

Supporting Information

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General Information

^1H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AM 400 (400 MHz), a Bruker DRX 500 (500 MHz) or on a Bruker Avance 600 (600 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts are expressed in parts per million (ppm, δ) downfield from tetramethylsilane (TMS) and are referenced to CHCl_3 (7.26 ppm) as internal standard. All coupling constants are absolute values, and J values are expressed in Hertz (Hz). The description of signals includes: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, dd = doublet of doublet, ddd = doublet of dd, dt = doublet of triplet, td = triplet of doublet, bs = broad singlet, m = multiplet. The spectra were analyzed according to the first order. – ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AM 400 (100 MHz), a Bruker DRX 500 (125 MHz) or on a Bruker Avance 600 (150 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts are expressed in parts per million (ppm, δ) downfield from tetramethylsilane (TMS) and are referenced to CDCl_3 (77.0 ppm) as internal standard. – MS (EI) (electron impact mass spectrometry) and MS (FAB) (fast atom bombardment): Finnigan MAT 90 (70 eV). The peaks are given as mass-to-charge ratio (m/z). The molecule peak is given as $[\text{M}]^+$. For the high-resolution mass, the following abbreviations were used: calc.= theoretical calculated mass; found = mass found in the analysis. – IR (infrared spectroscopy): FT-IR Bruker IFS 88 and Bruker alpha. IR spectra of solids were recorded in KBr or ATR technique (ATR = Attenuated Total Reflection) and as thin films on KBr for oils and liquids. The deposit of the absorption band was given in wavenumbers $\tilde{\nu}$ in cm^{-1} between 3600 cm^{-1} and 500 cm^{-1} . Band intensities were characterized as follows: vs = very strong (0 - 10% transmission (T)), s = strong (11 - 30% T), m = medium (31 - 70% T), w = weak (71 - 90% T), vw = very weak (91 - 100% T). – Routine monitoring of reactions was performed using Silica gel-coated aluminum plates (Merck, silica gel 60, F254), which were analyzed under UV-light at 254 nm. Solvent mixtures are understood as volume/volume. Solid materials were powdered. Solvents, reagents, and chemicals were purchased from Aldrich, Fluka, Carbolution, ChemPur, ABCR, TCI, and Fisher Scientific. All reactions involving moisture-sensitive reactants were executed under an argon atmosphere using oven-dried and/or flame-dried glassware. All other solvents, reagents, and chemicals were used as purchased unless stated otherwise. Air- or moisture-sensitive reactions were performed under an argon atmosphere in previously evacuated and heated glassware. Liquids were transferred with plastic syringes and steel cannula. Solids were used as powders. Reaction control was performed by thin-layer chromatography. Solvents were removed at $40\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ at the rotavapor. If not stated otherwise, crude products were purified by flash chromatography with Silica

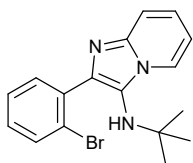
gel 60 (0.040 × .063 mm, Geduran®) (Merck), which was used as stationary phase, and solvents of p.a. quality were used as mobile phase.

CCDC 2152372 (**9d**), and 2152373 (**10a**) contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.

Experimental pUC DNA relaxation assay

DNA intercalation was assessed using the pUC DNA relaxation assay. Briefly, 500 ng pUC19 DNA was dissolved in enzyme buffer (40 mM sodium phosphate, 100 mM NaCl, pH 7.4) and incubated with the respective compound for 1 h at 37° C in the dark. Supercoiled (sc) and open circular (OC) forms of pUC19 DNA were separated by electrophoresis in a 1% agarose gel containing GelRed (1/10 000) for 2.5 h at 90 V. The density of the bands was quantified using a Herolab gel detection system (EASY win 32).

2-(2-Bromophenyl)-N-(tert.-butyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-3-amine, 4



2-Aminopyridine (600 mg, 6.38 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), 2-bromobenzaldehyde (1.18 g, 744 μ L, 6.38 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), *tert*.-butyl isocyanide (530 mg, 721 μ L, 6.38 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and a 1M solution of perchloric acid in methanol (64.0 mg, 638 μ L, 638 μ mol, 0.10 equiv.) were reacted in 10 mL methanol for 3 d. After purification *via* column chromatography (SiO_2 , CH/EtOAc/ NEt_3 6:1:0.01 to 1:1:0.04), GBB product **4** was obtained as a beige solid (1.83 g, 5.33 mmol, 84%).

R_f (SiO_2 , CH/EtOAc 1:1) = 0.27.

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ [ppm] = 8.30 (dd, J = 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.64 (ddd, J = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.53 (dd, J = 9.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.39 (td, J = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.28 – 7.09 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 6.79 (td, J = 6.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 3.21 (s, 1H, NH), 0.92 (s, 9H, CH_3).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ [ppm] = 157.0 (C_q), 142.1 (C_q), 139.3 (C_q), 137.1 (C_q), 133.2 (CH_{Ar}), 132.7 (CH_{Ar}), 129.5 (CH_{Ar}), 127.6 (CH_{Ar}), 123.8 (CH_{Ar}), 122.2 (C_q), 117.5 (CH_{Ar}), 111.5 (CH_{Ar}), 101.4 (CH_{Ar}), 55.9 (C_q), 30.1 (3C, CH_3).

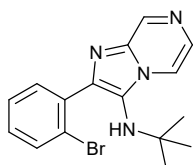
IR (ATR) $\tilde{\nu}$ [cm^{-1}] = 3228 (w), 2962 (w), 2861 (w), 1629 (w), 1553 (w), 1500 (w), 1468 (w), 1431 (w), 1384 (m), 1353 (m), 1337 (s), 1271 (w), 1222 (s), 1205 (m), 1197 (m), 1142 (w), 1024 (m), 946 (w), 918 (w), 809 (w), 752 (vs), 738 (vs), 727 (s), 715 (m), 700 (s), 674 (w), 649 (m), 608 (m), 582 (w), 571 (w), 524 (w), 486 (w), 465 (w), 416 (m).

FAB-MS m/z (%): 347 (20), 346 (99) [$\text{M}(^{81}\text{Br}) + \text{H}$] $^+$, 345 (54), 344 [$\text{M}(^{79}\text{Br}) + \text{H}$] $^+$ (100), 343 (36), 290 (10), 289 (26), 288 (30), 287 (25), 286 (20), 261 (13), 259 (10), 208 (5), 181 (12), 147 (8).

HRMS-FAB (m/z): [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3^{79}\text{Br}_1$, 344.0757; found, 344.0759.

Additional information on the chemical synthesis is available via Chemotion repository: <https://dx.doi.org//reaction/SA-FUHHF-UHFFFADPSC-ZHNWMBYOQO-UHFFFADPSC-NUHFF-NUHFF-NUHFF-ZZZ>
Additional information on the analysis of the target compound is available via Chemotion repository: <https://dx.doi.org//ZHNWMBYOQOJQTI-UHFFFAOYSA-N.1>

2-(2-Bromophenyl)-N-(tert.-butyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazine-3-amine, 5



2-Aminopyrazine (600 mg, 6.31 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), 2-bromobenzaldehyde (1.17 mg, 736 μ L, 6.31 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), *tert*.-butyl isocyanide (525 mg, 714 μ L, 6.31 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and a 1M solution of perchloric acid in methanol (63.4 mg, 631 μ L, 6.31 mmol, 0.10 equiv.) were reacted in 10 mL methanol for 3 d. After purification *via* column chromatography (SiO_2 , CH/EtOAc/ NEt_3 6:1:0.01 to 1:2:0.04), GBB product **5** was obtained as a beige solid (1.70 g, 4.92 mmol, 78%).

R_f (SiO_2 , CH/EtOAc 1:2) = 0.21.

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [ppm] = 9.00 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 8.21 (dd, J = 4.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.88 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.66 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.62 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.43 (td, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 2.97 – 2.85 (s, 1H, NH), 0.93 (s, 9H, CH₃).

¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [ppm] = 143.7 (CH_{Ar}), 142.0 (C_q), 137.4 (C_q), 135.9 (C_q), 133.1 (CH_{Ar}), 132.9 (CH_{Ar}), 130.2 (CH_{Ar}), 129.1 (CH_{Ar}), 127.8 (CH_{Ar}), 126.3 (C_q), 122.7 (C_q), 116.7 (CH_{Ar}), 56.4 (C_q), 30.1 (3C, CH₃).

IR (ATR) $\tilde{\nu}$ [cm⁻¹] = 3234 (w), 2962 (m), 1666 (m), 1596 (w), 1538 (w), 1488 (w), 1463 (m), 1433 (m), 1388 (m), 1362 (m), 1343 (m), 1311 (w), 1290 (w), 1209 (m), 1160 (w), 1026 (m), 916 (w), 814 (m), 759 (m), 710 (m), 658 (w), 607 (m), 465 (w), 438 (w), 417 (m).

FAB-MS m/z (%): 347 [M(⁸¹Br) + H]⁺ (98), 346 [M(⁸¹Br)]⁺ (49), 345 [M(⁷⁹Br) + H]⁺ (100), 344 [M(⁷⁹Br)]⁺ (24), 290 [M(⁸¹Br) – tBu + H]⁺ (31), 289 [M(⁸¹Br) – tBu]⁺ (24), 288 [M(⁷⁹Br) – tBu + H]⁺ (27).

HRMS-FAB (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₆H₁₈N₄⁷⁹Br, 345.0715; found, 345.0716.

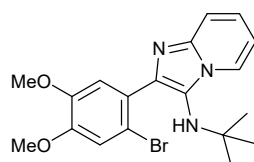
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2-(2-Bromo-4,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-N-(tert.-butyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine-3-amine, 6



2-Aminopyridine (600 mg, 6.38 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), 2-bromo-4,5-dimethoxybenzaldehyde (1.56 g, 6.38 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), *tert.*-butyl isocyanide (530 mg, 721 μ L, 6.38 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and a 1M solution of perchloric acid in methanol (64.0 mg, 638 μ L, 638 μ mol, 0.10 equiv) were reacted in 10 mL methanol for

3 d. After purification *via* column chromatography (SiO₂, CH/EtOAc/NEt₃ 6:1:0.01 to 1:2:0.04), GBB product **6** was obtained as a beige solid (1.79 g, 4.44 mmol, 70%).

R_f (SiO₂, CH/EtOAc 1:2) = 0.21.

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [ppm] = 8.30 (dt, J = 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.51 (dd, J = 9.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.17 (s, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.16 – 7.11 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.06 (s, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 6.78 (td, J = 6.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 3.92 – 3.85 (m, 6H, OCH₃), 2.01 (s, 1H, NH), 0.94 (s, 9H, CH₃).

¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [ppm] = 149.5 (C_q), 148.6 (C_q), 142.0 (C_q), 139.2 (C_q), 129.3 (C_q), 124.6 (C_q), 124.2 (CH_{Ar}), 123.8 (CH_{Ar}), 117.4 (CH_{Ar}), 115.1 (CH_{Ar}), 115.0 (CH_{Ar}), 112.8 (C_q), 111.4 (CH_{Ar}), 56.3 (CH₃), 55.9 (CH₃), 30.1 (3C, CH₃), 27.0 (C_q).

IR (ATR) $\tilde{\nu}$ [cm⁻¹] = 3344 (vw), 2964 (w), 1740 (w), 1684 (w), 1631 (w), 1604 (w), 1503 (s), 1462 (m), 1440 (m), 1405 (m), 1341 (m), 1249 (m), 1205 (s), 1172 (m), 1026 (m), 952 (w), 912 (w), 861 (w), 833 (w), 756 (m), 728 (m), 642 (w), 599 (w), 498 (w), 418 (w).

FAB-MS m/z (%): 406 [M(⁸¹Br) + H]⁺ (99), 405 [M(⁸¹Br)]⁺ (63), 404 [M(⁷⁹Br) + H]⁺ (100), 403 [M(⁷⁹Br)]⁺ (39), 349 [M(⁸¹Br) – tBu + H]⁺ (12), 348 [M(⁸¹Br) – tBu]⁺ (21), 347 [M(⁷⁹Br) – tBu + H]⁺ (12), 346 [M(⁷⁹Br) – tBu]⁺ (18).

HRMS-FAB (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₉H₂₃O₂N₃⁷⁹Br, 404.0974; found, 404.0972.

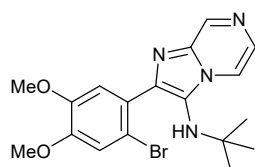
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2-(2-Bromo-4,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-N-(*tert*.-butyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyrazine-3-amine, 7



2-Aminopyrazine (600 mg, 6.31 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), 2-bromo-4,5-dimethoxybenzaldehyde (1.55 g, 6.31 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), *tert*.-butyl isocyanide (530 mg, 721 μ L, 6.31 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and a 1M solution of perchloric acid in methanol (63.4 mg, 631 μ L, 631 μ mol, 0.10 equiv.) were reacted in 10 mL methanol for 3 d. After purification *via* column chromatography (SiO₂, CH/EtOAc/NEt₃ 6:1:0.01 to 1:2:0.04), GBB product **7** was obtained as a beige solid (1.86 g, 4.59 mmol, 73%).

R_f (SiO₂, CH/EtOAc 1:1) = 0.40.

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [ppm] = 8.98 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 8.20 (dd, J = 4.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.87 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.13 (s, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.08 (s, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 3.92 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.90 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.32 (s, 1H, NH), 0.94 (s, 9H, CH₃).

¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [ppm] = 150.0 (C_q), 148.8 (C_q), 141.9 (C_q), 137.4 (C_q), 132.7 (CH_{Ar}), 129.1 (CH_{Ar}), 128.1 (C_q), 126.1 (C_q), 116.6 (CH_{Ar}), 115.2 (CH_{Ar}), 114.9 (CH_{Ar}), 112.8 (C_q), 60.5 (C_q), 56.4 (CH₃), 56.3 (CH₃), 30.1 (3C, CH₃).

IR (ATR) $\tilde{\nu}$ [cm⁻¹] = 3334 (vw), 2962 (vw), 1736 (vw), 1604 (w), 1537 (vw), 1501 (w), 1462 (w), 1441 (w), 1408 (w), 1365 (w), 1349 (w), 1249 (w), 1203 (m), 1173 (w), 1018 (w), 952 (w), 858 (w), 823 (w), 779 (w), 699 (vw), 646 (w), 611 (w), 584 (vw), 421 (w).

FAB-MS m/z (%): 407 [M(⁸¹Br) + H]⁺ (97), 406 [M(⁸¹Br)]⁺ (62), 405 [M(⁷⁹Br) + H]⁺ (100), 404 [M(⁷⁹Br)]⁺ (43).

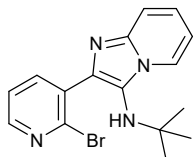
HRMS-FAB (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₈H₂₂O₂N₄⁷⁹Br, 405.0926; found, 405.0928.

Additional information on the chemical synthesis is available via Chemotion repository:

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Additional information on the analysis of the target compound is available via Chemotion repository:
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2-(2-Bromopyridine)-N-(*tert*.-butyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine-3-amine, **8**



2-Aminopyridine (300 mg, 3.19 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), 2-bromo-3-pyridinecarboxaldehyde (593 mg, 0.38 mL, 3.19 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), *tert*.-butyl isocyanide (265 mg, 0.36 mL, 3.19 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and glacial acetic acid (383 mg, 0.37 mL, 6.37 mmol, 2.00 equiv.) were reacted in 10 mL methanol for 3 d. After purification *via* column chromatography (SiO₂, CH/EtOAc/NEt₃ 6:1:0.01 to 1:2:0.04) GBB product **8** was obtained as a beige solid (223 mg, 0.65 mmol, 20%).

R_f (SiO₂, CH/EtOAc 1:2) = 0.13.

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [ppm] = 8.39 (dd, J = 4.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 8.32 (dt, J = 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 8.00 (dd, J = 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.52 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.38 (dd, J = 7.6, 4.7 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.19 (ddd, J = 9.0, 6.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 6.82 (td, J = 6.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 3.22 (s, 1H, NH), 0.93 (s, 9H, CH₃). Spectrum contains signals of H-grease.

¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [ppm] = 149.4 (CH_{Ar}), 142.5 (C_q), 141.7 (C_q), 141.4 (CH_{Ar}), 137.1 (C_q), 134.8 (C_q), 125.0 (C_q), 124.9 (CH_{Ar}), 123.9 (CH_{Ar}), 122.9 (CH_{Ar}), 117.5 (CH_{Ar}), 111.9 (CH_{Ar}), 55.9 (C_q), 30.2 (3C, CH₃).

IR (ATR) $\tilde{\nu}$ [cm⁻¹] = 3227 (vw), 2961 (vw), 1647 (vw), 1550 (w), 1501 (w), 1398 (w), 1376 (w), 1352 (w), 1337 (w), 1224 (w), 1201 (w), 1151 (vw), 1119 (vw), 1047 (w), 918 (vw), 841 (vw), 801 (w), 760 (w), 740 (w), 726 (w), 710 (w), 684 (w), 611 (w), 524 (w), 444 (vw), 414 (w).

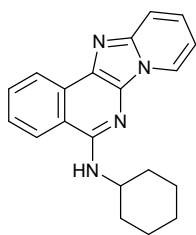
FAB-MS m/z (%): 347 [M(⁸¹Br) + H]⁺ (97), 346 [M(⁸¹Br)]⁺ (57), 345 [M(⁷⁹Br) + H]⁺ (100), 344 [M(⁷⁹Br)]⁺ (39), 290 [M(⁸¹Br) – tBu + H]⁺ (25), 289 [M(⁸¹Br) – tBu]⁺ (22), 288 [M(⁷⁹Br) – tBu + H]⁺ (24), 287 [M(⁷⁹Br) – tBu]⁺ (12).

HRMS-FAB (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₆H₁₈N₄⁷⁹Br, 345.0715; found, 345.0716.

Additional information on the chemical synthesis is available via Chemotion repository:
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***N*-(Cyclohexyl)pyrido[2',1':2,3]imidazo[4,5-*c*]isoquinolin-5-amine, 9a**



GBB-product **4** (200 mg, 0.58 mmol, 1.00 equiv), cyclohexyl isocyanide (95.1 mg, 0.11 mL, 0.87 mmol, 1.5 equiv), potassium acetate (171 mg, 1.74 mmol, 3.00 equiv), Pd-Peppsi (19.8 mg, 0.03 mmol, 0.05 equiv) and XPhos (27.7 mg, 0.06 mmol, 0.10 equiv) were reacted in 3 mL DMF for 18 h at 120 °C. After purification *via* column chromatography (SiO₂, CH/EtOAc/NEt₃ 20:1:0.05 to 2:1:0.05) insertion product **9a** was obtained as a yellow solid (172 mg, 0.54 mmol, 94%).

R_f (SiO₂, CH/EtOAc 2:1) = 0.11.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [ppm] = 8.64 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 8.59 (dt, *J* = 6.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.3, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.75 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 7.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.73-7.70 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.52 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 7.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.32-7.22 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 6.87 (td, *J* = 6.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 5.37 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, NH), 4.29 (dt, *J* = 7.0, 3.8 Hz, 1H, CH), 2.27-2.21 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.84 (dt, *J* = 13.5, 3.9 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 1.72 (dt, *J* = 12.8, 3.9 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 1.58-1.47 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.38-1.34 (m, 2H, CH₂).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [ppm] = 151.5 (C_q), 143.4 (C_q), 134.6 (C_q), 130.9 (C_q), 130.4 (CH_{Ar}), 126.3 (CH_{Ar}), 125.8 (CH_{Ar}), 124.5 (C_q), 123.3 (CH_{Ar}), 123.2 (CH_{Ar}), 122.7 (CH_{Ar}), 119.0 (C_q), 117.3 (CH_{Ar}), 111.2 (CH_{Ar}), 50.3 (CH), 33.3 (2C, CH₂), 26.1 (CH₂), 25.3 (2C, CH₂).

IR (ATR) $\tilde{\nu}$ [cm⁻¹] 3273 (vw), 2923 (w), 2850 (w), 1623 (w), 1583 (w), 1540 (w), 1506 (m), 1449 (w), 1420 (w), 1378 (w), 1348 (w), 1316 (w), 1255 (w), 1144 (w), 1109 (w), 1026 (w), 922 (w), 743 (w), 729 (m), 669 (w), 642 (w), 520 (w), 443 (vw), 420 (vw).

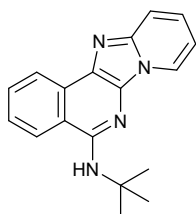
FAB-MS *m/z* (%): 317 [M + H]⁺ (100), 316 [M]⁺ (83), 234 [M – C₆H₁₁ + H]⁺ (13).

HRMS-FAB (*m/z*): [M + H]⁺ calcd. for C₂₀H₂₁N₄, 317.1766; found, 317.1767.

Additional information on the chemical synthesis is available via Chemotion repository: <https://dx.doi.org//reaction/SA-FUHFF-UHFFFADPSC-KESLSXGLUL-UHFFFADPSC-NUHFF-NUHFF-NUHFF-ZZZ.1>

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***N*-(*tert*-Butyl)pyrido[2',1':2,3]imidazo[4,5-*c*]isoquinolin-5-amine, 9b**



GBB-product **4** (200 mg, 0.58 mmol, 1.00 equiv), *tert*-butyl isocyanide (72.5 mg, 0.10 mL, 0.87 mmol, 1.5 equiv), potassium acetate (171 mg, 1.74 mmol, 3.00 equiv), Pd-Peppsi-*i*Pr (19.8 mg, 0.03 mmol, 0.05 equiv) and XPhos (27.7 mg, 0.06 mmol, 0.10 equiv) were reacted in 3 mL DMF for 18 h at 120 °C. After purification *via* column chromatography (SiO₂,

CH/EtOAc/NEt₃ 20:1:0.05 to 2:1:0.05) insertion product **9b** was obtained as a yellow solid (40.8 mg, 0.14 mmol, 24%).

R_f (SiO₂, CH/EtOAc 2:1) = 0.12.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [ppm] = 8.65 (dt, J = 8.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 8.60 (dt, J = 6.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.84 (dt, J = 8.4, 0.9 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.78 (ddd, J = 8.1, 7.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.70 (dt, J = 9.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.54 (ddd, J = 8.4, 7.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.27 (ddd, J = 9.2, 6.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 6.87 (td, J = 6.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 5.33 (s, 1H, NH), 1.69 (s, 9H, CH₃).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [ppm] = 151.3 (C_q), 143.8 (C_q), 134.4 (C_q), 131.4 (C_q), 130.2 (CH_{Ar}), 126.0 (CH_{Ar}), 125.7 (CH_{Ar}), 125.0 (C_q), 123.3 (CH_{Ar}), 123.2 (CH_{Ar}), 122.8 (CH_{Ar}), 119.5 (C_q), 117.7 (CH_{Ar}), 111.0 (CH_{Ar}), 52.3 (C_q), 29.2 (3C, CH₃).

IR (ATR) $\tilde{\nu}$ [cm⁻¹] = 3312 (w), 3047 (w), 2962 (m), 2924 (m), 2870 (w), 2856 (w), 1664 (w), 1632 (w), 1621 (m), 1582 (m), 1560 (m), 1536 (m), 1504 (vs), 1483 (m), 1449 (s), 1421 (vs), 1378 (s), 1346 (vs), 1302 (vs), 1271 (s), 1258 (vs), 1225 (vs), 1221 (vs), 1205 (vs), 1154 (m), 1147 (s), 1123 (m), 1082 (m), 1071 (s), 1028 (s), 1004 (m), 938 (m), 929 (m), 860 (w), 823 (m), 802 (m), 788 (m), 765 (vs), 741 (vs), 732 (vs), 707 (s), 694 (m), 669 (vs), 650 (s), 635 (s), 611 (m), 591 (m), 565 (m), 521 (vs), 486 (m), 439 (vs), 422 (s), 404 (s), 381 (vs).

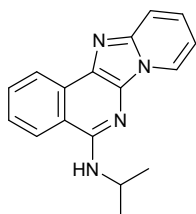
FAB-MS m/z (%): 365 (8), 292 (22), 291 (100), 290 (83), 289 (6), 275 (7), 236 (6), 235 (26), 234 (32), 133 (16).

HRMS-FAB (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₈H₁₉N₄, 291.1604; found, 291.1602.

Additional information on the chemical synthesis is available via Chemotion repository: <https://dx.doi.org//reaction/SA-FUHFF-UHFFFADPSC-SFYOEOMJOC-UHFFFADPSC-NUHFF-NUHFF-NUHFF-ZZZ.1>

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N*-(Isopropyl)pyrido[2',1':2,3]imidazo[4,5-*c*]isoquinolin-5-amine, **9c*



GBB product **4** (200 mg, 0.58 mmol, 1.00 equiv), isopropyl isocyanide (60.22 mg, 0.08 mL, 0.87 mmol, 1.5 equiv), potassium acetate (171 mg, 1.74 mmol, 3.00 equiv), Pd-Peppsi (19.8 mg, 0.03 mmol, 0.05 equiv) and XPhos (27.7 mg, 0.06 mmol, 0.10 equiv) were reacted in 3 mL DMF for 18 h at 120 °C. After purification *via* column chromatography (SiO₂, CH/EtOAc/NEt₃ 20:1:0.05 to 2:1:0.05) insertion product **9c** was obtained as a yellow solid

(43 mg, 0.16 mmol, 27%).

R_f (SiO₂, CH/EtOAc 2:1) = 0.14.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [ppm] = 8.63 (dd, J = 8.4, 0.9 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 8.59 (dt, J = 6.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.89 (dt, J = 8.4, 0.9 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.76 (ddd, J = 8.1, 7.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.67 (dt, J = 9.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.50 (ddd, J = 8.4, 7.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.23 (ddd, J = 9.2, 6.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 6.82 (td, J = 6.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 5.27 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H, NH), 4.60 (h, J = 6.5 Hz 1H, CH), 1.40 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 6H, CH₃).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [ppm] = 151.3 (C_q), 143.9 (C_q), 134.7 (C_q), 131.4 (C_q), 130.3 (CH_{Ar}), 125.7 (CH_{Ar}), 125.5 (CH_{Ar}), 125.5 (C_q), 123.2 (CH_{Ar}), 123.0 (CH_{Ar}), 122.7 (CH_{Ar}), 118.9 (C_q), 117.6 (CH_{Ar}), 110.7 (CH_{Ar}), 43.2 (C_q), 23.0 (2C, CH₃).

IR (ATR) $\tilde{\nu}$ [cm⁻¹] = 3276 (w), 3054 (w), 2972 (w), 2953 (w), 2925 (w), 2868 (w), 1632 (w), 1622 (m), 1581 (m), 1562 (m), 1541 (s), 1504 (vs), 1451 (m), 1438 (m), 1418 (s), 1380 (s), 1353 (s), 1316 (m), 1293 (s), 1279 (m), 1254 (vs), 1220 (m), 1180 (m), 1167 (m), 1160 (m), 1143 (m), 1133 (m), 1120 (m), 1082 (m), 1068 (m), 1027 (m), 1000 (w), 963 (w), 943 (w), 926 (w), 888 (w), 877 (w), 853 (w), 844 (w), 823 (w), 772 (vs), 754 (w), 739 (vs), 730 (vs), 713 (s), 693 (m), 671 (s), 643 (s), 613 (m), 589 (m), 565 (m), 521 (vs), 506 (m), 475 (m), 453 (m), 446 (m), 433 (m), 418 (s), 399 (s), 377 (s).

FAB-MS m/z (%): 278 (19), 277 [M + H]⁺ (100), 276 (78), 275 (9), 261 (15), 235 (13), 234 (14), 233 (5), 219 (5), 138 (5), 137 (7), 136 (21), 133 (12), 107 (8), 105 (5), 91 (12), 90 (9), 89 (9).

HRMS-FAB (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₇H₁₇N₄, 277.1448; found, 277.1448.

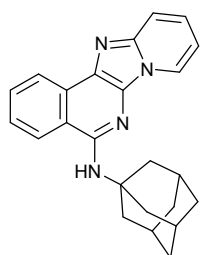
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N*-((1*s*,3*s*)-Adamantan-1-yl)pyrido[2'*1*':2,3]imidazo[4,5-*c*]isoquinolin-5-amine, **9d*



GBB-product **4** (200 mg, 0.58 mmol, 1.00 equiv), 1-isocyanoadamantane (141 mg, 0.87 mmol, 1.5 equiv), potassium acetate (171 mg, 1.74 mmol, 3.00 equiv), Pd-Peppsi (19.8 mg, 0.03 mmol, 0.05 equiv) and XPhos (27.7 mg, 0.06 mmol, 0.10 equiv) were reacted in 3 mL DMF for 18 h at 120 °C. After purification *via* column chromatography (SiO₂, CH/EtOAc/NEt₃ 20:1:0.05 to 2:1:0.05) insertion product **9d** was obtained as a yellow solid (144 mg, 0.16 mmol, 67%).

R_f (SiO₂, CH/EtOAc 2:1) = 0.28.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [ppm] = 8.63 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 8.53 (dt, J = 7.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.84 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.77 (ddd, J = 8.1, 6.9, 1.0 Hz 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.68 (dt, J = 9.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.53 (ddd, J = 8.4, 7.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.25 (ddd, J = 9.8, 6.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 6.86 (td, J = 6.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 5.18 (s, 1H, NH), 2.4 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 6H, CH₂), 2.21 (s, 3H, CH), 1.86-1.78 (m, 6H, CH₂).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [ppm] = 151.0 (C_q), 143.9 (C_q), 134.3 (C_q), 131.5 (C_q), 130.1 (CH_{Ar}), 125.7 (CH_{Ar}), 125.5 (CH_{Ar}), 125.2 (C_q), 123.2 (CH_{Ar}), 123.1 (CH_{Ar}), 122.8 (CH_{Ar}), 119.4 (C_q), 117.8 (CH_{Ar}), 110.9 (CH_{Ar}), 52.9 (C_q), 42.0 (3C, CH₂), 37.0 (3C, CH₂), 29.9 (3C, CH).

IR (ATR) $\tilde{\nu}$ [cm⁻¹] = 3384 (w), 3274 (w), 3080 (w), 2902 (vs), 2861 (m), 2846 (s), 1632 (w), 1623 (w), 1584 (s), 1561 (s), 1536 (m), 1509 (vs), 1451 (m), 1421 (s), 1381 (m), 1347 (vs), 1302 (vs), 1272 (s), 1258 (m), 1241 (s), 1133 (m), 1095 (m), 943 (w), 936 (w), 764 (s), 744 (vs), 734 (vs), 705 (m), 669 (s), 637 (m), 516 (s), 388 (m).

FAB-MS *m/z* (%): 370 (23), 369 (91), 368 [M + H]⁺ (100), 367 (15), 234 (7), 135 (17), 93 (5).

HRMS-FAB (*m/z*): [M]⁺ calcd. for C₂₄H₂₄N₄, 368.1995; found, 368.1997.

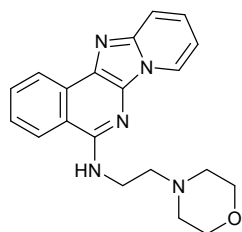
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***N*-(2-Morpholinoethyl)pyrido[2',1':2,3]imidazo[4,5-*c*]isoquinolin-5-amine, 9e**



GBB-product **4** (185 mg, 0.54 mmol, 1.00 equiv), 4-(2-isocyanoehtyl)morpholine (113.0 mg, 0.11 mL, 0.81 mmol, 1.5 equiv), potassium acetate (158.2 mg, 1.61 mmol, 3.00 equiv), Pd- Peppi (18.3 mg, 0.03 mmol, 0.05 equiv) and XPhos (25.6 mg, 0.05 mmol, 0.10 equiv) were reacted in 3 mL DMF for 18 h at 120 °C. After purification *via* column chromatography (SiO₂, CH/EtOAc/NEt₃ 20:1:0.05, to 0:1:0.05) insertion product **9e** was obtained as a yellow solid (57.0 mg, 0.16 mmol, 31%).

R_f (SiO₂, EtOAc) = 0.09.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [ppm] = 8.65 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 8.59 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.80 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.69 (dt, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.58 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 7.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.28-7.25 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 6.86 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 6.24 (t, *J* = 4.7, 1H, NH), 3.79 (dt, *J* = 9.1, 5.0 Hz, 6H, CH₂), 2.81 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 2.59 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 4H, CH₂). Spectrum contains signals of H-grease and *N*-ethylacetamide.

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [ppm] = 152.2 (C_q), 144.0 (C_q), 134.7 (C_q), 131.4 (C_q), 130.5 (CH_{Ar}), 125.8 (CH_{Ar}), 125.8 (CH_{Ar}), 123.2 (CH_{Ar}), 123.2 (CH_{Ar}), 123.0 (CH_{Ar}), 123.0 (CH_{Ar}), 119.1 (CH_{Ar}), 117.9 (CH_{Ar}), 111.9 (CH_{Ar}), 67.2 (2C, CH₂), 57.0 (CH₂), 53.5 (CH₂), 38.1 (2C, CH₂).

IR (ATR) $\tilde{\nu}$ [cm⁻¹] = 3271 (m), 3075 (w), 2952 (m), 2942 (w), 2932 (w), 2890 (w), 2868 (w), 2851 (m), 2812 (m), 2765 (w), 1655 (m), 1632 (s), 1625 (s), 1582 (vs), 1548 (vs), 1524 (vs), 1507 (vs), 1445 (s), 1421 (vs), 1377 (vs), 1350 (vs), 1306 (vs), 1258 (vs), 1217 (s), 1170 (m), 1145 (s), 1116 (vs), 1068 (s), 1034 (s), 1007 (s), 950 (m), 929

(s), 914 (s), 887 (s), 866 (s), 824 (m), 805 (m), 773 (vs), 744 (vs), 732 (vs), 711 (s), 670 (s), 636 (vs), 628 (vs), 613 (s), 591 (s), 568 (s), 547 (s), 521 (vs), 473 (s), 438 (s), 421 (s), 402 (m), 390 (s), 382 (s).

FAB-MS m/z (%): 349 (27), 348 $[M + H]^+$ (100), 347 (59), 346 (18), 262 (8), 261 (38), 260 (9), 259 (14), 248 (10), 247 (31), 246 (8), 235 (15), 234 (42), 233 (10), 219 (11), 149 (10), 136 (9), 118 (8), 114 (16), 100 (66), 91 (11), 90 (5), 89 (6).

HRMS-FAB (m/z): $[M + H]^+$ calcd. for $C_{20}H_{22}N_5O_1$: 348.1817; found, 348.1819.

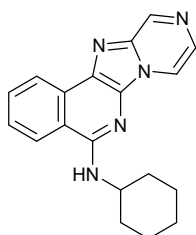
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***N*-(Cyclohexylpyrazino[2',1':2,3]imidazo[4,5-*c*]isoquinolin-5-amine, 10a**



GBB-product **5** (200 mg, 0.58 mmol, 1.00 equiv), cyclohexyl isocyanide (95.2 mg, 0.11 mL, 0.87 mmol, 1.50 equiv), potassium acetate (171 mg, 1.74 mmol, 3.00 equiv), Pd-Peppsi-*i*Pr (19.8 mg, 0.03 mmol, 0.05 equiv) and XPhos (27.7 mg, 0.06 mmol, 0.10 equiv) were reacted in 3 mL DMF for 18 h at 120 °C. After purification *via* column chromatography (SiO_2 , CH/EtOAc/ NEt_3 20:1:0.05 to 2:1:0.05) insertion product **10a** was obtained as a yellow solid (124 mg, 0.39 mmol, 67%).

R_f (SiO_2 , CH/EtOAc 2:1) = 0.22.

1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ [ppm] = 9.16 (s, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 8.64 (d, J = 8.0, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 8.43 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.91-7.88 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.82 (t, J = 7.56 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.60 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 5.50 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H, NH), 4.35-4.28 (m, 1H, CH), 2.25 (dd, J = 12.4, 4.4 Hz, 2H, CH_2), 1.85 (dt, J = 13.5, 4.0 Hz, 2H, CH_2), 1.58-1.50 (m, 2H, CH_2), 1.40-1.23 (m, 4H, CH_2).

^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ [ppm] = 152.6 (C_q), 144.4 (C_q), 138.3 (C_q), 134.6 (C_q), 131.5 (C_q), 130.9 (CH_{Ar}), 127.8 (C_q), 127.4 (CH_{Ar}), 126.8 (CH_{Ar}), 123.3 (CH_{Ar}), 122.8 (CH_{Ar}), 120.0 (C_q), 115.9 (CH_{Ar}), 50.3 (CH), 33.2 (CH_2), 26.0 (CH_2), 25.3 (CH_2).

IR (ATR) $\tilde{\nu}$ [cm^{-1}] = 3233 (w), 2920 (w), 2851 (w), 1655 (w), 1573 (m), 1543 (m), 1493 (m), 1449 (w), 1373 (w), 1327 (w), 1293 (w), 1253 (m), 1150 (w), 1067 (w), 1030 (w), 1005 (w), 938 (w), 890 (w), 763 (w), 711 (w), 664 (w), 646 (w), 597 (w), 567 (w), 522 (w), 417 (w).

FAB-MS m/z (%): 318 $[M + H]^+$ (100), 317 $[M]^+$ (56), 235 $[M - C_6H_{11} + H]^+$ (24).

HRMS-FAB (m/z): $[M + H]^+$ calcd. for $C_{19}H_{20}N_5$, 318.1719; found, 318.1717.

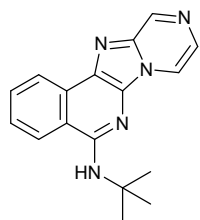
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***N*-(*tert*-Butyl)pyrazino[2',1':2,3]imidazo[4,5-*c*]isoquinolin-5-amine, 10b**



GBB-product **5** (120 mg, 0.35 mmol, 1.00 equiv), *tert*-butyl isocyanide (43.3 mg, 0.06 mL, 0.52 mmol, 1.5 equiv), potassium acetate (102 mg, 1.04 mmol, 3.00 equiv), Pd-Peepsi-*i*Pr (11.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.05 equiv) and XPhos (16.6 mg, 0.03 mmol, 0.10 equiv) were reacted in 3 mL DMF for 18 h at 120 °C. After purification *via* column chromatography (SiO₂, CH/EtOAc/NEt₃ 20:1:0.05 to 2:1:0.05) insertion product **10b** was obtained as a yellow solid (20 mg, 0.07 mmol, 20%).

R_f (SiO₂, CH/EtOAc 2:1) = 0.18.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [ppm] = 9.18 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 8.67 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 8.43 (dd, J = 4.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.92 (d, J = 4.6 Hz 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.86-7.81 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.63-7.55 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 5.51 (s, 1H, NH), 1,7 (s, 9H, CH₃).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [ppm] = 152.5 (C_q), 144.5 (C_q), 138.4 (C_q), 134.2 (C_q), 131.7 (C_q), 130.8 (CH_{Ar}), 127.9 (C_q), 127.2 (CH_{Ar}), 126.9 (CH_{Ar}), 123.4 (CH_{Ar}), 122.9z (CH_{Ar}), 120.5 (C_q), 115.9 (C_q), 52.6 (C_q), 29.1 (3C, CH₃).

IR (ATR) $\tilde{\nu}$ [cm⁻¹] = 3418 (w), 2965 (m), 2918 (w), 2868 (w), 1728 (w), 1613 (w), 1608 (vw), 1572 (vs), 1538 (vs), 1524 (s), 1496 (s), 1487 (s), 1476 (vs), 1451 (s), 1435 (m), 1421 (m), 1383 (m), 1370 (s), 1356 (m), 1346 (m), 1322 (m), 1299 (s), 1286 (m), 1269 (s), 1256 (vs), 1213 (vs), 1179 (m), 1171 (m), 1152 (s), 1128 (m), 1102 (m), 1094 (m), 1079 (m), 1030 (m), 1009 (m), 929 (m), 892 (w), 867 (w), 798 (m), 765 (vs), 738 (m), 711 (s), 698 (m), 670 (vs), 656 (s), 633 (vs), 595 (vs), 561 (m), 523 (vs), 480 (m), 442 (s), 419 (m), 412 (m), 390 (s).

FAB-MS m/z (%): 367 (13), 366 (12), 293 (26), 292 [M + H]⁺ (100), 291 (56), 259 (15), 237 (17), 236 (52), 235 (43), 207 (12), 189 (11), 177 (12), 155 (11), 154 (27), 147 (29), 145 (11), 138 (11), 137 (20), 136 (48), 135 (11), 133 (12), 131 (14), 129 (12), 128 (11), 123 (13), 121 (15), 120 (12), 119 (13), 117 (14), 115 (14), 109 (19), 107 (28), 106 (14), 105 (25), 97 (16), 95 (29), 93 (16), 91 (46), 90 (26), 89 (21).

HRMS-FAB (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₈H₁₉N₄, 292.1557; found, 292.1559.

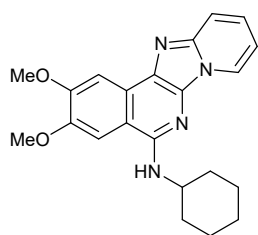
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N-Cyclohexyl-2,3-dimethoxyprido[2',1':2,3]imidazo[4,5-c]isochinolin-5-amine, 11a



GBB-product **6** (200 mg, 495 μ mol, 1.00 equiv.), cyclohexyl isocyanide (81 mg, 92 μ L, 741 μ mol, 1.50 equiv.), potassium acetate (146 mg, 1.48 mmol, 3.00 equiv.), PEPPSI-iPr (16.9 mg, 24.7 μ mol, 0.05 equiv.) and XPhos (23.6 mg, 49.5 μ mol, 0.10 equiv.) were reacted in 2 mL DMF for 16 h at 120 °C. After purification *via* flash-chromatography (SiO₂, CH/EtOAc/NEt₃ 6:1:0.01 to 1:2:0.04), insertion product **11a** was obtained as a yellow solid (113 mg, 300 μ mol, 61% yield).

R_f (SiO₂, CH/EtOAc 1:2) = 0.08.

¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [ppm] = 8.60 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.99 (s, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.69 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.27 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.19 (s, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 6.87 (td, J = 6.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 5.14 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H, NH), 4.38 – 4.25 (m, 1H, CH), 4.08 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.01 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 2.28 (dd, J = 12.5, 3.9 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 1.84 (dt, J = 13.6, 3.8 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 1.73 (dt, J = 12.9, 3.7 Hz, 1H, CH₂), 1.59 – 1.45 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.43 – 1.26 (m, 3H, CH₂). Spectrum contains signals of tautomers.

¹³C-NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [ppm] = 152.6 (C_q), 150.6 (C_q), 148.7 (C_q), 143.3 (C_q), 134.1 (C_q), 126.8 (C_q), 126.2 (CH_{Ar}), 124.8 (C_q), 123.4 (CH_{Ar}), 117.1 (CH_{Ar}), 113.2 (C_q), 111.0 (CH_{Ar}), 103.5 (CH_{Ar}), 103.0 (CH_{Ar}), 56.5 (CH₃), 56.4 (CH₃), 50.5 (CH), 33.5 (2C, CH₂), 26.2 (CH₂), 25.5 (2C, CH₂).

IR (ATR) $\tilde{\nu}$ [cm⁻¹] = 3223 (w), 2999 (w), 2925 (m), 2850 (w), 1731 (w), 1621 (w), 1589 (m), 1568 (m), 1547 (s), 1520 (m), 1503 (s), 1487 (vs), 1459 (m), 1432 (vs), 1385 (s), 1370 (m), 1351 (s), 1322 (m), 1290 (m), 1252 (vs), 1215 (vs), 1203 (vs), 1179 (vs), 1146 (s), 1112 (m), 1067 (s), 1047 (m), 1033 (m), 1004 (m), 993 (m), 938 (w), 929 (w), 888 (w), 864 (m), 849 (m), 824 (s), 803 (w), 779 (m), 748 (vs), 735 (s), 652 (m), 626 (s), 589 (m), 572 (m), 557 (m), 534 (w), 513 (w), 466 (w), 452 (w), 414 (m), 388 (w), 378 (w).

FAB-MS m/z (%): 378 (19), 377 (81), 376 [M]⁺ (100), 375 (13), 294 (8), 154 (14), 137 (9), 136 (11).

HRMS-FAB (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd. for C₂₂H₂₄O₂N₄, 376.1894; found, 376.1893.

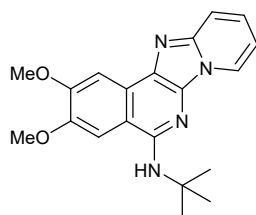
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N*-(*tert*.-Butyl)-2,3-dimethoxyprido[2',1':2,3]imidazo[4,5-*c*]isoquinoline-5-amine, **11b*



GBB-product **6** (100 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), *tert*.-butyl isocyanide (31 mg, 0.04 mL, 0.37 mmol, 1.50 equiv.), potassium acetate (73 mg, 0.74 mmol, 3.00 equiv.), Pd(dba)₂ (7.1 mg, 0.012 mmol, 0.05 equiv.) and XPhos (12 mg, 0.025 mmol, 0.10 equiv.) were reacted in 2 mL DMF for 18 h at 120 °C. After purification *via* preparative TLC (SiO₂, CH/EtOAc/NEt₃ 6:1:0.04, then 1:1:0.04) insertion product **11b** was obtained as a yellow solid (47 mg, 0.13 mmol, 54%).

R_f (SiO₂, CH/EtOAc 1:1) = 0.45.

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [ppm] = 8.56 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.97 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.65 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.11 (s, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 6.83 (td, *J* = 6.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 5.04 (s, 1H, NH), 4.07 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.01 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 1.67 (s, 9H, CH₃). Spectrum contains signals of tautomers and DMF.

¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [ppm] = 152.4 (C_q), 150.3 (C_q), 148.6 (C_q), 143.6 (C_q), 133.8 (C_q), 127.0 (C_q), 125.9 (CH_{Ar}), 125.0 (C_q), 123.2 (CH_{Ar}), 117.3 (CH_{Ar}), 113.6 (C_q), 110.7 (CH_{Ar}), 103.6 (CH_{Ar}), 102.9 (CH_{Ar}), 56.5 (CH₃), 56.3 (CH₃), 52.3 (C_q), 29.3 (3C, CH₃).

IR (ATR) $\tilde{\nu}$ [cm⁻¹] = 2961 (vw), 2255 (w), 2172 (w), 1624 (w), 1590 (w), 1574 (w), 1538 (w), 1479 (w), 1430 (w), 1390 (w), 1346 (w), 1310 (w), 1290 (w), 1251 (w), 1201 (m), 1180 (w), 1090 (w), 1071 (w), 1035 (w), 1005 (w), 993 (w), 938 (w), 913 (w), 854 (w), 824 (w), 787 (w), 745 (w), 723 (m), 662 (w).

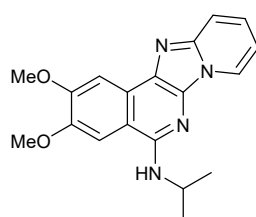
FAB-MS *m/z* (%): 338 (17), 337 (81), 336 [M]⁺ (100).

HRMS-FAB (*m/z*): [M]⁺ calcd. for C₁₉H₂₀O₂N₄, 336.1586; found, 336.1585.

Additional information on the chemical synthesis is available via Chemotion repository: <https://dx.doi.org//reaction/SA-FUHFF-UHFFFADPSC-RGRCDEZDHR-UHFFFADPSC-NUHFF-NUHFF-NUHFF-ZZZ.1>

Additional information on the analysis of the target compound is available via Chemotion repository: <https://dx.doi.org//RGRCDEZDHRBRJV-UHFFFAOYSA-N.2>

N*-Isopropyl-2,3-dimethoxyprido[2',1':2,3]imidazo[4,5-*c*]isoquinolin-5-amine, **11c*



GBB-product **6** (100 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), isopropyl isocyanide (26 mg, 0.04 mL, 0.37 mmol, 1.50 equiv.), potassium acetate (73 mg, 0.74 mmol, 3.00 equiv.), Pd(dba)₂ (7.1 mg, 0.012 mmol, 0.05 equiv.) and XPhos (12 mg, 0.025 mmol, 0.10 equiv.) were reacted in 2 mL DMF for 18 h at 120 °C. After purification *via* preparative TLC (SiO₂, CH/EtOAc/NEt₃ 6:1:0.04, then 1:1:0.04) insertion product **11c**

was obtained as a yellow solid (32 mg, 0.10 mmol, 39%).

R_f (SiO₂, CH/EtOAc 1:1) = 0.45.

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [ppm] = 8.63 – 8.56 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 8.02 – 7.94 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.75 – 7.59 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.23 (d, J = 23.5 Hz, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 6.88 – 6.82 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 5.10 (s, 1H, NH), 4.60 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.07 (s, 3H, CH₃), 4.01 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.48 – 1.34 (m, 6H, CH₃). Spectrum contains signals of tautomers and DMF.

¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [ppm] = 152.6 (C_q), 150.6 (C_q), 148.7 (C_q), 143.6 (C_q), 134.2 (C_q), 126.9 (C_q), 126.0 (CH_{Ar}), 125.2 (C^q), 123.3 (CH_{Ar}), 117.3 (CH_{Ar}), 113.2 (C_q), 110.8 (CH_{Ar}), 103.5 (CH_{Ar}), 103.0 (CH_{Ar}), 56.5 (CH₃), 56.4 (CH₃), 43.4 (CH), 23.1 (2C, CH₃).

IR (ATR) $\tilde{\nu}$ [cm⁻¹] = 3419 (w), 3235 (vw), 2965 (w), 2255 (vw), 1626 (w), 1588 (w), 1573 (w), 1546 (w), 1487 (m), 1433 (m), 1387 (w), 1349 (w), 1321 (w), 1293 (w), 1250 (m), 1204 (m), 1181 (m), 1087 (w), 1070 (w), 1034 (w), 1005 (w), 915 (w), 850 (w), 824 (w), 783 (w), 728 (m), 656 (w), 628 (m), 571 (w).

FAB-MS m/z (%): 351 [M + H]⁺ (84), 350 [M]⁺ (100), 294 [M – tBu + H]⁺ (15), 293 [M – tBu]⁺ (3).

HRMS-FAB (m/z): [M]⁺ calcd. for C₁₉H₂₀O₂N₄, 336.1586; found, 336.1585.

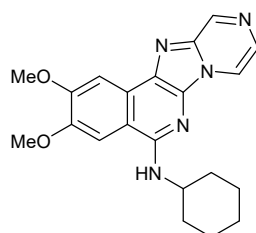
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***N*-Cyclohexyl -2,3-dimethoxypprazino[2',1':2,3]imidazo[4,5-c]isoquinolin-5-amine, 12a**



GBB-product **7** (200 mg, 0.58 mmol, 1.00 equiv), *tert*-butyl isocyanide (61.5 mg, 0.08 mL, 0.74 mmol, 1.5 equiv), potassium acetate (145 mg, 1.48 mmol, 3.00 equiv), Pd-Peppi (16.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.05 equiv) and XPhos (23.5 mg, 0.05 mmol, 0.10 equiv) were reacted in 3 mL DMF for 18 h at 120 °C. After purification *via* column chromatography (SiO₂, CH/EtOAc/NEt₃ 20:1:0.05 to 1:2:0.05) insertion product **12a** was obtained as a yellow solid (77 mg, 0.20 mmol, 41%).

R_f (SiO₂, CH/EtOAc 1:2) = 0.21.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [ppm] = 9.11 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 8.41 (dd, J = 4.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.93 (s, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.87 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.20 (s, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 5.41 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, NH), 4.29 (dtd, J = 10.7, 6.9, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.98 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 2.24 (dd, J = 12.4, 3.9 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 1.86 – 1.80 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.71 (dt, J = 13.2, 3.7 Hz, 1H, CH₂), 1.60 – 1.43 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.42 – 1.25 (m, 3H, CH₂). Spectrum contains signals of tautomers and *N*-ethylacetamide.

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [ppm] = 152.7 (C_q), 151.9 (C_q), 149.4 (C_q), 143.9 (C_q), 138.1 (C_q), 134.0 (C_q), 127.6 (CH_{Ar}), 127.4 (CH_{Ar}), 127.0 (CH_{Ar}), 115.9 (CH_{Ar}), 114.1 (CH_{Ar}), 103.8 (C_q), 103.1 (C_q), 56.5 (CH₃), 56.3 (CH₃), 50.5 (CH), 33.3 (2C, CH₂), 26.0 (CH₂), 25.4 (2C, CH₂).

IR (ATR) $\tilde{\nu}$ [cm⁻¹] = 3408 (w), 3312 (w), 2924 (m), 2850 (m), 1615 (w), 1574 (s), 1540 (s), 1486 (vs), 1432 (vs), 1381 (s), 1346 (s), 1282 (s), 1248 (vs), 1205 (vs), 1180 (vs), 1069 (s), 1027 (m), 1006 (s), 999 (s), 856 (s), 826 (m), 786 (vs), 626 (vs), 599 (s), 412 (s), 377 (s).

FAB-MS m/z (%): 379 [M + 2H]⁺ (29), 378 [M + H]⁺ (100), 377 [M]⁺ (56), 376 [M – H]⁺ (11), 362 (7), 296 (15), 295 (20), 280 (12), 133 (11).

HRMS-FAB (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd. for C₂₁H₂₄O₂N₅, 378.1925; found, 378.1923.

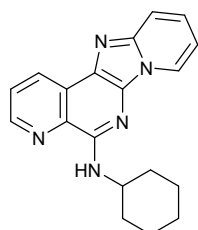
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***N*-Cyclohexylpyrido[1',2':1,2]imidazo[4,5-f][1,7]naphthyridin-5-amine, 13a**



0.06 mmol, 39%).

GBB-product **8** (75 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), cyclohexyl isocyanide (36 mg, 0.05 mL, 0.33 mmol, 1.50 equiv.), potassium acetate (64 mg, 0.65 mmol, 3.00 equiv.), Pd(dba)₂ (6.2 mg, 0.011 mmol, 0.05 equiv.) and XPhos (10 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.10 equiv.) were reacted in 2 mL DMF for 18 h at 120 °C. After purification *via* preparative TLC (SiO₂, CH/EtOAc/NEt₃ 6:1:0.04, then 1:1:0.04) insertion product **13a** was obtained as a yellow solid (18 mg,

R_f (SiO₂, CH/EtOAc 1:2) = 0.17.

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [ppm] = 8.84 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 8.76 (dd, J = 4.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 8.60 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.68 – 7.62 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.31 – 7.20 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.06 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 6.85 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 5.49 (d, J = 60.5 Hz, 1H, NH), 4.24 (dtt, J = 10.0, 7.7, 4.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 2.38 – 2.13 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.85 (dt, J = 12.4, 3.8 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 1.70 (ddq, J = 13.5, 8.4, 4.0 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 1.59 – 1.50 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.50 – 1.41 (m, 2H, CH₂).

¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [ppm] = 152.1 (C_q), 147.0 (CH_{Ar}), 144.1 (C_q), 135.3 (C_q), 135.2 (C_q), 130.7 (CH_{Ar}), 126.4 (C_q), 125.8 (CH_{Ar}), 125.3 (CH_{Ar}), 123.4 (CH_{Ar}), 123.4 (C_q), 117.7 (CH_{Ar}), 111.0 (CH_{Ar}), 49.6 (CH), 33.1 (2C, CH₂), 26.1 (2C, CH₂), 25.3 (CH₂).

IR (ATR) $\tilde{\nu}$ [cm⁻¹] = 3391 (w), 2923 (m), 2851 (m), 1655 (m), 1585 (m), 1520 (s), 1447 (m), 1398 (m), 1375 (m), 1347 (m), 1303 (w), 1252 (m), 1228 (m), 1151 (w), 1112 (w), 1075 (w), 918 (w), 890 (w), 815 (w), 797 (w), 734 (m), 668 (m), 644 (m), 424 (m), 409 (w).

FAB-MS m/z (%): 318 [M + H]⁺ (100), 317 [M]⁺ (98), 235 [M – C₆H₁₁ + H]⁺ (18).

HRMS-FAB (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₉H₂₀N₅, 318.1719; found, 318.1720.

Additional information on the chemical synthesis is available via Chemotion repository:

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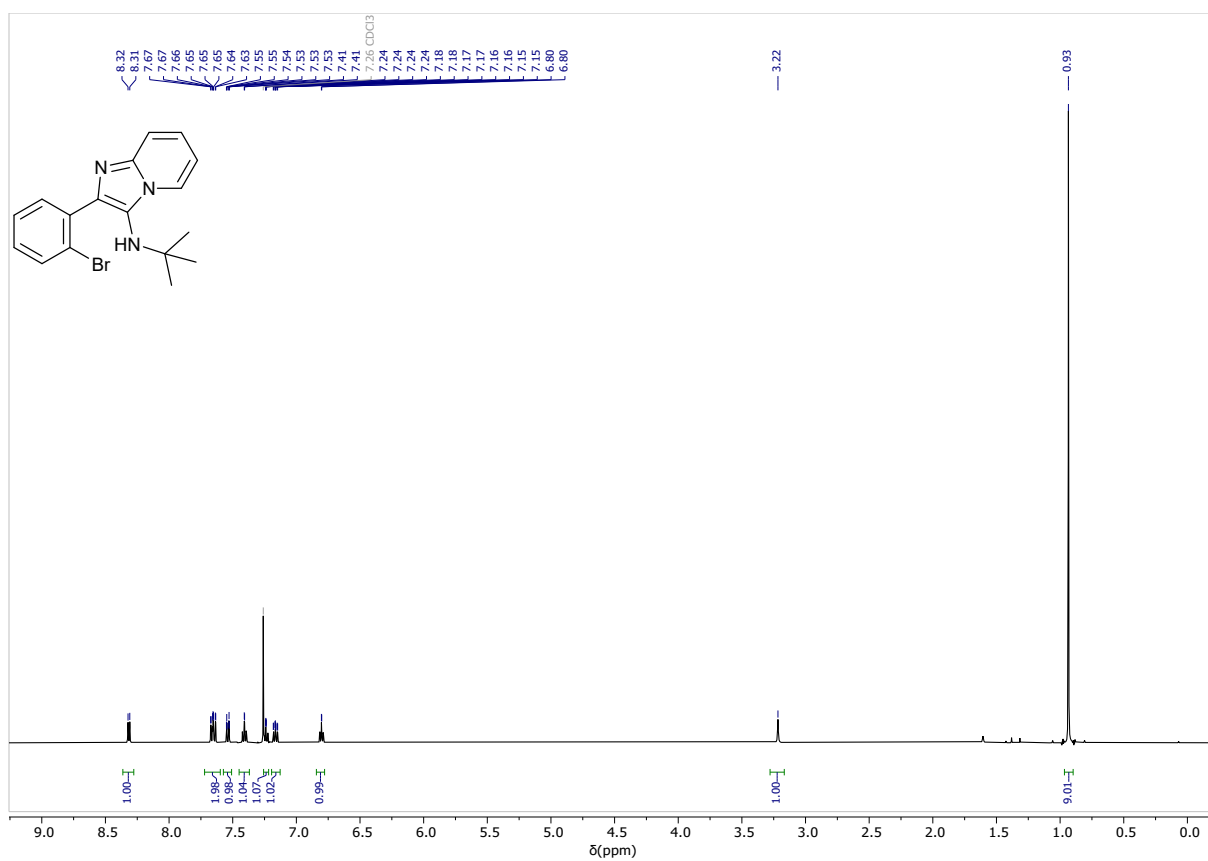


Figure 1 ^1H -NMR-Spectrum of Compound 4.

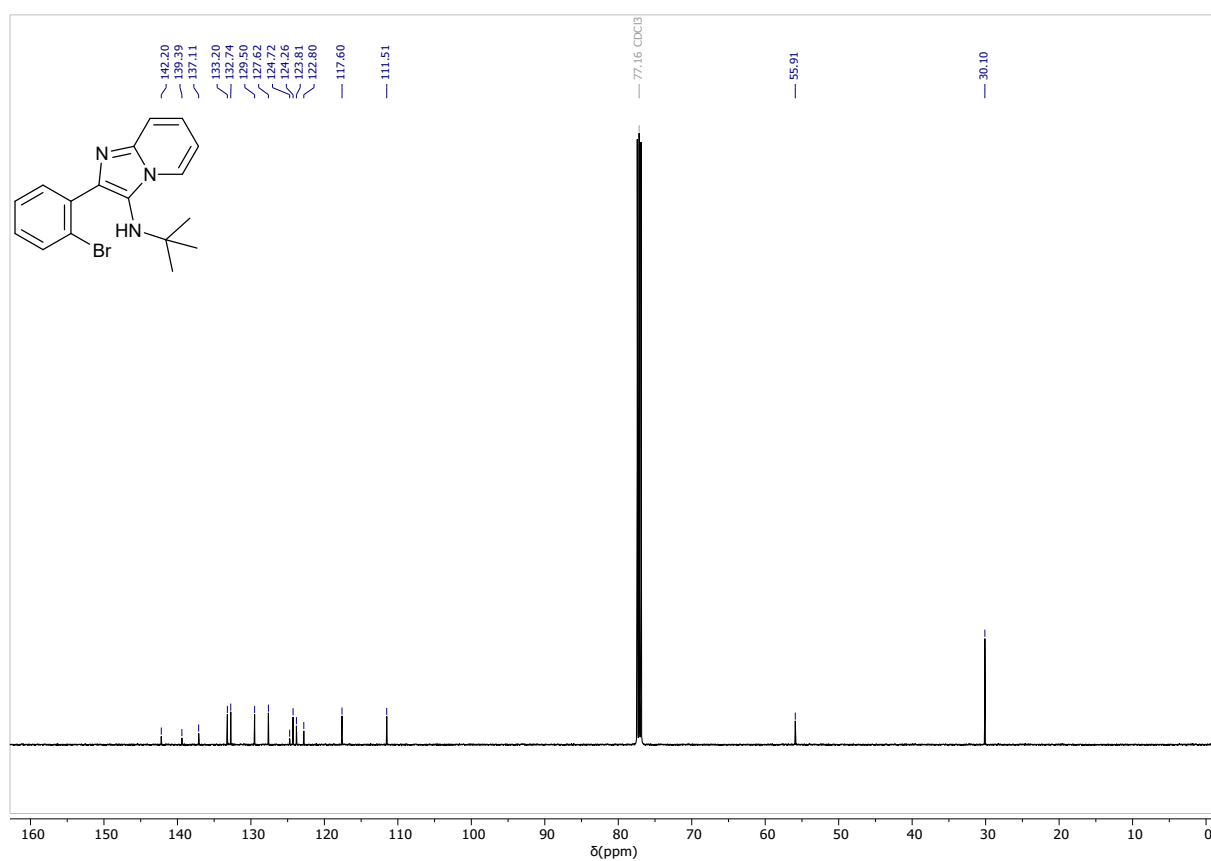


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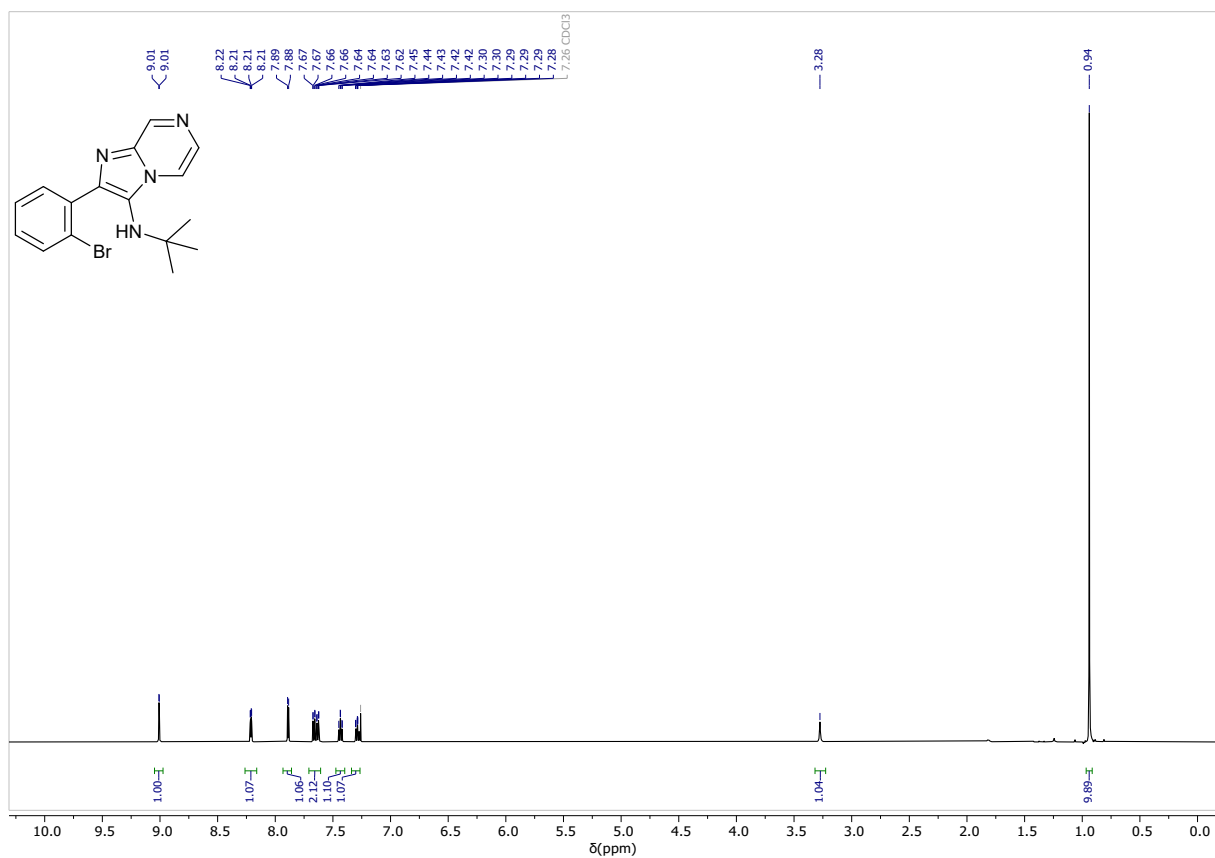


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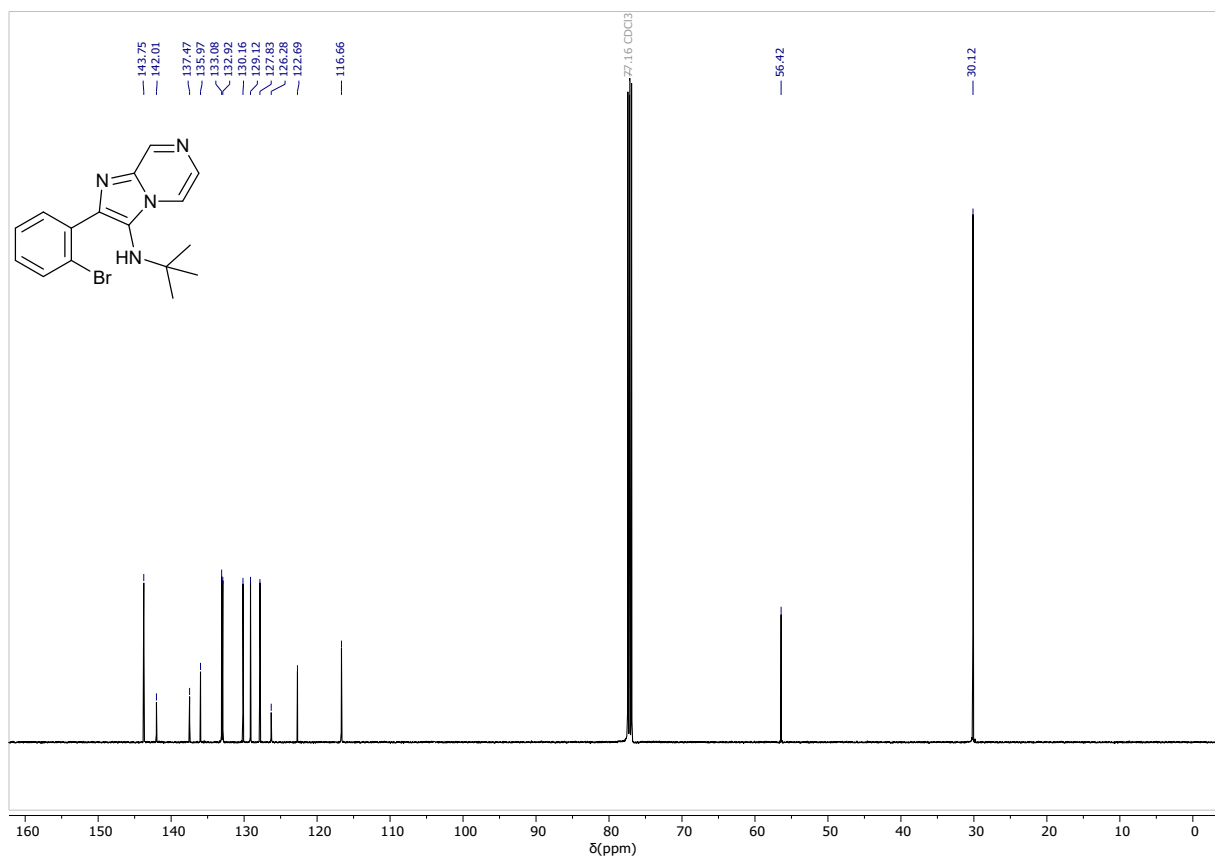


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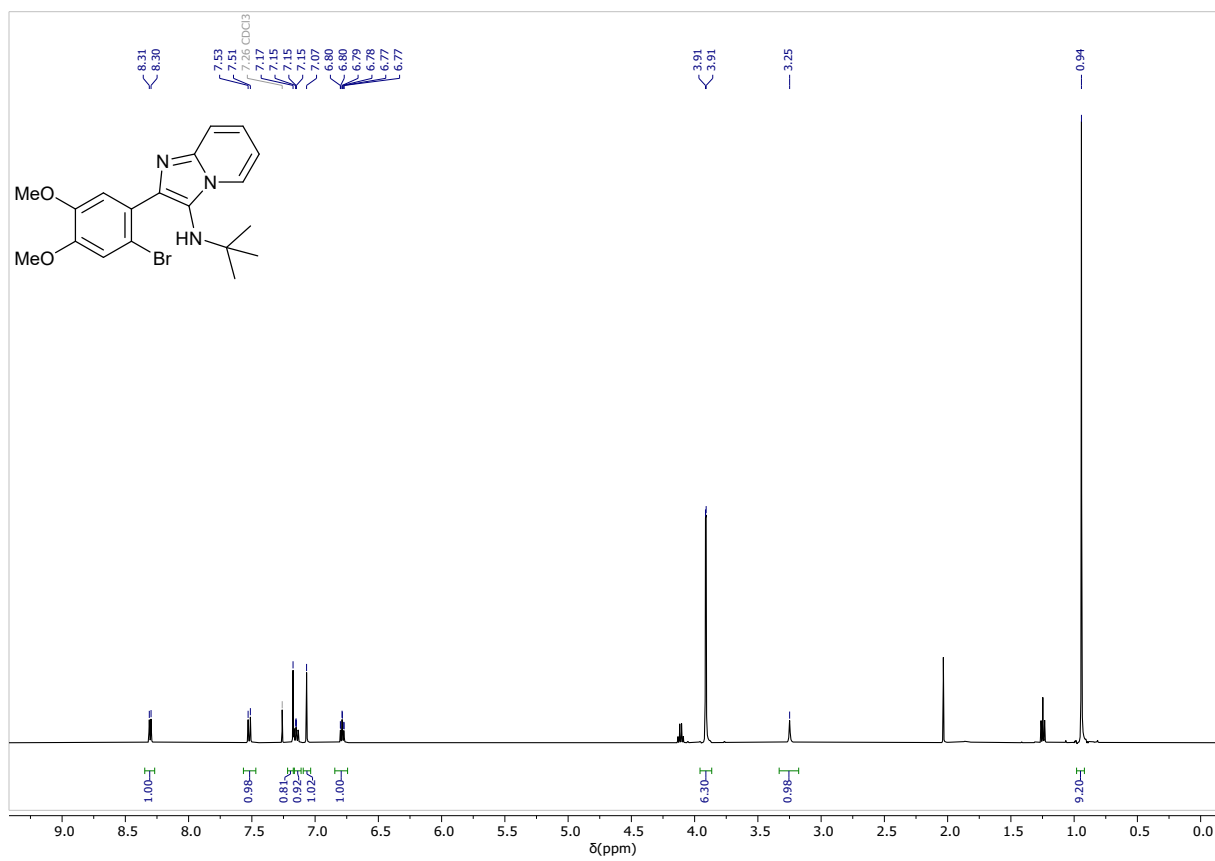


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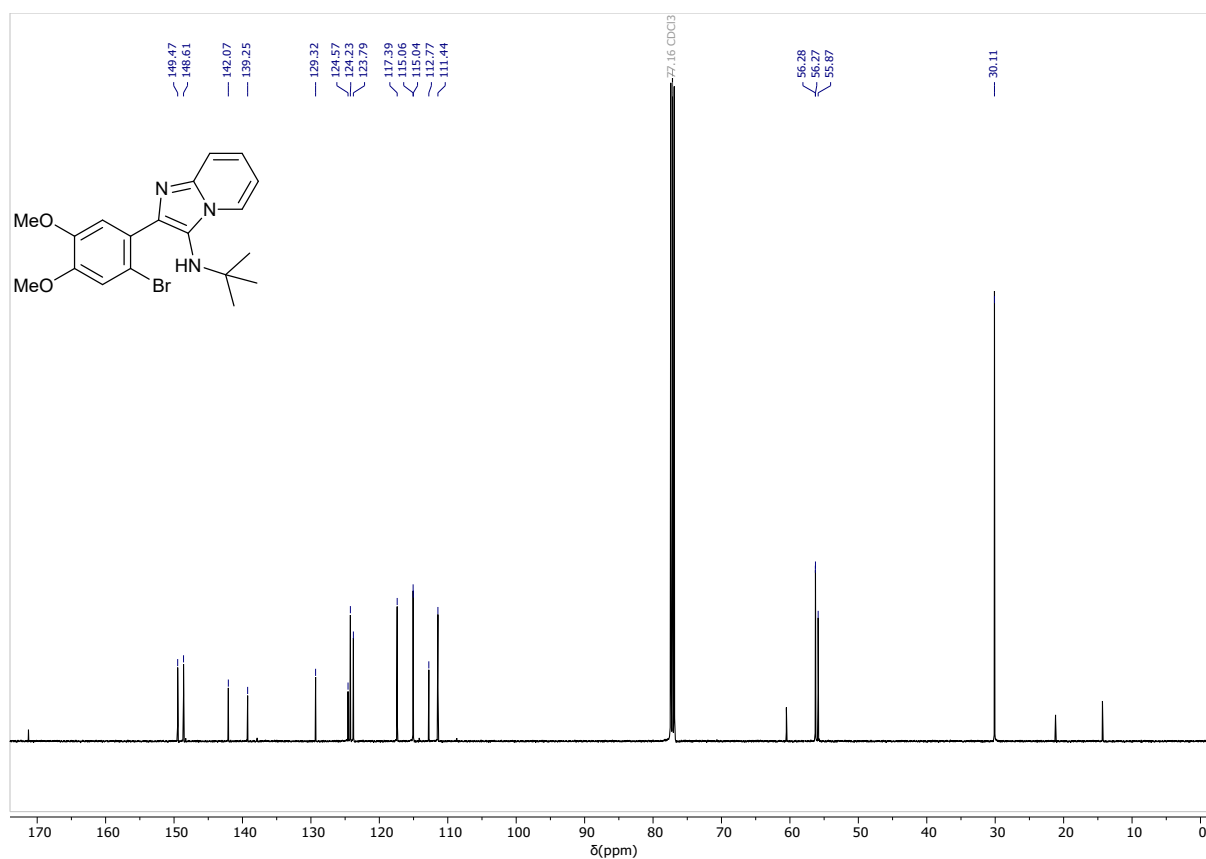


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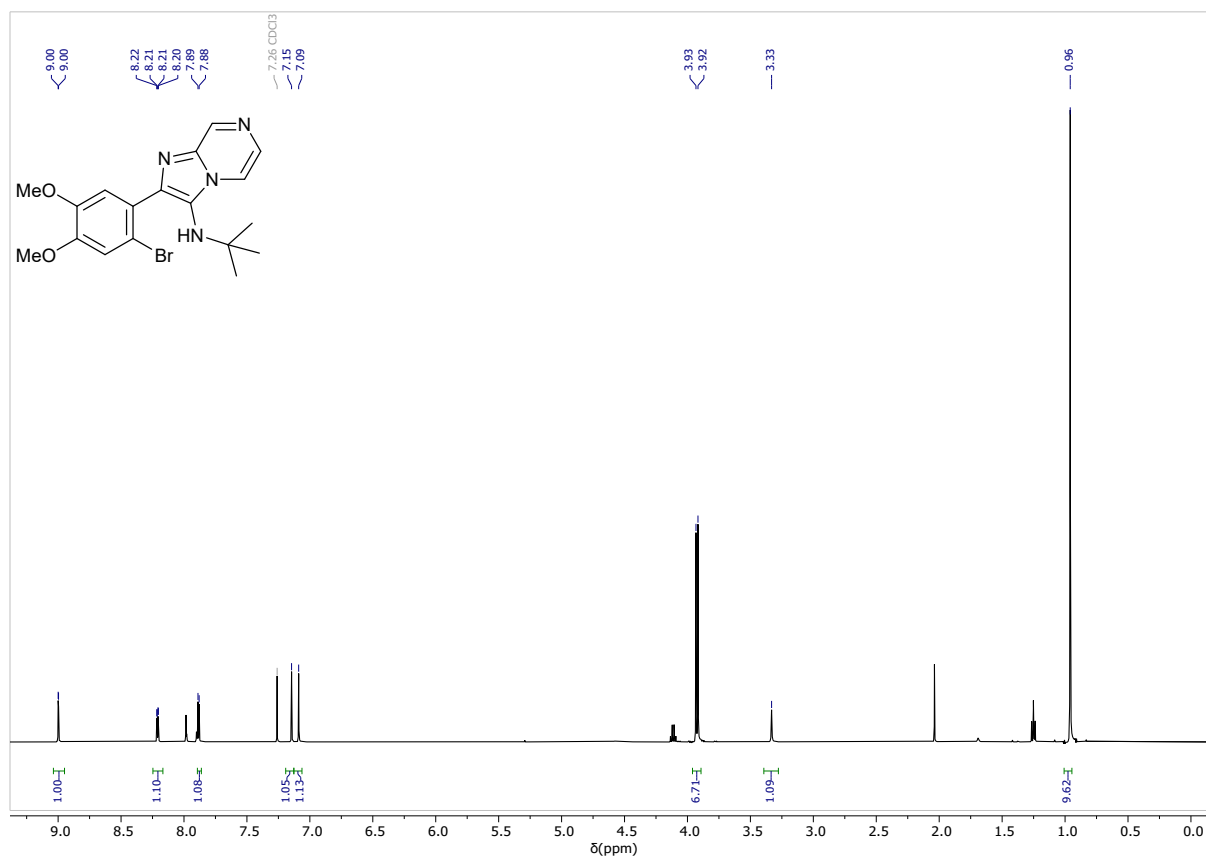


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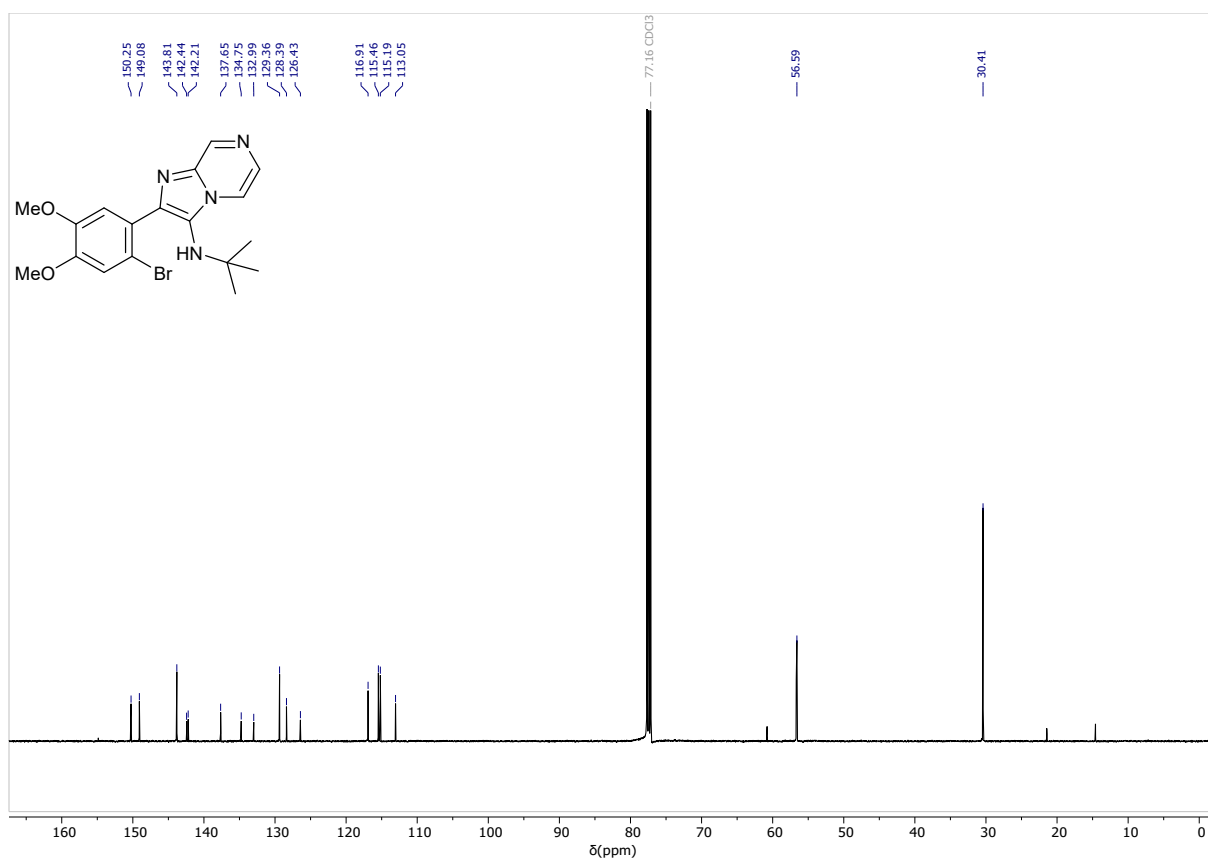


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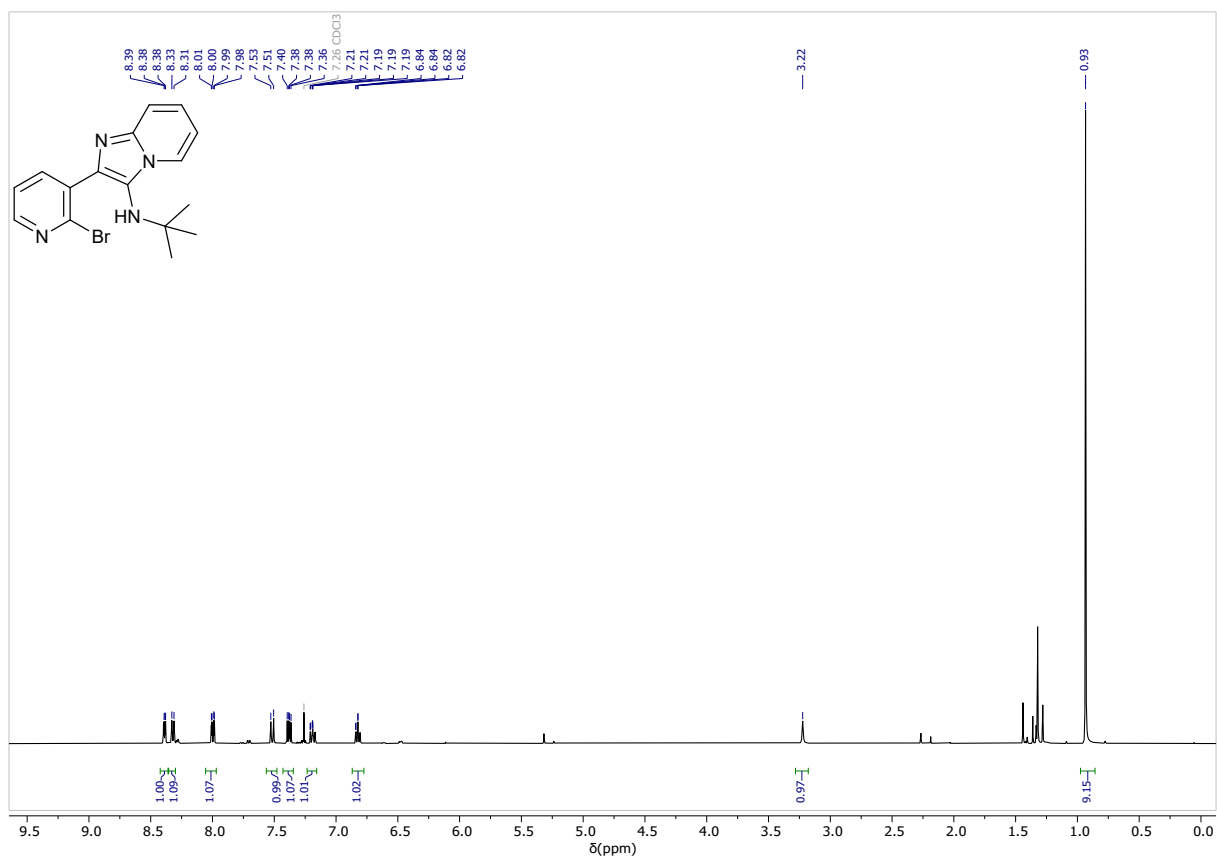


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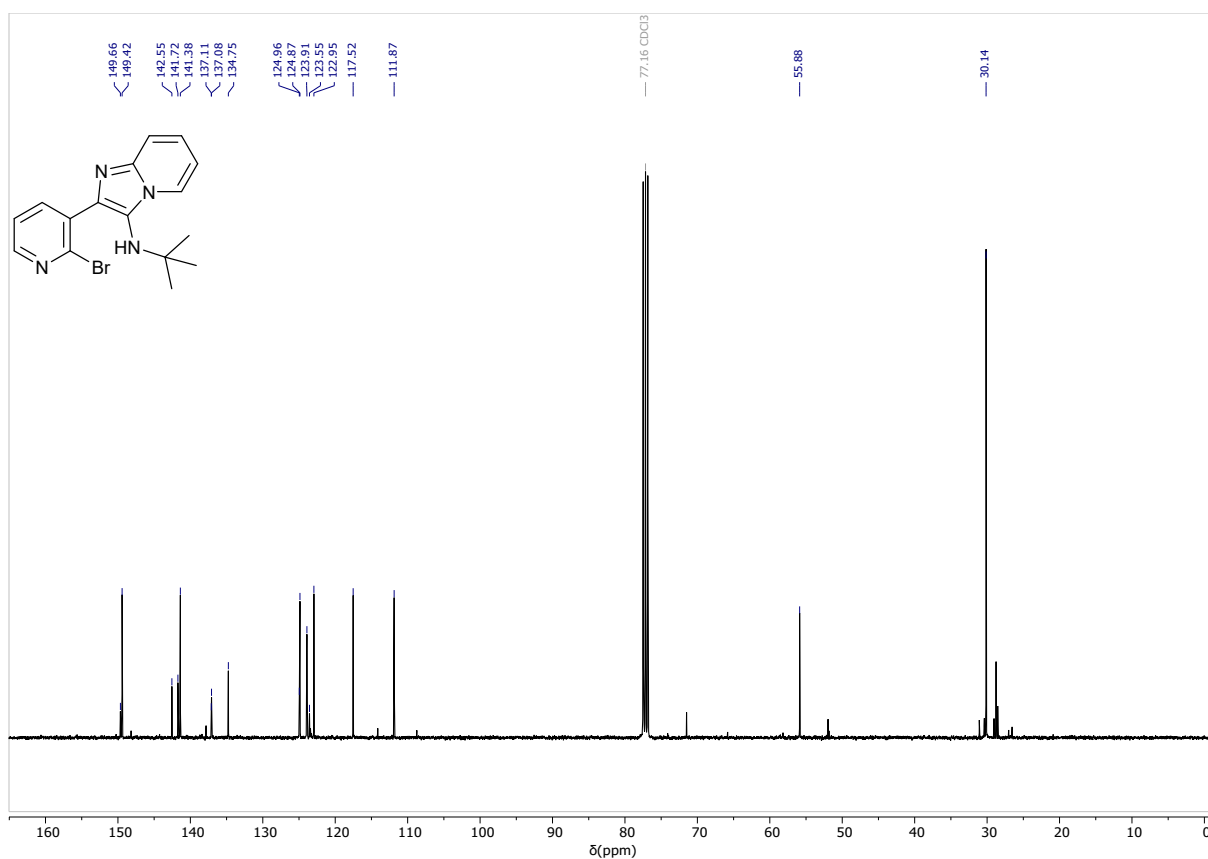


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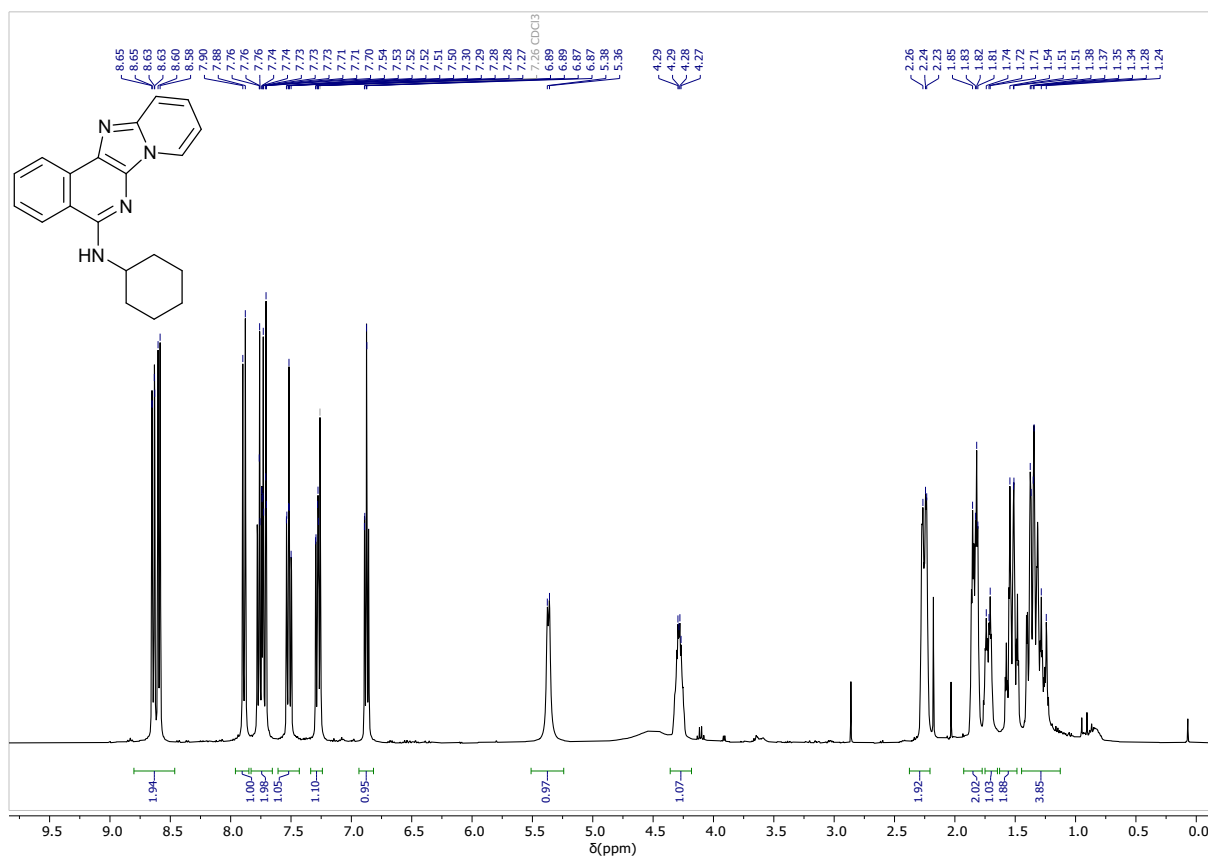


Figure 11 ¹H-NMR-Spectrum of Compound 9a.

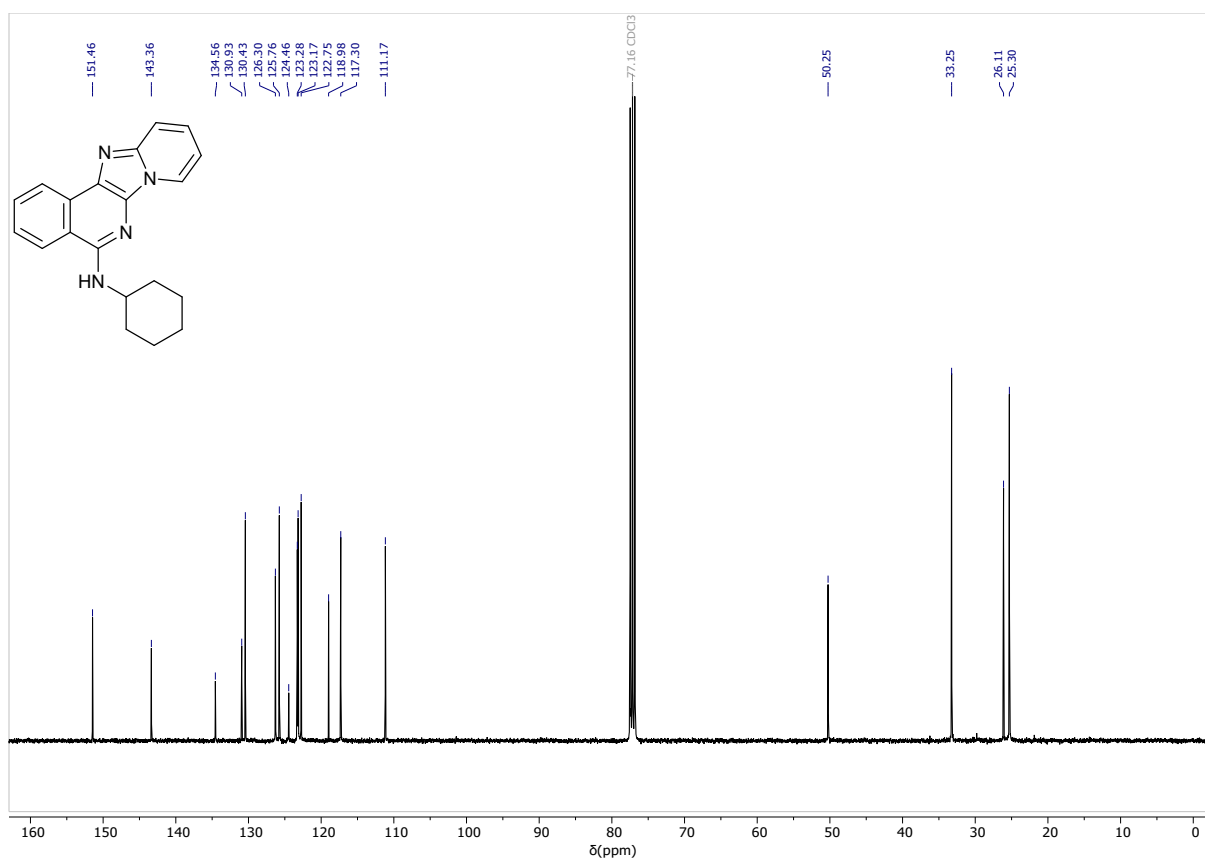


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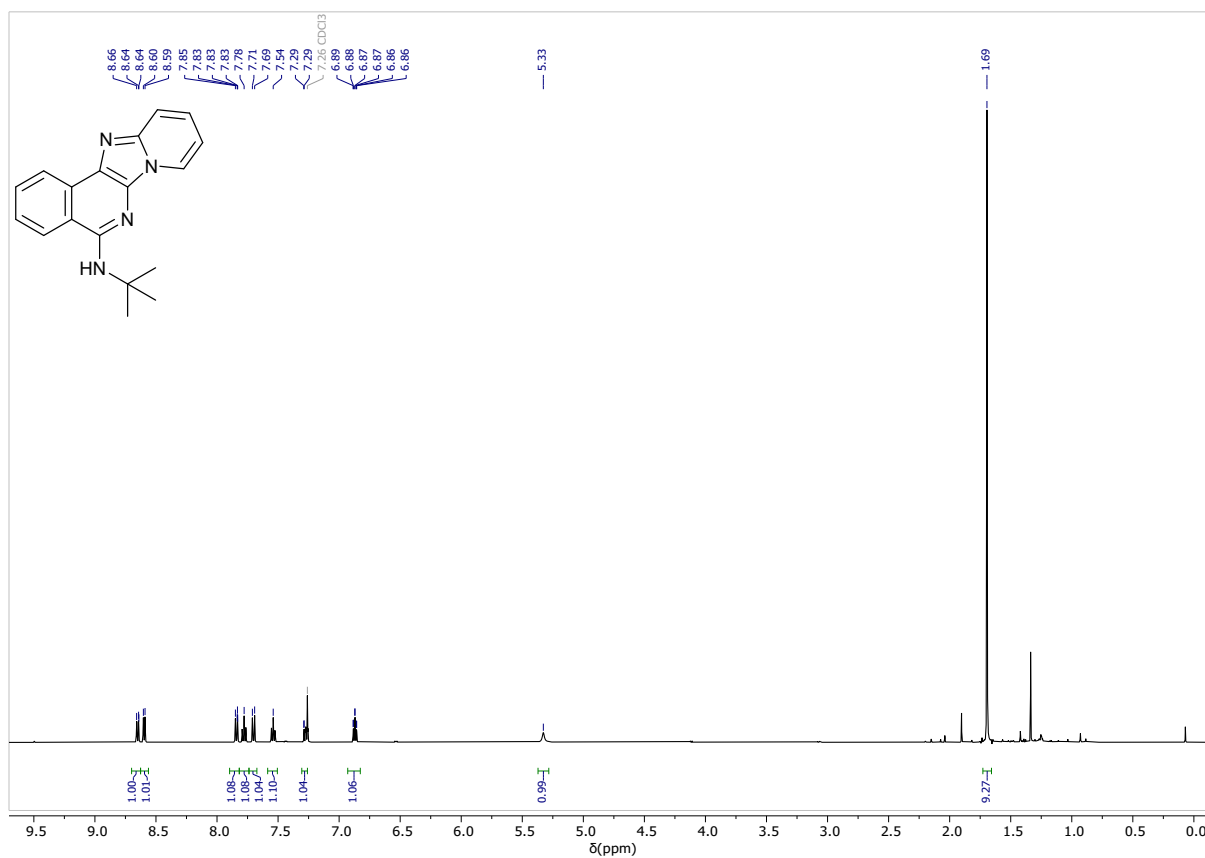


Figure 13 ¹H-NMR-Spectrum of Compound 9b.

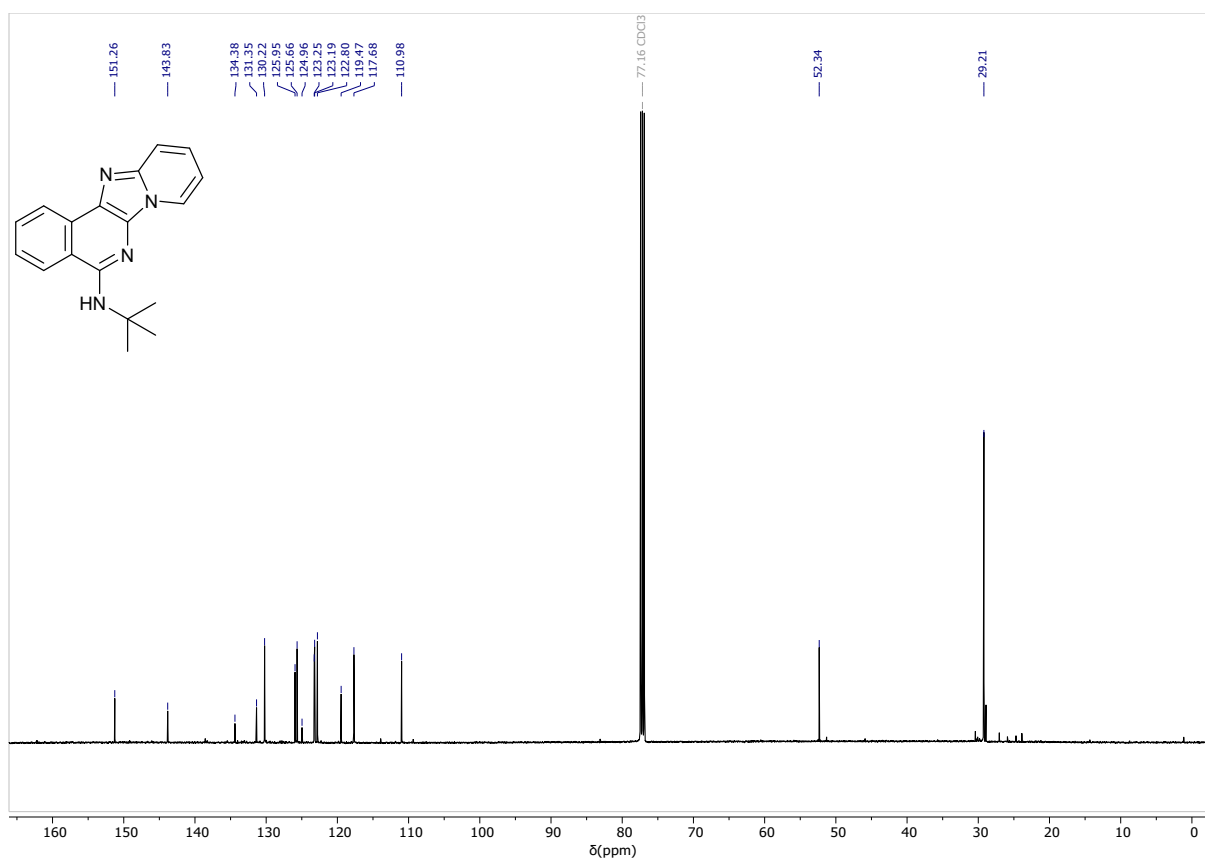


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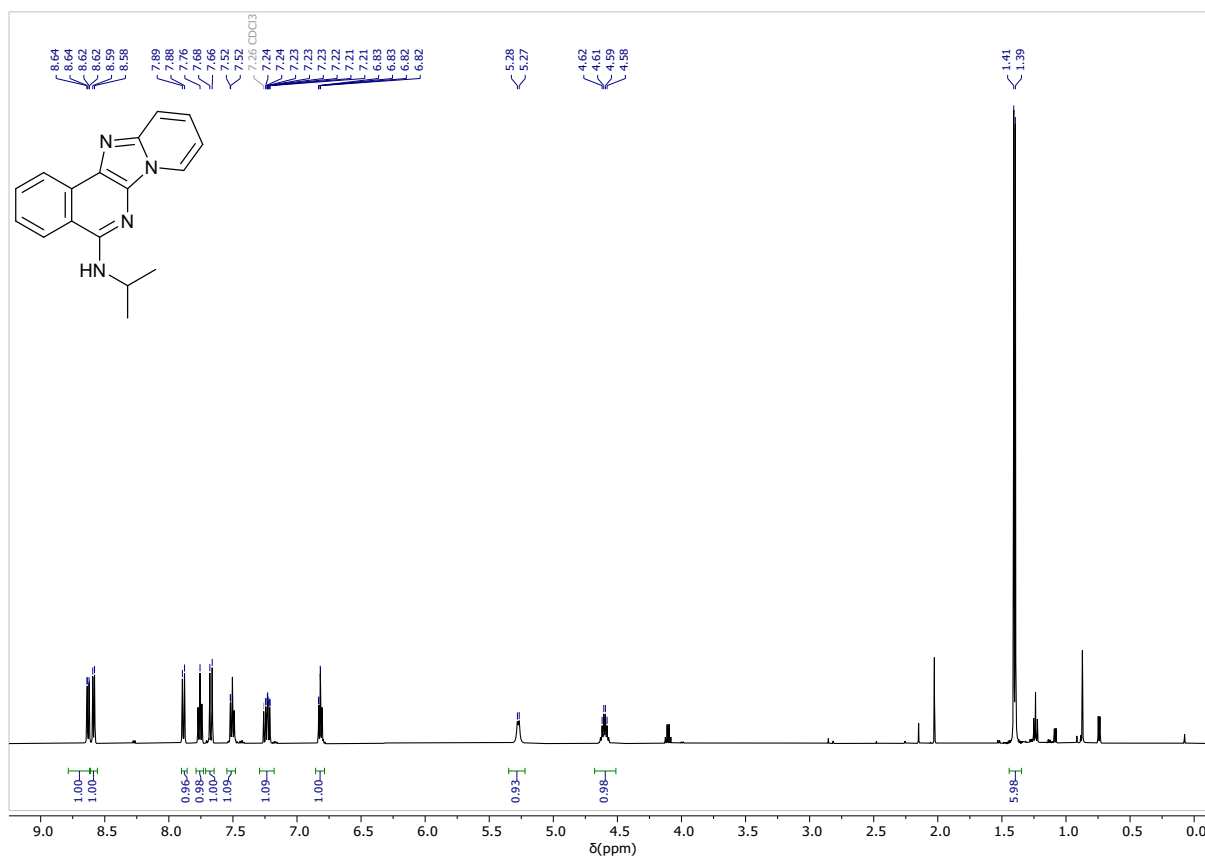


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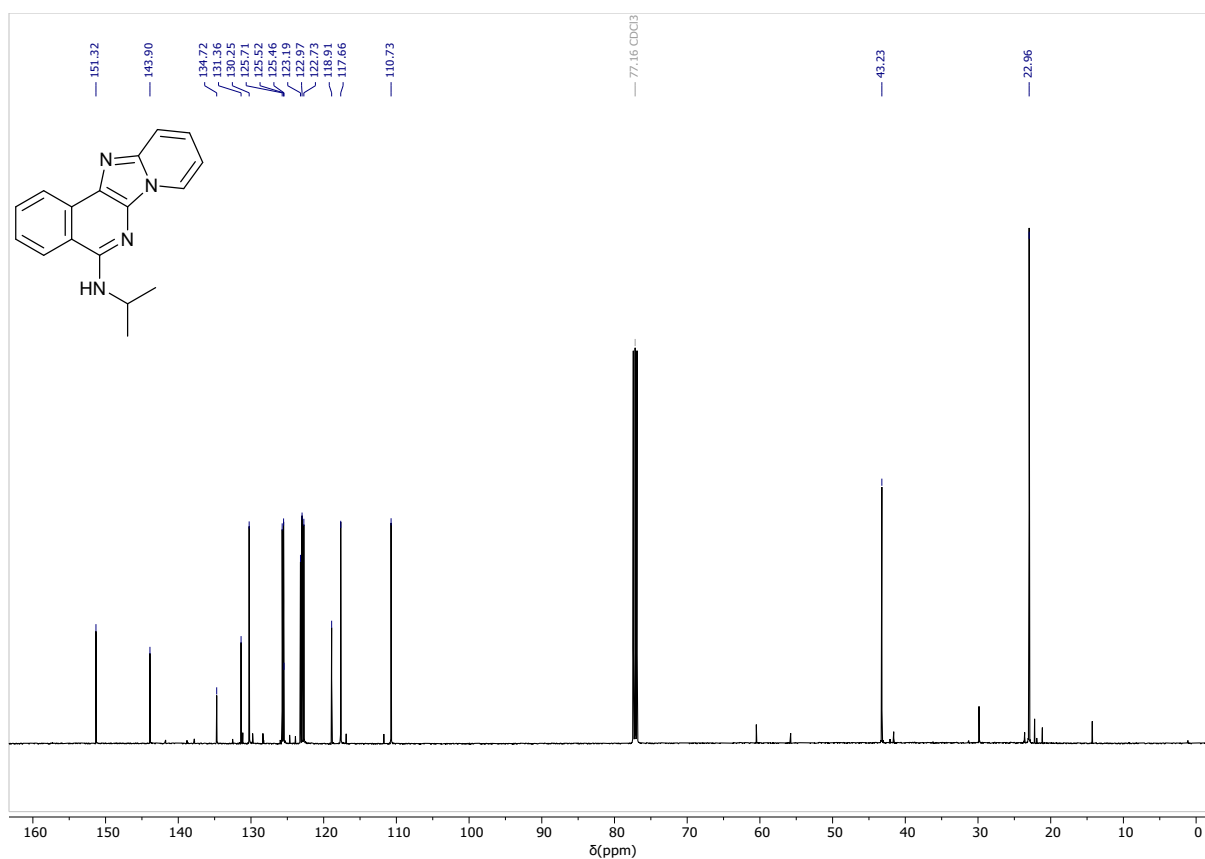


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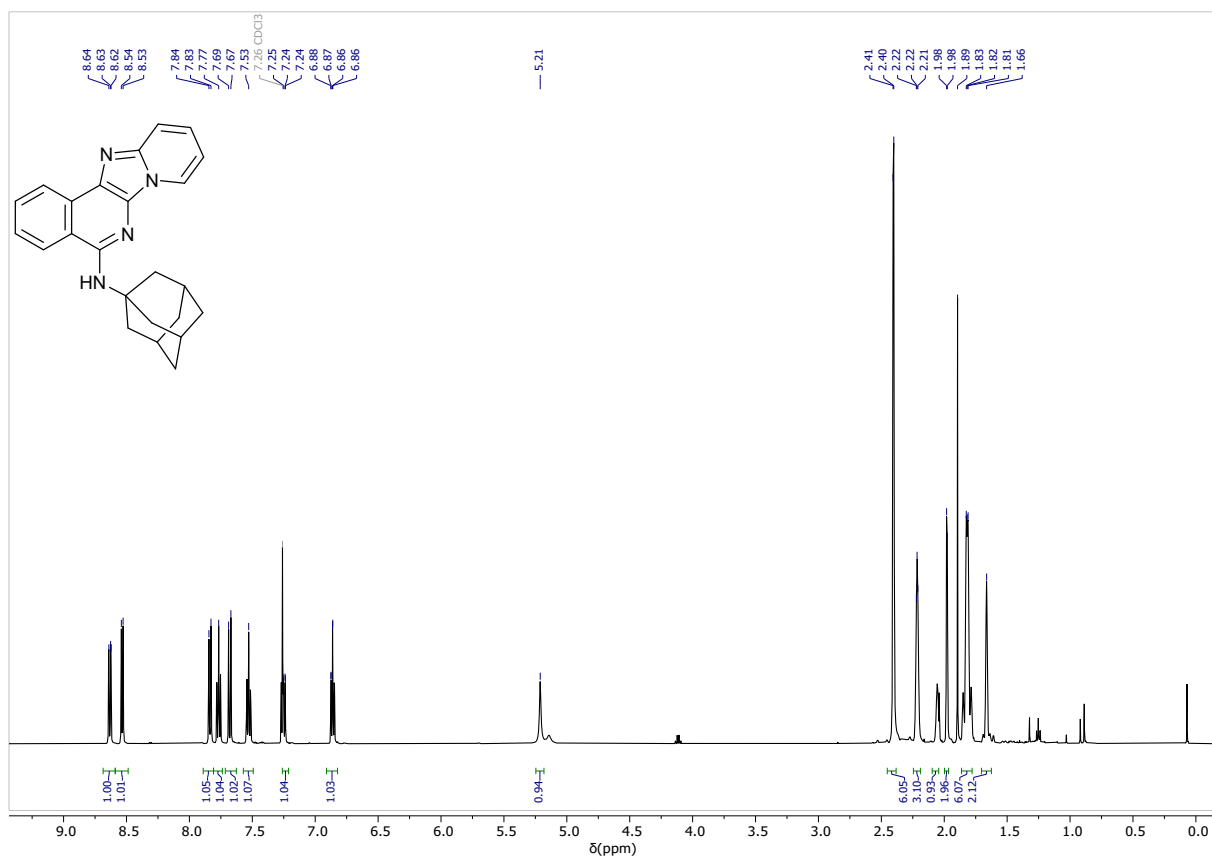


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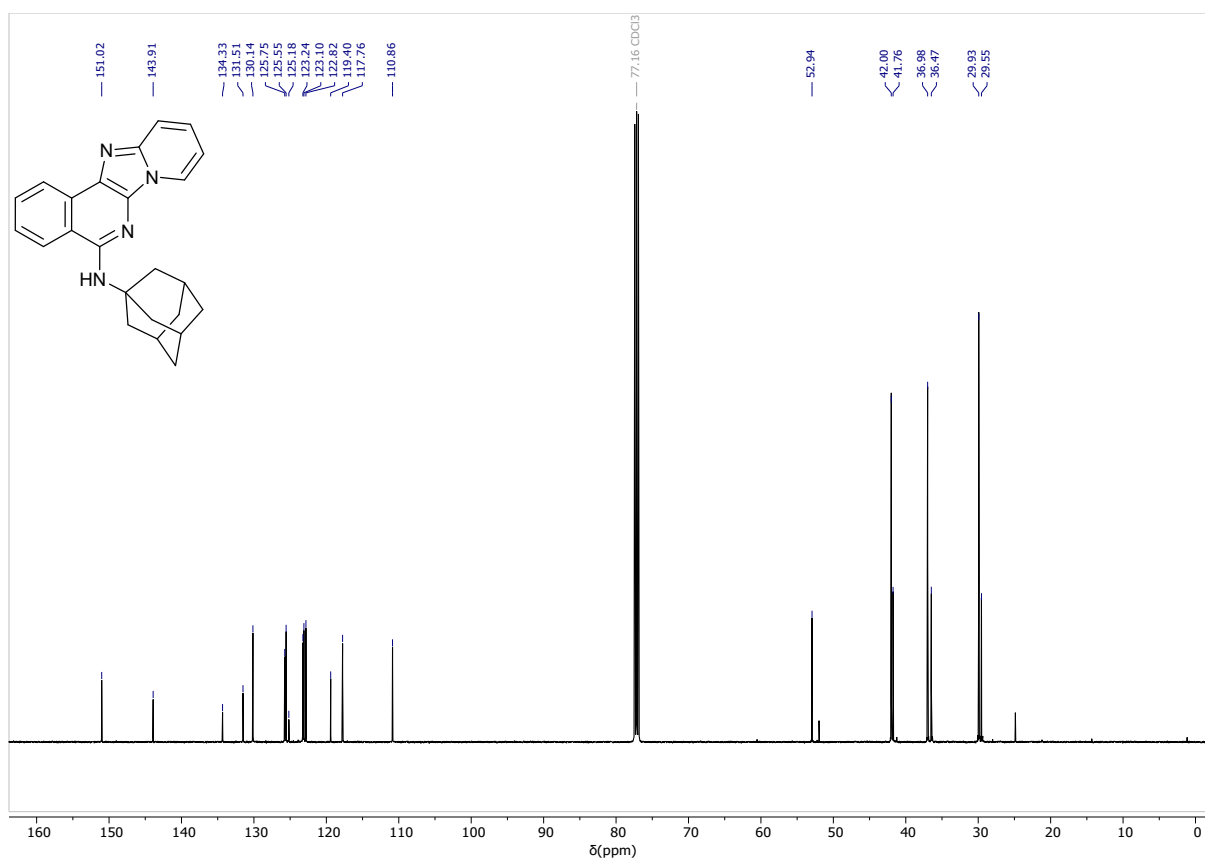


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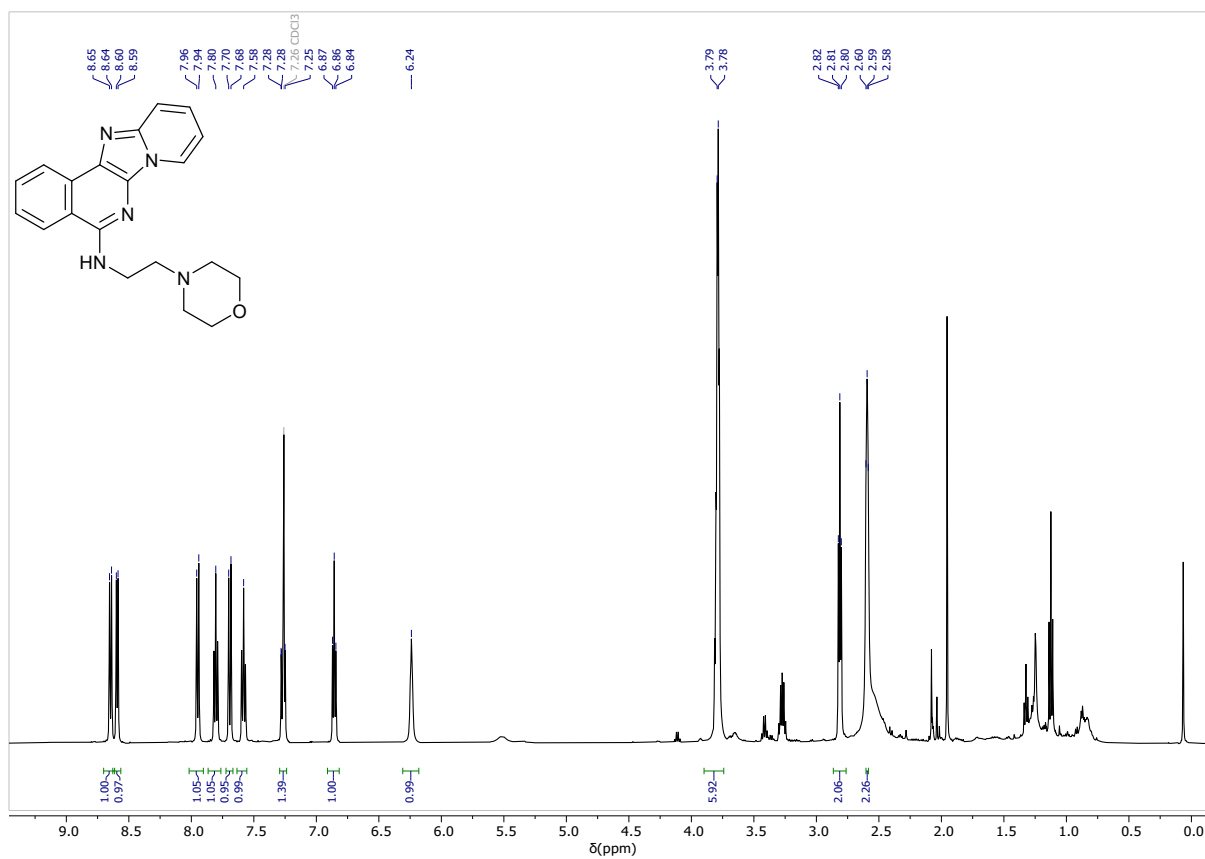


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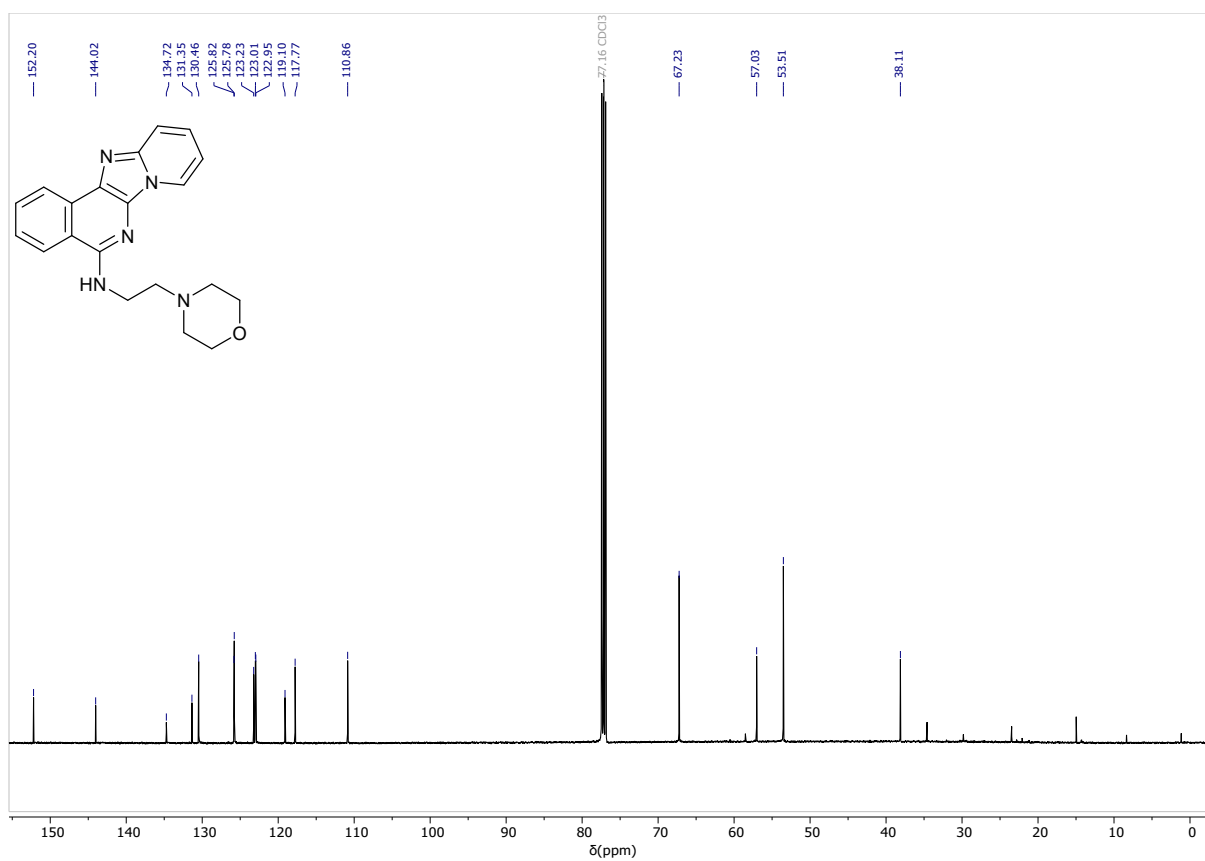


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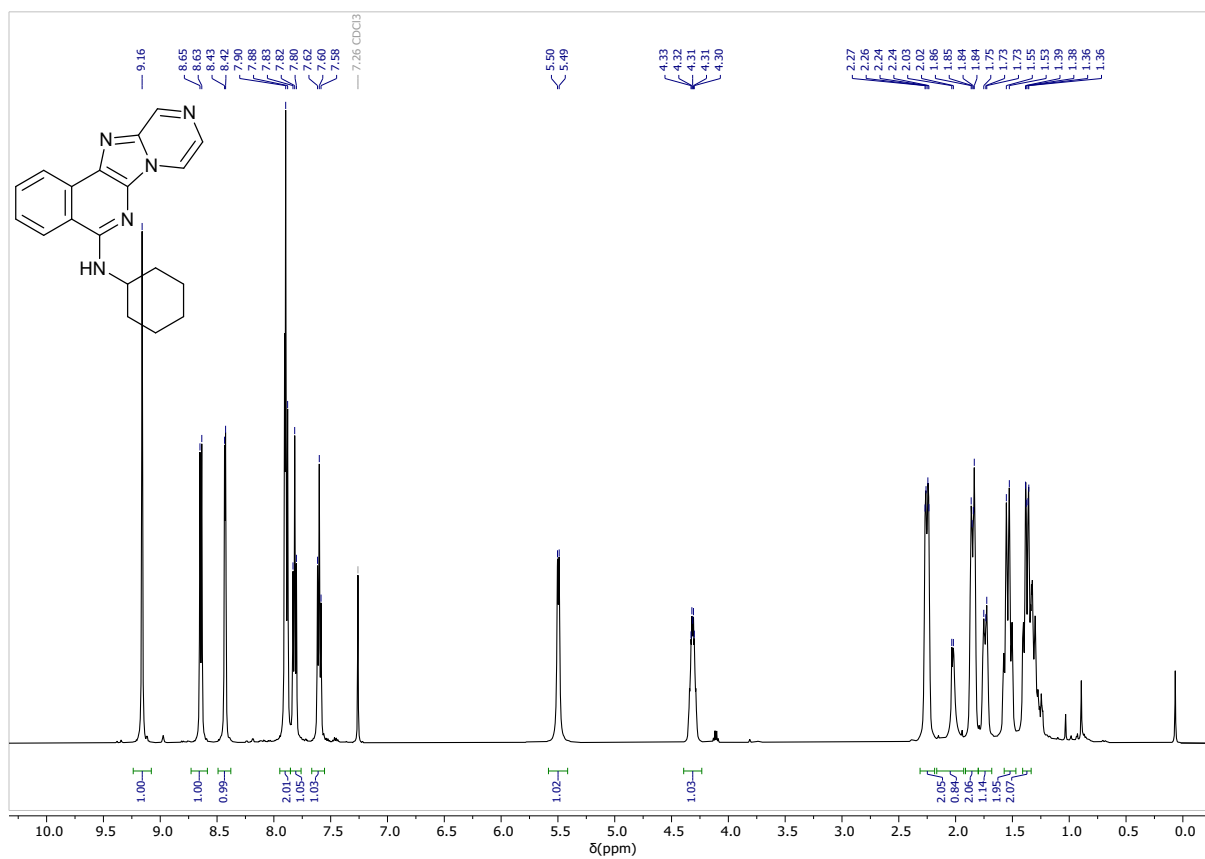


Figure 21 ¹H-NMR-Spectrum of Compound 10a.

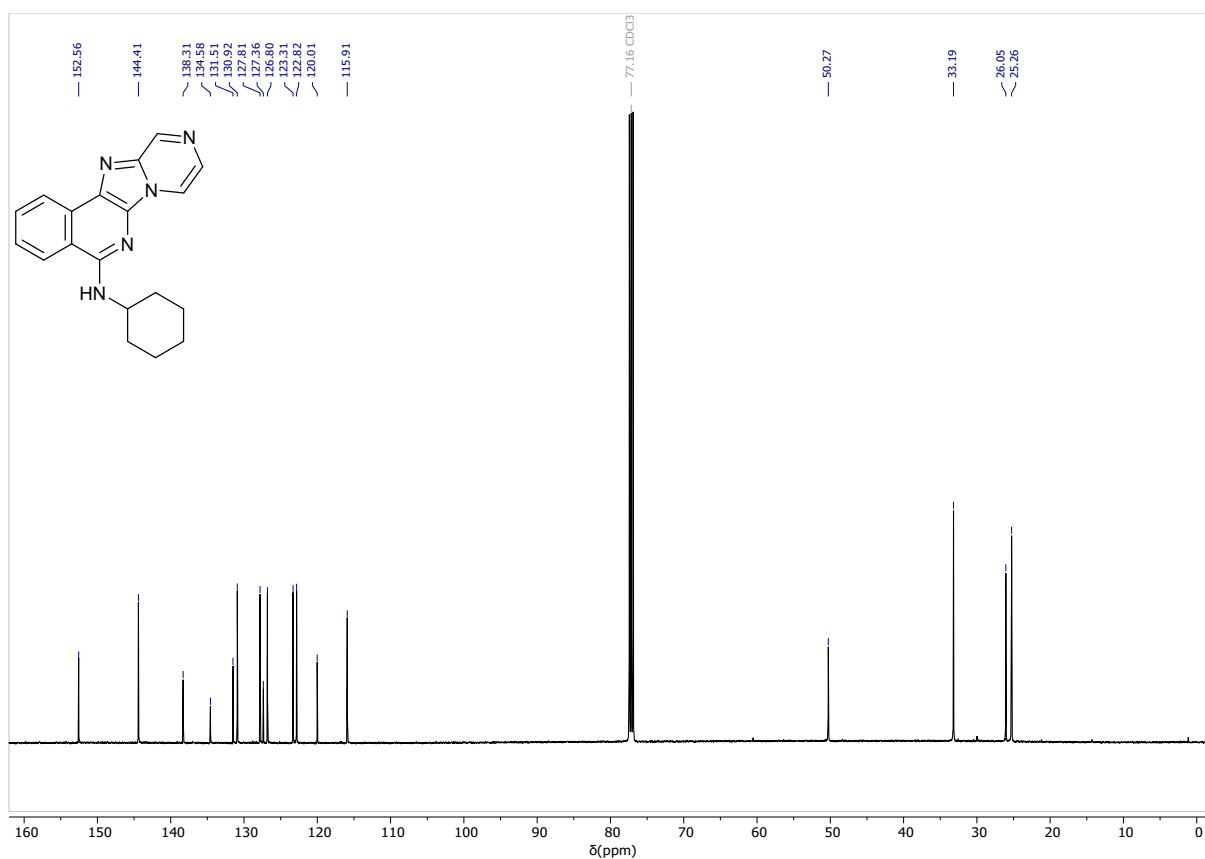


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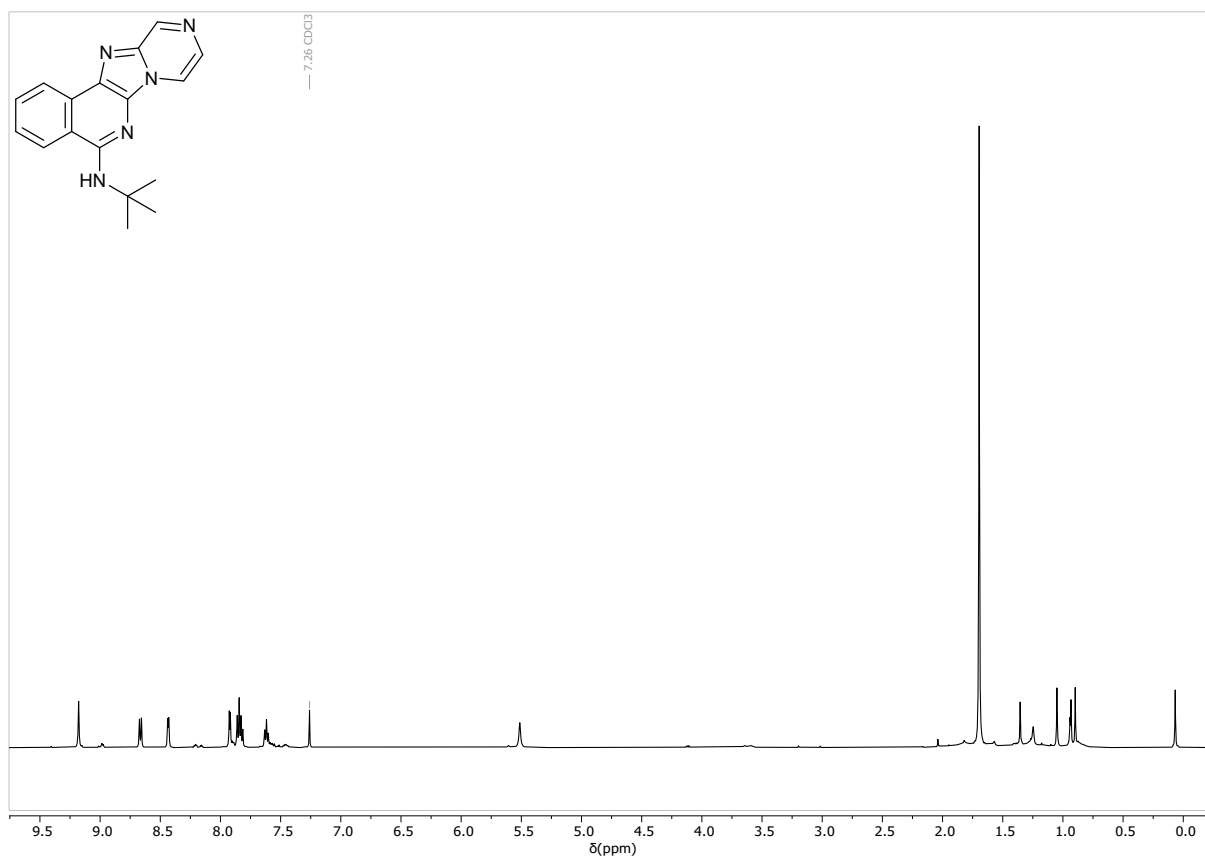
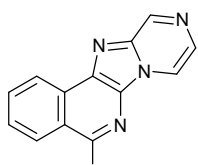


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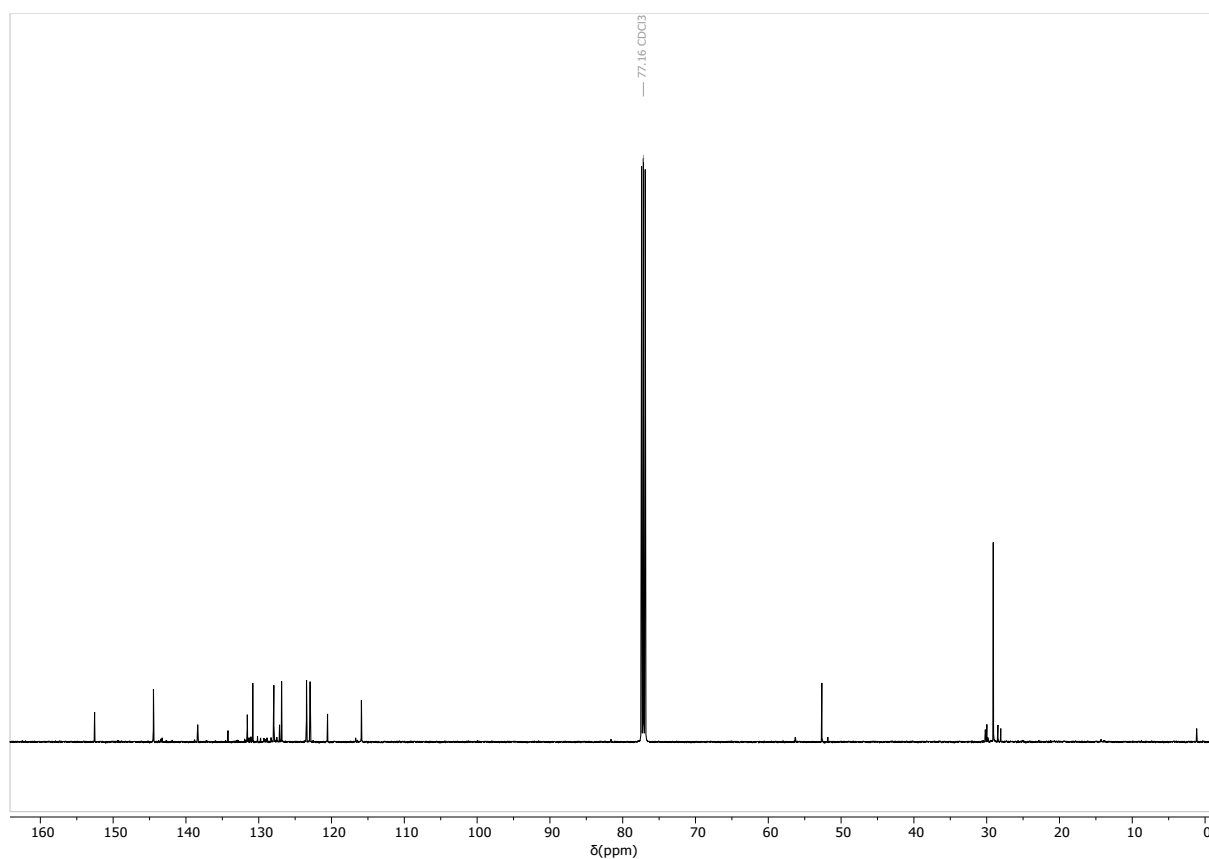


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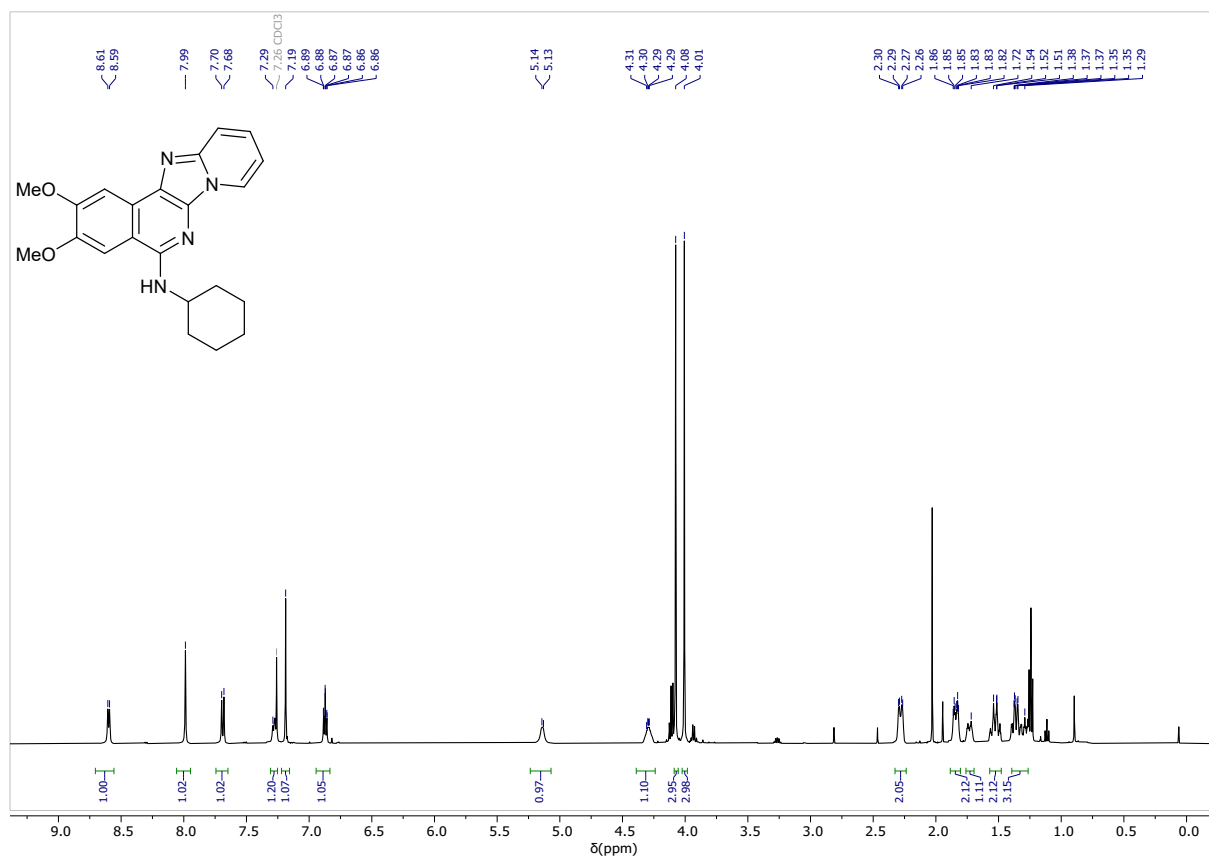


Figure 25 ^1H -NMR-Spectrum of Compound 11a.

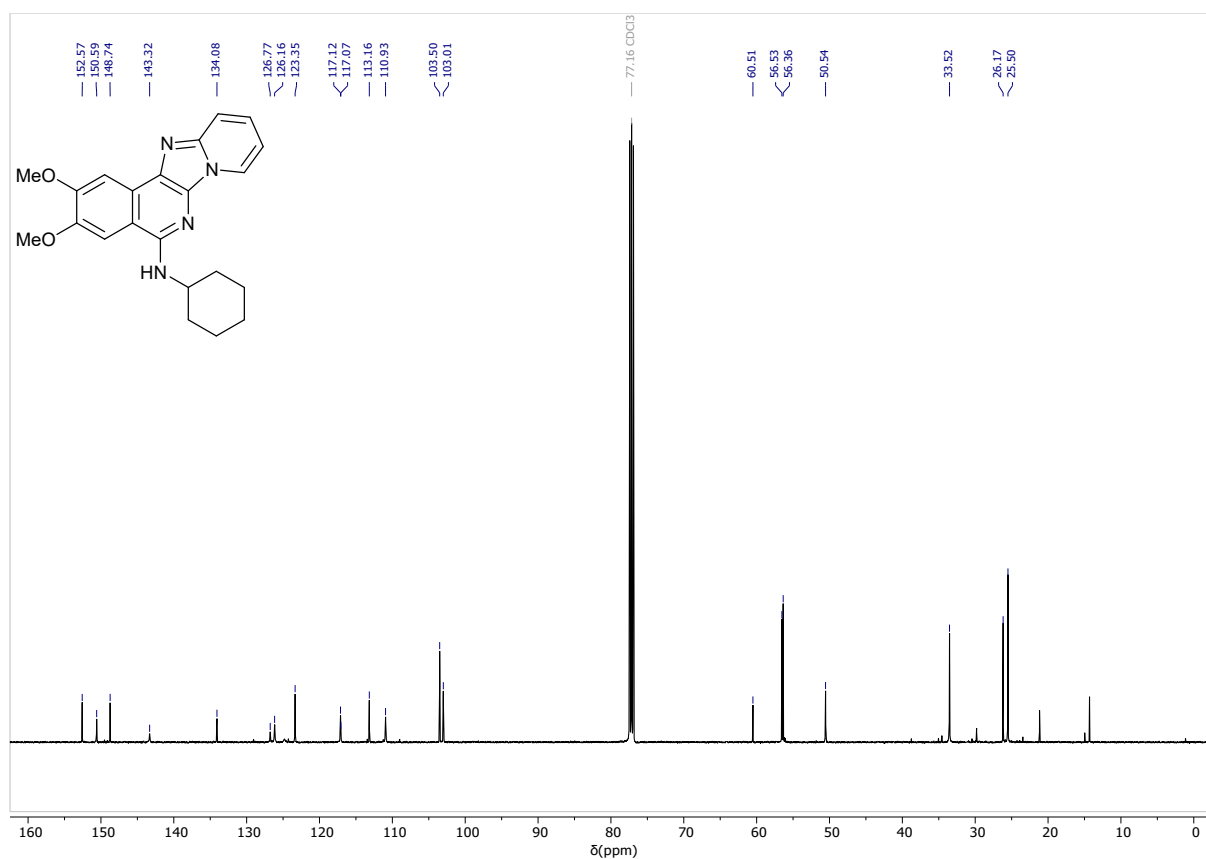


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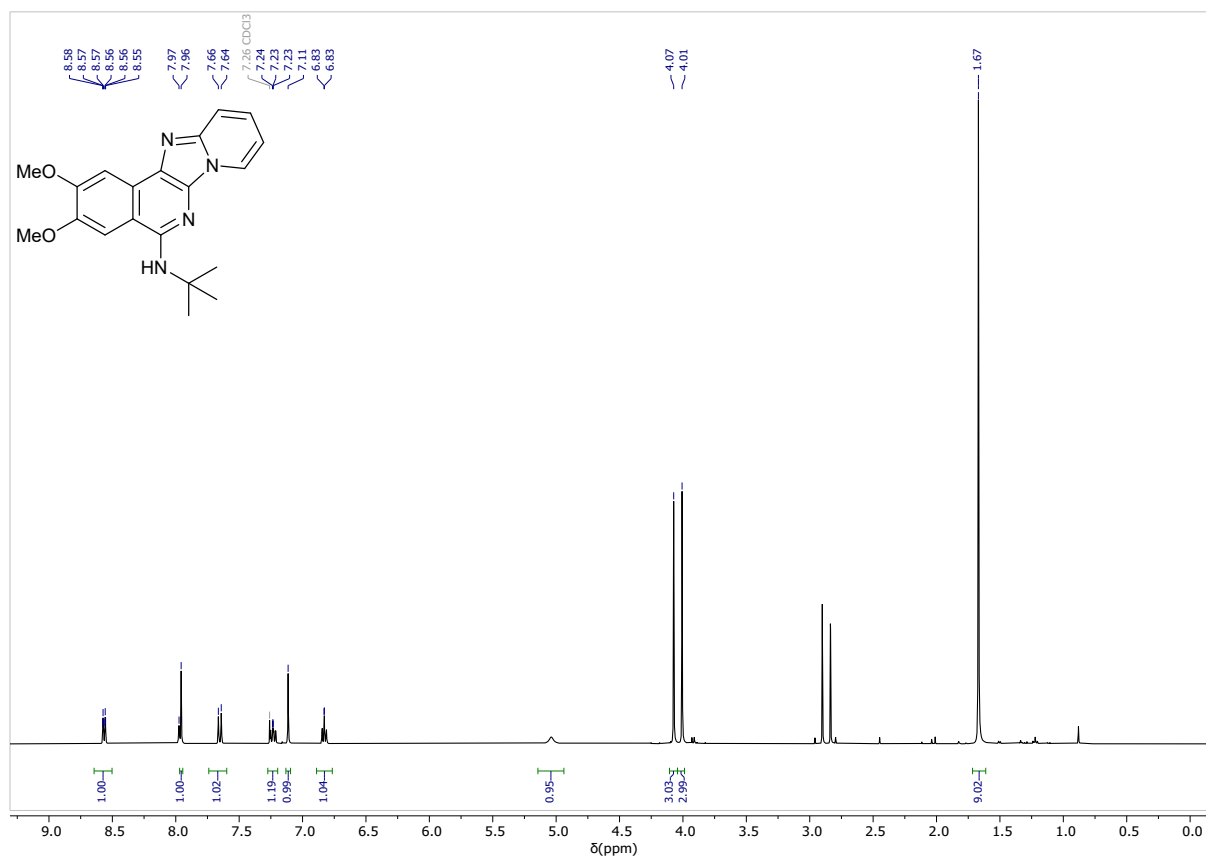


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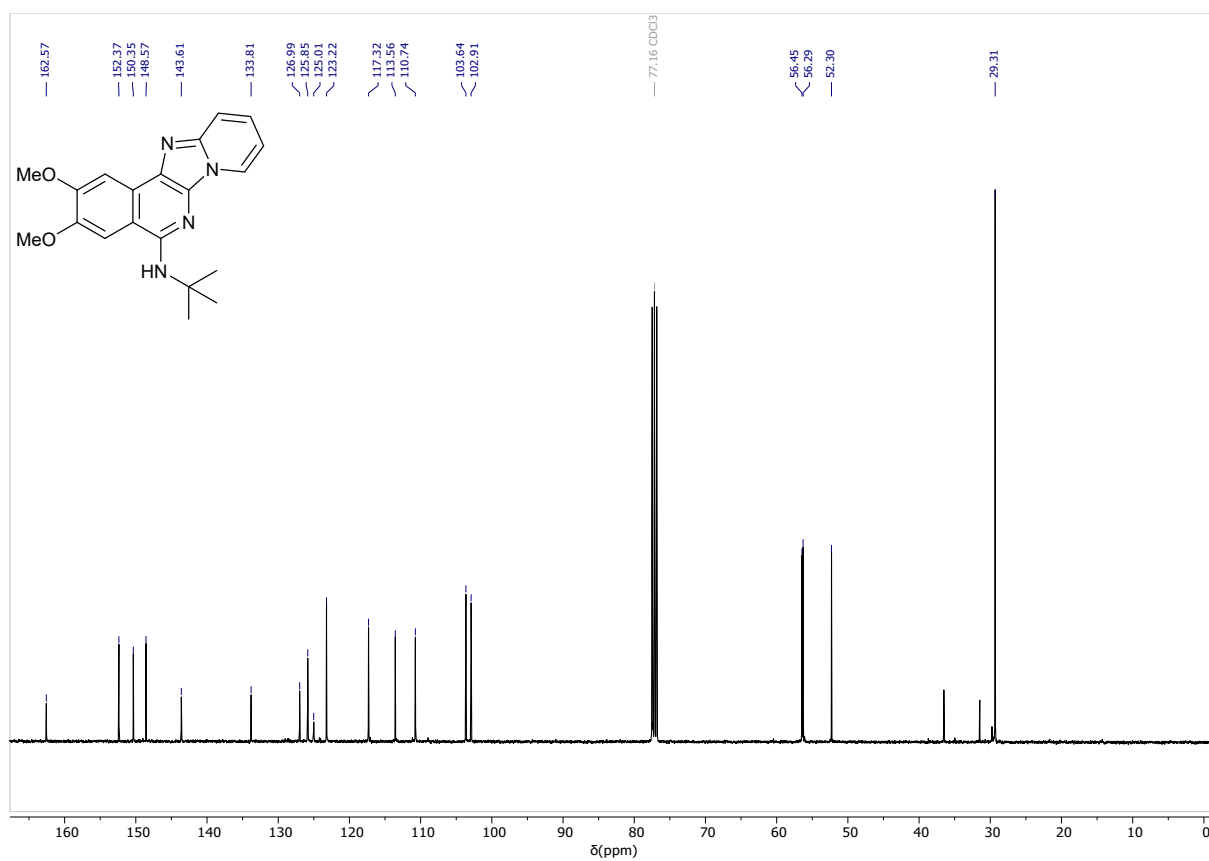


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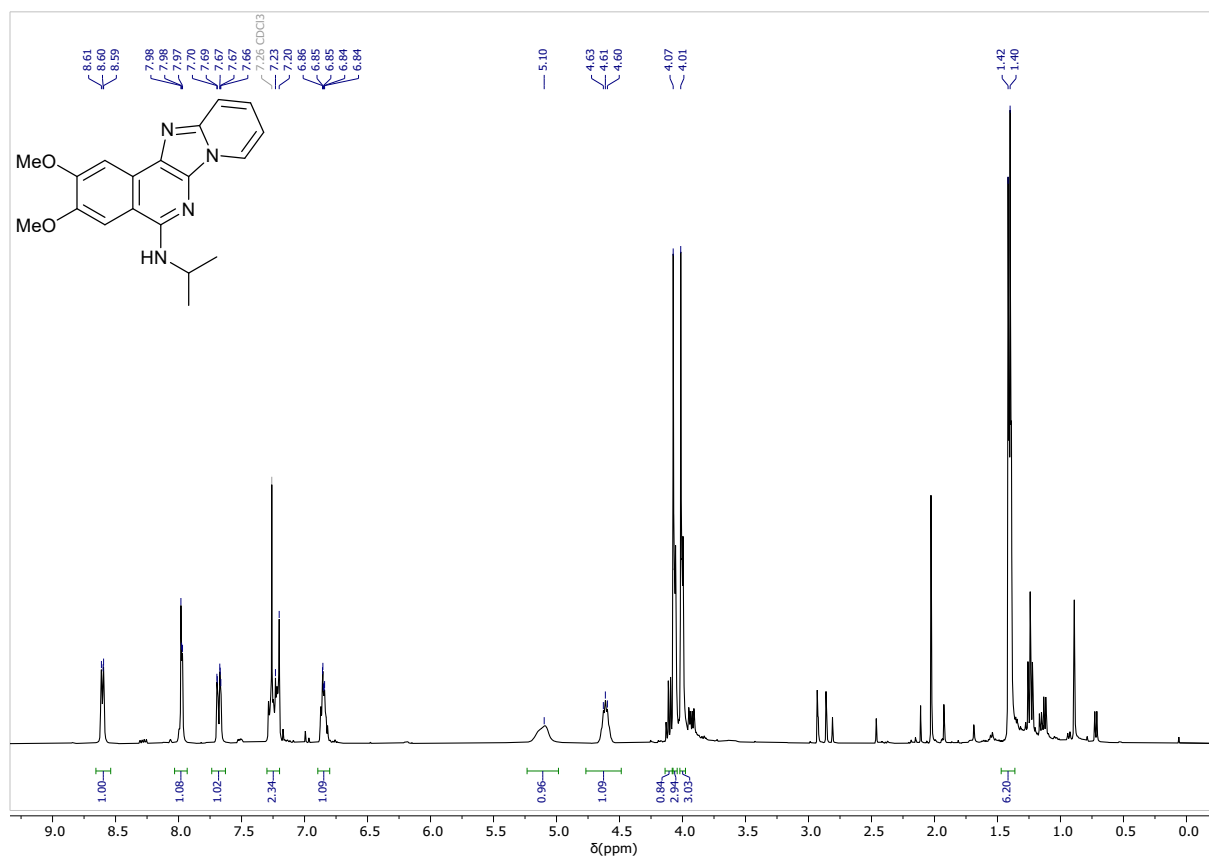


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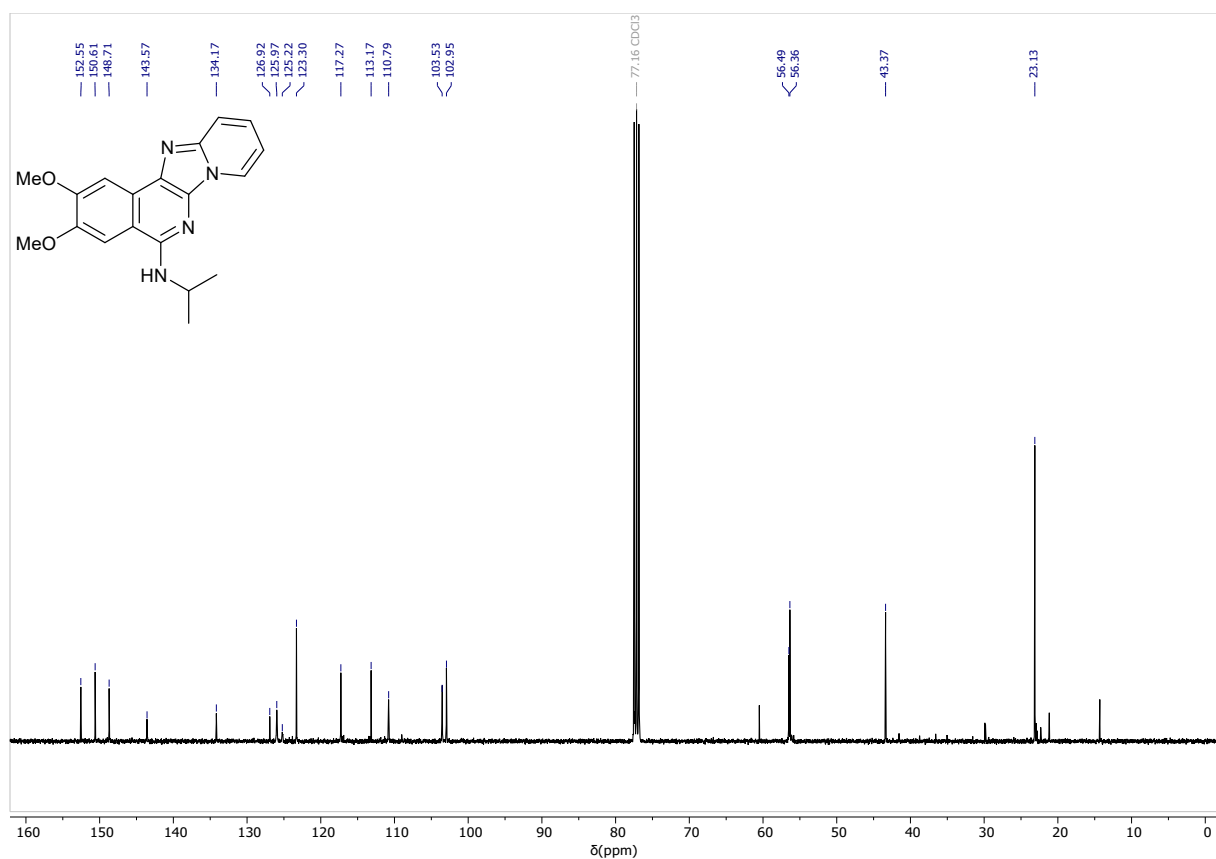


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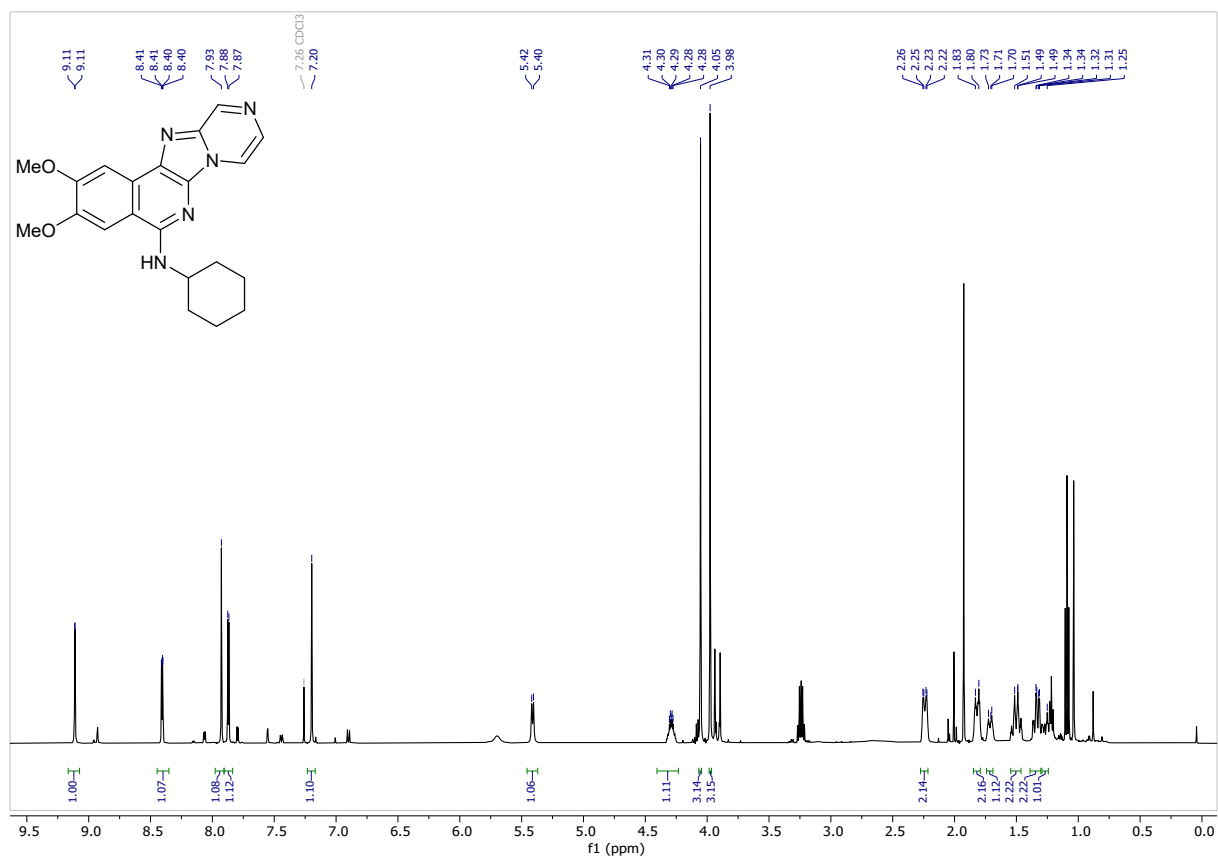


Figure 31 Ins 4a¹H-NMR-Spectrum of Compound 12a.

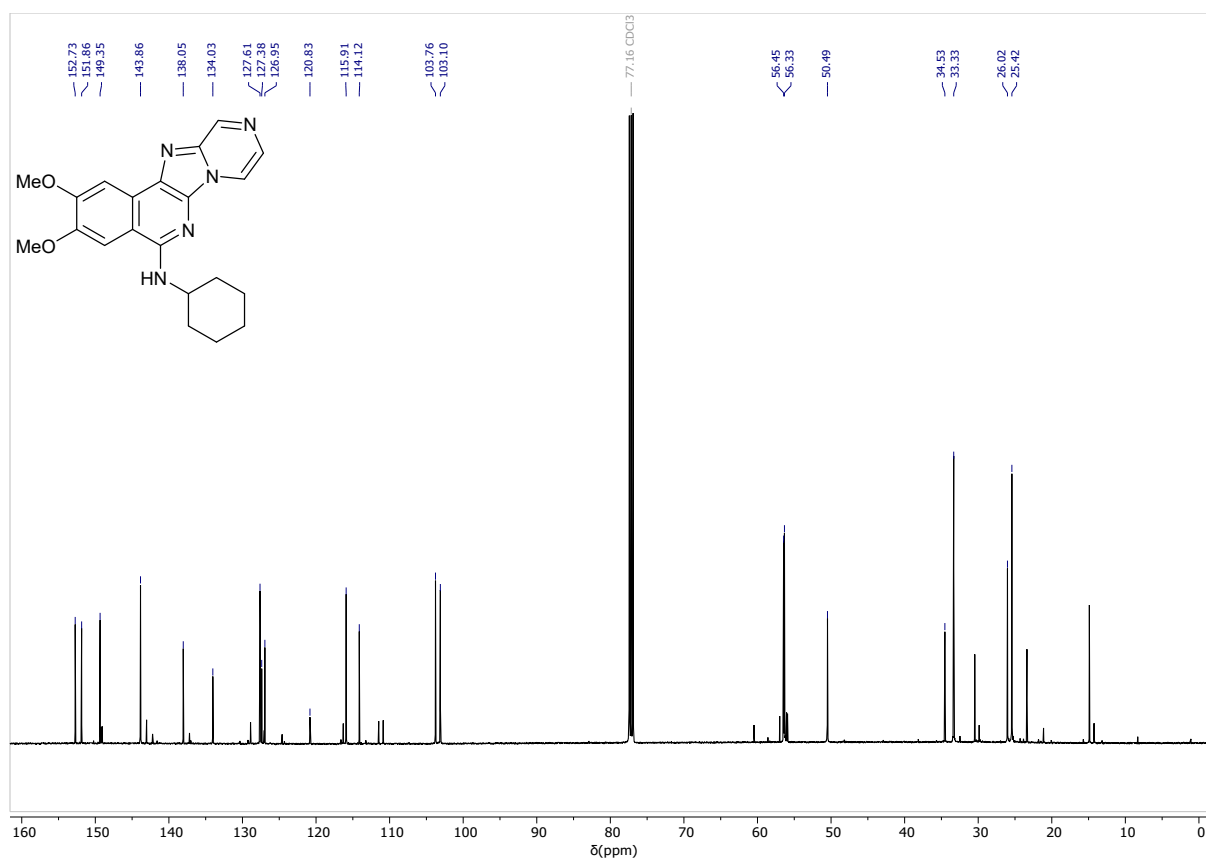


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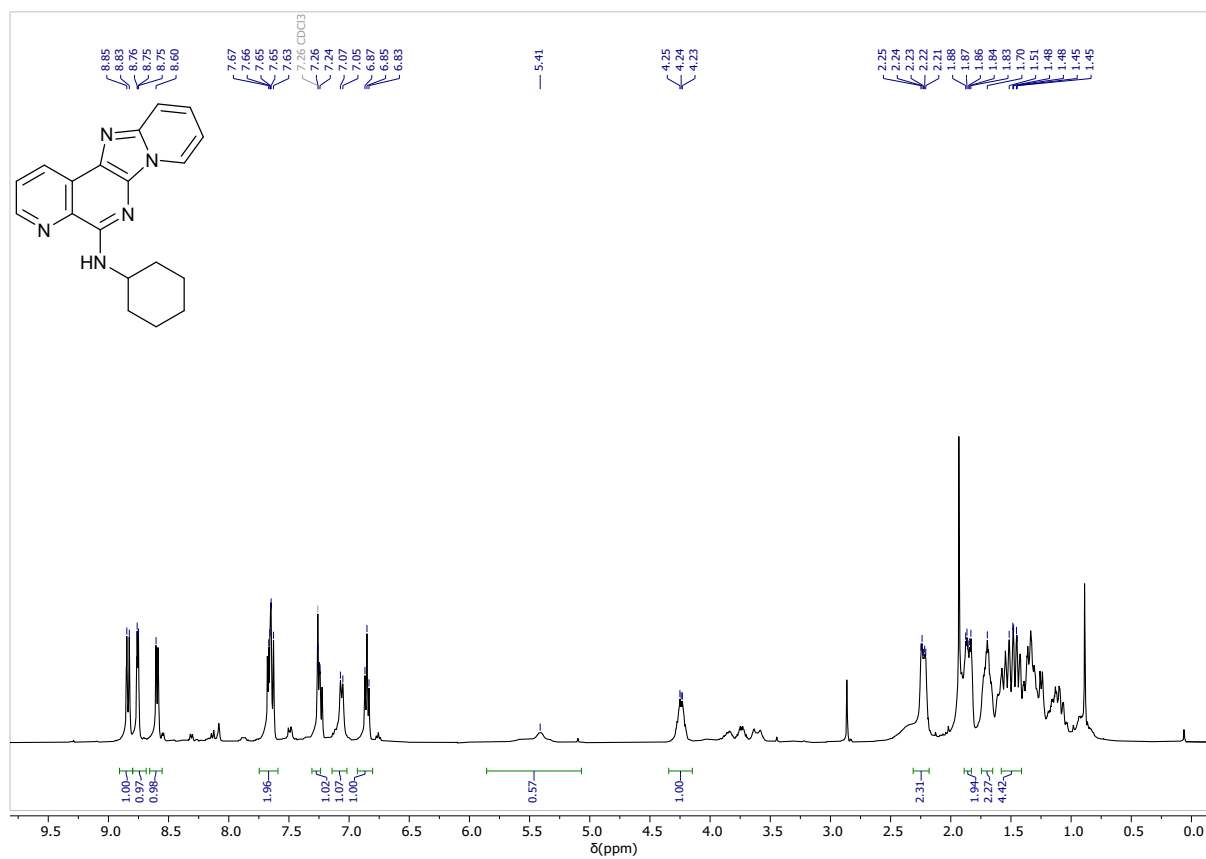


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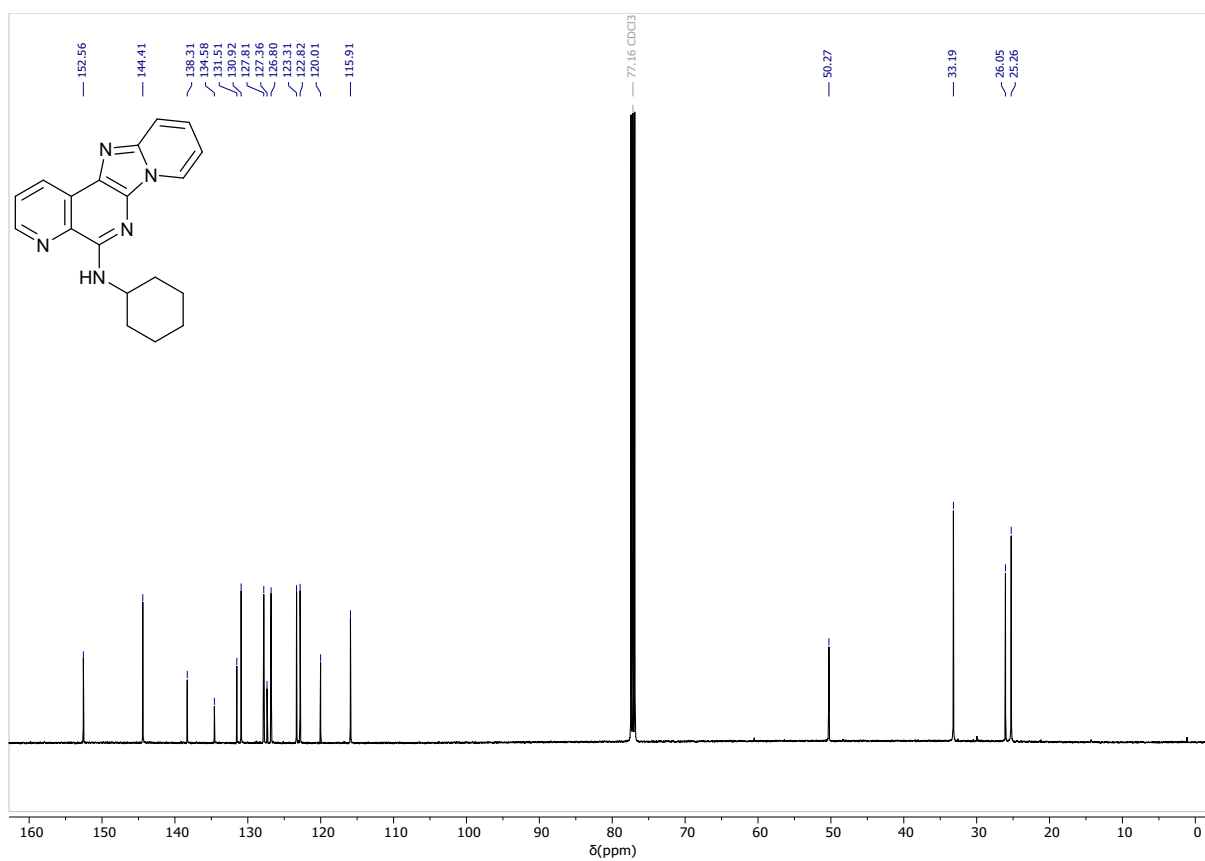


Figure 34 ¹³C-NMR-Spectrum of Compound 13a.

Crystal Structure Determination of compound 9d and 10a

The single-crystal X-ray diffraction study was carried out on a Bruker D8 Venture diffractometer with a PhotonII detector at 173(2) K or 298(2) K using Cu-K α radiation (λ = 1.54178 Å). Dual space methods (SHELXT) [G. M. Sheldrick, *Acta Crystallogr.* 2015, **A71**, 3-8] were used for structure solution, and refinement was carried out using SHELXL-2014 (full-matrix least-squares on F^2) [G. M. Sheldrick, *Acta Crystallogr.* 2015, **C71**, 3-8]. Hydrogen atoms were localized by difference electron density determination and refined using a riding model (H(N) free). Semi-empirical absorption corrections were applied.

9d: yellow crystals, C₂₄H₂₄N₄, M_r = 368.47, crystal size 0.24 × 0.12 × 0.03 mm, monoclinic, space group $P2_1/n$ (No. 14), a = 6.5540(6) Å, b = 12.6859(12) Å, c = 23.2169(21) Å, β = 97.357(4)°, V = 1914.4(3) Å³, Z = 4, ρ = 1.278 Mg/m³, $\mu(\text{Cu-K}\alpha)$ = 0.60 mm⁻¹, $F(000)$ = 784, T = 298 K, $2\theta_{\text{max}}$ = 144.2°, 26584 reflections, of which 3764 were independent (R_{int} = 0.029), 256 parameters, R_1 = 0.039 (for 3445 $I > 2\sigma(I)$), wR_2 = 0.097 (all data), S = 1.03, largest diff. peak / hole = 0.18 / -0.18 e Å⁻³.

10a: yellow crystals, C₁₉H₁₉N₅, M_r = 317.39, crystal size 0.30 × 0.18 × 0.12 mm, monoclinic, space group $P2_1/c$ (No. 14), a = 7.7193(2) Å, b = 19.0741(6) Å, c = 10.7854(3) Å, β = 103.055(1)°, V = 1546.98(8) Å³, Z = 4, ρ = 1.363 Mg/m³, $\mu(\text{Cu-K}\alpha)$ = 0.67 mm⁻¹, $F(000)$ = 672, T = 123 K, $2\theta_{\text{max}}$ = 144.6°, 27211 reflections, of which 3049 were independent (R_{int} = 0.026), 220 parameters, 1 restraint, R_1 = 0.034 (for 2978 $I > 2\sigma(I)$), wR_2 = 0.085 (all data), S = 1.03, largest diff. peak / hole = 0.27 / -0.21 e Å⁻³.

CCDC 2152372 (**9d**), and 2152373 (**10a**) contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.

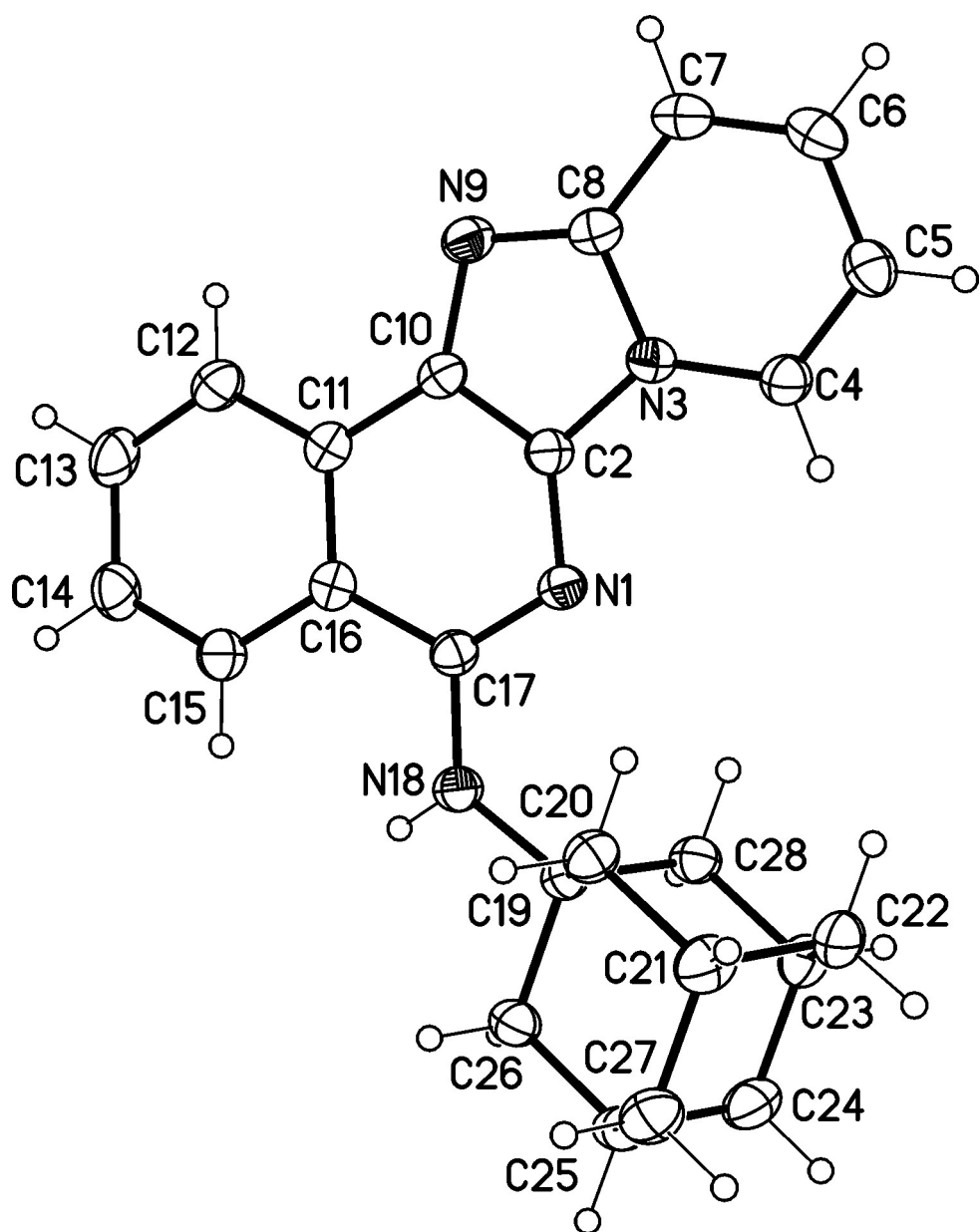


Fig. 1x. Molecular structure of **9d** (displacement parameters are drawn at 30 % probability level).

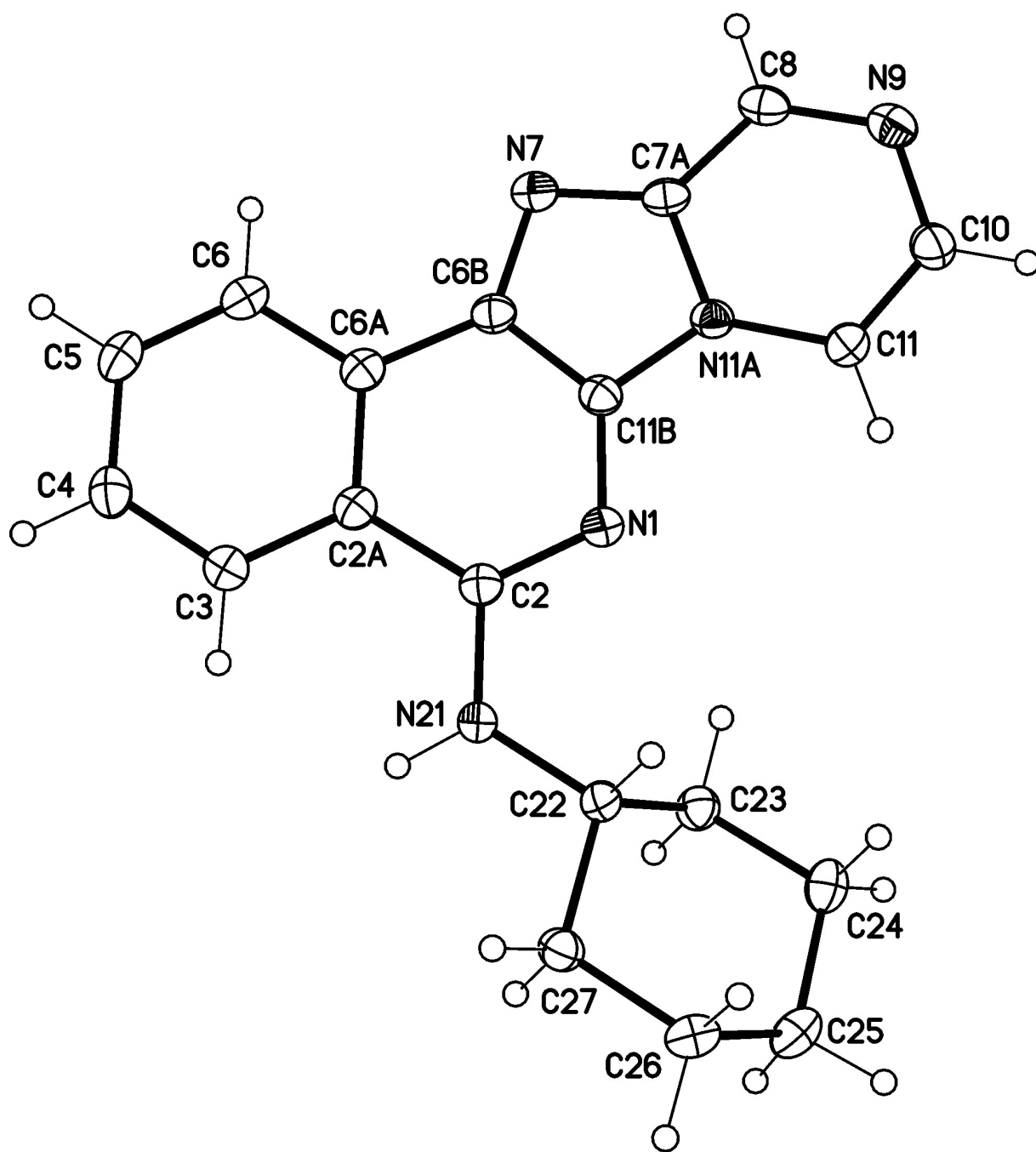


Fig. 2x. Molecular structure of **10a** (displacement parameters are drawn at 50 % probability level).