

Synthesis, *in vitro* Cytotoxicity and Trypanocidal Evaluation of Novel 1,3,6-Substituted Non-fluoroquinolones

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ABSTRACT

Sleeping sickness (trypanosomiasis) is a neglected tropical disease that affects mostly the poorest communities in sub-Saharan Africa. Toxic side effects associated with the use of current anti-trypanosomal drugs, which in some cases kill faster than the disease itself, necessitate the search for new drugs with better safety margins. To this effect, a small library bearing different substituents at position -1, -3, and -6 of the quinolone nucleus were synthesized and evaluated *in vitro* against HeLa cell lines and *Trypanosoma brucei brucei* for cytotoxicity and trypanocidal potentials, respectively. While most of these compounds showed no cytotoxic effect, they exhibited moderate to weak anti-trypanosomal activities. The SAR studies of this series provide new information worth considering in future exploration of the quinolone scaffold in search of more potent and safe trypanocidal agents.

KEYWORDS

Sleeping sickness, trypanosomiasis, quinolones, non-fluoroquinolones.

1. Introduction

Human African trypanosomiasis (HAT), also referred to as sleeping sickness,¹ is among the WHO's list of neglected tropical diseases (NTDs).² It mostly affects people living in rural areas of sub-Saharan Africa,³ where medical facilities are scarce and drug purchasing power of inhabitants is very low.⁴ At least 2184 new cases of the disease were reported in 2016,⁵ and approximately 60 million people living in 36 different countries are presently at risk of contracting the disease.⁶

HAT takes two forms caused by two different subspecies of *Trypanosoma brucei*.⁷ *T. b. gambiense* is the pathogenic subspecies causing the form of HAT commonly found in central and western Africa,^{8,9} whereas *T. b. rhodesiense* is the subspecies responsible for the form of HAT prevalent in eastern and southern Africa.¹⁰ It has been noted that the two sub-pathogenic species coexist in Uganda.¹¹ These pathogens are transmitted between humans following the bite of an infected *tsetse* fly.¹² The disease exists in two stages:^{13,14} haemolymphatic stage – wherein the parasites are localized in blood and lymphatic systems,¹⁵ and an encephalitic stage – wherein the parasites have invaded the central nervous system.^{16,17}

Current treatment options are limited to just four drugs.¹⁸ In any case of HAT, the drug to be used is dictated by the form and stage of the disease. Pentamidine is the drug of choice for treating the haemolymphatic stage of HAT caused by *T. b. gambiense*,¹⁹ while a combination of nifurtimox and eflornithine is used to treat the encephalitic stage.²⁰ In cases of *T. b. rhodesiense*, suramin is the recommended drug for treating the haemolymphatic stage,²¹ while malsarsoprol is used to treat the encephalitic stage.²² Besides limited treatment options, the foregoing drugs are far from ideal. They all have poor oral bioavailability (and hence are administered intravenously), and considerable toxic side

effects.²³ For example, pentamidine causes hyper or hypoglycaemia and hypotension,²⁴ suramin causes renal failure, eflornithine causes alopecia and seizures,²⁵ while at least 5.9 % of patients on malsarsoprol die from its toxicity,²⁶ creating a scenario wherein patients either die from an acute illness or die faster from a pill.

The overwhelming life-threatening side effects of existing drugs used to treat sleeping sickness create a dire need for new compounds with better drug properties such as high oral bioavailability, and a high safety margin. The therapeutic potentials of quinolones cannot be over emphasized. Compounds containing this scaffold are currently in use as drugs to treat bacterial and viral infections as well as other conditions such as cancers.²⁷ Fluoroquinolones (Fig. 1a) in clinical use have been extensively screened against trypanosomes and their activity profiles established as moderate to poor.^{28,29,30} A hit optimization study by Hiltensperger and co-workers generated a potent library of fluoroquinolones characterized by benzylamides, (a)cyclic amines, and aliphatic chains at positions -3, -7, and -1 of the quinolone nucleus. However, the lead compound (Fig. 1b) in this series suffers from poor solubility,³¹ necessitating further work on this class of compounds. Unlike fluoroquinolones, the anti-trypanosomal potentials of non-fluorinated quinolones have not been extensively investigated, with just one study on non-fluorinated quinolones bearing substituents at position -1 and -2, respectively, being reported³² (Fig. 1c). To further expand the SAR around the non-fluoroquinolone scaffold, we conceptualized and synthesized a library of 18 non-fluorinated quinolones bearing unique concurrent substituents at position -1, -3, and -6. Target compounds were subjected to *in vitro* cytotoxicity and anti-trypanosomal evaluation. At 20 μ M concentration, most of the compounds exhibited less than 50 % parasite viability while having little effect on the viability of HeLa cell lines (see Supplementary information). This suggests that the quinolone scaffold

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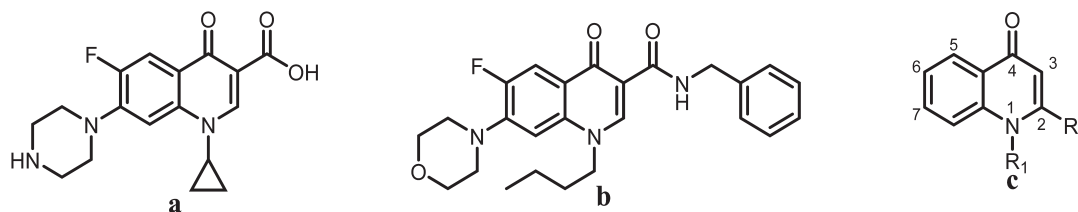


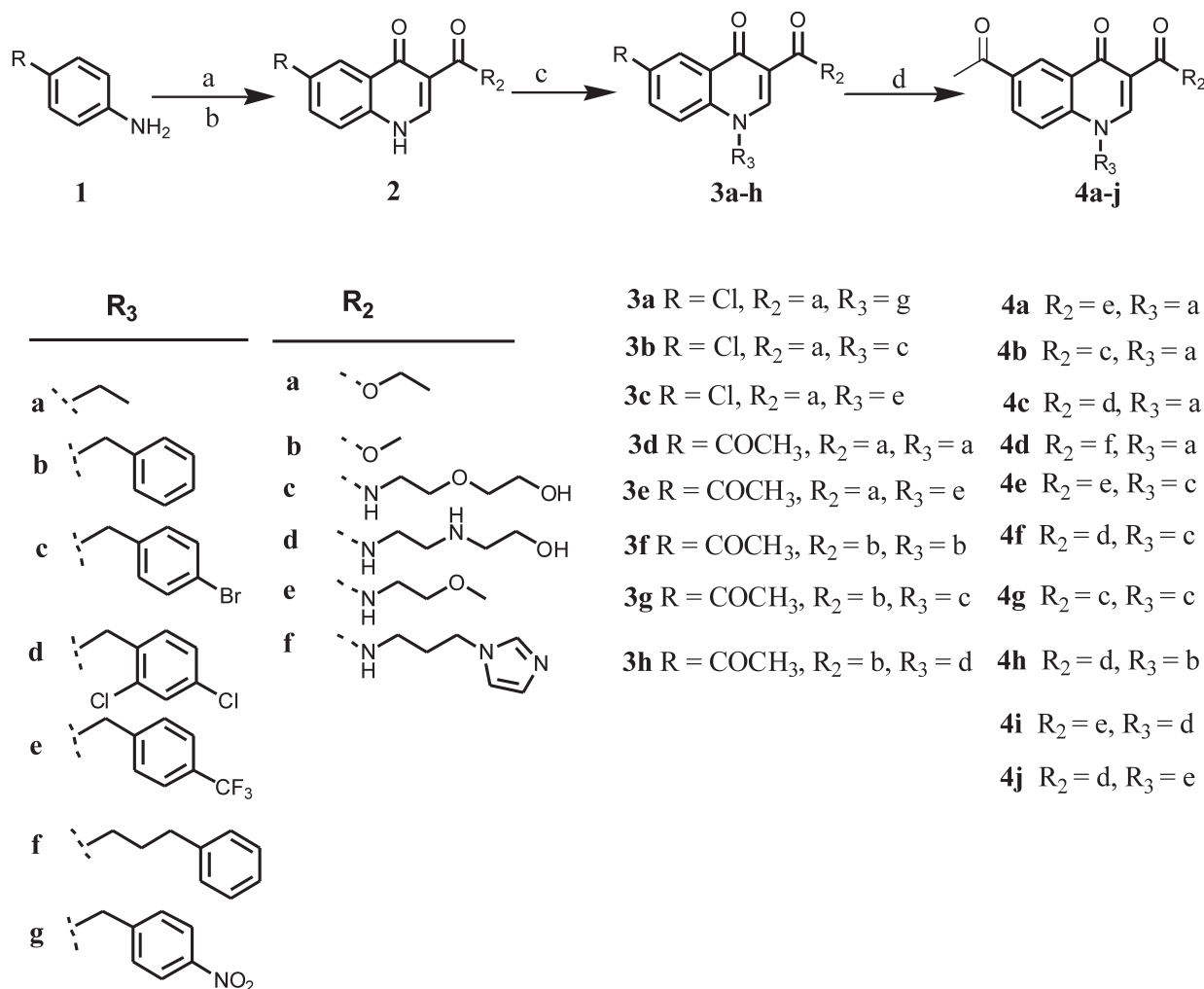
Figure 1 Representative structures of fluoroquinolones (**a** and **b**) and non-fluoroquinolones (**c**) investigated for anti-trypanosomal activities.

can be tailored *via* chemical synthesis to generate safe and potent drug substrates to treat trypanosomiasis.

2. Results and Discussion

We conceptualized and synthesized a set of 18 novel compounds that bear different substituents at positions -1, -3 and -6 of the quinolone scaffold. Conceptualized compounds were synthesized as depicted in Scheme 1. Briefly, 4'-nitroacetophenone was reduced to 4'-aminoacetophenone using reduced iron powder and acetic acid.³³ 4'-Aminoacetophenone and 4-chloroaniline were each treated with diethyl ethoxymethylenemalonate in refluxing acetonitrile to form condensed methylenemalonate esters, which underwent cyclization in boiling diphenylether at 245–250 °C for 5 min to form compound **2**. Deprotonation of **2** using K_2CO_3 , followed by *N*-alkylation with alkylhalides afforded target compounds **3a–h** in yields

ranging between 40 and 70 %. Ester functionality in compounds **3d–h** underwent selective aminolysis in the presence of a ketone to afford target compounds **4a–j** in 30–50 % yields. This transformation was realized using DBU as a base. All targeted compounds were characterized using proton and carbon NMR, HRMS and IR. The carbon NMR spectra of all compounds show a peak at *c.* 174 ppm, which is indicative of an oxo carbon within the quinolone nucleus (C-4) and the peak at *c.* 164 ppm is assigned to ester or amide carbonyl carbon (C-3a). With the exception of compounds **3a–c**, the proton NMR spectra of all compounds show a singlet signal at ~2.3–2.6 ppm, which is assigned to a methyl attached to a carbonyl carbon ($CH_3C=O$). The carbonyl carbon is also evident in the respective carbon spectra at ~197 ppm. The presence of a triplet peak (*J* = 5.9 Hz) at *c.* 9.9 ppm in the proton NMR spectra of compounds **4a–j**, which is absent in compounds **3d–h**, suggests the successful conver-



Scheme 1

Synthesis of target compounds

Reagents and conditions: (a) Acetonitrile, diethyl ethoxymethylenemalonate, reflux 12 h, (b) Diphenyl ether, 250 °C, 5 min, (c) K_2CO_3 , DMF, alkylhalide (1.2 eqv), 12 h, (d) Amine (5 eqv), DBU (1.2 eqv), $CHCl_3$, reflux 12 h.

sion of ester to amide. It is also worth noting that the acquisition of NMR spectroscopic data was at times hindered by compounds crystallizing out of the solutions. This sometimes necessitated the use of hot solvents to encourage compounds to remain in solution long enough to obtain ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectroscopic data (see Supplementary information). The absorption band at $1654/\text{cm}$ on the IR spectrum further confirms the presence of amide.

This focused library was screened *in vitro* against human cervix adenocarcinoma (HeLa) cell lines to investigate potential cytotoxicity effects. The compounds were incubated at $20\text{ }\mu\text{M}$ in 96-well plates containing HeLa cells for 48 h. The numbers of cells surviving upon drug exposure were determined using resazurin reduction to resorufin by live cells and reading resorufin fluorescence in a multiwell plate reader. Compounds were tested in duplicate, and a standard deviation (S.D.) calculated. Results are expressed as % viability based on fluorescence readings in treated wells *versus* untreated control wells. Emetine (which induces cell apoptosis) was used as positive control. With the exception of compound **4f** (% viability, -19%), and **4j** (% viability, -13%), which strongly inhibited HeLa cell lines, the rest of the series had little to no effect on HeLa cell viability. This observation suggests that this series with necessary optimization could serve as templates for the development of non-toxic anti-trypanosomal agents.

The compounds were further evaluated *in vitro* for anti-trypanosomal activities by screening against the 427 strain of *T. b. brucei*. Compounds were added to *in vitro* cultures of *T. b. brucei* in 96-well plates at a $20\text{ }\mu\text{M}$ concentration. After an incubation period of 48 h, the numbers of parasites surviving drug exposure were determined by adding resazurin. As in HeLa cells, resazurin is reduced to resorufin by living parasites. Resorufin is a fluorophore ($\text{Exc}_{560}/\text{Em}_{590}$) and can thus be quantified in a multiwell fluorescence plate reader. Compounds were tested in duplicate wells, and a standard deviation (S.D.) calculated. Results are expressed as % viability – the resorufin fluorescence in compound-treated wells relative to untreated controls. Pentamidine (an existing drug for treatment of trypanosomiasis) was used as a positive control. At $20\text{ }\mu\text{M}$ concentration, 11 compounds inhibited parasite growth below 50% (Table 1); however, only compounds inhibiting parasite viability below 25% with little or no effect on HeLa cell line were considered for

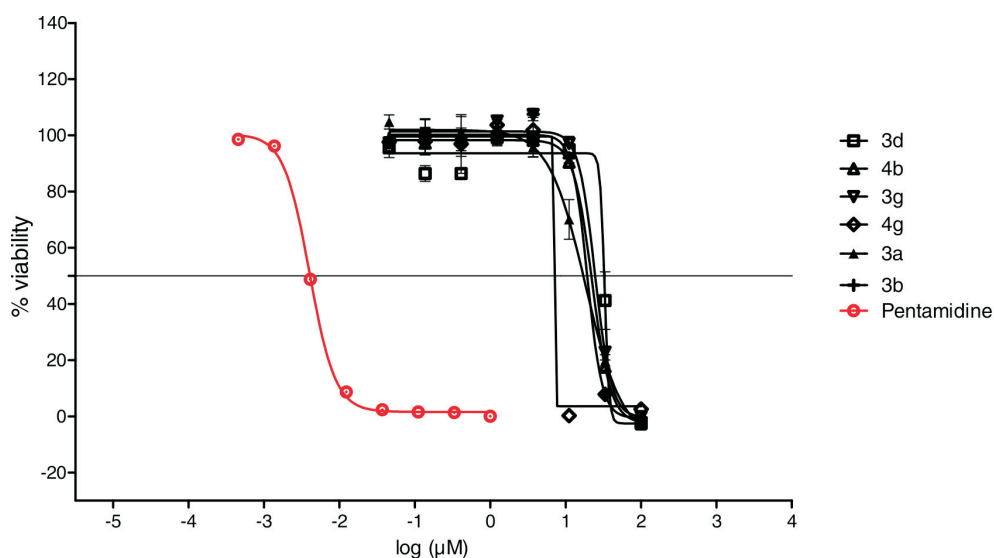
IC_{50} determination. The IC_{50} values for the selected compounds are summarized in Fig. 2.

Structure–activity relationship analysis across this series suggests that modifications at position -1, -3, and -6 of the quinolone scaffold influence anti-trypanosomal activities. For example, comparing the activity profiles of compounds **3b** (IC_{50} $19\text{ }\mu\text{M}$) and **3g** (IC_{50} $24\text{ }\mu\text{M}$), all having the same substituents at position -1 and -3 and differing in substitution pattern only at position -6 suggests that a chloride substituent at this position leads to increase anti-trypanosomal activity than a ketone. Also, comparing compounds **3d** (IC_{50} $32\text{ }\mu\text{M}$) bearing an alkyl chain at position -1 and **3g** (IC_{50} $24\text{ }\mu\text{M}$) bearing a substituted-benzyl moiety at position -1, indicates that the presence of a substi-

Table 1 *In vitro* cytotoxicities and anti-trypanosomal activities of target compounds expressed as percentage viabilities.

Comp.	% Viability \pm S.D.	
	<i>T. b. brucei</i>	HeLa cells
3a	21.2 ± 4.0	97.6 ± 5.6
3b	4.0 ± 0.7	100.2 ± 6.2
3c	97.3 ± 3.3	102.7 ± 7.6
3d	21.0 ± 3.7	77.0 ± 0.7
3e	43.8 ± 3.2	96.7 ± 3.7
3f	87.3 ± 7.0	107.2 ± 1.6
3g	5.5 ± 5.2	103.6 ± 3.7
3h	42.3 ± 8.4	108.6 ± 5.3
4a	95.4 ± 10	92.6 ± 3.6
4b	4.8 ± 0.1	86.1 ± 2.4
4c	105.8 ± 1.6	110.7 ± 6.7
4d	31.2 ± 12.2	88.9 ± 5.8
4e	100.0 ± 2.7	102.6 ± 5.7
4f	-1.3 ± 0.3	-19.2 ± 0.04
4g	24.7 ± 7.6	102.1 ± 5.8
4i	64.5 ± 7.8	91.0 ± 4.9
4j	50.3 ± 4.4	-14.0 ± 0.6
PE ^a	0.0	N.D
EMT ^b	N.D ^c	0.0

^aPE = pentamidine, ^bEMT = emetine, ^cN.D = not determined.



Compound	$\text{IC}_{50}(\mu\text{M})$
3a	18.4
3b	19.4
3d	32.9
3g	24.6
4b	22.4
4g	7.14
PE*	0.0062

Figure 2 Plot of percentage viability against log concentration for compound **3a**, **3b**, **3d**, **3g**, **4b** and **4g** as well as the standard (PE = pentamidine) and their corresponding IC_{50} values.

tuted-benzyl moiety at position -1 seems to promote anti-trypanosomal activities over alkyl chains. We also observed that the substituent on the benzyl moiety at position -1 also influences anti-trypanosomal activities. This is evident when comparing the effects of compounds **3a**, **3b** and **3c** on parasite viability at a concentration of 20 μ M. Compounds **3a** and **3b** bearing -NO₂, and -Br, respectively, exhibited more than 75 % parasite growth inhibition, while compound **3c** having -CF₃ substituent exhibited less than 5 % parasite growth inhibition. These results suggest that electron-withdrawing units promote activity while electron-donating unit leads to poor activity. The substitution pattern at position -3 also seems to greatly influence activity. Comparing the activity of compounds **3g** (IC₅₀ 24 μ M) and **4g** (IC₅₀ 7 μ M), both of which differ only in the substituent at position -3, suggests that an amide moiety at position -3 seems to enhance activity over ethyl ester.

3. Conclusion

We have synthesized a series of novel quinolones with varied substituents at position -1, -3 and -6 of the quinolone scaffold. While most compounds in this series showed no promising cytotoxicity potentials, compounds **4g** emerged as potent anti-trypanosomal hit with IC₅₀ value of 7 μ M. Although this series exhibited moderate to weak activities profiles, the comprehensive structure–activity relationship analyses of this series will undoubtedly serve as a resource for further optimization of the quinolone scaffold in search of new and potent anti-trypanosomal agents.

4. Experimental

4.1. General Method

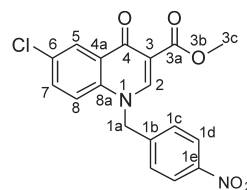
All the chemicals and solvents used were purchased from various chemical suppliers and were used without further purification. Melting points were determined using a Reichert hot stage microscope and are uncorrected. The progress of the reactions was monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) using Merck F254 silica gel plates supported on aluminium. The crude products were purified by a silica gel column chromatography using Merck Kieselgel 60 Å: 70–230 (0.068–0.2 mm) silica gel mesh. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker Biospin 300 MHz, or 400 MHz spectrometers, and the chemical shifts are given in δ values referenced to solvents and are reported in parts per million (ppm). The high-resolution mass spectrometric data of final compounds was recorded on a Waters Synapt G2 quadrupole time-of-flight (QTOF) mass spectrometer operated with an electrospray ionization probe in the positive mode (University of Stellenbosch). The instrument was operated with an electrospray ionization probe in the positive mode. The starting quinolones **2** were synthesized from the synthetically accessible compounds **1** as previously described in literature.³⁴

4.2. Synthesis of Compounds

4.2.1. General Method for the Preparation of N-alkylated Compounds 3a–h

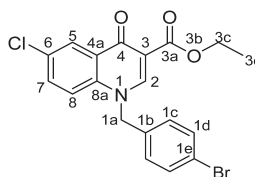
A mixture of **2** (3.86 mmol, 1 g, 1 eq), K₂CO₃ (5.0 mmol, 0.53 g), alkyl halide (5 eq.) in acetone (50 mL) was refluxed for 15 h. Upon reaction completion as indicated by TLC, the mixture was filtered, and the filtrate evaporated to dryness to obtain a crude N-alkylated product which was purified through silica gel column chromatography using CH₂Cl₂/MeOH (10:1) as the mobile phase. Compounds **3a–h** were obtained in 40–70 % yield following this procedure.

Methyl 6-chloro-1-(4-nitrobenzyl)-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate, **3a**



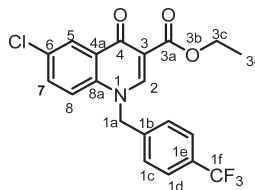
Brown powder, 0.515 g (48 %), *R*_f = 0.81 (DCM/MeOH 10:1), m.p. 153–155 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ 9.00 (s, 1H, H-2), 8.16 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H, H-5), 7.89–7.57 (m, 3H, H-1c, H-8), 7.48–7.05 (m, 3H, H-7, H-1d), 5.82 (s, 2H, H-1a), 4.24 (s, 3H, H-3c). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO) δ 172.2 (C-4), 164.1 (C-3a), 151.3 (C-2), 141.1 (C-3), 138.2 (C-6), 133.2 (C-1d), 131.3 (C-1c), 130.5 (C-5), 130.1 (C-7), 127.6 (C-1b), 126.3 (C-4a), 125.9 (C-8), 120.7 (C-8a), 110.9 (C-1e), 57.3 (C-3c), 55.7 (C-1a). IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 3093, 2972, 2931, 1702, 1686; ESI-HRMS *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₄ClN₂O₅ 373.0586, found 373.0594.

Ethyl 1-(4-bromobenzyl)-6-chloro-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate, **3b**

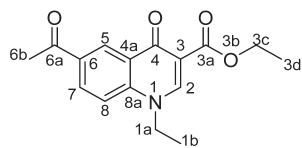


White powder, 0.015 g (46 %), *R*_f = 0.8 (DCM/MeOH 10:1), m.p. 196–198 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.94 (s, 1H, H-2), 8.16 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H, H-5), 7.81–7.48 (m, 4H, H-7, H-8, H-1c), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, H-1d), 5.68 (s, 2H, H-1a), 4.25 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H, H-3c), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H, H-3d). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 172.0 (C-4), 165.0 (C-3a), 151.0 (C-2), 138.5 (C-3), 135.5 (C-6), 132.9 (C-5), 132.2 (C-1d), 130.6 (C-1b), 129.9 (C-1c), 128.9 (C-4a), 125.9 (C-7), 121.8 (C-1e), 120.6 (C-8), 111.1 (C-8a), 60.3 (C-3c), 55.6 (C-1a), 14.2 (C-3d). IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 3096, 2978, 2941, 1702, 1680. ESI-HRMS *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₁₆BrClNO₃ 419.997, found 419.9998.

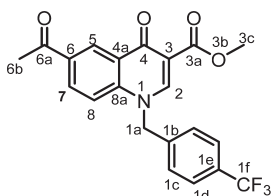
Ethyl 6-chloro-4-oxo-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate, **3c**



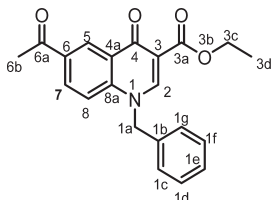
Brown powder, 0.5 g (70 %), *R*_f = 0.81 (DCM/MeOH 10:1), m.p. 203–205 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Pyridine) δ 9.19 (s, 1H, H-2), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, H-1c), 7.56–7.49 (m, 3H, H-5, H-7, H-8), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, H-1d), 5.00 (s, 2H, H-1a), 4.36 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H, H-3c), 1.23 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H, H-3d). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Pyridine) δ 173.0 (C-4), 164.7 (C-3a), 150.64 (C-2), 140.6 (C-3), 140.2 (C-1b), 137.9 (C-6), 135.5 (C-1d), 132.9 (C-1c), 130.9 (C-5), 130.2 (C-7), 127.2 (C-1e), 126.4 (C-4a), 125.9 (C-8), 120.7 (C-8a), 119.5 (C-1f), 112.2 (C-1f), 60.3 (C-3c), 56.0 (C-1a), 14.2 (C-3d). IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 3003, 2962, 2921, 1705, 1684, ESI-HRMS *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₁₆ClF₃NO₃ 410.0765, found 410.0766.

Ethyl 6-acetyl-1-ethyl-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate, 3d

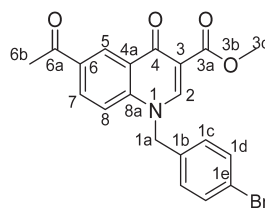
Red powder, 0.65 g (70 %), R_f = 0.71 (DCM/MeOH 10:1); m.p. 143–147 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.97 (s, 1H, H-2), 8.44 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H, H-5), 8.22 (dd, J = 8.9, 2.1 Hz, 1H, H-7), 7.46 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H, H-8), 4.39–4.31 (m, 2H, H-1a), 4.23 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, H-3c), 2.63 (s, 3H, H-6b), 1.50 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H, H-3d), 1.37–1.20 (m, 3H, H-1b). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.9 (6a), 173.9 (4), 165.4 (3a), 149.1 (2), 141.6 (3), 133.3 (6), 131.4 (5), 129.5 (7), 128.7 (4a), 116.2 (8), 112.4 (8a), 61.1 (3c), 49.1 (1a), 26.6 (6b), 14.5 (1b), 14.4 (3d). IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 3053, 2982, 2921, 1712, 1685, ESI-HRMS m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_4$ 288.1230, found 288.1234.

Methyl 6-acetyl-4-oxo-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate, 3e

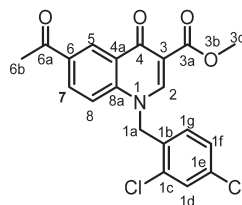
Brown powder, 0.680 g (68 %), R_f = 0.81 (DCM/MeOH 10:1), m.p. 133–136 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ 9.02 (s, 1H, H-2), 8.76 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H, H-5), 8.15 (dd, J = 9.1, 3.4 Hz, 1H, H-7), 7.73 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, H-1c), 7.60 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H, H-1d), 7.43 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H, H-8), 5.82 (s, 2H, H-1a), 3.89 (s, 3H, H-3c), 2.49 (s, 3H, H-6b). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO) δ 197.1 (C-6a), 173.9 (4), 164.4 (3a), 151.4 (C-2), 142.2 (C-3), 140.2 (C-1b), 135.7 (C-1d), 133.3 (C-6), 132.3 (C-1c), 132.0 (C-5), 129.2 (C-7), 128.2 (C-1e), 127.6 (C-4a), 121.5 (C-8), 118.8 (C-8a), 111.6 (C-1f), 55.3 (C-3c), 53.7 (C-1a), 26.6 (6b). IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 3100, 2970, 2921, 1700, 1680. ESI-HRMS m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_4$ 404.1104, found 404.1107.

Ethyl 6-acetyl-1-benzyl-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate, 3f

White powder, 0.80 g (58 %), R_f = 0.81 (DCM/MeOH 10:1) m.p. 142–144 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ 9.00 (s, 1H, H-2), 8.81 (s, 1H, H-5), 8.19 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H, H-8), 7.77 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H, H-7), 7.49–7.21 (m, 5H, H-1c/H-1g), 5.77 (s, 2H, H-1a), 4.31 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H, H-3c), 2.55 (s, 3H, H-6b), 1.40–1.26 (m, 3H, H-3d). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO) δ 197.1 (C-6a), 173.3 (C-4), 164.7 (C-3a), 151.1 (C-2), 142.4 (C-3), 136.2 (C-1b), 133.2 (C-6), 131.8 (C-5), 129.4 (C-1g), 128.4 (C-4a), 128.3 (C-1f), 127.7 (C-7), 126.9 (C-1e), 118.8 (C-8), 111.9 (C-8a), 60.5 (C-3c), 56.2 (C-1a), 27.2 (C-6a), 14.7 (C-3d). IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 3083, 2970, 2921, 1705, 1681, ESI-HRMS m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_4$ 350.1387, found 350.1391.

Methyl 6-acetyl-1-(4-bromobenzyl)-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate, 3g

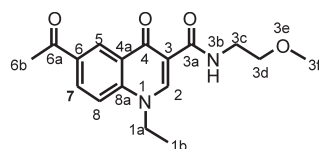
Brown powder, 0.58 g (62 %), R_f = 0.81 (DCM/MeOH 10:1), m.p. 173–175 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.99 (s, 1H, H-2), 8.75 (s, 1H, H-5), 8.16 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H, H-7), 7.81–7.52 (m, 3H, H-1c, H-8), 7.19 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H, H-1d), 5.72 (s, 2H, H-1a), 3.79 (s, 3H, H-3c), 2.50 (s, 3H, H-6b). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO) δ 197.4 (C-6a), 173.1 (C-4), 166.4 (C-3a), 151.4 (C-2), 142.2 (C-3), 135.7 (C-1d), 133.3 (C-6), 132.3 (C-1c), 132.0 (C-5), 129.2 (C-7), 128.3 (C-1b), 127.6 (C-4a), 127.5 (C-8), 119.8 (C-8a), 111.6 (C-1e), 55.3 (C-3c), 53.7 (C-1a), 26.6 (6b). IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 3048, 2972, 2931, 1702, 1682. ESI-HRMS m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrNO}_4$ 414.0335, found 414.0333.

Methyl 6-acetyl-1-(2,4-dichlorobenzyl)-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate, 3h

Brown powder, 0.28 g (48 %), R_f = 0.81 (DCM/MeOH 10:1), m.p. 197–199 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ 9.16 (s, 1H, H-2), 8.92 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H, H-5), 8.26 (dd, J = 8.9, 2.2 Hz, 1H, H-7), 7.85 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H, H-8), 7.72–7.59 (m, 2H, H-1d, H-1g), 7.21 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.2 Hz, 1H, H-1f), 5.87 (s, 2H, H-1a), 3.77 (s, 3H, H-3c), 2.70 (s, 3H, H-6b). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO) δ 197.1 (C-6a), 176.3 (C-4), 164.0 (C-3a), 150.2 (C-2), 142.1 (C-3), 137.4 (C-6), 133.4 (C-1b), 132.1 (C-5), 131.9 (C-1g), 131.6 (C-1c), 131.1 (C-1e), 129.4 (C-1d), 127.7 (C-7), 127.4 (C-1f), 127.2 (C-4a), 118.7 (C-8), 112.8 (C-8a), 55.5 (C-1a), 52.3 (C-3c), 27.2 (C-6b). IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 3073, 2972, 2941, 1702, 1683. ESI-HRMS m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{Cl}_2\text{NO}_4$ 404.0451, found 404.0452.

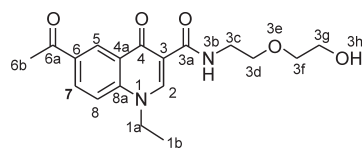
4.2.2. General Method for the Preparation of Amides 4a–j

A mixture of **3** (1 g, 1 eq.), DBU (320 μL , 0.33 g, 2.1 mmol), an appropriate amine (5 eq.), and chloroform (15 mL) in a 100 mL round-bottom flask was stirred under reflux for 24–30 h.³⁴ Upon reaction completion as indicated by TLC, the mixture was evaporated to dryness and resultant crude subjected to silica gel column chromatography eluting with $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH}$ (10:1). Fractions containing the desired product were combined, evaporated to dryness and recrystallized from ethanol. Compounds **4a–j** were obtained in 30–50 % yield following this procedure.

6-Acetyl-1-ethyl-N-(2-methoxyethyl)-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxamide, 4a

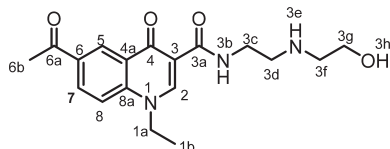
Orange powder, 0.028 g (32 %), R_f = 0.48 (DCM/MeOH 10:1), m.p. 163–165 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ 9.93 (s, 1H, NH), 8.88 (s, 1H, H-2), 8.83 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H, H-5), 8.32–8.22 (m, 1H, H-7), 7.97 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H, H-8), 4.55 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H, H-1a), 3.49 (s, 3H, H-3f), 3.42–3.04 (m, 4H, H-3c, H-3d), 2.68 (s, 3H, H-6b), 1.39 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H, H-1b). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO) δ 197.6 (C-6a), 175.9 (C-4), 164.2 (C-3a), 148.8 (C-2), 142.1 (C-3), 132.9 (C-6), 132.1 (C-5), 127.9 (C-7), 127.1 (C-4a), 118.4 (C-8), 112.6 (C-8a), 71.3 (C-3d), 58.3 (C-3f), 49.1 (C-1a), 38.8 (C-3c), 27.5 (C-6b), 14.9 (C-1b). IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 3393, 3041, 2970, 2929, 1682, 1656. ESI-HRMS m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ 317.1496, found 317.1497.

6-Acetyl-1-ethyl-N-(2-(2-hydroxyethoxy)ethyl)-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxamide, **4b**



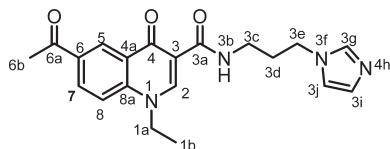
White powder, 0.235 g (33 %), R_f = 0.39 (DCM/MeOH 10:1), m.p. 127–129 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.12 (s, 1H, NH), 8.97 (s, 1H, H-2), 8.75 (s, 1H, H-5), 8.27 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H, H-7), 7.54 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H, H-8), 4.31 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H, H-1a), 3.74–3.61 (m, 8H, H-3c, H-3d, H-3f, H-3g), 2.67 (s, 3H, H-6b), 1.53 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, H-1b). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.8 (C-6a), 176.7 (C-4), 164.7 (C-3a), 147.9 (C-2), 141.5 (C-3), 133.6 (C-6), 131.9 (C-5), 129.2 (C-7), 127.9 (C-4a), 116.2 (C-8), 113.5 (C-8a), 72.7 (C-3g), 69.7 (C-3f), 61.7 (C-3d), 49.3 (C-1a), 39.0 (C-3c), 26.6 (C-6b), 14.6 (C-1b). IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 3333, 3252, 3001, 2970, 2929, 1682, 1654. ESI-HRMS m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ 347.1601, found 347.1604.

6-Acetyl-1-ethyl-N-(2-((2-hydroxyethyl)amino)ethyl)-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxamide, **4c**



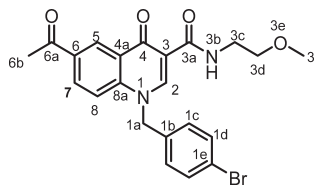
White powder, 0.475 g (48 %), R_f = 0.11 (DCM/MeOH 10:1), m.p. 157–159 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ 9.97 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H, NH-3b), 8.91 (s, 1H, H-2), 8.84 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H, H-5), 8.30 (dd, J = 9.0, 2.2 Hz, 1H, H-7), 8.01 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H, H-8), 5.27 (s, 1H, H-3h), 4.56 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H, H-1a), 3.67 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 4H, H-3d, H-3f), 3.15 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, H-3g), 3.03 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H, H-3c), 2.68 (s, 3H, H-6b), 1.39 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H, H-1b). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO) δ 197.2 (C-6a), 175.8 (C-4), 165.1 (C-3a), 149.2 (C-2), 141.8 (C-3), 133.2 (C-6), 132.2 (C-5), 127.6 (C-7), 127.2 (C-4a), 118.5 (C-8), 112.3 (C-8a), 56.9 (C-3g), 49.7 (C-1a), 49.0 (C-3c), 47.1 (C-3f), 35.9 (C-3d), 27.2 (C-6b), 14.9 (C-1b). IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 3313, 3243, 3081, 2879, 2819, 1687, 1656. ESI-HRMS m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$ 346.1761, found 346.1762.

N-(3-(1H-imidazol-1-yl)propyl)-6-acetyl-1-ethyl-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxamide, **4d**



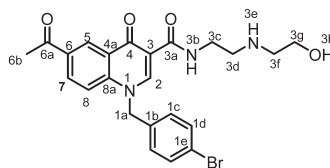
White powder, 0.521 g (57 %), R_f = 0.4 (DCM/MeOH 10:1), m.p. 207–209 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.98 (s, 1H, NH), 8.99 (s, 1H, H-2), 8.76 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H, H-5), 8.28 (dd, J = 9.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H, H-7), 7.57 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H, H-8), 7.49 (s, 1H, H-3g), 6.99 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H, H-3j), 6.93 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H, H-3i), 4.32 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, H-1a), 4.01 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H, H-3e), 3.43 (q, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H, H-3c), 2.66 (s, 3H, H-6b), 2.05 (dt, J = 6.8, 6.3 Hz, 2H, H-3d), 1.54–1.49 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, H-1b). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.6 (C-6a), 176.5 (C-4), 164.8 (C-3a), 147.9 (C-2), 141.6 (C-3), 137.2 (C-3g), 133.4 (C-6), 131.7 (C-5), 129.5 (C-3j), 128.9 (C-7), 127.4 (C-4a), 118.9 (C-3i), 116.4 (C-8), 112.9 (C-8a), 49.4 (C-1a), 44.5 (C-3c), 36.1 (C-3e), 31.3 (C-3d), 26.6 (C-6b), 14.6 (C-1b). IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 3303, 3087, 2960, 2912, 1687, 1655. ESI-HRMS m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_4\text{O}_3$ 367.1765, found 367.1767.

6-Acetyl-1-(4-bromobenzyl)-N-(2-methoxyethyl)-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxamide, **4e**

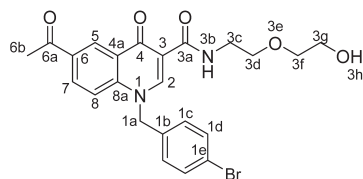


White powder, 0.432 g (43 %), R_f = 0.4 (DCM/MeOH 10:1), m.p. 136–138 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ 9.94 (t, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H, NH), 9.10 (s, 1H, H-2), 8.86 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H, H-5), 8.19 (dd, J = 9.0, 2.2 Hz, 1H, H-7), 7.79 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H, H-8), 7.62–7.45 (m, 2H, H-1d), 7.29–7.16 (m, 2H, H-1c), 5.79 (s, 2H, H-1a), 3.51 (t, J = 4.6 Hz, 2H, H-3c), 3.48–3.06 (m, 5H, H-3d, H-3f), 2.65 (s, 3H, H-6b). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO) δ 197.1 (C-6a), 176.2 (C-4), 164.1 (C-3a), 150.2 (C-2), 142.2 (C-3), 135.7 (C-1b), 133.3 (C-6), 132.3 (C-5), 132.0 (C-1c), 129.2 (C-1d), 127.7 (C-7), 127.3 (C-1e), 121.5 (C-4a), 118.9 (C-8), 112.7 (C-8a), 71.2 (C-3d), 58.5 (C-3f), 55.8 (C-1a), 38.8 (C-3c), 27.2 (C-6b). IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 3317, 3051, 2960, 2900, 1686, 1657. ESI-HRMS m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_4$ 459.0763, found 459.0751.

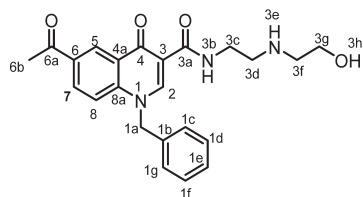
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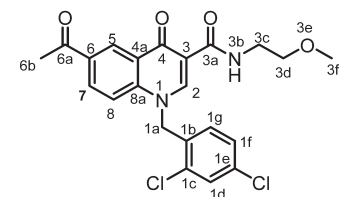
White powder, 0.20 g (48 %), R_f = 0.11 (DCM/MeOH 10:1), m.p. 178–180 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ 9.93 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H, NH), 9.10 (s, 1H, H-2), 8.85 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H, H-5), 8.19 (dd, J = 8.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H, H-7), 7.79 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H, H-8), 7.54 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H, H-1d), 7.20 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H, H-1c), 5.79 (s, 2H, H-1a), 4.62 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H, H-3c), 3.60–3.49 (m, 6H, H-3d, H-3f, H-3g), 2.43 (s, 3H, H-6b). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO) δ 197.1 (C-6a), 176.2 (C-4), 164.1 (C-3a), 150.2 (C-2), 142.2 (C-3), 135.7 (C-1d), 133.4 (C-6), 132.2 (C-1c), 132.0 (C-5), 129.3 (C-7), 127.4 (C-1b), 121.6 (C-4a), 118.9 (C-8), 112.7 (C-8a), 111.9 (C-1e), 58.7 (C-3g), 55.8 (C-1a), 49.4 (C-3f), 48.9 (C-3d), 36.9 (C-3c), 27.2 (C-6b). IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 3320, 3202, 3000, 2970, 2929, 1682, 1657. ESI-HRMS m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{25}\text{BrN}_3\text{O}_4$ 486.1023, found 486.1021.

6-Acetyl-1-(4-bromobenzyl)-N-[2-(2-hydroxyethoxy)ethyl]-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxamide, 4g

White powder, 0.20 g (48 %), R_f = 0.4 (DCM/MeOH 10:1), m.p. 183–185 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ 9.93 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H, NH), 9.10 (s, 1H, H-2), 8.85 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H, H-5), 8.19 (dd, J = 8.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H, H-7), 7.79 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H, H-8), 7.54 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H, H-1d), 7.20 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H, H-1c), 5.79 (s, 2H, H-1a), 4.62 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H, H-3c), 3.60–3.49 (m, 6H, H-3d, H-3f, H-3g), 2.43 (s, 3H, H-6b). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO) δ 197.1 (C-6a), 176.2 (C-4), 164.1 (C-3a), 150.2 (C-2), 142.2 (C-3), 135.7 (C-1d), 133.4 (C-6), 132.2 (C-1c), 132.0 (C-5), 129.3 (C-7), 127.4 (C-1b), 121.6 (C-4a), 118.9 (C-8), 112.7 (C-8a), 111.9 (C-1e), 72.7 (C-3d), 69.7 (C-3f), 60.7 (C-3g), 55.0 (C-1a), 39.7 (C-3c), 27.2 (C-6b). IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 3397, 3252, 3041, 2950, 2861, 1686, 1654. ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{24}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_5$ 487.0863, found 487.0665 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$. HPLC purity > 96 %, retention time = 9.89 min.

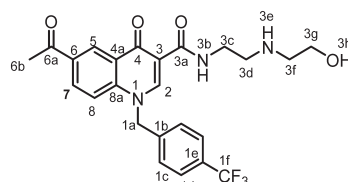
6-Acetyl-1-benzyl-N-(2-((2-hydroxyethyl)amino)ethyl)-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxamide, 4h

Orange powder, 0.320 g (48 %), R_f = 0.11 (DCM/MeOH 10:1), m.p. 169–171 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ 9.93 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H, NH), 9.10 (s, 1H, H-2), 8.85 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H, H-5), 8.19 (dd, J = 8.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H, H-7), 7.79 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H, H-8), 7.54–7.20 (m, 5H, H-1c, H-1d, H-1f, H-1g), 5.79 (s, 2H, H-1a), 4.62 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H, H-3c), 3.60–3.49 (m, 6H, H-3d, H-3f, H-3g), 2.43 (s, 3H, H-6b). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO) δ 197.1 (C-6a), 176.2 (C-4), 164.1 (C-3a), 150.2 (C-2), 142.2 (C-3), 135.7 (C-1d), 133.4 (C-6), 132.2 (C-1c), 132.0 (C-5), 129.3 (C-7), 127.4 (C-1b), 121.6 (C-4a), 118.9 (C-8), 112.7 (C-8a), 111.9 (C-1e), 72.7 (C-3d), 69.7 (C-3f), 60.7 (C-3g), 55.02 (C-1a), 39.7 (C-3c), 27.2 (C-6b). IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 3328, 3212, 3038, 2971, 2921, 1682, 1659. ESI-HRMS m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$ 408.1918, found 408.1923.

6-Acetyl-1-(2,4-dichlorobenzyl)-N-(2-methoxyethyl)-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxamide, 4i

Brown powder, 0.370 g (44 %), R_f = 0.4 (DCM/MeOH 10:1), m.p. 203–205 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.99 (t, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H, NH), 9.16 (s, 1H, H-2), 8.92 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H, H-5), 8.26 (dd, J = 8.9, 2.2 Hz, 1H, H-7), 7.85 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H, H-8), 7.72–7.59 (m, 2H, H-1d, H-1f), 7.21 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H, H-1g), 5.87

(s, 2H, H-1a), 3.56–3.13 (m, 4H, H-3c, H-3d), 3.37 (s, 3H, H-3f), 2.70 (s, 3H, H-6b). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO) δ 197.1 (C-6a), 176.3 (C-4), 164.0 (C-3a), 150.2 (C-2), 142.1 (C-3), 137.4 (C-6), 133.4 (C-1b), 132.1 (C-5), 131.9 (C-1g), 131.6 (C-1c), 131.1 (C-1e), 129.4 (C-1d), 127.7 (C-7), 127.4 (C-1f), 127.2 (C-4a), 118.7 (C-8), 112.8 (C-8a), 71.2 (C-3d), 58.5 (C-3f), 55.3 (C-1a), 39.0 (C-3c), 27.2 (C-6b). IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 3298, 3071, 2971, 2929, 1682, 1655. ESI-HRMS m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ 447.0873, found 447.0878.

6-Acetyl-N-(2-((2-hydroxyethyl)amino)ethyl)-4-oxo-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxamide, 4j

untreated control wells. Plots of % cell viability *vs.* log[compound] were used to determine IC₅₀ values by non-linear regression using GraphPad Prism (v. 5.02).

Supplementary Material

Supplementary information is provided in the online supplement.

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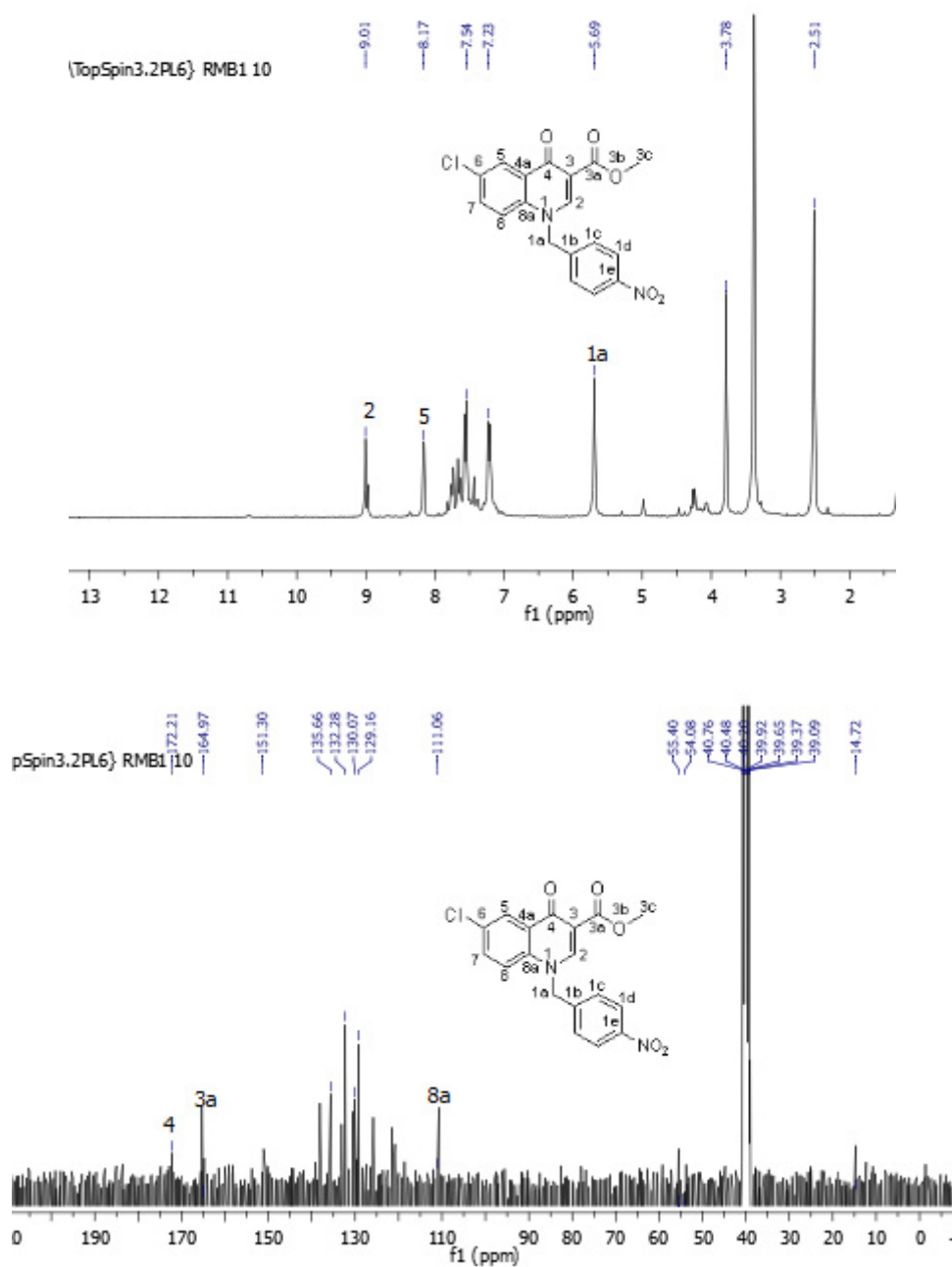
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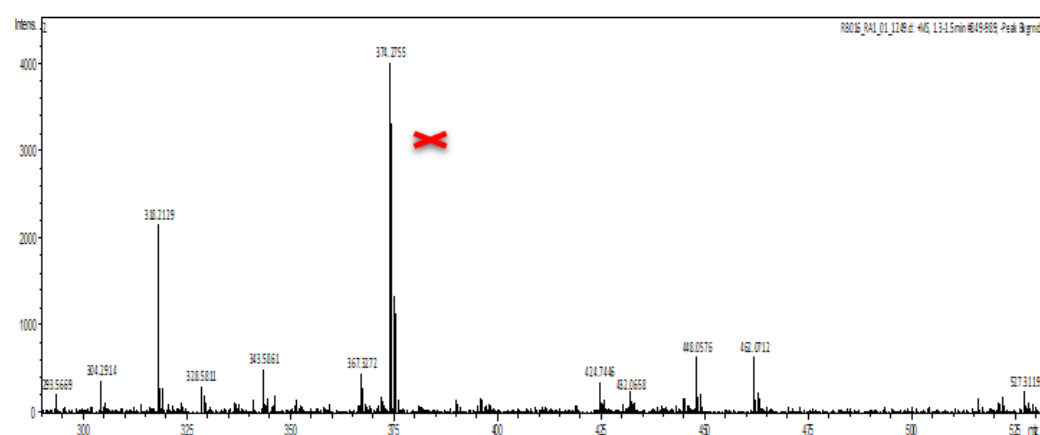
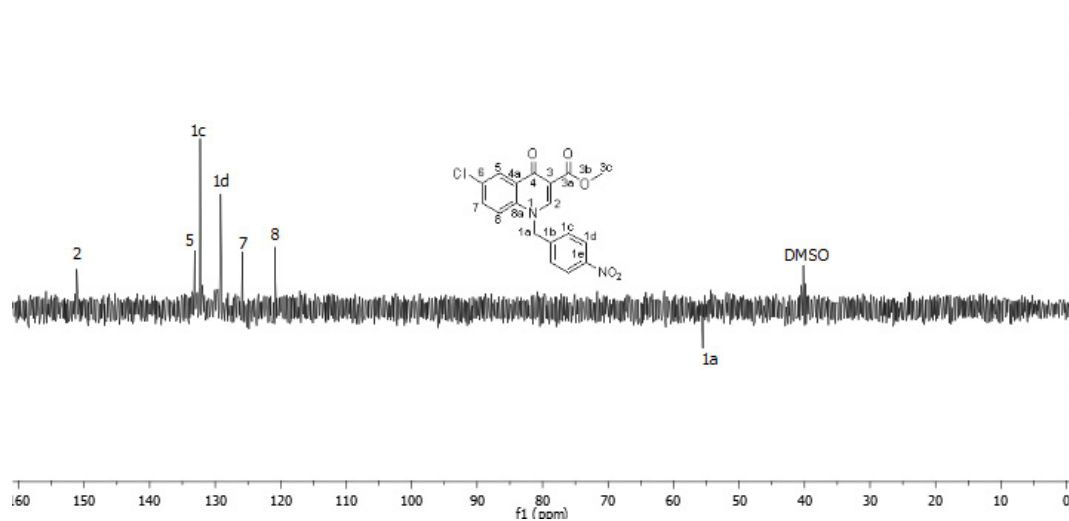
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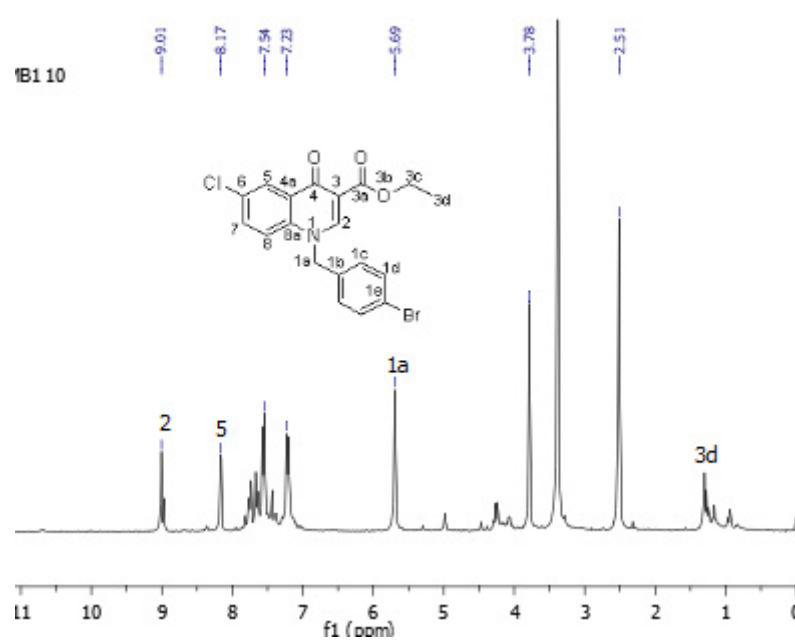
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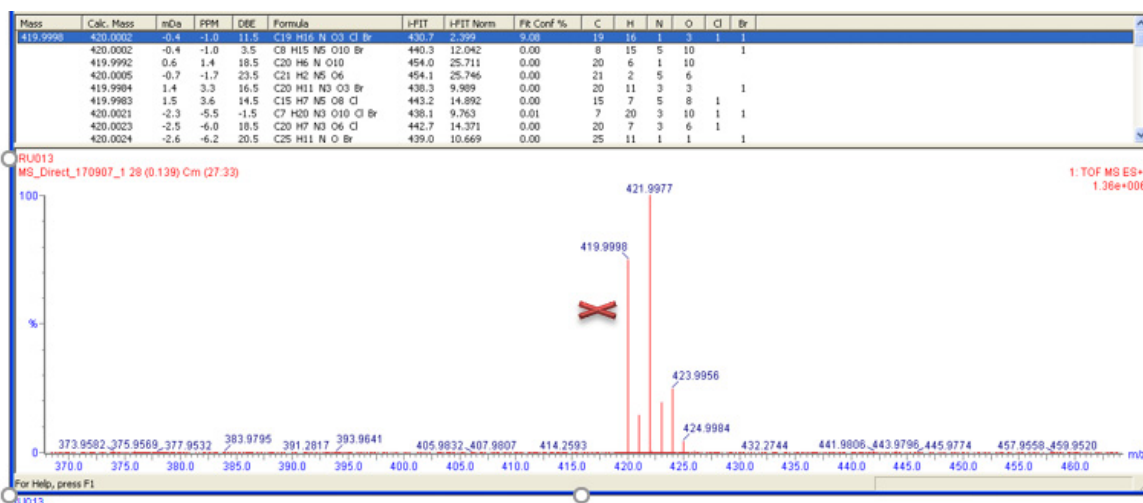
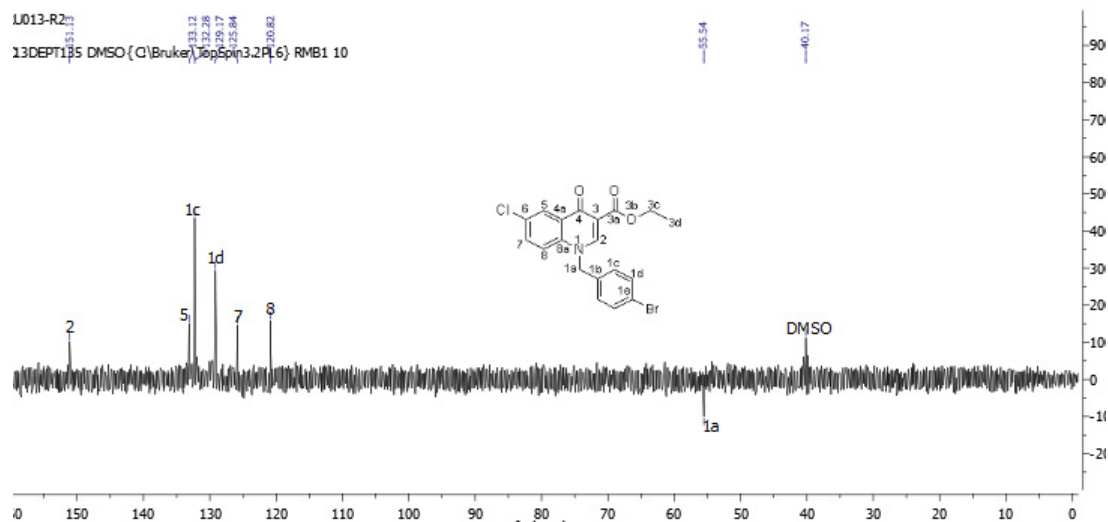
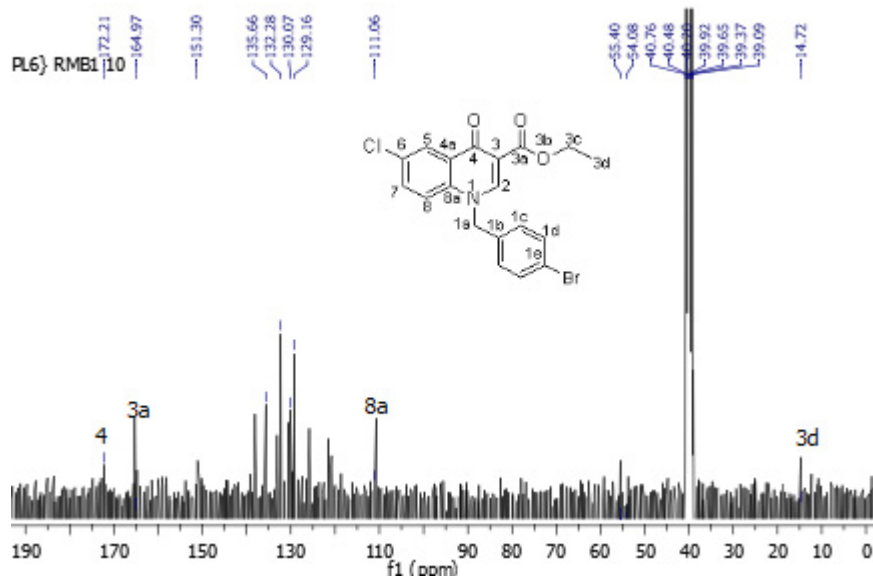
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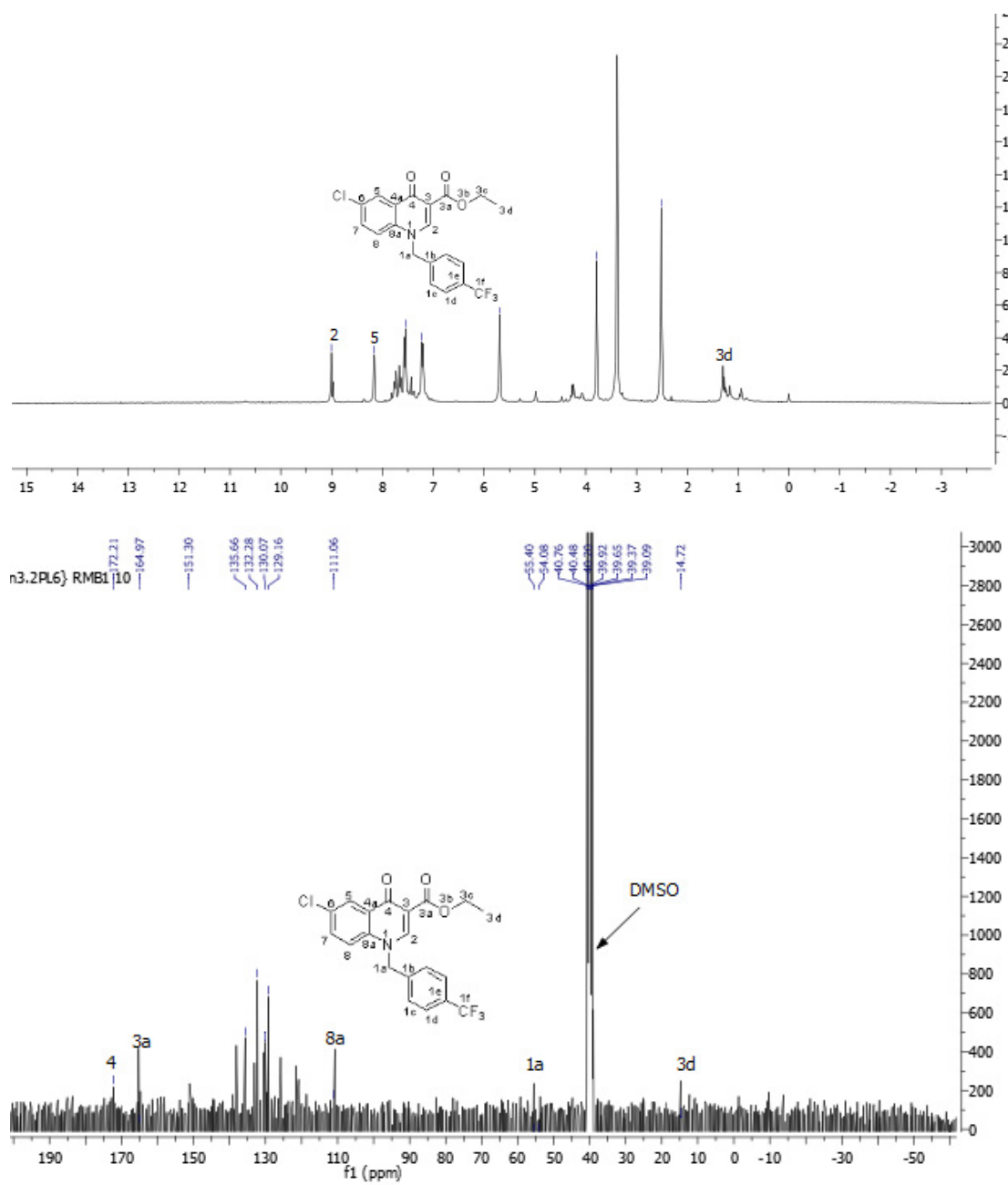


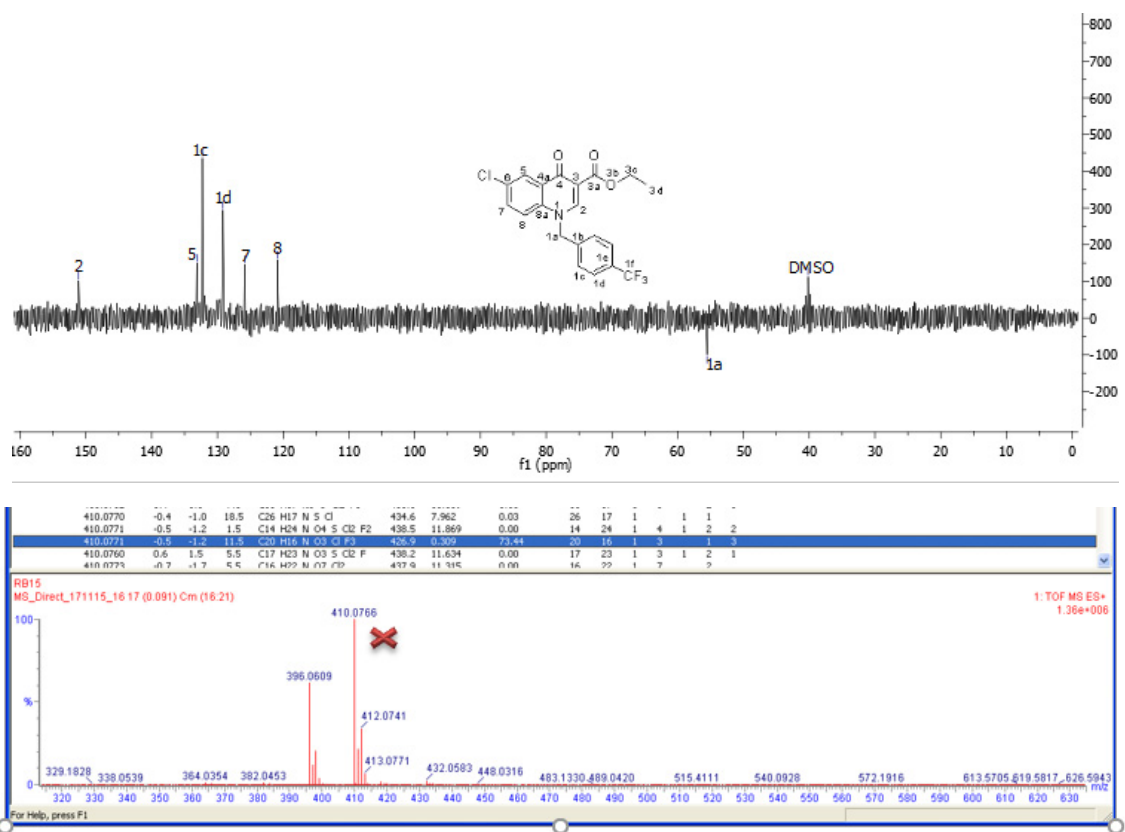
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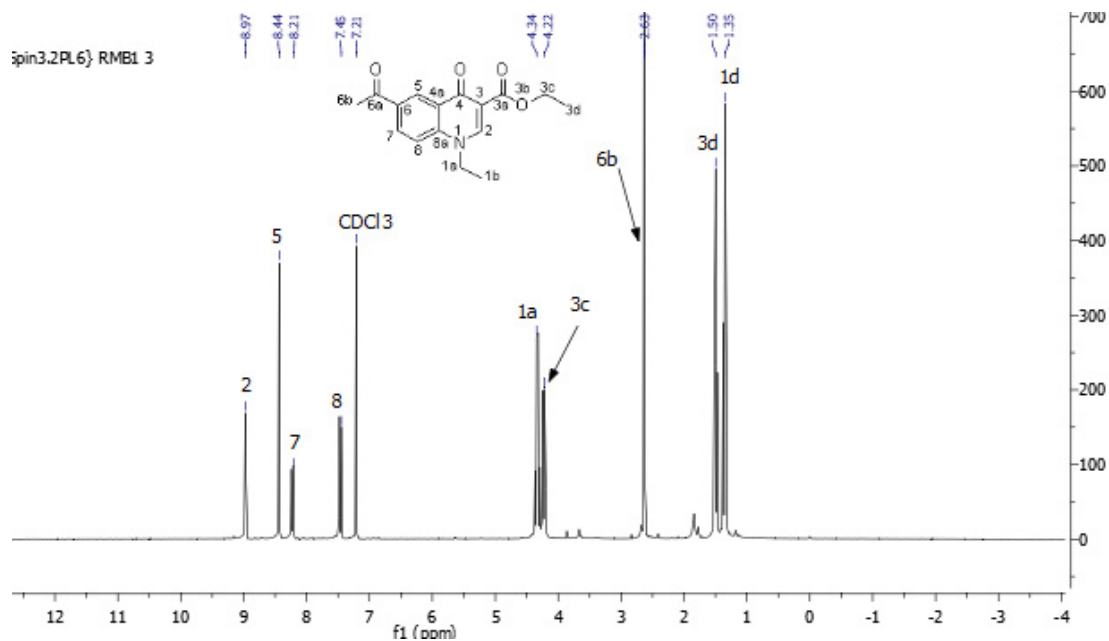


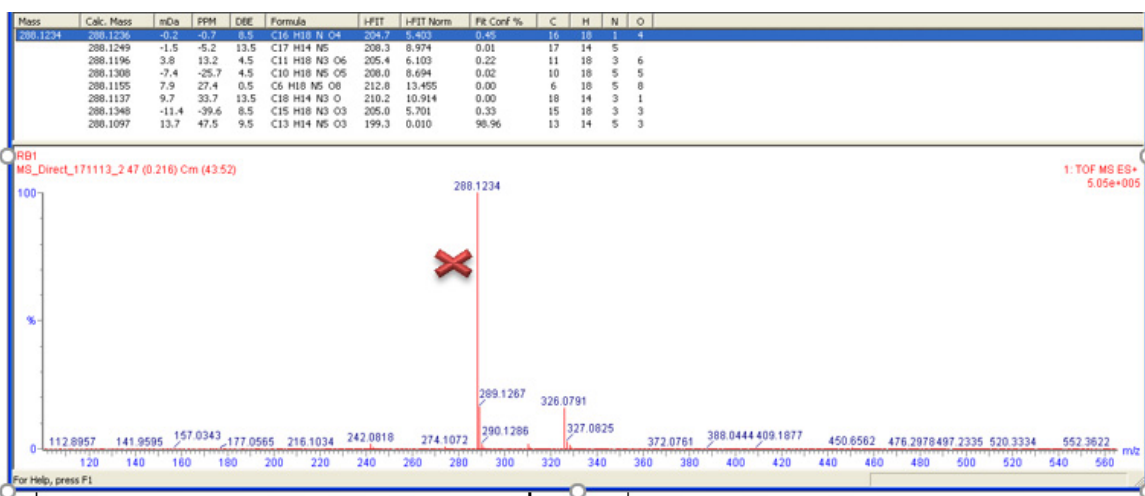
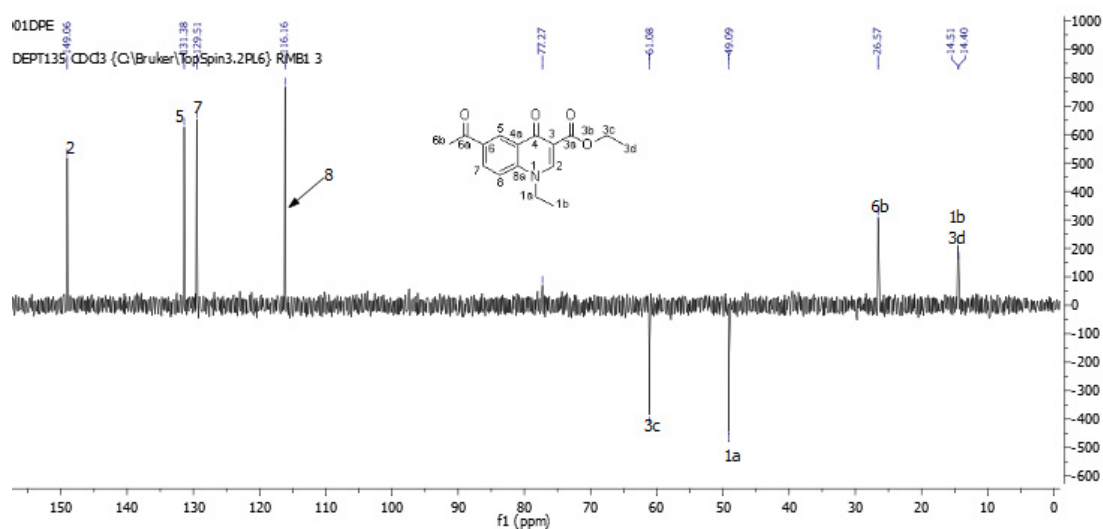
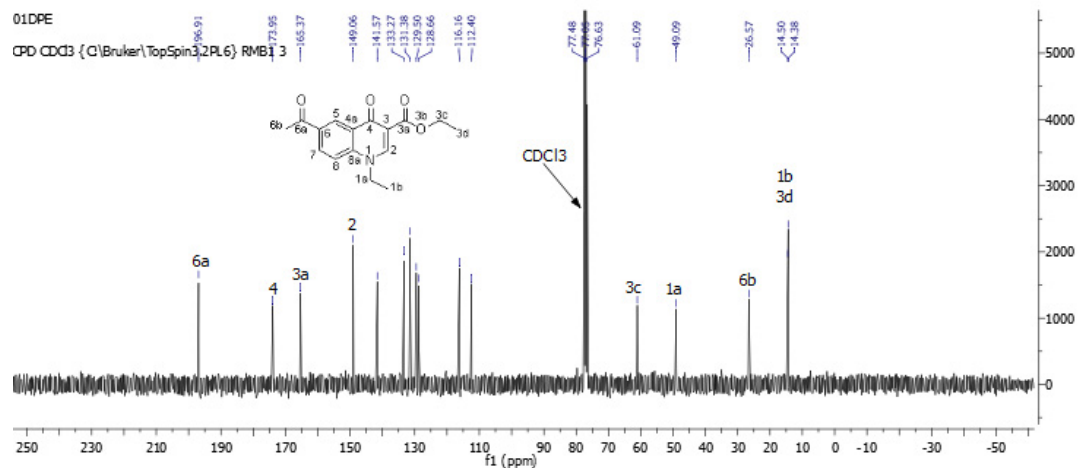
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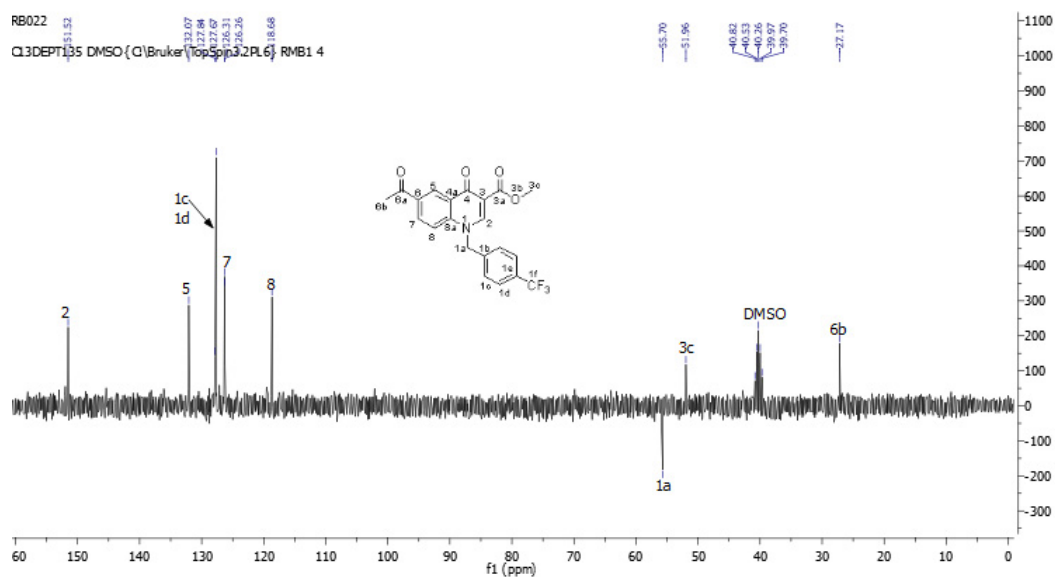
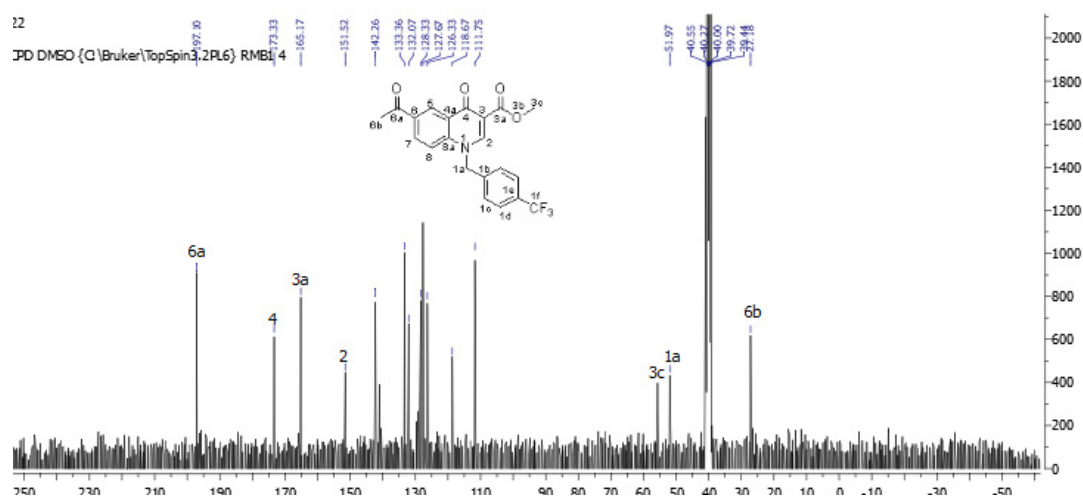
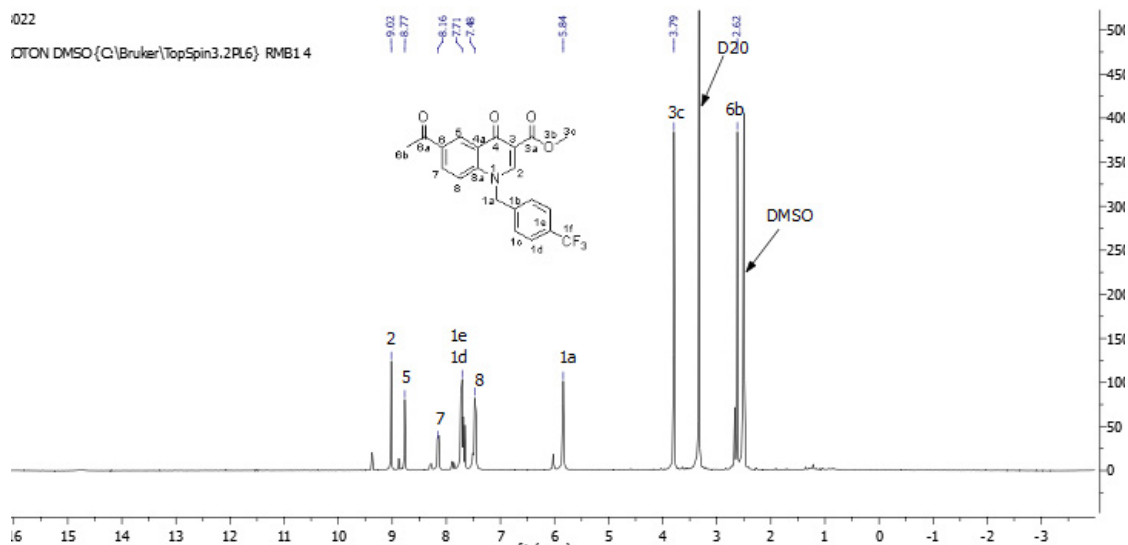


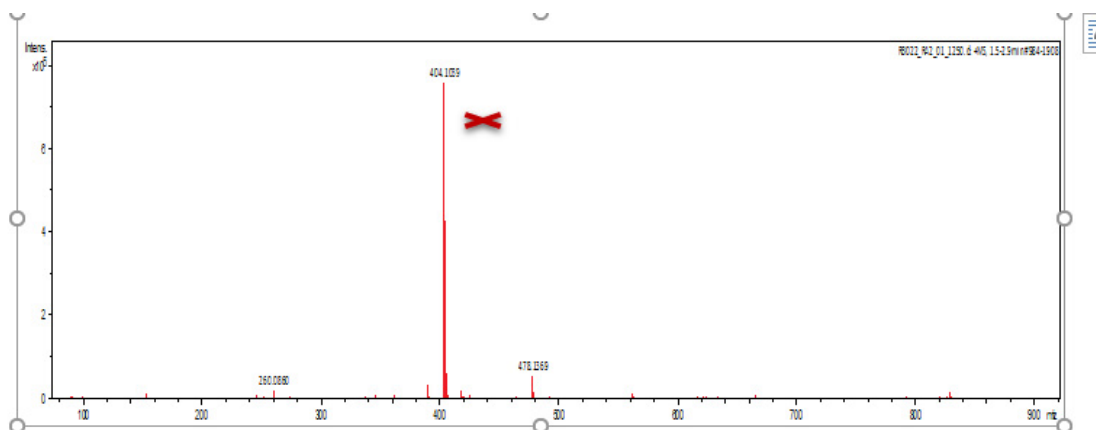
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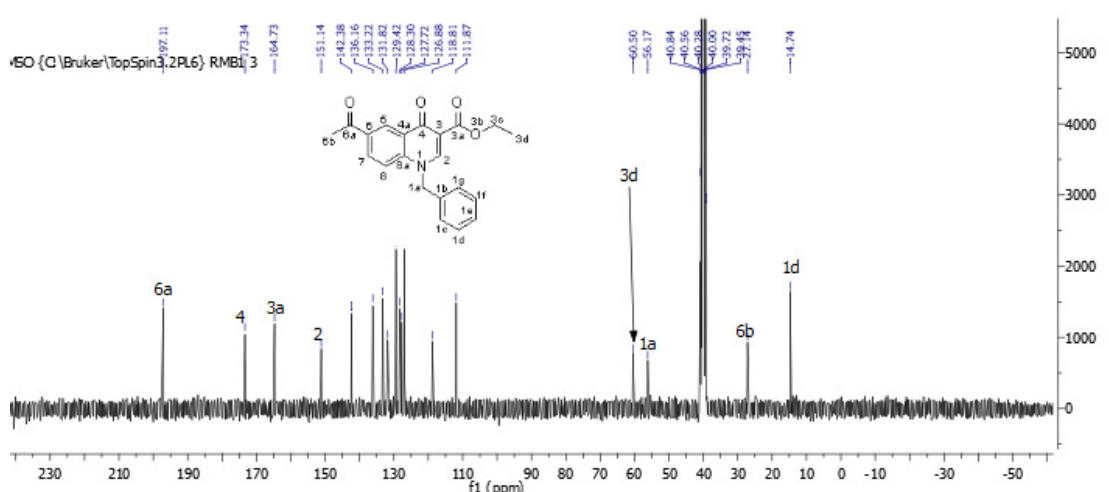
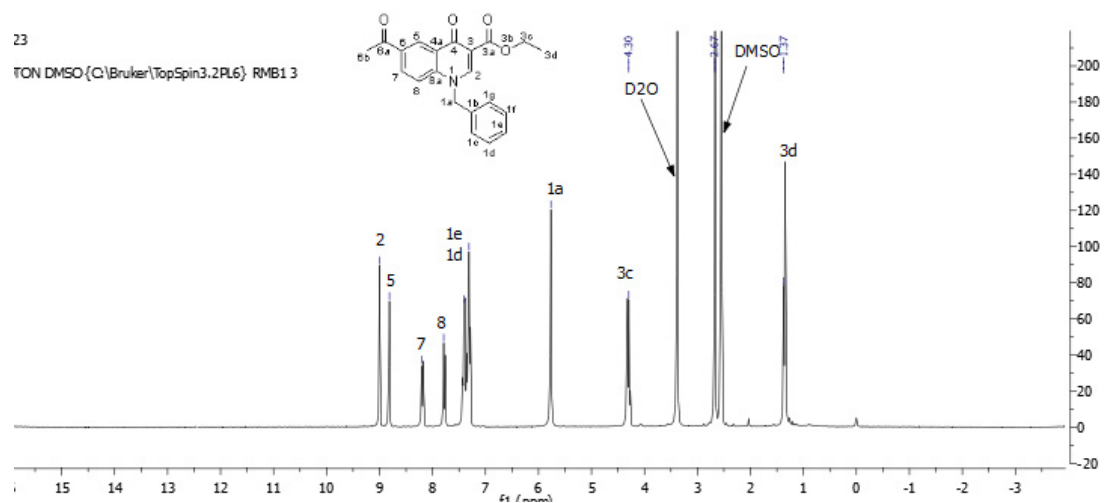


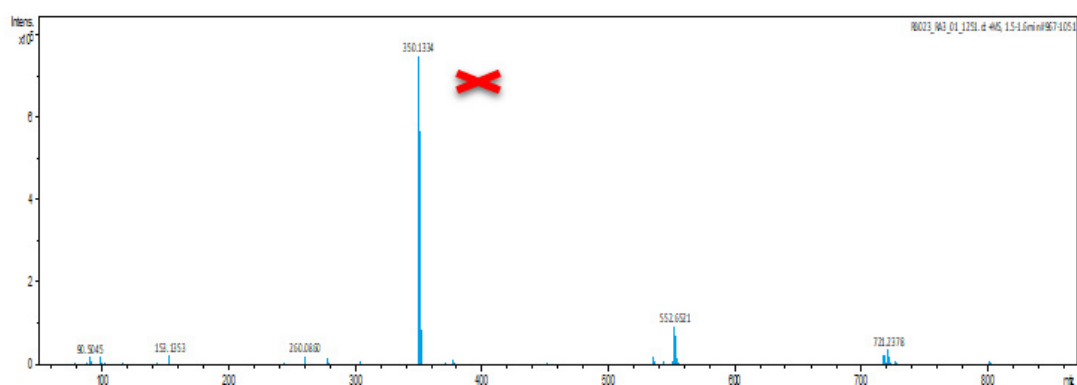
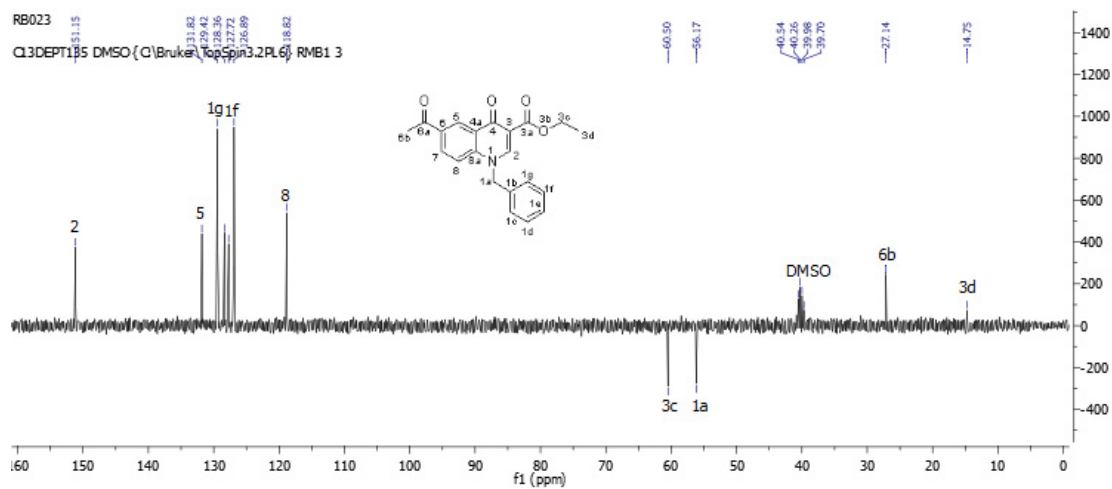
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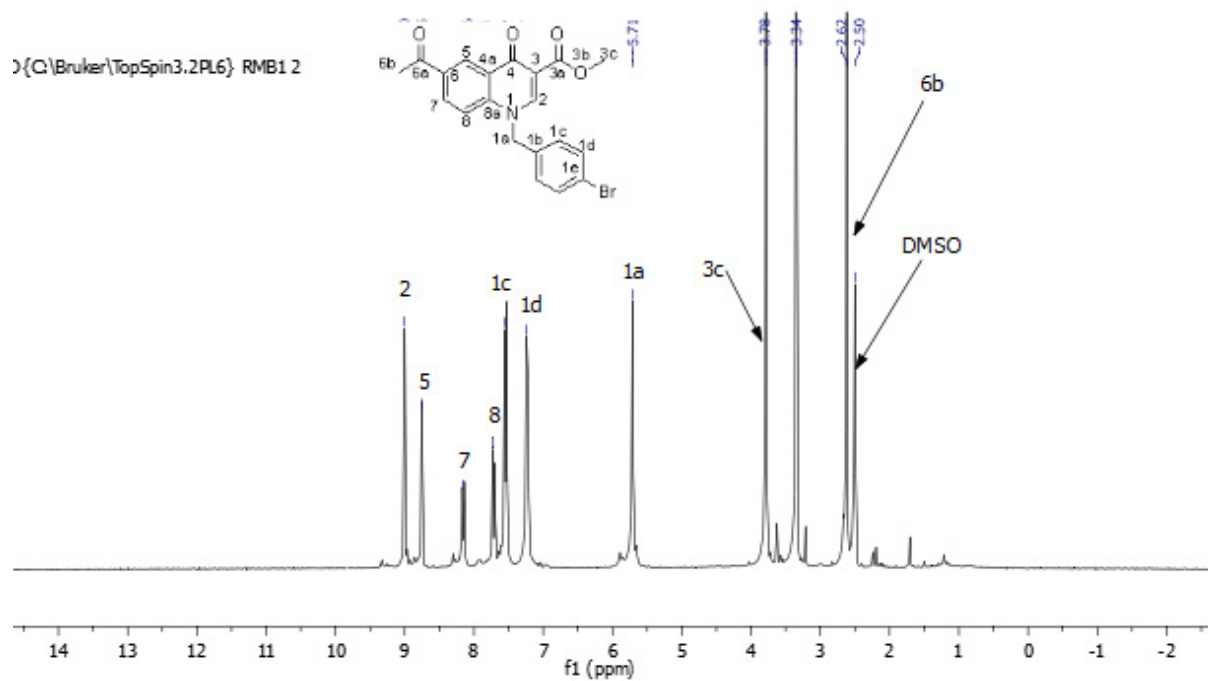


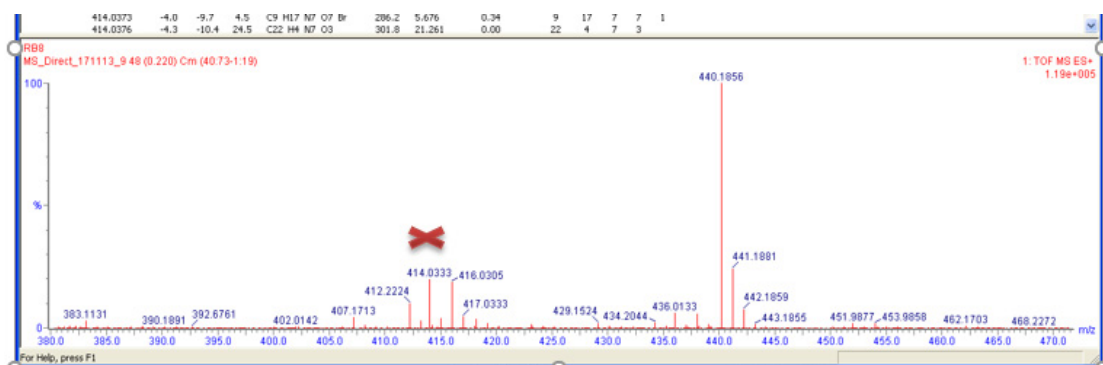
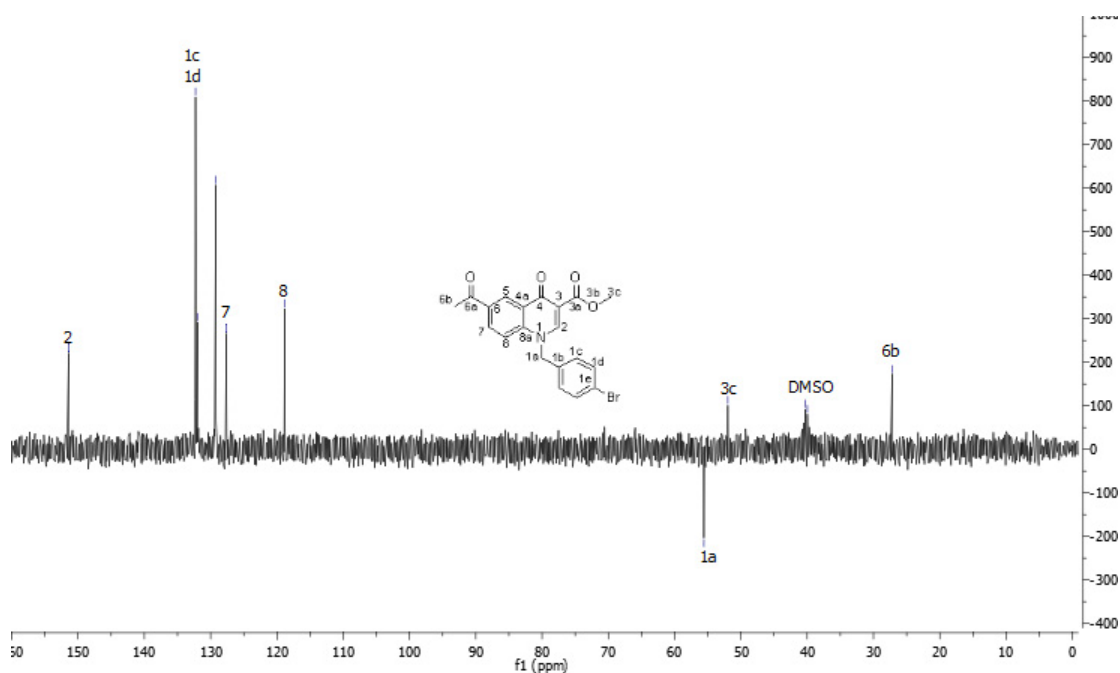
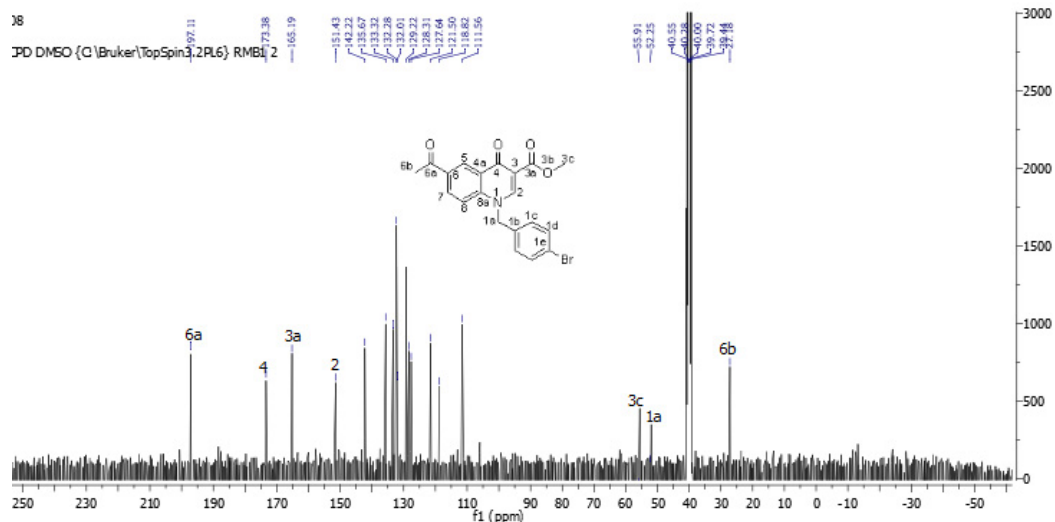
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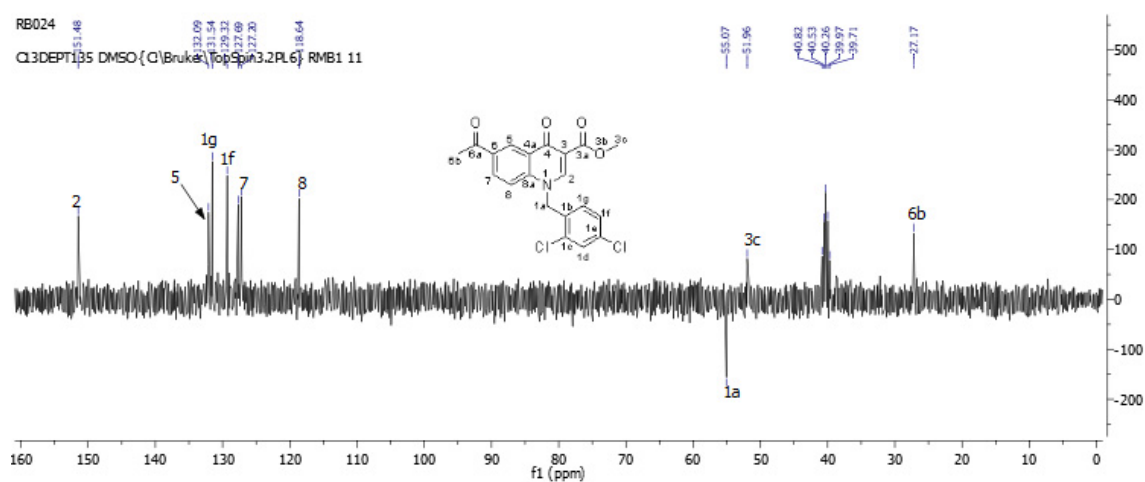
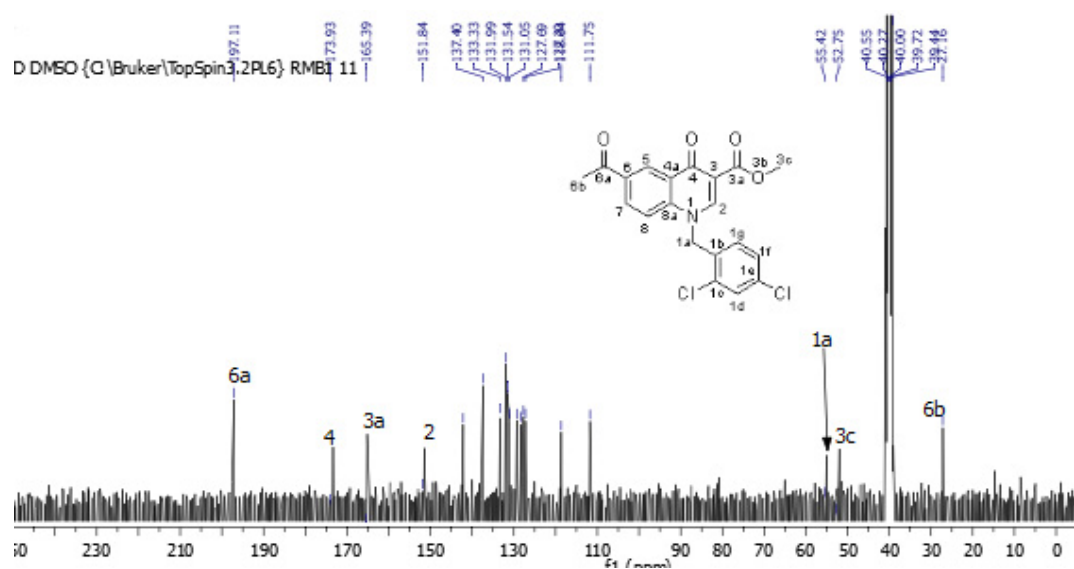
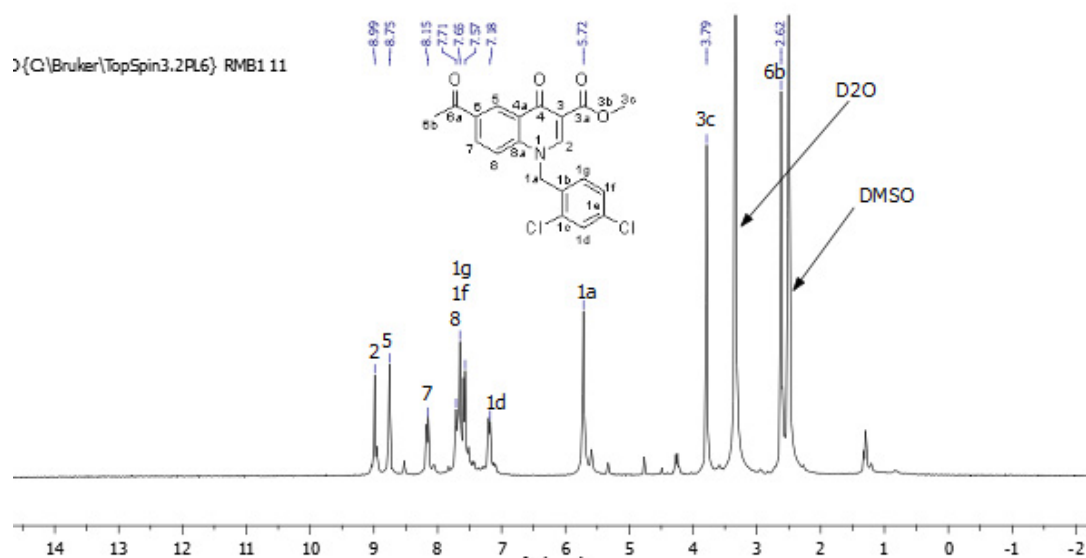


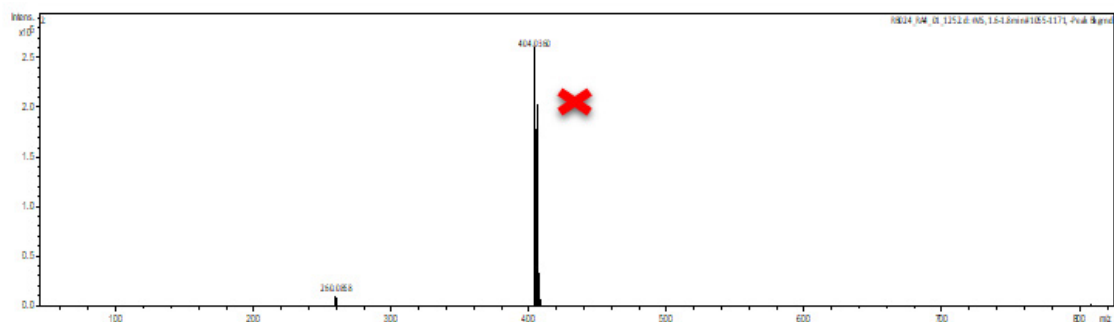
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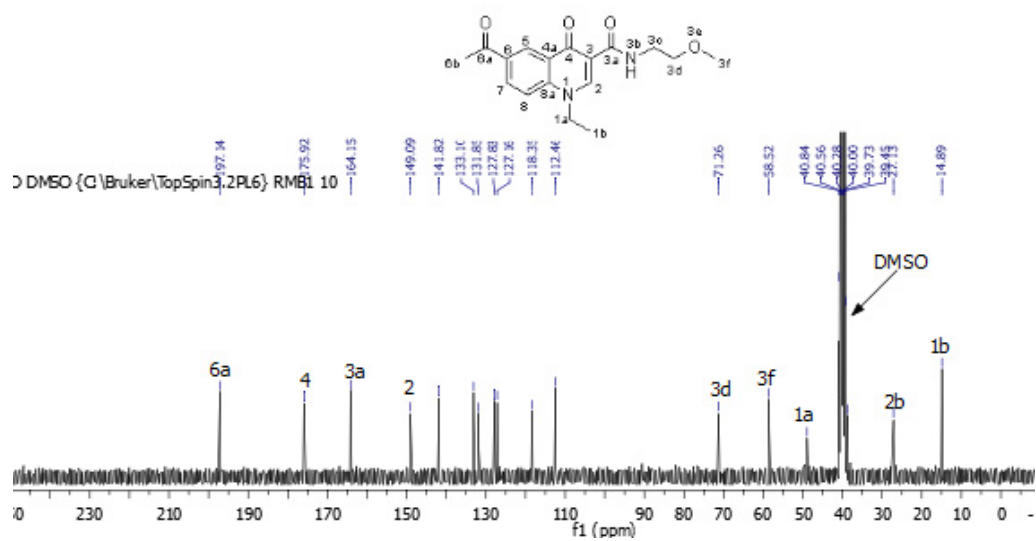
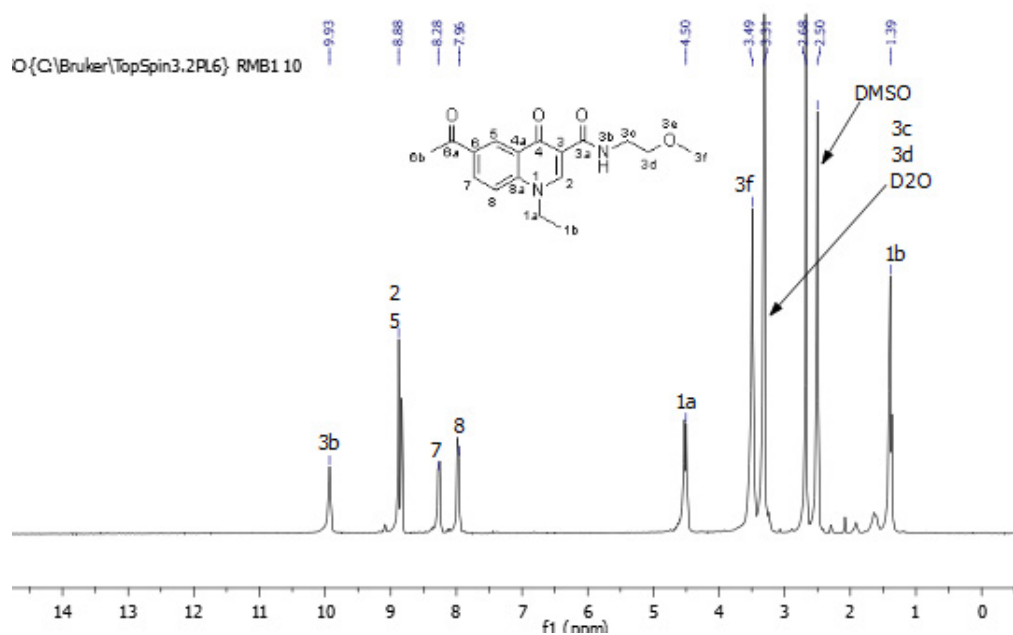


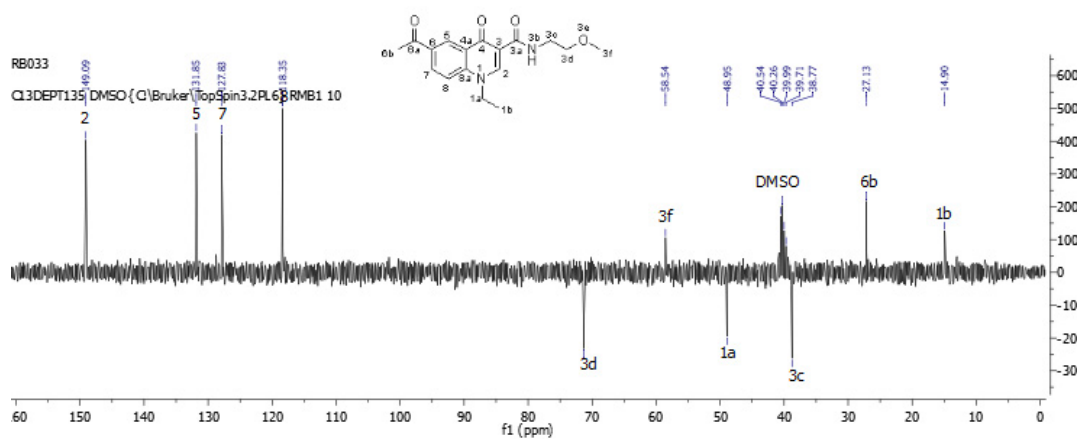
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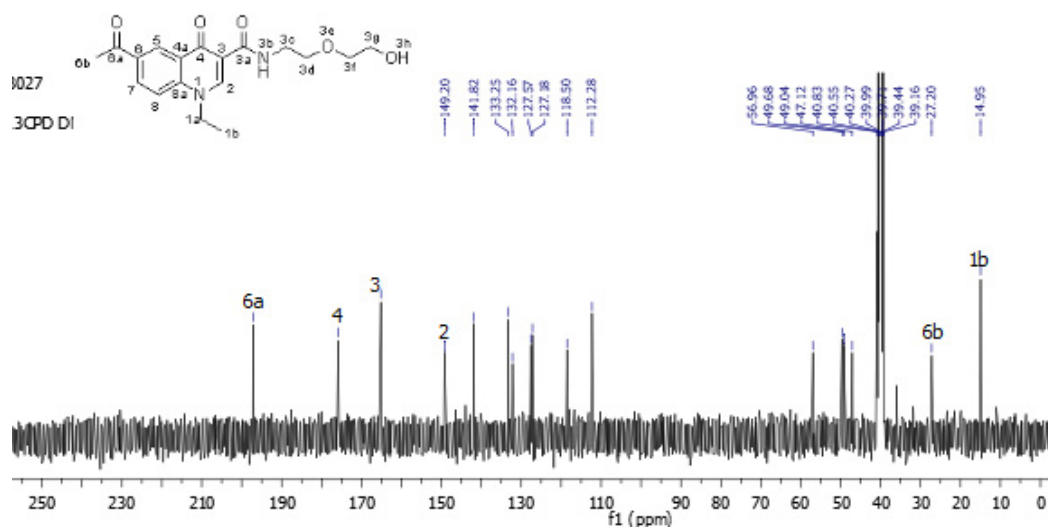
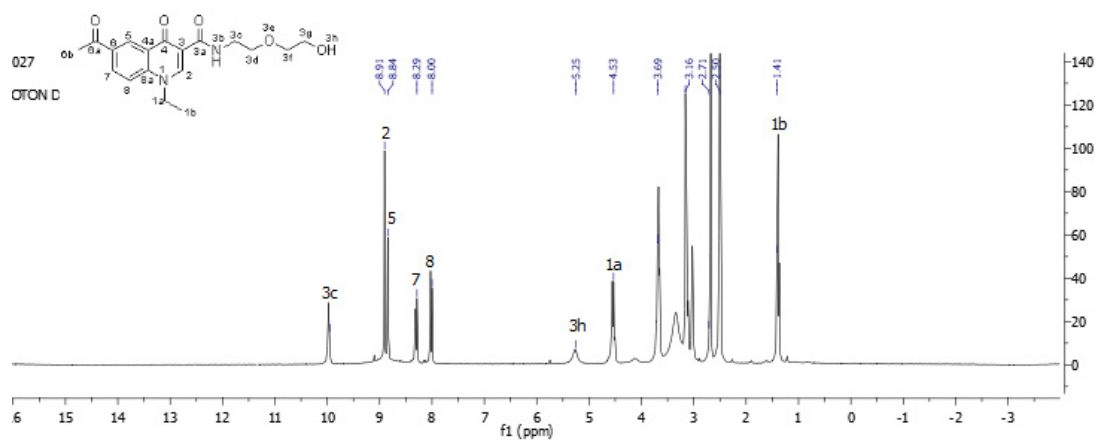


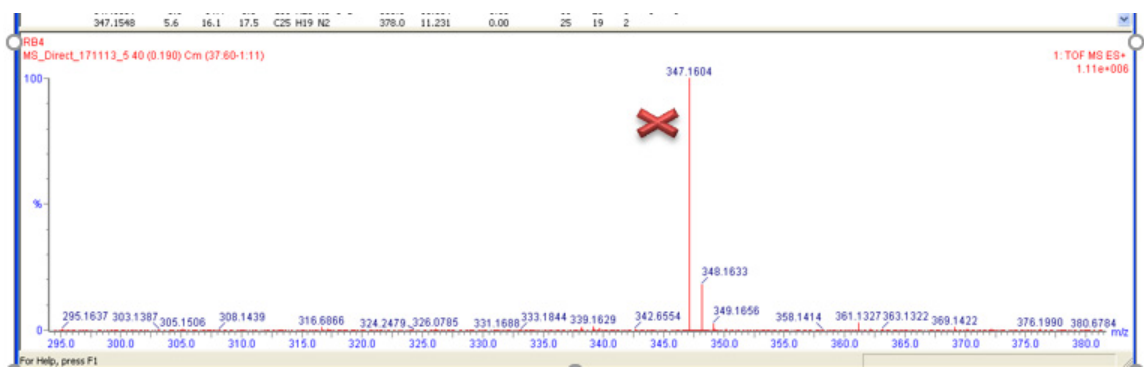
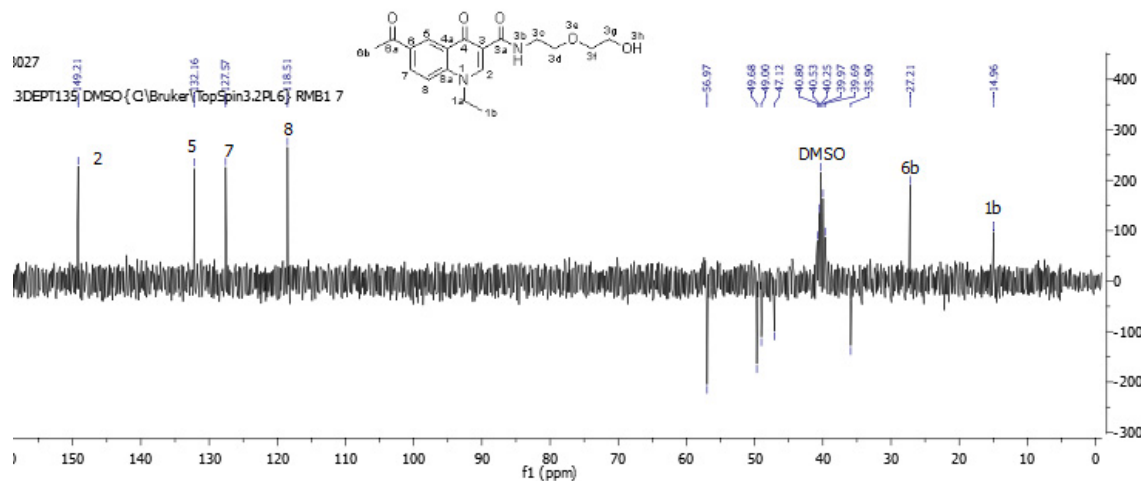
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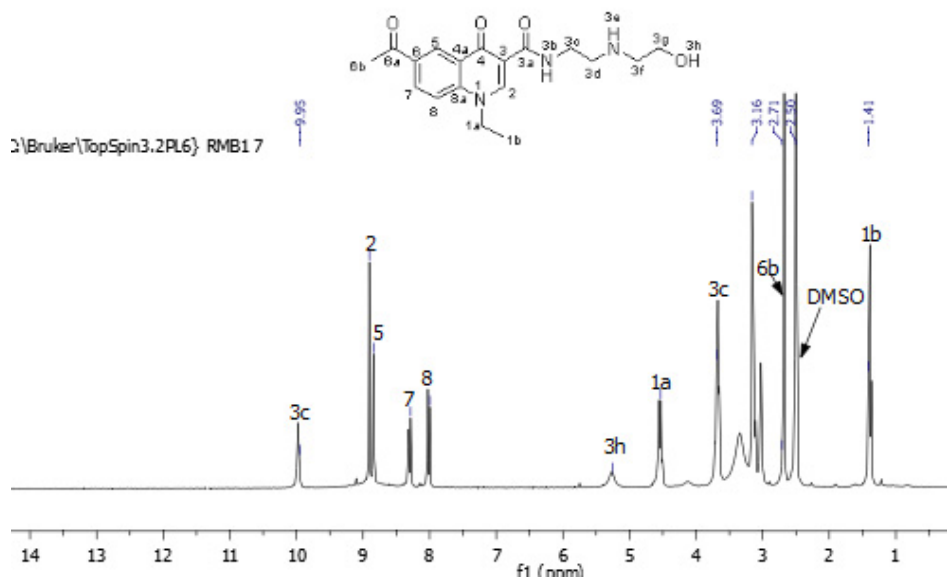


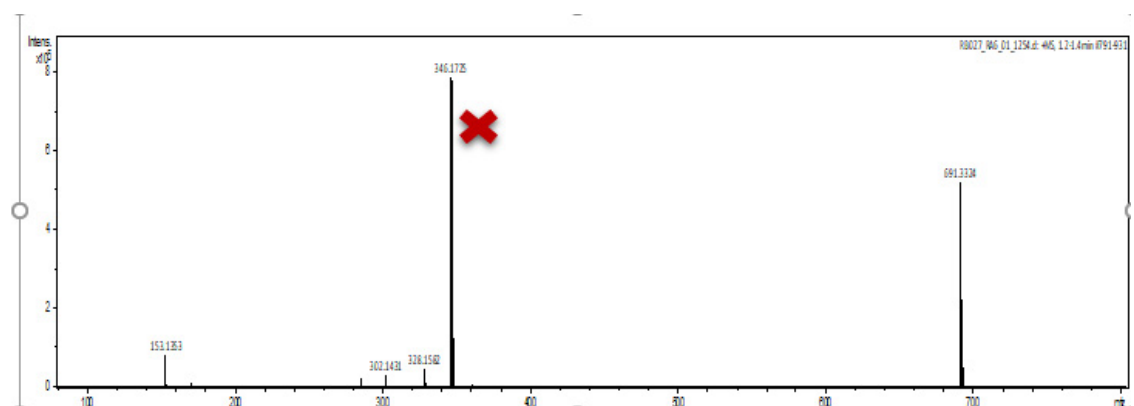
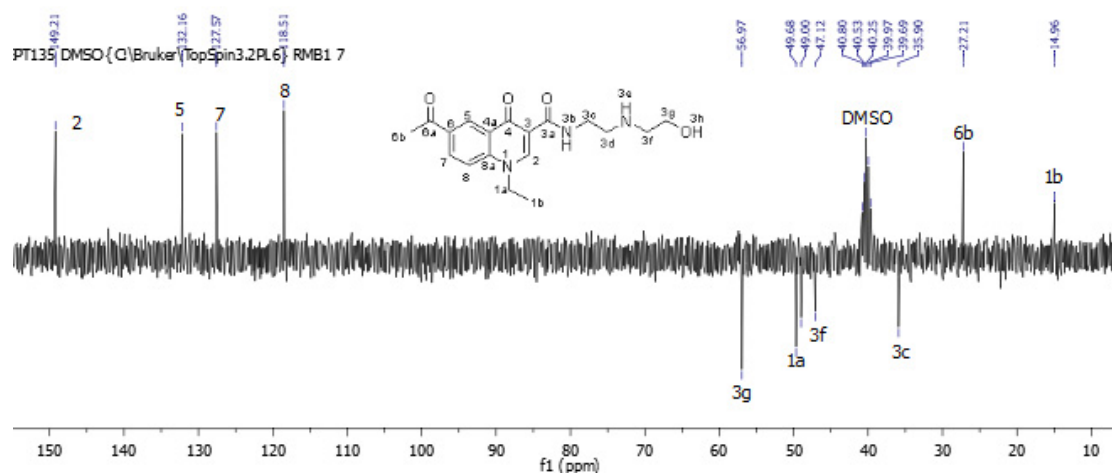
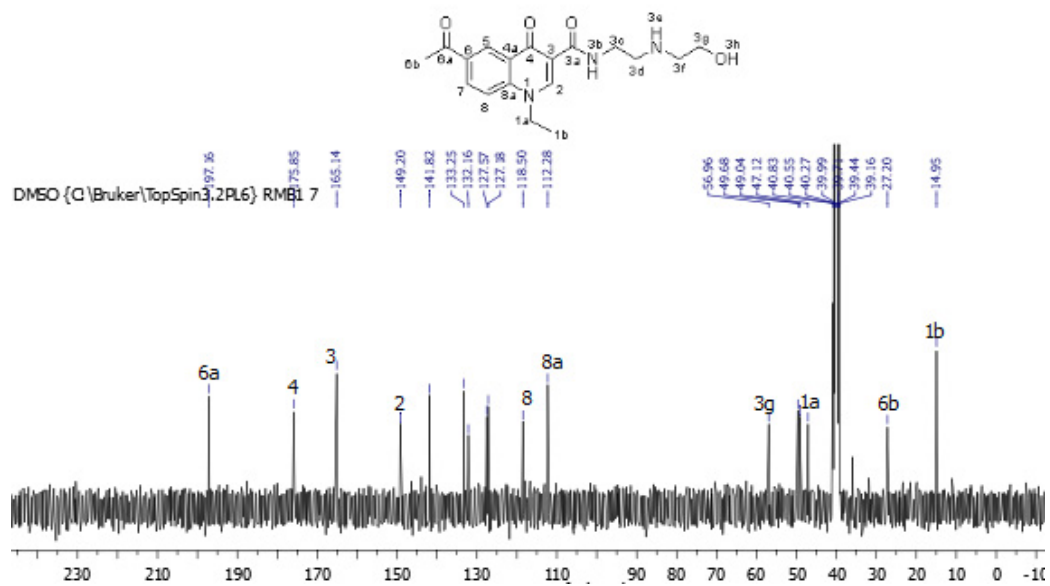
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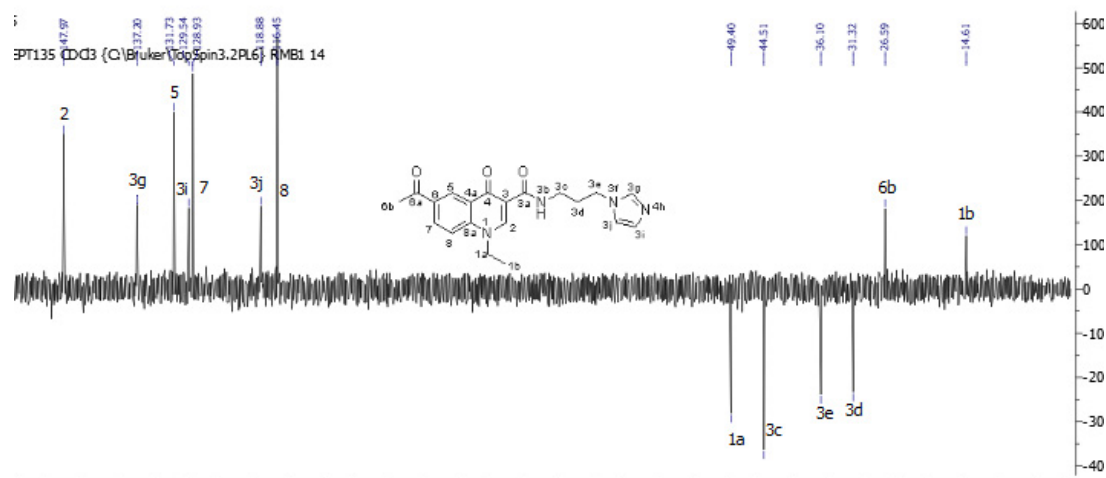
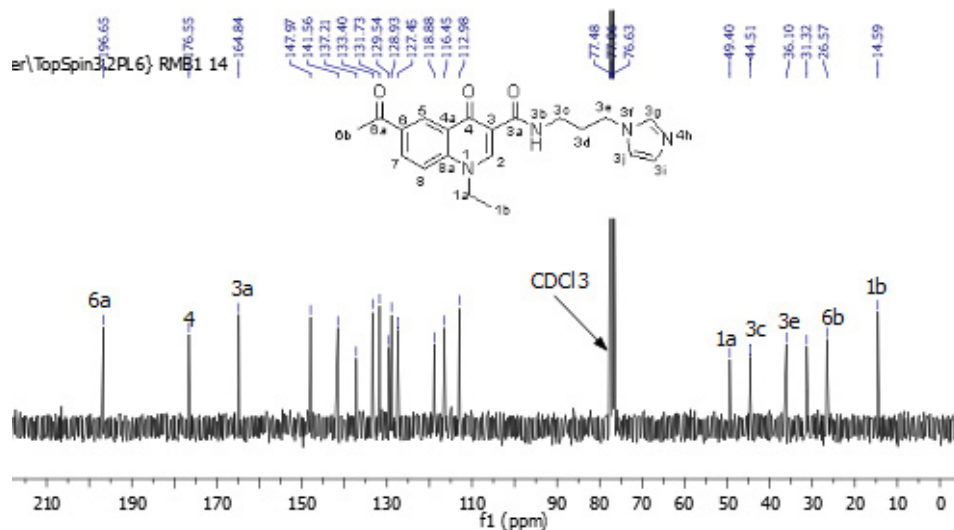
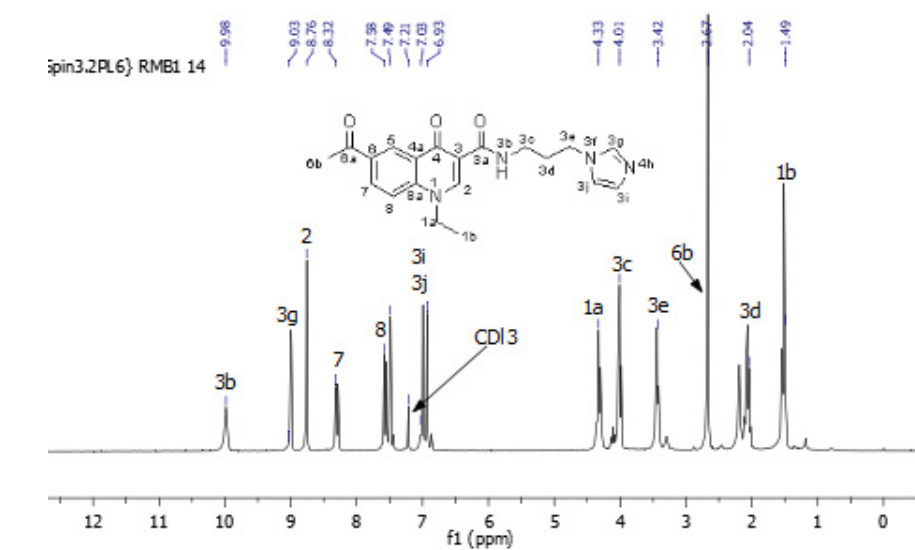


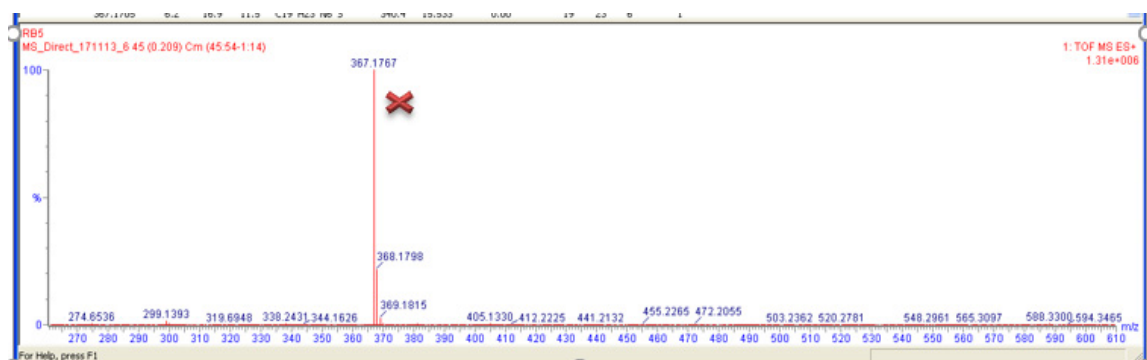
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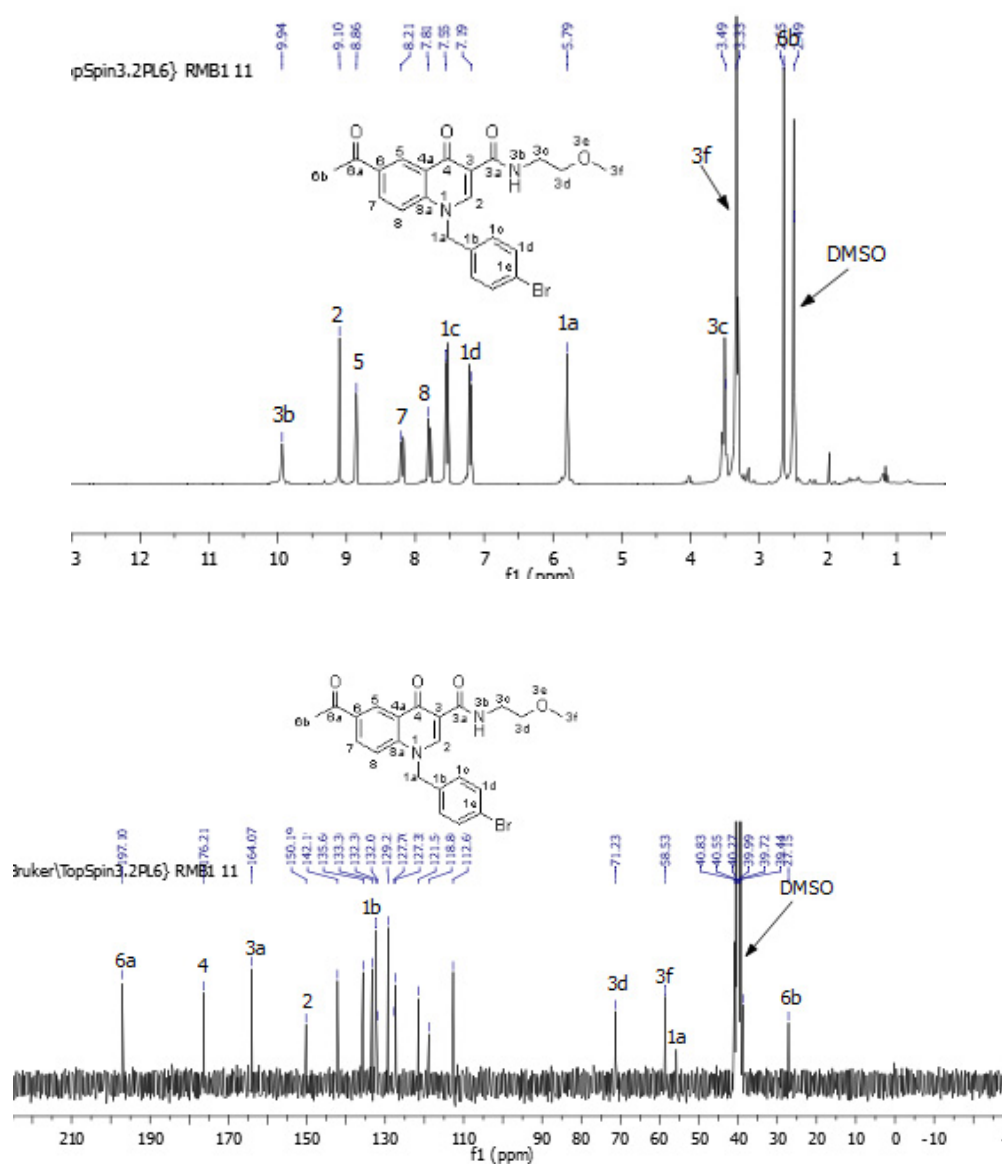


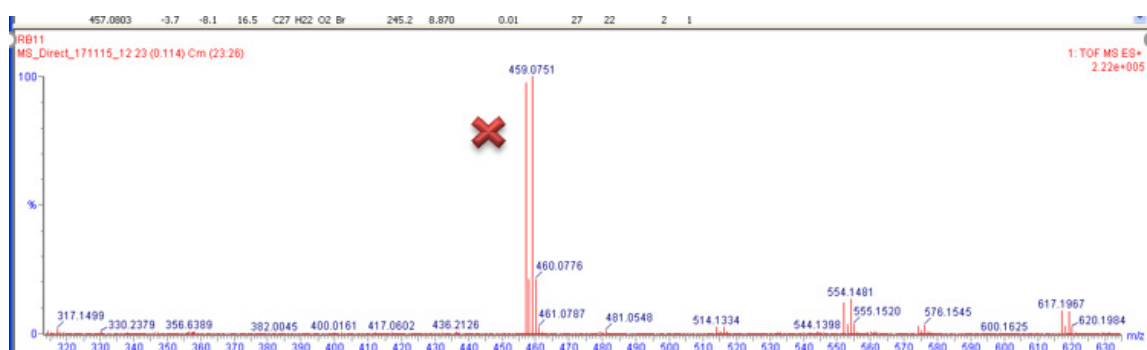
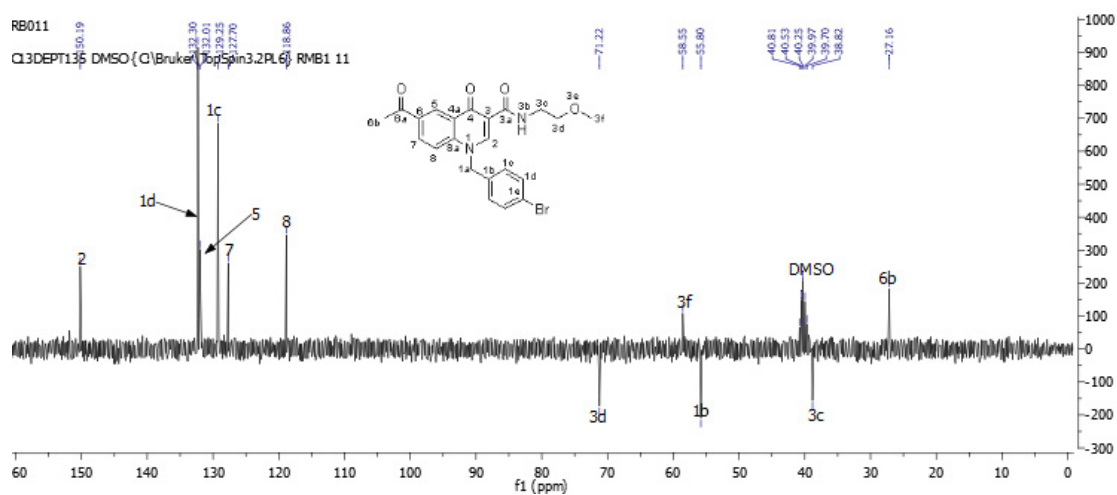
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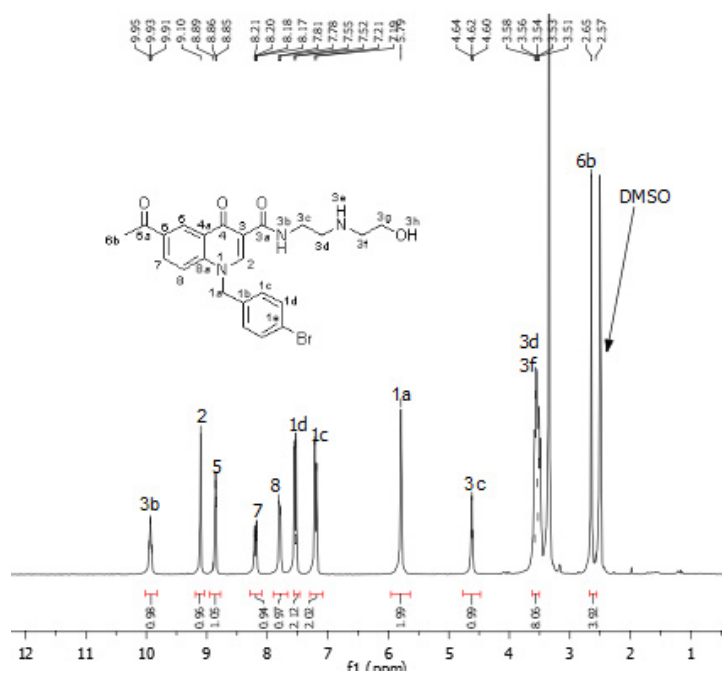


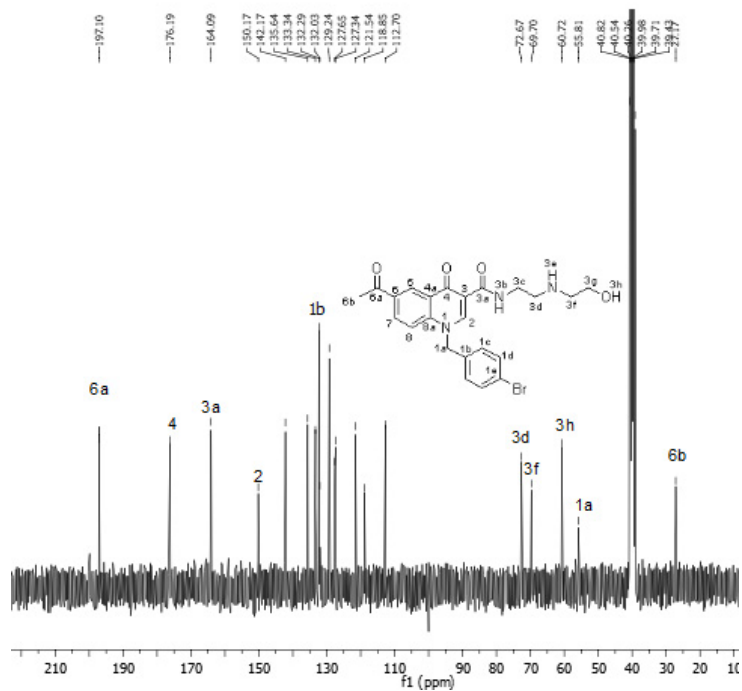
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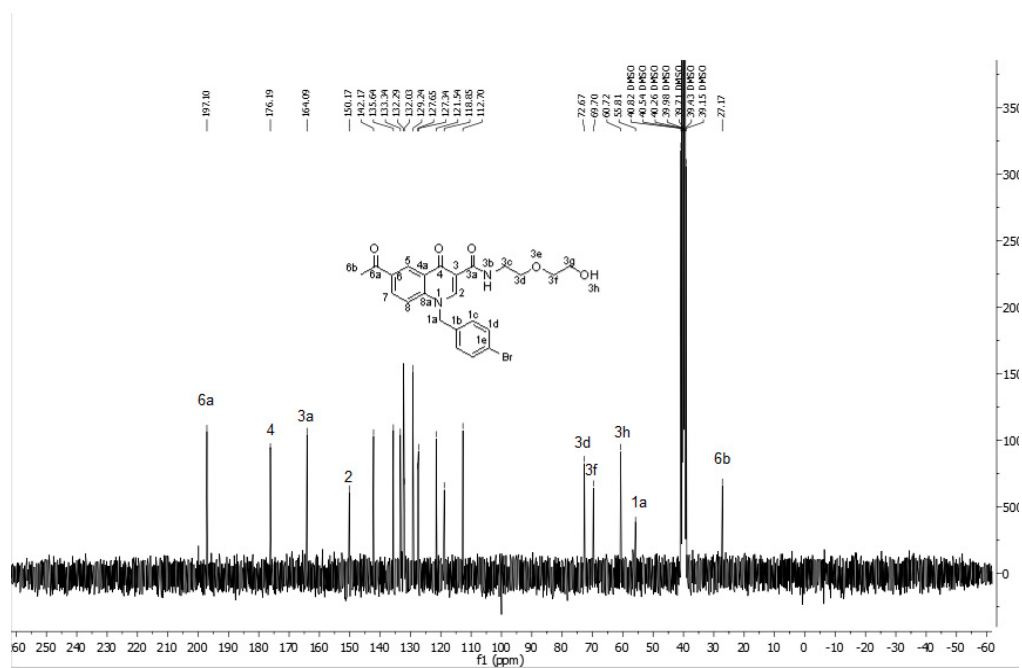
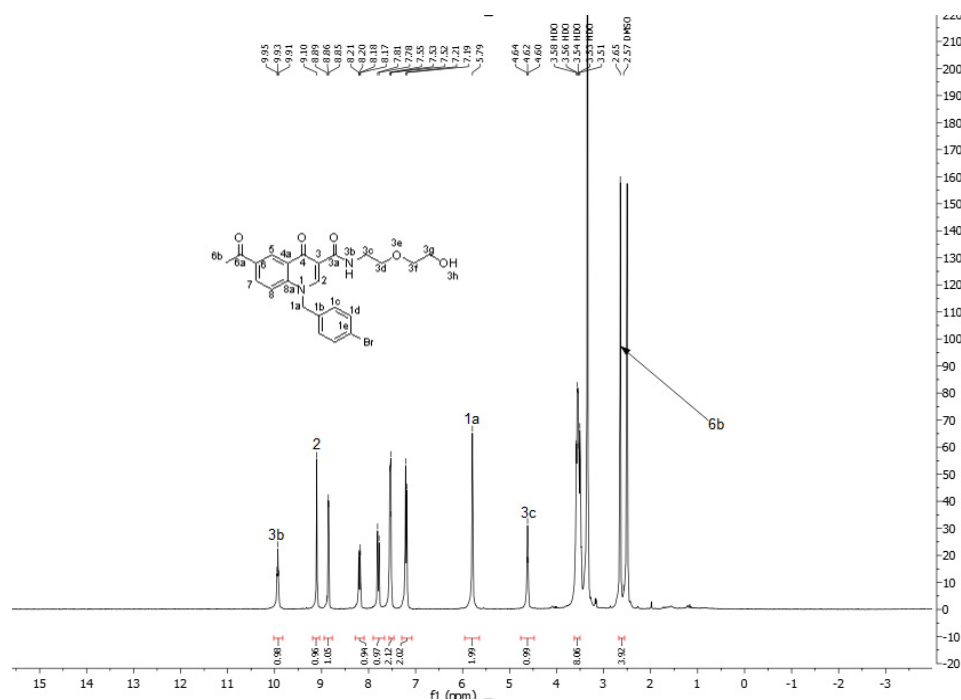


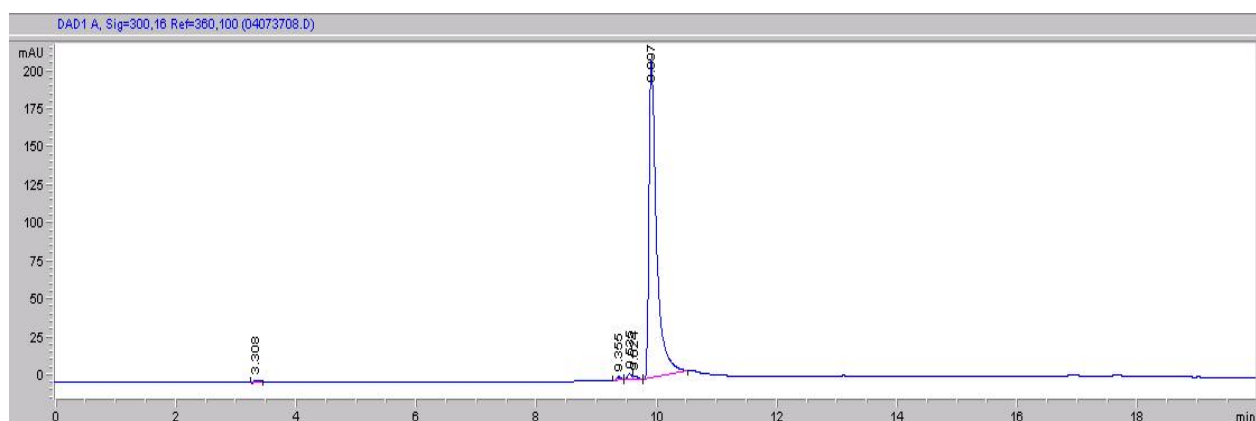
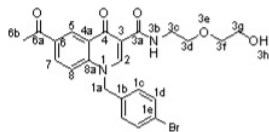
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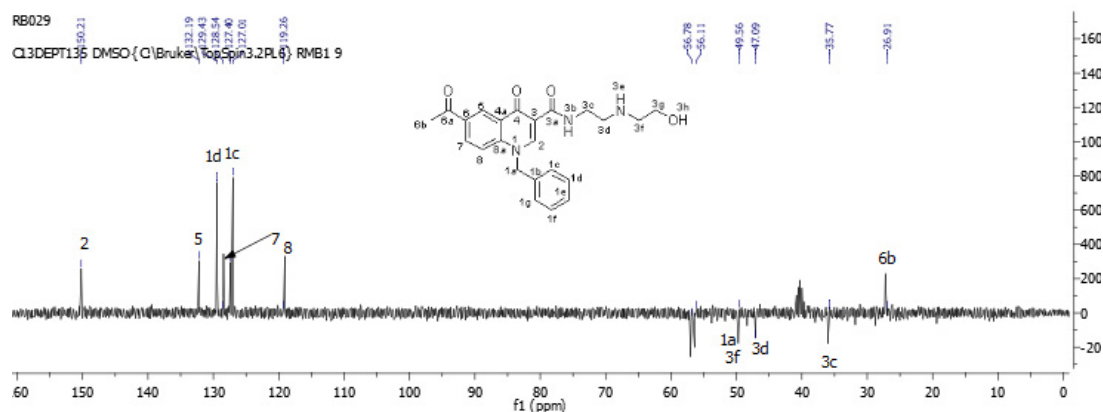
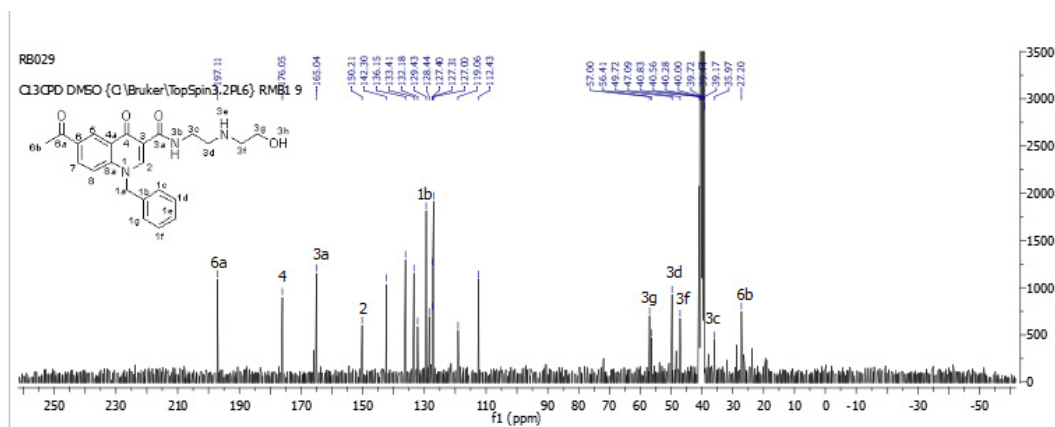
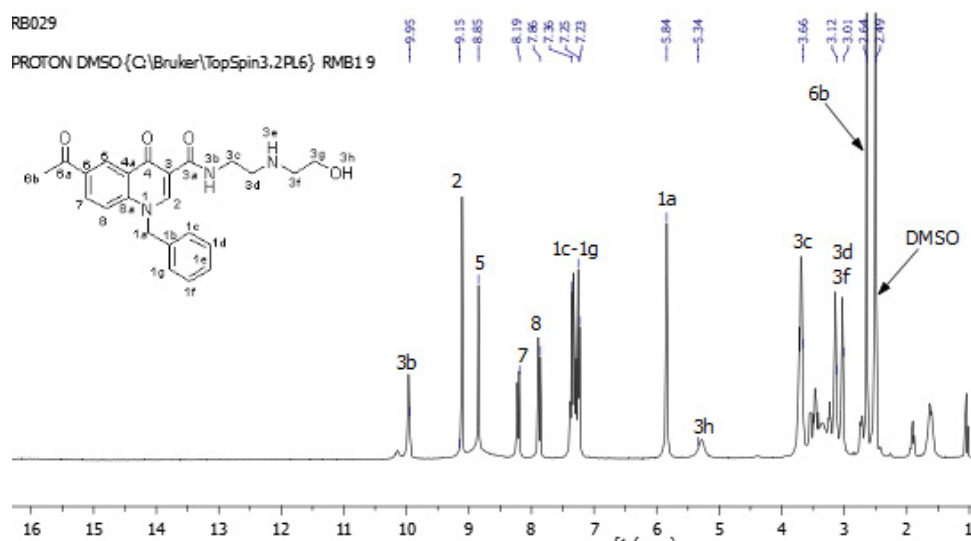


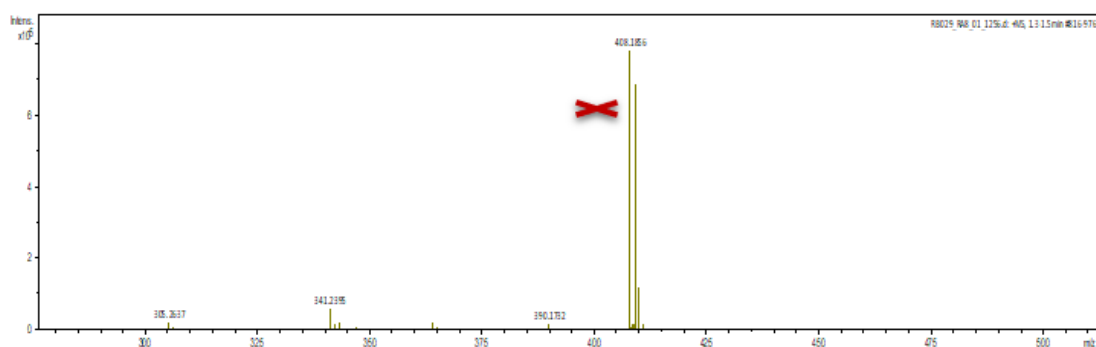
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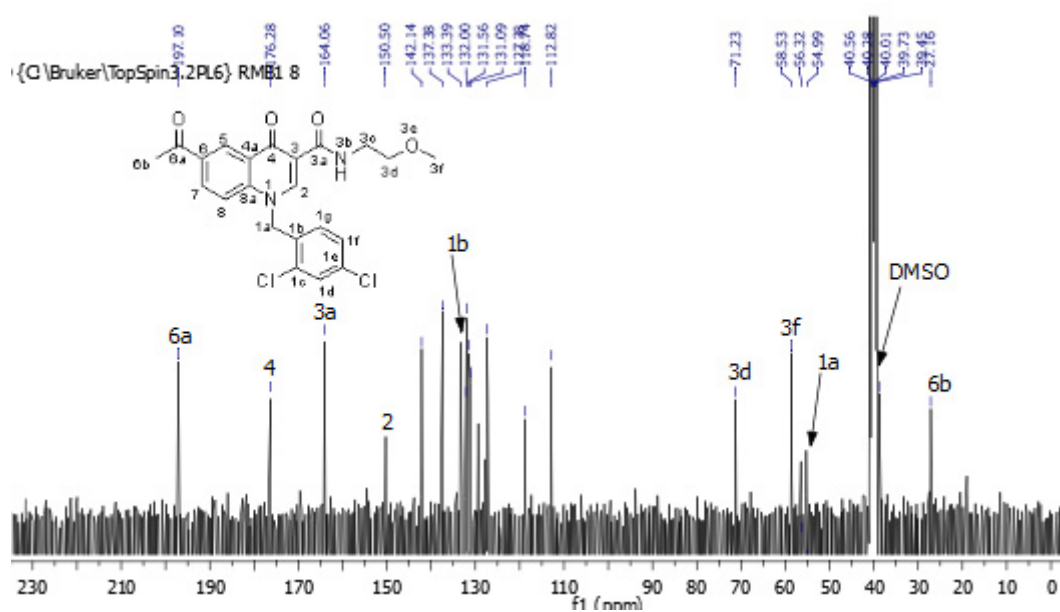
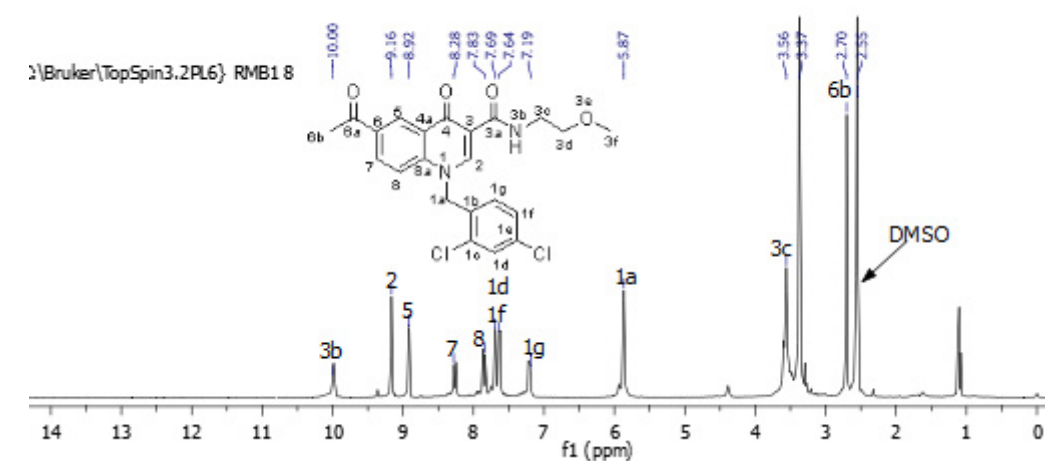


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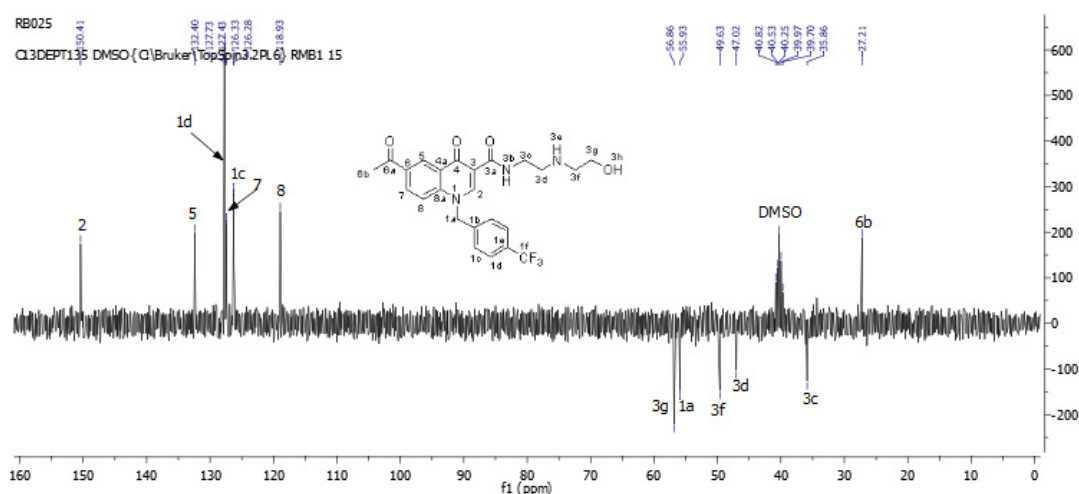
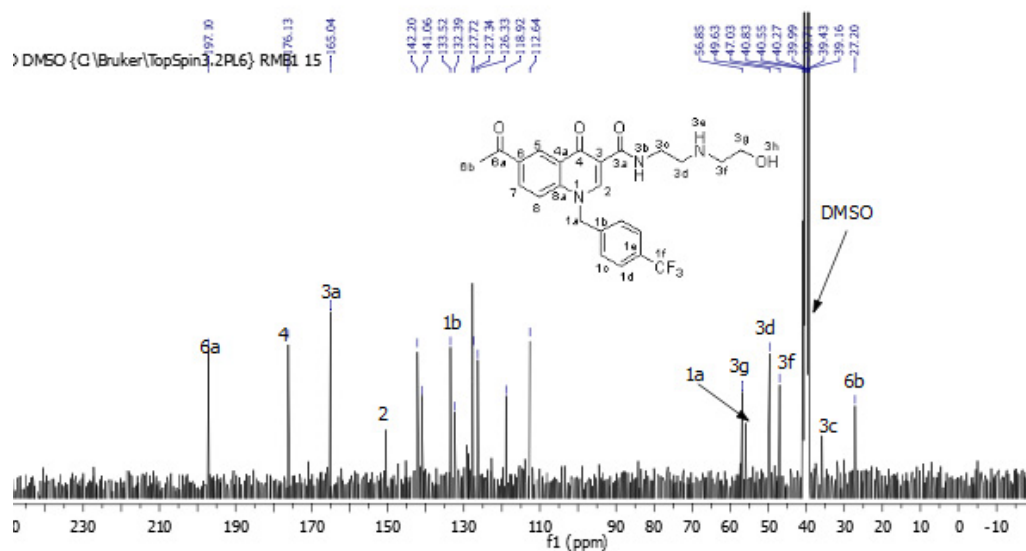
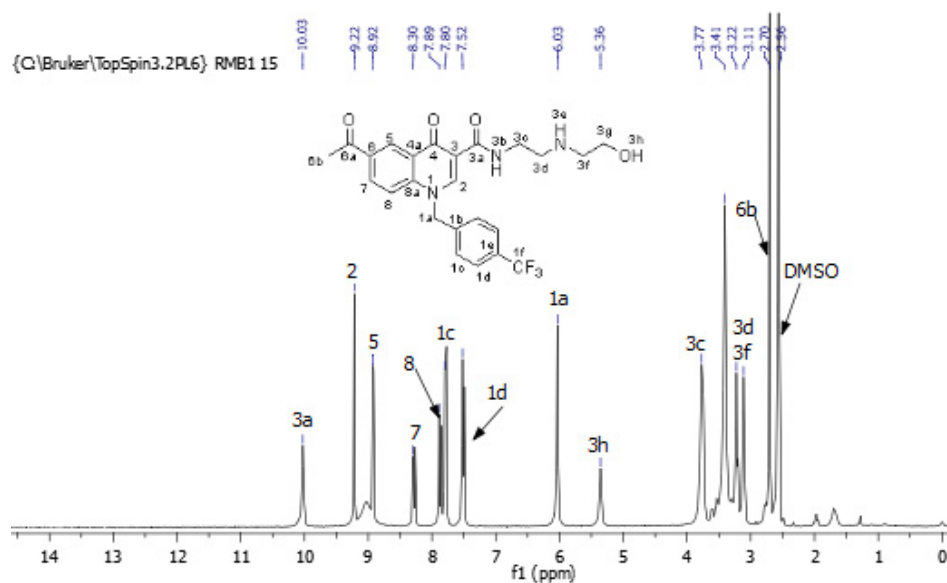


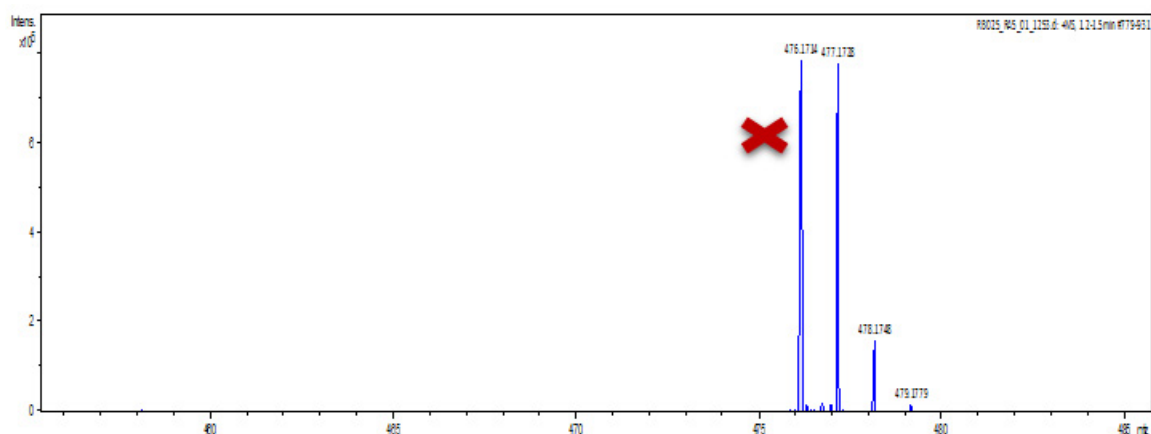


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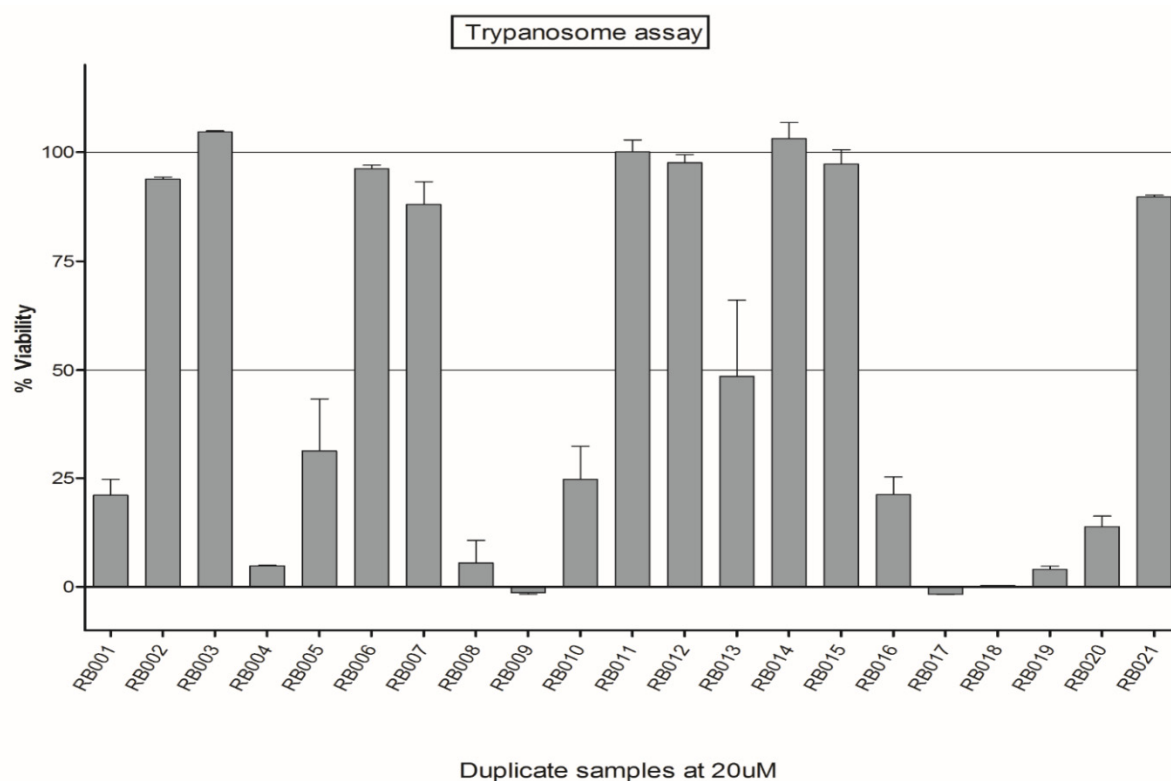


Figure S11a: Compounds inhibitory potential against *T.b. brucei* parasites at 20 μ M.

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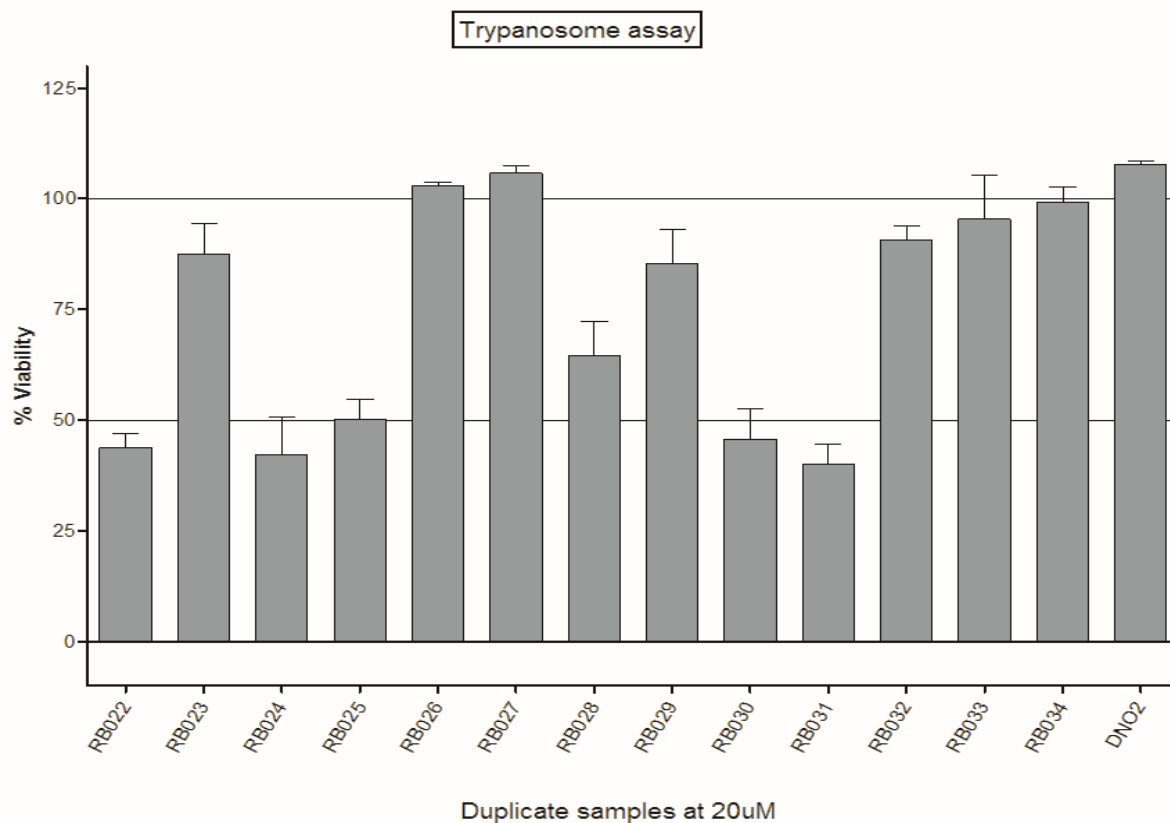


Figure S11b: Compounds inhibitory potential against *T.b. brucei* parasites at 20μM.

Compounds were added to *in vitro* cultures of *T.b. brucei* in 96-well plates at a fixed concentration of 20 μM. After an incubation period of 48 hours, the numbers of parasites surviving drug exposure were determined by adding resazurin. Reduction of resazurin to resorufin by living cells was quantified in a multiwell fluorescence plate reader (Exc₅₆₀/Em₅₉₀). The results are expressed as parasite % viability relative to untreated controls. Compounds were tested in duplicate wells, and a standard deviation (SD) calculated. Only compounds exhibiting less than 20% parasite viability were considered for IC₅₀ determination.

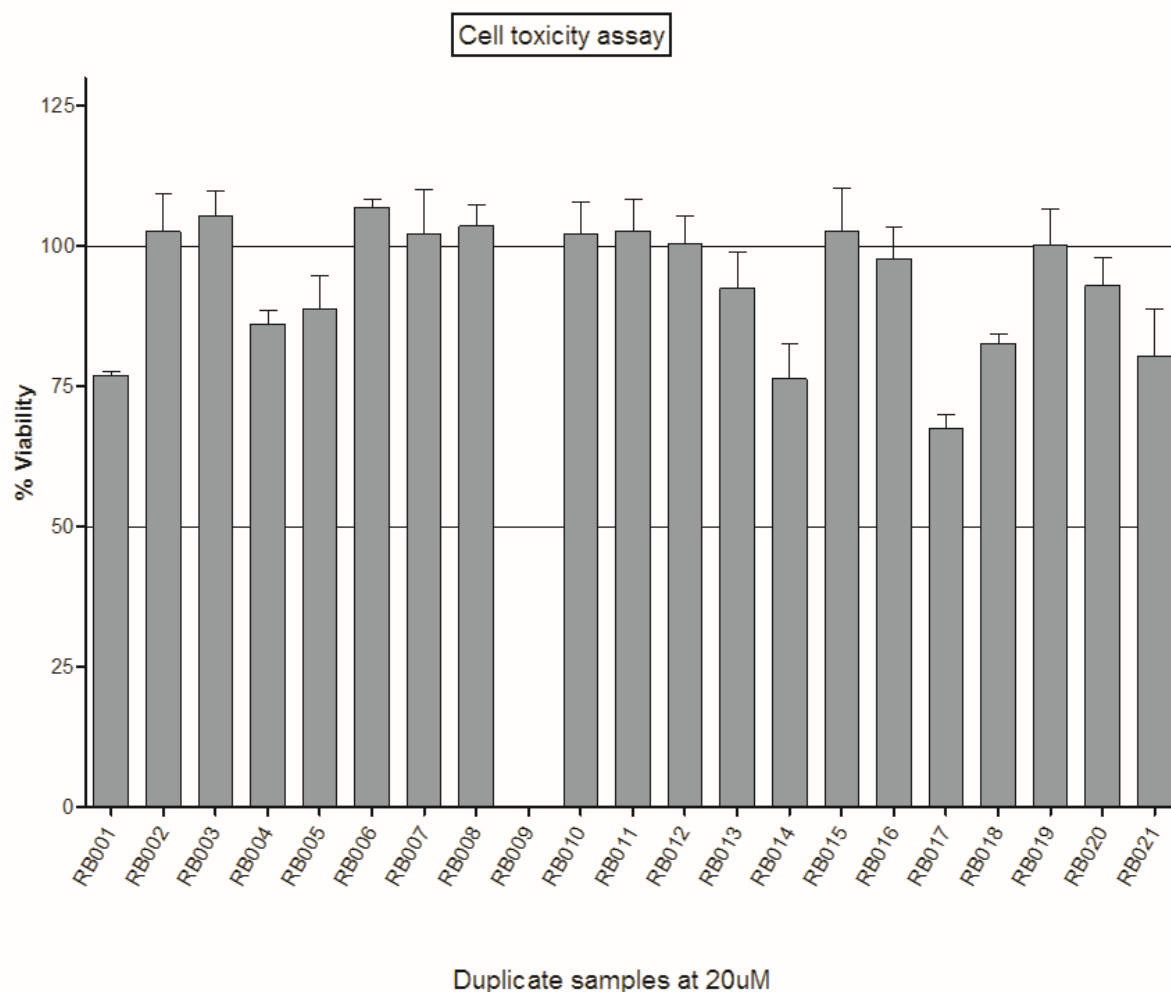


Figure SI2a: Compound cytotoxicity against HeLa cells at 20 μ M.

Compounds were added to *in vitro* cultures of HeLa (human cervix adenocarcinoma) cells in 96-well plates at a fixed concentration of 20 μ M. After an incubation period of 48 hours, the numbers of cells surviving drug exposure are determined by adding resazurin, which was reduced to resorufin by living cells. Resorufin was quantified in a multiwell fluorescence plate reader (Exc₅₆₀/Em₅₉₀). The results are express as cell % viability. Compounds were tested in duplicate wells, and a standard deviation (SD) calculated. With the exception of compound **RB009**, this series shows no extensive cytotoxicity against HeLa cells.

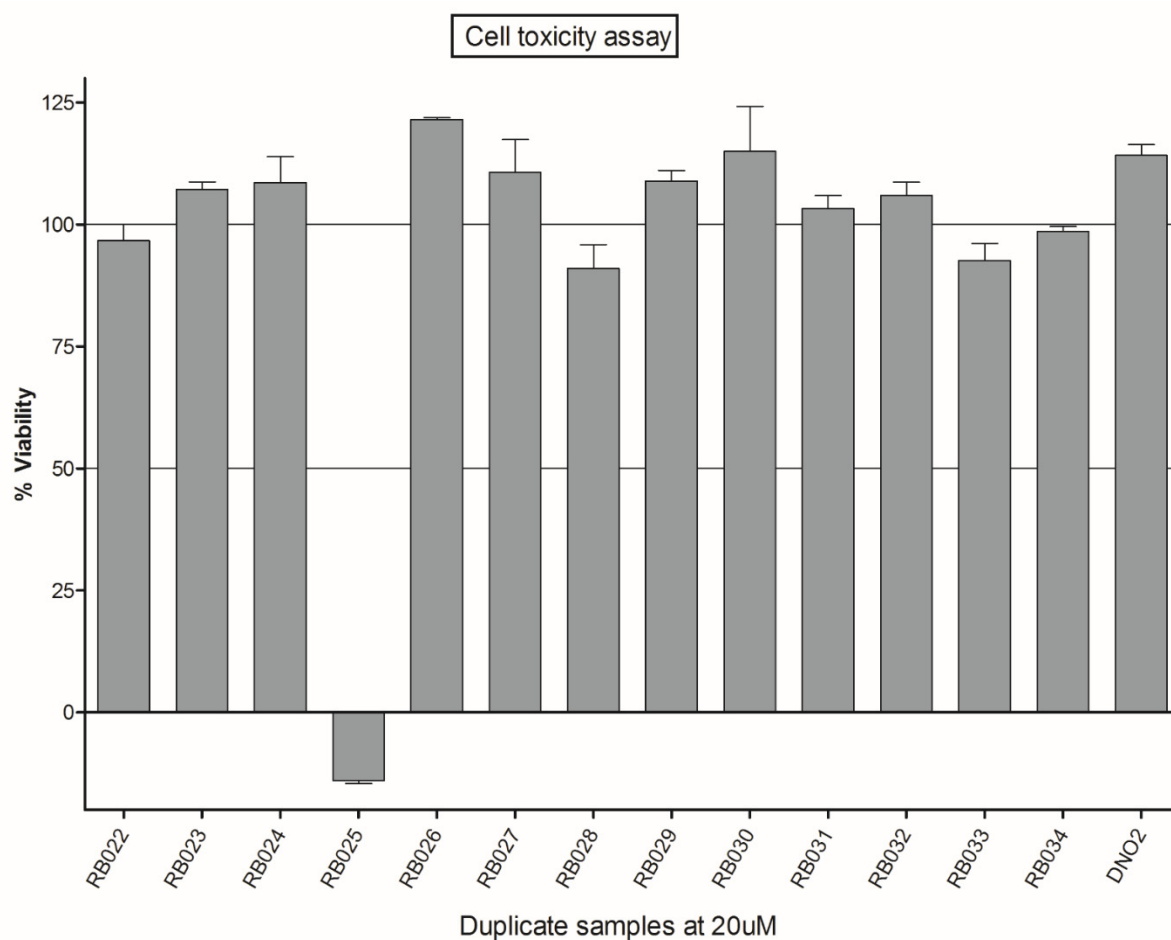


Figure SI2b: Compound cytotoxicity against HeLa cells at 20 μ M.

Compounds were added to *in vitro* cultures of HeLa (human cervix adenocarcinoma) cells in 96-well plates at a fixed concentration of 20 μ M. After an incubation period of 48 hours, the numbers of cells surviving drug exposure are determined by adding resazurin which was reduced to resorufin by living cells. Resorufin is quantified in a multiwell fluorescence plate reader (Exc₅₆₀/Em₅₉₀). The results are expressed as cell % viability. Compounds were tested in duplicate wells, and a standard deviation (SD) calculated. With the exception of compound **RB025**, this series shows no cytotoxicity against HeLa cells.