

## Tetracycline analogues with a selective inhibitory effect on HIF-1 $\alpha$

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## Supporting Information

## General Experimental Details

All reagents and solvents used were supplied from commercial sources unless otherwise indicated. Reactions requiring anhydrous conditions were conducted in glassware, which had been oven-dried overnight and used the following day. All reactions were carried under dry N<sub>2</sub> conditions unless otherwise stated. All reactions were monitored by analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) performed using indicated solvent on silica gel 60 (0.25 mm). TLC plates were visualized using UV light (254 or 360nm) and/or staining with a cerium sulfate-ammonium molybdate solution or basic potassium permanganate KMnO<sub>4</sub> followed by heating. LC-MS, liquid chromatography coupled with mass spectrophotometer, was also used to monitor the progress of the reactions. Solvents were removed by rotary evaporator at or below 40 °C and the compounds further dried using low-pressure vacuum pumps. Compounds with low boiling points such as bromopentadiene, pendienol and the trienes were dried at 100 mmHg at 30 °C. An immersion cooler was used to perform overnight reactions at very low temperatures e.g. -45 °C. The purification of the compounds was achieved by column chromatography using silica gel (230 – 400mesh). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR were recorded at 400MHz or 500MHz for <sup>1</sup>H NMR and 100MHz or 125MHz for <sup>13</sup>C NMR. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$  H) are quoted in ppm (parts per million) and referenced to CDCl<sub>3</sub> residual chloroform signal <sup>1</sup>H  $\delta$  = 7.26, <sup>13</sup>C  $\delta$  = 77.2 or *d*6-DMSO residual dimethyl-sulphoxide signal <sup>1</sup>H  $\delta$  = 2.54, <sup>13</sup>C  $\delta$  = 40.45. Multiplicities in <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra are quoted as: s = singlet, d = doublet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, dd = double doublet, ddd = double double doublet, dt = double triplet, td = triple doublet, ddt = double double triplet. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on a mass spectrometer coupled with to LC using electrospray (ES) ionization and time-of-flight (TOF) mass spectrometry. Infrared spectra were recorded 1000 using neat conditions. All the reactions were carried out under N<sub>2</sub> flow, and in anhydrous conditions and dry solvents, unless water was used as solvent or co-solvent.

## High Throughput Screening Protocol of Tetracycline Analogues

HIF-1 targeted cell-based high-throughput screens (HTS) utilise the ability of HIF-1 to bind to the hypoxia responsive element (HRE), a recognition sequence in the DNA, in order to trigger transcription. Generally, almost all mammalian cell-lines that have been deprived of oxygen, either under natural or induced conditions, respond by inducing HIF-1 transcriptional activity. Cell-based screens are performed by growing cells under hypoxic conditions (0.1-1% O<sub>2</sub>) or by treating them with HIF-1 inducers, such as CoCl and DFO (desferoxamine). It is important to note that hypoxia mimetic agents do not mimic the hypoxic state overall but simply work as HIF-1 $\alpha$  activators, and an understanding of this is crucial for interpreting the results.

Luciferase is the most commonly used reporter gene in screening assays. It offers easy measurement by non-invasive imaging of bioluminescence. One way it can be introduced is by stable transfection of HRE-luciferase reporter plasmids in cancer cell lines. In his review, Melillo has observed that this technique cannot be compared with transient transfection experiments, but is still robust enough to be used in HTS. The technique was validated initially by comparing the induction of luciferase expression when U251-HRE cells generated in Melillo's lab were subjected to hypoxia. An 8- to 12-fold induction was noted compared with untreated normoxic cells.

The detailed cell-based HTS protocol has been reported in Melillo's review. U251 human glioma cells co-transfected with pGL2-TK-HRE containing the inducible nitric oxide synthase (iNOS). The cells are maintained under normoxic conditions and hypoxia is induced by flushing the incubating flask with 1% O<sub>2</sub>, 5%CO<sub>2</sub>, and 94% N<sub>2</sub>. Plasmids with mutated HRE (p-GL3-HRE) containing luciferase were used to transfect U251 cells which were employed as a secondary screen to evaluate the specificity for HIF-1 inhibition. A bright luciferase reagent is added, and, after 3 min, luminescence is measured. The toxicity of the compounds is also assayed in parallel using a fluorescent dye exclusion technique. When multiple doses of the compounds are used, the ratio of the EC<sub>50</sub> observed in control versus HRE cells (e.g., U251-pGL3/U251-HRE) should provide a fairly reliable indicator of specificity, as well as a measure of toxicity of the compounds.

Cell-based HIF-1-targeted HTS also allows for the identification of small molecules that inhibit unidentified components of the hypoxic cell signaling pathway. As a result, a number of validation assays are required to fully elucidate the mechanism of action of potential inhibitors identified in the HTS.

Hits from the HTS are first evaluated for their effect on inducing messenger RNA (mRNA) expression of endogenous HIF-1 target genes in hypoxic cells. A number of genes that are generally expressed in a HIF-1-dependent fashion in the majority of mammalian cells, such as vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF), glucose transporter 1 (Glut-1) and glycolytic enzymes are assessed.

The following experiments were carried out in Professor G. Melillo's lab and the experimental procedures are reported as previously described in Cell Cycle 5:16, 1847-1853, 15 August 2006.

## Cell Culture and Reagents

U251 human glioma cells were maintained in RPMI 1640 medium containing 5% FBS and 2 mM glutamine in a humidified incubator at 37 °C in 5% CO<sub>2</sub>. Stably transfected cell lines,

U251-HRE and U251-pGL3, were maintained as described before with 100 µg/ml of G418.16 293 Human embryonic kidney cells were maintained in DMEM medium containing 10% FBS. For hypoxic conditions, cells were cultured in an Invivo2 400 hypoxic workstation (Ruskin Technologies Cincinnati, OH) at an oxygen concentration of 1%. Compounds for screening were obtained from the Developmental Therapeutics Program, NCI.

## Plasmids and Proteins

The bHLH (amino acids 1–86) and PAS-A (amino acids 86–165) domains of the human HIF-1 $\alpha$  cDNA were PCR amplified and cloned into pET28b(+) His tag expression vector (Novagen, Madison, WI). For expression in mammalian cells, the PAS-A and bHLH-PAS (amino acids 1–380) domains were cloned into pTriEx-4 vector (Novagen). The PAS-A (amino acids 159–240) and bHLH-PAS (amino acids 1–475) domains of the human HIF-1 $\beta$  cDNA were PCR amplified and cloned into pFlag1 expression vector (Sigma, St. Louis, MO). All plasmids were verified by sequencing (LMT, SAIC Frederick, Inc, NCI-Frederick).

Recombinant HIF-1 $\alpha$  proteins were expressed in *E. coli* BL21 (DE3) cells with isopropyl- $\beta$ -D-thiogalactopyranoside (IPTG). HIF-1 $\alpha$  recombinant proteins were extracted using a commercially available kit (Bugbuster protein extraction reagent, Novagen) following the manufacturer's protocol and were purified by FPLC with HisTrapTM-HP (Amersham Biosciences, Uppsala, Sweden) and by HPLC with C18 column (4.6 x 250 mm, VydacTM) (Grace Vydac, Columbia, MD). The amino acid sequence of N-terminal end of HIF-1 $\alpha$ -PAS-A protein was confirmed by microsequencing. Recombinant HIF-1 $\beta$  proteins were expressed in *E. coli* DH5 $\alpha$  cells in the presence of IPTG. The soluble fractions of HIF-1 $\beta$  proteins were prepared by CelLyticTM B-II (Sigma) reagent and purified by anti-Flag-M2 agarose affinity chromatography (Sigma). The molecular weight of expressed HIF-1 $\alpha$ -bHLH, HIF-1 $\alpha$ -PAS-A, HIF-1 $\beta$ -PAS-A and HIF-1 $\beta$ -bHLH-PAS protein was 10, 12, 11 and 56 KDa, respectively.

## Immunoprecipitation

Purified HIF-1 $\alpha$ -PAS-A-His protein and soluble fraction of Flag-HIF-1 $\beta$ -PAS-A were incubated with RIPA buffer for 2 hr at 4 °C. The binding complex was pulled down with anti-Flag-M2 monoclonal antibody for 1 hr at 4 °C with rotation. Protein complex was immobilized on GammaBindTM G SepharoseTM (Amersham Biosciences, Uppsala, Sweden) with 1% BSA solution for 1 hr. Sepharose beads were extensively washed with 0.1% (w/v) Triton X-100, 50 mM tri-HCl, pH 7.4, 30 mM NaCl, 5 mM EDTA, and protease inhibitors (Roche Diagnostics, Mannheim, Germany).

For immunoprecipitation experiments using U251 cells, nuclear extracts were prepared as previously described. Nuclear proteins (100 µg) were incubated with anti-HIF-1 $\alpha$  monoclonal antibody (Novus Biologicals, Littleton, CO) for 2 hr at 4 °C and immobilized on GammaBindTM G SepharoseTM for 1 hr. HIF-1 $\alpha$ -PAS-A-His and HIF-1 $\beta$  proteins were detected by Immunoblot using anti-His-monoclonal antibody and anti-HIF-1 $\beta$  monoclonal antibody (Novus Biologicals), respectively.

## Mammalian Two-Hybrid System

HIF-1 $\alpha$ -PAS-A and HIF-1 $\beta$ -PAS-A domains were cloned into pBind and pAct vectors, containing the GAL4 DNA binding domain and VP16 transcriptional activation domain, respectively (Promega, Inc., Madison, WI). HIF-1 $\alpha$ -PAS-A and HIF-1 $\beta$ -PAS-A plasmids along with the pG5luc luciferase reporter vector were transfected in HeLa and 293 cells

seeded in a 48-well plate. Cells were incubated for 24 hr at 37 °C and luciferase activity was measured using Dual-Luciferase® Reporter assay system (Promega, Inc., Madison, WI). Results of luciferase expression were normalized to protein amount and Renilla luciferase activity. Cells were also transfected with pBind and pAct empty vectors as negative control. Stably transfected cells, 293-P3 and 293-N4 were generated by cotransfection of pBind-HIF-1 $\alpha$ -PAS-A/pAct-HIF-1 $\beta$ -PAS-A and empty vectors, respectively.

## Transient Transfection Experiments

U251 cells seeded in 48-well plates were transfected with pTriEx-4-HIF-1 $\alpha$ -PAS-A, pTriEx-4-HIF-1 $\alpha$ -bHLH-PAS and pGL2-TK-HRE plasmid, containing the luciferase reporter gene under control of three tandem copies of a hypoxia responsive element. Eighteen hours following transfection, cells were incubated for 24 hr under normoxic or hypoxic conditions and luciferase activity was measured using Steady Glo luciferase assay reagents (Promega, Inc.). Results of luciferase activity were normalized by protein concentration.

Validation assays to exclude compounds that interfere with the detection system were developed by immobilizing HIF-1 $\alpha$ -PAS-A protein, in the absence of HIF-1 $\beta$ -PAS-A, on 96-well plate at 4 °C for 16 hr. After blocking with 3% BSA/PBS, compounds were added in 0.5X buffer for 1 hr at room temperature. Anti-His-HRP conjugate/TMB reagent was added to detect HIF-1 $\alpha$ -PAS-A-His protein in the absence or presence of test compounds.

The NCI-diversity set and the “HIF-1 library”, composed of approximately 120 compounds previously identified in a cell-based HTS, were from the Developmental Therapeutics Program, NCI. Final concentration of compounds was 10  $\mu$ M in 1% DMSO. Inhibitory activity of compounds was compared to DMSO control Compounds that inhibited HIF-1 $\alpha$ /HIF-1 $\beta$  complex formation by >50% were further tested using the validation assays described.

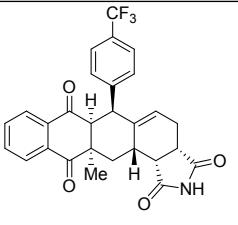
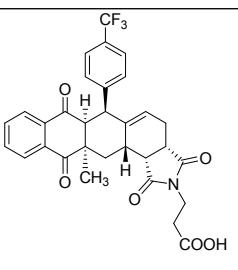
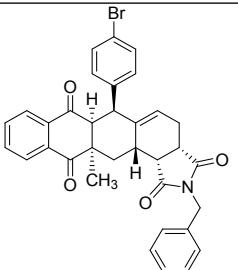
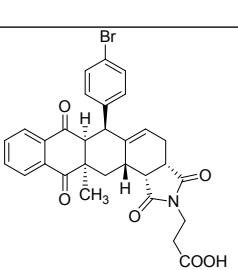
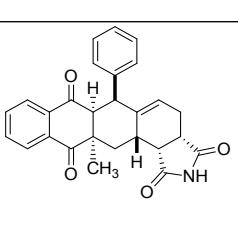
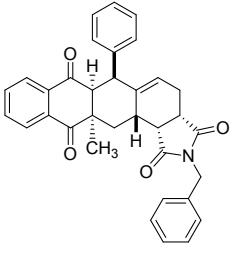
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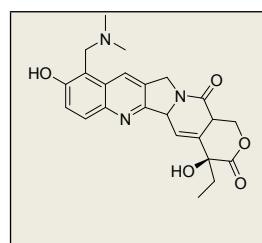
U251-HRE and U251- pGL3 cells were seeded onto 96-well plates the day before treatment. Cells were then cultured for additional 24 hours in the absence or presence of test compounds. Luciferase assay was performed as previously described.<sup>16</sup> Luminescence reading was normalized by protein concentration and expressed as relative luciferase unit compared to untreated cells cultured under hypoxia.

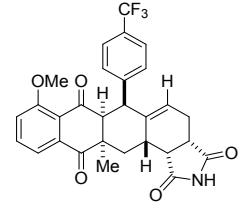
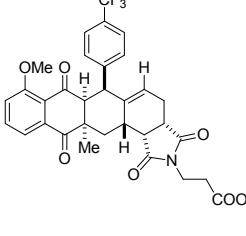
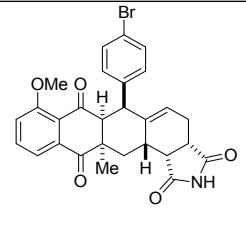
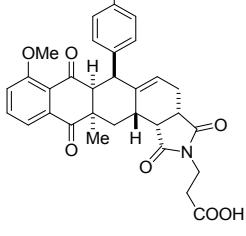
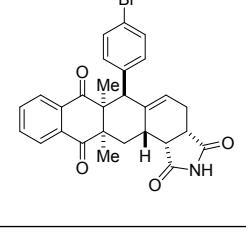
**Table S1: Results of the U251-HRE cell-based screen for tetracycline analogues**

Structure	Code	MW	Formula	EC <sub>50</sub> HRE (μM)	EC <sub>50</sub> pGL3 (μM)	pGL3/HRE
	<b>5.79</b> [YB021]	567.55	C <sub>34</sub> H <sub>24</sub> F <sub>3</sub> NO <sub>4</sub>	>20	>20	<1
	<b>5.80</b> [YB027]	477.43	C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>18</sub> F <sub>3</sub> NO <sub>4</sub>	>20	>20	<1
	<b>5.81</b> [YB028]	549.49	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>22</sub> F <sub>3</sub> NO <sub>6</sub>	>20	>20	<1
	<b>5.82</b> [YB022]	585.57	C <sub>34</sub> H <sub>26</sub> F <sub>3</sub> NO <sub>5</sub>	>20	>20	<1
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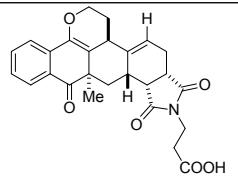
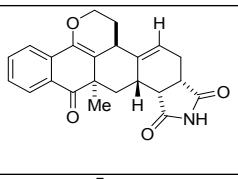
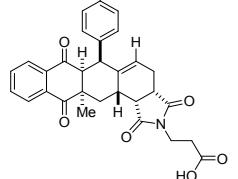
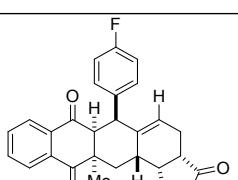
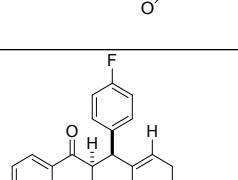
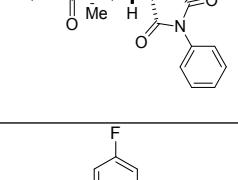
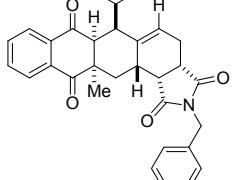
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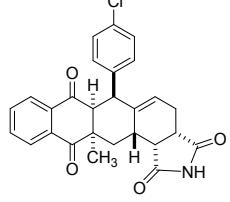
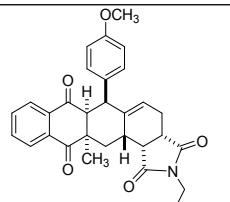
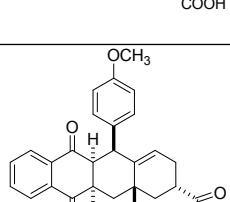
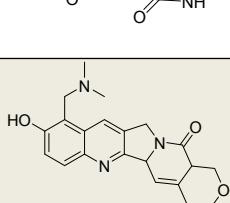
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	<b>NSC-2609699</b>	423.46	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>25</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.012	>20	>1700
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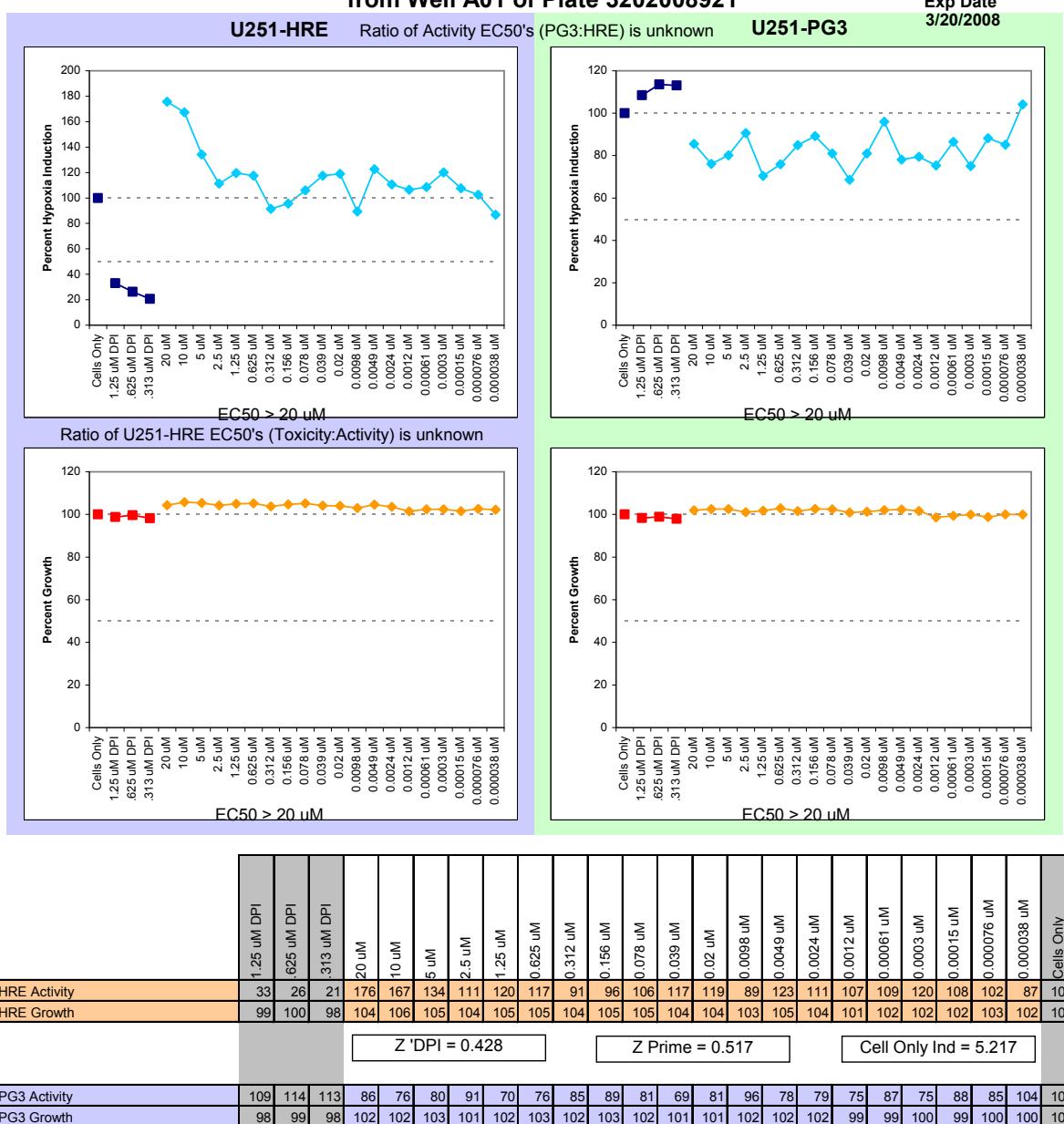
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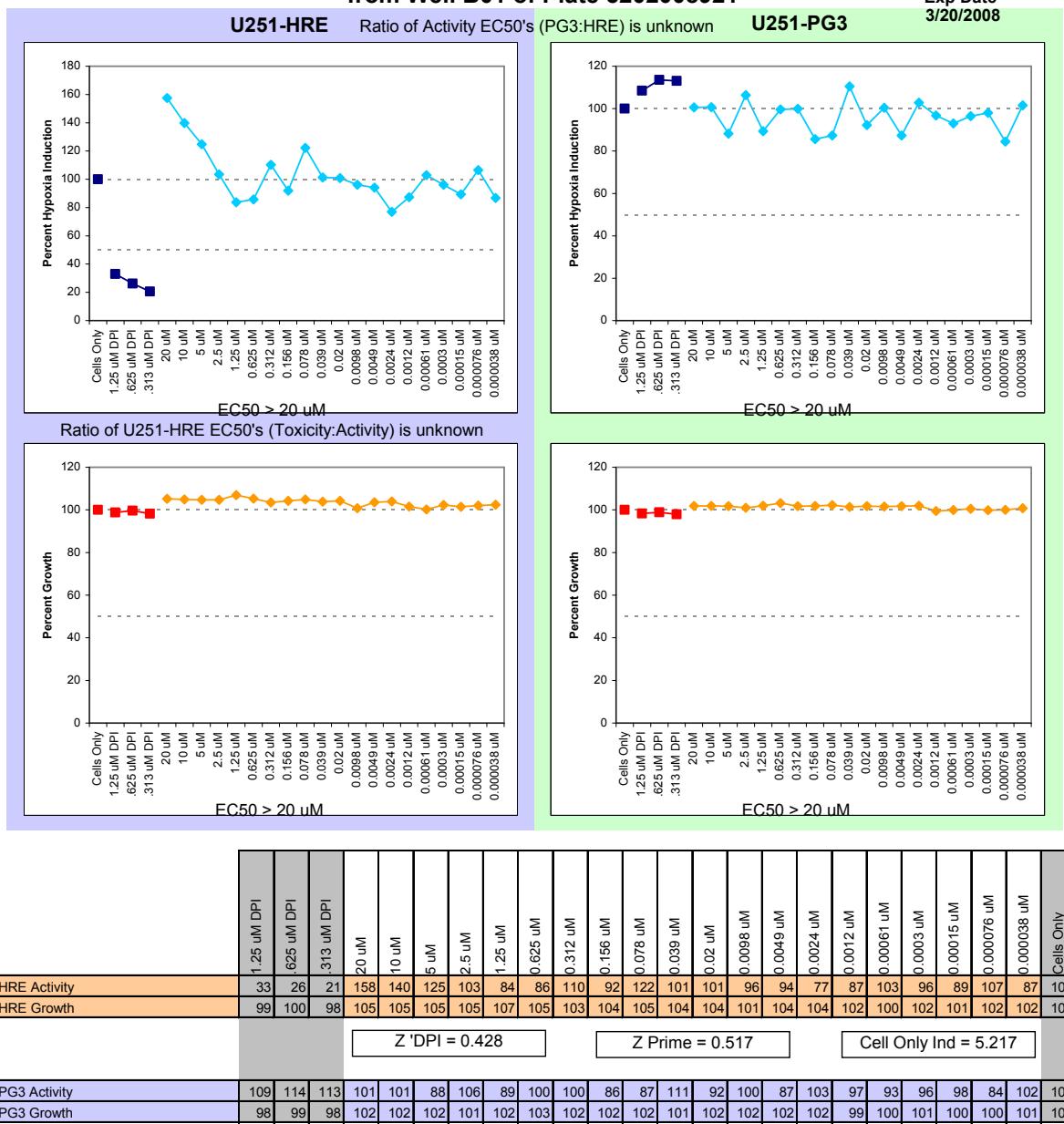
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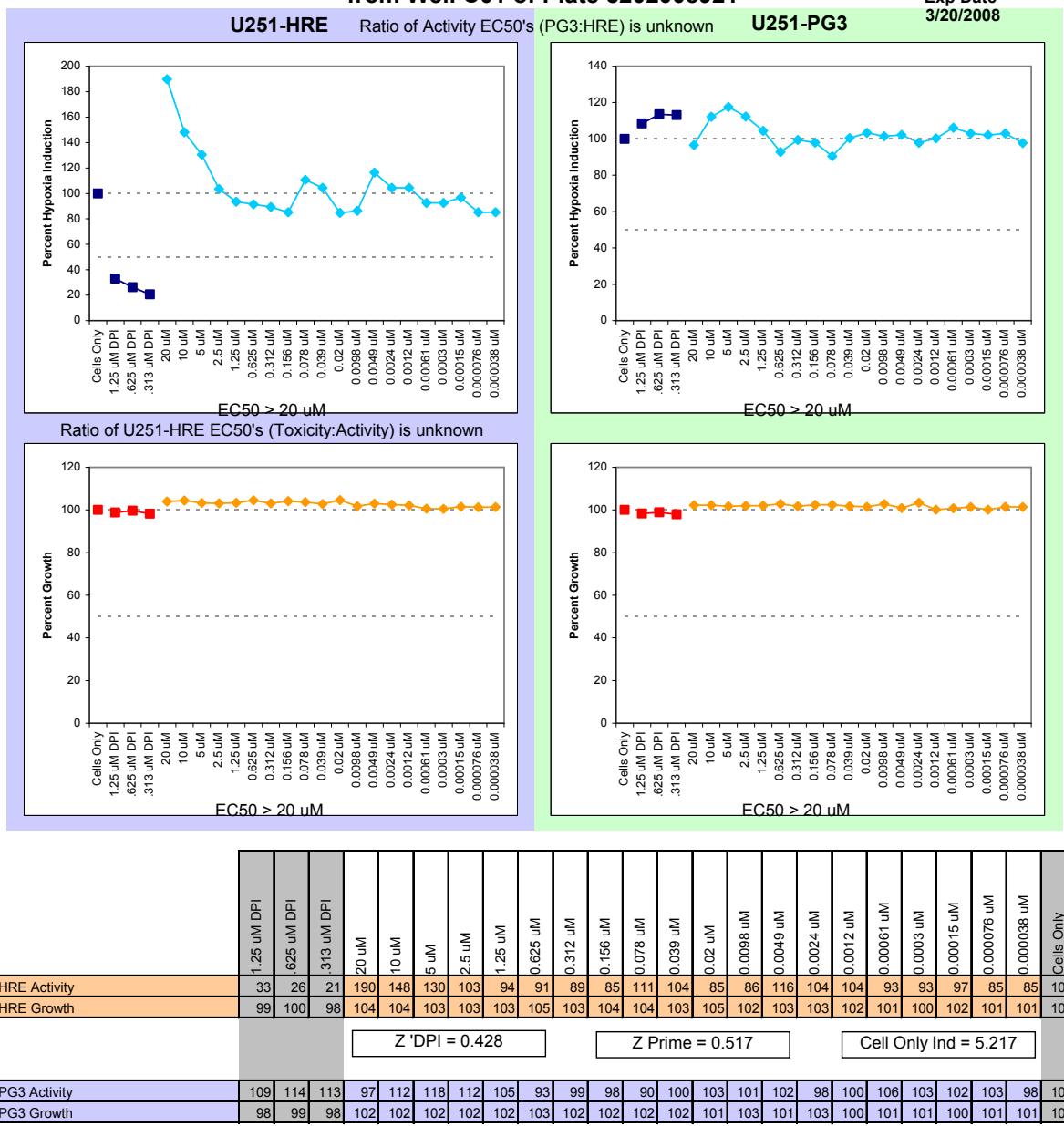
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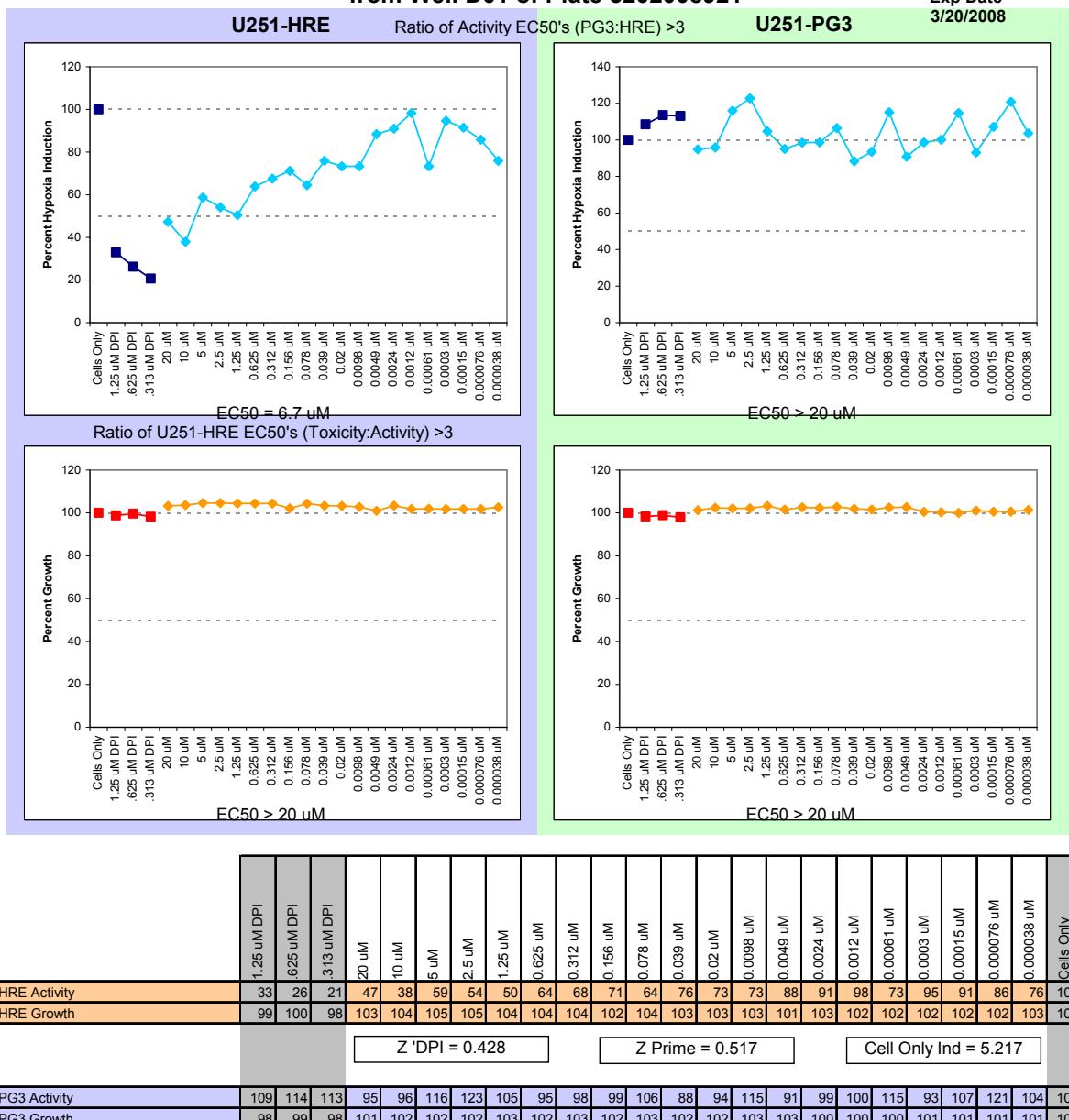


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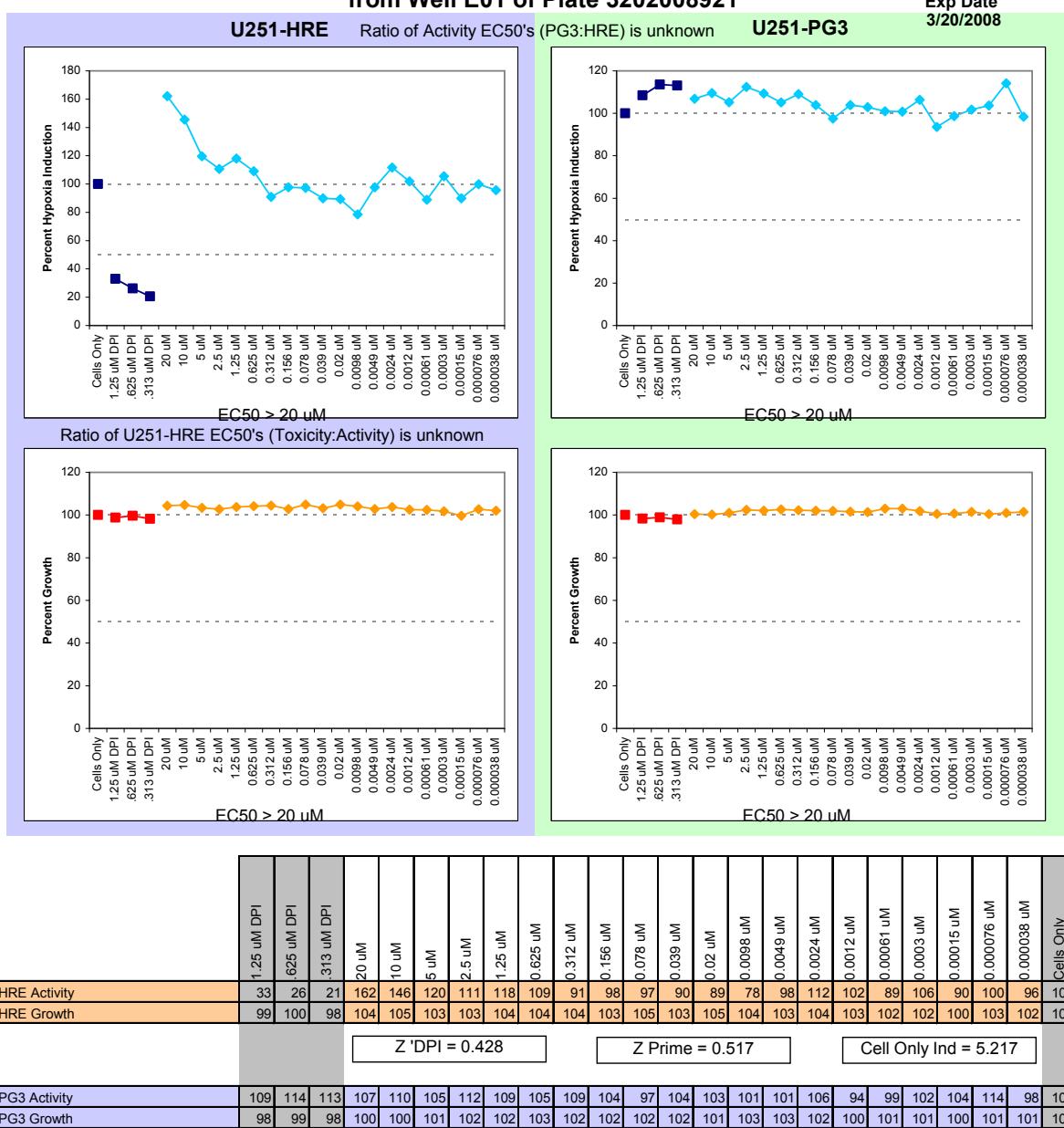


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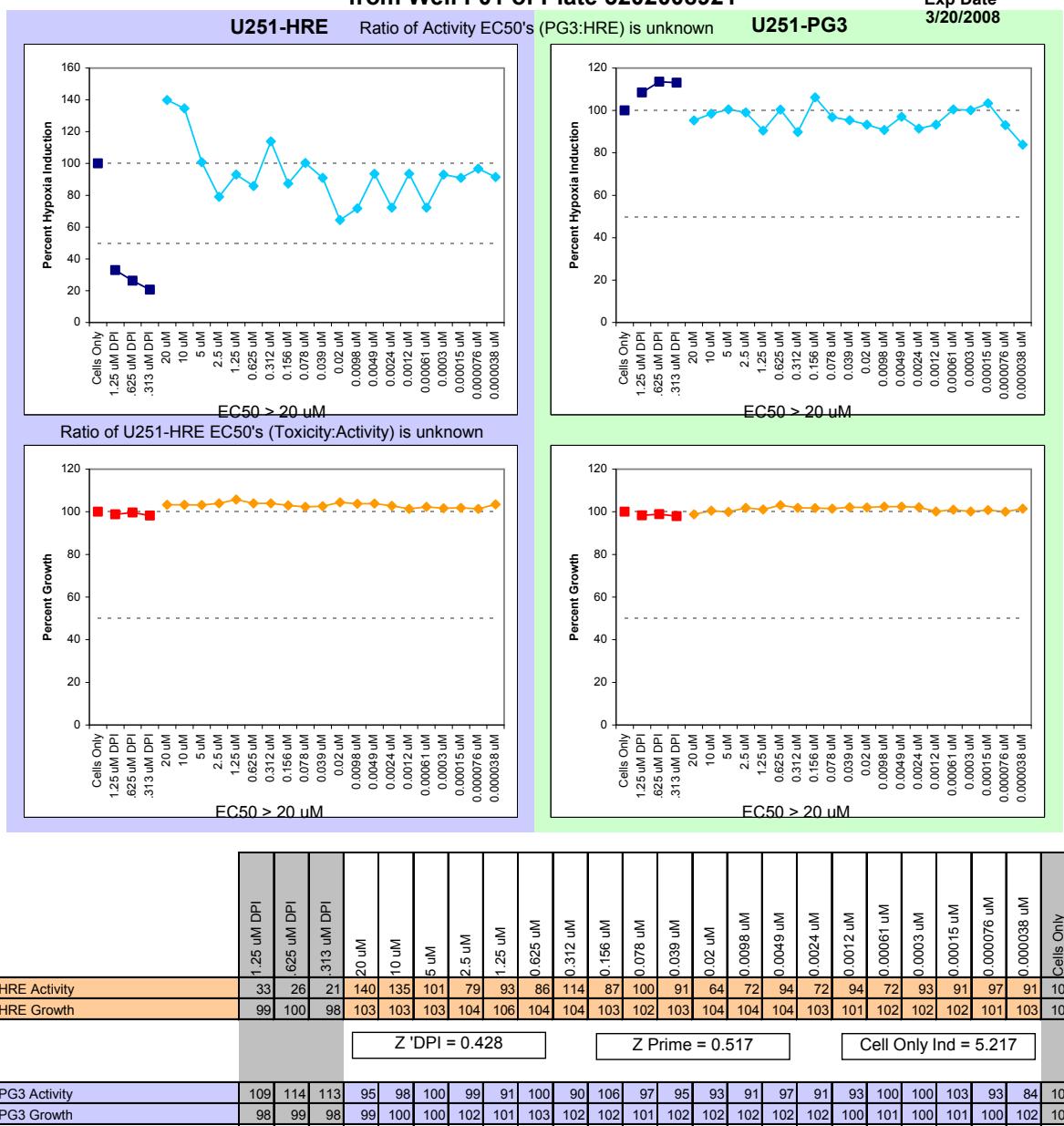
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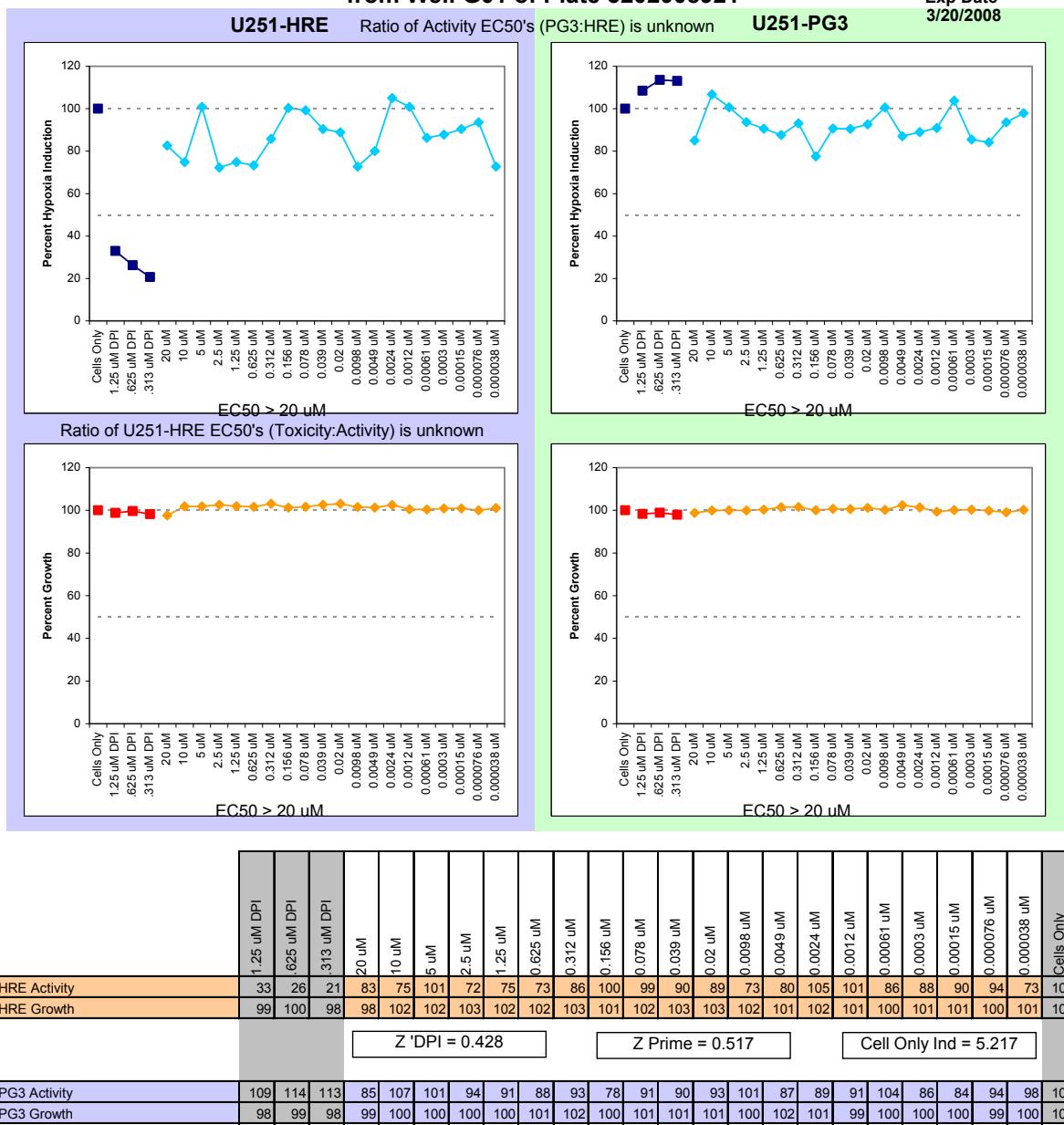
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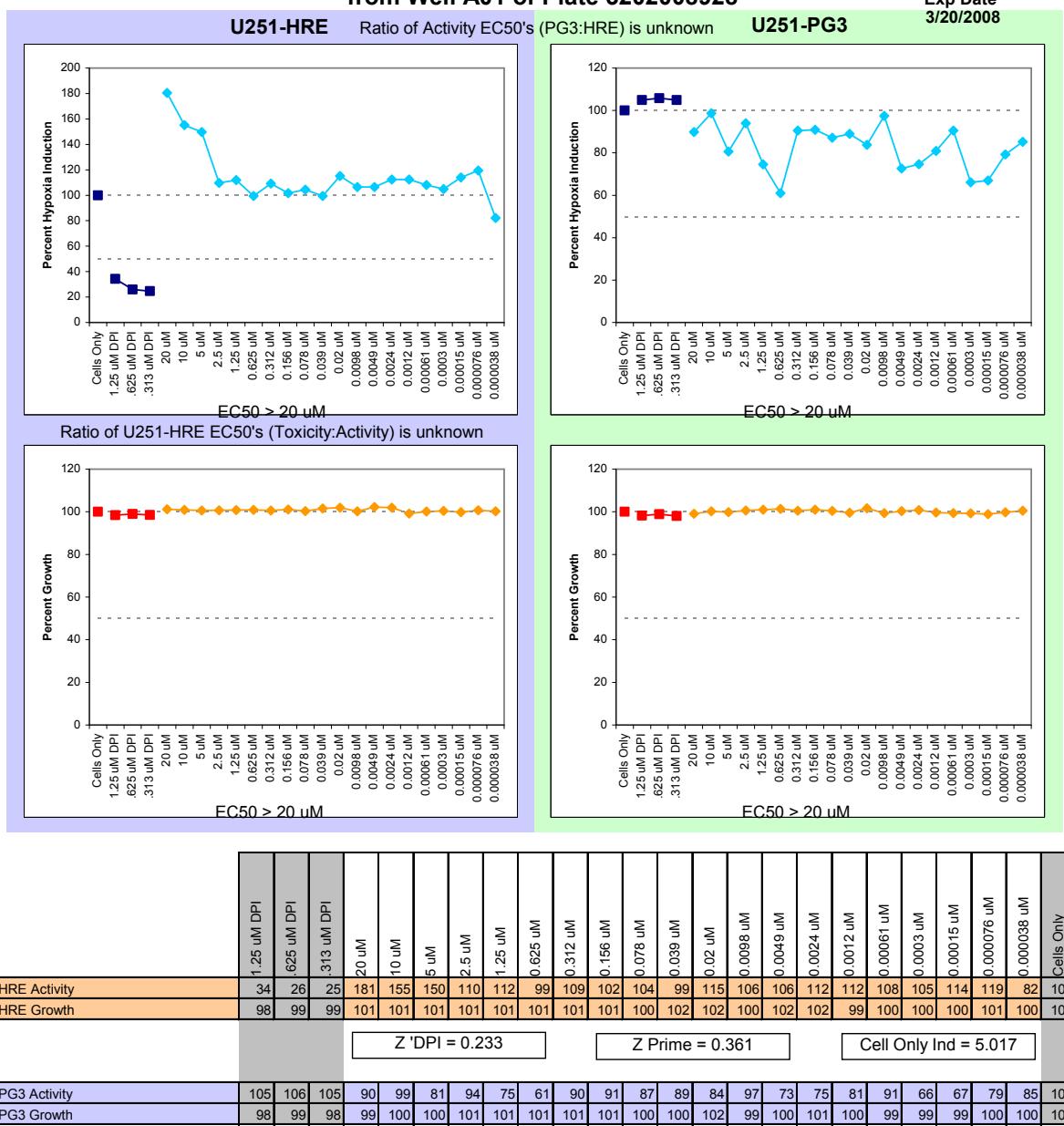
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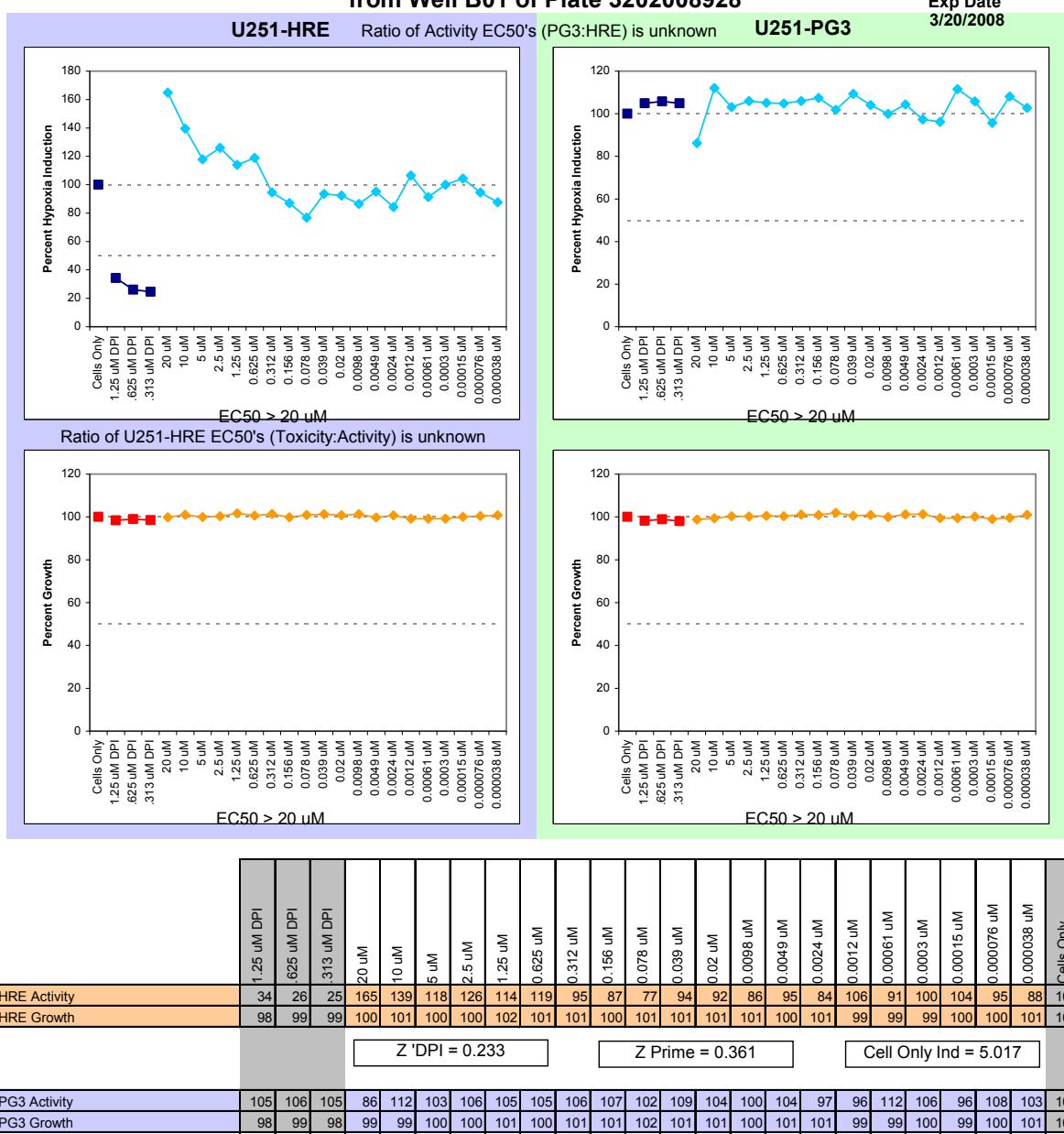
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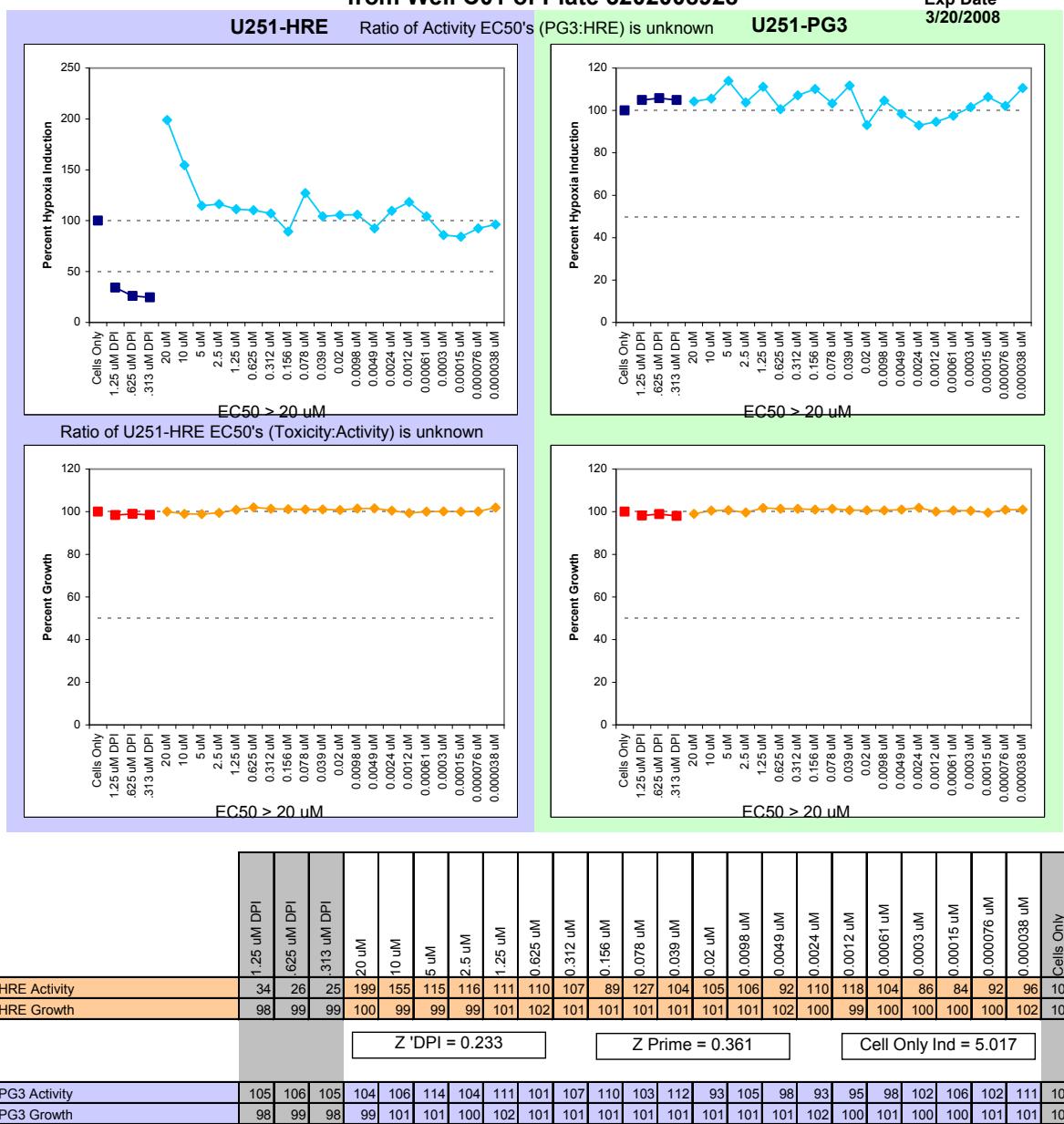
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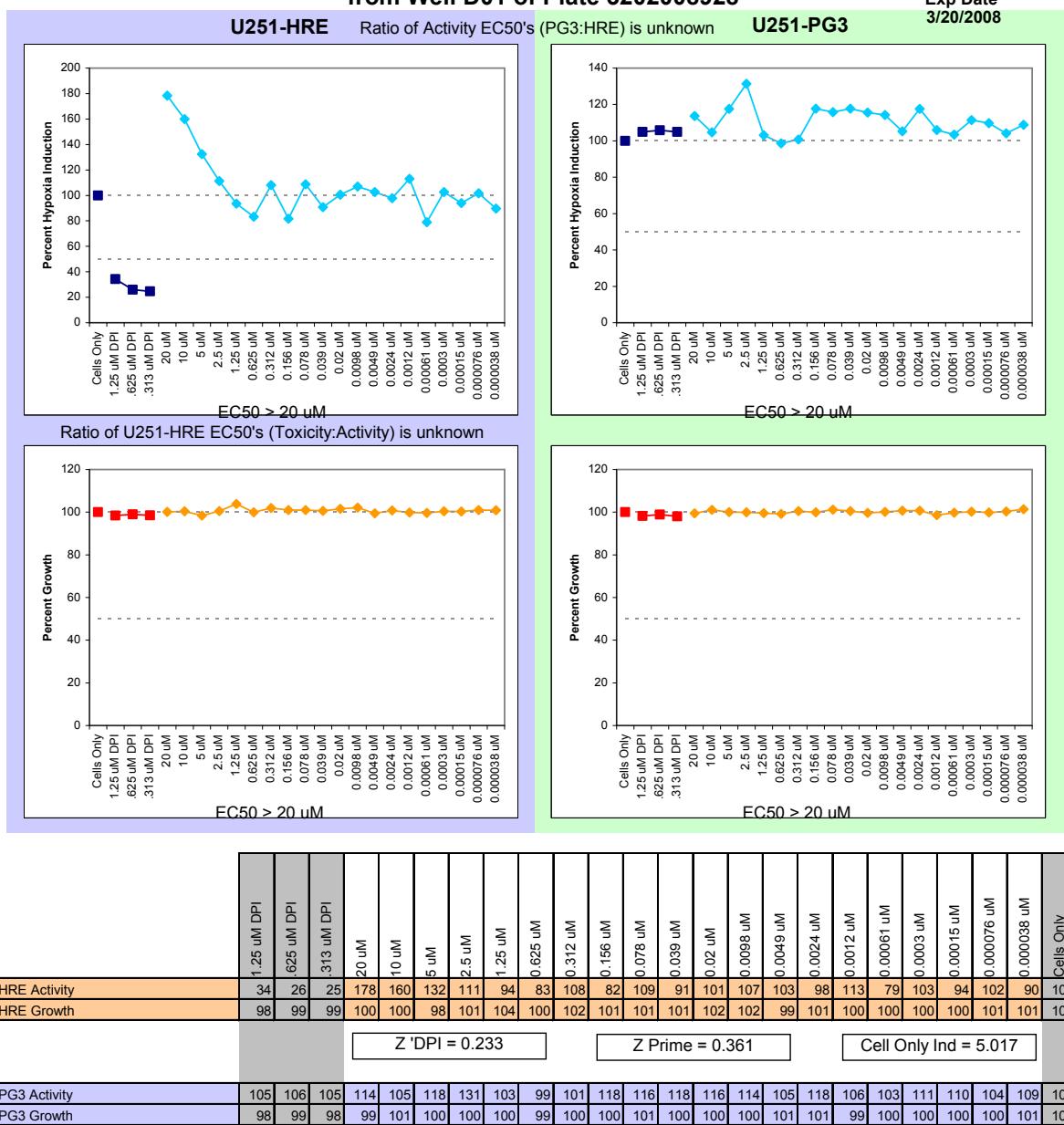
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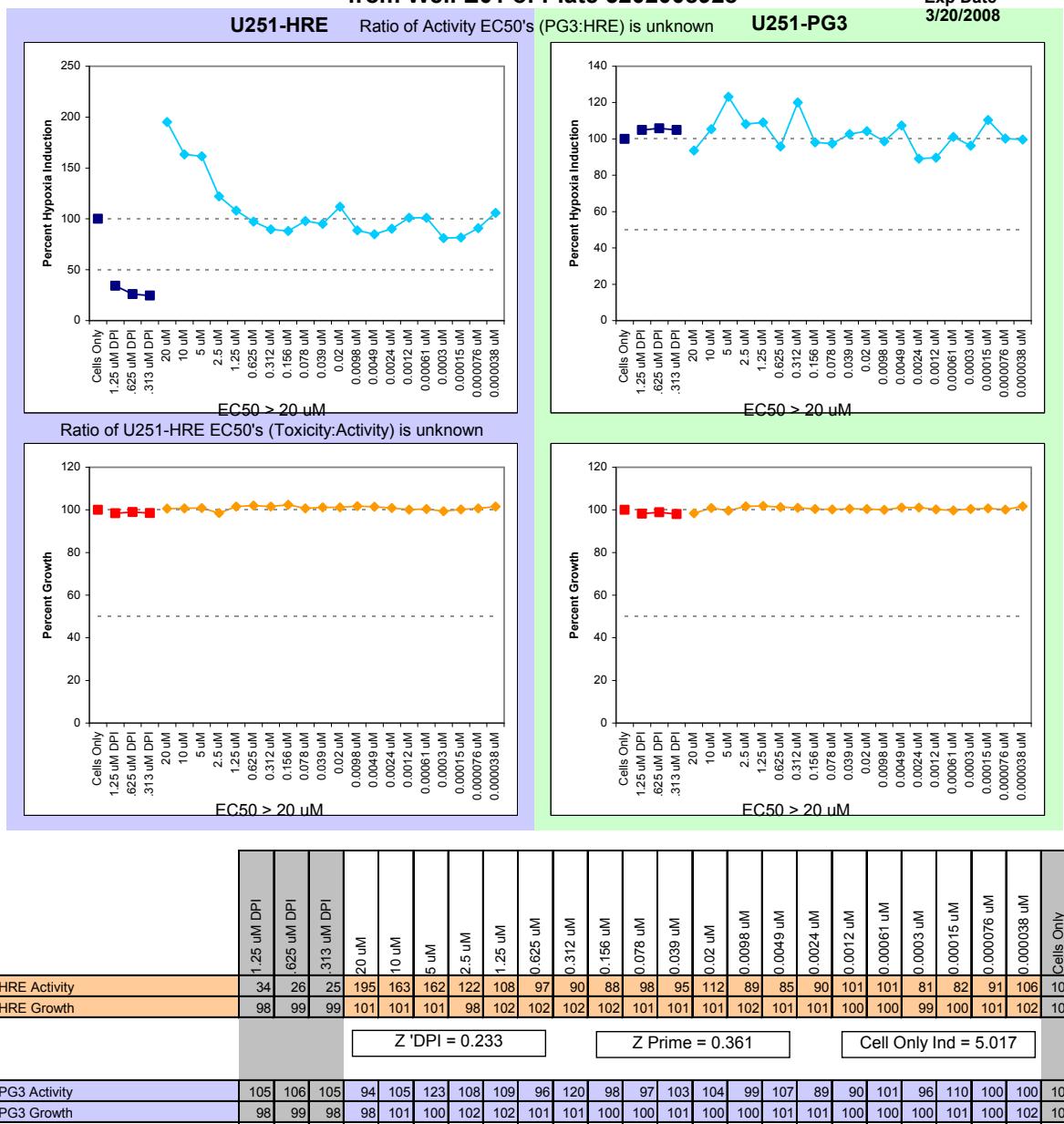
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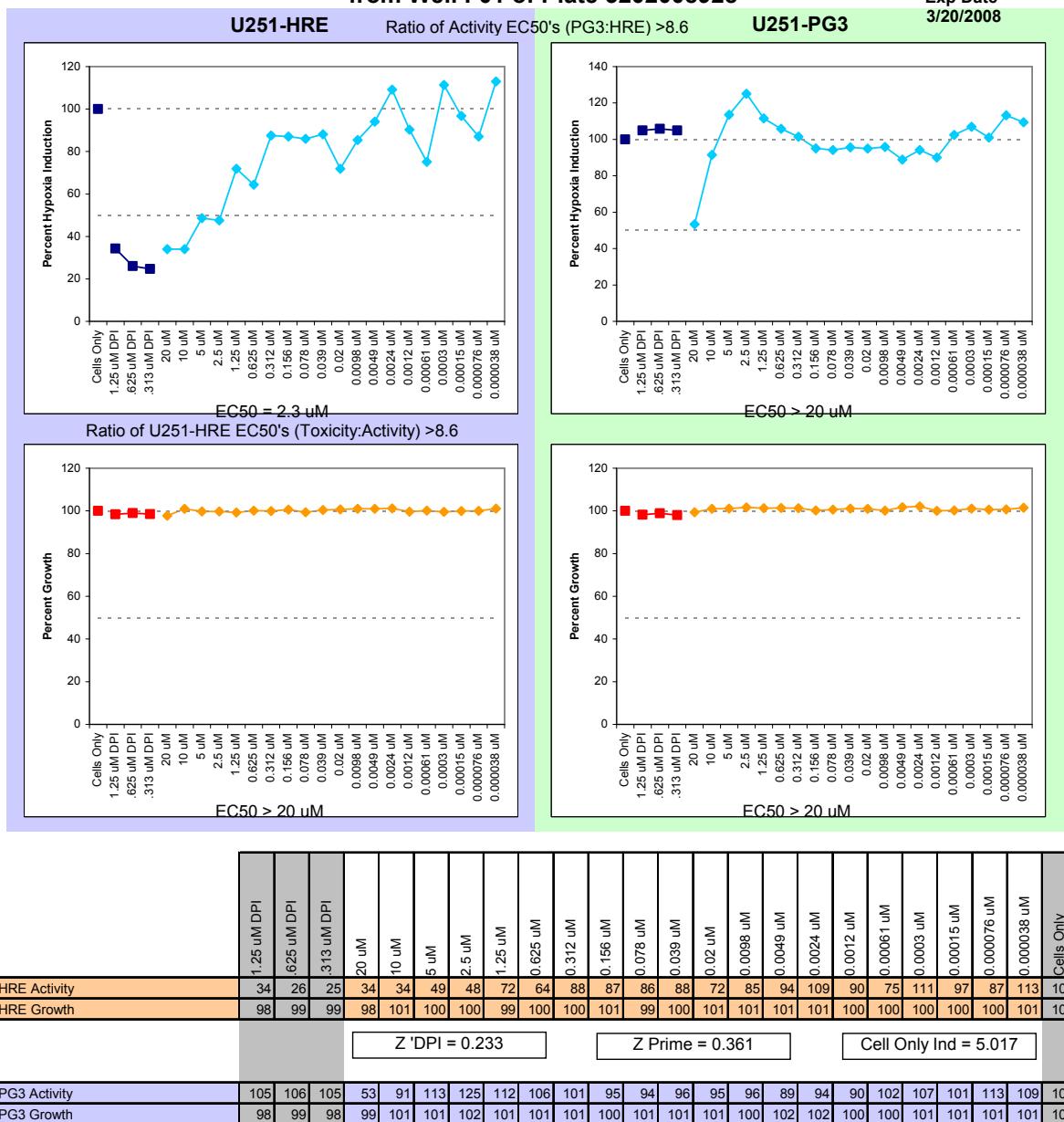


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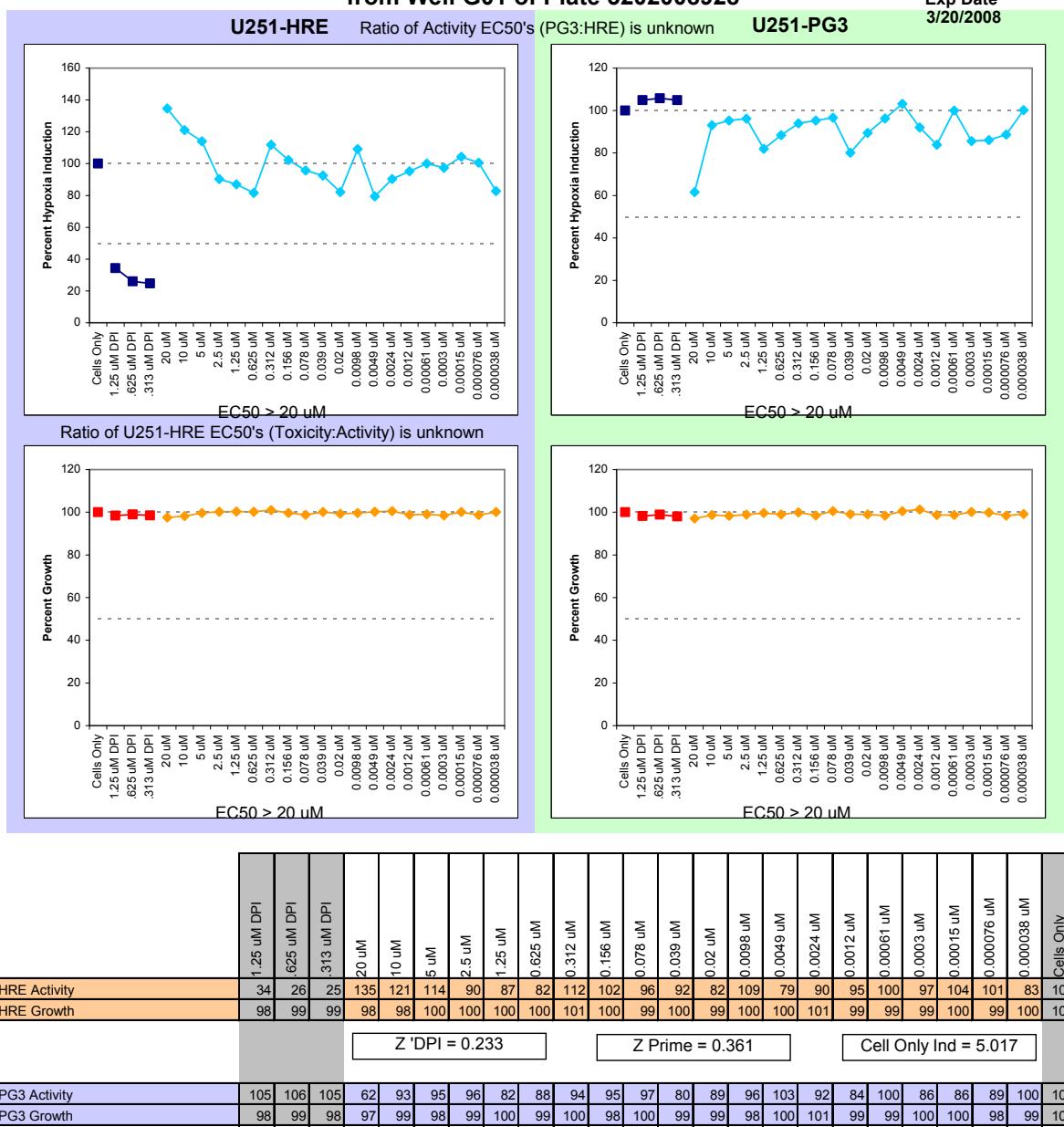


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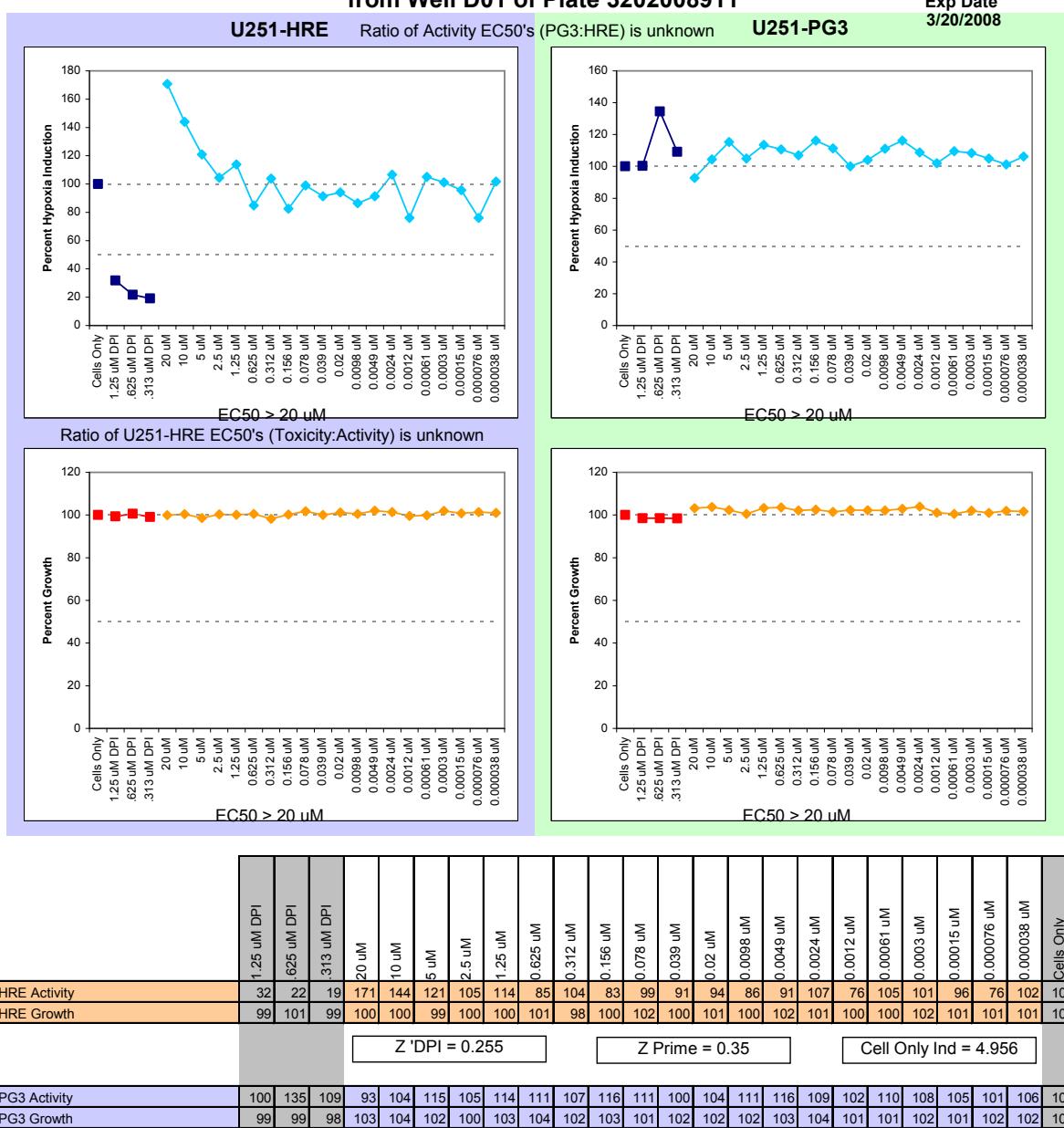
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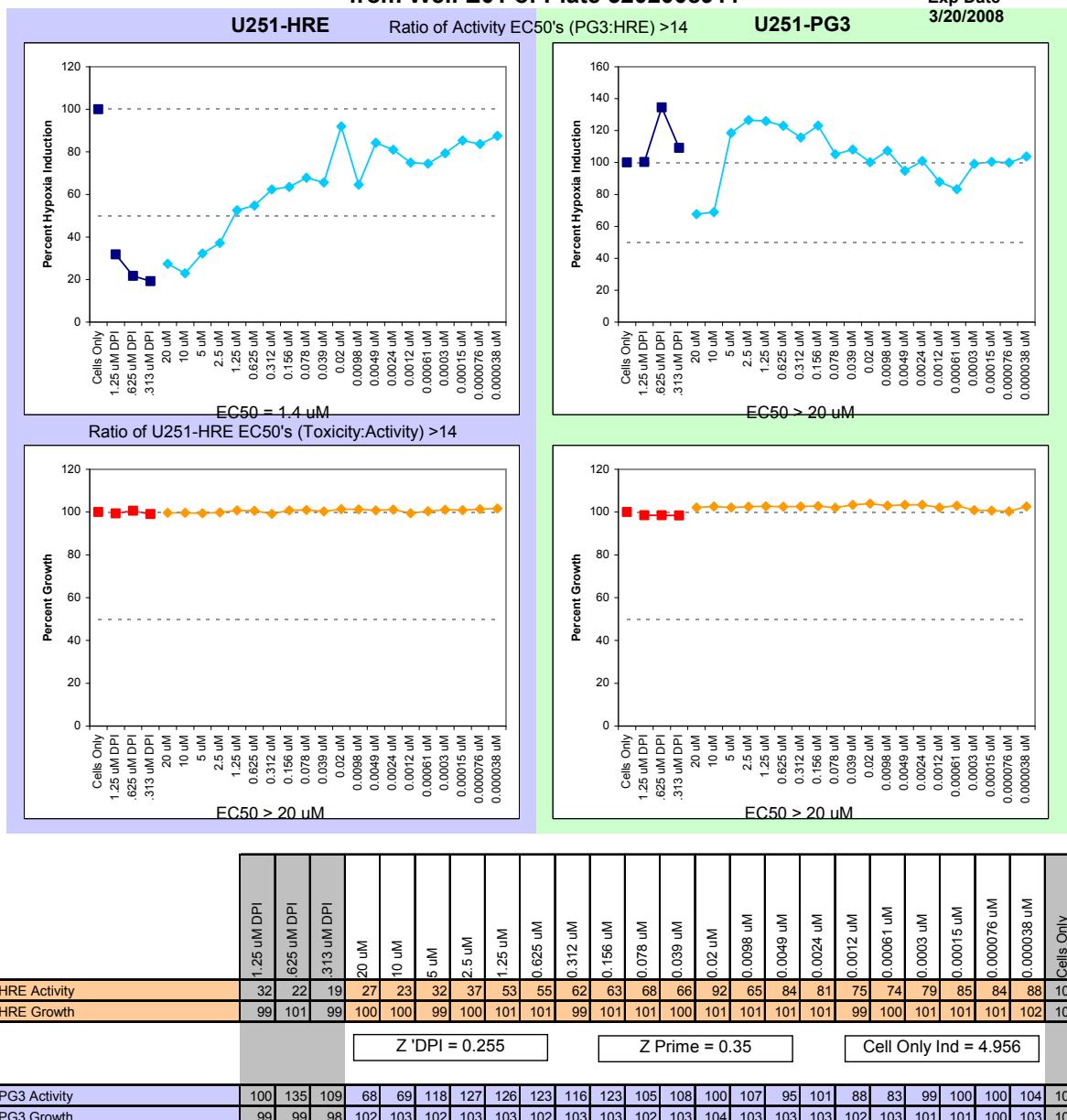


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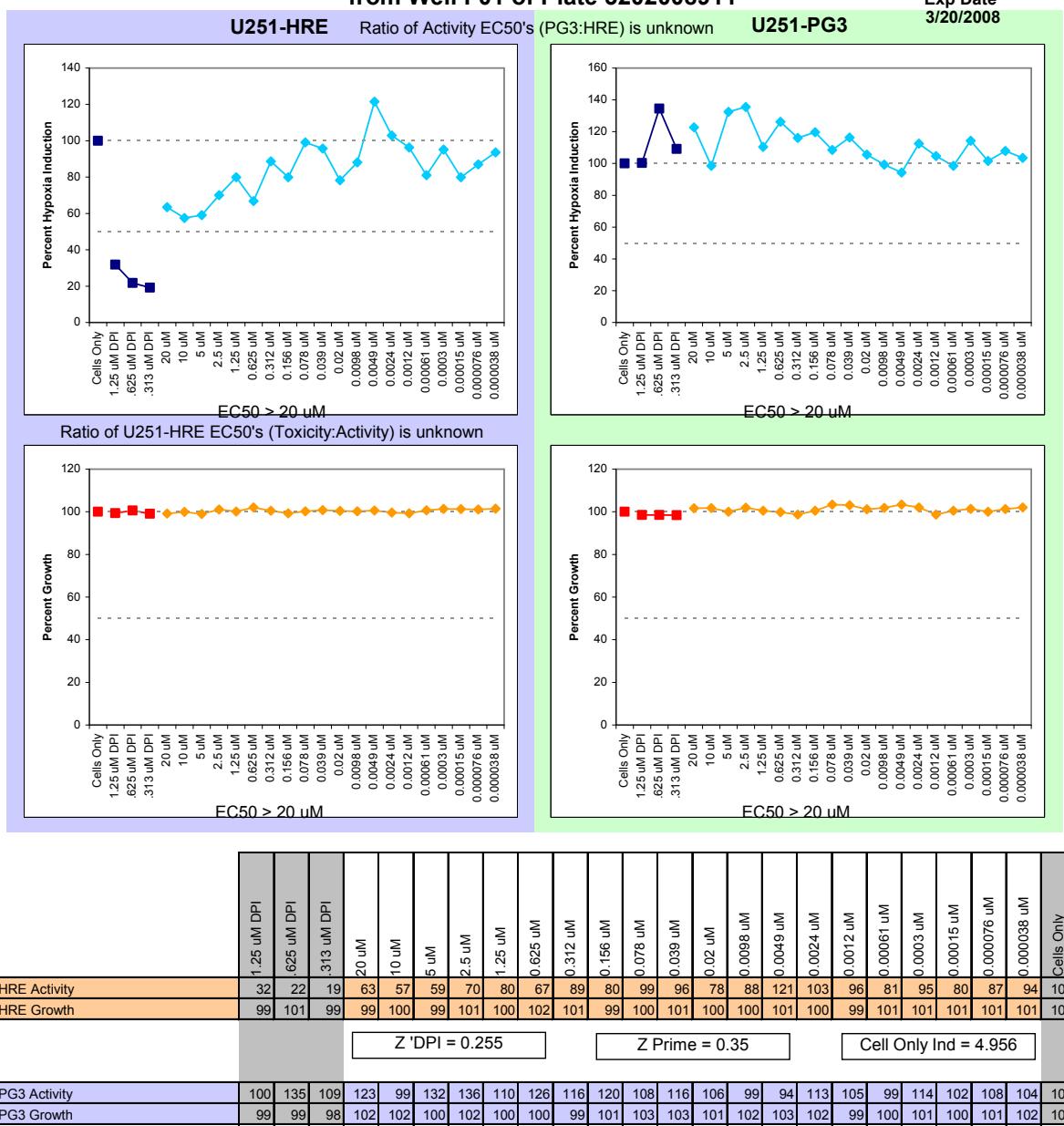


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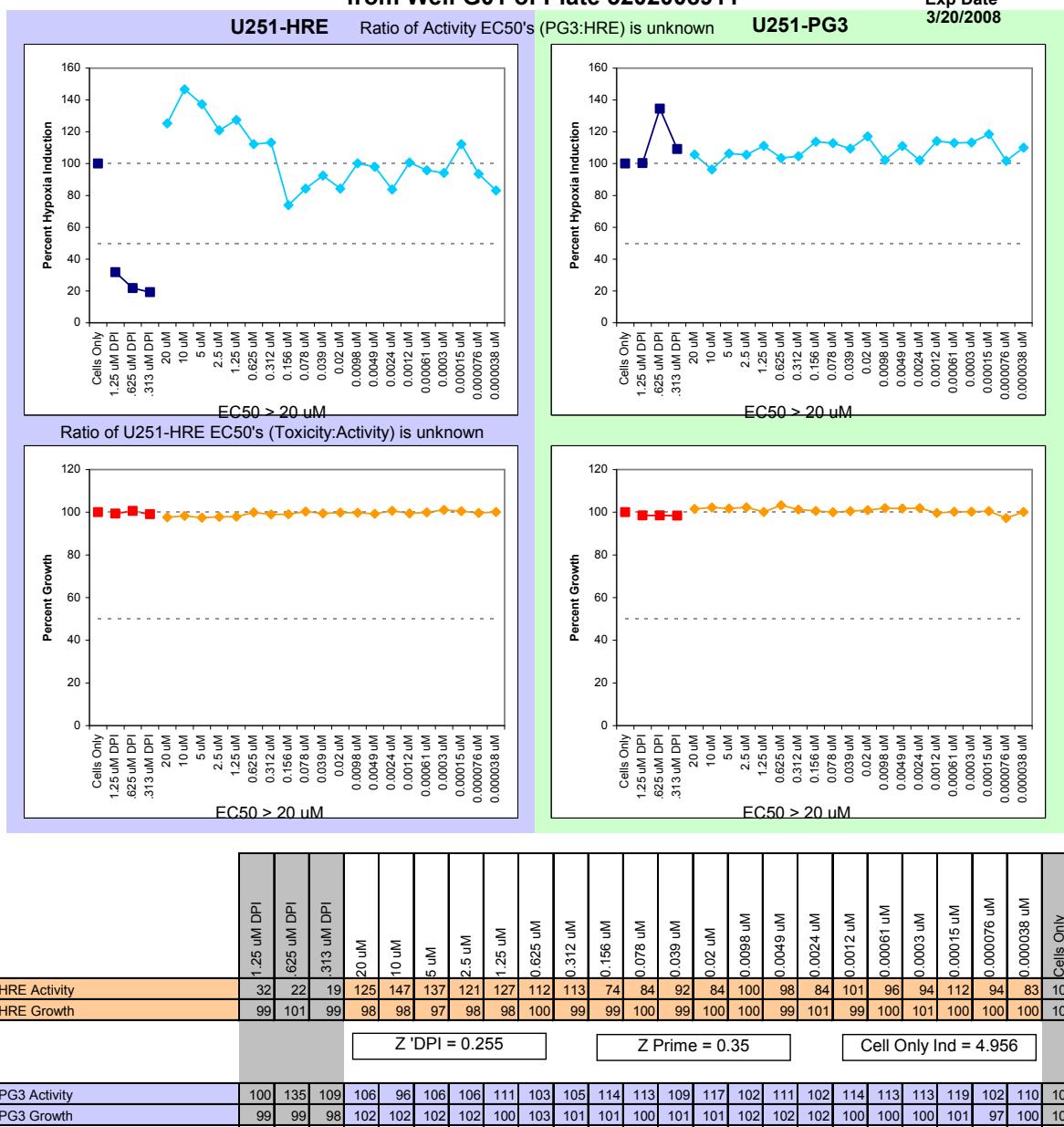
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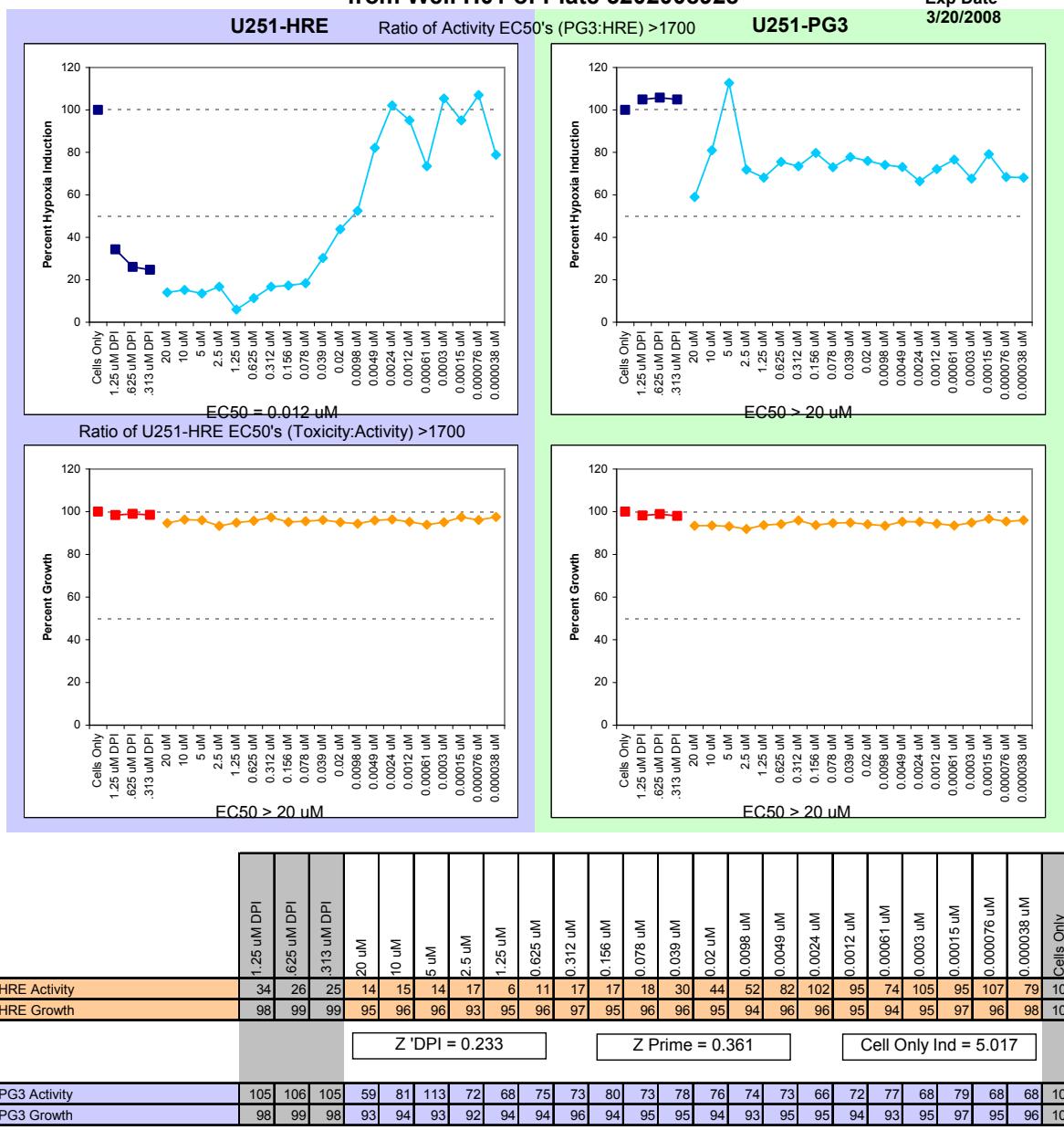


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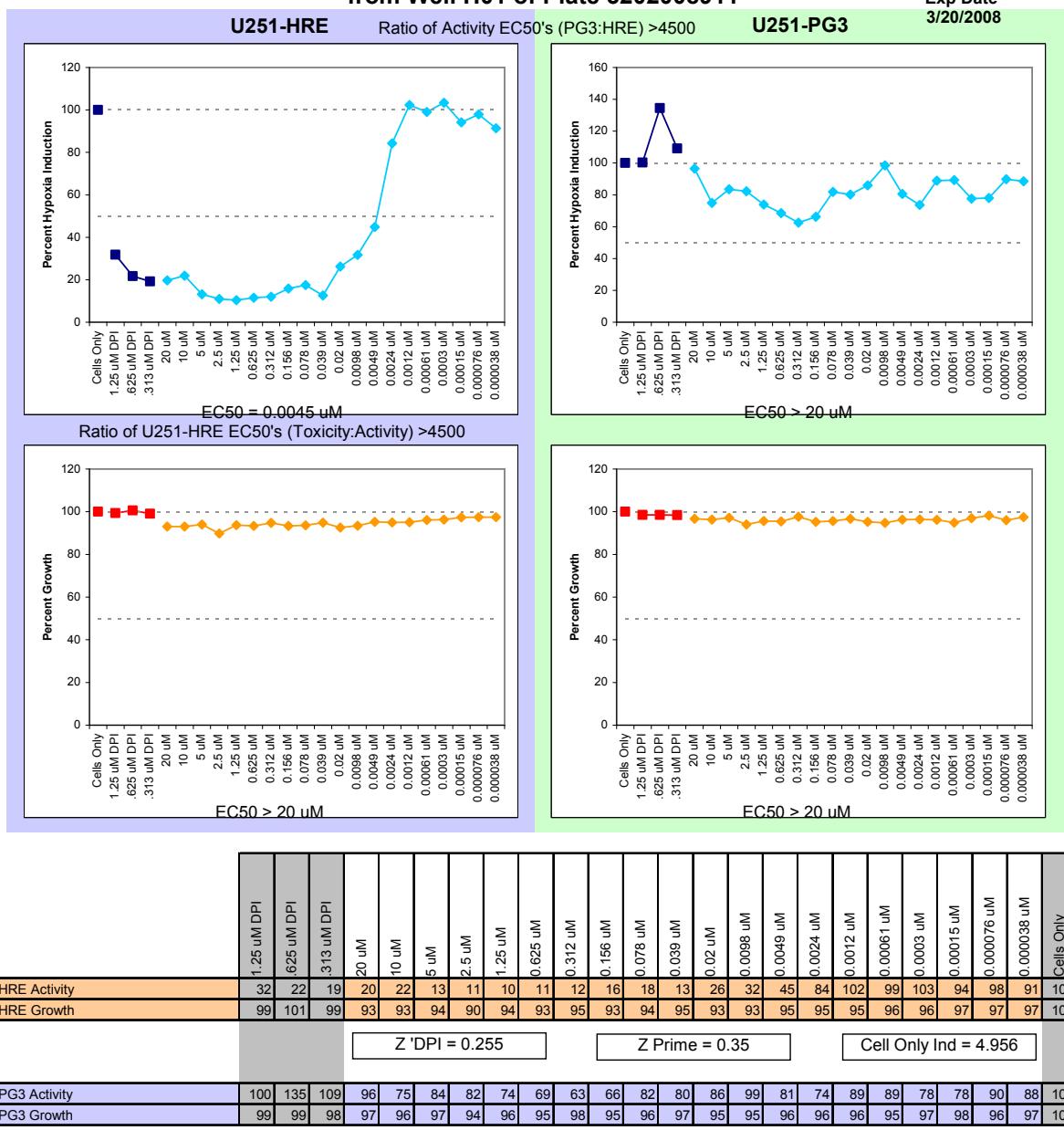
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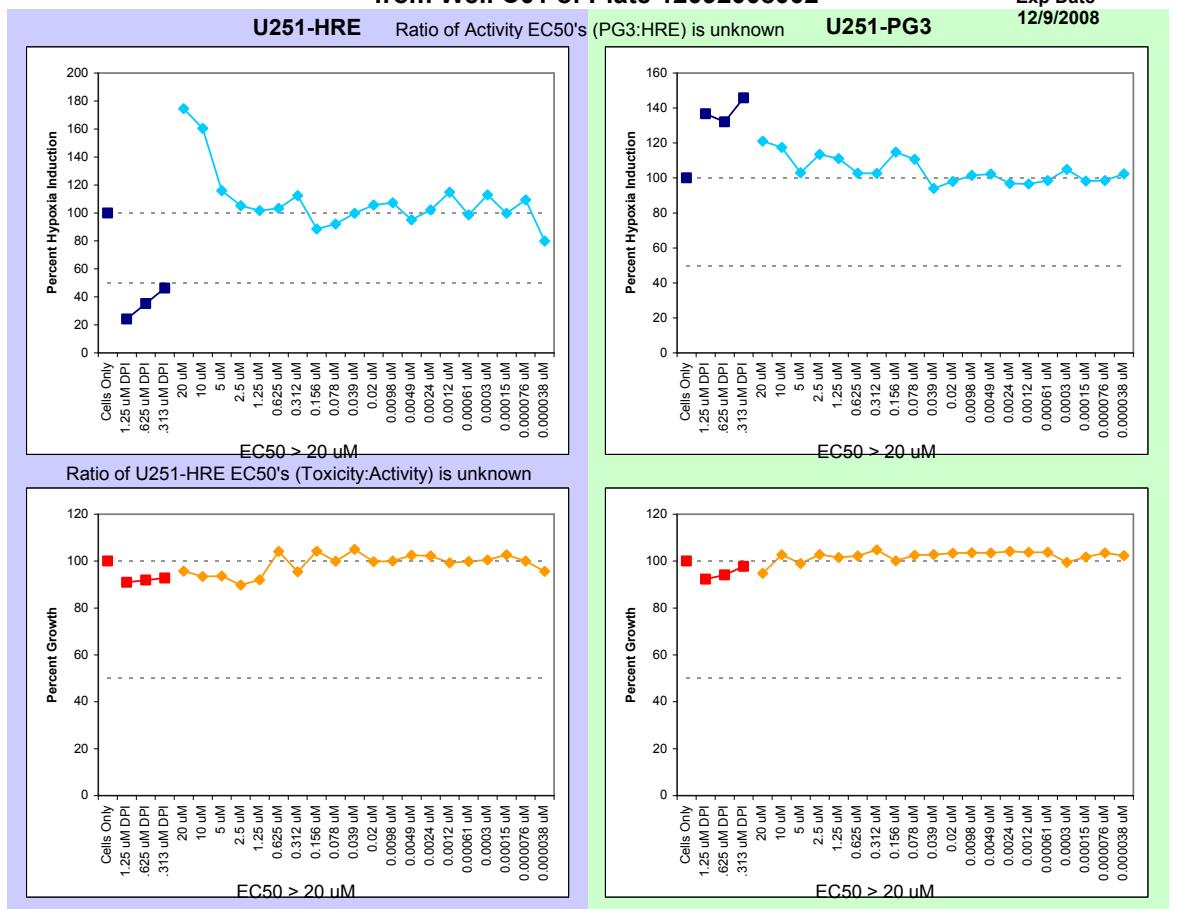


## Topotecan 02

**Calculated Values for 20 Dose Titration of NSC# S609699  
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**Calculated Values for 20 Dose Titration of NSC# Thurston 001-DA-022-01  
from Well C01 of Plate 12092008002**



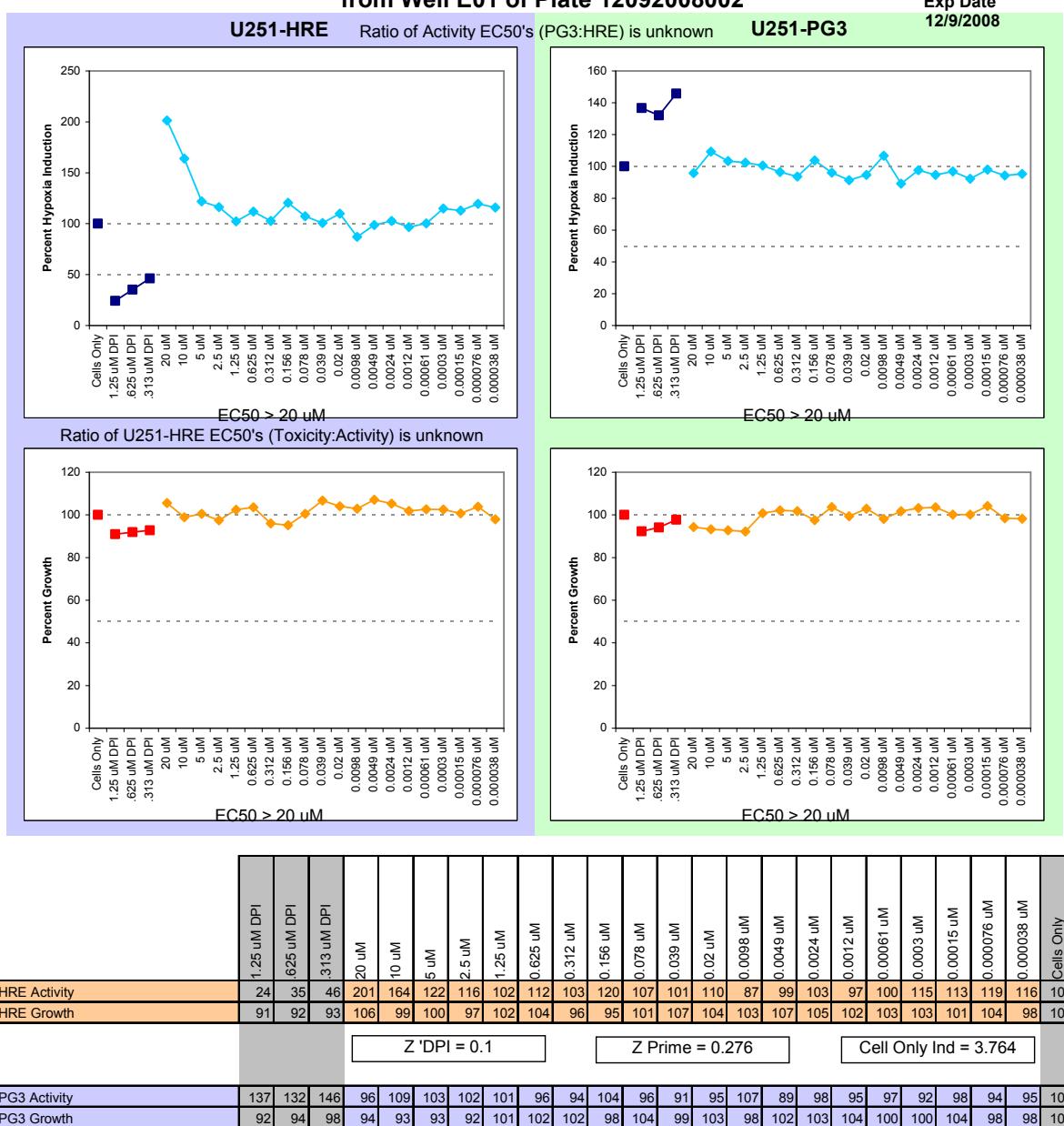
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HRE Activity	24	35	46	175	160	116	105	102	103	112	89	92	100	106	107	95	102	101	105	103	100	102	104	100	
HRE Growth	91	92	93	96	93	94	90	92	104	95	104	100	105	100	106	103	102	104	103	100	105	103	102	100	100

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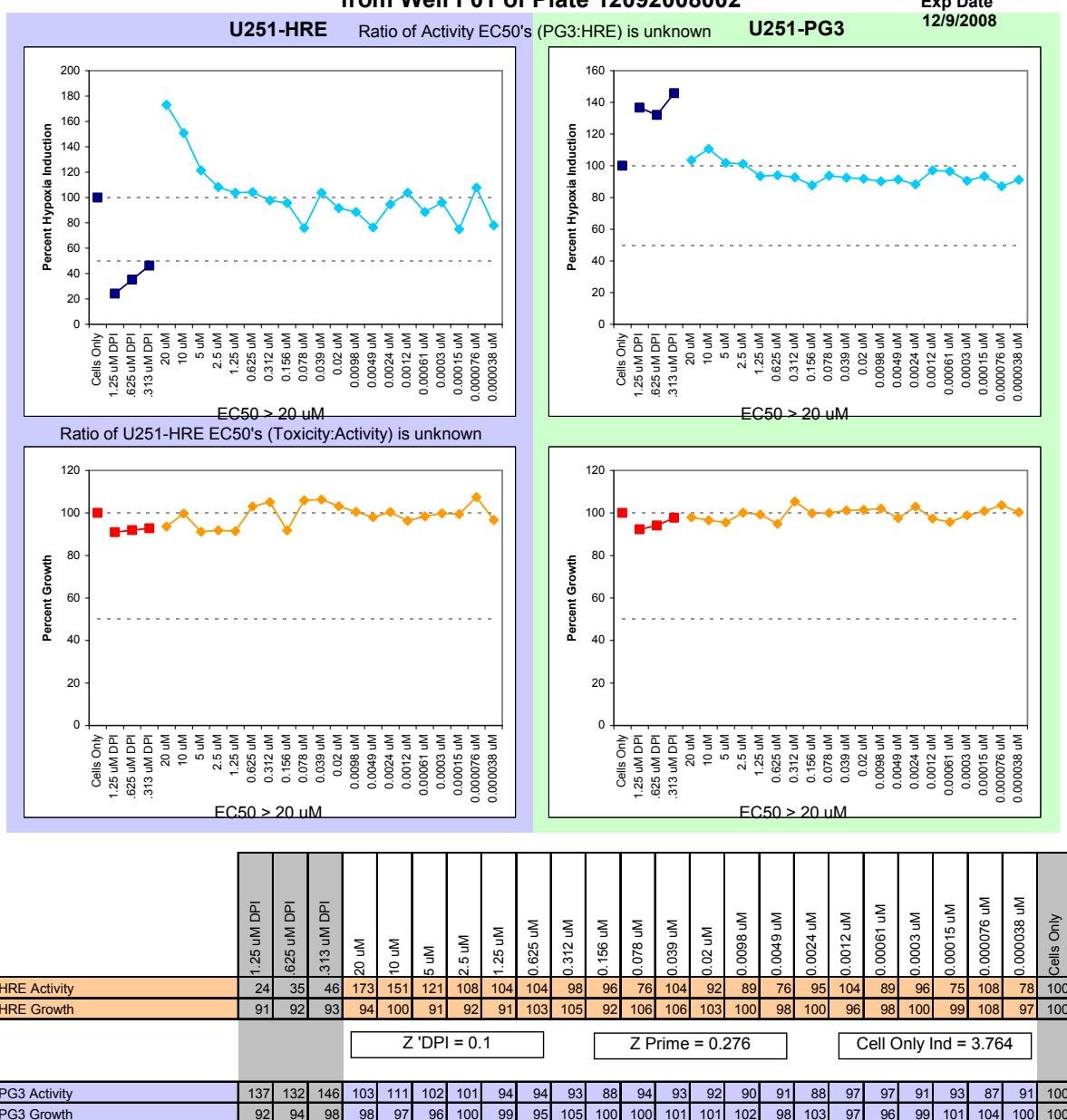
  

PG3 Activity	137	132	146	121	117	103	113	111	103	115	111	94	98	101	102	97	97	99	105	98	99	102	100	100
PG3 Growth	92	94	98	95	103	99	103	102	105	100	103	103	104	103	104	104	104	104	103	100	102	103	102	100

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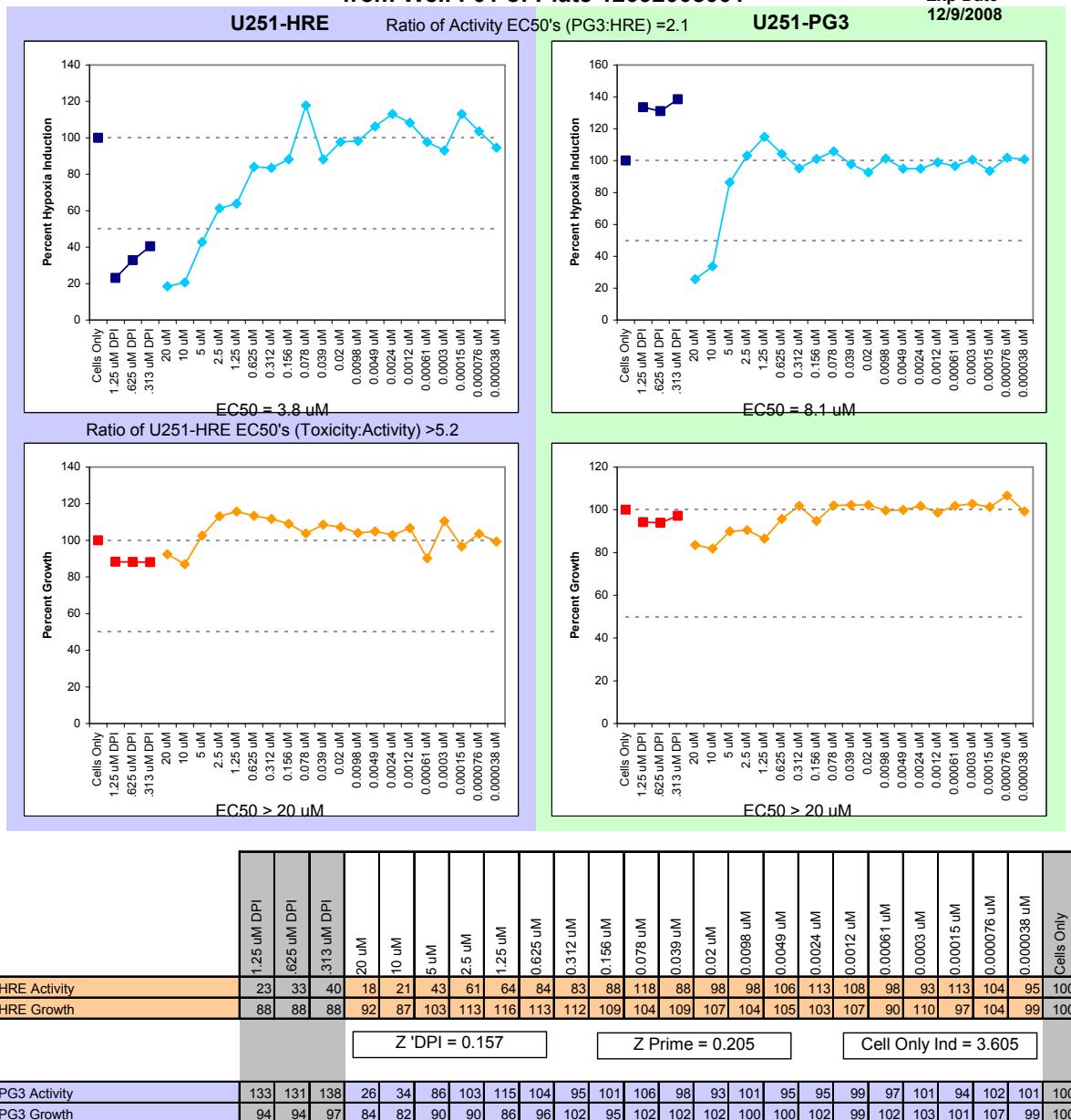
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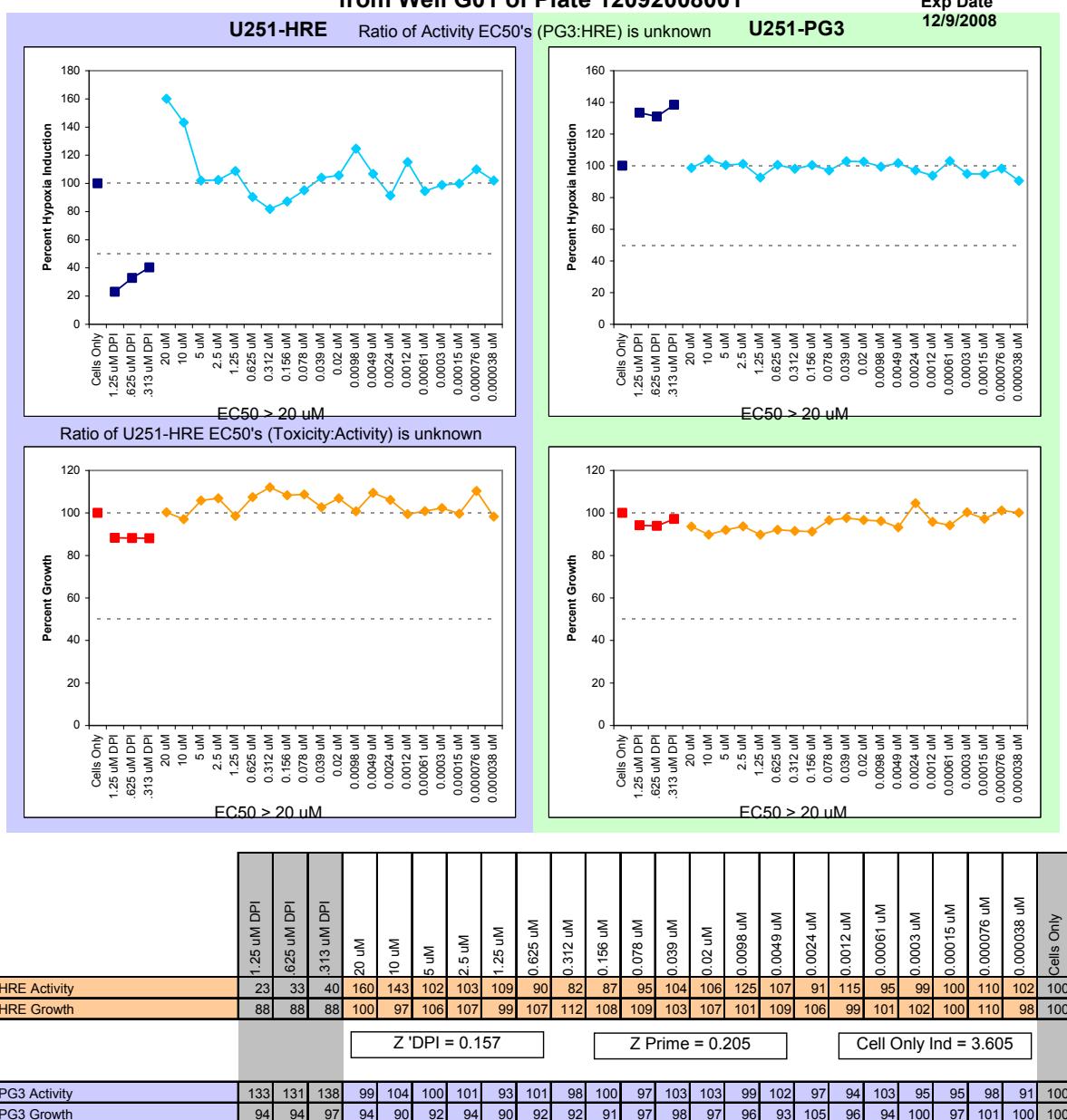
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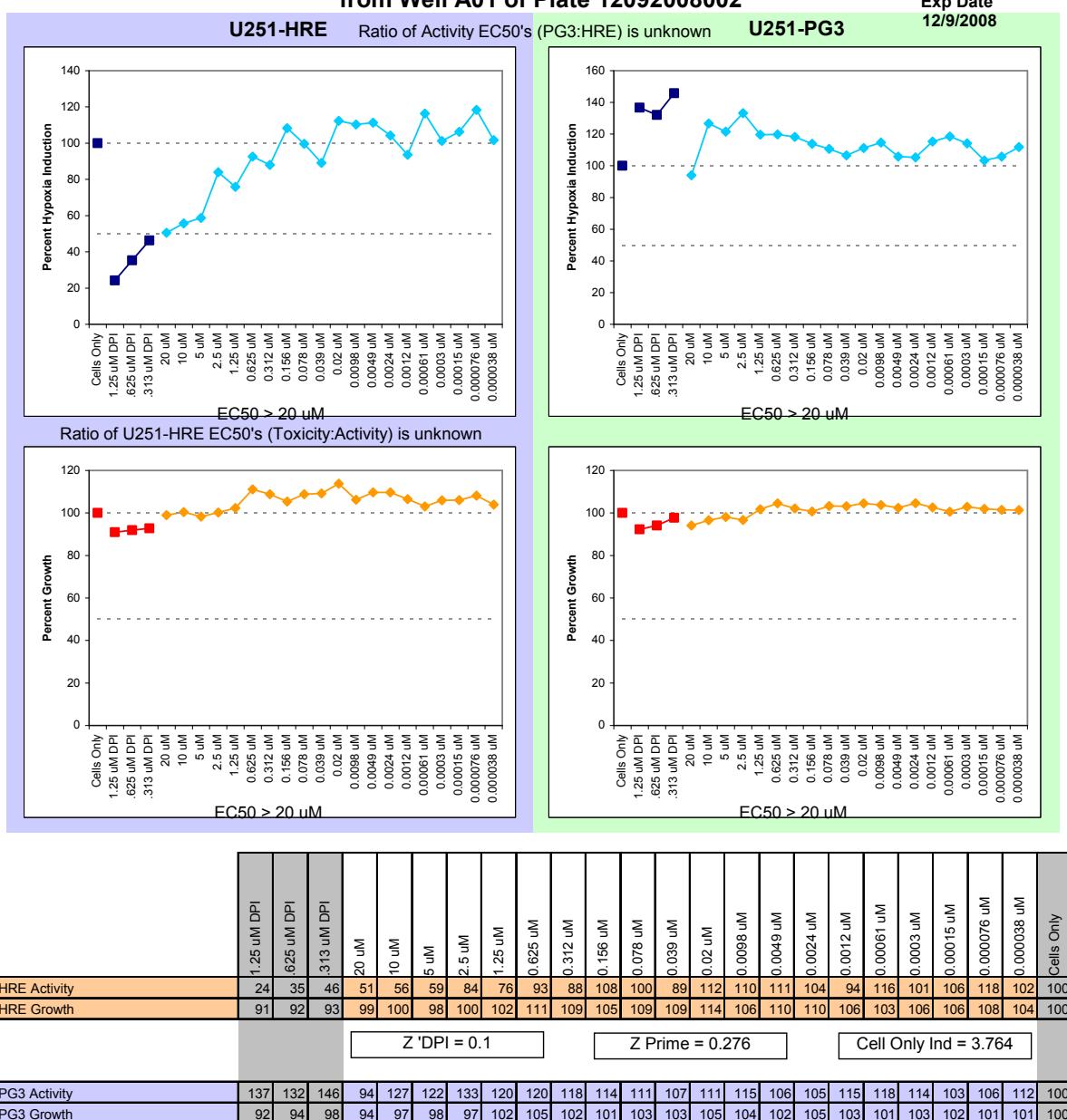
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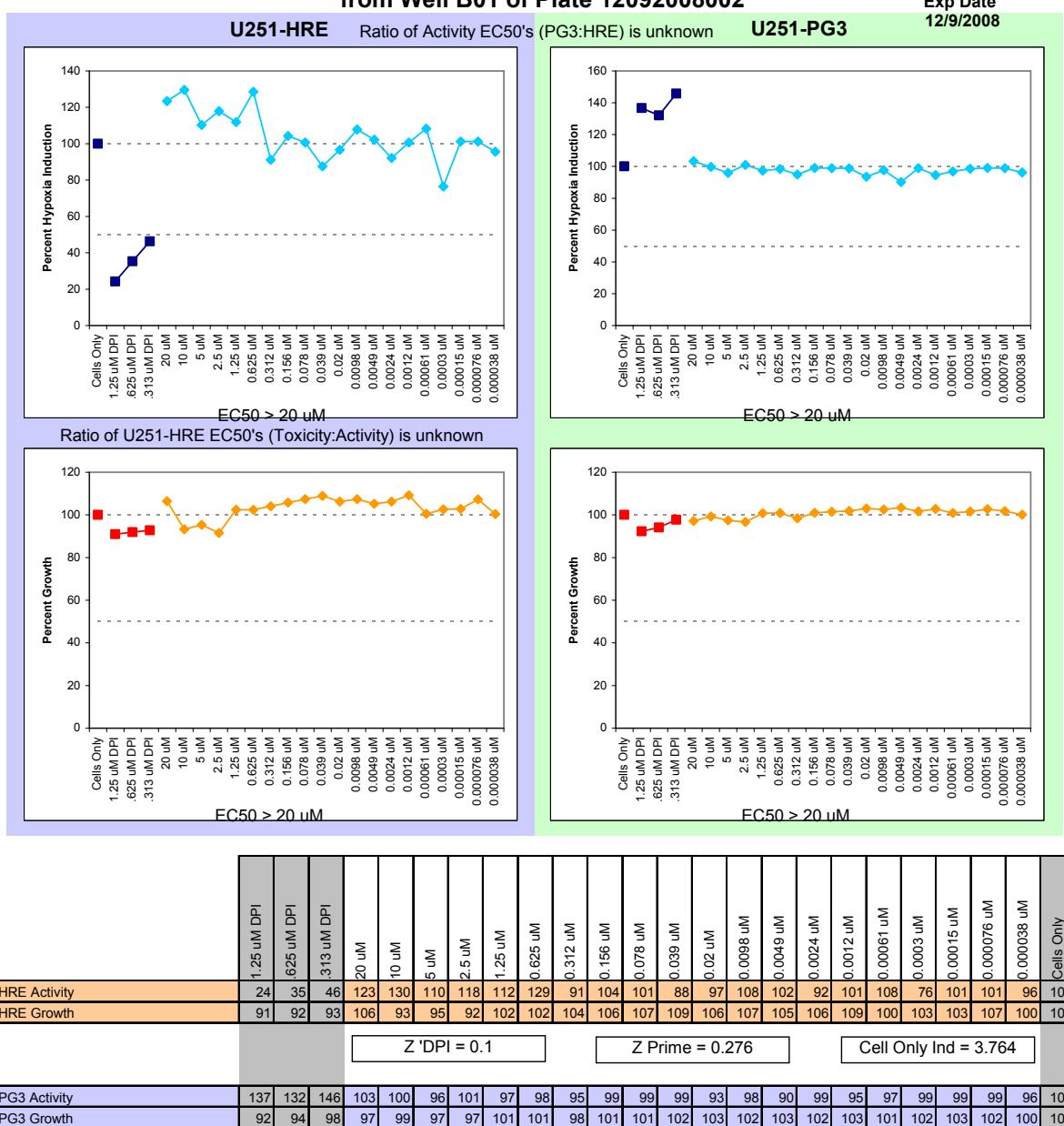
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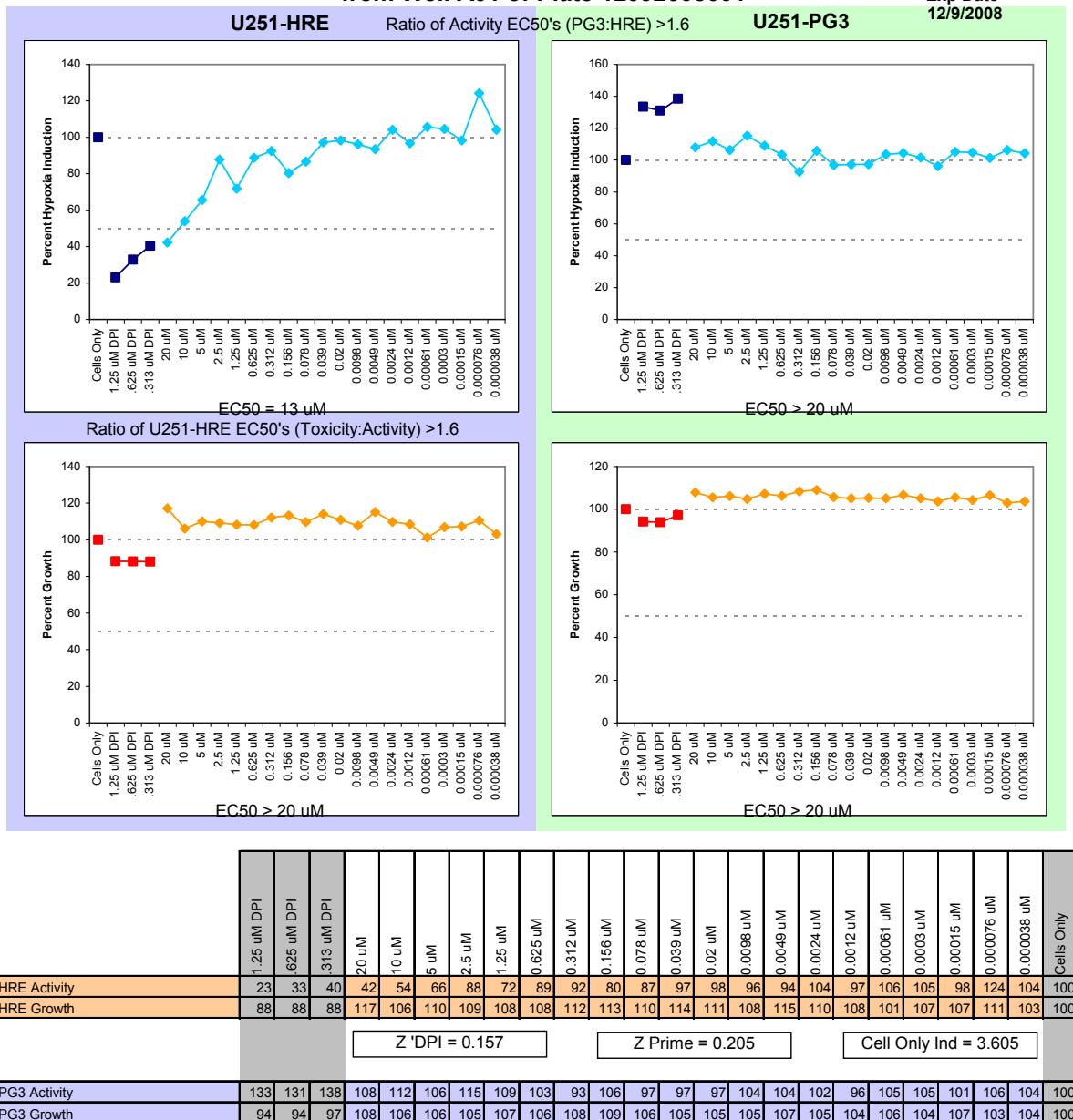


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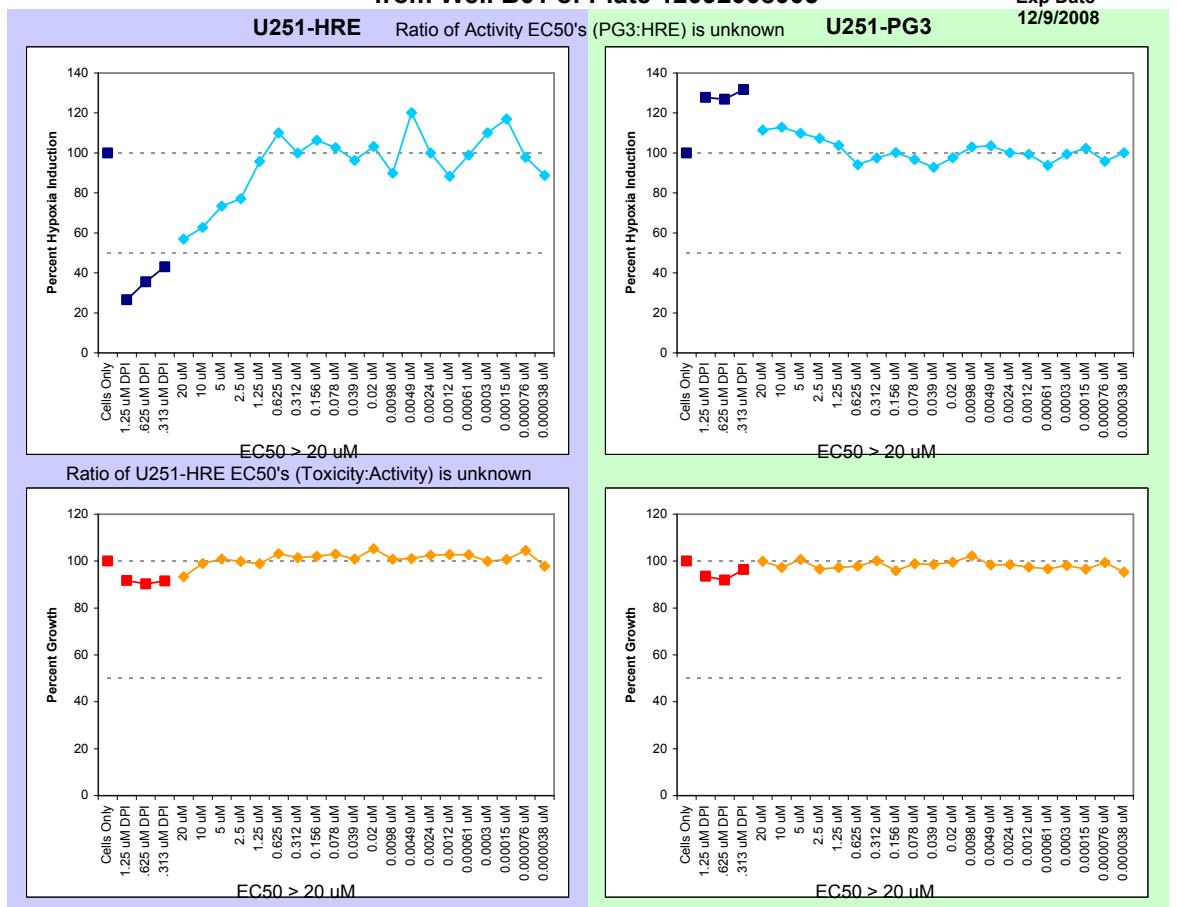


5e- yb074

**Calculated Values for 20 Dose Titration of NSC# Thurston YB074  
from Well A01 of Plate 12092008001**



**Calculated Values for 20 Dose Titration of NSC# Thurston YB077  
from Well B01 of Plate 12092008003**



	1.25 uM DPI	6.25 uM DPI	31.3 uM DPI	20 uM	10 uM	5 uM	2.5 uM	1.25 uM	0.625 uM	0.312 uM	0.156 uM	0.078 uM	0.039 uM	0.02 uM	0.0098 uM	0.0049 uM	0.0024 uM	0.0012 uM	0.00061 uM	0.0003 uM	0.00015 uM	0.000076 uM	0.000038 uM	Cells Only	
HRE Activity	27	36	43	57	63	73	77	96	110	100	106	103	101	102	103	101	105	101	101	102	103	101	104	100	
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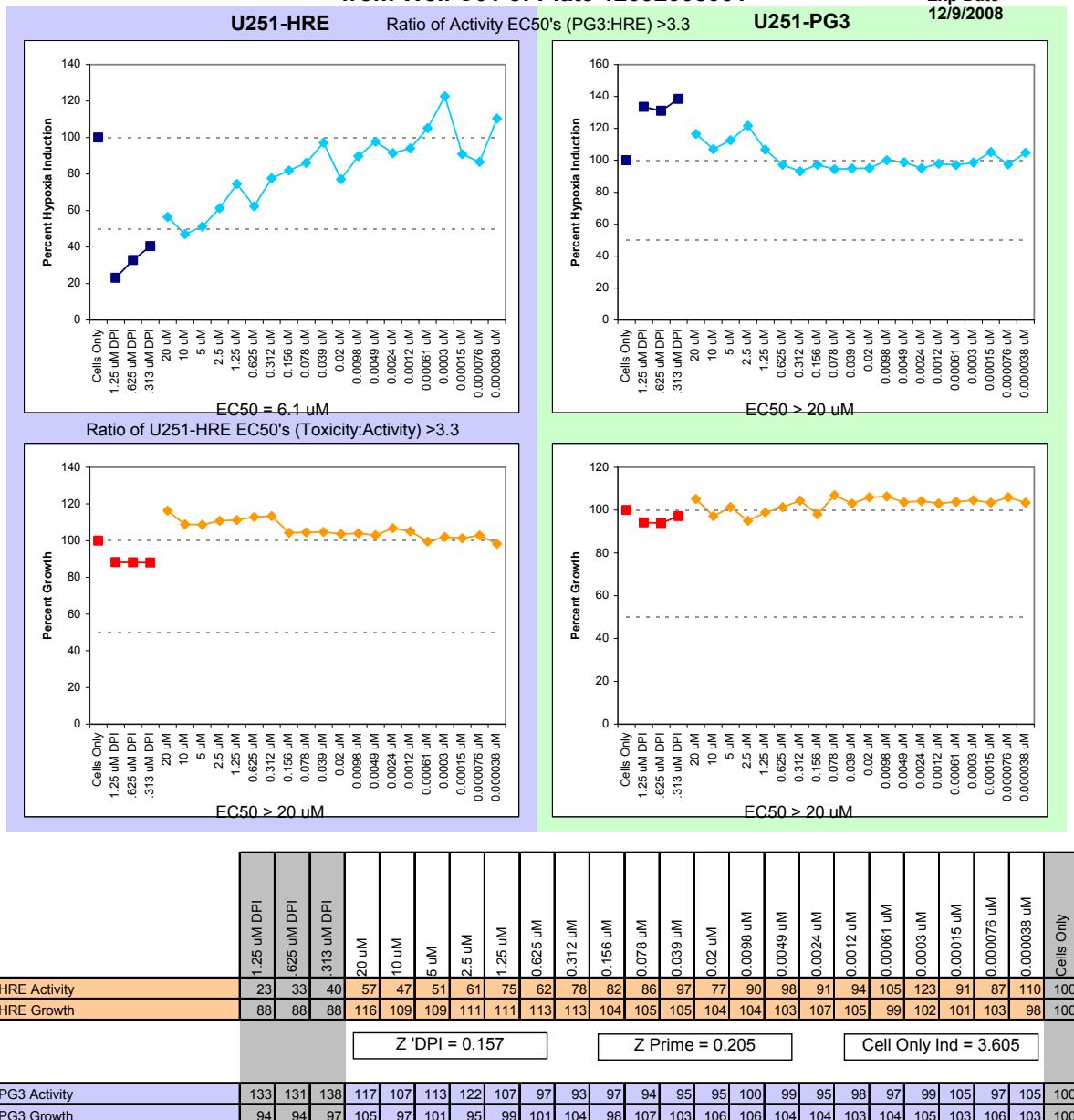
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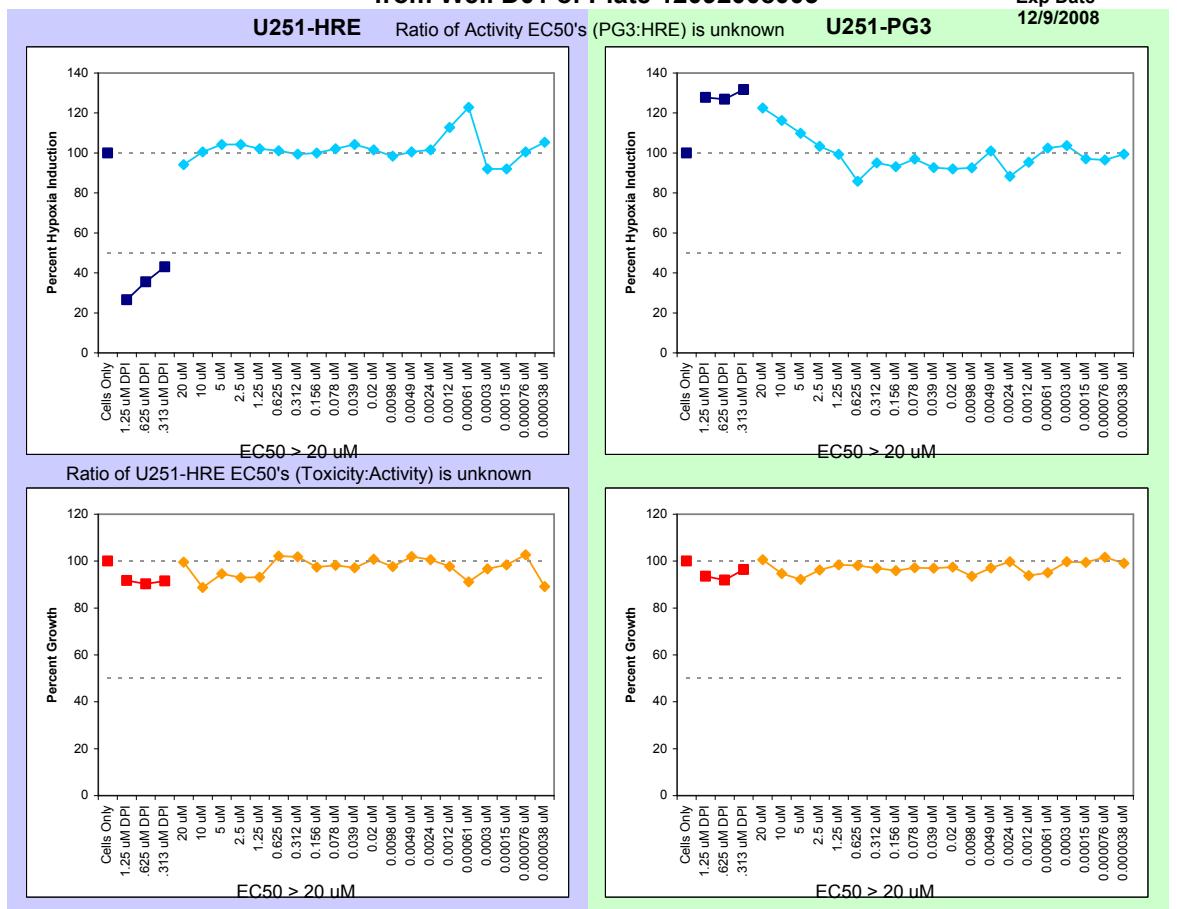
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PG3 Growth	94	92	96	100	97	101	97	97	98	100	96	99	99	100	102	98	99	97	97	98	97	99	95	100	100

**5f- yb081**

**Calculated Values for 20 Dose Titration of NSC# Thurston YB081  
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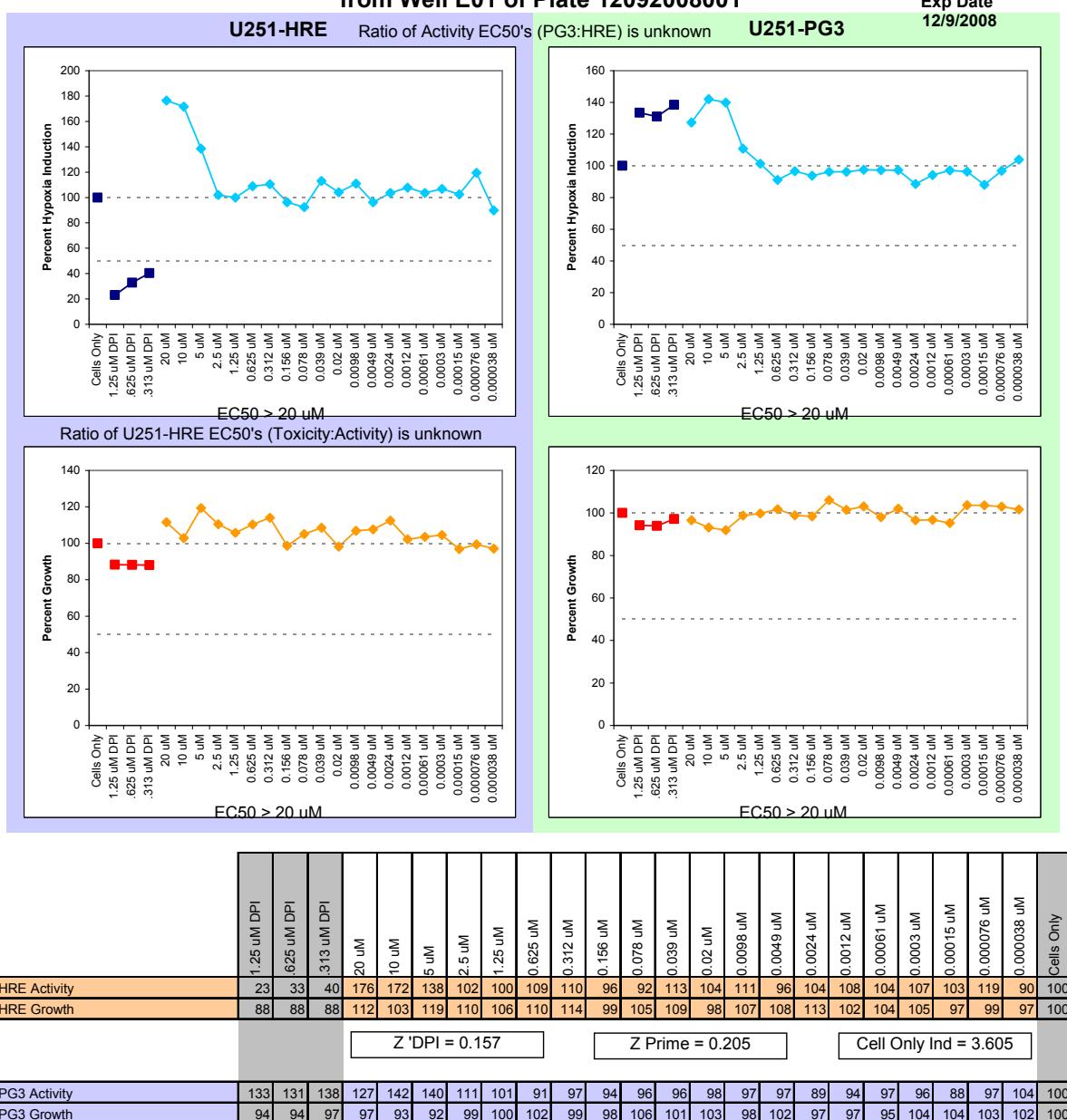


**Calculated Values for 20 Dose Titration of NSC# Thurston YB085  
from Well D01 of Plate 12092008003**



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HRE Growth	27	36	43	94	101	104	104	102	101	100	99	100	102	102	104	104	101	102	101	103	101	105	100	100	100	100	100	Cells Only
Z 'DPI = 0.12													Z Prime = 0.238													Cell Only Ind = 3.581		
PG3 Activity	128	127	132	123	116	110	103	99	86	95	93	97	93	92	93	101	88	95	102	104	97	96	99	100	105	100	Cells Only	
PG3 Growth	94	92	96	101	95	92	96	98	98	97	96	97	97	97	94	97	100	94	95	100	99	102	99	100	103	89	100	Cells Only

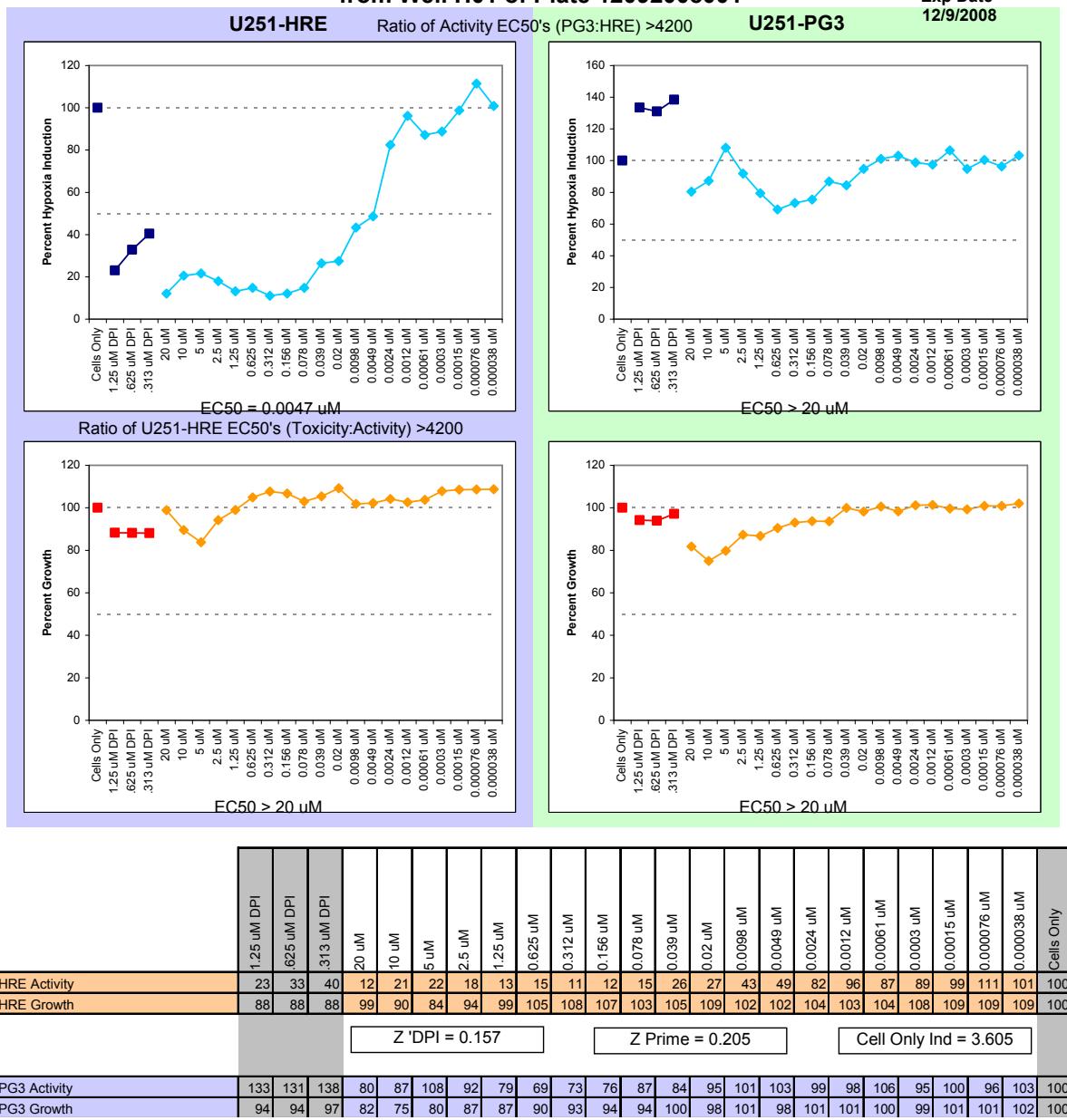
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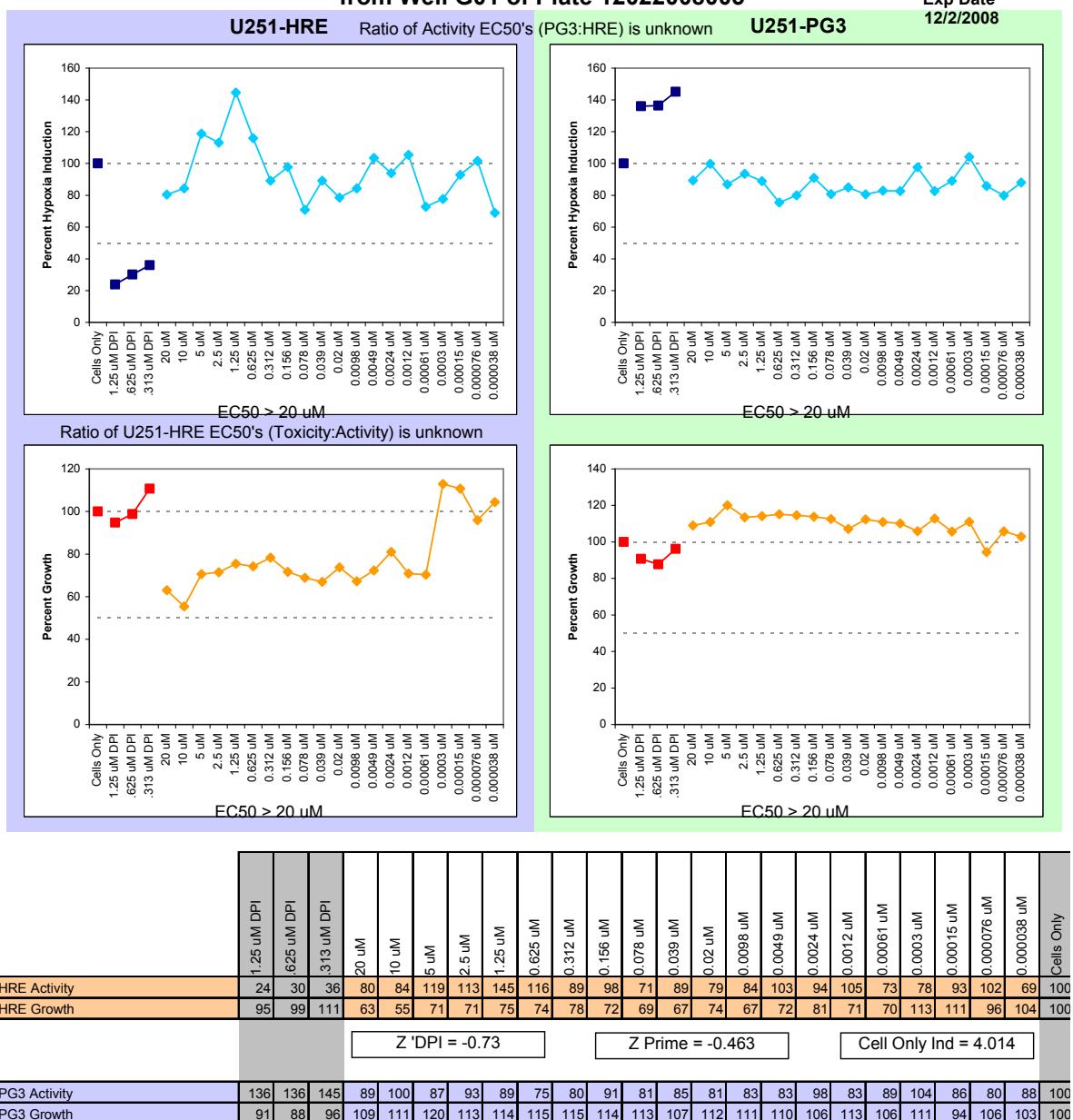
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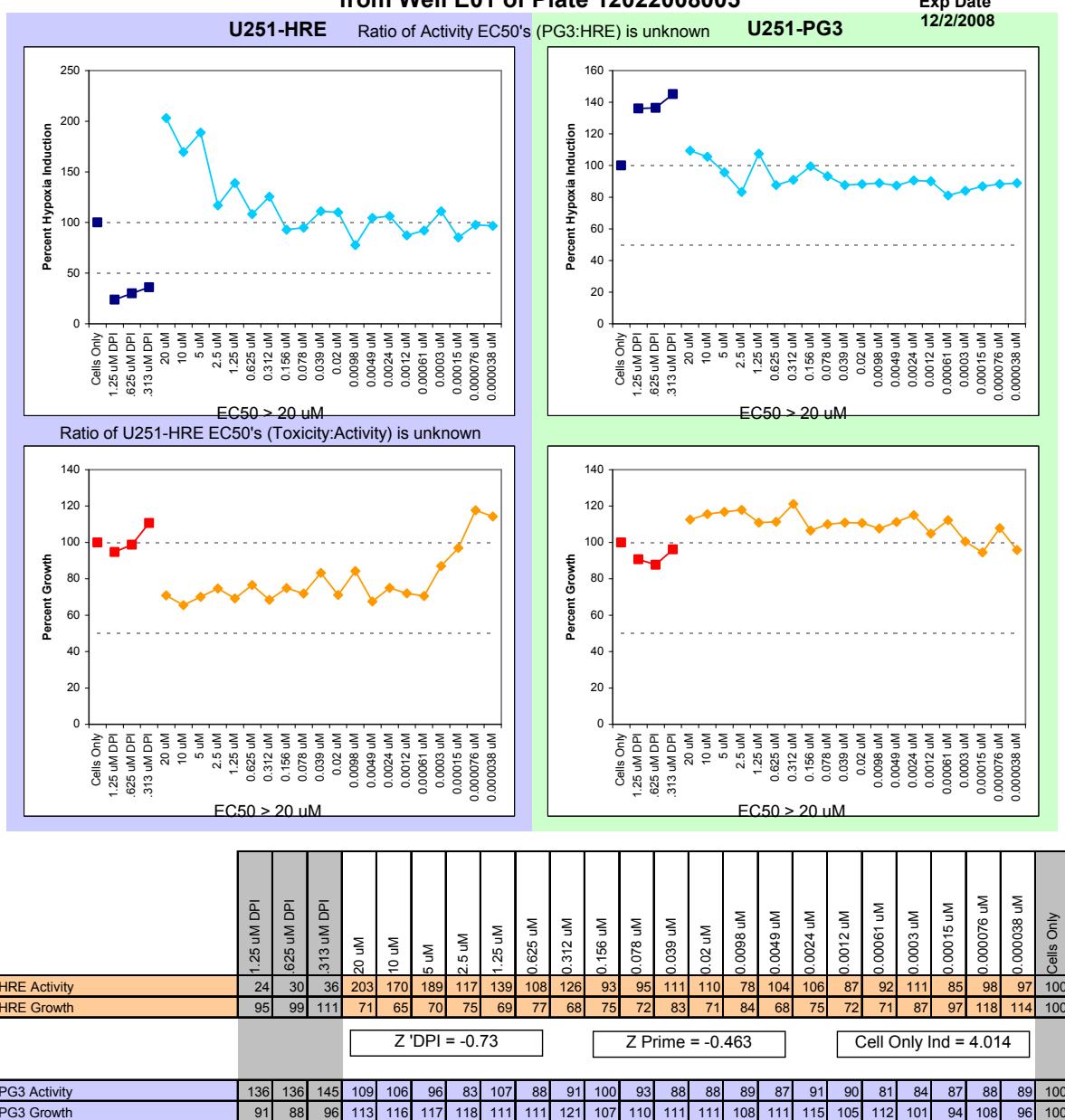
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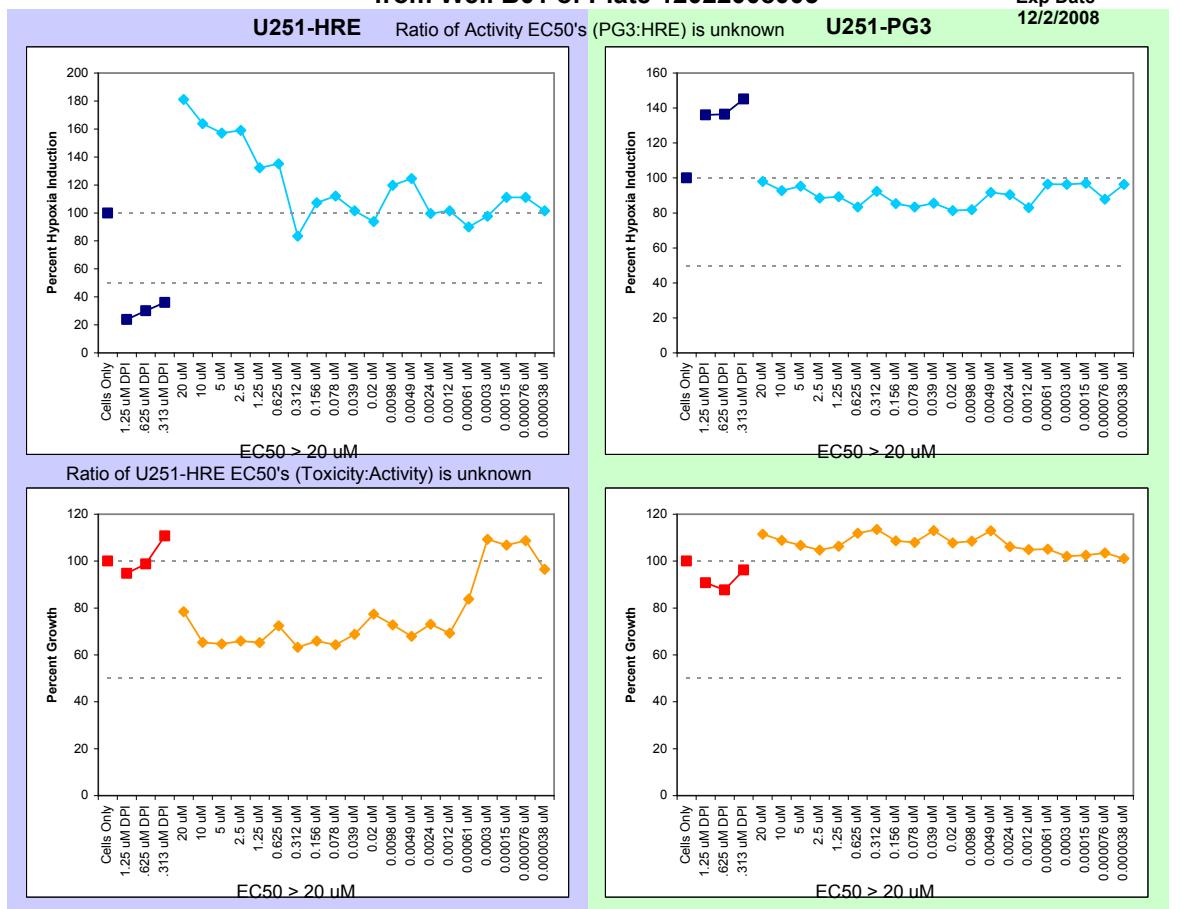
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from Well G01 of Plate 12022008005**



**Calculated Values for 20 Dose Titration of NSC# Thurston YB078  
from Well E01 of Plate 12022008005**



**Calculated Values for 20 Dose Titration of NSC# Thurston YB073  
from Well B01 of Plate 12022008005**



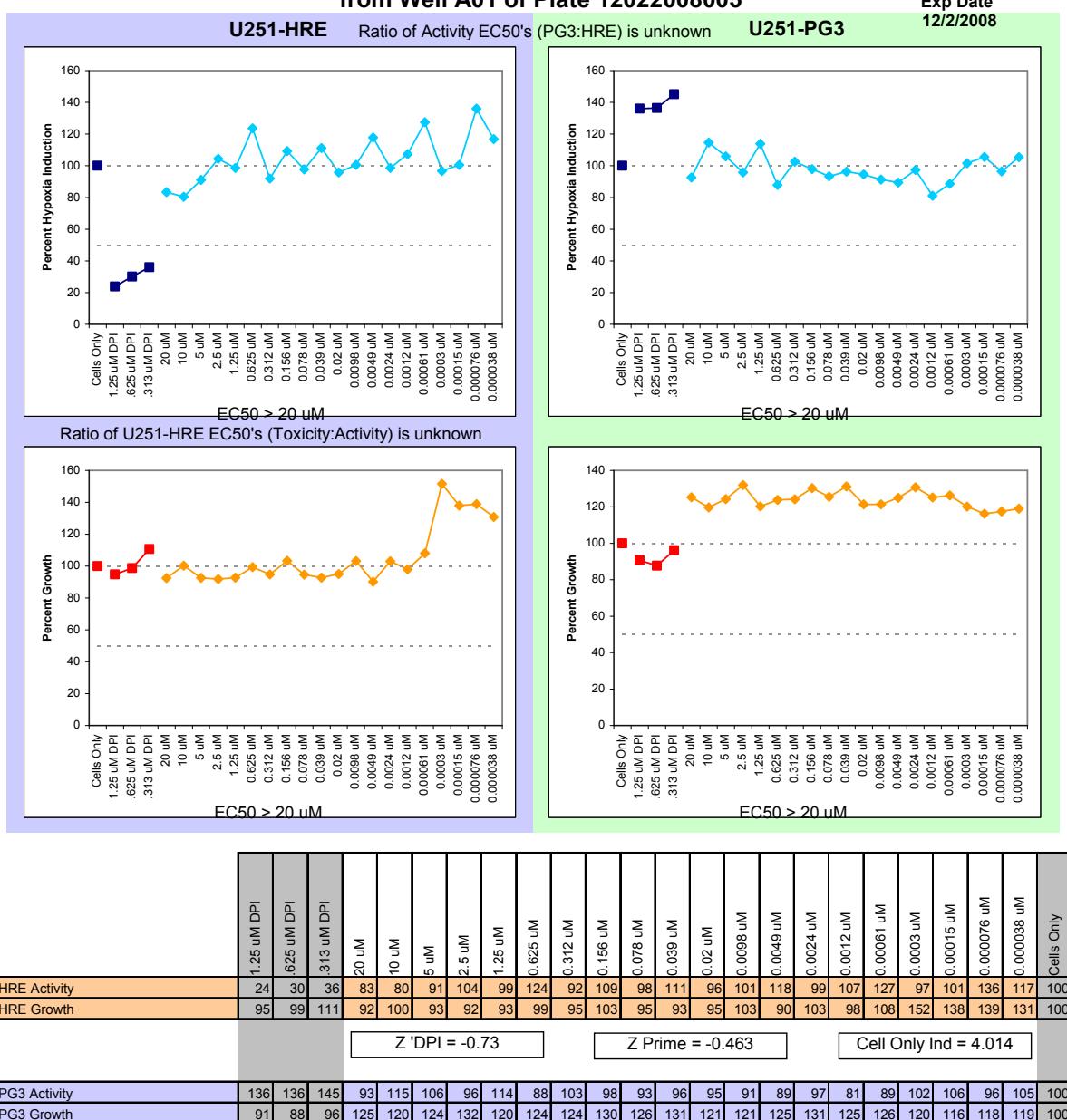
	1.25 uM DPI	6.25 uM DPI	31.3 uM DPI	20 uM	10 uM	5 uM	2.5 uM	1.25 uM	0.625 uM	0.312 uM	0.156 uM	0.078 uM	0.039 uM	0.02 uM	0.0098 uM	0.0049 uM	0.0024 uM	0.0012 uM	0.00061 uM	0.0003 uM	0.00015 uM	0.000076 uM	0.000038 uM	Cells Only
HRE Activity	24	30	36	181	164	157	159	132	135	83	107	112	102	94	120	125	100	102	90	98	111	111	102	100
HRE Growth	95	99	111	78	65	65	66	65	72	63	66	64	69	77	73	68	73	69	84	109	107	109	96	100

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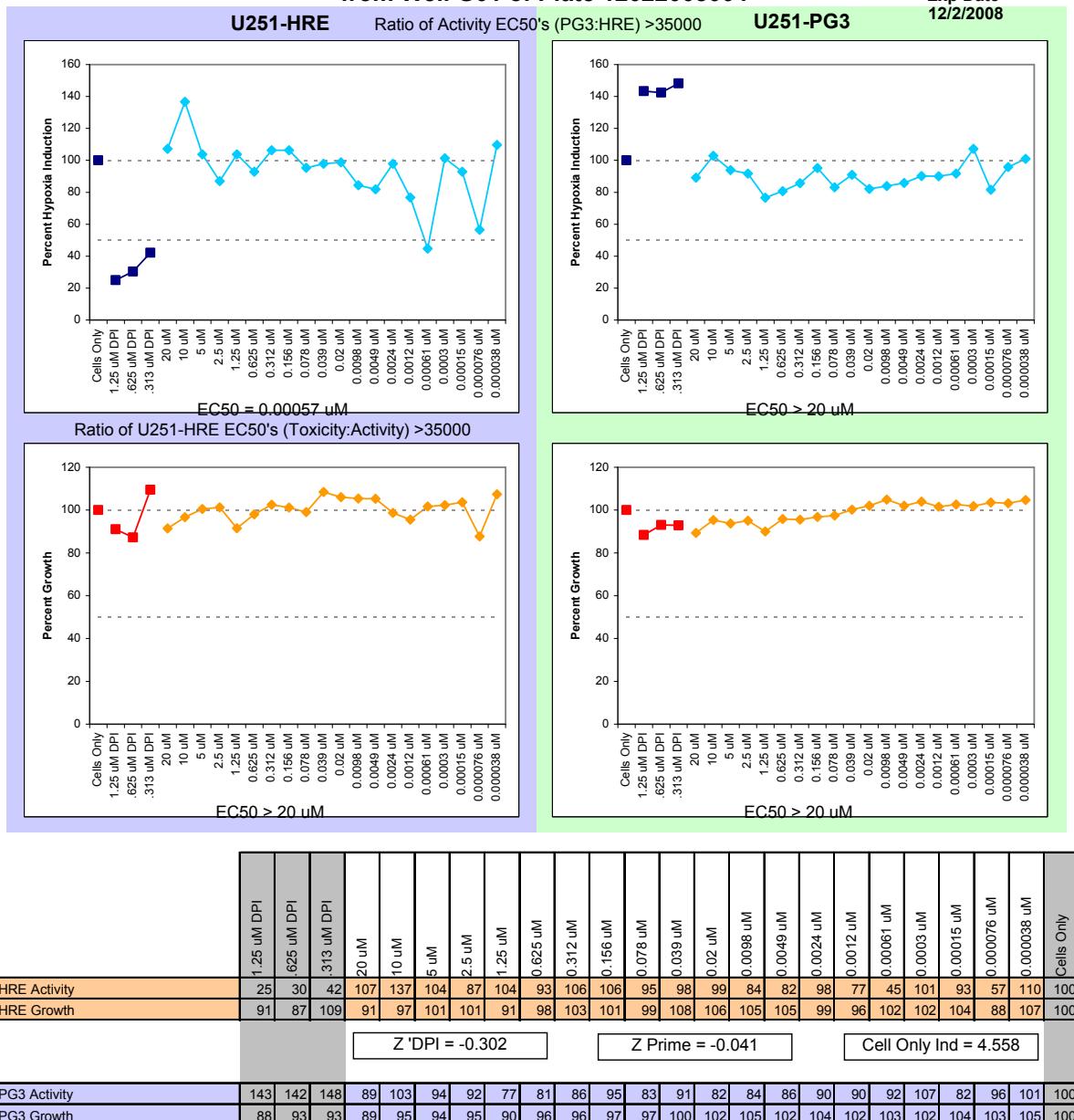
PG3 Activity	136	136	145	98	93	95	88	89	83	92	85	83	86	81	82	92	90	83	96	96	97	88	96	100
PG3 Growth	91	88	96	111	109	107	105	106	112	114	109	108	113	108	108	113	106	105	105	102	103	103	101	100

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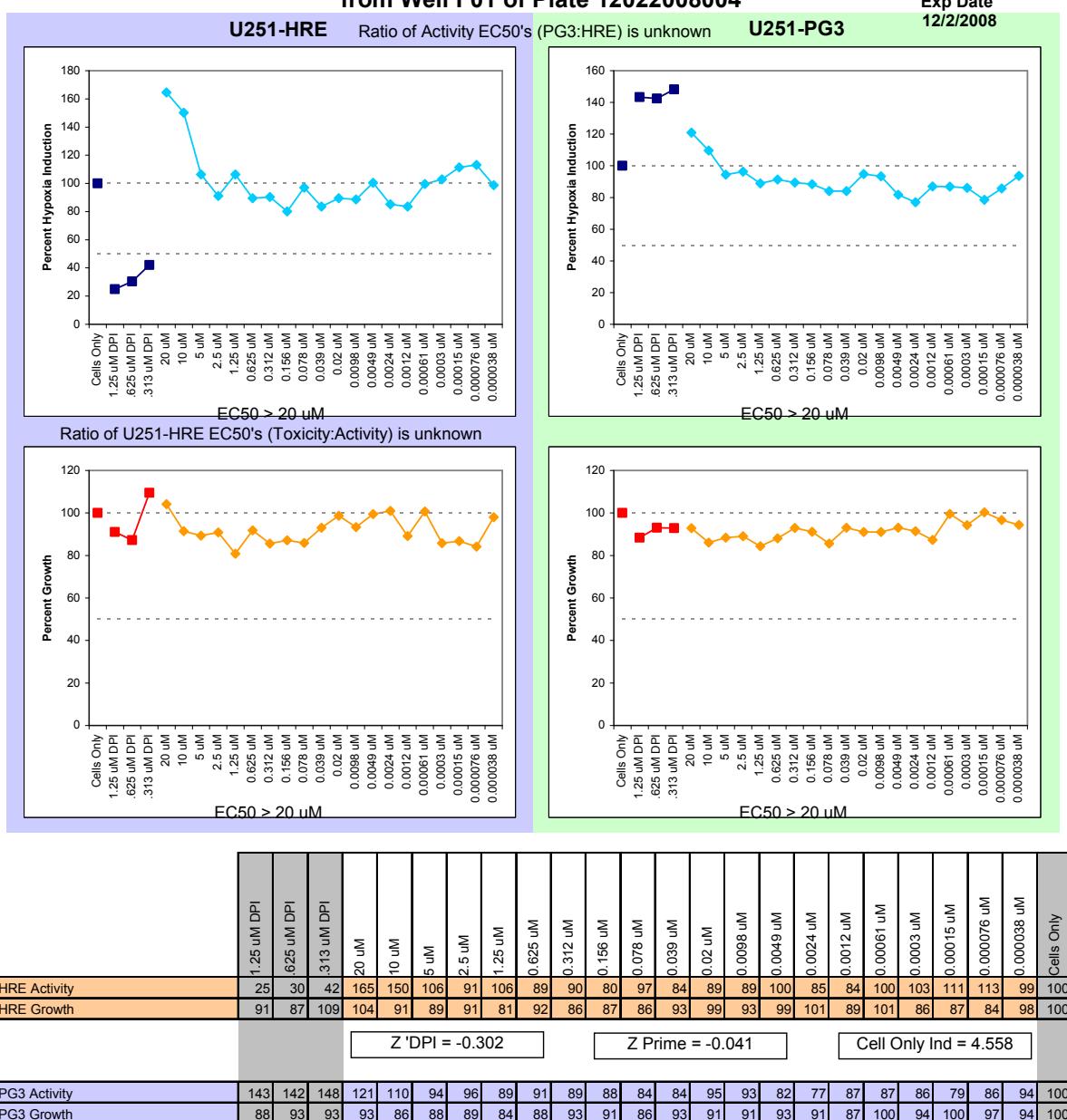


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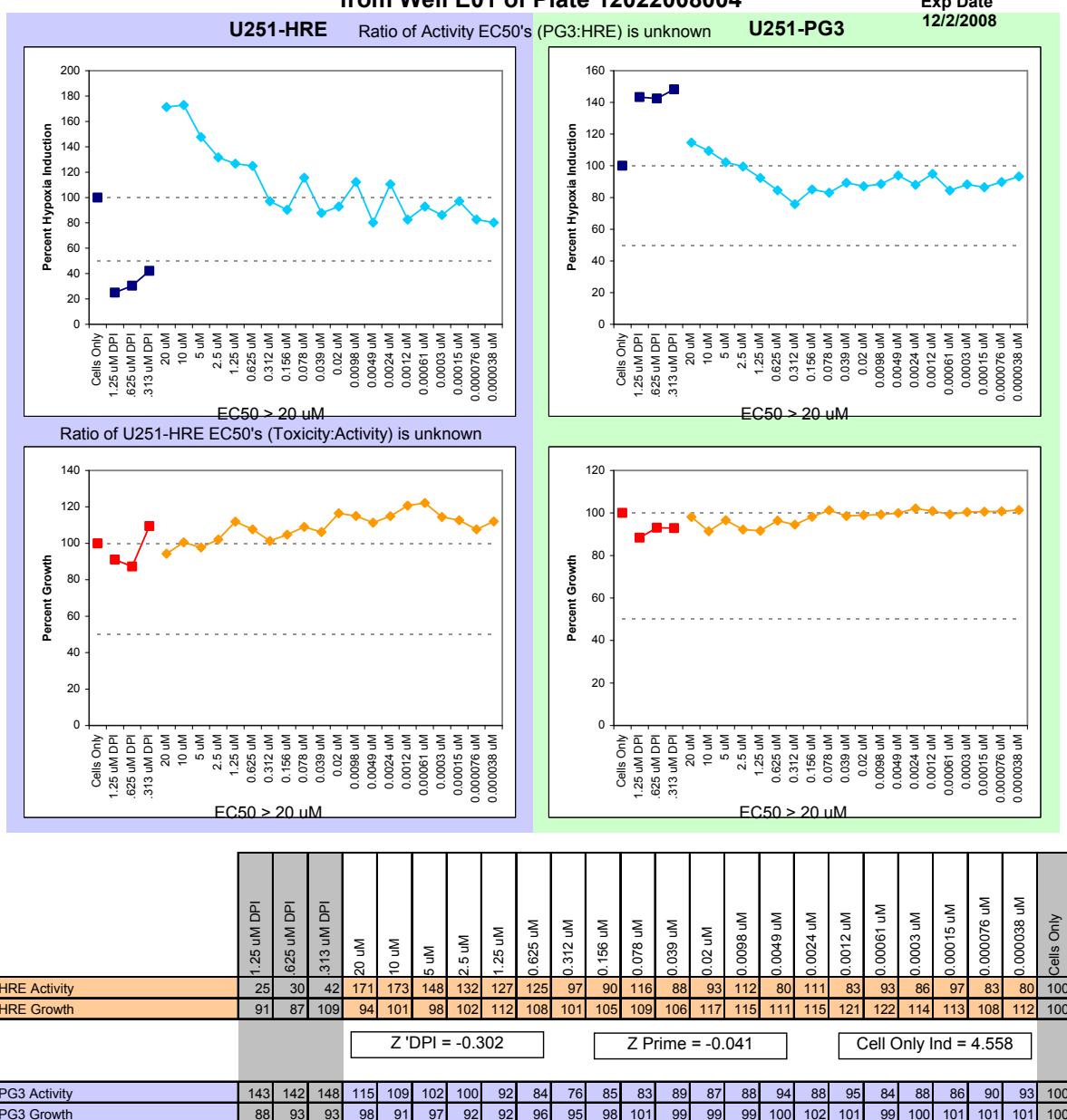
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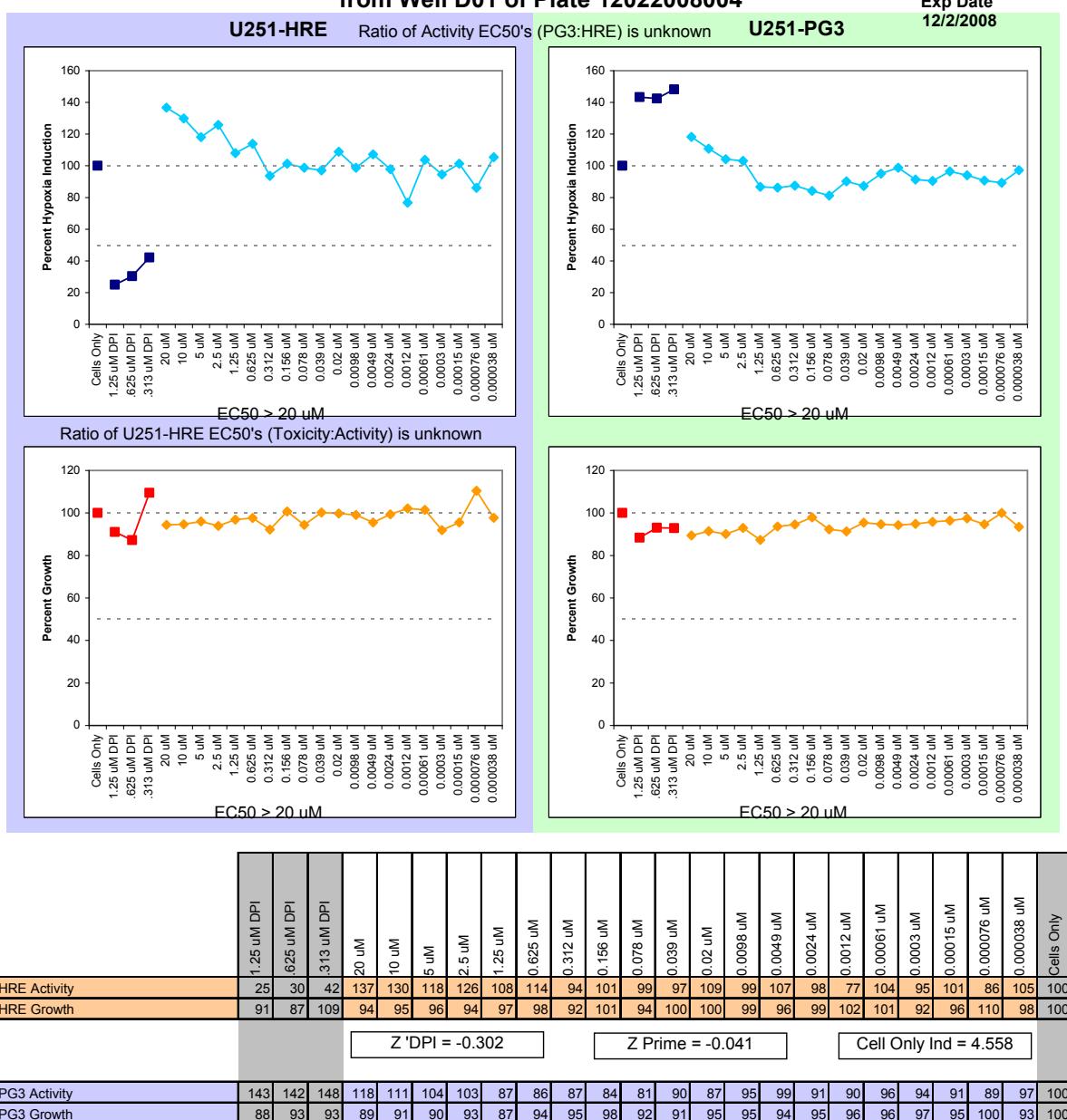
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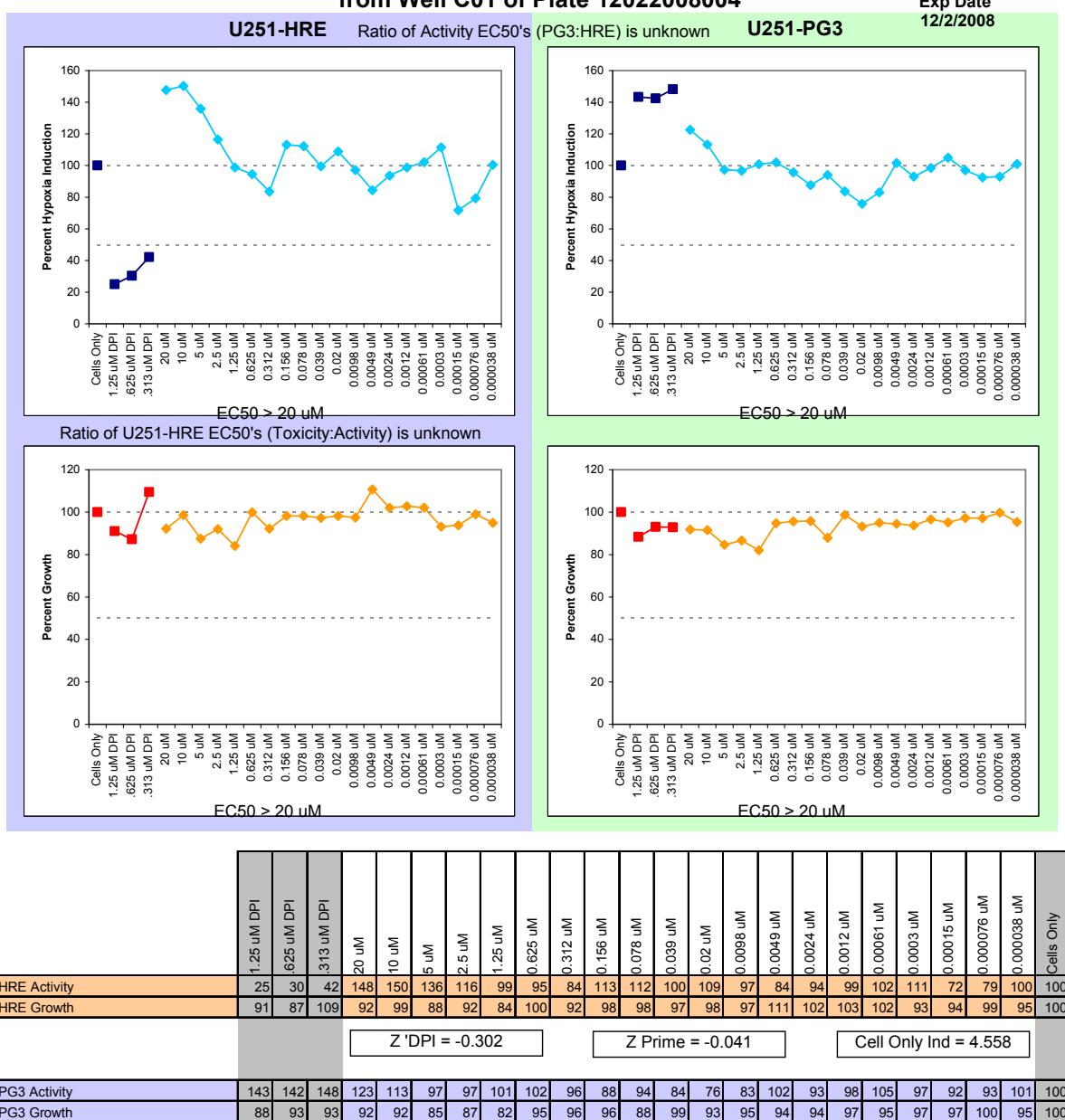
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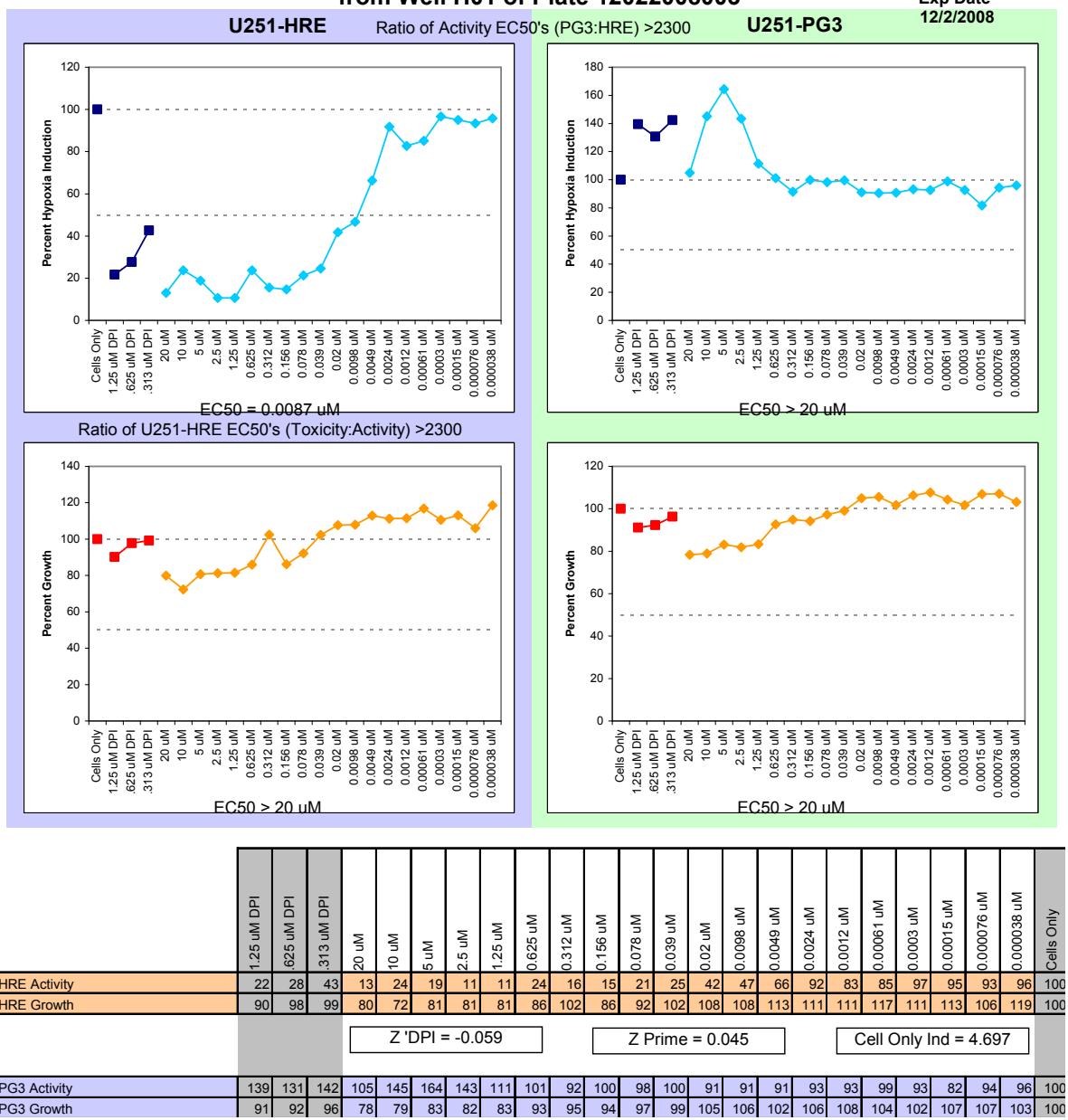


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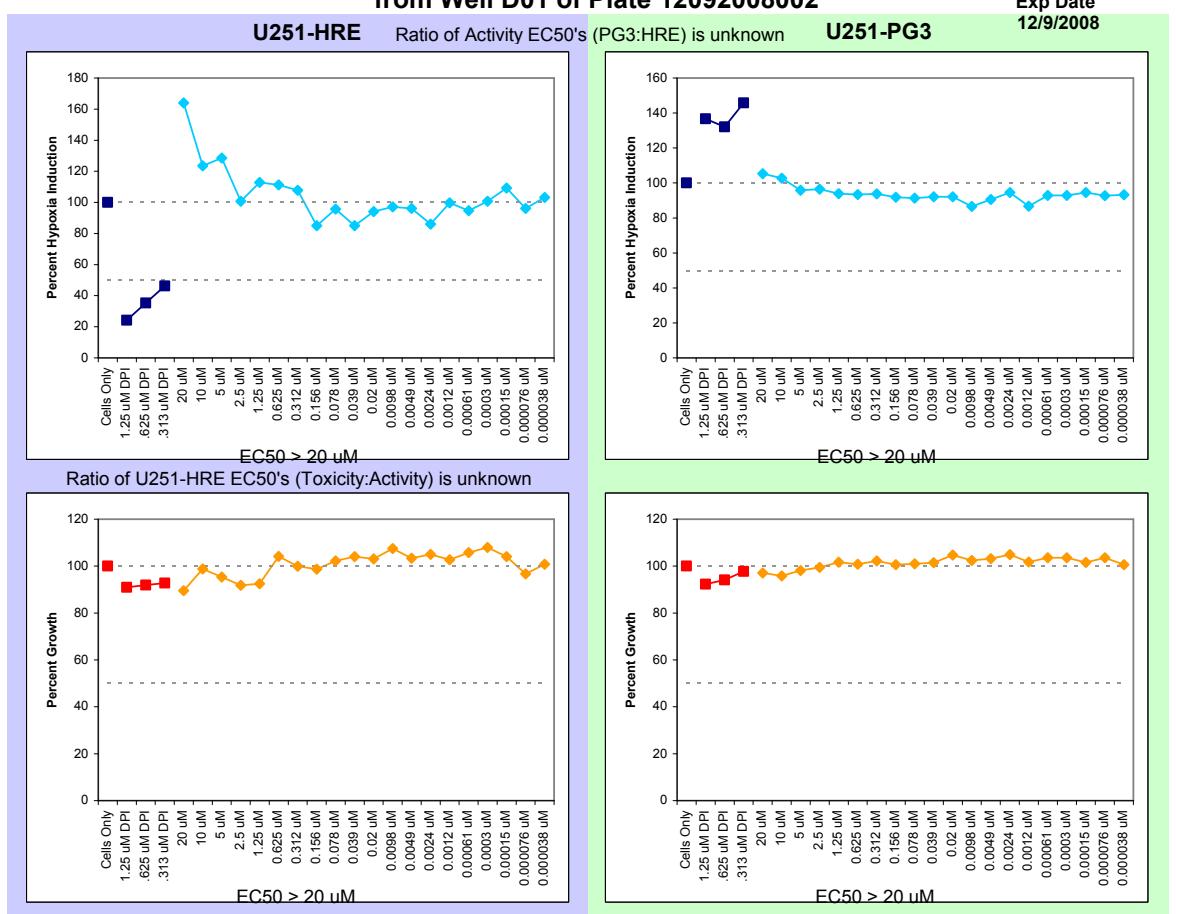


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**Calculated Values for 20 Dose Titration of NSC# S 609699  
from Well H01 of Plate 12022008003**



**Calculated Values for 20 Dose Titration of NSC# Thurston 001-DA-023-01  
from Well D01 of Plate 12092008002**



	1.25 uM DPI	625 uM DPI	313 uM DPI	20 uM	10 uM	5 uM	2.5 uM	1.25 uM	0.625 uM	0.312 uM	0.156 uM	0.078 uM	0.039 uM	0.02 uM	0.0098 uM	0.0049 uM	0.0024 uM	0.0012 uM	0.00061 uM	0.0003 uM	0.00015 uM	0.000076 uM	0.000038 uM	Cells Only		
HRE Activity	24	35	46	164	123	129	101	113	111	108	85	96	85	94	92	91	92	92	91	95	101	109	96	103	100	
HRE Growth	91	92	93	90	99	95	92	92	104	100	99	102	104	103	107	103	105	105	100	103	106	108	104	97	101	100

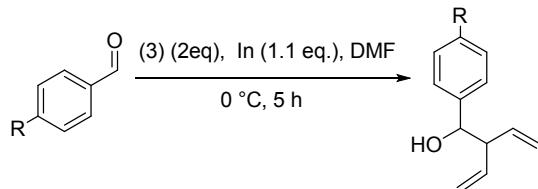
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PG3 Activity	137	132	146	105	103	96	96	94	93	94	92	91	92	92	87	91	95	87	93	93	95	93	93	100	
PG3 Growth	92	94	98	97	96	98	99	102	101	102	101	101	102	105	102	103	105	102	104	104	104	102	104	101	100

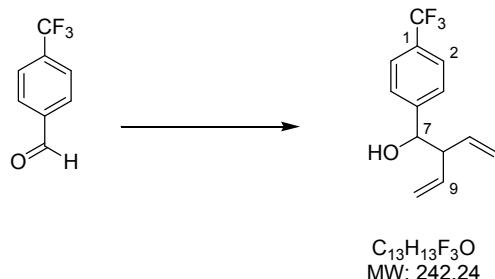
## Synthesis of Cross-Conjugated Trienes

### 1) Preparation of the indium-mediated $\gamma$ -pentadienylation of benzaldehydes



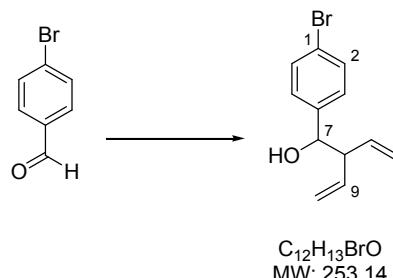
General procedure for the preparation of phenyl-vinylbutenol compounds as previously reported by Bendiabdellah & Zinzalla<sup>1</sup> and references therein.

#### 7-(1-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-8-vinylbut-9-en-7-ol



The product was isolated as a clear yellow oil;  $Y = 74\%$ ;  $R_f$  0.16 (Silicagel, *n*-hexane/EtOAc 10:1); **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.59 (2H, d,  $J = 8.2$ Hz, H<sup>2,6</sup>), 7.43(2H, d,  $J = 8.2$ Hz, H<sup>3,5</sup>), 5.82 (1H, ddd,  $J = 17.2, 10.3, 8.2$  Hz, H<sup>9</sup>), 5.70 (1H, ddd,  $J = 17.2, 10.2, 7.2$  Hz, H<sup>9</sup>), 5.25 (1H, dd,  $J = 10.2, 1.0$ Hz, H<sup>11</sup>), 5.17 (1H, dt,  $J = 17.2, 1.1$ Hz, H<sup>11</sup>), 5.09 (1H, dt,  $J = 10.4, 1.2$ Hz, H<sup>11</sup>), 5.02 (1H, dt,  $J = 17.2, 1.2$ Hz, H<sup>11</sup>), 4.66 (1H, dd,  $J = 6.8, 2.9$ Hz, H<sup>8</sup>), 3.08 (1H, q,  $J = 7.2$ Hz, H<sup>7</sup>), 2.32 (1H, d,  $J = 3.2$ Hz, OH); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR**(100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  144.7 (C<sup>4</sup>), 135.1 (C<sup>9</sup>), 134.9 (C<sup>9</sup>), 128.6 (C<sup>1</sup>, q,  $J = 32$ Hz), 126.1 (C<sup>3&C<sup>5</sup></sup>), 123.95 (C<sup>2&C<sup>6</sup></sup>), 123.2 (CF<sub>3</sub>, q,  $J = 270$ Hz), 117.8 (C<sup>10</sup>), 116.7(C<sup>10</sup>), 74.5 (C<sup>8</sup>), 55.2 (C<sup>7</sup>); **HRMS**: Found 281.0547 [M+K]<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O theoretical mass = 281.0556; **Elemental analysis**, calculated for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O: C 64.46%, H 5.41%; found: C 64.48%, H 5.21%.

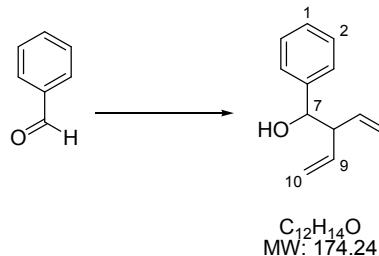
#### 7-(1-bromophenyl)-8-vinylbut-9-en-7-ol



The product was isolated as clear, yellow oil;  $Y = 85\%$ ;  $R_f$  0.13 (Silicagel, *n*-hexane/EtOAc 10:1); **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.46 (2H, d,  $J = 8.4$ Hz, H<sup>2,6</sup>), 7.19(2H, d,  $J = 8.4$ Hz, H<sup>3,5</sup>), 5.80 (1H, ddd,  $J = 17.2, 10.3, 8.2$  Hz, H<sup>9</sup>), 5.64 (1H, ddd,  $J = 17.2, 10.2, 7.2$  Hz, H<sup>9</sup>), 5.25 (1H, dd,  $J = 10.2, 1.0$ Hz, H<sup>10</sup>), 5.17 (1H, dt,  $J = 17.2, 1.1$ Hz, H<sup>10</sup>), 5.07 (1H, dt,  $J = 10.4, 1.2$ Hz, H<sup>10</sup>), 5.01 (1H, dt,  $J = 17.2, 1.2$ Hz, H<sup>10</sup>), 4.56 (1H, dd,  $J = 6.8, 2.9$ Hz, H<sup>8</sup>), 3.04 (1H, q,  $J = 7.2$ Hz, H<sup>7</sup>).

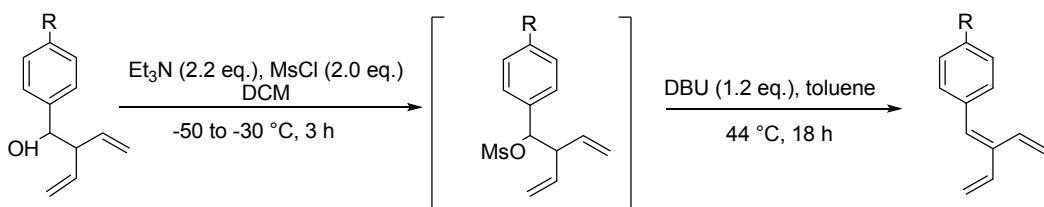
7.2Hz, H<sup>7</sup>), 2.18 (1H, d, *J* = 3.2Hz, OH); **MS** (ESI): *m/z* = 251.19 [M-H<sup>+</sup>, 100%], calculated for same isomer = 253.022 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

### 7-phenyl-8-vinylbut-9-en-7-ol



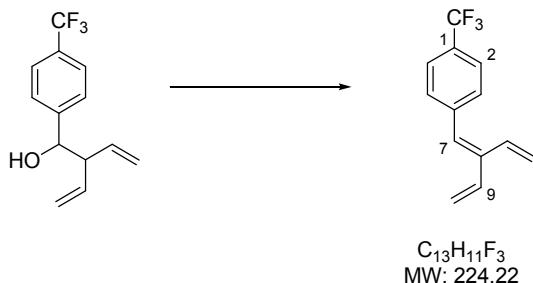
The product was isolated as a clear, yellow oil; **R<sub>f</sub>** 0.18 (Silica gel, *n*-hexane/EtOAc 10:1). Spectroscopic data in accordance with those reported in literature.

### 2) Formation of the cross-conjugated triene system



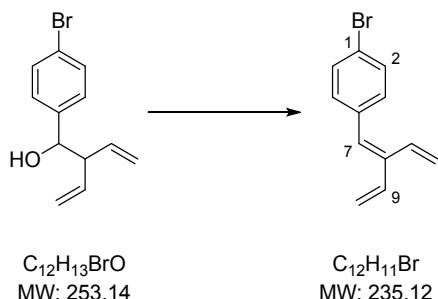
General procedure as previously reported by Bendiabdellah and Zinzalla.<sup>1</sup>

### 1-(trifluoromethyl)-4-(8-vinylbuta-7,9-dienyl)benzol



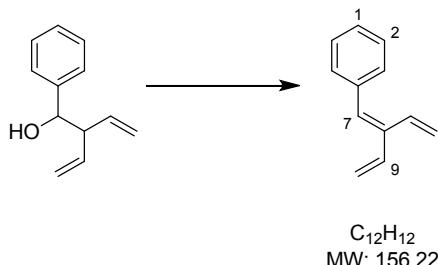
The product was isolated as a clear oil; Y = 88%; **R<sub>f</sub>** 0.11 (Silicagel, *n*-hexane/EtOAc 10:1); **1H NMR** (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.59 (2H, d, *J* = 8.2Hz, H<sup>2, 6</sup>), 7.43(2H, d, *J* = 8.2Hz, H<sup>3, 5</sup>), 6.71-6.63 (1H, dd, *J* = 17.1, 11.2 Hz, H<sup>9/9'</sup>), 6.65 (1H, s, H<sup>7</sup>), 6.63-6.55 (1H, ddd, *J* = 17.2, 10.7, 0.7Hz, H<sup>9/9'</sup>), 5.61 (1H, dd, *J* = 17.2, 1.3Hz, H<sup>10/10'</sup>), 5.52 (1H, dd, *J* = 17.6, 1.2Hz, H<sup>10/10'</sup>), 5.44 (1H, dt, *J* = 11.2, 1.2Hz, H<sup>10/10'</sup>), 5.30 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.7, 1.3Hz, H<sup>10/10'</sup>); **13C NMR** (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 140.67 (C<sup>4</sup>), 139.9 (C<sup>8</sup>), 137.7 (C<sup>9</sup>), 132.8 (C<sup>9</sup>), 129.7 (C<sup>3&C<sup>5</sup></sup>), 129.2 (C<sup>1</sup>, q, *J* = 32Hz), 127.8 (C<sup>7</sup>), 125.0 (C<sup>2&C<sup>6</sup></sup>), 124.2 (CF<sub>3</sub>, q, *J* = 270Hz), 119.6 (C<sup>10</sup>), 117.4 (C<sup>10</sup>).

### 1-bromo-4-(2-vinylbuta-1,3-dienyl)benzene



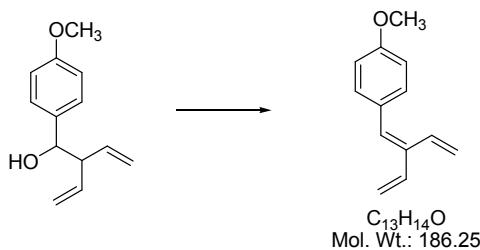
The product was isolated as a clear oil;  $\mathbf{Y} = 92\%$ ;  $\mathbf{R}_f 0.06$  (Silicagel, *n*-hexane/EtOAc 10:1);  $^1\mathbf{H}$  **NMR** (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.46 (2H, d,  $J = 8.5$ Hz, H<sup>2</sup>, <sup>6</sup>), 7.23 (2H, d,  $J = 8.5$ Hz, H<sup>3,5</sup>), 6.62 (1H, dd,  $J = 17.6, 11.0$  Hz, H<sup>9/9'</sup>), 6.54 (1H, s, H<sup>7</sup>), 6.53 (1H, ddd,  $J = 17.3, 10.7, 0.9$ Hz, H<sup>9/9'</sup>), 5.55 (1H, dd,  $J = 17.3, 1.3$ Hz, H<sup>10/10'</sup>), 5.48 (1H, dd,  $J = 17.6, 1.2$ Hz, H<sup>10/10'</sup>), 5.38 (1H, dt,  $J = 11.2, 1.2$ Hz, H<sup>10/10'</sup>), 5.23 (1H, dd,  $J = 10.7, 1.3$ Hz, H<sup>10/10'</sup>);  $^{13}\mathbf{C}$  **NMR**(100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  138.6 (C<sup>4</sup>), 137.7 (C<sup>7</sup>), 133.1 (C<sup>9</sup>), 132.8 (C<sup>9</sup>), 131.3 (C<sup>3</sup>, C<sup>5</sup>), 131.2 (C<sup>2</sup>, C<sup>6</sup>), 128.2 (C<sup>9</sup>), 121.0 (C1), 119.1 (C<sup>10</sup>), 116.5 (C<sup>10</sup>); **MS** (EI):  $m/z = 233.60$  [M-H<sup>+</sup>, 100%], calculated = 235.0122 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

### (8-vinylbuta-7,9-dienyl)benzene



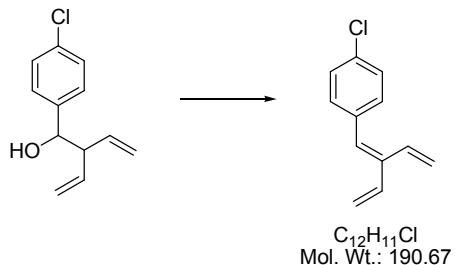
The product was isolated as clear oil.  $\mathbf{Y} = 88\%$ ;  $\mathbf{R}_f 0.12$  (Silicagel, *n*-hexane/EtOAc 10:1). Spectroscopic data in accordance with those reported in literature.

### Synthesis of 1-methoxy-4-(2-vinylbuta-1,3-dienyl)benzene



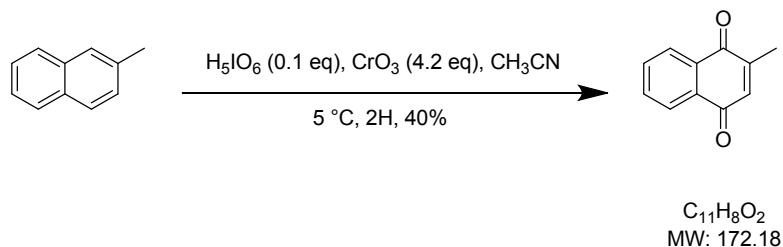
The product was isolated as clear oil (900 mg, 44%). **IR** (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3082, 3003, 2956, 2835, 1601, 1505, 1301, 1247, 1174, 1033, 989, 908, 828.  $^1\mathbf{H}$  **NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  3.85 (s, 3 H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 5.20 (dd of a AMX system, 1 H,  $J = 1.68, 10.74$  Hz, H<sup>4'E</sup>), 5.37 (dt of a AMX system, 1 H,  $J = 1.52, 11.15$  Hz, geminal coupling of H<sup>4E</sup>), 5.47 (ddd of a AMX system, 1 H,  $J = 0.38, 1.73, 17.72$  Hz, H<sup>4Z</sup>), 5.53 (dd of a AMX system, 1 H,  $J = 1.63, 17.20$  Hz, H<sup>4'Z</sup>), 6.57 (ddd of a AMX system, 1 H,  $J = 17.24, 10.69, 0.85$  Hz, H<sup>3'</sup>), 6.62 (s, 1 H, H<sup>1</sup>), 6.73 (ddd of a AMX system, 1 H,  $J = 17.76, 11.13, 0.83$  Hz, H<sup>3</sup>), 6.91 (d, 2 H,  $J = 8.83$  Hz, HAr<sup>3</sup> and HAr<sup>5</sup>), 6.91 (d, 2 H,  $J = 8.41$  Hz, HAr<sup>2</sup> and HAr<sup>6</sup>).  $^{13}\mathbf{C}$  **NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  158.9 (CAr<sup>4</sup>), 138.1 (C<sup>3'</sup>), 136.4 (C<sup>2</sup>), 133.7 (C<sup>3</sup>), 131.1 (CAr<sup>2</sup> and CAr<sup>6</sup>), 129.8 (CAr<sup>1</sup>), 129.2 (C1), 117.9 (C4), 115.4 (C<sup>4'</sup>), 113.6 (CAr<sup>3</sup> and CAr<sup>5</sup>), 55.3 (OCH<sub>3</sub>). **MS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>)  $m/z$  (relative intensity): 160.69 ([M - CHCH<sub>2</sub> + H]<sup>+</sup>, 100%).

## Synthesis of 1-chloro-4-(2-vinylbuta-1,3-dienyl)benzene



The product was isolated as clear oil (106 mg, 53%). **IR** (ATR,  $\lambda_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3091, 3008, 1486, 1422, 1091, 1013, 988, 911, 873, 825, 784. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  5.19 (dd of a AMX system, 1 H,  $J = 1.1, 10.6$  Hz, H<sub>4'E</sub>), 5.34 (dt of a AMX system, 1 H,  $J = 1.1, 11.1$  Hz, geminal coupling of H<sub>4'E</sub>), 5.42 (ddd of a AMX system, 1 H,  $J = 0.8, 1.5, 17.7$  Hz, H<sub>4Z</sub>), 5.50 (dd of a AMX system, 1 H,  $J = 1.5, 17.4$  Hz, H<sub>4'Z</sub>), 6.50 (dd of a AMX system, 1 H,  $J = 10.7, 17.3$  Hz, H<sub>3'</sub>), 6.52 (s, 1 H, H<sub>1</sub>), 6.59 (dd of a AMX system, 1 H,  $J = 11.2, 17.8$  Hz, H<sub>3</sub>), 7.30 (s, 4 H, HAr<sub>2</sub>, HAr<sub>3</sub>, HAr<sub>5</sub> and HAr<sub>6</sub>). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz):  $\delta$  138.6 (C<sub>2</sub>), 137.7 (C<sub>3'</sub>), 136.2 (CAr<sub>4</sub>), 133.1 (C<sub>3</sub>), 132.9 (CAr<sub>1</sub>), 130.9 (CAr<sub>3</sub> and CAr<sub>5</sub>), 128.3 (CAr<sub>2</sub> and CAr<sub>6</sub>), 128.1 (C<sub>1</sub>), 119.0 (C<sub>4</sub>), 116.5 (C<sub>4'</sub>).

## General procedure for the Synthesis 2-methyl- and 2,3-dimethyl- naphthoquinone

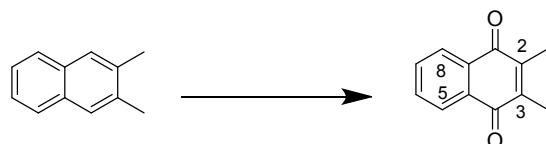


$\text{H}_5\text{IO}_6$  (3.52 mmol, 1.0 eq.) was dissolved in acetonitrile (65 ml) with vigorous stirring, and  $\text{CrO}_3$  (0.352 mmol, 0.1 eq.) was dissolved to the solution. The resulted solution was cooled at 5 °C. 2-Methylnaphthalene (3.52 mmol, 1.0 eq.) dissolved in acetonitrile (5 ml) was added to the previous solution with stirring. A white precipitate formed immediately with exothermic reaction. After 2h stirring at 5°C, the supernatant liquid of the reaction mixture was decanted to a flask, and the solvent was removed by evaporation. The residues after decantation and evaporation were dissolved in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , combined and then extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (10 ml×2). The collected organic extracts were washed with aq.NaOH. The aqueous phase was acidified with 1 M aq. HCl and extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . 2-Naphthoic acid (55 mg, 9%) was obtained from acidified aqueous solution by  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  extraction. The organic layer was washed with brine, and dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ . The solvent was concentrated under reduced pressure. The raw product obtained was recrystallized from ethanol to afford 2-methyl-1,4-naphthoquinone (40%) as yellow crystals.<sup>2</sup>

### 2-methyl-naphthoquinone

**Y** = 40%; **R<sub>f</sub>** 0.24 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/n$ -hexane 50:50); **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.06 – 8.13 (2H,m, H<sup>6</sup>& H<sup>7</sup>), 7.75 (2H,dd, H<sup>7</sup>&H<sup>6</sup>), 6.87 (1H, s,H<sup>3</sup>), 2.22 (3H, s,CH<sub>3</sub>); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  195.0 (C<sup>1</sup>& C<sup>4</sup>), 156.0 (C<sup>2</sup>&C<sup>3</sup>), 138.0 (C<sup>4a</sup>&C<sup>8a</sup>), 135.7 (C<sup>7</sup>), 133.7 (C<sup>6</sup>), 126.5 (C<sup>5</sup>), 126.1 (C<sup>8</sup>), 18.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

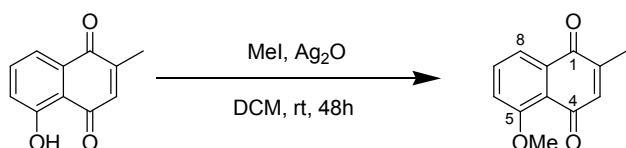
### 2,3-dimethyl-1,4-naphthoquinone



$C_{12}H_{10}O_2$   
MW: 186.21

The product was isolated as a yellow solid.  $Y = 45\%$ ;  $R_f 0.25$  (Silica gel,  $CH_2Cl_2$ ); **IR**: 2924, 1656, 1620, 1592, 1458, 1371, 1334, 1293, 790, 695  $cm^{-1}$ .  **$^1H$  NMR** (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.06 – 8.13 (2H,m, H<sup>6,7</sup>), 7.75 (2H,dd, H<sup>7,6</sup>), 6.87 (1H, s,H<sup>3</sup>), 2.22 (3H, s, $CH_3$ );  **$^{13}C$  NMR** (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  184.7 (C<sup>1,4</sup>), 143.3 (C<sup>2,3</sup>), 133.2 (C<sup>5,6</sup>), 132.0 (C<sup>7,8</sup>), 126.1 (C<sup>4a, 8a</sup>), 12.8 (2  $\times$   $CH_3$ ) ; **HRMS**: found  $MH^+$  181.0756,  $C_{12}H_{11}O_2$  requires 181.0759. Spectroscopic data in accordance with those reported in literature.<sup>3</sup>

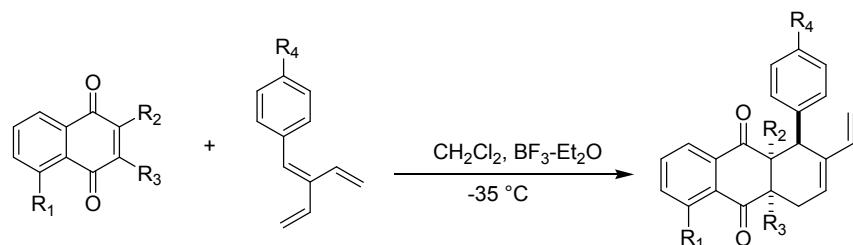
### 5-methoxy-2-methylnaphthoquinone



$C_{12}H_{10}O_3$   
MW: 202.21

The product was isolated as yellow compound;  $Y = 99\%$ ;  $R_f 0.27$  (Silica gel,  $CH_2Cl_2$ ); **IR**: 2950, 1663, 1583, 1282, 1256  $cm^{-1}$ ; **Mp.** 93–95 °C;  **$^1H$  NMR** (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.74 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, H<sup>8</sup>), 7.65 (t, 1H,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, H<sup>7</sup>), 7.29 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, H<sup>7</sup>), 6.73 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 1.5 Hz, H<sup>3</sup>), 4.00 (s, 3H,  $CH_3O$ ), 2.13 (s, 3H,  $CH_3$ );  **$^{13}C$  NMR** (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  185.7 (C<sup>1/4</sup>), 184.4 (C<sup>1/4</sup>), 159.3 (C<sup>5</sup>), 145.3 (C<sup>2</sup>), 137.8 (C<sup>3</sup>), 134.5 (C<sup>7</sup>), 134.3 (C<sup>8a</sup>), 119.8 (C<sup>4a</sup>), 119.3 (C<sup>8</sup>), 117.6 (C<sup>6</sup>), 56.4 ( $CH_3O$ ), 15.7 ( $CH_3$ ); **Elemental analysis**, Calcd for  $C_{12}H_{10}O_3$ : C 71.28%, H 4.98%; found C 71.01%, H 5.05%. Spectroscopic data in accordance with those reported in literature.<sup>3</sup>

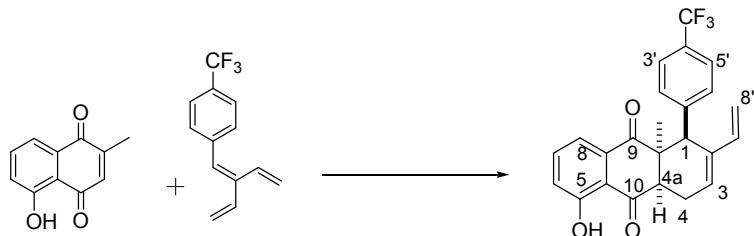
### General procedure for the synthesis of the tricyclic compounds: 1<sup>st</sup> Diels-Alders reaction



The procedure employed for the preparation of the tricyclic compounds by Kormann *et al.*<sup>3</sup> was modified as follow. A solution of quinone (0.14 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and cross-conjugated triene (0.21 mmol, 1.5 eq.) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (5 ml) was cooled to  $-35$  °C (acetonitrile in immersion cooler) under inert atmosphere. Boron trifluorideEt<sub>2</sub>Oate (0.37 mmol, 2.5 eq.) was added dropwise within 5min. After stirring for 1 h, the reaction mixture was treated with an additional amount

of cross-conjugated triene (0.068mmol, 0.5 eq.). The solution was allowed to stir overnight at -35 °C. After addition of H<sub>2</sub>O (5 ml) the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 0 °C under vigorous stirring. Treatment with *n*-hexane (5 ml) followed by cooling to -60 °C (acetone/MeOH 1:1 and dry ice) resulted in freezing of the aqueous layer. The supernatant organic phase was removed by pipetting and evaporated under reduced pressure. Purification of the resulting residue was performed by adsorption to silica gel; the un-reacted triene and nonpolar side-products were removed by washing with *n*-hexane (500 ml). Elution using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (500 ml) and subsequent evaporation of the solvent afforded the tricyclic compound.

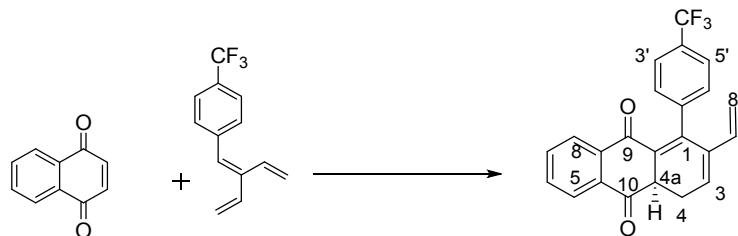
**(1SR,4aRS,9aSR)-5-hydroxy-9a-methyl-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2-vinyl-1,4,4a,9a-tetrahydroanthracene-9,10-dione**



C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>19</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>  
MW: 412.40

The product is a yellow solid; Y = 65%; R<sub>f</sub> 0.51 (Silica gel, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>), Mp = 114-118 °C; IR 2917, 2873, 1690, 1642, 1453, 1418, 1320, 1264, 1162, 1063, 902, 816, 725 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 11.59 (1H, s, OH), 7.34 (2H, dd, J=7.6, 1.6 Hz, H<sup>6/8</sup>), 7.30 (1H, t, J = 7.6Hz, H<sup>7</sup>), 7.06 (2H, d, J= 8.2Hz, H<sup>5',3'</sup>), 6.94 (2H, d, J= 8.3Hz, H<sup>6',2'</sup>), 6.89 (1H, dd, J= 7.8, 1.6Hz, H<sup>8</sup>), 6.27 (1H, dd, J= 17.6, 10.9Hz, H<sup>7'</sup>), 6.16 (1H, t, J= 3.9Hz, H<sup>3</sup>), 4.81 (1H, d, J = 10.9Hz, H<sup>8'cis</sup>), 4.65 (1H, d, J = 17.6Hz, H<sup>8'trans</sup>), 4.21 (1H, d, J = 6.1Hz, H<sup>4</sup>), 3.78 (1H, s, H<sup>1</sup>), 3.14 (1H, d, J= 7.9Hz, H<sup>4a</sup>), 2.43 (1H, dd, J= 20.16, 7.9Hz, H<sup>4</sup>), 1.65 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 202.1 (C<sup>9/10</sup>), 199.5 (C<sup>9/10</sup>), 159.8 (0), 142.3 (0), 137.5 (C<sup>6</sup>), 135.8 (C<sup>8</sup>), 134.2 (0), 134.1 (0), 129.5 (C<sup>6',2'</sup>), 128.2 (C<sup>3</sup>), 124.5 (q, J= 4Hz, C<sup>5',3'</sup>), 123.8 (q, J= 270Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 123.1 (C<sup>7</sup>), 118.2 (C<sup>7'</sup>), 117.5 (0), 113.3 (C<sup>8'</sup>), 52.1 (0), 49.5 (C<sup>1</sup>), 48.1 (C<sup>4a</sup>), 23.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.3 (C<sup>4</sup>); MS (EI): m/z 411.53 (M-H<sup>+</sup>) (100); HRMS: Found MH<sup>+</sup> 413.1356, C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>19</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> requires MH, 413.1364.

**(RS)-4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-vinyl-1,9a-dihydroanthracene-9,10-dione**

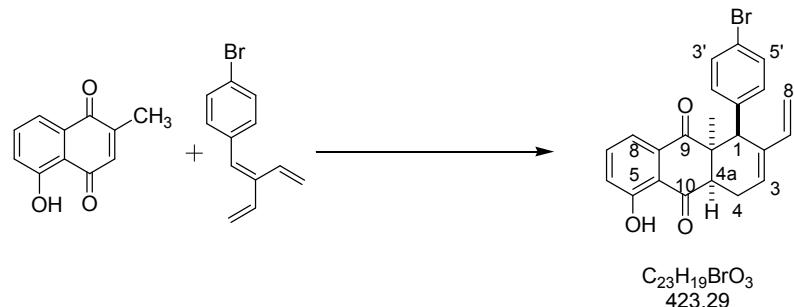


C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>  
MW: 380.36

The product is a yellow solid; Y = 56%; R<sub>f</sub> 0.52 (Silica gel, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); Mp = 127-130 °C; IR 2359, 2330, 1661, 1594, 1416, 1290, 1163, 1121, 1017, 840 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.07 (1H, m, H<sup>5/8</sup>), 8.03 (1H, m, H<sup>5/8</sup>), 7.69 (2H, m, H<sup>7,6</sup>), 7.50 (4H, dd, J= 11.96, 8.8Hz, H<sup>6',2',5',3'</sup>), 6.34 (1H, dd, J= 17.6, 10.9Hz, H<sup>7'</sup>), 6.21 (1H, t, J= 2.5Hz, H<sup>3</sup>), 5.30 (1H, t, H<sup>4a</sup>), 5.26 (1H, d, J = 17.6Hz, H<sup>8'</sup>), 5.04 (1H, d, J= 10.9Hz, H<sup>8'</sup>), 3.7 (1H, dt, J= 24.8, 4.6Hz, H<sup>4</sup>), 3.46 (1H, ddd, J= 22.8, 4.6, 2.5, H<sup>4</sup>); MS (EI): m/z 381.25 (M+H<sup>+</sup>) (100); HRMS: Found

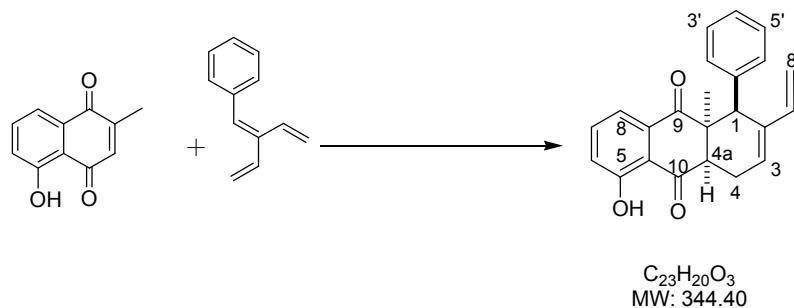
$MNa^+$  403.0928,  $C_{23}H_{15}F_3O_2$  requires  $MNa$ , 403.0922; **Purity** 95 %. Spectroscopic data in accordance with those reported in literature.<sup>3</sup>

**(1S,4aR,9aS)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-5-hydroxy-9a-methyl-2-vinyl-1,4,4a,9a-tetrahydroanthracene-9,10-dione**



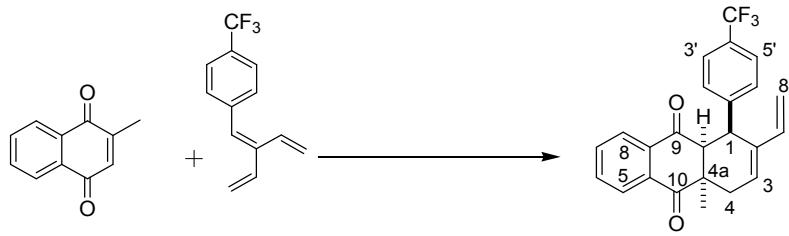
The product is a dark yellow solid; **Y** = 92%; **R<sub>f</sub>** 0.26 (Silica gel,  $CH_2Cl_2/n$ -hexane 5:5); **IR** 2975, 2923, 1688, 1639, 1452, 750  $cm^{-1}$ ; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  11.60 (1H, s, OH), 7.60 (2H, m, H<sup>3',5'</sup>), 7.36 (1H, m, H<sup>8</sup>), 7.26 (2H, d,  $J$ = 4.3Hz, H<sup>2',6'</sup>), 6.94 (1H, m, H<sup>7</sup>), 6.68 (1H, m, H<sup>6</sup>), 6.24 (1H, m, H<sup>7'</sup>), 6.12 (1H, d,  $J$ = 3.3 Hz, H<sup>3</sup>), 4.80 (1H, dd,  $J$ = 10.9, 3.3 Hz, H<sup>8'</sup>), 4.67 (1H, dd,  $J$ = 17.5, 3.2 Hz, H<sup>8</sup>), 3.70 (1H, s, H<sup>1</sup>), 3.58 (1H, dd,  $J$ = 16.1, 4.1 Hz, H<sup>4</sup>), 3.02 (1H, dd,  $J$ = 7.7, 3.7 Hz, H<sup>4a</sup>), 2.41 (dd, 1H,  $J$ = 18.3, 2.5 Hz, H<sup>4</sup>), 1.62 (3H, s,  $CH_3$ ); **MS** (EI): *m/z* 424.38 ( $M-H^+$ ) (100); **Purity** 95 %. Spectroscopic data in accordance with those reported in literature<sup>3</sup>.

**(1S,4aR,9aS)-5-hydroxy-9a-methyl-1-phenyl-2-vinyl-1,4,4a,9a-tetrahydro-anthracene-9,10-dione**



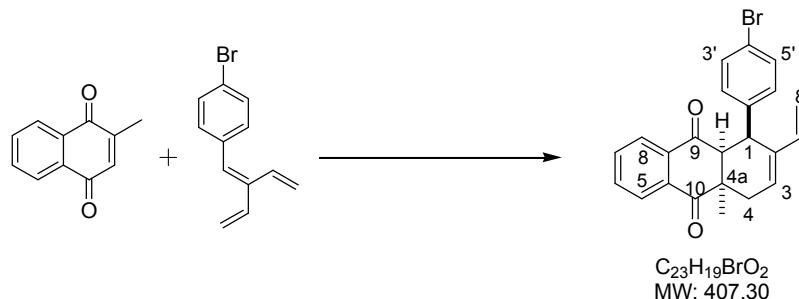
The product is a yellow solid; **Y** = 62%; **R<sub>f</sub>** 0.27 (Silica gel,  $CH_2Cl_2/n$ -hexane 5:5); **IR**: 2971, 2926, 2868, 1690, 1641, 1452, 753  $cm^{-1}$ ; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  11.67 (1H, s, OH), 7.37 (1H, dd,  $J$ = 8.2, 1.1 Hz, H<sup>7</sup>), 7.30 (1H, t,  $J$ = 8.0Hz, H<sup>8</sup>), 6.88 (1H, dd,  $J$ = 8.2, 1.1Hz, H<sup>6</sup>), 6.81 (5H, m, H<sup>2'-6'</sup>), 6.26 (1H, dd,  $J$ = 17.6, 10.9Hz, H<sup>7'</sup>), 6.12 (1H, t,  $J$ = 3.9Hz , H<sup>3</sup>), 4.73 (1H, d,  $J$ = 17.6 Hz, H<sup>8'</sup>), 3.76 (1H,s, H<sup>1</sup>), 3.61 (1H, dd, 20.1, 4.6, H<sup>4</sup>), 3.01 (1H, d,  $J$ = 8.0Hz, H<sup>4a</sup>), 2.43 (dd, 1H,  $J$ = 20.3, 7.8Hz, H<sup>4</sup>); 1.64 (3H, s,  $CH_3$ ); **MS** (EI): *m/z* 343.64 ( $M-H^+$ ) (100); **Purity** 95 %. Spectroscopic data in accordance with those reported in literature<sup>3</sup>.

**(1SR,4aRS,9aSR)-4a-methyl-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2-vinyl-1,4,4a,9a-tetrahydroanthracene-9,10-dione**



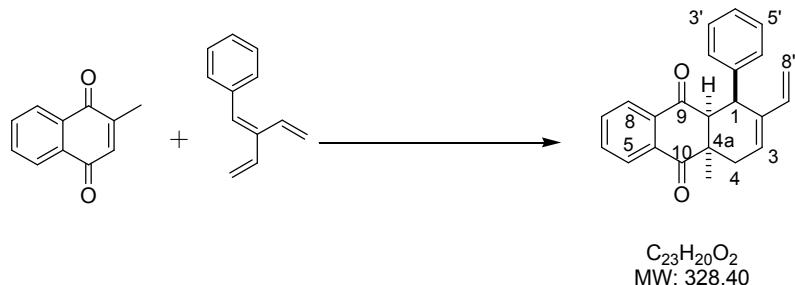
The product was obtained as yellow solid; **Y** = 86%; **R<sub>f</sub>** 0.36 (Silica gel, chloroform); **Mp** = 79.2 – 78.3 °C; **IR** 3385, 2919, 2358, 1688, 1616, 1592, 1420, 1252, 1163, 1122, 1068, 979, 720 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **1H NMR** (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.69 (1H, m, H<sup>7/6</sup>), 7.54 (1H, m, H<sup>7/6</sup>), 7.37 (2H, m, H<sup>5,8</sup>), 6.97 (2H, d, *J* = 8.2Hz, H<sup>3'</sup>, H<sup>5'</sup>), 6.87 (2H, d, *J* = 8.2Hz, H<sup>2',6'</sup>), 6.21 (1H, dd, *J* = 17.6, 10.9Hz, H<sup>7</sup>), 6.12 (1H, t, *J* = 4Hz, H<sup>3</sup>), 4.77 (1H, d, *J* = 10.9Hz, H<sup>8'cis</sup>), 4.63 (1H, d, *J* = 17.6Hz, H<sup>8'trans</sup>), 4.23 (1H, d, *J* = 6.4Hz, H<sup>9a</sup>), 3.67 (1H, dd, *J* = 20.1, 4.6Hz, H<sup>4</sup>), 3.42 (1H, d, *J* = 6.5Hz, H<sup>1</sup>), 2.08 (d, 1H, *J* = 20.1Hz, H<sup>4</sup>), 1.26 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>); **13C NMR** (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 199.4 (C<sup>9/10</sup>), 199.3 (C<sup>9/10</sup>), 142.2, 137.2 (C<sup>7</sup>), 134.9, 134.6, 134.1 (C<sup>5/8</sup>), 133.6, 133.5 (C<sup>5/8</sup>), 130.3 (C<sup>2</sup>), 129.9 (C<sup>2',6'</sup>), 126.8 (C<sup>7/6</sup>), 126.1 (C<sup>7/6</sup>), 125.1 (C<sup>3',5'</sup>), 123.9 (CF<sub>3</sub>, q, *J* = 270Hz), 113.6 (C<sup>8</sup>), 59.5 (C<sup>1</sup>), 45.8 (C<sup>4a</sup>), 43.9 (C<sup>9a</sup>), 32.1 (C<sup>4</sup>), 30.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>); **MS** (EI): *m/z* 397.47 (M+H<sup>+</sup>) (100). **HRMS**: Found MNa<sup>+</sup> 419.1254, C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>19</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> requires MNa, 419.1235; **Purity** 95 %.

**(1SR,4aRS,9aSR)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-4a-methyl-2-vinyl-1,4,4a,9a-tetrahydroanthracene-9,10-dione**



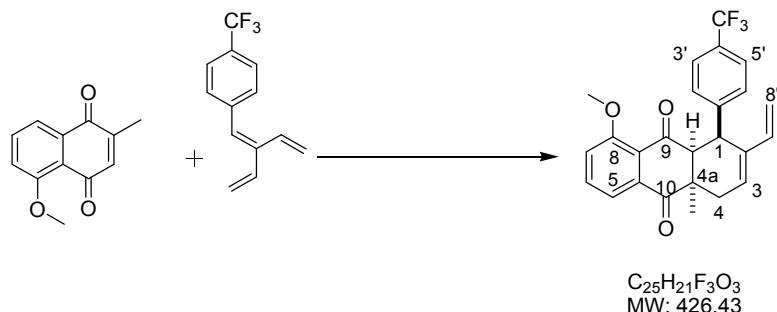
The product was obtained as yellow solid; **Y** = 83%; **R<sub>f</sub>** 0.33 (Silica gel, chloroform); **Mp** = 85.2–86.4 °C; **IR**: 2964, 2359, 2335, 1591, 1485, 1407, 1281, 1249, 1072, 1009, 800, 736 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **1H NMR** (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.72 (1H, m, H<sup>7/6</sup>), 7.58 (1H, m, H<sup>7/6</sup>), 7.45 (2H, m, H<sup>5,8</sup>), 6.84 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4Hz, H<sup>3',5'</sup>), 6.61 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4Hz, H<sup>2',6'</sup>), 6.19 (1H, dd, *J* = 17.6, 10.9Hz, H<sup>7</sup>), 6.08 (1H, t, *J* = 4Hz, H<sup>3</sup>), 4.76 (1H, d, *J* = 10.9Hz, H<sup>8'cis</sup>), 4.65 (1H, d, *J* = 17.6Hz, H<sup>8'trans</sup>), 4.14 (1H, d, *J* = 6.2Hz, H<sup>9a</sup>), 3.64 (1H, dd, *J* = 20.1, 4.4Hz, H<sup>4</sup>), 3.38 (1H, d, *J* = 6.4Hz, H<sup>1</sup>), 2.05 (1H, d, *J* = 20.0Hz, H<sup>4</sup>), 1.25 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>); **13C NMR** (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 199.4 (C<sup>9/10</sup>), 199.1 (C<sup>9/10</sup>), 137.3 (C<sup>3</sup>), 137.1, 135.0, 134.9, 133.9 (C<sup>5/8</sup>), 133.7, 133.6 (C<sup>5/8</sup>), 131.2 (C<sup>2'/6'/3'/5'</sup>), 131.1 (C<sup>2'/6'/3'/5'</sup>), 130.0 (C<sup>7</sup>), 126.9 (C<sup>7/6</sup>), 126.1 (C<sup>7/6</sup>), 121.2 (0), 113.5 (C<sup>8</sup>), 59.6 (C<sup>1</sup>), 45.6 (C<sup>4a</sup>), 43.4 (C<sup>9a</sup>), 31.9 (C<sup>4</sup>), 30.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>); **MS** (EI): *m/z* 407.33 (M+H<sup>+</sup>) (100); **HRMS**: Found MNa<sup>+</sup> 429.0456, C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>19</sub>BrO<sub>2</sub> requires MNa, 429.0466; **Purity** 95 % .

**(1SR,4aRS,9aSR)-4a-methyl-1-phenyl-2-vinyl-1,4,4a,9a-tetrahydroanthracene-9,10-dione**



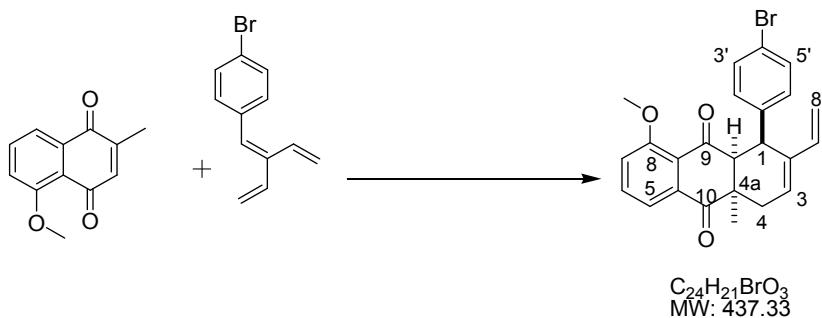
The product was obtained as yellow solid;  $\mathbf{Y} = 78\%$ ;  $R_f$  0.36 (Silica gel, chloroform); **Mp** = 77.4 °C; **IR** 2926, 2359, 1592, 1492, 1453, 1282, 1251, 979, 701  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **1H NMR** (400MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.69 (1H, m,  $\text{H}^{7/6}$ ), 7.54 (1H, m,  $\text{H}^{7/6}$ ), 7.35 (2H, m,  $\text{H}^{5,8}$ ), 6.64 - 6.79 (5H, m,  $\text{H}^{2'-6'}$ ), 6.20 (1H, dd,  $J = 17.6, 10.9\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}^7$ ), 6.06 (1H, t,  $J = 3.8\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}^3$ ), 4.75 (1H, d,  $J = 10.9\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}^{8'\text{cis}}$ ), 4.68 (1H, d,  $J = 17.6\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}^{8'\text{trans}}$ ), 4.18 (1H, d,  $J = 6.3\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}^{9\text{a}}$ ), 3.57 (1H, dd,  $J = 20.1, 4.4\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}^4$ ), 3.39 (1H, d,  $J = 6.4\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}^1$ ), 2.05 (1H, d,  $J = 20.0\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}^4$ ), 1.24 (3H, s,  $\text{CH}_3$ ); **13C NMR** (100MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  199.8 ( $\text{C}^{9/10}$ ), 199.4 ( $\text{C}^{9/10}$ ), 137.8 ( $\text{C}^3$ ), 137.4 (0), 135.4 (0), 134.9 (0), 133.7 ( $\text{C}^{5/8}$ ), 133.6 (0), 133.2 ( $\text{C}^{5/8}$ ), 129.5 ( $\text{C}^{2'-6'}$ ), 129.4 ( $\text{C}^{2'-6'}$ ), 128.1 ( $\text{C}^7$ ), 127.2 ( $\text{C}^{7/6}$ ), 126.6 ( $\text{C}^{7/6}$ ), 125.9 (0), 113.3 ( $\text{C}^{8'}$ ), 59.8 ( $\text{C}^1$ ), 45.8 ( $\text{C}^{4\text{a}}$ ), 44.2 ( $\text{C}^{9\text{a}}$ ), 32.1 ( $\text{C}^4$ ), 30.7 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ); **MS** (EI):  $m/z$  329.39 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ) (100); **HRMS**: Found  $\text{MNa}^+$ , 351.1362,  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2$  requires  $\text{MNa}$ , 351.1361; **Purity** 95 %.

**(1SR,4aRS,9aSR)-8-methoxy-4a-methyl-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2-vinyl-1,4,4a,9a-tetrahydroanthracene-9,10-dione**



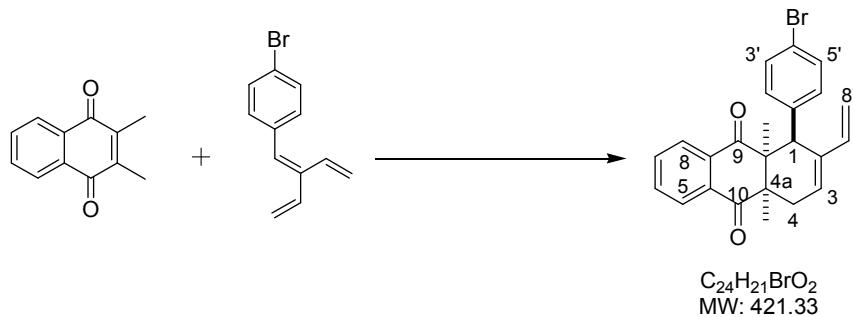
The product was obtained as yellow solid;  $\mathbf{Y} = 76\%$ ;  $R_f$  0.28 (Silica gel, chloroform); **Mp** = 107.9-110.3 °C; **IR**: 3374, 2931, 2358, 1684, 1585, 1468, 1277, 1231, 1163, 1120, 1068, 993  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **1H NMR** (500MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.32 (1H, t,  $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}^6$ ), 7.24 (1H, m,  $\text{H}^{7/5}$ ), 7.02 (2H, d,  $J = 8.2\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}^{3',5'}$ ), 6.94 (2H, d,  $J = 8.3\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}^{2',6'}$ ), 6.92 (1H, dd,  $J = 8.4, 1.0\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}^{5/7}$ ), 6.22 (1H, dd,  $J = 17.6, 11.0\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}^7$ ), 6.13 (1H, t,  $J = 4.0\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}^3$ ), 4.78 (1H, d,  $J = 10.9\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}^{8'\text{cis}}$ ), 4.62 (1H, d,  $J = 17.6\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}^{8'\text{trans}}$ ), 4.26 (1H, d,  $J = 6.9\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}^{9\text{a}}$ ), 3.89 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.58 (1H, dd,  $J = 19.8, 4.9\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}^4$ ), 3.37 (1H, d,  $J = 6.5\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}^1$ ), 2.08 (1H, d,  $J = 19.8\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}^4$ ), 1.31 (3H, s,  $\text{CH}_3$ ); **13C NMR** (125MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  199.0 ( $\text{C}^{9/10}$ ), 198.9 ( $\text{C}^{9/10}$ ), 158.1 ( $\text{C}^8$ ), 142.8 ( $\text{C}^1$ ), 137.2 ( $\text{C}^7$ ), 135.3 ( $\text{C}^{5\text{a}}$ ), 134.5 ( $\text{C}^6$ ), 134.1 ( $\text{C}^{8\text{a}}$ ), 130.1 ( $\text{C}^3$ ), 129.8 ( $\text{C}^2$ ), 129.4 ( $\text{C}^{5',6'}$ ), 124.6 ( $\text{C}^{2/3'}$ ), 124.0 ( $\text{CF}_3$ , q,  $J = 270\text{Hz}$ ), 118.8 ( $\text{C}^{5/7}$ ), 116.8 ( $\text{C}^{5/7}$ ), 113.4 ( $\text{C}^{8'}$ ), 61.0 ( $\text{C}^1$ ), 56.3 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 45.6 ( $\text{C}^{4\text{a}}$ ), 43.1 ( $\text{C}^{9\text{a}}$ ), 31.9 ( $\text{C}^4$ ), 29.3 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ); **MS** (EI):  $m/z$  427.33 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ) (100); **HRMS**: Found  $\text{MNa}^+$ , 449.1351,  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_3\text{O}_3$  requires  $\text{MNa}$ , 449.1341; **Purity** 95 %.

**(1SR,4aRS,9aSR)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-8-methoxy-4a-methyl-2-vinyl-1,4,4a,9a-tetrahydroanthracene-9,10-dione**



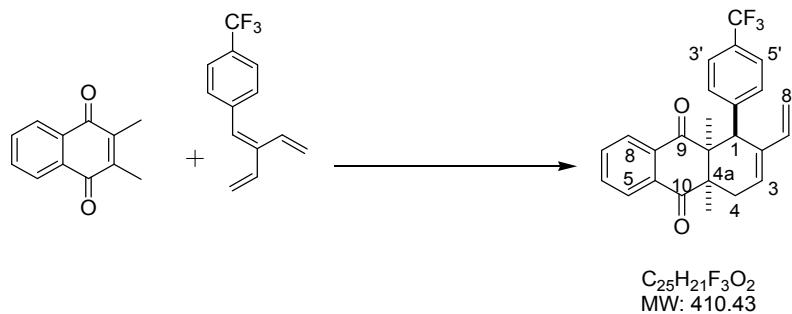
The product was obtained as yellow solid; **Y** = 81%; **R<sub>f</sub>** 0.29 (Silica gel, chloroform); **Mp** = 115.2 – 116.9 °C; **IR**: 3400, 2964, 2359, 1680, 1584, 1485, 1467, 1275, 1229, 1069, 992 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **1H NMR** (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.32 (1H, t, *J* = 8.0Hz, H<sup>6</sup>), 7.24 (1H, m, H<sup>7'</sup>), 7.02 (2H, d, *J* = 8.2Hz, H<sup>3',5'</sup>), 6.94 (2H, d, *J* = 8.3Hz, H<sup>2',6'</sup>), 6.92 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.0Hz, H<sup>5'</sup>), 6.22 (1H, dd, *J* = 17.6, 11.0Hz, H<sup>7</sup>), 6.08 (1H, t, *J* = 4.0Hz, H<sup>3</sup>), 4.77 (1H, d, *J* = 10.9Hz, H<sup>8'cis</sup>), 4.64 (1H, d, *J* = 17.6Hz, H<sup>8'trans</sup>), 4.16 (1H, d, *J* = 6.7Hz, H<sup>9a</sup>), 3.91 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.56 (1H, dd, *J* = 19.8, 4.8Hz, H<sup>4</sup>), 3.33 (1H, d, *J* = 6.9Hz, H<sup>1</sup>), 2.04 (1H, dd, *J* = 19.8, 2.0Hz, H<sup>4</sup>), 1.29 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>); **13C NMR** (125MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 199.2 (C<sup>9/10</sup>), 198.2 (C<sup>9/10</sup>), 158.2 (C<sup>8</sup>), 137.6 (C<sup>1'</sup>), 137.1 (C<sup>7'</sup>), 135.4 (C<sup>5a</sup>), 134.4 (C<sup>8a</sup>), 134.3 (C<sup>6</sup>), 130.8 (C<sup>2',6'</sup>), 130.7 (C<sup>3',5'</sup>), 129.8 (C<sup>3</sup>), 123.4 (C<sup>2</sup>), 120.8 (C<sup>4</sup>), 118.9 (C<sup>5'</sup>), 116.8 (C<sup>5/7</sup>), 113.3 (C<sup>8'</sup>), 61.2 (C<sup>1</sup>), 56.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 45.5 (C<sup>4a</sup>), 42.8 (C<sup>9a</sup>), 31.9 (C<sup>4</sup>), 29.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>); **MS** (EI): *m/z* 437.22 (M+H<sup>+</sup>) (100); **HRMS**: Found MH<sup>+</sup>, 437.0737, C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>BrO<sub>3</sub> requires *M*, 437.0752; **Purity** 95 %.

**(1SR,4aRS,9aSR)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-4a,9a-dimethyl-2-vinyl-1,4,4a,9a-tetrahydroanthracene-9,10-dione**



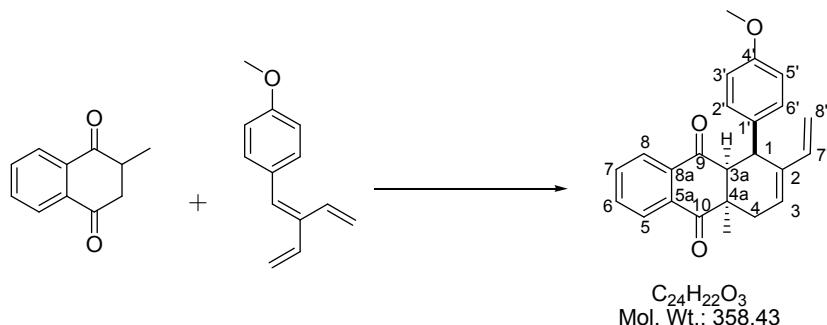
The product was obtained as yellow solid; **Y** = 80%; **R<sub>f</sub>** 0.39 (Silica gel, chloroform); **Mp** = 103.8-105.4 °C; **IR** 3441, 2969, 2359, 2330, 1741, 1680, 1592, 1370, 1262, 1010, 980cm<sup>-1</sup>; **1H NMR** (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.75 (1H, m, H<sup>5/8</sup>), 7.57 (1H, m, H<sup>8'5'</sup>), 7.44 (2H, m, H<sup>7,6</sup>), 6.84 (2H, d, *J* = 8.3Hz, H<sup>3',5'</sup>), 6.63 (2H, dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.0Hz, H<sup>2',6'</sup>), 6.22 (1H, dd, *J* = 17.6, 10.9Hz, H<sup>7</sup>), 6.12 (1H, t, *J* = 4.0Hz, H<sup>3</sup>), 4.76 (1H, d, *J* = 10.9Hz, H<sup>8'cis</sup>), 4.57 (1H, d, *J* = 17.7Hz, H<sup>8'trans</sup>), 3.74 (1H, s, H<sup>1</sup>), 3.55 (1H, dd, *J* = 19.8, 4.4Hz, H<sup>4</sup>), 2.06 (1H, ddt, *J* = 19.7, 2.0, 1.0Hz, H<sup>4</sup>), 1.57 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.14 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>); **13C NMR** (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 201.5 (C<sup>9/10</sup>), 199.8 (C<sup>9/10</sup>), 137.6 (C<sup>7'</sup>), 137.2 (C<sup>2</sup>), 134.6 (C<sup>1',4'</sup>), 134.0 (C<sup>8a</sup>), 133.9 (C<sup>9a</sup>), 133.3 (C<sup>6/7</sup>), 133.1 (C<sup>6/7</sup>), 131.5 (C<sup>2',6'</sup>), 130.8 (C<sup>3',5'</sup>), 129.4 (C<sup>3</sup>), 126.1 (C<sup>5,8</sup>), 121.0 (C<sup>1',4'</sup>), 113.1 (C<sup>8'</sup>), 55.8 (C<sup>4a/9a</sup>), 52.1 (C<sup>1</sup>), 49.3 (C<sup>4a/9a</sup>), 30.8 (C<sup>4</sup>), 26.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>); **MS** (EI): *m/z* 443.07 (M+Na<sup>+</sup>) (100); **HRMS**: Found MNa<sup>+</sup> 443.0604, C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>BrO<sub>2</sub> requires MNa, 443.0623; **Purity** 95%.

**(1S,4aR,9aS)-4a,9a-dimethyl-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2-vinyl-1,4,4a,9a-tetrahydroanthracene-9,10-dione**



The product was obtained as yellow solid; **Y** = 77%; **R<sub>f</sub>** 0.37 (Silica gel, chloroform); **Mp** = 122.7–124.3 °C; **IR** 2985, 2873, 2358, 1681, 1615, 1594, 1419, 1262, 1111, 980 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.71 (1H, m, H<sup>8/5</sup>), 7.50 (1H, m, H<sup>8/5</sup>), 7.34 (2H, m, H<sup>7,6</sup>), 6.94 (2H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, H<sup>3',5'</sup>), 6.87 (2H, dd, *J* = 8.2 Hz, H<sup>2',6'</sup>), 6.21 (1H, dd, *J* = 17.6, 11.0 Hz, H<sup>7'</sup>), 6.14 (1H, t, *J* = 3.9 Hz, H<sup>3</sup>), 4.72 (1H, d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, H<sup>8'cis</sup>), 4.53 (1H, d, *J* = 17.6 Hz, H<sup>8'trans</sup>), 3.81 (1H, s, H<sup>1</sup>), 3.55 (1H, dd, *J* = 19.8, 4.9 Hz, H<sup>4</sup>), 2.05 (1H, dt, *J* = 19.8, 0.9 Hz, H<sup>4</sup>), 1.57 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.11 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>); **13C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 201.2 (C<sup>9/10</sup>), 199.6 (C<sup>9/10</sup>), 142.4 (C<sup>2</sup>), 137.6 (C<sup>7'</sup>), 134.6 (C<sup>1',4'</sup>), 133.8 (C<sup>8a</sup>), 133.7 (C<sup>9a</sup>), 133.5 (C<sup>6/7</sup>), 133.2 (C<sup>6/7</sup>), 130.2 (C<sup>3',5'</sup>), 129.7 (C<sup>2',6'</sup>), 129.4 (C<sup>3</sup>), 126.1 (C<sup>5,8</sup>), 124.6 (C<sup>8</sup>), 124.0 (q, *J* = 270 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 113.3 (C<sup>8'</sup>), 55.8 (C<sup>4a/9a</sup>), 52.4 (C<sup>1</sup>), 49.3 (C<sup>4a/9a</sup>), 30.8 (C<sup>4</sup>), 26.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>); **MS** (EI): *m/z* 410.52 (M+H<sup>+</sup>) (100); **HRMS**: Found MH<sup>+</sup>, 411.1552, C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>21</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> requires *M*, 411.1572; **Purity** 97%.

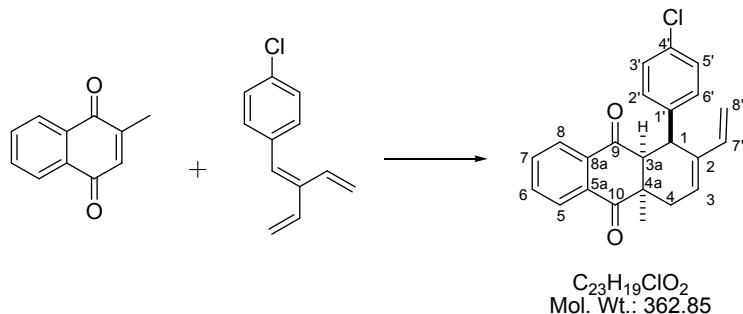
**Synthesis of (1S,4aR,9aS)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4a-methyl-2-vinyl-1,4,4a,9a-tetrahydroanthracene-9,10-dione**



Boron trifluoride (0.42 mL, 3.35 mmol, 2.7 equiv.) was slowly added (dropwise over 10 min) to a solution of 1-methoxy-4-(2-vinylbuta-1,3-dienyl)benzene (300 mg, 1.61 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) and 2-methyl-2,3-dihydronaphthalene-1,4-dione (213 mg, 1.24 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in anhydrous DCM (5 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere in a sealed tube at -40 °C under magnetically stirring. The mixture was kept under the same conditions for 1 d and then allowed to warm to room temperature. Water (4 mL) was then poured into the tube and the mixture was transferred to a separating funnel. The organic layer was washed with an additional aliquot of water, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtrated and concentrated under reduced pressure. The remaining crude material was subjected to flash chromatography (hexane/EtOAc 10:0 → hexane/EtOAc 6:4) to isolate the product as a colourless solid (130 mg, 22%). **IR** (ATR,  $\lambda_{\max}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2966, 2908, 2834, 1695, 1681, 1608, 1591, 1509, 1284, 1249, 1222, 1030, 978, 913, 827, 716. **1H NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 1.29 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.09 (d, 1 H, *J* = 20.0 Hz, H<sup>4</sup>), 3.40 (d, 1 H, *J* = 6.2 Hz, H<sup>3a</sup>), 3.54 (s, 3 H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.69 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 4.5, 20.0 Hz, H<sup>4</sup>), 4.19 (d, 1 H, *J* = 6.1 Hz, H<sup>1</sup>), 4.75 (d, 1 H, *J* = 17.6 Hz, H<sup>8'Z</sup>), 4.81 (d, 1 H, *J* = 10.9 Hz, H<sup>8'E</sup>), 6.09 (t, 1 H, *J* = 4.0 Hz, H<sup>3</sup>), 6.25 (dd of a AMX system, 1 H, *J* = 10.9, 17.6 Hz, H<sup>7'</sup>), 6.31 (d, 2 H, *J* = 8.7 Hz, H<sup>3'</sup> and H<sup>5'</sup>), 6.68 (d, 2 H, *J* = 8.7 Hz, H<sup>2'</sup> and H<sup>6'</sup>), 7.41-7.47 (m, 2 H, H<sup>7</sup> and H<sup>6</sup>), 7.62-7.64 (m, 1 H, H<sup>5</sup>), 7.77-7.79

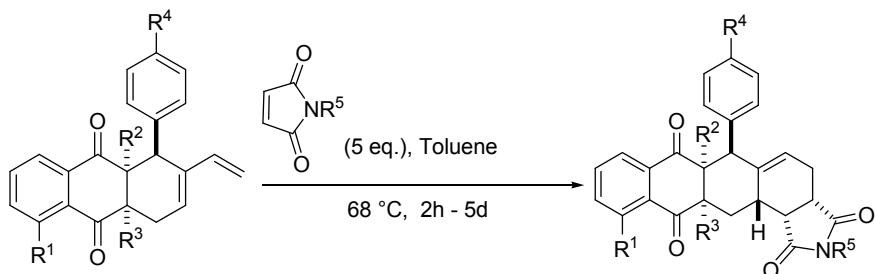
(m, 1 H, H8). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz):  $\delta$  200.0 (C9), 199.4 (C10), 158.5 (C4'), 137.2 (C7'), 135.4 (C8a), 134.7 (C2), 133.6 (C5a), 133.3 (C7 or C6), 132.9 (C7 or C6), 130.3 (C2' and C6'), 129.7 (C1'), 129.1 (C3), 126.4 (C5), 125.8 (C8), 113.3 (C3' and C5'), 113.0 (C8'), 60.0 (C3a), 55.1 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 45.6 (C4a), 43.2 (C1), 31.8 (C4), 30.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>). **MS (ESI<sup>+</sup>)** *m/z* (relative intensity): 359.9 ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 5 %). **HRMS**: Theoretical mass [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 359.1647; Measured mass [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 359.1638 (2 ppm).

### Synthesis of (1*S*,4*aR*,9*aS*)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-4*a*-methyl-2-vinyl-1,4,4*a*,9*a*-tetrahydroanthracene-9,10-dione



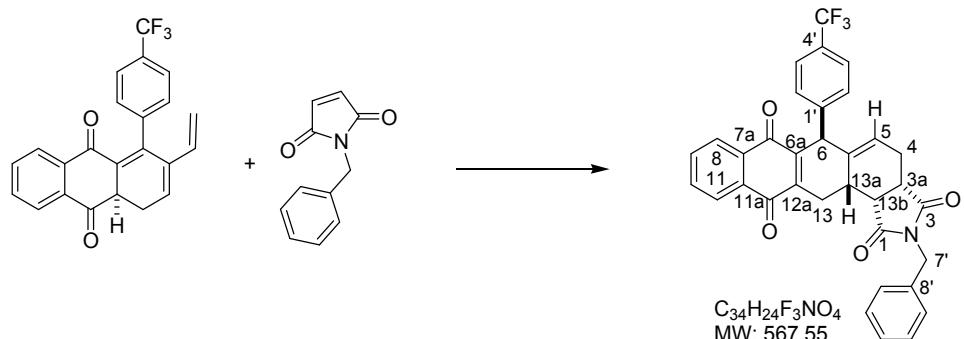
Boron trifluoride (0.13 mL, 1.11 mmol, 2.7 equiv.) was slowly added (dropwise over 10 min) to a solution of 1-chloro-4-(2-vinylbuta-1,3-dienyl)benzene (100 mg, 0.53 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) and 2-methyl-2,3-dihydronaphthalene-1,4-dione (71.0 mg, 0.41 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in anhydrous DCM (3 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere in a sealed tube at -40 °C under magnetically stirring. The mixture was kept under the same conditions for 1 d and then allowed to warm to room temperature. Water (4 mL) was then poured into the tube and the mixture was transferred to a separating funnel. The organic layer was washed with an additional aliquot of water, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtrated and concentrated under reduced pressure. The remaining crude material was subjected to flash chromatography (hexane/EtOAc 10:0 → hexane/EtOAc 6:4) to furnish the product as clear oil (70 mg, 47 %). **IR (ATR,  $\lambda_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ )**: 3024, 2967, 1687, 1593, 1489, 1416, 1282, 1249, 1226, 1090, 1015, 980, 902, 821, 802, 743. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  1.28 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.08 (d, 1 H, *J* = 19.9 Hz, H4), 3.40 (d, 1 H, *J* = 6.5 Hz, H3a), 3.67 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 4.6, 20.0 Hz, H4), 4.17 (d, 1 H, *J* = 6.4 Hz, H1), 4.67 (d, 1 H, *J* = 17.6 Hz, H8'Z), 4.79 (d, 1 H, *J* = 10.9 Hz, H8'E), 6.10 (t, 1 H, *J* = 4.0 Hz, H3), 6.22 (dd of a AMX system, 1 H, *J* = 10.9, 17.6 Hz, H7'), 6.70 (q, 4 H, *J* = 7.6 Hz, H2', H3', H4' and H5'), 7.45-7.49 (m, 2 H, H7 and H6), 7.60-7.65 (m, 1 H, H5), 7.77-7.78 (m, 1 H, H8). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  199.4 (C9), 199.1 (C10), 137.0 (C7'), 136.2 (C8a), 134.8 (C2), 134.7 (C5a), 133.6 (C7 or C6), 133.5 (C1'), 133.2 (C7 or C6), 132.9 (C4'), 130.7 (C2' and C6'), 129.5 (C3), 128.0 (C3' and C5'), 126.5 (C5), 125.8 (C8), 113.1 (C8'), 59.5 (C3a), 45.6 (C4a), 43.4 (C1), 31.8 (C4), 30.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>). **MS (ESI<sup>+</sup>)** *m/z* (relative intensity): 359.9 ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 5 %). **HRMS**: Theoretical mass [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 359.1647; Measured mass [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 359.1638 (2 ppm).

### General procedure for the synthesis of the pentacyclic compounds: 2<sup>nd</sup> Diels-Alders reaction



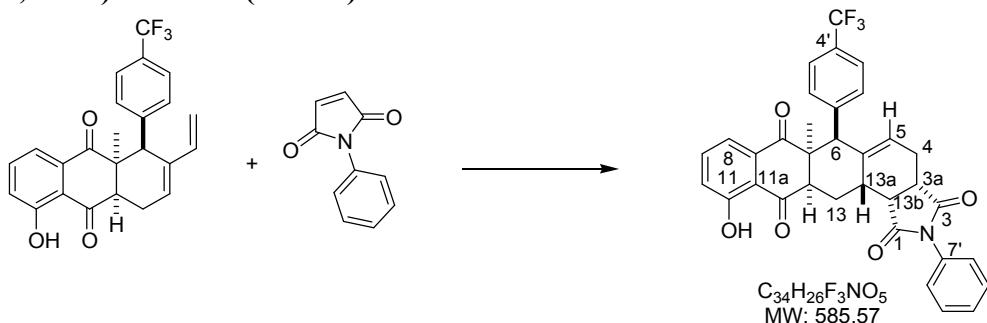
The preparation of the tetracyclic compounds was carried out as reported by Kormann *et. al.*<sup>3</sup>.

**(3aSR,6SR,13aSR,13bRS)-2-benzyl-6-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3a,4,13,13a-tetrahydro-1H-anthra[2,3-e]isoindole-1,3,7,12(2H,6H,13bH)-tetraone (YB021)**



**YB021** was obtained as a clear yellow solid; **Y** = 85%; **R<sub>f</sub>** 0.09 (Silica gel, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); **Mp** = 145–150 °C; **IR**: 2363, 2339, 1707, 1325, 1165, 668 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.20 (m, 1H, H<sup>8/11</sup>), 8.08 (m, 1H, H<sup>8/11</sup>), 7.73 (m, 2H, H<sup>9,10</sup>), 7.47 (d, 2H, J= 8.3Hz, H<sup>5',3'</sup>), 7.22 (d, 2H, J= 8.4Hz, H<sup>2',6'</sup>), 7.14 (t, 1H, J= 7.4Hz, H<sup>11'</sup>), 7.04 (t, 2H, J= 7.3Hz, H<sup>10',12'</sup>), 6.89 (d, 2H, J= 7.2Hz, H<sup>9',13'</sup>), 6.00 (m, 1H, H<sup>5</sup>), 5.08 (s, 1H, H<sup>6</sup>), 4.41 (d, 1H, J= 14.2Hz, H<sup>7</sup>), 4.30 (d, 1H, J= 14.2Hz, H<sup>7'</sup>), 3.71 (d, 1H, J= 17.4Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 3.20 (m, 1H, H<sup>13b</sup>), 3.17 (dt, 1H, J= 8.7, 1.1Hz, H<sup>3a</sup>), 3.01 (m, 1H, H<sup>13a</sup>), 2.91 (ddd, 1H, J= 14.9, 7.2, 1.4Hz, H<sup>4</sup>), 2.44 (dd, 1H, J= 17.4, 9.3Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.30 (ddd, 1H, J 15.4, 6.6, 2.9 Hz, H<sup>4</sup>); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 183.3 (C<sup>12</sup>), 182.9 (C<sup>7</sup>), 178.8 (C<sup>3</sup>), 177.2 (C<sup>1</sup>), 146.4 (0), 144.2 (0), 141.7 (0), 139.2 (0), 135.5 (0), 133.7 (C<sup>9/10</sup>), 133.4 (C<sup>9/10</sup>), 132.1 (C<sup>6a/12a</sup>), 131.8 (C<sup>6a/12a</sup>), 128.4 (C<sup>10',12'</sup>), 127.7 (C<sup>11'</sup>), 127.6 (C<sup>9',3'</sup>), 127.4 (C<sup>2',6'</sup>), 126.7 (C<sup>8/11</sup>), 126.5 (C<sup>8/11</sup>), 125.5 (C<sup>5',3'</sup>), 124.1 (C<sup>5</sup>), 124.0 (q, CF<sub>3</sub>, J= 270Hz), 44.1 (C<sup>13b</sup>), 43.1 (C<sup>6</sup>), 42.2 (C<sup>7'</sup>), 39.2 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 32.8 (C<sup>13a</sup>), 24.9 (C<sup>4</sup>), 23.6 (C<sup>13</sup>); **MS** (EI): *m/z* 568.41 (M+H<sup>+</sup>) (100); **HRMS** (ESI): Found 568.1752 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calculated for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>25</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> 568.1736; **Elemental analysis** calculated for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>24</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>: C, 71.95; H, 4.26; N, 2.47. Found: C, 72.02; H, 4.20; N, 2.56.

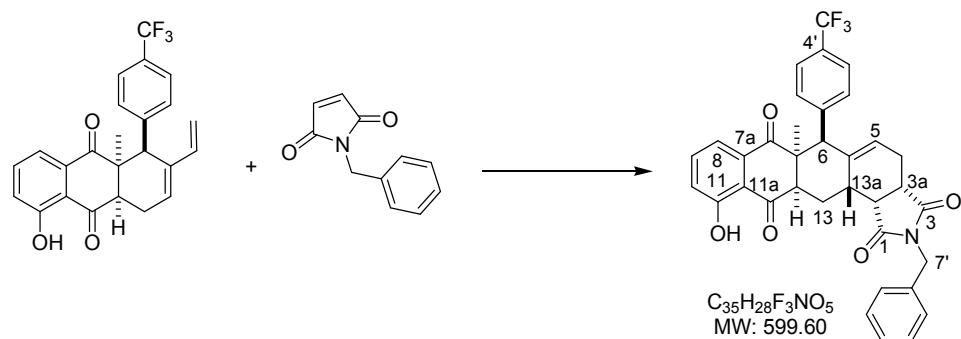
**(3aSR,6SR,6aSR,13aSR,13bRS)-11-hydroxy-6a-methyl-2-phenyl-6-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3a,4,6,6a,13,13a-hexahydro-1H-anthra[2,3-e]isoindole-1,3,7,12(2H,12aH,13bH)-tetraone (YB022)**



**YB022** was obtained as a yellow solid; **Y** = 86%; **R<sub>f</sub>** 0.08 (Silica gel, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); **Mp** = 125–127 °C; **IR**: 2909, 1976, 1707, 1325, 1165 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 11.91 (s, 1H, OH ), 7.53 (t, 1H, J= 7.9Hz, H<sup>9</sup>), 7.5 (dd, 2H, J= 5.6, 1.4Hz, H<sup>8',12'</sup>), 7.45 (m, 3H, H<sup>9',10',11'</sup>), 7.41 (d, 2H, J= 8.4, H<sup>5',H3'</sup>), 7.32 (dd, 1H, J= 7.5, 0.8Hz, H<sup>10</sup>), 7.25 (d, 2H, J= 8.0 Hz, H<sup>2',6'</sup>), 7.13 (d, 1H, J= 5.3Hz, H<sup>8</sup>), 5.41 (dt, 1H, J= 5.9, 2.7Hz, H<sup>5</sup>), 3.51 (s, 1H, H<sup>6</sup>), 3.35 (dd, 1H, J= 11.6, 5.8Hz, H<sup>12a</sup>), 3.33 (dd, 1H, J= 9.4, 5.8Hz, H<sup>13b</sup>), 3.28 (dd, 1H, J= 8.3, 1.7Hz, H<sup>3a</sup>), 3.03 (ddd, 1H, J= 14.5, 8.6, 6.3 Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.86 (m, 1H, H<sup>13a</sup>), 2.72 (ddd, 1H, J= 15.7, 7.0, 1.3Hz, H<sup>4</sup>), 2.60 (ddd, 1H, J = 14.9, 8.4, 6.8 Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.21 (m, 1H, H<sup>4</sup>), 1.36 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 204.3 (C<sup>12</sup>), 199.3 (C<sup>7</sup>), 178.3 (C<sup>3</sup>), 177.5 (C<sup>1</sup>), 161.1 (C<sup>11</sup>), 142.8 (C<sup>1/7a</sup>), 140.5

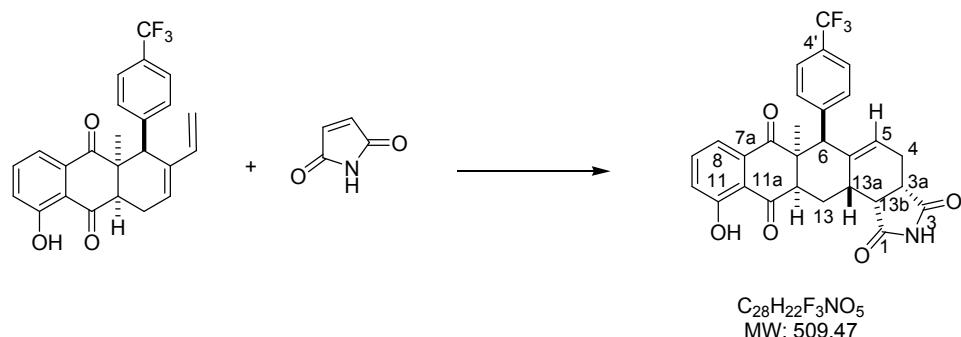
(C<sup>5a</sup>), 136.9 (C<sup>9</sup>), 135.6 (C<sup>7'</sup>), 131.7 (C<sup>4'</sup>), 131.3 (C<sup>2',6'</sup>), 129.2 (C<sup>9',C11'</sup>), 128.8 (C<sup>10'</sup>), 126.4 (C<sup>8',12'</sup>), 124.9 (C<sup>5',3'</sup>), 124.0 (q, CF<sub>3</sub>, *J* = 270Hz), 123.9 (C<sup>5</sup>), 123.4 (C<sup>8</sup>), 118.6 (C<sup>10</sup>), 116.6 (C<sup>11a</sup>), 56.2 (C<sup>6</sup>), 53.9 (C<sup>12a</sup>), 52.7 (C<sup>6a</sup>), 44.7 (C<sup>13b</sup>), 40.2 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 32.8 (C<sup>13a</sup>), 25.6 (C<sup>4</sup>), 25.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 24.2 (C<sup>13</sup>); **MS** (EI): *m/z* = 584.74 (M-H<sup>+</sup>) (100); **HRMS**: Found 586.1816 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calculated for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>27</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> 586.1841; **Elemental analysis** calculated for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>26</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>: C, 69.74; H, 4.48; N, 2.39. Found: C, 69.75; H, 4.23; N, 2.36.

**(3aSR,6SR,6aSR,13aSR,13bRS)-2-benzyl-11-hydroxy-6a-methyl-6-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3a,4,6,6a,13,13a-hexahydro-1H-anthra[2,3-e]isoindole-1,3,7,12(2H,12aH,13bH)-tetraone (YB023)**



**YB023** was obtained as a clear, yellow solid; **Y** = 82%; **R<sub>f</sub>** 0.09 (Silica gel, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); **Mp** = 120-122 °C; **IR**: 2032, 1695, 1396, 1163, 1111, 1068, 699 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 11.87 (s, 1H, OH ), 7.49 (t, 1H, *J* = 8.0Hz, H<sup>9</sup>), 7.33 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.2Hz, H<sup>3',5'</sup>), 7.28 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.7Hz, H<sup>10</sup>), 7.25 (m, 5H, H<sup>8'-13'</sup>), 7.12 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.3Hz, H<sup>8</sup>), 7.03 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.2Hz, H<sup>2',H6'</sup>), 5.21 (dt, 1H, *J* = 5.8, 2.7Hz, H<sup>5</sup>), 4.61 (d, 1H, *J* = 14.1Hz, H<sup>7'</sup>), 4.54 (d, 1H, *J* = 14.1Hz, H<sup>7</sup>), 3.25 (t, 1H, *J* = 6.5Hz, H<sup>12a</sup>), 3.18 (s, 1H, H<sup>6</sup>), 3.14 (m, 2H, H<sup>3a,13b</sup>), 2.95 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 14.6, 8.2, 6.4Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.74 (m, 1H, H<sup>13a</sup>), 2.63 (dd, 1H, *J* = 15.4, 7.6, H<sup>4</sup>), 2.50 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 15.0, 8.5, 7.0Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.12 (tdd, 1H, *J* = 17.65, 6.31, 3.27 Hz, H<sup>4</sup>), 1.22 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 204.4 (C<sup>12</sup>), 199.3 (C<sup>7</sup>), 178.9 (C<sup>3</sup>), 178.0 (C<sup>1</sup>), 161.1 (C<sup>11</sup>), 142.8 (C<sup>1',4'</sup>), 140.3 (C<sup>5a</sup>), 136.9 (C<sup>9</sup>), 135.8 (C<sup>8'</sup>), 135.6 (C<sup>7a</sup>), 131.6 (C<sup>2',6'</sup>), 128.7 (C<sup>9'/10'/12'/13'</sup>), 128.4 (C<sup>9'/10'/12'/13'</sup>), 127.8 (C<sup>11'</sup>), 124.7 (C<sup>5',3'</sup>), 124.0(q, CF<sub>3</sub>, *J* = 270Hz), 123.9 (C<sup>5</sup>), 123.3 (C<sup>8</sup>), 118.6 (C<sup>10</sup>), 116.5 (C<sup>11a</sup>), 56.8 (C<sup>6</sup>), 54.1 (C<sup>12a</sup>), 52.6 (C<sup>6a</sup>), 44.6 (C<sup>13b</sup>), 42.4 (C<sup>7</sup>), 40.1 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 32.6 (C<sup>13a</sup>), 25.2 (C<sup>4</sup>), 25.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 24.2 (C<sup>13</sup>); **MS** (EI): *m/z* 600.64 (M+H<sup>+</sup>) (100); **HRMS** (EI): Found 600.2014 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calculated for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>29</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> 600.1998 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; **Elemental analysis** calculated for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>28</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>: C, 70.11; H, 4.71; N, 2.34. Found: C, 70.09; H, 4.51; N, 2.29.

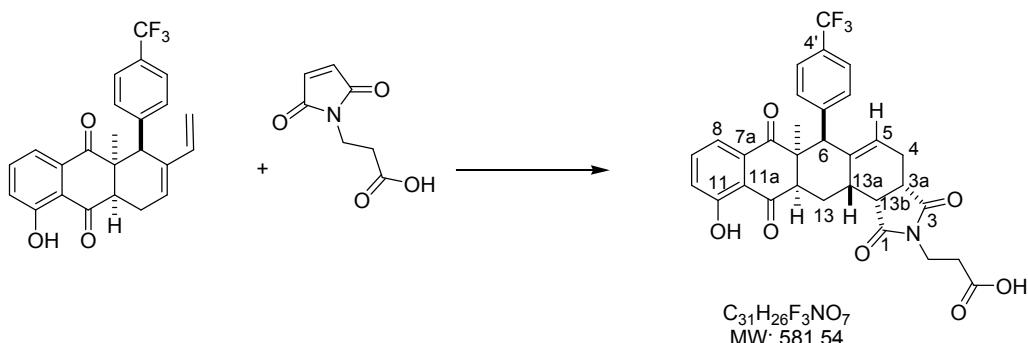
**(3aSR,6SR,6aSR,13aSR,13bRS)-11-hydroxy-6a-methyl-6-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3a,4,6,6a,13,13a-hexahydro-1H-anthra[2,3-e]isoindole-1,3,7,12(2H,12aH,13bH)-tetraone (YB024) (5a)**



**YB024** was obtained as a yellow solid; **Y** = 90%; **R<sub>f</sub>** 0.08 (Silica gel, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); **Mp** = 273-280 °C; **IR**: 3356, 2364, 2355, 2174, 2049, 1641 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 11.85 (s, 1H,

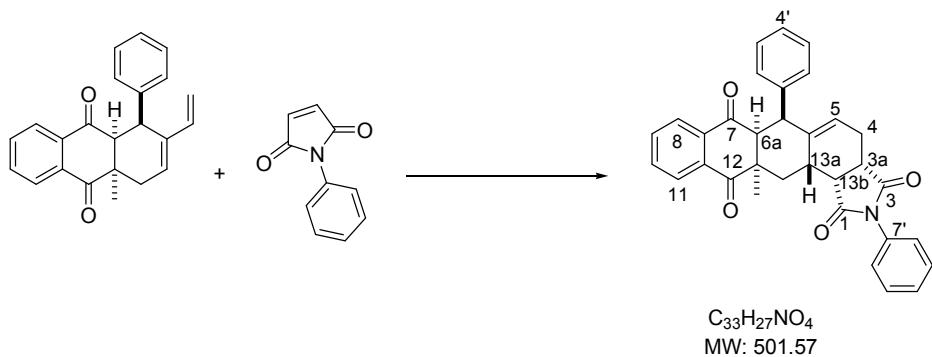
OH), 8.8 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.49 (t, 1H,  $J$ = 7.9Hz, H<sup>9</sup>), 7.34 (d, 2H,  $J$ = 8.3Hz, H<sup>3',5'</sup>), 7.28 (dd, 1H,  $J$ = 7.55, 0.97Hz, H<sup>10</sup>), 7.22 (d, 2H,  $J$ = 8.2Hz, H<sup>2',6'</sup>), 7.11 (dd, 1H,  $J$ = 8.3, 0.95Hz, H<sup>8</sup>), 5.37 (m, 1H, H<sup>5</sup>), 3.54 (s, 1H, H<sup>6</sup>), 3.28 (t, 1H,  $J$ = 6.22Hz, H<sup>12a</sup>), 3.22 (dd, 1H,  $J$ = 8.7, 5.5Hz, H<sup>13b</sup>), 3.15 (td, 1H,  $J$ = 8.3, 1.4Hz, H<sup>3a</sup>), 2.97 (ddd, 1H,  $J$ = 15.5, 9.2, 6.5Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.78 (m, 1H, H<sup>13a</sup>), 2.57 (m, 1H, H<sup>4</sup>), 2.50 (m, 1H, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.13 (m, 1H, H<sup>4</sup>), 1.25 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  204.5 (C<sup>12</sup>), 199.3 (C<sup>7</sup>), 179.8 (C<sup>3</sup>), 178.9 (C<sup>1</sup>), 160.7 (C<sup>11</sup>), 143.3 (C<sup>1',4'</sup>), 140.1 (C<sup>5a</sup>), 136.9 (C<sup>9</sup>), 135.8 (C<sup>7a</sup>), 131.4 (C<sup>2',6'</sup>), 124.7 (C<sup>5',3'</sup>), 124.2 (C<sup>5</sup>), 124.0 (q, CF<sub>3</sub>,  $J$ = 270Hz), 123.3 (C<sup>8</sup>), 118.6 (C<sup>10</sup>), 116.9 (C<sup>11a</sup>), 55.8 (C<sup>6</sup>), 53.4 (C<sup>12a</sup>), 52.8 (C<sup>6a</sup>), 44.5 (C<sup>13b</sup>), 41.1 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 32.3 (C<sup>13a</sup>), 25.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 24.9 (C<sup>4</sup>), 23.6 (C<sup>13</sup>); MS (EI): *m/z* 510.41 (M+H<sup>+</sup>) (100); HRMS: Found 532.1348 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>22</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NNaO<sub>5</sub>, calculated 532.1348 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; Elemental analysis calculated for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>22</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>: C, 66.01; H, 4.35; N, 2.75. Found: C, 66.67; H, 4.27; N, 2.66.

**3-((3aSR,6SR,6aSR,13aSR,13bRS)-11-hydroxy-6a-methyl-1,3,7,12-tetraoxo-6-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3a,4,6a,7,12,12a,13,13a-octahydro-1H-anthra[2,3-e]isoindol-2(3H,6H,13bH)-yl)propanoic acid (YB025)**



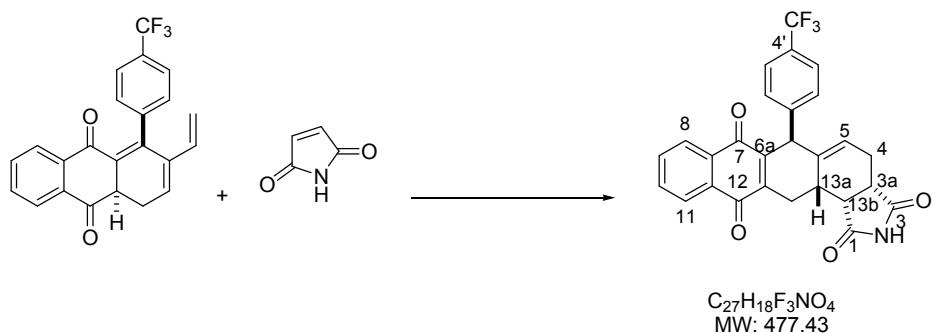
**YB025** was obtained as an orange solid; **Y** = 95%; **R<sub>f</sub>** 0.14 (Silicagel, EtOAc); **Mp** = 129-132 °C; **IR**: 2919, 2360, 2335, 2167, 2140, 1990, 1699 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  11.82 (s, 1H, OH), 10.43 (br s, 1H, COOH), 7.46 (t, 1H,  $J$ = 7.9Hz, H<sup>9</sup>), 7.32 (d, 2H,  $J$ = 8.3Hz, H<sup>3',5'</sup>), 7.23 (dd, 1H,  $J$ = 7.4, 0.8Hz, H<sup>10</sup>), 7.22 (d, 2H,  $J$ = 8.2Hz, H<sup>2',6'</sup>), 7.07 (dd, 1H,  $J$ = 8.4, 0.9Hz, H<sup>8</sup>), 5.25 (m, 1H, H<sup>5</sup>), 3.78 (t, 2H,  $J$ = 7.1Hz, H<sup>7'</sup>), 3.45 (s, 1H, H<sup>6</sup>), 3.27 (t, 1H,  $J$ = 6.3Hz, H<sup>12a</sup>), 3.16 (t, 1H,  $J$ = 9.5Hz, C<sup>13b</sup>), 3.13 (m, 1H, H<sup>3a</sup>), 2.94 (m, 1H, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.74 (m, 1H, H<sup>13a</sup>), 2.64 (t, 2H,  $J$ = 7.1Hz, H<sup>8'</sup>), 2.56 (m, 1H, H<sup>4</sup>), 2.51 (dt, 1H,  $J$ = 16.0, 9.0 Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.10 (m, 1H, H<sup>4</sup>), 1.31 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  204.5 (C<sup>12</sup>), 199.3 (C<sup>7</sup>), 179.3 (C<sup>3</sup>), 178.7 (C<sup>1</sup>), 176.0 (C<sup>9</sup>), 160.7 (C<sup>11</sup>), 143.3 (C<sup>1',4'</sup>), 140.1 (C<sup>5a</sup>), 136.9 (C<sup>9</sup>), 135.5 (C<sup>7a</sup>), 131.4 (C<sup>2',6'</sup>), 124.7 (C<sup>5',3'</sup>), 124.0 (C<sup>5</sup>), 124.0 (q, CF<sub>3</sub>,  $J$ = 270Hz), 123.3 (C<sup>8</sup>), 118.6 (C<sup>10</sup>), 116.6 (C<sup>11a</sup>), 55.7 (C<sup>6</sup>), 53.5 (C<sup>12a</sup>), 52.8 (C<sup>6a</sup>), 44.3 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 39.8 (C<sup>13b</sup>), 33.3 (C<sup>7'</sup>), 32.4 (C<sup>13a</sup>), 32.5 (C<sup>8'</sup>), 25.1 (C<sup>4</sup>), 25.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 23.6 (C<sup>13</sup>). MS (EI): *m/z* 604.49 (M+Na<sup>+</sup>) (100); HRMS: Found 604.0683 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, calculated for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>26</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NNaO<sub>7</sub> 604.1559 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; Elemental analysis calculated for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>26</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>7</sub>: C, 64.03; H, 4.51; N, 2.41. Found: C, 64.03; H, 4.24; N, 2.61.

**(3aSR,6SR,6aSR,12aRS,13aSR,13bRS)-12a-methyl-2,6-diphenyl-3a,4,6,6a,13,13a-hexahydro-1H-anthra[2,3-e]isoindole-1,3,7,12(2H,12aH,13bH)-tetraone (YB026)**



**YB026** was obtained as a white solid; **Y** = 82%; **R<sub>f</sub>** 0.07 (Silicagel, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); **Mp** = 127–130 °C; IR: 2922, 2359, 2165, 2011, 1958, 1683, 694 cm<sup>-1</sup>. **1H NMR** (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 87.93 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.6Hz, H<sup>8/11</sup>), 7.58 (m, 3H, H<sup>8/11,9,10</sup>), 7.35–7.48 (m, 3H, H<sup>3'-5'</sup>), 7.14 (m, 2H, H<sup>2',6'</sup>), 6.97 (dd, 3H, *J* = 5.1, 1.8Hz, H<sup>9'-11'</sup>), 6.68 (dd, 2H, *J* = 7.9, 2.4Hz, H<sup>8',12'</sup>), 5.48 (dt, 1H, *J* = 5.8, 2.5 Hz, H<sup>5</sup>), 4.15 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.9Hz, H<sup>6</sup>), 3.45 (d, 1H, *J* = 10.3Hz, H<sup>6a</sup>), 3.38 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.5, 5.1Hz, H<sup>13b</sup>), 3.28 (td, *J* = 8.3, 1.9Hz, 1H, H<sup>3a</sup>), 3.06 (dtd, 1H, *J* = 8.1, 6.0, 2.3 Hz, H<sup>13a</sup>), 2.78 (dd, 1H, *J* = 13.8, 6.4, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.67 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 15.7, 6.7, 1.6Hz, H<sup>4</sup>), 2.50 (dd, 1H, *J* = 13.5, 0.9Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.0 (dddd, 1H, *J* = 15.4, 7.5, 5.7, 3.6 Hz, 1H, H<sup>4</sup>), 1.35 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). **13C NMR** (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 200.3 (C<sup>12</sup>), 198.4 (C<sup>7</sup>), 178.5 (C<sup>3</sup>), 177.4 (C<sup>1</sup>), 140.3 (C<sup>5a</sup>), 139.0 (C<sup>7'</sup>), 135.9 (C<sup>7a/11a</sup>), 134.0 (C<sup>10</sup>), 133.8 (C<sup>9</sup>), 133.6 (C<sup>7a/11a</sup>), 132.1 (C<sup>1'</sup>), 129.9 (C<sup>8',12'</sup>), 129.2 (C<sup>3',5'</sup>), 128.7 (C<sup>4'</sup>), 127.9 (C<sup>9',11'</sup>), 127.0 (C<sup>2',6'</sup>), 126.5 (C<sup>10'</sup>), 126.5 (C<sup>8,11</sup>), 124.2 (C<sup>5</sup>), 61.1 (C<sup>6a</sup>), 48.5 (C<sup>12a</sup>), 47.8 (C<sup>6</sup>), 43.6 (C<sup>13b</sup>), 40.2 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 34.3 (C<sup>13a</sup>), 33.1 (C<sup>13</sup>), 29.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.4 (C<sup>4</sup>). **MS (EI)**: *m/z* 500.58 (M-H<sup>+</sup>) (100); **HRMS**: Found 502.2031 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calculated for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> 502.2018 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; **Elemental analysis** calculated for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>: C, 79.02; H, 5.43; N, 2.79. Found: C, 79.03; H, 5.24; N, 2.79.

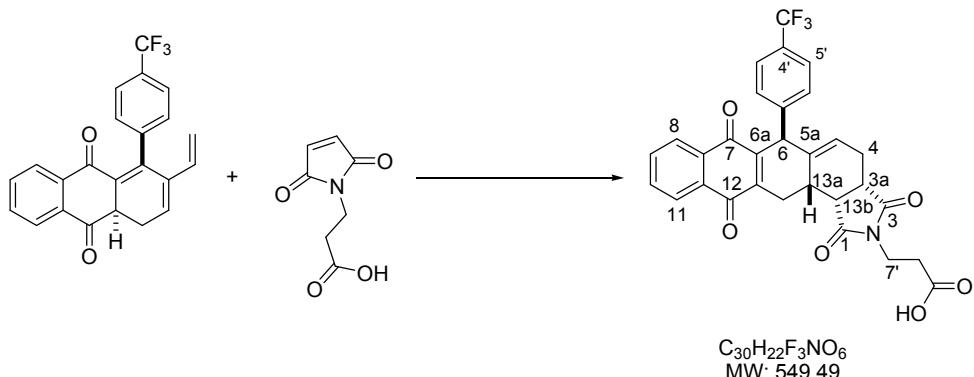
**(3aSR,6SR,13aSR,13bRS)-6-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3a,4,13,13a-tetrahydro-1H-anthra[2,3-e]isoindole-1,3,7,12(2H,6H,13bH)-tetraone (YB027)**



**YB027** was obtained as a yellow solid; **Y** = 95%; **R<sub>f</sub>** 0.29 (Silica gel, Et<sub>2</sub>O); **Mp** = 310–315 °C; IR: 2914, 2171, 2098, 2152, 2009, 1986 cm<sup>-1</sup>. **1H NMR** (400MHz, DMSO): δ 10.10 (s, 1H, NH), 8.20 (m, 1H, H<sup>8/11</sup>), 8.12 (m, 1H, H<sup>8/11</sup>), 7.74 (m, 1H, H<sup>9,10</sup>), 7.51 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.3Hz, H<sup>5',3'</sup>), 7.27 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.3Hz, H<sup>2',6'</sup>), 6.15 (dd, 1H, *J* = 6.5, 3.0Hz, H<sup>5</sup>), 5.29 (s, 1H, H<sup>6</sup>), 3.61 (dd, 1H, *J* = 17.5, 1.6Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 3.25 (dt, 2H, *J* = 13.5, 10.5Hz, H<sup>3a,13b</sup>), 3.00 (m, 1H, H<sup>13a</sup>), 2.88 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.0, 5.0Hz, H<sup>4</sup>), 2.52 (dd, 1H, *J* = 17.5, 9.1Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.34 (m, 1H, H<sup>4</sup>); **13C NMR** (100MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>): δ 204.9 (C<sup>12</sup>), 199.6 (C<sup>7</sup>), 179.2 (C<sup>3</sup>), 178.5 (C<sup>1</sup>), 161.3 (C<sup>6a/11a</sup>), 161.1 (C<sup>6a/11a</sup>), 143.9 (C<sup>7a,5a</sup>), 140.4 (C<sup>11a</sup>), 136.8 (C<sup>9/10</sup>), 136.1 (C<sup>9/10</sup>), 133.1 (C<sup>4'</sup>), 131.9 (C<sup>2',6'</sup>), 129.4 (C<sup>3',5'</sup>), 129.1 (C<sup>1'</sup>), 125.6 (C<sup>8/11</sup>), 124.5 (CF<sub>3</sub>), 123.4 (C<sup>8/11</sup>), 117.2 (C<sup>5</sup>), 51.4 (C<sup>6</sup>), 44.7 (C<sup>13b</sup>), 40.3 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 34.5 (C<sup>13a</sup>), 32.9 (C<sup>13</sup>), 24.1 (C<sup>4</sup>); **MS (EI)**: *m/z* 478.39 (M+H<sup>+</sup>) (100). **HRMS**:

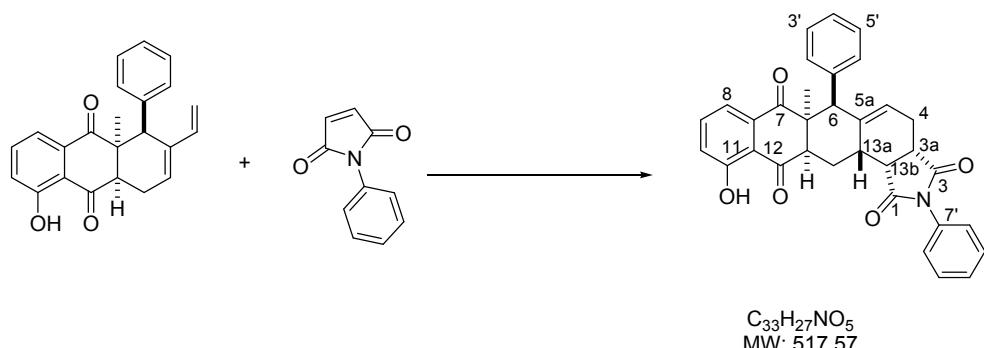
Found 478.1277 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calculated for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>19</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> 478.1266. **Elemental analysis** calculated for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>: C, 67.92; H, 3.80; N, 2.93. Found: C, 67.12; H, 3.98; N, 2.49.

**3-((3aS,6S,13aS,13bR)-1,3,7,12-tetraoxo-6-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3a,4,13,13a-tetrahydro-1H-anthra[2,3-e]isoindol-2(3H,6H,7H,12H,13bH)-yl)propanoic acid (YB028)**



**YB028** was obtained as an orange solid; **Y** = 82%; **R<sub>f</sub>** 0.37 (Silica gel, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/methanol 85:15); **Mp** = 160-162 °C; **IR**: 2355, 2181, 2157, 2030, 1697, 1323, 1112, 1066, 646 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **1H NMR** (400MHz, DMSO): δ 9.88 (s, 1H, COOH), 8.07-8.28 (m, 2H, H<sup>9,10</sup>), 7.88-8.00 (m, 2H, H<sup>3',5'</sup>), 7.78-7.88 (m, 2H, H<sup>8,11</sup>), 7.56-7.65 (m, 2H, H<sup>2',6'</sup>), 7.27 (d, 2H, J = 8.3Hz, H<sup>2',6'</sup>), 6.14 (m, 1H, H<sup>5</sup>), 5.45 (s, 1H, H<sup>6</sup>), 3.59 (m, 2H, H<sup>7'</sup>), 3.31 (m, 1H, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.51(m, 2H, H<sup>8'</sup>), 2.19 (m, 2H, H<sup>3a,13b</sup>), 2.13 (m, 1H, H<sup>13a</sup>), 2.02 (m, 1H, H<sup>4</sup>), 1.93 (m, 1H, H<sup>13</sup>), 1.74 (m, 1H, H<sup>4</sup>); **13C NMR** (100MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ 204.9 (C<sup>12</sup>), 199.6 (C<sup>7</sup>), 179.3 (C<sup>3</sup>), 178.4 (C<sup>1</sup>), 161.2 (C<sup>6a/11a</sup>), 160.1 (C<sup>6a/11a</sup>), 144.2 (C<sup>7a,5a</sup>), 140.3 (C<sup>11a</sup>), 136.5 (C<sup>9/10</sup>), 136.2 (C<sup>9/10</sup>), 133.1 (C<sup>4</sup>), 131.2 (C<sup>2',6'</sup>), 129.5 (C<sup>3',5'</sup>), 129.0 (C<sup>1</sup>), 125.2 (C<sup>8/11</sup>), 124.0 (CF<sub>3</sub>), 123.5 (C<sup>8/11</sup>), 117.2 (C<sup>5</sup>), 51.3 (C<sup>6</sup>), 44.8 (C<sup>13b</sup>), 40.2 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 35.1 (C<sup>13a</sup>), 34.2 (C<sup>7'</sup>), 31.9 (C<sup>13</sup>), 31.5 (C<sup>8'</sup>), 24.1 (C<sup>4</sup>); **MS (EI)**: m/z 548.42 (M-H<sup>+</sup>) (100); **HRMS (EI)**: Found 550.1501 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calculated for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>23</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>6</sub> 550.1477 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; **Elemental analysis** calculated for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>22</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>: C, 65.57; H, 4.04; N, 2.55. Found: C, 65.63; H, 4.06; N, 2.50.

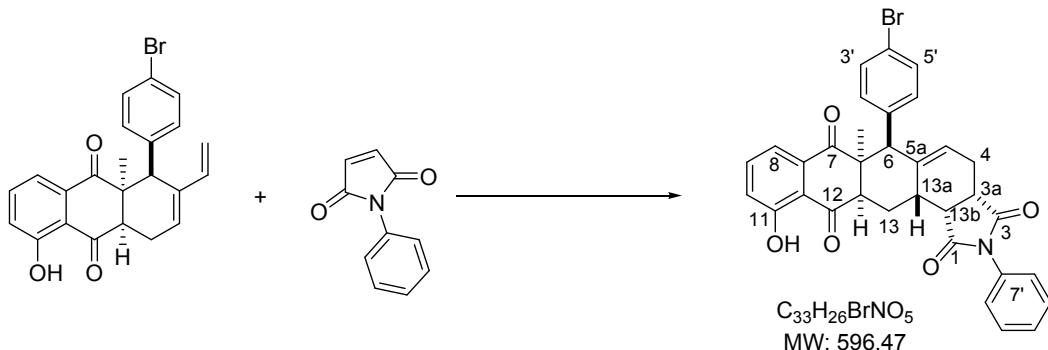
**(3aSR,6SR,6aSR,13aSR,13bRS)-11-hydroxy-6a-methyl-2,6-diphenyl-3a,4,6,6a,13,13a-hexahydro-1H-anthra[2,3-e]isoindole-1,3,7,12(2H,12aH,13bH)-tetraone (YB029)**



**YB029** was obtained as a yellow solid; **Y** = 84%; **R<sub>f</sub>** 0.67 (Silica gel, EtOAc); **Mp** = 150-152 °C; **IR**: 2914, 2363, 2192, 2164, 1708, 615 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **1H NMR** (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.25 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.80 (dd, 1H, J= 24.6, 13.0, H<sup>4</sup>), 2.53 (td, 1H, J= 19.0Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.59 (m, 2H, H<sup>4,13</sup>), 2.95 (d, 1H, J= 19.0Hz, H<sup>13a</sup>), 3.21 (t, 1H, J = 8.4Hz, H<sup>3a</sup>), 3.27 (m, 1H, H<sup>13b</sup>), 3.97 (dd, 1H, J = 11.3, 3.8 Hz, H<sup>12a</sup>), 4.13 (s, 1H, H<sup>6</sup>), 5.91 (t, 1H, J= 3.30 Hz, H<sup>5</sup>), 7.13 (d, 2H, J= 7.5 Hz, Ar<sup>C</sup>), 7.17 (t, 1H, J= 7.2 Hz, Ar<sup>C</sup>), 7.24 (dd, 2H, J= 6.3, 1.3 Hz, Ar<sup>C</sup>), 7.28 (dd, 1H, J= 9.1, 4.2 Hz, C<sup>10</sup>), 7.38-7.34 (m, 2H, Ar<sup>B</sup>), 7.46-7.41 (m, 1H, Ar<sup>B</sup>), 7.53 (t, J= 7.66 Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>B</sup>), 7.68-7.64 (m, 2H, C<sup>8,9</sup>), 11.68 (s, 1H, OH); **13C NMR** (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 204.5 (C<sup>12</sup>), 199.4 (C<sup>7</sup>),

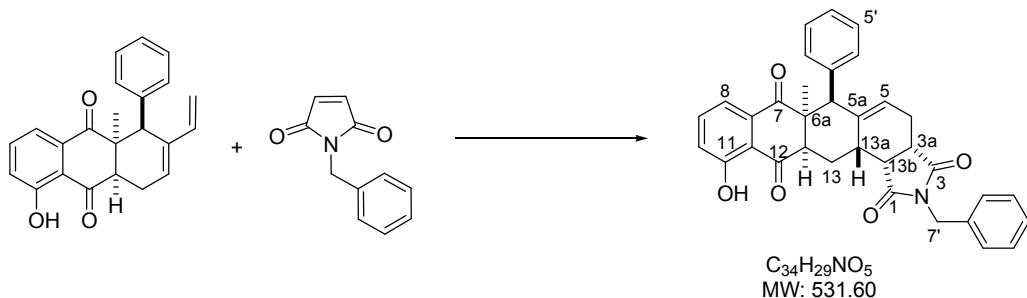
178.5 (C<sup>3</sup>), 177.6 (C<sup>1</sup>), 160.8 (C<sup>11</sup>), 140.6 (C<sup>5a</sup>), 138.8 (C<sup>7a</sup>), 136.0 (C<sup>7'</sup>), 130.7 (C<sup>1'</sup>), 129.3 (Ar<sup>B</sup>), 128.8 (Ar<sup>B</sup>), 128.7 (Ar<sup>C</sup>), 128.4 (Ar<sup>C</sup>), 126.5 (Ar<sup>B</sup>), 125.5 (Ar<sup>C</sup>), 124.5 (C<sup>10</sup>), 122.4 (C<sup>5</sup>), 119.6 (C<sup>8,9</sup>), 117.1 (C<sup>11a</sup>), 56.5 (C<sup>6</sup>), 53.5 (C<sup>12a</sup>), 52.9 (C<sup>6a</sup>), 44.4 (C<sup>13b</sup>), 40.3 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 33.1 (C<sup>13a</sup>), 25.5 (C<sup>4</sup>), 25.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 23.5 (C<sup>13</sup>); **MS (EI)**: *m/z* 519.49 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (100); **HRMS (EI)**: Found 518.1976 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calculated for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> 518.1967 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; **Elemental analysis** calculated for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>: C, 76.58; H, 5.26; N, 2.71. Found: C, 76.25; H, 5.32; N, 2.71. Spectroscopic data in accordance with those reported in literature.<sup>3</sup>

**(3aSR,6SR,6aSR,13aSR,13bRS)-6-(4-bromophenyl)-11-hydroxy-6a-methyl-2-phenyl-3a,4,6,6a,13,13a-hexahydro-1H-anthra[2,3-e]isoindole-1,3,7,12(2H,12aH,13bH)-tetraone (YB030)**



**YB030** was obtained as a yellow solid; **Y** = 95%; **R<sub>f</sub>** 0.67 (Silica gel, EtOAc); **Mp** = 167-169 °C; **IR**: 3738, 2361, 2173, 2033, 1987, 1958, 1541 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **1H NMR** (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 11.90 (s, 1H, OH ), 7.55 (t, 1H, *J* = 8.0Hz, H<sup>9</sup>), 7.39-7.49 (3H, m, H<sup>9'-11'</sup>), 7.33 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.6, 1.2Hz, H<sup>8</sup>), 7.29 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.45Hz, H<sup>3',5'</sup>), 7.17 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.4, 1.0Hz, H<sup>10</sup>), 7.12 (dd, 2H, *J* = 7.1, 1.5Hz, H<sup>8',12'</sup>), 6.99 (dd, 2H, *J* = 6.8, 1.8Hz, H<sup>2',6'</sup>), 5.42 (m, 1H, H<sup>5</sup>), 3.9 (s, 1H, H<sup>6</sup>), 3.33 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.6, 5.3, H<sup>12a</sup>), 3.28 (m, 2H, H<sup>3a,13b</sup>), 2.82 (m, 1H, H<sup>13a</sup>), 2.82 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 14.7, 9.1, 6.1Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.71 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 16.6, 7.1, 1.4Hz, H<sup>4</sup>), 2.59 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 14.7, 8.3, 6.6Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.21 (m, 1H, H<sup>4</sup>), 1.35 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); **13C NMR** (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 204.5 (C<sup>12</sup>), 199.4 (C<sup>7</sup>), 178.3 (C<sup>3</sup>), 177.5 (C<sup>1</sup>), 161.0 (C<sup>11</sup>), 140.7 (C<sup>1'</sup>), 137.5 (C<sup>5a</sup>), 136.9 (C<sup>9</sup>), 135.7 (C<sup>7'</sup>), 132.7 (C<sup>2',6'</sup>), 131.7 (C<sup>4'</sup>), 131.2 (C<sup>3',5'</sup>), 129.2 (C<sup>9'</sup>), 128.8 (C<sup>11'</sup>), 126.4 (C<sup>8',12'</sup>), 123.6 (C<sup>10</sup>), 123.2 (C<sup>5</sup>), 121.3 (C<sup>7a</sup>), 118.6 (C<sup>8</sup>), 116.7 (C<sup>11a</sup>), 55.9 (C<sup>6</sup>), 53.9 (C<sup>12a</sup>), 52.7 (C<sup>6a</sup>), 44.7 (C<sup>13b</sup>), 40.2 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 33.0 (C<sup>13a</sup>), 25.6 (C<sup>4</sup>), 25.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 24.3 (C<sup>13</sup>); **MS (EI)**: *m/z* 595.50 [M-H]<sup>+</sup> (100); **HRMS**: Found 596.1064 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calculated for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>27</sub>BrNO<sub>5</sub> 596.1073 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; **Elemental analysis** calculated for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>26</sub>BrNO<sub>5</sub>: C, 66.45; H, 4.39; N, 2.35. Found: C, 66.65; H, 4.18; N, 2.15.

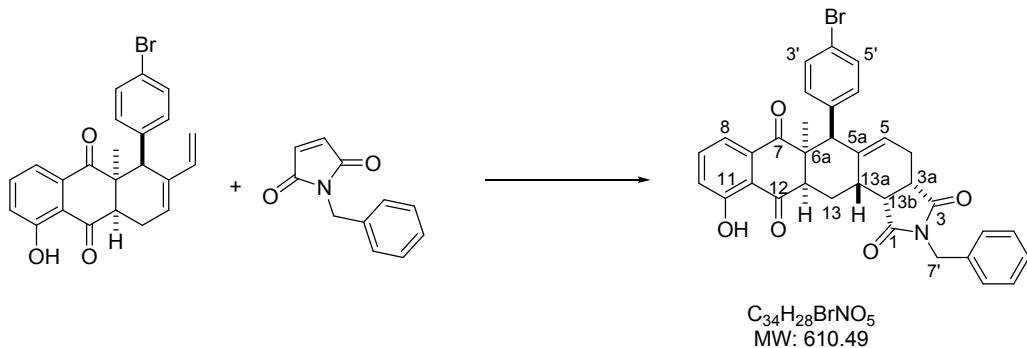
**(3aSR,6SR,6aSR,13aSR,13bRS)-2-benzyl-11-hydroxy-6a-methyl-6-phenyl-3a,4,6,6a,13,13a-hexahydro-1H-anthra[2,3-e]isoindole-1,3,7,12(2H,12aH,13bH)-tetraone (YB031)**



**YB031** was obtained as a yellow solid, **Y** = 92%; **R<sub>f</sub>** 0.67 (Silica gel, EtOAc); **Mp** = 187-188 °C; **IR**: 3338, 2924, 2364, 2330, 2150, 2032, 1959 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **1H NMR** (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 11.84

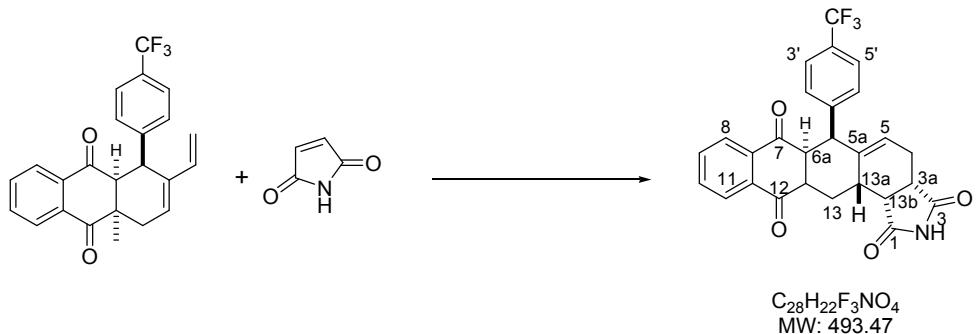
(s, 1H, OH), 7.48 (t, 1H,  $J=7.9$ Hz, H<sup>9</sup>), 7.26-7.28 (2H, m, H<sup>8</sup>), 7.22-7.27 (m, 5H, H<sup>2'-6'</sup>), 7.09 (dd, 1H,  $J=8.3, 1.0$ Hz, H<sup>10</sup>), 7.06 (m, 3H, H<sup>10'-12'</sup>), 6.88 (m, 2H, H<sup>9',13'</sup>), 5.32 (m, 1H, H<sup>5</sup>), 4.60 (d, 2H,  $J=12.2$ Hz, H<sup>7'</sup>), 3.25 (s, 1H, H<sub>6</sub>), 3.20 (t, 1H,  $J=5.9$ Hz, H<sup>12a</sup>), 3.16 (dd, 1H,  $J=8.4, 3.14$ Hz, H<sup>13b</sup>), 3.12 (td, 1H,  $J=8.6, 1.4$ Hz, H<sup>3a</sup>), 2.94 (ddd, 1H,  $J=15.3, 9.4, 6.0$ Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.79 (m, 1H, H<sup>13a</sup>), 2.61 (ddd, 1H,  $J=16.7, 7.2, 1.34$ Hz, H<sup>4</sup>), 2.55 (ddd, 1H,  $J=14.1, 8.0, 5.8$ Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.11 (m, 1H, H<sup>4</sup>), 1.28 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  204.5 (C<sup>12</sup>), 199.5 (C<sup>7</sup>), 179.1 (C<sup>3</sup>), 178.0 (C<sup>1</sup>), 160.7 (C<sup>11</sup>), 140.5 (C<sup>5a</sup>), 138.9 (C<sup>1'</sup>), 136.7 (C<sup>9</sup>), 135.9 (C<sup>7a</sup>), 135.7 (C<sup>8'</sup>), 130.8 (C<sup>9',13'</sup>), 128.7 (C<sup>2'-6'</sup>), 128.3 (C<sup>2'-6'</sup>), 127.8 (C<sup>2'-6'</sup>), 127.0 (C<sup>2'-6'</sup>), 123.9 (C<sup>5</sup>), 122.8 (C<sup>10</sup>), 118.5 (C<sup>8</sup>), 117.0 (C<sup>11a</sup>), 56.0 (C<sup>6</sup>), 53.5 (C<sup>12a</sup>), 52.7 (C<sup>6a</sup>), 44.3 (C<sup>13b</sup>), 42.4 (C<sup>7'</sup>), 40.1 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 32.7 (C<sup>13a</sup>), 25.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.1 (C<sup>4</sup>), 23.4 (C<sup>13</sup>); MS (EI): *m/z* 530.55 (M-H<sup>+</sup>) (100); HRMS: Found 532.2097 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calculated for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> 532.2119 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; Elemental analysis calculated for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>29</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>: C, 76.82; H, 5.50; N, 2.63. Found: C, 76.39; H, 5.55; N, 2.54.

**(3aSR,6SR,6aSR,13aSR,13bRS)-2-benzyl-6-(4-bromophenyl)-11-hydroxy-6a-methyl-3a,4,6,6a,13,13a-hexahydro-1H-anthra[2,3-e]isoindole-1,3,7,12(2H,12aH,13bH)-tetraone (YB032)**



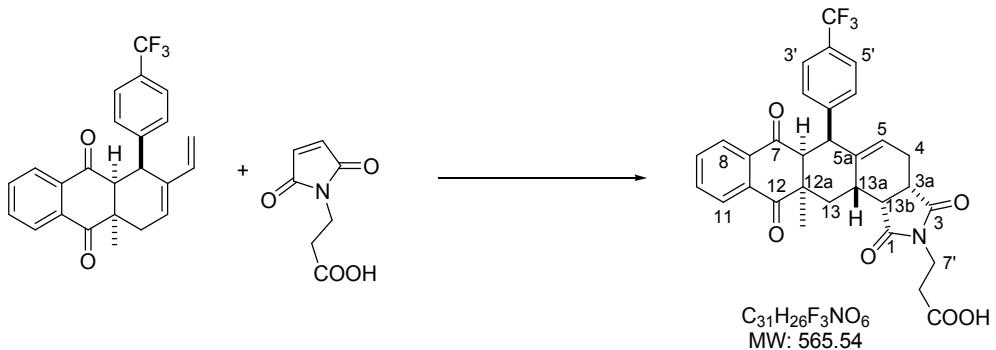
**YB032** was obtained as a yellow solid; **Y** = 87%; **R<sub>f</sub>** 0.67 (Silica gel, EtOAc); **Mp** = 210-211 °C; **IR**: 2361, 2196, 2047, 2015, 1960, 1940 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  11.84 (s, 1H, OH), 7.53 (t, 1H,  $J=8.0$ Hz, H<sup>9</sup>), 7.25 (d, 1H, H<sup>8</sup>), 7.22-7.30 (5H, m, H<sup>9'-13'</sup>), 7.22 (d, 2H,  $J=6.7$ Hz, H<sup>3',5'</sup>), 7.15 (dd, 1H,  $J=8.4, 0.9$ Hz, H<sup>10</sup>), 6.80 (d, 2H,  $J=8.5$ Hz, H<sup>2',6'</sup>), 5.24 (m, 1H, H<sup>5</sup>), 4.58 (d, 2H,  $J=9.2$ Hz, H<sup>7'</sup>), 3.22 (t, 1H,  $J=6.0$ , H<sup>12a</sup>), 3.11 (m, 2H, H<sup>3a,13b</sup>), 3.07 (br s, 1H, H<sup>6</sup>), 2.94 (ddd, 1H,  $J=14.6, 8.3, 6.3$ Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.70 (m, 1H, H<sup>13a</sup>), 2.62 (dd, 1H,  $J=15.0, 7.3$ Hz, H<sup>4</sup>), 2.48 (ddd, 1H,  $J=15.0, 8.4, 7.0$ Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.09 (m, 1H, H<sup>4</sup>), 1.22 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  204.5 (C<sup>12</sup>), 199.5 (C<sup>7</sup>), 178.9 (C<sup>3</sup>), 178.0 (C<sup>1</sup>), 161.0 (C<sup>11</sup>), 140.5 (C<sup>5a</sup>), 137.5 (C<sup>1'</sup>), 136.9 (C<sup>9</sup>), 135.8 (C<sup>7a</sup>), 135.7 (C<sup>8'</sup>), 132.9 (C<sup>3',5'</sup>), 128.7 (C<sup>9',13'</sup>), 128.3 (C<sup>10',12'</sup>), 127.8 (C<sup>11'</sup>), 123.7 (C<sup>10</sup>), 123.2 (C<sup>5</sup>), 121.1 (C<sup>4</sup>), 118.5 (C<sup>8</sup>), 116.5 (C<sup>11a</sup>), 55.6 (C<sup>6</sup>), 54.1 (C<sup>12a</sup>), 52.6 (C<sup>6a</sup>), 44.6 (C<sup>13b</sup>), 42.4 (C<sup>7'</sup>), 40.1 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 32.7 (C<sup>13a</sup>), 25.2 (C<sup>4</sup>), 25.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 23.4 (C<sup>13</sup>); MS (EI): *m/z* 608.55 (M-H<sup>+</sup>) (100) HRMS(EI): Found 610.1218 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calculated for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>29</sub>BrNO<sub>5</sub>: C, 66.89; H, 4.62; N, 2.29. Found: C, 66.85; H, 4.52; N, 2.12.

**(3aSR,6SR,6aSR,12aRS,13aSR,13bRS)-12a-methyl-6-(4'-trifluoromethyl)phenyl-3a,4,6,6a,13,13a-hexahydro-1H-anthra[2,3-e]isoindole-1,3,7,12(2H,12aH,13bH)-tetraone (YB036) (5b)**



**YB036** was obtained as a white solid; **Y** = 92%; **R<sub>f</sub>** 0.39 (Silicagel, Et<sub>2</sub>O); **Mp** = 204–207 °C; IR: 2362, 2335, 1705, 1325 cm<sup>-1</sup>. **1H NMR** (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.90 (br s, 1H, -NH), 7.89 (d, 1H, *J*=7.7Hz, H<sup>9</sup>), 7.59 (m, 1H, H<sup>11</sup>), 7.51 (m, 2H, H<sup>8,10</sup>), 7.15 (d, 2H, *J*= 8.1Hz, H<sup>3',5'</sup>), 6.78 (d, 2H, *J*= 8.1Hz H<sup>2',6'</sup>), 5.48 (dd, 1H, *J*= 6.1, 3.0Hz, H<sup>5</sup>), 4.25 (d, 1H, *J*= 8.0Hz, H<sup>6</sup>), 3.47 (d, 1H, *J*= 10.2Hz, H<sup>6a</sup>), 3.28 (dd, 1H, *J*= 8.6, 5.7Hz, H<sup>13b</sup>), 3.18 (td, 1H, *J*= 8.5, 1.8Hz, H<sup>3a</sup>), 3.01 (m, 1H, H<sup>13a</sup>), 2.73 (dd, 1H, *J*= 13.9, 6.6Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.58 (ddd, 1H, *J*= 15.9, 6.8, 1.6Hz, H<sup>4</sup>), 2.45 (dd, 1H, *J*= 13.7, 12.5Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.15 (m, 1H, H<sup>4</sup>), 1.35 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); **13C NMR** (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 200.0 (C<sup>12</sup>), 198.1 (C<sup>7</sup>), 178.9 (C<sup>3</sup>), 178.1 (C<sup>1</sup>), 144.0 (C<sup>4</sup>), 139.6 (C<sup>5a</sup>), 135.6 (C<sup>7a</sup>), 134.1 (C<sup>10/11</sup>), 134.0 (C<sup>10/11</sup>), 133.6 (C<sup>11a</sup>), 130.3 (C<sup>2',6'</sup>), 128.9 (C<sup>1'</sup>), 126.5 (C<sup>8/9</sup>), 126.4 (C<sup>8/9</sup>), 125.1 (C<sup>5</sup>), 124.6 (C<sup>3',5'</sup>), 124.0 (q, CF<sub>3</sub>, *J*= 270Hz), 60.5 (C<sup>6a</sup>), 48.2 (C<sup>12a</sup>), 46.9 (C<sup>6</sup>), 44.7 (C<sup>13b</sup>), 41.2 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 33.6 (C<sup>13a</sup>), 32.7 (C<sup>13</sup>), 29.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 24.9 (C<sup>4</sup>); **HRMS**: Found 494.1593 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calculated for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>23</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> 494.1574 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. **Elemental analysis** calculated for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>22</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>: C, 68.15; H, 4.49; N, 2.84. Found: C, 67.98; H, 4.25; N, 2.72.

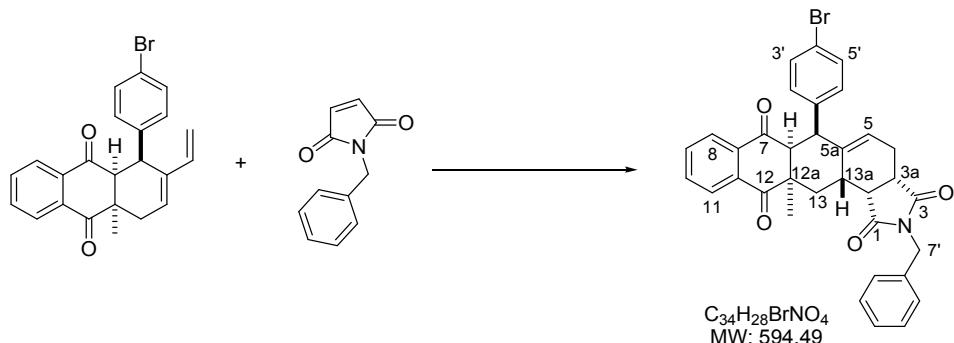
**3-((3aS,6S,6aS,12aR,13aS,13bR)-12a-methyl-1,3,7,12-tetraoxo-6-(4'-trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3a,4,6a,7,12,12a,13,13a-octahydro-1H-anthra[2,3-e]isoindol-2(3H,6H,13bH)-yl)propanoic acid (YB037)**



**YB037** was obtained as a white solid; **Y** = 79%; **R<sub>f</sub>** 0.43 (Silicagel, AcOH/EtOAc1:99); **Mp** = 140.8 – 142.1 °C; IR: 2890, 2366, 1692, 1325, 1163 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **1H NMR** (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.87 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.7Hz, H<sup>9</sup>), 7.58 (m, 1H, H<sup>11</sup>), 7.51 (m, 2H, H<sup>8,10</sup>), 7.15 (d, 2H, *J*= 8.1Hz, H<sup>3',5'</sup>), 6.75 (d, 2H, *J*= 8.1Hz H<sup>2',6'</sup>), 5.38 (dd, 1H, *J*= 6.1, 2.9Hz, H<sup>5</sup>), 4.22 (d, 1H, *J*= 8.8Hz, H<sup>6</sup>), 3.76 (m, 2H, *J*= 6.8Hz, H<sup>7'</sup>), 3.46 (d, 1H, *J*= 10.0Hz, H<sup>6a</sup>), 3.22 (dd, 1H, *J*= 8.5, 5.7Hz, H<sup>13b</sup>), 3.14 (td, 1H, *J*= 8.6, 1.4Hz, H<sup>3a</sup>), 3.02 (m, 1H, H<sup>13a</sup>), 2.78 (dd, 1H, *J*= 14.0, 6.9Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.60 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.8, H<sup>8'</sup>), 2.58 (m, 1H, H<sup>4</sup>), 2.48 (dd, 1H, *J*= 13.9, 12.0Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.12 (m, 1H, H<sup>4</sup>), 1.37 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); **13C NMR** (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 200.0 (C<sup>12</sup>), 198.7 (C<sup>7</sup>), 179.0 (C<sup>3</sup>), 177.1 (C<sup>1</sup>), 174.9 (COOH), 144.4 (C<sup>4</sup>), 139.6 (C<sup>5a</sup>), 135.5 (C<sup>7a</sup>), 134.1 (C<sup>10,11</sup>), 133.6 (C<sup>11a</sup>), 130.3 (C<sup>2',6'</sup>), 128.9 (C<sup>1'</sup>), 126.5 (C<sup>8/9</sup>), 126.4 (C<sup>8/9</sup>), 125.2 (C<sup>5</sup>), 124.6 (C<sup>3',5'</sup>), 124.0 (q, CF<sub>3</sub>, *J*= 270Hz), 60.2

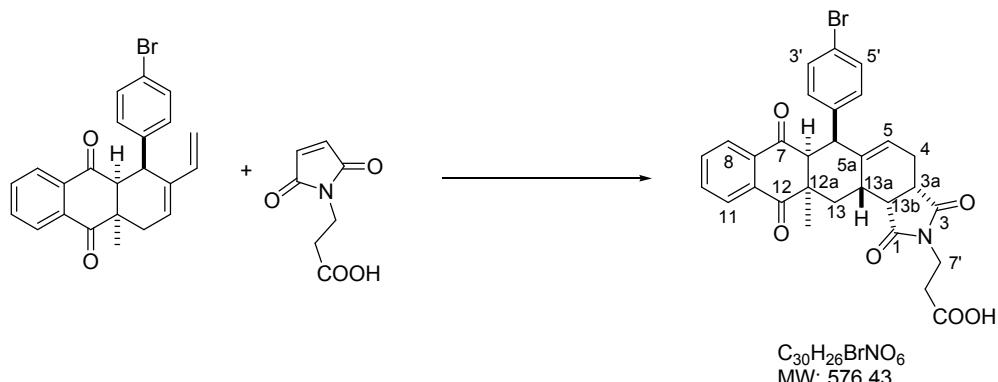
(C<sup>6a</sup>), 48.1 (C<sup>12a</sup>), 46.7 (C<sup>6</sup>), 43.7 (C<sup>13b</sup>), 39.9 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 34.3 (C<sup>7'</sup>), 33.7 (C<sup>13a</sup>), 32.4 (C<sup>13</sup>), 31.8 (C<sup>8'</sup>) 29.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.1 (C<sup>4</sup>); **HRMS**: Found 566.1805 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calculated for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>27</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>6</sub> 566.1785 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; **Elemental analysis** calculated for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>26</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>: C, 68.84; H, 4.63; N, 2.48. Found: C, 65.73; H, 4.58; N, 2.54.

**(3aSR,6SR,6aSR,12aRS,13aSR,13bRS)-2-benzyl-6-(4-bromophenyl)-12a-methyl-3a,4,6,6a,13,13a-hexahydro-1H-anthra[2,3-e]isoindole-1,3,7,12(2H,12aH,13bH)-tetraone (YB038)**



**YB038** was obtained as a white solid; **Y** = 72%; **R<sub>f</sub>** 0.67 (Silica gel, EtOAc); **Mp** = 177.5–179.1 °C; **IR**: 2935, 2354, 1693, 1397, 701 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.93 (dd, 1H, J= 7.6, 1.2 Hz, H<sup>8</sup>), 7.64 (dt, 1H, J= 7.5, 1.4Hz, H<sup>10</sup>), 7.58 (dt, 1H, J= 7.3, 1.0Hz, H<sup>9</sup>), 7.52 (dd, 1H, J= 7.7, 1.4Hz, H<sup>11</sup>), 7.25 (m, 5H, H<sup>9'-13'</sup>), 7.04 (d, 2H, J= 8.4Hz, H<sup>3',5'</sup>), 6.35 (d, 2H, J= 8.4Hz H<sup>2',6'</sup>), 5.25 (dd, 1H, J= 6.6, 3.2Hz, H<sup>5</sup>), 4.58 (d, 2H, J= 8.2Hz, C<sup>7'</sup>), 3.80 (dt, 1H, J= 10.6, 1.5Hz, H<sup>6</sup>), 3.34 (d, 1H, J= 10.7Hz, H<sup>6a</sup>), 3.18 (dd, 1H, J= 8.5, 5.5Hz, H<sup>13b</sup>), 3.14 (td, 1H, J= 8.6, 1.3Hz, H<sup>3a</sup>), 2.90 (m, 1H, H<sup>13a</sup>), 2.65 (dd, 1H, J= 13.8, 6.5Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.56 (ddd, J= 15.7, 7.2, 1.3Hz, 1H, H<sup>4</sup>), 2.41 (dd, 1H, J= 13.5, 12.6Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.08 (m, 1H, H<sup>4</sup>), 1.32 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 200.0 (C<sup>12</sup>), 198.2 (C<sup>7</sup>), 179.0 (C<sup>3</sup>), 178.0 (C<sup>1</sup>), 139.9 (C<sup>5a</sup>), 138.0 (C<sup>4'</sup>), 135.8 (C<sup>7a</sup>), 134.2 (C<sup>9</sup>), 134.0 (C<sup>10</sup>), 133.5 (C<sup>11a</sup>), 131.7 (C<sup>2',6'</sup>), 130.8 (C<sup>3',5'</sup>), 128.7 (C<sup>10',11'</sup>), 128.2 (C<sup>9',13'</sup>), 127.8 (C<sup>11'</sup>), 126.6 (C<sup>8/11</sup>), 126.5 (C<sup>8/11</sup>), 124.6 (C<sup>5</sup>), 120.8 (C<sup>8',1'</sup>), 60.7 (C<sup>6a</sup>), 48.3 (C<sup>12a</sup>), 46.3 (C<sup>6</sup>), 43.7 (C<sup>13b</sup>), 42.3(C<sup>7'</sup>), 40.2 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 34.2 (C<sup>13a</sup>), 32.6 (C<sup>13</sup>), 29.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.2 (C<sup>4</sup>); **HRMS**: Found 594.1251 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calculated for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>29</sub>BrNO<sub>4</sub> 594.1280 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; **Elemental analysis** calculated for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>28</sub>BrNO<sub>4</sub>: C, 68.69; H, 4.75; N, 2.36. Found: C, 68.68; H, 4.63; N, 2.45.

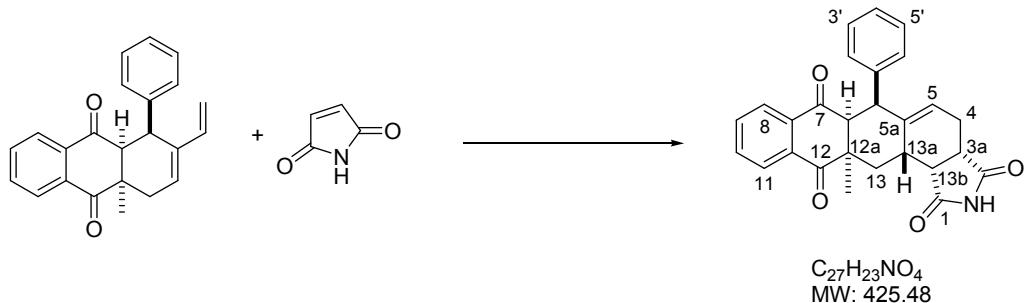
**3-((3aSR,6SR,6aSR,12aRS,13aSR,13bRS)-6-(4-bromophenyl)-12a-methyl-1,3,7,12-tetraoxo-3a,4,6a,7,12,12a,13,13a-octahydro-1H-anthra[2,3-e]isoindol-2(3H,6H,13bH)-yl)propanoic acid (YB039) (5c)**



**YB039** was obtained as a white solid; **Y** = 72%; **R<sub>f</sub>** 0.43 (Silica gel, AcOH/EtOAc1:99); **Mp** = 160.7–161.2 °C; **IR**: 2940, 2356, 2160, 1688 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.89 (d, 1H, J

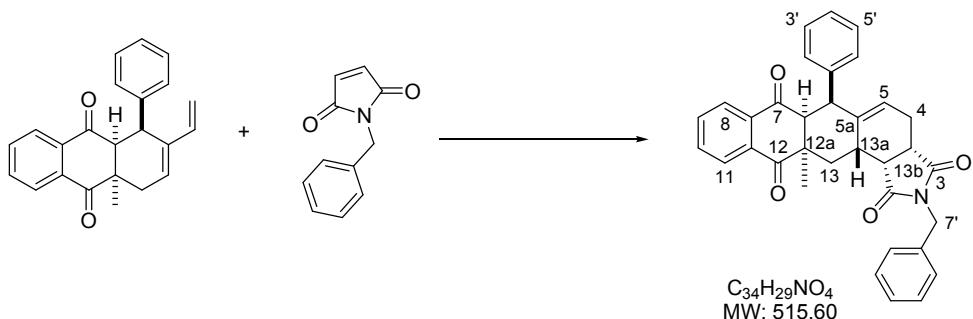
$\delta$  = 7.3Hz, H<sup>8</sup>), 7.63 (td, 1H, H<sup>10</sup>), 7.56 (m, 2H, H<sup>11,9</sup>), 7.20 (d, 2H,  $J$ = 8.4Hz, H<sup>3',5'</sup>), 6.5 (d, 2H,  $J$ = 8.5Hz H<sup>2',6'</sup>), 5.35 (dd, 1H,  $J$ = 6.3, 2.9Hz, H<sup>5</sup>), 4.09 (d, 1H,  $J$ = 9.5Hz, H<sup>6</sup>), 3.75 (m, 2H, H<sup>7'</sup>), 3.43 (d, 1H,  $J$ = 10.1Hz, H<sup>6a</sup>), 3.20 (dd, 1H,  $J$ = 8.6, 5.7Hz, H<sup>13b</sup>), 3.12 (td, 1H,  $J$ = 8.6, 1.3Hz, H<sup>3a</sup>), 2.95 (m, 1H, H<sup>13a</sup>), 2.74 (dd, 1H,  $J$ = 13.9, 6.7Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.59 (t, 2H,  $J$ = 7.0, H<sup>8'</sup>), 2.57 (m, 1H, H<sup>4</sup>), 2.46 (dd, 1H,  $J$ = 13.9, 12.1Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.10 (m, 1H, H<sup>4</sup>), 1.36 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  200.1 (C<sup>12</sup>), 198.8 (C<sup>7</sup>), 179.0 (C<sup>3</sup>), 177.0 (C<sup>1</sup>), 174.8 (COOH), 139.8 (C<sup>5a</sup>), 138.7 (C<sup>4</sup>), 135.7 (C<sup>7a</sup>), 134.1 (C<sup>10,9</sup>), 134.0 (C<sup>10,9</sup>), 133.6 (C<sup>11a</sup>), 131.6 (C<sup>2',6'</sup>), 130.8 (C<sup>3',5'</sup>), 126.6 (C<sup>8/11</sup>), 126.5 (C<sup>8/11</sup>), 124.8 (C<sup>5</sup>), 120.9 (C<sup>1</sup>), 60.4 (C<sup>6a</sup>), 48.1 (C<sup>12a</sup>), 46.5 (C<sup>6</sup>), 43.7 (C<sup>13b</sup>), 40.0 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 34.2 (C<sup>7</sup>), 33.9 (C<sup>13a</sup>), 32.5 (C<sup>13</sup>), 31.8 (C<sup>8'</sup>), 29.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.1 (C<sup>4</sup>); HRMS: Found 576.1041 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calculated for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>27</sub>BrNO<sub>6</sub> 576.1016 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; Elemental analysis calculated for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>26</sub>BrNO<sub>6</sub>: C, 62.51; H, 4.55; N, 2.43. Found: C, 62.60; H, 4.56; N, 2.43.

### (3aSR,6SR,6aSR,12aRS,13aSR,13bRS)-12a-methyl-6-phenyl-3a,4,6,6a,13,13a-hexahydro-1H-anthra[2,3-e]isoindole-1,3,7,12(2H,12aH,13bH)-tetraone (YB040)



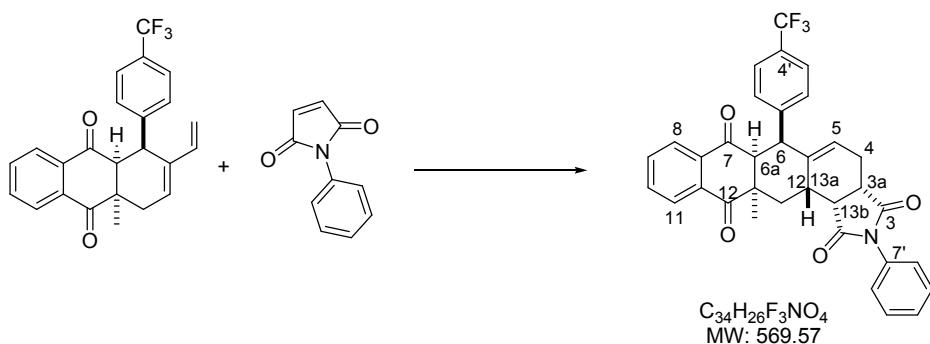
**YB040** was obtained as a white solid; **Y** = 75%; **R<sub>f</sub>** 0.35 (Silica gel, Et<sub>2</sub>O); **Mp** = 223.4–225.1 °C; **IR**: 3230, 2356, 1706, 1682, 701 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.90 (ddd, 1H,  $J$ = 7.5, 1.1, 0.7Hz, H<sup>11</sup>), 7.58 (ddd, 1H,  $J$ = 7.7, 6.1, 2.6Hz, H<sup>9</sup>), 7.53 (m, 2H, H<sup>8,10</sup>), 6.93 (m, 1H, H<sup>4'</sup>), 6.93 (dd, 2H,  $J$ = 4.9, 2.1Hz, H<sup>3',5'</sup>), 6.66 (dd, 2H,  $J$ = 7.2, 2.1Hz H<sup>2',6'</sup>), 5.46 (dt, 1H,  $J$ = 6.0, 2.7Hz, H<sup>5</sup>), 4.17 (dd, 1H,  $J$ = 10.2, 3.1Hz, H<sup>6</sup>), 3.47 (t, 1H,  $J$ = 10.2Hz, H<sup>6a</sup>), 3.28 (dd, 1H,  $J$ = 8.6, 5.8Hz, H<sup>13b</sup>), 3.15 (td, 1H,  $J$ = 8.4, 2.0Hz, H<sup>3a</sup>), 2.99 (m, 1H, H<sup>13a</sup>), 2.72 (dd, 1H,  $J$ = 13.7, 6.4Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.56 (ddd, 1H,  $J$ = 15.9, 6.8, 1.9Hz, H<sup>4</sup>), 2.42 (dd, 1H,  $J$ = 13.7, 12.4Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.13 (m, 1H, H<sup>4</sup>), 1.35 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  200.3 (C<sup>12</sup>), 198.5 (C<sup>7</sup>), 179.1 (C<sup>3</sup>), 178.1 (C<sup>1</sup>), 140.1 (C<sup>5a</sup>), 139.4 (C<sup>7a</sup>), 135.9 (C<sup>11a</sup>), 133.9 (C<sup>9/10</sup>), 133.7 (C<sup>9/10</sup>), 133.6 (C<sup>1</sup>), 129.9 (C<sup>2',6'</sup>), 127.8 (C<sup>3',5'</sup>), 126.5 (C<sup>8/11</sup>), 126.9 (C<sup>4</sup>), 126.4 (C<sup>8/11</sup>), 124.2 (C<sup>5</sup>), 60.9 (C<sup>6a</sup>), 48.4 (C<sup>12a</sup>), 46.5 (C<sup>6</sup>), 44.7 (C<sup>13b</sup>), 41.2 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 33.8 (C<sup>13a</sup>), 33.0 (C<sup>13</sup>), 29.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 24.9 (C<sup>4</sup>); HRMS: Found 426.1722 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calculated for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> 426.1700 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; Elemental analysis calculated for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>: C, 76.22; H, 5.45; N, 3.29. Found: C, 75.98; H, 5.28; N, 3.38.

### (3aS,6S,6aS,12aR,13aS,13bR)-2-benzyl-12a-methyl-6-phenyl-3a,4,6,6a,13,13a-hexahydro-1H-anthra[2,3-e]isoindole-1,3,7,12(2H,12aH,13bH)-tetraone (YB041)



**YB041** was obtained as a white solid; **Y** = 77%; **R<sub>f</sub>** 0.67 (Silic agel, EtOAc); **Mp** = 190.5–193.1 °C; **IR**: 2914, 2362, 1694, 1398 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **1H NMR** (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.92 (dt, 1H, *J*=7.2, H<sup>8</sup>), 7.60 (ddd, 1H, *J*=7.7, 6.6, 2.1Hz, H<sup>10</sup>), 7.52 (m, 2H, H<sup>11,9</sup>), 7.25 (m, 5H, H<sup>9'-13'</sup>), 6.93 (m, 3H, H<sup>3',4',5'</sup>), 6.52 (dd, 2H, *J*=7.9, 1.4Hz H<sup>2',6'</sup>), 5.32 (dt, 1H, *J*=6.1, 2.8Hz, H<sup>5</sup>), 4.58 (s, 2H, C<sup>7</sup>), 3.89 (dd, 1H, *J*=10.5, 3.4Hz, H<sup>6</sup>), 3.36 (d, 1H, *J*=10.6Hz, H<sup>6a</sup>), 3.20 (dd, 1H, *J*=8.5, 5.6Hz, H<sup>13b</sup>), 3.12 (td, 1H, *J*=8.4, 1.6Hz, H<sup>3a</sup>), 2.93 (m, 1H, H<sup>13a</sup>), 2.65 (dd, 1H, *J*=13.8, 6.5Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.57 (ddd, 1H, *J*=15.6, 7.0, 1.6Hz, H<sup>4</sup>), 2.40 (dd, 1H, *J*=13.6, 12.5Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.10 (m, 1H, H<sup>4</sup>), 1.31 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); **13C NMR** (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 200.3 (C<sup>12</sup>), 198.4 (C<sup>7</sup>), 179.1 (C<sup>3</sup>), 178.0 (C<sup>1</sup>), 140.1 (C<sup>5a</sup>), 138.9 (C<sup>1'</sup>), 136.1 (C<sup>7a</sup>), 135.8 (C<sup>8'</sup>), 134.0 (C<sup>9</sup>), 133.7 (C<sup>10</sup>), 133.6 (C<sup>11a</sup>), 130.1 (C<sup>2',6'</sup>), 128.7 (C<sup>10'11'</sup>), 128.1 (C<sup>9',13'</sup>), 127.8 (C<sup>11'</sup>), 127.7 (C<sup>3',5'</sup>), 126.9 (C<sup>4'</sup>), 126.6 (C<sup>8/11</sup>), 126.5 (C<sup>8/11</sup>), 124.3 (C<sup>5</sup>), 60.9 (C<sup>6a</sup>), 48.4 (C<sup>12a</sup>), 47.2 (C<sup>6</sup>), 43.6 (C<sup>13b</sup>), 42.3(C<sup>7</sup>), 40.2 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 34.1 (C<sup>13a</sup>), 33.0 (C<sup>13</sup>), 29.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.1 (C<sup>4</sup>); **HRMS**: Found 596.2159 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calculated for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> 596.2175 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; **Elemental analysis** calculated for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>29</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>: C, 79.20; H, 5.67; N, 2.72. Found: C, 78.99; H, 5.72; N, 2.85.

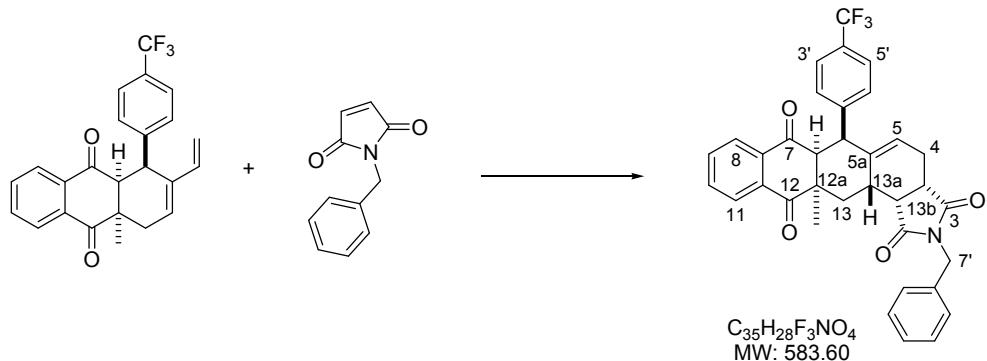
**(3aSR,6SR,6aSR,12aRS,13aSR,13bRS)-12a-methyl-2-phenyl-6-(4(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3a,4,6,6a,13,13a-hexahydro-1H-anthra[2,3-e]isoindole-1,3,7,12(2H,12aH,13bH)-tetraone (YB063a)**



**YB063a** was obtained as a white solid; **Y** = 83%; **R<sub>f</sub>** 0.69 (Silica gel, EtOAc); **Mp** = 250.1 °C; **IR**: 3749, 2197, 1749, 1594, 1498, 1383, 1111, 981, 743 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **1H NMR** (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.92 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.7Hz, H<sup>9</sup>), 7.62 (m, 1H, H<sup>11</sup>), 7.55 (m, 2H, H<sup>8,10</sup>), 7.46 (t, 2H, *J*= 7.3Hz, H<sup>8',12'</sup>), 7.39 (t, 1H, *J*= 7.5Hz, H<sup>10'</sup>), 7.19 (d, 2H, *J*= 8.2Hz, H<sup>3',5'</sup>), 7.15 (d, 2H, *J*= 7.3Hz, H<sup>9',11'</sup>), 6.79 (d, 2H, *J*= 8.1Hz H<sup>2',6'</sup>), 5.47 (dd, 1H, *J*= 6.2, 3.1Hz, H<sup>5</sup>), 4.23 (dd, 1H, *J*= 10.2, 2.6Hz, H<sup>6</sup>), 3.47 (d, 1H, *J*= 10.7Hz, H<sup>6a</sup>), 3.41 (dd, 1H, *J*= 8.6, 5.6Hz, H<sup>13b</sup>), 3.31 (td, 1H, *J*= 8.4, 1.8Hz, H<sup>3a</sup>), 3.01 (m, 1H, H<sup>13a</sup>), 2.79 (dd, 1H, *J*= 13.9, 6.6Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.69 (ddd, 1H, *J*= 15.9, 6.9, 1.8Hz, H<sup>4</sup>), 2.54 (dd, 1H, *J*= 13.8, 12.3Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.25 (m, 1H, H<sup>4</sup>), 1.36 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); **13C NMR** (125MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 200.0 (C<sup>12</sup>), 198.1 (C<sup>7</sup>), 178.3 (C<sup>3</sup>), 177.4 (C<sup>1</sup>), 143.7 (C<sup>5a</sup>), 139.9 (C<sup>7'</sup>), 135.7 (C<sup>7a/11a</sup>), 134.2 (C<sup>11</sup>), 134.1 (C<sup>8/10</sup>), 133.6 (C<sup>7a/11a</sup>), 132.1 (C<sup>1'</sup>), 130.3 (C<sup>2',6'</sup>), 129.2 (C<sup>8',12'</sup>), 128.8 (C<sup>10'</sup>), 126.6 (C<sup>9',11'</sup>), 126.5 (C<sup>9</sup>), 126.4 (C<sup>8/10</sup>), 125.0 (C<sup>5</sup>), 124.7 (C<sup>3',5'</sup>), 124.0 (q, CF<sub>3</sub>, *J* 270Hz), 122.7 (C<sup>4</sup>), 60.6 (C<sup>6a</sup>), 48.3 (C<sup>12a</sup>), 47.2 (C<sup>6</sup>), 43.6 (C<sup>13b</sup>), 40.2 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 34.1 (C<sup>13a</sup>), 32.8 (C<sup>13</sup>), 29.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.5 (C<sup>4</sup>); **HRMS**: Found 570.1867 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>,

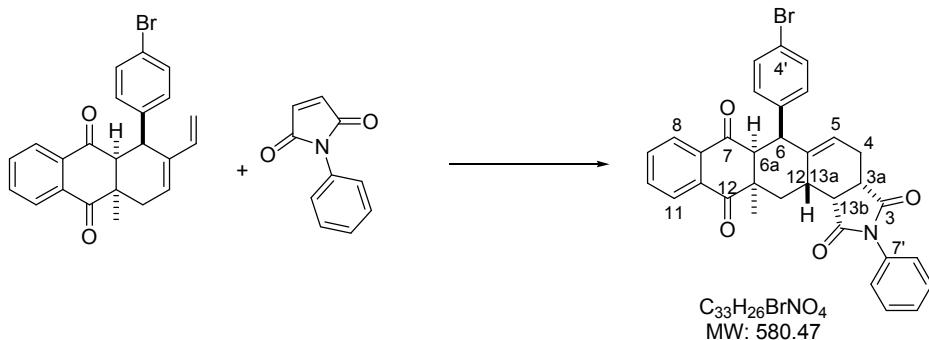
calculated for  $C_{34}H_{27}F_3NO_4$  570.1892 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; **Elemental analysis** calculated for  $C_{34}H_{26}F_3NO_4$ : C, 71.70; H, 4.60; N, 2.46. Found: C, 71.58; H, 5.61; N, 2.41.

**(3aSR,6SR,6aSR,12aRS,13aSR,13bRS)-2-benzyl-12a-methyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl-3a,4,6,6a,13,13a-hexahydro-1H-anthra[2,3-e]isoindole-1,3,7,12(2H,12aH,13bH)-tetraone (YB063B)**



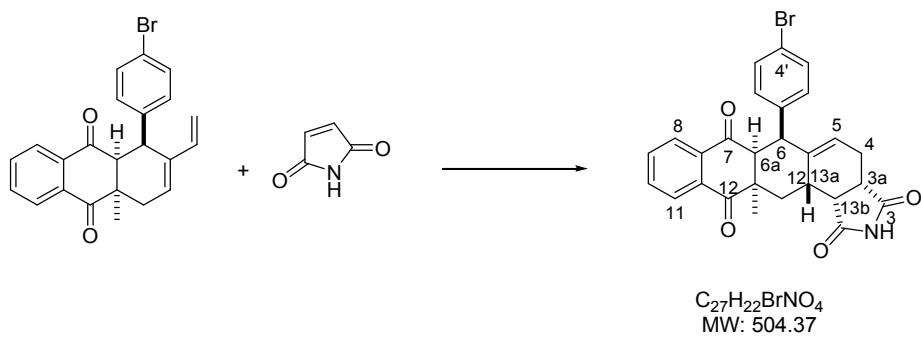
**YB063b** was obtained as a white solid;  $Y = 77\%$ ;  $R_f$  0.64 (Silica gel, EtOAc); **Mp** = 109.1–111.6 °C; **IR**: 3749, 2489, 1690, 1594, 1397, 1321, 1163, 1121, 1067, 707 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **1H NMR** (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.91 (dd, 1H,  $J$  = 7.7, 0.6Hz, H<sup>9</sup>), 7.61 (td, 1H,  $J$  = 7.7, 1.4Hz, H<sup>11</sup>), 7.53 (td, 1H,  $J$  = 7.3, 1.2Hz, H<sup>10</sup>), 7.47 (dd, 1H,  $J$  = 7.4, 0.9Hz, H<sup>8</sup>), 7.27 (m, 3H,  $J$  = 7.3Hz, H<sup>10'-12'</sup>), 7.24 (m, 2H, H<sup>9',13'</sup>), 7.14 (d, 2H,  $J$  = 8.1Hz, H<sup>3',5'</sup>), 6.60 (d, 2H,  $J$  = 8.1Hz, H<sup>2',6'</sup>), 5.61 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 14.0Hz, H<sup>7'</sup>), 5.25 (dd, 1H,  $J$  = 6.5, 3.1Hz, H<sup>5'</sup>), 4.55 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 14.0Hz, H<sup>7'</sup>), 3.91 (dd, 1H,  $J$  = 10.5, 2.9Hz, H<sup>6'</sup>), 3.36 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 10.6Hz, H<sup>6a</sup>), 3.21 (dd, 1H,  $J$  = 8.5, 5.6Hz, H<sup>13b</sup>), 3.15 (td, 1H,  $J$  = 8.0, 1.4Hz, H<sup>3a</sup>), 2.94 (m, 1H, H<sup>13a</sup>), 2.67 (dd, 1H,  $J$  = 13.8, 6.6Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.59 (ddd, 1H,  $J$  = 15.6, 7.1, 1.4Hz, H<sup>4</sup>), 2.43 (dd, 1H,  $J$  = 13.7, 12.4Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.11 (m, 1H, H<sup>4</sup>), 1.32 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); **13C NMR** (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  200.0 (C<sup>12</sup>), 198.1 (C<sup>7</sup>), 178.9 (C<sup>3</sup>), 178.0 (C<sup>1</sup>), 143.4 (C<sup>5a</sup>), 139.6 (C<sup>5a</sup>), 135.9 (C<sup>4'</sup>), 135.7 (C<sup>7a</sup>), 134.2 (C<sup>11</sup>), 134.1 (C<sup>10</sup>), 133.5 (C<sup>11a</sup>), 130.5 (C<sup>2',6'</sup>), 128.7 (C<sup>9'-11'</sup>), 128.4 (C<sup>8',12'</sup>), 127.9 (C<sup>8'</sup>), 126.6 (C<sup>8</sup>), 126.4 (C<sup>9</sup>), 125.0 (C<sup>5</sup>), 124.5 (C<sup>3',5'</sup>), 124.0 (q, CF<sub>3</sub>,  $J$  = 270Hz), 60.5 (C<sup>6a</sup>), 48.3 (C<sup>12a</sup>), 46.6 (C<sup>6</sup>), 43.5 (C<sup>13b</sup>), 42.4 (C<sup>7</sup>), 40.2 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 34.1 (C<sup>13a</sup>), 32.7 (C<sup>13</sup>), 29.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.2 (C<sup>4</sup>); **HRMS**: Found 584.2014 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calculated for  $C_{35}H_{29}F_3NO_4$  584.2049 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; **Elemental analysis** calculated for  $C_{35}H_{28}F_3NO_4$ : C, 72.03; H, 4.84; N, 2.40. Found: C, 72.09; H, 4.88; N, 2.42.

**(3aSR,6SR,6aSR,12aRS,13aSR,13bRS)-6-(4-bromophenyl)-12a-methyl-2-phenyl-3a,4,6,6a,13,13a-hexahydro-1H-anthra[2,3-e]isoindole-1,3,7,12(2H,12aH,13bH)-tetraone (YB064a)**



**YB064a** was obtained as a white solid; **Y** = 67%; **R<sub>f</sub>** 0.72 (Silica gel, EtOAc); **Mp** = 141.7–145.4 °C; **IR**: 2197, 1700, 1593, 1488, 1383, 1293, 1199, 1150, 981, 693 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **1H NMR** (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.94 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.6Hz, H<sup>9</sup>), 7.66 (m, 1H, H<sup>11</sup>), 7.60 (m, 2H, H<sup>8,10</sup>), 7.46 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.9Hz, H<sup>9',11'</sup>), 7.39 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.4Hz, H<sup>10'</sup>), 7.12 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.2Hz, H<sup>8',12'</sup>), 7.09 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.5Hz, H<sup>3',5'</sup>), 6.53 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.5Hz H<sup>2',6'</sup>), 5.45 (dd, 1H, *J* = 6.3, 3.2Hz, H<sup>5</sup>), 4.12 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.9, 2.4Hz, H<sup>6</sup>), 3.44 (d, 1H, *J* = 10.4Hz, H<sup>6a</sup>), 3.39 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.6, 5.6Hz, H<sup>13b</sup>), 3.29 (td, 1H, *J* = 8.4, 1.8Hz, H<sup>3a</sup>), 3.03 (m, 1H, H<sup>13a</sup>), 2.76 (dd, 1H, *J* = 13.8, 6.5Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.68 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 15.7, 6.9, 1.7Hz, H<sup>4</sup>), 2.52 (dd, 1H, *J* = 13.7, 12.4Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.20 (m, 1H, H<sup>4</sup>), 1.36 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); **13C NMR** (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 200.1 (C<sup>12</sup>), 198.2 (C<sup>7</sup>), 178.4 (C<sup>3</sup>), 177.4 (C<sup>1</sup>), 140.1 (C<sup>5a</sup>), 138.2 (C<sup>7'</sup>), 135.8 (C<sup>7a/11a</sup>), 134.2 (C<sup>11</sup>), 134.1 (C<sup>8/10</sup>), 133.6 (C<sup>7a/11a</sup>), 131.7 (C<sup>1'</sup>), 131.6 (C<sup>2',6'</sup>), 131.0 (C<sup>3',5'</sup>), 129.2 (C<sup>9',11'</sup>), 128.8 (C<sup>10'</sup>), 126.6 (C<sup>9</sup>), 126.5 (C<sup>8/10</sup>), 126.4 (C<sup>8',12'</sup>), 124.6 (C<sup>5</sup>), 121.1 (C<sup>4'</sup>), 60.8 (C<sup>6a</sup>), 48.4 (C<sup>12a</sup>), 46.9 (C<sup>6</sup>), 43.6 (C<sup>13b</sup>), 40.3 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 34.3 (C<sup>13a</sup>), 32.9 (C<sup>13</sup>), 29.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.5 (C<sup>4</sup>); **HRMS**: Found 580.1088 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calculated for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>27</sub>BrNO<sub>4</sub> 580.1123 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; **Elemental analysis** calculated for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>26</sub>BrNO<sub>4</sub>: C, 68.28; H, 4.51; N, 2.41. Found: C, 67.89, H, 4.41, N, 2.33.

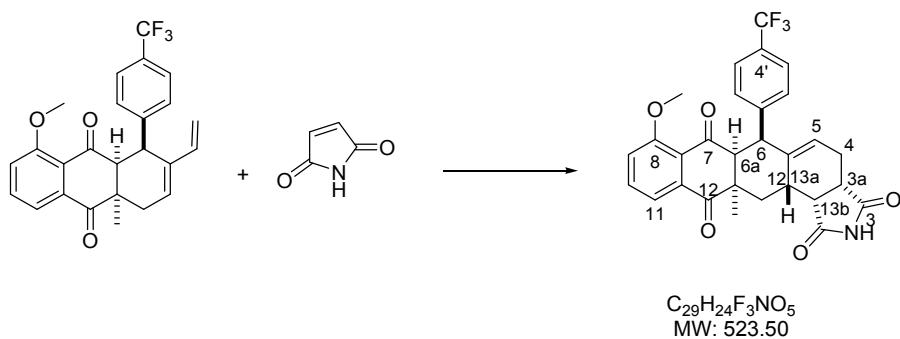
**(3aSR,6SR,6aSR,12aRS,13aSR,13bRS)-6-(4-bromophenyl)-12a-methyl-3a,4,6,6a,13,13a-hexahydro-1H-anthra[2,3-e]isoindole-1,3,7,12(2H,12aH,13bH)-tetraone (YB064b)**



**YB064b** was obtained as a white solid; **Y** = 81%; **R<sub>f</sub>** 0.33 (Silicagel, Et<sub>2</sub>O); **Mp** = 254.9 °C; **IR**: 1681, 1592, 1487, 1360, 1253, 1009, 981, 712 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **1H NMR** (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.09 (br s, 1H, -NH), 7.91 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.7Hz, H<sup>9</sup>), 7.64 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.3Hz, H<sup>11</sup>), 7.56 (m, 2H, H<sup>8,10</sup>), 7.04 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.2Hz, H<sup>3',5'</sup>), 6.52 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.3Hz H<sup>2',6'</sup>), 5.41 (dd, 1H, *J* = 6.0, 3.0Hz, H<sup>5</sup>), 4.12 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.9Hz, H<sup>6</sup>), 3.45 (d, 1H, *J* = 10.3Hz, H<sup>6a</sup>), 3.26 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.6, 5.8Hz, H<sup>13b</sup>), 3.16 (td, 1H, *J* = 8.4, 7.3Hz, H<sup>3a</sup>), 2.95 (m, 1H, H<sup>13a</sup>), 2.70 (dd, 1H, *J* = 13.8, 6.5Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.57 (dd, 1H, *J* = 15.3, 6.5Hz, H<sup>4</sup>), 2.44 (dd, 1H, *J* = 13.2, 12.9Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.12 (m, 1H, H<sup>4</sup>), 1.36 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); **13C NMR** (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 200.2 (C<sup>12</sup>), 198.4 (C<sup>7</sup>), 179.2 (C<sup>3</sup>), 178.3 (C<sup>1</sup>), 139.9 (C<sup>4'</sup>),

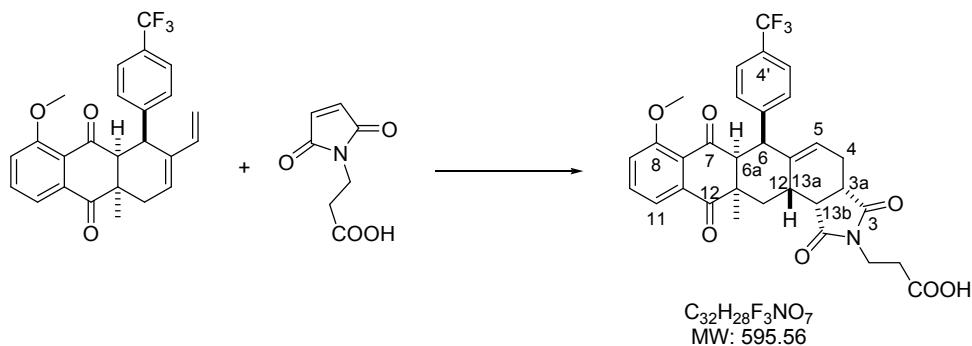
138.6 (C<sup>5a</sup>), 135.7 (C<sup>7a</sup>), 134.2 (C<sup>8/11</sup>), 134.0 (C<sup>8/11</sup>), 133.6 (C<sup>11a</sup>), 131.6 (C<sup>2',6'</sup>), 130.9 (C<sup>3',5'</sup>), 126.6 (C<sup>10/9</sup>), 126.5 (C<sup>10/9</sup>), 124.7 (C<sup>5</sup>), 120.9 (C<sup>1'</sup>), 60.7 (C<sup>6a</sup>), 48.3 (C<sup>12a</sup>), 46.6 (C<sup>6</sup>), 44.7 (C<sup>13b</sup>), 41.3 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 33.8 (C<sup>13a</sup>), 32.8 (C<sup>13</sup>), 29.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 24.9 (C<sup>4</sup>); **HRMS**: Found 504.0807 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calculated for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>23</sub>BrNO<sub>4</sub> 504.0810 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; **Elemental analysis** calculated for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>22</sub>BrNO<sub>4</sub>: C, 64.30; H, 4.40; N, 2.78. Found: C, 64.08; H, 4.38; N, 2.81.

**(3aSR,6SR,6aSR,12aRS,13aSR,13bRS)-8-methoxy-12a-methyl-6-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3a,4,6,6a,13,13a-hexahydro-1H-anthra[2,3-e]isoindole-1,3,7,12(2H,12aH,13bH)-tetraone (YB071) (5d)**



**YB071** was obtained as a white solid; **Y** = 78%; **R<sub>f</sub>** 0.42 (Silica gel, Et<sub>2</sub>O); **Mp** = 90.6 °C; **IR**: 3244, 2328, 1674, 1586, 1467, 1278, 1156, 1104, 1065, 998, 730 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.35 (br s, 1H, -NH), 7.51 (m, 2H, H<sup>11,9</sup>), 7.20 (d, 2H, J= 8.1Hz, H<sup>3',5'</sup>), 7.02 (d, 1H, J= 8.2Hz, H<sup>10</sup>), 6.85 (d, 2H, J= 8.1Hz, H<sup>2',6'</sup>), 5.42 (dd, 1H, J = 6.6, 3.5Hz, H<sup>5</sup>), 4.22 (m, 1H, H<sup>6</sup>), 3.72 (s, 1H, -OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.38 (d, 1H, J= 10.4Hz, H<sup>6a</sup>), 3.21 (dd, 1H, J= 8.8, 5.6Hz, H<sup>13b</sup>), 3.14 (td, 1H, J= 8.6, 1.6Hz, H<sup>3a</sup>), 2.82 (m, 1H, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.60 (dd, 1H, J = 13.7, 6.4Hz, H<sup>13a</sup>), 2.55 (dd, 1H, J = 8.6, 1.4Hz, H<sup>4</sup>), 2.50 (d, 1H, J= 12.2Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.07 (m, 1H, H<sup>4</sup>), 1.37 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 200.2 (C<sup>12</sup>), 196.7 (C<sup>7</sup>), 179.4 (C<sup>3</sup>), 178.4 (C<sup>1</sup>), 157.9 (C<sup>8</sup>), 143.7 (C<sup>1',4'</sup>), 139.6 (C<sup>5a</sup>), 135.7 (C<sup>7a</sup>), 134.5 (C<sup>11/9</sup>), 130.4 (C<sup>2',6'</sup>), 125.1 (C<sup>11a</sup>), 124.6 (C<sup>5',3'</sup>), 124.6 (C<sup>5</sup>), 124.0 (q, CF<sub>3</sub>, J= 270Hz), 118.5 (C<sup>11/9</sup>), 117.2 (C<sup>10</sup>), 62.4 (C<sup>6a</sup>), 55.9 (COMe), 48.4 (C<sup>12a</sup>), 45.8 (C<sup>6</sup>), 44.8 (C<sup>13b</sup>), 41.4 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 34.0 (C<sup>13a</sup>), 33.2 (C<sup>13</sup>), 28.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.0 (C<sup>4</sup>); **HRMS** (EI): Found 524.1683 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>25</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>, calculated 524.1685 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; **Elemental analysis** calculated for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>24</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>: C, 66.53; H, 4.62; N, 2.68. Found: C, 66.43; H, 4.77, N, 2.62.

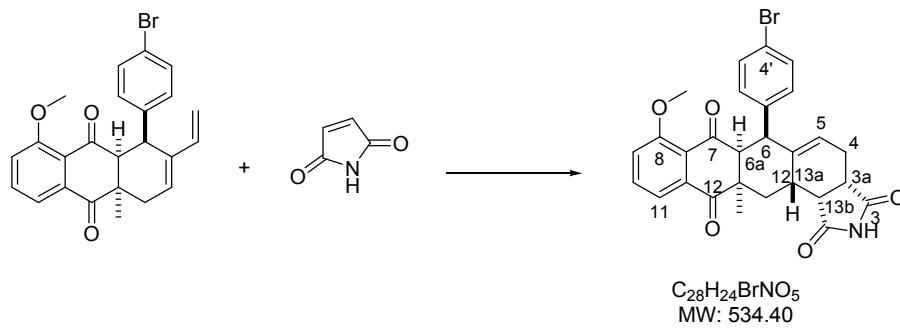
**3-((3aSR,6SR,6aSR,12aRS,13aSR,13bRS)-8-methoxy-12a-methyl-1,3,7,12-tetraoxo-6-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3a,4,6,7,12,12a,13,13a-octahydro-1H-anthra[2,3-e]isoindol-2(3H,6H,13bH)-yl)propanoic acid (YB072)**



**YB072** was obtained as a white solid; **Y** = 92%; **R<sub>f</sub>** 0.45 (Silica gel, AcOH/EtOAc 1:99); **Mp** = 144.1–147.5 °C; **IR**: 3749, 2359, 1993, 1740, 1671, 1398, 1316, 1216, 1156, 1105, 990, 853 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.52 (m, 2H, H<sup>11,9</sup>), 7.18 (d, 1H, J= 8.2Hz, H<sup>3',5'</sup>), 7.02

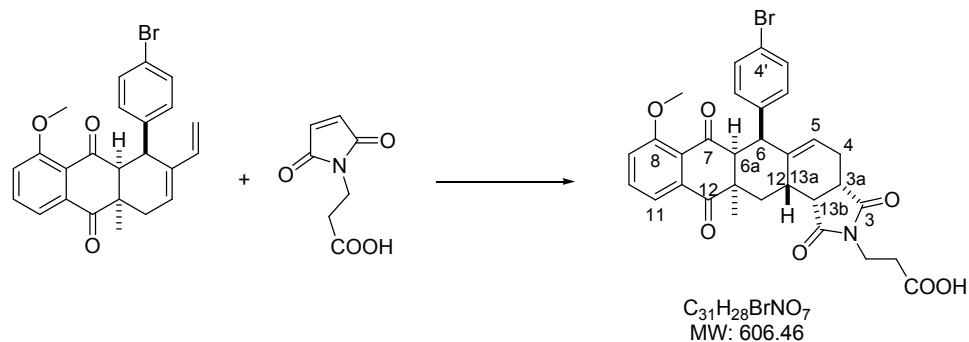
(dd, 1H,  $J=6.3$ , 3.0Hz, H<sup>10</sup>), 6.83 (d, 2H,  $J=8.1$ , H<sup>2',6'</sup>), 5.37 (dd, 1H,  $J=6.6$ , 3.0Hz, H<sup>5</sup>), 4.19 (d, 1H,  $J=7.7$ Hz, H<sub>6</sub>), 3.74 (s, 3H, -OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.72 (m, 2H, H<sup>7'</sup>), 3.38 (d, 1H,  $J=10.2$ Hz, H<sup>6a</sup>), 3.17 (dd, 1H,  $J=8.6$ , 5.6Hz, C<sup>13b</sup>), 3.11 (t, 1H,  $J=7.7$ Hz, H<sup>3a</sup>), 2.85 (m, 1H, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.66 (dd, 1H,  $J=14.0$ , 6.7Hz, H<sup>13a</sup>), 2.58 (dd, 1H,  $J=16.1$ , 6.8Hz, H<sup>4</sup>), 2.57 (t, 2H,  $J=7.0$ Hz, H<sup>8'</sup>), 2.50 (dd, 1H,  $J=13.6$ , 12.6 Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.07 (m, 1H, H<sup>4</sup>), 1.39 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  200.2 (C<sup>12</sup>), 197.2 (C<sup>7</sup>), 179.0 (C<sup>3</sup>), 177.8 (C<sup>1</sup>), 174.5 (C<sup>9'</sup>), 157.9 (C<sup>8</sup>), 144.0 (C<sup>1',4'</sup>), 139.5 (C<sup>5a</sup>), 135.7 (C<sup>7a</sup>), 134.6 (C<sup>11/9</sup>), 130.3 (C<sup>2',6'</sup>), 128.9 (C<sup>11a</sup>), 125.0 (C<sup>5</sup>), 124.5 (C<sup>3',5'</sup>), 124.0 (q, CF<sub>3</sub>,  $J=270$ Hz), 118.5 (C<sup>11/9</sup>), 117.2 (C<sup>10</sup>), 62.2 (C<sup>6a</sup>), 55.9 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 48.2 (C<sup>12a</sup>), 45.7 (C<sup>6</sup>), 43.7 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 40.1 (C<sup>13b</sup>), 34.3 (C<sup>7</sup>), 34.1 (C<sup>13a</sup>), 32.9 (C<sup>13</sup>), 31.7 (C<sup>8'</sup>), 28.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.2 (C<sup>4</sup>); HRMS (EI): Found: 596.1920 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>29</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>7</sub>, calculated 596.1896 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; Elemental analysis calculated for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>28</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>7</sub>: C, 64.53; H, 4.72; N, 2.35. Found: C, 64.48; H, 4.69; N, 2.08.

**(3aSR,6SR,6aSR,12aRS,13aSR,13bRS)-6-(4-bromophenyl)-8-methoxy-12a-methyl-3a,4,6,6a,13,13a-hexahydro-1H-anthra[2,3-e]isoindole-1,3,7,12(2H,12aH,13bH)-tetraone (YB073)**



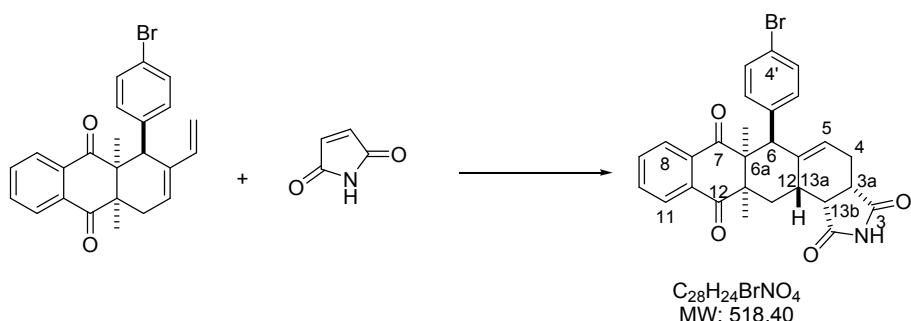
**YB073** was obtained as a white solid; **Y** = 73%; **R<sub>f</sub>** 0.35 (Silicagel, Et<sub>2</sub>O); **Mp** = 170.0-173.1 °C; **IR**: 2927, 1692, 1583, 1434, 1362, 1273, 1231, 1183, 1148, 1076 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.77 (br s, 1H, -NH), 7.55 (m, 2H, H<sup>11,9</sup>), 7.10 (d, 2H,  $J=8.4$ Hz, H<sup>3',5'</sup>), 7.02 (m, 1H, H<sup>10</sup>), 6.62 (d, 2H,  $J=8.4$ Hz, H<sup>2',6'</sup>), 5.43 (dd, 1H,  $J=6.7$ , 3.2Hz, H<sup>5</sup>), 4.11 (m, 1H, H<sup>6</sup>), 3.80 (s, 1H, -OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.35 (d, 1H,  $J=10.4$ Hz, H<sup>6a</sup>), 3.20 (dd, 1H,  $J=8.7$ , 5.4Hz, H<sup>13b</sup>), 3.13 (td, 1H,  $J=8.4$ , 1.5Hz, H<sup>3a</sup>), 2.77 (m, 1H, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.58 (M, 1H, H<sup>13a</sup>), 2.55 (dd, 1H,  $J=7.2$ , 1.3Hz, H<sup>4</sup>), 2.50 (d, 1H,  $J=12.8$ Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.04 (m, 1H, H<sup>4</sup>), 1.38 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  200.4 (C<sup>12</sup>), 196.9 (C<sup>7</sup>), 178.9 (C<sup>3</sup>), 178.0 (C<sup>1</sup>), 157.9 (C<sup>8</sup>), 139.8 (C<sup>1'</sup>), 138.2 (C<sup>5a</sup>), 135.7 (C<sup>7a</sup>), 134.4 (C<sup>11/9</sup>), 131.7 (C<sup>2',6'</sup>), 130.9 (C<sup>5',3'</sup>), 125.4 (C<sup>11a</sup>), 124.2 (C<sup>5</sup>), 120.7 (C<sup>4</sup>), 118.5 (C<sup>11/9</sup>), 117.2 (C<sup>10</sup>), 62.6 (C<sup>6a</sup>), 56.2 (C<sup>OMe</sup>), 48.5 (C<sup>12a</sup>), 45.5 (C<sup>6</sup>), 44.8 (C<sup>13b</sup>), 41.4 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 34.2 (C<sup>13a</sup>), 33.3 (C<sup>13</sup>), 28.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.1 (C<sup>4</sup>); HRMS (ESI): Found 534.0911 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>25</sub>BrNO<sub>5</sub>, calculated 534.0916 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; Elemental analysis calculated for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>24</sub>BrNO<sub>5</sub>: C, 62.93; H, 4.52; N, 2.62. Found: C, 63.03; H, 4.36; N, 2.61.

**3-((3aSR,6SR,6aSR,12aRS,13aSR,13bRS)-6-(4-bromophenyl)-8-methoxy-12a-methyl-1,3,7,12-tetraoxo-3a,4,6a,7,12,12a,13,13a-octahydro-1H-anthra[2,3-e]isoindol-2(3H,6H,13bH)-yl)propanoic acid (YB074) (5e)**



**YB074** was obtained as a white solid; **Y** = 93%; **R<sub>f</sub>** 0.49 (Silica gel, AcOH/EtOAc 1:99); **Mp** = 151.3–154.2 °C **IR**: 3853, 2173, 1740, 1666, 1561, 1293, 1029, 983, 710 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **1H NMR** (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.53 (m, 2H, H<sup>11,9</sup>), 7.08 (dd, 1H, J= 6.6, 2.8Hz, H<sup>10</sup>), 7.06 (d, 1H, J= 8.4Hz, H<sup>3',5'</sup>), 6.58 (d, 2H, J= 8.4, H<sup>2',6'</sup>), 5.37 (dd, 1H, J = 6.7, 3.1Hz, H<sup>5</sup>), 4.06 (dt, 1H, J = 8.6, 1.5Hz, H<sub>6</sub>), 3.80 (s, 3H, -OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.72 (dd, 1H, J = 7.1, 6.6Hz, H<sup>7</sup>'), 3.68 (dd, 1H, J = 7.0, 6.8Hz, H<sup>7</sup>'), 3.34 (d, 1H, J= 10.3Hz, H<sup>6a</sup>), 3.14 (dd, 1H, J= 8.6, 5.5Hz, C<sup>13b</sup>), 3.09 (dt, 1H, J = 8.6, 1.1Hz, H<sup>3a</sup>), 2.78 (m, 1H, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.61 (dd, 1H, J = 13.8, 6.5Hz, H<sup>13a</sup>), 2.58 (dd, 1H, J= 7.4, 1.1Hz, H<sup>4</sup>), 2.54 (t, 2H, J = 7.0Hz, H<sup>8'</sup>), 2.50 (dd, 1H, J= 13.6, 12.7 Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.07 (m, 1H, H<sup>4</sup>), 1.38 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); **13C NMR** (125MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 200.4 (C<sup>12</sup>), 197.4 (C<sup>7</sup>), 179.1 (C<sup>3</sup>), 177.9 (C<sup>1</sup>), 174.7 (C<sup>9'</sup>), 157.9 (C<sup>8</sup>), 139.7 (C<sup>1'</sup>), 138.4 (C<sup>5a</sup>), 135.7 (C<sup>4'</sup>), 134.5 (C<sup>11/9</sup>), 131.7 (C<sup>2,7</sup>) 130.3 (C<sup>3',5'</sup>), 125.2 (C<sup>7a</sup>), 124.4 (C<sup>5</sup>), 120.6 (C<sup>11a</sup>), 118.5 (C<sup>11/9</sup>), 117.2 (C<sup>10</sup>), 62.4 (C<sup>6a</sup>), 56.2 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 48.3 (C<sup>12a</sup>), 45.4 (C<sup>6</sup>), 43.6 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 40.1 (C<sup>13b</sup>), 34.3 (C<sup>13a</sup>), 34.2 (C<sup>7</sup>), 33.1 (C<sup>13</sup>), 31.7 (C<sup>8'</sup>), 28.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.2 (C<sup>4</sup>); **HRMS** (EI): Found 606.1133 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>28</sub>BrNO<sub>7</sub>, calculated 606.1127 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; **Elemental analysis** calculated for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>28</sub>BrNO<sub>7</sub>: C, 61.39; H, 4.65; N, 2.31. Found: C, 61.21; H, 4.48; N, 2.05.

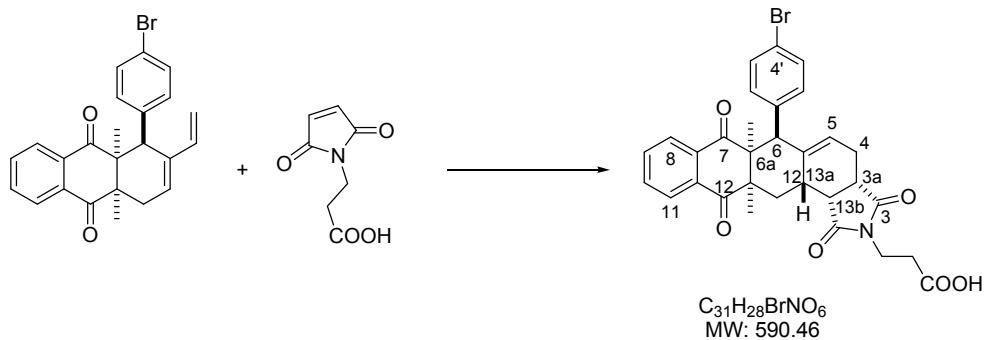
**(3aS,6S,6aS,12aR,13aS,13bR)-6-(4-bromophenyl)-6a,12a-dimethyl-3a,4,6,6a,13,13a-hexahydro-1H-anthra[2,3-e]isoindole-1,3,7,12(2H,12aH,13bH)-tetraone (YB077)**



**YB077** was obtained as a white solid; **Y** = 67%; **R<sub>f</sub>** 0.37 (Silica gel, Et<sub>2</sub>O); **Mp** = 90.8–95.2 °C; **IR**: 2981, 1702, 1682, 1594, 1486, 1361, 1262, 1198, 1076, 1009, 980, 788 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **1H NMR** (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.23 (br s, 1H, -NH), 7.80 (d, 1H, J= 8.2Hz, H<sup>9/10</sup>), 7.58 (dd, 1H, J = 7.2, 1.7Hz, H<sup>9/10</sup>), 7.54 (dd, 1H, J = 7.3, 1.7Hz, H<sup>8/11</sup>), 7.51 (td, 1H, J= 5.9, 1.5Hz, H<sup>8/11</sup>), 6.92 (d, 2H, J= 8.5Hz, H<sup>3',5'</sup>), 6.47 (d, 2H, J= 8.5Hz H<sup>2',6'</sup>), 5.41 (dd, 1H, J= 5.9, 2.8Hz, H<sup>5</sup>), 3.68 (s, 1H, H<sup>6</sup>), 3.28 (dd, 1H, J= 8.4, 5.6Hz, H<sup>13b</sup>), 3.18 (td, 1H, J= 8.4, 2.0Hz, H<sup>3a</sup>), 3.12 (m, 1H, H<sup>13a</sup>), 2.76 (dd, 1H, J= 14.1, 12.0Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.56 (ddd, 1H, J= 16.1, 6.7, 1.8Hz, H<sup>4</sup>), 2.53 (dd, 1H, J= 14.0, 7.5Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.14 (m, 1H, H<sup>4</sup>), 1.55 (s, 1H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.19 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); **13C NMR**

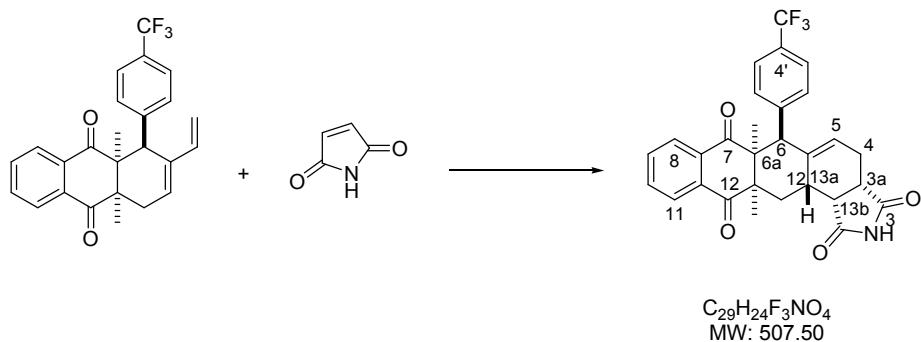
(100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 201.0 (C<sup>12</sup>), 200.3 (C<sup>7</sup>), 179.4 (C<sup>3</sup>), 178.6 (C<sup>1</sup>), 140.3 (C<sup>1'/4'</sup>), 139.5 (C<sup>5a</sup>), 135.6 (C<sup>7a/11a</sup>), 133.8 (C<sup>8/11</sup>), 133.7 (C<sup>7a/11a</sup>), 133.6 (C<sup>9/10</sup>), 131.7 (C<sup>2',6'</sup>), 130.7 (C<sup>3',5'</sup>), 126.8 (C<sup>8/11</sup>), 126.0 (C<sup>5</sup>), 125.8 (C<sup>9/10</sup>), 120.8 (C<sup>1'/4'</sup>), 56.8 (C<sup>6a</sup>), 56.4 (C<sup>6</sup>), 51.6 (C<sup>12a</sup>), 44.4 (C<sup>13b</sup>), 41.2 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 33.7 (C<sup>13a</sup>), 29.2 (C<sup>13</sup>), 26.7 (C<sup>6a</sup>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.1 (C<sup>4</sup>), 20.8 (C<sup>12a</sup>-CH<sub>3</sub>); **HRMS**: Found 518.0961 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calculated for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>25</sub>BrNO<sub>4</sub> 518.0967 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; **Elemental analysis** calculated for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>24</sub>BrNO<sub>4</sub>: C, 64.87; H, 4.67; N, 2.70. Found: C, 65.03; H, 4.48; N, 2.61.

**3-((3aSR,6SR,6aSR,12aRS,13aSR,13bRS)-6-(4-bromophenyl)-6a,12a-dimethyl-1,3,7,12-tetraoxo-3a,4,6a,7,12,12a,13,13a-octahydro-1H-anthra[2,3-e]isoindol-2(3H,6H,13bH)-yl)propanoic acid (YB078)**



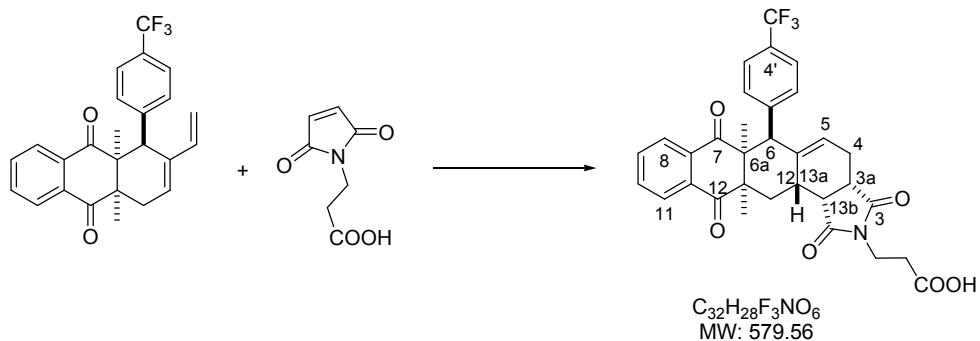
**YB078** was obtained as a white solid; **Y** = 76%; **R<sub>f</sub>** 0.40 (Silica gel, AcOH/EtOAc 1:99); **Mp** = 137.5 – 141.4°C; **IR**: 2981, 2356, 1738, 1692, 1594, 1486, 1364, 1262, 1219, 1009, 980, 631 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **1H NMR** (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.80 (dt, 1H, J = 7.6, 0.7Hz, H<sup>9/10</sup>), 7.58 (m, 1H, H<sup>9/10</sup>), 7.56 (dd, 1H, J = 7.4, 1.1Hz, H<sup>8/11</sup>), 7.52 (td, 1H, J = 7.3, 0.9Hz, H<sup>8/11</sup>), 6.95 (d, 2H, J = 8.3Hz, H<sup>3',5'</sup>), 6.45 (d, 2H, J = 8.5Hz H<sup>2',6'</sup>), 5.32 (dd, 1H, J = 6.0, 2.8Hz, H<sup>5</sup>), 3.77 (dd, 1H, J = 13.7, 7.2Hz, H<sup>7'</sup>), 3.72 (dd, 1H, J = 13.8, 6.8Hz, H<sup>7'</sup>), 3.61 (s, 1H, H<sup>6</sup>), 3.20 (dd, 1H, J = 8.6, 5.6Hz, H<sup>13b</sup>), 3.14 (td, 1H, J = 8.2, 1.4Hz, H<sup>3a</sup>), 3.09 (m, 1H, H<sup>13a</sup>), 2.82 (dd, 1H, J = 14.0, 12.0Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.58 (m, 1H, H<sup>4</sup>), 2.54 (m, 2H, H<sup>8'</sup>), 2.53 (dd, 1H, J = 8.9, 4.7Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.12 (m, 1H, H<sup>4</sup>), 1.54 (s, 1H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.21 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); **13C NMR** (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 201.0 (C<sup>12</sup>), 200.3 (C<sup>7</sup>), 179.1 (C<sup>3</sup>), 178.2 (C<sup>1</sup>), 175.2 (COOH), 140.1 (C<sup>1'/4'</sup>), 139.5 (C<sup>5a</sup>), 135.6 (C<sup>7a/11a</sup>), 133.9 (C<sup>8/11</sup>), 133.7 (C<sup>7a/11a</sup>), 133.6 (C<sup>9/10</sup>), 131.7 (C<sup>2',6'</sup>), 130.7 (C<sup>3',5'</sup>), 126.9 (C<sup>8/11</sup>), 126.0 (C<sup>5</sup>), 125.7 (C<sup>9/10</sup>), 120.8 (C<sup>1'/4'</sup>), 56.8 (C<sup>6a</sup>), 56.2 (C<sup>6</sup>), 51.6 (C<sup>12a</sup>), 43.2 (C<sup>13b</sup>), 40.0 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 34.1 (C<sup>7</sup>), 34.0 (C<sup>13a</sup>), 31.7 (C<sup>13</sup>), 29.2 (C<sup>8'</sup>), 27.2 (C<sup>6a</sup>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.3 (C<sup>4</sup>), 20.8 (C<sup>12a</sup>-CH<sub>3</sub>); **HRMS**: Found 590.1172 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; **Elemental analysis** calculated for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>29</sub>BrNO<sub>6</sub>: C, 63.06; H, 4.78; N, 2.37. Found: C, 63.04; H, 4.75; N, 2.36.

**(3aSR,6SR,6aSR,12aRS,13aSR,13bRS)-6a,12a-dimethyl-6-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3a,4,6,6a,13,13a-hexahydro-1H-anthra[2,3-e]isoindole-1,3,7,12(2H,12aH,13bH)-tetraone (YB081) (5f)**



**YB081** was obtained as a white solid; **Y** = 88%; **R<sub>f</sub>** 0.45 (Silica gel, Et<sub>2</sub>O); **Mp** = 137.5–142.1 °C; **IR**: 2909, 2165, 1596, 1558, 1416, 1361, 1323, 1263, 1122, 1067, 980, 828, 624 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **1H NMR** (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.78 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.5, 1.2Hz, H<sup>9/10</sup>), 7.73 (br s, 1H, -NH), 7.55 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.6, 1.3Hz, H<sup>9/10</sup>), 7.50 (td, 1H, *J* = 7.3, 1.4Hz, H<sup>8/11</sup>), 7.45 (td, 1H, *J* = 7.5, 1.4Hz, H<sup>8/11</sup>), 7.05 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.2Hz, H<sup>3',5'</sup>), 6.73 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.2Hz, H<sup>2',6'</sup>), 5.44 (dd, 1H, *J* = 6.0, 3.1Hz, H<sup>5</sup>), 3.82 (s, 1H, H<sup>6</sup>), 3.32 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.6, 5.9Hz, H<sup>13b</sup>), 3.21 (td, 1H, *J* = 8.5, 2.0Hz, H<sup>3a</sup>), 3.20 (m, 1H, H<sup>13a</sup>), 2.78 (dd, 1H, *J* = 14.1, 11.9Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.60 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.5Hz, H<sup>4</sup>), 2.56 (dd, 1H, *J* = 14.3, 7.6Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.17 (m, 1H, H<sup>4</sup>), 1.59 (s, 1H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.21 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); **13C NMR** (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 201.0 (C<sup>12</sup>), 200.3 (C<sup>7</sup>), 179.4 (C<sup>3</sup>), 178.6 (C<sup>1</sup>), 138.2 (C<sup>1/4</sup>), 136.4 (C<sup>5a</sup>), 135.4 (C<sup>7a/11a</sup>), 133.8 (C<sup>8/11</sup>), 133.7 (C<sup>7a/11a</sup>), 133.6 (C<sup>9/10</sup>), 130.4 (C<sup>2',6'</sup>), 126.8 (C<sup>8/11</sup>), 126.2 (C<sup>5</sup>), 125.9 (C<sup>9/10</sup>), 124.5 (C<sup>1/4</sup>), 124.4 (C<sup>3',5'</sup>), 124.0 (q, CF<sub>3</sub>, *J* = 270Hz), 56.7 (C<sup>6a</sup>), 56.6 (C<sup>6</sup>), 51.5 (C<sup>12a</sup>), 44.4 (C<sup>13b</sup>), 41.2 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 33.6 (C<sup>13a</sup>), 29.1 (C<sup>13</sup>), 26.8 (C<sup>6a</sup>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.1 (C<sup>4</sup>), 20.7 (C<sup>12a</sup>-CH<sub>3</sub>); **HRMS**: Found 508.1731 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calculated for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>25</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> 508.1736 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; **Elemental analysis** calculated for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>24</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>: C, 68.63; H, 4.77; N, 2.76. Found: C, 66.05; H, 4.63; N, 2.37.

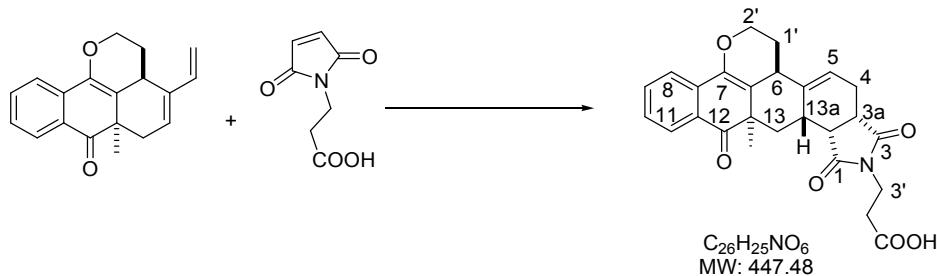
**(3aSR,6SR,6aSR,13aSR,13bRS)-2-benzyl-6-(4-bromophenyl)-11-hydroxy-6a-methyl-3a,4,6,6a,13,13a-hexahydro-1H-anthra[2,3-e]isoindole-1,3,7,12(2H,12aH,13bH)-tetraone (YB082)**



**YB082** was obtained as a white solid; **R<sub>f</sub>** 0.39 (Silica gel, AcOH/EtOAc 1:99); **Mp** = 202.3 207.8 °C; **IR**: 3731, 2987, 2335, 1741, 1681, 1556, 1396, 1310, 1262, 1157, 1067, 1019, 862 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **1H NMR** (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.80 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.7, 1.3Hz, H<sup>8/11</sup>), 7.54 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.6, 1.4Hz, H<sup>8/11</sup>), 7.50 (td, 1H, *J* = 7.5, 1.4Hz, H<sup>9/10</sup>), 7.44 (td, 1H, *J* = 7.5, 1.4Hz, H<sup>9/10</sup>), 7.04 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.2Hz, H<sup>3',5'</sup>), 6.71 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.2Hz H<sup>2',6'</sup>), 5.35 (dq, 1H, *J* = 6.0, 2.9Hz, H<sup>5</sup>), 3.78 (dd, 1H, *J* = 13.9, 6.7Hz, H<sup>7</sup>), 3.76 (s, 1H, H<sup>6</sup>), 3.74 (dd, 1H, *J* = 13.8, 6.8Hz, H<sup>7</sup>), 3.23 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.6, 5.7Hz, H<sup>13b</sup>), 3.17 (td, 1H, *J* = 8.4, 1.8Hz, H<sup>3a</sup>), 3.16 (m, 1H, H<sup>13a</sup>), 2.85 (dd, 1H, *J* = 14.2,

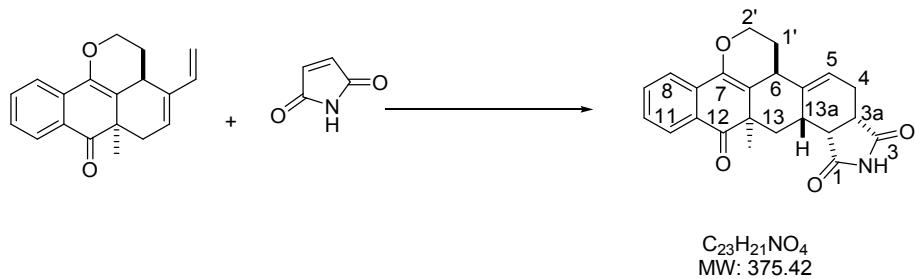
11.8Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.60 (td, 1H, *J* = 7.1, 1.1Hz, H<sup>4</sup>), 2.58 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.3Hz, H<sup>8'</sup>), 2.55 (dd, 1H, *J*= 7.3, 2.7Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.15 (m, 1H, H<sup>4</sup>), 1.57 (s, 1H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.21 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 200.9 (C<sup>12</sup>), 200.2 (C<sup>7</sup>), 179.1 (C<sup>3</sup>), 178.2 (C<sup>1</sup>), 175.2 (COOH), 145.8 (C<sup>1'/4'</sup>), 139.2 (C<sup>5a</sup>), 135.5 (C<sup>7a/11a</sup>), 133.9 (C<sup>9/10</sup>), 133.7 (C<sup>7a/11a</sup>), 133.6 (C<sup>9/10</sup>), 130.4 (C<sup>2',6'</sup>), 126.8 (C<sup>8/11</sup>), 126.2 (C<sup>5</sup>), 125.9 (C<sup>9/10</sup>), 124.5 (C<sup>3',5'</sup>), 124.4 (C<sup>1'/4'</sup>), 124.0 (q, CF<sub>3</sub>, *J*= 270Hz), 56.8 (C<sup>6a</sup>), 56.4 (C<sup>6</sup>), 51.6 (C<sup>12a</sup>), 43.2 (C<sup>13b</sup>), 40.0 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 34.2 (C<sup>7</sup>), 33.8 (C<sup>13a</sup>), 31.7 (C<sup>13</sup>), 29.1 (C<sup>8'</sup>), 26.8 (C<sup>6a</sup>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.3 (C<sup>4</sup>), 20.7 (C<sup>12a</sup>-CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS: Found 580.1949 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calculated for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>29</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>6</sub> 580.1947 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; Elemental analysis calculated for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>28</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>: C, 66.32; H, 4.87; N, 2.42. Found: C, 66.52; H, 4.66; N, 240.

**3'-(3aSR, 6SR, 12aRS, 13bRS,13aSR,)-12a-methyl-1,3,12-trioxo-1,3,3a,5a,6,12a,13,13a,13b, -decahydro-2H-naphtho[3',2',1':8,1]isochromeno[6,5-e]isoindol-2(5H)-yl)propanoic acid (YB085)**



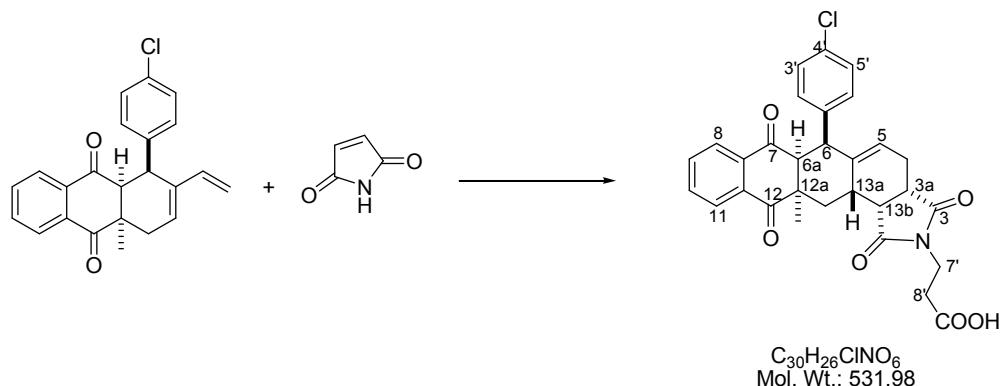
The reaction was carried out for 48 h to afford compound **YB085** as white solid. *Y* = 65%; *R<sub>f</sub>* 0.29 (Silica gel, AcOH/EtOAc 1:99); **Mp.** 207.6–210.1 °C; **IR:** 2928, 1738, 1694, 1399 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.85 (dt, 1H, *J* = 7.7, 0.6Hz, H<sup>11/8</sup>), 7.55 (td, 1H, *J* = 7.3, 1.3Hz, H<sup>9,10</sup>), 7.52 (dd, 1H, *J*= 7.8, 1.6Hz, H<sup>8/11</sup>), 7.33 (ddd, 1H, *J*= 7.6, 6.9, 1.7Hz H<sup>9/10</sup>), 5.49 (dd, 1H, *J*= 7.0, 2.8Hz, H<sup>5</sup>), 4.10 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 10.3, 6.4, 3.6Hz, H<sup>b2'</sup>), 4.03 (ddd, 1H, *J*= 10.8, 8.2, 2.8Hz, H<sup>a2'</sup>), 3.76 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.3Hz, H<sup>3'</sup>), 3.16 (dd, 1H, *J*= 8.8, 6.0Hz, H<sup>13b</sup>), 3.09 (td, 1H, *J*= 8.1, 1.2Hz, H<sup>3a</sup>), 3.01 (m, 1H, H<sup>13a</sup>), 2.99 (dd, 1H, *J*= 14.1, 4.3Hz, H<sup>b13</sup>), 2.71 (dd, 1H, *J* = 15.0, 7.2Hz, H<sup>4</sup>), 2.61 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.1Hz, H<sup>4'</sup>), 2.29 (q, 1H, *J*= 13.0Hz, H<sup>a13</sup>), 2.16 (m, 1H, H<sup>6</sup>), 2.20 (m, 1H, H<sup>b1'</sup>), 2.02 (m, 1H, H<sup>4</sup>), 2.11 (m, 1H, H<sup>a1'</sup>), 1.37 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 203.8 (C<sup>12</sup>), 179.5 (C<sup>3</sup>), 177.6 (C<sup>1</sup>), 175.0 (COOH), 143.5 (C<sup>7</sup>), 143.2 (C<sup>6a</sup>), 135.0 (C<sup>7a/11a</sup>), 133.8 (C<sup>8/11</sup>), 129.0 (C<sup>7a/11a</sup>), 127.9 (C<sup>9/10</sup>), 126.7 (C<sup>9/10</sup>), 121.6 (C<sup>8/11</sup>), 117.8 (C<sup>5a</sup>), 116.0 (C<sup>5</sup>), 63.4 (C<sup>2'</sup>), 49.0 (C<sup>12a</sup>), 43.3 (C<sup>13b</sup>), 39.8 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 34.7 (C<sup>6</sup>), 34.3 (C<sup>3'</sup>), 31.8 (C<sup>4'</sup>), 31.7 (C<sup>13a</sup>), 29.3 (C<sup>13</sup>), 29.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.0 (C<sup>1</sup>), 24.5 (C<sup>4</sup>); **MS (EI):** m/z 448.56 (M+H<sup>+</sup>) (100); **HRMS:** Found M<sup>+</sup> 447.1584, C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>6</sub> requires 447.1682; **Elemental analysis** calculated for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>: C, 69.79; H, 5.63; N, 3.13; Found C, 69.90; H, 5.51; N, 3.02.

**(3aSR,6SR,12aRS,13bRS,13aSR)-12a-methyl-1',3a,4,6,12a,13-hexahydro-2H-naphtho[3',2',1':8,1]isochromeno[6,5-e]isoindole-1,3,12(7H,8aH,8bH)-trione (YB086)**



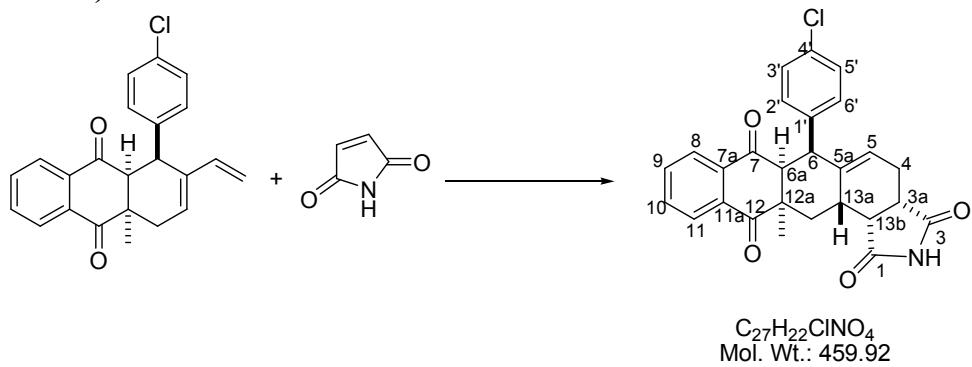
As previously reported by Bendiabellah and Zinzalla.<sup>1</sup>

**Synthesis of 3-((3aS,6S,6aS,12aR,13aS,13bR)-6-(4-chlorophenyl)-12a-methyl-1,3,7,12-tetraoxo-3a,4,6a,7,12,12a,13,13a-octahydro-1H-anthra[2,3-e]isoindol-2(3H,6H,13bH)-yl)propanoic acid (001-DA-022-01)**



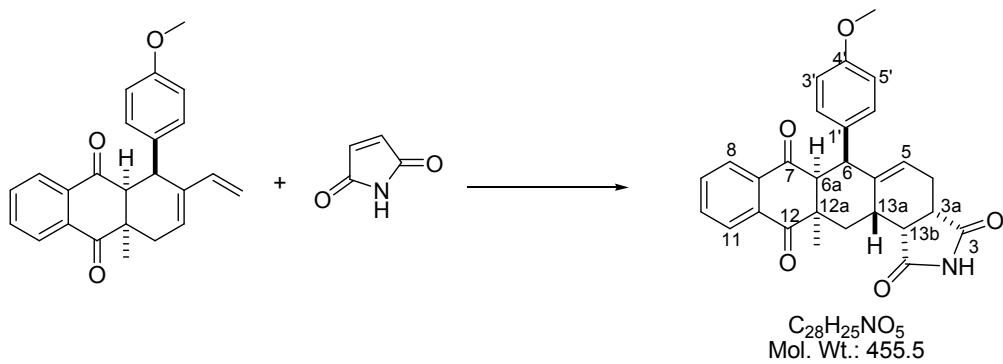
**001-DA-022-01** was obtained as a colourless solid (41 mg, 28 %). **IR** (ATR,  $\lambda_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2956, 1686, 1592, 1489, 1442, 1396, 1253, 1158, 1091, 1013, 979, 871, 832, 711, 646. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.37 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.05-2.14 (m, 1 H,  $\text{H}^4$ ), 2.46 (t, 1 H,  $J = 12.2$  Hz,  $\text{H}^{13}$ ), 2.57-2.61 (m, 3 H,  $\text{H}^4$  and  $\text{H}^{8'}$ ), 2.76 (dd, 1 H,  $J = 7.2$ , 14.4 Hz,  $\text{H}_{13}$ ), 2.93-3.00 (m, 1 H,  $\text{H}^{13a}$ ), 3.10 (t, 1 H,  $J = 8.0$  Hz,  $\text{H}^{3a}$ ), 3.19 (dd, 1 H,  $J = 6.2$ , 9.4 Hz,  $\text{H}^{13b}$ ), 3.42 (d, 1 H,  $J = 9.9$  Hz,  $\text{H}^{6a}$ ), 3.68-3.82 (m, 2 H,  $\text{H}^{7'}$ ), 4.10 (d, 1 H,  $J = 9.8$  Hz,  $\text{H}^6$ ), 5.37 (br s, 1 H,  $\text{H}^5$ ), 6.55 (d, 2 H,  $J = 8.1$  Hz,  $\text{H}^2$  and  $\text{H}^{6'}$ ), 6.87 (d, 2 H,  $J = 8.0$  Hz,  $\text{H}^{3'}$  and  $\text{H}^{5'}$ ), 7.55-7.65 (m, 3 H,  $\text{H}^9$ ,  $\text{H}^{10}$ , and  $\text{H}^{11}$ ), 7.89 (d, 1 H,  $J = 7.5$  Hz,  $\text{H}^8$ ). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz):  $\delta$  200.1 ( $\text{C}^7$ ), 199.0 ( $\text{C}^{12}$ ), 179.0 ( $\text{C}^1$ ), 177.8 ( $\text{C}^3$ ), 175.0 (COOH), 140.1 ( $\text{C}^{5a}$ ), 138.0 ( $\text{C}^{1'}$ ), 135.7 ( $\text{C}^{7a}$ ), 134.1 ( $\text{C}^9$ ,  $\text{C}^{11}$ , and  $\text{C}^{11a}$ ), 132.8 ( $\text{C}^{4'}$ ), 131.3 ( $\text{C}^2$  and  $\text{C}^{6'}$ ), 127.9 ( $\text{C}^{3'}$  and  $\text{C}^{5'}$ ), 126.5 ( $\text{C}^8$  and  $\text{C}^{10}$ ), 124.8 ( $\text{C}^5$ ), 60.5 ( $\text{C}^{6a}$ ), 48.1 ( $\text{C}^{12a}$ ), 46.5 ( $\text{C}^6$ ), 43.7 ( $\text{C}^{13b}$ ), 40.1 ( $\text{C}^{3a}$ ), 34.3 ( $\text{C}^7$ ), 34.0 ( $\text{C}^{13a}$ ), 32.4 ( $\text{C}^{13}$ ), 31.6 ( $\text{C}^{8'}$ ), 29.7 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 25.1 ( $\text{C}^4$ ). **MS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>)  $m/z$  (relative intensity): 532.04 ([ $M + \text{H}]^+$ , 100 %). **HRMS**: Found 532.1533 [ $M + \text{H}]^+$ , calculated for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{26}\text{ClNO}_6$  532.1527 [ $M + \text{H}]^+$ .

**Synthesis of (3aS,6S,6aS,12aR,13aS,13bR)-6-(4-chlorophenyl)-12a-methyl-3a,4,6,6a,13,13a-hexahydro-1H-anthra[2,3-e]isoindole-1,3,7,12(2H,12aH,13bH)-tetraone (001-DA-023-01)**



**001-DA-023-01** was obtained as a colourless solid (32 mg, 39 %). **IR** (ATR,  $\lambda_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3240, 3065, 2951, 1708, 1686, 1592, 1491, 1349, 1321, 1253, 1173, 1091, 1011, 981, 711, 688. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.36 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.08-2.15 (m, 1 H,  $\text{H}^4$ ), 2.43 (t, 1 H,  $J = 13.6$  Hz,  $\text{H}^{13}$ ), 2.56 (ddd, 1 H,  $J = 1.6, 6.9, 15.9$  Hz,  $\text{H}^4$ ), 2.70 (dd, 1 H,  $J = 6.5, 13.8$  Hz,  $\text{H}^{13}$ , 2.95-2.97 (m, 1 H,  $\text{H}^{13a}$ ), 3.16 (td, 1 H,  $J = 1.7, 8.5$  Hz,  $\text{H}^{3a}$ ), 3.26 (dd, 1 H,  $J = 5.7, 8.6$  Hz,  $\text{H}^{13b}$ ), 3.43 (d, 1 H,  $J = 10.3$  Hz,  $\text{H}^{6a}$ ), 4.15 (d, 1 H,  $J = 10.2$  Hz,  $\text{H}^6$ ), 5.42 (br s, 1 H,  $\text{H}^5$ ), 6.58 (d, 2 H,  $J = 8.4$  Hz,  $\text{H}^2$  and  $\text{H}^6$ ), 6.88 (d, 2 H,  $J = 8.4$  Hz,  $\text{H}^3$  and  $\text{H}^5$ ), 7.53-7.59 (m, 2 H,  $\text{H}^9$  and  $\text{H}^{11}$ ), 7.62 (td, 1 H,  $J = 2.0, 6.7$  Hz,  $\text{H}^{10}$ ), 7.91 (d, 1 H,  $J = 7.8$  Hz,  $\text{H}^8$ ). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz):  $\delta$  200.2 ( $\text{C}^7$ ), 198.3 ( $\text{C}^{12}$ ), 179.0 ( $\text{C}^1$ ), 178.1 ( $\text{C}^3$ ), 140.0 ( $\text{C}^{5a}$ ), 138.1 ( $\text{C}^{1'}$ ), 135.8 ( $\text{C}^{7a}$ ), 134.1 and 134.0 ( $\text{C}^9$  and  $\text{C}^{11}$ ), 133.6 ( $\text{C}^{11a}$ ), 132.8 ( $\text{C}^4$ ), 131.3 ( $\text{C}^{2'}$  and  $\text{C}^{6'}$ ), 127.9 ( $\text{C}^{3'}$  and  $\text{C}^{5'}$ ), 126.5 ( $\text{C}^8$  and  $\text{C}^{10}$ ), 124.6 ( $\text{C}^5$ ), 60.7 ( $\text{C}^{6a}$ ), 48.3 ( $\text{C}^{12a}$ ), 46.6 ( $\text{C}^6$ ), 44.7 ( $\text{C}^{13b}$ ), 41.3 ( $\text{C}^{3a}$ ), 33.8 ( $\text{C}^{13a}$ ), 32.8 ( $\text{C}^{13}$ ), 29.7 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 25.0 ( $\text{C}^4$ ). **MS** (ESI $^+$ )  $m/z$  (relative intensity): 459.95 ([ $M + \text{H}]^+$ , 100 %). **HRMS**: Found 460.1320 [ $M + \text{H}]^+$ , calculated for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{22}\text{ClNO}_4$  460.1316 [ $M + \text{H}]^+$ .

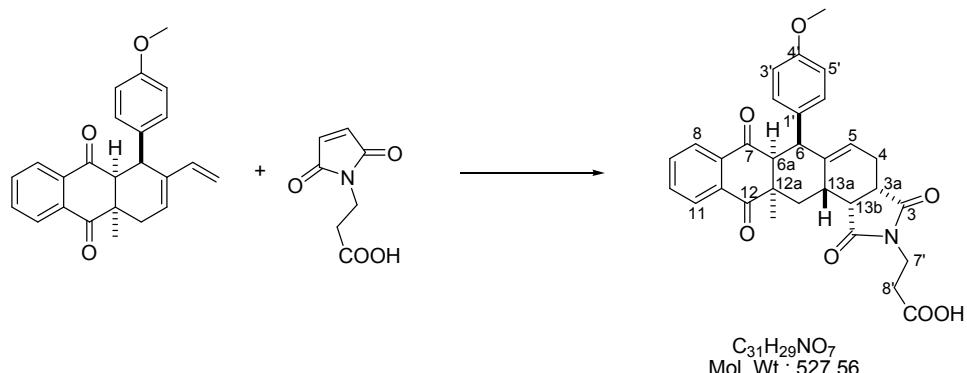
**Synthesis of (3aS,6S,6aS,12aR,13aS,13bR)-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-12a-methyl-3a,4,6,6a,13,13a-hexahydro-1H-anthra[2,3-e]isoindole-1,3,7,12(2H,12aH,13bH)-tetraone (001-DA-024-01)**



**001-DA-024-01** was obtained as a colourless solid (35 mg, 54 %). **IR** (ATR,  $\lambda_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2956, 1698, 1685, 1672, 1592, 1510, 1246, 1206, 1176, 1030, 988, 804, 721. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.34 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.08-2.15 (m, 1 H,  $\text{H}^4$ ), 2.39 (t, 1 H,  $J = 13.2$  Hz,  $\text{H}^{13}$ ), 2.55 (dd, 1 H,  $J = 5.4, 14.5$  Hz,  $\text{H}^4$ ), 2.71 (dd, 1 H,  $J = 6.4, 13.7$  Hz,  $\text{H}^{13}$ ), 2.97 (m, 1 H,  $\text{H}^{13a}$ ), 3.14 (td, 1 H,  $J = 1.6, 8.4$  Hz,  $\text{H}^{3a}$ ), 3.25 (dd, 1 H,  $J = 5.6, 8.5$  Hz,  $\text{H}^{13b}$ ), 3.42 (d, 1 H,  $J = 10.1$  Hz,  $\text{H}^{6a}$ ), 3.63 (s, 3 H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 4.12 (d, 1 H,  $J = 9.5$  Hz,  $\text{H}^6$ ), 5.45 (br s, 1 H,  $\text{H}^5$ ), 6.44 (d, 2 H,  $J = 8.6$  Hz,  $\text{H}^3$  and  $\text{H}^{5'}$ ), 6.56 (d, 2 H,  $J = 8.6$  Hz,  $\text{H}^2$  and  $\text{H}^{6'}$ ), 7.50-7.60 (m, 3 H,  $\text{H}^9$ ,  $\text{H}^{10}$ , and  $\text{H}^{11}$ ), 7.90 (d, 1 H,  $J = 7.8$  Hz,  $\text{H}^8$ ).

H,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, H<sup>8</sup>), 8.04 (br s, 1 H, NH). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz):  $\delta$  200.4 (C<sup>7</sup>), 198.6 (C<sup>12</sup>), 179.2 (C<sup>1</sup>), 178.2 (C<sup>3</sup>), 158.3 (C<sup>4'</sup>), 140.5 (C<sup>5a</sup>), 136.0 (C<sup>7a</sup>), 133.8, 133.7, 133.6 (C<sup>10</sup>, C<sup>11</sup>, and C<sup>11a</sup>), 131.5 (C<sup>1'</sup>), 131.0 (C<sup>2'</sup> and C<sup>6'</sup>), 126.5 (C<sup>8</sup> and C<sup>9</sup>), 124.0 (C<sup>5</sup>), 113.3 (C<sup>3'</sup> and C<sup>5'</sup>), 61.2 (C<sup>6a</sup>), 55.1 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 48.3 (C<sup>12a</sup>), 46.7 (C<sup>6</sup>), 44.8 (C<sup>13b</sup>), 41.3 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 33.8 (C<sup>13a</sup>), 33.1 (C<sup>13</sup>), 29.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 24.8 (C<sup>4</sup>). **MS (ESI<sup>+</sup>)**  $m/z$  (relative intensity): 456.02 ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 25 %). **HRMS**: Found 456.1830 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, calculated for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_5$  456.1811 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>.

**Synthesis of 3-((3aS,6S,6aS,12aR,13aS,13bR)-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-12a-methyl-1,3,7,12-tetraoxo-3a,4,6a,7,12,12a,13,13a-octahydro-1H-anthra[2,3-e]isoindol-2(3H,6H,13bH)-yl)propanoic acid (001-DA-022-01)**



**001-DA-022-01** as a colourless solid (45 mg, 48 %). **IR (ATR,  $\lambda_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ )**: 2961, 2925, 1684, 1510, 1440, 1401, 1248, 1176, 1030, 977, 949, 834, 713. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.35 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.05-2.12 (m, 1 H, H<sup>4</sup>), 2.43 (t, 1 H,  $J = 13.4$  Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.53-2.60 (m, 3 H, H and H<sup>8'</sup>), 2.72 (dd, 1 H,  $J = 6.7, 13.8$  Hz, H<sup>13</sup>), 2.93-2.98 (m, 1 H, H<sup>13a</sup>), 3.09 (t, 1 H,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, H ), 3.18 (dd, 1 H,  $J = 5.8, 8.4$  Hz, H ), 3.40 (d, 1 H,  $J = 10.1$  Hz, H ), 3.63 (s, 3 H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.62-3.77 (m, 2 H, H ), 4.06 (d, 1 H,  $J = 9.5$  Hz, H ), 5.37 (br s, 1 H, H ), 6.43 (d, 2 H,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, H<sup>3'</sup> and H<sup>5'</sup>), 6.52 (d, 2 H,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, H<sup>2'</sup> and H<sup>6'</sup>), 6.70 (s, 1/2 H)\*, 7.51-7.61 (m, 3 H, H<sup>9</sup>, H<sup>10</sup>, and H<sup>11</sup>), 7.88 (d, 1 H,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, H<sup>8</sup>). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz):  $\delta$  200.4 (C<sup>7</sup>), 199.1 (C<sup>12</sup>), 179.2 (C<sup>1</sup>), 178.0 (C<sup>3</sup>), 174.3 (COOH), 158.3 (C<sup>4'</sup>), 140.5 (C<sup>5a</sup>), 135.9 (C<sup>7a</sup>), 134.2 (C<sup>11a</sup>), 133.9, 133.8 (C<sup>10</sup> and C<sup>11</sup>), 131.5 (C<sup>1'</sup>), 131.0 (C<sup>2'</sup> and C<sup>6'</sup>), 126.5 (C<sup>8</sup> and C<sup>9</sup>), 124.1 (C<sup>5</sup>), 113.2 (C<sup>3'</sup> and C<sup>5'</sup>), 61.0 (C<sup>6a</sup>), 55.1 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 48.2 (C<sup>12a</sup>), 46.5 (C<sup>6</sup>), 43.6 (C<sup>13b</sup>), 40.1 (C<sup>3a</sup>), 34.2 (C<sup>7</sup>), 34.1 (C<sup>13a</sup>), 32.7 (C<sup>13</sup>), 31.8 (C<sup>8'</sup>), 29.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.1 (C<sup>4</sup>). **MS (ESI<sup>+</sup>)**  $m/z$  (relative intensity): 528.13 ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 100 %). **HRMS**: Found 528.1994 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, calculated for  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{29}\text{NO}_7$  528.2022 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>.

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