

Supporting Information

Rhodium(III)-catalyzed C–H alkylation of arylhydrophthalazinediones with α -Cl ketones as a sp^3 -carbon alkylated agent

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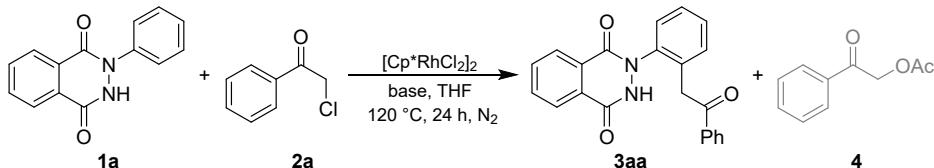
1. General Information

All reactions were carried out under air atmosphere unless otherwise noted. An aluminum heating block placed on a stirring plate was used as the heating source. Solvents were purified by standard techniques without special instructions. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Ascend™ 500 M NMR Spectrometer (500 MHz for ¹H, 125 MHz for ¹³C); DMSO-*d*₆ was used as the solvents. The chemical shifts are reported in ppm down field (δ), the coupling constants *J* are given in Hz. The peak patterns are indicated as follows: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet. IR spectra were recorded on a SHIMADZU IRTtracer-100 spectrometer. HRESIMS data were recorded on a Thermo Scientific Q Exactive (Thermo Fisher Scientific) mass spectrometry. TLC was carried out on SiO₂ (silica gel 60F₂₅₄, Merck), and the spots were located with UV light. Flash chromatography was carried out on SiO₂ (silica gel 60, 200-300 meth).

The starting materials **1**, **2** were synthesized according the previous literatures.^[1-2] **2d-2l**, and **2p** are commercially available.

2. Synthesis of Phthalazinediones

2.1 Optimized Bases of Reaction Conditions

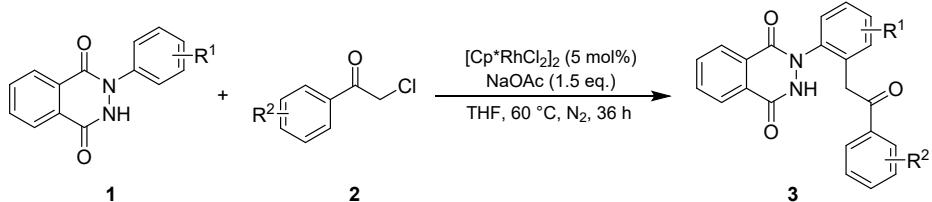


Entry	Base	3aa (%)	4 (%)
1	Na ₂ CO ₃	nd	79
2	K ₂ CO ₃	nd	85
3	NaHCO ₃	nd	71
4	KHCO ₃	nd	76
5	Na ₃ PO ₄	nd	81
6	K ₃ PO ₄	nd	86

7	K_2HPO_4	nd	72
8	KH_2PO_4	nd	75

^aReaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.4 mmol), $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ (5 mol%) and base (0.3 mmol, 1.5 eq.) in THF (1.0 mL) at 120 °C under N₂ for 24 h. Isolated yields. nd = not detected.

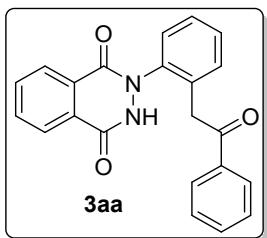
2.2 General Procedure for the Rh(III)-Catalyzed C–H Alkylation Reaction



A reaction flask was charged with a mixture of *N*-aryl phthalazinone (**1**) (0.2 mmol), α -Cl ketones (**2**) (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ (6.2 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5 mol%), NaOAc (24.6 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), and THF (1.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C under N_2 atmosphere for 36 h. After the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified via silica gel chromatography (eluent: dichloromethane/ethyl acetate to petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) to give product **3**.

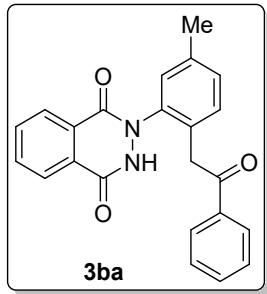
3. Characterization Data of Products

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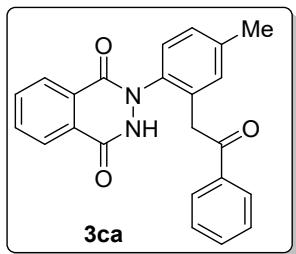
White solid (68.4 mg, 96% yield). Eluents for column chromatography: dichloromethane/ethyl acetate (24:1 v/v) to petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1 v/v). ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz) δ 11.78 (s, 1H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.91–7.90 (m, 2H), 7.87–7.83 (m, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 7.45–7.41 (m, 5H), 7.31–7.28 (m, 2H), 4.28 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 125 MHz) δ 197.0, 157.5, 136.6, 133.6, 133.1, 132.5, 131.6, 129.1, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 127.8, 126.8, 124.3, 41.2.

2-(5-methyl-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)phenyl)-2,3-dihydrophthalazine-1,4-dione (**3ba**)



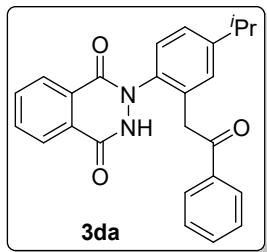
White solid (39.8 mg, 54% yield). Eluents for column chromatography: dichloromethane/ethyl acetate (45:1 v/v) to petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1 v/v). ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz) δ 11.79 (s, 1H), 8.19 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.94-7.88 (m, 2H), 7.86-7.83 (m, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 7.44-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.23-7.21 (m, 2H), 4.24 (s, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 125 MHz) δ 197.2, 157.4, 137.2, 136.6, 133.5, 133.0, 132.5, 131.3, 130.4, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.5, 128.2, 126.8, 124.3, 40.9, 20.6; IR (KBr): 3126, 3067, 1676, 1639, 1559, 1503, 1324, 1254, 1092, 692 (cm⁻¹); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₃H₁₈N₂O₃Na [M+Na]⁺: 393.1210; found: 393.1193.

2-(4-methyl-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)phenyl)-2,3-dihydrophthalazine-1,4-dione (3ca)^[3]



White solid (48.5 mg, 66% yield). Eluents for column chromatography: dichloromethane/ethyl acetate (24:1 v/v) to petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1 v/v). ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz) δ 11.76 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.90-7.88 (m, 2H), 7.87-7.81 (m, 1H), 7.73-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.22-7.18 (m, 2H), 4.22 (s, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 125 MHz) δ 197.1, 157.5, 150.6, 137.7, 136.6, 133.5, 133.2, 133.0, 132.4, 131.9, 129.1, 129.0, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 126.8, 125.9, 124.3, 41.1, 20.9.

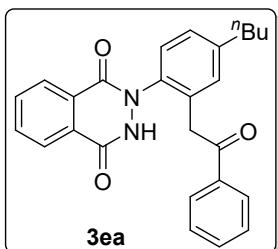
2-(4-isopropyl-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)phenyl)-2,3-dihydrophthalazine-1,4-dione (3da)



White solid (56.3 mg, 71% yield). Eluents for column chromatography: dichloromethane/ethyl acetate (45:1 v/v) to petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1 v/v). ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz) δ 11.74 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.90-7.86 (m, 2H), 7.84-7.81 (m, 1H), 7.72-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.24 (m, 5H), 4.26 (s, 2H), 3.00-2.88 (m, 1H), 1.23 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 125 MHz) δ 197.1, 157.5, 148.6, 136.7, 133.5, 133.3, 133.0, 132.4, 129.6, 129.2,

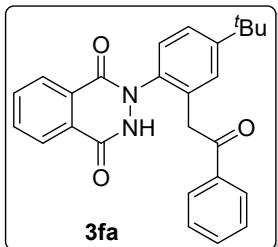
128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 126.8, 125.5, 124.3, 41.3, 33.4, 24.1; IR (KBr): 3064, 2958, 1680, 1643, 1588, 1500, 1327, 1269, 1210, 688 (cm^{-1}); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 421.1523; found: 421.1508.

2-(4-butyl-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)phenyl)-2,3-dihydrophthalazine-1,4-dione (3ea)



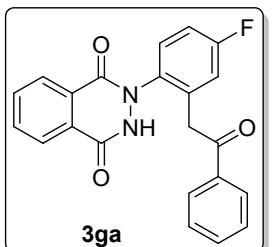
White solid (64.2 mg, 78% yield). Eluents for column chromatography: dichloromethane/ethyl acetate (24:1 v/v) to petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1 v/v). ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 500 MHz) δ 11.76 (s, 1H), 8.17 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.92-7.86 (m, 2H), 7.85-7.82 (m, 1H), 7.72 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 7.20 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.24 (s, 2H), 2.62 (t, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.59-1.53 (m, 2H), 1.32-1.24 (m, 2H), 0.89 (t, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 125 MHz) δ 197.1, 157.5, 142.5, 136.6, 133.5, 133.2, 133.0, 132.4, 131.4, 129.2, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 127.6, 126.8, 125.9, 124.3, 41.3, 34.6, 33.2, 21.8, 14.0; IR (KBr): 3134, 2961, 2928, 1683, 1639, 1573, 1364, 1324, 1254, 692 (cm^{-1}); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 435.1679; found: 435.1665.

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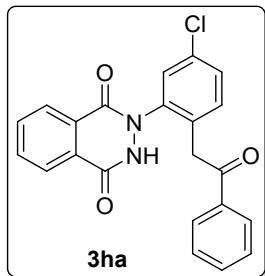
White solid (63.8 mg, 77% yield). Eluents for column chromatography: dichloromethane/ethyl acetate (24:1 v/v) to petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1 v/v). ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 500 MHz) δ 11.69 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.93-7.89 (m, 2H), 7.86-7.82 (m, 1H), 7.73 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.47-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 3H), 4.29 (s, 2H), 1.32 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 125 MHz) δ 197.1, 136.7, 133.4, 133.0, 132.4, 129.1, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 126.8, 124.5, 41.5, 34.6, 31.3; IR (KBr): 3310, 2958, 1676, 1654, 1592, 1500, 1349, 1254, 1221, 692 (cm^{-1}); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 435.1679; found: 435.1667.

2-(4-fluoro-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)phenyl)-2,3-dihydrophthalazine-1,4-dione (3ga)^[3]



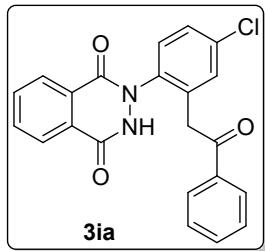
White solid (54.0 mg, 72% yield). Eluents for column chromatography: dichloromethane/ethyl acetate (45:1 v/v) to petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1 v/v). ^1H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz) δ 11.80 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.92-7.89 (m, 2H), 7.86-7.83 (m, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 7.49-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.24 (m, 4H), 4.32 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 125 MHz) δ 196.3, 161.0 (d, $^1J_{\text{C}-\text{F}}$ = 243.8 Hz), 157.6, 150.7, 136.5, 136.2 (d, $^3J_{\text{C}-\text{F}}$ = 8.8 Hz), 133.6, 133.2, 132.5, 130.5 (d, $^3J_{\text{C}-\text{F}}$ = 7.5 Hz), 129.0, 128.6, 128.1, 126.8, 124.3 (d, $^4J_{\text{C}-\text{F}}$ = 2.5 Hz), 118.3 (d, $^2J_{\text{C}-\text{F}}$ = 22.5 Hz), 114.5 (d, $^2J_{\text{C}-\text{F}}$ = 22.5 Hz), 40.9.

2-(3-chloro-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)phenyl)-2,3-dihydrophthalazine-1,4-dione (3ha)



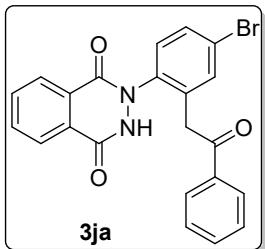
White solid (67.6 mg, 86% yield). Eluents for column chromatography: dichloromethane/ethyl acetate (45:1 v/v) to petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1 v/v). ^1H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz) δ 11.82 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.91-7.82 (m, 3H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.51-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.32-7.29 (m, 2H), 4.33 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 125 MHz) δ 196.6, 157.6, 150.9, 142.2, 136.5, 133.7, 133.4, 133.2, 132.7, 132.5, 131.6, 129.0, 128.6, 128.6, 128.3, 128.1, 126.8, 125.0, 124.4, 40.7; IR (KBr): 3064, 2961, 1694, 1588, 1489, 1320, 1276, 993, 784, 692 (cm^{-1}); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₂H₁₄ClN₂O₃⁻ [M-H⁻]: 389.0698; found: 389.0699.

2-(4-chloro-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)phenyl)-2,3-dihydrophthalazine-1,4-dione (3ia)^[3]



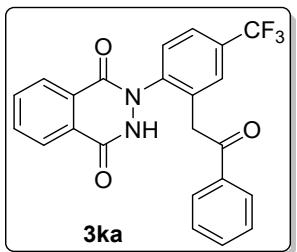
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2-(4-bromo-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)phenyl)-2,3-dihydrophthalazine-1,4-dione (3ja)^[3]



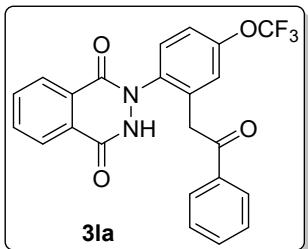
White solid (83.1 mg, 95% yield). Eluents for column chromatography: dichloromethane/ethyl acetate (24:1 v/v) to petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1 v/v). ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz) δ 11.84 (s, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.88-7.82 (m, 3H), 7.74-7.70 (m, 3H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.28 (m, 2H), 4.35 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 125 MHz) δ 196.7, 157.8, 151.1, 140.8, 136.8, 136.5, 134.8, 133.9, 133.5, 132.8, 130.9, 129.3, 128.9, 128.3, 127.1, 125.2, 124.6, 121.3, 41.0.

2-(2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2,3-dihydrophthalazine-1,4-dione (3ka)



White solid (77.8 mg, 92% yield). Eluents for column chromatography: dichloromethane/ethyl acetate (45:1 v/v) to petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1 v/v). ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz) δ 11.93 (s, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.97-7.94 (m, 1H), 7.90-7.89 (m, 3H), 7.86-7.82 (m, 1H), 7.80-7.78 (m, 1H), 7.75-7.74 (m, 1H), 7.69-7.68 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.43 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.29 (m, 2H), 4.47 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 125 MHz) δ 196.3, 167.6, 157.5, 151.0, 144.5, 136.5, 135.0, 133.8, 133.2, 133.1, 132.6, 129.6, 129.5, 129.1 (d, ⁴*J*_{C-F} = 3.8 Hz), 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.0, 126.8, 124.7 (d, ⁴*J*_{C-F} = 3.8 Hz), 124.4, 123.2, 40.9; IR (KBr): 3189, 1661, 1592, 1423, 1334, 1294, 1155, 1118, 920, 688 (cm⁻¹); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₃H₁₅F₃N₂O₃Na [M+Na]⁺: 447.0927; found: 447.0916.

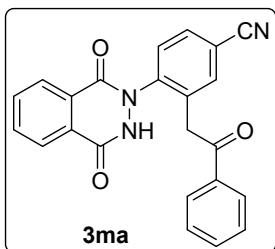
2-(2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)-2,3-dihydrophthalazine-1,4-dione (3la)



White solid (77.1 mg, 88% yield). Eluents for column chromatography: dichloromethane/ethyl acetate (45:1 v/v) to petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1 v/v). ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz) δ 11.83 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.90-7.82 (m, 3H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.47-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.29 (m, 2H), 4.40 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz,

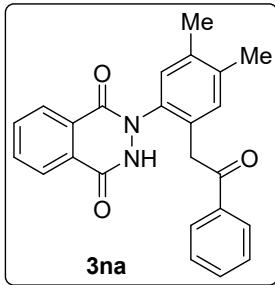
DMSO-*d*₆) δ 196.3, 157.7, 151.0, 147.6, 140.2, 136.5, 136.2, 133.7, 133.3, 132.6, 130.5, 129.5, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 128.1, 126.8, 125.0, 124.4 (d, $^3J_{C-F} = 3.8$ Hz), 121.4, 120.3, 119.3, 40.9; IR (KBr): 3200, 2954, 2924, 1658, 1595, 1496, 1283, 1199, 1155, 688 (cm⁻¹); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₃H₁₅F₃N₂O₄Na [M+Na]⁺: 463.0876; found: 463.0864.

4-(1,4-dioxo-3,4-dihydropthalazin-2(1H)-yl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)benzonitrile (3ma)



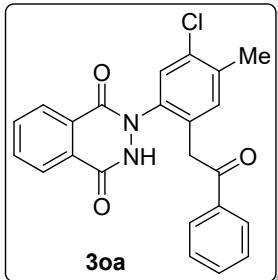
White solid (55.3 mg, 73% yield). Eluents for column chromatography: dichloromethane/ethyl acetate (24:1 v/v) to petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1 v/v). ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz) δ 11.91 (s, 1H), 8.13 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.92-7.89 (m, 3H), 7.85-7.81 (m, 1H), 7.76 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.30 (m, 2H), 4.44 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 125 MHz) δ 196.1, 157.5, 151.1, 145.2, 136.4, 136.1, 135.3, 133.8, 133.3, 132.6, 131.7, 129.9, 128.9, 128.6, 128.0, 126.8, 124.9, 124.4, 118.6, 110.9, 40.8; IR (KBr): 3064, 2234, 1691, 1588, 1551, 1493, 1364, 1338, 1217, 688 (cm⁻¹); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₃H₁₅N₃O₃Na [M+Na]⁺: 404.1006; found: 404.0992.

2-(3,4-dimethyl-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)phenyl)-2,3-dihydropthalazine-1,4-dione (3na)^[3]



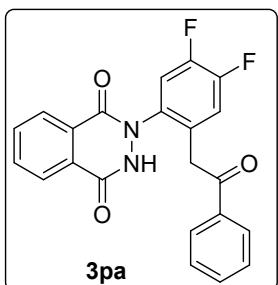
White solid (36.8 mg, 48% yield). Eluents for column chromatography: dichloromethane/ethyl acetate (45:1 v/v) to petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1 v/v). ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz) δ 11.71 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.91-7.90 (m, 2H), 7.86-7.83 (m, 1H), 7.73 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.17 (s, 2H), 4.18 (s, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 125 MHz) δ 197.2, 157.5, 136.6, 136.4, 135.7, 133.4, 133.0, 132.4, 132.2, 130.4, 129.5, 129.2, 129.2, 128.8, 128.5, 128.1, 126.8, 124.3, 40.8, 19.3, 19.0.

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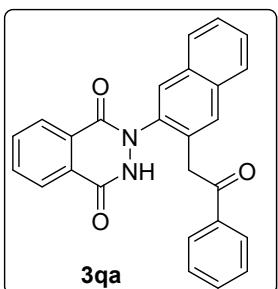
White solid (73.1 mg, 90% yield). Eluents for column chromatography: dichloromethane/ethyl acetate (45:1 v/v) to petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1 v/v). ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz) δ 11.80 (s, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.89-7.88 (m, 2H), 7.85-7.81 (m, 1H), 7.73-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.28 (m, 2H), 4.26 (s, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 125 MHz) δ 196.7, 167.5, 157.5, 150.7, 139.8, 136.5, 135.5, 134.0, 133.6, 133.2, 133.1, 132.5, 131.6, 129.5, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.1, 126.8, 124.4, 40.6, 19.5.

2-(3,4-difluoro-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)phenyl)-2,3-dihydrophthalazine-1,4-dione (3pa)



White solid (46.5 mg, 62% yield). Eluents for column chromatography: dichloromethane/ethyl acetate (45:1 v/v) to petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1 v/v). ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz) δ 11.86 (s, 1H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 7.86-7.82 (m, 3H), 7.56-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 3H), 4.39 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 125 MHz) δ 194.8, 157.8, 136.3, 133.8, 133.4, 132.6, 129.0, 128.7, 128.2, 126.8, 125.1, 124.4, 116.1 (d, ³*J*_{C,F} = 16.3 Hz), 35.4; IR (KBr): 3064, 1665, 1595, 1500, 1298, 1225, 1092, 1019, 813, 688 (cm⁻¹); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₂H₁₄F₂N₂O₃Na [M+Na]⁺: 415.0865; found: 415.0851.

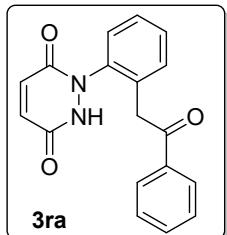
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White solid (57.2 mg, 70% yield). Eluents for column chromatography: dichloromethane/ethyl acetate (45:1 v/v) to petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1 v/v). ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz) δ 11.82 (s, 1H), 8.19 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 8.03-7.85 (m, 7H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 7.60-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 2H), 4.46 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 125 MHz) δ 197.4, 136.9, 133.9, 133.3, 132.9, 132.8, 132.6, 132.3, 130.6, 129.4, 128.8, 128.4, 128.1, 127.7, 127.6,

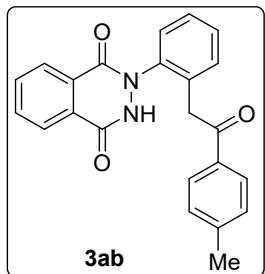
127.4, 127.0, 126.8, 41.7; IR (KBr): 3123, 1665, 1592, 1503, 1298, 1265, 1195, 1092, 898, 688 (cm^{-1}); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 429.1210; found: 429.1198.

1-(2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)phenyl)-1,2-dihydropyridazine-3,6-dione (3ra)



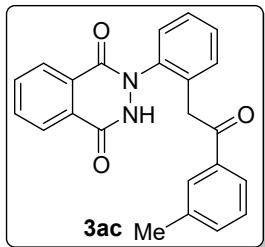
White solid (40.6 mg, 66% yield). Eluents for column chromatography: dichloromethane/ethyl acetate (45:1 v/v) to petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1 v/v). ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 500 MHz) δ 11.27 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.47-7.32 (m, 6H), 7.04-7.02 (m, 1H), 6.88-6.86 (m, 1H), 4.25 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 125 MHz) δ 197.0, 158.1, 153.2, 141.2, 136.9, 133.9, 133.6, 133.2, 131.9, 129.1, 128.9, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 128.0, 41.5; IR (KBr): 3075, 2924, 2598, 1680, 1588, 1515, 1269, 839, 754, 688 (cm^{-1}); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 329.0897; found: 329.0889.

2-(2-(2-oxo-2-(p-tolyl)ethyl)phenyl)-2,3-dihydrophthalazine-1,4-dione (3ab)^[3]



White solid (56.9 mg, 77% yield). Eluents for column chromatography: dichloromethane/ethyl acetate (24:1 v/v) to petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1 v/v). ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 500 MHz) δ 11.78 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.89-7.87 (m, 2H), 7.85-7.82 (m, 1H), 7.60 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.44-7.39 (m, 4H), 7.04 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.24 (s, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 125 MHz) δ 196.6, 157.5, 150.6, 143.4, 141.0, 134.2, 133.9, 133.4, 132.4, 131.6, 129.1, 129.0, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.7, 126.8, 126.2, 124.9, 41.0, 21.2.

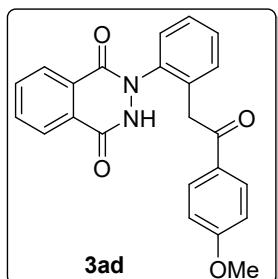
2-(2-(2-oxo-2-(m-tolyl)ethyl)phenyl)-2,3-dihydrophthalazine-1,4-dione (3ac)^[3]



White solid (59.0 mg, 80% yield). Eluents for column chromatography: dichloromethane/ethyl acetate (45:1 v/v) to petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1 v/v). ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 500 MHz) δ 11.79 (s, 1H), 8.18 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.91-7.85 (m, 3H), 7.54-7.42 (m, 6H), 7.22-7.5 (m, 2H), 4.27 (s, 2H), 2.18 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 125 MHz) δ 197.3, 157.5, 141.0, 137.9, 136.7,

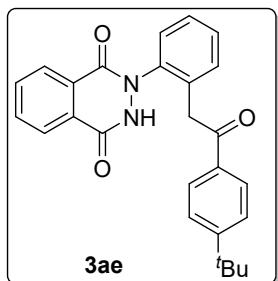
133.9, 133.6, 133.5, 132.4, 131.7, 129.1, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 127.8, 126.8, 126.2, 125.4, 124.3, 41.1, 21.0.

2-(2-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethyl)phenyl)-2,3-dihydrophthalazine-1,4-dione (3ad)^[3]



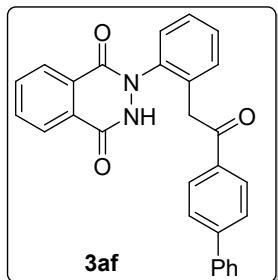
White solid (45.1 mg, 58% yield). Eluents for column chromatography: dichloromethane/ethyl acetate (45:1 v/v) to petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1 v/v). ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz) δ 11.78 (s, 1H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.89-7.83 (m, 3H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.39 (m, 4H), 6.76-6.74 (m, 2H), 4.21 (s, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 125 MHz) δ 195.4, 163.0, 133.4, 132.4, 131.5, 130.4, 129.5, 129.1, 128.6, 127.7, 126.8, 126.2, 113.6, 55.5, 40.7.

2-(2-(2-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-2-oxoethyl)phenyl)-2,3-dihydrophthalazine-1,4-dione (3ae)



White solid (54.2 mg, 66% yield). Eluents for column chromatography: dichloromethane/ethyl acetate (45:1 v/v) to petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1 v/v). ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz) δ 11.77 (s, 1H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.90-7.82 (m, 3H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 4.25 (s, 2H), 1.19 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 125 MHz) δ 196.8, 156.4, 134.3, 134.2, 133.8, 132.7, 131.8, 129.4, 128.9, 128.8, 128.4, 128.0, 127.1, 125.6, 41.2, 35.1, 31.2; IR (KBr): 3427, 2961, 1658, 1592, 1496, 1294, 1026, 824, 762, 696 (cm⁻¹); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₆H₂₄N₂O₃Na [M+Na]⁺: 435.1679; found: 435.1660.

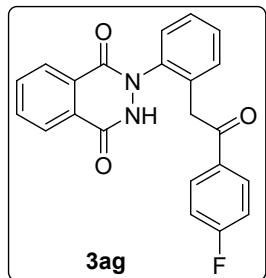
2-(2-(2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-oxoethyl)phenyl)-2,3-dihydrophthalazine-1,4-dione (3af)



White solid (45.6 mg, 53% yield). Eluents for column chromatography: dichloromethane/ethyl acetate (45:1 v/v) to petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1 v/v). ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz) δ 11.82 (s, 1H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.89-7.87 (m, 1H), 7.84-7.80 (m, 4H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz,

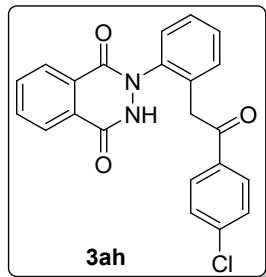
2H), 7.55 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 7.48-7.45 (m, 3H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 4H), 4.33 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 125 MHz) δ 196.6, 144.4, 139.0, 135.4, 133.8, 133.4, 132.4, 131.6, 129.2, 129.1, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 127.8, 127.1, 126.8, 126.7, 41.1; IR (KBr): 2924, 1636, 1599, 1493, 1349, 1291, 1221, 993, 758, 692 (cm^{-1}); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 455.1366; found: 455.1342.

2-(2-(2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)phenyl)-2,3-dihydrophthalazine-1,4-dione (3ag)^[3]



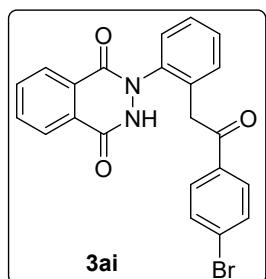
White solid (44.7 mg, 60% yield). Eluents for column chromatography: dichloromethane/ethyl acetate (24:1 v/v) to petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1 v/v). ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 500 MHz) δ 11.76 (s, 1H), 8.14 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.90-7.89 (m, 2H), 7.86-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.81-7.78 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.09-7.06 (m, 2H), 4.27 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 125 MHz) δ 195.7, 164.9 (d, $^1J_{C-F}$ = 250.0 Hz), 157.5, 150.7, 141.0, 133.7, 133.5, 133.3 (d, $^4J_{C-F}$ = 2.5 Hz), 132.4, 131.7, 131.1 (d, $^3J_{C-F}$ = 8.8 Hz), 129.1, 128.5 (d, $^3J_{C-F}$ = 8.8 Hz), 127.8, 126.8, 124.9, 124.3, 115.5 (d, $^2J_{C-F}$ = 22.5 Hz), 41.1.

2-(2-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)phenyl)-2,3-dihydrophthalazine-1,4-dione (3ah)^[3]



White solid (51.8 mg, 66% yield). Eluents for column chromatography: dichloromethane/ethyl acetate (24:1 v/v) to petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1 v/v). ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 500 MHz) δ 11.76 (s, 1H), 8.13 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.92-7.83 (m, 3H), 7.71 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.31 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 4.26 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 125 MHz) δ 196.2, 141.0, 138.0, 135.3, 133.6, 133.5, 132.4, 131.7, 129.9, 129.0, 128.6, 127.8, 126.7, 124.2, 41.1.

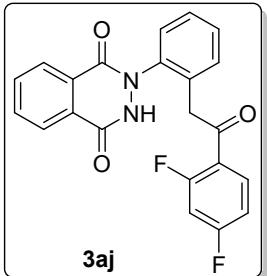
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White solid (46.4 mg, 53% yield). Eluents for column chromatography: dichloromethane/ethyl

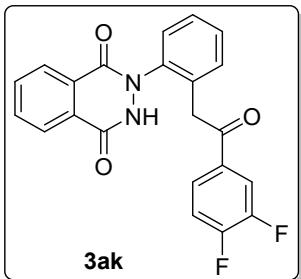
acetate (24:1 v/v) to petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1 v/v). ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 500 MHz) δ 11.77 (s, 1H), 8.13 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.90-7.84 (m, 3H), 7.63 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.40 (m, 6H), 4.26 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 125 MHz) δ 196.4, 157.4, 150.6, 135.6, 133.6, 133.5, 132.4, 131.7, 131.5, 130.0, 129.0, 128.6, 128.6, 128.5, 127.8, 127.2, 126.7, 126.1, 124.2, 41.1; IR (KBr): 3067, 2924, 1639, 1584, 1496, 1397, 1349, 1217, 1066, 692 (cm^{-1}); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 457.0158; found: 457.0144.

2-(2-(2,4-difluorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)phenyl)-2,3-dihydrophthalazine-1,4-dione (3aj)



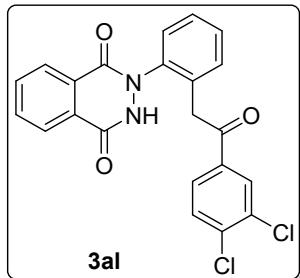
White solid (57.9 mg, 74% yield). Eluents for column chromatography: dichloromethane/ethyl acetate (24:1 v/v) to petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1 v/v). ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 500 MHz) δ 11.82 (s, 1H), 8.12 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.91-7.90 (m, 2H), 7.86-7.82 (m, 1H), 7.58-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.13-7.08 (m, 1H), 6.96-6.92 (m, 1H), 4.24 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 125 MHz) δ 194.0, 157.4, 133.6, 133.1, 132.5, 131.9, 131.0, 129.0, 128.6, 128.4, 127.9, 126.7, 126.2, 124.3, 122.7, 112.1 (d, $^2J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 21.3$ Hz), 104.9 (t, $^2J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 25.0$ Hz), 44.8 (d, $^4J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 6.3$ Hz); IR (KBr): 3067, 2924, 1691, 1636, 1602, 1493, 1257, 1103, 853, 692 (cm^{-1}); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 415.0865; found: 415.0848.

2-(2-(2-(3,4-difluorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)phenyl)-2,3-dihydrophthalazine-1,4-dione (3ak)



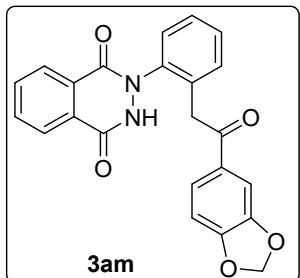
White solid (44.1 mg, 56% yield). Eluents for column chromatography: dichloromethane/ethyl acetate (45:1 v/v) to petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1 v/v). ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 500 MHz) δ 11.76 (s, 1H), 8.13 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.93-7.84 (m, 3H), 7.71-7.67 (m, 1H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.48-7.41 (m, 4H), 7.35-7.30 (m, 1H), 4.27 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 125 MHz) δ 195.2, 134.2, 133.6 (d, $^3J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 10.0$ Hz), 132.4, 131.8, 129.1, 128.6 (d, $^4J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 2.5$ Hz), 127.9, 126.7, 125.9 (q, $^4J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 3.8$ Hz), 124.2, 117.7 (d, $^3J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 17.5$ Hz), 117.3 (d, $^3J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 17.5$ Hz), 41.0; IR (KBr): 3072, 1632, 1602, 1515, 1426, 1349, 1279, 1155, 890, 692 (cm^{-1}); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 415.0865; found: 415.0849.

2-(2-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)phenyl)-2,3-dihydrophthalazine-1,4-dione (3al)



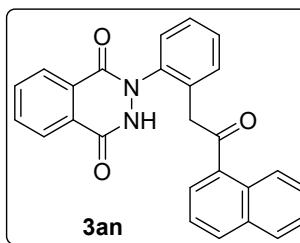
White solid (47.4 mg, 56% yield). Eluents for column chromatography: dichloromethane/ethyl acetate (45:1 v/v) to petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1 v/v). ^1H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz) δ 11.76 (s, 1H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.92-7.81 (m, 4H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.40 (m, 5H), 4.27 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 125 MHz) δ 195.6, 136.8, 135.8, 133.5, 132.4, 131.8, 131.6, 130.8, 129.8, 128.9, 128.5, 128.0, 127.9, 126.6, 124.1, 41.0; IR (KBr): 2924, 1636, 1602, 1496, 1393, 1206, 821, 754, 692 (cm⁻¹); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₂H₁₄Cl₂N₂O₃Na [M+Na]⁺: 447.0274; found: 447.0262.

2-(2-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2-oxoethyl)phenyl-2,3-dihydrophthalazine-1,4-dione (3am)



White solid (49.9 mg, 62% yield). Eluents for column chromatography: dichloromethane/ethyl acetate (45:1 v/v) to petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1 v/v). ^1H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz) δ 11.78 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.90-7.89 (m, 2H), 7.85-7.82 (m, 1H), 7.41-7.39 (m, 4H), 7.35-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 6.71-6.70 (m, 1H), 6.00 (s, 2H), 4.18 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO) δ 195.3, 157.5, 151.3, 147.6, 141.0, 134.3, 133.5, 132.4, 131.6, 131.3, 129.1, 128.6, 128.5, 127.7, 126.8, 124.6, 124.3, 107.8, 107.5, 102.1, 99.8, 40.9; IR (KBr): 3075, 2917, 1669, 1592, 1496, 1441, 1353, 1254, 1037, 692 (cm⁻¹); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₃H₁₆N₂O₅Na [M+Na]⁺: 423.0951; found: 423.0938.

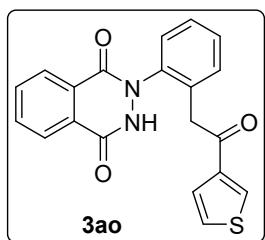
2-(2-(naphthalen-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl)phenyl-2,3-dihydrophthalazine-1,4-dione (3an)^[3]



White solid (53.5 mg, 66% yield). Eluents for column chromatography: dichloromethane/ethyl acetate (45:1 v/v) to petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1 v/v). ^1H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz) δ 11.82 (s, 1H), 8.13-8.09 (m, 2H), 7.94-7.78 (m, 7H), 7.54-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.42 (m, 4H), 7.39-7.34 (m, 2H), 4.47 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 125 MHz) δ 200.6, 157.4, 135.4, 133.5, 133.4,

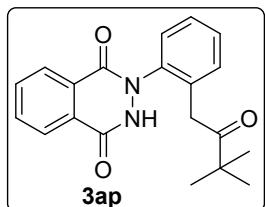
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2-(2-(2-oxo-2-(thiophen-3-yl)ethyl)phenyl)-2,3-dihydrophthalazine-1,4-dione (3ao)



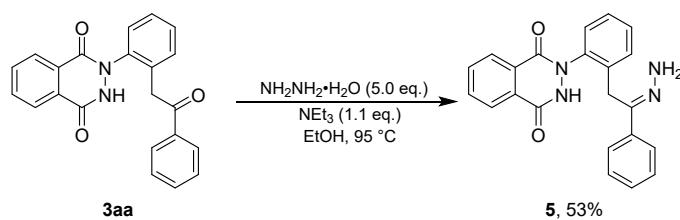
White solid (39.9 mg, 55% yield). Eluents for column chromatography: dichloromethane/ethyl acetate (45:1 v/v) to petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1 v/v). ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 500 MHz) δ 11.78 (s, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 8.19 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.92 (s, 2H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.41 (s, 5H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 4.17 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 125 MHz) δ 191.2, 157.6, 141.7, 133.9, 133.6, 132.5, 131.5, 129.2, 128.6, 128.6, 128.5, 127.8, 127.3, 126.8, 126.7, 126.2, 124.4, 42.2; IR (KBr): 3097, 2924, 1658, 1636, 1496, 1397, 1287, 1243, 1199, 692 (cm^{-1}); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{SNa}$ [M+Na]+: 385.0617; found: 385.0605.

2-(2-(3,3-dimethyl-2-oxobutyl)phenyl)-2,3-dihydrophthalazine-1,4-dione (3ap)^[3]



White solid (17.3 mg, 26% yield). Eluents for column chromatography: dichloromethane/ethyl acetate (45:1 v/v) to petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1 v/v). ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 500 MHz) δ 11.89 (s, 1H), 8.28 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.01-8.00 (m, 1H), 7.96-7.89 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.32-7.30 (m, 1H), 3.86 (s, 2H), 0.85 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 125 MHz) δ 210.9, 157.3, 150.6, 141.0, 133.8, 133.2, 132.7, 132.3, 129.2, 128.3, 128.1, 127.5, 126.9, 125.0, 124.4, 43.8, 39.4, 26.2.

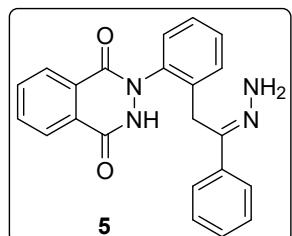
4. Synthesis of (E)-2-(2-(2-hydrazono-2-phenylethyl)phenyl)-2,3-dihydrophthalazine-1,4-dione (5)^[4]



3aa (0.2 mmol, 71.3 mg) was added slowly a mixture of hydrazine monohydrate (1 mmol, 50.1 mg) and triethylamine (0.22 mmol, 22.3 mg) at room temperature. The

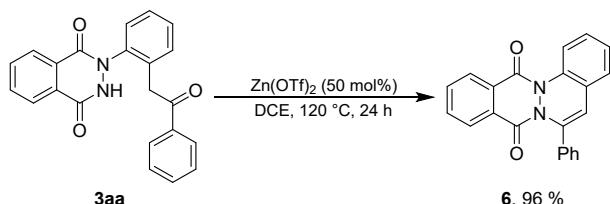
mixture was heated at 95°C for 1 h and sealed with a Teflon lined cap. Then, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified via silica gel chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 1:2) to give product **5** in 53% yield.

(E)-2-(2-(2-hydrazono-2-phenylethyl)phenyl)-2,3-dihydrophthalazine-1,4-dione (5)



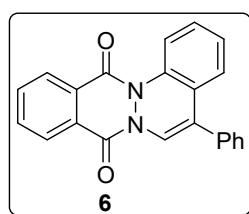
White solid (39.6 mg, 53% yield). ^1H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz) δ 11.92 (s, 1H), 8.32 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.99–7.92 (m, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39–7.32 (m, 2H), 7.25–7.22 (m, 2H), 7.15–7.12 (m, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (s, 2H) 3.81 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 157.71, 151.16, 142.06, 141.23, 139.36, 133.90, 133.76, 132.68, 129.21, 129.00, 128.79, 128.32, 128.09, 127.54, 127.16, 127.02, 125.28, 124.91, 124.60, 26.61. IR (KBr): 2924, 2851, 1650, 1584, 1496, 1327, 1291, 1199, 762, 692 (cm^{-1}); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₂H₁₈N₄O₂Na [M+Na]⁺: 393.1322; found: 393.1310.

5. Synthesis of 6-phenylphthalazino[2,3-a]cinnoline-8,13-dione (6)^[5]



The mixture of **3aa** (0.2 mmol, 71.3 mmg), Zn(OTf)₂ (50m%, 36.4 mg) and DCE (1 mL) was sealed with a Teflon lined cap. The reaction mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 24 h. Then, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) gave the product **6** in 96% yield.

5-phenylphthalazino[2,3-a]cinnoline-8,13-dione (**6**)^[3]

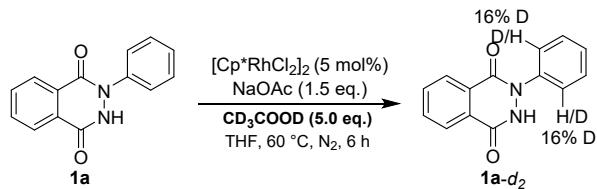


Yellow solid (64.8 mg, 96% yield). ^1H NMR ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$, 500 MHz) δ 8.36 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H),

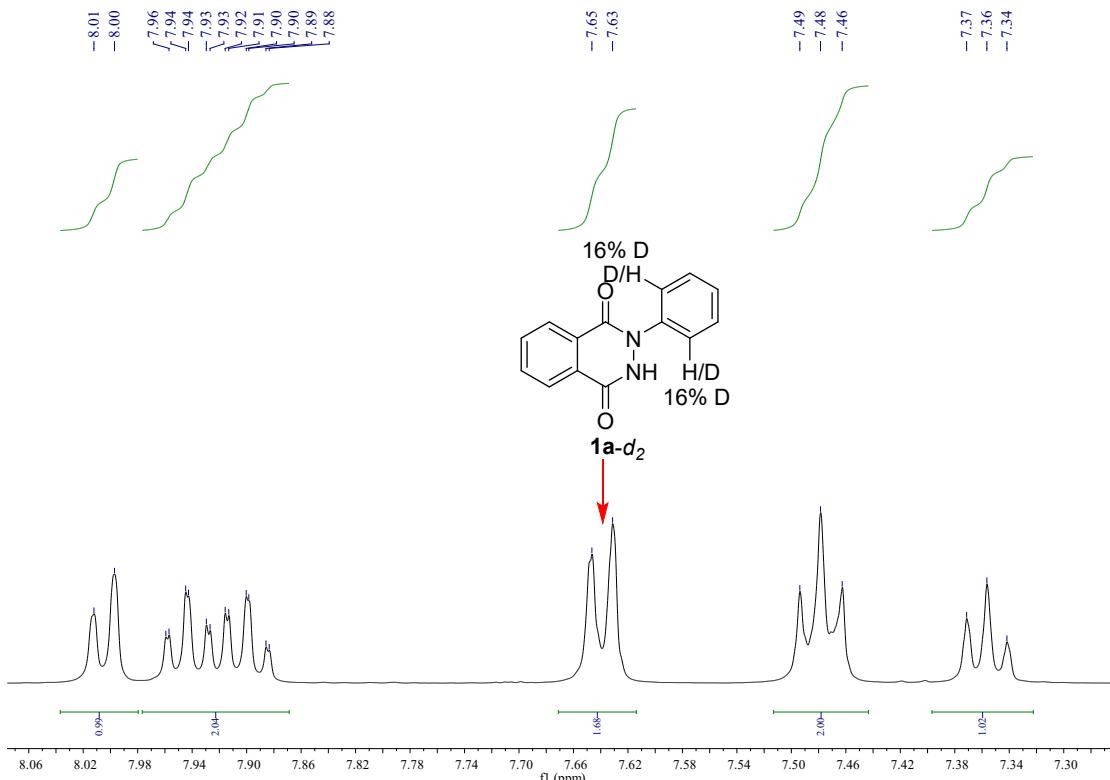
8.07-7.96 (m, 3H), 7.89 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H) 7.34-7.25 (m, 7H), 6.77 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 125 MHz) δ 157.9, 156.1, 139.0, 136.1, 134.6, 134.4, 133.9, 129.7, 129.1, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 127.3, 126.7, 126.3, 126.2, 126.2, 124.8, 118.8, 116.1.

6. Control Experiments

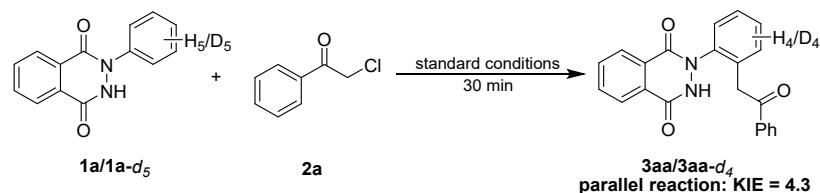
(1) H/D exchange experiment



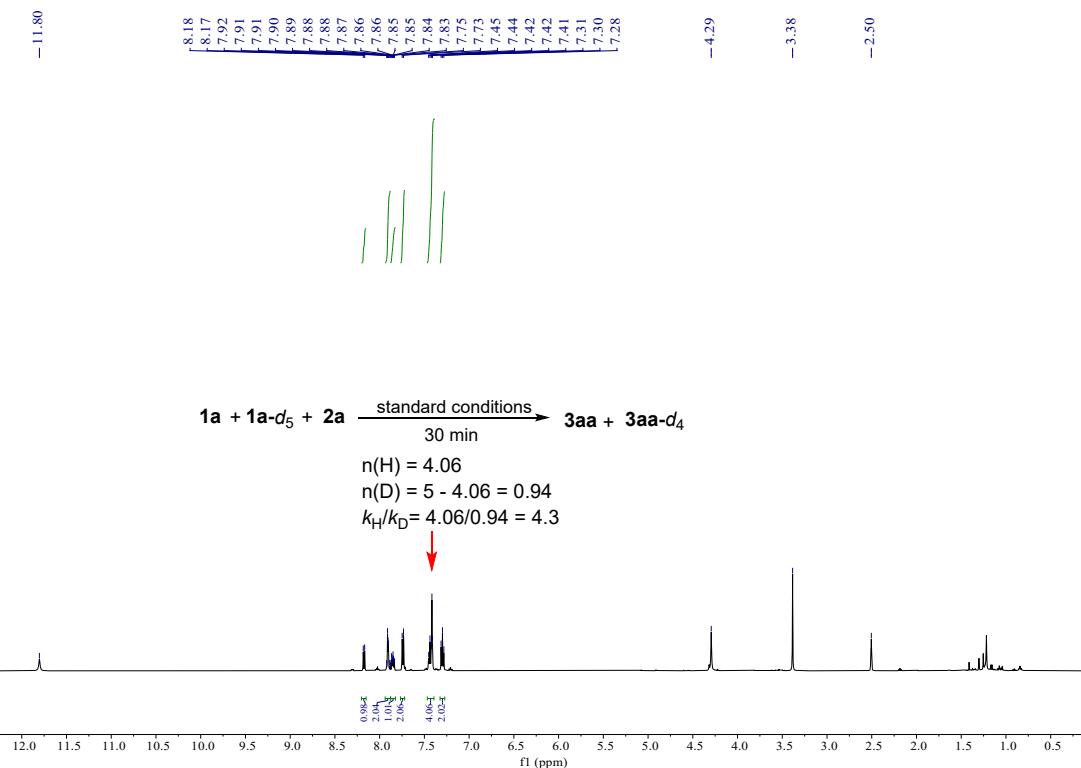
A reaction flask was charged with a mixture of $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ (6.2 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5 mol %), NaOAc (24.6 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), **1a** (0.20 mmol), **2a** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), CD_3COOD (64.1 mg, 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) and THF (1.0 mL). The reaction was stirred at 60 °C under N_2 for 6 h, then immediately quenched with EtOAc. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether /ethyl acetate = 3:1) to afford **1a-d₂**. The result was observed by ^1H NMR determination.



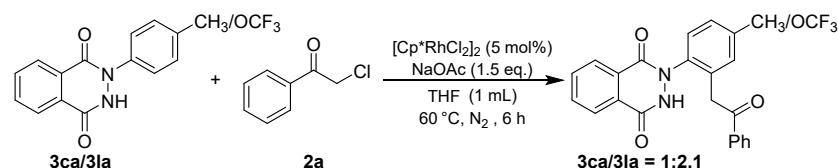
(2) Experiment of deuterium kinetic isotope effect



A reaction flask was charged with a mixture of $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ (6.2 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5 mol %), NaOAc (24.6 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), **1a** (0.10 mmol), **1a-*d*₅** (0.10 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and THF (1.0 mL). The reaction was stirred at 60 °C under N₂ for 30 min, then immediately quenched with EtOAc. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: dichloromethane = 24:1/ethyl acetate to petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford **3aa** and **3aa-*d*₄**. A 4.3 of KIE was observed by ¹H NMR determination.

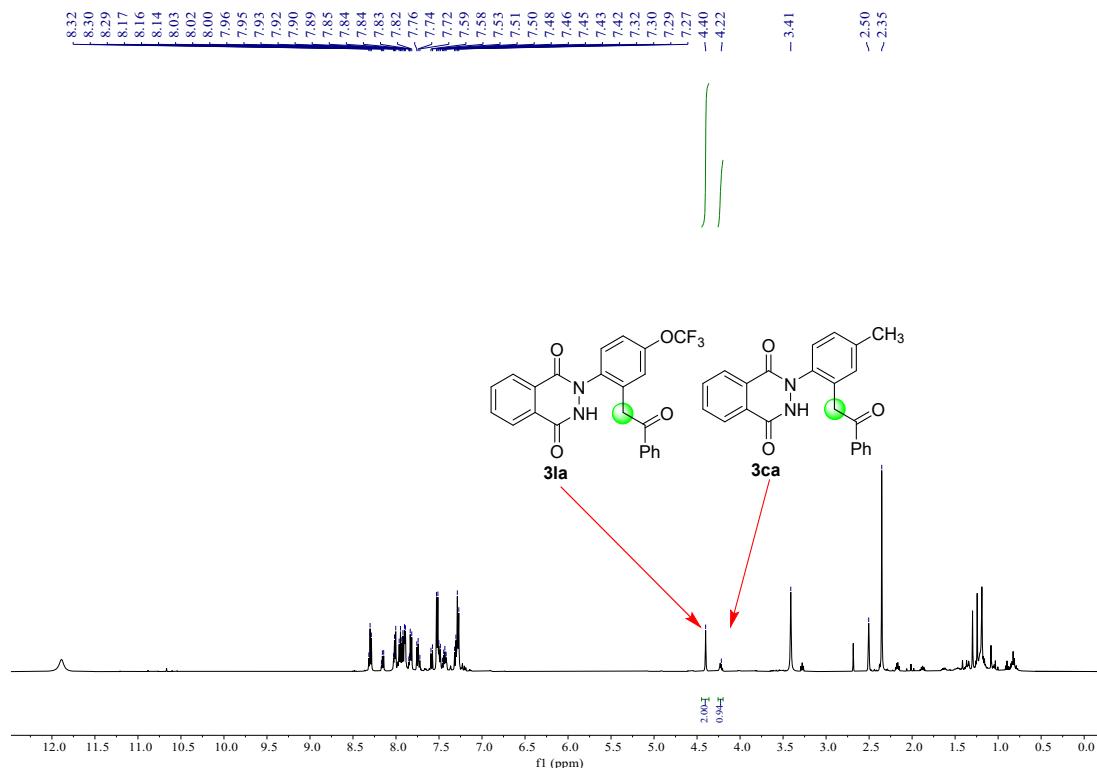


(3) Experiment of competition experiment between **1c** and **1k**.



A reaction flask was charged with a mixture of $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ (6.2 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5 mol %), NaOAc (24.6 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), **1c** (0.20 mmol), **1l** (0.20 mmol), **2a** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and THF (1.0 mL). The reaction was stirred at 60 °C under N₂ for 6 h.

h, then immediately quenched with EtOAc. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: dichloromethane = 45:1/ethyl acetate to petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1). The ratio 2.1 of **3ca** and **3la** was observed by ¹H NMR determination.

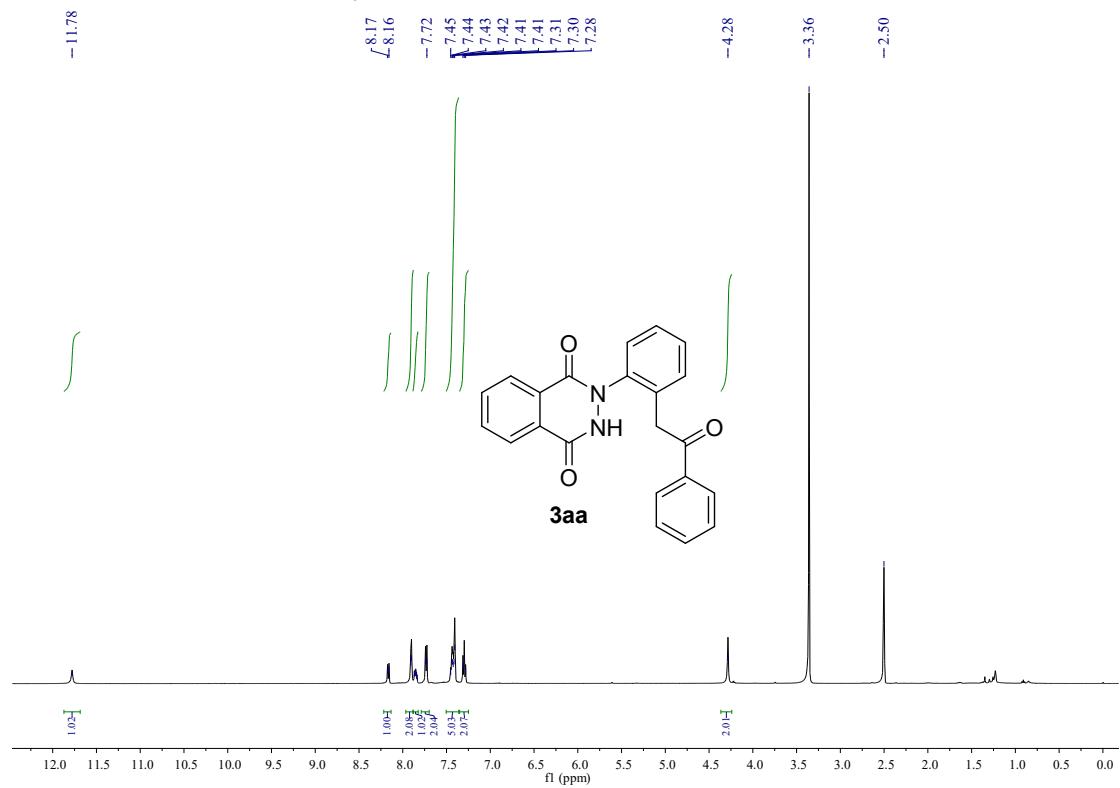


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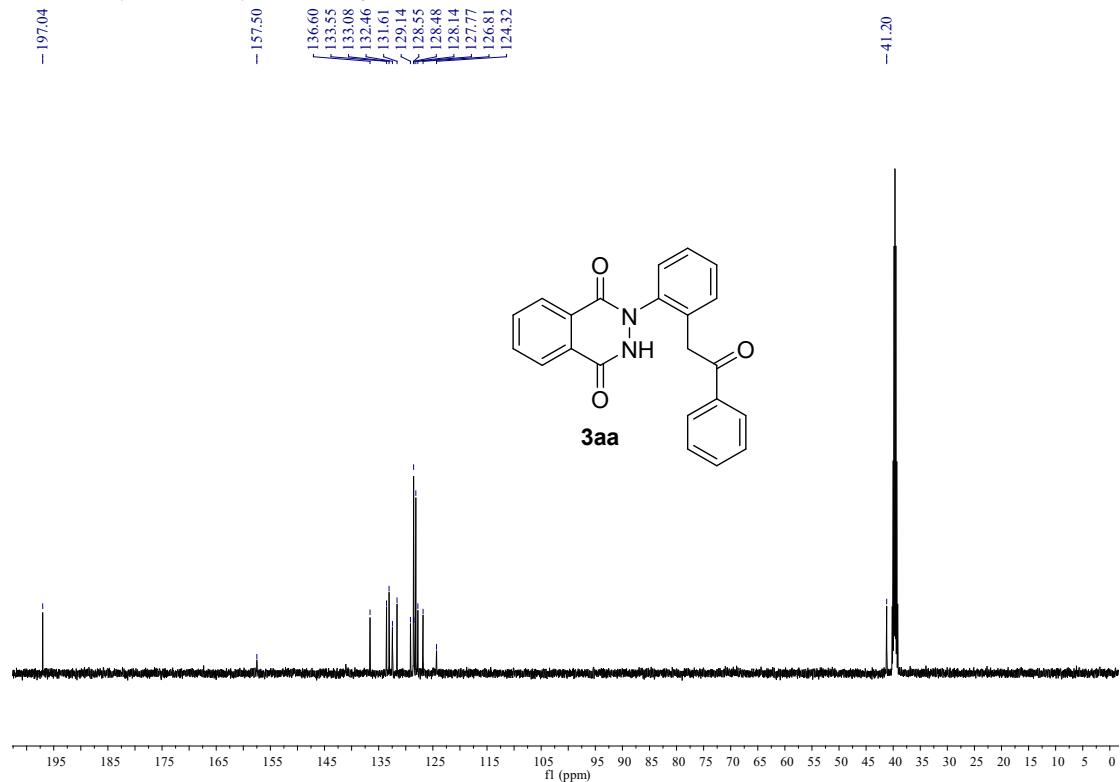
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8. Copies of ^1H and ^{13}C NMR Spectra of Products

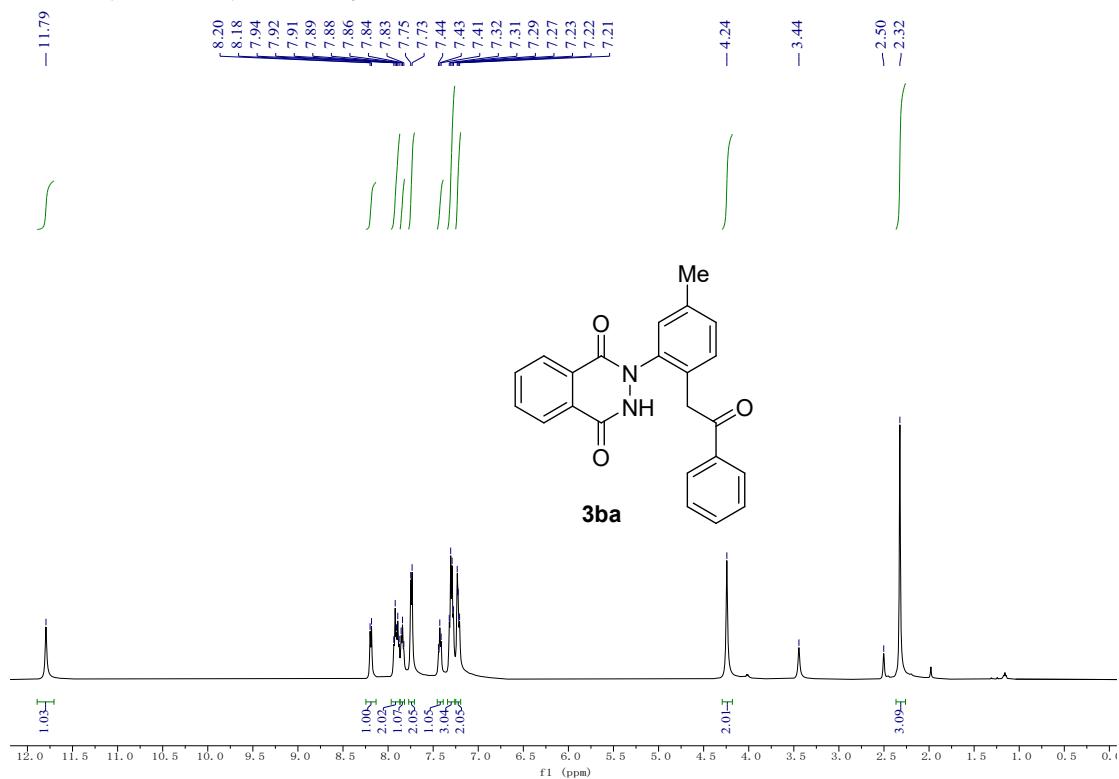
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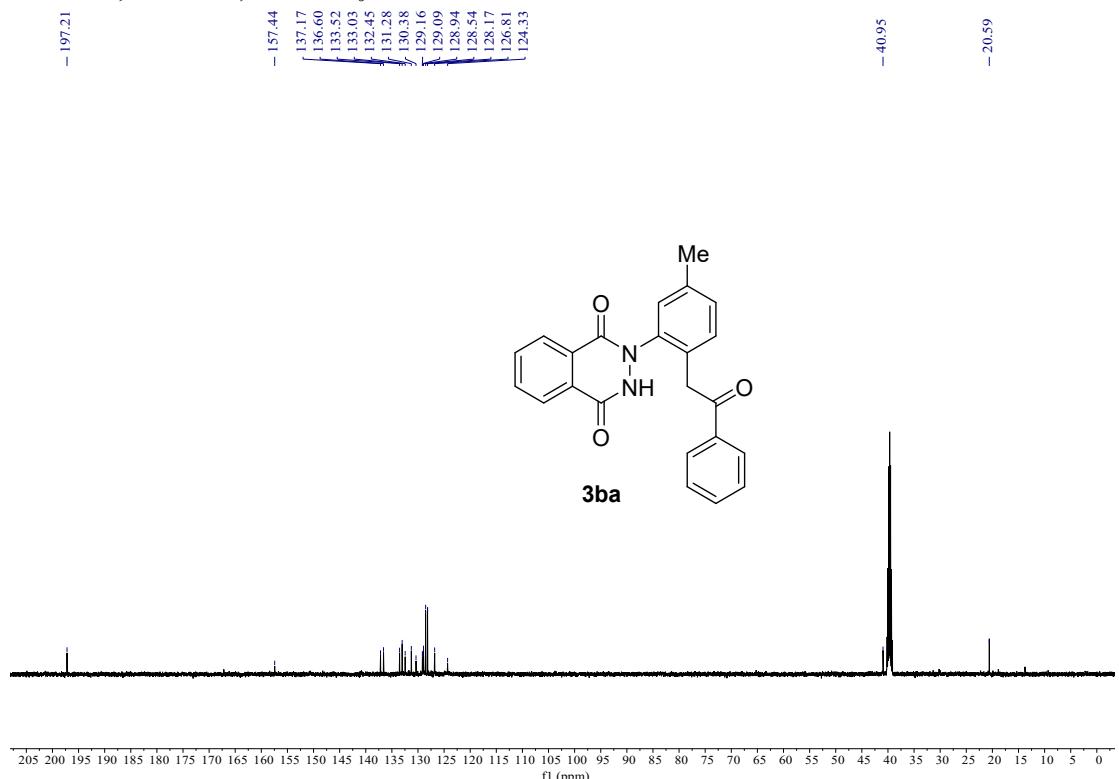
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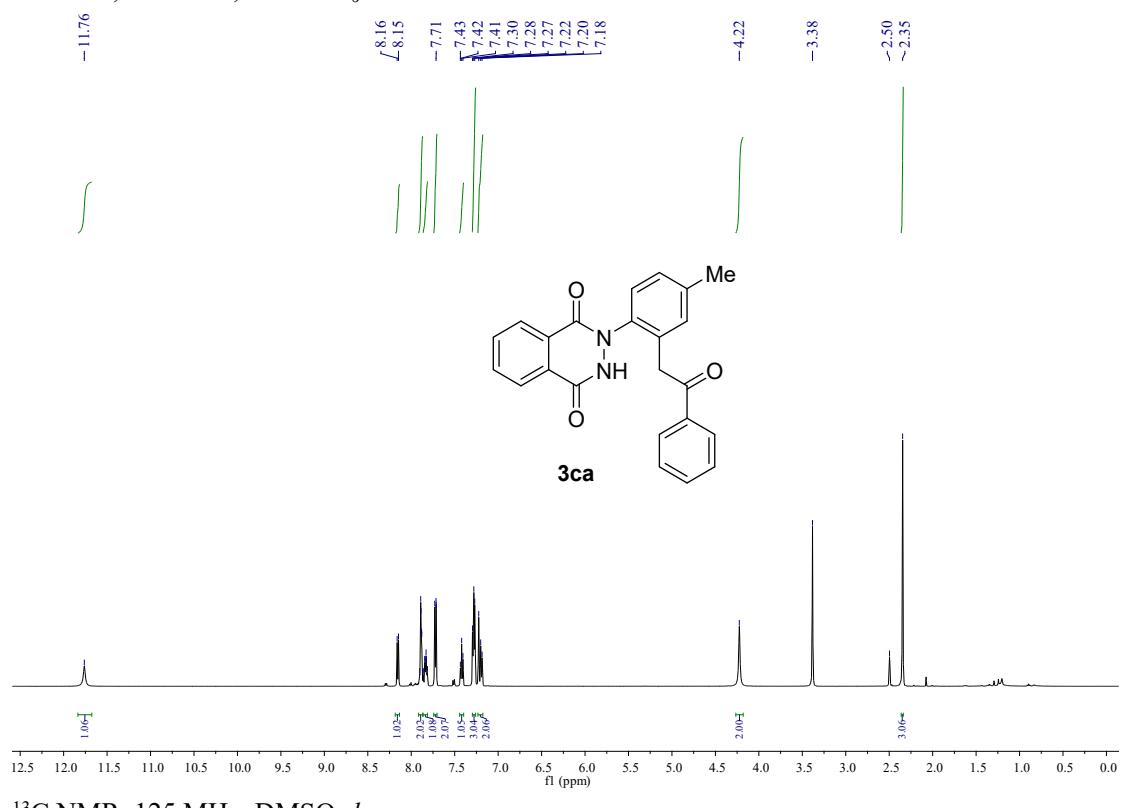
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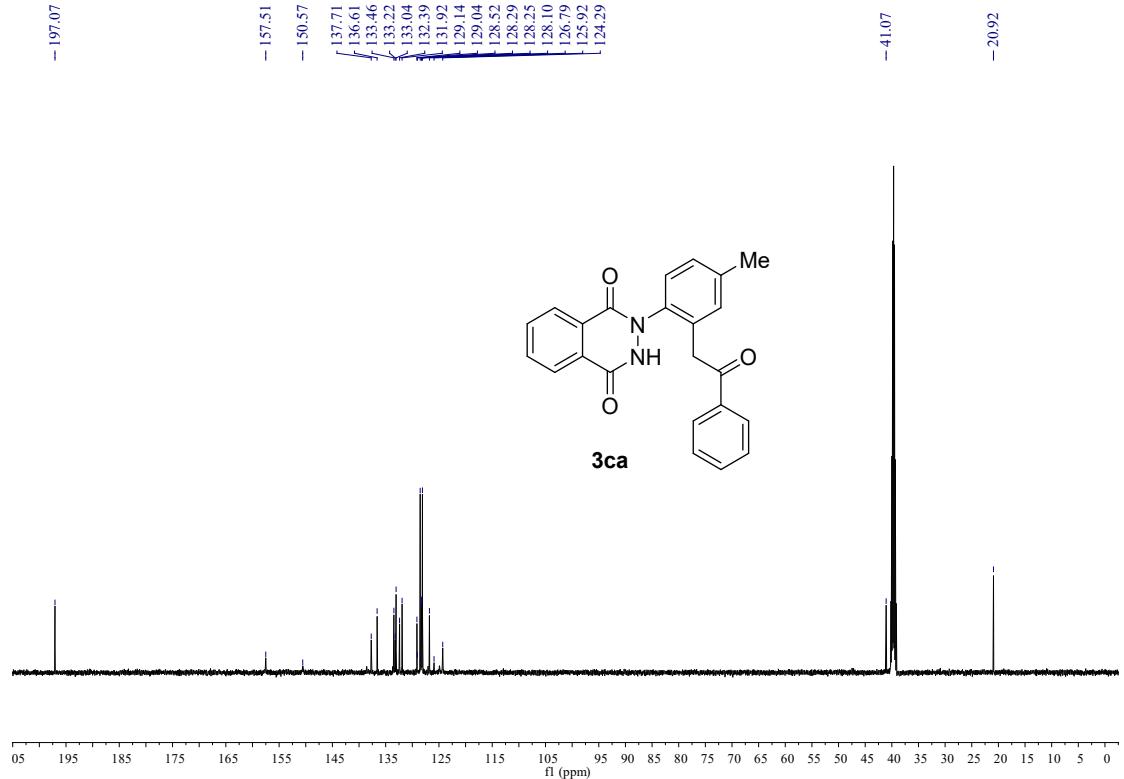
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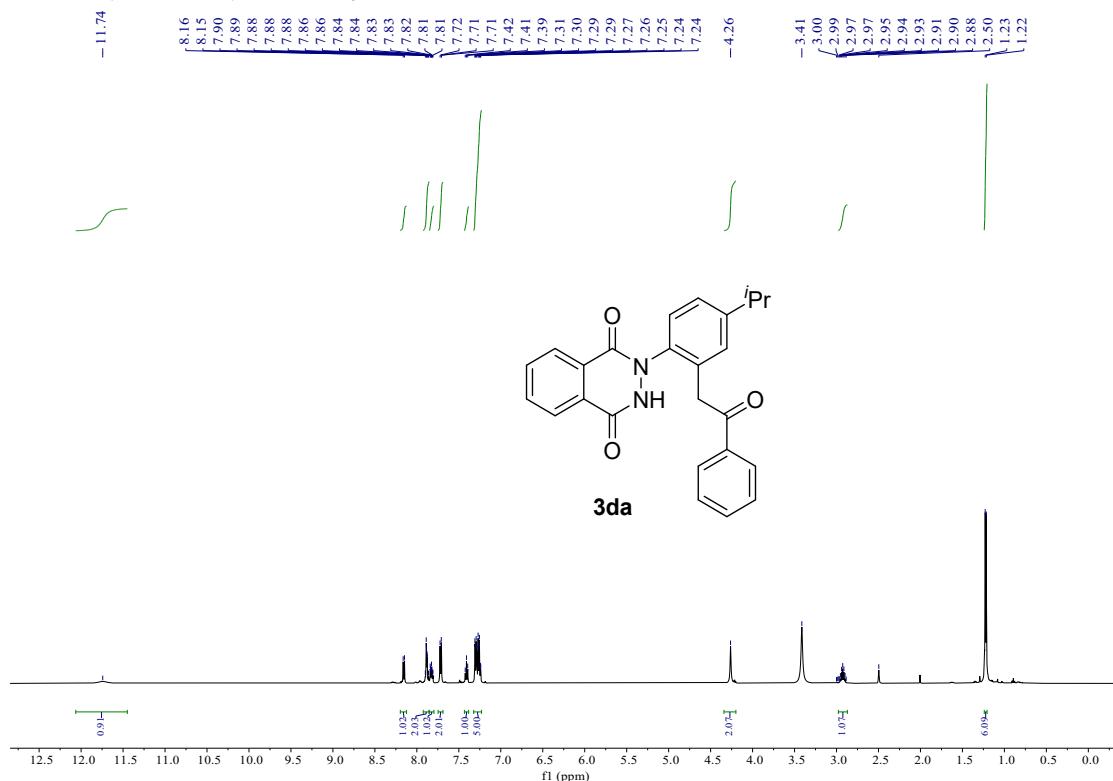
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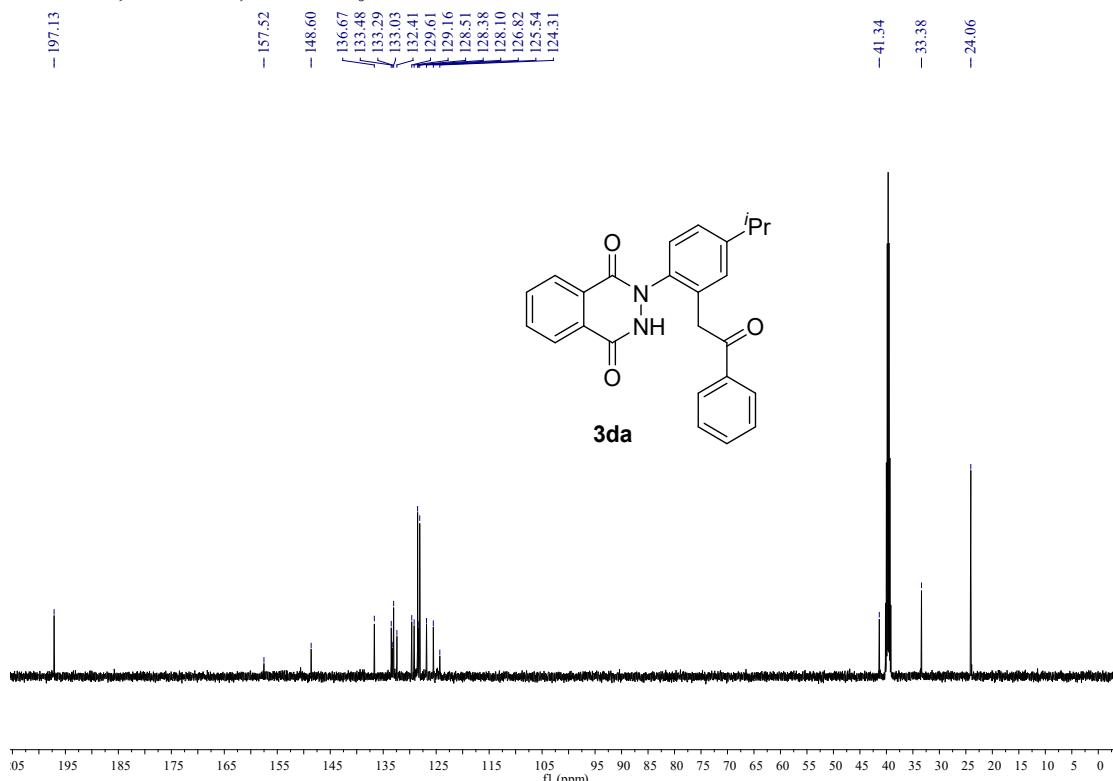
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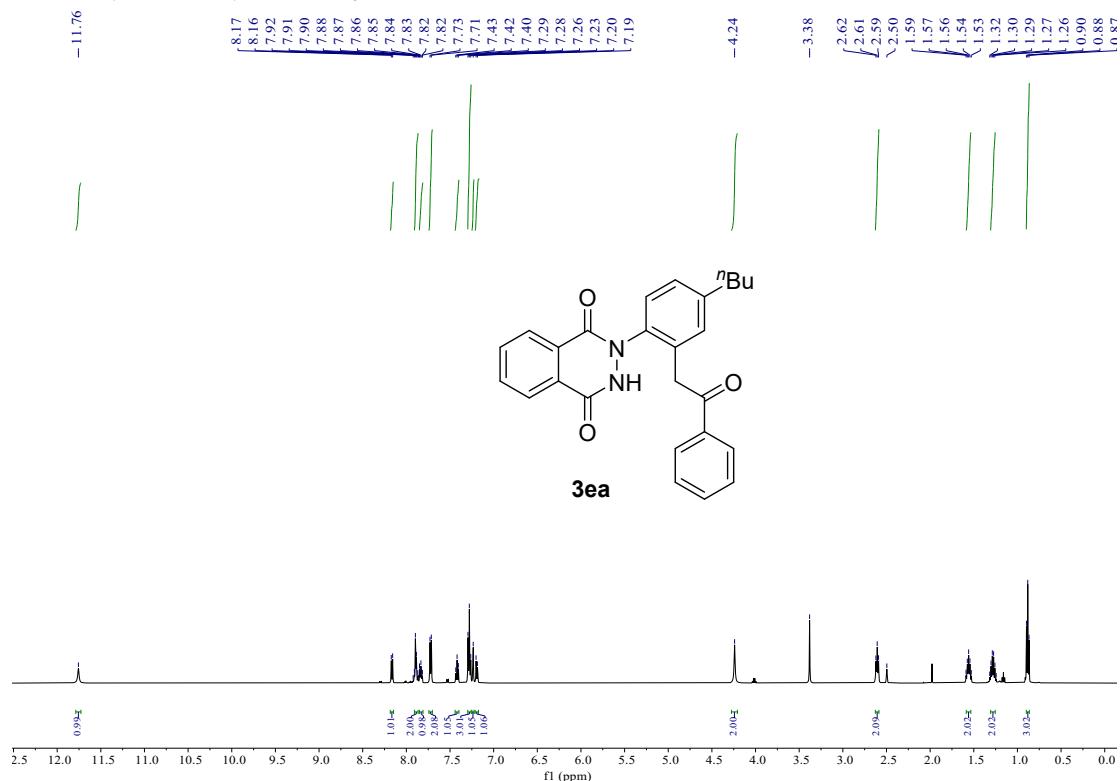
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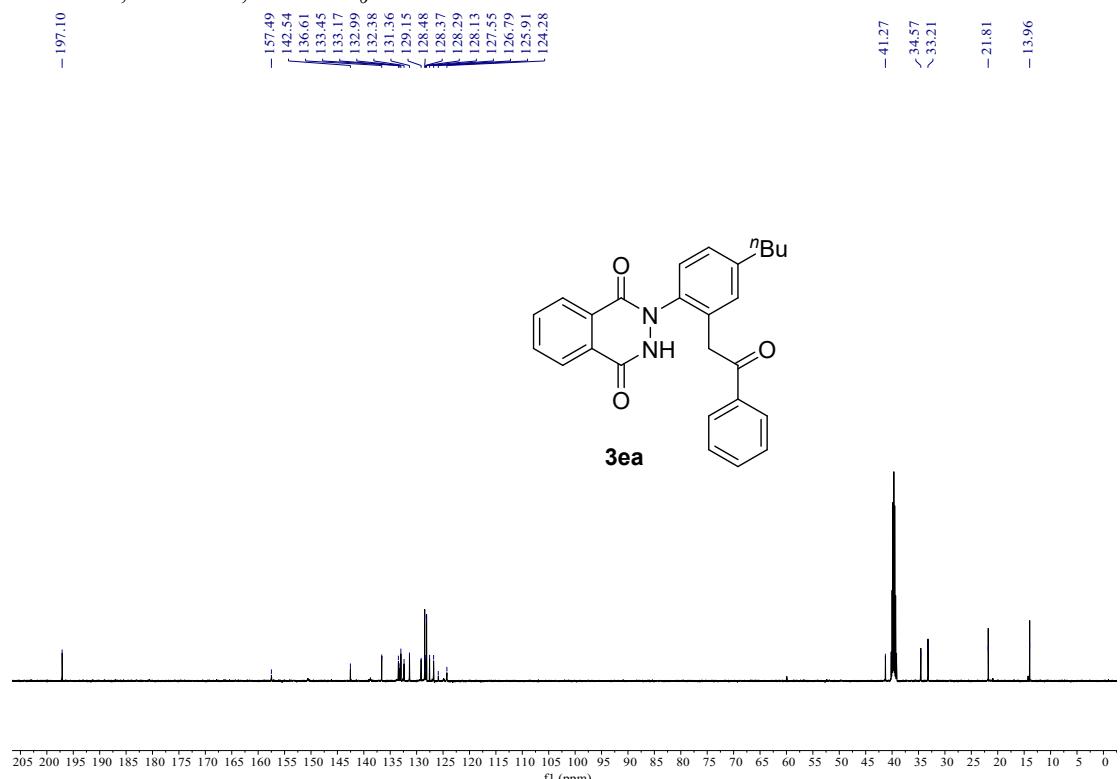
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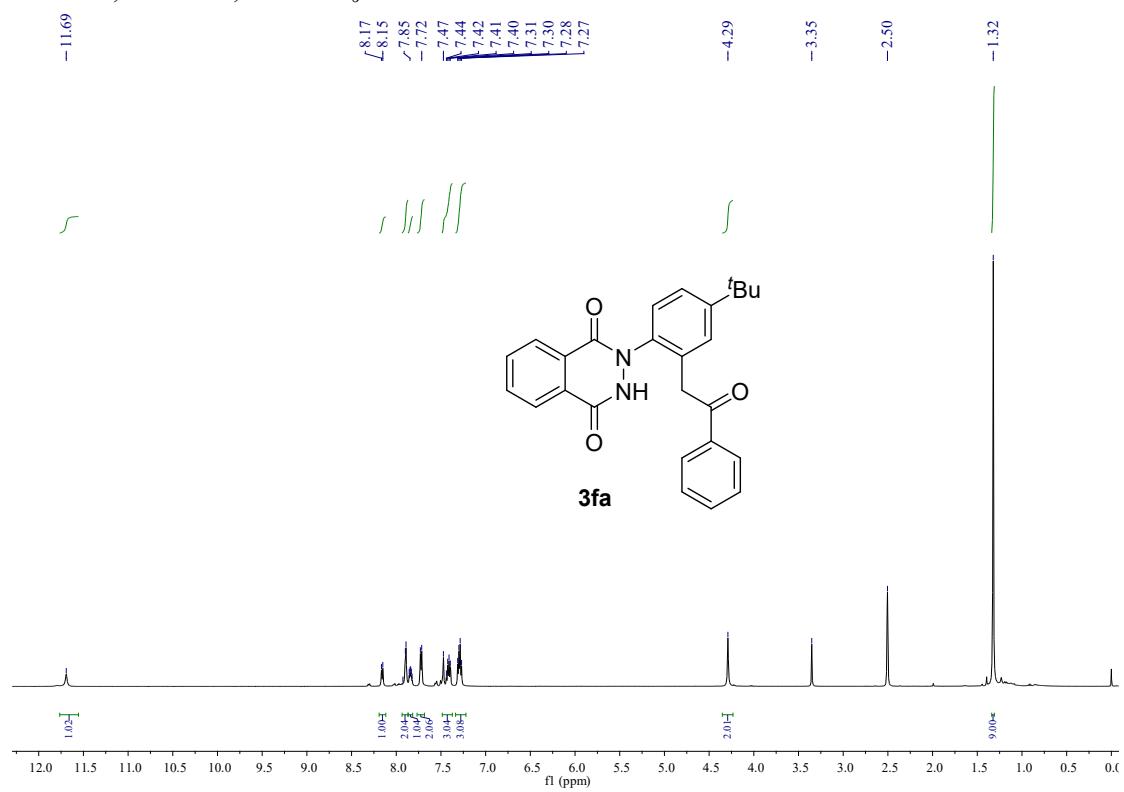
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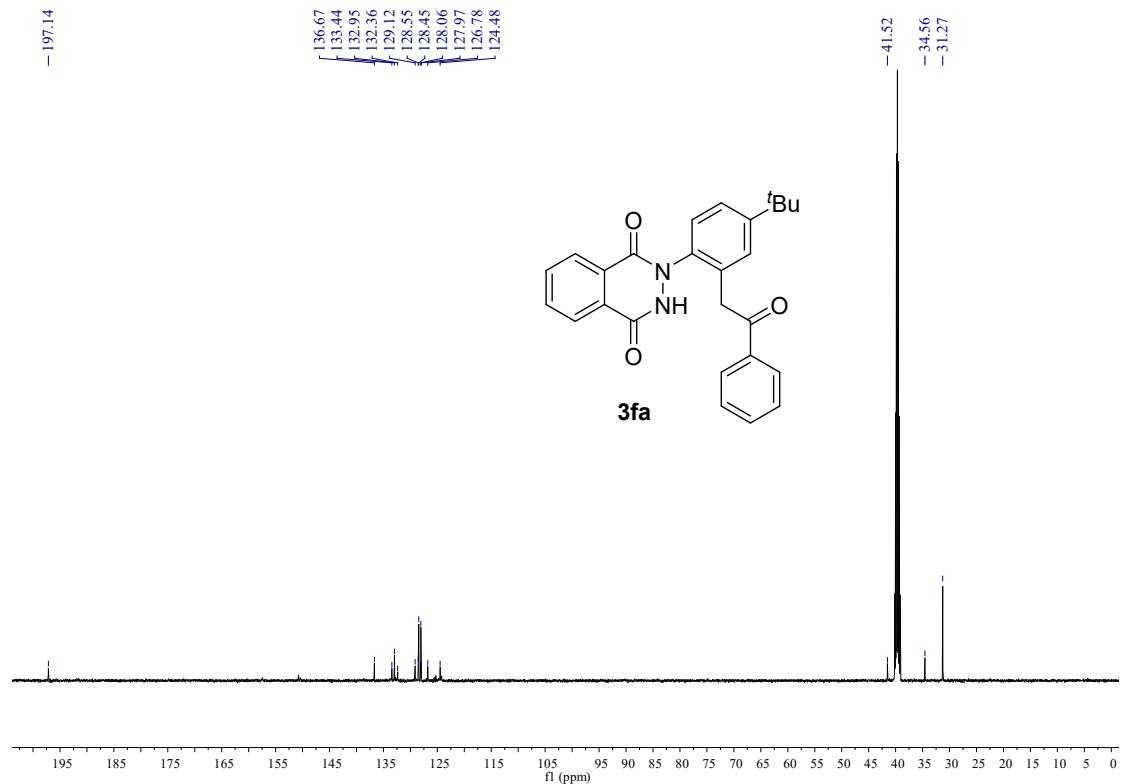
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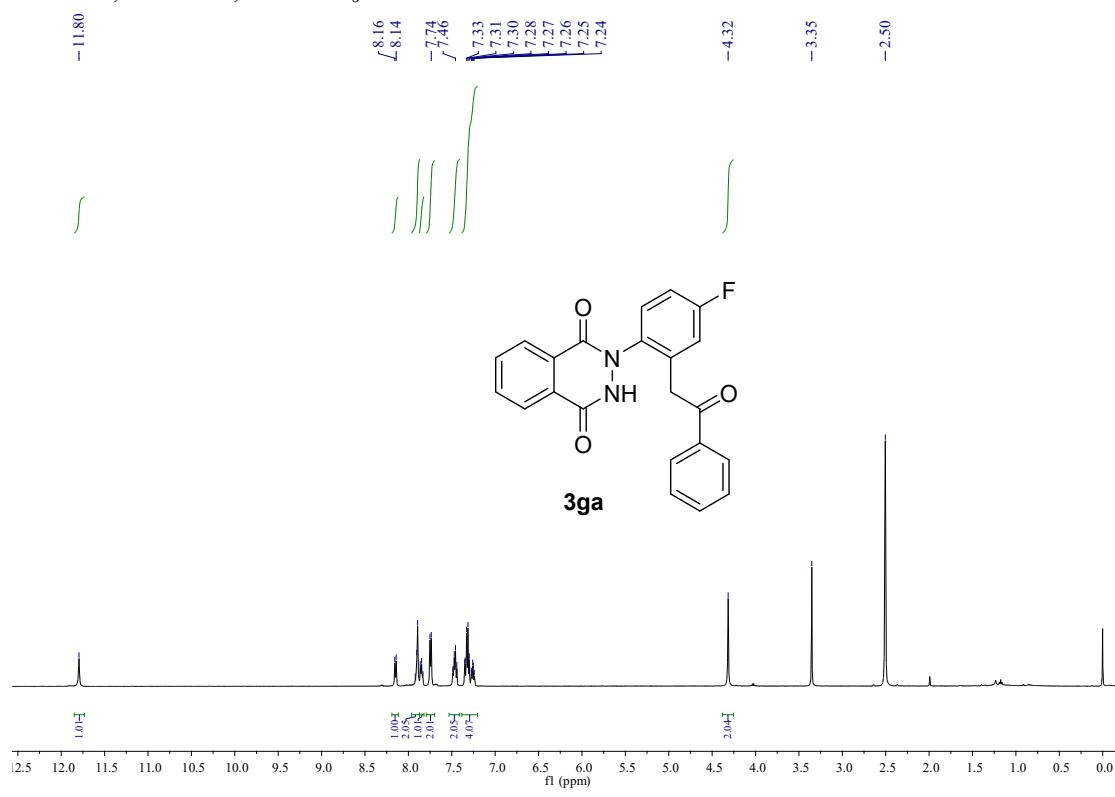
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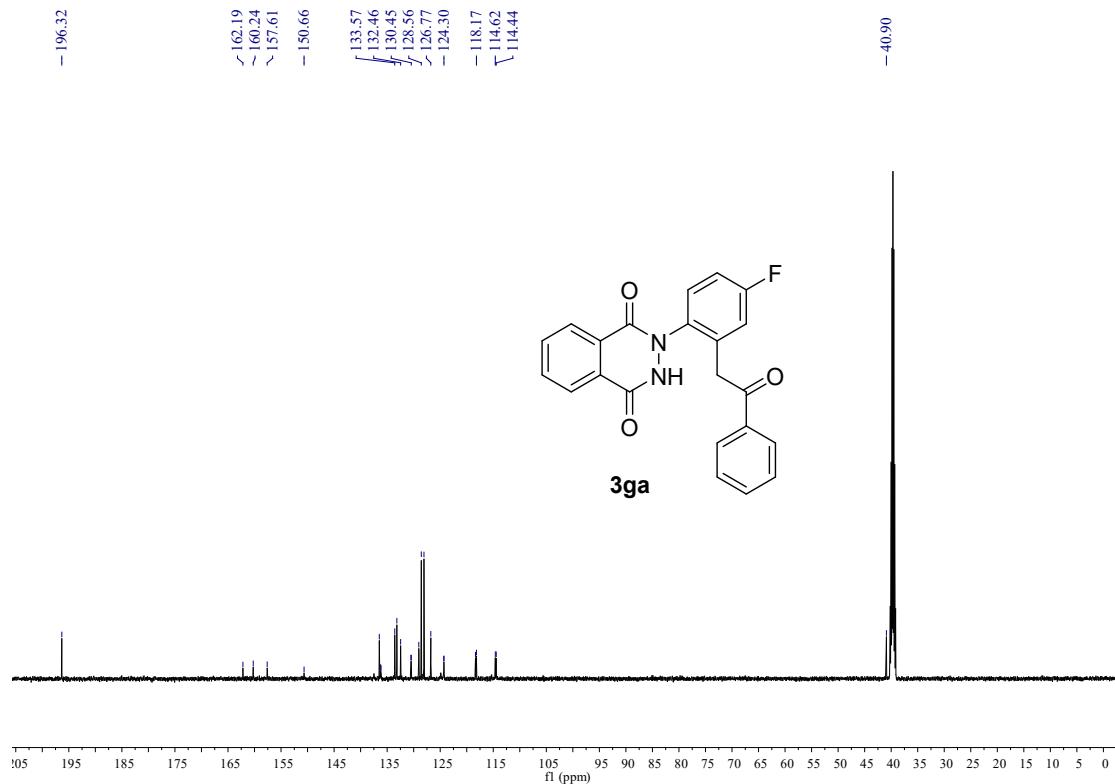
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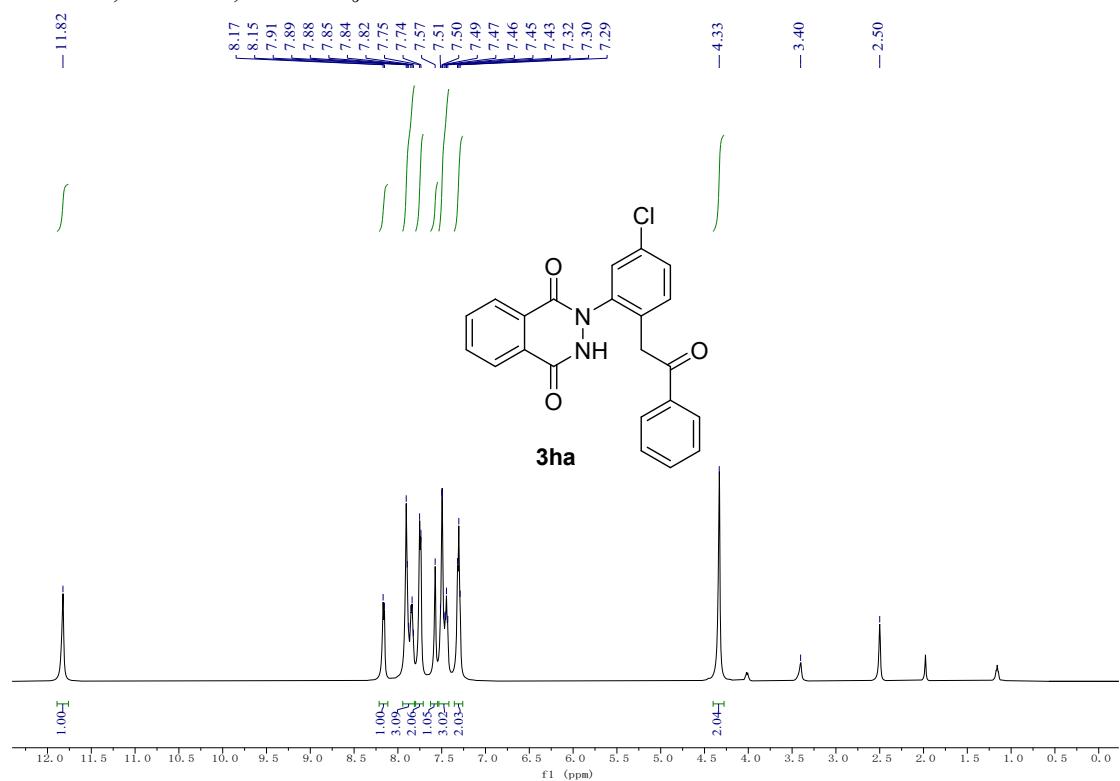
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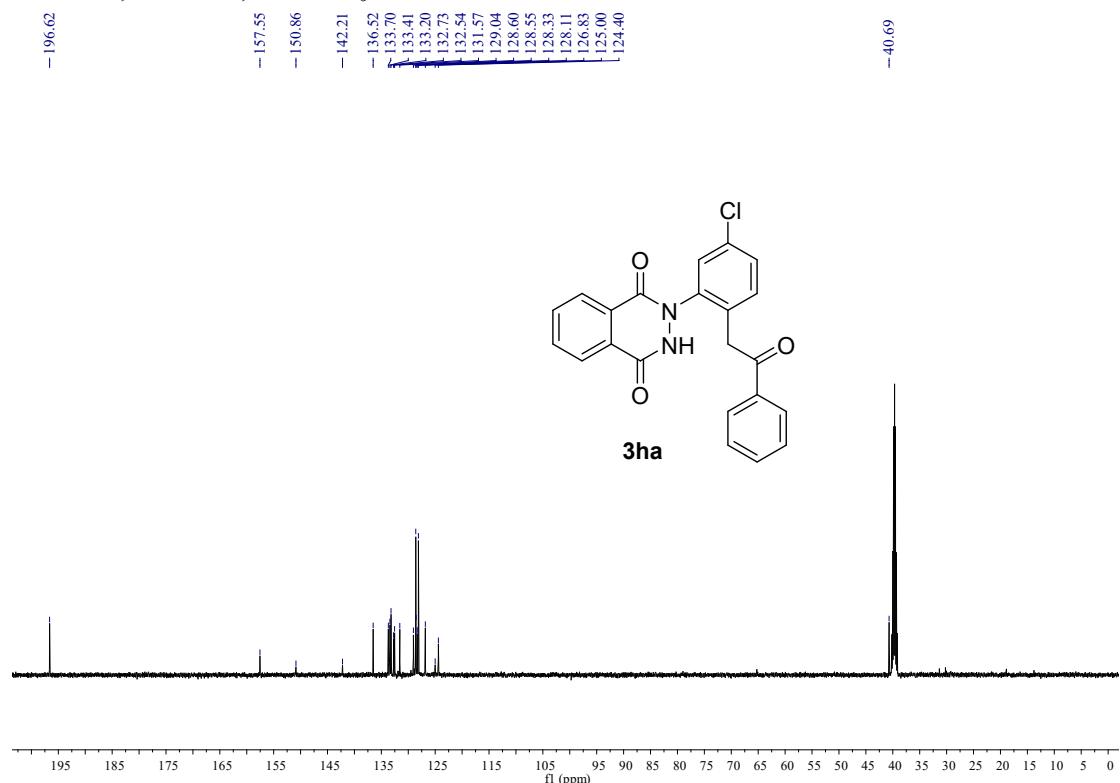
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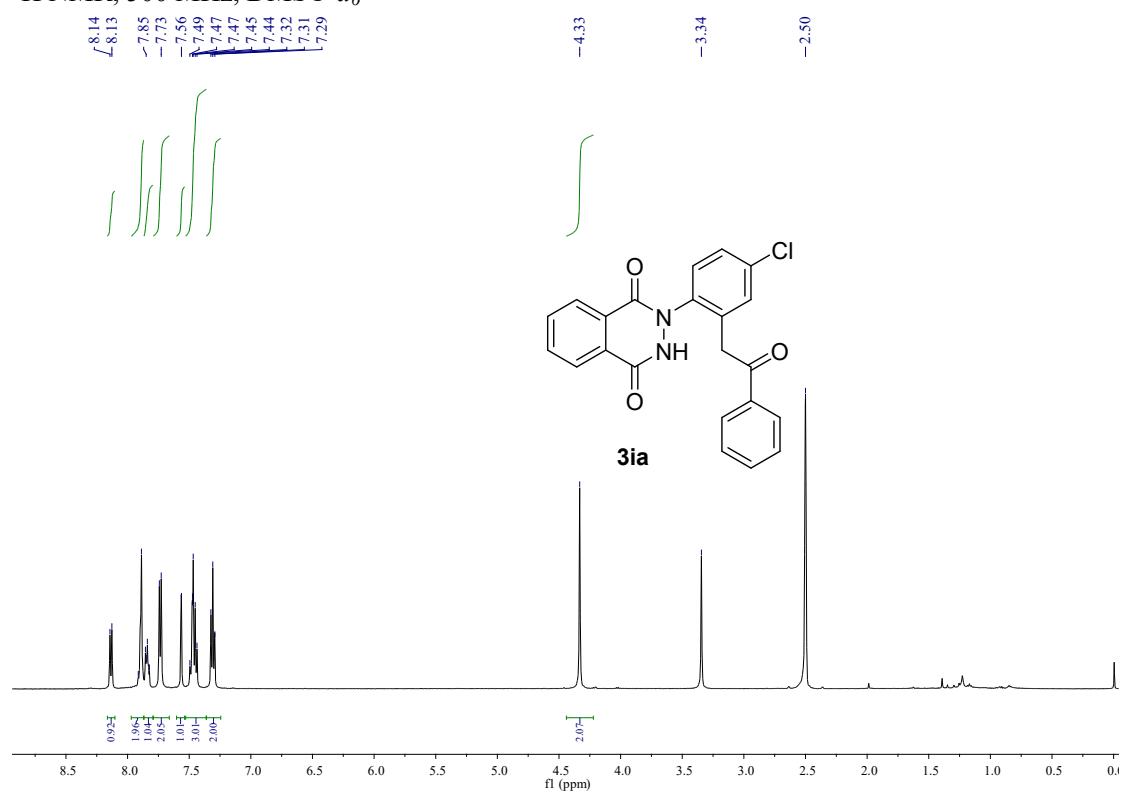
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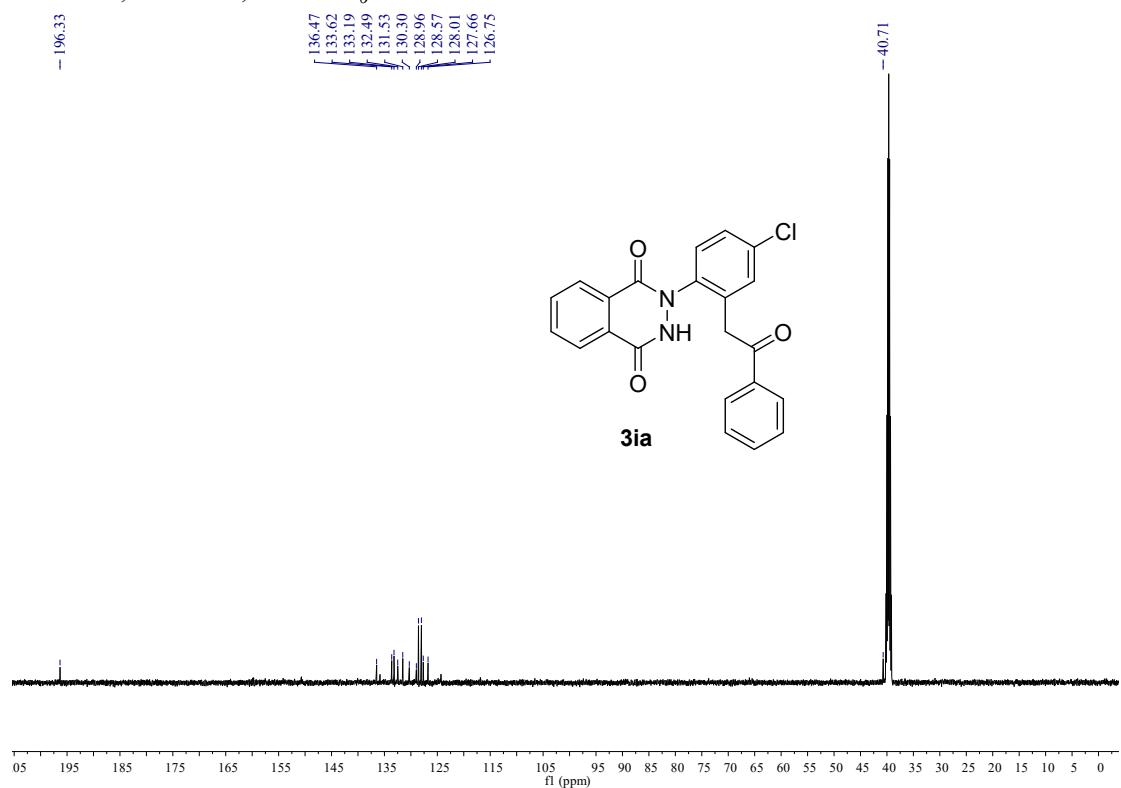
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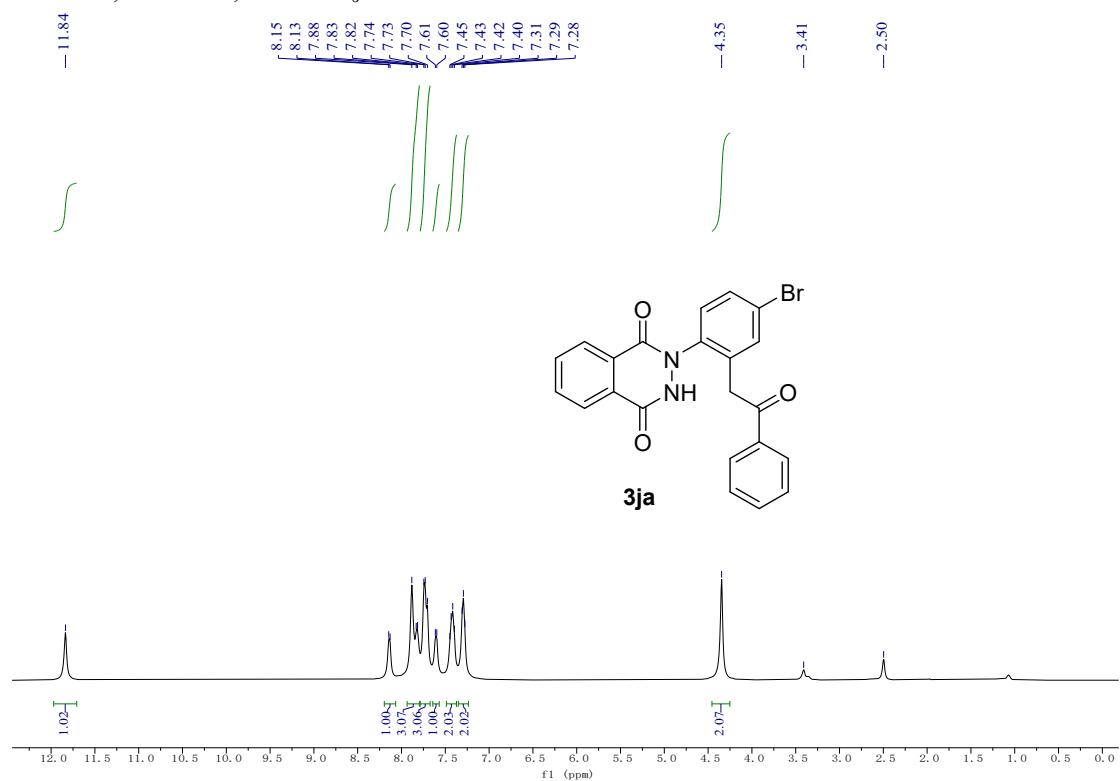
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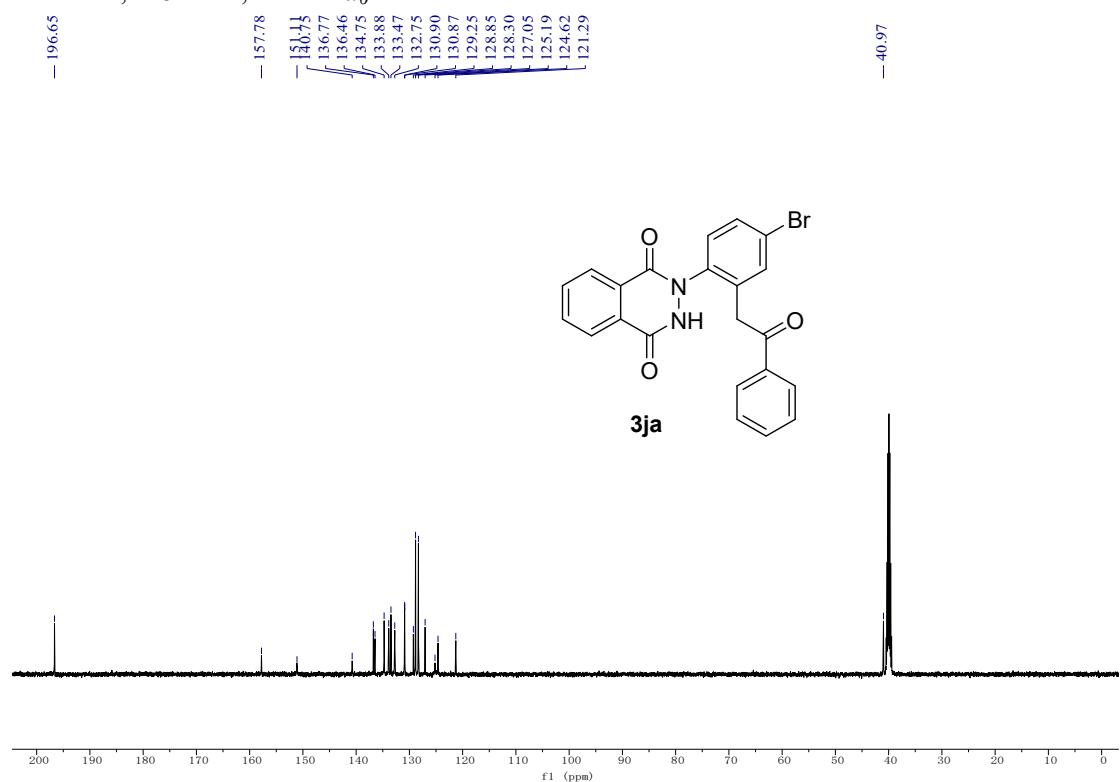
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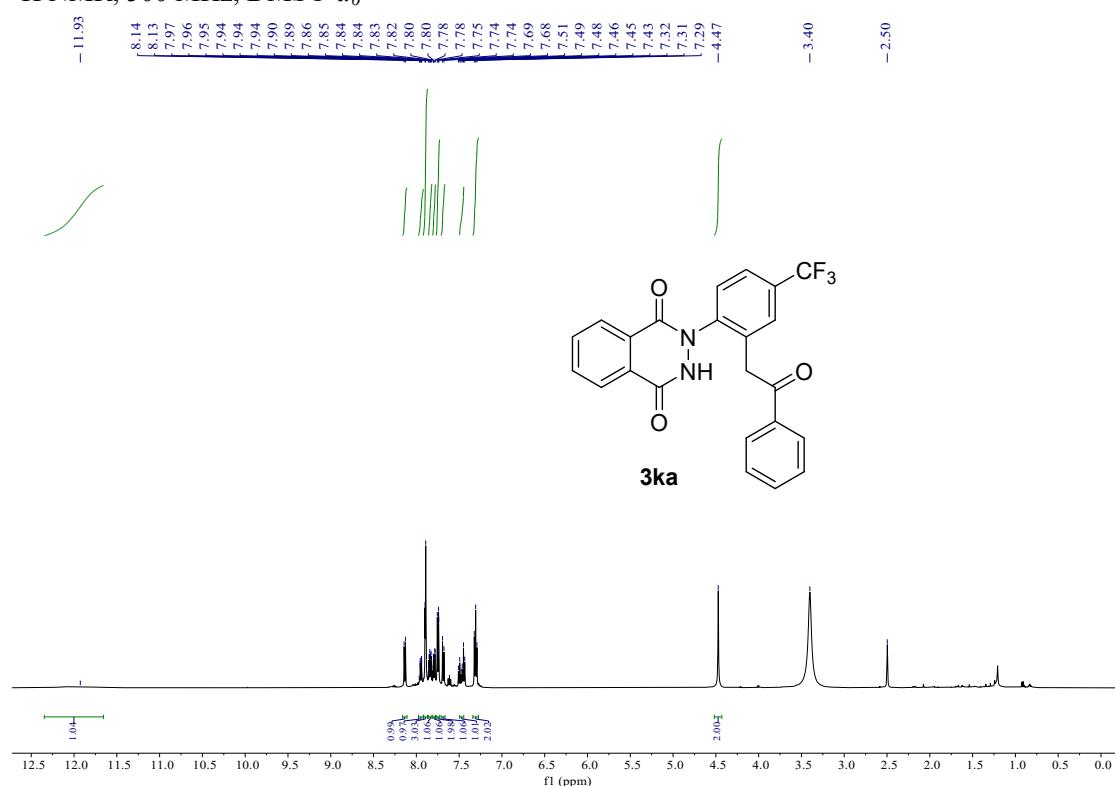
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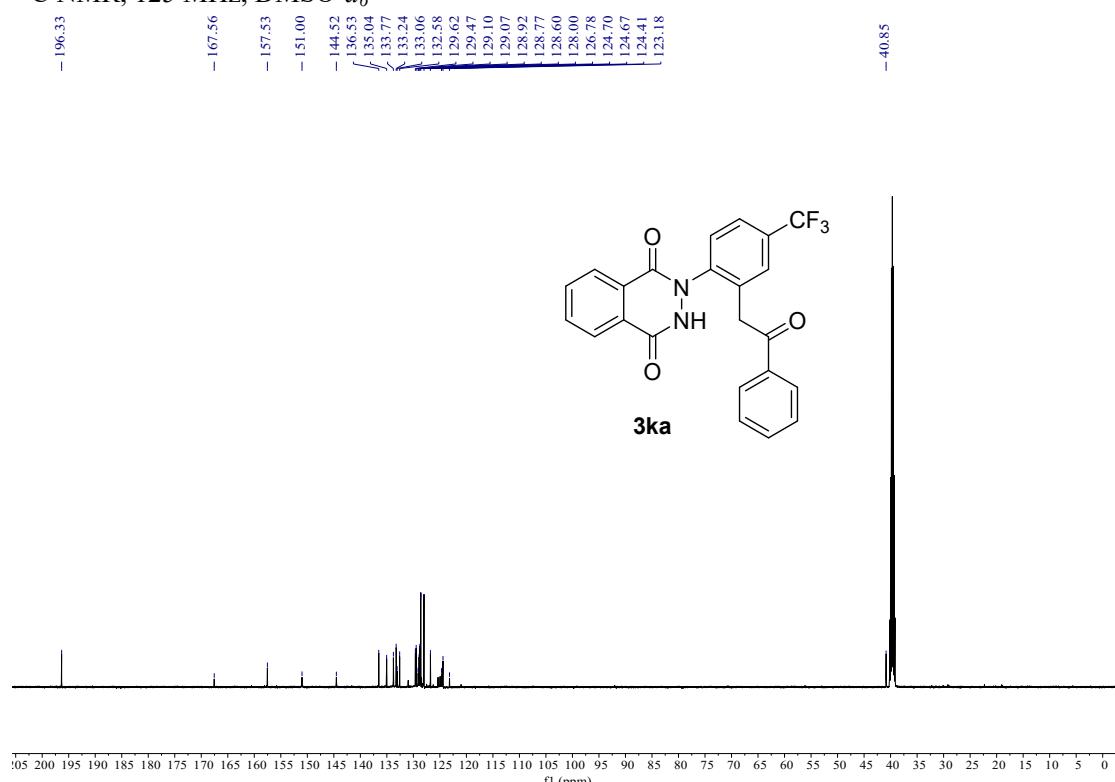
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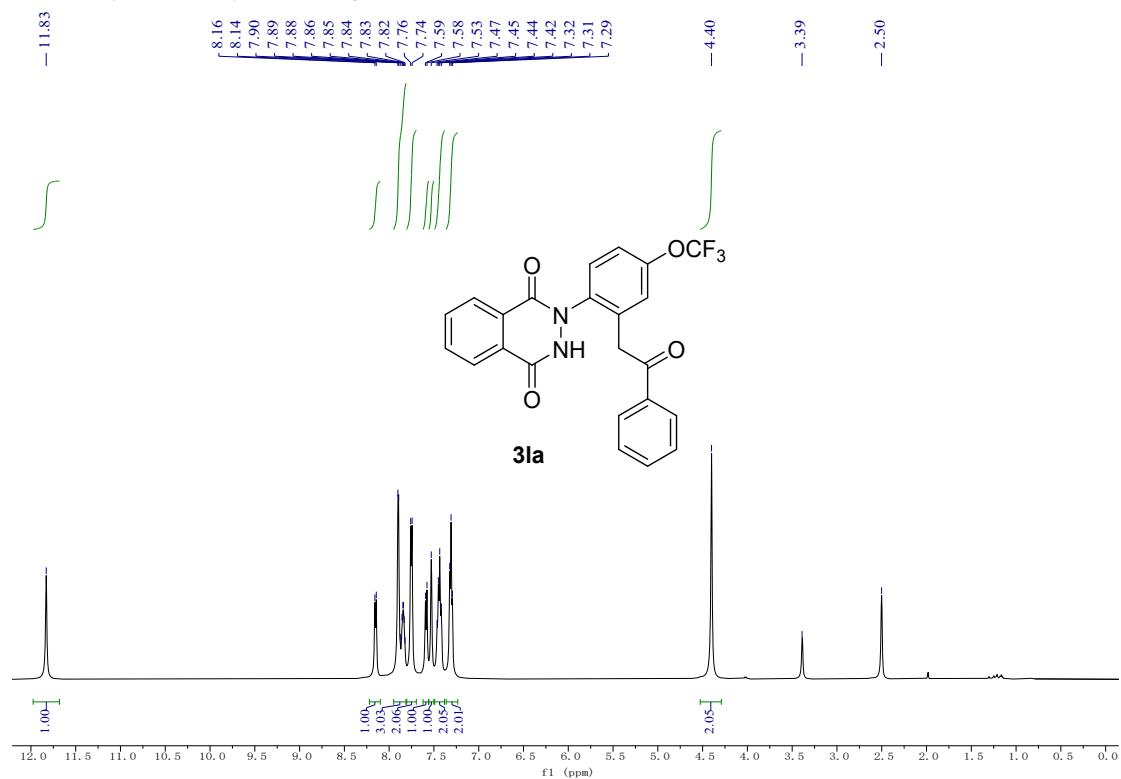
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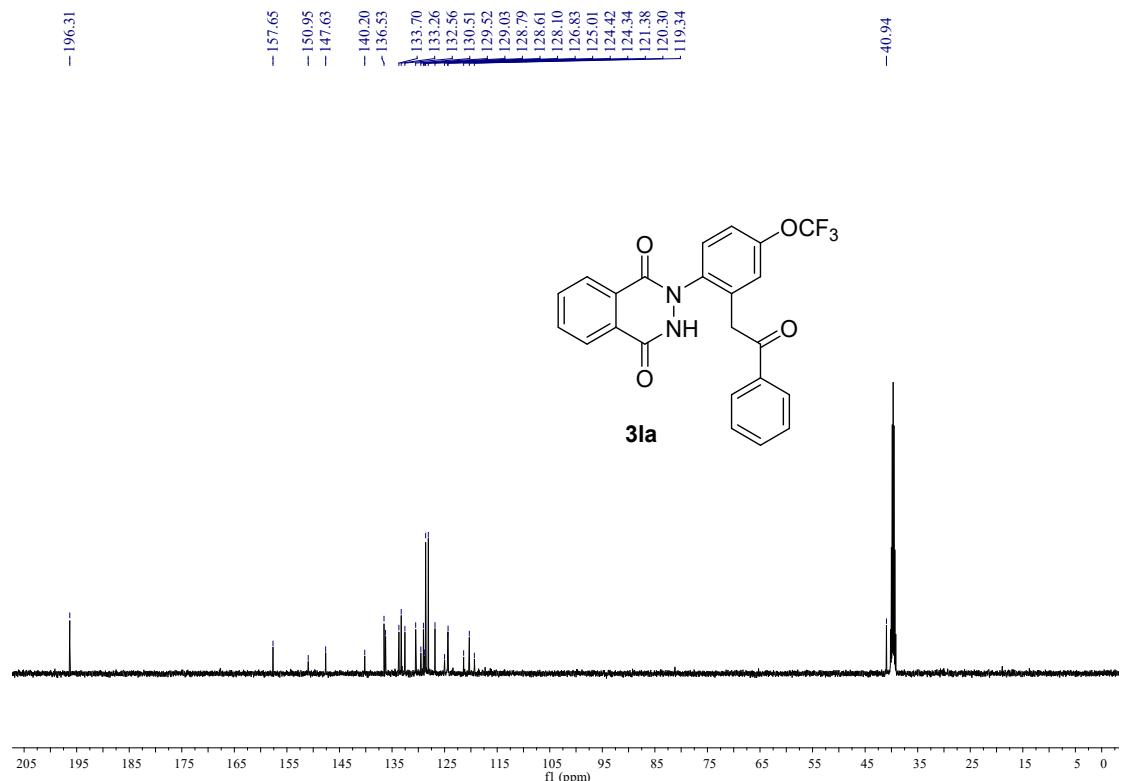
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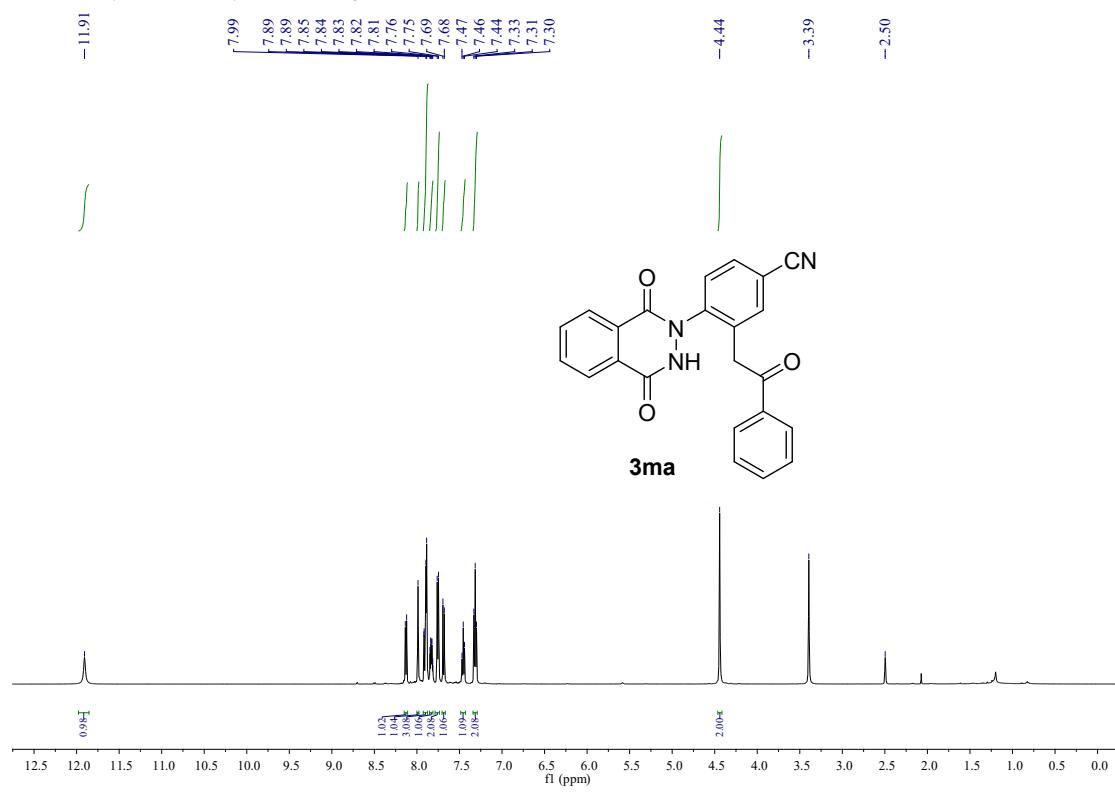
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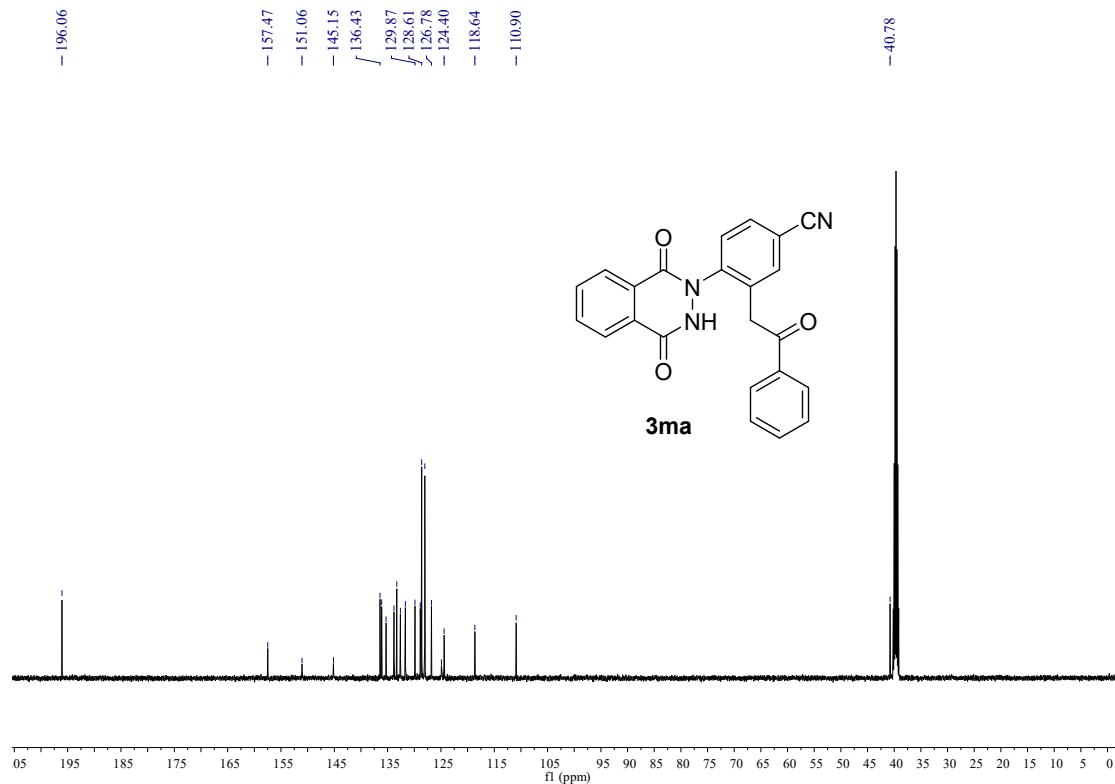
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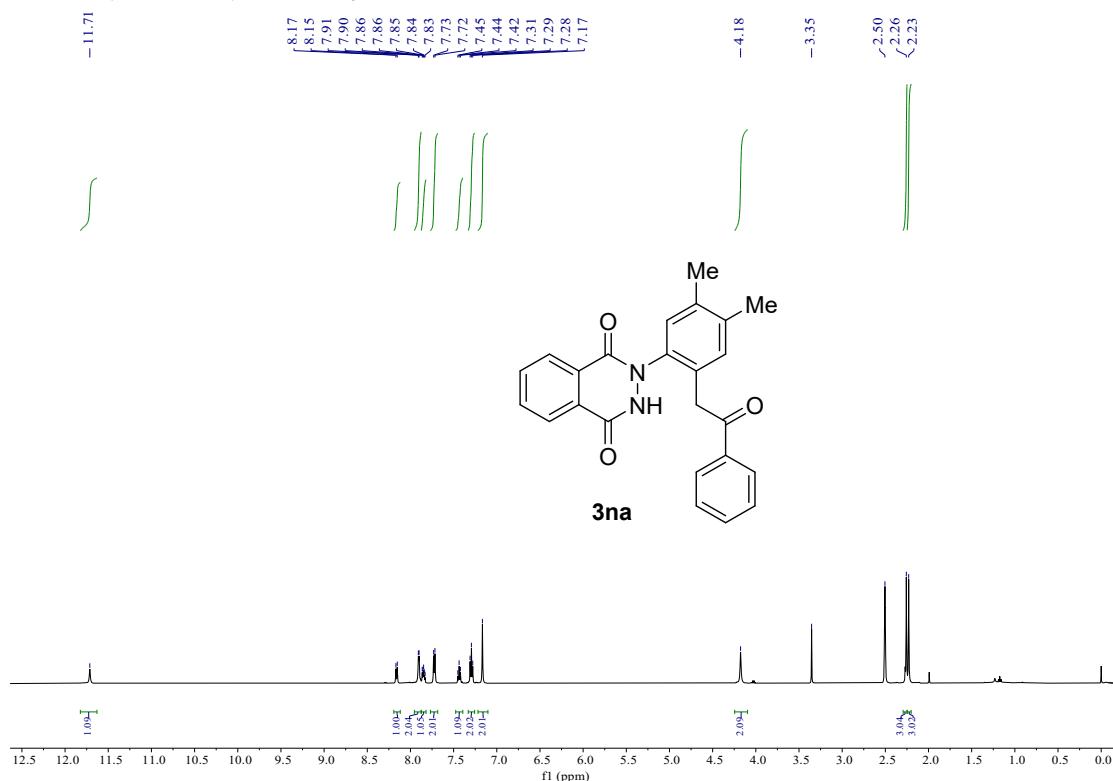
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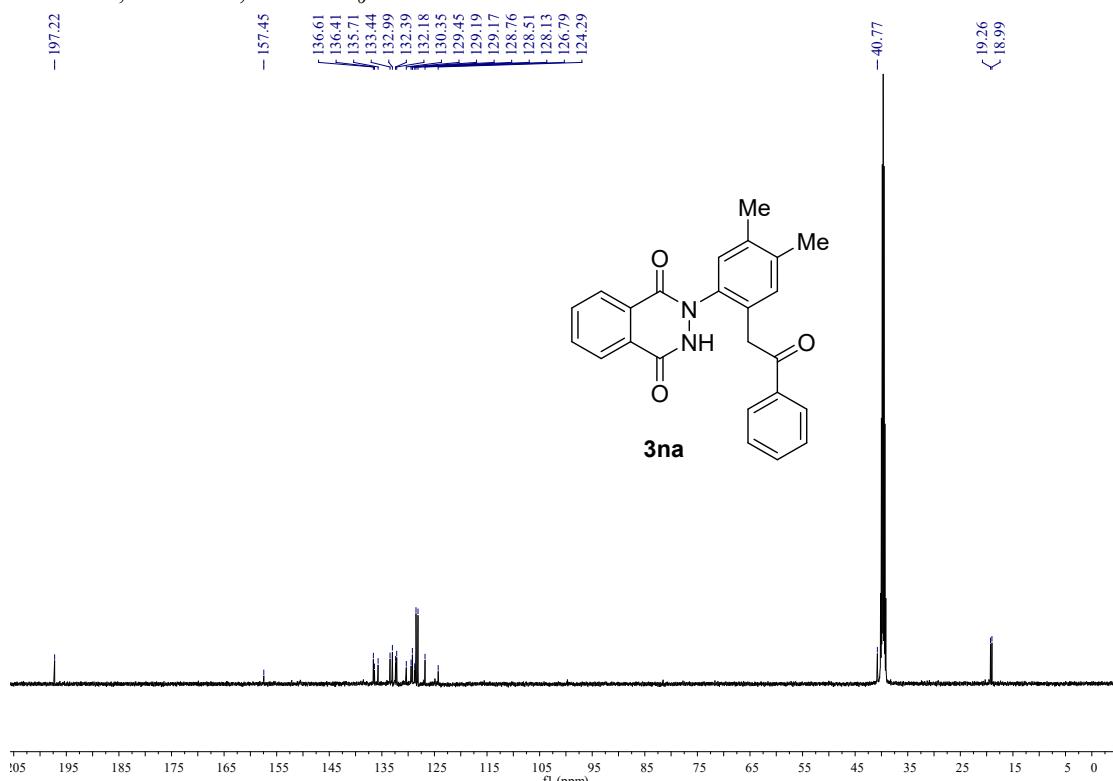
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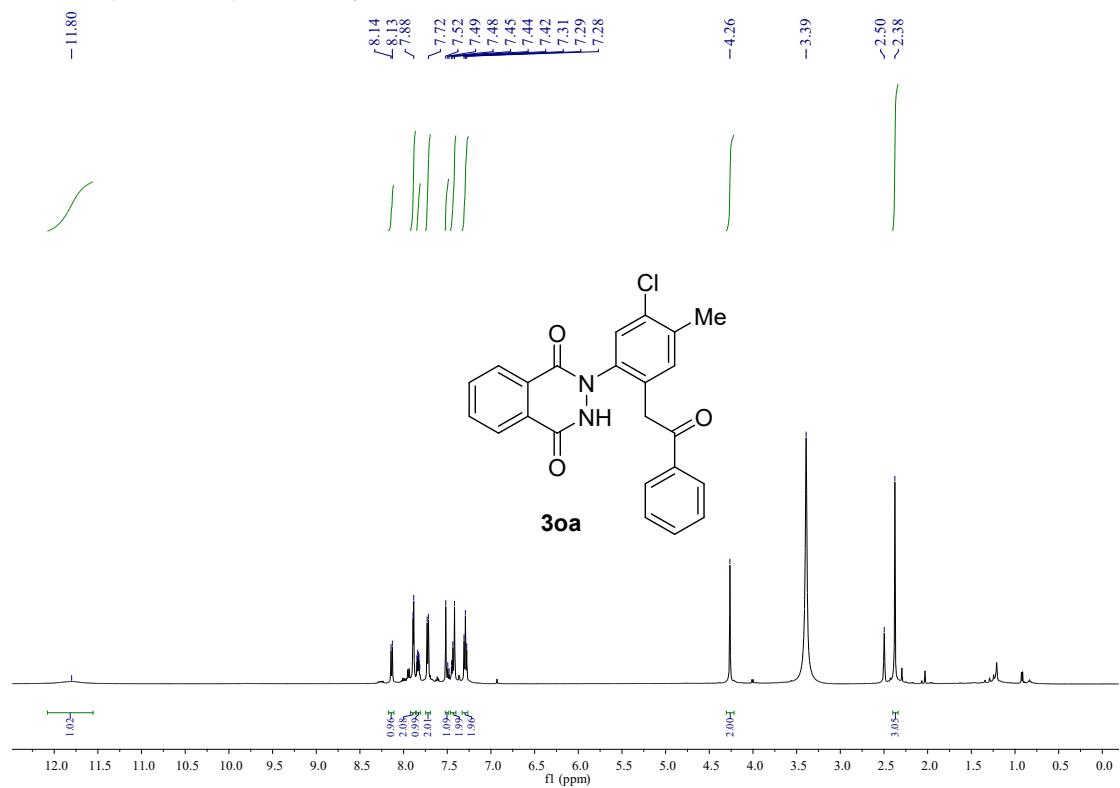
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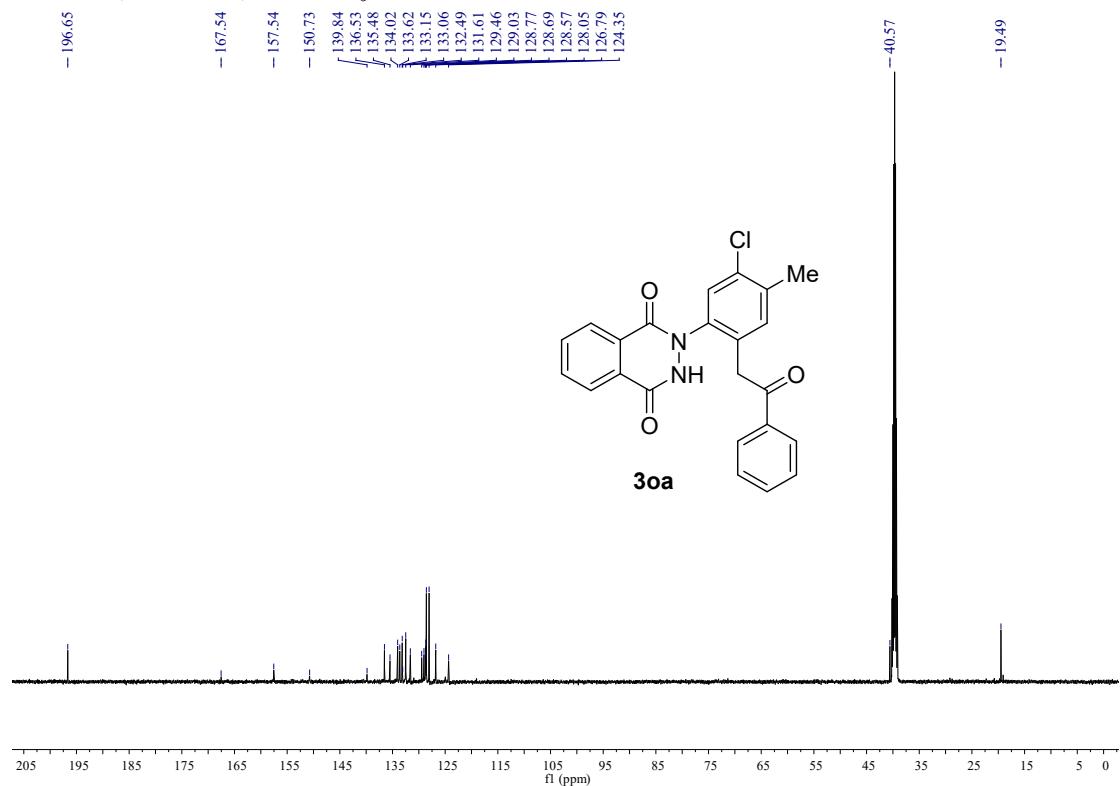
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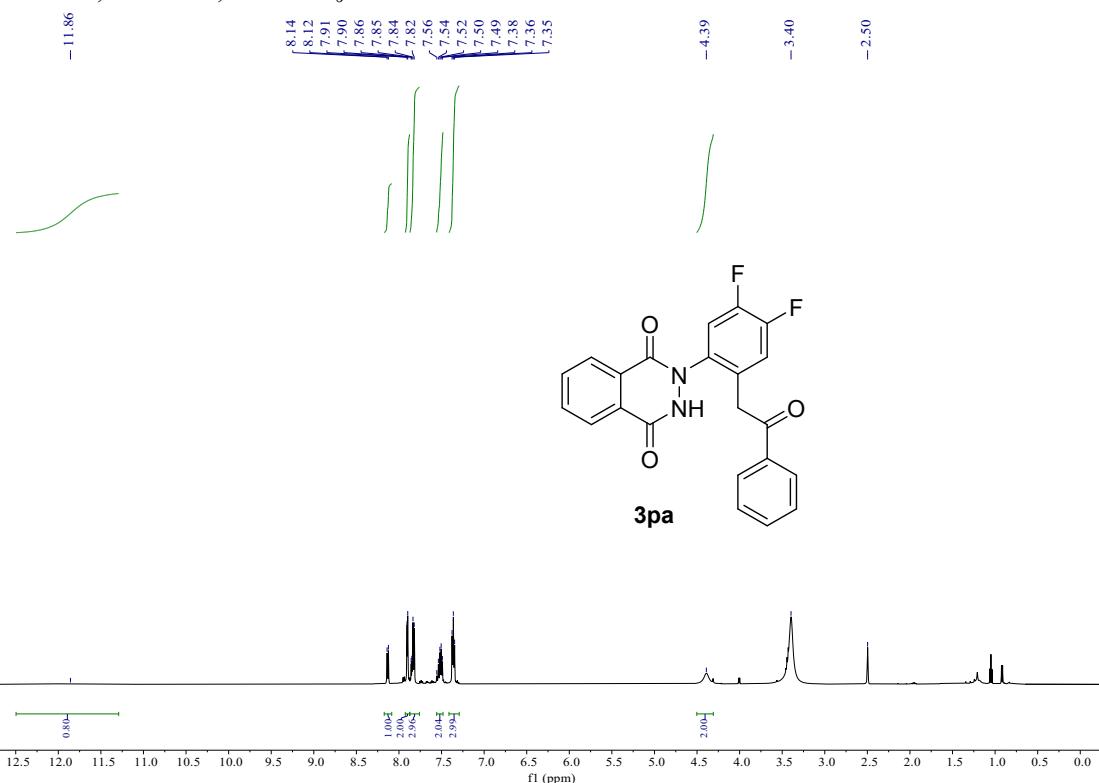
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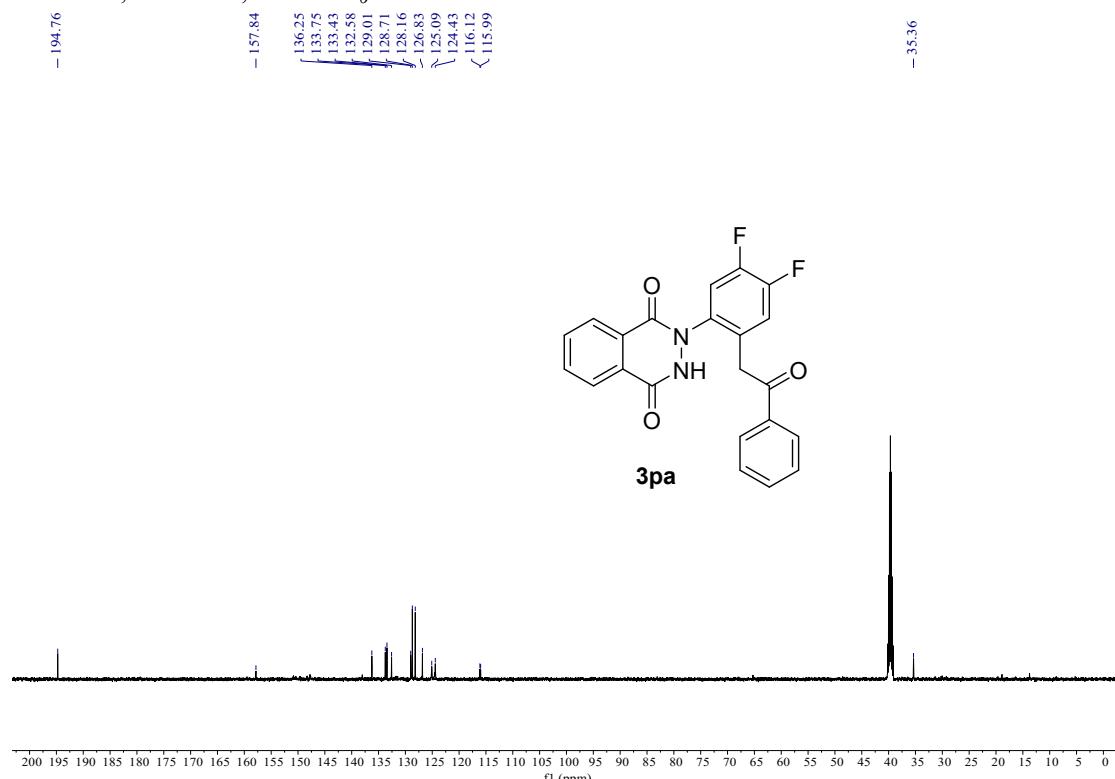
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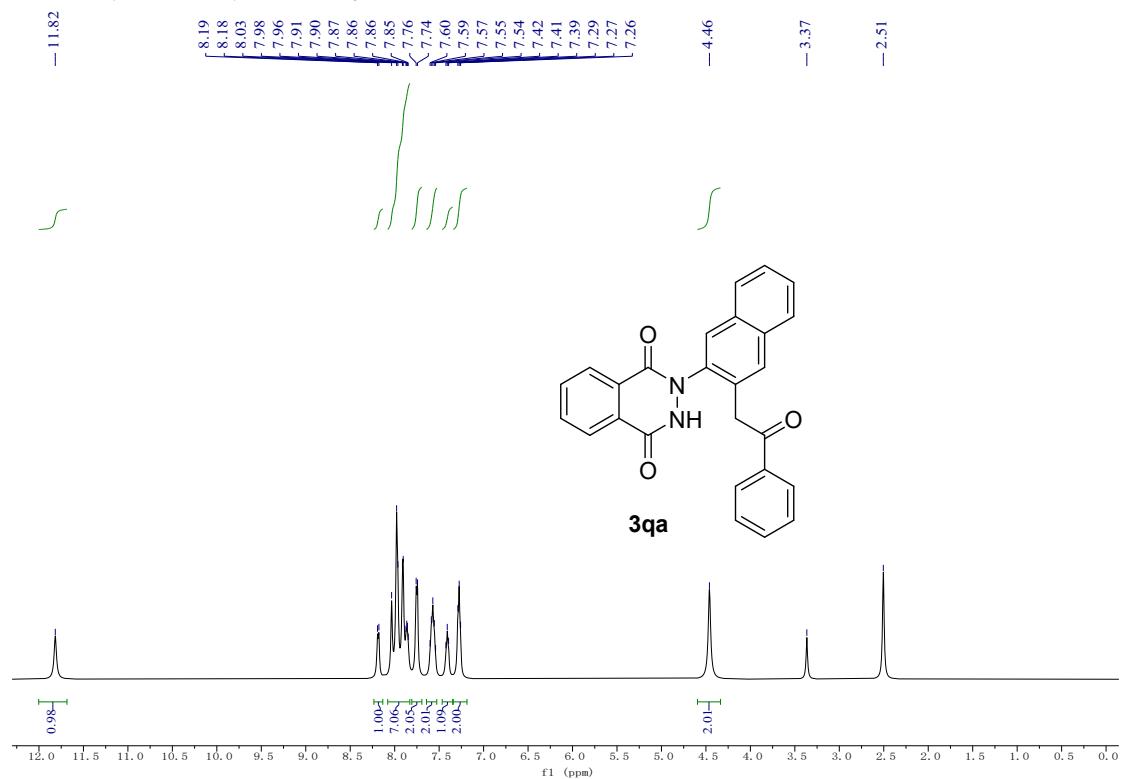
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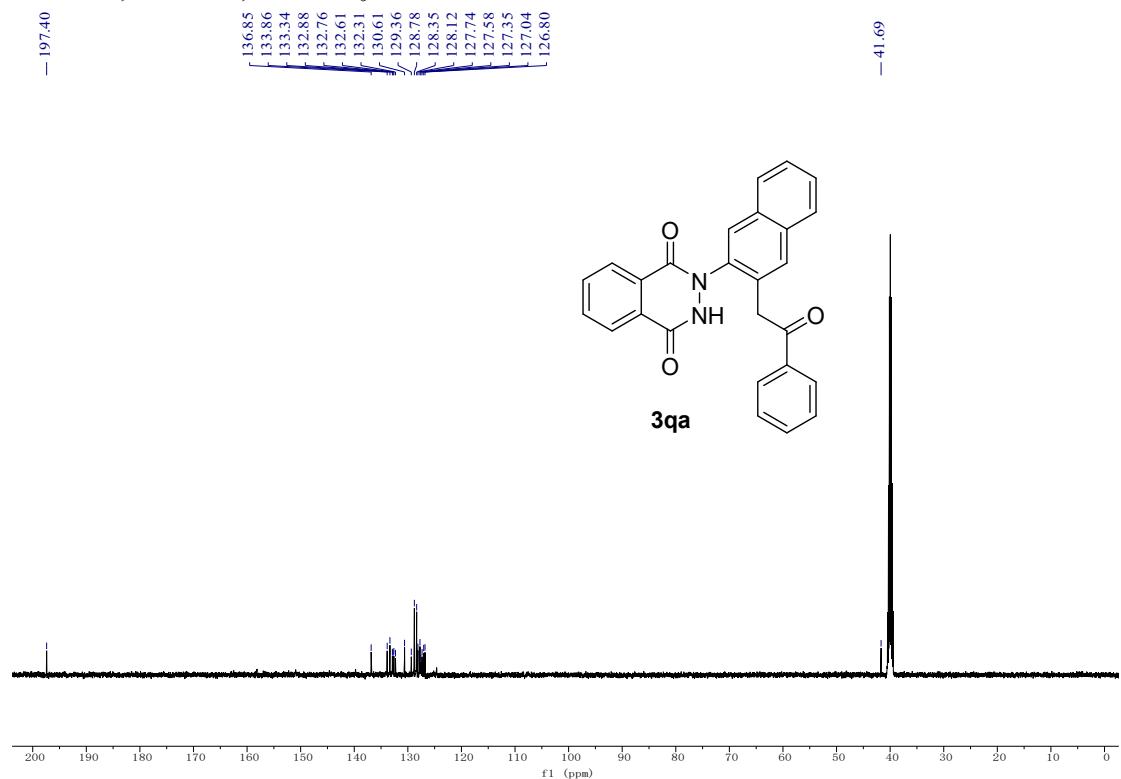
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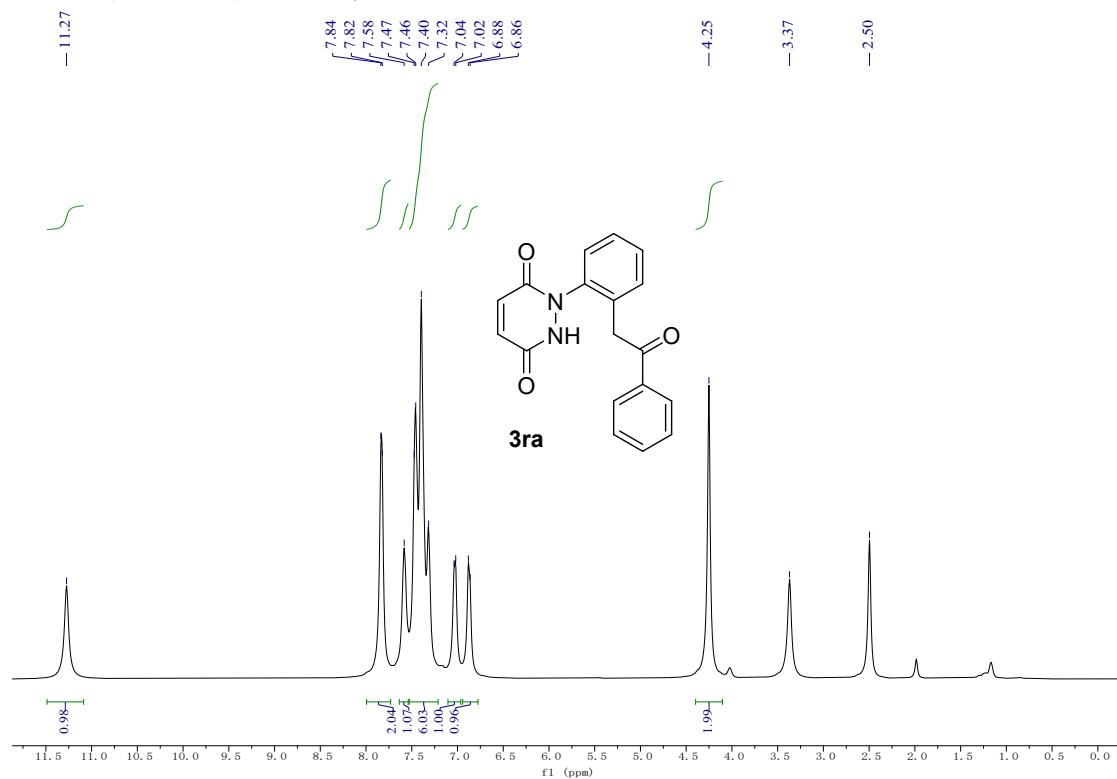
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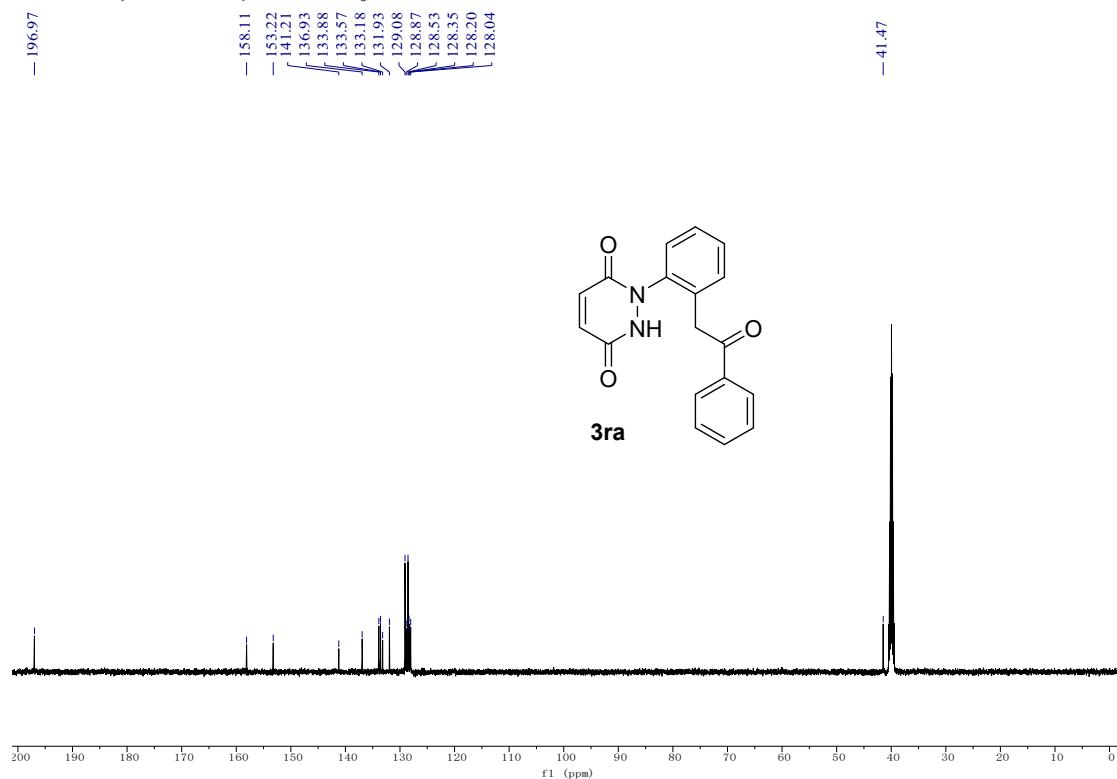
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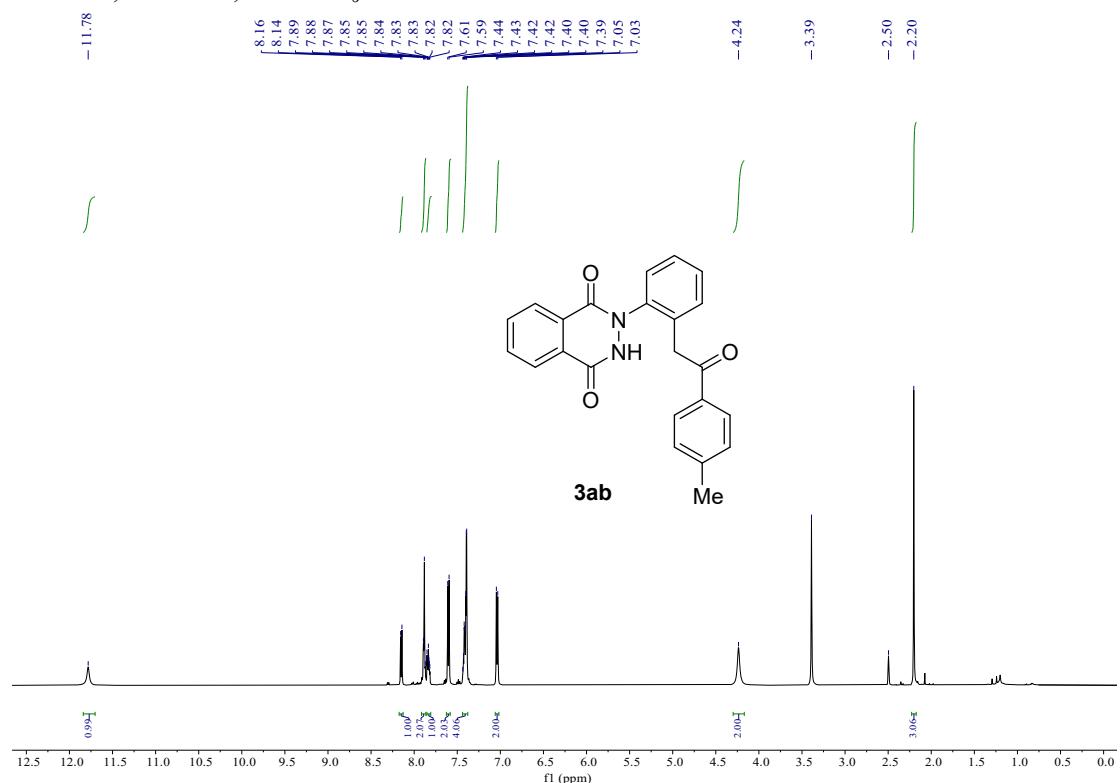
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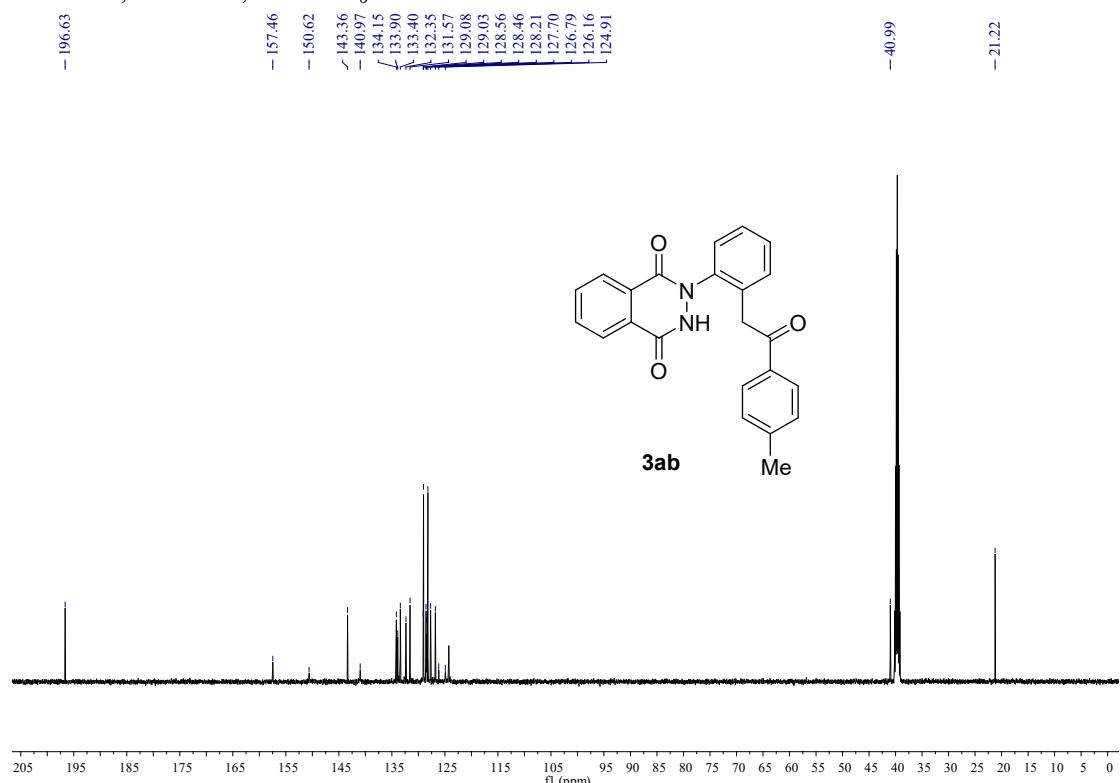
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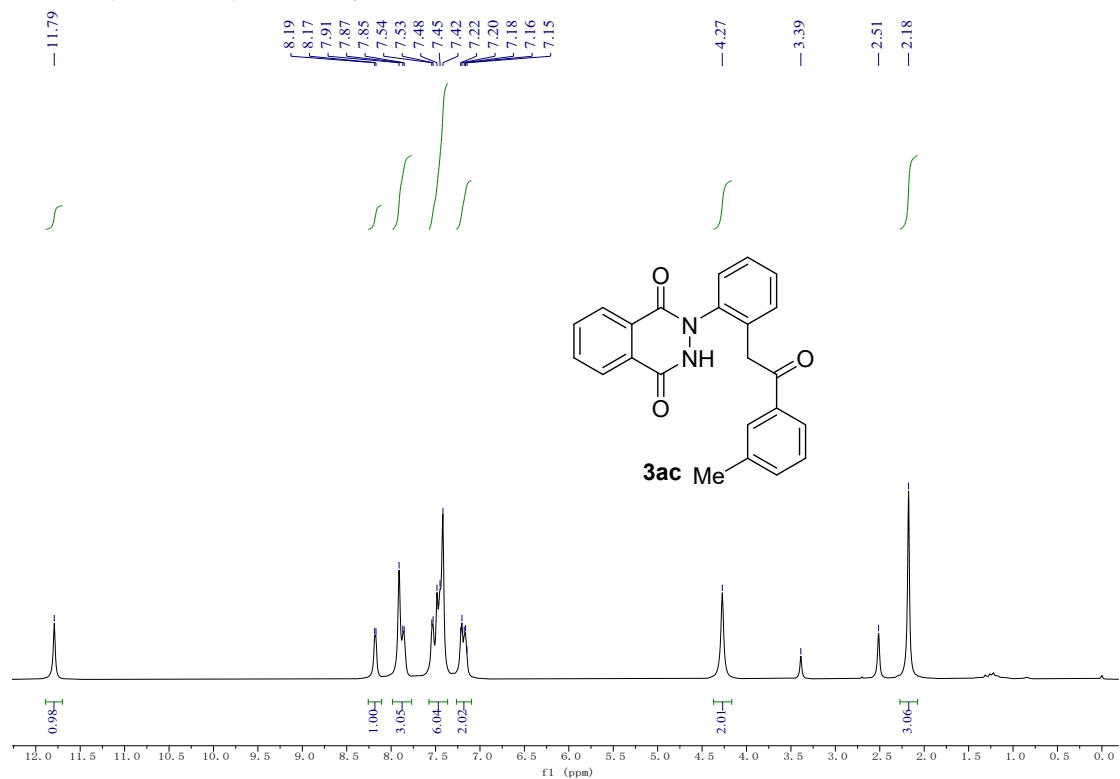
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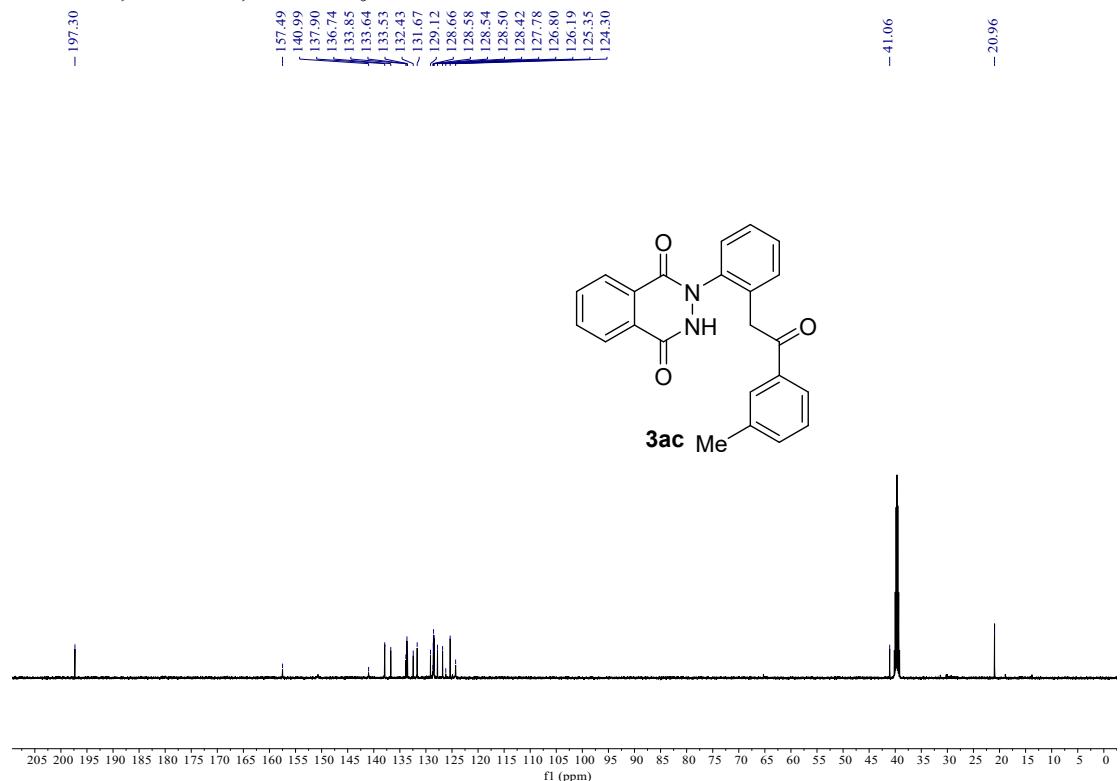
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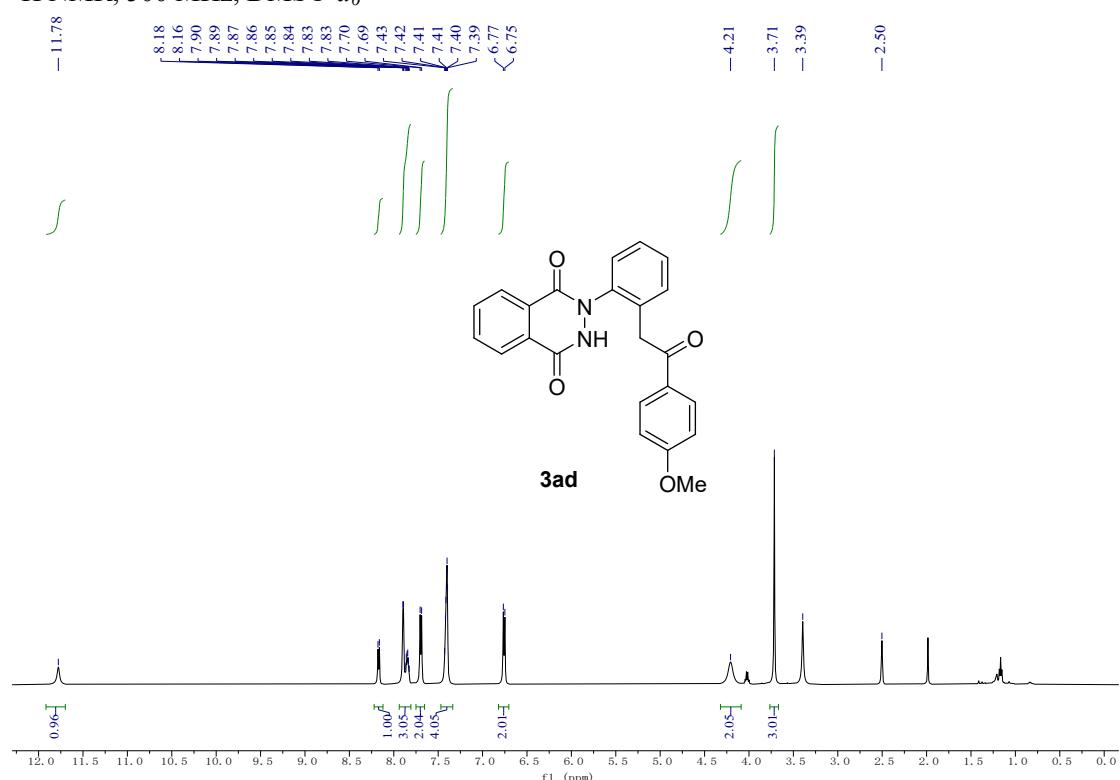
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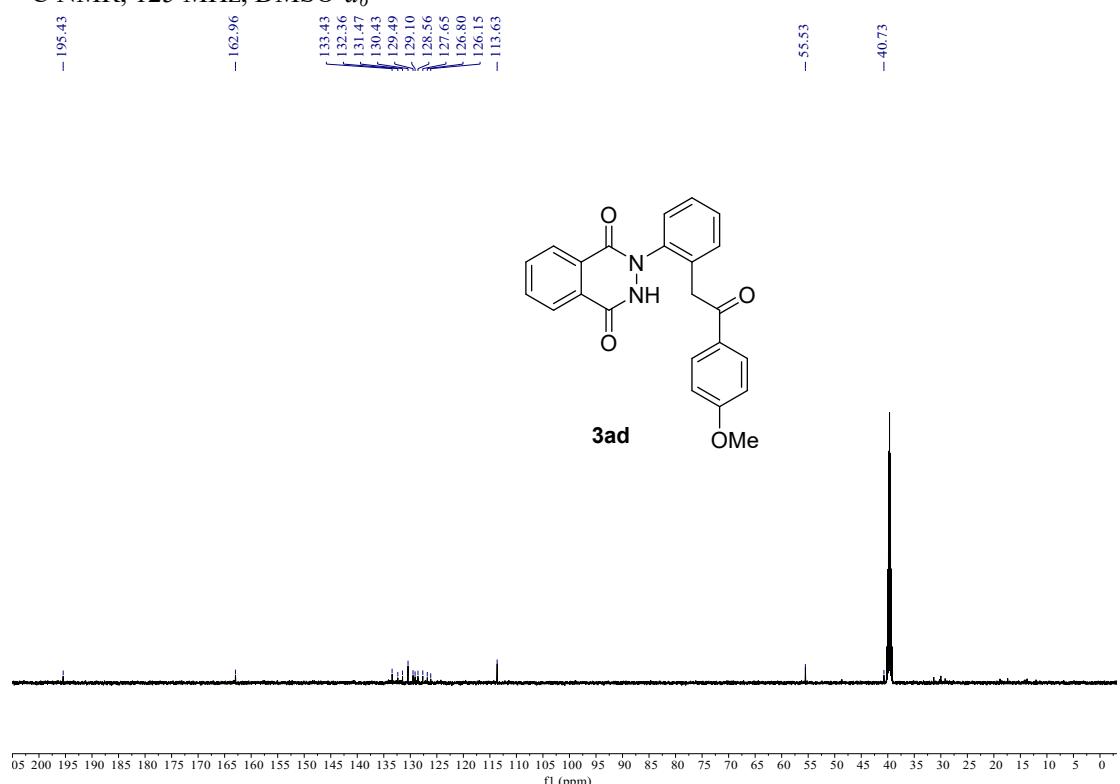
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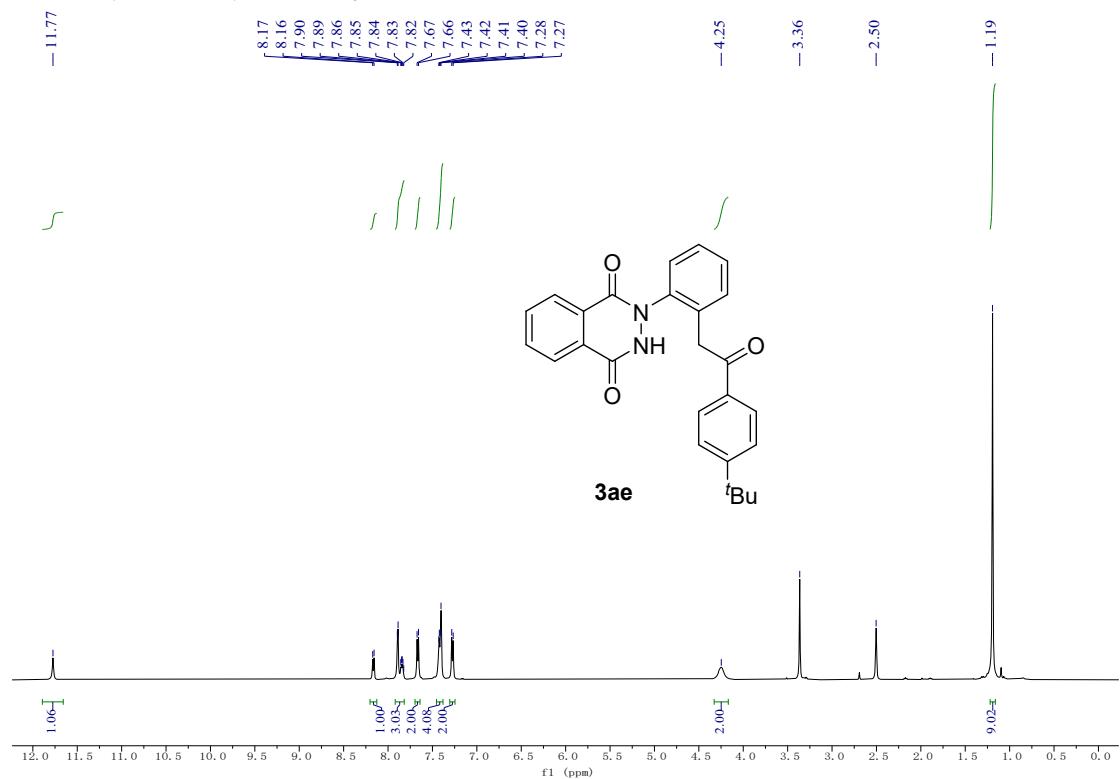
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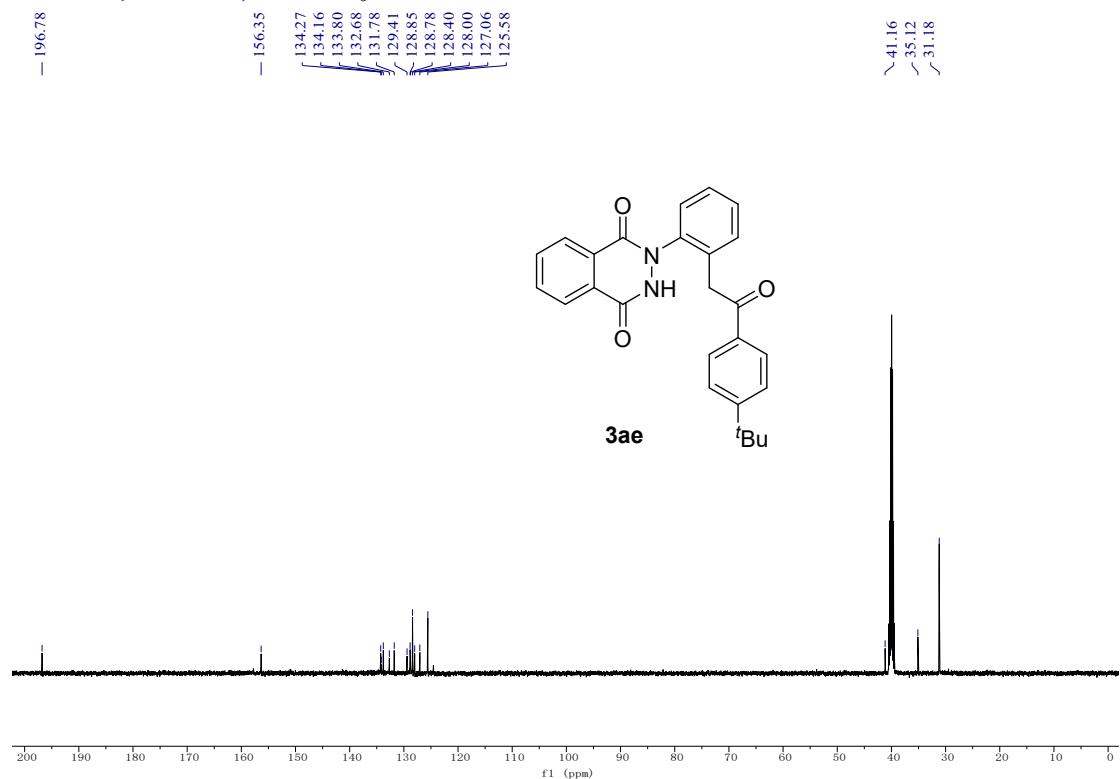
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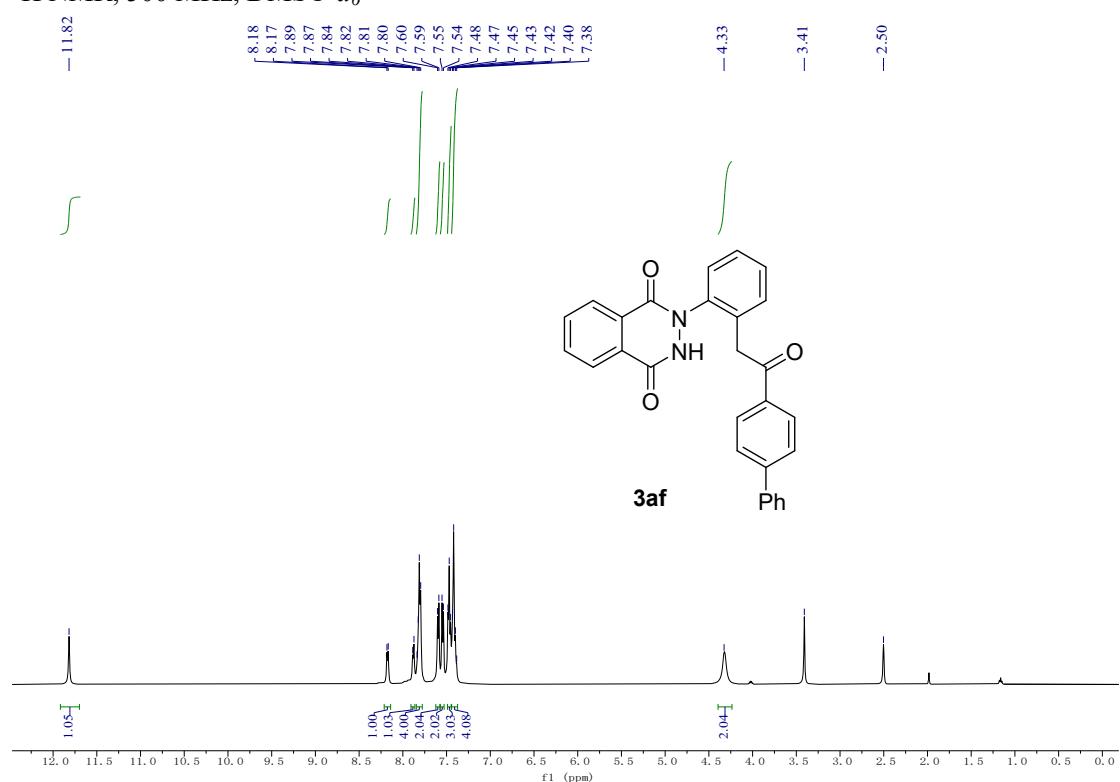
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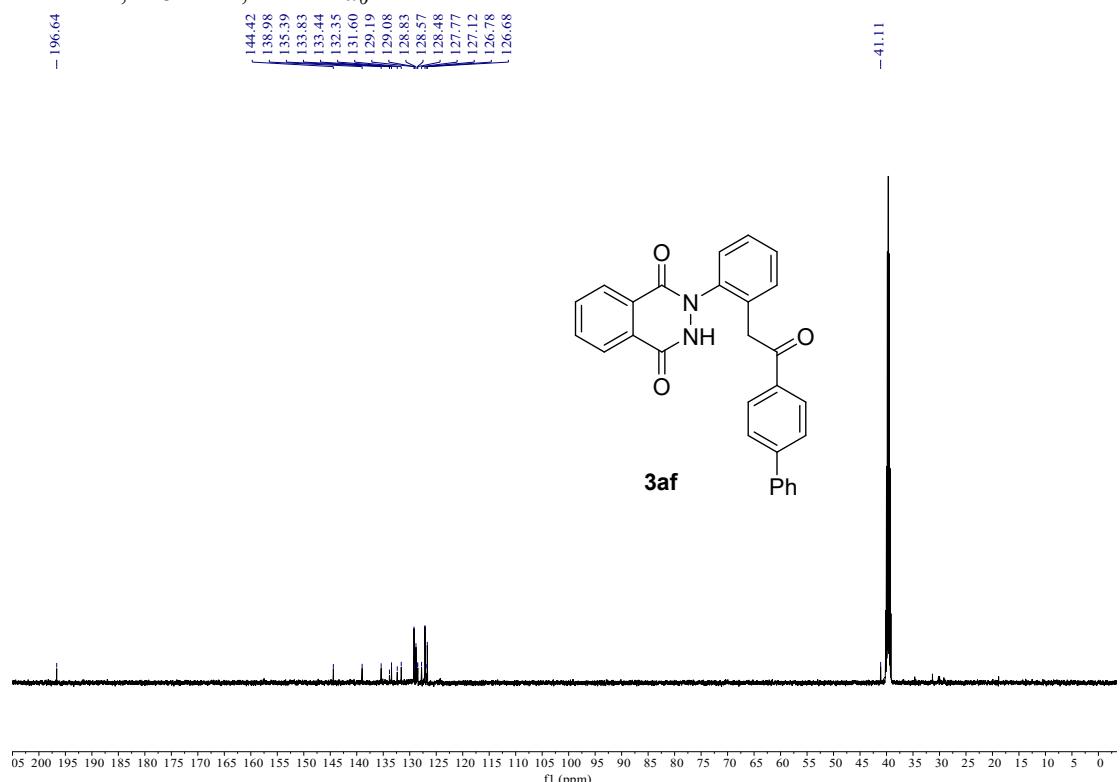
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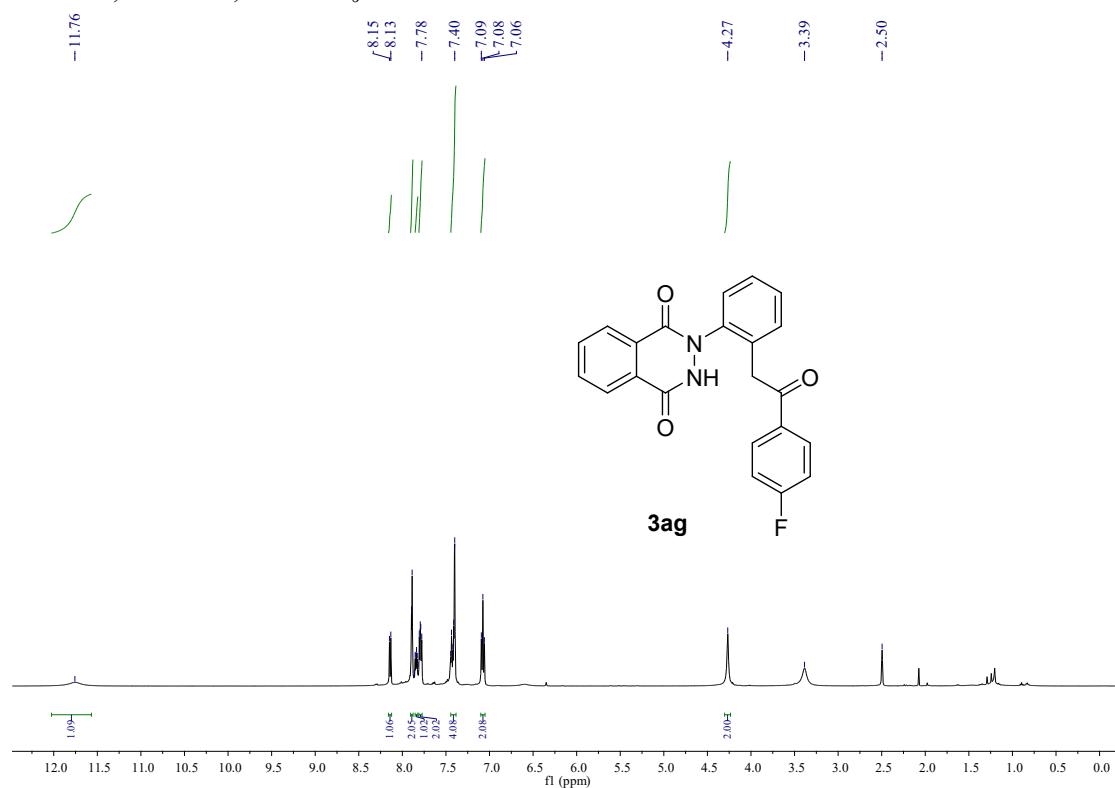
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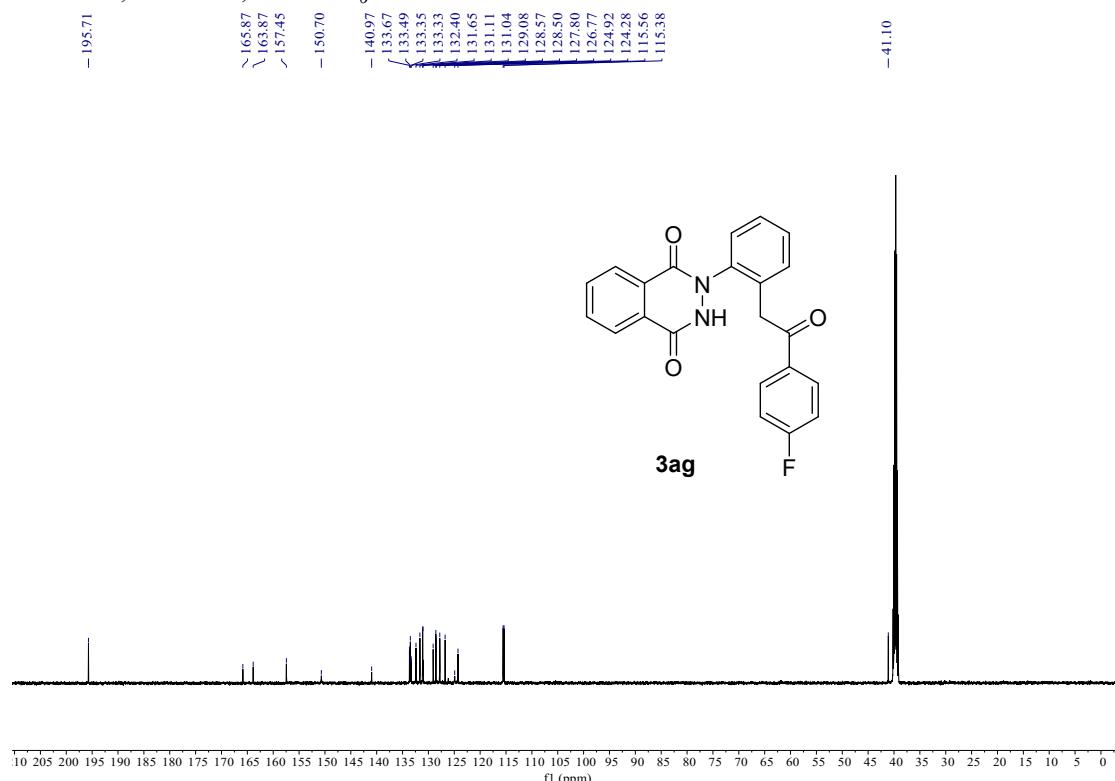
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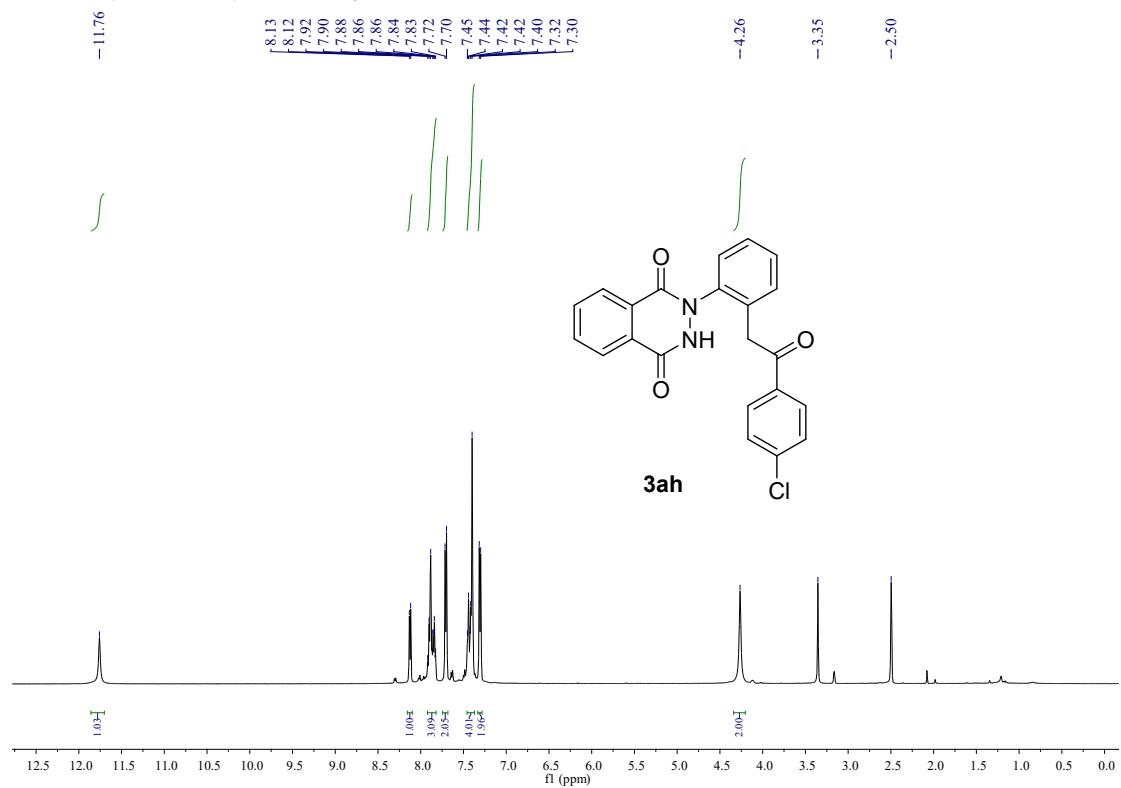
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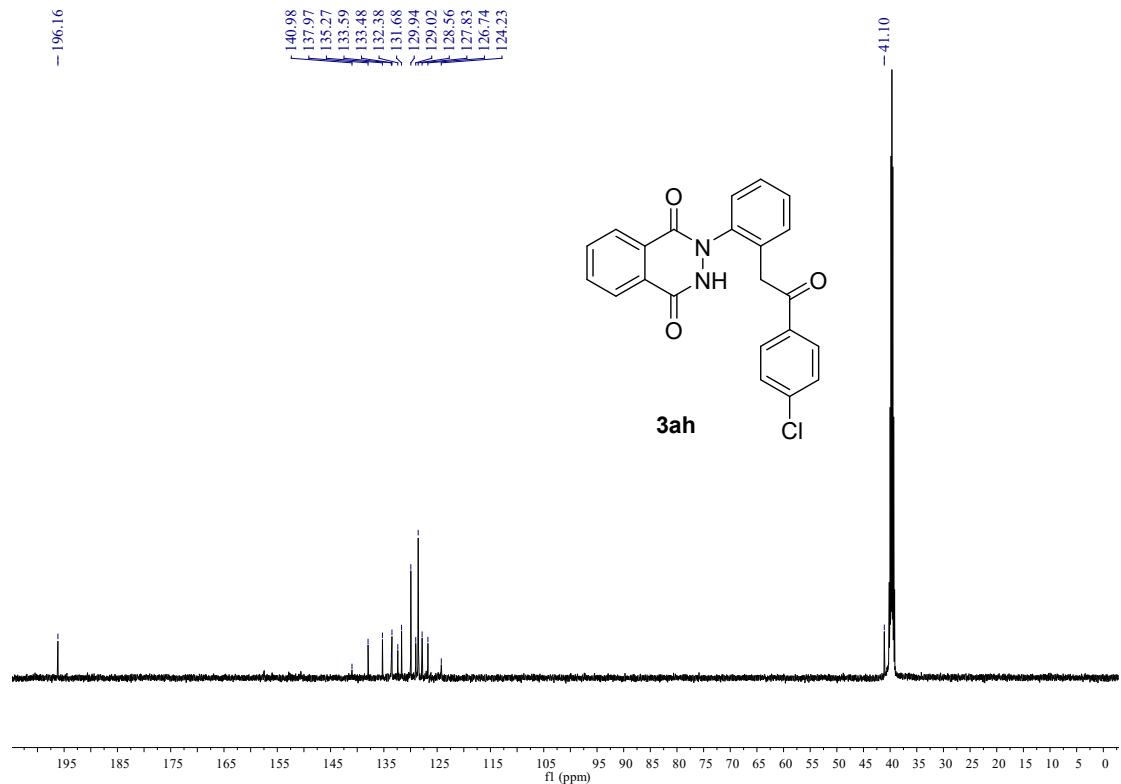
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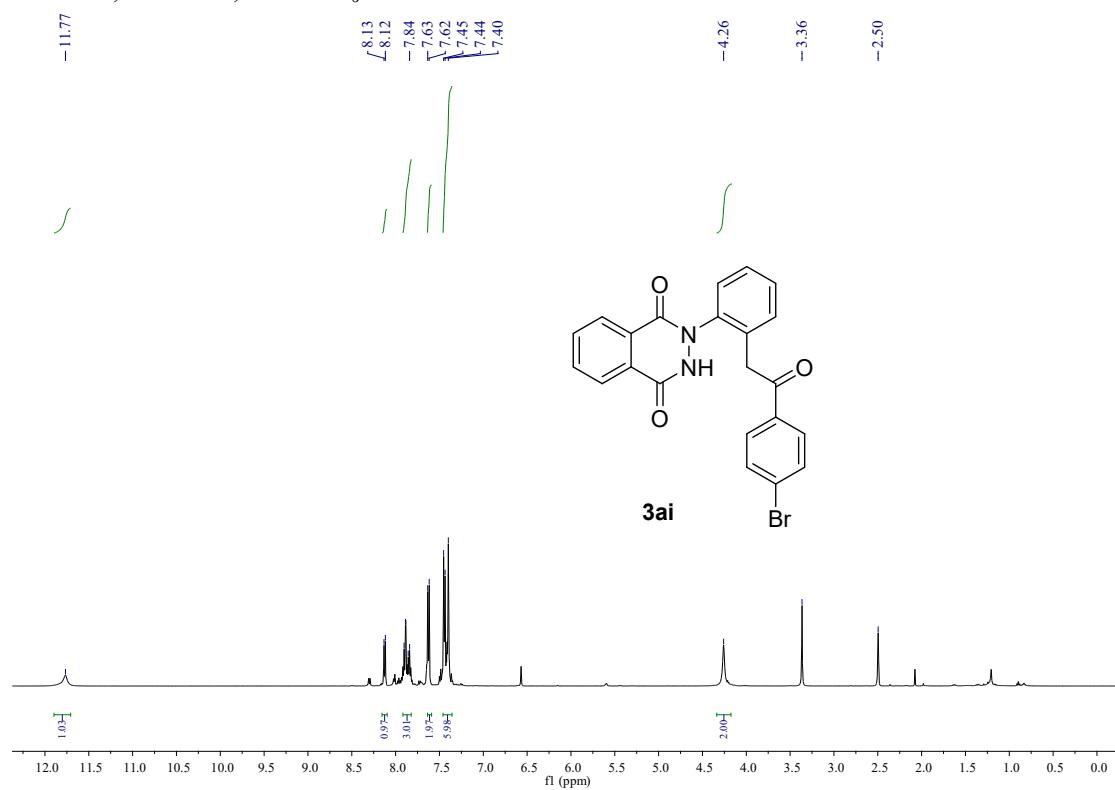
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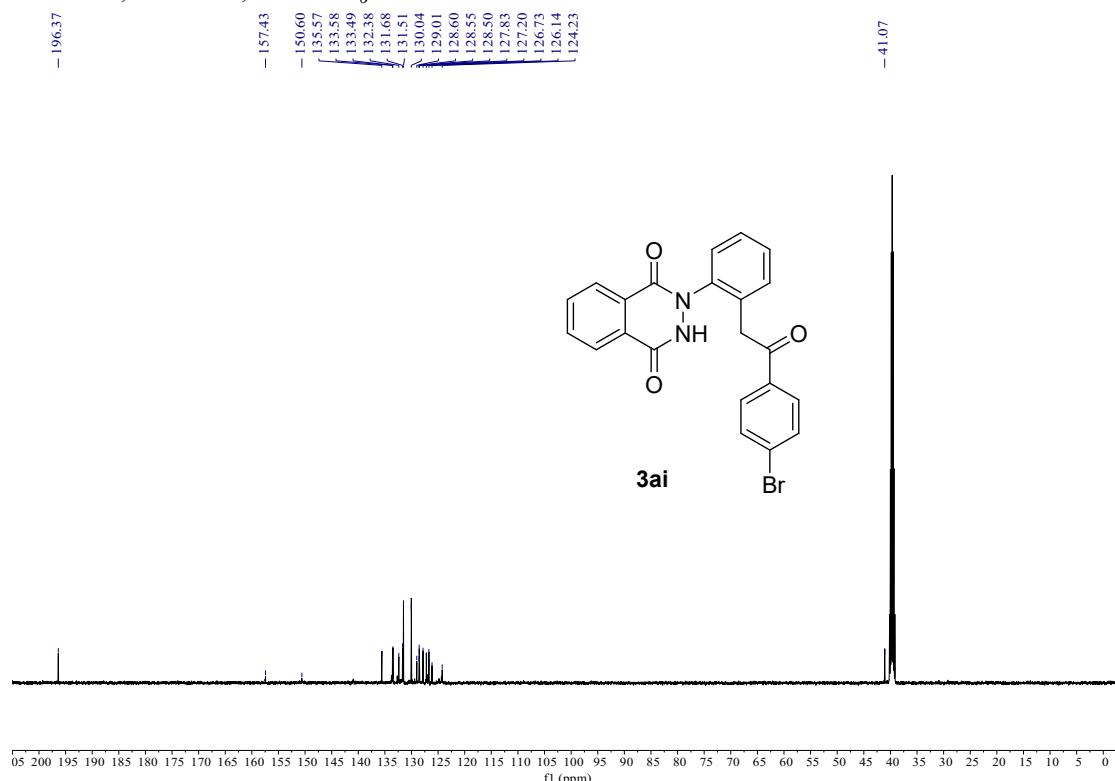
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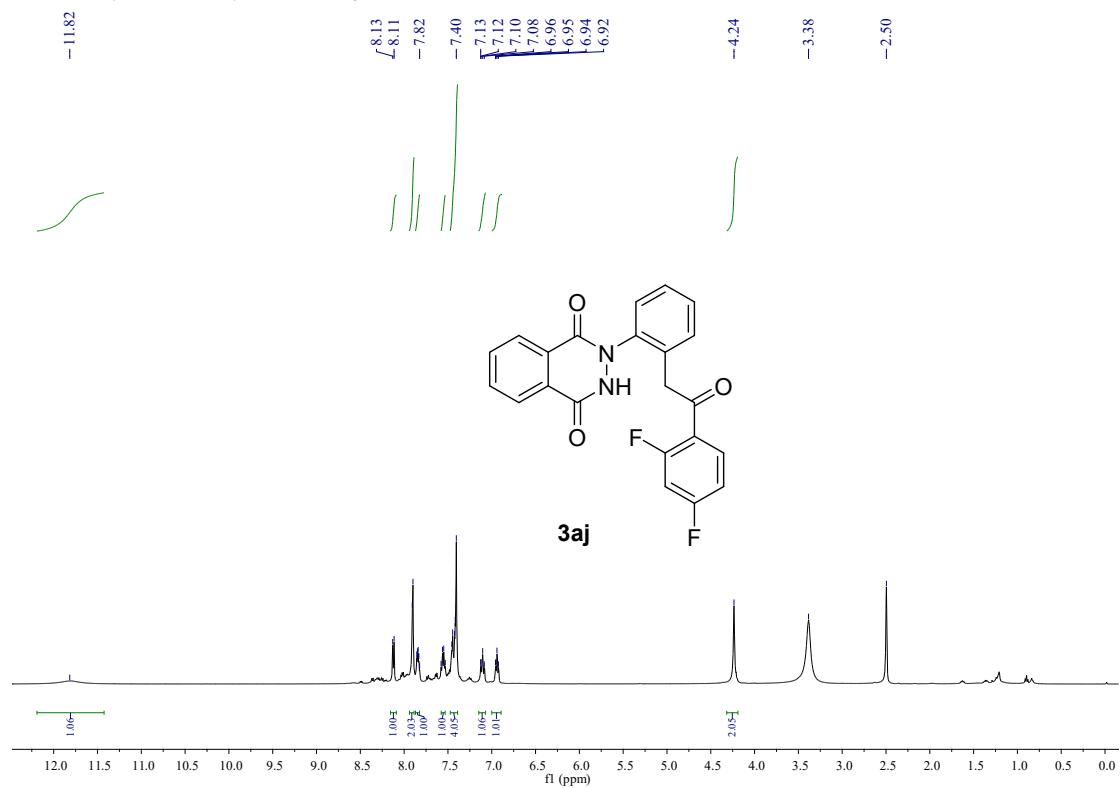
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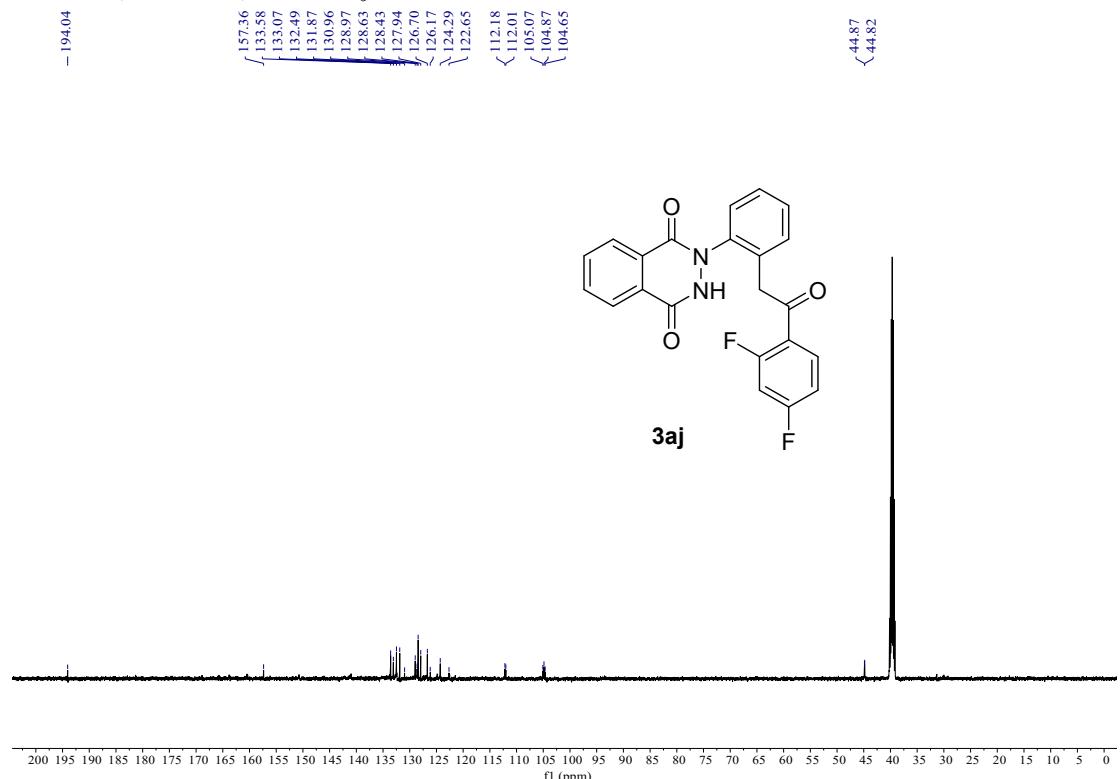
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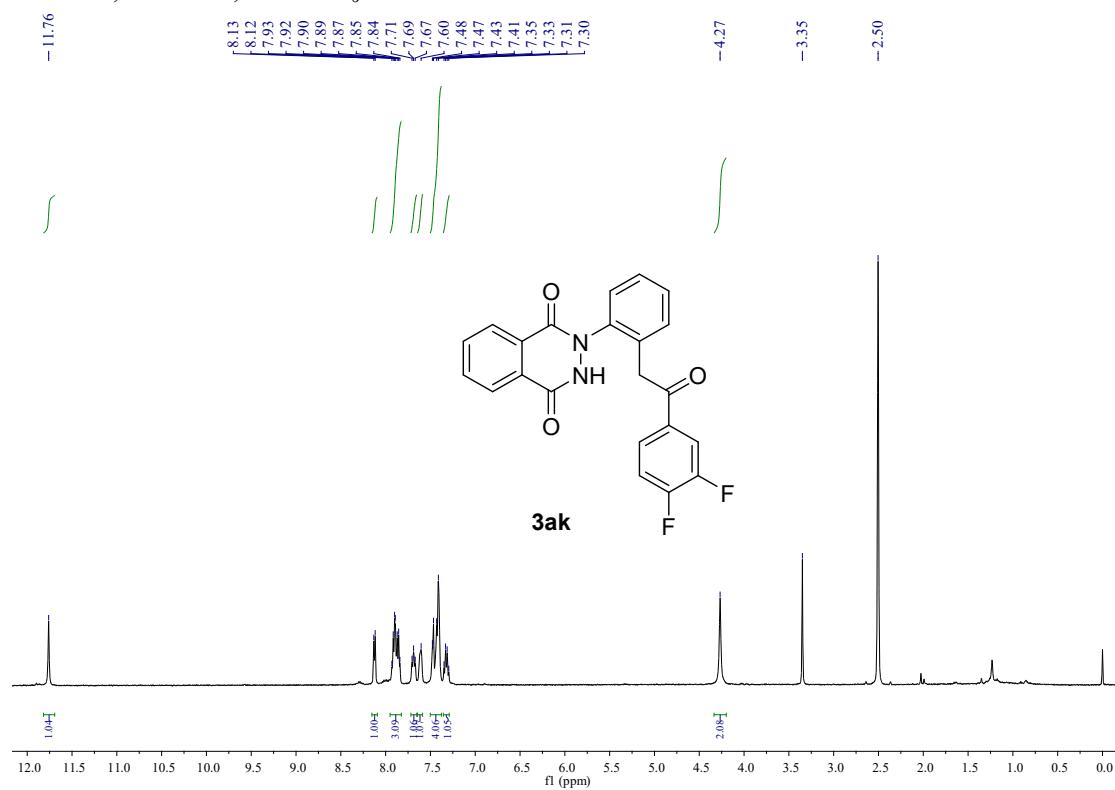
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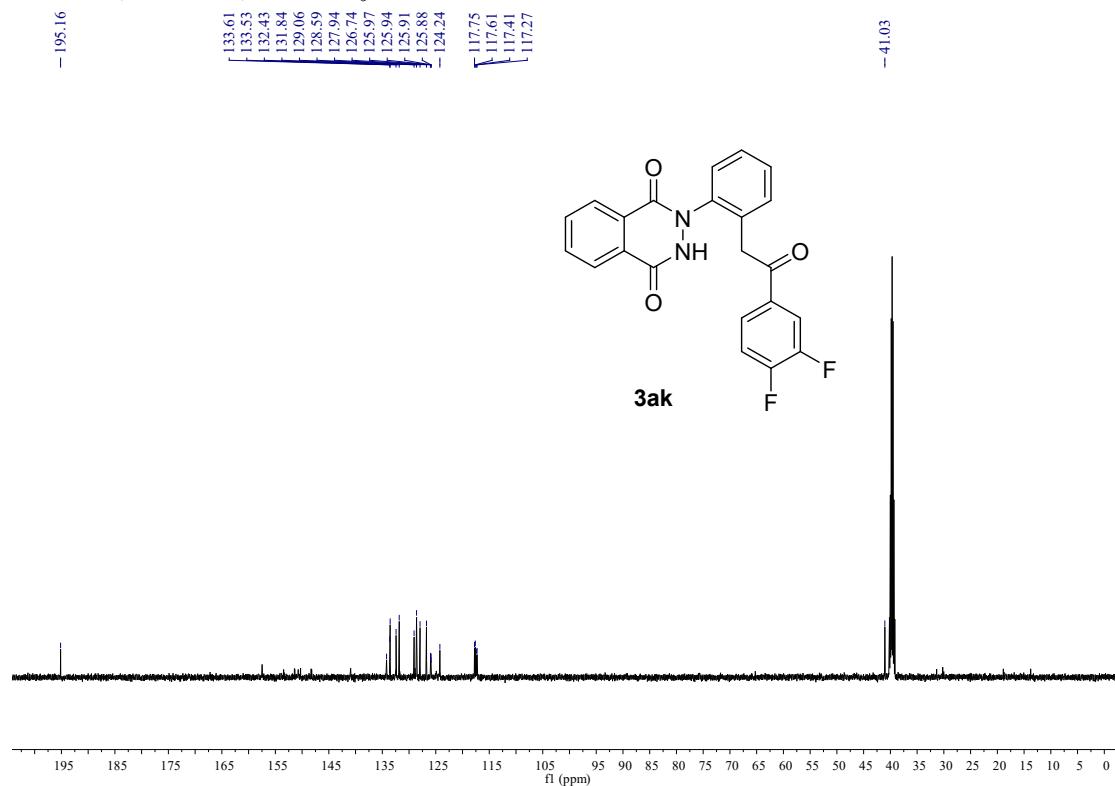
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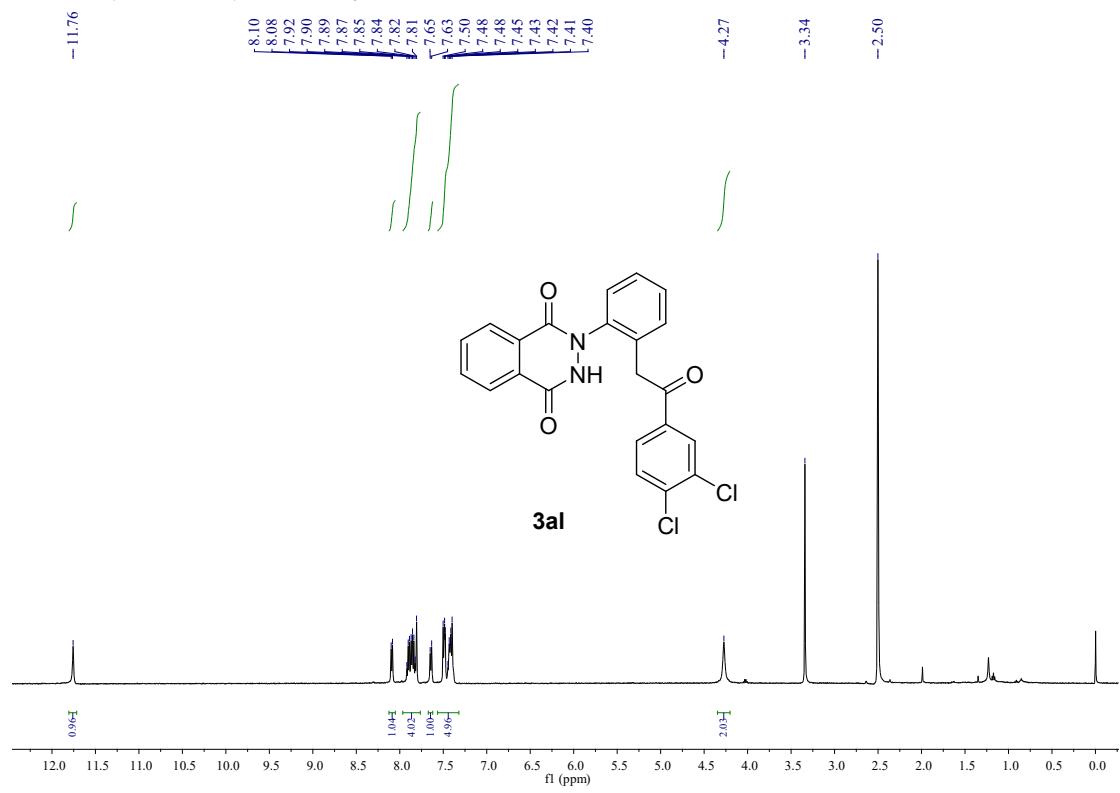
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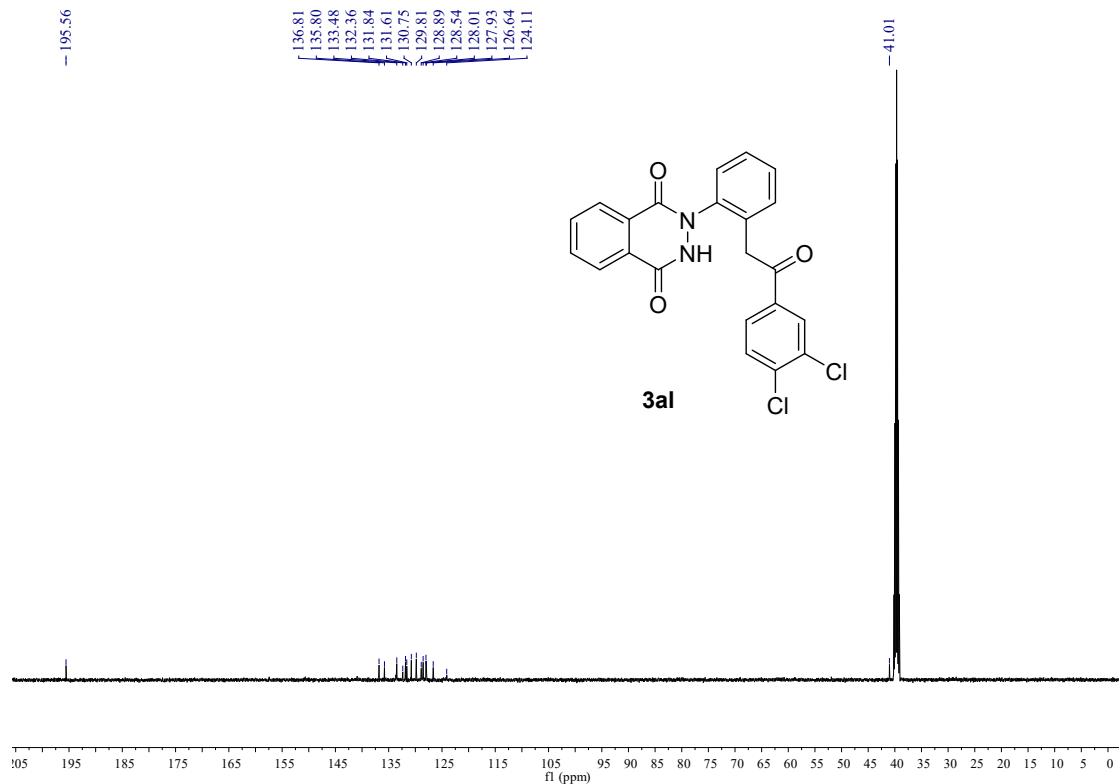
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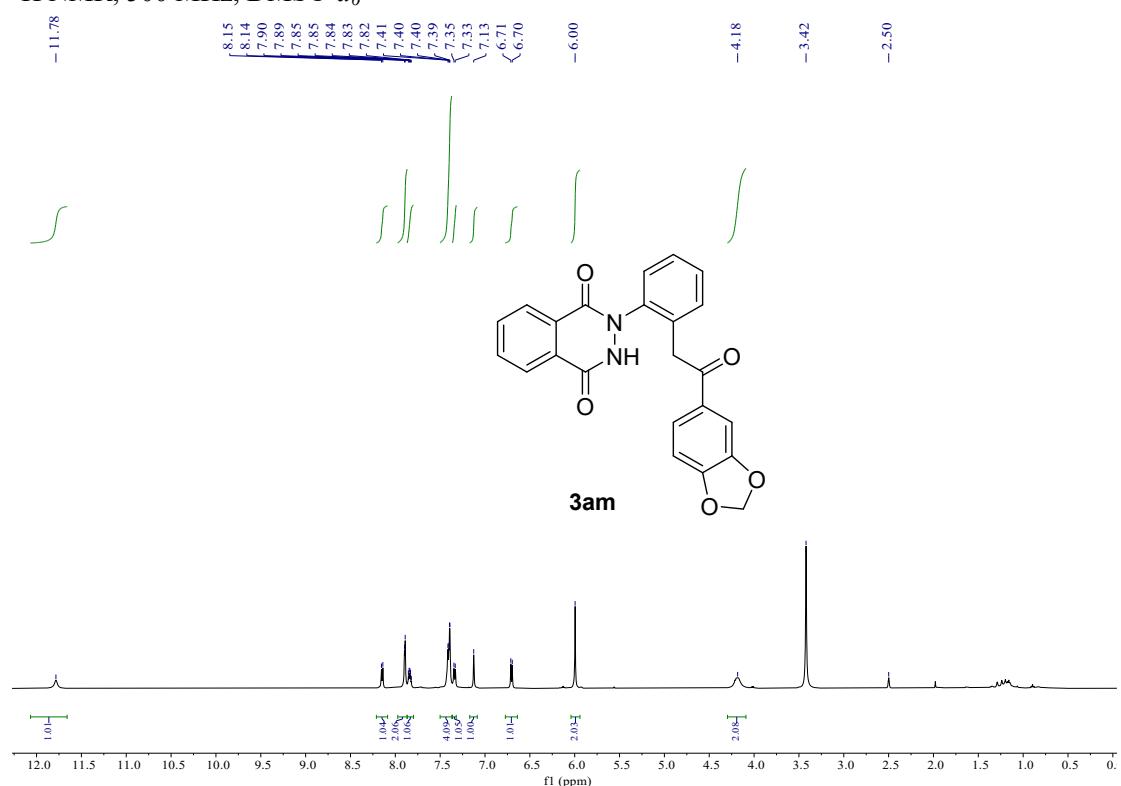
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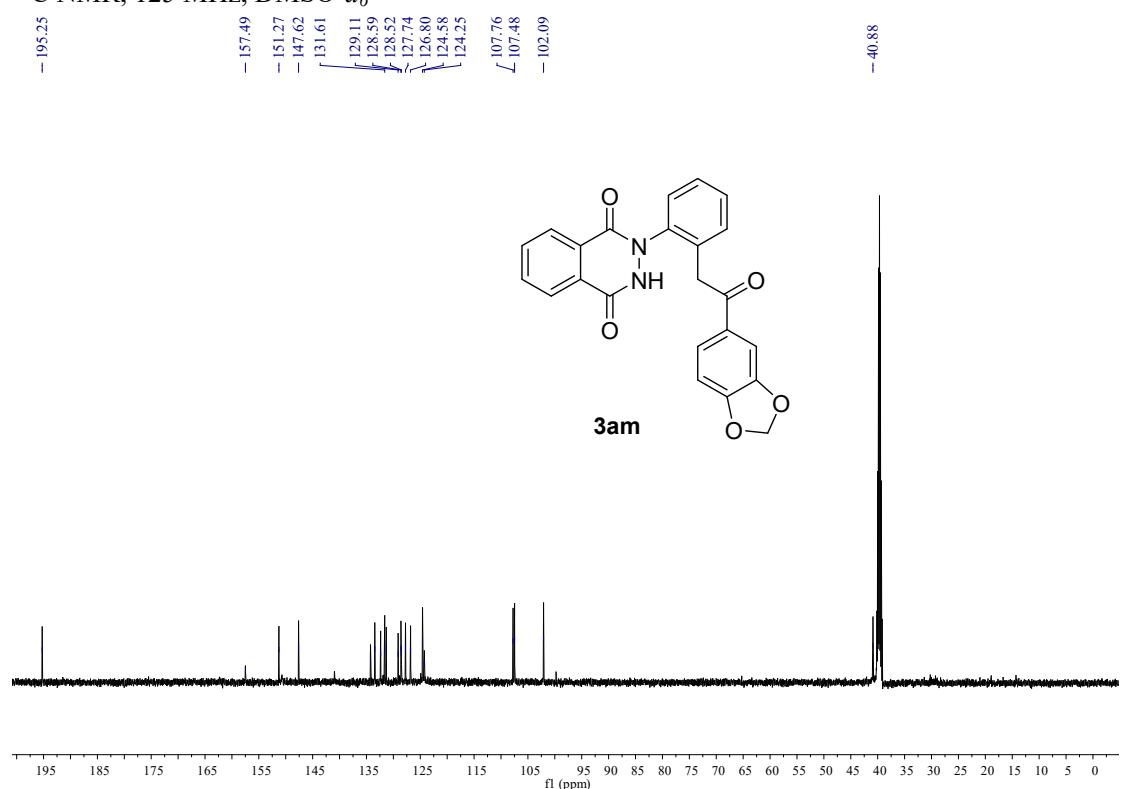
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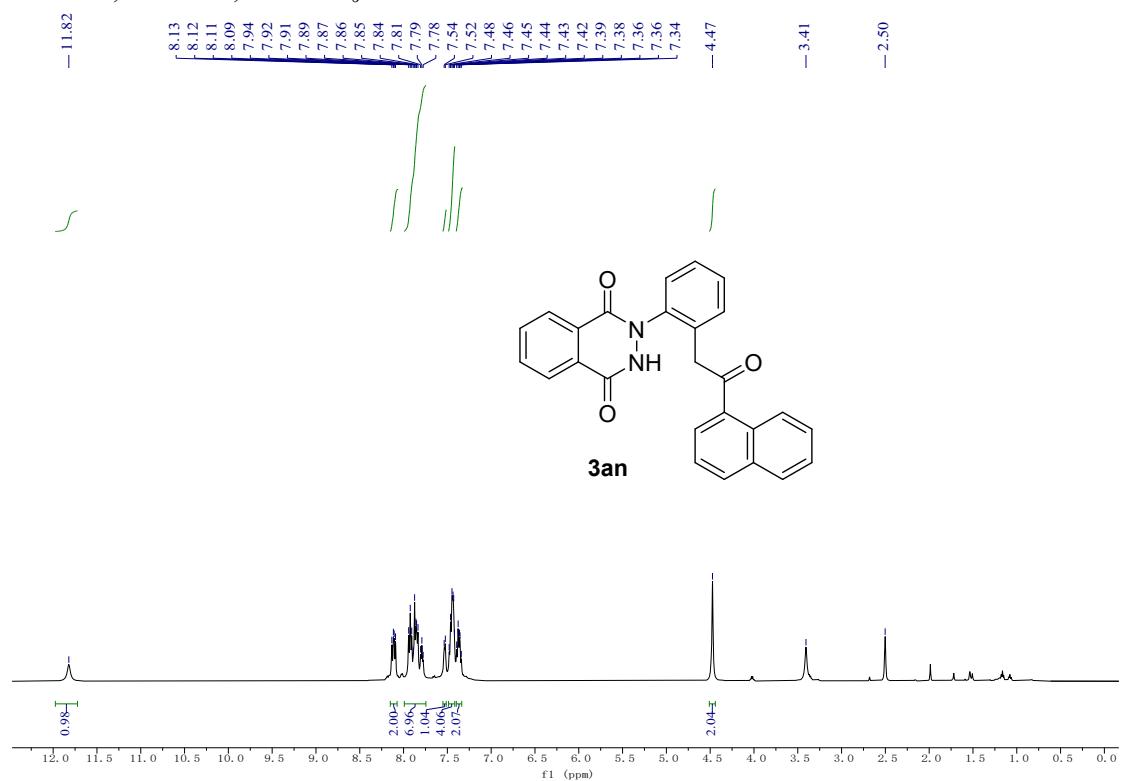
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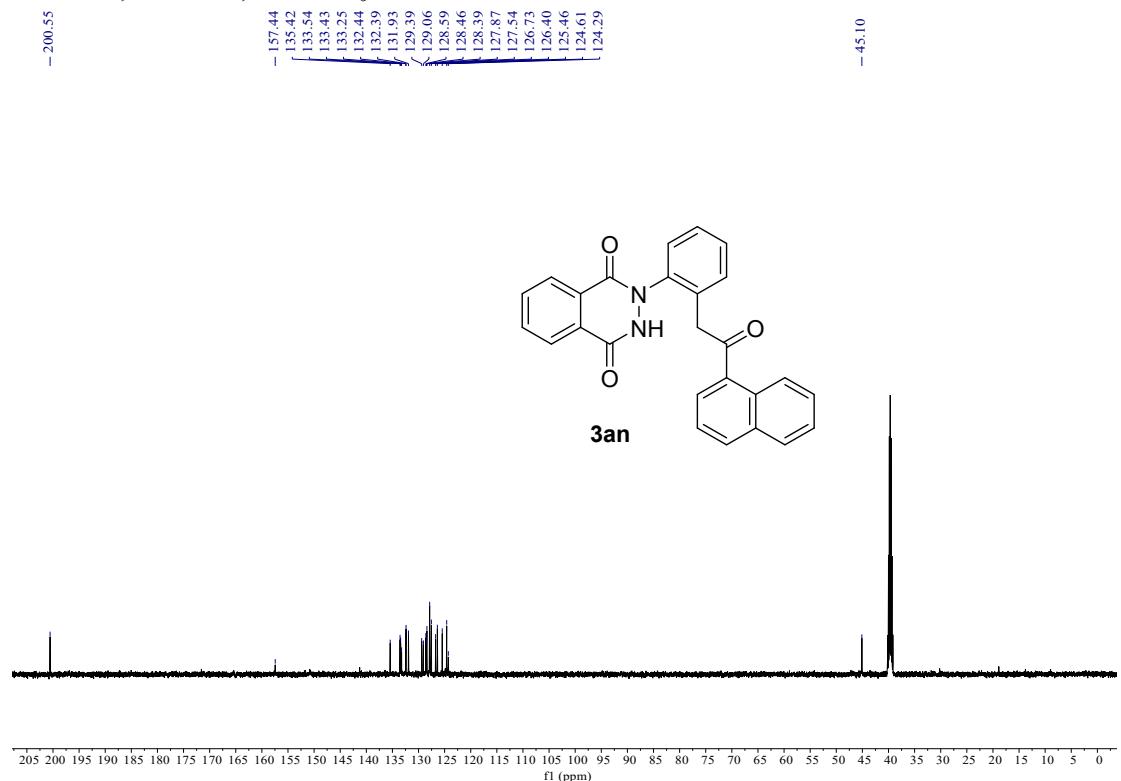
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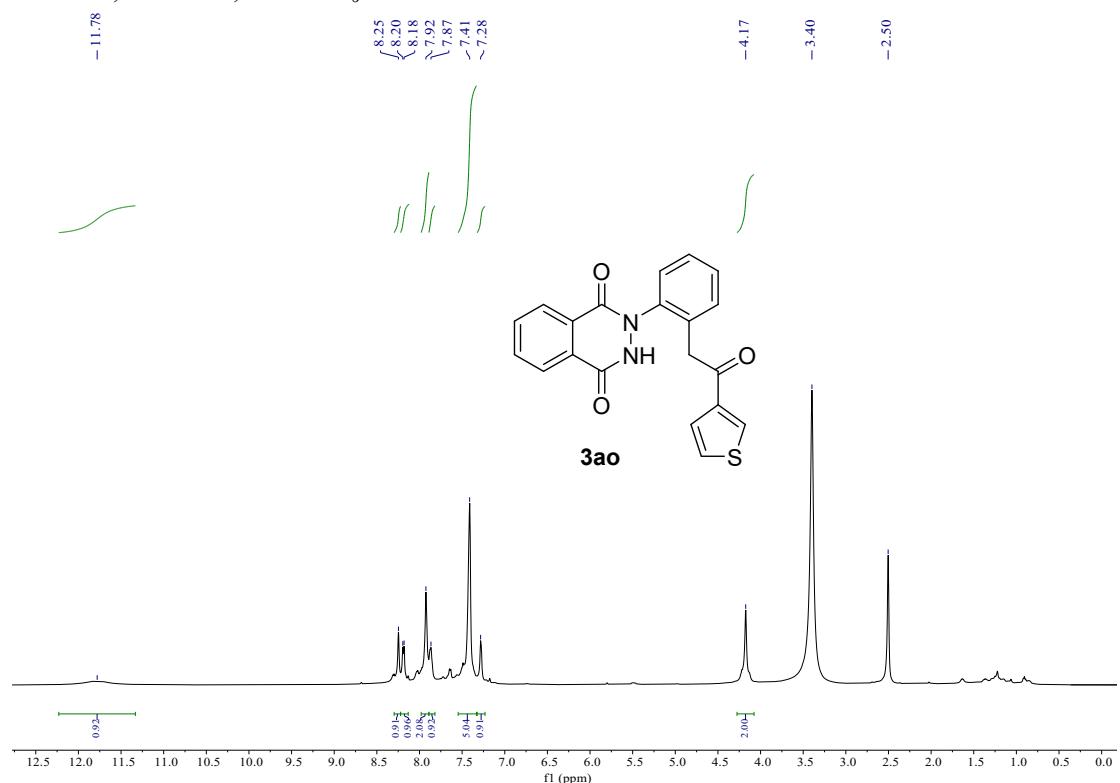
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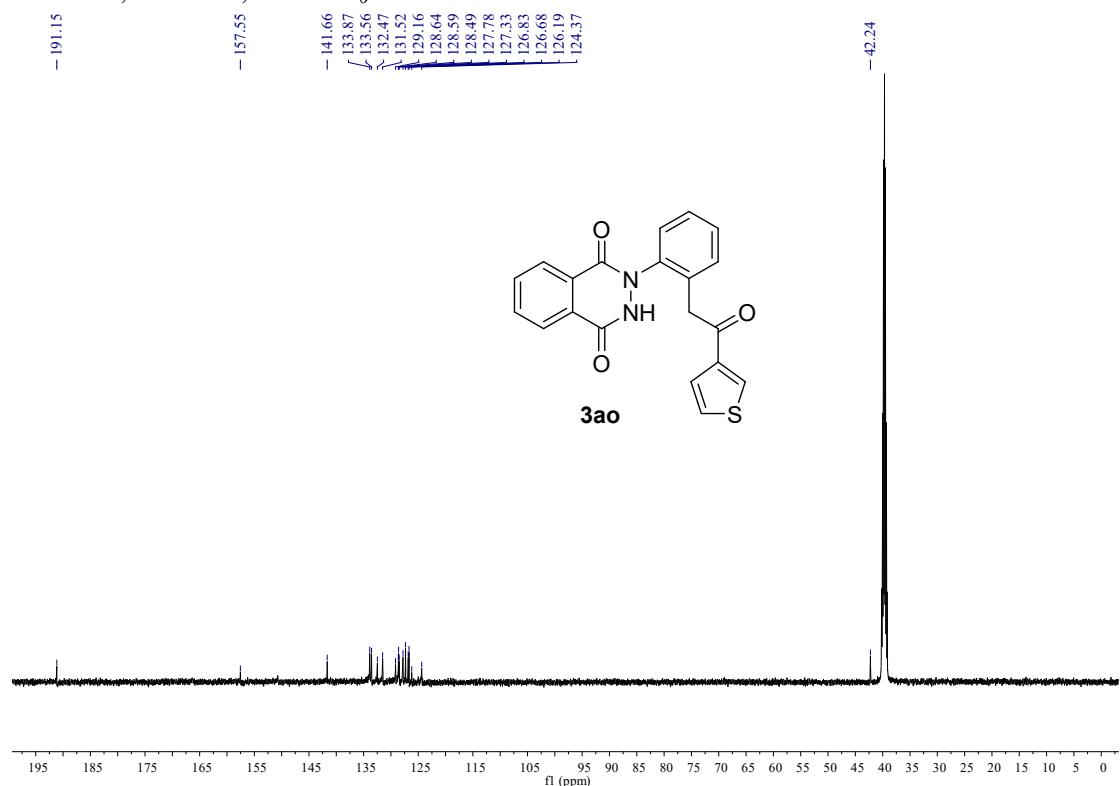
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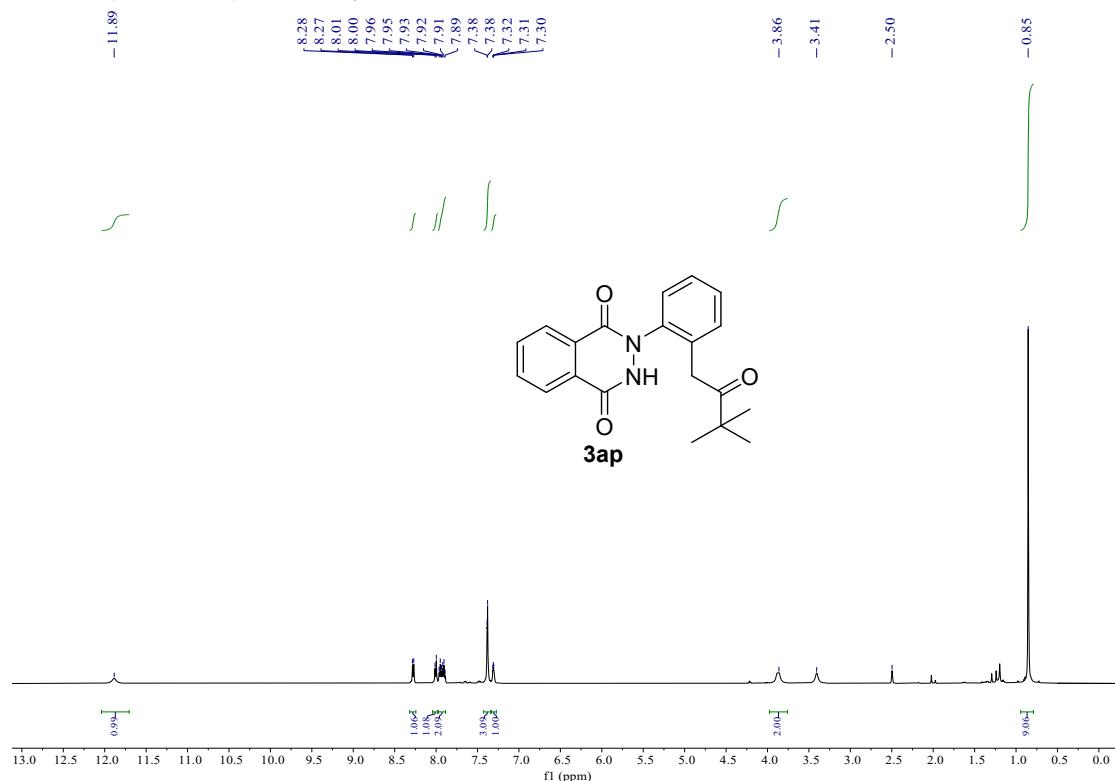
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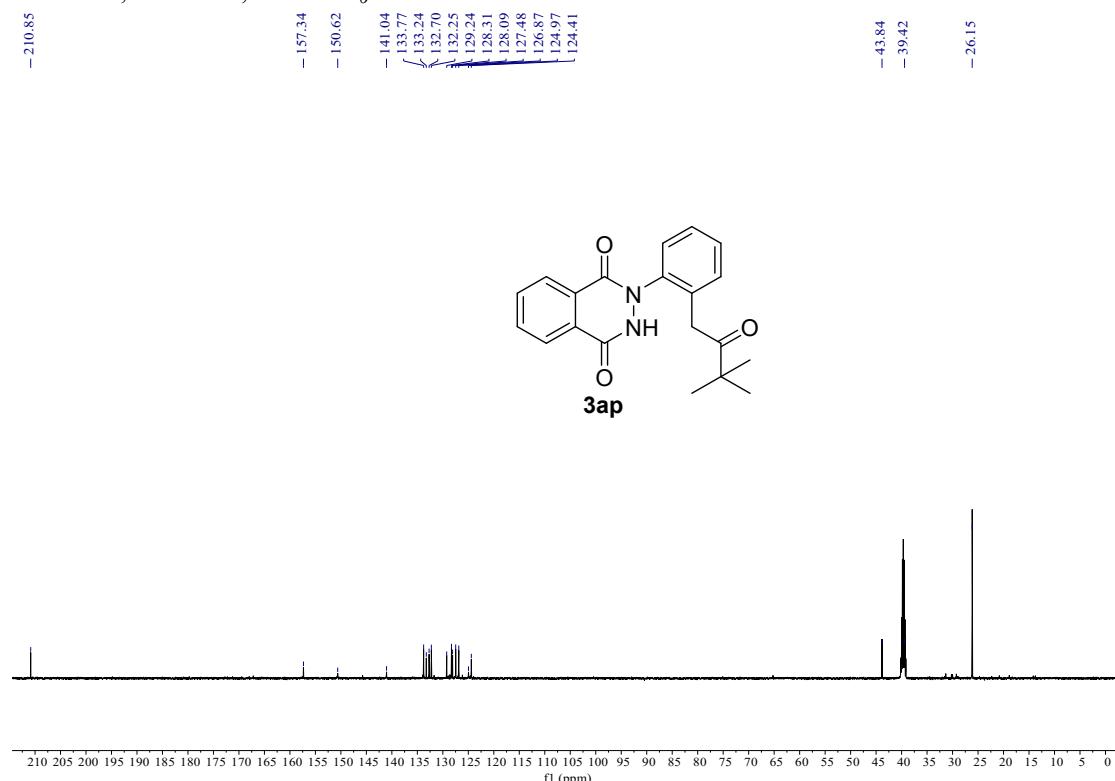
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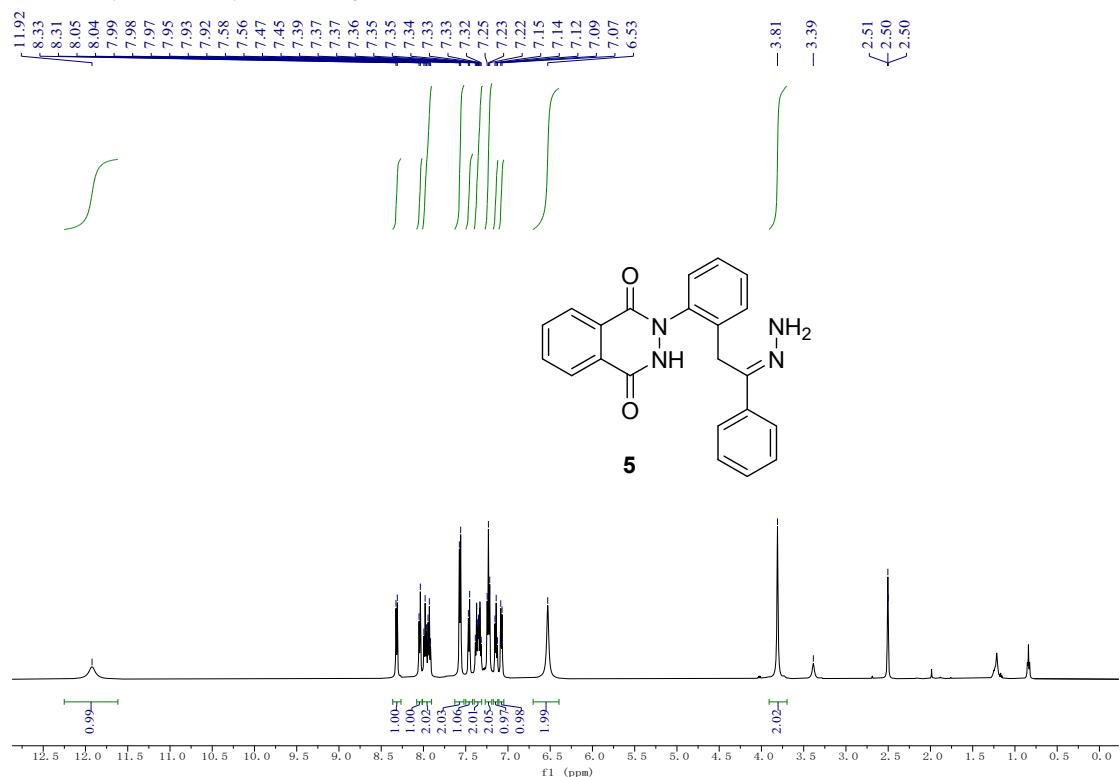
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