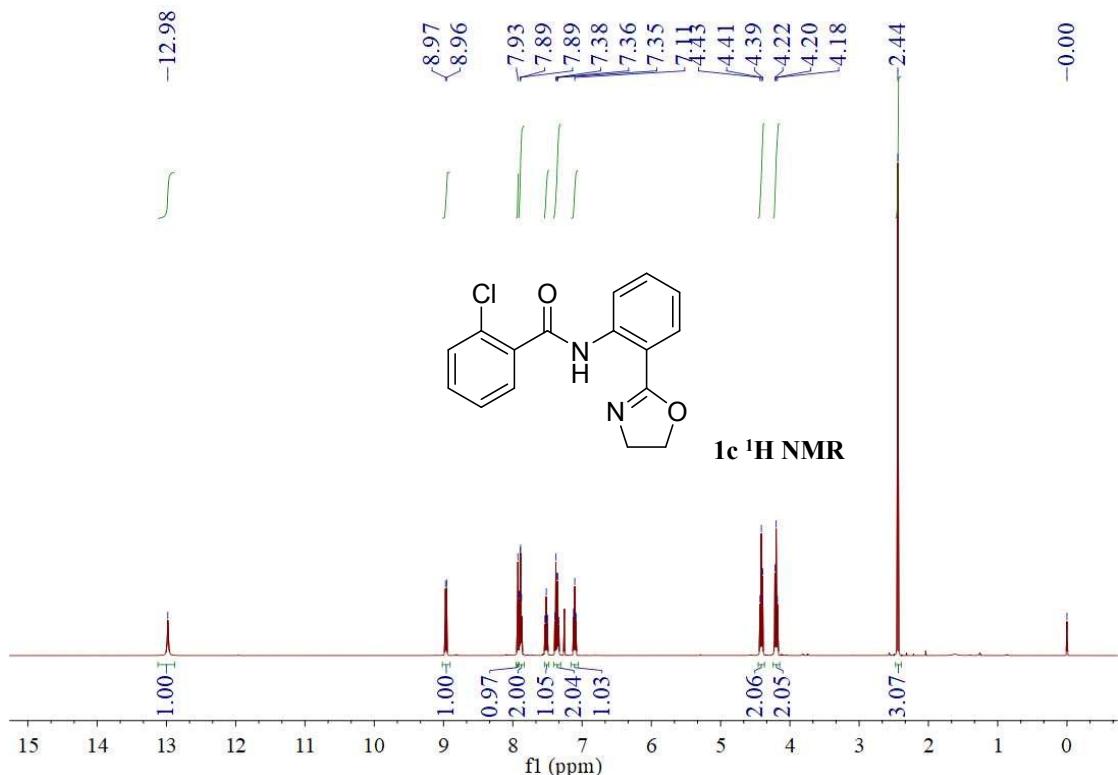
Figure 1 Single-crystal X-ray structure of **2a**. Ellipsoids are represented at 30% probability.

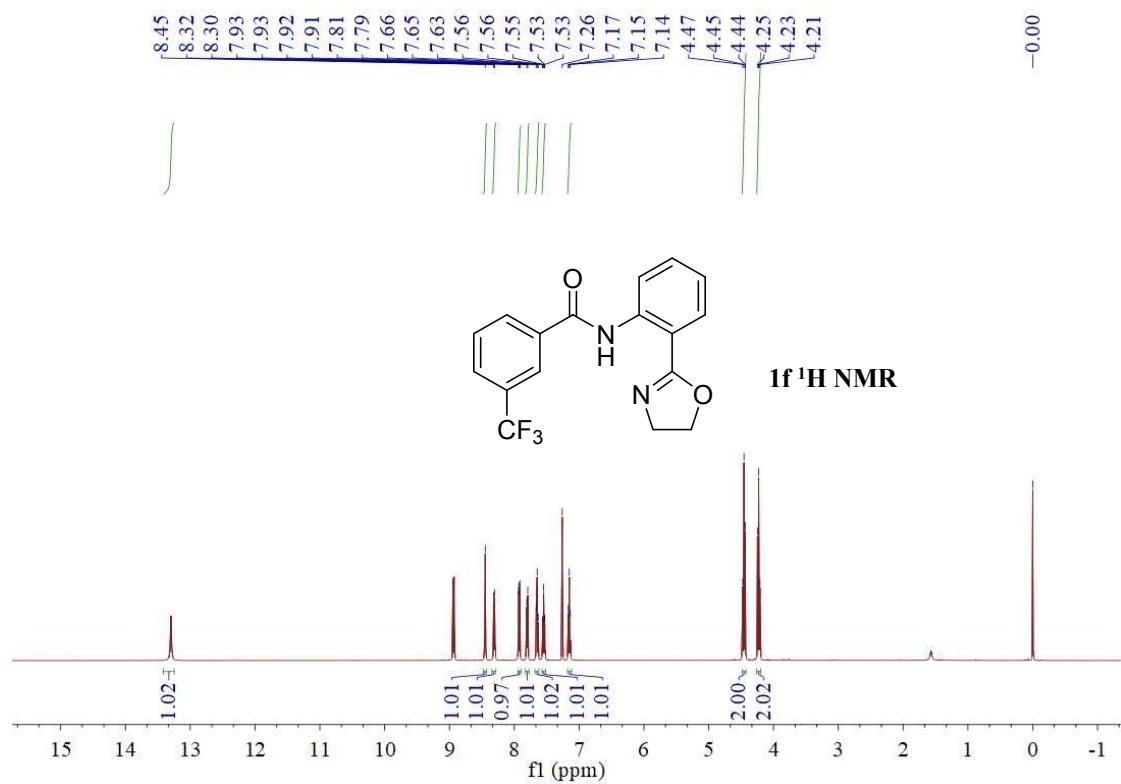
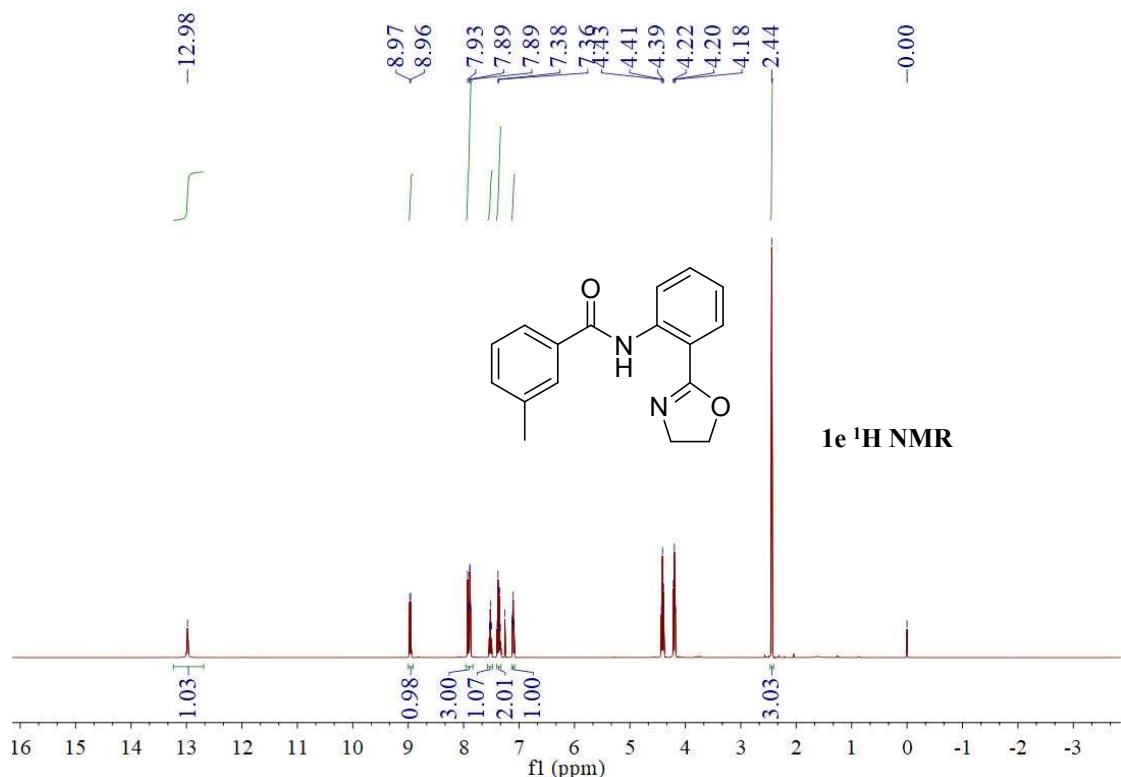
Table S1. Crystallographic data and structure refinement for **2a**

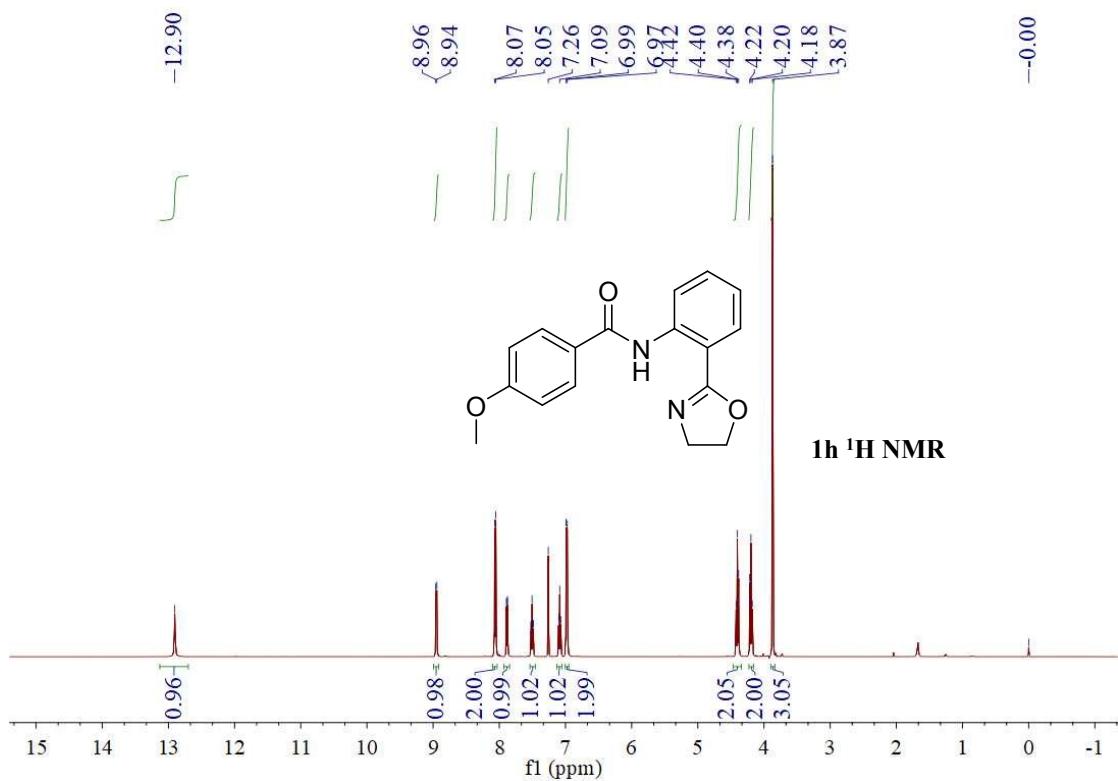
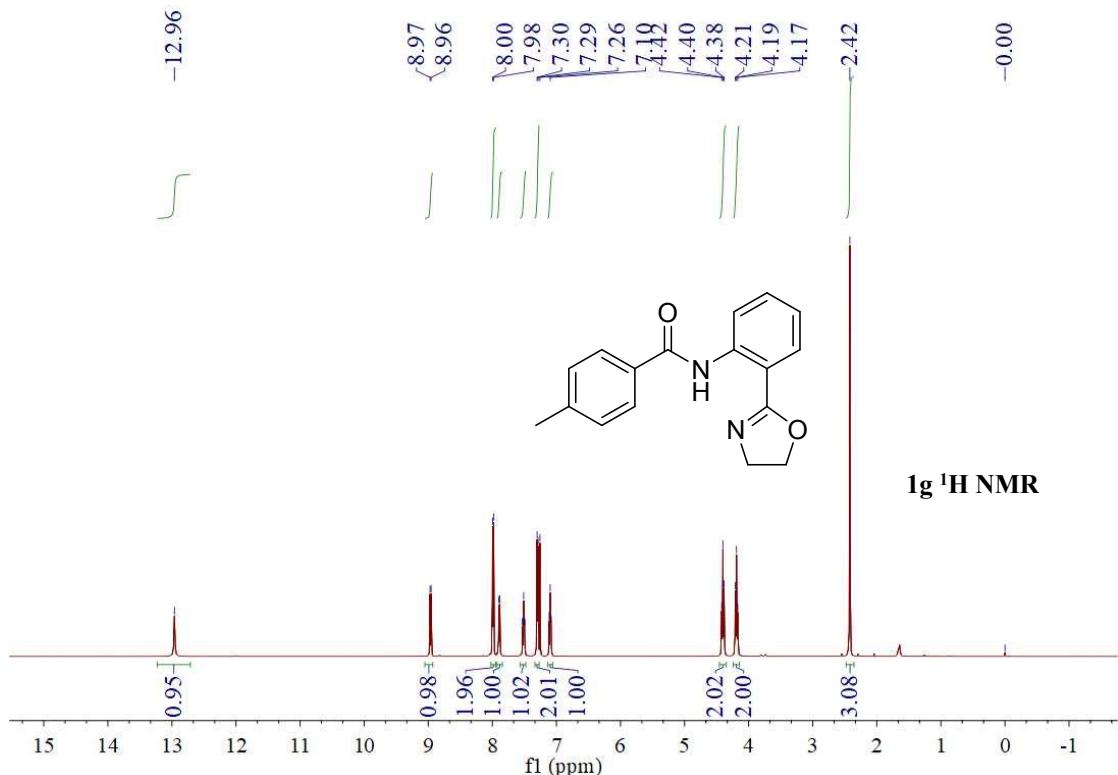
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Space group	P-1
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> Å	4.9529 (7), 11.1696 (16), 13.2334 (19)
α , β , γ °	112.6230 (10), 99.490 (2), 94.354 (2)
Volume Å ³	658.67 (16)
<i>Z</i>	2
Calculated density, Mg/m ³	1.343
<i>F</i> (000)	280
Theta range for data collection °	1.705 to 27.744
Limiting indices	-6=<h=<6, -14=<k=<13, -16=<l=<16
Reflections collected / unique	5331 / 2834 [R(int) = 0.0150]
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	2834 / 0 / 181
Goodness of fit on <i>F</i> ²	1.064

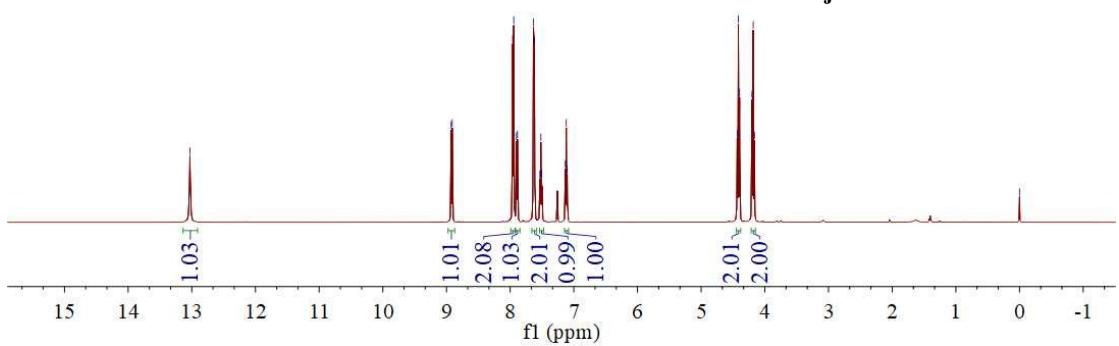
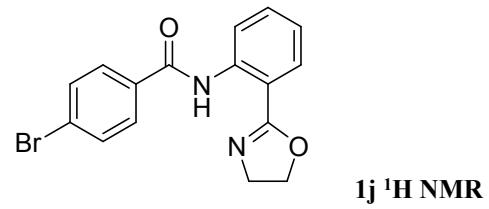
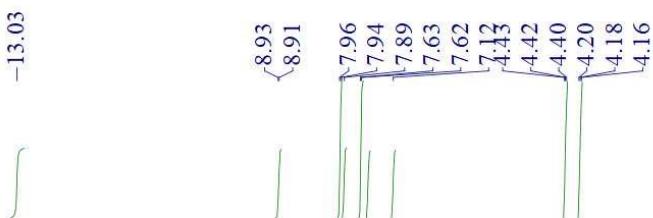
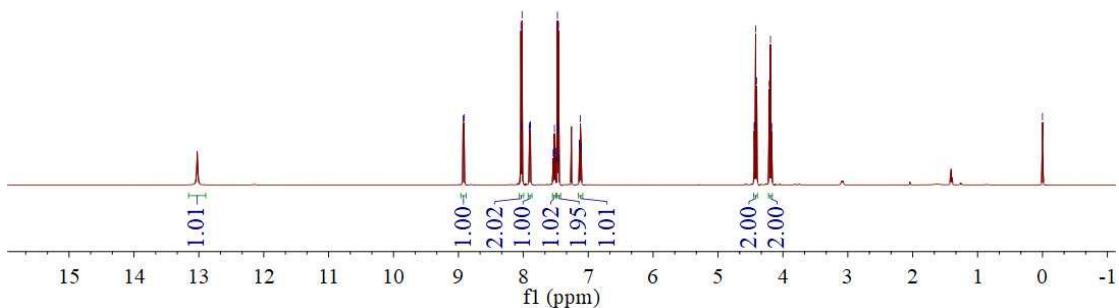
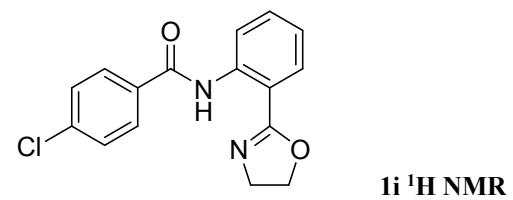
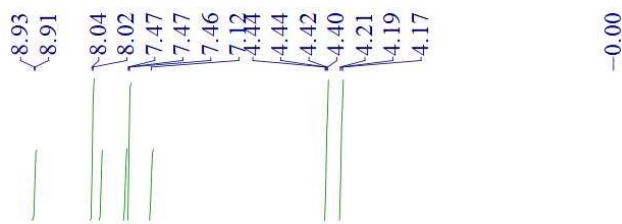
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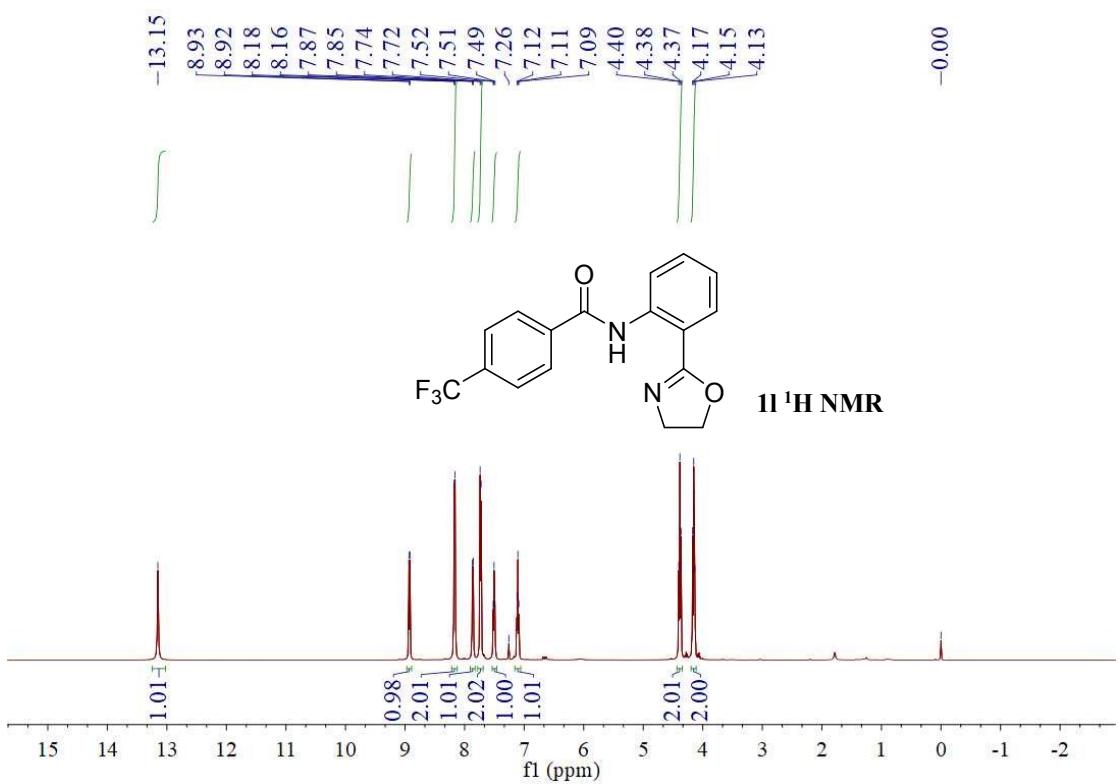
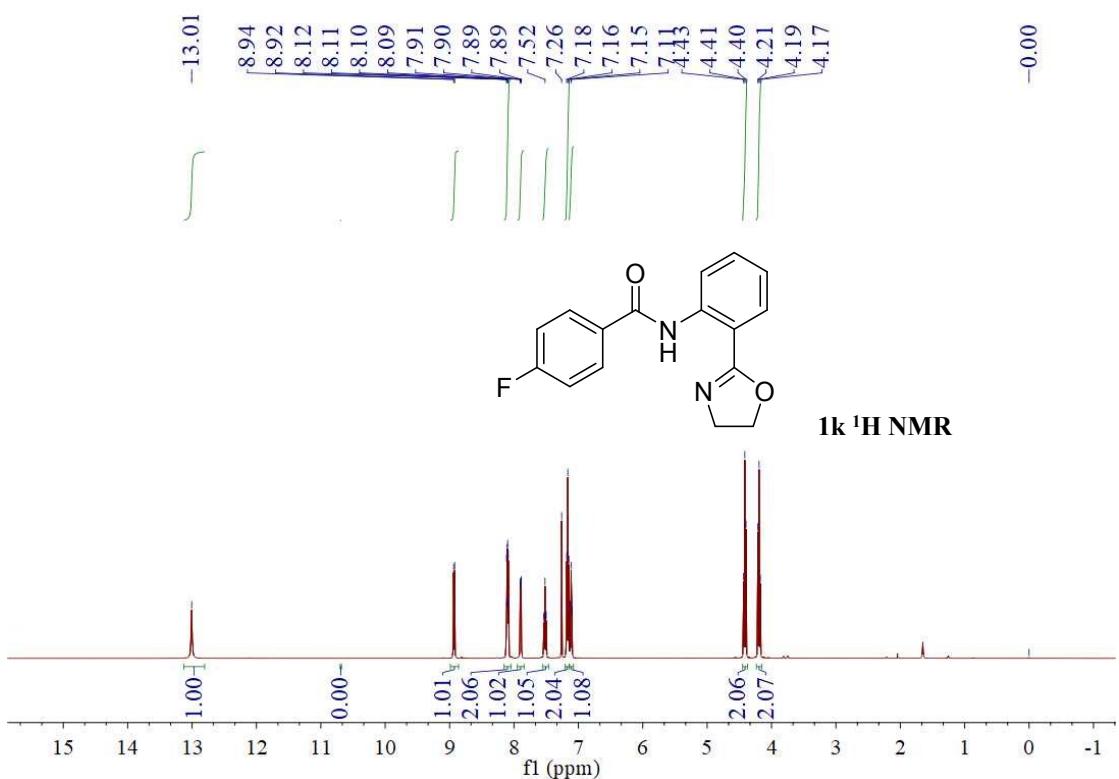




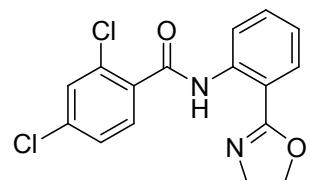




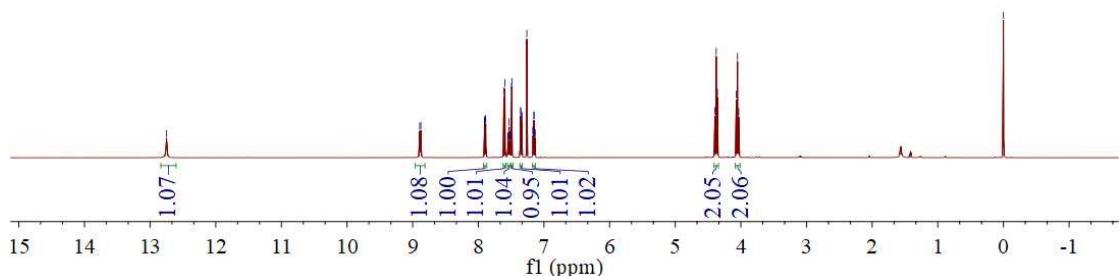




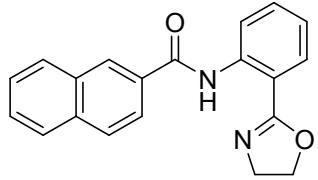
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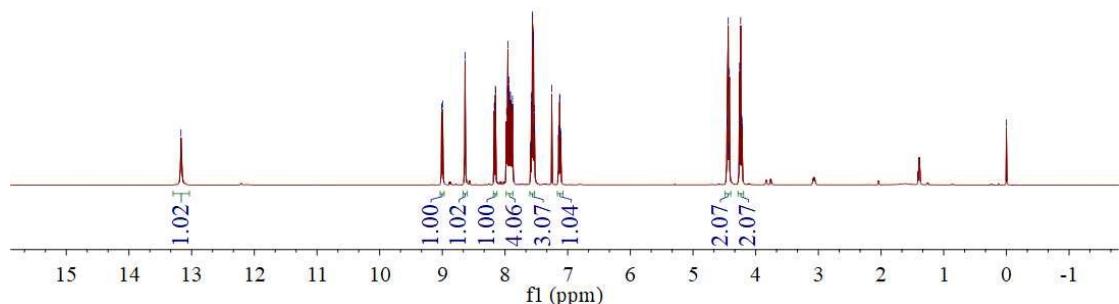
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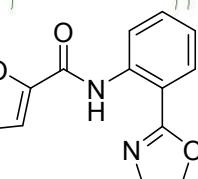
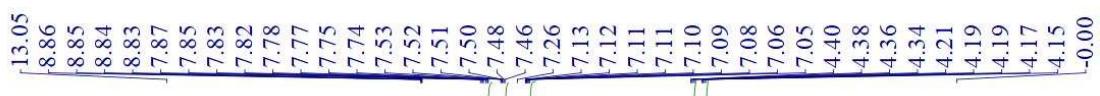


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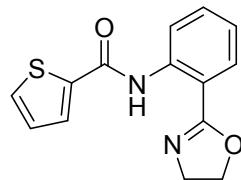
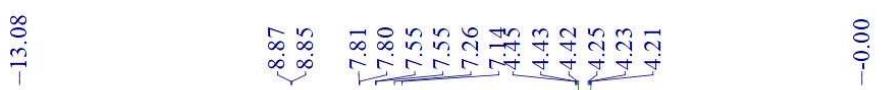
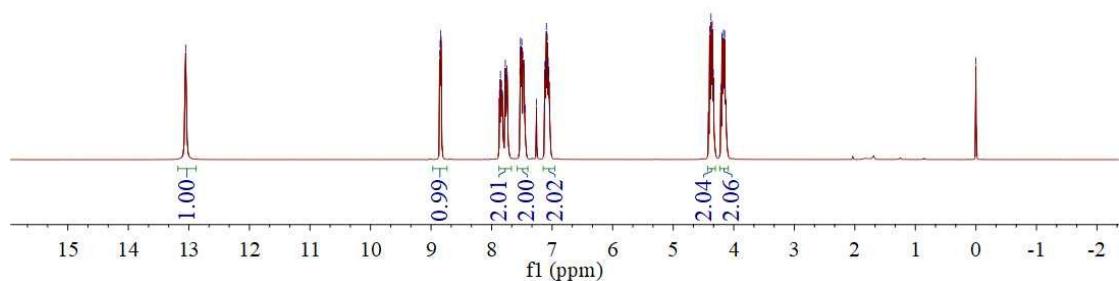


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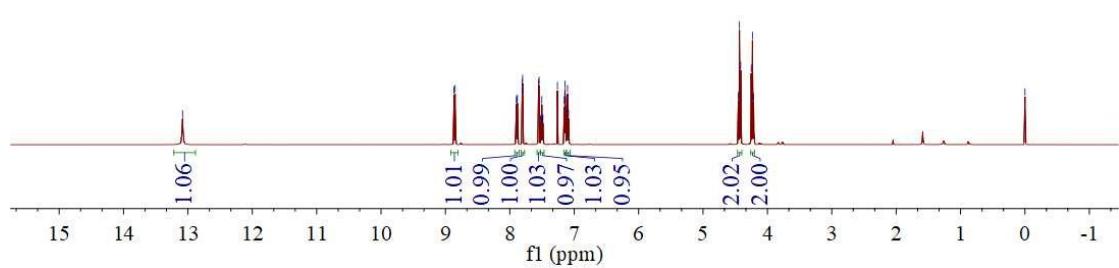


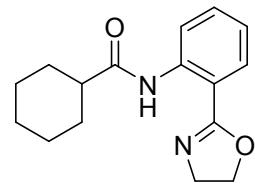
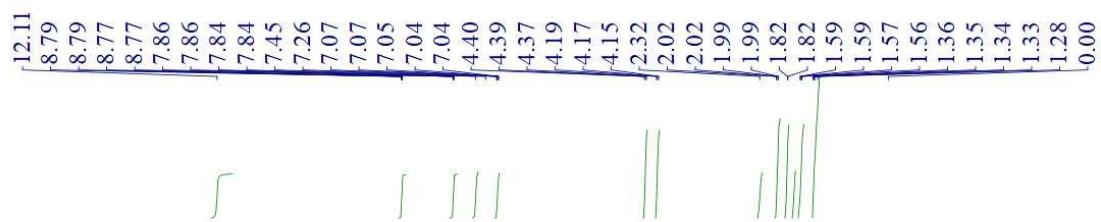


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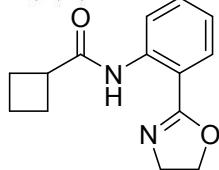
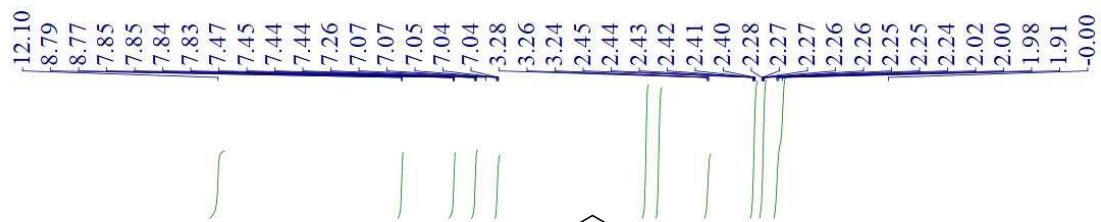
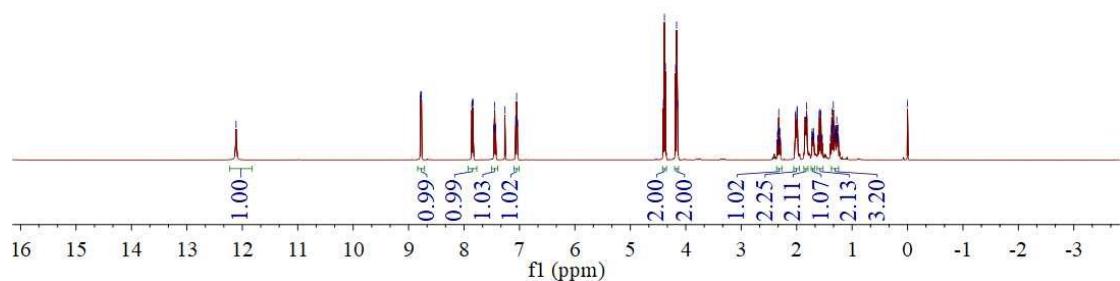


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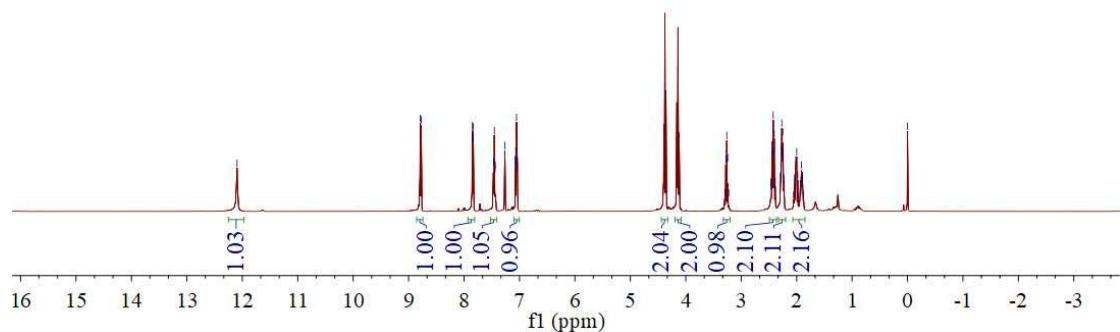


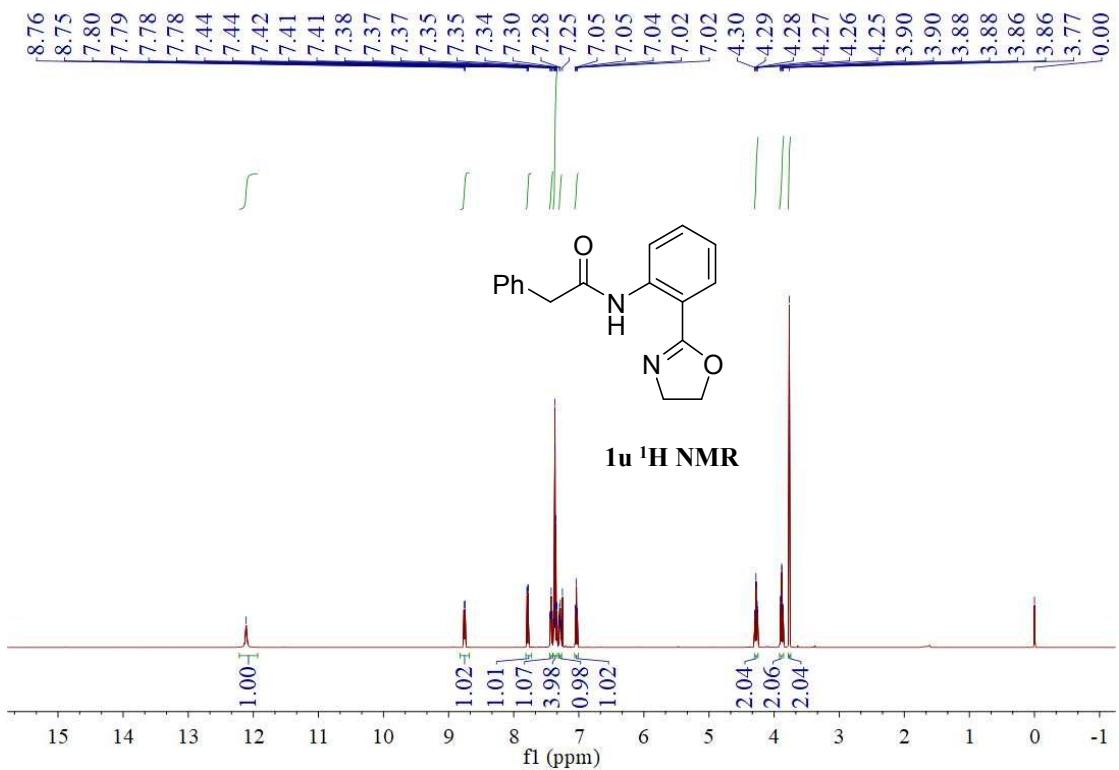
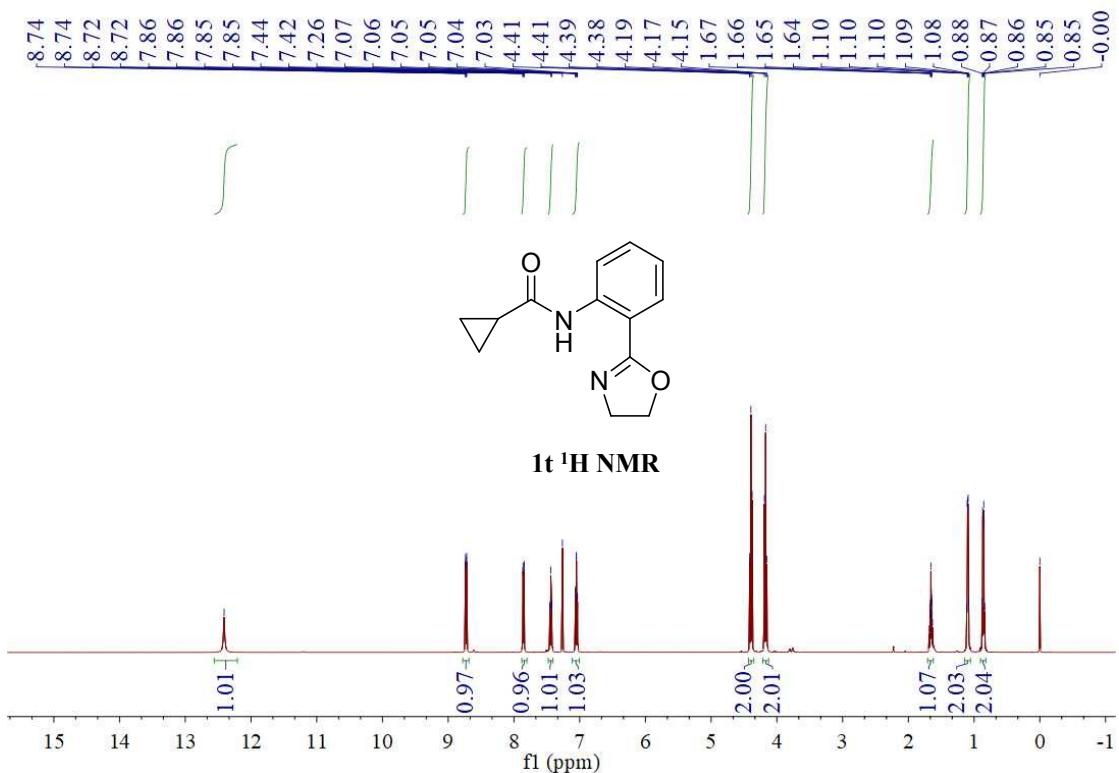


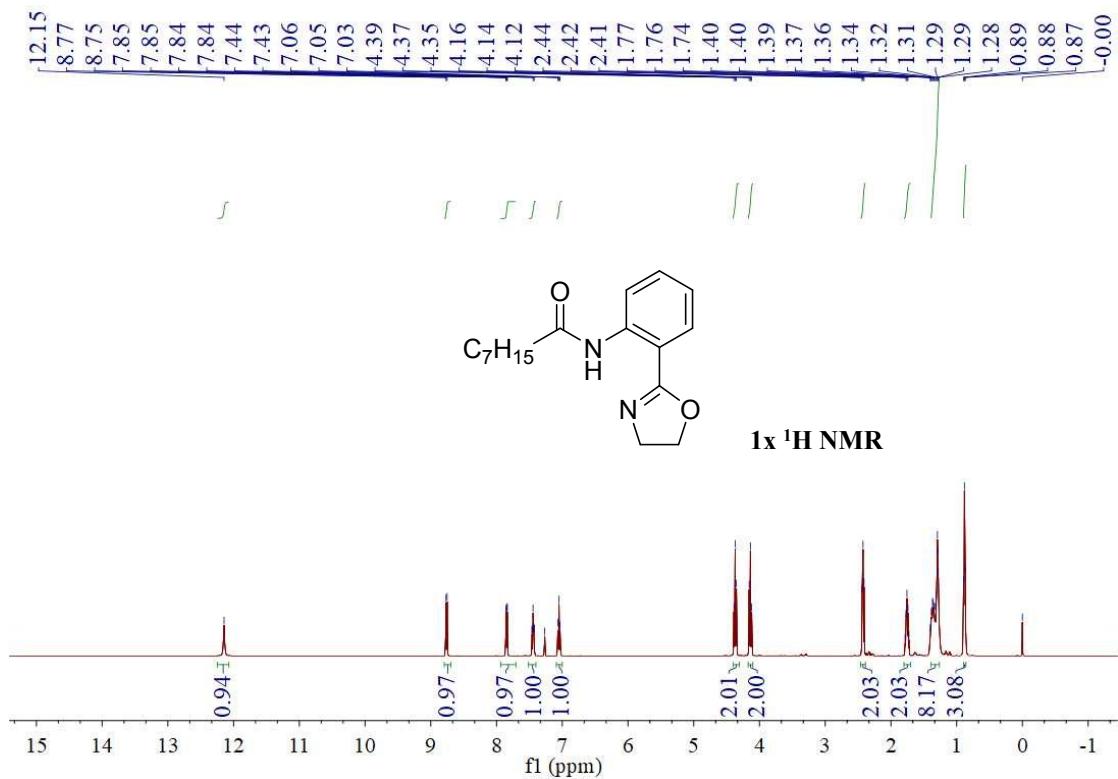
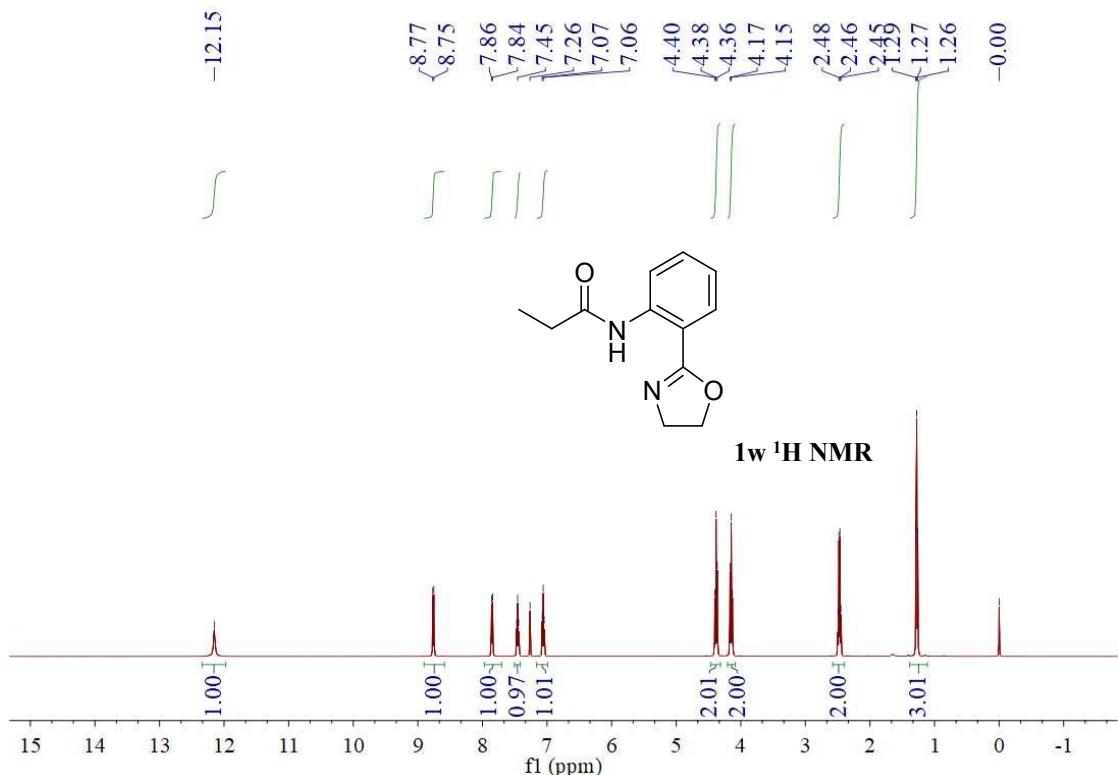
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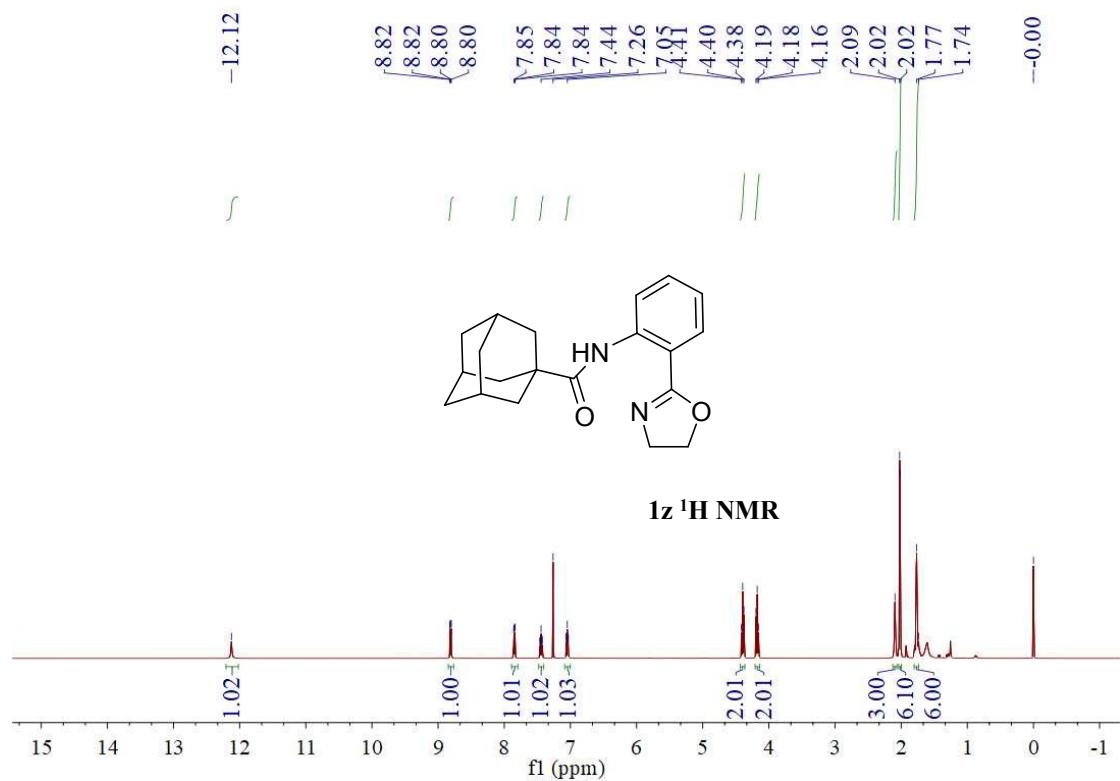
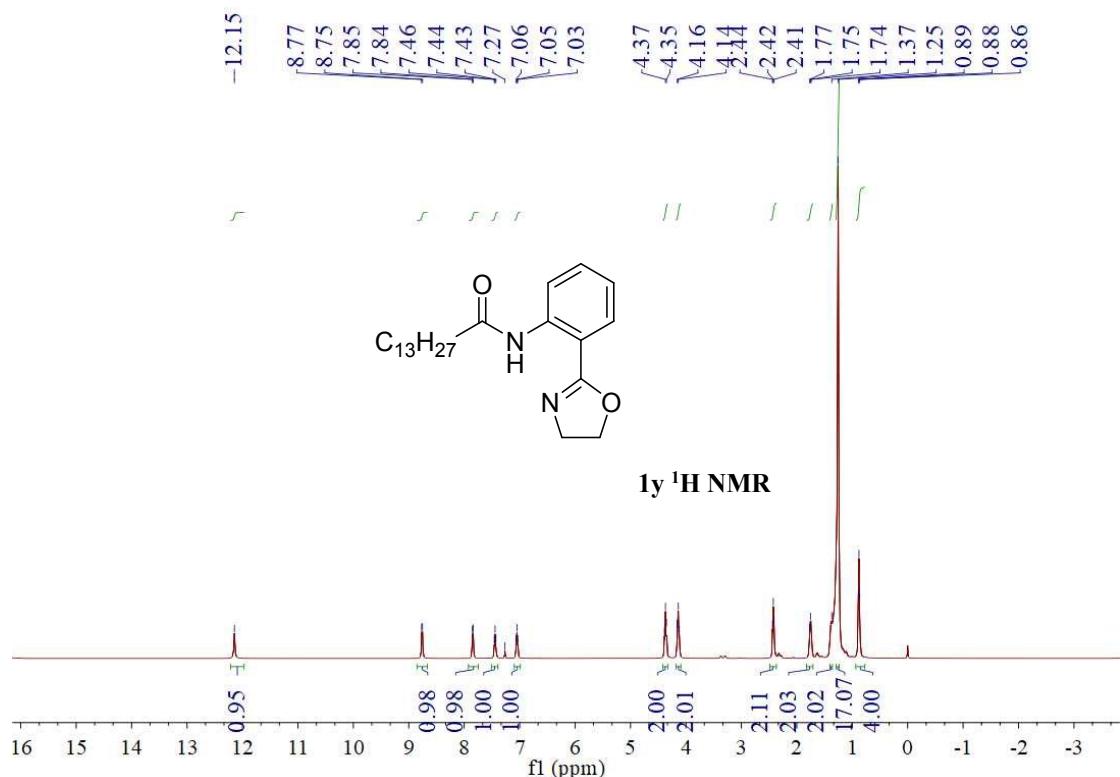


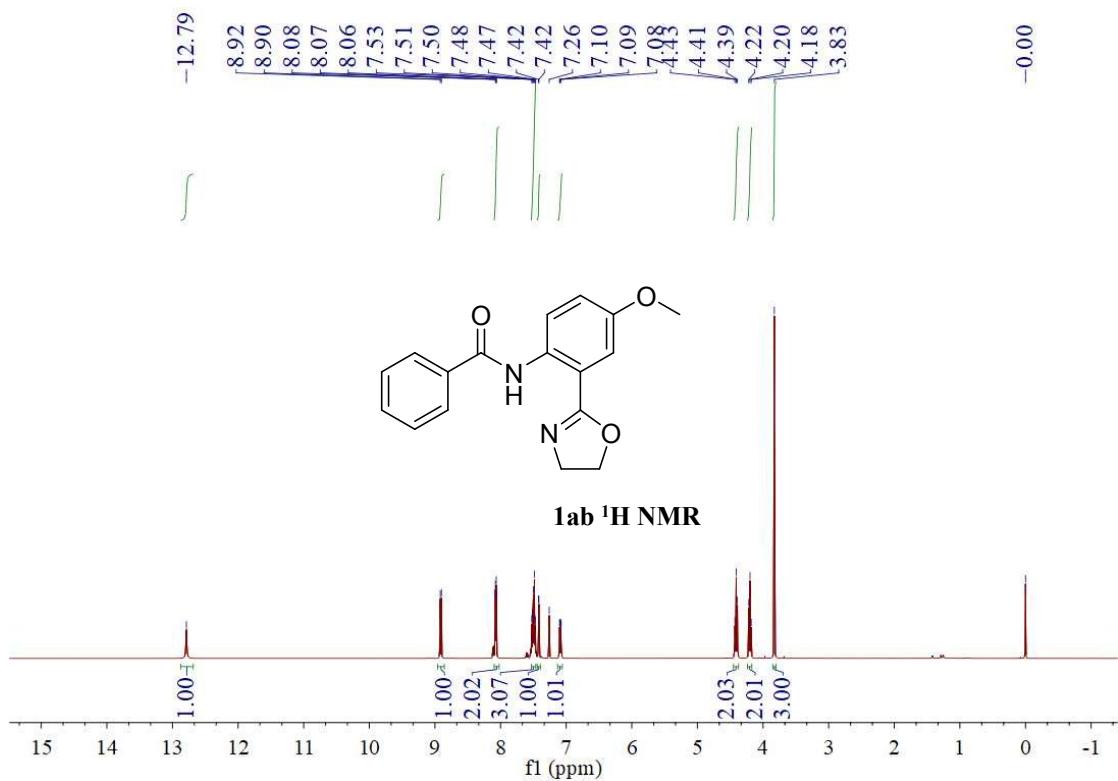
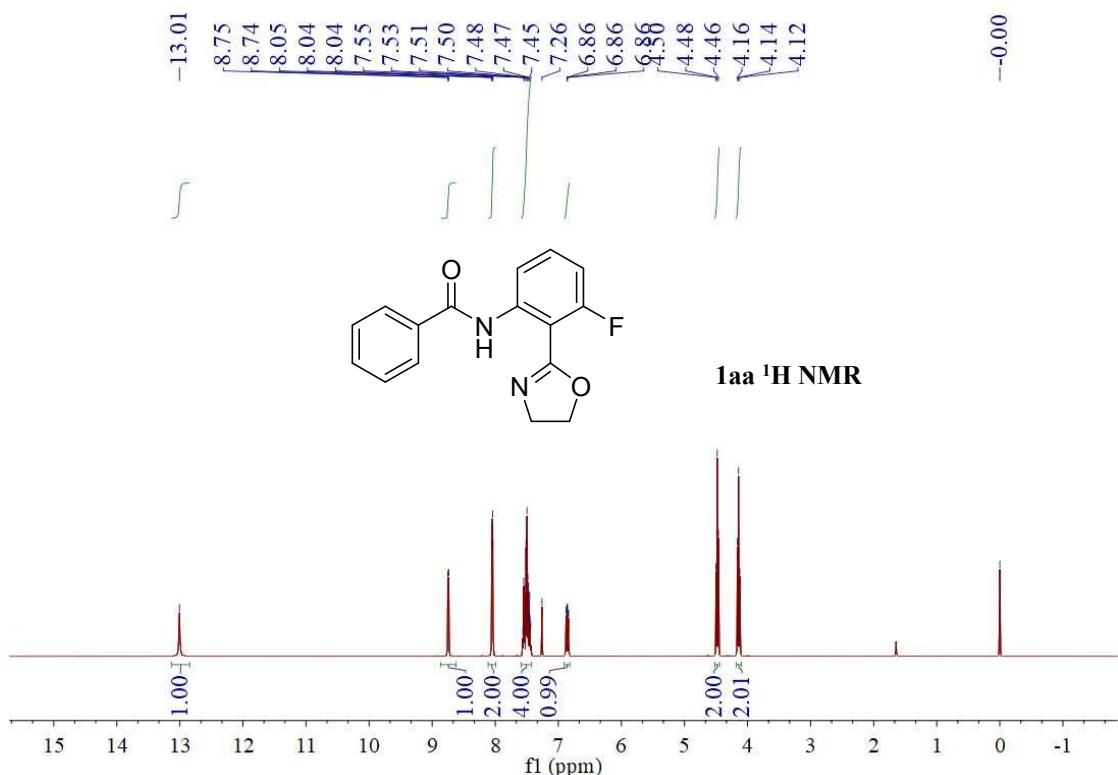
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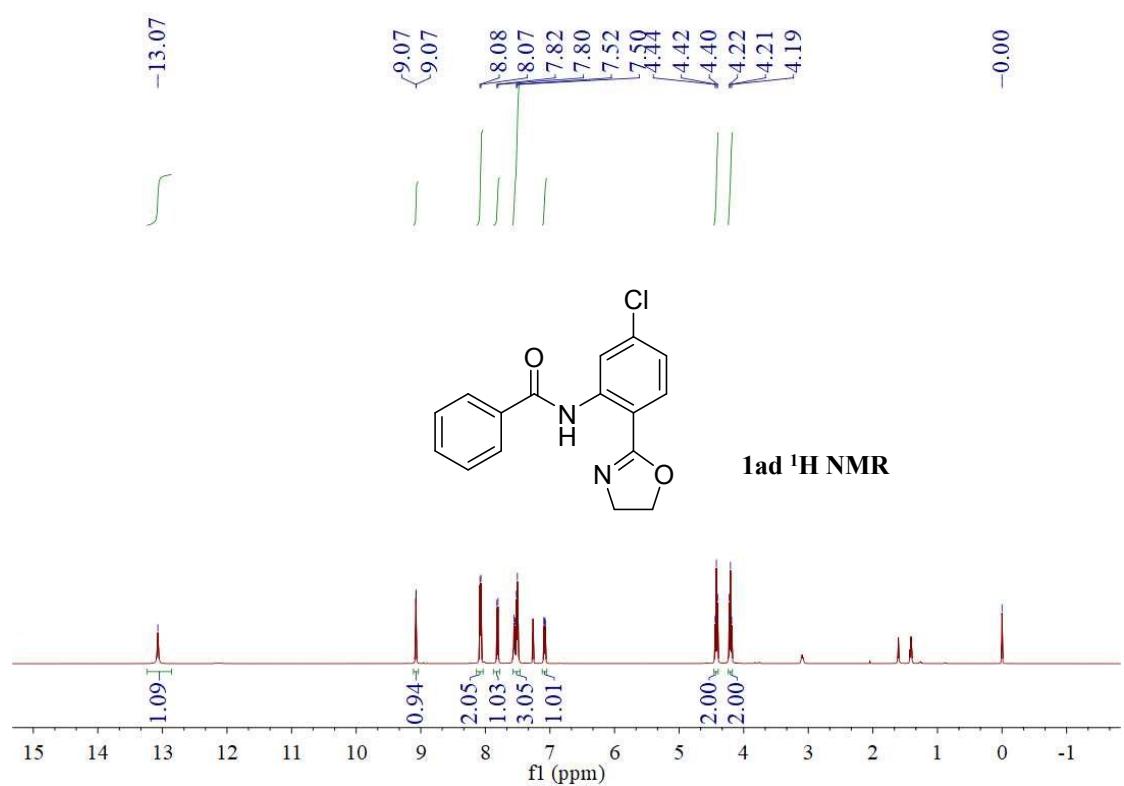
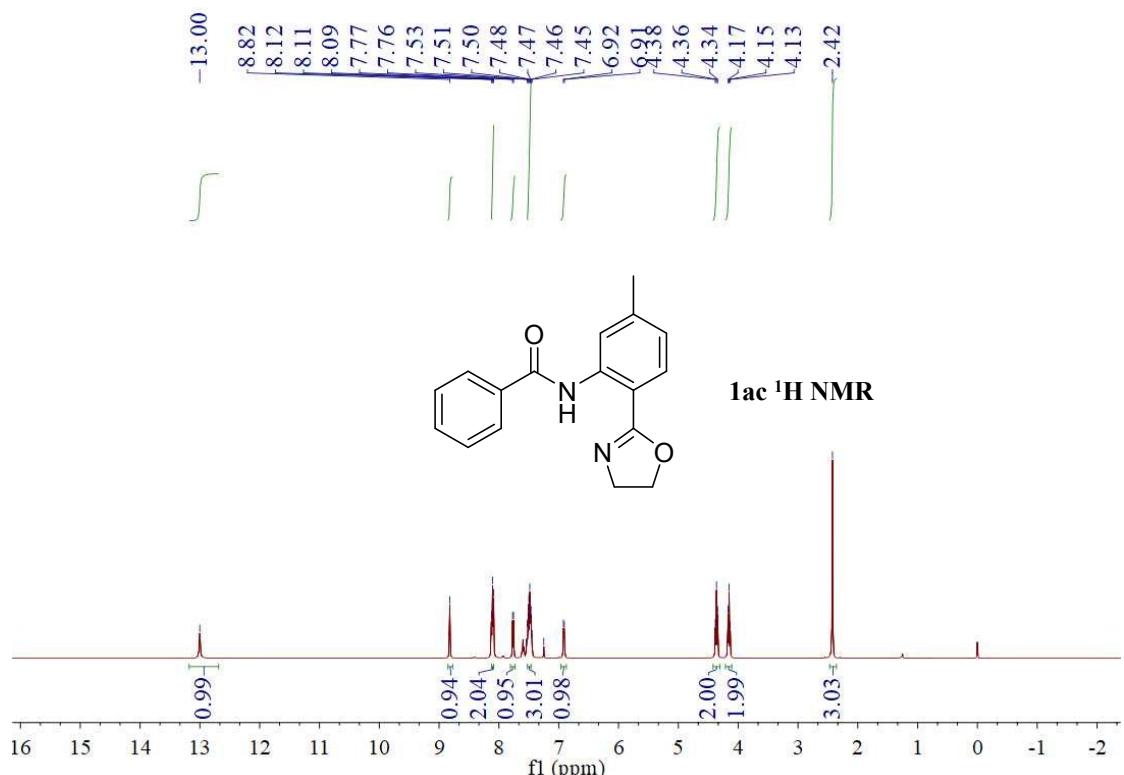


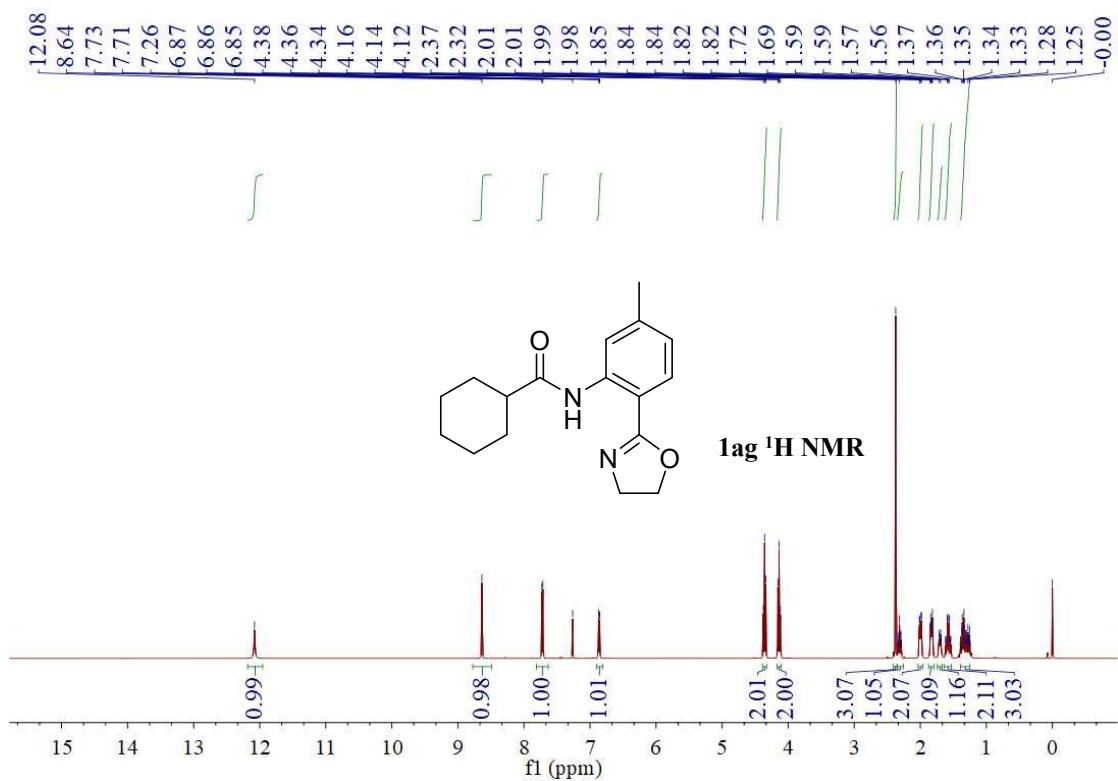
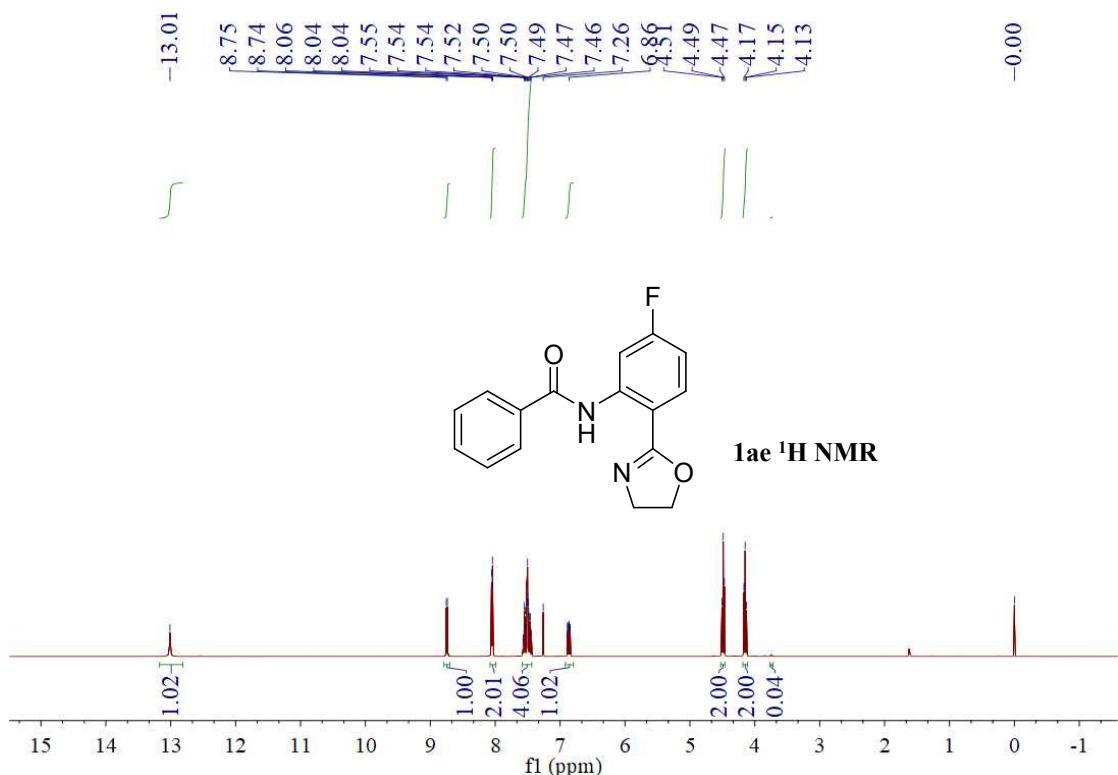


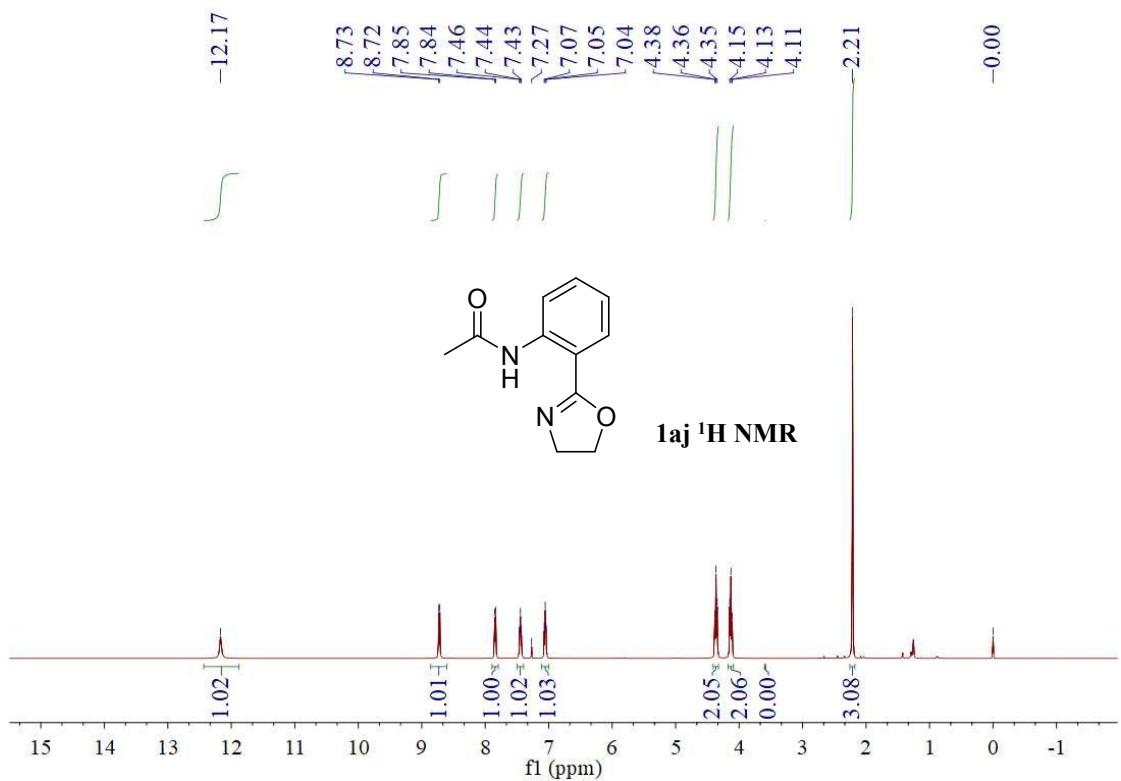
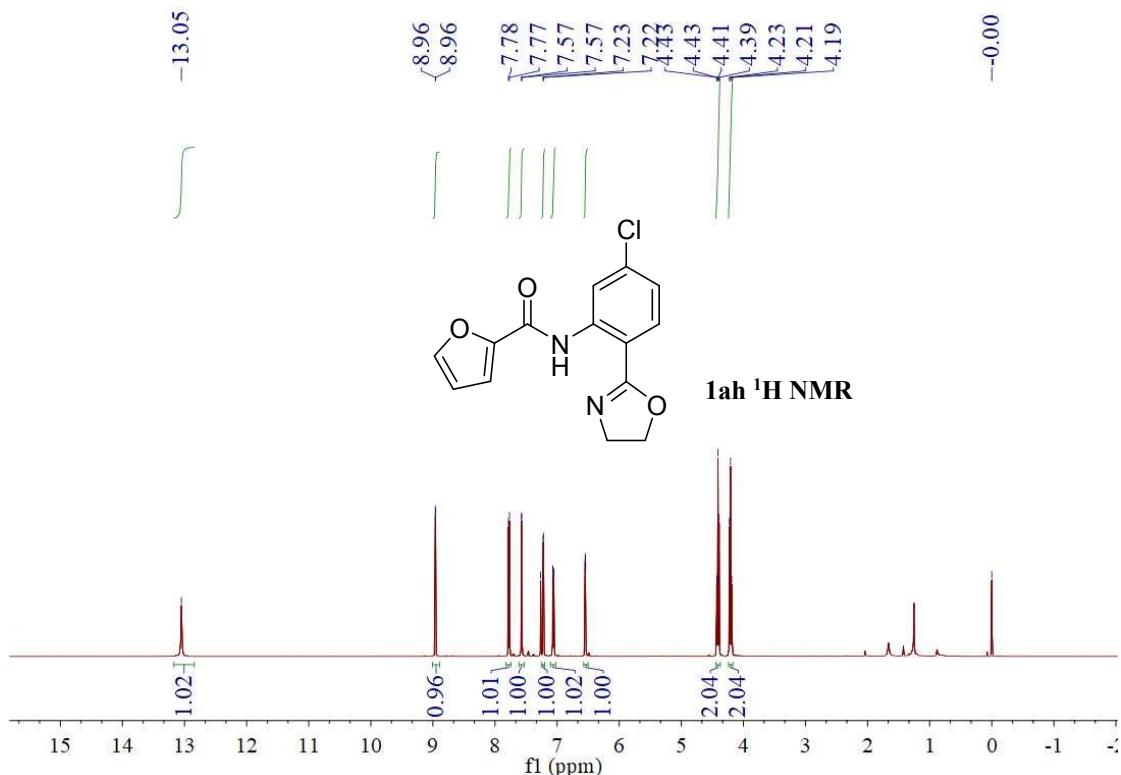


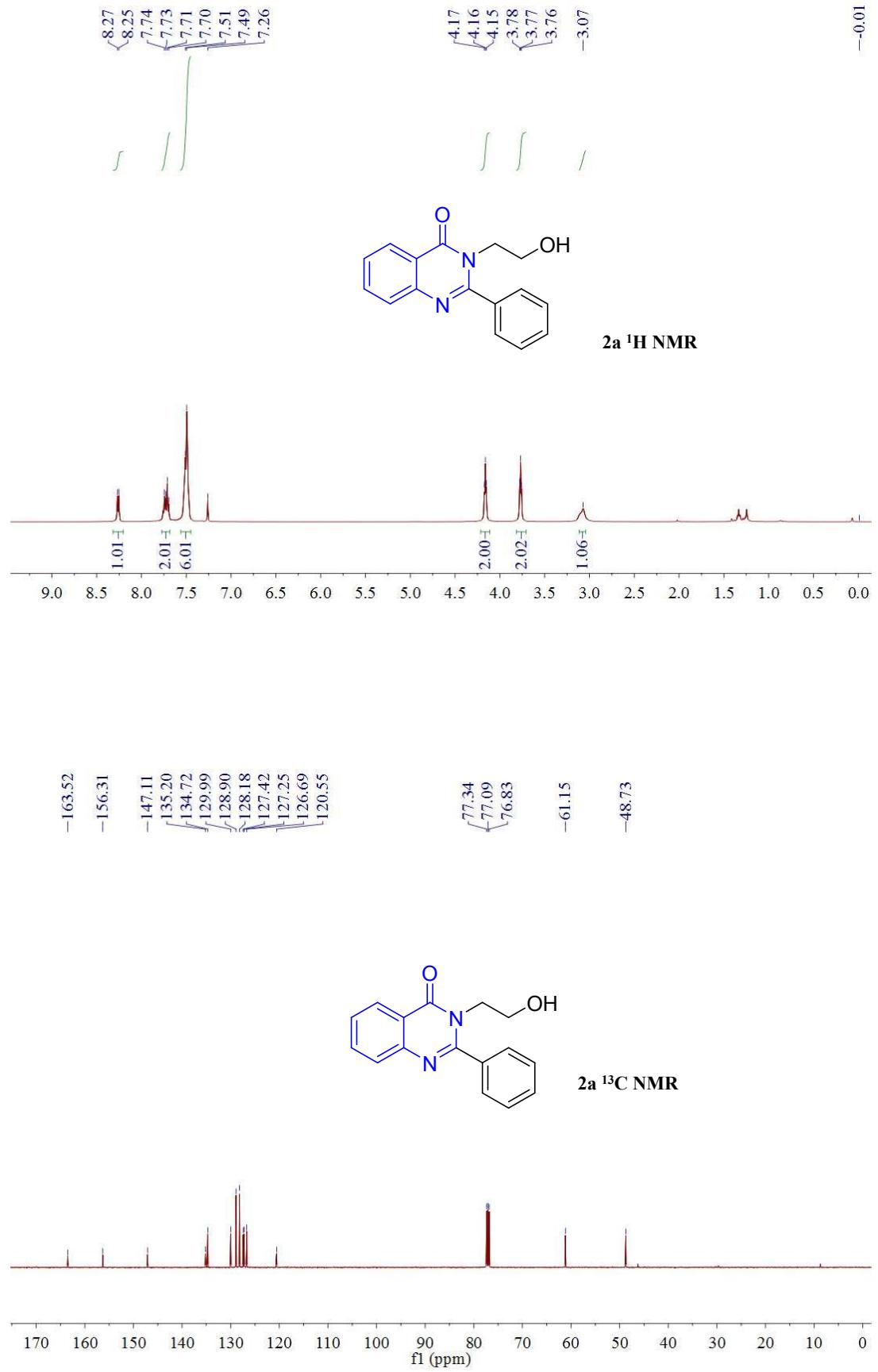


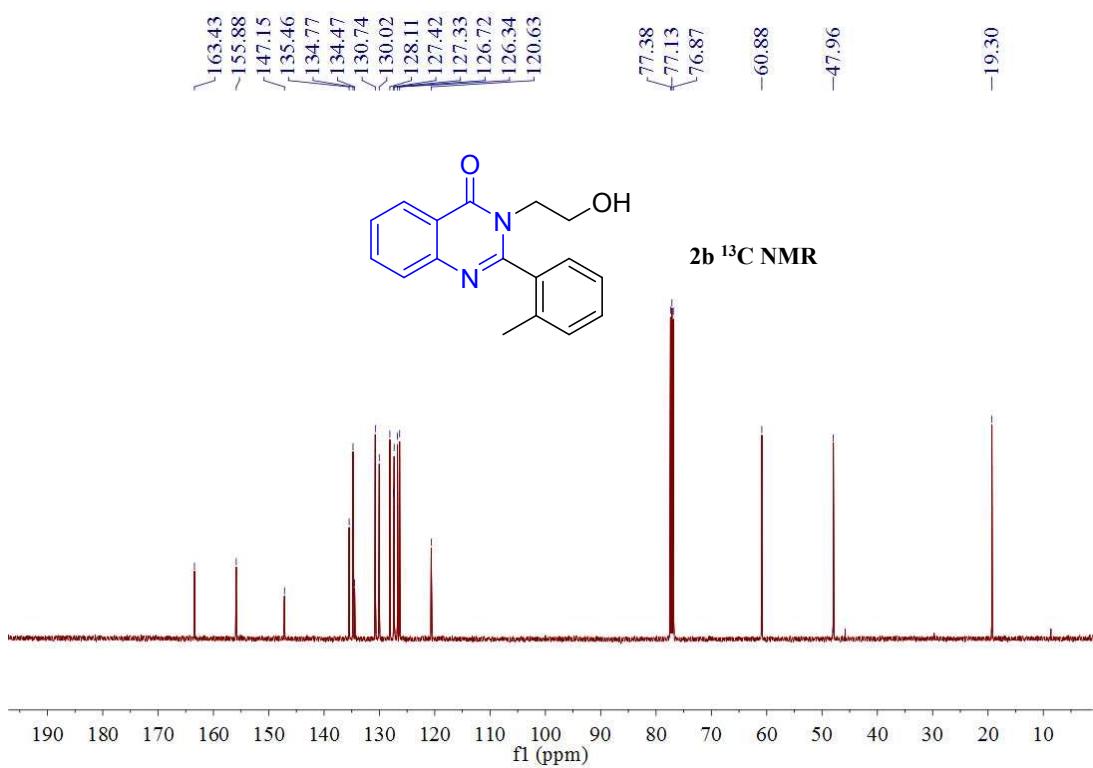
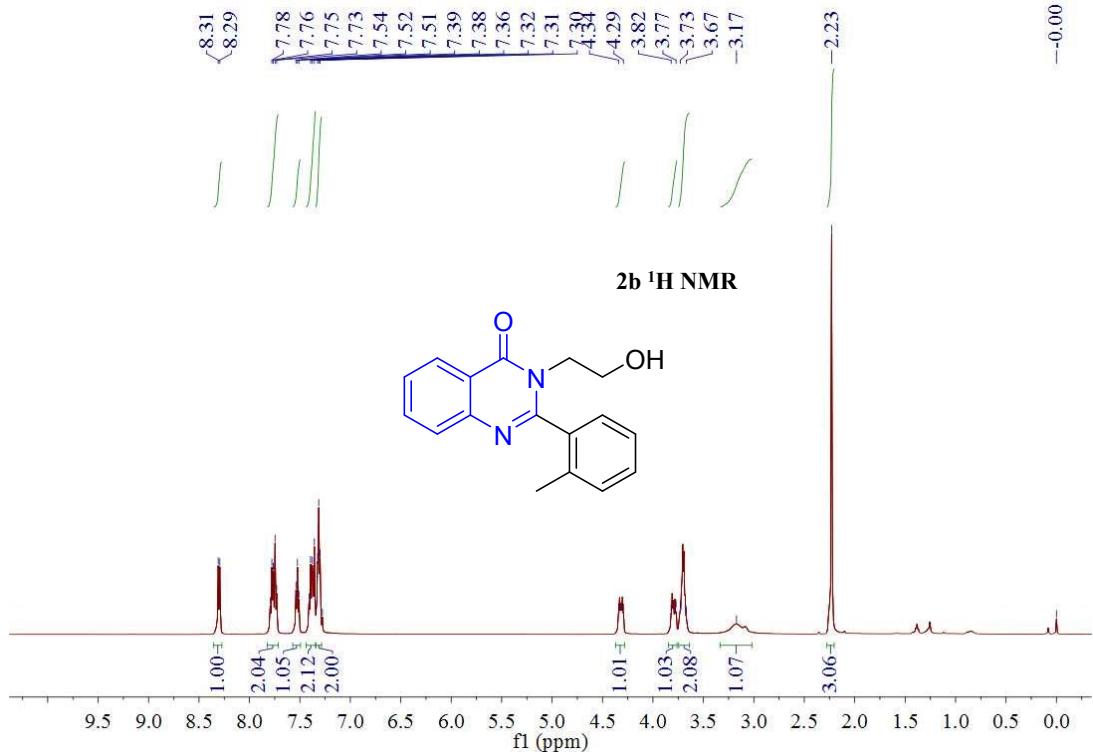


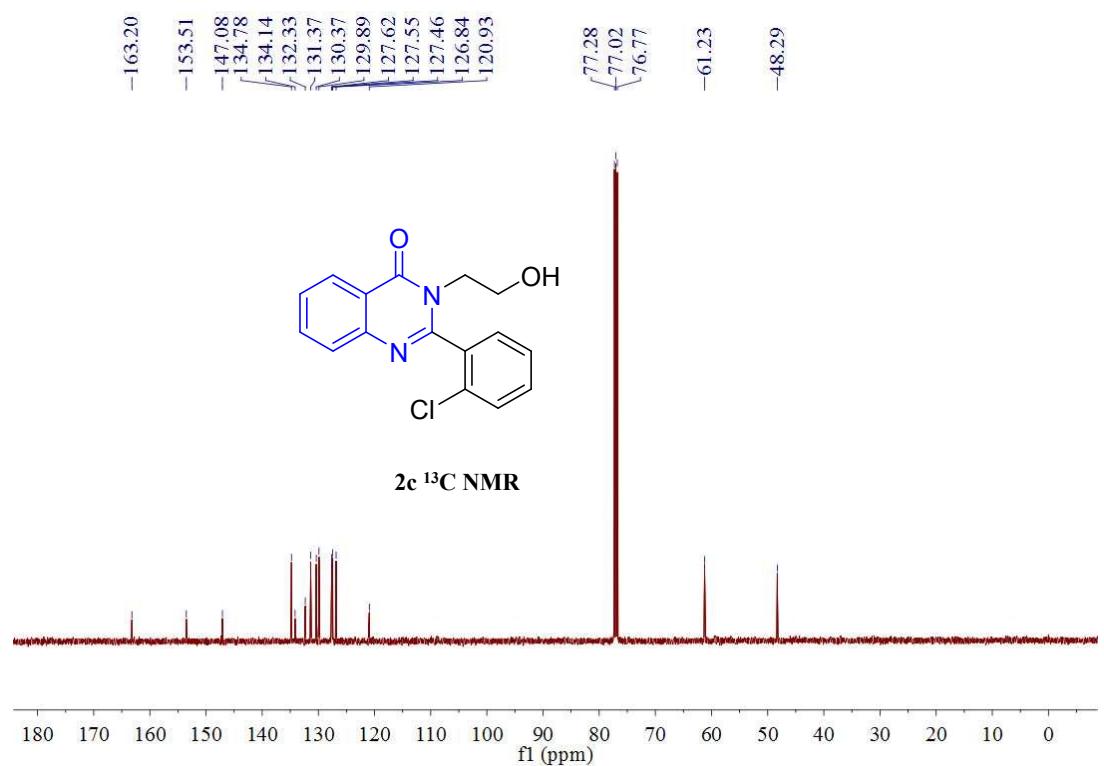
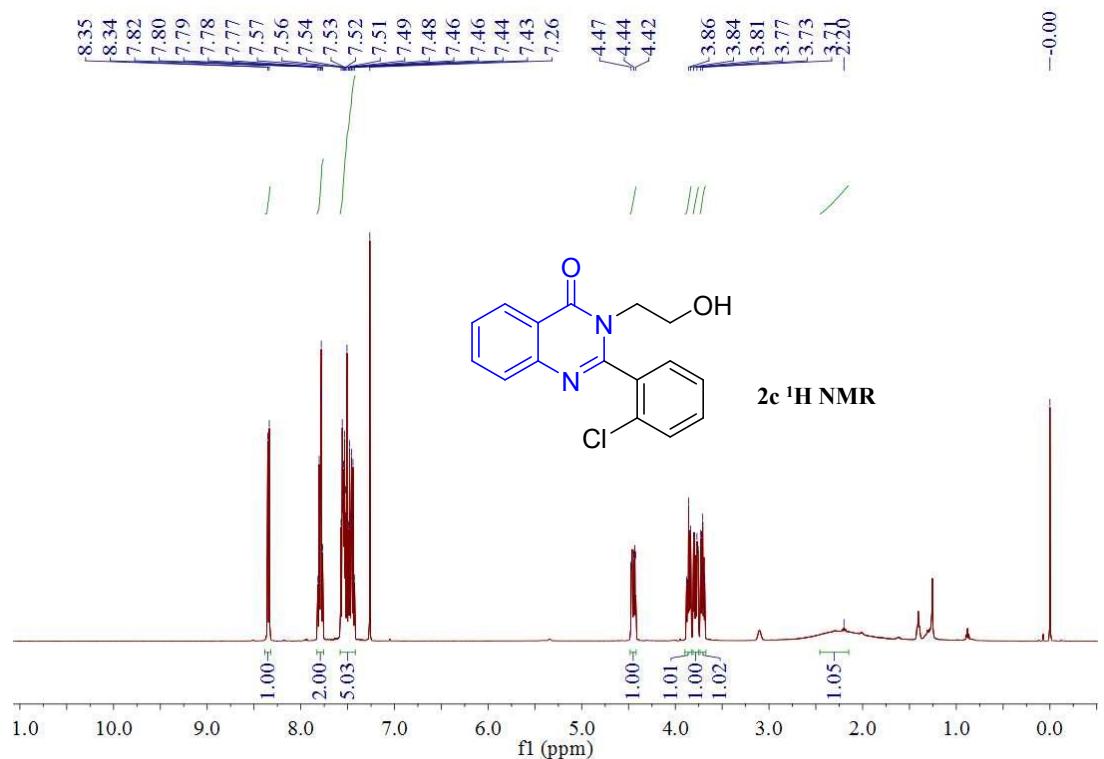


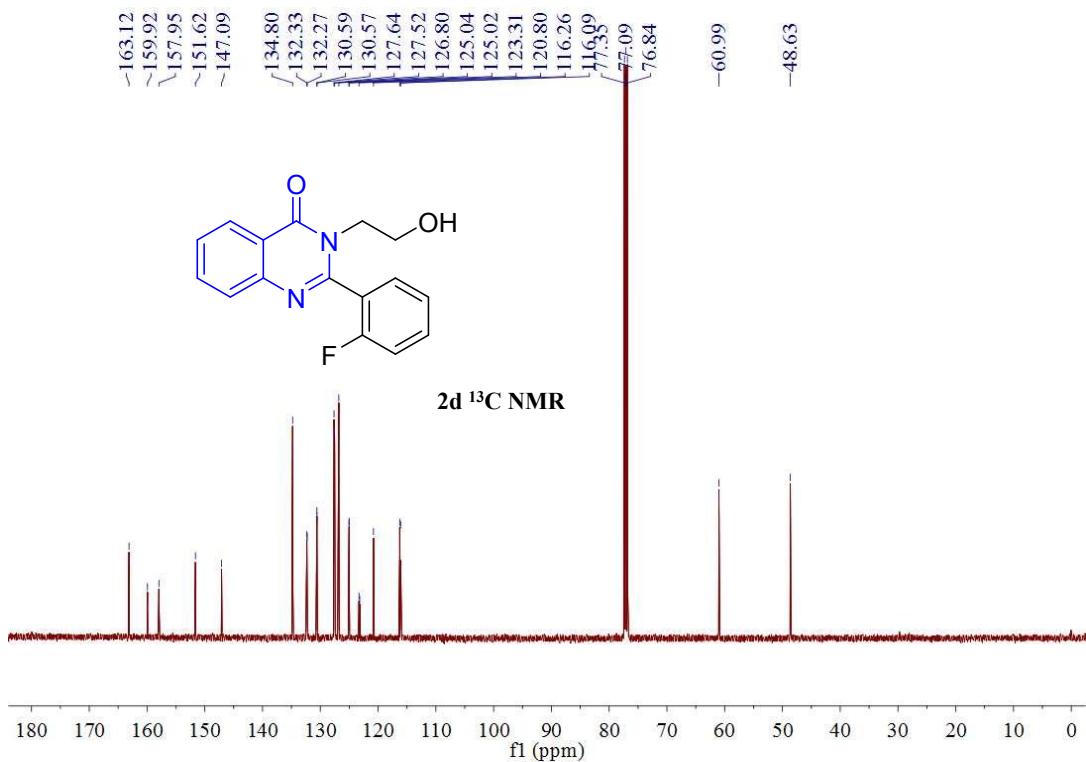
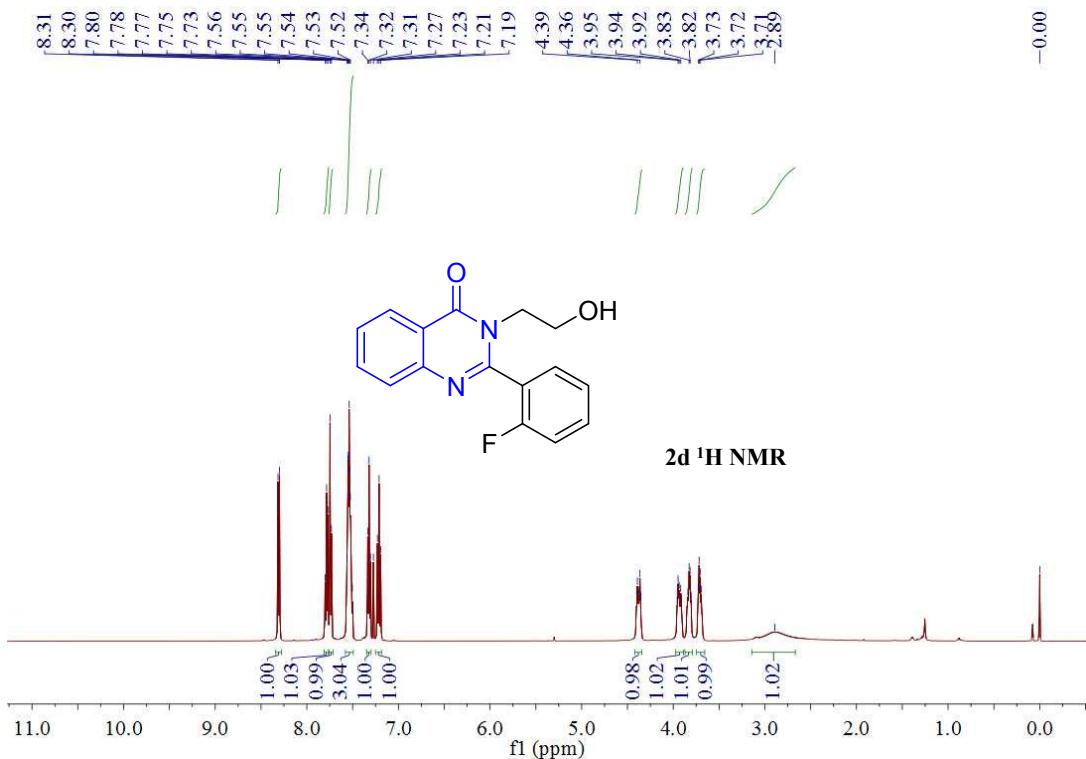


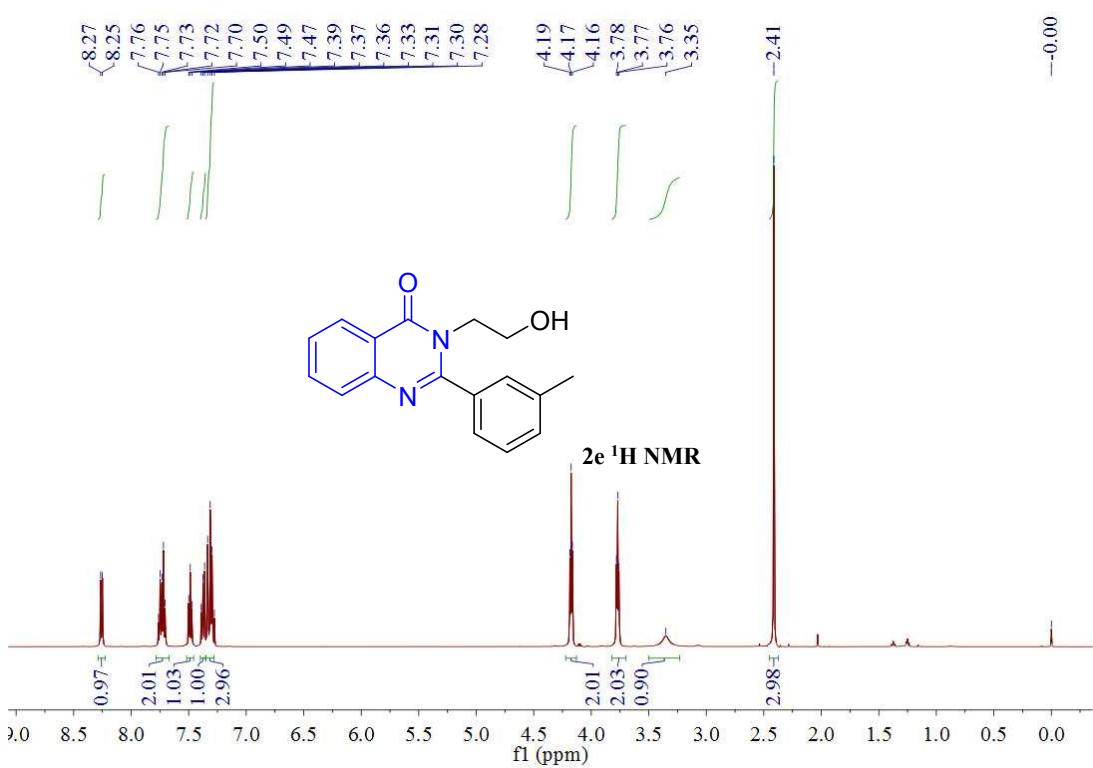
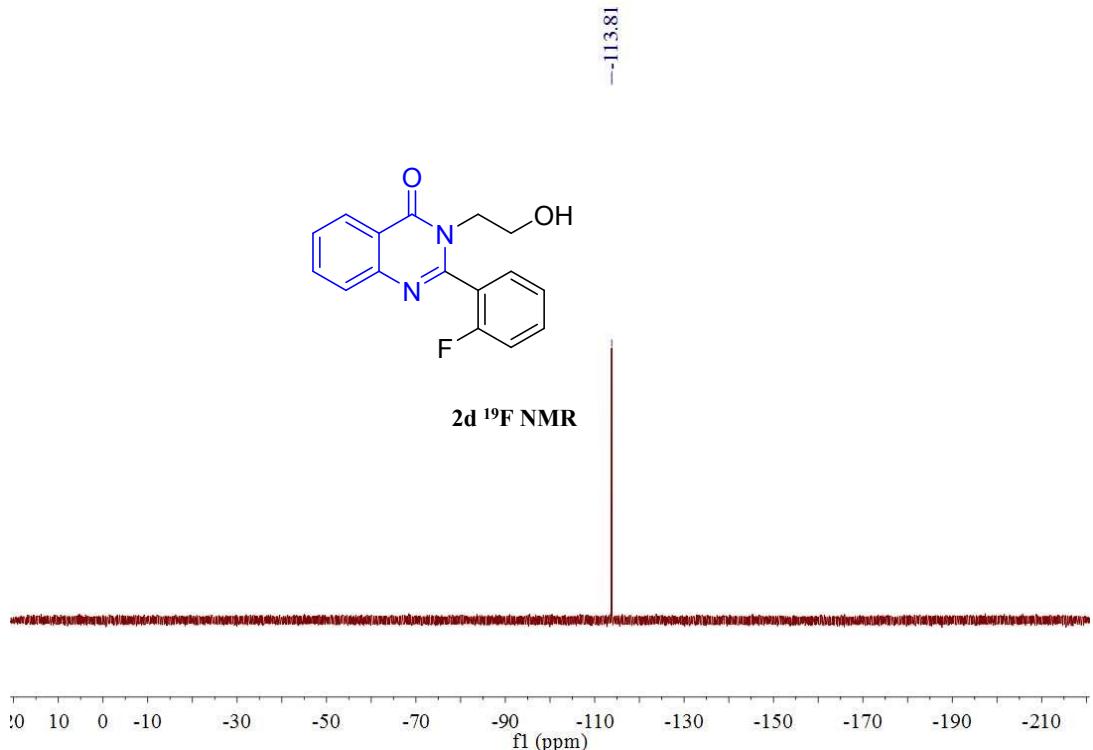


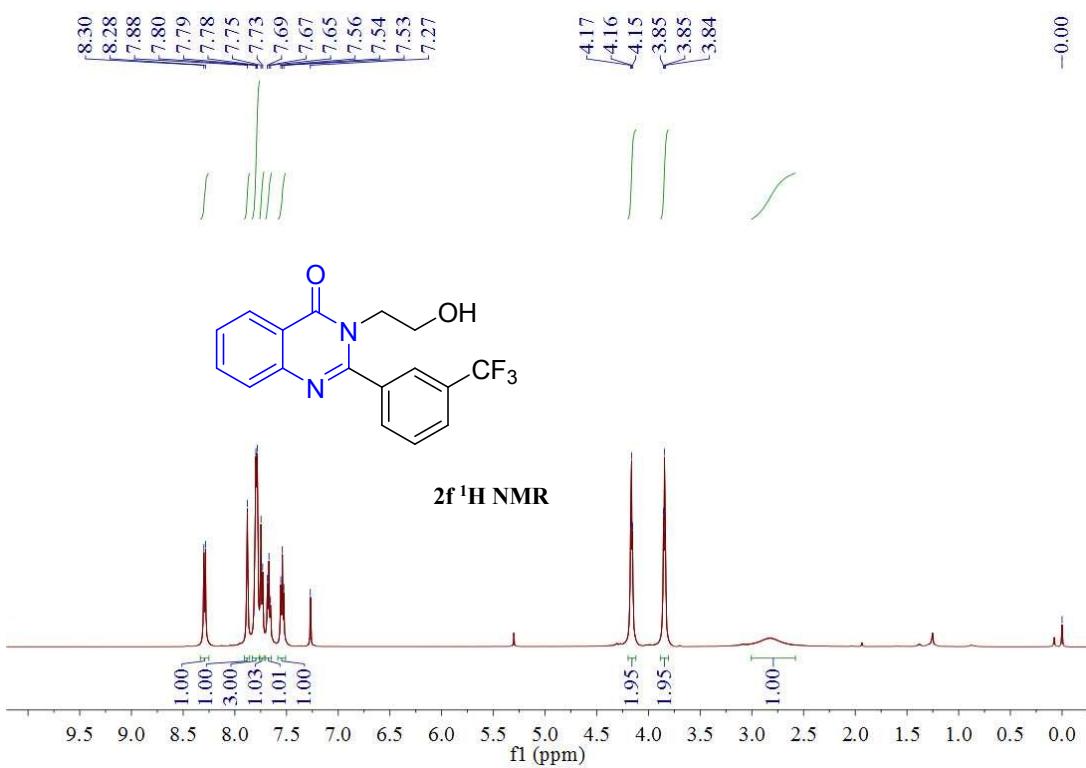
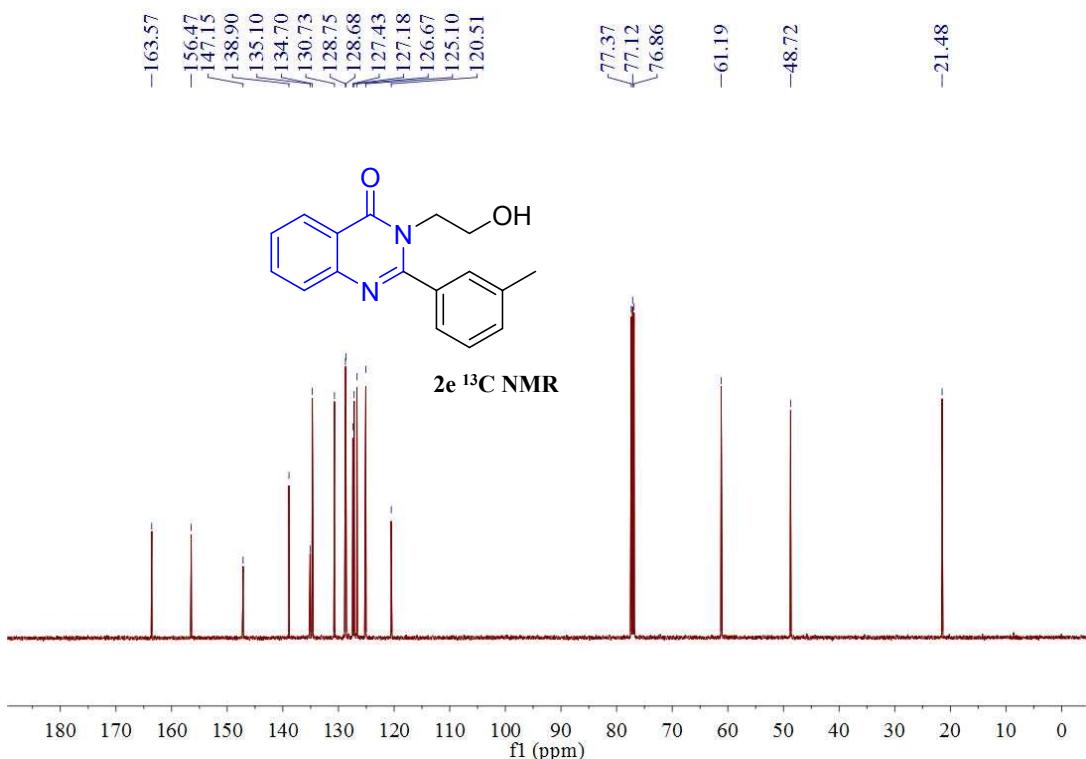


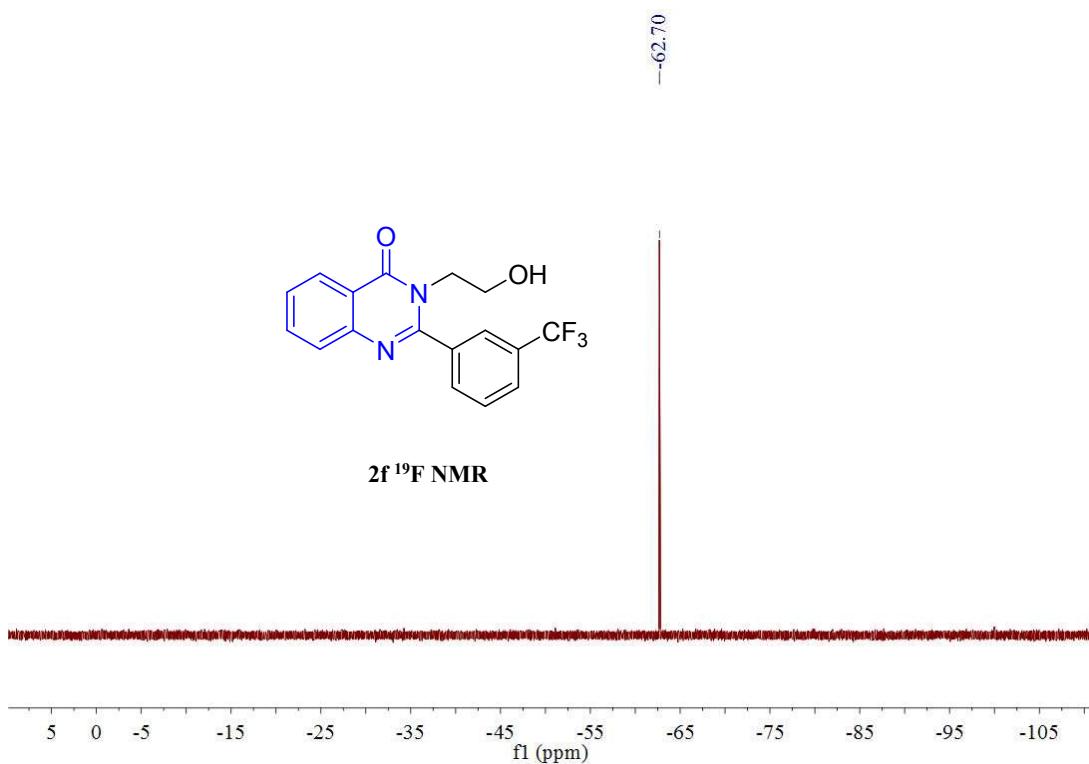
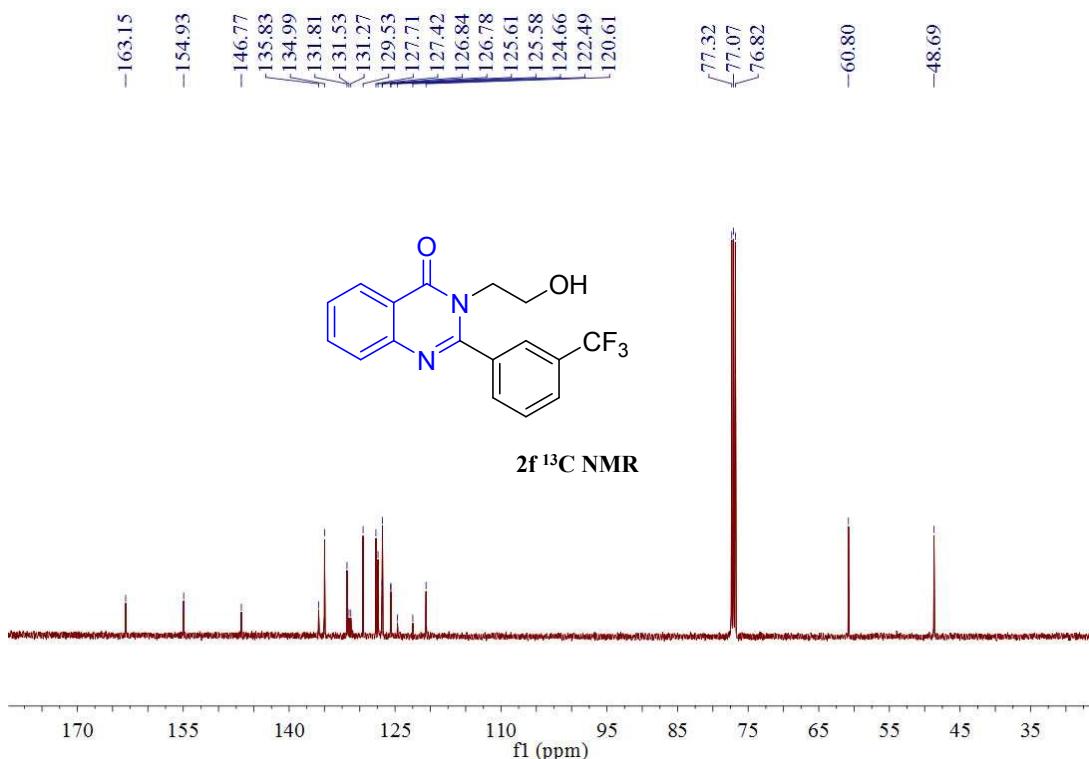


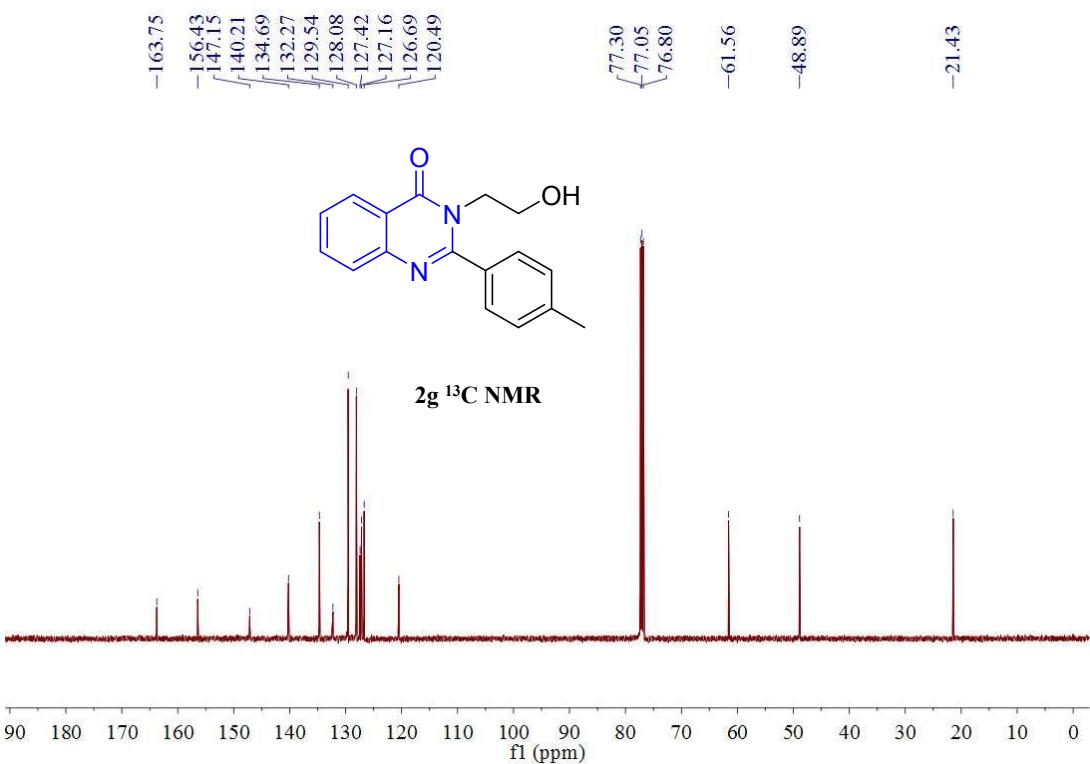
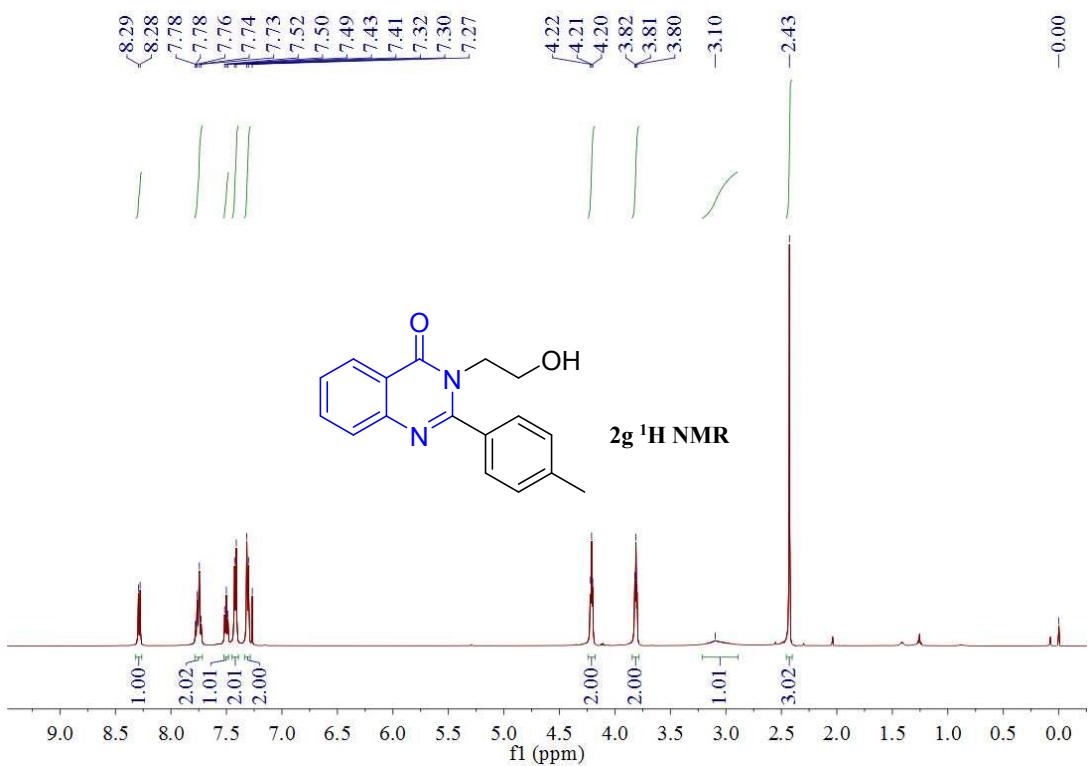


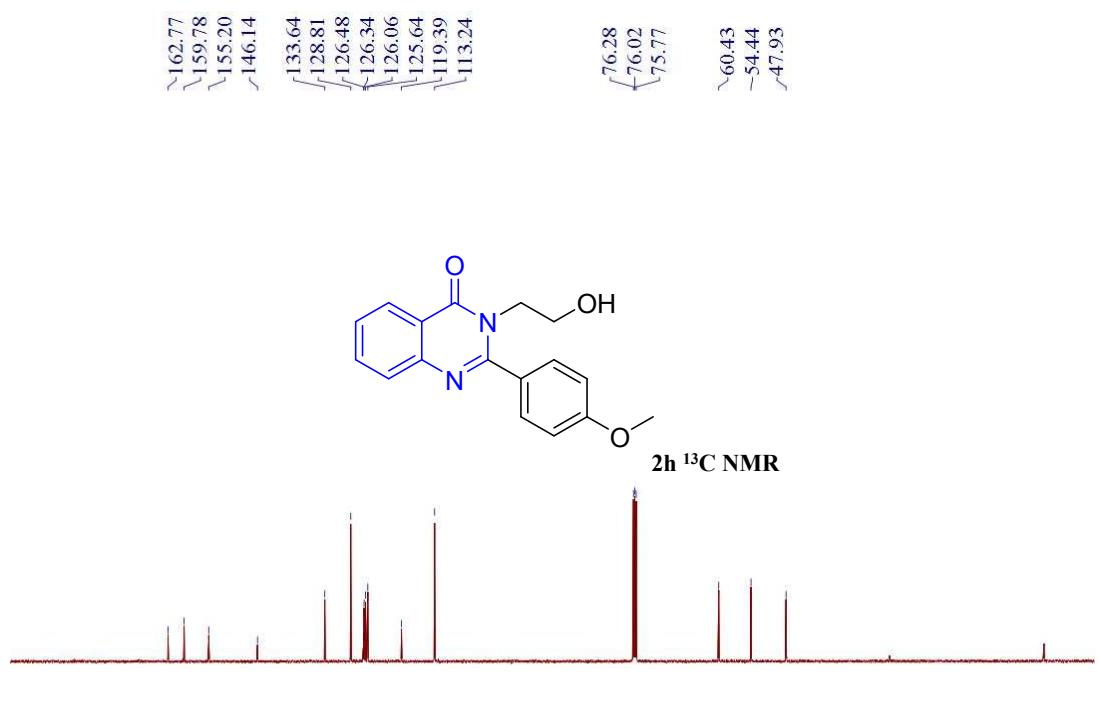
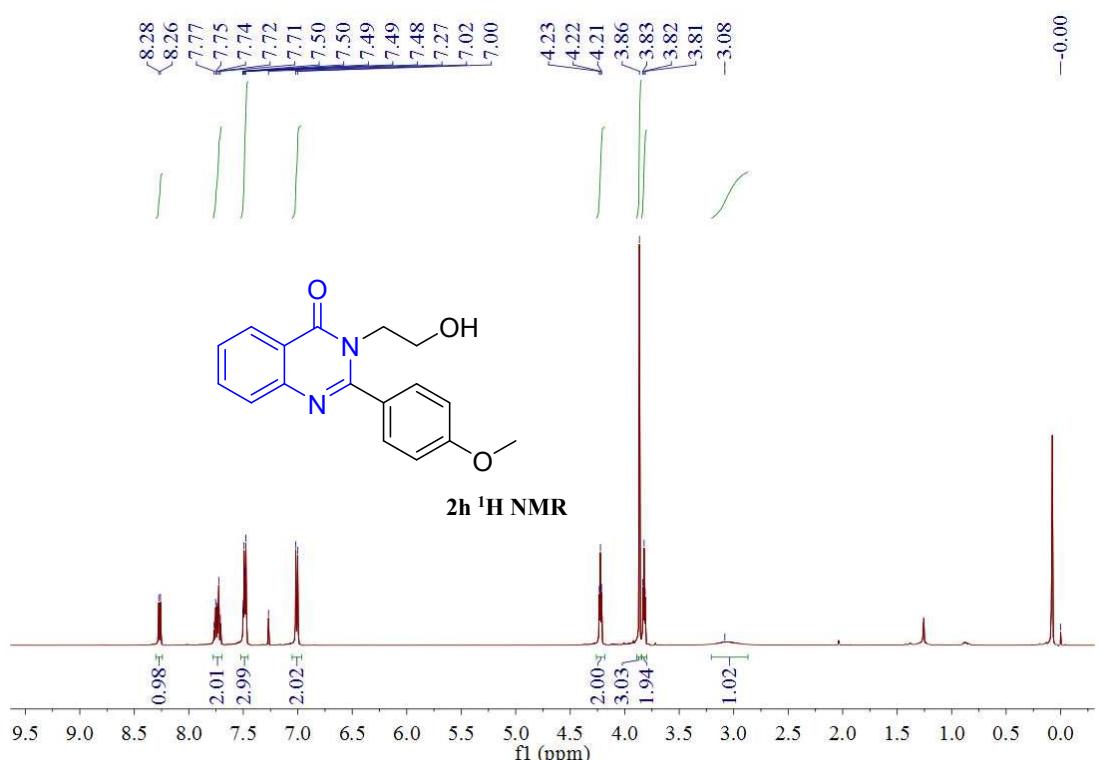


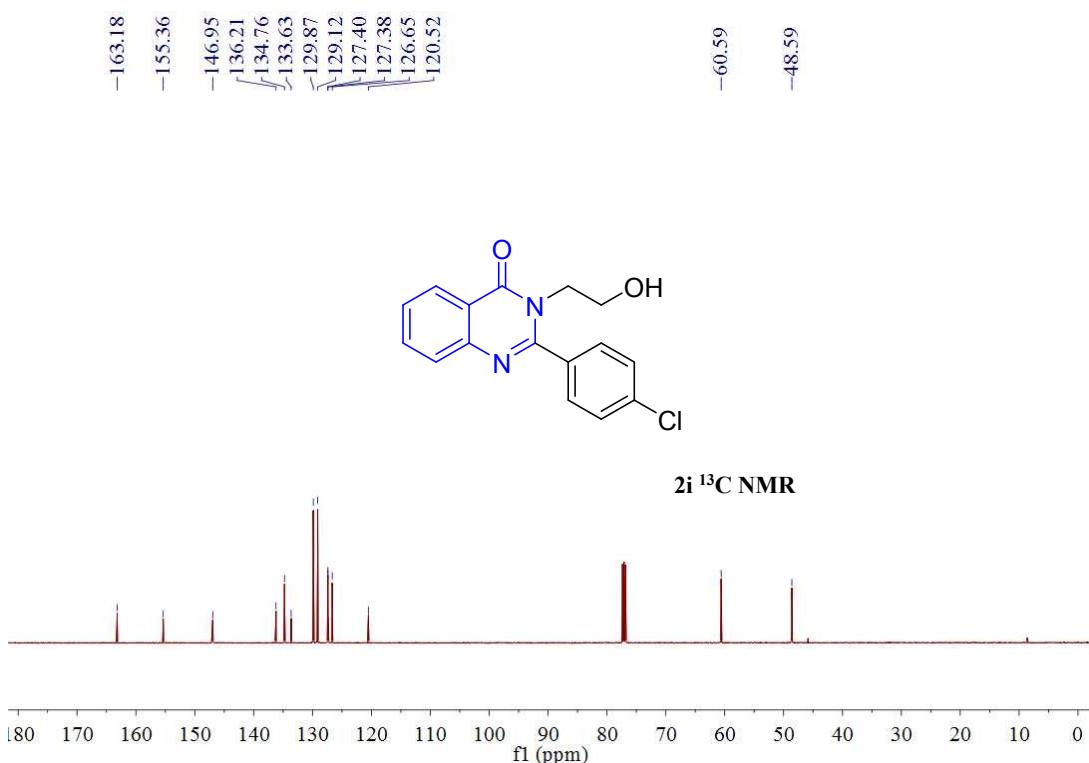
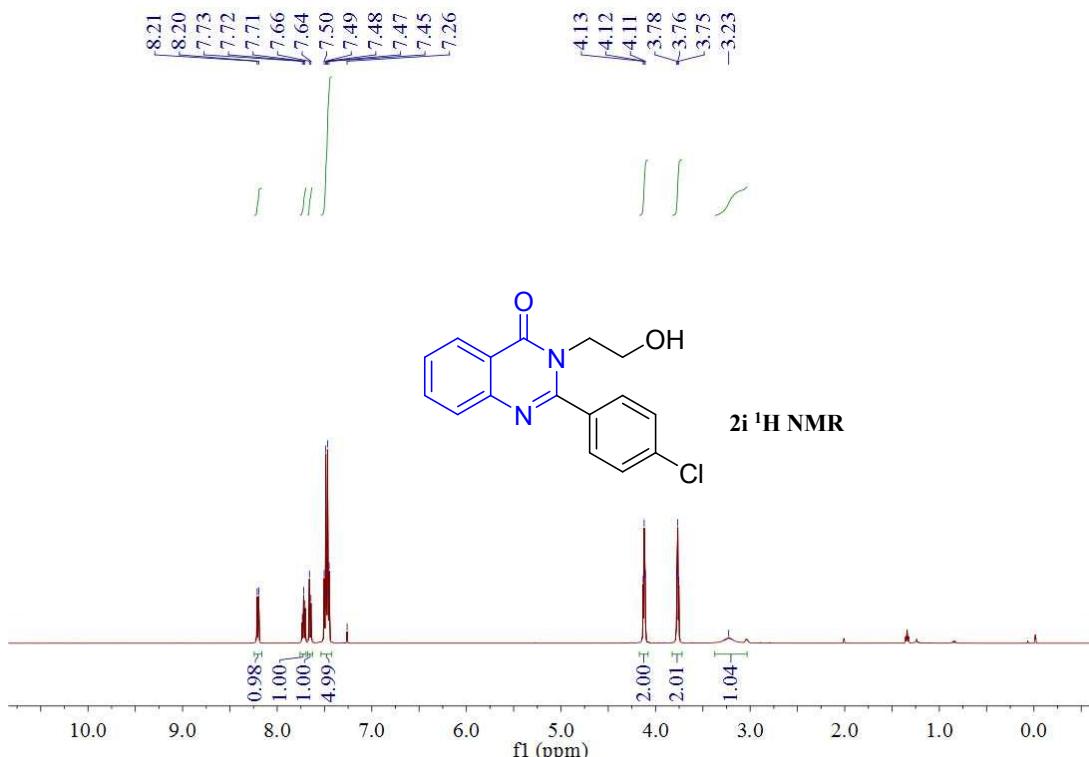


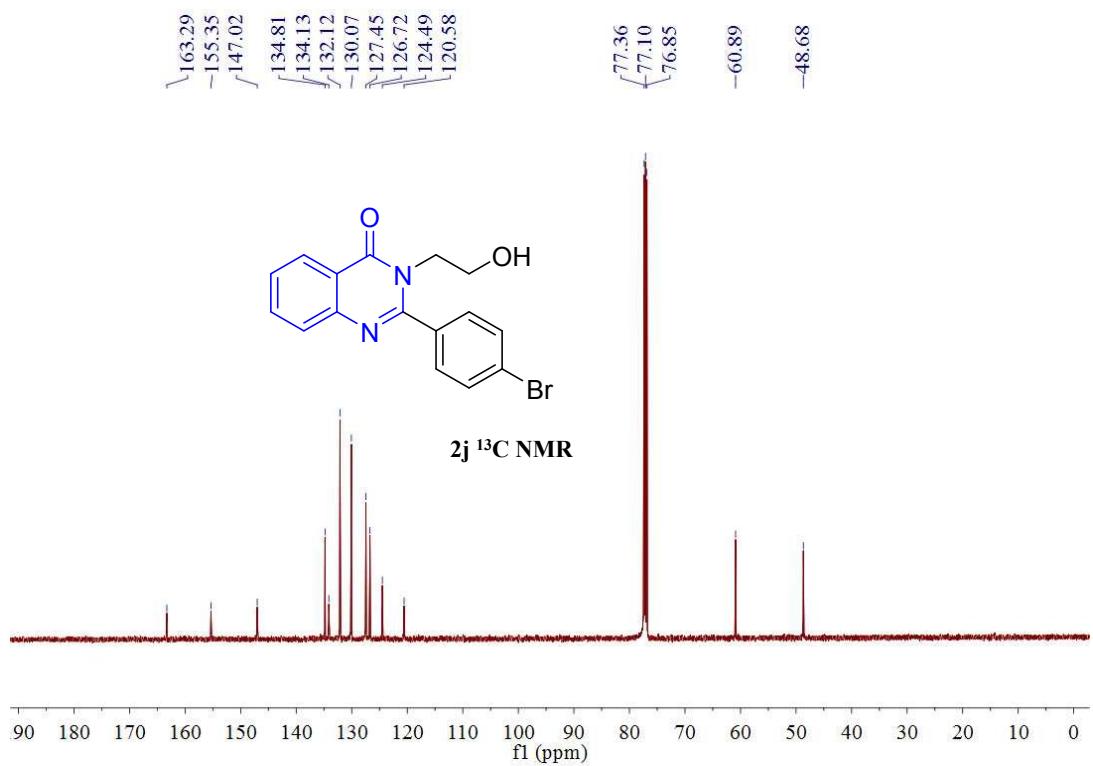
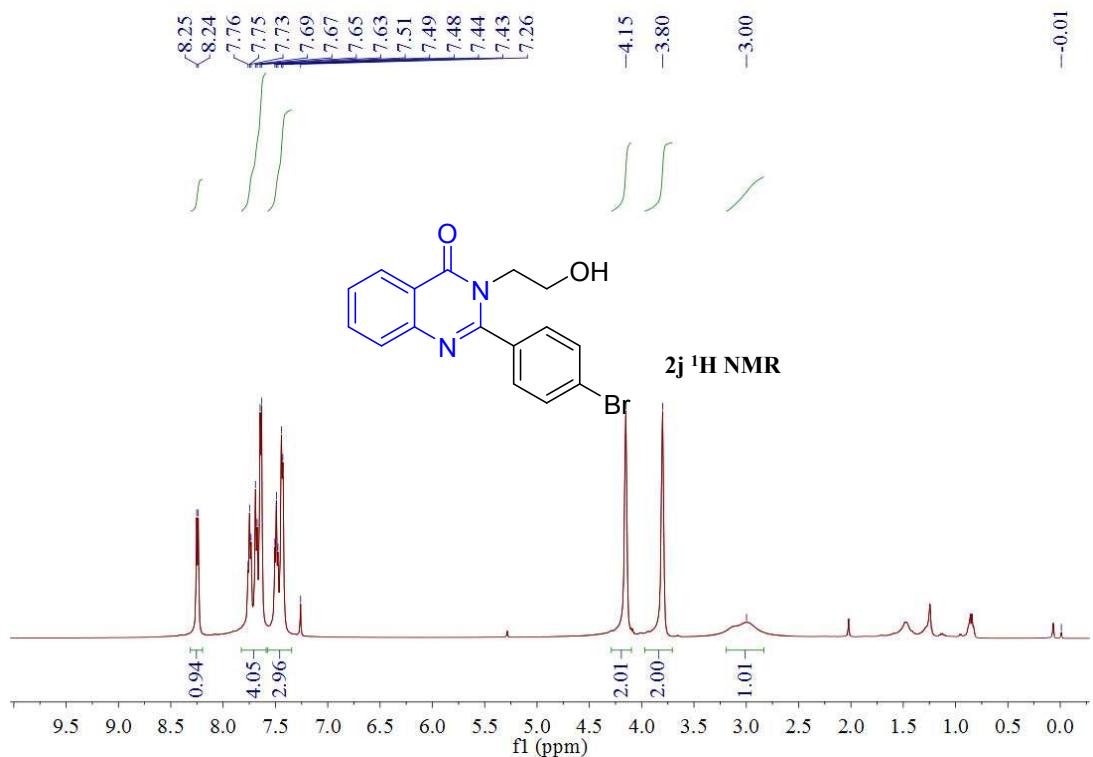


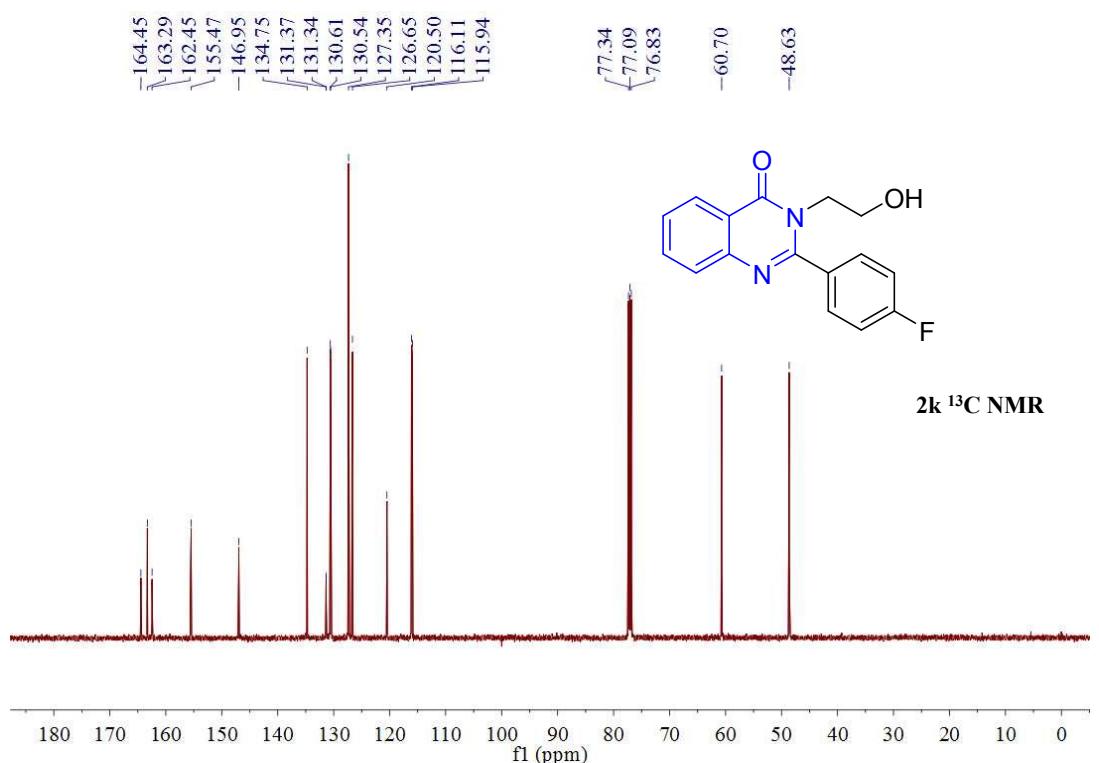
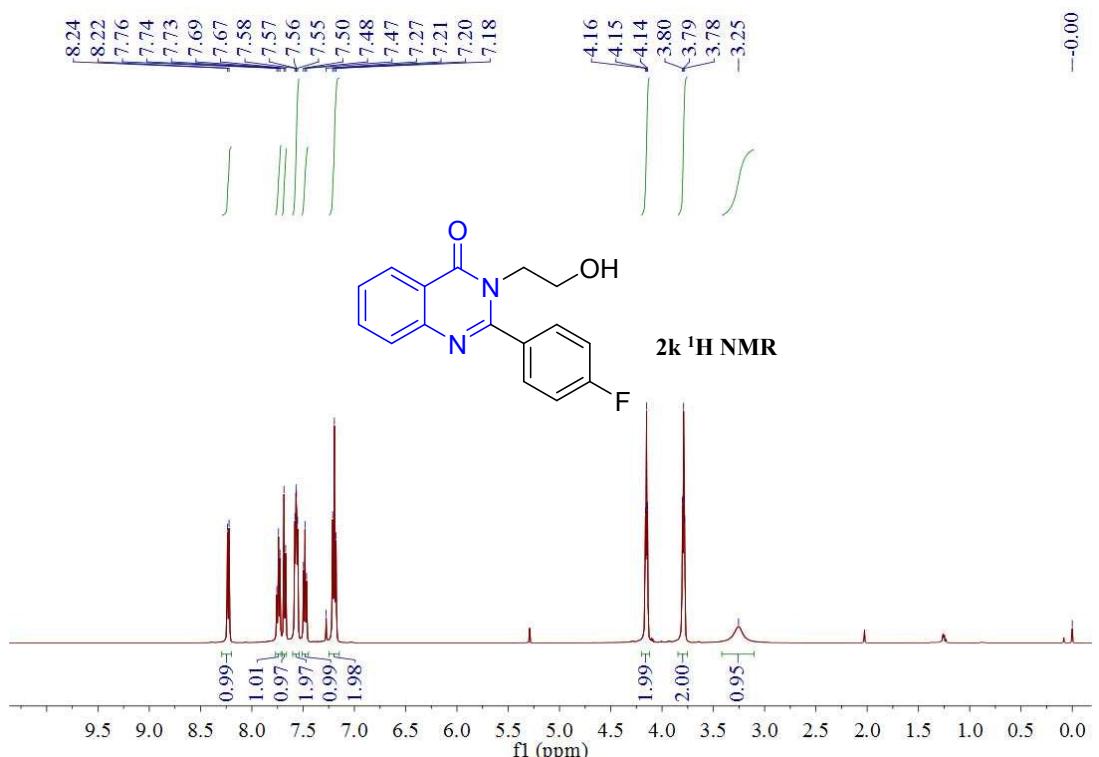


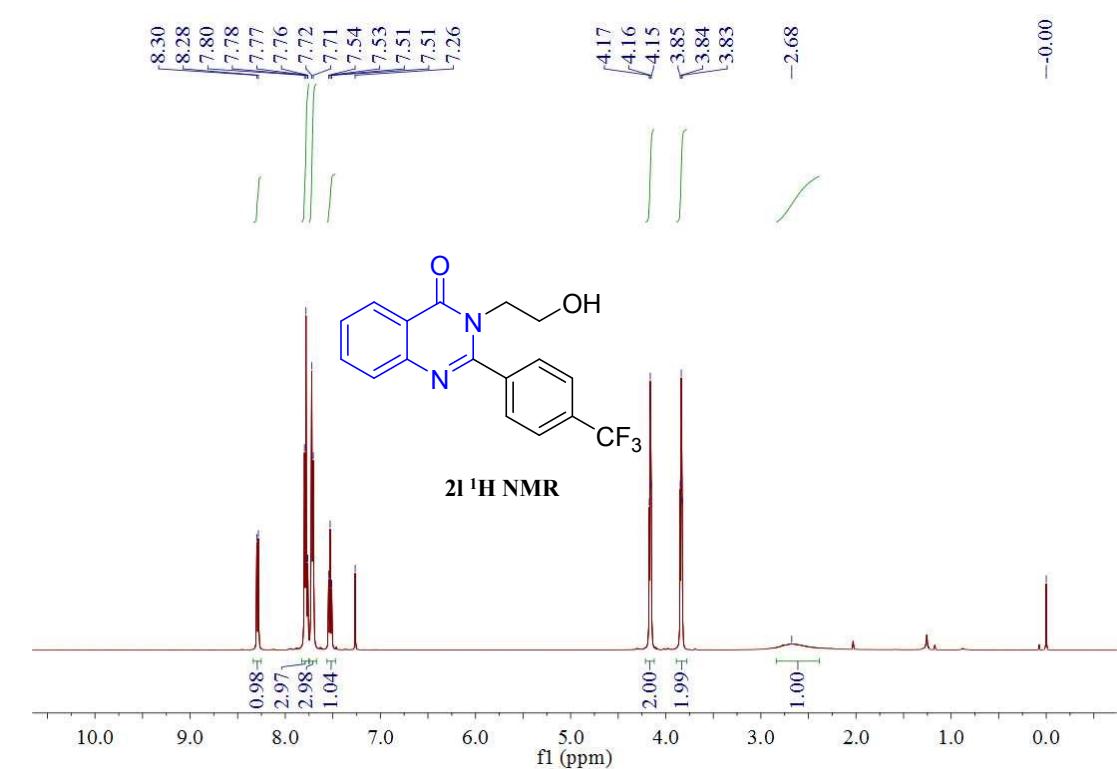
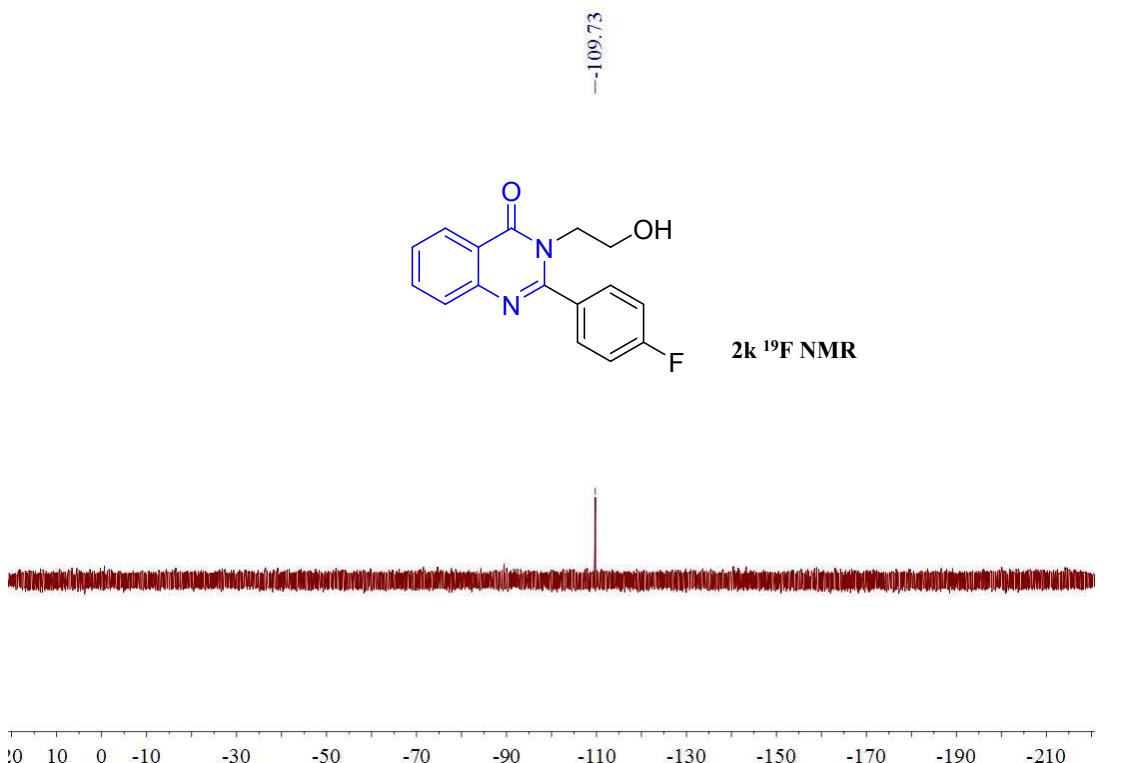


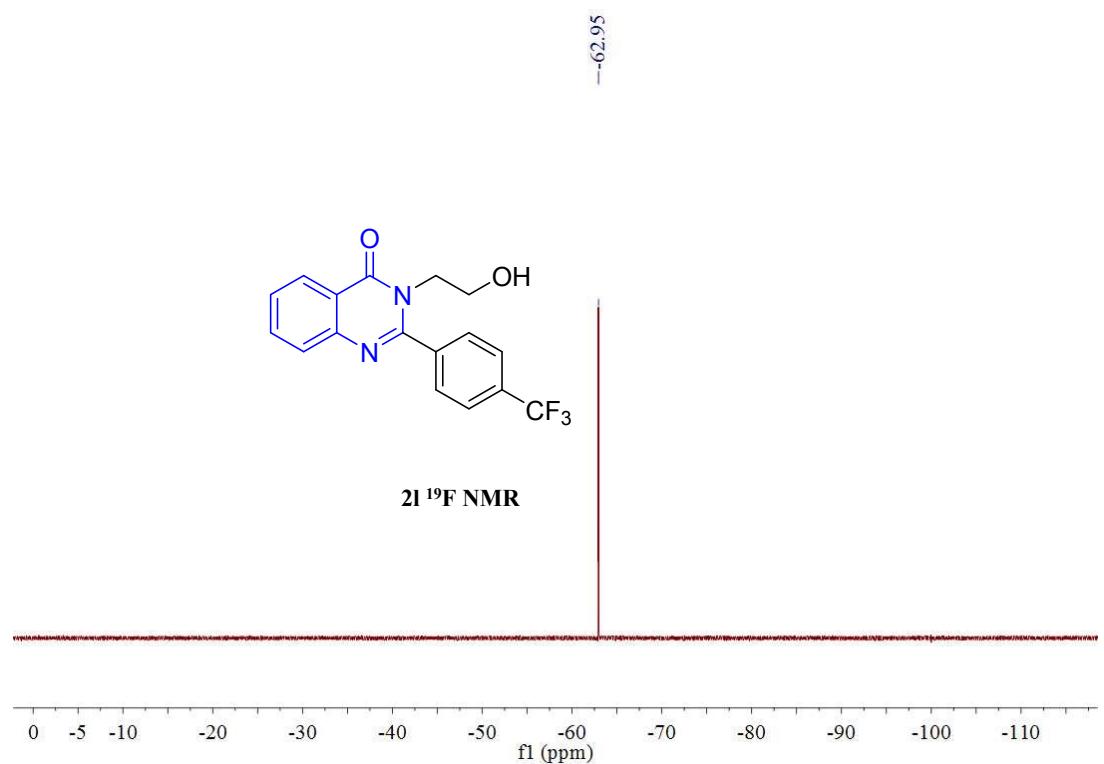
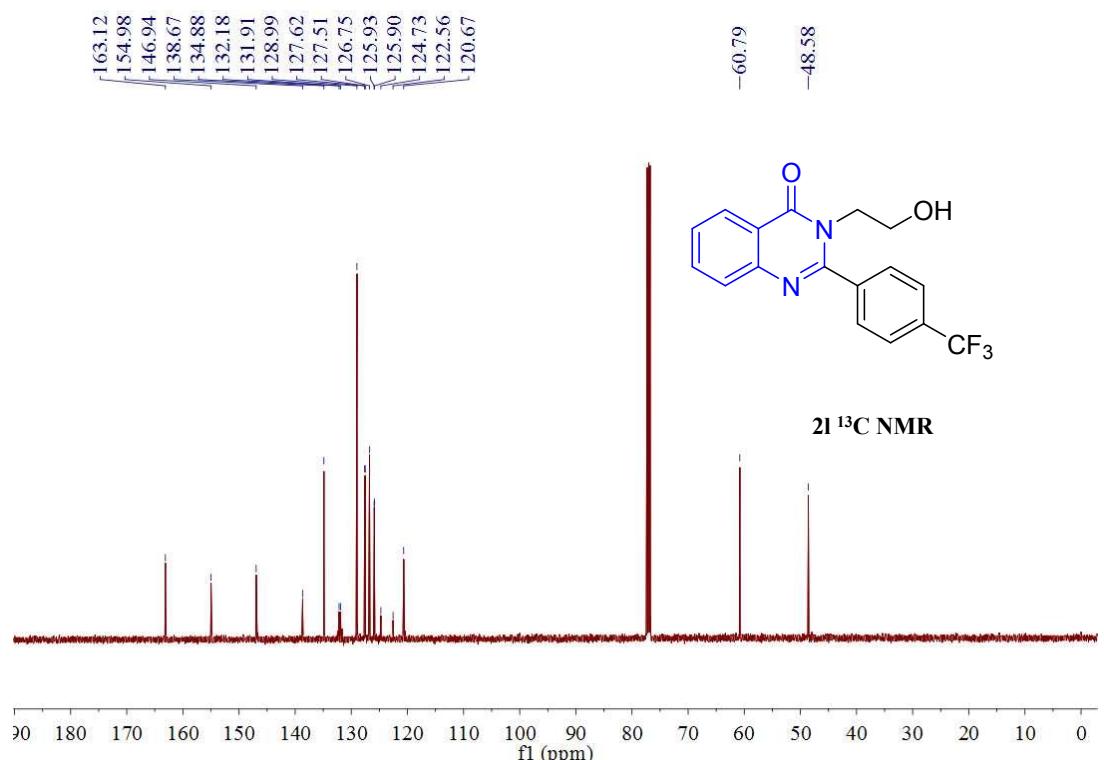


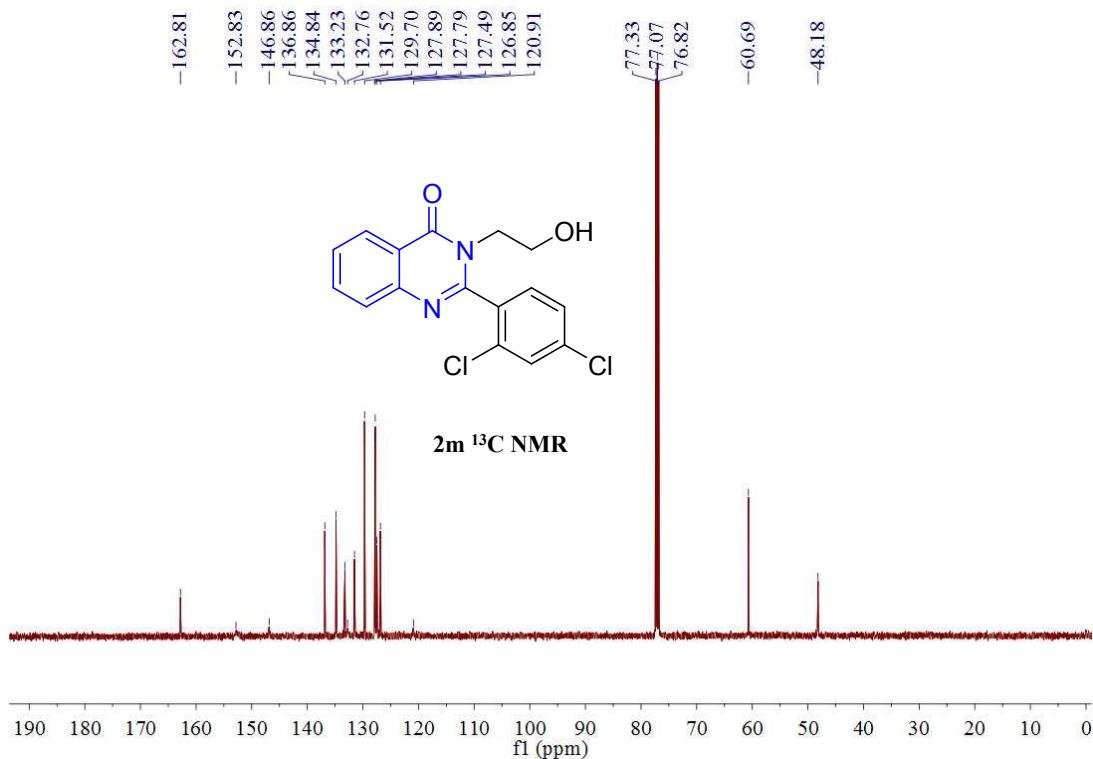
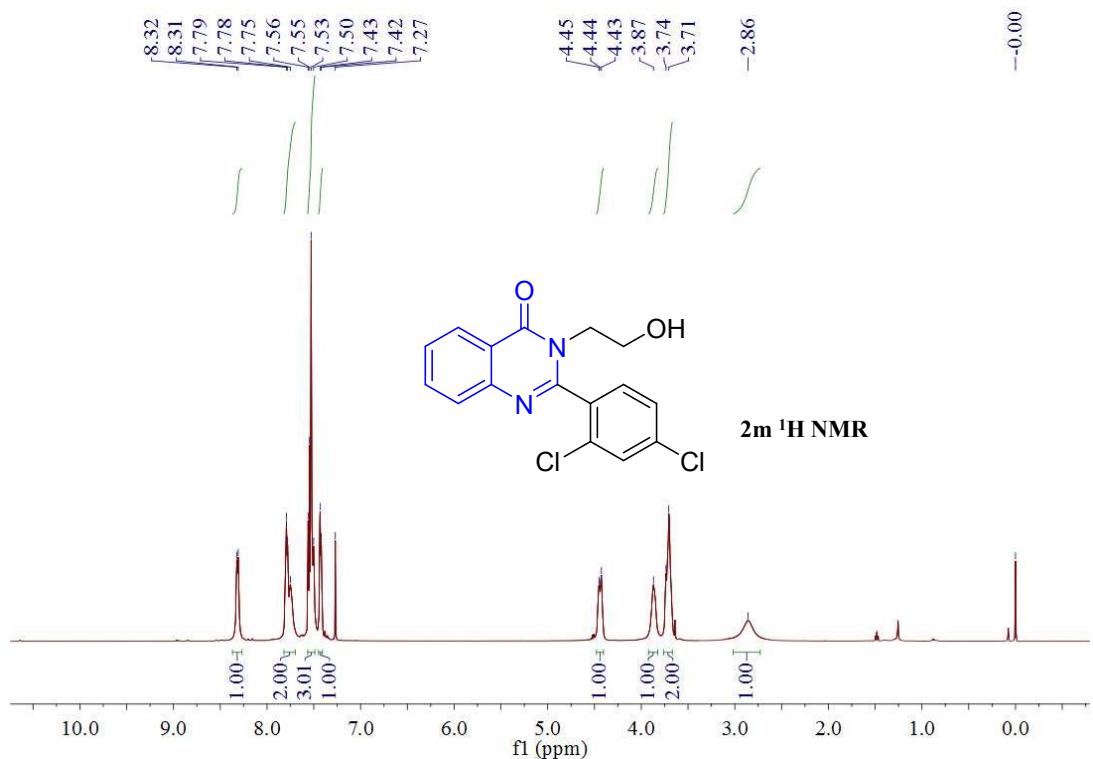


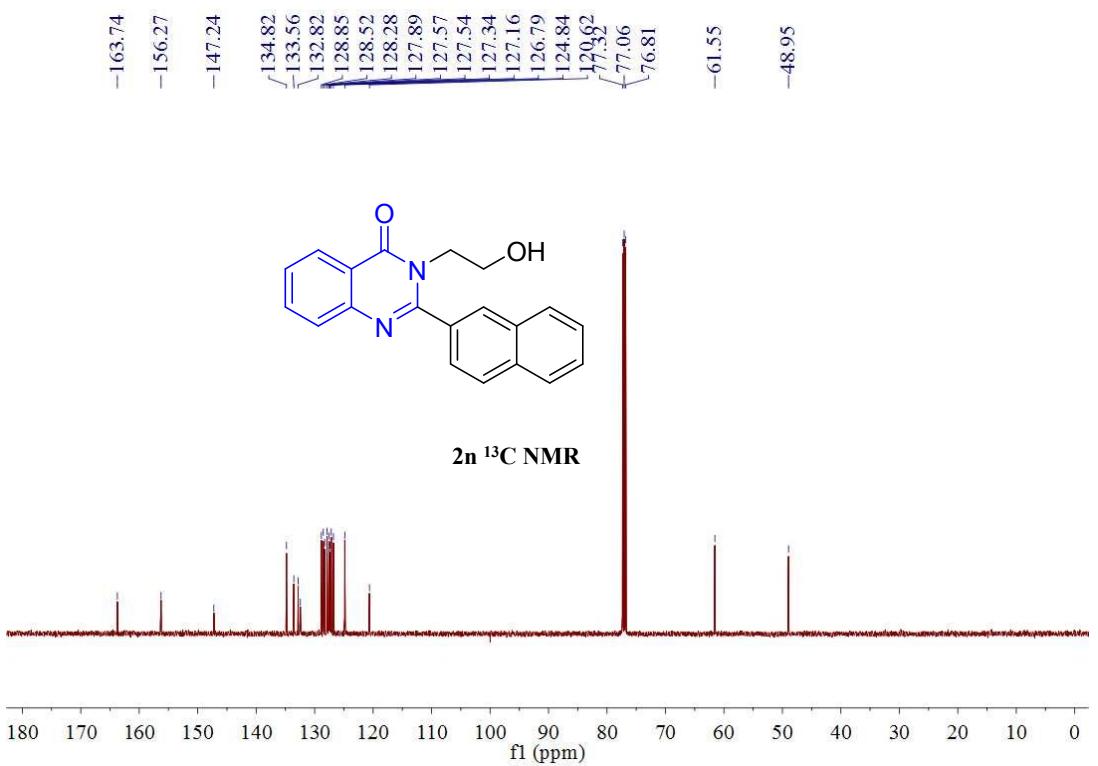
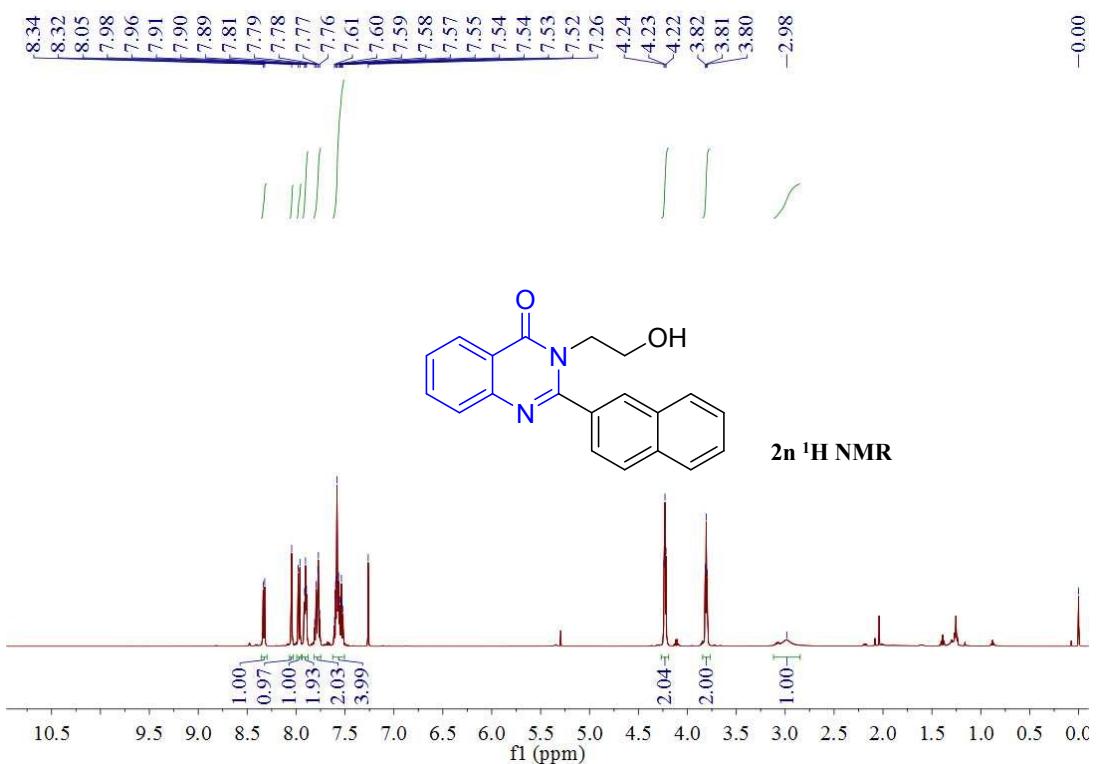


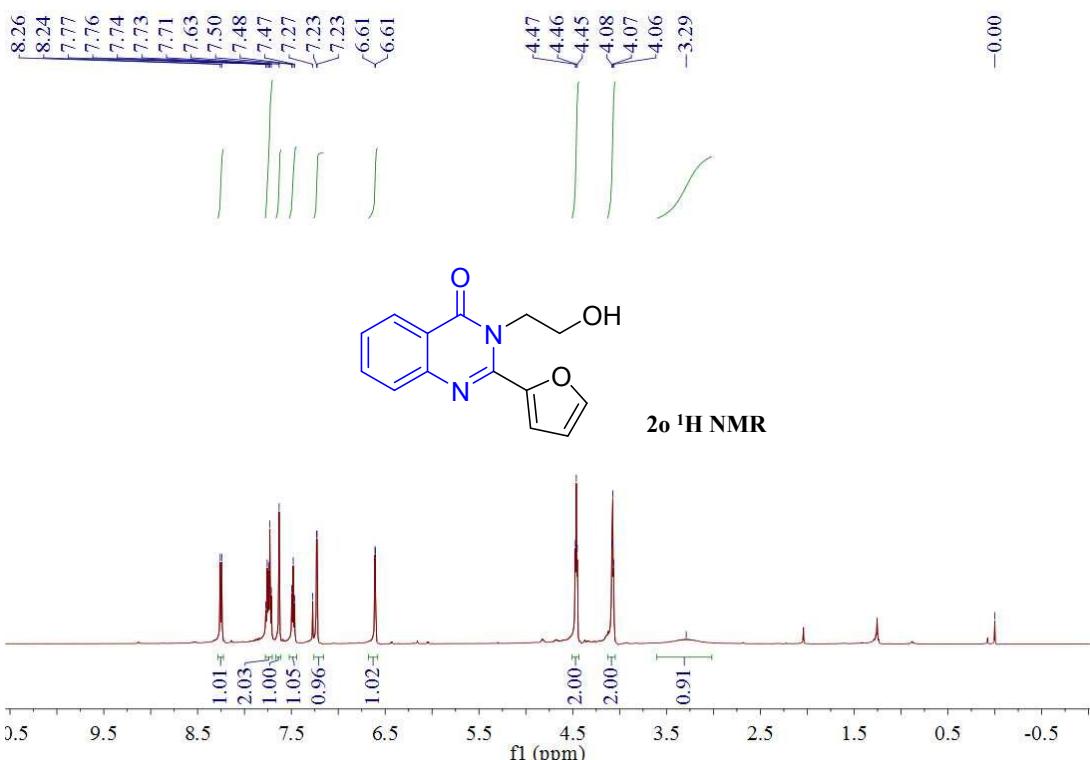


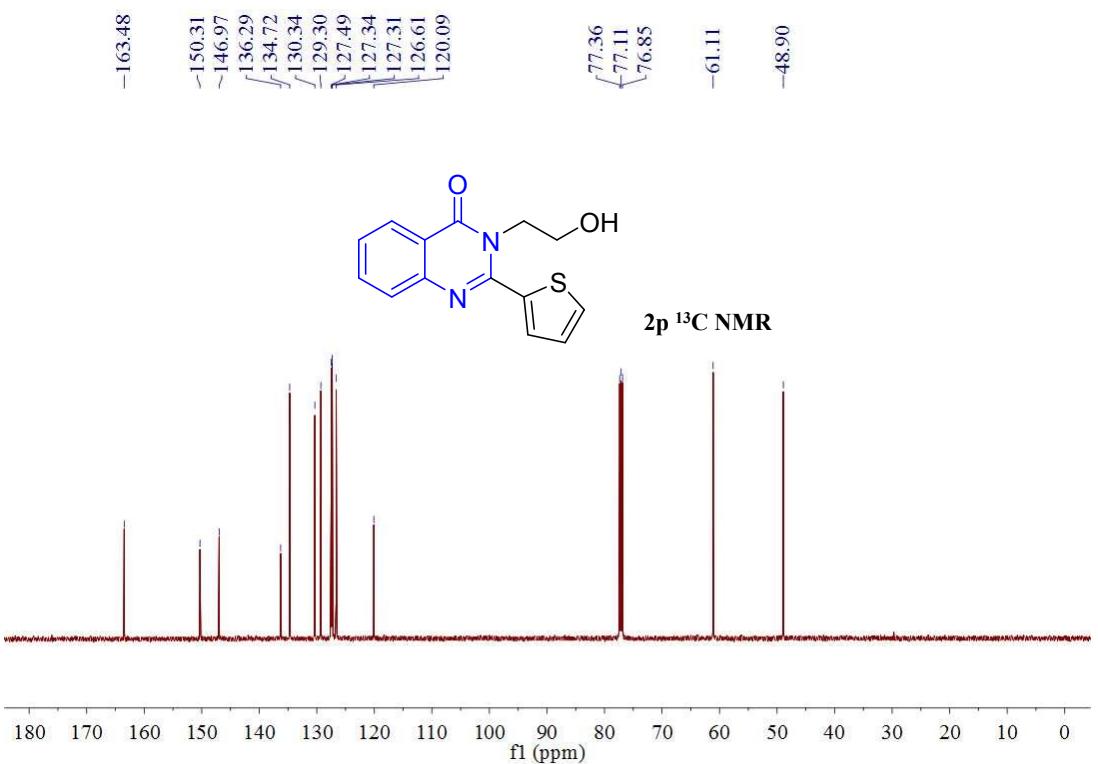
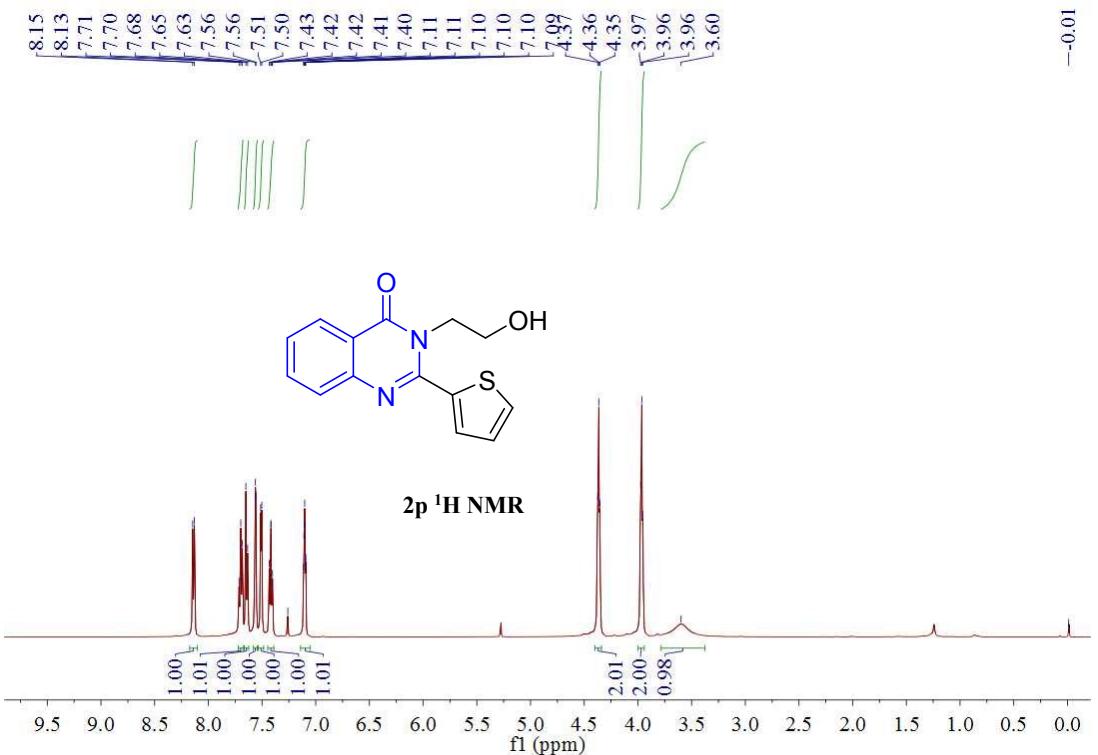


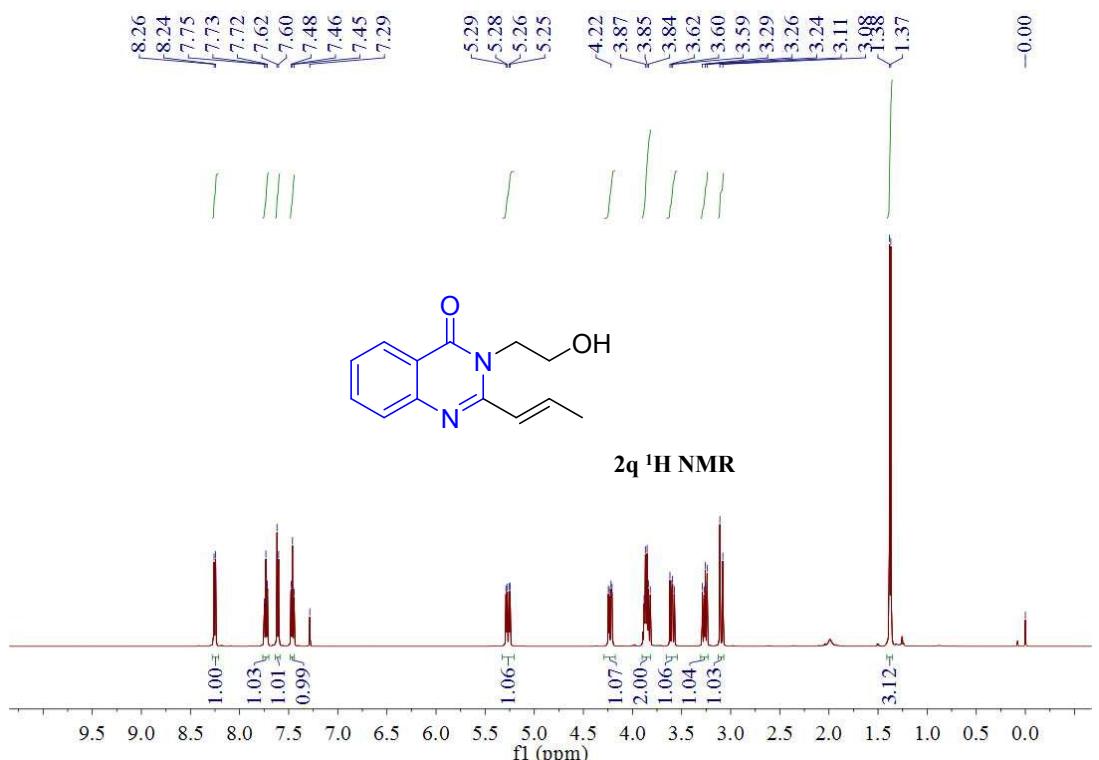










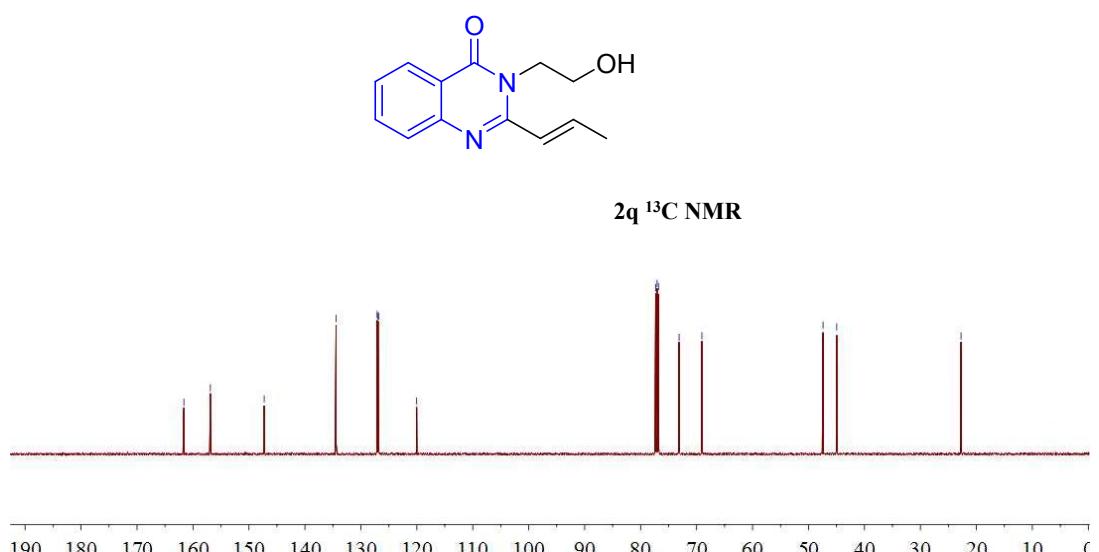


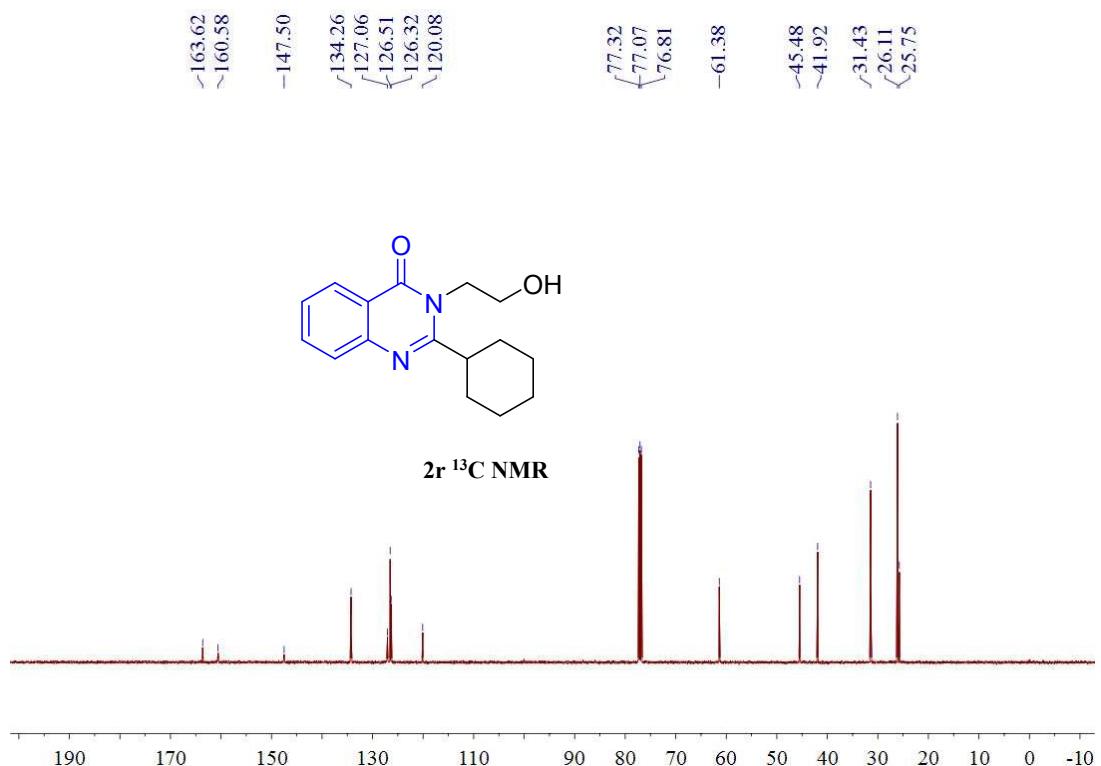
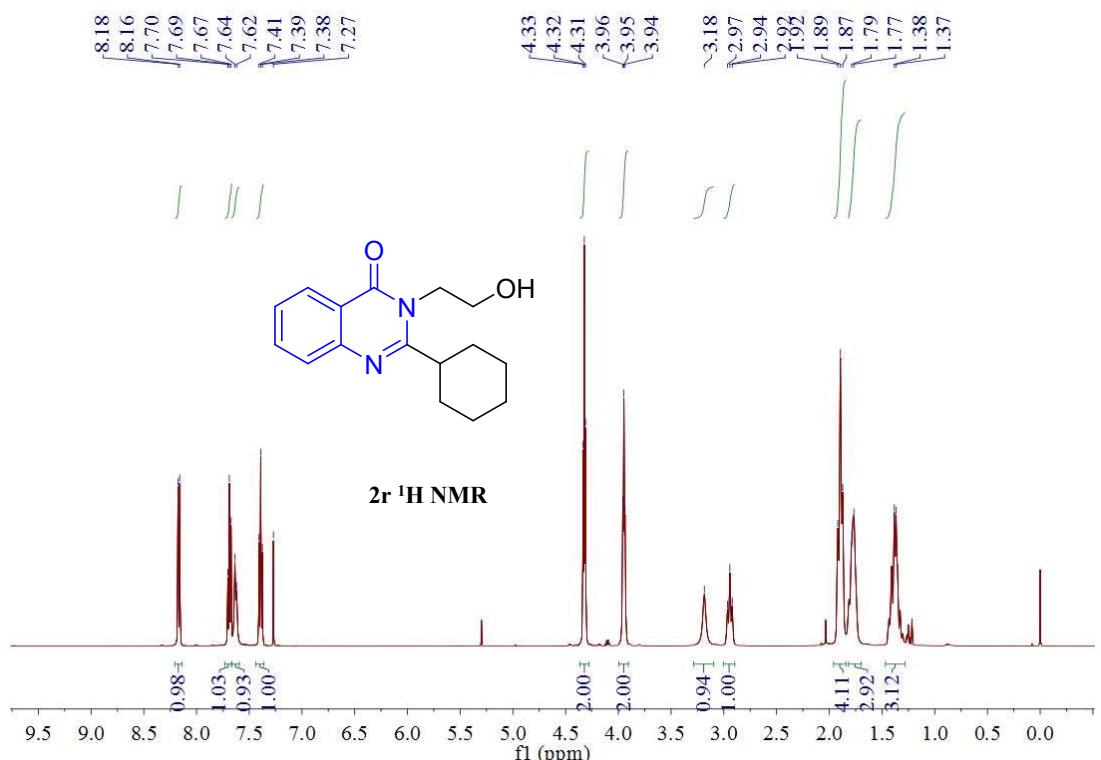
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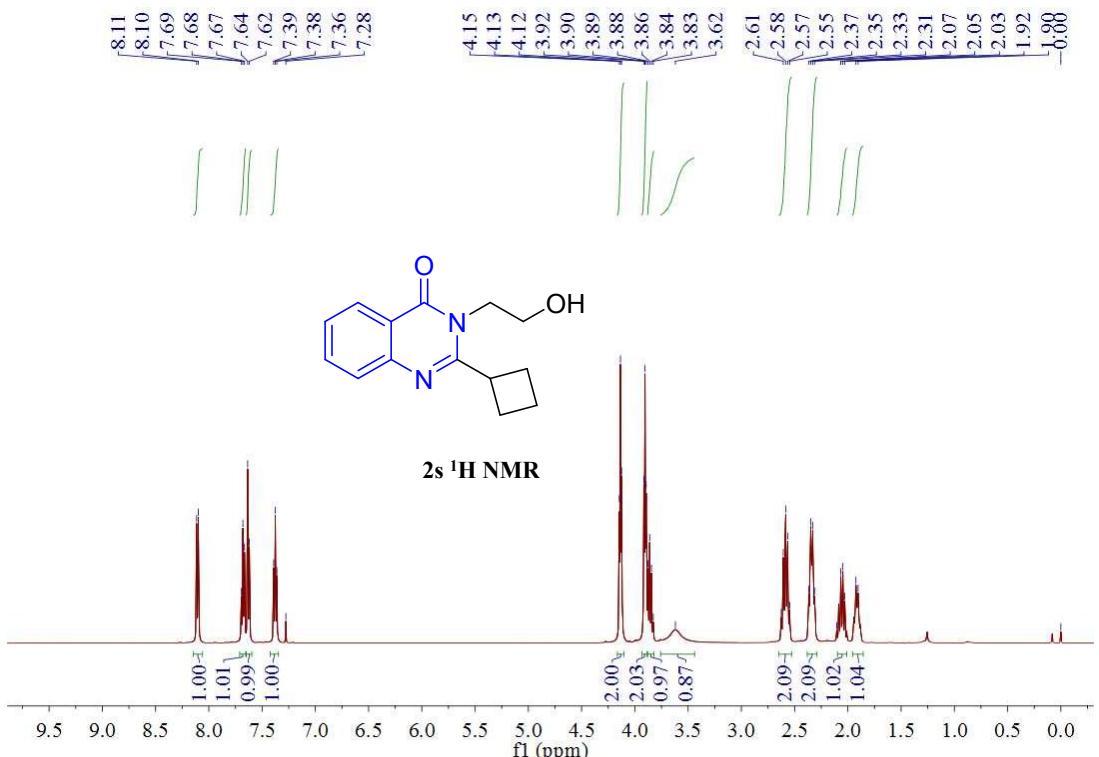
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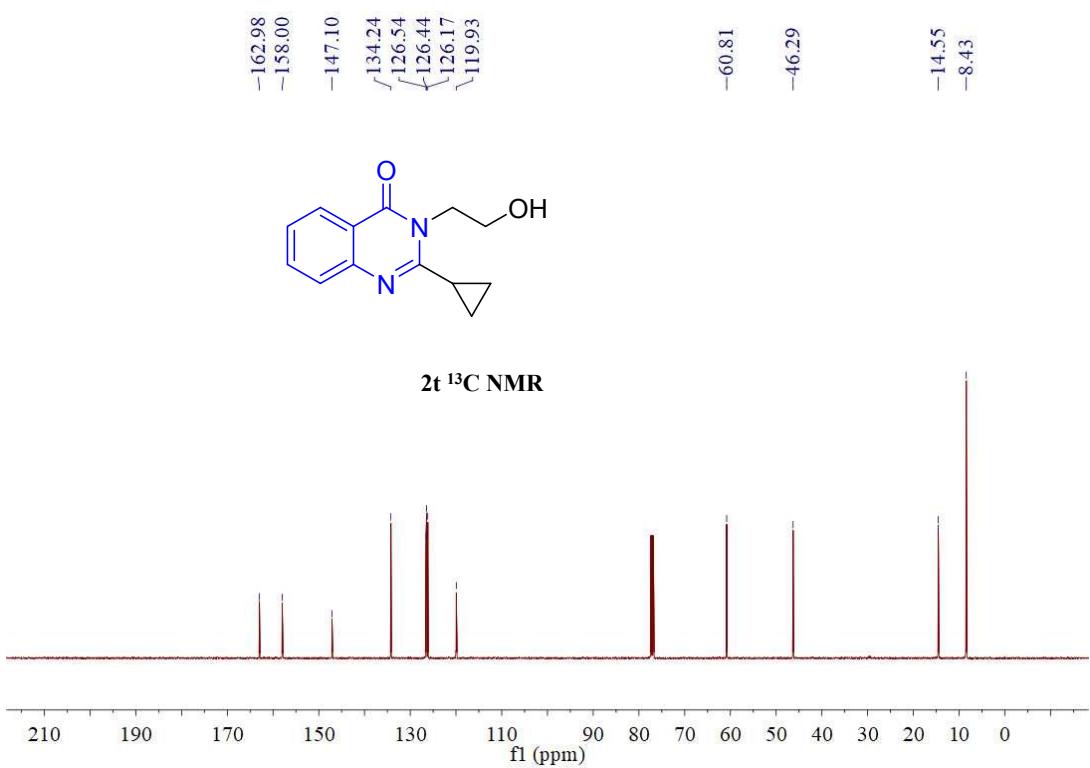
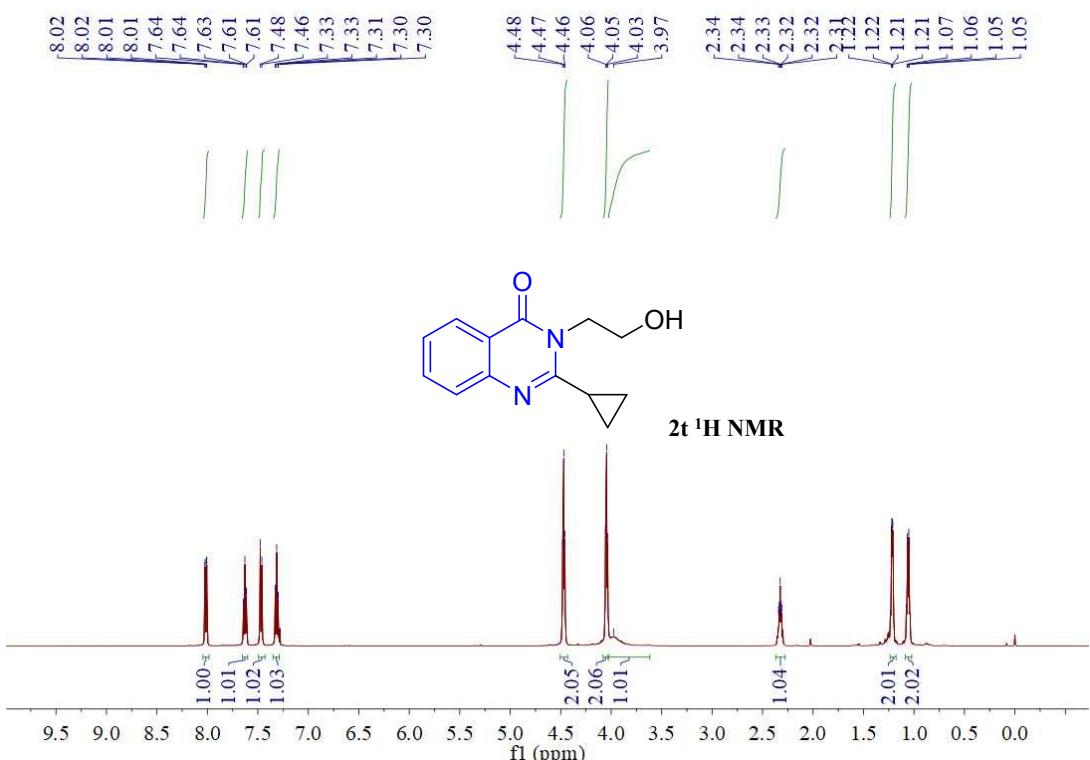
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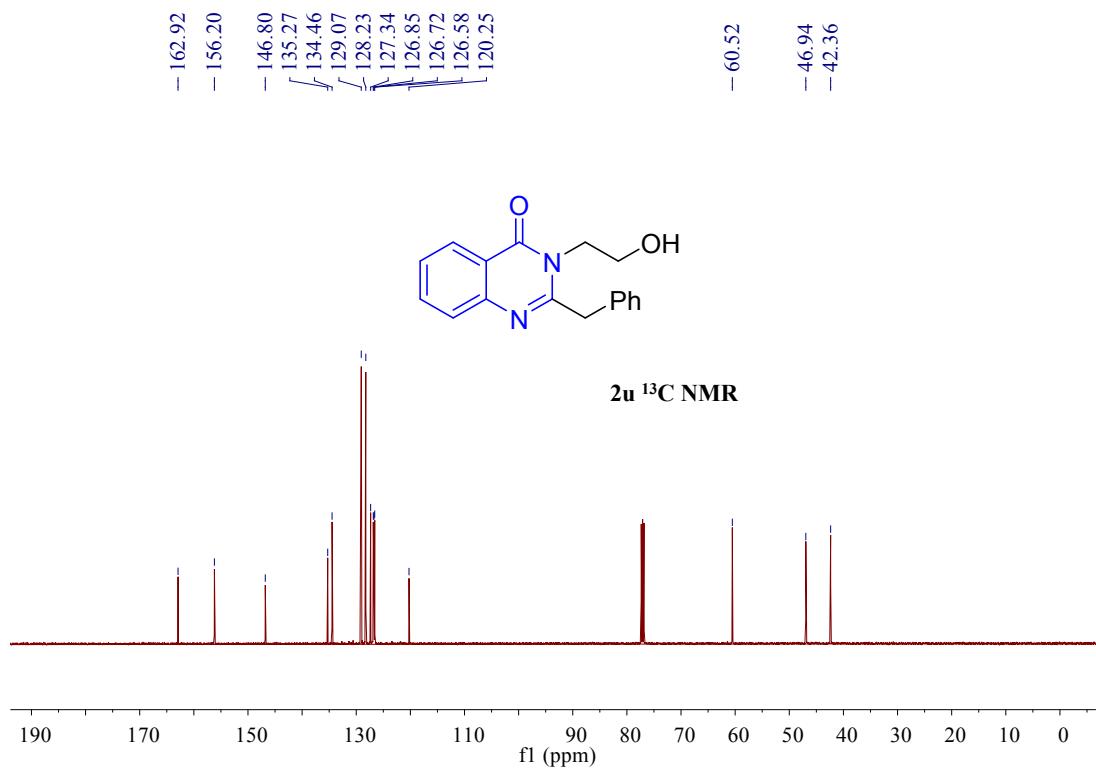
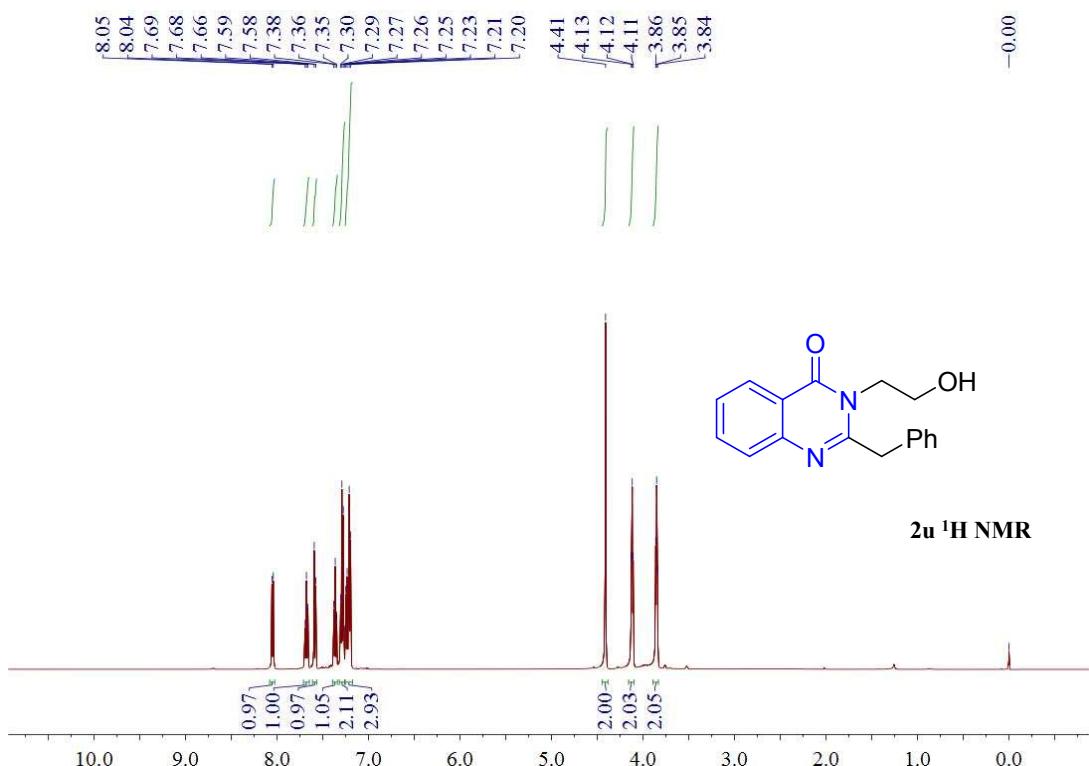
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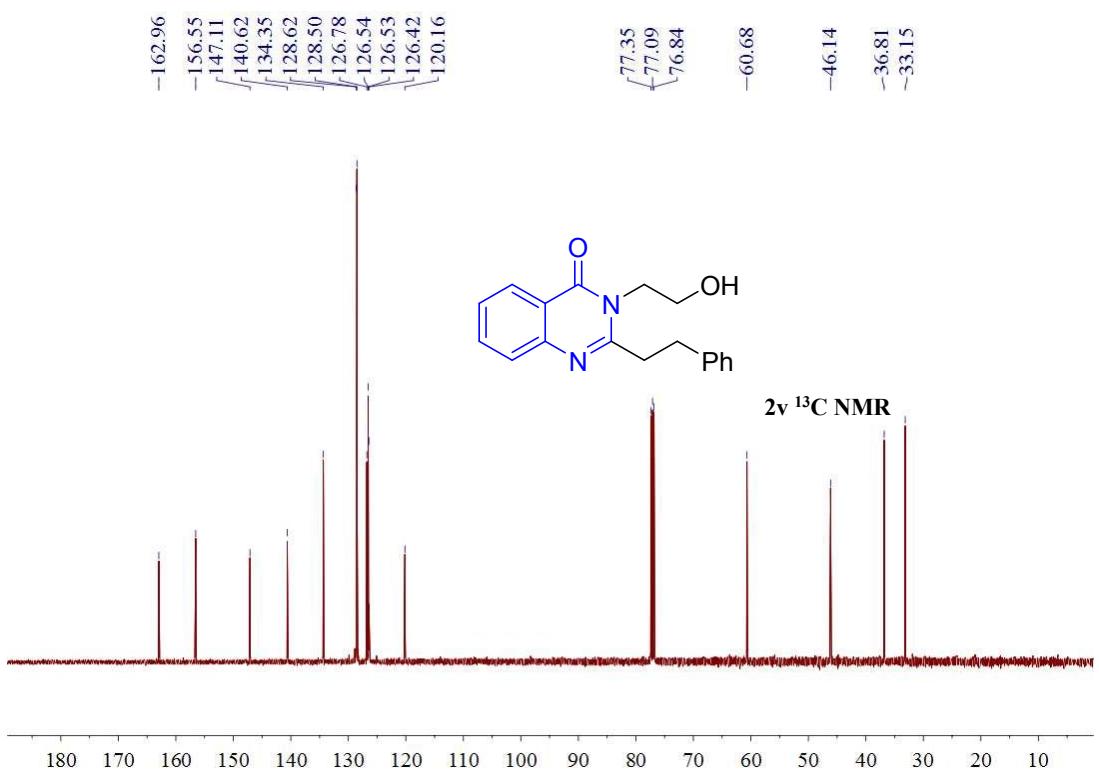
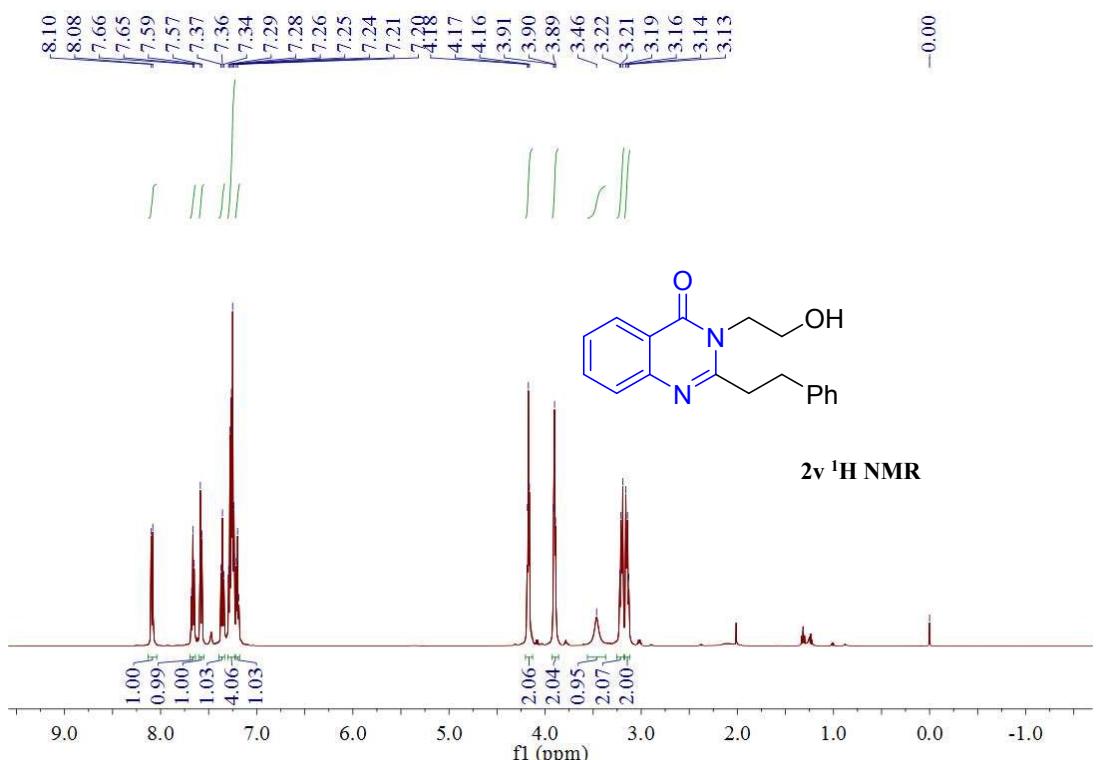


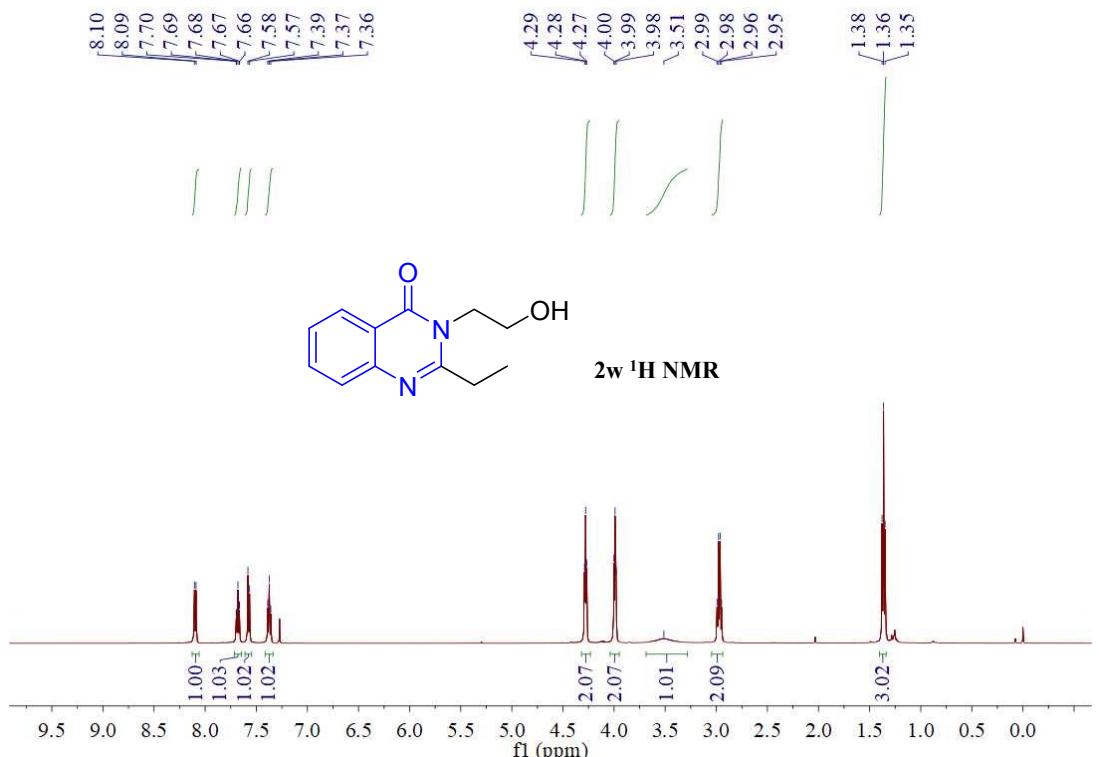












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