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General Experimental Details

Solvents and reagents were used as obtained from commercial sources and without purification. Tetrabutylammonium acetate was sourced from Sigma Aldrich. Infrared spectra were obtained for novel compounds and were measured on a Perkin Elmer Spectrum Two spectrometer, using universal ATR sampling accessories. Column chromatography was carried out using 60 Å (35–70 µm) silica. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was carried out on precoated silica gel plates (Merck 60 PF254). The developed plates were visualized under UV light. High-resolution precise mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Waters LCT Premier time of flight (TOF) LC-MS instrument in University College Cork. Samples were run in electrospray ionization (ESI) mode using 50% acetonitrile/water containing 0.1% formic acid as an eluent; samples were made up at a concentration of *ca.* 1 mg mL⁻¹. Acquisitions were internally calibrated using sodium formate clusters. Low resolution mass spectra were recorded on a Waters Quattro Micro triple quadrupole spectrometer (QAA1202) in electrospray positive ionisation mode (ESI+) using acetonitrile:water (1:1) containing 0.1% formic acid as eluent. Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) samples were run using deuterated chloroform (CDCl₃) as solvent unless otherwise stated. ¹H NMR (600 MHz), ¹H NMR (500 MHz), ¹H NMR (400 MHz), and ¹H NMR (300 MHz) spectra were recorded on Bruker Avance III 600, Bruker Avance 500, Bruker Avance 400, and Bruker Avance III 300 NMR spectrometers, respectively, in proton-coupled mode using tetramethylsilane (TMS) as the internal standard. Signal assignments were supported by COSY (correlation spectroscopy) or HMBC (Heteronuclear Multiple-Bond Correlation spectroscopy) NMR spectroscopic experiments where necessary. ¹³C NMR (150 MHz), ¹³C NMR (125 MHz), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz), and ¹³C NMR (75 MHz) spectra were recorded on Bruker Avance III 600, Bruker Avance 500, Bruker Avance 400, and Bruker Avance III 300 NMR spectrometers, respectively, in proton-decoupled mode at 300 K using TMS as the internal standard. All spectra were assigned with the aid of DEPT (Distortionless Enhancement by Polarisation Transfer) experiments run in DEPT-90, DEPT-135 and DEPT-q modes when necessary. Specific assignments were made using HSQC (Heteronuclear Single Quantum Correlation) and HMBC (Heteronuclear Multiple Bond Correlation) NMR spectroscopic experiments. All spectroscopic data for known compounds is in agreement with those previously reported unless otherwise stated. ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz), ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz) and ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz) spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance III 300 NMR spectrometer, Bruker Avance 400, and Bruker Avance 500 in proton-decoupled mode at 300 K. All spectra were run at University College Cork. Chemical shifts (δ) are expressed as parts per million (ppm), positive shift being downfield from TMS; coupling constants (*J*) are expressed in hertz (Hz). Splitting patterns in ¹H NMR spectra are designated as follows: s (singlet), br s (broad singlet), d (doublet), dd (doublet of doublets), ddd (doublet of doublets of doublets), t (triplet), td (triplet of doublets), q (quartet), quin (quintet), and m (multiplet). Melting points were measured in a Thomas

Hoover Capillary Melting Point apparatus and are uncorrected. The COware apparatus was purchased from Sigma Aldrich and the hydrogen pressure was estimated using the $PV = nRT$ formula. It is worth noting that a 20 mL COware apparatus was used for these experiments. The COware apparatus has two chambers that are connected by a glass bridge, allowing for *ex situ* gas to be generated in one chamber which can then interact with the reaction mixture in the second chamber. Warning: pressurised reaction vessel (**Figure 1S**). These can be annotated as chamber 'A' and chamber 'B'.

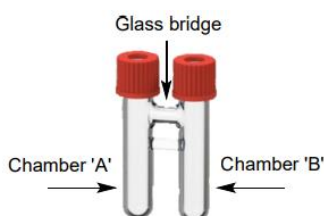


Figure 1S: COware apparatus and set-up.

The procedure followed to synthesise the benzofuroquinoline substrates depended on availability of starting materials at the time (see General Procedures below). Benzofuroquinoline substrates **1e**, **1k**, **1l**, **1o**, **3a** and **S1** (**Figure 2S**) were synthesised during previous work in the group (see reported procedures) and were provided as starting materials for this work.^[24a,b]

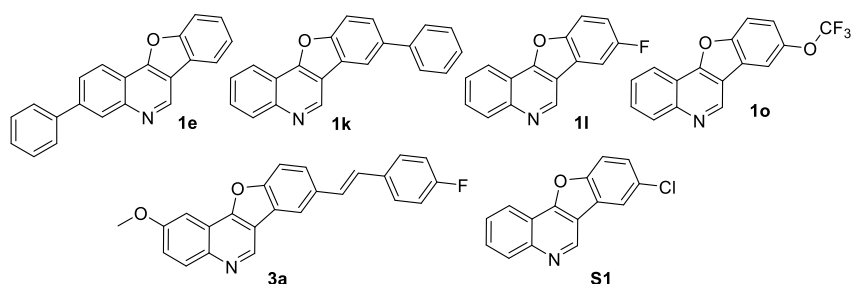


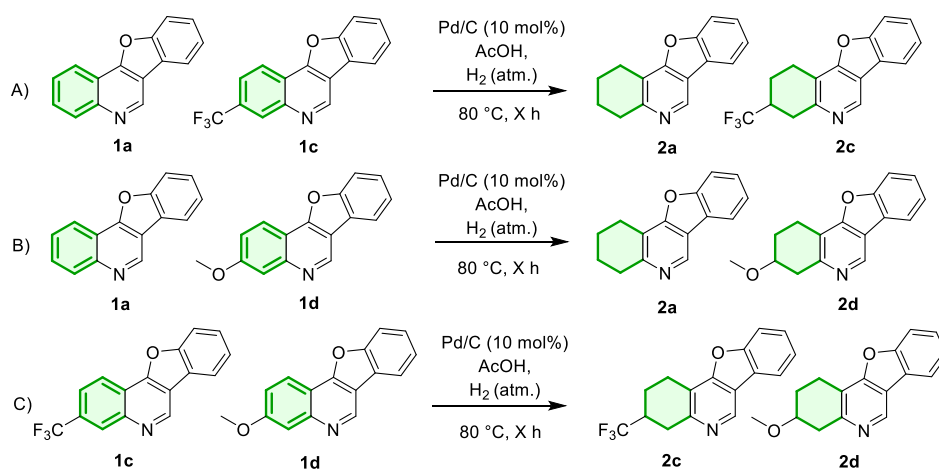
Figure 2S: Benzofuroquinoline substrates **1e**, **1k**, **1l**, **1o**, **3a** and **S1**.

Additional Experiments:

Competition Experiments (See substrate scope in main manuscript)

A series of competition experiments were carried out to determine the effect of electron withdrawing or electron donating groups on the rate of reaction (in comparison to unsubstituted benzofuroquinoline) (**Table 1S**). Comparing **1c** and **1d** to **1a**, it was found that **1a** reduced faster on both occasions.

Table 1S: Competition experiments between unsubstituted, electron-withdrawing and electron donating group containing benzofuroquinolines.

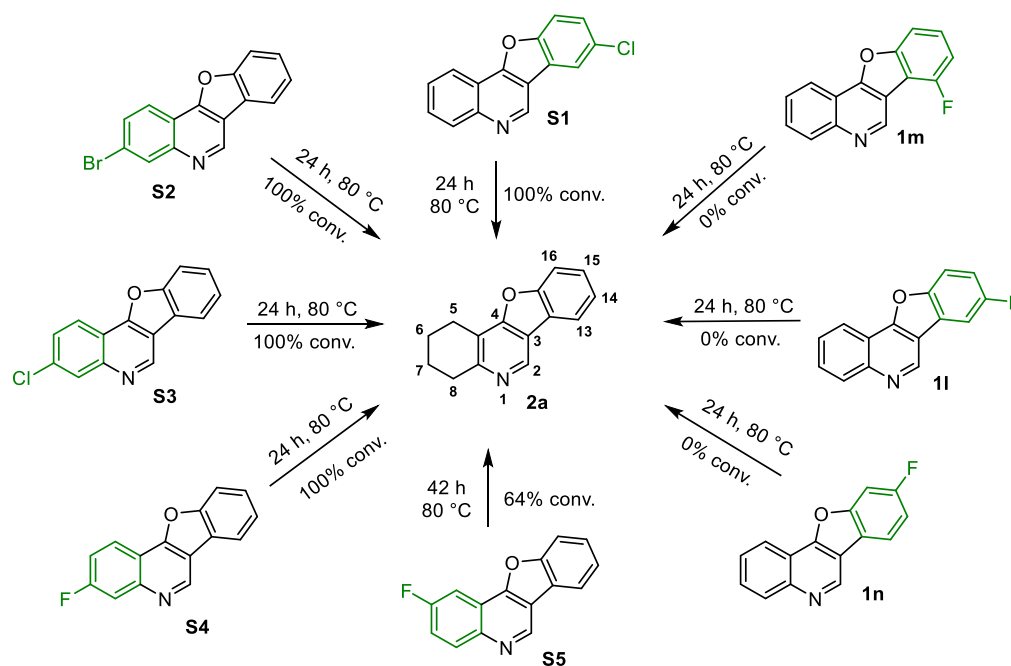


Reaction	4 h (conv. %) ^a		24 h (conv. %) ^a	
A	2a	2c	2a	2c
	100	5	100	48
B	2a	2d	2a	2d
	100	15	100	85
C	2c	2d	2c	2d
	6	17	48	87

^a Conversion determined by ¹H NMR analysis at both 4 hours and 24 hours.

Additionally, **1c** had a slower reaction rate than **1d**. These results indicate that the rate of the hydrogenation reaction is reduced with substitution and is reduced more by the presence of the electron withdrawing substituents, in comparison to the electron donating group. the 7-position.

Hydrodehalogenation (See substrate scope in main manuscript)



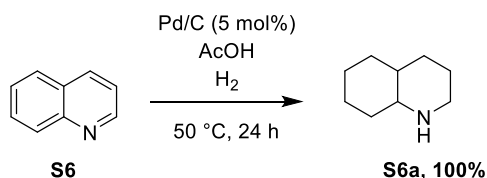
Scheme 1S: Hydrodehalogenation of chlorine, bromine and fluorine substituents on the A- and D-ring of benzofuroquinoline under the standard reaction conditions. Reaction conditions: 10 mol% Pd/C, H₂ (balloon), AcOH. All conversions determined using ¹H NMR analysis.

Reactions were undertaken as per general procedure 5. Full hydrodehalogenation to unsubstituted benzofuroquinoline **2a** is observed for 7-bromobenzofuroquinoline **S2**, 7-chlorobenzofuroquinoline **S3** and 7-fluorobenzofuroquinoline **S4** (**Scheme 1S**). For **S5**, only 65% conversion to the A-ring reduced, defluorinated **2a** was observed, with the remaining reaction mixture being starting **S5**. D-ring substitution was more robust towards hydrodefluorination (see **1l**, **1m**, **1n**), however the chlorine atom was fully cleaved in **S1**.

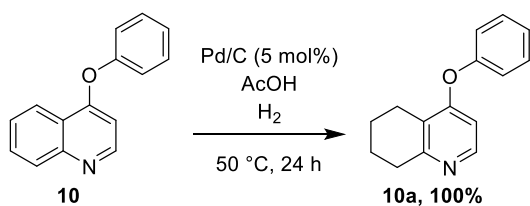
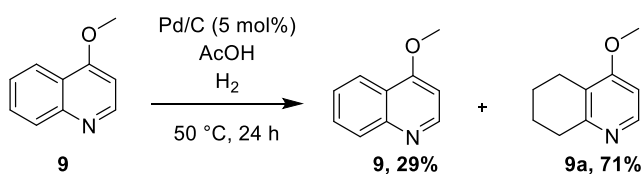
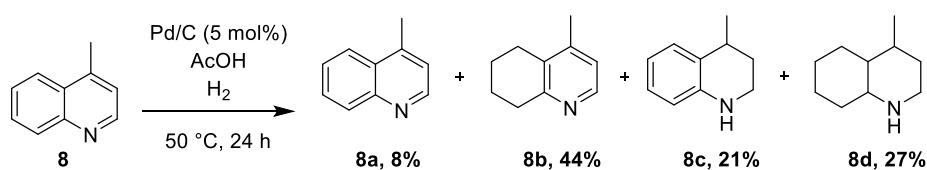
Hydrogenation of Substituted Quinolines (See scheme 5 in main manuscript)

All reactions were carried out as per general procedure 5. All percentages are conversions from the respective quinoline starting material. All conversions were determined using ^1H NMR analysis of starting materials and products.

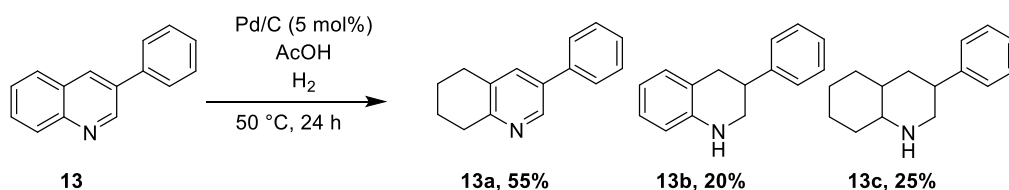
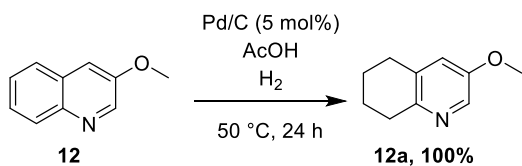
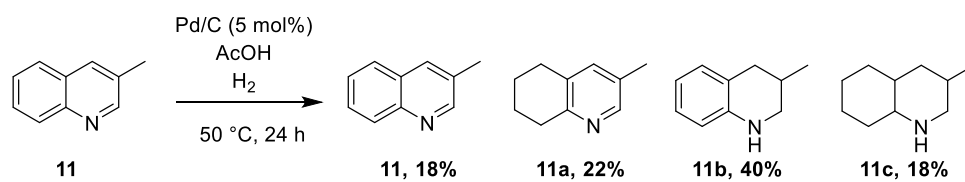
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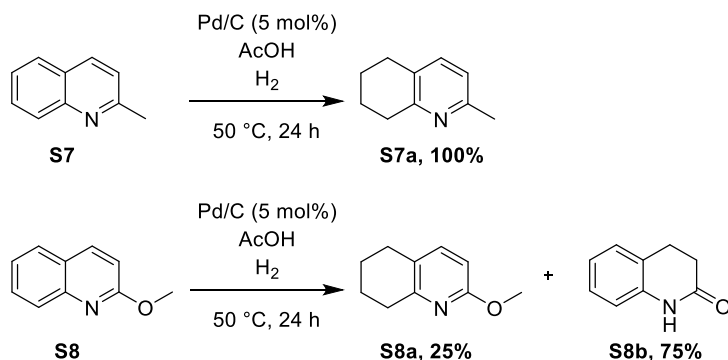
C-4 substituted quinolines



C-3 substituted quinolines



C-2 substituted quinolines

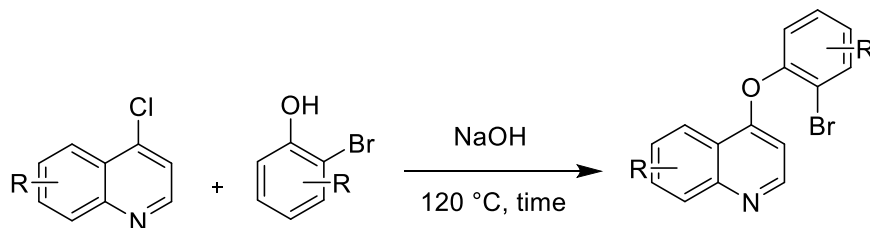


Scheme 2S: Mechanistic Insights: Expansion on products formed from the hydrogenation of C-2, C-3 and C-4 substituted quinolines.

In addition to the C-4 and C-3 positions discussed in the main manuscript, the C-2 position was also investigated. Reactions were undertaken with C-2 substituted **S7** and **S8** as per general procedure 5. In this case, both quinolines showed reduction at both hetero- and carbocycle reduction although only one contains an oxygen heteroatom. This may be due to strenuous conditions required to reduce the heterocyclic ring with C-2 substitution. The reduction of **S8** gave a mixture of reduced carbocycle **S8a** and reduced cyclic amide **S8b** while retaining the aromatic carbocyclic ring.

General Procedures

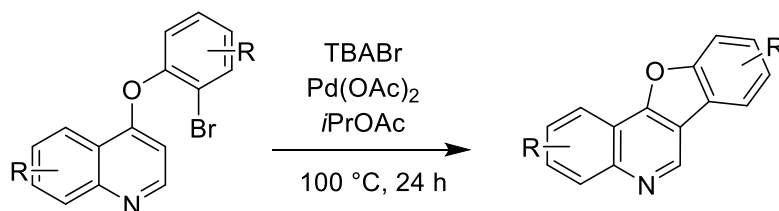
General Procedure 1: Synthesis of phenoxyquinoline starting materials



A mixture of the 4-chloroquinoline substrate (1 eq.), the phenol (3.5 eq.) and NaOH (1.5 eq., crushed pellets) was stirred at 120 °C until TLC analysis indicated the reaction was complete (2 – 24 hours). The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and 10% aqueous NaOH was added and stirred for 30 min. The aqueous layer was extracted with DCM. The organic layers were combined and washed with 6M NaOH, water and brine, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Impure products were purified by column chromatography over silica gel using cyclohexane:EtOAc (100:0 - 70:30) or DCM:EtOAc (100:0 - 97:3).

General Procedure 2: Synthesis of benzofuroquinolines using tetrabutylammonium bromide [24c]

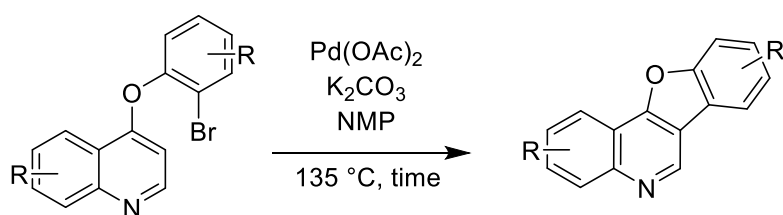
The procedure followed to synthesise the benzofuroquinoline substrates depended on availability of starting materials at the time.



To a screw capped vial was added the phenoxyquinoline substrate (1 eq.), $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (5 mol%), tetrabutylammonium bromide (2 eq.), K_2CO_3 (2 eq) in isopropyl acetate (1.5 mL/ mmol) which was stirred at 100 °C for 24 hours. The crude reaction mixture was loaded directly onto silica gel for purification by column chromatography and eluted in DCM:EtOAc (100:0 – 95:5).

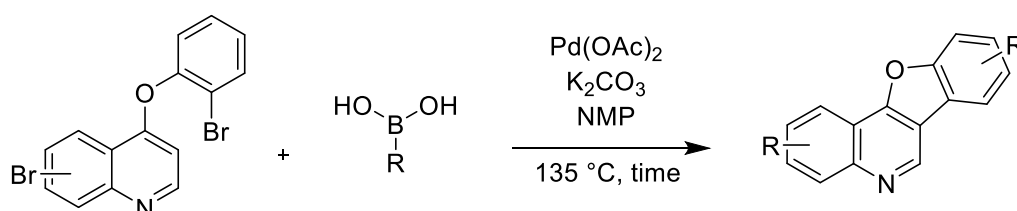
General procedure 3: Synthesis of benzofuroquinolines using NMP^[24a]

The procedure followed to synthesise the benzofuroquinoline substrates depended on availability of starting materials at the time.



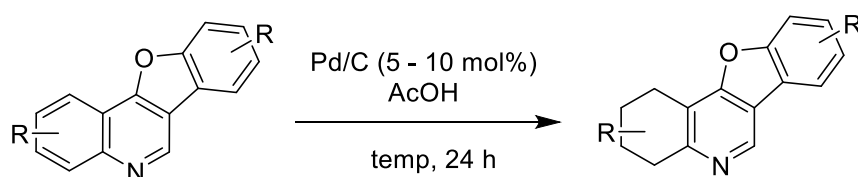
To a screw capped vial was added the phenoxyquinoline substrate (1 eq.), $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (5 mol%), K_2CO_3 (2 eq.) in NMP (1.5 mL/ mmol) which was stirred at 135°C and monitored by ^1H NMR. Upon reaction completion, the crude reaction mixture was filtered through celite, concentrated *in vacuo* and then loaded onto silica gel for purification by column chromatography and eluted in DCM:EtOAc (100:0 – 95:5).

General procedure 4: Synthesis of benzofuroquinolines with Suzuki coupling using NMP^[24b]



To a screw capped vial was added the di-brominated phenoxyquinoline substrate (1 eq.), $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (5 mol%), K_2CO_3 (2 eq.), boronic acid (1.1 eq) in NMP (1.5 mL/ mmol) which was stirred at 135°C and monitored by ^1H NMR. Upon reaction completion, the crude reaction mixture was filtered through celite, concentrated *in vacuo* and then loaded onto silica gel for purification by column chromatography and eluted in DCM:EtOAc (100:0 – 95:5).

General Procedure 5: Hydrogenation of benzofuroquinolines

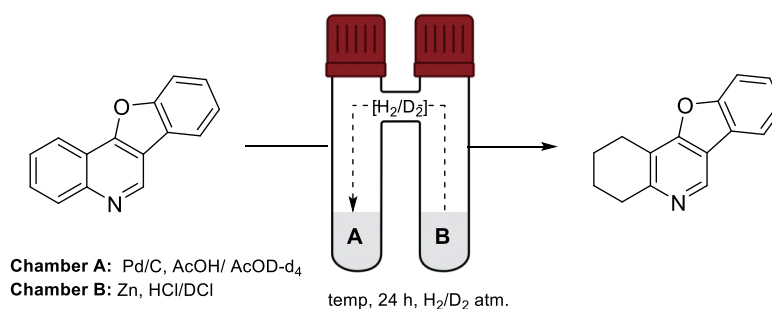


The benzofuroquinoline substrate (1 eq.) and Pd/C (10 wt%, 10 mol% [unless otherwise stated]) was added to the reaction tube, in acetic acid (6 mL/mmol). The reaction tube was sealed with a rubber septum and purged with N_2 before purging with H_2 *via* balloon and needle. The reaction was stirred under a H_2 atmosphere and heated to the desired temperature for 24 hours (unless otherwise stated). The reaction mixture was diluted with DCM and filtered through Celite. Water was added, and the filtrate was neutralised with solid NaHCO_3 . The aqueous phase was then extracted with DCM and the combined organic phases were washed with sat. NaHCO_3 , water, and brine, then dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the product. When necessary, chromatographic purification

was carried out by flash column chromatography in DCM/EtOAc (100:0 – 95:5) or DCM/MeOH (100:0 – 98:2).

Deuteration experiments

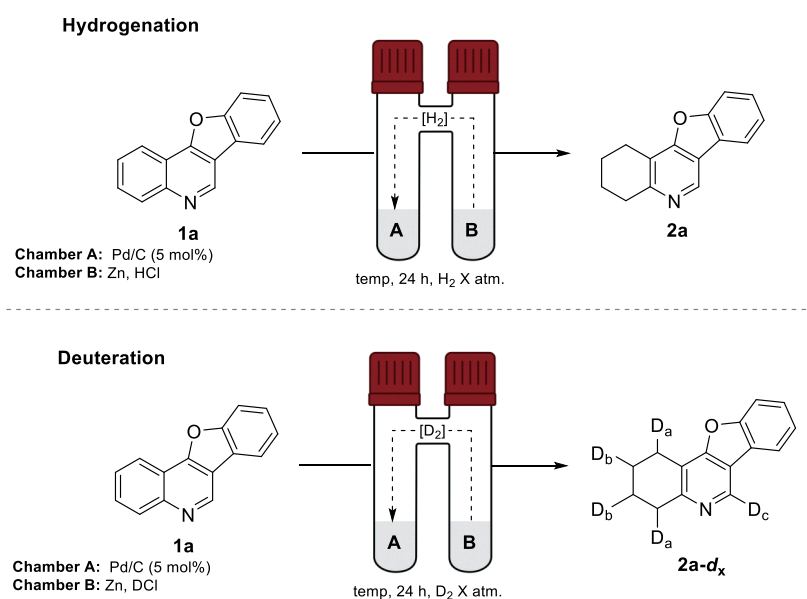
General Procedure 6: Synthesis of deuterated benzofuroquinoline generating D₂ at 4 atm.



To chamber 'A' of the COware^[28] apparatus was put the benzofuroquinoline substrate (1 eq.), Pd/C (10 %wt, 5 mol%) and AcOH/AcOD-*d*₄. To the second chamber 'B' was added zinc powder (6.8 eq.). Chamber 'A' was placed into an oil bath at 80 °C and HCl/DCl (4M, 13.6 eq.) was added via syringe to chamber 'B' which initiated the D₂ formation and reaction was let stir at 80 °C for 24 hours. The reaction mixture was diluted with DCM and filtered through Celite. Water was added, and the filtrate was neutralised with solid NaHCO₃. The aqueous phase was then extracted with DCM and the combined organic phases were washed with NaHCO₃, water, and brine, then dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the product. Chromatographic purification was carried out by flash column chromatography in DCM/EtOAc (100:0 – 97:3).

Optimisation of COware Apparatus (See Scheme 4 in main manuscript)

Reactions were carried out as per general procedure 6. Initial use of the COware involved optimising hydrogenation conditions of benzofuroquinoline **1a** using HCl and Zn to form H₂ gas (Table **2S**, entries 1 – 3). It was found that an increase from 50 °C to 80 °C was necessary to achieve full reduction to **2a** in the COware apparatus at 4 atm. HCl was then replaced with DCl to generate D₂ gas and form the deuterated products **2a-d_x** (entries 4 – 6).

Table 2S: Optimisation of hydrogenation and deuteration in COware apparatus.

Entry	Temp °C	Pressure Atm.	Gas source	Solvent	Zn	Conv. to 2a/2a-d _x %	D ₂ incorp ^b		
Hydrogenation									
1	50	3	HCl	AcOH	Yes	40	NA		
2	50	4	HCl	AcOH	Yes	60	NA		
3	80	4	HCl	AcOH	Yes	100	NA		
Deuteration							D _a	D _b	D _c
4	80	4	DCl	AcOH	Yes	99	0	0	43
5	80	4	DCl	AcOD-d ₄	Yes	100	100	100	98
6	80	4	HCl	AcOD-d ₄	Yes	100	68	50	46
7	80	4	DCl	AcOH	No	0	NA	NA	NA

^aConversion determined using ¹H NMR analysis of **1a** and **2a/2a-d_x**. ^b Deuterium incorporation was determined by ¹H NMR analysis.

Using DCl and Zn to generate D₂ gas, we observed full reduction of the A-ring in AcOH at 80 °C. However, unexpectedly, deuterium incorporation was *only* observed at the C-2 position (labelled D_c) with 43% incorporation. There was no deuterium incorporation on the newly reduced carbocyclic ring (entry 4). To investigate further, we carried out the same reaction using AcOD-d₄ and found near full incorporation of deuterium (**2a-d₅**: D_a, 100%; D_b, 100%, D_c 98%), in 94% isolated yield (entry 5). We then wondered if replacing D₂ gas with H₂ gas, and AcOD-d₄ as solvent, would maintain full deuterium incorporation in the carbocyclic ring. These conditions led to partial deuterium incorporation across each site (D_a, 68%; D_b, 50%, D_c 46%) (entry 6). This tells us that both the solvent and the gas are

important sources of hydrogens/deuteriums this reaction. No reduction takes place in the absence of H₂ or D₂ gas in the COware apparatus (entry 7).

Characterisation of Deuterated benzofuroquinoline

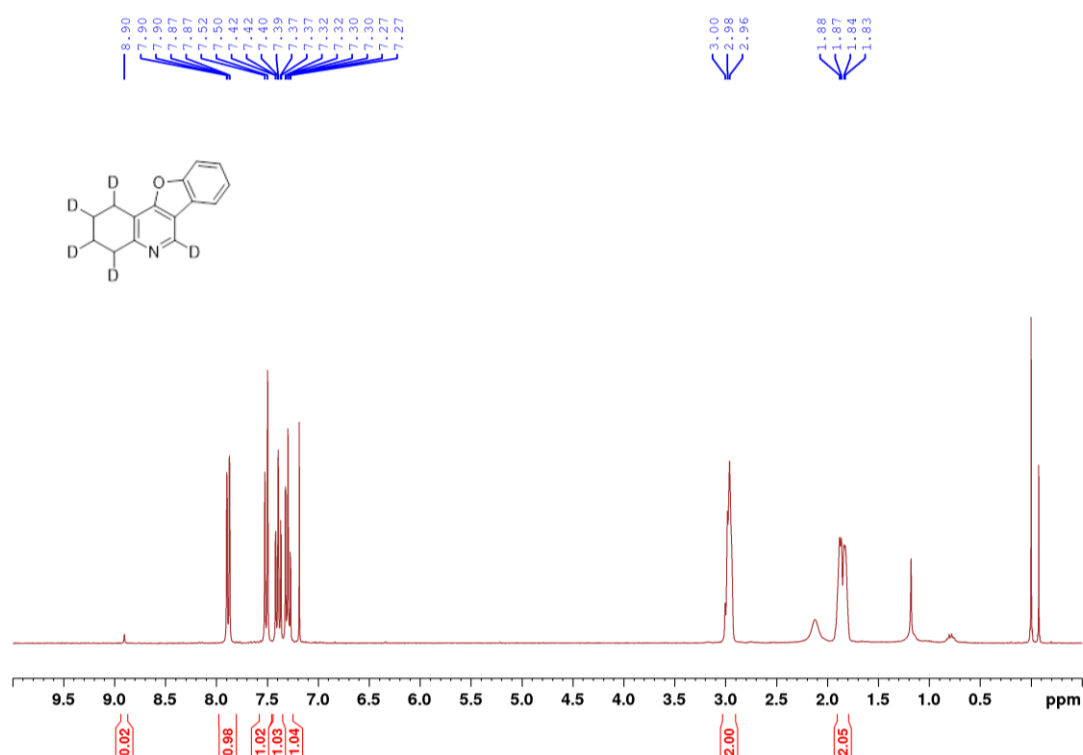
1,2,3,4-Tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-*c*]quinoline-1,2,3,4,6-*d*₅ (**2a-d**₅)

Synthesis of substrate **2a-d**₅ as per general procedure 6 using **1a** (0.050 g, 0.23 mmol), Pd/C (12.2 mg, 0.023 mmol), AcOD-*d*₄ (1.10 mL) in chamber A and Zn (0.102 g, 1.56 mmol, 6.8 eq.) and DCl (4M, 0.78 mL, 3.12 mmol, 13.6 eq.) in chamber B.

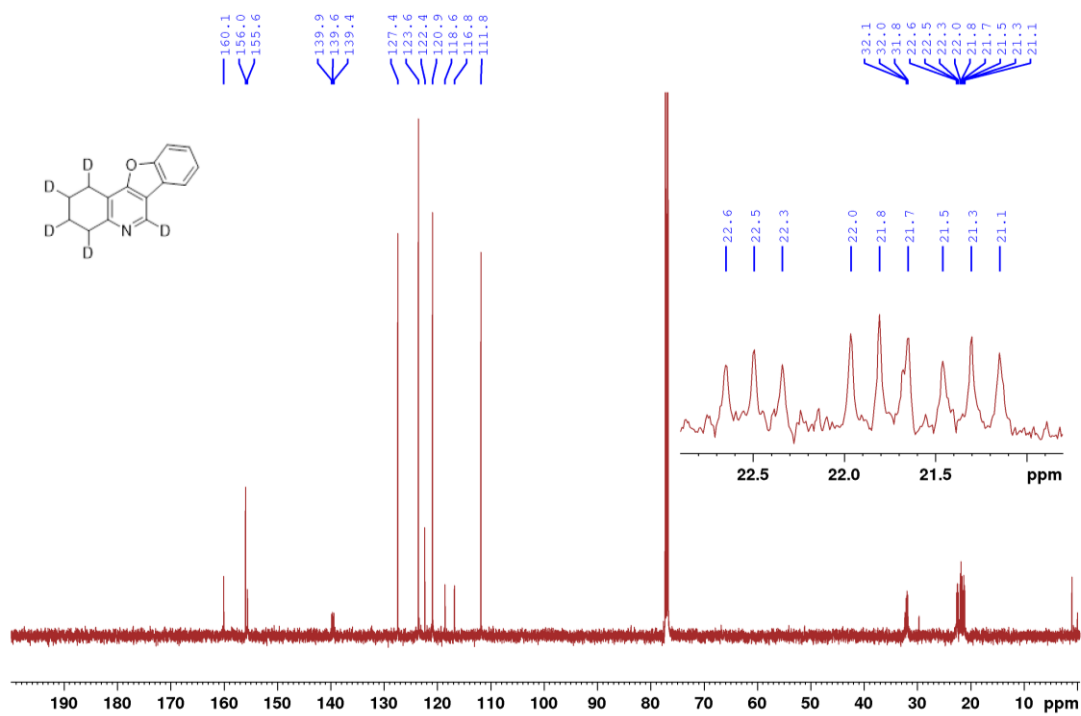
White solid; 89% (0.046 g); **m.p.** 146 – 148 °C; **IR** $\tilde{\nu}_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$: 2961, 2926, 2851, 1558, 1392, 1191, 1011; **¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 8.90 (s, 1H), 7.89 (dd, 1H, *J* = 0.9, 7.5 Hz), 7.51 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 7.40 (td, 1H, *J* = 1.4, 7.5 Hz), 7.36 (td, 1H, *J* = 0.9, 7.5 Hz), 3.03 – 2.90 (m, 2H), 1.93 – 1.78 (m, 2H) ppm; **²H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 8.89 (br s), 2.93 (br s), 1.81 (br s) ppm; **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 160.1 (qC), 156.0 (qC), 155.6 (qC), 139.6 (t, *J*_D = 28 Hz, CD/H), 127.4 (CH), 123.6 (CH), 122.4 (qC), 121.0 (CH), 118.6 (qC), 116.8 (qC), 111.8 (CH), 32.0 (t, *J*_D = 20 Hz, CH/D), 22.5 (t, *J*_D = 20 Hz, CH/D), 21.8 (t, *J*_D = 20 Hz, CH/D), 22.0 (t, *J*_D = 20 Hz, CH/D) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ calcd. For [C₁₅H₉D₅NO]⁺: 229.1384; found: 229.1381.

NMR Spectra of deuterated benzofuroquinoline

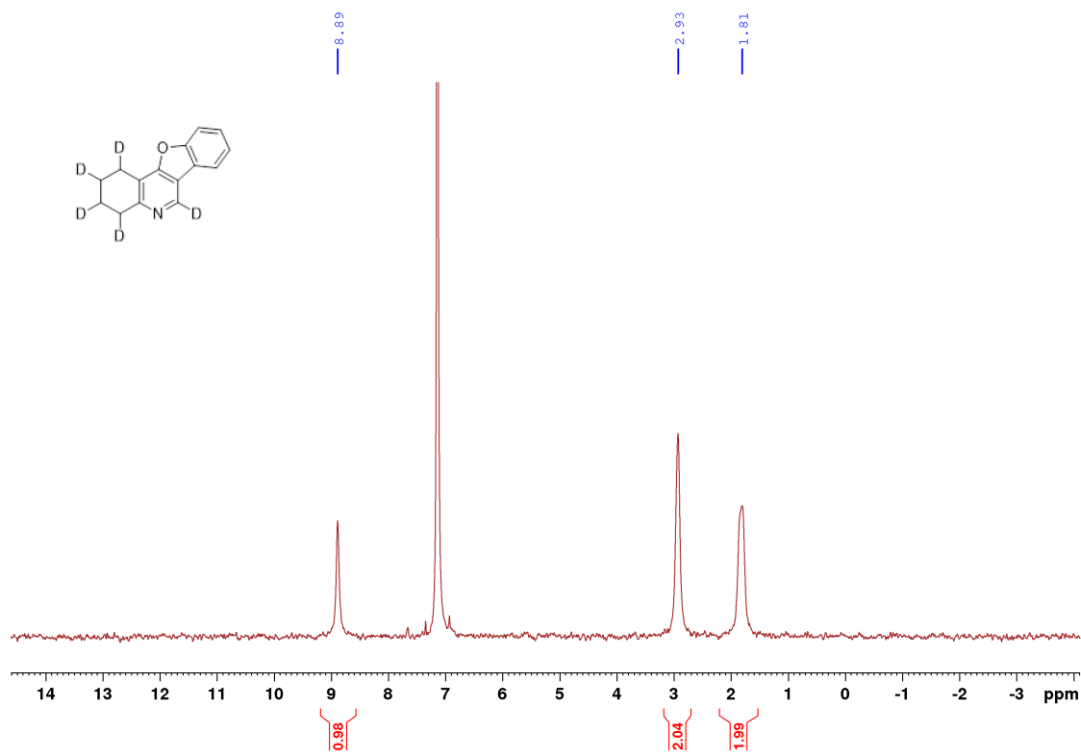
¹H NMR, 300 MHz, CDCl₃ (**2a-d**₅)



^{13}C NMR, 125 MHz, CDCl_3 ($2a-d_5$)

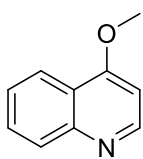


^2H NMR, 500 MHz, CHCl_3 ($2a-d_5$)



Synthesis of Quinolines

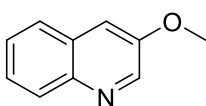
4-Methoxyquinoline (**9**)^[31]



To MeOH (10 mL) at 0 °C was added sodium metal (0.500 g, 45.0 mmol, 15 eq.) and let stir until the sodium metal was consumed. To the resulting sodium methanolate was added 4-chloroquinoline (0.500 g, 3.06 mmol, 1eq.) in MeOH (5 mL) and the mixture was heated to 80 °C and let stir for 16 hours. The reaction was cooled to 0 °C and water was added and then extracted with Et₂O. The organic layer was washed with water and brine, dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated under vacuum. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography in Et₂O (100%) to yield **9**.

Light brown oil; 81% (0.317 g); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.72 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.2 Hz), 8.18 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 8.04 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.68 (overlapping ddd, 1H, *J* = 1.2, 7.0, 8.4 Hz), 7.48 (overlapping ddd, 1H, *J* = 0.7, 7.0, 8.4 Hz), 6.68 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.2 Hz), 3.99 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 162.3 (qC-O), 151.3 (CH), 149.1 (qC), 129.7 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 125.6 (CH), 121.8 (CH), 121.4 (qC), 100.0 (CH), 55.6 (CH₃) ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF positive mode) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ calcd. for: [C₁₀H₁₀NO]⁺: 160.0757 found: 160.0760.

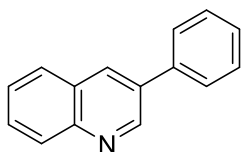
3-Methoxyquinoline (**12**)^[32]



To MeOH (7 mL) at 0 °C was added sodium metal (0.500 g, 45.0 mmol, 18.8 eq.) and was let stir until the sodium metal as consumed. To the sodium methanolate solution was added 3-bromoquinoline (0.500 g, 2.40 mmol, 1 eq.) in dimethylformamide (5 mL) and copper iodide (23 mg, 0.12 mmol, 5 mol%). The mixture was refluxed at 180 °C for 48 h. The reaction was then cooled to 0 °C and water was added and the mixture was extracted with Et₂O. The organic layer was washed with water and brine, dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated under vacuum. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography in Et₂O (100%) to yield **12**.

Colourless oil; 45% (0.173 g); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.68 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 8.04 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 0.8, 1.5, 8.2 Hz), 7.73 (dd, 1H, *J* = 1.5, 8.2 Hz), 7.55 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 1.5, 6.9, 8.2 Hz), 7.50 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 1.5, 6.9, 8.2 Hz), 7.37 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 3.94 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 153.1 (qC-O), 144.6 (CH), 143.5 (qC), 129.2 (CH), 128.8 (qC), 127.1 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 126.6 (CH), 112.2 (CH), 55.5 (CH₃) ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF positive mode) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ calcd. for: [C₁₀H₁₀NO]⁺: 160.0757, found: 160.0756.

3-Phenylquinoline (13)

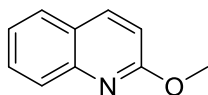


To a mixture of degassed THF (8 mL) and water (8 mL) was added 3-bromoquinoline (1.0 g, 4.81 mmol, 1 eq.), phenyl boronic acid (0.665 g, 5.29, 1.1 eq.), K_2CO_3 (1.33 g, 9.62 mmol, 2 eq.) and $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ (0.556 g, 0.481 mmol, 10 mol %). The reaction mixture was heated to 80 °C and stirred for 24 hours.

The cooled reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography in DCM (100%) to yield **13**.

Light brown solid; 82% (0.820 g); **m.p.** 49 - 51 °C (lit. m.p. 50 – 51 °C)^[33]; **1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ = 9.19 (d, 1H, J = 2.1 Hz), 8.29 (d, 1H, J = 2.1 Hz), 8.14 (d, 1H, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.87 (d, 1H, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.76 – 7.66 (m, 3H), 7.61 – 7.48 (m, 3H), 7.43 (t, 1H, J = 7.4 Hz) ppm; **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ = 150.0 (CH), 147.4 (qC), 137.9 (qC), 133.9 (qC), 133.2 (CH), 129.4 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 129.2 (2 $\times$ CH), 128.1 (CH), 128.04 (qC), 128.01 (CH), 127.4 (2 $\times$ CH), 127.0 (CH) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF positive mode) m/z : $[M + H]^+$ calcd. for: $[C_{15}H_{12}N]^+$: 206.0964; found: 206.0966.

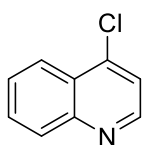
2-Methoxyquinoline (S8)^[34]



To MeOH (10 mL) at 0 °C was added sodium metal (0.500 g, 45.0 mmol, 15 eq.) and let stir until the sodium metal was consumed. To the resulting sodium methanolate was added 2-chloroquinoline (0.500 g, 3.06 mmol, 1 eq) and the mixture was heated to 80 °C and let stir for 16 hours. Water was added to the mixture and was extracted with Et_2O . The organic layer was washed with water and brine, dried over $MgSO_4$ and evaporated under vacuum. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography in Et_2O (100%) to yield **S8**.

Colourless oil; 83% (0.404 g); **1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ = 7.85 (d, 1H, J = 8.9 Hz), 7.77 (d, 1H, J = 8.5 Hz), 7.59 (dd, 1H, J = 1.4, 8.0 Hz), 7.51 (ddd, 1H, J = 1.4, 7.0, 8.5 Hz), 7.26 (ddd, 1H, J = 1.4, 7.0, 8.0 Hz), 6.79 (d, 1H, J = 8.9 Hz), 3.98 (s, 3H) ppm; **^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ = 162.4 (qC-O), 146.6 (qC), 138.6 (CH), 129.5 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 125.1 (qC), 124.0 (CH), 113.1 (CH), 53.4 (CH_3) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF positive mode) m/z : $[M + H]^+$ calcd. for: $[C_{10}H_{10}NO]^+$: 160.0757; found: 160.0755.

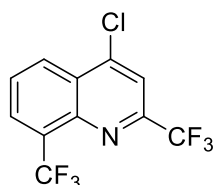
4-Chloroquinoline (S9)^[35]



A mixture of 4-quinolinol (2.00 g, 13.8 mmol, 1 eq.) and phosphoryl chloride (6.40 mL, 69.0 mmol, 5 eq.) was stirred at 110 °C for 4 hours. The crude mixture was poured onto ice and neutralised with solid sodium bicarbonate. The neutralised aqueous mix was extracted with DCM. The organic layers were combined and washed with aqueous sodium bicarbonate, water, and brine, dried over $MgSO_4$, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to yield the final product **S9**.

Yellow solid, 80% (1.80 g); **m.p.** 27 – 28 °C (lit. m.p. 27 – 28 °C)^[24c]; **¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 8.79 (d, 1H, J = 4.6 Hz), 8.25 (dd, 1H, J = 1.0, 8.4 Hz), 8.14 (dd, 1H, J = 0.6, 8.4 Hz), 7.79 (ddd, 1H, J = 1.4, 6.9, 8.4 Hz), 7.66 (ddd, 1H, J = 1.4, 6.9, 8.4 Hz), 7.50 (d, 1H, J = 4.6 Hz) ppm; **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 149.8 (CH), 149.1 (qC), 142.6 (C-Cl), 130.4 (CH), 129.8 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 126.5 (qC), 124.1 (CH), 121.2 (CH) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF positive mode) m/z : $[M+H]^+$ calcd. for: $[C_9H_7ClN]^+$: 164.0267; found: 164.0261.

4-Chloro-2,8-bis(trifluoromethyl)quinoline (**S10**)^[36]



A mixture of 2,8-bis(trifluoromethyl)-4-quinolinol (1.50 g, 6.88 mmol, 1 eq.) and phosphoryl chloride (3.21 mL, 34.38 mmol, 5 eq.) was stirred at 110 °C for 4 hours.

The crude mixture was poured onto ice and neutralised with solid sodium bicarbonate. The neutralised aqueous mix was extracted with DCM. The organic layers were combined and washed with aqueous sodium bicarbonate, water, and

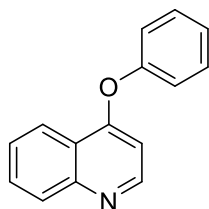
brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to yield the final product **S10**.

Off-white solid; 75% (1.53 g); **m.p.** 47 – 49 °C (lit. m.p. 49 – 51 °C)^[36]; **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 8.50 (dd, 1H, J = 1.0, 8.2 Hz), 8.23 (d, 1H, J = 8.2 Hz), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.83 (t, 1H, J = 8.2 Hz) ppm; **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 148.3 (q, $^2J_{(C,F)} = 36$ Hz, qC), 145.0 (C-Cl), 144.3 (qC), 130.1 (q, $^3J_{(C,F)} = 5$ Hz, CH), 129.3 (q, $^2J_{(C,F)} = 31$ Hz, qC), 128.4 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 127.5 (qC), 123.2 (q, $^1J_{(C,F)} = 275$ Hz, C-F₃), 120.6 (q, $^1J_{(C,F)} = 275$ Hz, C-F₃), 118.2 (q, $^3J_{(C,F)} = 2$ Hz, CH) ppm; **¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = -60.3 (CF₃), -68.0 (CF₃) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF positive mode) m/z : $[M + H]^+$ calcd. for: $[C_{11}H_5ClF_6N]^+$: 300.0009; found: 300.0007.

Synthesis of Phenoxyquinoline Intermediates

4-phenoxyquinoline (**10**)

Synthesis of substrate **10** as per general procedure 1 using 4-chloroquinoline **S9** (0.500 g, 3.06 mmol), phenol (1.0 g, 10.7 mmol) and NaOH (0.184 g, 4.59 mmol).

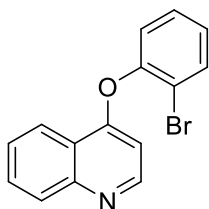


Orange oil; 90% (0.609 g); **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 8.65 (d, 1H, J = 5.2 Hz), 8.36 (dd, 1H, J = 1.2, 8.4 Hz), 8.10 (d, 1H, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.73 (overlapping ddd, 1H, J = 1.5, 6.9, 8.4 Hz), 7.55 (overlapping ddd, 1H, J = 1.2, 6.9, 8.4 Hz), 7.48 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.20 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 6.53 (d, 1H, J = 5.2 Hz) ppm; **¹³C NMR**

(125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 161.9 (qC), 154.4 (qC), 151.1 (CH), 149.8 (qC), 130.3 (2 $\times$ CH), 130.1 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 126.1 (CH), 125.6 (CH), 121.8 (CH), 121.5 (qC), 121.1 (2 $\times$ CH), 104.4 (CH) ppm; **LRMS**: m/z (ESI+): 222 $[(M + H)^+]$, 100%.

4-(2-Bromophenoxy)quinoline (S11)

Synthesis of substrate **S11** as per general procedure 1 using 4-chloroquinoline **S9** (1.0 g, 6.12 mmol), 2-bromophenol (3.71 g, 21.4 mmol) and NaOH (0.367 g, 9.2 mmol).

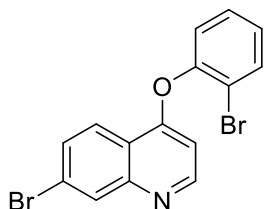


Off-white solid; 85% (1.56 g); **m.p.** 63 – 64 °C (lit. m.p. 62 – 64 °C)^[24a]; **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 8.67 (d, 1H, J = 5.1 Hz), 8.42 (dd, 1H, J = 1.2, 8.3 Hz), 8.12 (d, 1H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.77 (overlapping ddd, 1H, J = 1.3, 6.9, 8.3 Hz), 7.71 (dd, 1H, J = 1.5, 8.1 Hz), 7.60 (overlapping ddd, 1H, J = 1.3, 6.9, 8.3 Hz), 7.40 (ddd, 1H, J = 1.5, 7.4, 8.1 Hz), 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 6.41 (d, 1H, J = 5.1 Hz) ppm; **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)**

δ = 160.7 (qC), 151.2 (qC), 151.0 (CH), 149.8 (qC), 134.3 (CH), 130.2 (CH), 129.2 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 126.3 (CH), 123.2 (CH), 121.9 (CH), 121.1 (qC), 116.3 (C-Br), 103.7 (CH) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) m/z : $[M + H]^+$ calcd. for $[C_{15}H_{11}BrNO]^+$: 300.0019; found: 300.0016.

7-Bromo-4-(2-bromophenoxy)quinoline (S12)

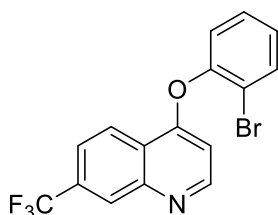
Synthesis of substrate **S12** as per general procedure 1 using 4-chloro-7-bromoquinoline (0.291 g, 1.19 mmol), 2-bromophenol (0.720 g, 4.17 mmol) and NaOH (0.714 g, 1.79 mmol).



Brown solid; 90% (0.409 g); **m.p.** 72 – 73 °C (lit. m.p. 73 – 74 °C)^[24b]; **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 8.65 (d, 1H, J = 5.2 Hz), 8.29 (s, 1H, overlapping with doublet), 8.28 (d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz, overlapping with singlet), 7.71 (dd, 1H, J = 1.5, 8.0 Hz), 7.68 (dd, 1H, J = 2.0, 8.9 Hz), 7.42 (ddd, 1H, J = 1.5, 7.5, 8.9 Hz), 7.26 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 6.40 (d, 1H, J = 5.2 Hz) ppm; **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 160.8 (qC), 152.1 (CH), 150.8 (qC), 150.5 (qC), 134.4 (CH), 131.4 (CH), 129.8 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 124.6 (C-Br), 123.5 (CH), 123.3 (CH), 119.7 (qC), 116.3 (C-Br), 103.9 (CH) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) m/z : $[M + H]^+$ calcd. for $[C_{15}H_{10}Br_2NO]^+$: 377.9129; found: 377.9119.

4-(2-Bromophenoxy)-7-(trifluoromethyl)quinoline (S13)

Synthesis of substrate **S13** as per general procedure 1 using 4-chloro-7-trifluoromethylquinoline (1.06 g, 4.58 mmol), 2-bromophenol (2.77 g, 16.03 mmol) and NaOH (0.275 g, 6.87 mmol).

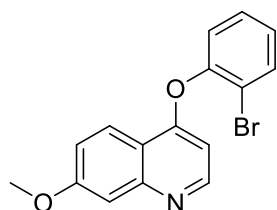


Orange viscous oil; 85% (1.44 g); **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 8.75 (d, 1H, J = 5.1 Hz), 8.55 (d, 1H, J = 8.7 Hz), 8.42 (s, 1H), 7.77 (dd, 1H, J = 1.2, 8.7 Hz), 7.72 (dd, 1H, J = 1.3, 8.0 Hz), 7.47–7.38 (m, 1H), 7.31–7.17 (m, 2H), 6.50 (d, 1H, J = 5.1 Hz) ppm; **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 160.7 (qC), 152.5 (CH), 150.7 (qC), 148.9 (qC), 134.5 (CH), 132.1 (q, $^2J_{C,F}$ = 33 Hz, qC), 129.4 (CH),

127.8 (CH), 127.0 (q, $^3J_{(C,F)} = 4$ Hz, CH), 124.0 (q, $^1J_{(C,F)} = 273$ Hz, C-F₃), 123.5 (CH), 123.4 (CH), 122.7 (qC), 122.0 (q, $^3J_{(C,F)} = 3$ Hz, CH), 116.4 (C-Br), 105.06 (CH) ppm; **^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃)** $\delta = -62.7$ (CF₃) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) m/z : [M + H]⁺ calcd. for [C₁₆H₁₀BrF₃NO]⁺: 367.9892; found: 367.9895.

4-(2-Bromophenoxy)-7-methoxyquinoline (S14)

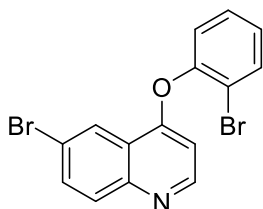
Synthesis of substrate **S14** as per general procedure 1 using 4-chloro-7-methoxyquinoline (0.950 g, 14.9 mmol), 2-bromophenol (9.02 g, 9.02 mmol) and NaOH (0.294 g, 7.36 mmol).



Brown solid; 94% (0.153 g); **m.p.** 101 – 102 °C (lit. m.p. 99 – 100 °C)^[24a]; **^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)** $\delta = 8.59$ (d, 1H, $J = 5.2$ Hz), 8.29 (d, 1H, $J = 9.2$ Hz), 7.71 (dd, 1H, $J = 1.5, 8.0$ Hz), 7.45–7.36 (m, 2H), 7.28–7.15 (m, 3H), 6.29 (d, 1H, $J = 5.2$ Hz), 3.97 (s, 3H) ppm; **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** $\delta = 161.5$ (qC), 160.8 (qC), 151.9 (qC), 151.6 (CH), 151.3 (qC), 134.4 (CH), 129.2 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 123.3 (CH), 123.2 (CH), 119.3 (CH), 116.4 (C-Br), 115.9 (qC), 107.4 (CH), 102.5 (CH), 55.6 (C-H₃) ppm; **LRMS**: m/z (ESI+): 330 [(M + H)⁺, 100%].

6-Bromo-4-(2-bromophenoxy)quinoline (S15)

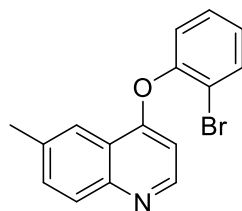
Synthesis of substrate **S15** as per general procedure 1 using 4-chloro-6-bromoquinoline (0.804 g, 3.32 mmol), 2-bromophenol (2.01 g, 11.62 mmol) and NaOH (0.199 g, 4.97 mmol).



Orange solid; 97% (1.21 g); **m.p.** 95 – 97 °C (lit. m.p. 97 – 98 °C)^[24b]; **^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** $\delta = 8.67$ (br s, 1H), 8.58 (d, 1H, $J = 2.1$ Hz), 7.97 (d, 1H, $J = 9.0$ Hz), 7.83 (dd, 1H, $J = 2.1, 9.0$ Hz), 7.75–7.71 (m, 1H), 7.46–7.40 (m, 1H), 7.28–7.20 (m, 2H), 6.40 (d, 1H, $J = 5.1$ Hz) ppm; **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** $\delta = 160.0$ (qC), 151.5 (CH), 150.9 (qC), 148.5 (qC), 134.5 (CH), 133.8 (CH), 131.0 (CH), 129.4 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 124.5 (CH), 123.4 (CH), 122.3 (qC), 120.5 (C-Br), 116.5 (C-Br), 104.3 (CH) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) m/z : [M + H]⁺ calcd. for [C₁₅H₁₀Br₂NO]⁺: 377.9124; found: 377.9122.

4-(2-Bromophenoxy)-6-methylquinoline (S16)

Synthesis of substrate **S16** as per general procedure 1 using 4-chloro-6-methylquinoline (0.469 g, 2.64 mmol), 2-bromophenol (1.60 g, 9.24 mmol) and NaOH (0.166 g, 4.15 mmol).

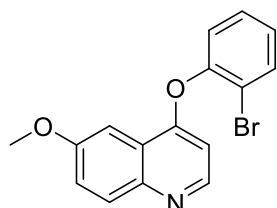


Yellow viscous oil; 84% (0.694 g); **^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)** $\delta = 8.61$ (d, 1H, $J = 4.6$ Hz), 8.18 (s, 1H), 8.00 (d, 1H, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 7.72 (dd, 1H, $J = 1.6, 7.9$ Hz), 7.60 (dd, 1H, $J = 2.0, 8.6$ Hz), 7.41 (ddd, 1H, $J = 1.6, 7.3, 8.1$ Hz), 7.24–7.14 (m, 2H), 6.37 (d, 1H, $J = 5.1$ Hz), 2.59 (s, 3H) ppm; **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** $\delta = 160.4$

(qC), 151.42 (qC), 150.2 (CH), 148.6 (qC), 136.4 (qC), 134.4 (CH), 132.6 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 129.0 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 123.3 (CH), 121.1 (qC), 120.7 (CH), 116.5 (C-Br), 104.0 (CH), 22.0 (C-H₃) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) m/z : $[M + H]^+$ calcd. for $[C_{16}H_{13}BrNO]^+$: 314.0175; found: 314.0177.

4-(2-Bromophenoxy)-6-methoxyquinoline (S17)

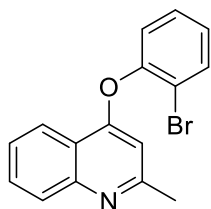
Synthesis of substrate **S17** as per general procedure 1 using 4-chloro-6-methoxyquinoline (1.75 g, 9.03 mmol), 2-bromophenol (7.82 g, 45.2 mmol) and NaOH (0.540 g, 13.5 mmol).



Brown oil; 91% (2.70 g); **¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 8.54 (d, 1H, J = 5.1 Hz), 8.01 (d, 1H, J = 9.2 Hz), 7.72 (dd, 1H, J = 1.5, 8.0 Hz), 7.64 (d, 1H, J = 2.8 Hz), 7.45–7.38 (m, 2H), 7.26–7.16 (m, 2H), 6.40 (d, 1H, J = 5.1 Hz), 3.98 (s, 3H) ppm; **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 159.8 (qC), 157.9 (qC), 151.4 (qC), 148.5 (CH), 146.0 (qC), 134.4 (CH), 130.8 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 123.3 (CH), 123.0 (CH), 121.9 (qC), 116.5 (C-Br), 104.3 (CH), 99.5 (CH), 55.8 (C-H₃) ppm; **LRMS**: m/z (ESI+): 330, $[(M + H)^+]$, 100%];

4-(2-Bromophenoxy)-2-methylquinoline (S18)

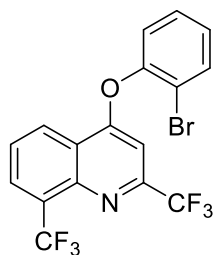
Synthesis of substrate **S18** as per general procedure 1 using 4-chloro-2-methylquinoline (0.500 g, 2.81 mmol), 2-bromophenol (1.70 g, 9.85 mmol) and NaOH (0.169 g, 4.20 mmol).



Off-white solid; 79% (0.667 g); **m.p.** 94 – 96 °C (lit. m.p. 98 – 101 °C)^[24a]; **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 8.34 (d, 1H, J = 8.5 Hz), 8.02 (d, 1H, J = 8.5 Hz), 7.77 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.53 (t, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.42 (t, 1H, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 2.59 (s, 3H) ppm; **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 160.8 (qC), 159.9 (qC), 151.3 (qC), 149.4 (qC), 134.3 (CH), 130.2 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 127.1 (CH), 125.4 (CH), 123.2 (CH), 121.7 (CH), 119.5 (qC), 116.3 (C-Br), 104.2 (CH), 25.7 (CH₃) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) m/z : $[M + H]^+$ calcd. for $[C_{16}H_{13}BrNO]^+$: 314.0175; found: 314.0183.

4-(2-Bromophenoxy)-2,8-bis(trifluoromethyl)quinoline (S19)

Synthesis of substrate **S19** as per general procedure 1 using quinoline **S10** (1.40 g, 4.67 mmol), 2-bromophenol (4.04 g, 23.4 mmol) and NaOH (0.280 g, 7 mmol).

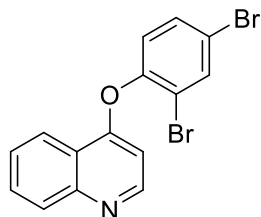


White solid; 59% (1.20 g); **m.p.** 77 – 79 °C; **IR** $\tilde{\nu}_{max}/cm^{-1}$: 2982, 2867, 1591, 1313, 1238, 1133, 1108, 708; **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 8.70 (dd, 1H, J = 0.8, 8.4 Hz), 8.22 (d, 1H, J = 7.4 Hz), 7.80 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.49 (dt, 1H, J = 1.6, 7.8 Hz), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 6.75 (s, 1H) ppm; **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 162.3 (qC), 150.1 (qC), 149.5 (q, $^2J_{(C,F)}$ = 35 Hz, qC), 145.1 (qC), 134.7 (CH), 129.8 (q, $^3J_{(C,F)}$ = 6 Hz, CH), 129.6 (CH), 128.6 (q, $^2J_{(C,F)}$ = 28 Hz, qC), 128.3 (CH), 126.8 (CH), 126.3 (CH), 123.5 (q, $^1J_{(C,F)}$ = 274 Hz, C-

F₃), 123.2 (CH), 121.9 (qC) 120.9 (q, ¹J_(C, F) = 275 Hz, C-F₃), 116.1 (C-Br), 100.1 (q, ³J_(C, F) = 2 Hz, CH) ppm; **¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = -60.4 (CF₃), -68.1 (CF₃) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ calcd. for [C₁₇H₉BrF₆NO]⁺: 435.9766; found: 439.9765.

4-(2,4-Dibromobenzoyl)quinoline (S20)

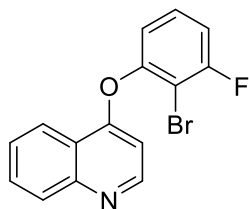
Synthesis of substrate **S20** as per general procedure 1 using 4-chloroquinoline **S9** (1.00 g, 6.14 mmol), 2,4-dibromophenol (5.41 g, 21.48 mmol) and NaOH (0.37 g, 9.21 mmol).



White solid; 95%, (2.21 g); **m.p.** 123 – 125 °C (lit: 125 – 126 °C)^[24b]; **¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 8.69 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.1 Hz), 8.38 (dd, 1H, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 8.4 Hz), 8.12 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.88 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 7.79 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 1.4, 6.9, 8.4 Hz), 7.62 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 1.4, 6.9, 8.4 Hz), 7.54 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.3, 8.6 Hz), 7.12 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 6.43 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.1 Hz) ppm; **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 160.3 (qC), 150.9 (CH), 150.6 (qC), 149.8 (qC), 136.6 (CH), 132.3 (CH), 130.4 (CH), 129.2 (CH), 126.5 (CH), 124.2 (CH), 121.7 (CH), 120.9 (qC), 119.3 (C-Br), 117.3 (C-Br), 103.8 (CH) ppm; **LRMS** *m/z* (ESI⁺) 378, 380, 372 [(M+H)⁺, 100%]

4-(2-Bromo-3-fluorophenoxy)quinoline (S21)

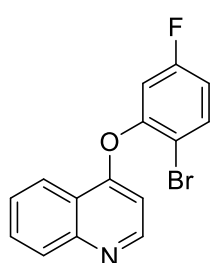
Synthesis of substrate **S21** as per general procedure 1 using 4-chloroquinoline **S9** (1.20 g, 7.33 mmol), 2-bromo3-fluorophenol (5.0 g, 25.7 mmol) and NaOH (0.440 g, 11.0 mmol).



Green oil; 95% (2.22 g); **IR** $\tilde{\nu}_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$: 3071, 1501, 1460, 1306, 1237, 1097, 699; **¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 8.70 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.2 Hz), 8.38 (dd, 1H, *J* = 1.5, 8.4 Hz), 8.12 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.78 (overlapping ddd, 1H, *J* = 1.5, 6.9, 8.4 Hz), 7.61 (overlapping ddd, 1H, *J* = 1.1, 6.9, 8.4 Hz), 7.37 (overlapping dt, 1H, *J* = 6.0, 8.2 Hz), 7.10 (td, 1H, *J* = 1.4, 8.2 Hz), 7.03 (dt, 1H, *J* = 1.4, 8.2 Hz), 6.46 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.2 Hz) ppm; **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 160.6 (d, ¹J_(C, F) = 250 Hz, C-F), 160.3 (qC), 152.8 (d, ³J_(C, F) = 3 Hz, qC), 151.0 (CH), 149.9 (qC), 130.3 (CH), 129.2 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 126.5 (CH), 121.7 (CH), 121.0 (qC), 118.2 (d, ⁴J_(C, F) = 3 Hz, CH), 113.6 (d, ²J_(C, F) = 22 Hz, CH), 104.6 (d, ²J_(C, F) = 23 Hz, C-Br), 104.1 (CH) ppm; **¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = -103.3 (CF); **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ calcd. for [C₁₅H₁₀BrFNO]⁺: 317.9924; found: 317.9921.

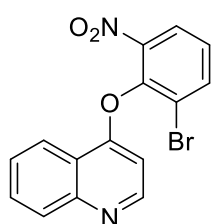
4-(2-Bromo-5-fluorophenoxy)quinoline (S22)

Synthesis of substrate **S22** as per general procedure 1 using 4-chloroquinoline **S9** (0.700 g, 4.27 mmol), 2-bromo-5-fluorophenol (2.86 g, 15.0 mmol) and NaOH (0.264 g, 6.60 mmol).



White solid; 90% (1.26 g); **m.p.** 71 – 73 °C (lit. m.p. 77 – 78 °C)^[24a]; **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 8.72 (d, 1H, J = 5.2 Hz), 8.36 (dd, 1H, J = 0.9, 8.4 Hz), 8.13 (d, 1H, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.79 (overlapping ddd, 1H, J = 1.5, 6.9, 8.4 Hz), 7.72 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.02 – 6.91 (m, 2H), 6.49 (d, 1H, J = 5.2 Hz) ppm; **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 162.4 (d, $^1J_{(C, F)}$ = 250 Hz, C-F), 160.1 (qC), 152.1 (d, $^3J_{(C, F)}$ = 11 Hz, qC), 151.0 (CH), 149.9 (qC), 134.8 (d, $^3J_{(C, F)}$ = 9 Hz, CH), 130.4 (CH), 129.2 (CH), 126.5 (CH), 121.7 (CH), 121.0 (qC), 114.5 (d, $^2J_{(C, F)}$ = 22 Hz, CH), 110.8 (d, $^2J_{(C, F)}$ = 25 Hz, CH), 110.7 (C-Br), 104.2 (CH) ppm; **¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = –111.0 (CF); **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) m/z : [M + H]⁺ calcd. for [C₁₅H₁₀BrFNO]⁺: 317.9924; found: 317.9922.

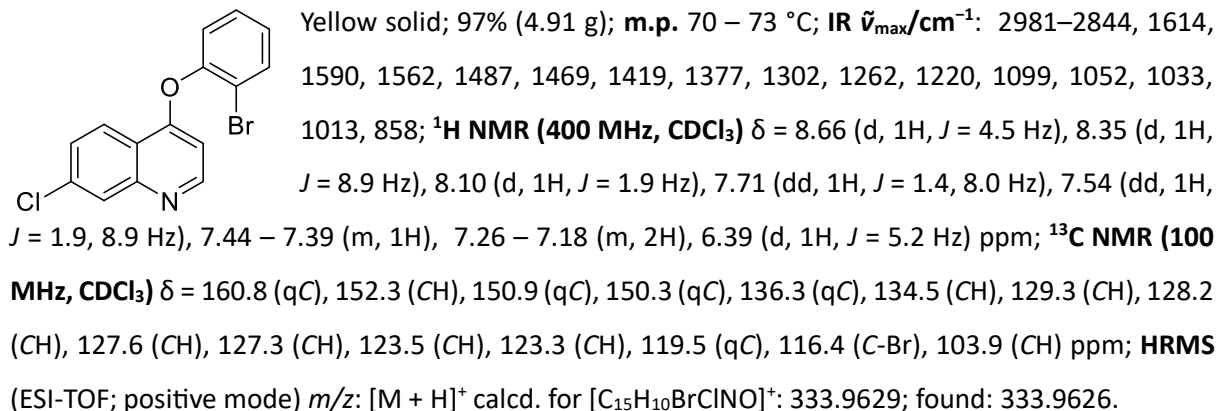
4-(2-Bromo-6-nitrophenoxy)quinoline (S23)



Synthesis of substrate **S23** as per general procedure 1 with the addition of 1,2-dichlorobenzene as solvent and stirred at 150 °C for 3 days. From 4-chloroquinoline **S9** (1.0 g, 6.11 mmol), 2-bromo-6-nitrophenol (0.666 g, 30.6 mmol) and NaOH (0.367 g, 9.16 mmol).
White solid; 85% (1.80 g); **m.p.** 107 – 109 °C; **IR** $\tilde{\nu}_{max}/cm^{-1}$: 3058, 2894, 1564, 1535, 1306, 1254, 1231, 715; **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 8.69 (d, 1H, J = 5.2 Hz), 8.39 (dd, 1H, J = 1.5, 8.4 Hz), 8.13 (d, 1H, J = 8.4 Hz), 8.05 (dd, 1H, J = 1.6, 8.2 Hz), 7.97 (dd, 1H, J = 1.6, 8.2 Hz), 7.80 (overlapping ddd, 1H, 1.5, 6.9, 8.4 Hz), 7.63 (overlapping ddd, 1H, J = 1.2, 6.9, 8.4 Hz), 7.39 (t, 1H, J = 8.2 Hz), 6.35 (d, 1H, J = 5.2 Hz) ppm; **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 159.5 (qC), 150.7 (CH), 149.9 (qC), 144.5 (C-NO₂), 144.4 (qC), 138.7 (CH), 130.4 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 126.6 (CH), 125.2 (CH), 121.8 (CH), 120.4 (qC), 120.0 (C-Br), 102.9 (CH) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) m/z : [M + H]⁺ calcd. for [C₁₅H₁₀BrN₂O₃]⁺: 344.9870; found: 344.9868.

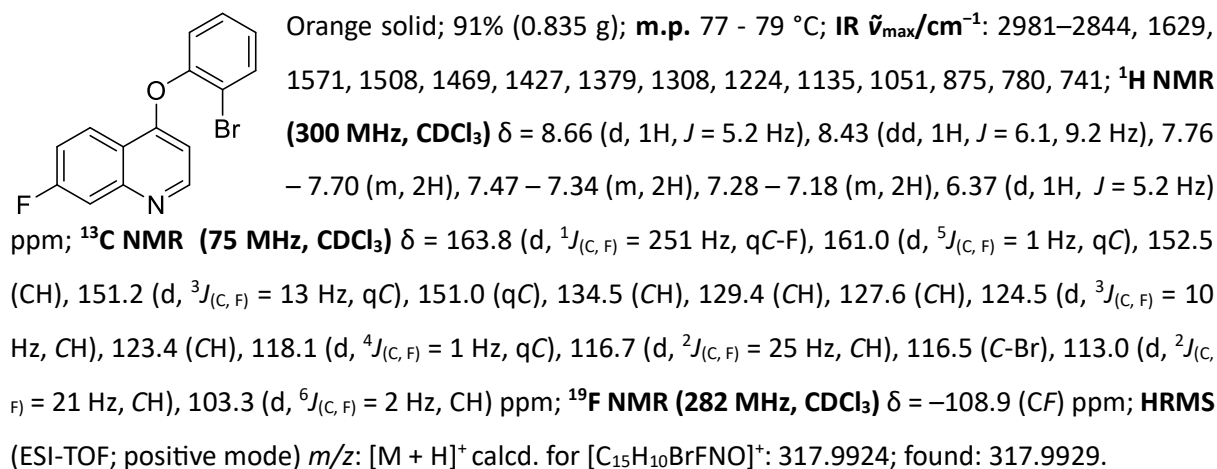
4-(2-Bromophenoxy)-7-chloroquinoline (S24)

Synthesis of substrate **S24** as per general procedure 1 using 4,7-dichloroquinoline (3.01 g, 15.1 mmol), 2-bromophenol (9.14 g, 52.9 mmol) and NaOH (0.910 g, 22.8 mmol).



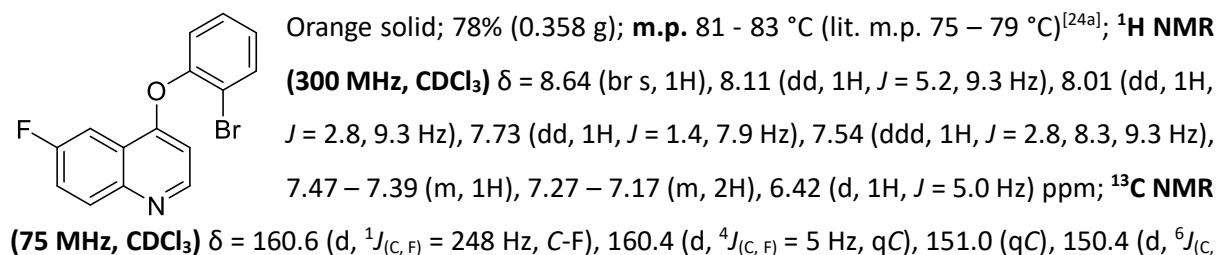
4-(2-Bromophenoxy)-6-fluoroquinoline (S25)

Synthesis of substrate **S25** as per general procedure 1 using 4-chloro-7-fluoroquinoline (0.525 g, 2.89 mmol), 2-bromophenol (1.75 g, 10.11 mmol) and NaOH (0.173 g, 4.34 mmol).



4-(2-Bromophenoxy)-6-fluoroquinoline (S26)

Synthesis of substrate **S26** as per general procedure 1 using 4-chloro-6-fluoroquinoline (0.262 g, 1.44 mmol), 2-bromophenol (0.872 g, 5.04 mmol) and NaOH (0.086 g, 2.16 mmol).

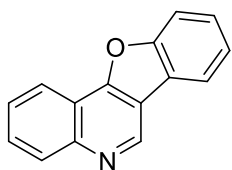


$f_{\text{H}} = 1 \text{ Hz}$, CH), 147.0 (qC), 134.5 (CH), 131.8 (d, $^3J_{\text{C,F}} = 9 \text{ Hz}$, CH), 129.38 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 123.4 (CH), 121.9 (d, $^3J_{\text{C,F}} = 11 \text{ Hz}$, qC), 120.5 (d, $^2J_{\text{C,F}} = 26 \text{ Hz}$, CH), 116.5 (C-Br), 105.8 (d, $^2J_{\text{C,F}} = 24 \text{ Hz}$, CH), 104.2 (CH) ppm; **^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3)** $\delta = -112.7$ (CF) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{BrFNO}]^+$: 317.9924; found: 317.9925.

Synthesis of Benzofuroquinolines

Benzofuro[3,2-*c*]quinoline (1a)

Synthesis of substrate **1a** as per general procedure 2 using **S11** (1.0 g, 3.33 mmol), TBABr (2.15 g, 6.66 mmol), $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (0.037 g, 5 mol%), K_2CO_3 (0.921 g, 6.66 mmol) and *i*PrOAc (5 mL).



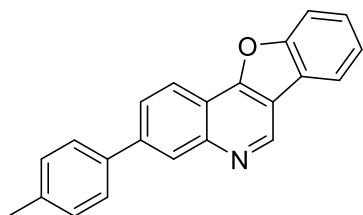
Off-white solid; 88% yield (1.42 g); **m.p.** 133 - 135 °C; (lit. m.p. 132 – 135 °C)^[24a];

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 9.46$ (br s, 1H), 8.38 (d, 1H, $J = 7.6 \text{ Hz}$), 8.25 (d, 1H, $J = 8.8 \text{ Hz}$), 8.06 (d, 1H, $J = 7.6 \text{ Hz}$), 7.82 – 7.62 (m, 3H), 7.56 – 7.40 (m, 2H) ppm;

^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 157.5$ (qC), 156.0 (qC), 147.4 (qC), 144.4 (CH), 129.9 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 124.0 (CH), 122.7 (qC), 120.8 (CH), 120.6 (CH), 117.2 (qC), 116.3 (qC), 112.1 (CH) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}]^+$: 220.0757; found: 220.0763.

3-(*p*-Tolyl)benzofuro[3,2-*c*]quinoline (1b)

Synthesis of substrate **1b** as per general procedure 4 using **S12** (0.617 g, 1.63 mmol), $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (0.018 g, 0.082 mmol), *p*-tolylboronic acid (0.244 g, 1.80 mmol), K_2CO_3 (0.450 g, 3.26 mmol) in NMP (2.44 mL).



Pale-yellow solid; 73% yield (0.366 g); **m.p.** 205 – 207 °C (lit. m.p. 200 – 202 °C)^[24b]; **^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3)** $\delta = 9.49$ (s, 1H), 8.47 (d, 1H,

$J = 1.6 \text{ Hz}$), 8.44 (d, 1H, $J = 8.5 \text{ Hz}$), 8.08 (dd, 1H, $J = 0.8, 7.6 \text{ Hz}$), 7.94

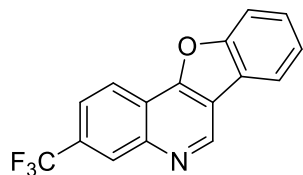
(dd, 1H, $J = 1.6, 8.5 \text{ Hz}$), 7.75 (d, 1H, $J = 8.0 \text{ Hz}$), 7.69 (d, 2H, $J = 8.1$

Hz), 7.56 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.47 (td, 1H, $J = 0.8, 7.6 \text{ Hz}$), 7.33 (d, 2H, $J =$

8.0 Hz), 2.44 (s, 3H) ppm; **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3)** $\delta = 157.6$ (qC), 156.1 (qC), 148.0 (qC), 144.9 (CH), 142.2 (qC), 138.0 (qC), 137.5 (qC), 129.9 (2 × C), 127.4 (2 × C), 127.3 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 126.6 (CH), 124.2 (CH), 122.9 (qC), 121.3 (CH), 120.7 (CH), 116.3 (qC), 116.0 (qC), 112.2 (CH), 21.3 (C- H_3) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $[\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}]^+$: 310.1226; found: 310.1229.

3-(Trifluoromethyl)benzofuro[3,2-*c*]quinoline (**1c**)

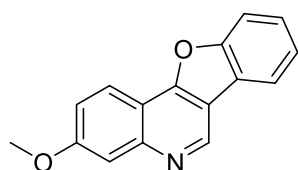
Synthesis of substrate **1c** as per general procedure 3 using **S13** (1.34 g, 3.63 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.041 g, 0.182 mmol), K₂CO₃ (1.00 g, 7.27 mmol) in NMP (5.50 mL).



Pale-yellow solid; 91% yield (0.951 g); **m.p.** 182 – 184 °C (lit. m.p. 182 – 185 °C)^[37]; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 9.57 (s, 1H), 8.56 (s, 1H), 8.51 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 8.14–8.08 (m, 1H), 7.87 (dd, 1H, *J* = 1.6, 8.6 Hz), 7.78 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 7.63–7.57 (m, 1H), 7.51 (td, 1H, *J* = 1.0, 7.5 Hz) ppm; **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 156.8 (qC), 156.3 (qC), 146.3 (qC), 145.8 (CH), 131.1 (q, ²*J*_(C,F) = 33 Hz, qC), 128.1 (CH), 127.8 (q, ³*J*_(C,F) = 4 Hz, CH), 124.6 (CH), 124.1 (q, ¹*J*_(C,F) = 272 Hz, CF₃), 122.8 (q, ³*J*_(C,F) = 3 Hz, CH), 122.3 (qC), 122.1 (CH), 121.0 (CH), 118.9 (qC), 117.9 (qC), 112.4 (CH) ppm; **¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = –62.5 (CF₃) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ calcd. for [C₁₆H₉F₃NO]⁺: 288.0631; found: 288.0630.

3-Methoxybenzofuro[3,2-*c*]quinoline (**1d**)

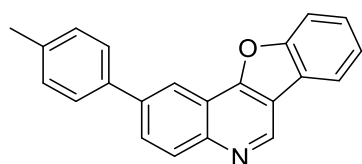
Synthesis of substrate **1d** as per general procedure 3 using **S14** (0.797 g, 2.41 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.028 g, 0.125 mmol), K₂CO₃ (0.671 g, 4.86 mmol) in NMP (3.62 mL).



Off-white solid; 86% yield (0.520 g); **m.p.** 150 – 151 °C (lit. m.p. 146 – 147 °C)^[24a]; **¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 9.34 (s, 1H), 8.21 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 7.98 (dd, 1H, *J* = 1.0, 7.6 Hz), 7.66 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.55 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 7.50–7.37 (m, 2H), 7.29 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.5, 9.0 Hz), 3.96 (s, 3H) ppm; **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 160.8 (qC), 157.9 (qC), 155.9 (qC), 149.4 (qC), 144.7 (CH), 126.9 (CH), 124.1 (CH), 123.0 (qC), 122.0 (CH), 120.4 (CH), 119.9 (CH), 115.1 (qC), 112.1 (CH), 111.8 (CH), 108.5 (CH), 55.7 (C-H₃) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ calcd. for [C₁₆H₁₂NO₂]⁺: 250.0863; found: 250.0866.

2-(*p*-Tolyl)benzofuro[3,2-*c*]quinoline (**1f**)

Synthesis of substrate **1f** as per general procedure 4 using **S15** (1.06 g, 2.79 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.031 g, 0.138 mmol), *p*-tolylboronic acid (0.417 g, 3.07 mmol), K₂CO₃ (0.771 g, 5.57 mmol) in NMP (4.20 mL).

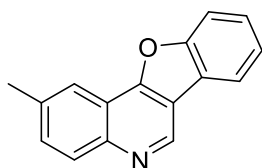


Off-white solid; 22% yield (0.188 g); **m.p.** 180 – 182 °C (lit. m.p. 183 – 185 °C)^[24b]; **¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 9.47 (s, 1H), 8.59 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 8.31 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 8.11 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 8.04 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.0, 8.8 Hz), 7.80–7.69 (m, 3H), 7.60–7.44 (m, 2H), 7.34 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 2.45 (s, 3H) ppm; **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 157.7 (qC), 156.1 (qC), 146.7 (qC), 144.2 (CH),

139.8 (qC), 138.0 (qC), 137.3 (qC), 130.3 (CH), 129.9 (2 × C), 128.9 (CH), 127.5 (2 × C), 127.4 (CH), 124.2 (CH), 122.9 (qC), 120.8 (CH), 118.1 (CH), 117.5 (qC), 116.7 (qC), 112.2 (CH), 21.3 (CH₃) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) m/z : [M + H]⁺ calcd. for [C₂₂H₁₆NO]⁺: 310.1226; found: 310.1225.

2-Methylbenzofuro[3,2-c]quinoline (1g)

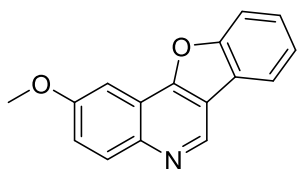
Synthesis of substrate **1g** as per general procedure 3 using **S16** (0.670 g, 2.13 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.024 g, 0.109 mmol), K₂CO₃ (0.589 g, 4.27 mmol) in NMP (3.30 mL).



Off-white solid; 79% yield (0.392 g); **m.p.** 159 – 160 °C (lit. m.p. 157 – 159 °C)^[37]; **¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 9.38 (s, 1H), 8.15–8.10 (m, 2H), 8.04 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.70 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 7.60–7.39 (m, 3H), 2.60 (s, 3H) ppm; **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 157.2 (qC), 156.0 (qC), 146.1 (qC), 143.5 (CH), 137.2 (qC), 131.6 (CH), 129.7 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 124.1 (CH), 122.9 (qC), 120.7 (CH), 119.8 (CH), 117.2 (qC), 116.4 (qC), 112.2 (CH), 21.9 (C-H₃) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) m/z : [M + H]⁺ calcd. for [C₁₆H₁₂NO]⁺: 234.0913; found: 234.0915.

2-Methoxybenzofuro[3,2-c]quinoline (1h)

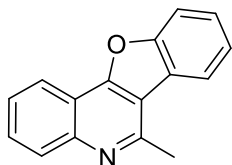
Synthesis of substrate **1h** as per general procedure 2 using **S17** (1.0 , 3.03 mmol), TBABr (1.95 g, 6.06 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.034 g, 5 mol%), K₂CO₃ (0.838 g, 6.06 mmol) and *i*PrOAc (4.5 mL).



White solid; 83% yield (0.094 g); **m.p.** 151 – 153 °C (lit. m.p. 150 – 152 °C)^[24a]; **¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 9.31 (s, 1H), 8.13 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.2 Hz), 8.05 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.71 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 7.61–7.34 (m, 4H), 4.01 (s, 3H) ppm; **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 158.4 (qC), 157.0 (qC), 156.0 (qC), 143.5 (qC), 141.8 (CH), 131.5 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 124.1 (CH), 123.0 (qC), 121.9 (CH), 120.8 (CH), 118.0 (qC), 116.6 (qC), 112.1 (CH), 98.8 (CH), 55.9 (C-H₃) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) m/z : [M + H]⁺ calcd. for [C₁₆H₁₂NO₂]⁺: 250.0863; found: 250.0860.

6-Methylbenzofuro[3,2-c]quinoline (1i)

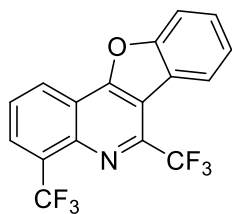
Synthesis of substrate **1i** as per general procedure 2 using **S18** (0.200 g, 0.636 mmol), TBABr (0.409 g, 1.27 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.007 g, 5 mol%), K₂CO₃ (0.176 g, 1.27 mmol) and *i*PrOAc (0.95 mL).



Off-white solid; 91% yield (0.271 g); **m.p.** 128 – 130 °C (lit. m.p. 132 – 134 °C)^[24a]; **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 8.38 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 8.18 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 8.09 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.80 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.63 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 7.54 (dt, 1H, *J* = 1.2, 7.5 Hz), 7.48 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 3.15 (s, 3H) ppm; **¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 157.4 (qC), 155.9 (qC), 154.8 (qC), 146.9 (qC), 129.4 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 126.8 (CH), 126.1 (CH),

124.0 (CH), 123.5 (qC), 121.8 (CH), 120.7 (CH), 116.2 (qC), 115.4 (qC), 112.1 (CH), 24.3 (C-H₃) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) m/z : [M + H]⁺ calcd. for [C₁₆H₁₂NO]⁺: 234.0913; found: 234.0916.

4,6-bis(Trifluoromethyl)benzofuro[3,2-c]quinoline (1j)

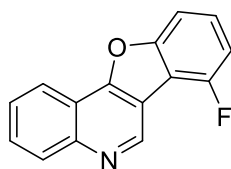


Synthesis of substrate **1j** as per general procedure 2 using **S19** (1.20 g, 2.75 mmol), TBABr (1.77 g, 5.50 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.031 g, 5 mol%), K₂CO₃ (0.760 g, 5.50 mmol) and *i*PrOAc (4.1 mL).

White solid; 64% (0.626 g); **m.p.** 164 – 165 °C; **IR** $\tilde{\nu}_{\text{max}}$ cm⁻¹: 2922, 2855, 1579, 1429, 1305, 1125, 1105, 964, 746; **¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 8.66 (d, 1H, J = 6.4 Hz), 8.26 (d, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz), 8.20 (d, 1H, J = 7.4 Hz), 7.90 – 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.64 (dt, 1H, J = 1.2, 7.4 Hz), 7.54 (dt, 1H, J = 0.9, 7.8 Hz) ppm; **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 158.5 (qC), 156.1 (qC), 142.1 (d, $^2J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 38 Hz, qC), 141.2 (qC), 129.2 ($^2J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 30 Hz, qC), 128.7 (CH), 128.5 (d, $^3J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 6 Hz, CH), 127.5 (CH), 125.1 (CH), 124.9 (CH), 123.5 (q, $^1J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 275 Hz, qC-F₃), 123.3 (q, $^4J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 4 Hz, CH), 121.4 (q, $^1J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 275 Hz, qC-F₃), 120.2 (qC), 118.2 (qC), 113.9 (qC), 112.1 (CH) ppm; **¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = -60.4 (CF₃), -67.6 (CF₃) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) m/z : [M + H]⁺ calcd. for: [C₁₇H₈F₆NO]⁺; 356.0505; found: 356.0507.

7-Fluorobenzofuro[3,2-c]quinoline (1m)

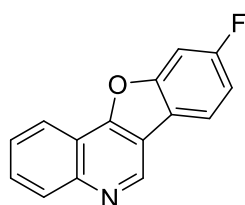
Synthesis of substrate **1m** as per general procedure 2 using **S21** (1.0 g, 3.14 mmol), TBABr (2.03 g, 6.29 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.035 g, 5 mol%), K₂CO₃ (0.869 g, 6.29 mmol) and *i*PrOAc (4.7 mL).



White solid; 91% yield (0.679 g); **m.p.** 153 – 155 °C; **IR** $\tilde{\nu}_{\text{max}}$ /cm⁻¹: 2973, 1509, 1441, 1344, 1171, 1018; **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 9.53 (s, 1H), 8.38 (dd, 1H, J = 1.1, 8.3 Hz), 8.28 (d, 1H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.80 (overlapping ddd, 1H, J = 1.5, 7.0, 8.3 Hz), 7.70 (overlapping ddd, 1H, J = 1.1, 7.0, 8.3 Hz), 7.54 (dd, 1H, J = 0.8, 8.5 Hz), 7.48 (overlapping dt, 1H, J = 5.1, 7.9 Hz), 7.17 (overlapping ddd, 1H, J = 1.0, 7.9, 9.0 Hz) ppm; **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 157.2 (d, $^1J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 250 Hz, C-F), 157.4 (d, $^3J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 10 Hz, qC), 157.1 (qC), 147.4 (qC), 145.4 (d, $^4J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 2 Hz, CH), 130.0 (CH), 129.6 (CH), 127.9 (d, $^3J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 8 Hz, CH), 127.2 (CH), 120.8 (CH), 116.8 (qC), 114.2 (qC), 112.0 (d, $^2J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 22 Hz, qC), 110.3 (d, $^2J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 20 Hz, CH), 108.1 (d, $^4J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 4 Hz, CH) ppm; **¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = -116.5 (CF) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) m/z : [M + H]⁺ calcd. for: [C₁₅H₉FNO]⁺; 238.0663; found: 238.0663.

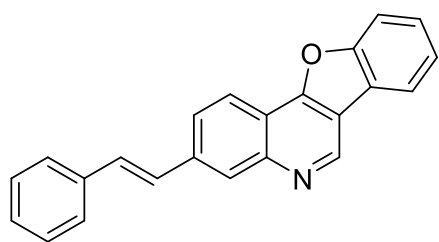
9-Fluorobenzofuro[3,2-c]quinoline (**1n**)

Synthesis of substrate **1n** as per general procedure 2 using **S22** (0.200 g, 0.629 mmol), TBABr (0.406 g, 1.26 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.007 g, 5 mol%), K₂CO₃ (0.174 g, 1.26 mmol) and *i*PrOAc (0.94 mL).



White solid; 93% yield (0.555 g); **m.p.** 134 – 136 °C **¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 9.46 (s, 1H), 8.40 (d, 1H, J = 8.1 Hz), 8.27 (d, 1H, J = 8.4 Hz), 8.03 (overlapping dd, 1H, J = 5.4, 8.6 Hz), 7.80 (ddd, 1H, J = 1.5, 7.0, 8.4 Hz), 7.71 (t, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.48 (dd, 1H, J = 2.2, 8.6 Hz), 7.24 (dt, 1H, J = 2.2, 9.1 Hz) ppm; **¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 161.2 (d, $^1J_{(C,F)}$ = 247 Hz, C-F), 157.1 (d, $^5J_{(C,F)}$ = 2 Hz, qC), 155.2 (d, $^3J_{(C,F)}$ = 13 Hz, qC), 146.2 (qC), 143.0 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 126.2 (CH), 120.1 (d, $^3J_{(C,F)}$ = 10 Hz, CH), 119.6 (CH), 118.0 (d, $^4J_{(C,F)}$ = 2 Hz, qC), 116.0 (qC), 114.8 (qC), 111.3 (d, $^2J_{(C,F)}$ = 24 Hz, CH), 99.3 (d, $^2J_{(C,F)}$ = 27 Hz, CH) ppm; **¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = -112.2 (CF) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) m/z : [M + H]⁺ calcd. for [C₁₅H₉FNO]⁺: 238.0663; found: 238.0662.

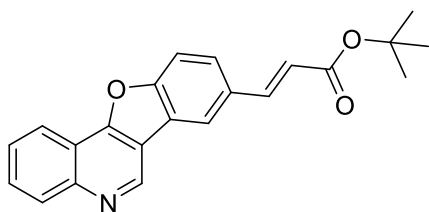
(*E*)-3-Styrylbenzofuro[3,2-c]quinoline (**3b**)^[24c]



To a screw capped vial was added the quinoline **S12** substrate (0.114 g, 0.30 mmol, 1 eq.), styrene (0.04 mL, 0.33 mmol, 1.1 eq.), Pd(OAc)₂ (3.4 mg, 5 mol%) and tetrabutylammonium acetate (0.484 g, 1.5 mmol, 5 eq.) which was stirred at 100 °C for 24 hours. The crude reaction mixture was loaded directly onto silica gel for purification by column chromatography and eluted in DCM:EtOAc (100:0 – 95:5) to yield **3b**.

Off-white solid; 75% (0.072 g); **m.p.** 178–180 °C (lit. m.p. 179 – 182 °C)^[24b]; **¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 9.46 (s, 1H), 8.36 (d, 1H, J = 8.6 Hz), 8.27 (d, 1H, J = 1.4 Hz), 8.07 (dd, 1H, J = 0.9, 7.5 Hz), 7.91 (dd, 1H, J = 1.4, 8.6 Hz), 7.74 (d, 1H, J = 7.9 Hz), 7.65–7.20 (m, 9H) ppm; **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 157.4 (qC), 156.1 (qC), 147.9 (qC), 144.8 (CH), 138.5 (qC), 137.0 (qC), 130.7 (CH), 128.8 (2 × CH), 128.1 (2 × CH), 128.0 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 126.8 (2 × CH), 124.9 (CH), 124.1 (CH), 122.7 (qC), 121.1 (CH), 120.6 (CH), 116.3 (2 × qC), 112.1 (CH) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF positive mode) m/z : [M+H]⁺ calcd. for [C₂₃H₁₆NO]⁺: 322.1226; found: 322.1227.

***tert*-Butyl (*E*)-3-(benzofuro[3,2-*c*]quinolin-8-yl)acrylate (**3c**)**^[24c]

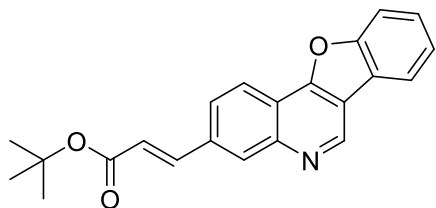


To a screw capped vial was added the quinoline **S20** substrate (0.076 g, 0.20 mmol, 1 eq.), *tert*-butylacrylate (0.08 mL, 0.55 mmol, 1.1 eq.), Pd(OAc)₂ (2.2 mg, 5 mol%) and tetrabutylammonium acetate (0.322g, 1.0 mmol, 5 eq.) which was stirred at 100 °C for 24 hours. The crude reaction mixture was loaded directly onto silica gel for purification by column chromatography and eluted in DCM:EtOAc (100:0 – 95:5) to yield **3c**.

White solid, 88% yield (0.802 g); **m.p.** 155–157 °C (lit. m.p. 157 – 158 °C)^[24b]; **¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 9.45 (s, 1H), 8.36 (dd, 1H, *J* = 1.1, 8.1 Hz), 8.25 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 8.17 (s, 1H), 7.83–7.62 (m, 5H), 6.47 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.9 Hz), 1.58 (s, 9H) ppm; **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = : 166.2 (qC), 158.2 (qC), 156.7 (qC), 147.7 (qC), 144.3 (CH), 143.0 (CH), 131.2 (qC), 130.0 (CH), 129.6 (CH), 127.24 (CH), 127.21 (CH), 123.5 (qC), 120.8 (CH), 120.3 (CH), 120.2 (CH), 117.1 (qC), 115.9 (qC), 112.5 (CH), 80.7 (qC), 28.2 (3 × CH₃) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd. for [C₂₂H₂₀NO₃]⁺: 346.1438; found: 346.1430.

***tert*-Butyl (*E*)-3-(benzofuro[3,2-*c*]quinolin-3-yl)acrylate (**3d**)**^[24c]

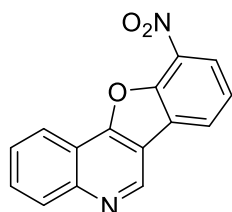
To a screw capped vial was added the quinoline **S12** substrate (0.190 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1 eq.), *tert*-butylacrylate (0.08 mL, 0.55 mmol, 1.1 eq.), Pd(OAc)₂ (2.2 mg, 5 mol%) and tetrabutylammonium acetate (0.806 g, 2.5 mmol, 5 eq.) which was stirred at 100 °C for 24 hours. The crude reaction mixture was loaded directly onto silica gel for purification by column chromatography and eluted in DCM:EtOAc (100:0 – 95:5) to yield **3c**.



White solid; 79% (0.137 g); **m.p.** 165– 166 °C (lit. m.p. 164 – 165);^[24b] **¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 9.49 (s, 1H), 8.55–8.24 (m, 2H), 8.09 (dd, 1H, *J* = 0.8, 7.6 Hz), 7.93–7.69 (m, 3H), 7.64–7.35 (m, 2H), 6.58 (d, 1H, *J* = 16.0 Hz), 1.58 (s, 9H) ppm; **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 166.0 (qC), 157.1 (qC), 156.2 (qC), 147.4 (qC), 145.1 (CH), 142.8 (CH), 135.6 (qC), 130.7 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 125.1 (CH), 124.3 (CH), 122.5 (qC), 122.0 (CH), 121.5 (CH), 120.8 (CH), 117.7 (qC), 117.1 (qC), 112.2 (CH), 80.9 (qC), 28.2 (3 × CH₃) ppm; **LRMS** *m/z* (ESI+) 346 [(M+H)⁺, 100%].

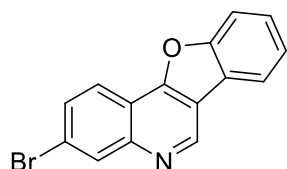
10-Nitrobenzofuro[3,2-c]quinoline (**5**)

Synthesis of substrate **5** as per general procedure 2 using **S23** (0.500 g, 1.45 mmol), TBABr (0.935 g, 2.90 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (16.3 mg, 5 mol%), K₂CO₃ (0.401 g, 2.90 mmol) and *i*PrOAc (2.2 mL).



White solid; 91% yield (0.701 g); **m.p.** 255 – 257 °C; **IR** $\tilde{\nu}_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$: 3086, 2922, 1561, 1519, 1341, 1284, 1227, 1192; **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 9.53 (s, 1H), 8.57 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 0.6, 1.4, 8.2 Hz), 8.41 (dd, 1H, *J* = 1.1, 7.8 Hz), 8.37 (dd, 1H, *J* = 1.1, 8.2 Hz), 8.31 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 7.87 (overlapping ddd, 1H, *J* = 1.4, 7.0, 8.3 Hz), 7.78 (overlapping ddd, 1H, *J* = 1.1, 7.0, 8.3 Hz), 7.63 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz) ppm; **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 158.6 (qC), 148.1 (C-NO₂), 148.0 (qC), 143.8 (CH), 134.6 (qC), 130.4 (CH), 129.9 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 126.9 (CH), 126.8 (qC), 124.2 (CH), 123.1 (CH), 121.2 (CH), 116.7 (qC), 114.7 (qC) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ calcd. for: [C₁₅H₉N₂O₃]⁺; 265.0608; found: 265.0605.

3-Bromobenzofuro[3,2-c]quinoline (**S2**)

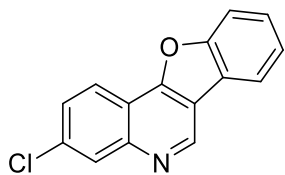


A 15 mL Schlenk was flame-dried and cooled to r.t. under vacuum. The Schlenk was refilled with nitrogen and **S12** (0.030 g, 0.08 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), QPhos (5.6 mg, 0.008 mmol, 10 mol%), Pd(QPhos)₂ (6.1 mg, 0.004 mmol, 5 mol%) and K₂CO₃ (0.022 g, 0.16 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) were added and the Schlenk placed under vacuum once more for ~10 min. The Schlenk was evacuated and refilled with nitrogen three times and distilled 1,4-dioxane (0.5 mL) was added *via* septum. The Schlenk was sealed, and the resulting mixture stirred at 125 °C for 24 h. The cooled reaction mixture was diluted with DCM, filtered through a short plug of Celite, rinsed with DCM and the filtrate concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification *via* column chromatography (DCM;EtOAc 100:0 – 99:1) yielded **S2**.

White solid; 30% (0.070 g); **m.p.** 165 – 166 °C (lit. m.p. 166 – 167 °C)^[24b]; **IR** $\tilde{\nu}_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$: 1615, 1559, 1273, 1101, 755; **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 9.46 (s, 1H), 8.44 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 8.26 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 8.08 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 7.77 (dd, 1H, *J* = 1.9, 8.7 Hz), 7.74 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 7.56 (overlapping ddd, 1H, *J* = 1.3, 7.3, 8.5 Hz), 7.48 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 0.9, 7.7, 8.4 Hz) ppm; **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 157.3 (qC), 156.0 (qC), 147.9 (qC), 145.4 (CH), 132.3 (CH), 130.5 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 124.3 (CH), 123.4 (qC-Br), 122.4 (qC), 122.1 (CH), 120.7 (CH), 116.7 (qC), 115.8 (qC), 112.2 (CH) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ calcd. for [C₁₅H₉BrNO]⁺; 297.9862; found: 297.9859.

3-Chlorobenzofuro[3,2-c]quinoline (S3)

Synthesis of substrate **S3** as per general procedure 3 using **S24** (0.407 g, 1.22 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (13.9 mg, 0.0619 mmol), K₂CO₃ (0.340 g, 2.46 mmol) in NMP (1.82 mL).



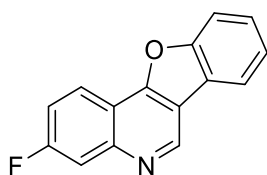
Pale yellow solid; 80% (0.247 g); **m.p.** = 149–151 °C (lit. m.p. 155–157 °C)^[24a];

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 9.45 (s, 1H), 8.31 (d, 1H, J = 8.8 Hz), 8.24 (d, 1H, J = 1.9 Hz), 8.07 (dd, 1H, J = 0.8, 7.6 Hz), 7.73 (d, 1H, J = 8.2 Hz), 7.63 (dd, 1H, J = 1.9, 8.8 Hz), 7.58–7.52 (m, 1H), 7.47 (td, 1H, J = 1.0, 7.5 Hz) ppm; **¹³C**

NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 157.3 (qC), 156.1 (qC), 147.8 (qC), 145.5 (CH), 135.3 (qC-Cl), 129.1 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 124.4 (CH), 122.5 (qC), 122.2 (CH), 120.8 (CH), 116.7 (qC), 115.6 (qC), 112.3 (CH) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) m/z : [M + H]⁺ calcd. for [C₁₅H₉ClNO]⁺: 254.0367; found: 254.0361.

3-Fluorobenzofuro[3,2-c]quinoline (S4)

Synthesis of substrate **S4** as per general procedure 3 using **S25** (0.746 g, 2.35 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (26.8 mg, 0.119 mmol), K₂CO₃ (0.649 g, 4.70 mmol) in NMP (3.50 mL).



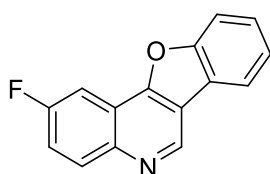
Off-white solid; 77% (0.427 g); **m.p.** 149–151 °C (lit. m.p. 150–151 °C)^[38]; **¹H**

NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 9.46 (s, 1H), 8.39 (dd, 1H, J = 6.0, 9.1 Hz), 8.07 (ddd, 1H, J = 0.6, 1.5, 7.5 Hz), 7.89 (dd, 1H, J = 2.5, 10.3 Hz), 7.75–7.71 (m, 1H), 7.58–7.43 (m, 3H) ppm; **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 163.1 (d, ¹ $J_{\text{C-F}}$ =

250 Hz, qC-F), 157.5 (qC), 155.9 (qC), 148.5 (d, ³ $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 12.5 Hz, qC), 145.6 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 124.3 (CH), 123.0 (d, ³ $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 10 Hz, CH), 122.5 (qC), 120.7 (CH), 117.3 (d, ² $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 26 Hz, CH), 116.0 (d, ⁶ $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 2 Hz, qC), overlapping signals: 114.1 (qC), 114.0 (d, ² $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 21 Hz, CH), 112.2 (CH) ppm; **¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = –109.3 (CF) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) m/z : [M + H]⁺ calcd. for [C₁₅H₉FNO]⁺: 238.0663; found: 238.0665.

2-Fluorobenzofuro[3,2-c]quinoline (S5)

Synthesis of substrate **S5** as per general procedure 3 using **S26** (0.319 g, 1.00 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (11.2 mg, 0.0501 mmol), Cs₂CO₃ (0.652 g, 2.00 mmol) in NMP (1.50 mL). Cs₂CO₃ used in place of K₂CO₃.



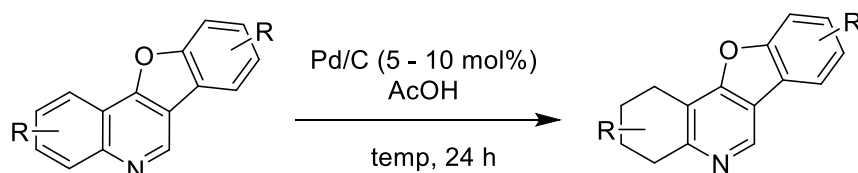
Off-white solid; 86% (0.205 g); **m.p.** 149–151 °C (lit. m.p. 146–148 °C)^[24a]; **¹H**

NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 9.39 (s, 1H), 8.23 (dd, 1H, J = 5.2, 9.2 Hz), 8.05 (d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.94 (dd, 1H, J = 2.8, 8.6 Hz), 7.71 (d, 1H, J = 8.2 Hz), 7.57–7.42 (m, 3H) ppm; **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 160.9 (d, ¹ $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 249 Hz, qC-F), 157.1

(d, ⁴ $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 5 Hz, qC), 156.1 (qC), 144.5 (qC), 143.7 (d, ⁶ $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3 Hz, CH), 132.6 (d, ³ $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 9 Hz, CH), 127.7

(CH), 124.3 (CH), 122.6 (qC), 120.9 (CH), 119.3 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 26$ Hz, CH), 117.9 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 11$ Hz, qC), 116.9 (qC), 112.3 (CH), 104.8 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 24$ Hz, CH) ppm; **^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3)** $\delta = -111.5$ (CF) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_9\text{FNO}]^+$: 238.0663; found: 238.0672.

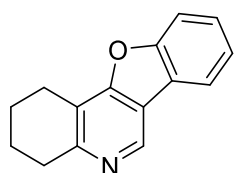
Synthesis of Reduced Products



Note: reactions were carried out for a reaction time of 24 hours unless otherwise stated.

1,2,3,4-Tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-c]quinoline (2a)

Synthesis of substrate **2a** as per general procedure 5 using **1a** (0.050 g, 0.23 mmol), Pd/C (12.1 mg, 0.011 mmol, 5 mol%), AcOH (1.10 mL) and H_2 balloon at 50 °C.

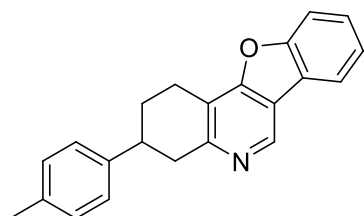


White solid; 96% (0.049 g); **m.p.** 151 – 152 °C; **IR** $\tilde{\nu}_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$: 2936, 1600, 1570, 1462, 1446, 1410, 1192, 1123, 849, 760; **^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3)** $\delta = 8.96$ (s, 1H), 7.94 (d, 1H, $J = 7.5$), 7.57 (d, 1H, $J = 8.2$ Hz), 7.50–7.42 (m, 1H), 7.36 (td, 1H, $J = 1.0, 7.5$ Hz), 3.05 (m, 4H), 2.05–1.86 (m, 4H) ppm; **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3)**

$\delta = 160.1$ (qC), 156.1 (qC), 155.8 (qC), 140.1 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 123.6 (CH), 122.5 (qC), 121.0 (CH), 118.8 (qC), 116.9 (qC), 111.9 (CH), 32.6 (CH_2), 23.2 (CH_2), 22.4 (CH_2), 22.0 (CH_2) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}]^+$: 224.2070; found: 224.1068.

3-(*p*-Tolyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-c]quinoline (2b)

Synthesis of substrate **2b** as per general procedure 5 using **1b** (0.062 g, 0.20 mmol), Pd/C (21 mg, 0.020 mmol), AcOH (1.20 mL) and H_2 balloon at 80 °C for 30 hours.

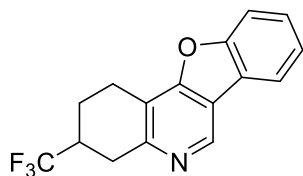


Pale-yellow solid; 92% (0.058 g), **m.p.** 128 – 132 °C; **IR** $\tilde{\nu}_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$: 2927, 1574, 1513, 1444, 1192, 1020, 822, 753; **^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3)** $\delta = 9.02$ (s, 1H), 7.98 (d, 1H, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 7.60 (d, 1H, $J = 8.1$ Hz), 7.52–7.45 (m, 1H), 7.39 (t, 1H, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 7.21 (d, 2H, $J = 8.1$ Hz), 7.16

(d, 2H, $J = 8.1$ Hz), 3.43–3.00 (m, 5H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.32–2.25 (m, 1H), 2.08–1.94 (m, 1H) ppm; **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3)** $\delta = 160.1$ (qC), 156.2 (qC), 155.5 (qC), 142.7 (qC), 140.4 (CH), 136.1 (qC), 129.4 (2 × CH), 127.7 (CH), 126.9 (2 × CH), 123.8 (CH), 122.5 (qC), 121.1 (CH), 119.0 (qC), 116.3 (qC), 112.0 (CH), 40.2 (CH_2), 40.1 (CH), 29.4 (CH_2), 22.5 (CH_2), 21.1 (CH_3) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $[\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}]^+$: 314.1539; found: 314.1543.

3-(Trifluoromethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-c]quinoline (2c)

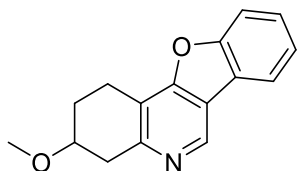
Synthesis of substrate **2c** as per general procedure 5 using **1c** (0.115 g, 0.40 mmol), Pd/C (43 mg, 0.040 mmol), AcOH (2.40 mL) and H₂ balloon at 80 °C for 30 hours.



White solid; 54% (0.063 g); **m.p.** 158 – 159 °C; **IR** $\tilde{\nu}_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$: 2936, 1576, 1450, 1417, 1391, 1277, 1252, 1160, 1118, 1055, 1004, 770, 753; **¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 9.03 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.61 (d, 1H, J = 8.2 Hz), 7.55–7.45 (m, 1H), 7.40 (td, 1H, J = 0.9, 7.6 Hz), 3.43–3.31 (two overlapping doublets, 2H, J = 4.5, 17.3 Hz), 3.19 – 2.90 (m, 2H), 2.75 – 2.58 (m, 1H), 2.43 – 2.31 (m, 1H), 1.93 – 1.75 (m, 1H) ppm; **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 159.8 (qC), 156.2 (qC), 152.3 (qC), 141.0 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 127.6 (q, $^1J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 278 Hz, CF₃), 124.0 (CH), 122.2 (qC), 121.2 (CH), 119.4 (qC), 115.6 (qC), 112.1 (CH), 39.5 (q, $^2J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 28 Hz, CH), 31.4 (q, $^3J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 3 Hz, CH₂), 21.3 (CH₂), 21.1 (q, $^3J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 3 Hz, CH₂) ppm; **¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = –62.5 ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) m/z : [M + H]⁺ calcd. for [C₁₆H₁₃F₃NO]⁺: 292.0932; found: 292.0944.

3-Methoxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-c]quinoline (2d)

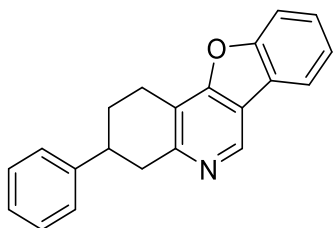
Synthesis of substrate **2d** as per general procedure 5 using **1d** (0.050 g, 0.20 mmol), Pd/C (21 mg, 0.020 mmol), AcOH (1.20 mL) and H₂ balloon at 80 °C.



Pale-yellow oil; 91% (0.046 g); **IR** $\tilde{\nu}_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$: 2929, 1603, 1574, 1445, 1192, 1101, 750; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 9.00 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, 1H, J = 7.4 Hz), 7.59 (d, 1H, J = 8.2 Hz), 7.48 (t, 1H, J = 7.7 Hz), 7.38 (t, 1H, J = 7.4 Hz), 3.91–3.84 (m, 1H), 3.47 (s, 3H), 3.45–2.99 (m, 4H), 2.17–1.81 (m, 2H) ppm; **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 159.8 (qC), 156.2 (qC), 153.2 (qC), 140.7 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 123.8 (CH), 122.3 (qC), 121.1 (CH), 119.2 (qC), 116.2 (qC), 112.0 (CH), 75.2 (CH), 56.2 (CH₃), 37.9 (CH₂), 26.3 (CH₂), 19.1 (CH₂) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) m/z : [M + H]⁺ calcd. for [C₁₆H₁₆NO₂]⁺: 254.1176; found: 254.1173.

3-Phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-c]quinoline (2e)

Synthesis of substrate **2e** as per general procedure 5 using **1e** (0.037 g, 0.12 mmol), Pd/C (13 mg, 0.012 mmol), AcOH (0.75 mL) and H₂ balloon at 80 °C for 30 hours.

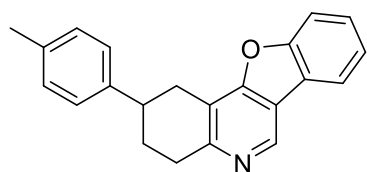


Off-white solid; 73% (0.023 g); **m.p.** 133 – 135 °C; **IR** $\tilde{\nu}_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$: 2923, 1599, 1572, 1444, 1411, 1191, 1017, 745, 700; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 9.01 (s, 1H), 7.97 (d, 1H, J = 7.7 Hz), 7.59 (d, 1H, J = 8.2 Hz), 7.47 (t, 1H, J = 7.7 Hz), 7.41–7.30 (m, 5H), 7.25 (t, 1H, J = 6.9 Hz), 3.46

– 3.00 (m, 5H), 2.34–2.26 (m, 1H), 2.10–1.96 (m, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 160.1 (qC), 156.2 (qC), 155.4 (qC), 145.7 (qC), 140.5 (CH), 128.7 (2 $\times$ CH), 127.7 (CH), 127.0 (2 $\times$ CH), 126.5 (CH), 123.8 (CH), 122.4 (qC), 121.1 (CH), 119.0 (qC), 116.2 (qC), 112.0 (CH), 40.5 (CH), 40.1 (CH_2), 29.3 (CH_2), 22.5 (CH_2) ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF; positive mode) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $[\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}]^+$: 300.1383; found: 300.1389.

2-(*p*-Tolyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-*c*]quinoline (2f)

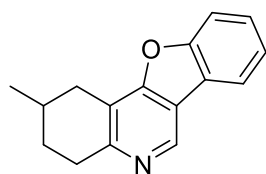
Synthesis of substrate **2f** as per general procedure 5 using **1f** (0.078 g, 0.25 mmol), Pd/C (27 mg, 0.025 mmol), AcOH (1.50 mL) and H_2 balloon at 100 °C for 72 hours.



Pale-yellow solid; 9% (0.007 g); m.p. 58 – 60 °C; IR $\tilde{\nu}_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$: 2924, 1605, 1572, 1445, 1192, 1122, 748; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 9.05 (s, 1H), 8.00 (d, 1H, J = 7.4 Hz), 7.58 (d, 1H, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.49 (t, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.41 (t, 1H, J = 7.4 Hz), 7.24 (d, 2H, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.18 (d, 2H, J = 7.8 Hz), 3.55–3.42 (m, 1H), 3.36–3.18 (m, 2H), 3.17–3.03 (m, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.37–2.30 (m, 1H), 2.18–2.10 (m, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 160.1 (qC), 156.2 (qC), 154.9 (qC), 142.6 (qC), 139.8 (CH), 136.2 (qC), 129.5 (2 $\times$ CH), 127.9 (CH), 126.9 (2 $\times$ CH), 123.9 (CH), 122.3 (qC), 121.2 (CH), 118.7 (qC), 116.9 (qC), 112.1 (CH), 39.1 (CH), 32.7 (CH_2), 30.5 (CH_2), 30.3 (CH_2), 21.2 (CH_3) ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF; positive mode) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $[\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}]^+$: 314.1539; found: 314.1540.

2-Methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-*c*]quinoline (2g)

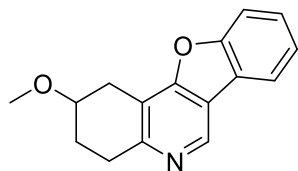
Synthesis of substrate **2g** as per general procedure 5 using **1g** (0.047 g, 0.20 mmol), Pd/C (22 mg, 0.020 mmol), AcOH (1.20 mL) and H_2 balloon at 80 °C.



Off-white solid; 78% (0.037 g); m.p. 97 – 99 °C; IR $\tilde{\nu}_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$: 2925, 1606, 1572, 1446, 1192, 1122, 996, 864, 835, 748; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.98 (s, 1H), 7.96 (ddd, 1H, J = 0.6, 1.2, 7.7 Hz), 7.60–7.57 (m, 1H), 7.49–7.45 (m, 1H), 7.38 (td, 1H, J = 1.2, 7.7 Hz), 3.25 (dd, 1H, J = 4.3, 16.8 Hz), 3.17 (ddd, 1H, J = 3.4, 5.5, 17.6 Hz), 3.12–3.03 (m, 1H), 2.57 (dd, 1H, J = 10.3, 16.8 Hz), 2.10–1.97 (m, 2H), 1.62 (dtd, J = 5.5, 11.0, 12.8 Hz), 1.19 (d, 3H, J = 6.6 Hz) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 160.1 (qC), 156.1 (qC), 155.5 (qC), 140.1 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 123.7 (CH), 122.5 (qC), 121.1 (CH), 118.8 (qC), 116.6 (qC), 112.0 (CH), 32.3 (CH_2), 31.4 (CH_2), 30.7 (CH_2), 28.3 (CH), 21.8 (CH_3), ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF; positive mode) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $[\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}]^+$: 238.1226; found: 238.1232.

2-Methoxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-c]quinoline (2h)

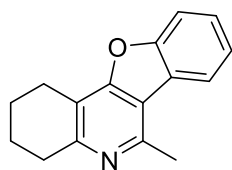
Synthesis of substrate **2h** as per general procedure 5 using **1h** (0.051 g, 0.20 mmol), Pd/C (22 mg, 0.020 mmol), AcOH (1.20 mL) and H₂ balloon at 80 °C.



Yellow oil; 28% (0.014 g); IR $\tilde{\nu}_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$: 2928, 1604, 1572, 1445, 1343, 1191, 1100, 960, 880, 835, 749; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.99 (s, 1H), 7.97 (d, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.60 (d, 1H, J = 8.2 Hz), 7.48 (t, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.39 (t, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 3.88–3.83 (m, 1H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 3.35 (dd, 1H, J = 4.5, 16.8 Hz), 3.28–3.21 (m, 1H), 3.15–3.05 (m, 2H), 2.21–2.09 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 160.4 (qC), 156.1 (qC), 154.7 (qC), 140.4 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 123.8 (CH), 122.4 (qC), 121.1 (CH), 119.0 (qC), 114.3 (qC), 112.0 (CH), 74.1 (CH), 56.2 (CH₃), 29.4 (CH₂), 28.1 (CH₂), 27.4 (CH₂), ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF; positive mode) m/z : [M + H]⁺ calcd. for [C₁₆H₁₆NO₂]⁺: 254.1176; found: 254.1177.

6-Methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-c]quinoline (2i)

Synthesis of substrate **2i** as per general procedure 5 using **1i** (0.050 g, 0.21 mmol), Pd/C (24.3 mg, 0.023 mmol, 10 mol%), AcOH (1.10 mL) and H₂ balloon at 100 °C for 48 h.

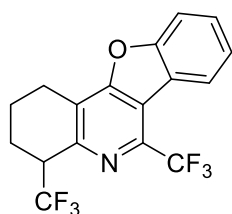


White solid; 91% (0.041 g); m.p. 81 – 83 °C; IR $\tilde{\nu}_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$: 2941, 2918, 2853, 1578, 1443, 1197, 1076; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.96 (dd, 1H, J = 0.7, 7.7 Hz), 7.57 (ddd, 1H, J = 0.7, 0.9, 8.2 Hz), 7.50–7.42 (ddd, 1H, J = 1.3, 7.4, 8.2 Hz), 7.36 (dt, 1H, J = 1.0, 7.7 Hz), 3.02 (m, 4H), 2.92 (s, 3H), 2.01–1.88 (m, 4H) ppm; ¹³C

NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 160.1 (qC), 155.9 (qC), 154.7 (qC), 150.3 (qC), 126.8 (CH), 123.5 (CH), 123.3 (qC), 121.9 (CH), 116.7 (qC), 114.4 (qC), 111.7 (CH), 32.4 (CH₂), 23.2 (CH₂), 22.8 (CH₃), 22.1 (CH₂), 22.0 (CH₂) ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF; positive mode) m/z : [M + H]⁺ calcd. for [C₁₆H₁₆NO]⁺: 238.1226; found: 238.1227.

4,6-Bis(trifluoromethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-c]quinoline (2j)

Synthesis of substrate **2j** as per general procedure 5 using **1j** (0.050 g, 0.14 mmol), Pd/C (15.0 mg, 0.014 mmol), AcOH (1.10 mL) and H₂ balloon at 80 °C.



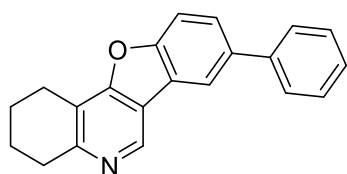
White solid; 87% (0.044 mg); m.p. 150 – 152 °C; IR $\tilde{\nu}_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$: 2958, 2927, 1570, 1470, 1237, 1173, 1113, 1098; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.19 (dd, 1H, J = 0.8, 8.0 Hz), 7.67 (ddd, 1H, J = 0.8, 1.0, 8.3 Hz), 7.60 (overlapping ddd, 1H, J = 1.3, 7.3, 8.3 Hz), 7.47 (overlapping ddd, 1H, J = 1.0, 7.3, 8.3 Hz), 3.94 – 3.84 (m, 1H), 3.25 (dt, 1H, J = 5.6, 17.7 Hz), 3.13 (dt, 1H, J = 7.3, 17.7 Hz), 2.40 – 2.31 (m, 1H),

2.23 – 2.12 (m, 2H), 2.01 – 1.92 (m, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 159.7 (qC), 155.5 (qC),

145.6 (qC), 137.6 (q, $^2J_{(C,F)} = 38$ Hz, qC), 128.3 (CH), 125.6 (q, $^1J_{(C,F)} = 280$ Hz, C-F₃), 123.5 (CH), 123.0 (q, $^5J_{(C,F)} = 4$ Hz, CH), 121.2 (qC), 120.8 (q, $^1J_{(C,F)} = 175$ Hz, C-F₃), 118.8 (qC), 116.6 (qC), 111.0 (CH), 43.2 (q, $^2J_{(C,F)} = 26$ Hz, aliphatic CH), 22.0 (q, $^3J_{(C,F)} = 2$ Hz, CH₂), 20.1 (CH₂), 16.9 (CH₂) ppm; **^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃)** $\delta = -66.3$ (CF₃), -66.4 (CF₃) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) m/z : [M + H]⁺ calcd. for [C₁₇H₁₂F₆NO]⁺: 360.0818; found: 360.0819.

8-Phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-c]quinoline (2k)

Synthesis of substrate **2k** as per general procedure 5 using **1k** (0.070 g, 0.24 mmol), Pd/C (25 mg, 0.024 mmol), AcOH (1.40 mL) and H₂ balloon at 80 °C.

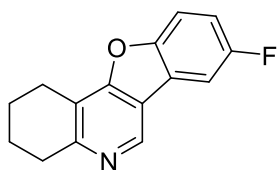


White solid; 70% (0.050 g); **m.p.** 116–118 °C; **IR** $\tilde{\nu}_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$: 2927, 1635, 1567, 1470, 1410, 1195, 1069, 1033, 767, 701; **^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** $\delta = 9.00$ (s, 1H), 8.12 (d, 1H, $J = 1.4$ Hz), 7.69–7.58 (m, 4H), 7.46 (t, 2H, $J = 7.4$ Hz), 7.36 (t, 1H, $J = 7.4$ Hz), 3.17–3.00 (m, 4H), 2.05–1.88

(m, 4H) ppm; **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** $\delta = 160.6$ (qC), 156.0 (qC), 155.6 (qC), 141.0 (qC), 140.1 (CH), 137.4 (qC), 129.0 (2 × CH), 127.5 (2 × CH), 127.4 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 123.0 (qC), 119.5 (CH), 118.8 (qC), 117.0 (qC), 112.0 (CH), 32.6 (CH₂), 23.2 (CH₂), 22.4 (CH₂), 22.0 (CH₂) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) m/z : [M + H]⁺ calcd. for [C₂₁H₁₈NO]⁺: 300.1383; found: 300.1392.

14-Fluoro-5,6,7,8-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-c]quinoline (2l)

Synthesis of substrate **2l** as per general procedure 5 using **1l** (0.050 g, 0.21 mmol), Pd/C (22.4 mg, 0.021 mmol), AcOH (1.10 mL) and H₂ balloon at 80 °C.

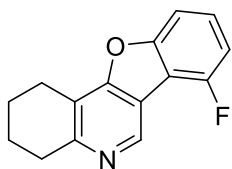


White solid; 70% (0.047 g); **m.p.** = 141–144 °C; **IR** $\tilde{\nu}_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$: 2935, 1635, 1599, 1573, 1476, 1423, 1343, 1168, 1156, 1115, 1091, 897, 862, 816, 798; **^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** $\delta = 8.92$ (s, 1H), 7.58 (dd, 1H, $J = 2.6, 8.0$ Hz), 7.48 (dd, 1H, $J = 4.0, 9.0$ Hz), 7.15 (td, 1H, $J = 2.6, 9.0$ Hz), 3.06 (t, 2H, $J = 6.1$ Hz),

3.01 (t, 2H, $J = 6.1$ Hz), 2.03–1.87 (m, 4H) ppm; **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** $\delta = 161.0$ (qC), 159.5 (d, $^1J_{(C,F)} = 241$ Hz, qC-F), 156.4 (qC), 152.1 (qC), 140.3 (CH), 123.5 (d, $^3J_{(C,F)} = 10$ Hz, qC), 118.6 (d, $^4J_{(C,F)} = 2$ Hz, qC), 117.1 (qC), 114.8 (d, $^2J_{(C,F)} = 26$ Hz, CH), 112.6 (d, $^3J_{(C,F)} = 9$ Hz, CH), 107.2 (d, $^2J_{(C,F)} = 26$ Hz, CH), 32.6 (CH₂), 23.1 (CH₂), 22.3 (CH₂), 21.9 (CH₂) ppm; **^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃)** $\delta = -119.1$ ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) m/z : [M + H]⁺ calcd. for [C₁₅H₁₃FNO]⁺: 242.0976; found: 242.0985.

7-Fluoro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-c]quinoline (2m)

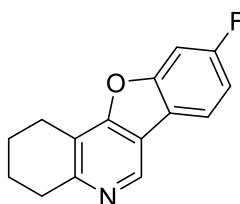
Synthesis of substrate **2m** as per general procedure 5 using **1m** (0.050 g, 0.21 mmol), Pd/C (22.4 mg, 0.021 mmol), AcOH (1.10 mL) and H₂ balloon at 80 °C.



White solid; 88% (0.045 g); **m.p.** 108 – 110 °C; **IR** $\tilde{\nu}_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$: 2929, 2860, 1570, 1492, 1243, 1222, 1015; **^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ = 9.03 (s, 1H), 7.44 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.08 (overlapping ddd, 1H, J = 1.0, 7.9, 9.0 Hz), 3.11 – 3.01 (m, 4H), 2.05 – 1.89 (m, 4H) ppm; **^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ = 159.6 (qC), 157.4 (d, $^1J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 250 Hz, C-F), 157.4 (d, $^3J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 9 Hz, qC), 156.1 (qC), 141.5 (d, $^4J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 3 Hz, CH), 128.1 (d, $^3J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 8 Hz, CH), 116.7 (qC), 116.3 (d, $^3J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 3 Hz, qC), 111.5 (d, $^2J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 23 Hz, qC), 109.9 (d, $^2J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 19 Hz, CH), 107.8 (d, $^4J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 4 Hz, CH), 32.5 (CH_2), 23.0 (CH_2), 22.2 (CH_2), 21.8 (CH_2) ppm; **^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ = –115.9 ppm (CF); **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{FNO}]^+$: 242.0976; found: 242.0974.

9-Fluoro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-c]quinoline (2n)

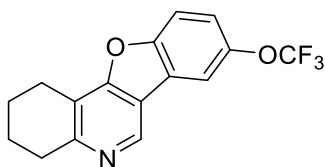
Synthesis of substrate **2n** as per general procedure 5 using **1n** (0.050 g, 0.21 mmol), Pd/C (22.4 mg, 0.021 mmol), AcOH (1.10 mL) and H_2 balloon at 80 °C.



White solid; 90% (0.046 g); **m.p.** 129 – 131 °C; **IR** $\tilde{\nu}_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$: 2922, 2851, 1571, 1408, 1120, 1091, 1026; **^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ = 8.94 (s, 1H), 7.89 (dd, 1H, J = 5.4, 8.6 Hz), 7.30 (dd, 1H, J = 2.3, 8.6 Hz), 7.12 (ddd, 1H, J = 2.3, 8.6, 9.3 Hz), 3.11 – 2.99 (m, 4H), 2.50 – 1.85 (m, 4H) ppm; **^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ = 162.4 (d, $^1J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 244 Hz, C-F), 160.7 (qC), 156.3 (d, $^3J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 13 Hz, qC), 155.5 (qC), 139.6 (CH), 121.4 (d, $^3J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 10 Hz, CH), 118.7 (d, $^4J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 2 Hz, qC), 118.1 (qC), 116.8 (qC), 111.6 (d, $^2J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 24 Hz, CH), 100.0 (d, $^2J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 28 Hz, CH), 32.4 (CH_2), 23.1 (CH_2), 22.2 (CH_2), 21.9 (CH_2) ppm; **^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ = –112.2 ppm (CF); **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd. For $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{FNO}]^+$: 242.0976; found: 242.0972.

8-(Trifluoromethoxy)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-c]quinoline (2o)

Synthesis of substrate **2o** as per general procedure 5 using **1o** (0.085 g, 0.28 mmol), Pd/C (30 mg, 0.028 mmol), AcOH (1.70 mL) and H_2 balloon at 80 °C.

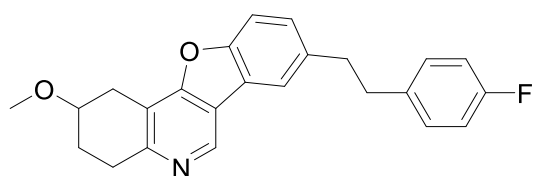


Off-white solid; 92% (0.080 g); **m.p.** 116 – 118 °C; **IR** $\tilde{\nu}_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$: 2942, 1635, 1576, 1462, 1434, 1252, 1197, 1153; **^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ = 8.96 (s, 1H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, 1H, J = 8.9 Hz), 7.32 (dd, 1H, J = 1.3, 8.9 Hz), 3.08 (t, 2H, J = 6.2 Hz), 3.04 (t, 2H, J = 6.2 Hz), 2.04–1.88 (m, 4H) ppm; **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ = 161.0 (qC), 156.8 (qC), 154.0 (qC), 145.4 (q, $^2J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 2 Hz, qC-O), 140.4 (CH), 123.6 (qC), 120.9 (CH), 120.7 (q, $^1J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 257 Hz, CF_3), 118.2 (qC), 117.2 (qC), 113.9 (CH), 112.7 (CH), 32.6 (CH_2), 23.1 (CH_2), 22.3 (CH_2), 21.9 (CH_2) ppm; **^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ = –58.2

(CF₃) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ calcd. for [C₁₆H₁₃F₃NO₂]⁺: 308.0893; found: 308.0905.

8-(4-fluorophenethyl)-2-methoxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-*c*]quinoline (4a)

Synthesis of substrate **4a** as per general procedure 5 using **3a** (0.075 g, 0.20 mmol), Pd/C (22 mg, 0.020 mmol), AcOH (1.20 mL) and H₂ balloon at 80 °C. ¹H NMR analysis showed a mixture of **4a** (7% conversion) and only alkene reduction (93% reduction). Isolated alkene-reduced substrate (0.030 g, 0.081 mmol, 1 eq.) was resubmitted with Pd/C (13 mg, 0.012 mmol, 15 mol%) in AcOH (0.60 mL) as per general procedure 5 at 80 °C for 48 hours. The product was then purified by preparative thin layer chromatography (DCM/EtOAc 1:1 + 1% NEt₃).



Colourless oil; 29% (0.009 g); **IR** $\tilde{\nu}_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$: 2927, 1638,

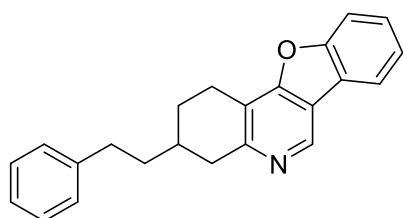
1575, 1509, 1480, 1433, 1220, 1192, 1103, 825, 752;

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.96 (s, 1H), 7.74 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 7.48 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.23 (dd, 1H, *J* = 1.7,

8.4 Hz), 7.13–7.08 (m, 2H), 6.95 (t, 2H, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 3.88–3.81 (m, 1H), 3.48 (s, 3H), 3.34 (dd, 1H, *J* = 4.8, 16.9 Hz), 3.24 (m, 1H), 3.12–3.03 (m, 4H), 3.00–2.95 (m, 2H), 2.22–2.09 (m, 2H) ppm; **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 161.5 (d, ¹*J*_(C,F) = 244 Hz, C-F), 160.8 (qC), 154.8 (qC), 154.7 (qC), 140.4 (CH), 137.2 (qC), 137.1 (qC), 130.0 (d, ³*J*_(C,F) = 8 Hz, 2 × CH), 128.3 (CH), 122.5 (qC), 120.7 (CH), 119.0 (qC), 115.3 (d, ²*J*_(C,F) = 21 Hz, 2 × CH), 114.3 (qC), 111.7 (CH), 74.2 (CH), 56.2 (CH₃), 38.1 (CH₂), 37.7 (CH₂), 29.5 (CH₂), 28.2 (CH₂), 27.5 (CH₂) ppm; **¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = −117.4 (CF) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ calcd. for [C₂₄H₂₃FNO₂]⁺: 376.1707; found: 376.1706.

3-Phenethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-*c*]quinoline (4b)

Synthesis of substrate **4b** as per general procedure 5 using **3b** (0.078 g, 0.24 mmol), Pd/C (26 mg, 0.024 mmol), AcOH (1.50 mL) and H₂ balloon for 30 hours.



Off-white solid; 67% (0.053 g); **m.p.** 114 – 118 °C; **IR** $\tilde{\nu}_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$:

2921, 1602, 1573, 1427, 1343, 1195, 1016, 919, 747, 696; **¹H NMR**

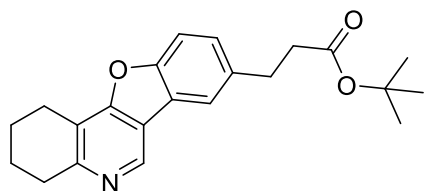
(400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.99 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 7.58 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.46 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 7.37 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 7.32–

7.16 (m, 5H), 3.34–3.12 (m, 2H), 3.01–2.87 (m, 1H), 2.84–2.71 (m,

3H), 2.21–1.16 (m, 5H) ppm; **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 160.1 (qC), 156.1 (qC), 155.4 (qC), 142.6 (qC), 140.3 (CH), 128.5 (4 × CH), 127.6 (CH), 125.9 (CH), 123.7 (CH), 122.5 (qC), 121.1 (CH), 118.9 (qC), 116.6 (qC), 112.0 (CH), 39.1 (CH₂), 38.2 (CH₂), 33.9 (CH), 33.3 (CH₂), 28.2 (CH₂), 22.0 (CH₂) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ calcd. for [C₂₃H₂₂NO]⁺: 328.1696; found: 328.1683.

tert-Butyl 3-(1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-c]quinolin-8-yl)propanoate (4c)

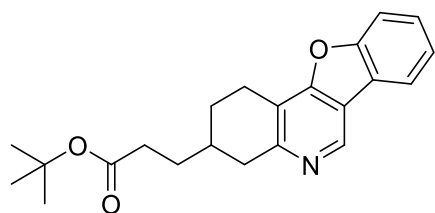
Synthesis of substrate **4c** as per general procedure 5 using **3c** (0.050 g, 0.20 mmol), Pd/C (21.7 mg, 0.020 mmol), AcOH (1.10 mL) and H₂ balloon at 80 °C.



White solid; 88% (0.54 mg); **m.p.** 58 – 60 °C; **IR** $\tilde{\nu}_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$: 3071, 3018, 1620, 1568, 1501, 1392, 1238, 1159; **¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 8.88 (s, 1H), 7.73 (d, 1H, J = 1.7 Hz), 7.41 (d, 1H, J = 8.5 Hz), 7.23 (dd, 1H, J = 1.7, 8.5 Hz), 3.06 – 2.92 (m, 6H), 2.55 (t, 2H, J = 7.7 Hz), 1.98 – 1.78 (m, 4H), 1.34 (s, 9H) ppm; **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 171.1 (C=O), 159.3 (qC), 154.5 (qC), 153.7 (qC), 138.9 (CH), 135.3 (qC), 126.9 (CH), 121.4 (qC), 119.4 (CH), 117.6 (qC), 115.8 (qC), 110.5 (CH), 79.5 (qC), 36.5 (CH₂), 31.4 (CH₂), 30.0 (CH₂), 27.1 (3 × CH₃), 22.1 (CH₂), 21.2 (CH₂), 20.9 (CH₂) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) m/z : [M + H]⁺ calcd. For [C₂₂H₂₆NO₃]⁺: 352.1913; found: 352.1911.

tert-Butyl 3-(1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-c]quinolin-3-yl)propanoate (4d)

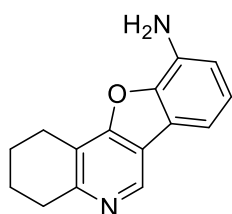
Synthesis of substrate **4d** as per general procedure 5 using **3d** (0.057 g, 0.17 mmol), Pd/C (18 mg, 0.017 mmol), AcOH (1.0 mL) and H₂ balloon for 30 hours.



White solid; 86% (0.050 g); **m.p.** 91 – 94 °C; **IR** $\tilde{\nu}_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$: 2926, 1724, 1573, 1445, 1366, 1190, 1141, 1017, 747; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 8.98 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.58 (d, 1H, J = 8.2 Hz), 7.47 (t, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.38 (t, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 3.28–3.18 (m, 2H), 3.03 – 2.88 (m, 1H), 2.70 (dd, 1H, J = 10.4, 17.2 Hz), 2.39 (t, 2H, J = 7.7 Hz), 2.16 – 2.07 (m, 1H), 1.99 – 1.91 (m, 1H), 1.81 – 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.59 – 1.49 (m, 1H), 1.46 (s, 9H) ppm; **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 173.2 (C=O), 160.0 (qC), 156.1 (qC), 155.1 (qC), 140.3 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 123.7 (CH), 122.4 (qC), 121.0 (CH), 118.9 (qC), 116.5 (qC), 112.0 (CH), 80.4 (qC), 38.9 (CH₂), 33.9 (CH), 33.2 (CH₂), 31.4 (CH₂), 28.3 (3 × CH₃), 27.9 (CH₂), 21.9 (CH₂) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) m/z : [M + H]⁺ calcd. for [C₂₂H₂₆NO₃]⁺: 352.1907; found: 352.1921.

1,2,3,4-Tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-c]quinolin-10-amine (6a)

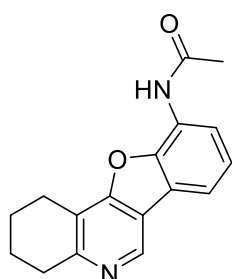
Synthesis of substrate **6a** as per general procedure 5. AcOH was replaced with MsOH (2M, 0.57 mL, 1.14 mmol, 3 eq.) in *i*PrOH (2.2 mL). From **5** (0.100 g, 0.38 mmol), Pd/C (40.2 mg, 0.038mmol) and H₂ balloon at 80 °C.



White solid; 90% (0.081 g); **m.p.** 202 – 204 °C; **IR** $\tilde{\nu}_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$: 3320, 3197, 2932, 1641, 1575, 1500, 1444, 1425, 1323, 1187, 1163, 1071, 893, 783, 753, 730; **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 8.94 (s, 1H), 7.36 (dd, 1H, *J* = 1.0, 7.7 Hz), 7.18 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 6.83 (dd, 1H, *J* = 1.0, 7.7 Hz), 4.07 (br s, 2H), 3.10–3.02 (m, 4H), 2.02–1.90 (m, 4H) ppm; **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 159.8 (qC), 155.3 (qC), 144.6 (qC), 140.3 (CH), 132.0 (C-NH₂), 124.4 (CH), 122.8 (qC), 119.4 (qC), 116.8 (qC), 113.4 (CH), 110.6 (CH), 32.4 (CH₂), 23.1 (CH₂), 22.3 (CH₂), 21.9 (CH₂) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ calcd. for [C₁₅H₁₅N₂O]⁺: 239.1179; found: 239.1186.

N-(1,2,3,4-Tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-c]quinolin-10-yl)acetamide (6b)

Synthesis of substrate **6b** as per general procedure 5 using **5** (100 g, 0.38 mmol), Pd/C (40.2 mg, 0.038 mmol), AcOH (2.20 mL) and H₂ balloon at 80 °C for 72 h.

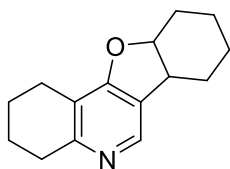


White solid; 68% (0.072 g); **m.p.** 233 – 234 °C; **IR** $\tilde{\nu}_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$: 3228, 2930, 1669, 1574, 1542, 1433, 1418, 1402, 1277, 1194, 1075, 792, 741, 734; **¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 8.97 (s, 1H), 8.34 (d, 1H *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.80 (br s, 1H), 7.67 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 7.35 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 3.11–3.02 (m, 4H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.99 (d, 2H, *J* = 4.9 Hz), 1.93 (d, 2H, *J* = 4.9 Hz) ppm; **¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 168.6 (C=O), 159.7 (qC), 156.1 (qC), 145.3 (qC), 140.4 (CH), 124.5 (CH), 123.9 (C-NH), 122.7 (qC), 119.0 (qC), 118.8 (CH), 116.9 (qC), 116.1 (CH), 32.5 (CH₂), 24.9 (CH₃), 23.1 (CH₂), 22.5 (CH₂), 21.9 (CH₂) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ calcd. for [C₁₇H₁₇N₂O₂]⁺: 281.1285; found: 281.1297.

Synthesis of Extended Reduction Products:

1,2,3,4,6b,7,8,9,10,10a-Decahydrobenzofuro[3,2-c]quinoline (7a)

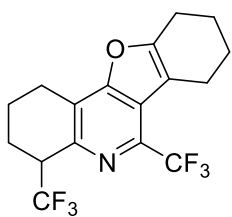
Synthesis of substrate **7a** as per general procedure 5 using **1a** (0.050 g, 0.23 mmol), Pd/C (22.4 mg, 0.023 mmol), AcOH (1.10 mL) and H₂ balloon with elevated temperature of 100 °C and reaction time of 48 hours.



White solid; 80% (0.042 g); **m.p.** 87 – 89 °C; **IR** $\tilde{\nu}_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$: 2930, 2857, 1617, 1579, 1458, 1288, 1070, 937, 907; **^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ = 8.06 (s, 1H), 4.73 (dt, 1H, J = 7.1, 5.1 Hz), 3.25 (q, 1H, J = 7.1 Hz), 2.86 (t, 2H, J = 6.3 Hz), 2.64 (t, 2H, J = 6.3 Hz), 2.02–1.94 (m, 1H), 1.91–1.75 (m, 6H), 1.55–1.47 (m, 4H), 1.40–1.32 (m, 1H) ppm; **^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ = 164.7 (qC), 157.5 (qC), 141.4 (Ar. CH), 126.7 (qC), 115.9 (qC), 84.2 (aliphatic CH), 38.7 (aliphatic CH), 32.5 (CH_2), 28.2 (CH_2), 27.5 (CH_2), 23.2 (CH_2), 22.4 (CH_2), 22.2 (CH_2), 21.7 (CH_2), 20.3 (CH_2) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}]^+$: 230.1539; found: 230.1551.

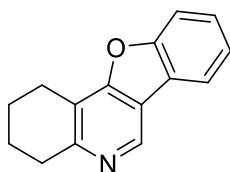
4,6-Bis(trifluoromethyl)-1,2,3,4,6b,7,8,9,10,10a-decahydrobenzofuro[3,2-c]quinoline (7b)

Synthesis of substrate **7b** as per general procedure 5 using **1j** (0.050 g, 0.14 mmol), Pd/C (15.0 mg, 0.014 mmol), AcOH (1.10 mL) and H_2 balloon with elevated temperature of 100 °C and reaction time of 48 hours.



White solid; 81% (0.041 mg); **m.p.** 106 – 108 °C; **IR** $\tilde{\nu}_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$: 2953, 2856, 1626, 1462, 1242, 1163, 1111, 1040; **^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ = 3.82 (m, 1H), 3.11 (dt, 1H, J = 5.5 Hz), 3.00 (dt, 1H, J = 7.7 Hz), 2.82 – 2.77 (m, 2H), 2.74 (t, 2H, J = 5.8 Hz), 2.34 – 2.26 (m, 1H), 2.15 – 2.04 (m, 2H), 1.97 – 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.91 – 1.83 (m, 3H) ppm; **^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ = 158.9 (qC), 157.4 (qC), 142.6 (qC), 136.8 (q, $^2J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 37 Hz, qC), 126.8 (q, $^1J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 282 Hz, CF_3), 121.9 (qC), 121.8 (q, $^1J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 272 Hz, CF_3), 121.2 (qC), 111.4 (qC), 43.9 (q, $^2J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 25 Hz, aliphatic CH), 23.7 (CH_2), 23.2 (q, $^3J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 2 Hz, CH_2), 22.6 (CH_2), 22.2 (CH_2), 21.7 (CH_2), 21.6 (q, $^5J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 4 Hz, CH_2), 18.0 (CH_2) ppm; **^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ = –63.5 (CF_3), –66.6 (CF_3) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF; positive mode) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd. For $[\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_6\text{NO}]^+$: 364.1131; found: 364.1138.

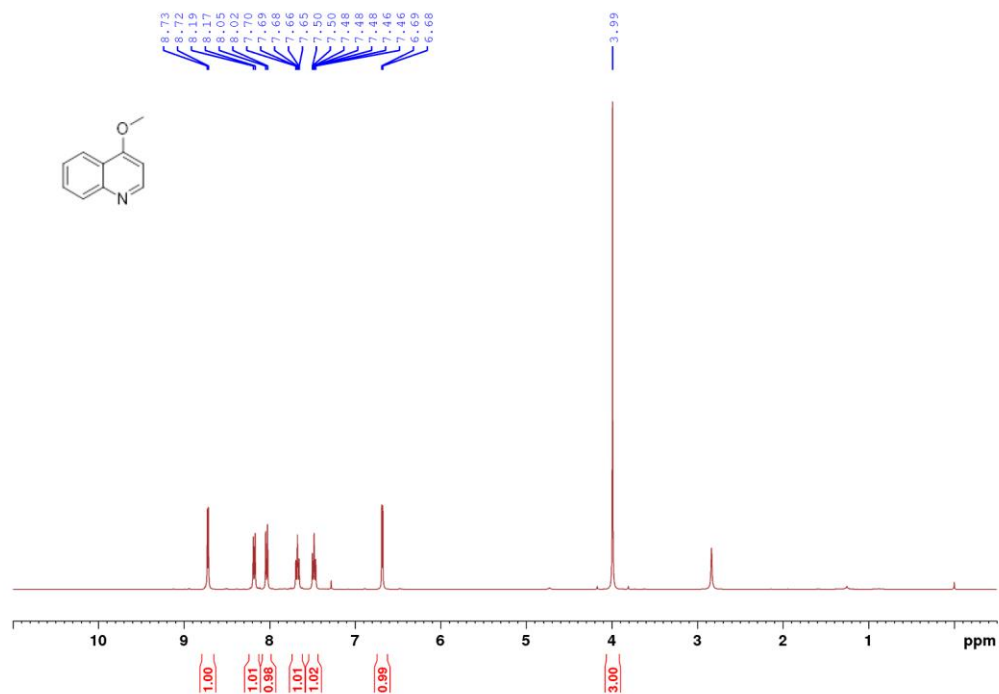
Scale up Synthesis of **2a**



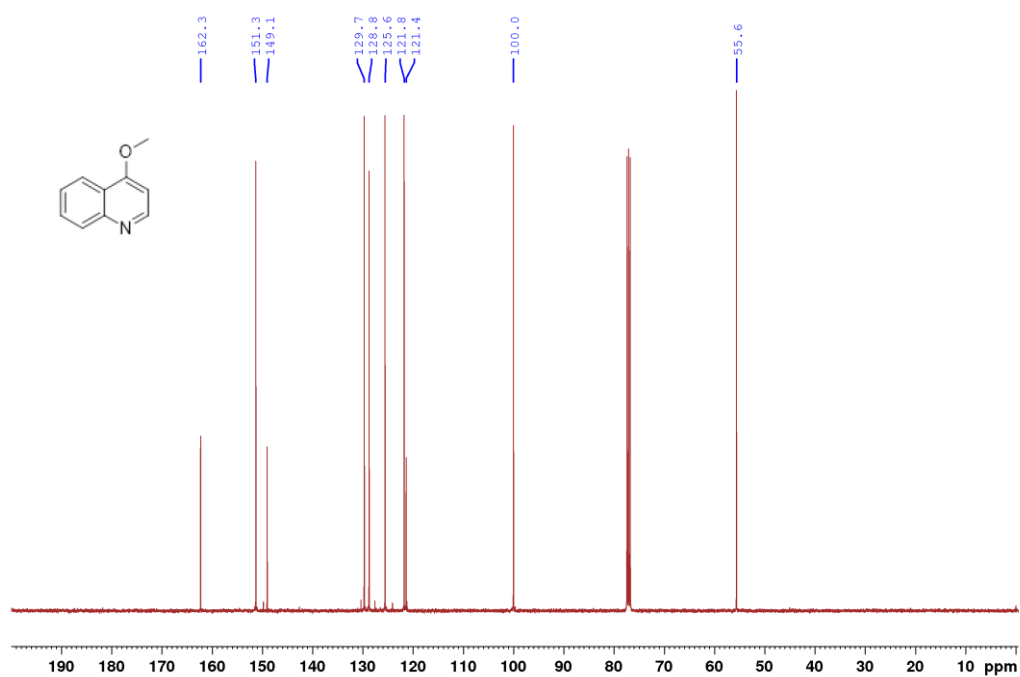
The scale up synthesis of **2a** was performed as per general procedure 5 using **1a** (1.10 g, 5.01 mmol), Pd/C (267 mg, 0.025 mmol, 5 mol%), AcOH (16.0 mL) and H_2 balloon in a 50 mL schlenk flask at 50 °C. yield: 91% (1.02 g) characterised as per **2a** above.

NMR Spectra of Substituted Quinolines

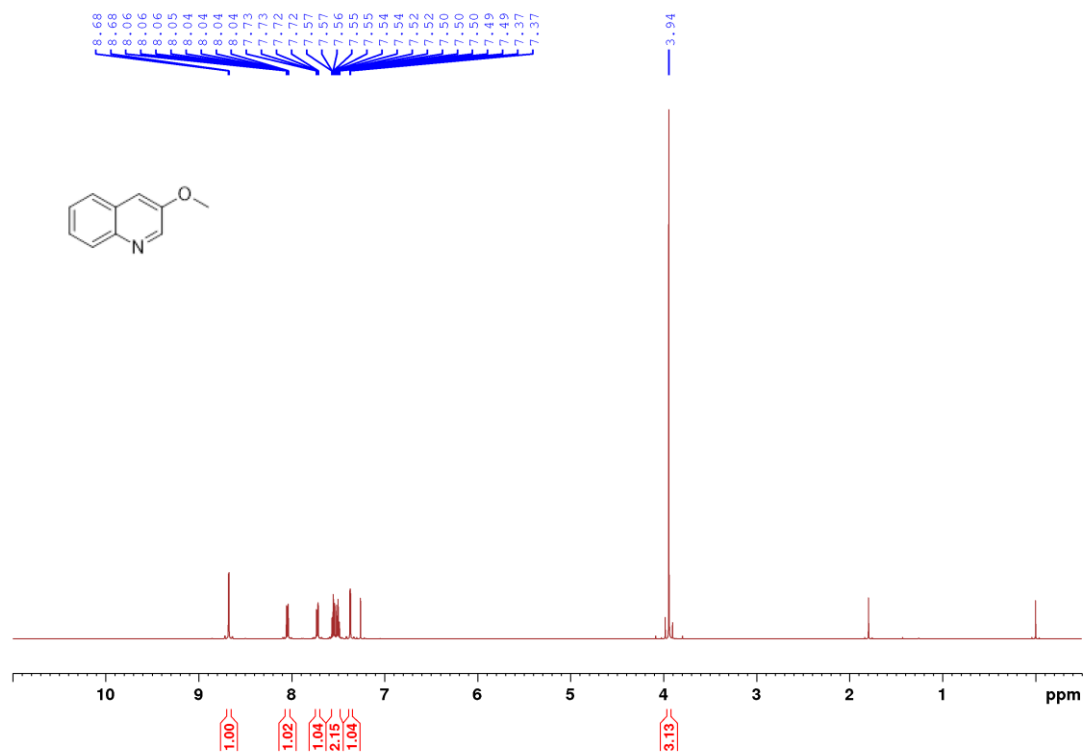
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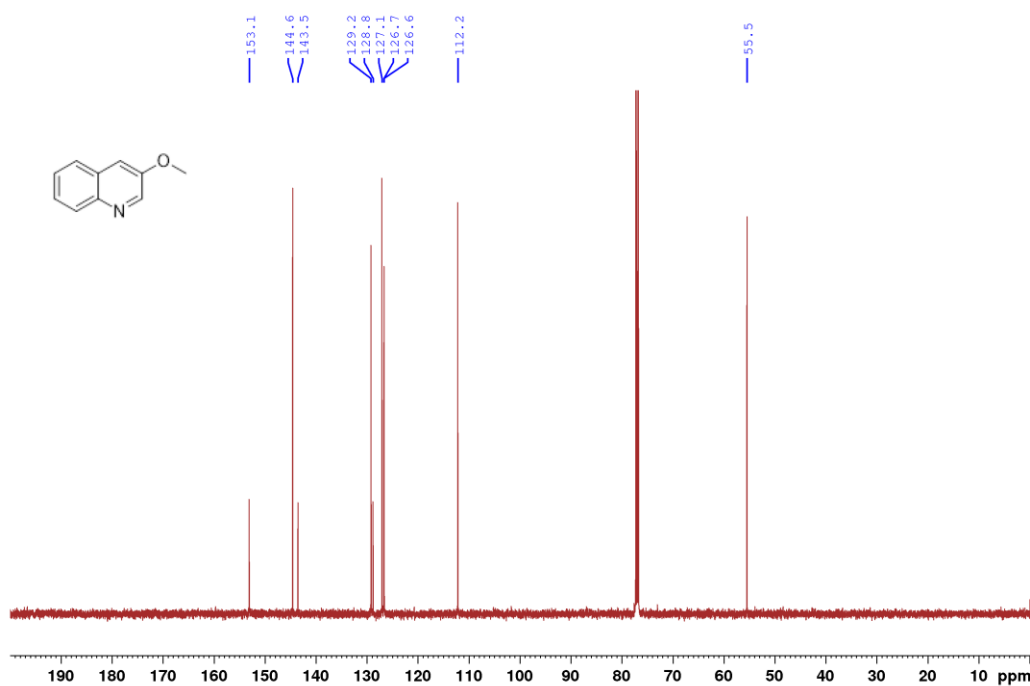
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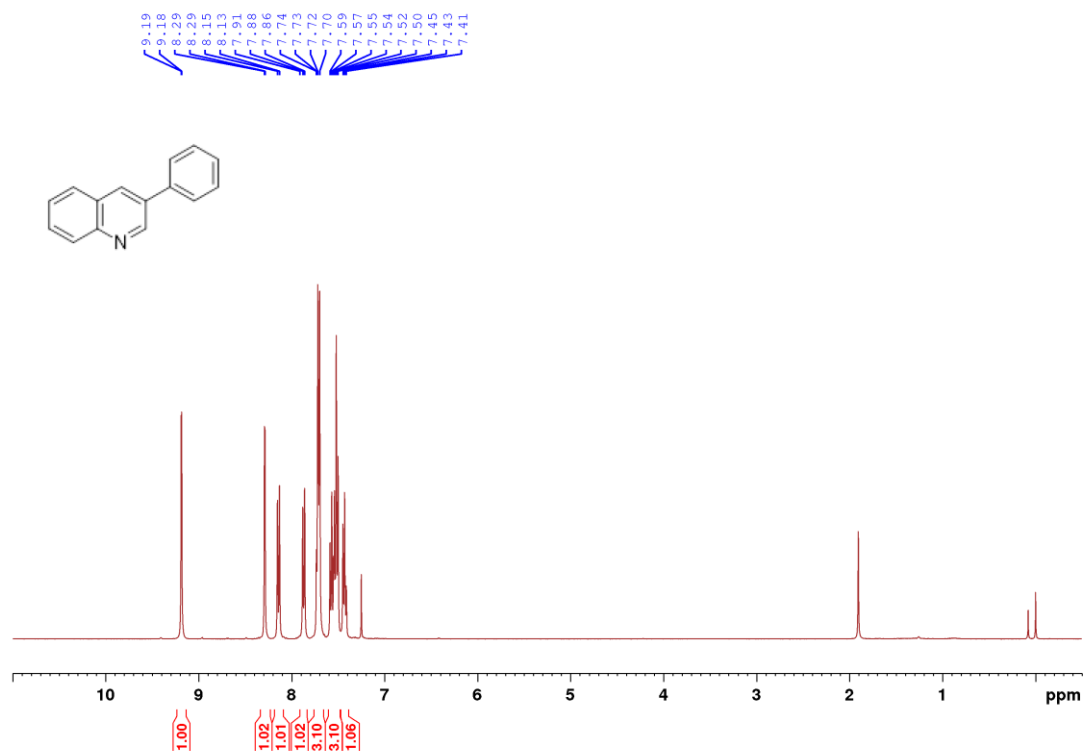
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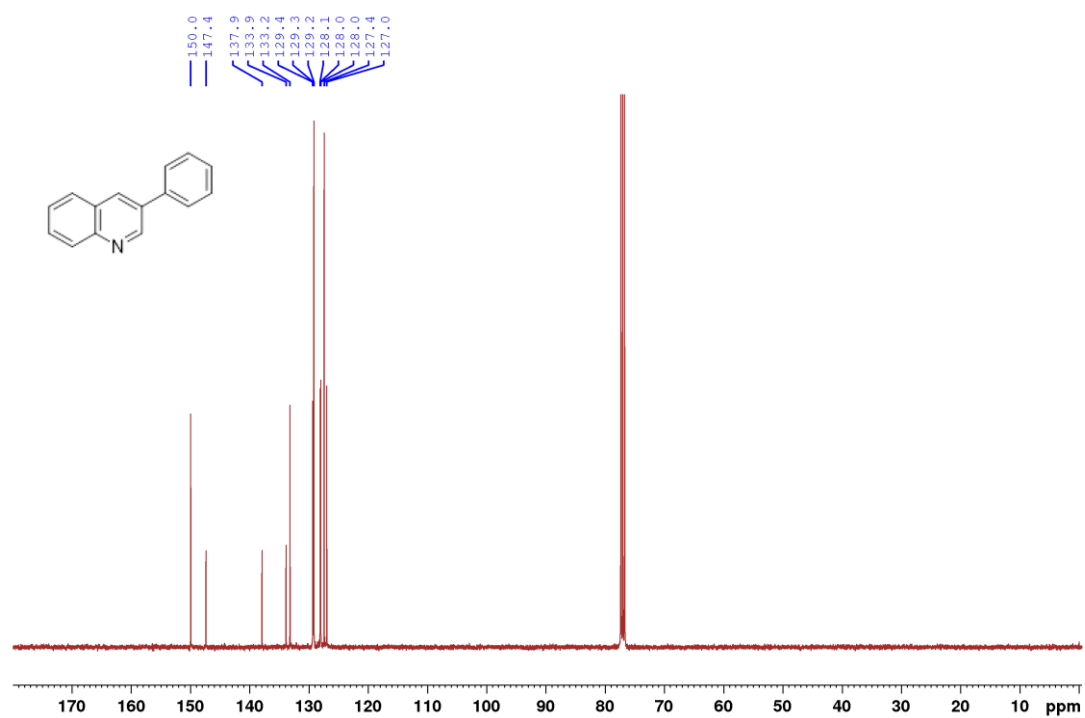
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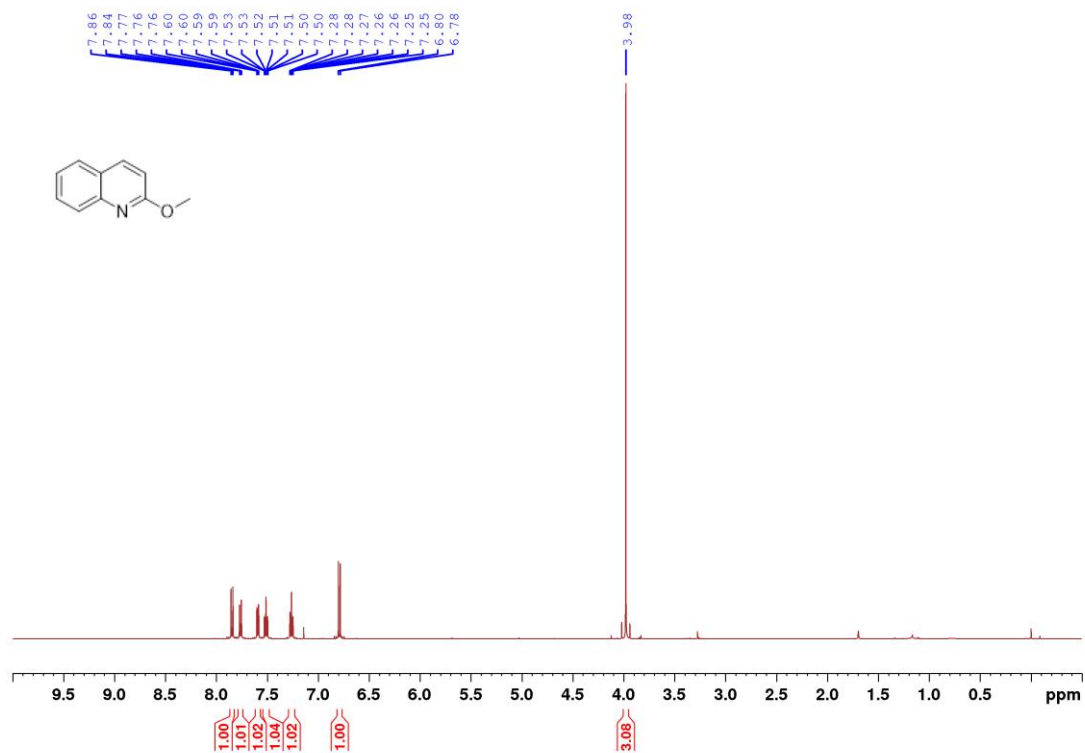
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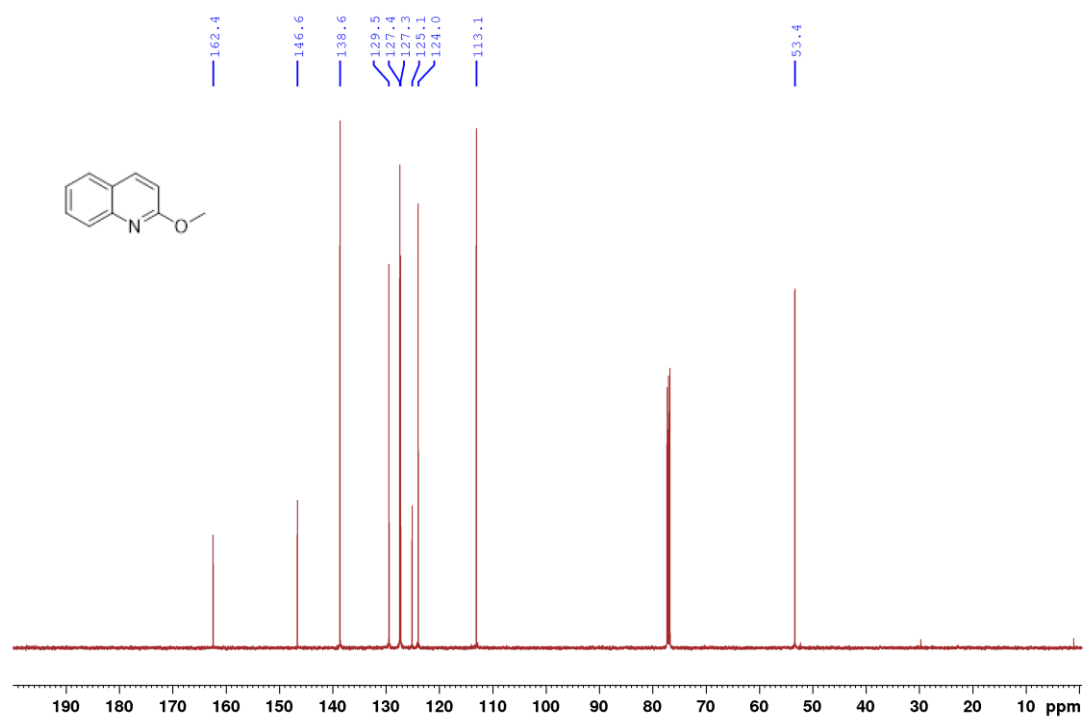
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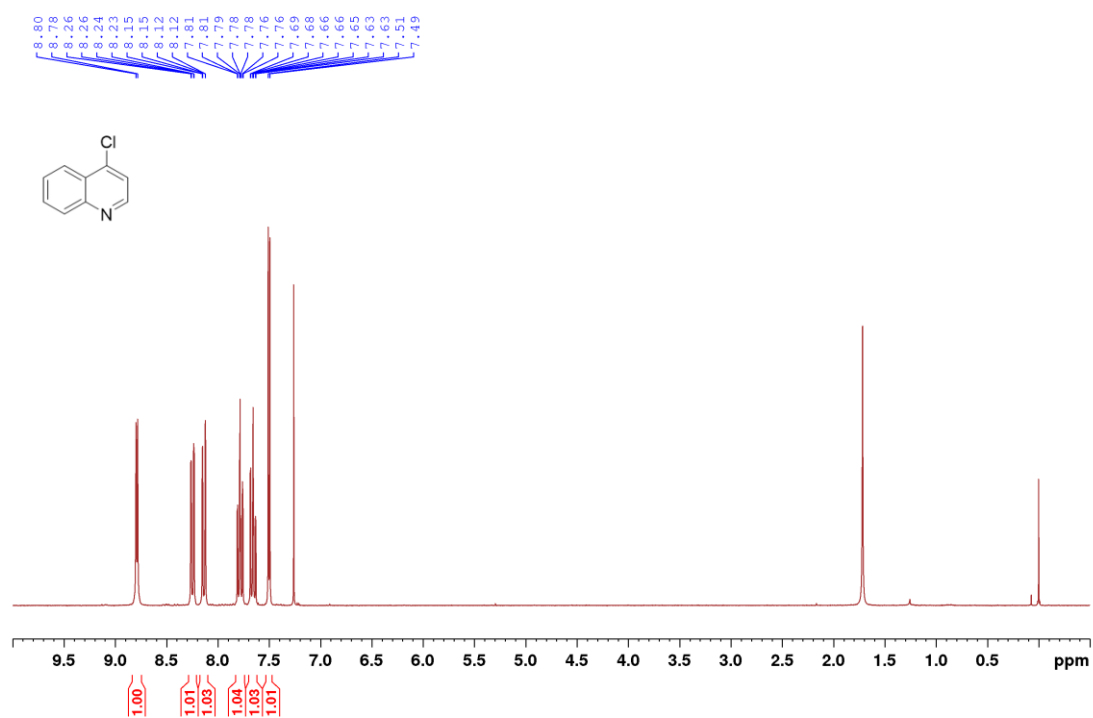
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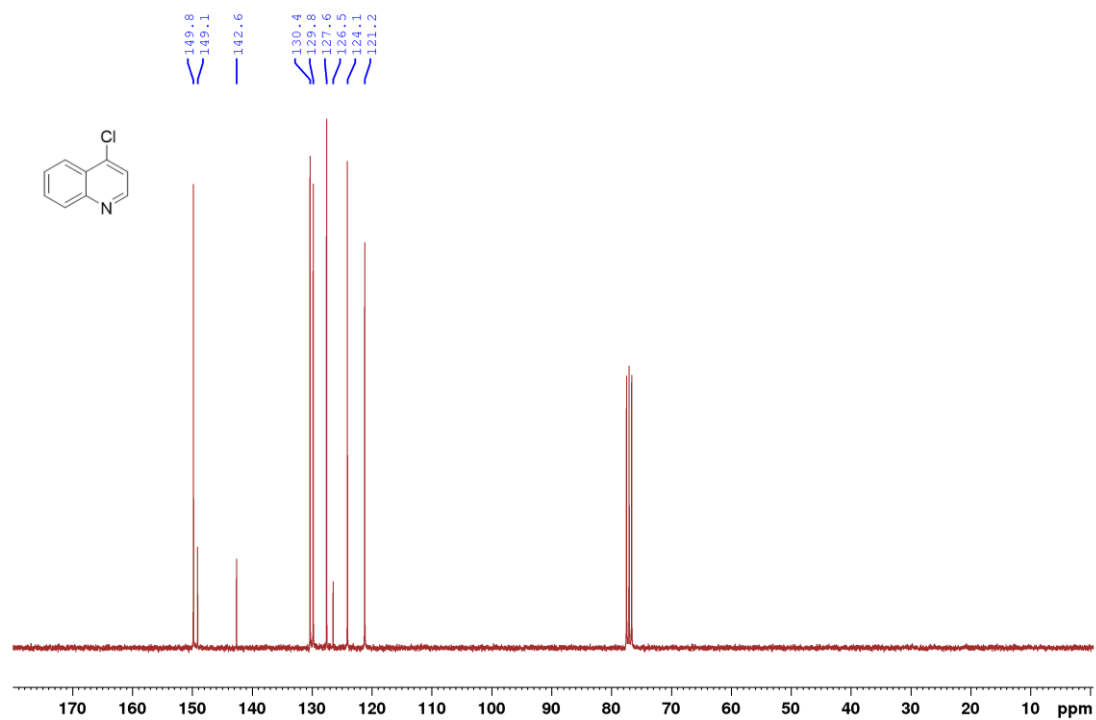
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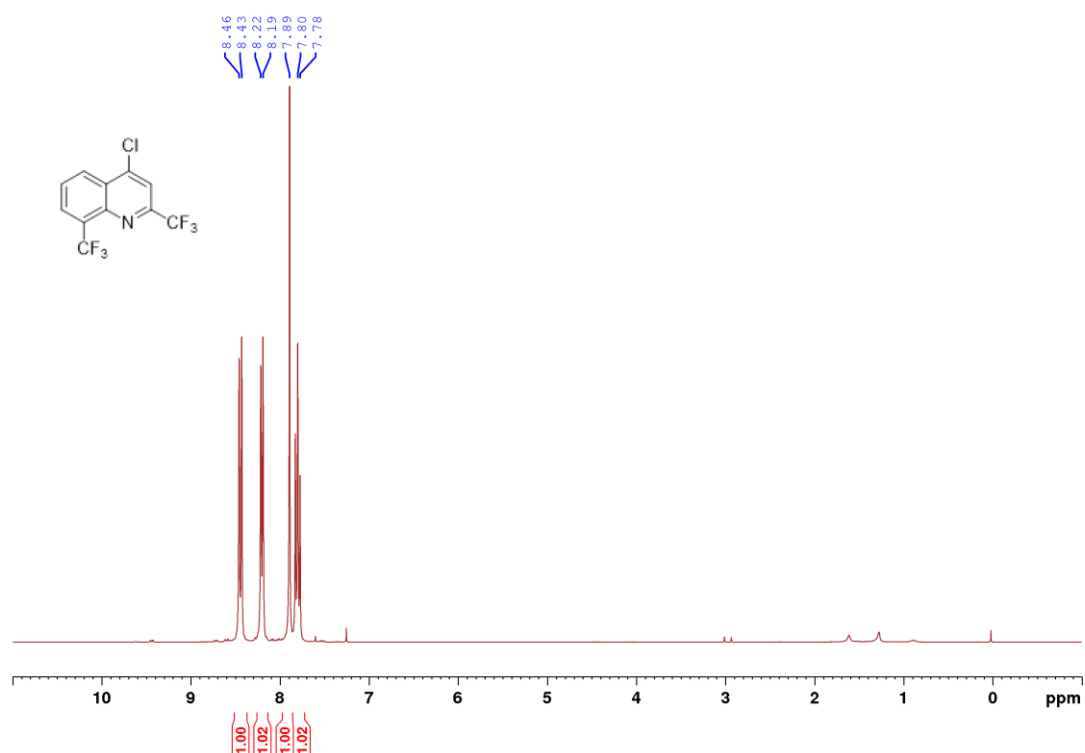
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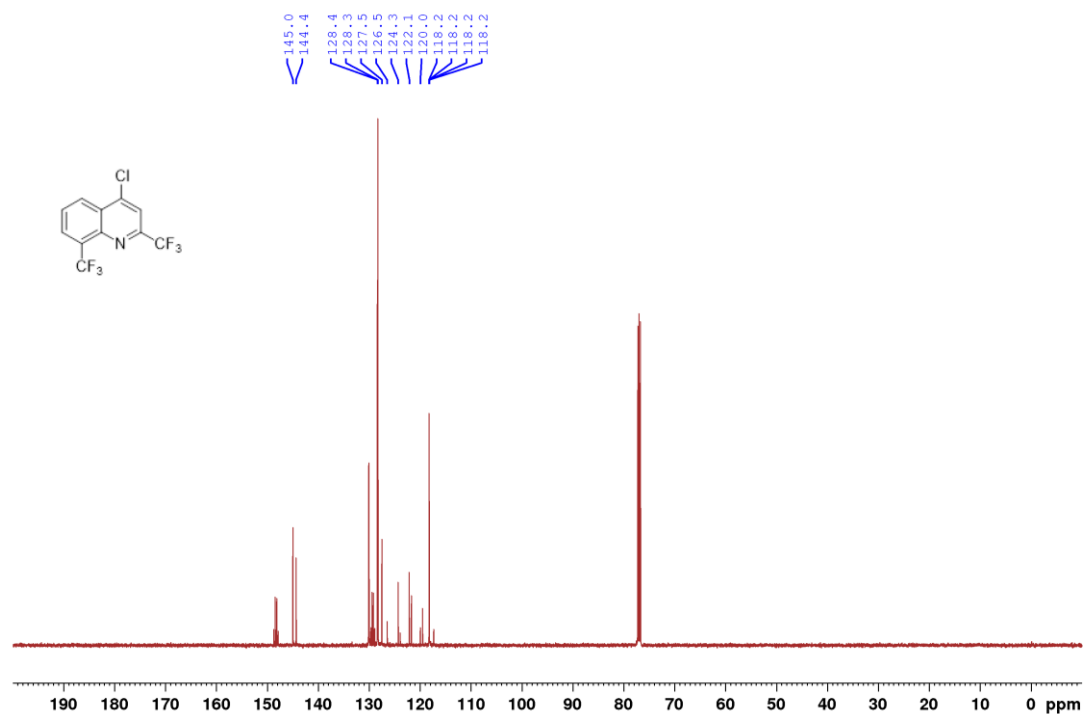
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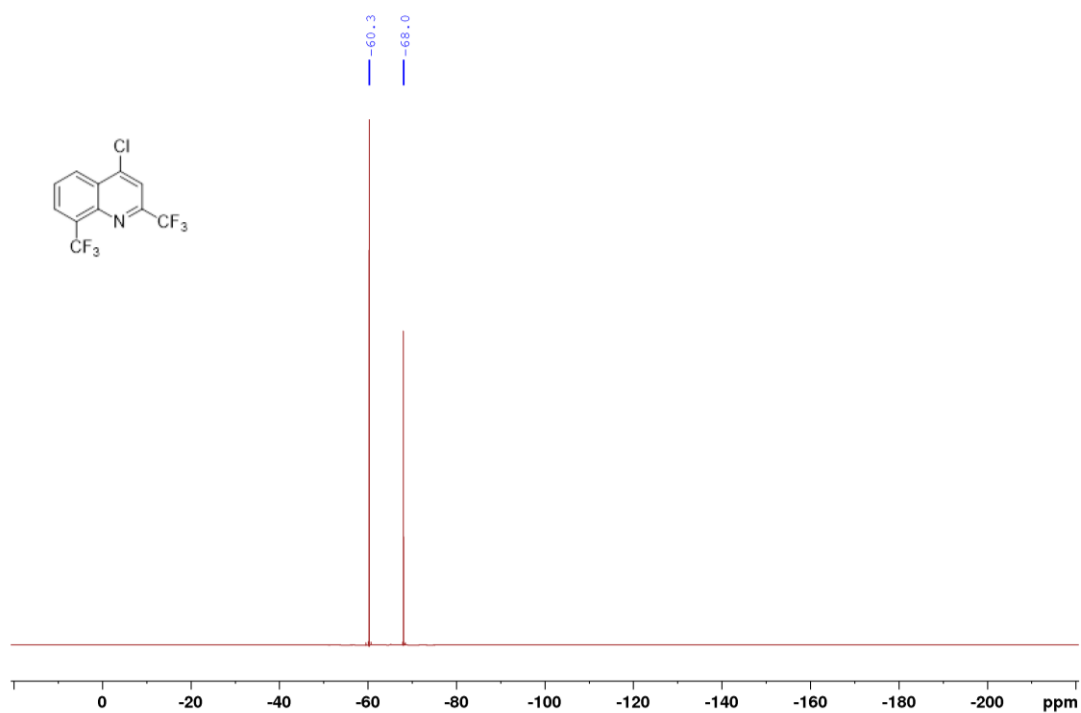
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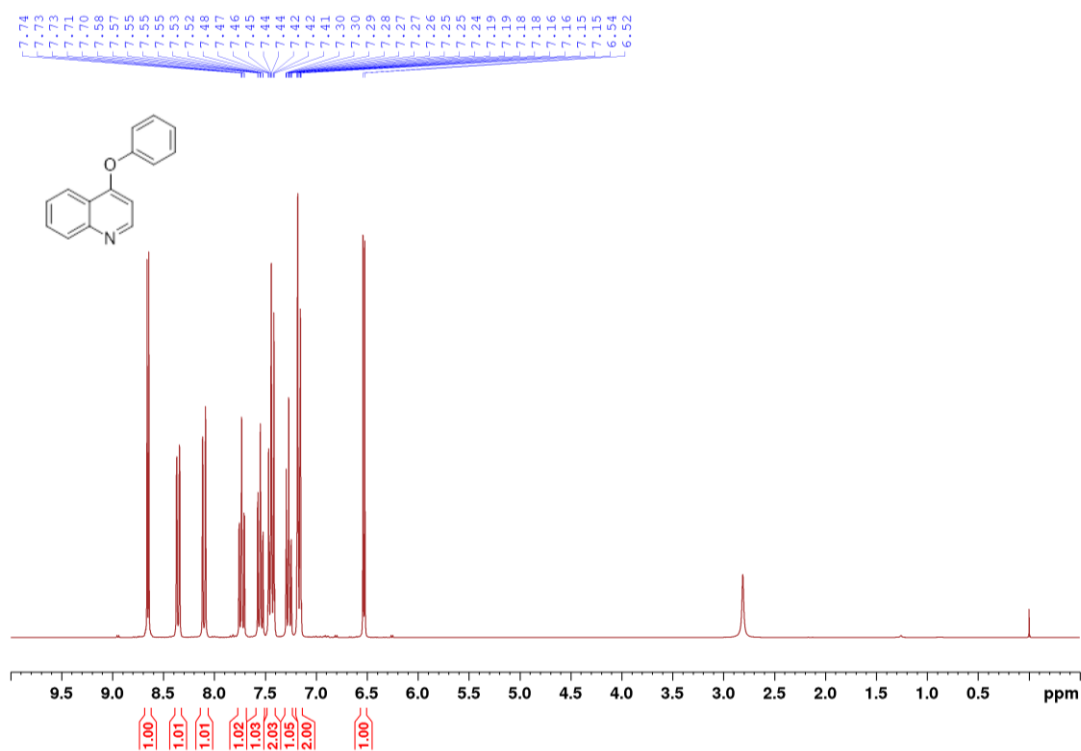


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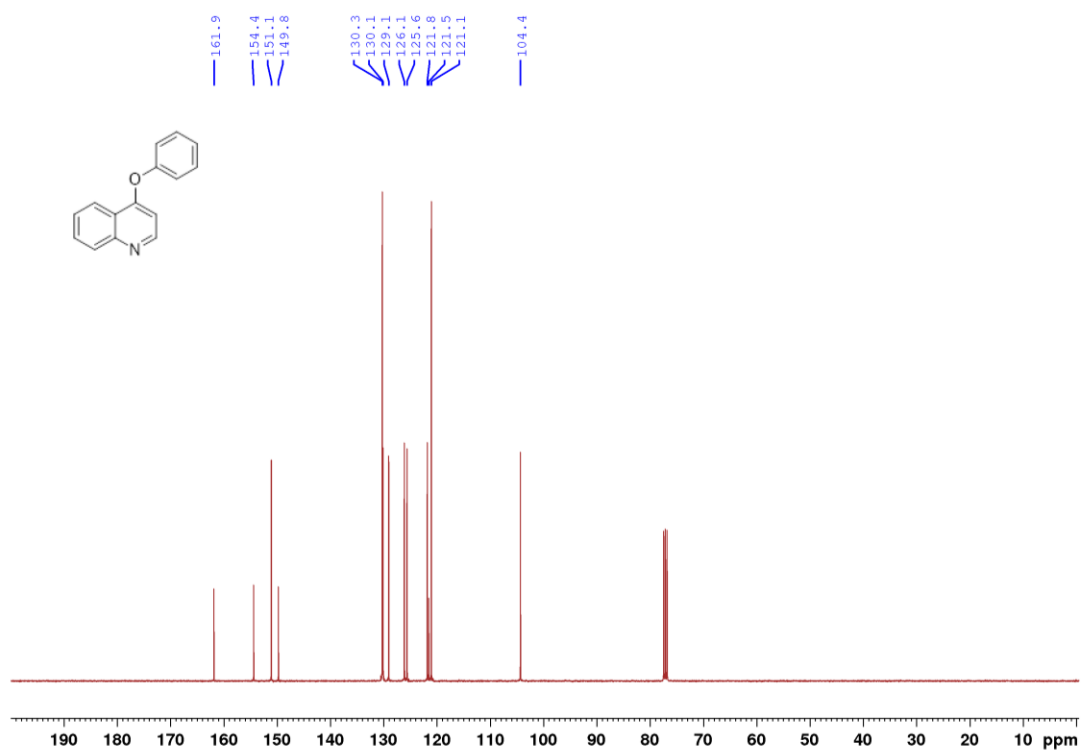


NMR Spectra of Phenoxyquinolines

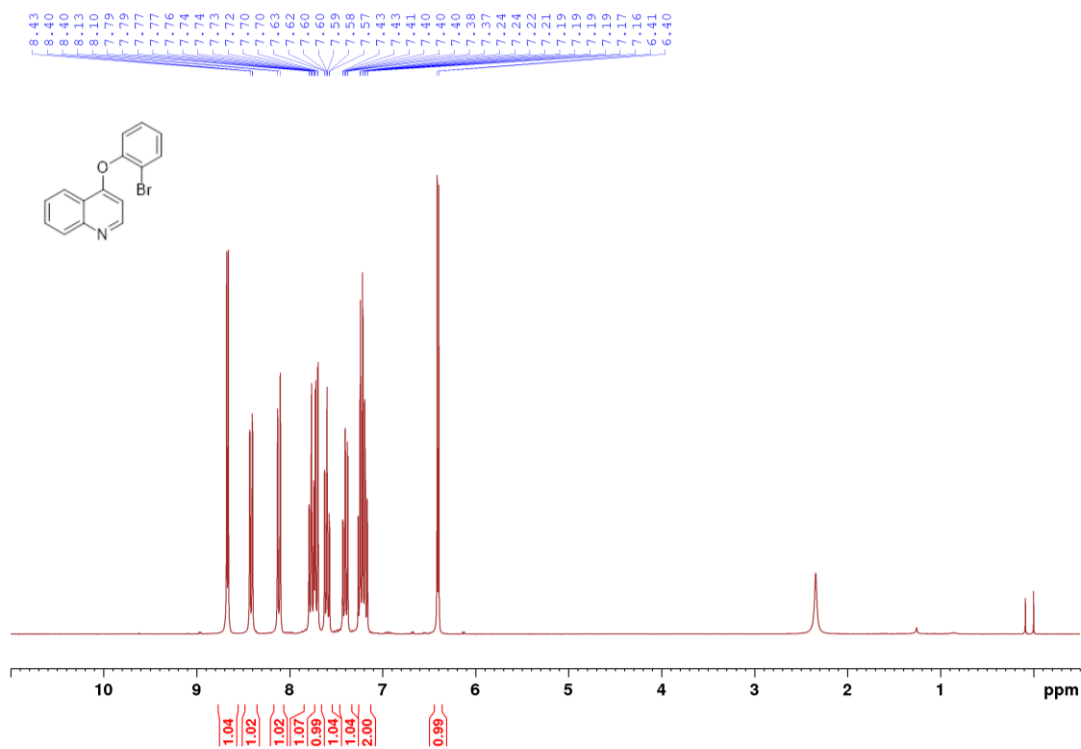
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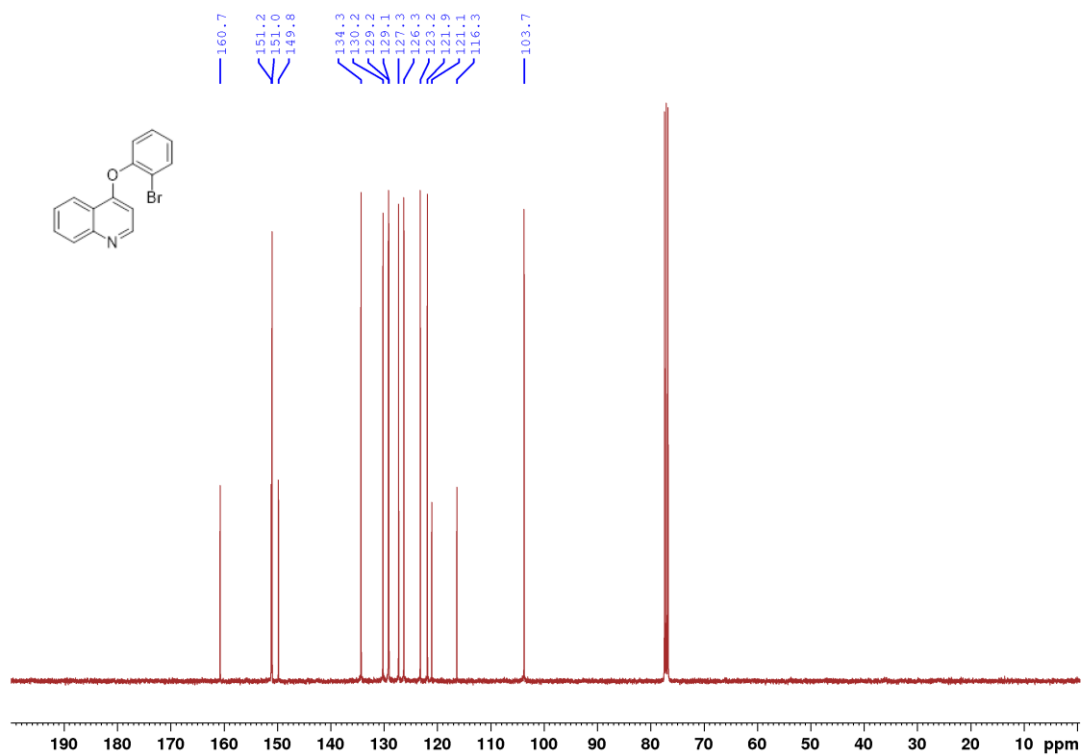
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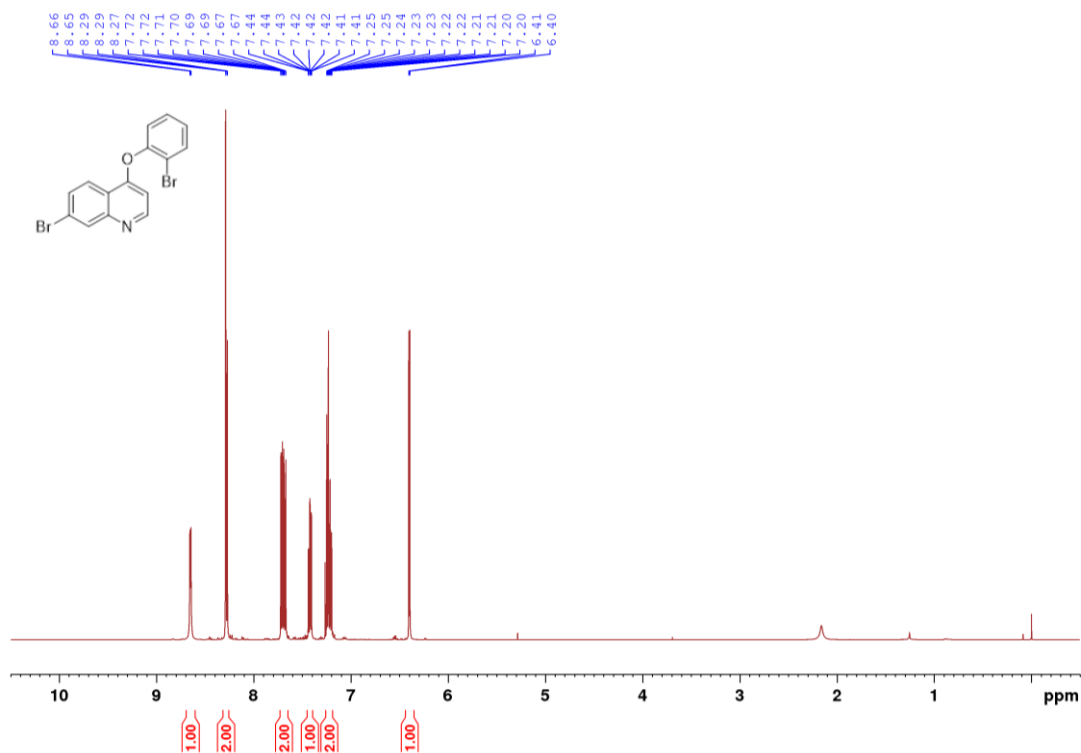
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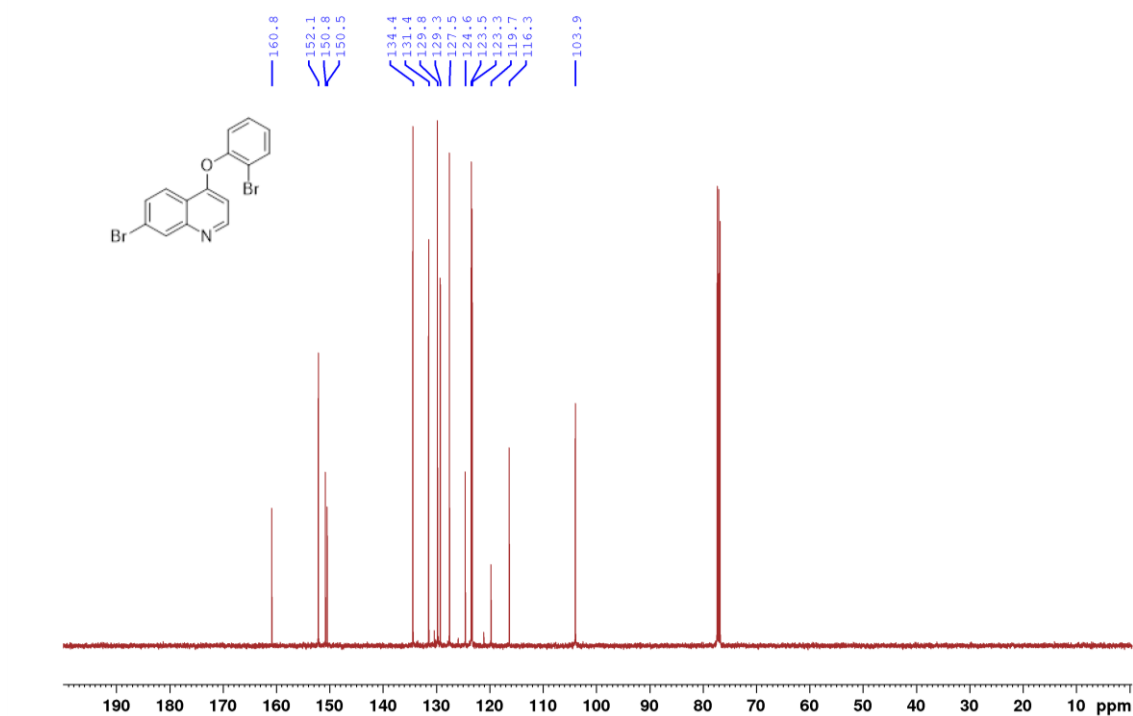
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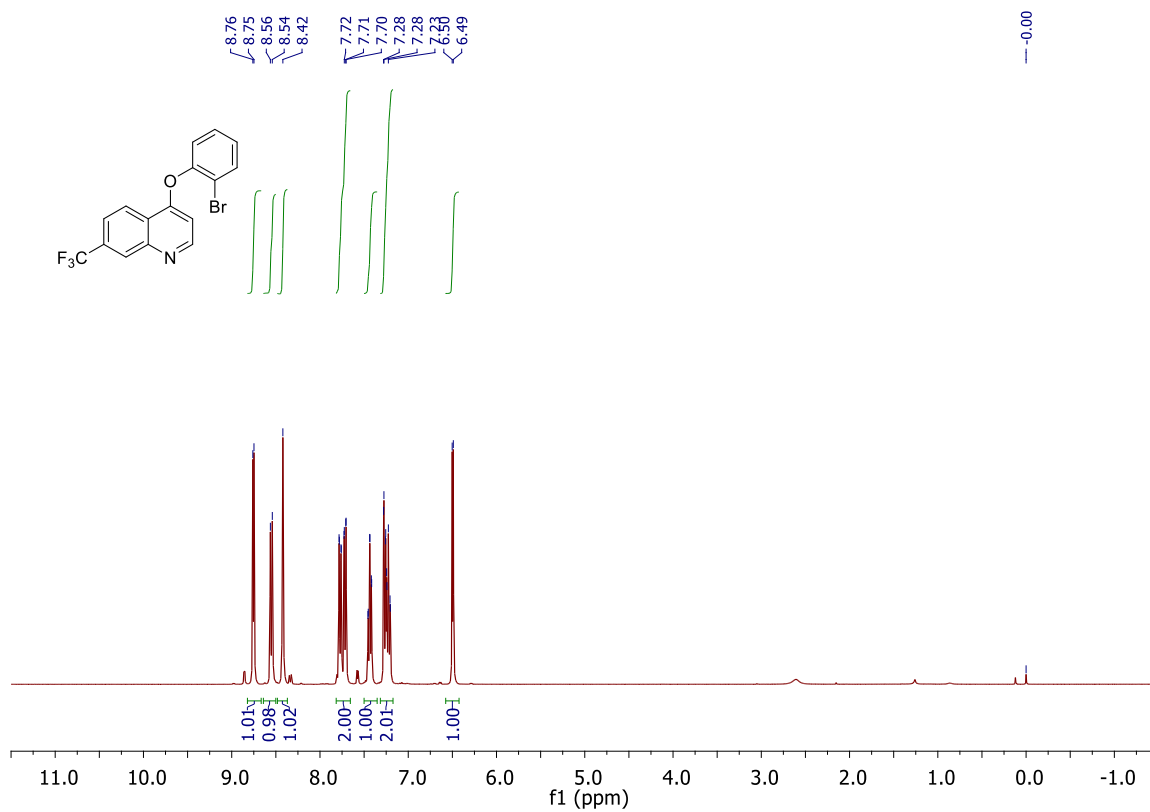
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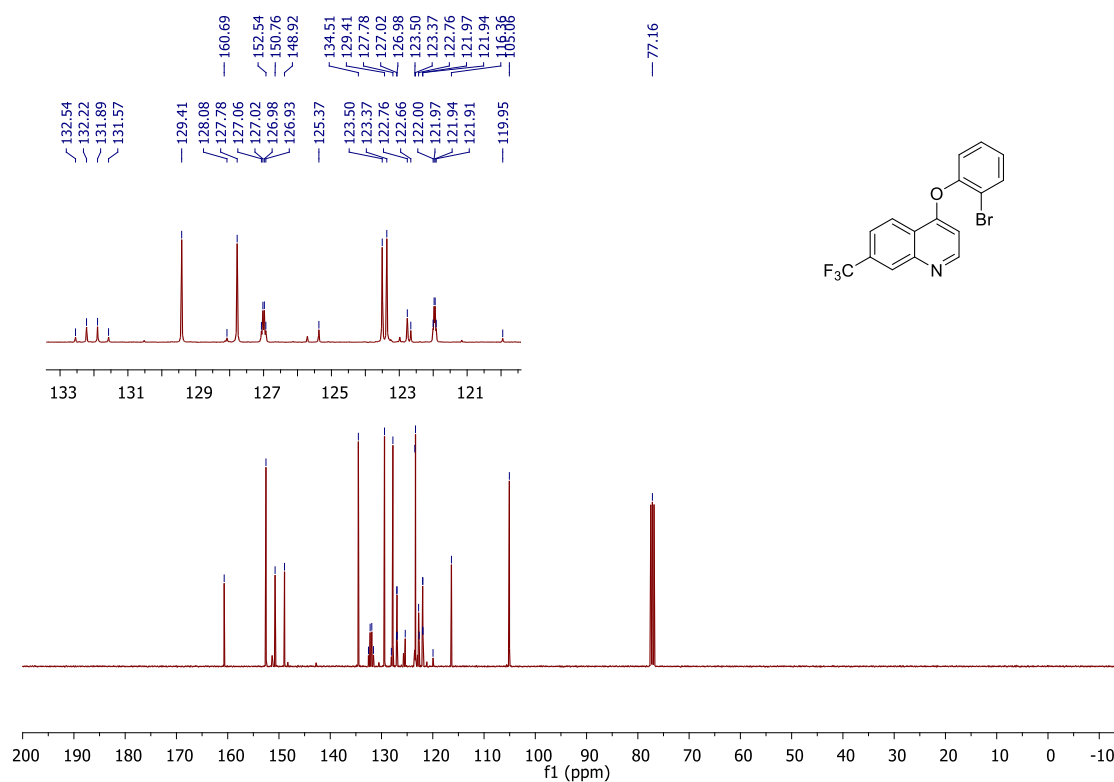
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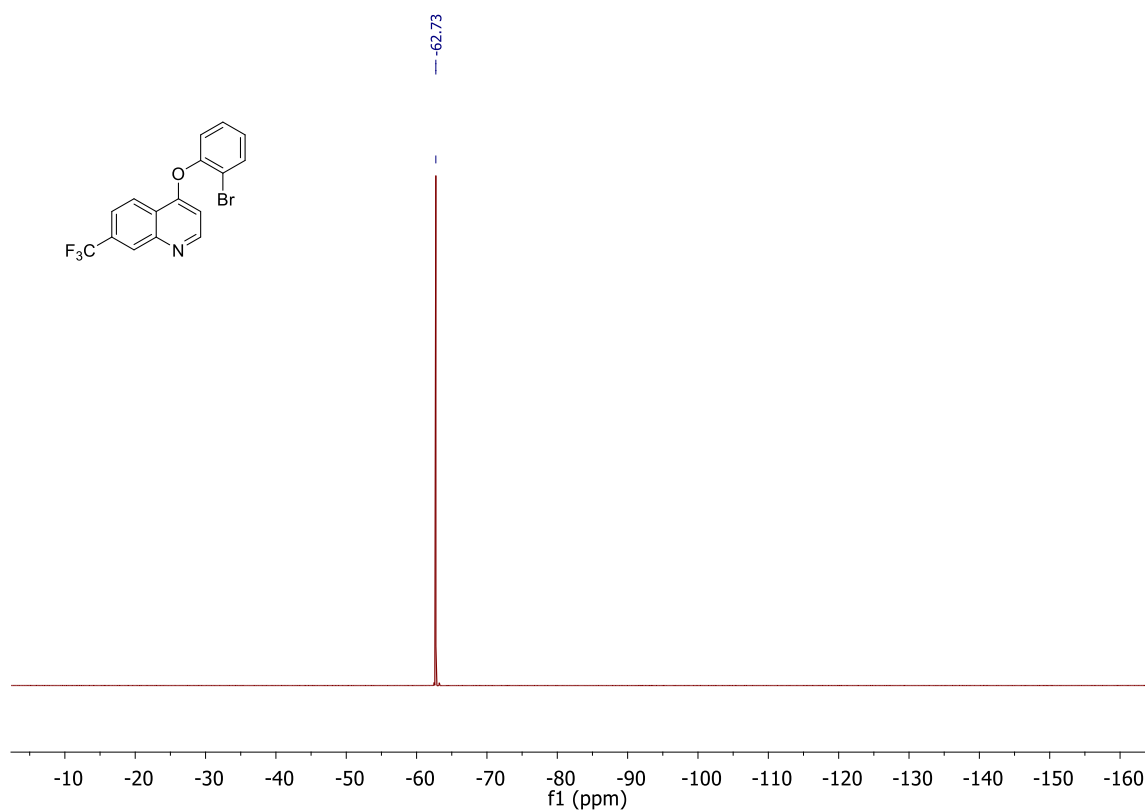
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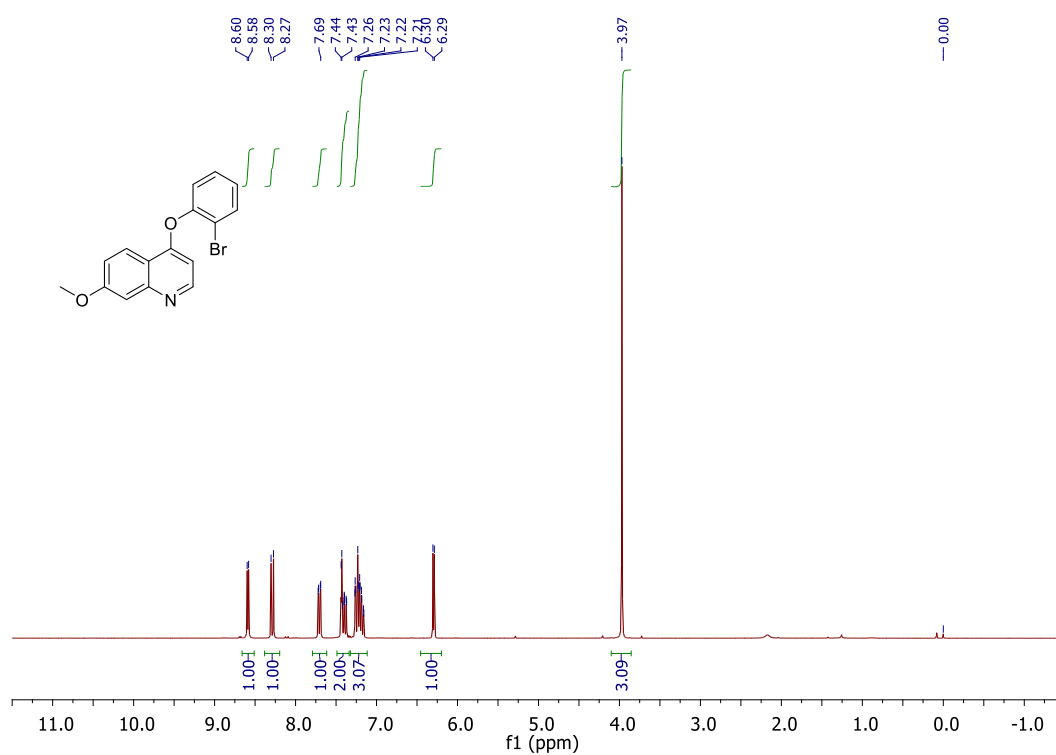
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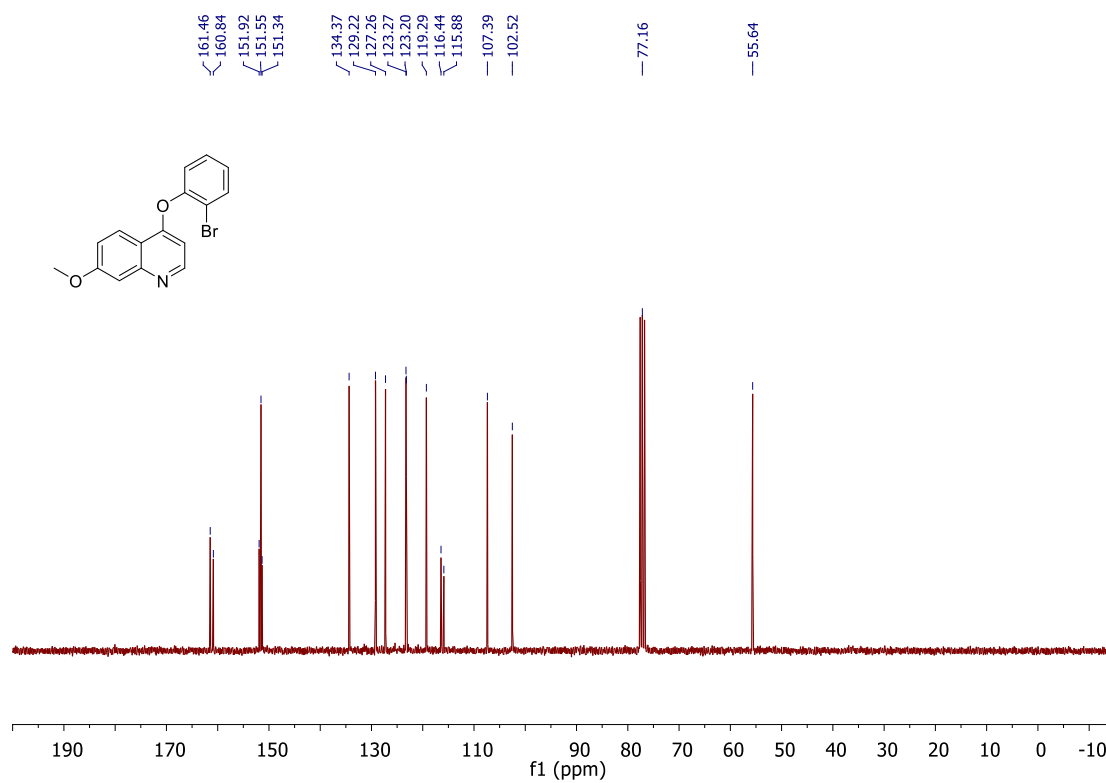
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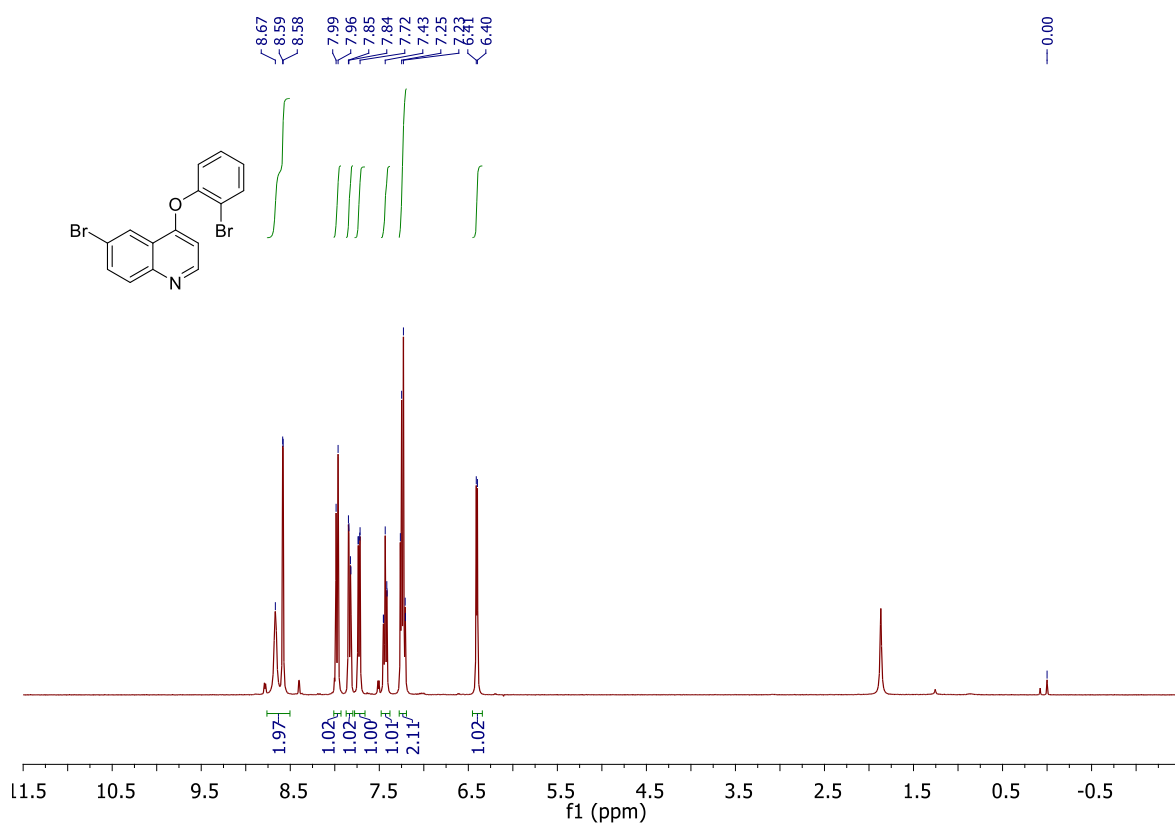
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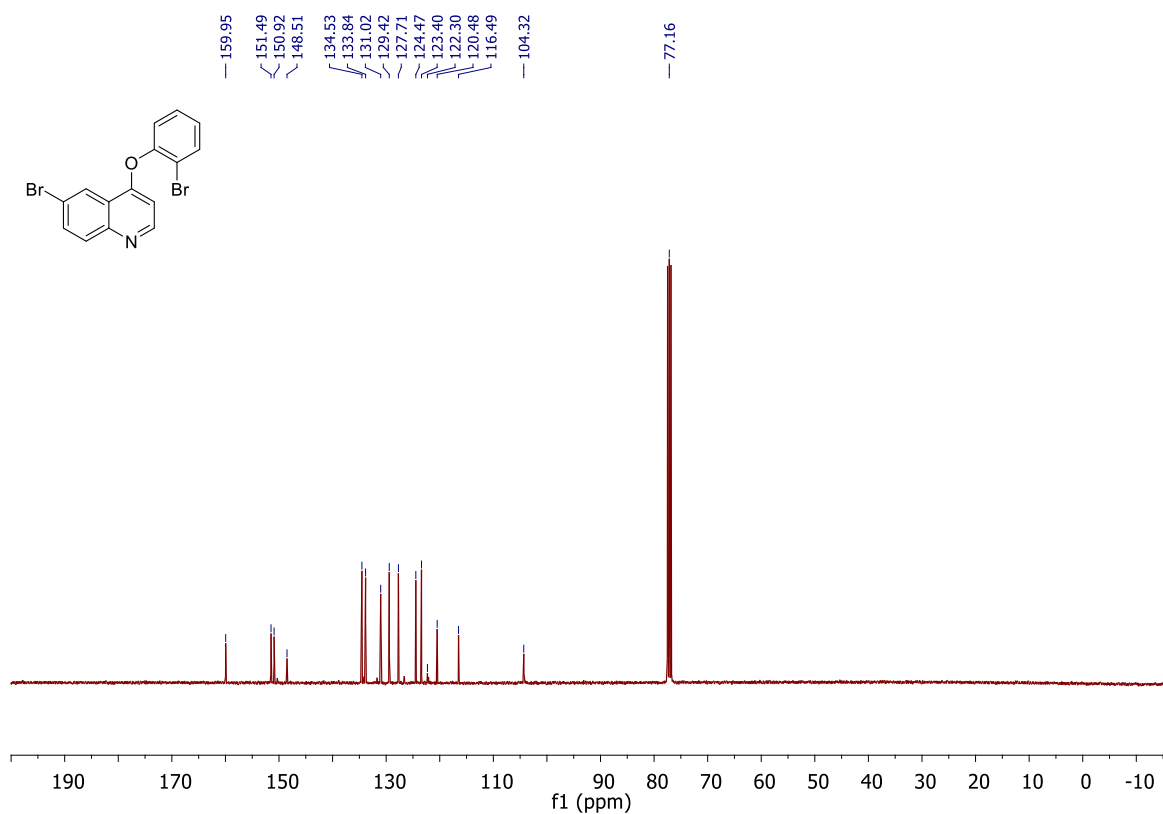
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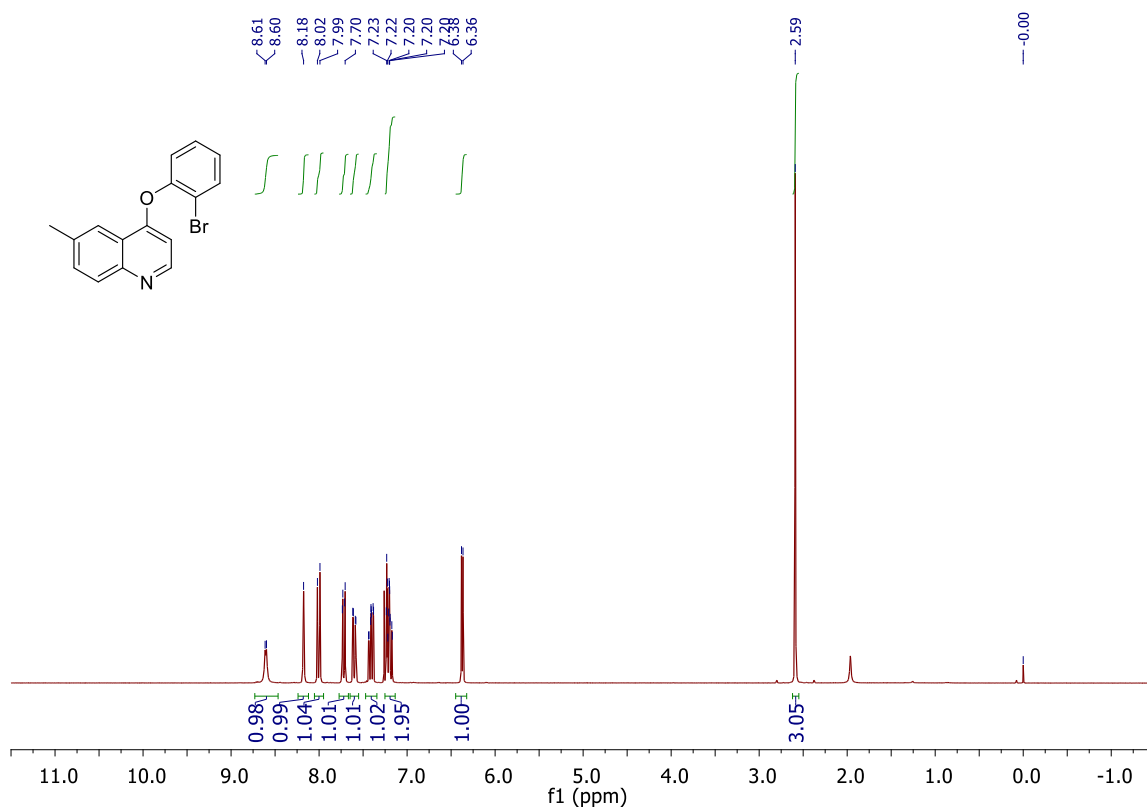
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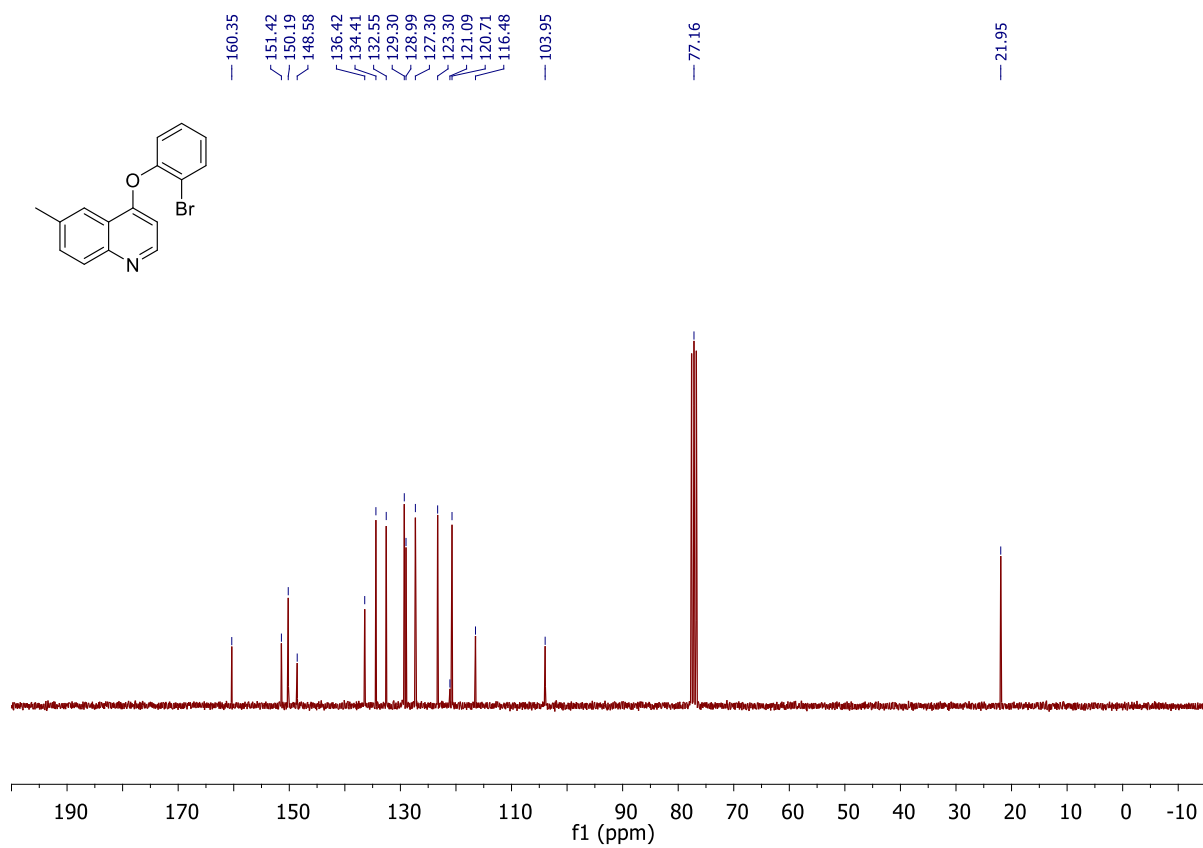
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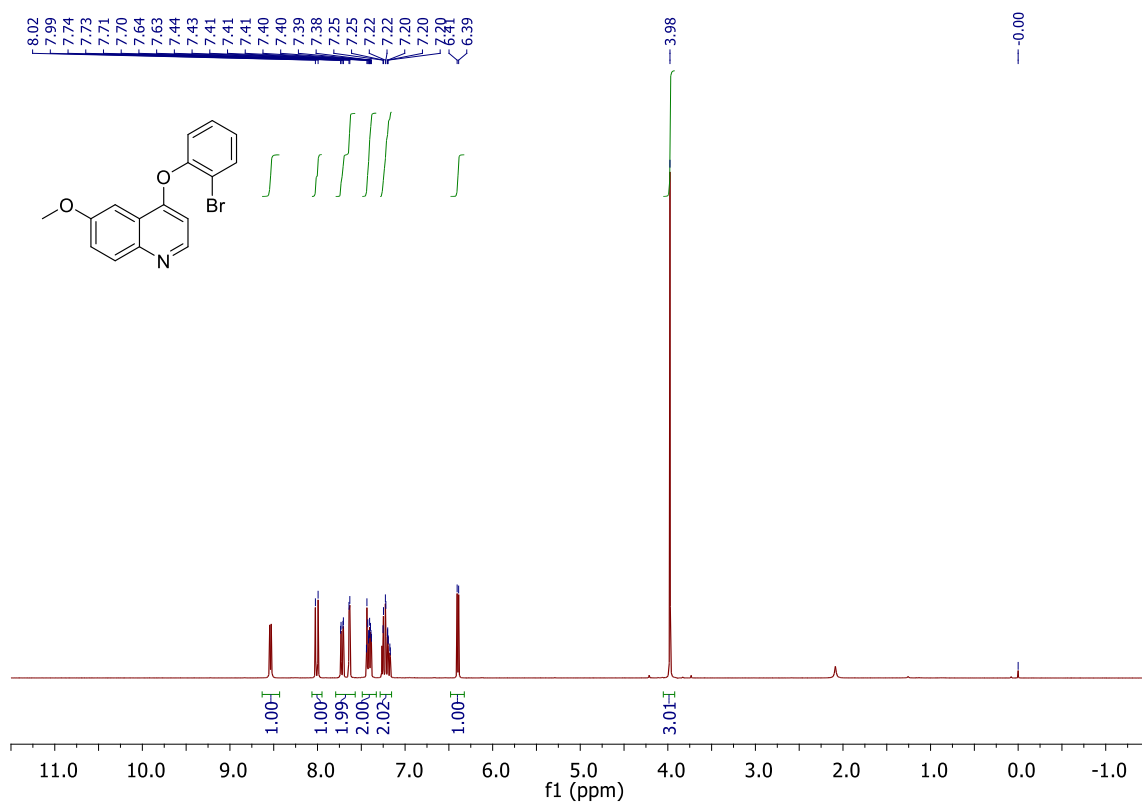
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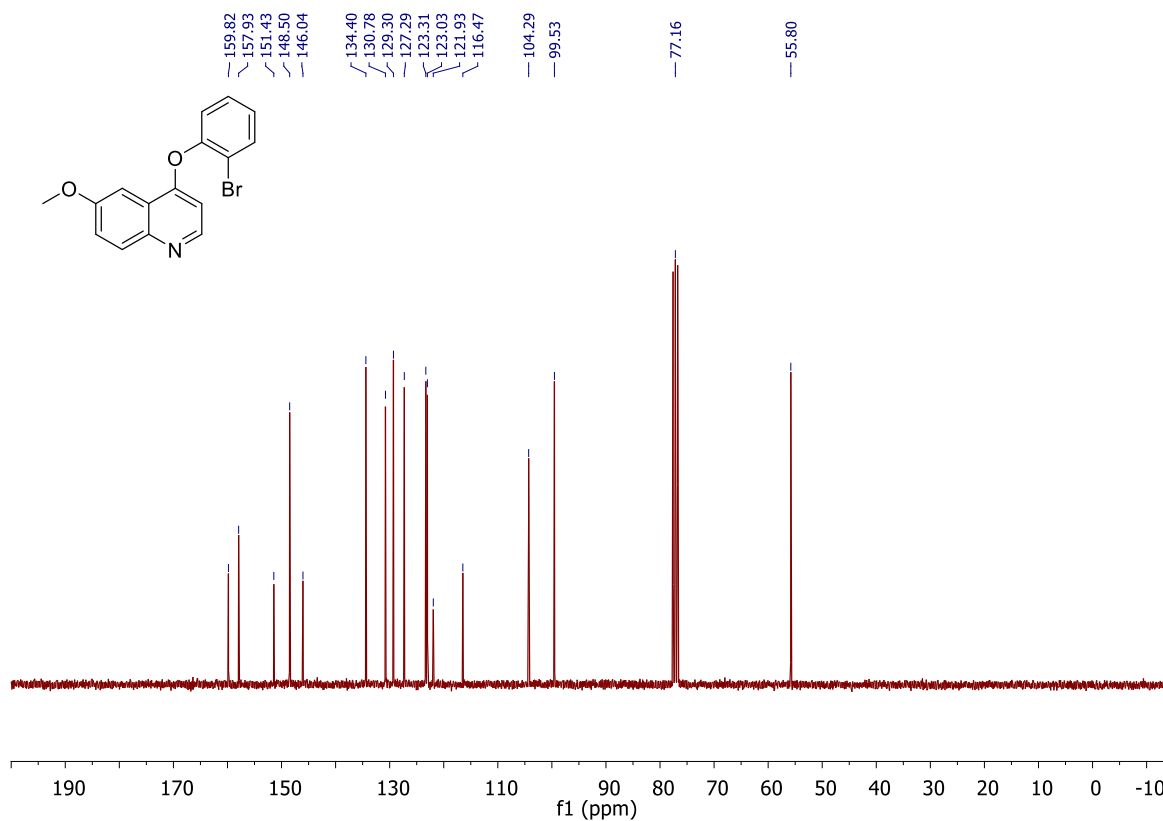
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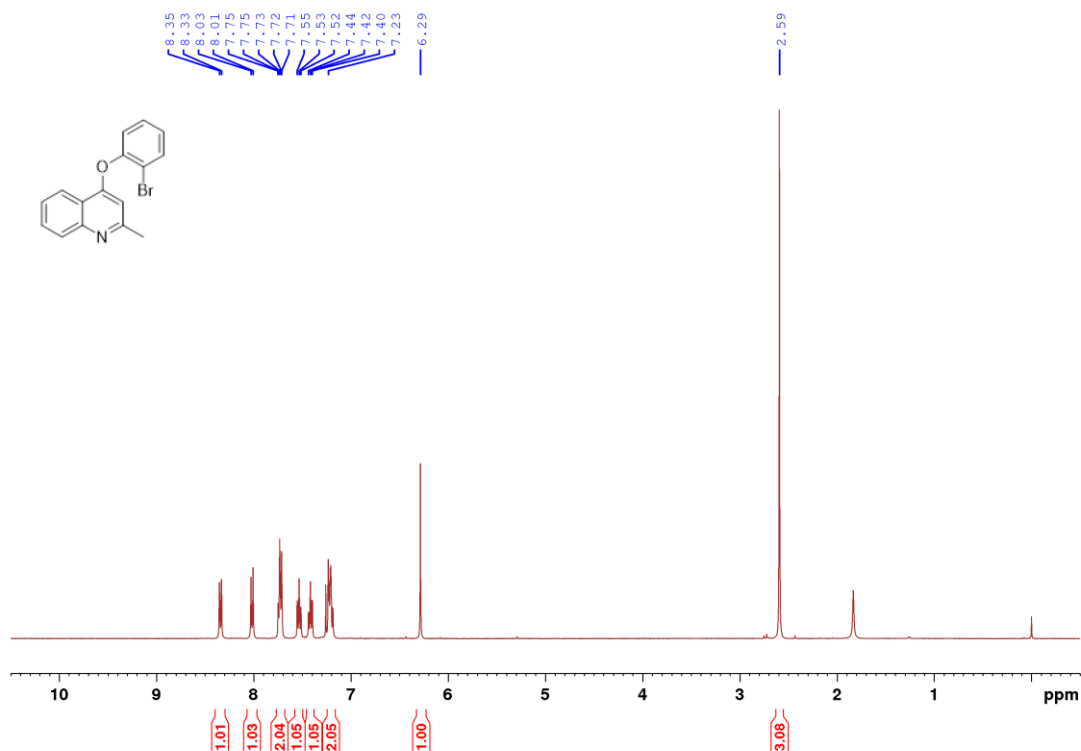
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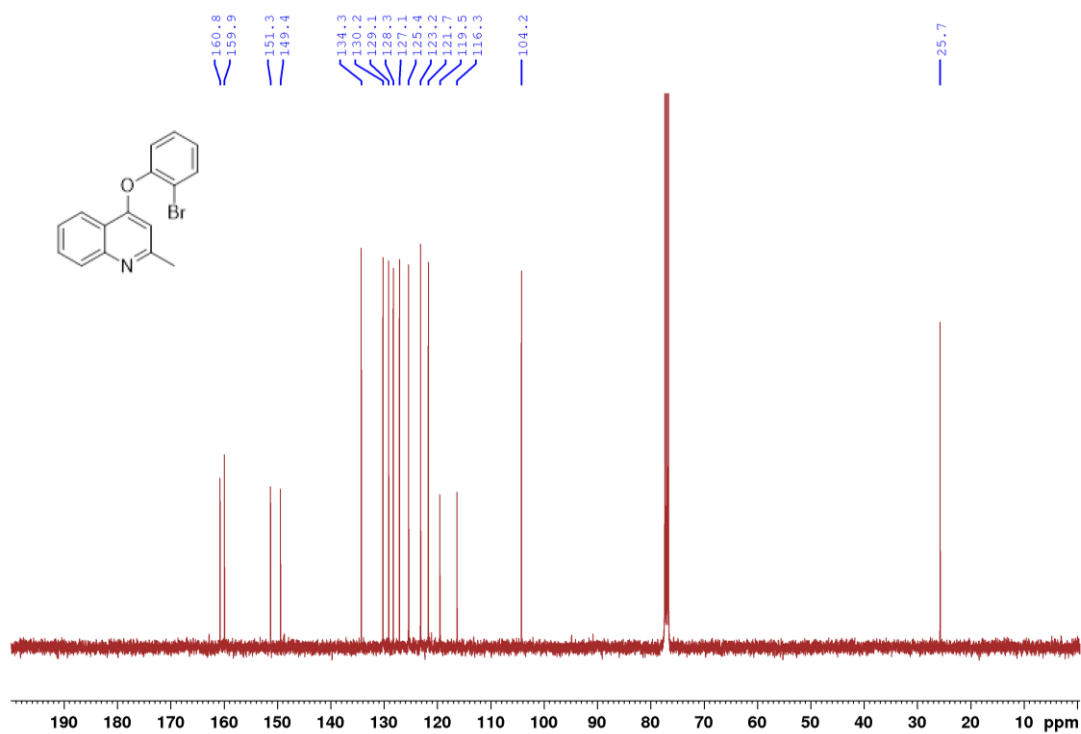
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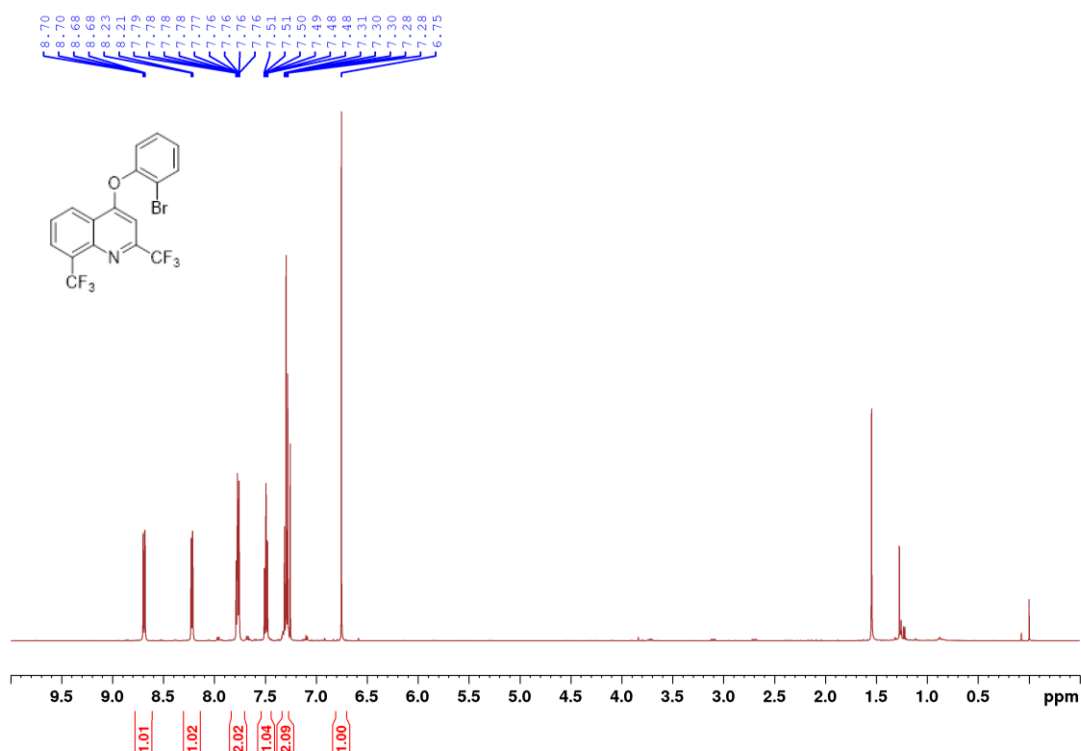
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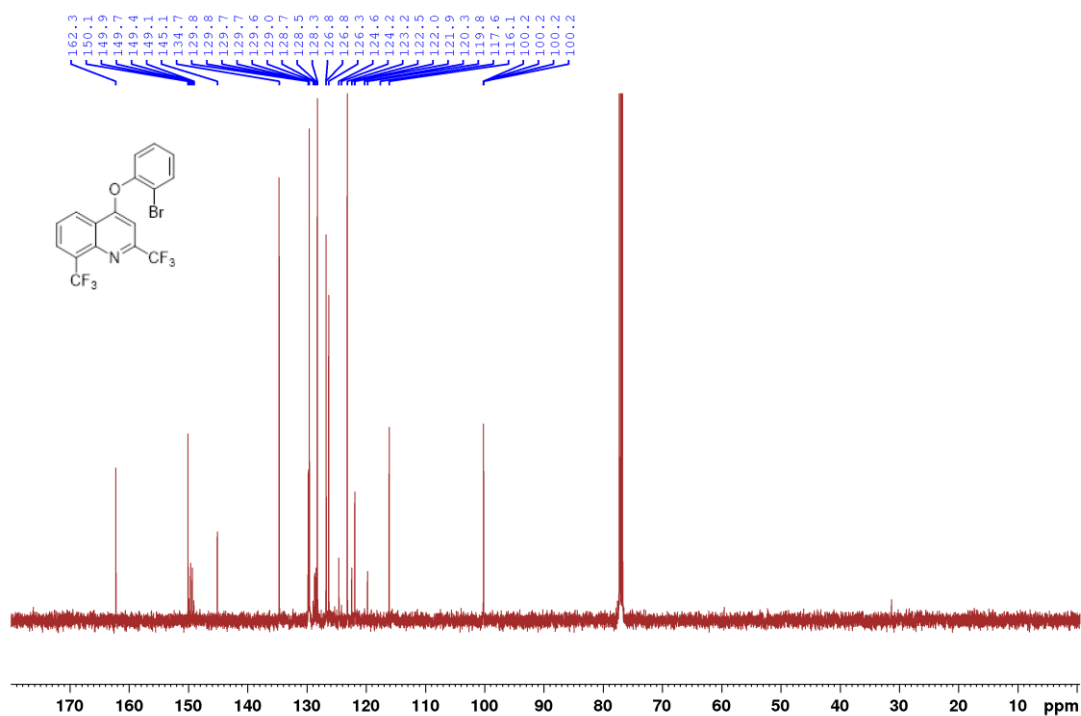
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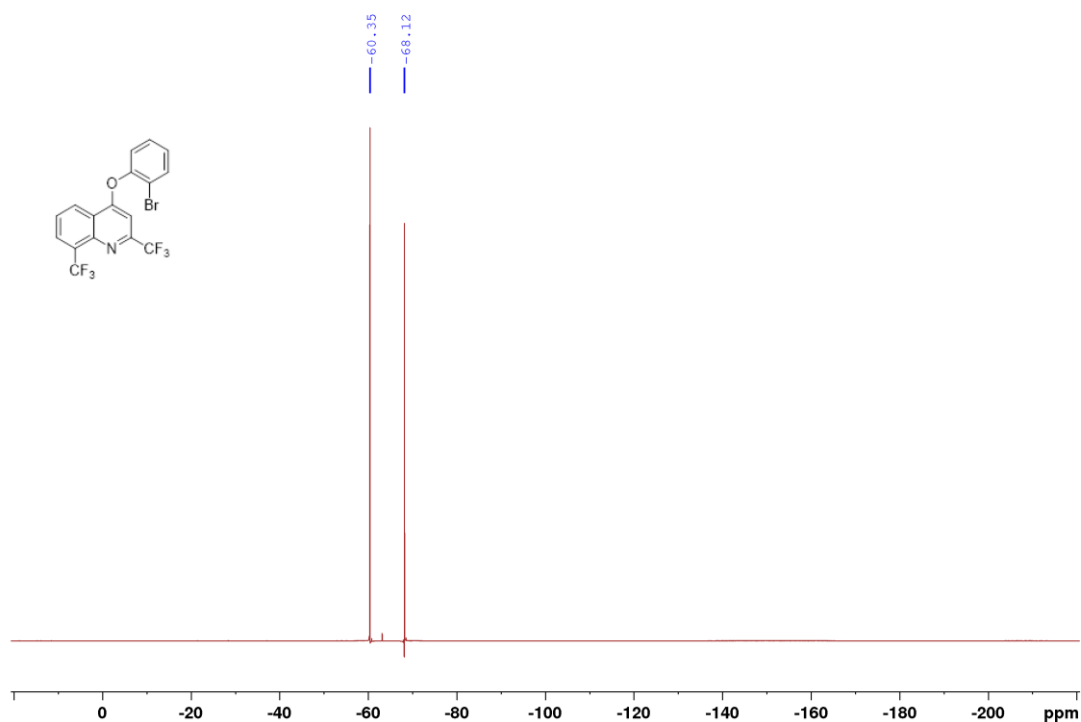
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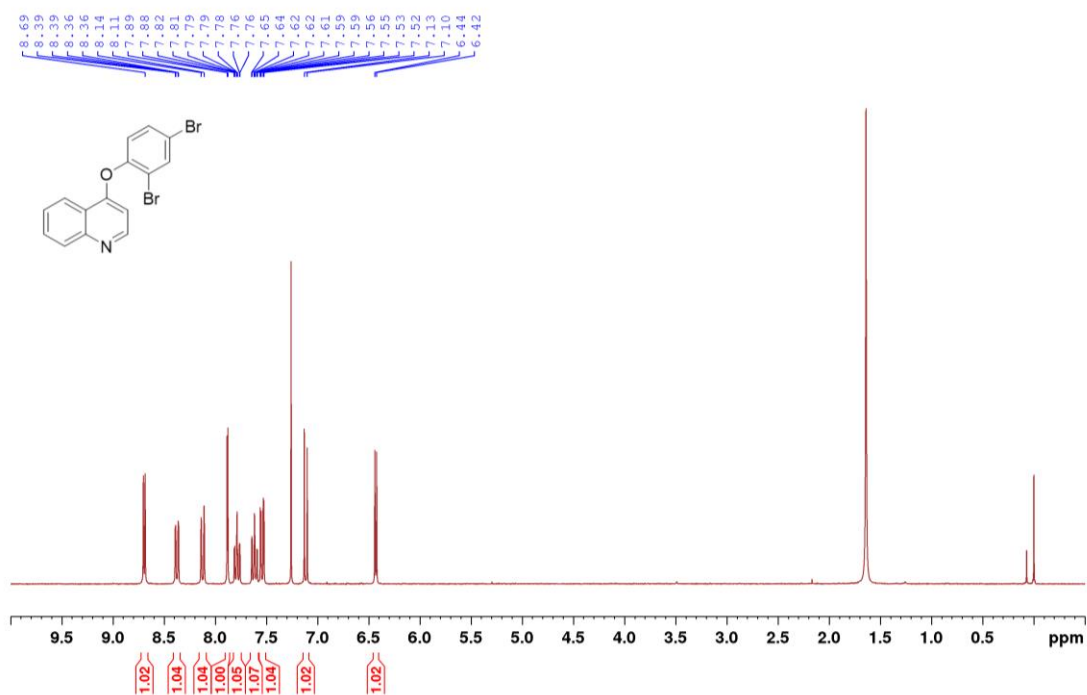
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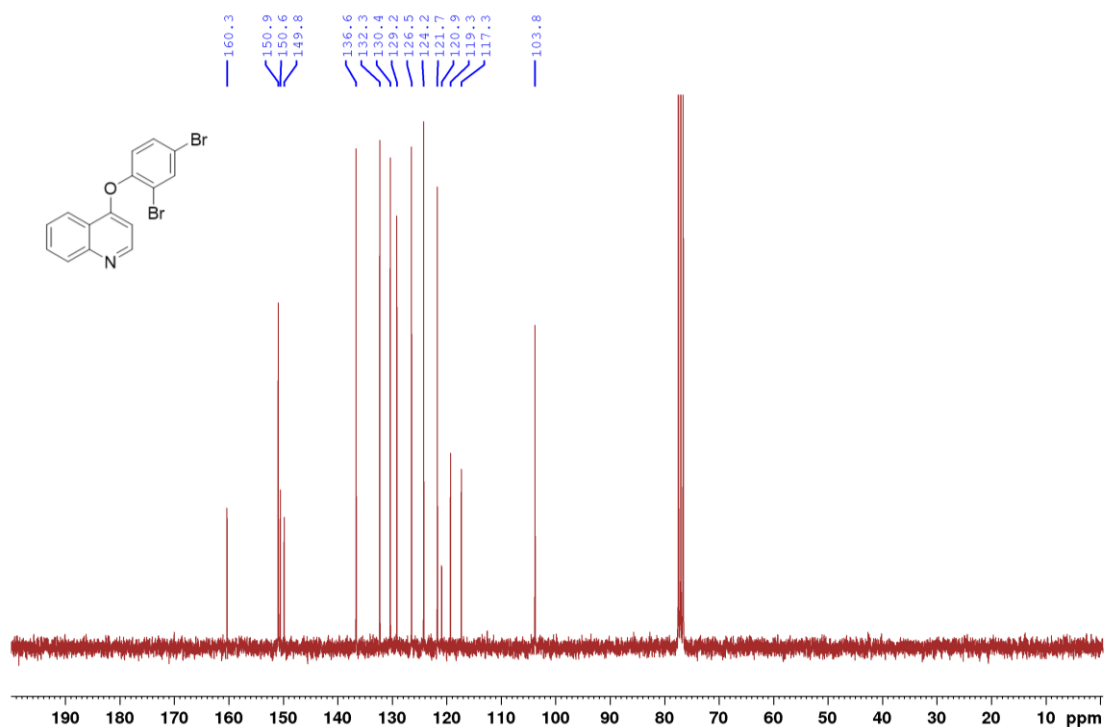
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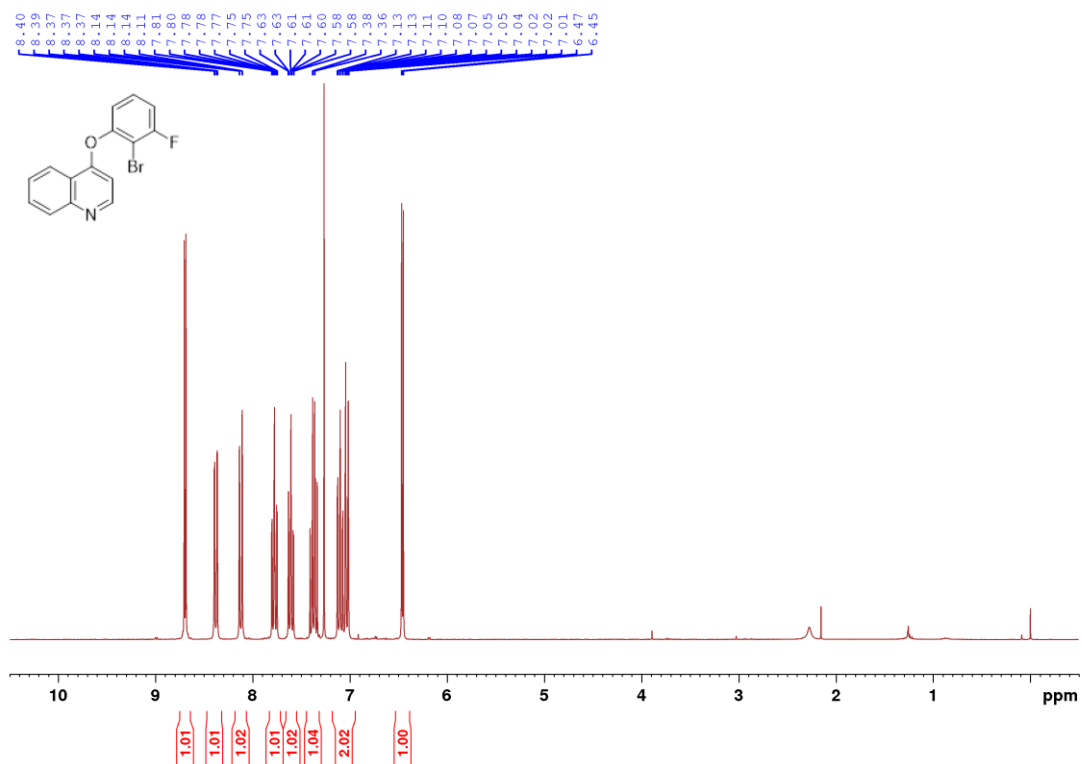
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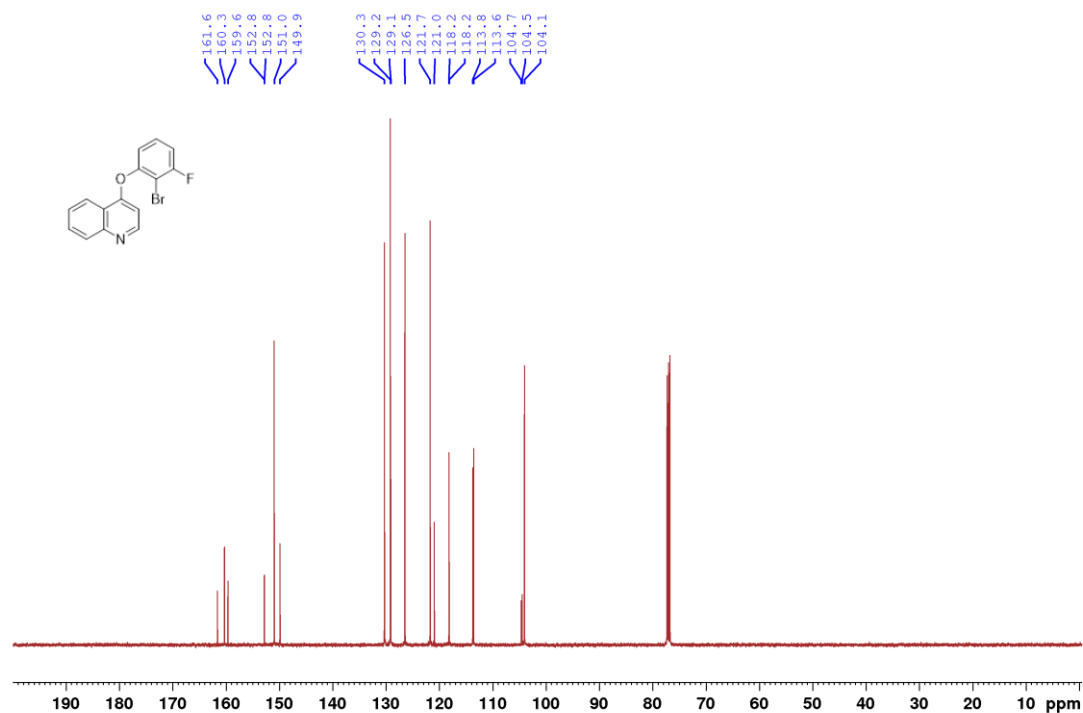
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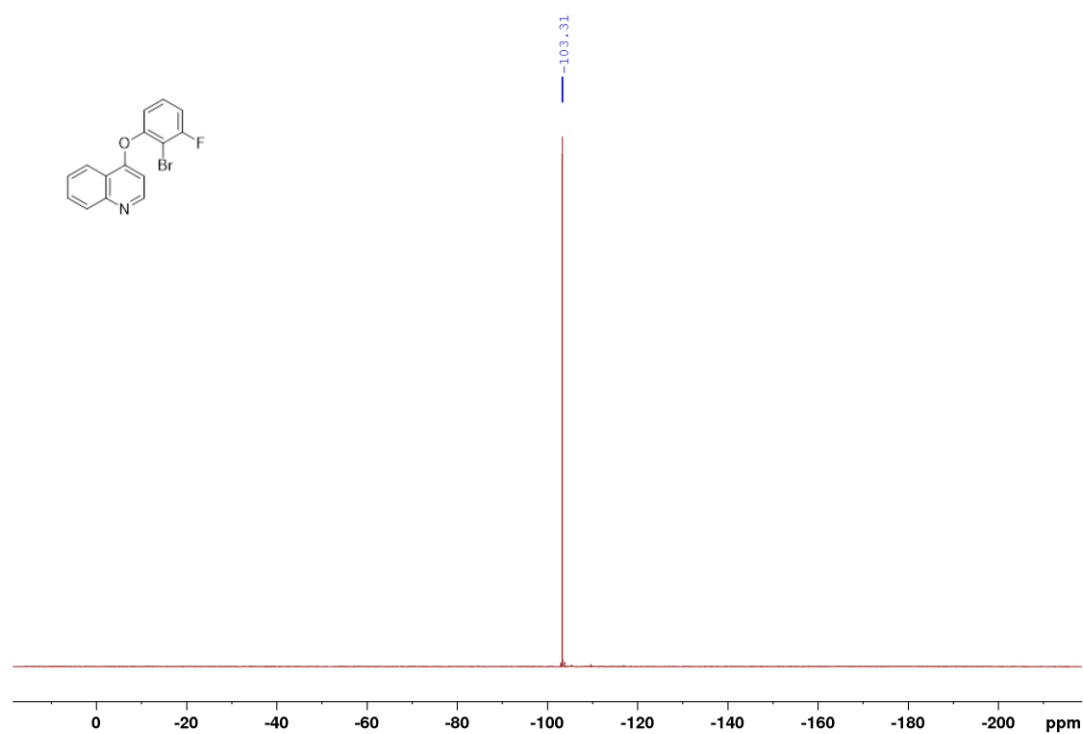
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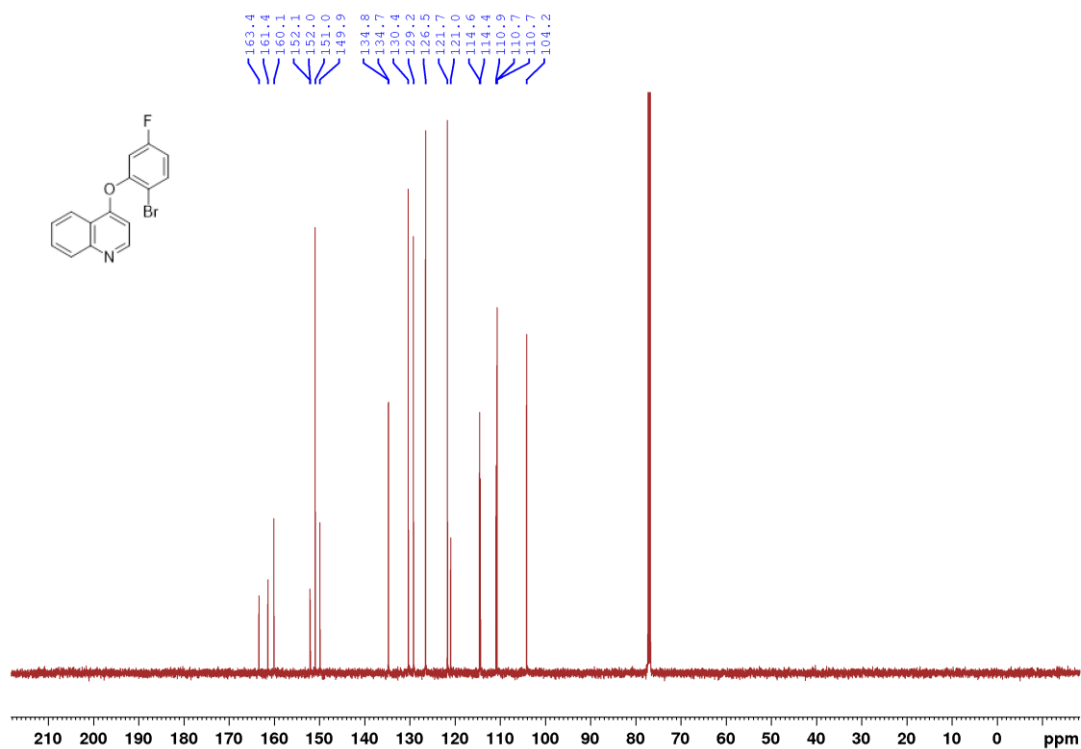
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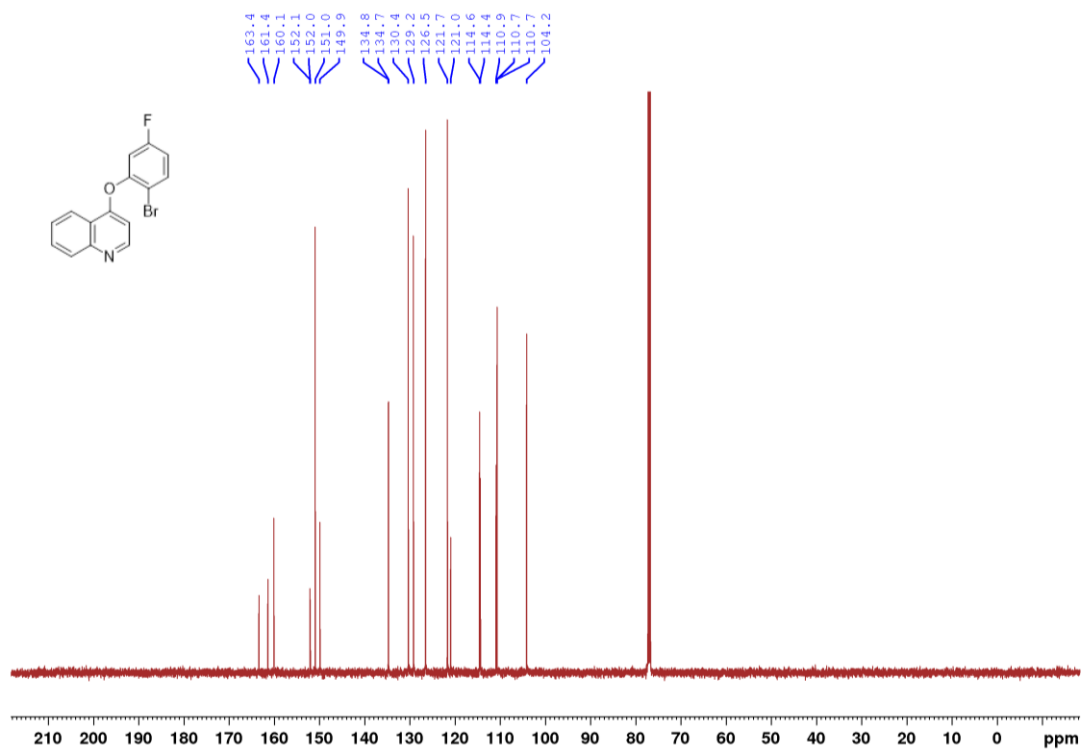
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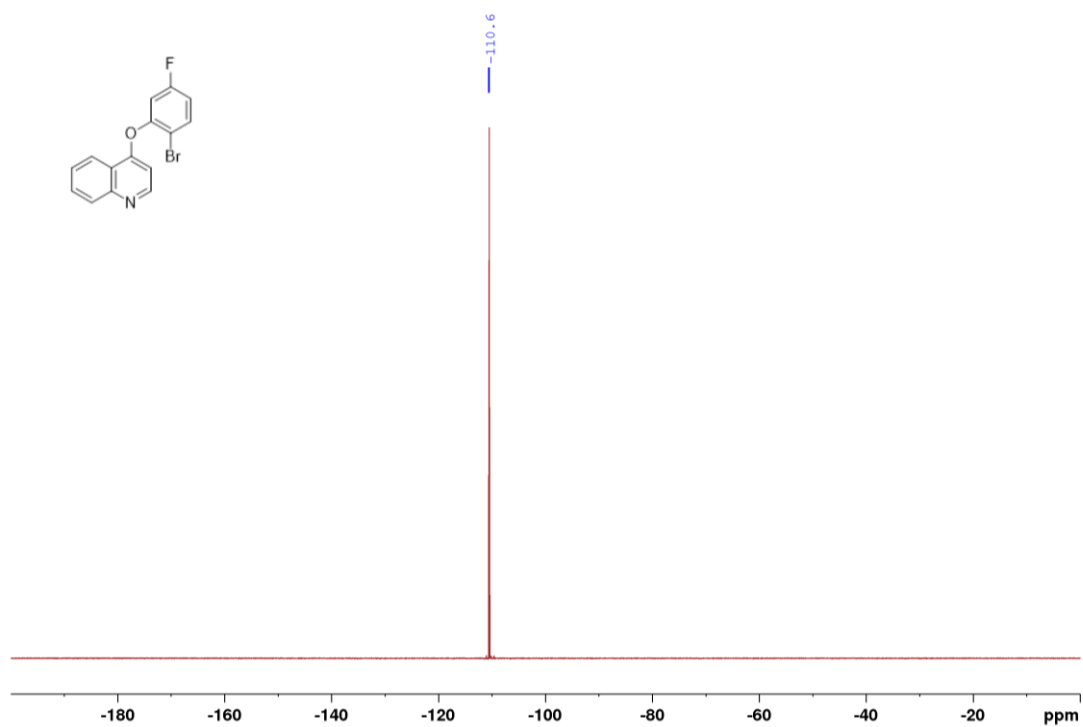
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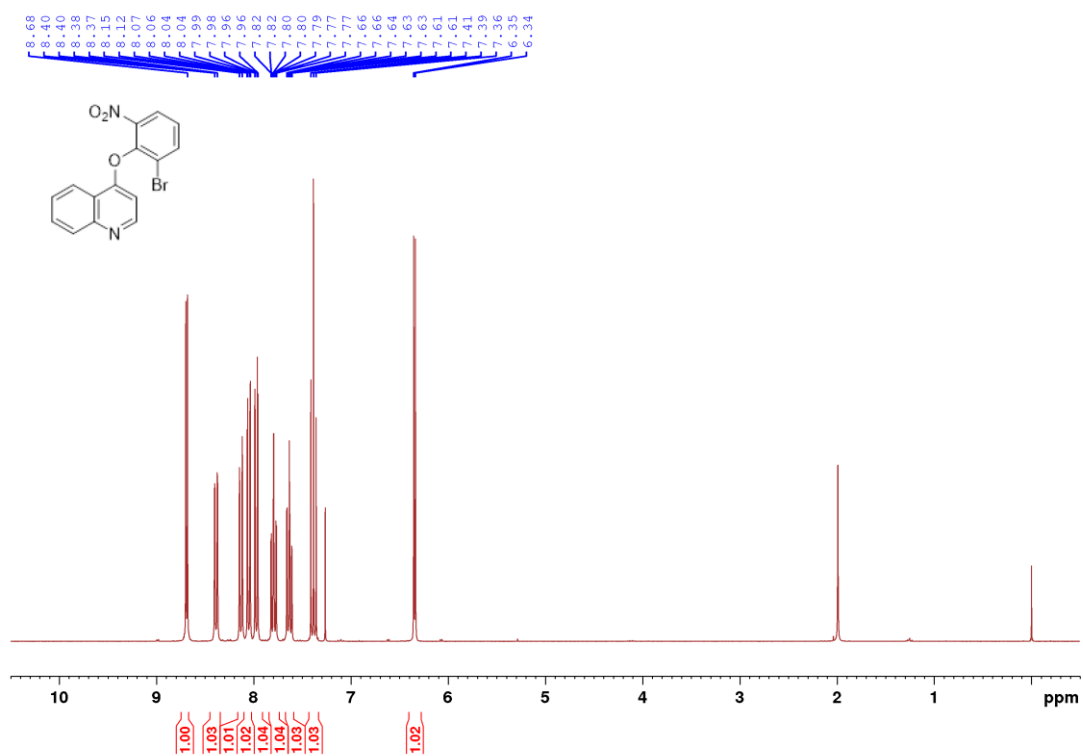
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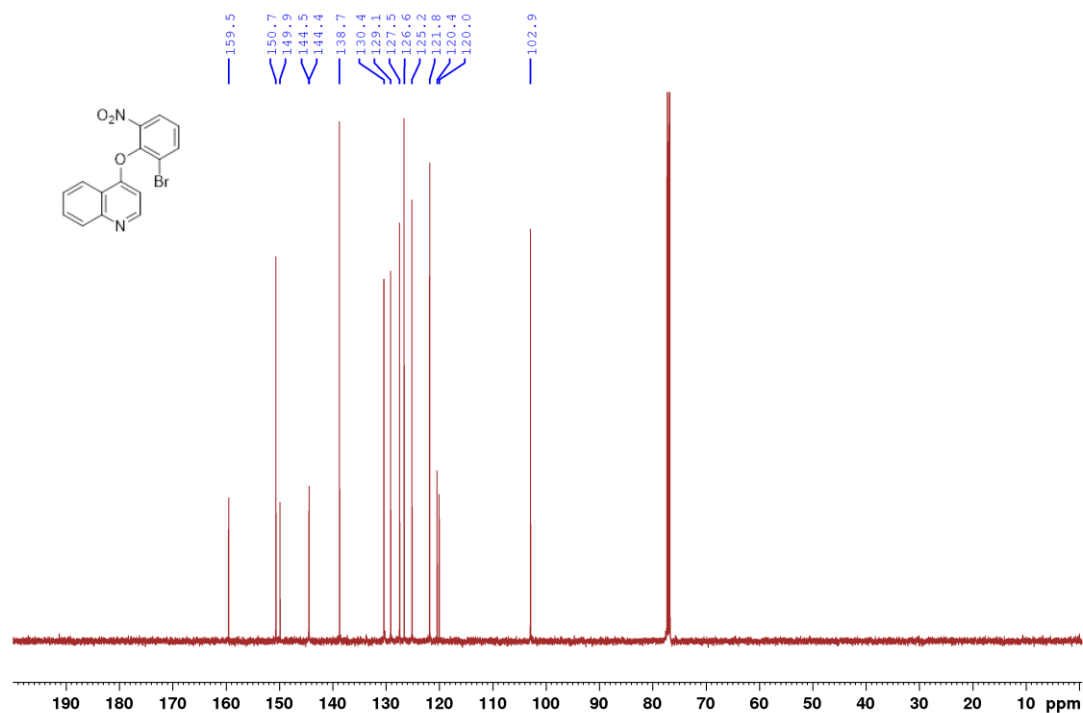
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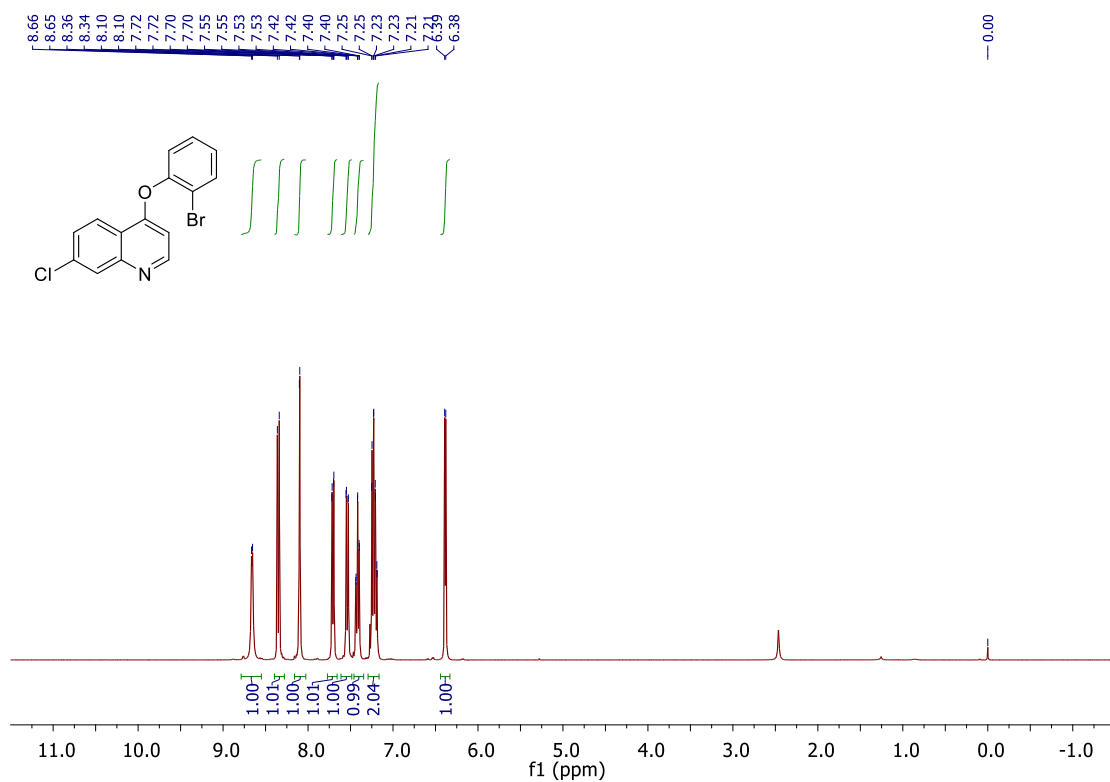
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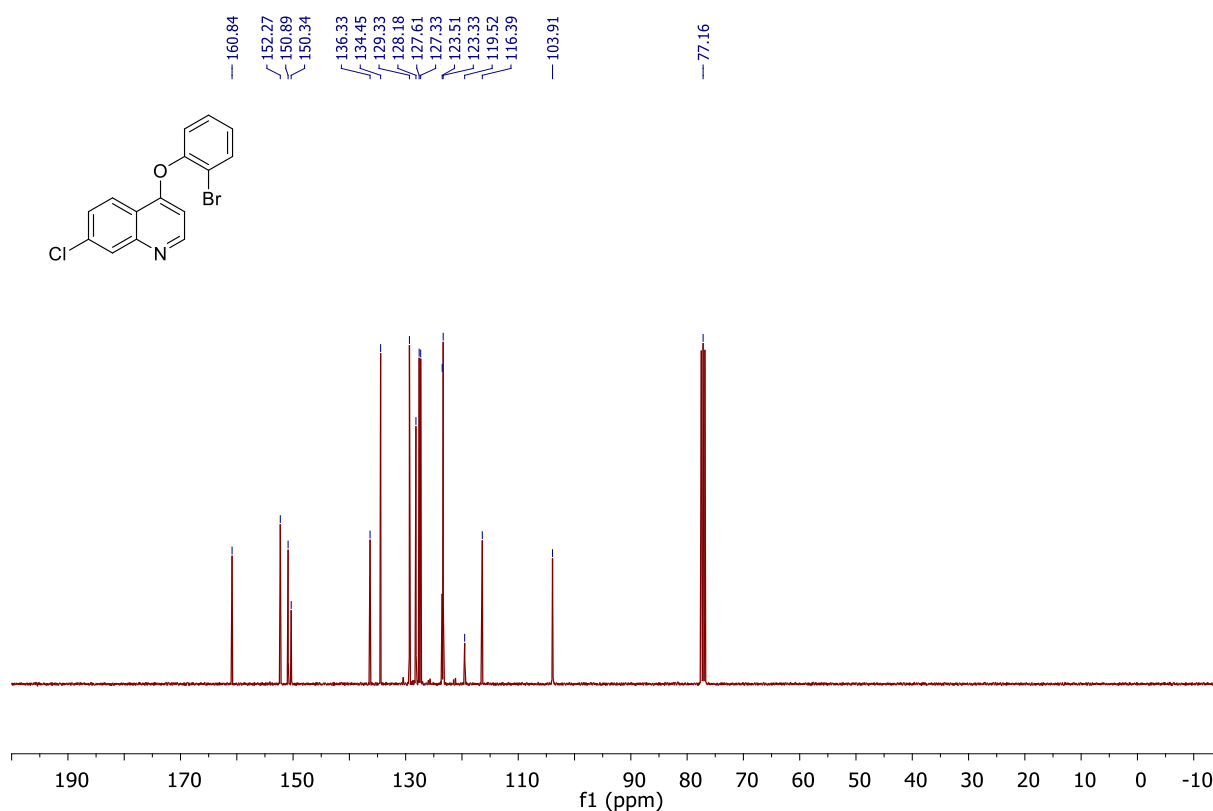
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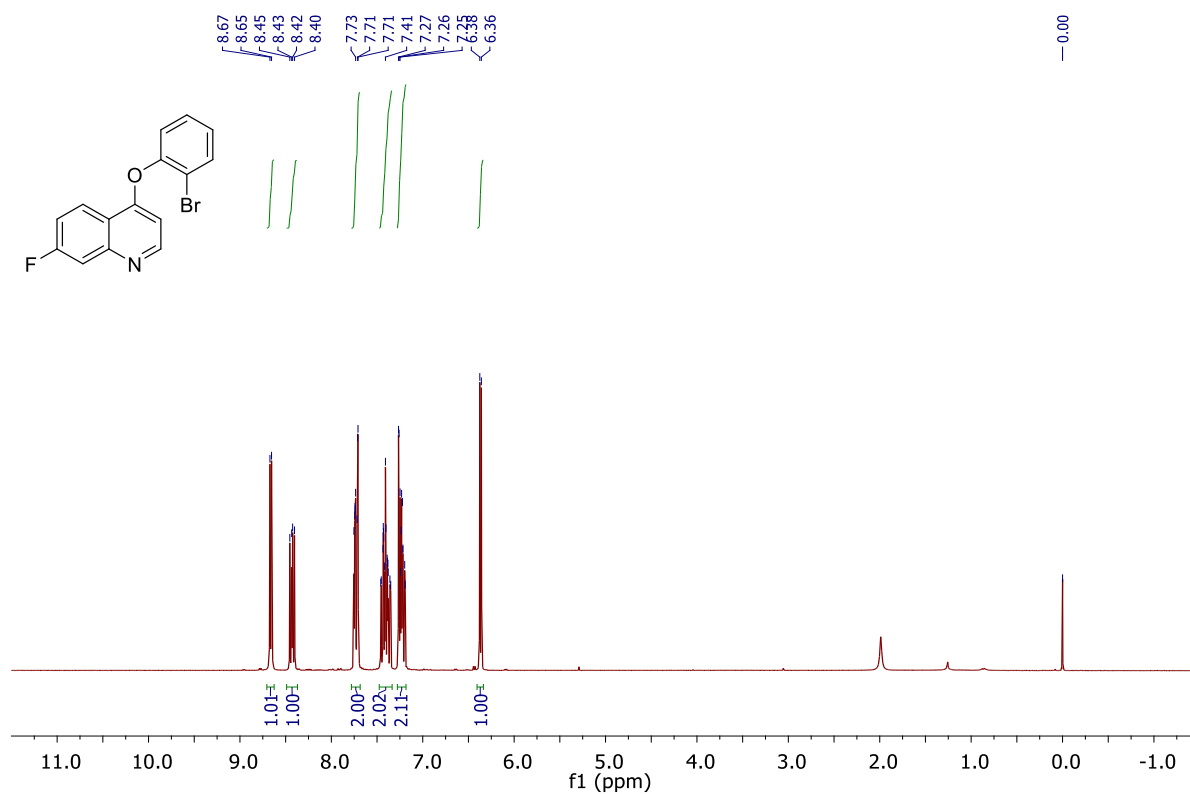
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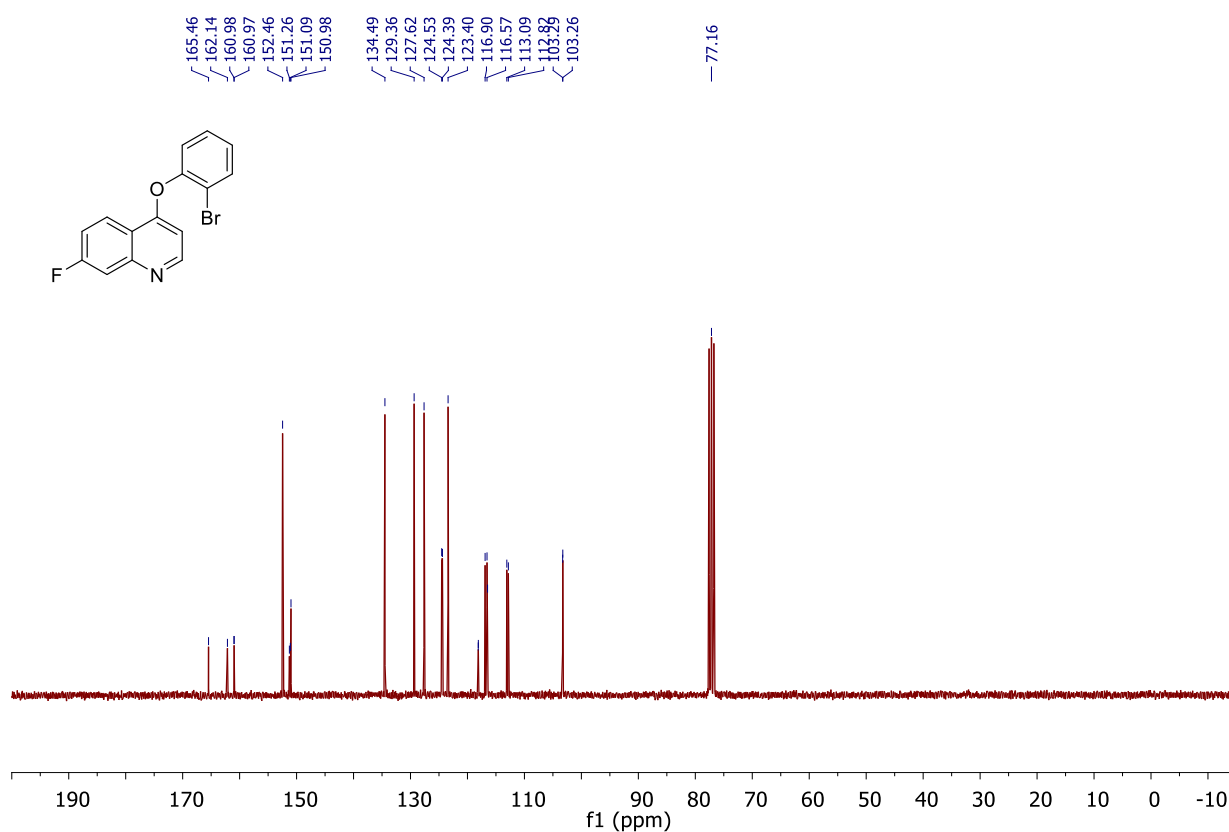
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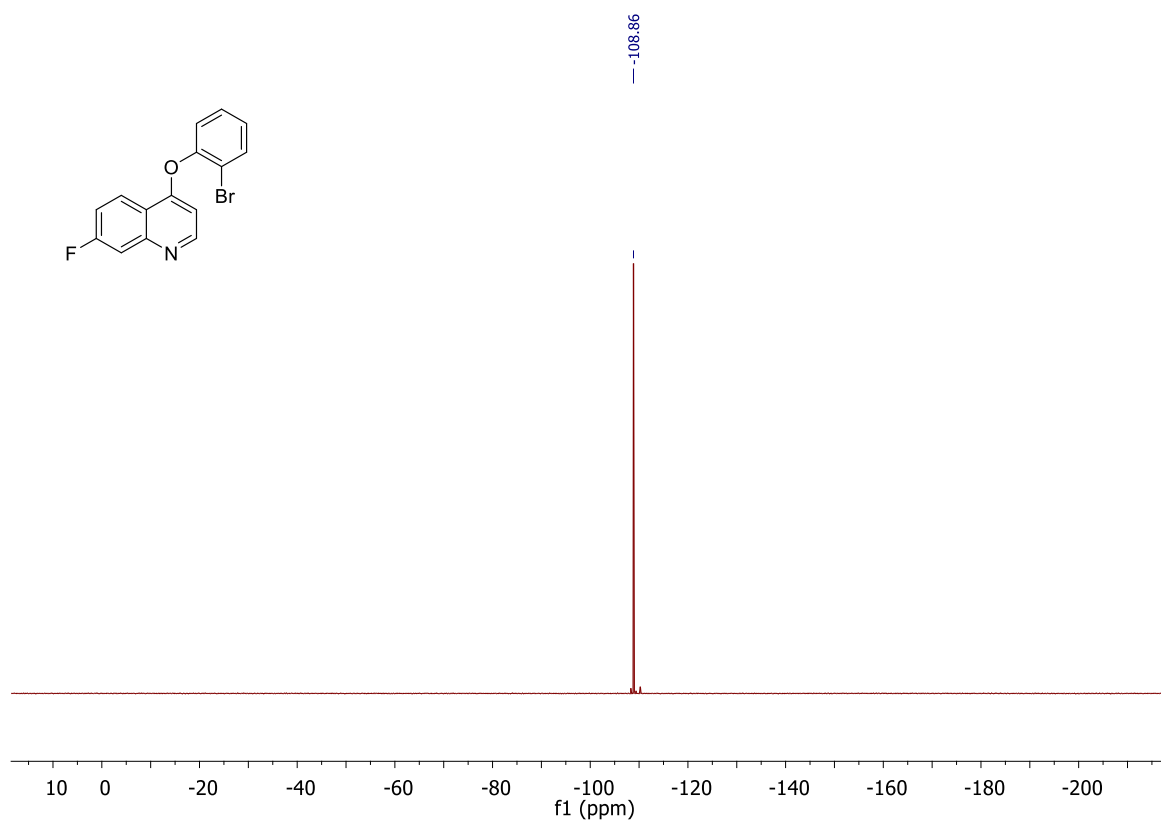
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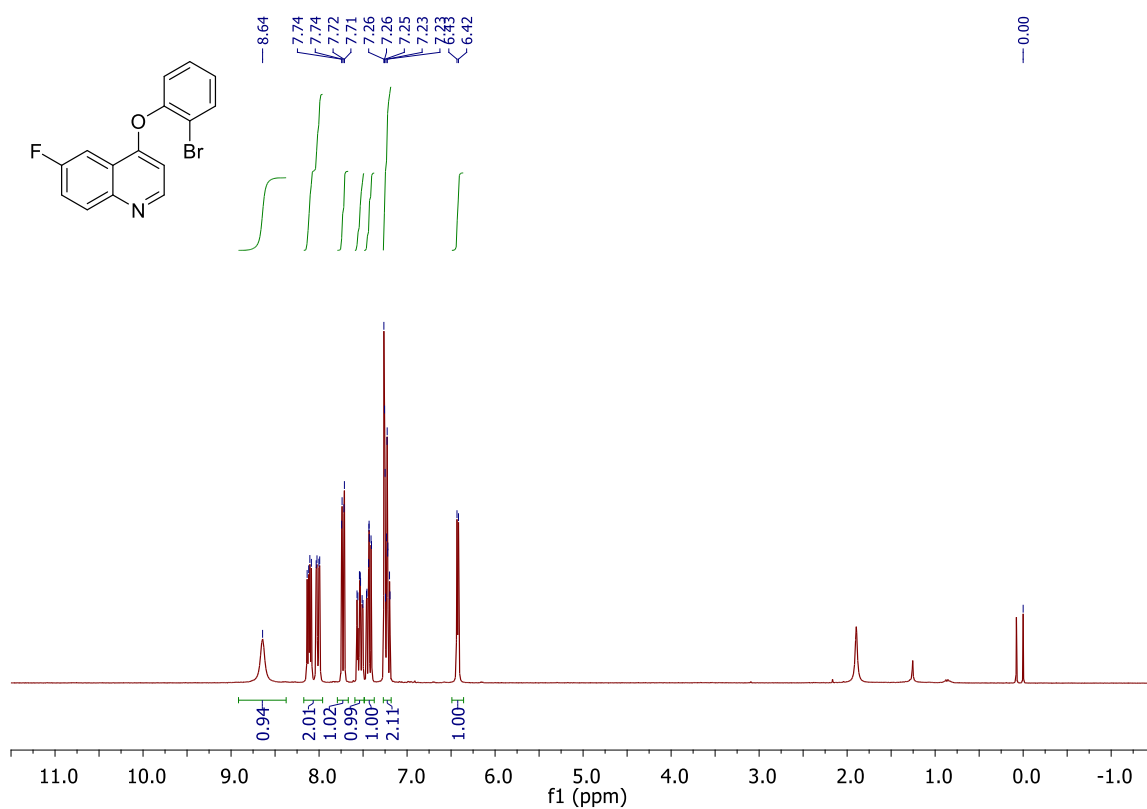
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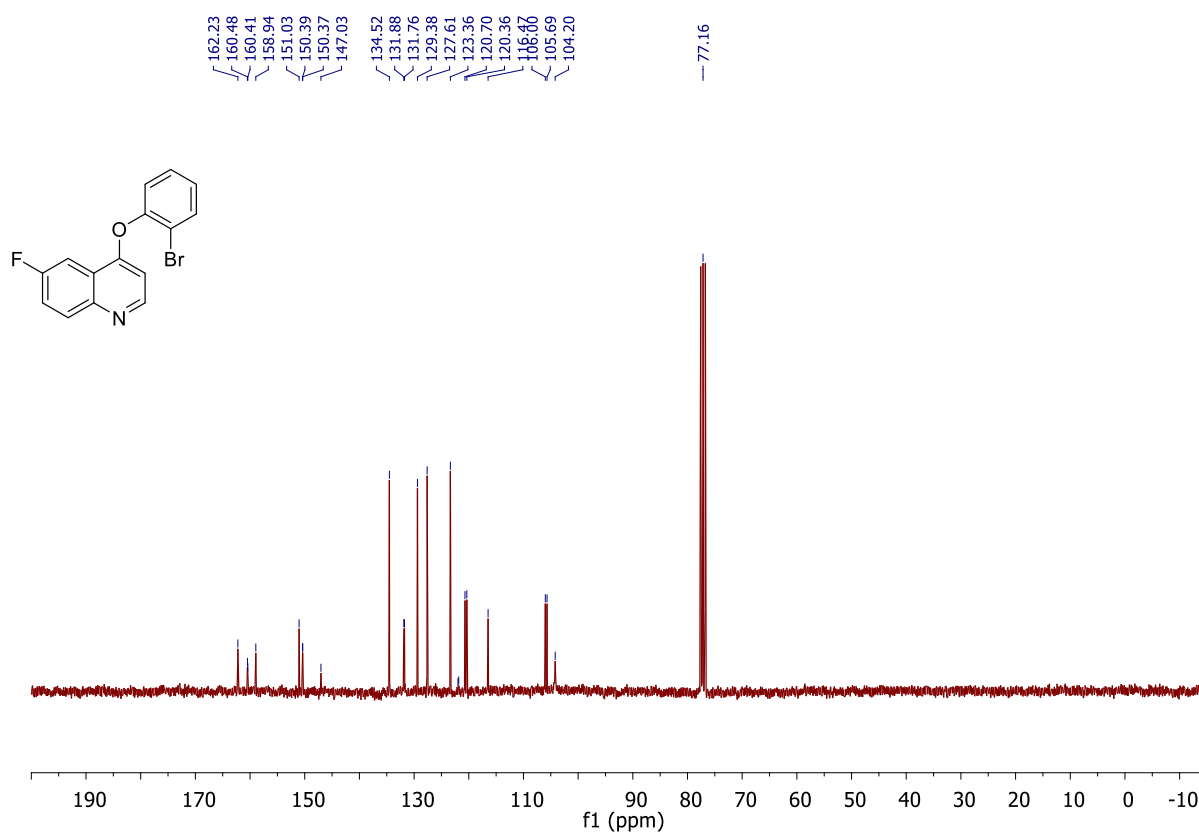
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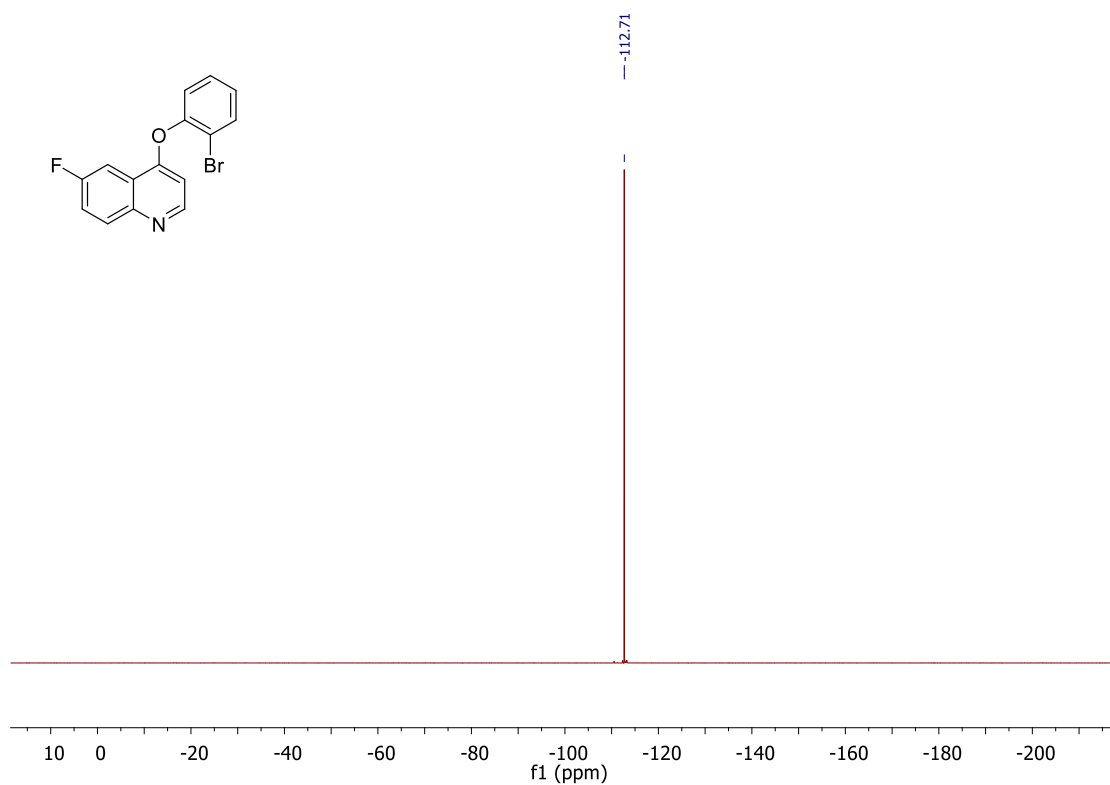
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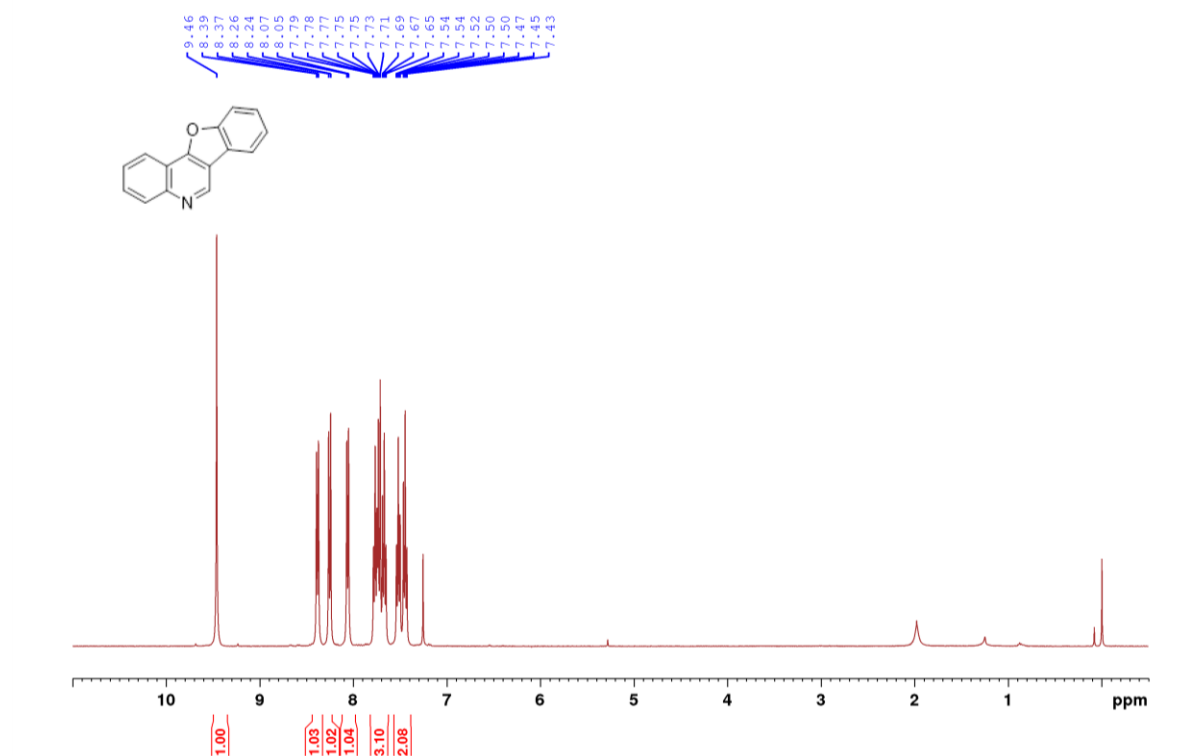


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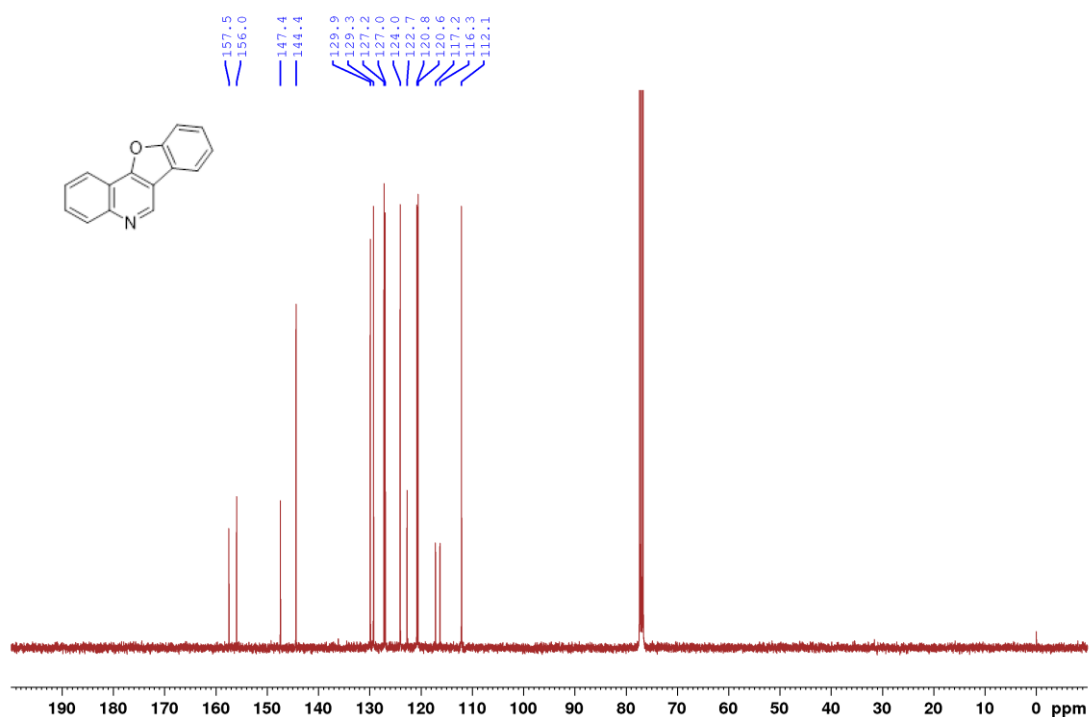


NMR Spectra of Benzofuroquinolines

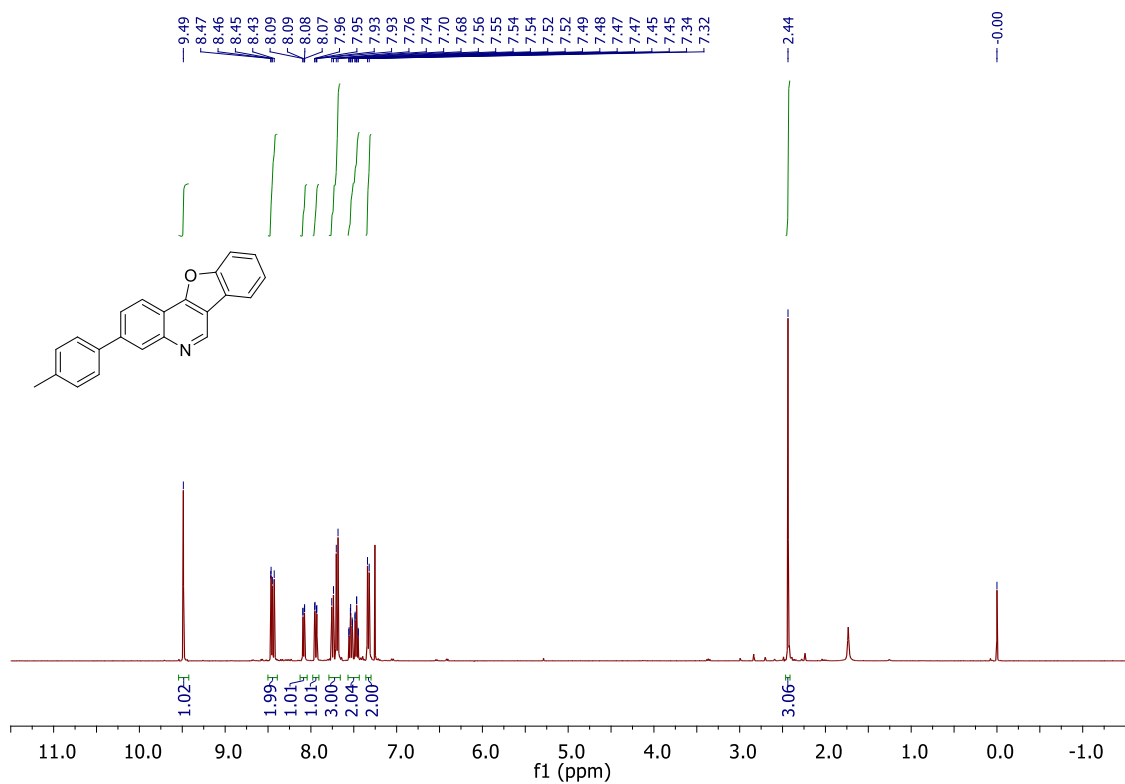
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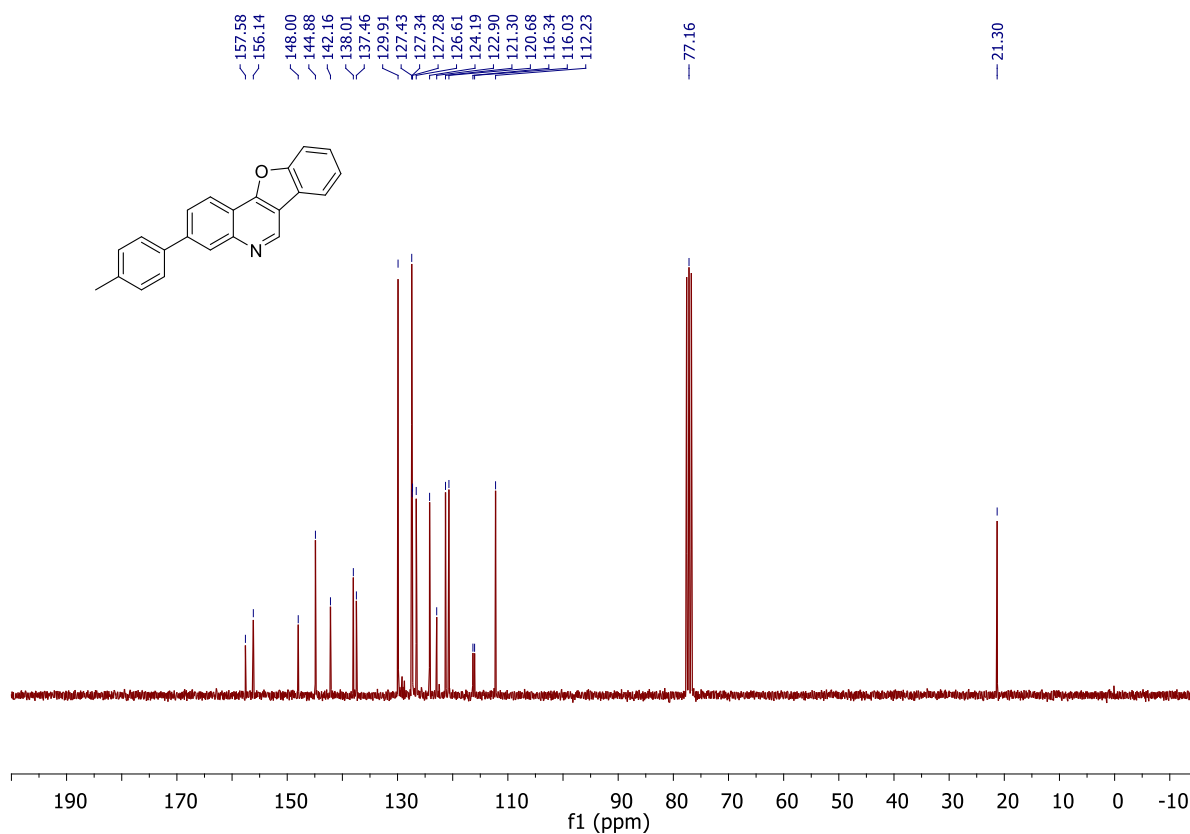
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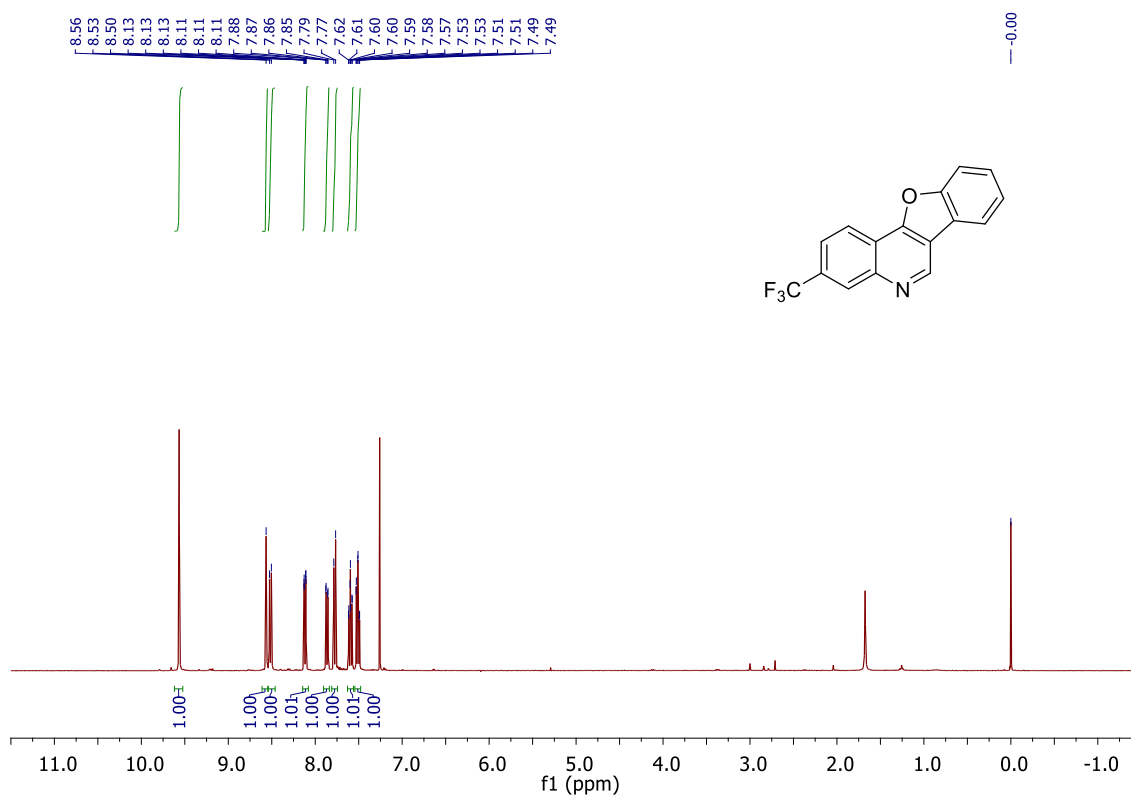
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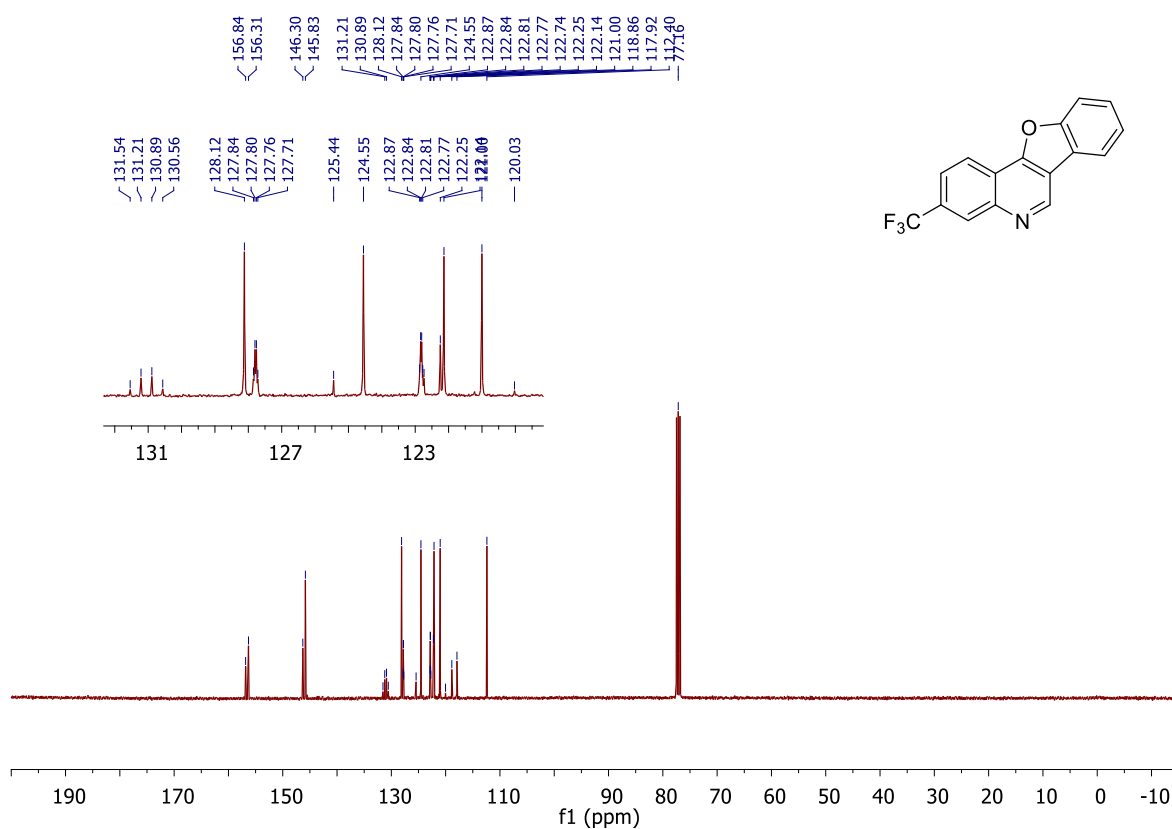
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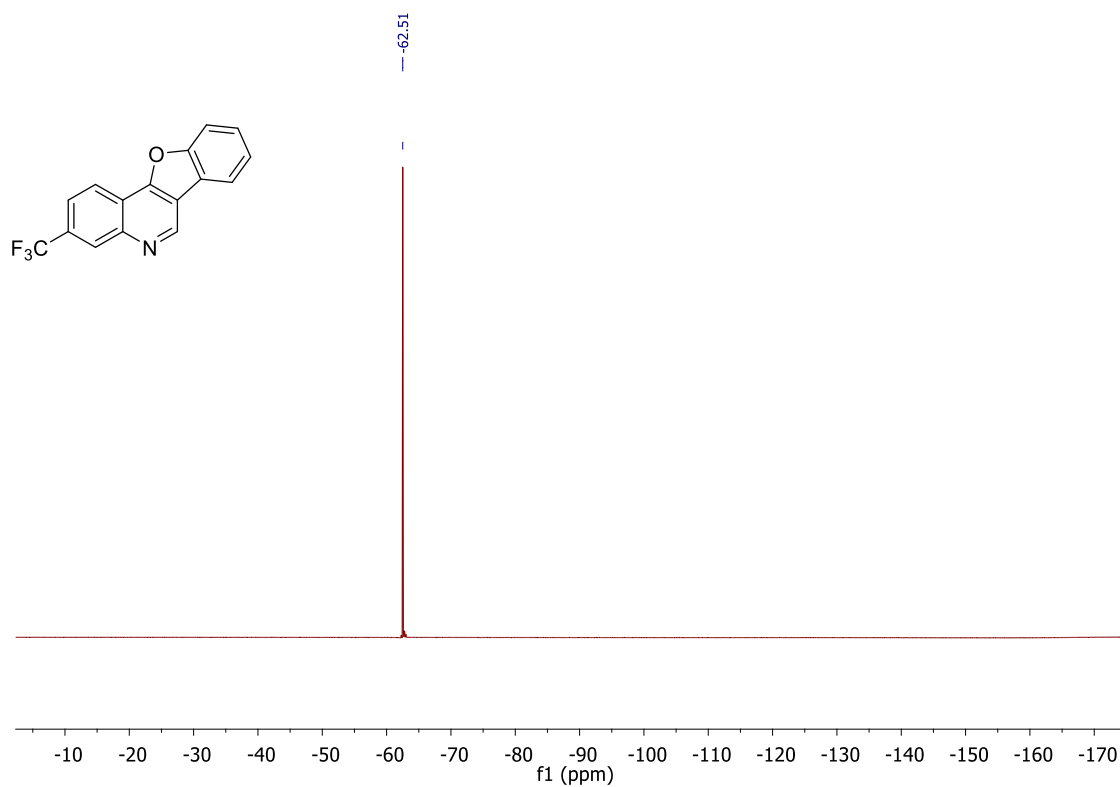
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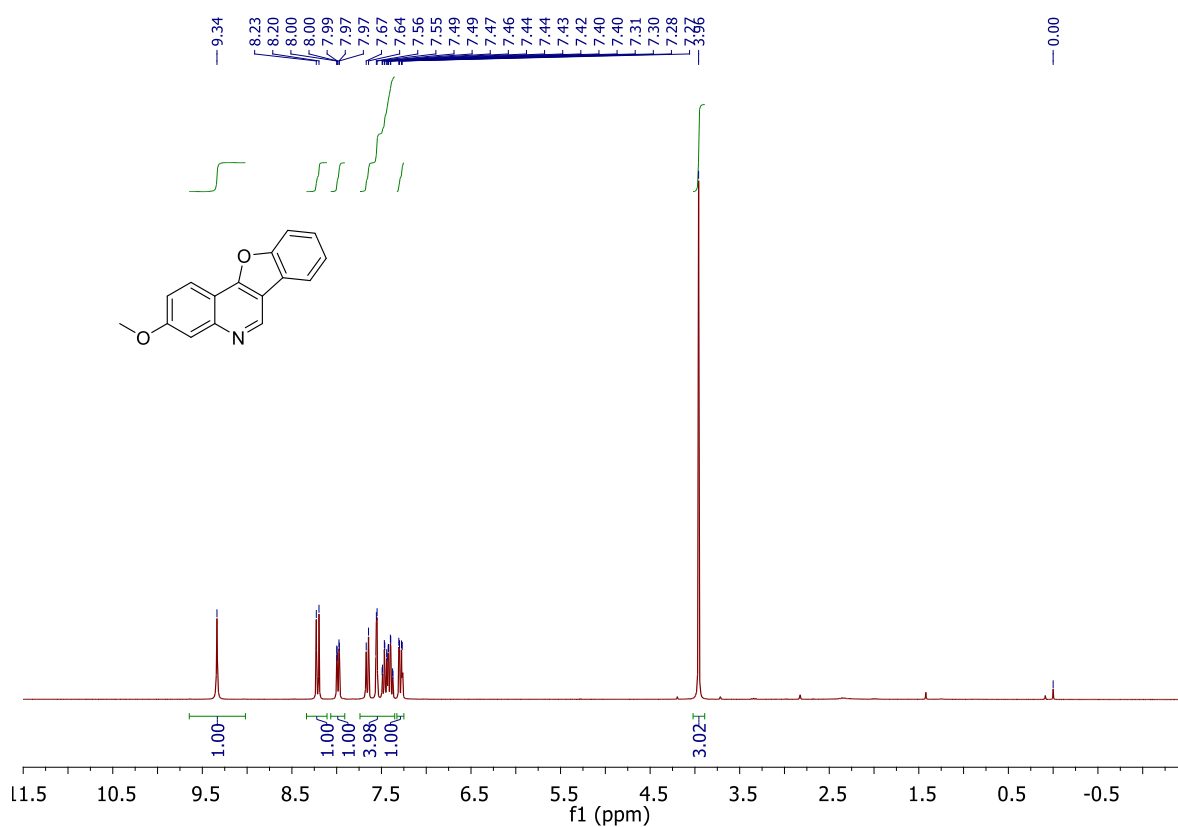
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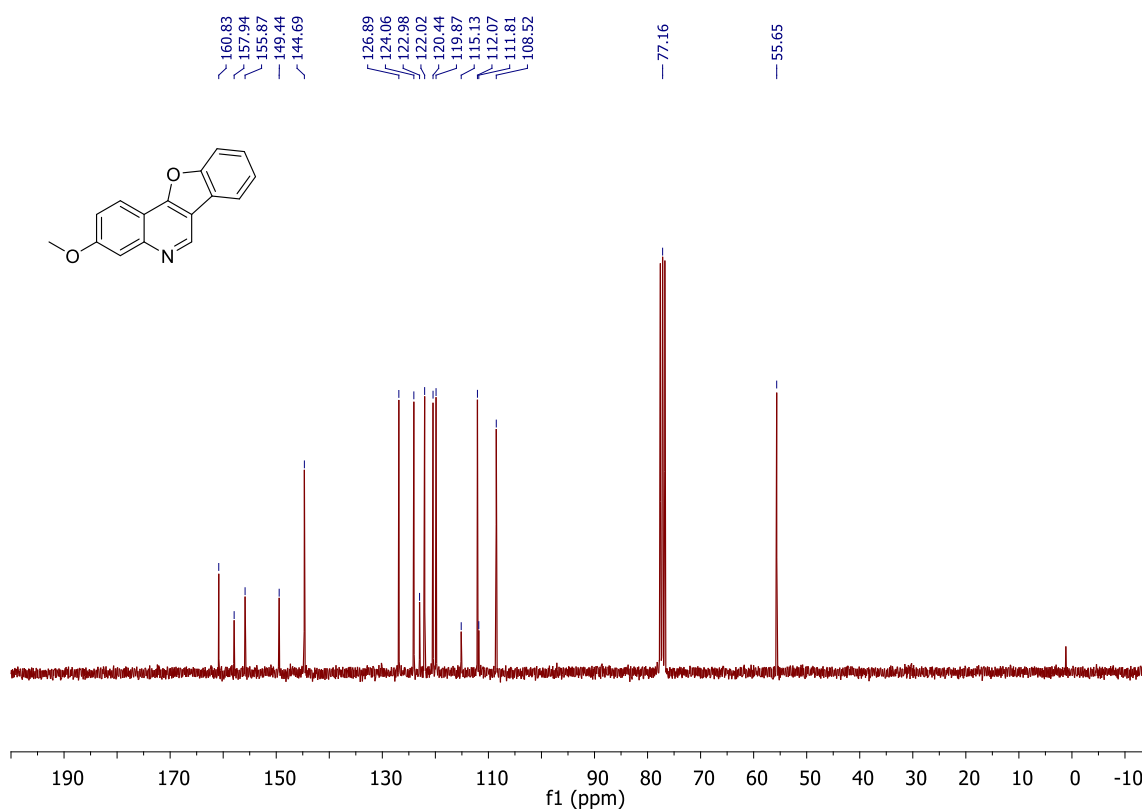
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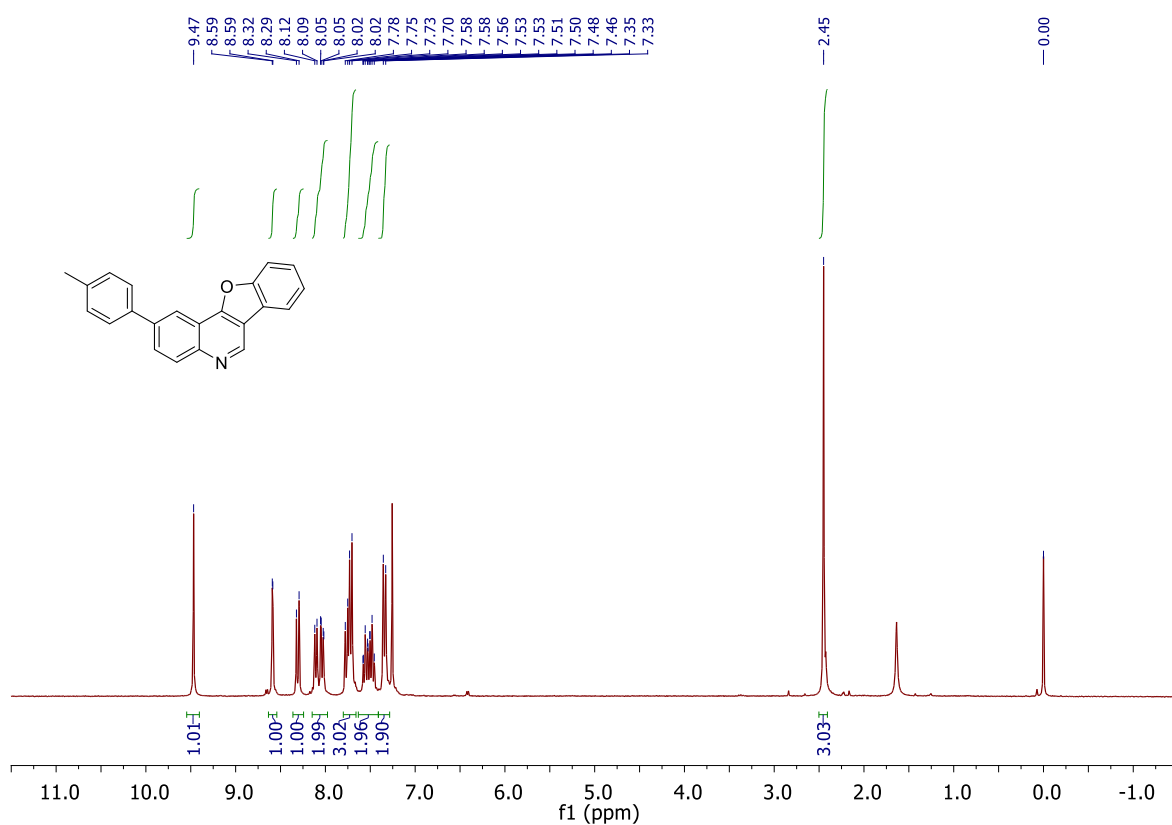
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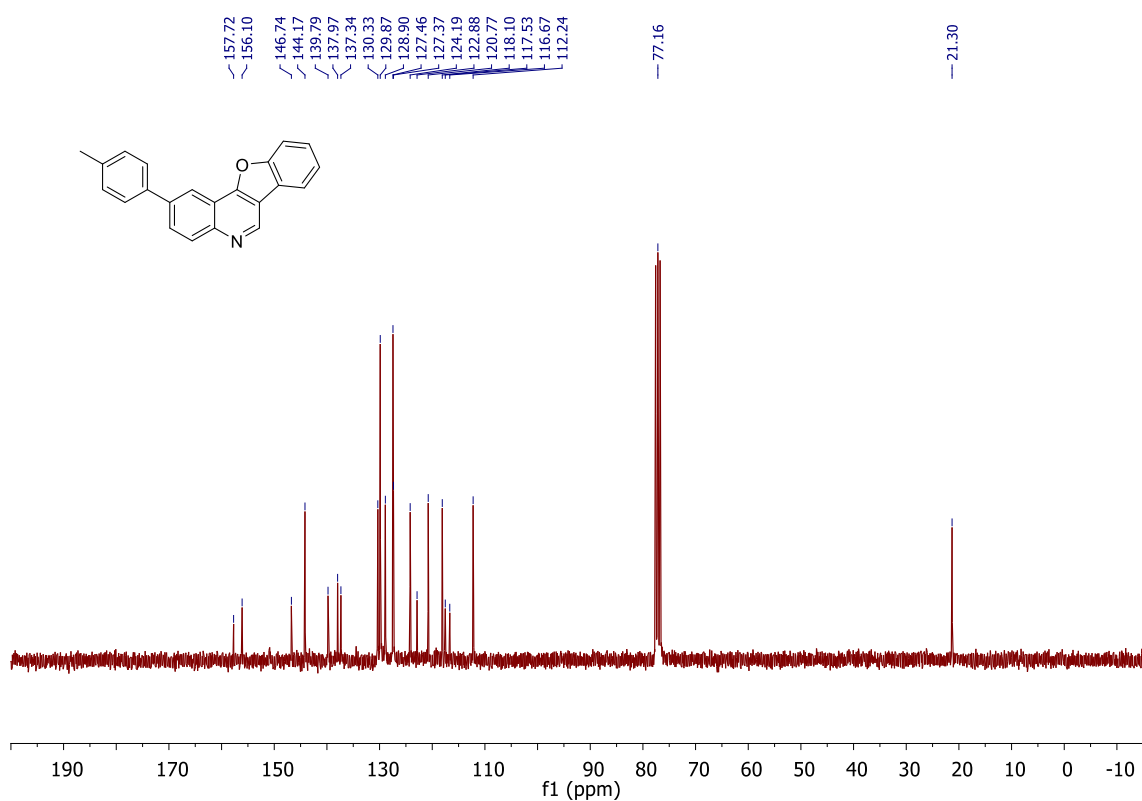
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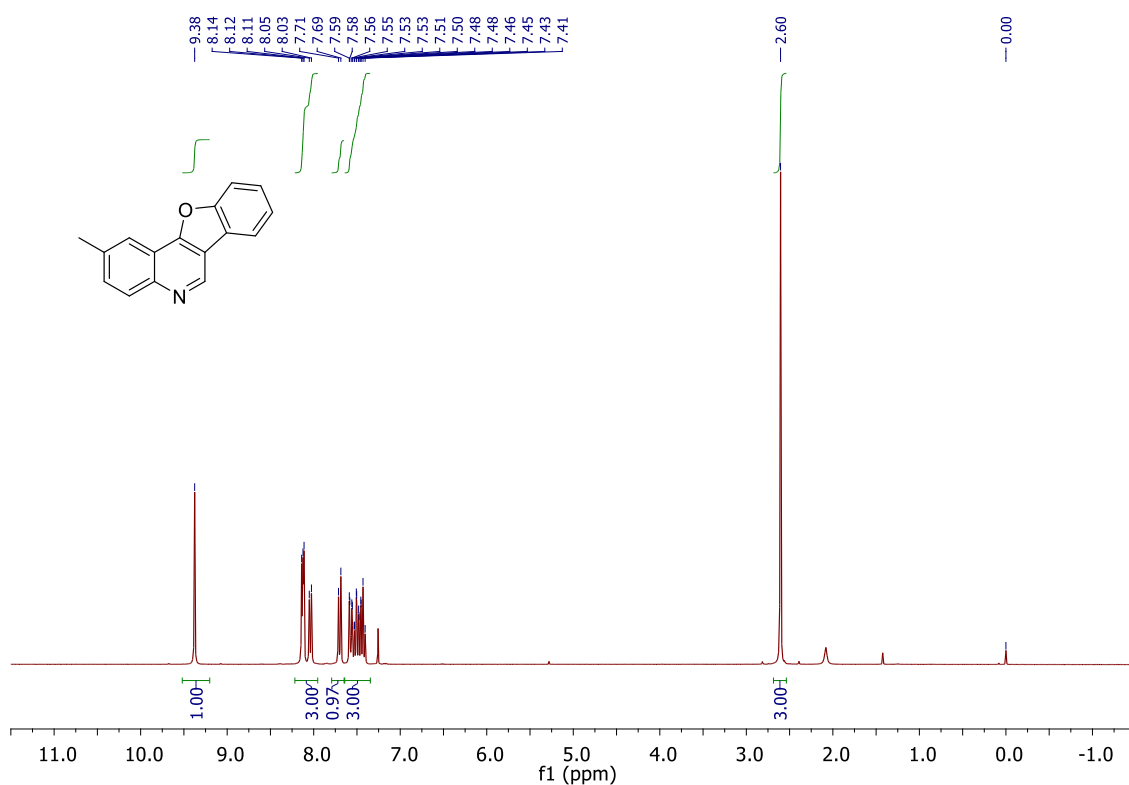
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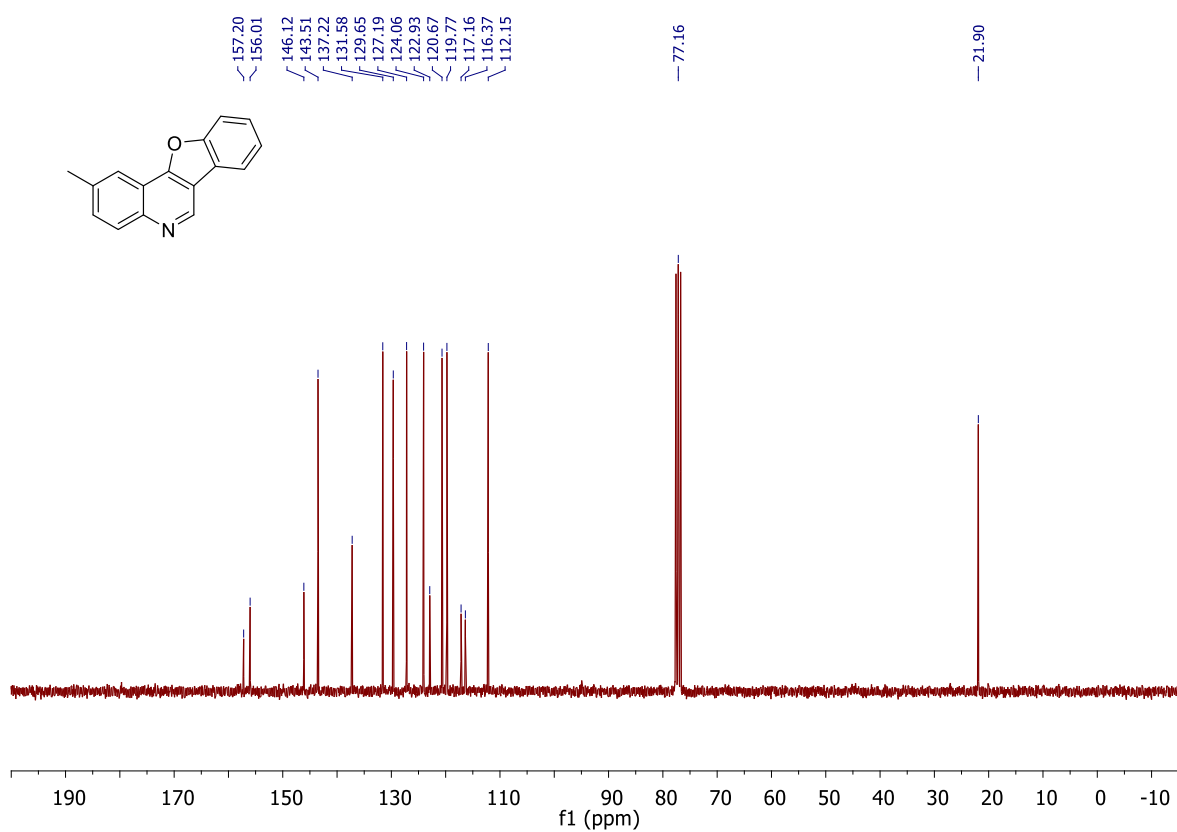
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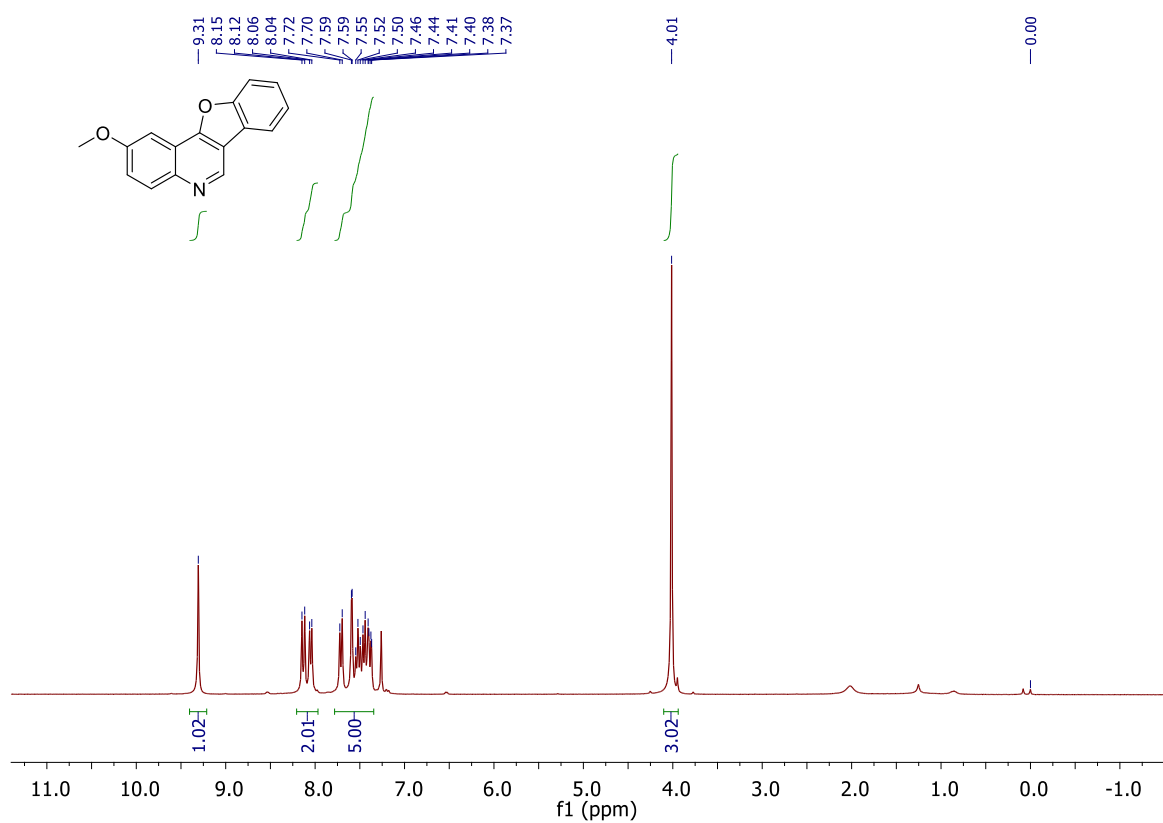
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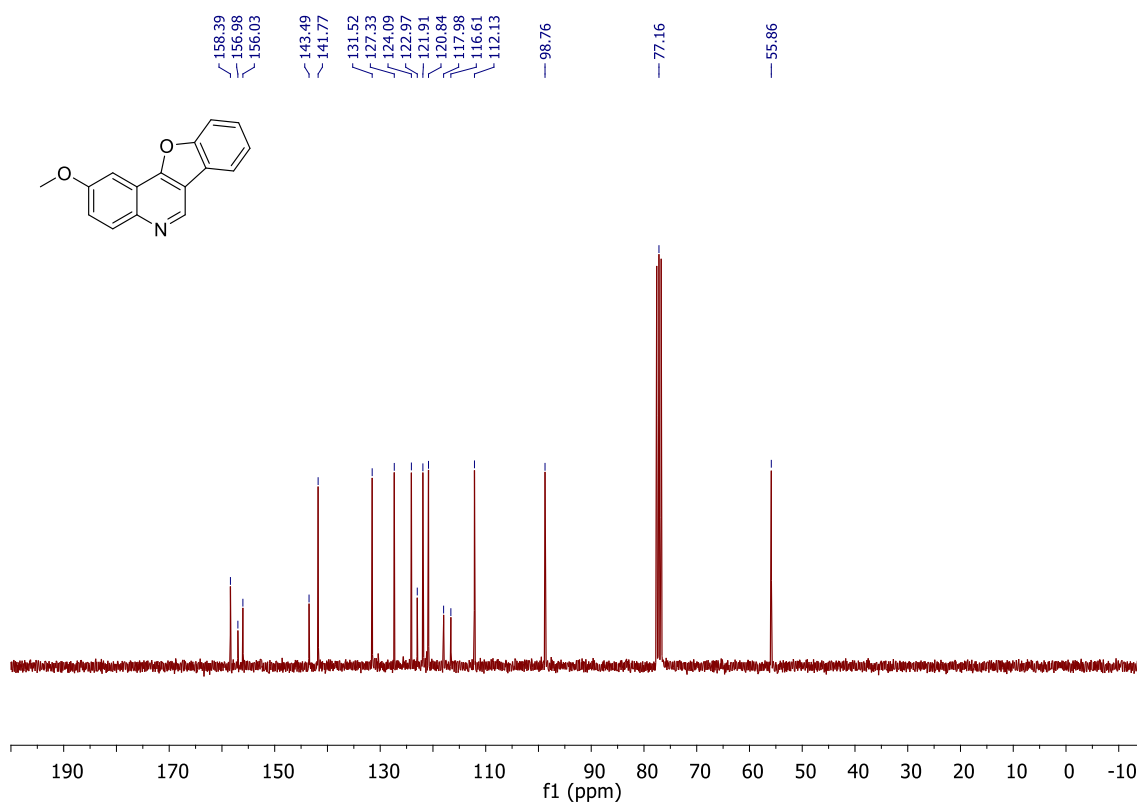
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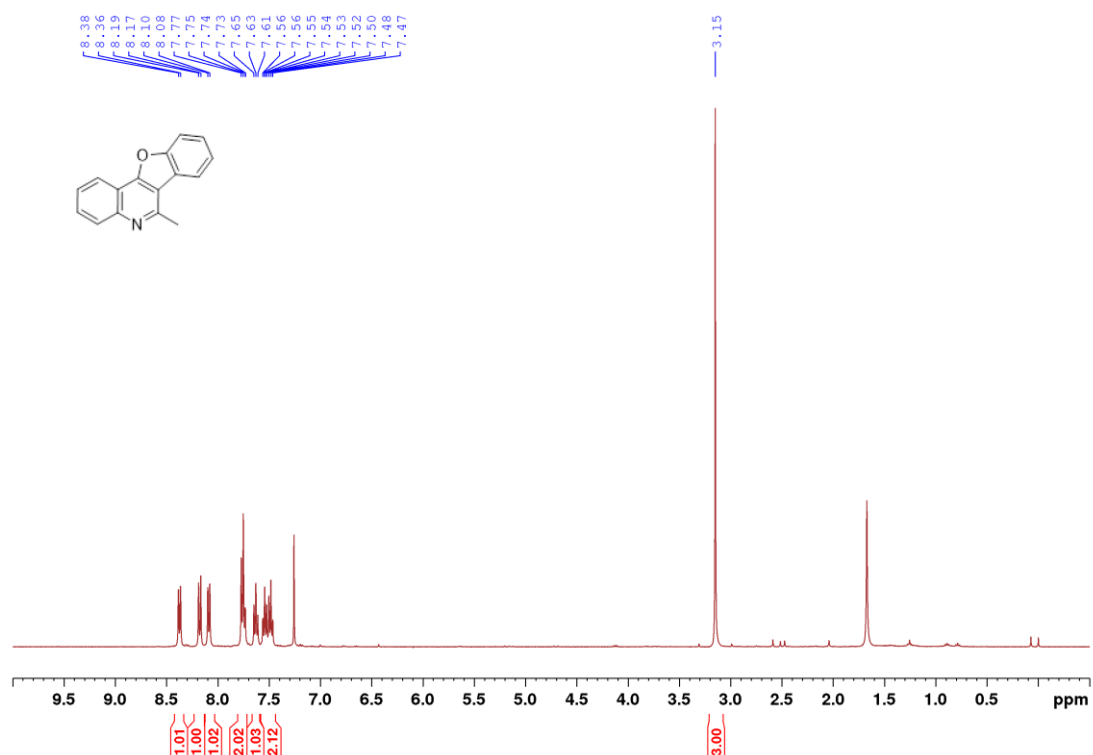
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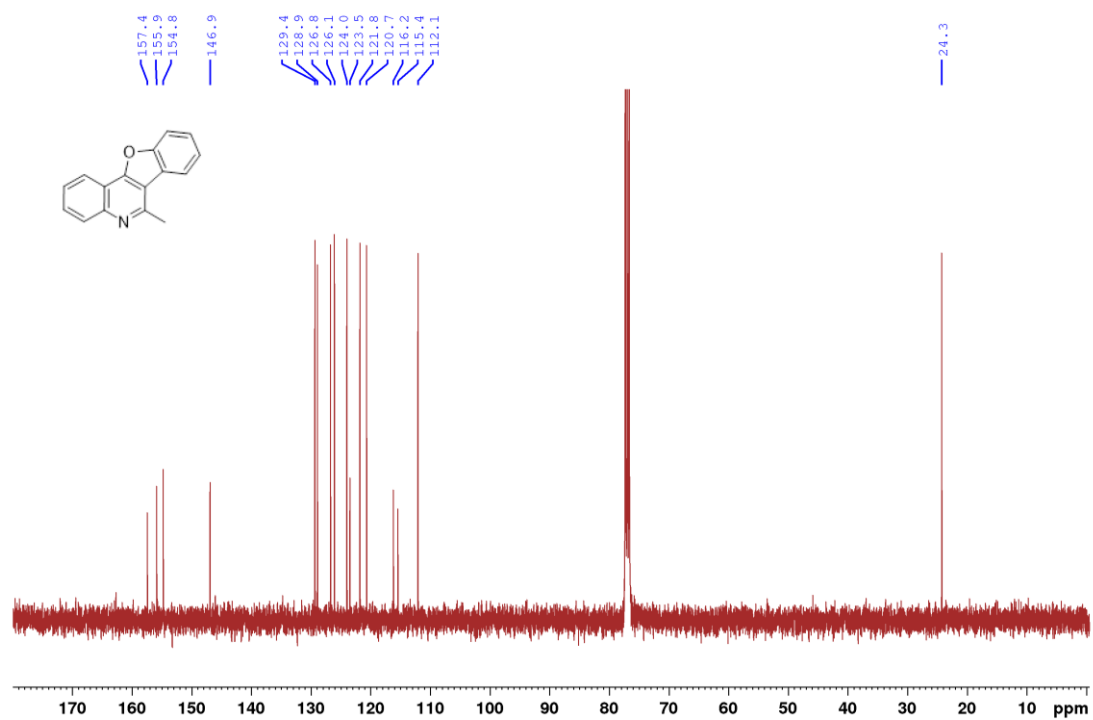
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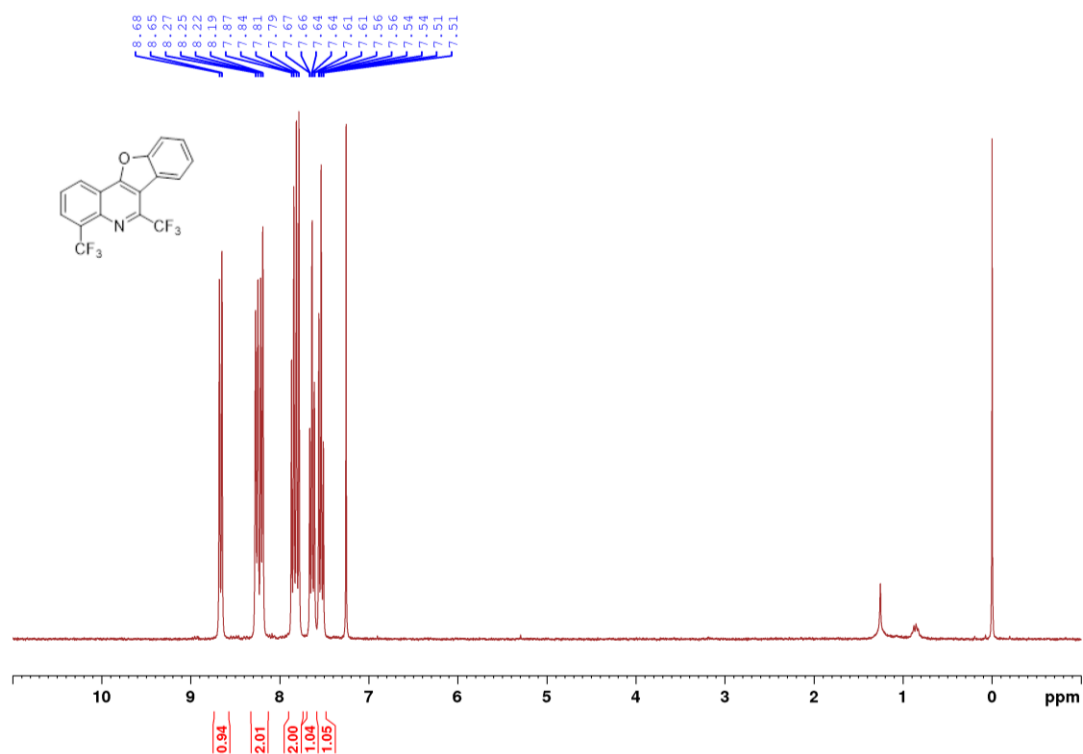
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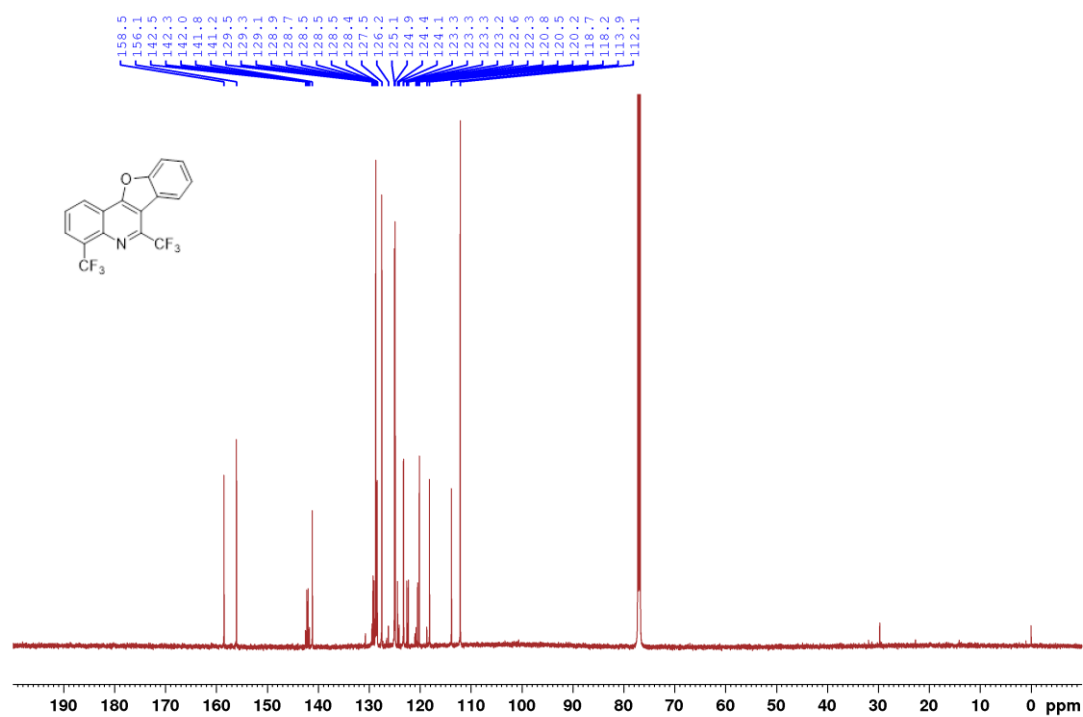
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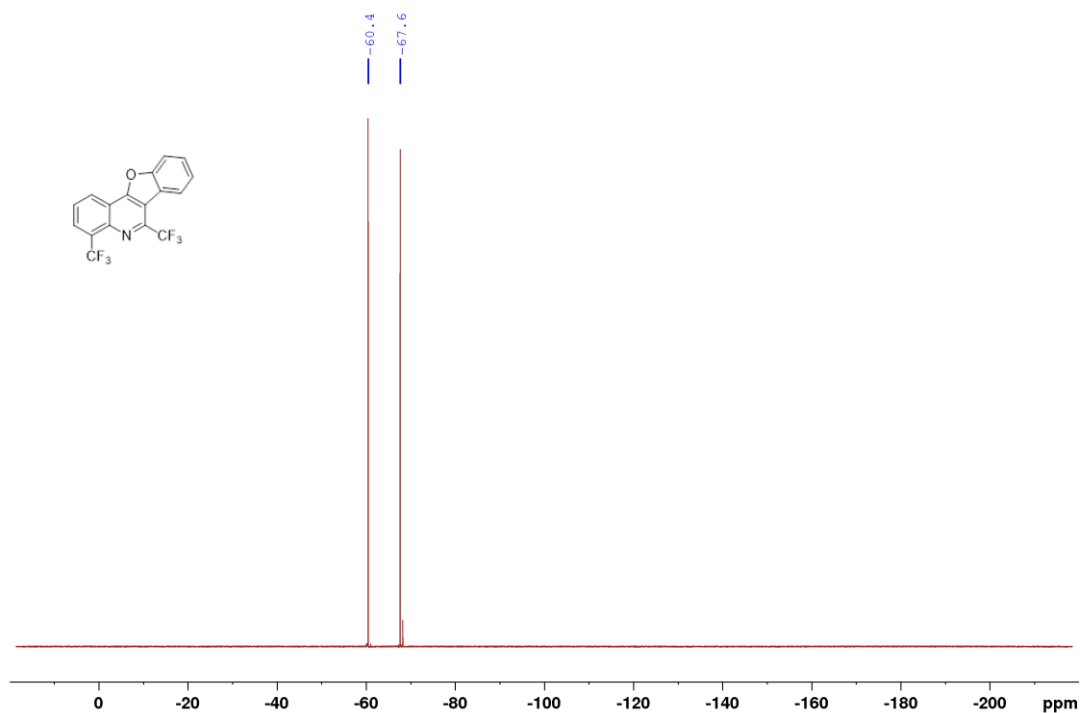
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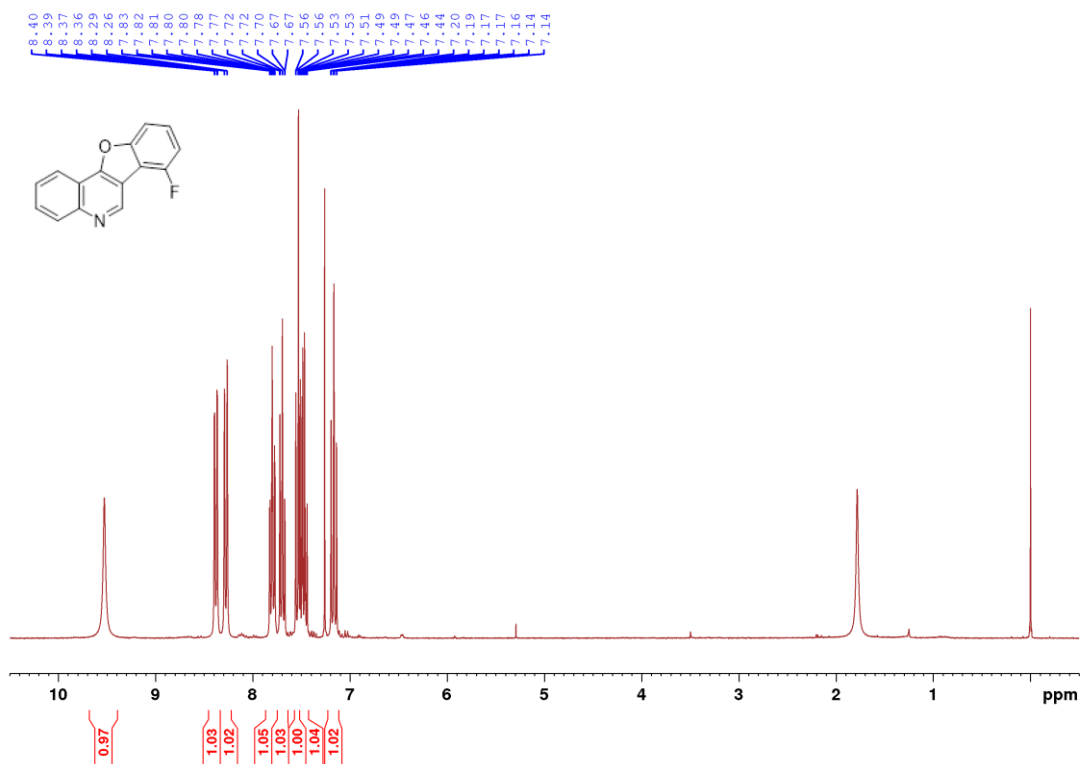
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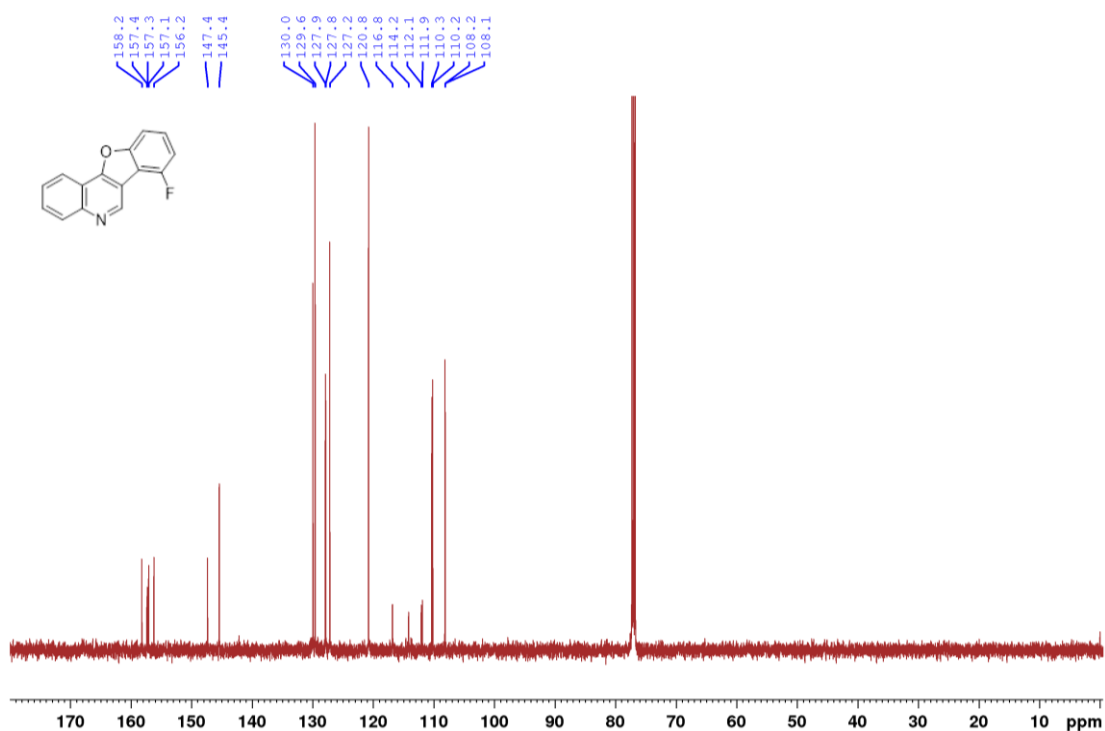
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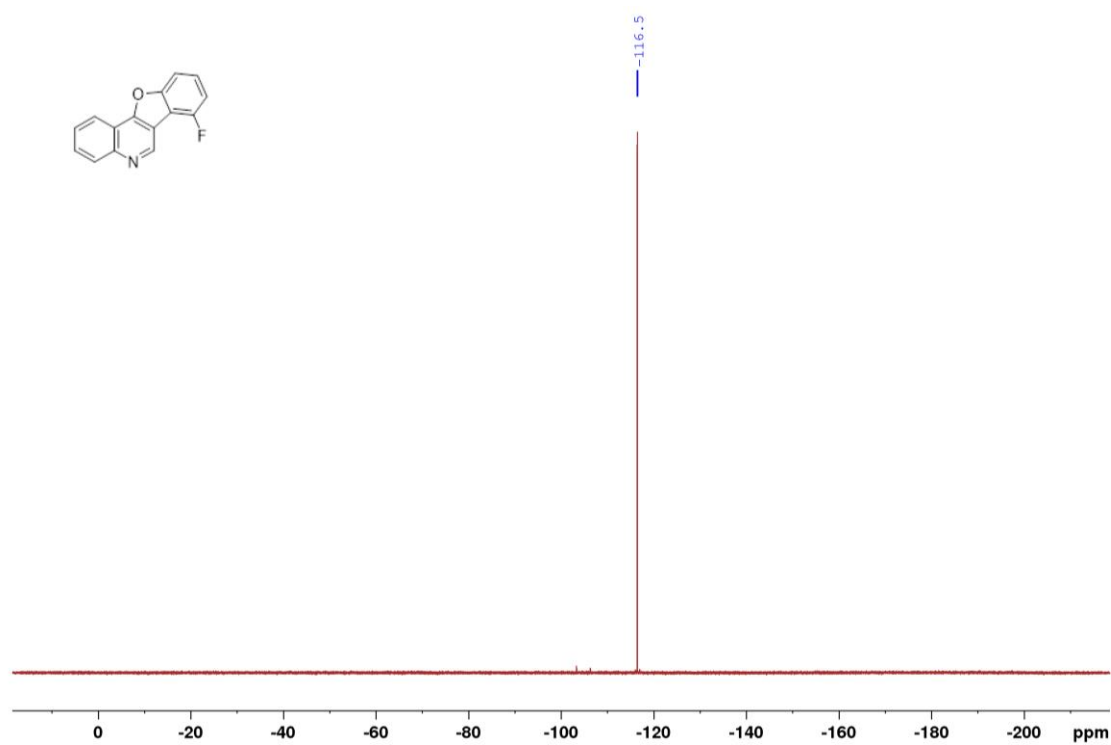
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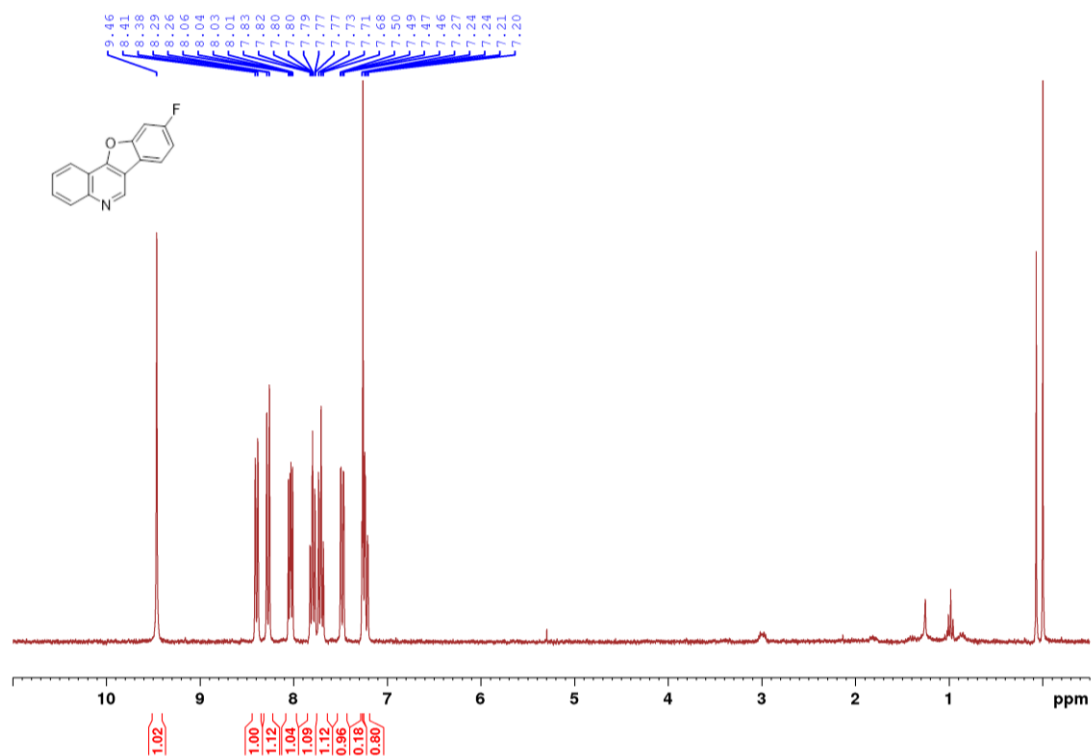
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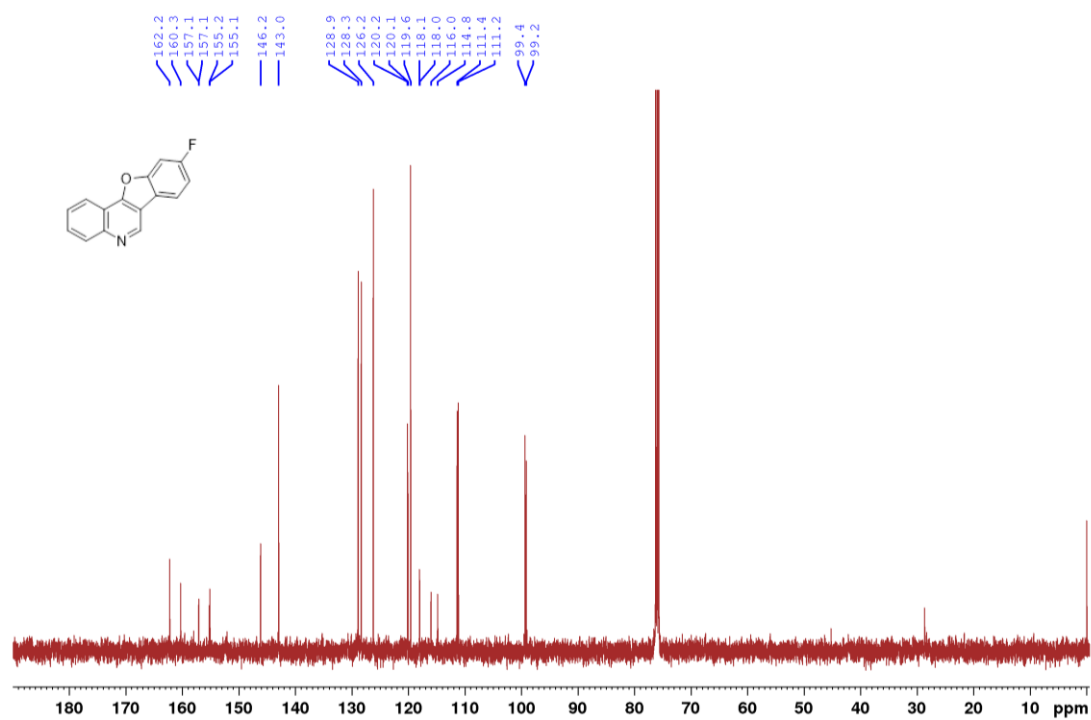
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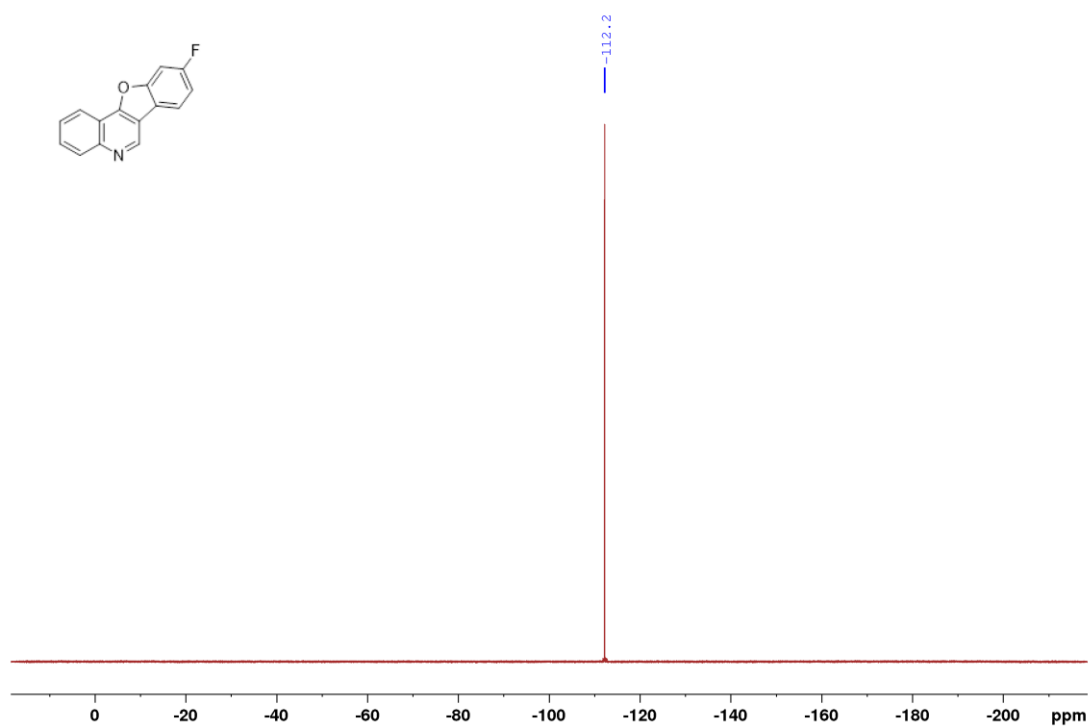
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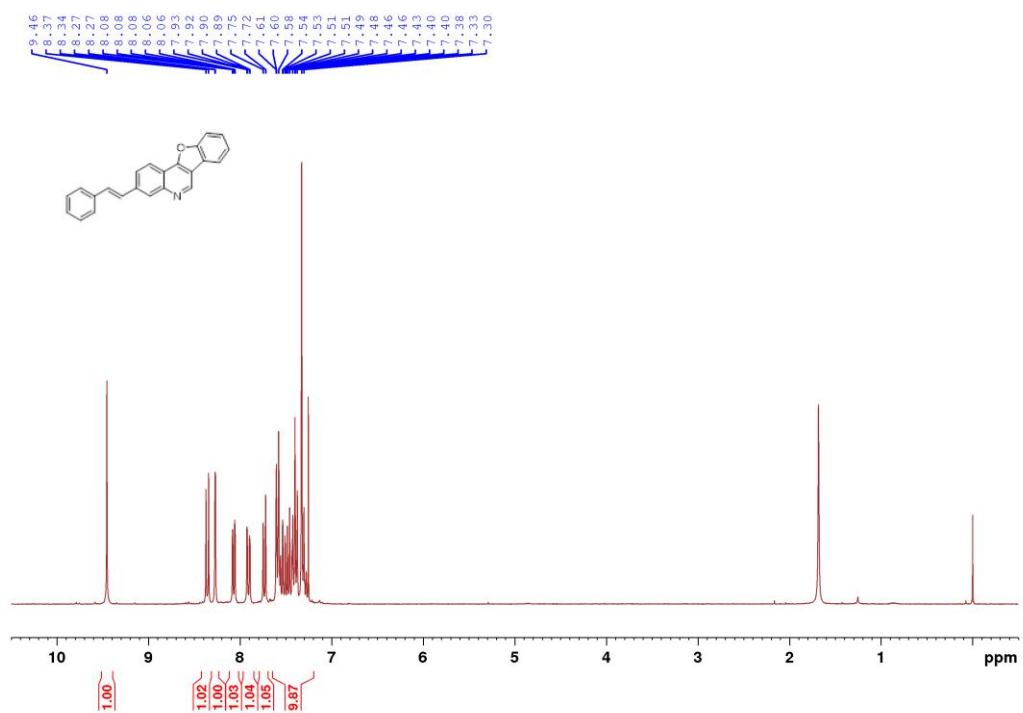
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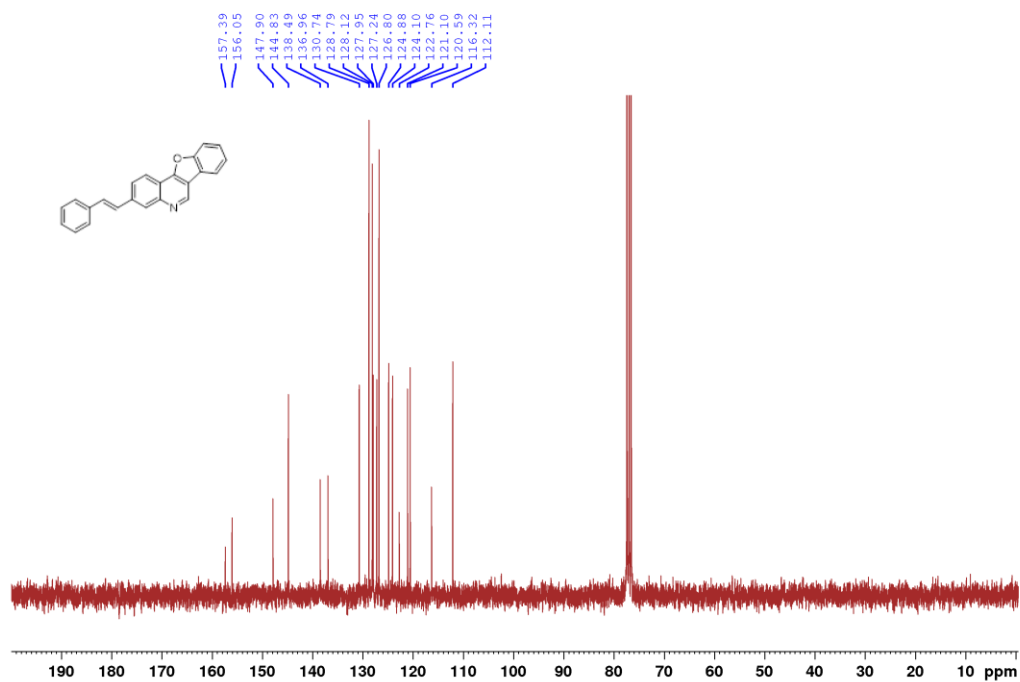
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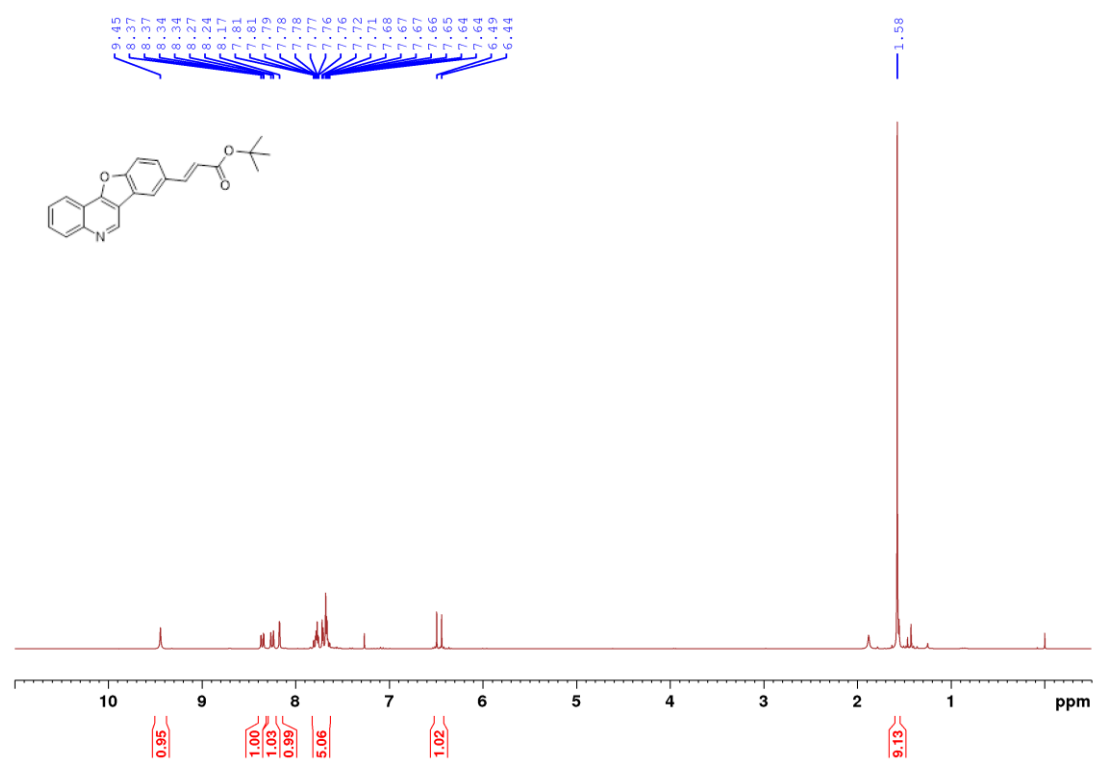
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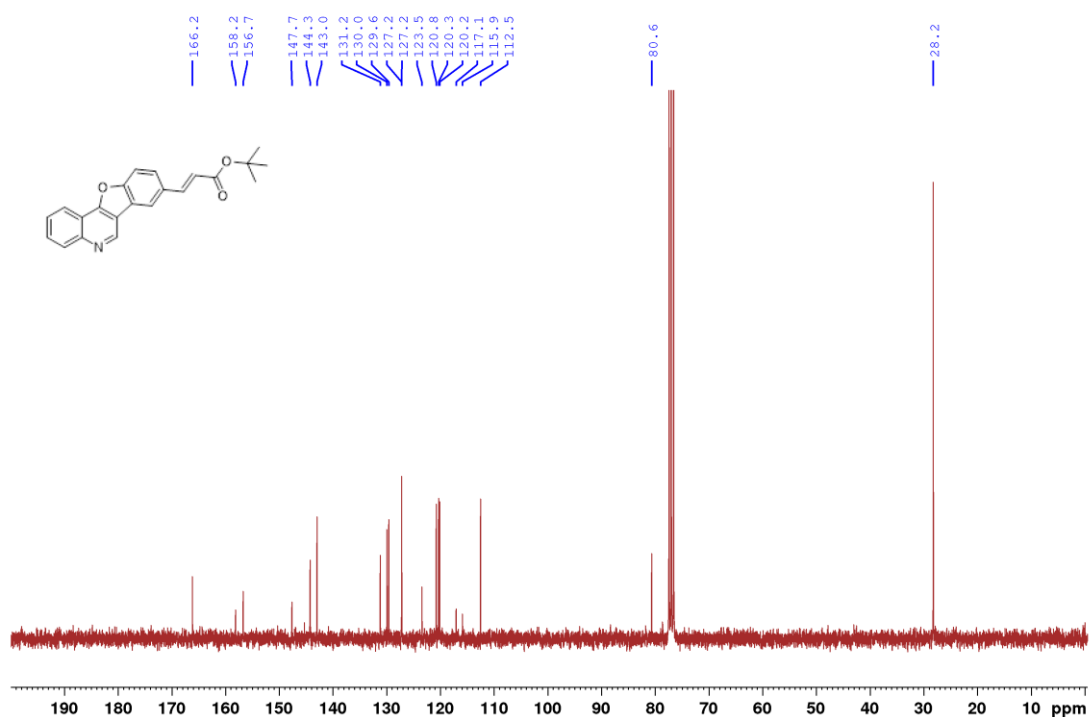
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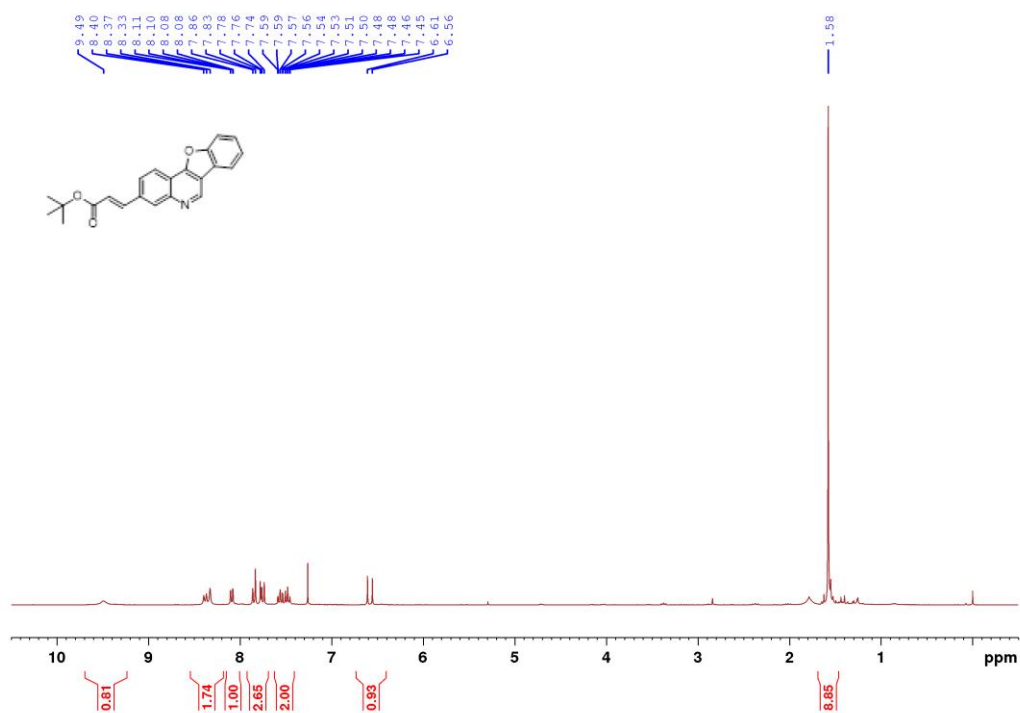
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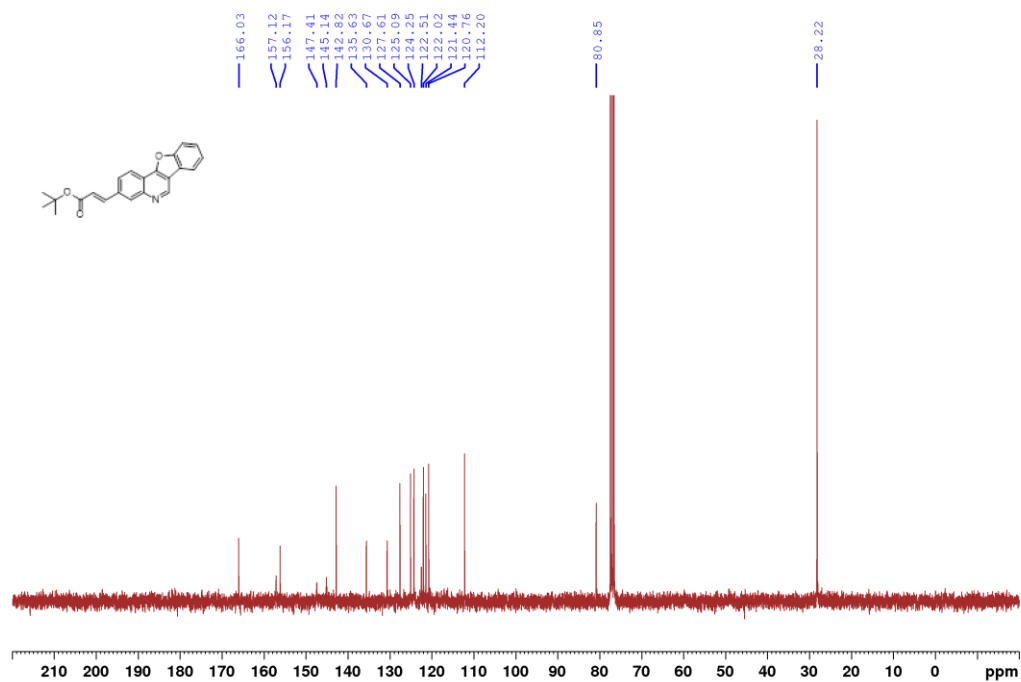
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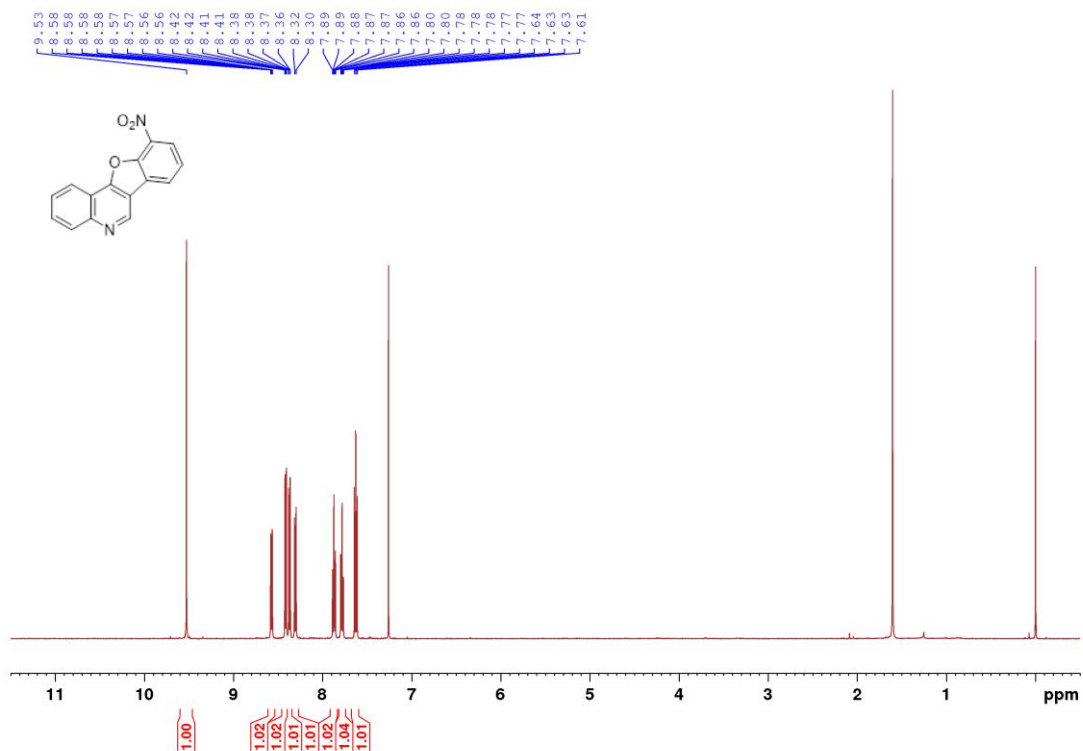
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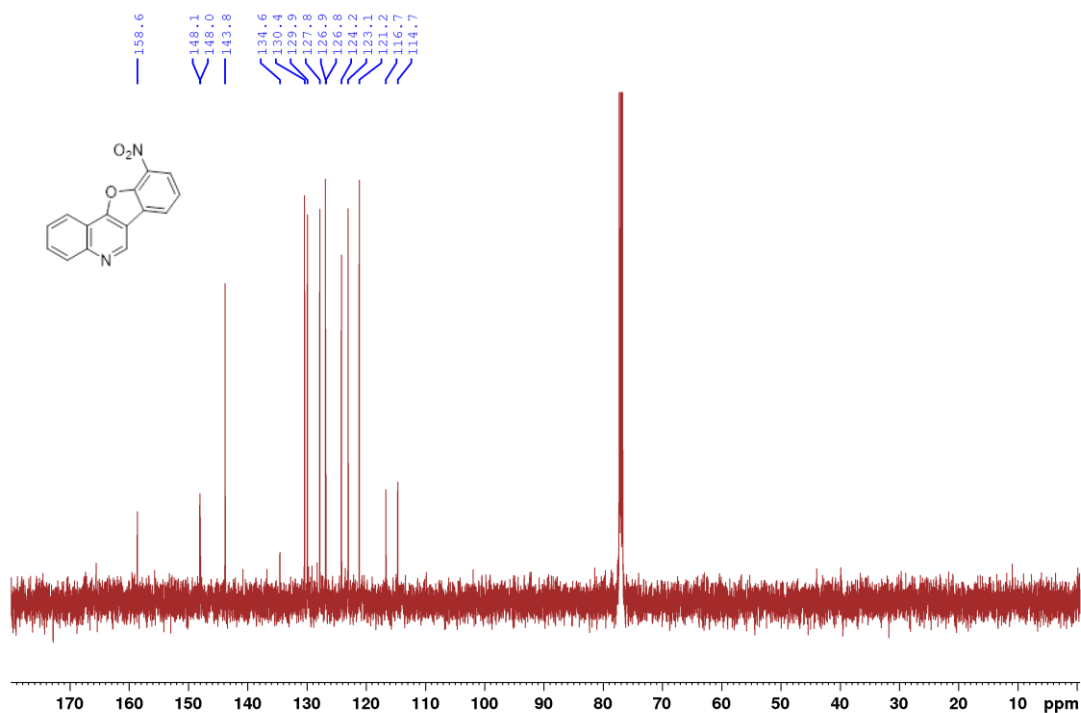
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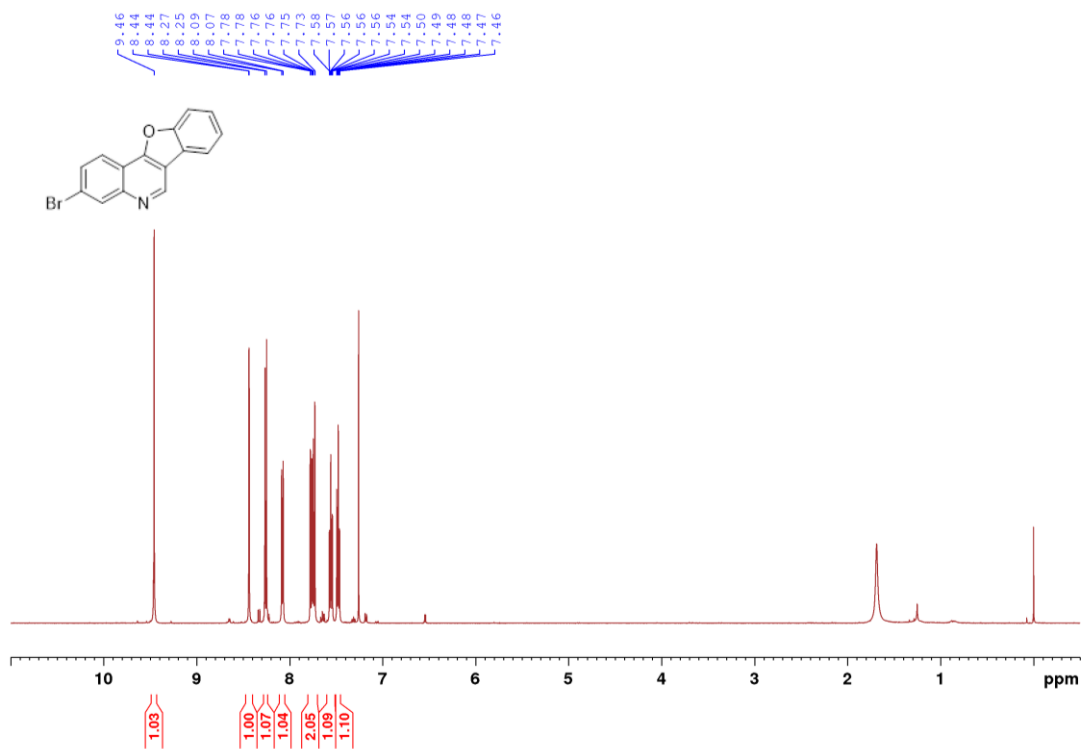
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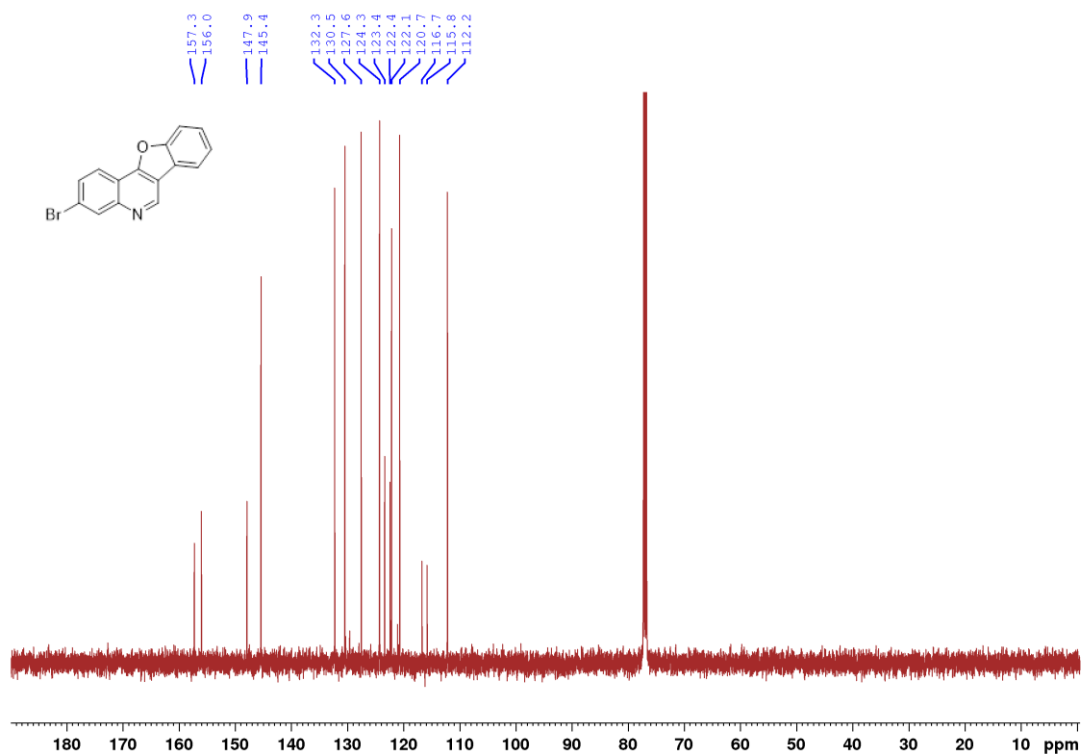
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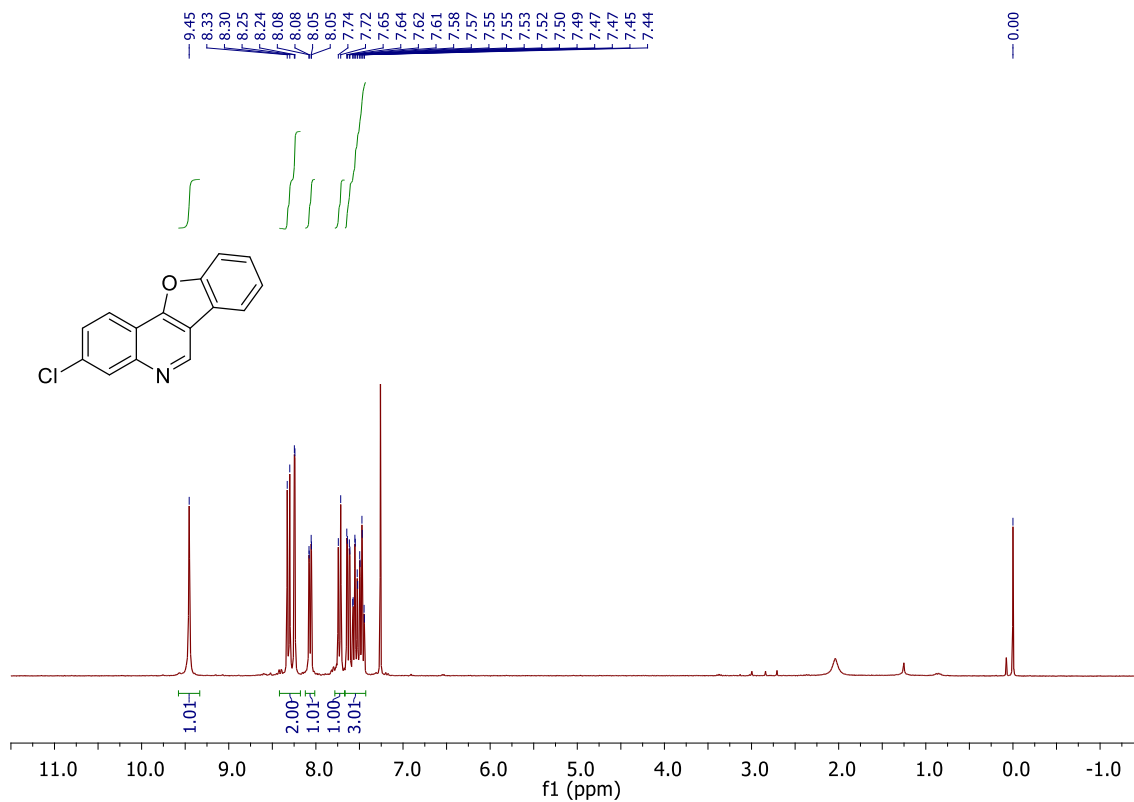
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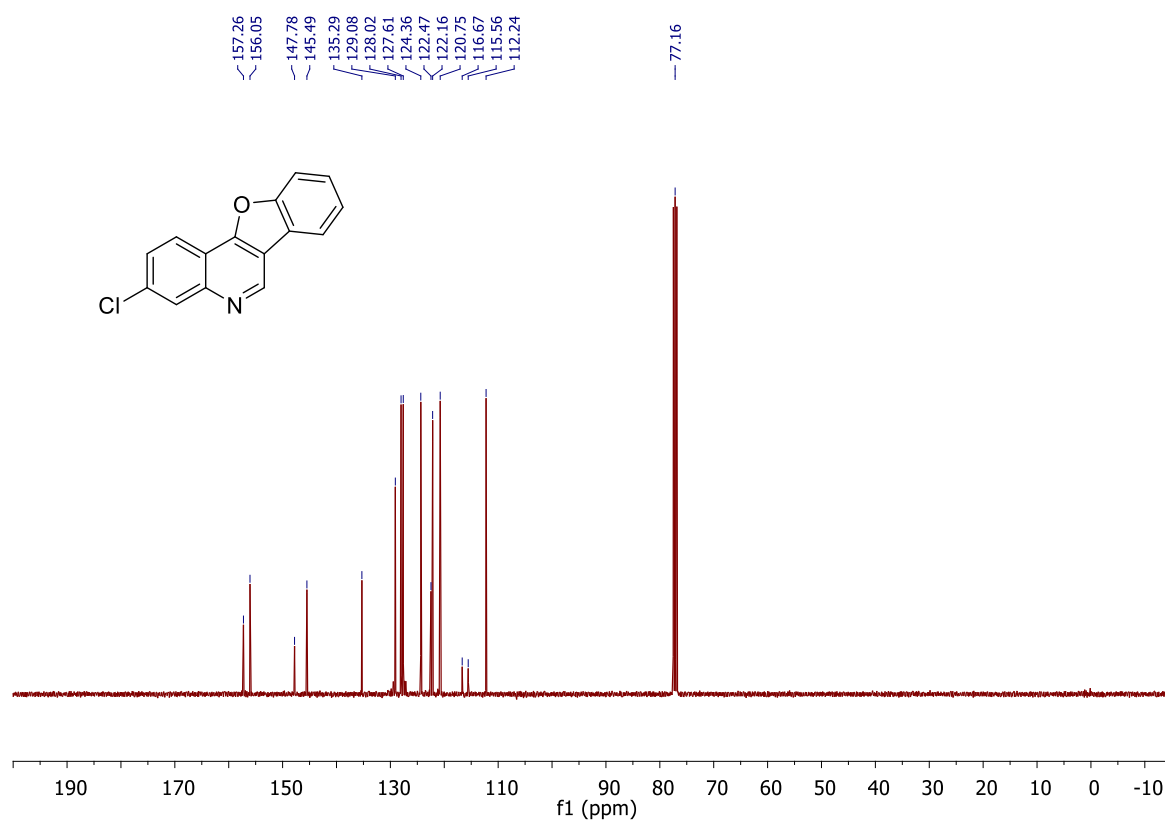
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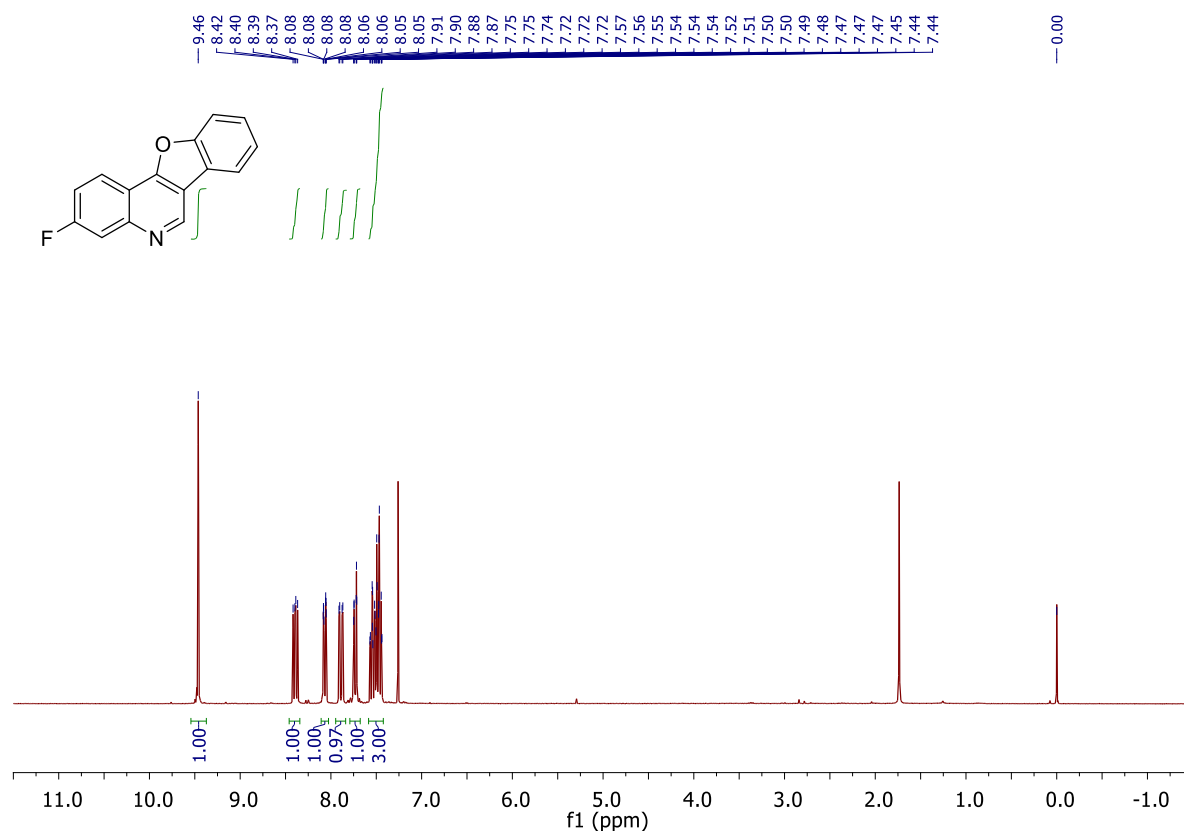
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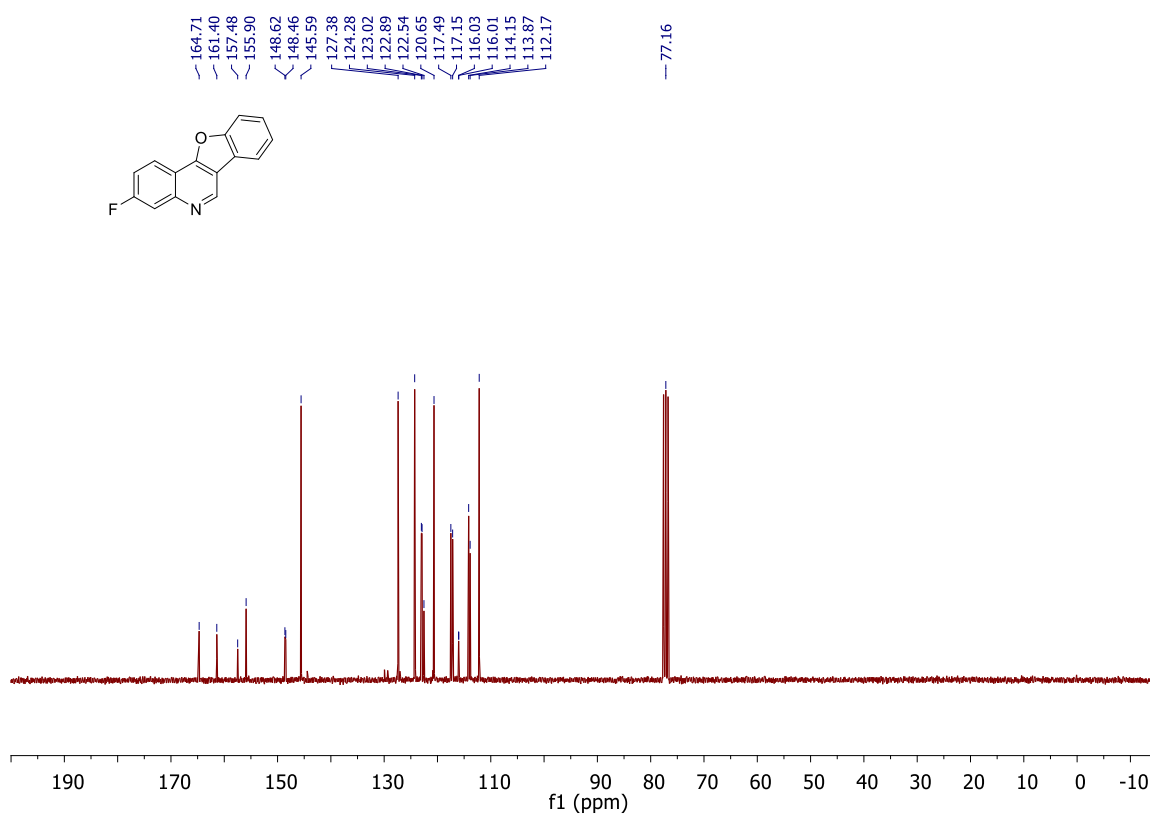
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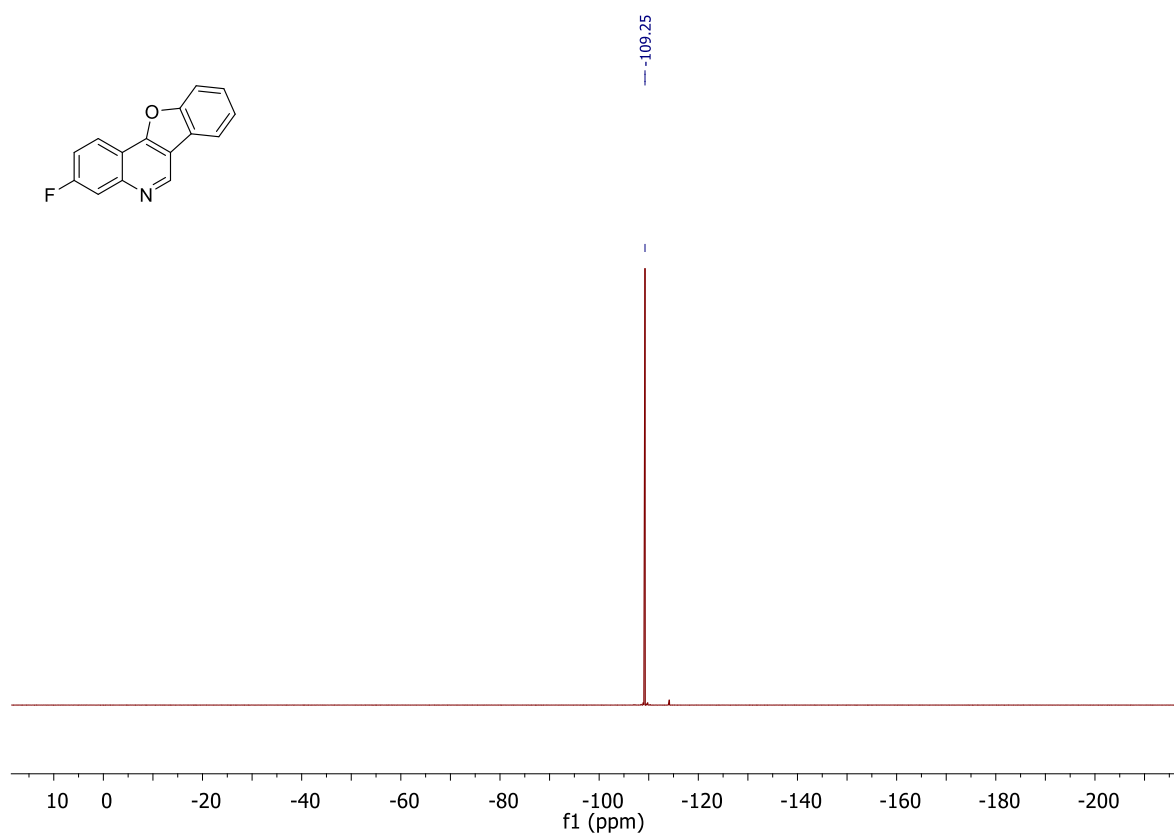
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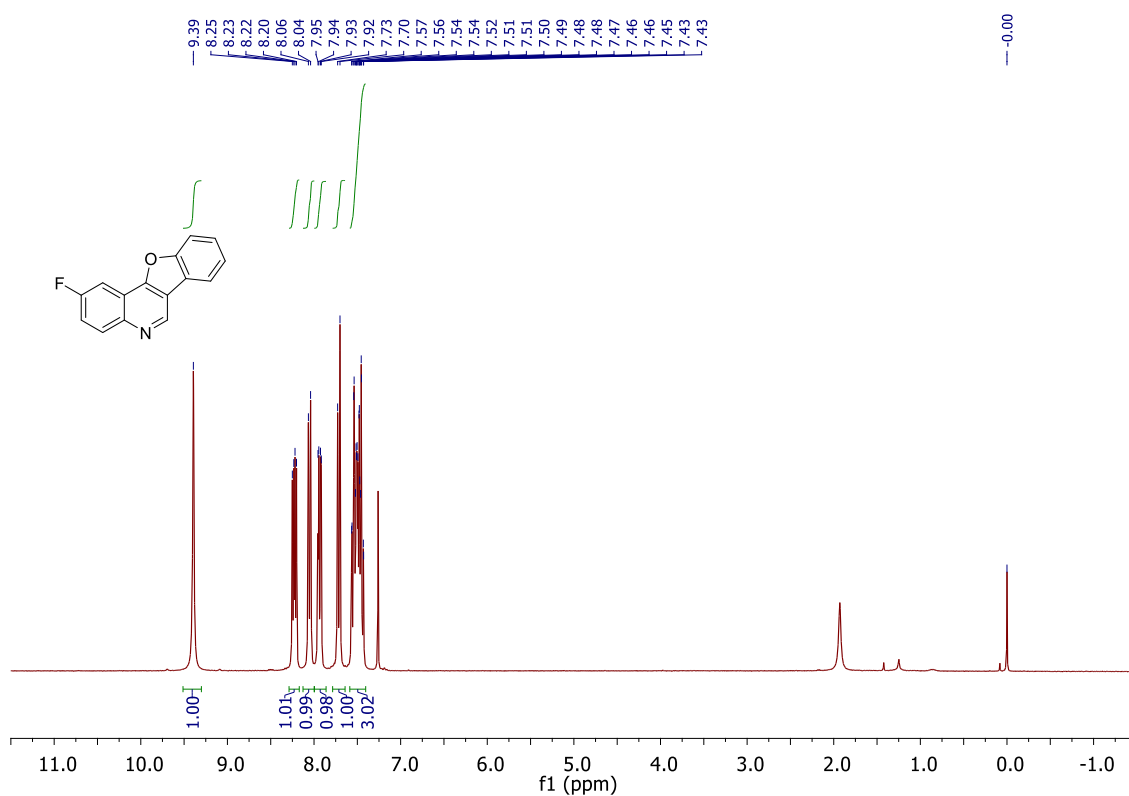
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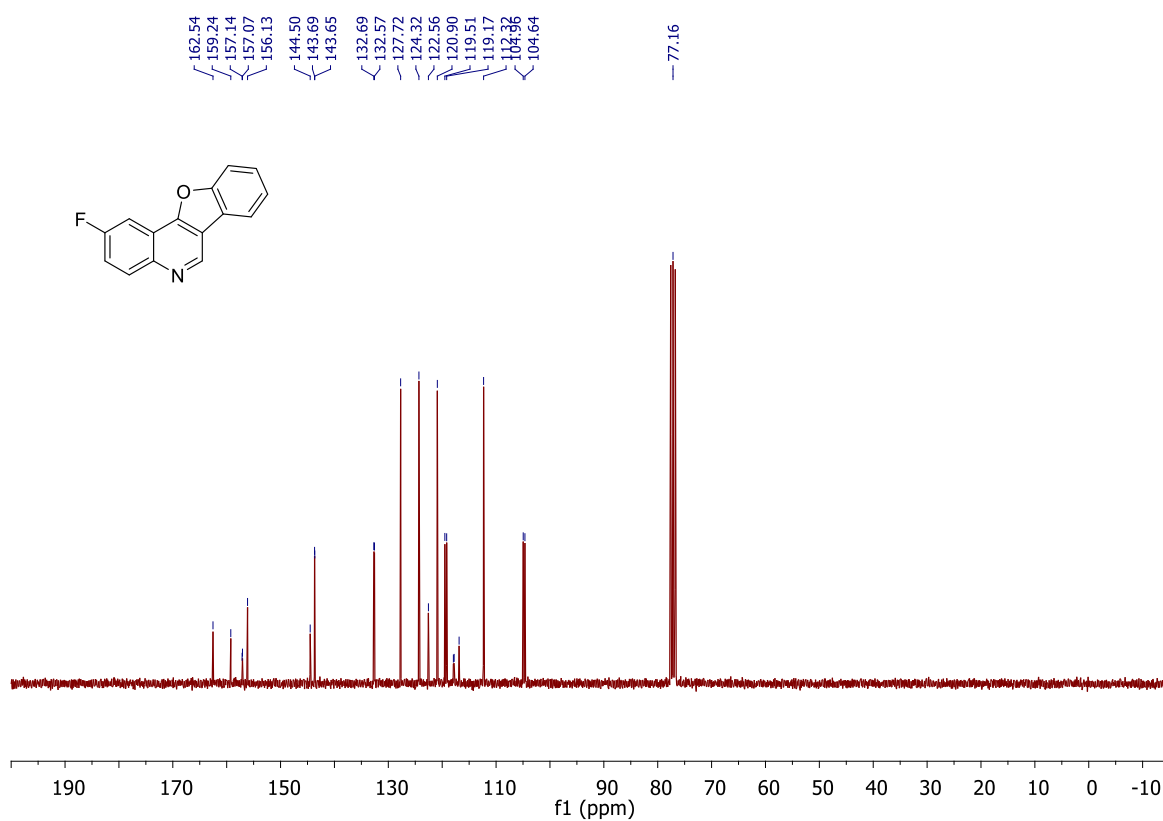
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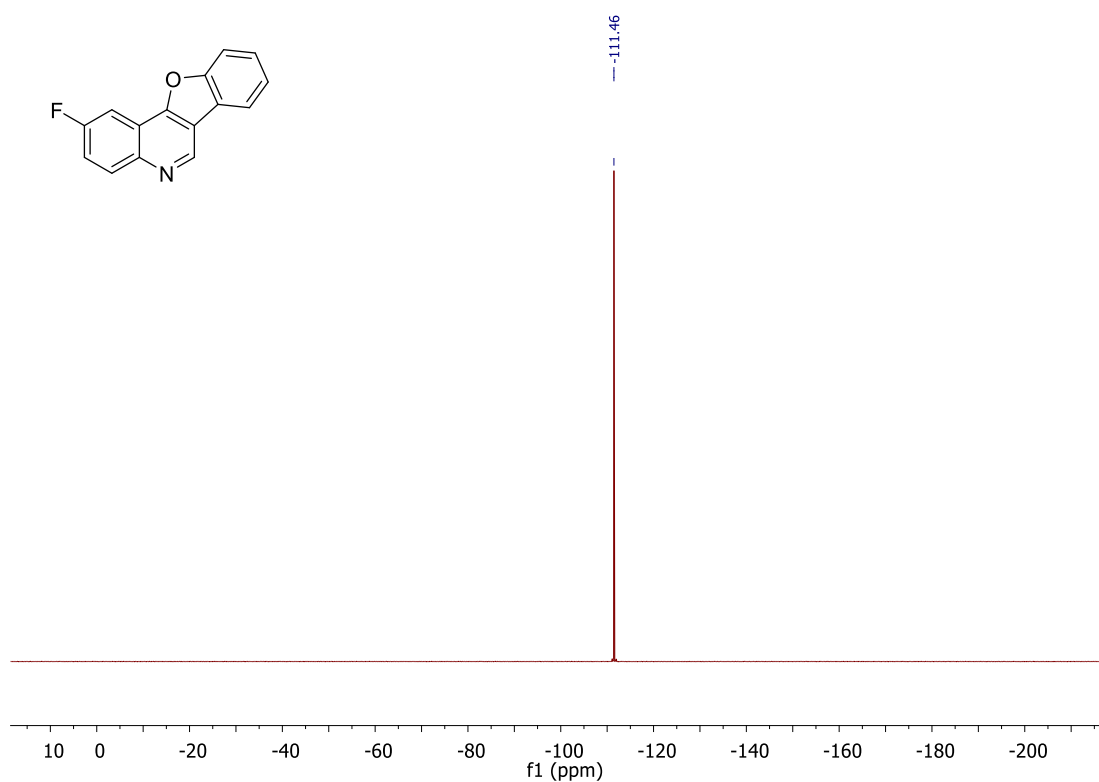
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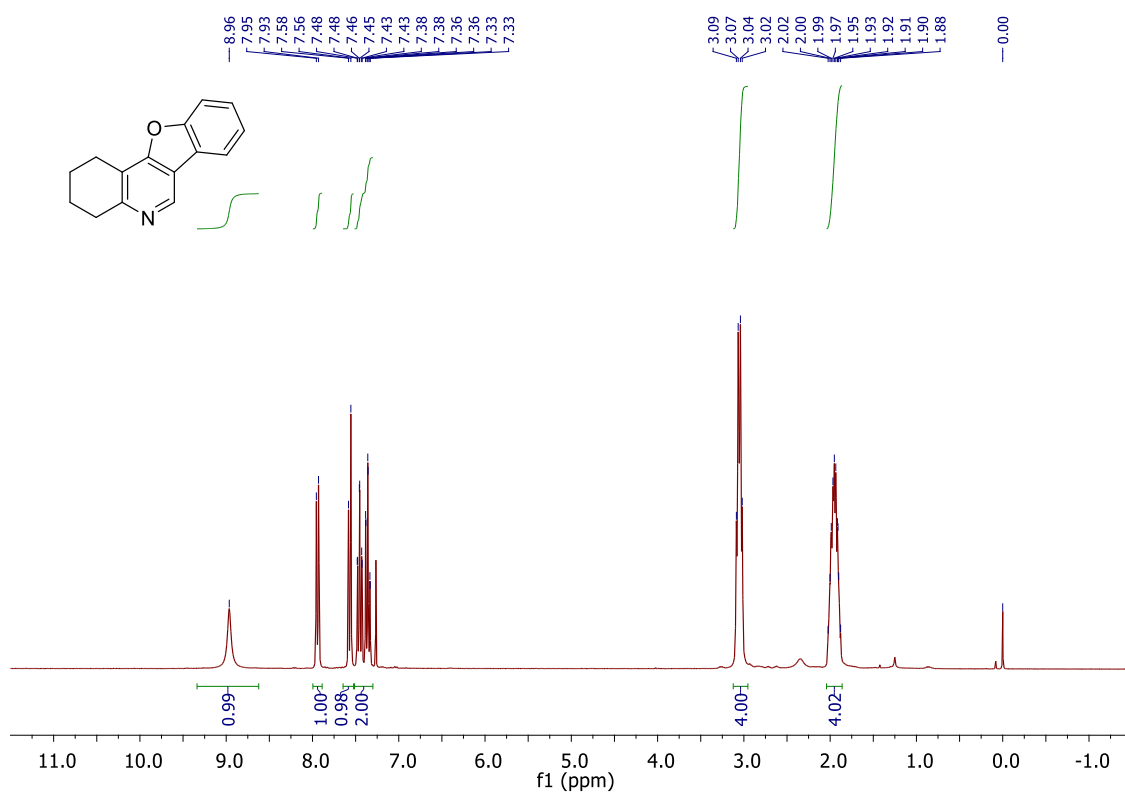


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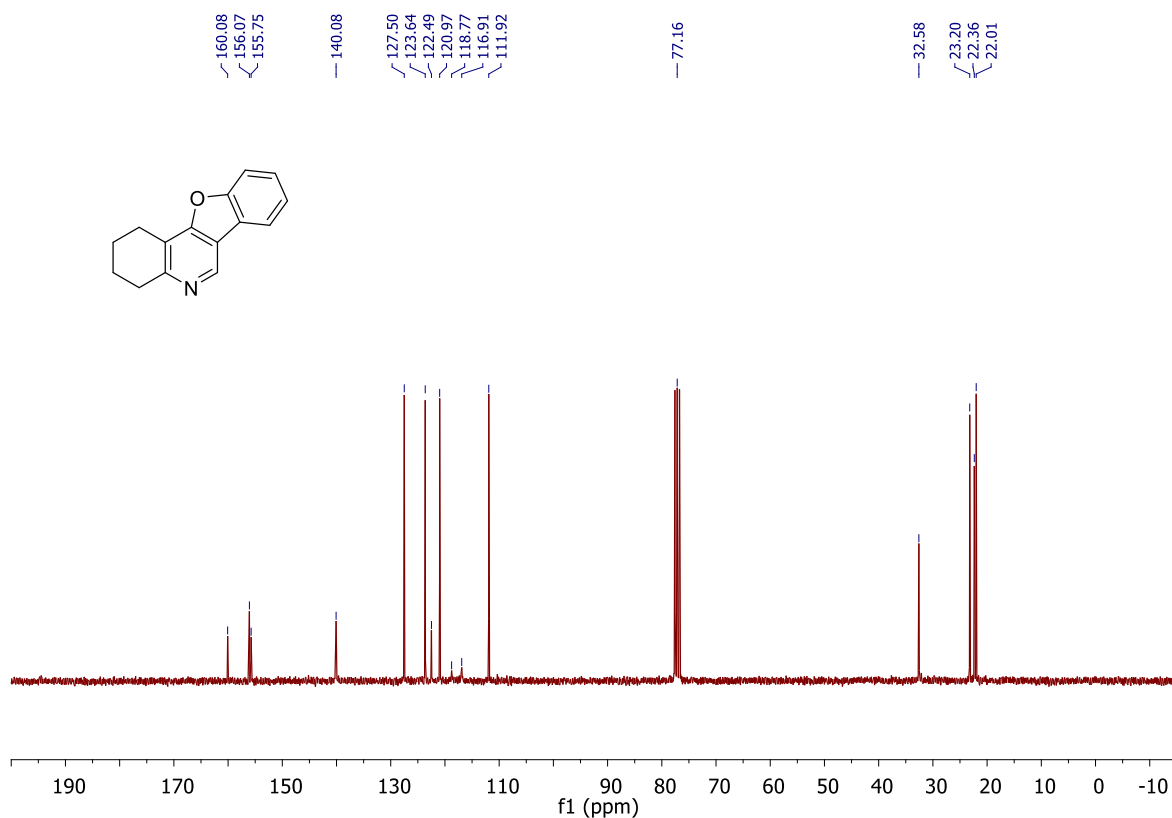


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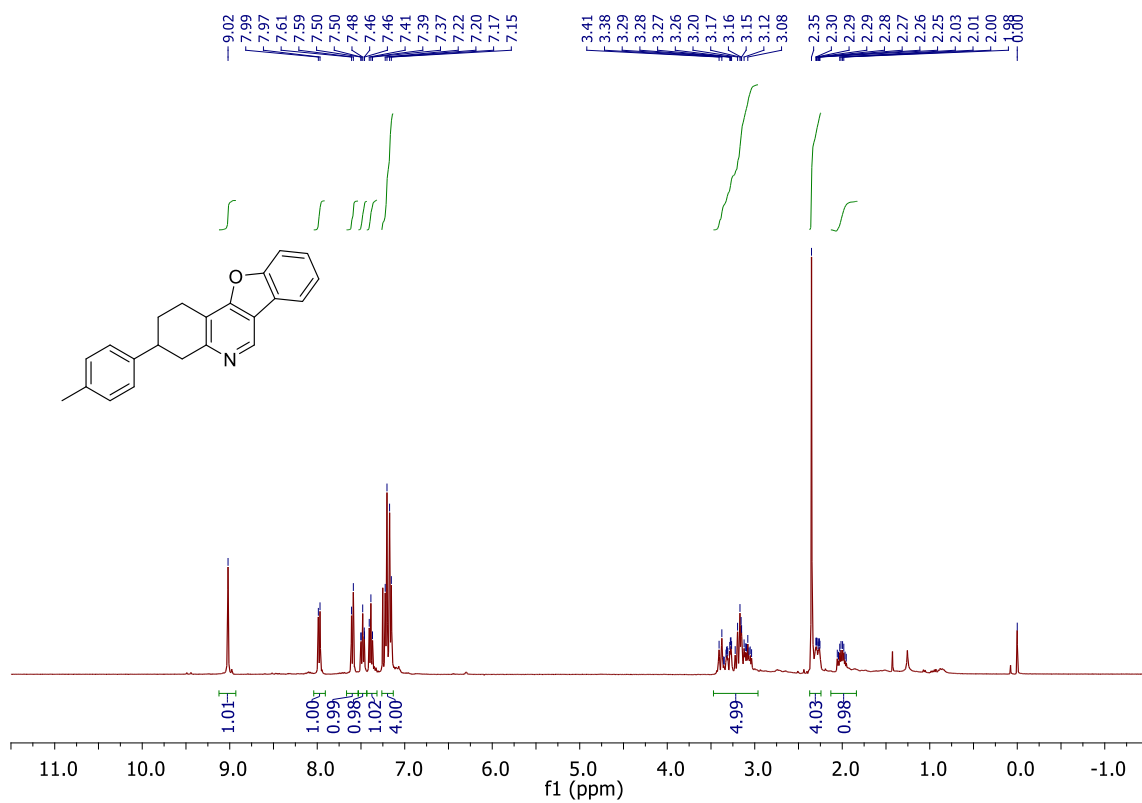
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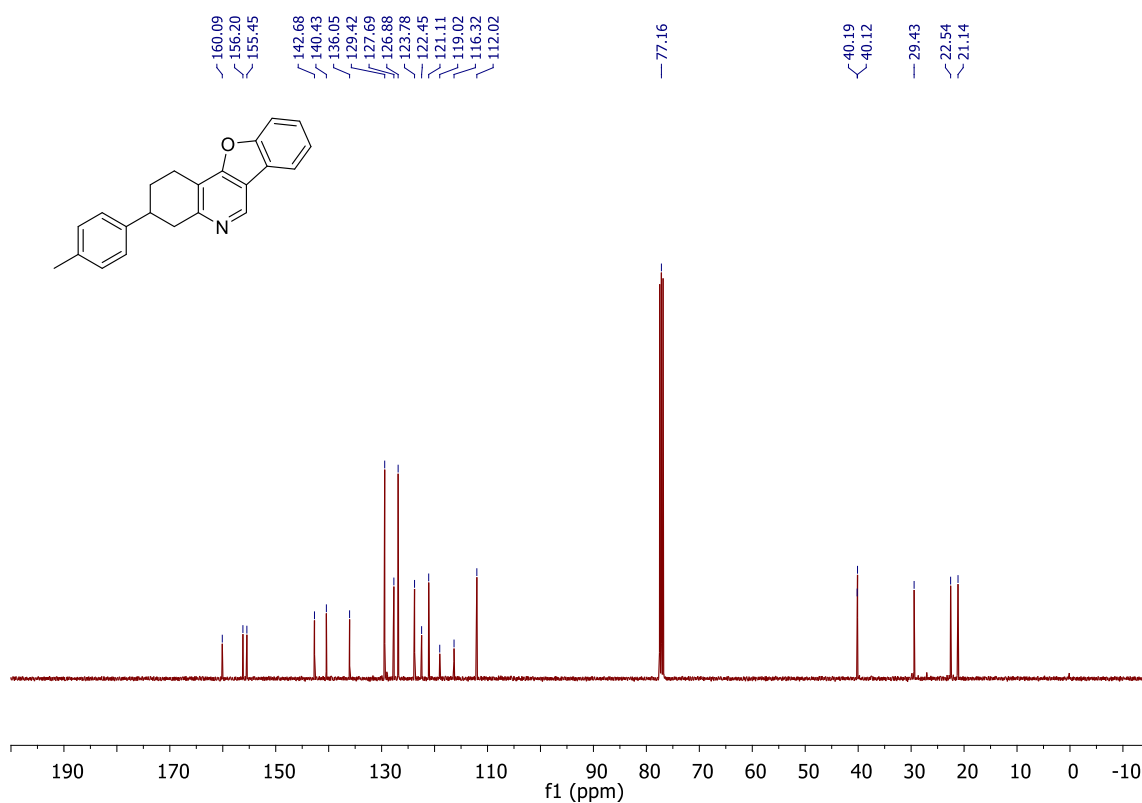
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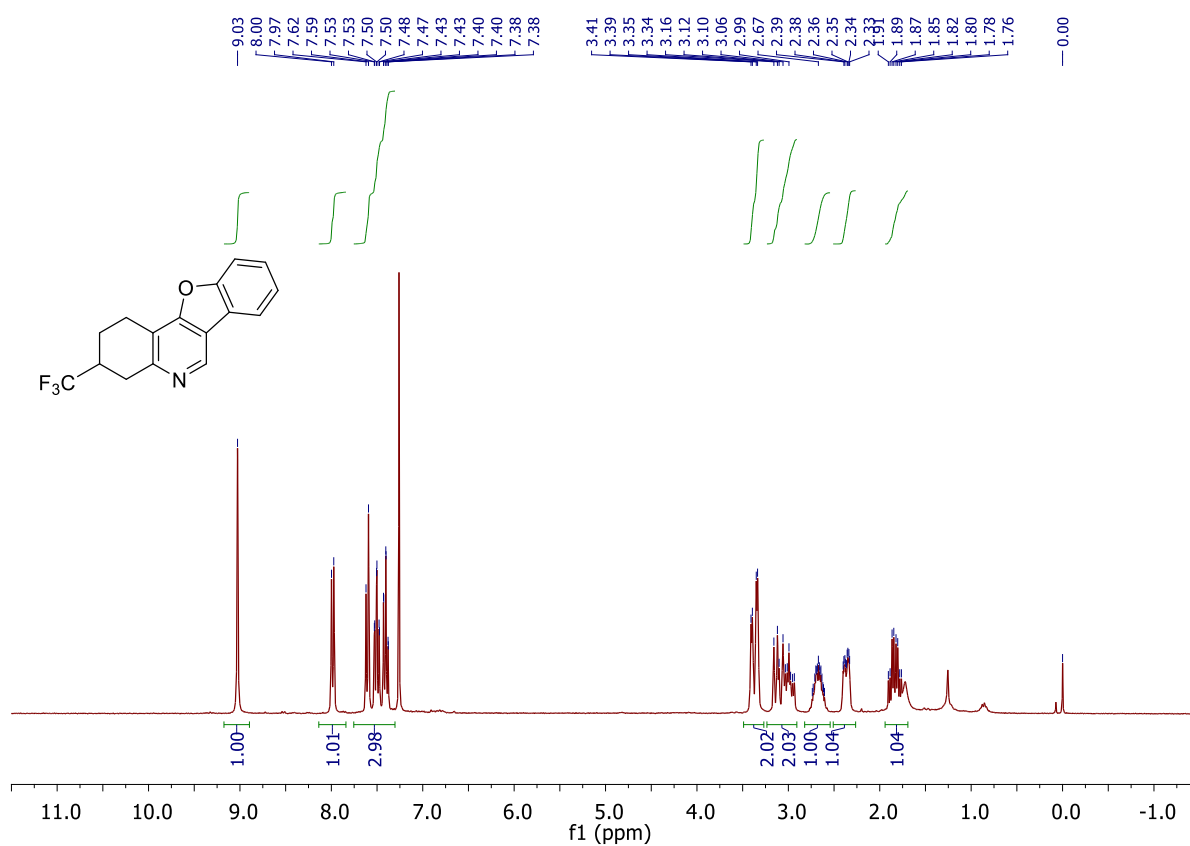
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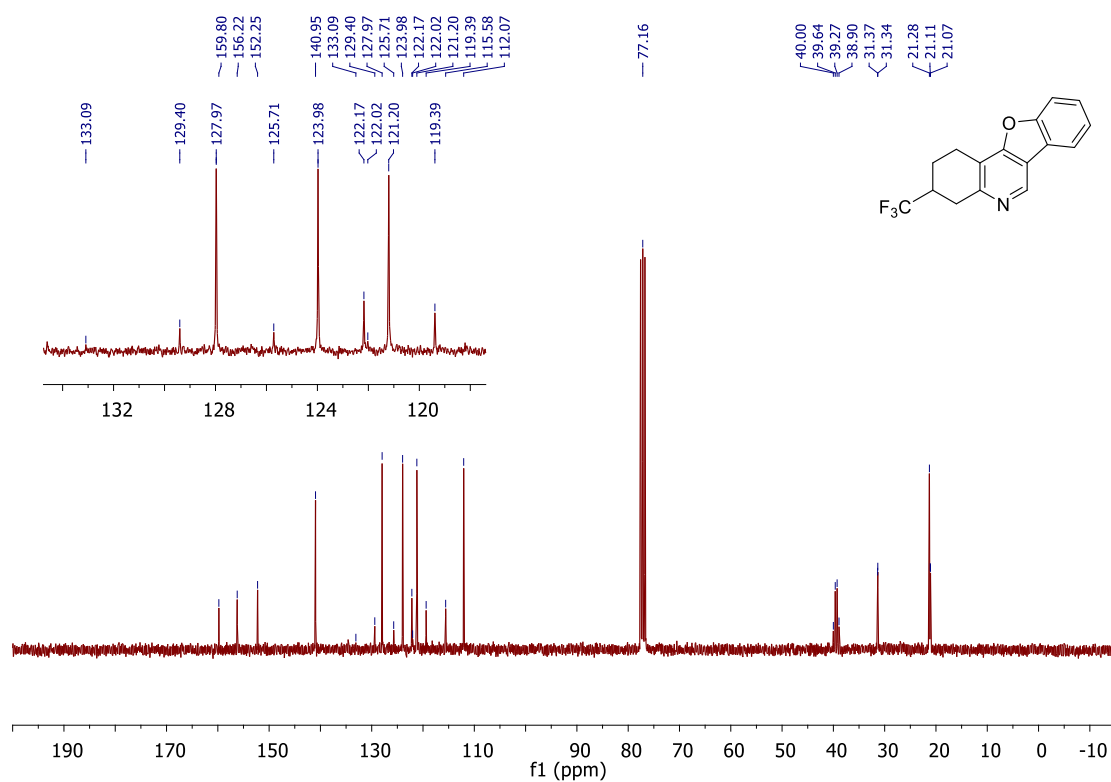
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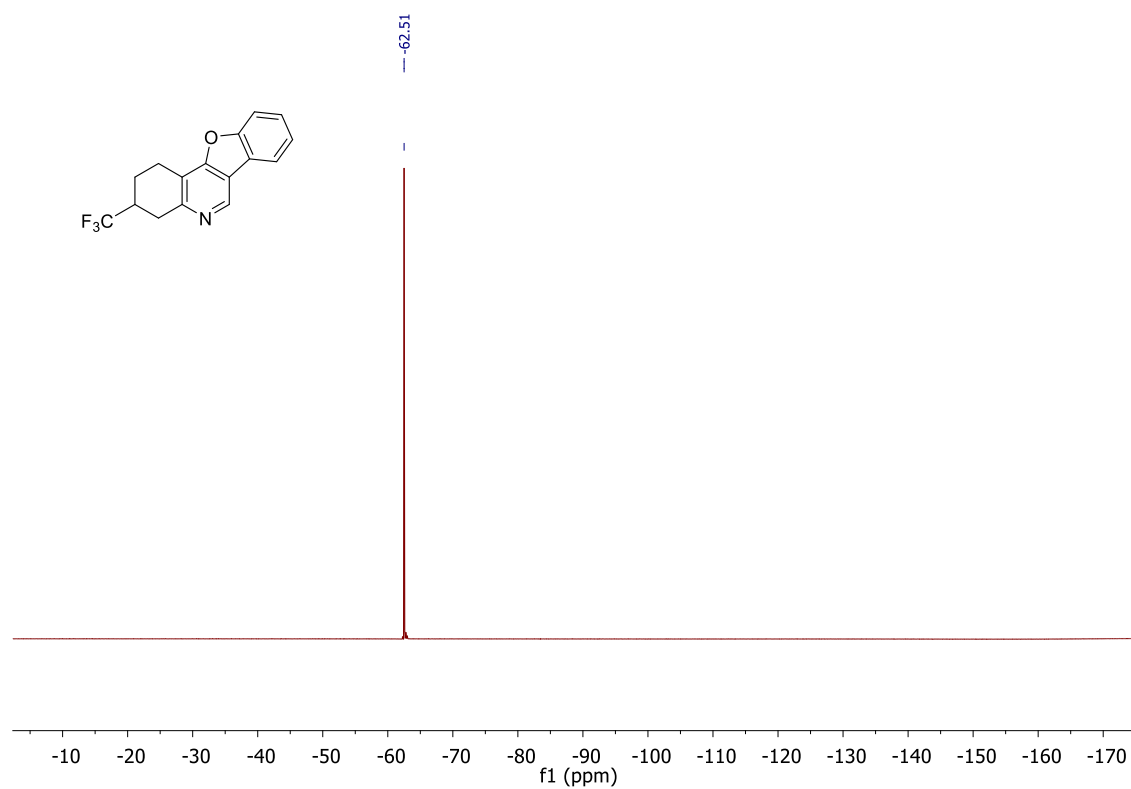
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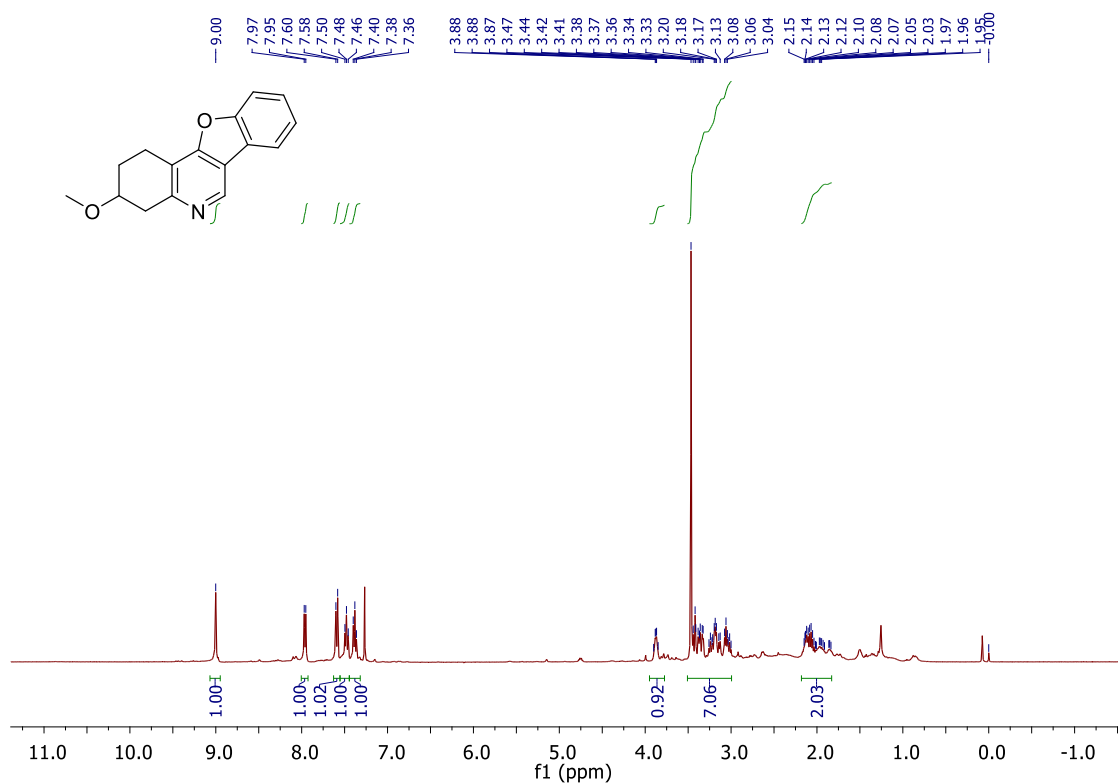
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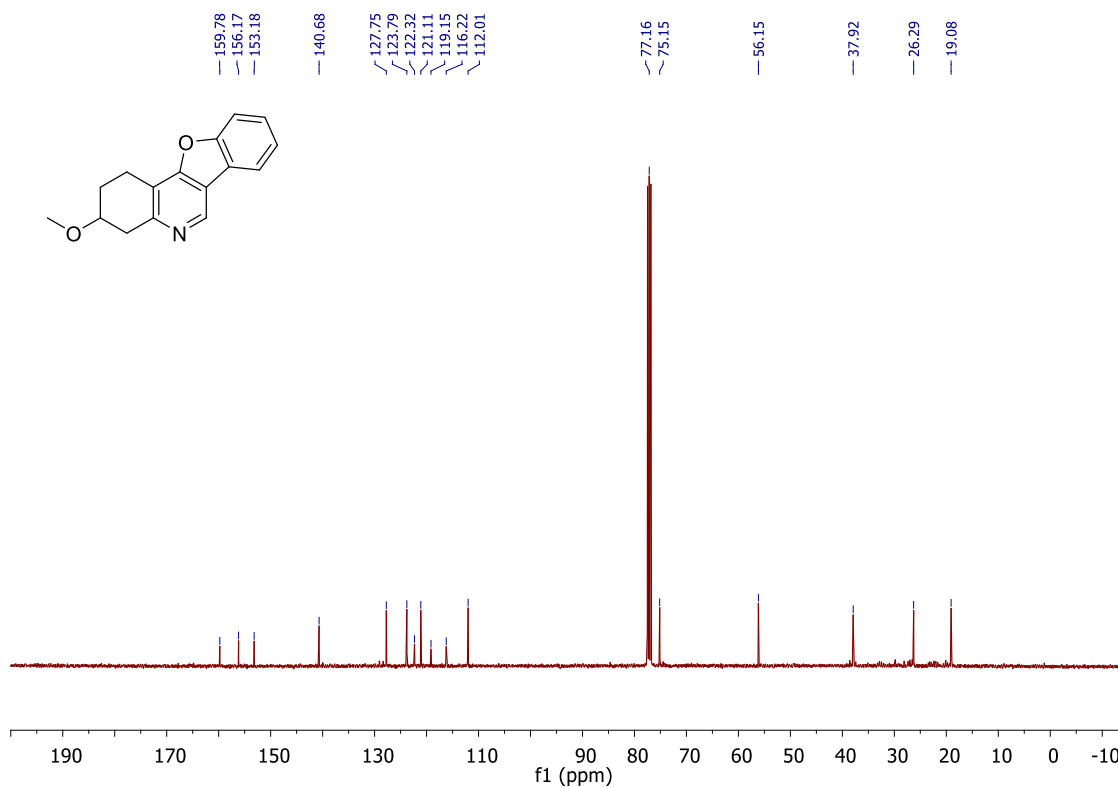
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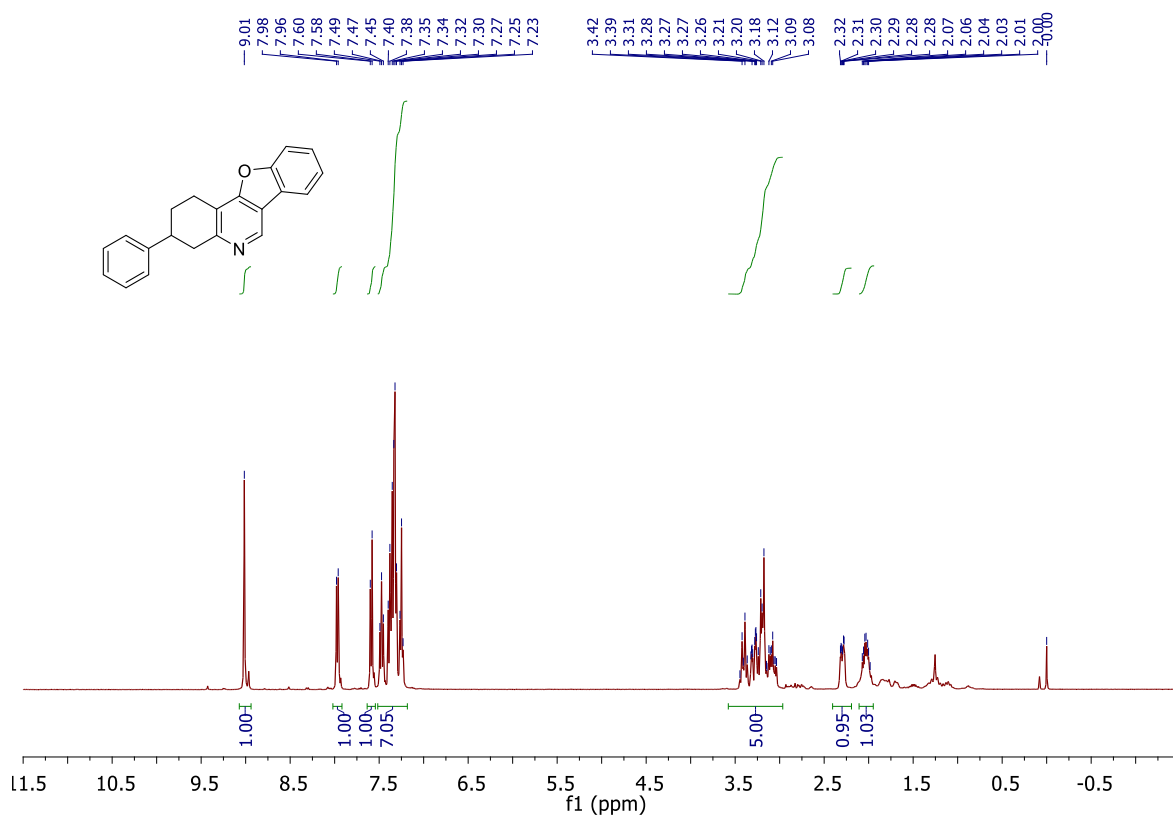
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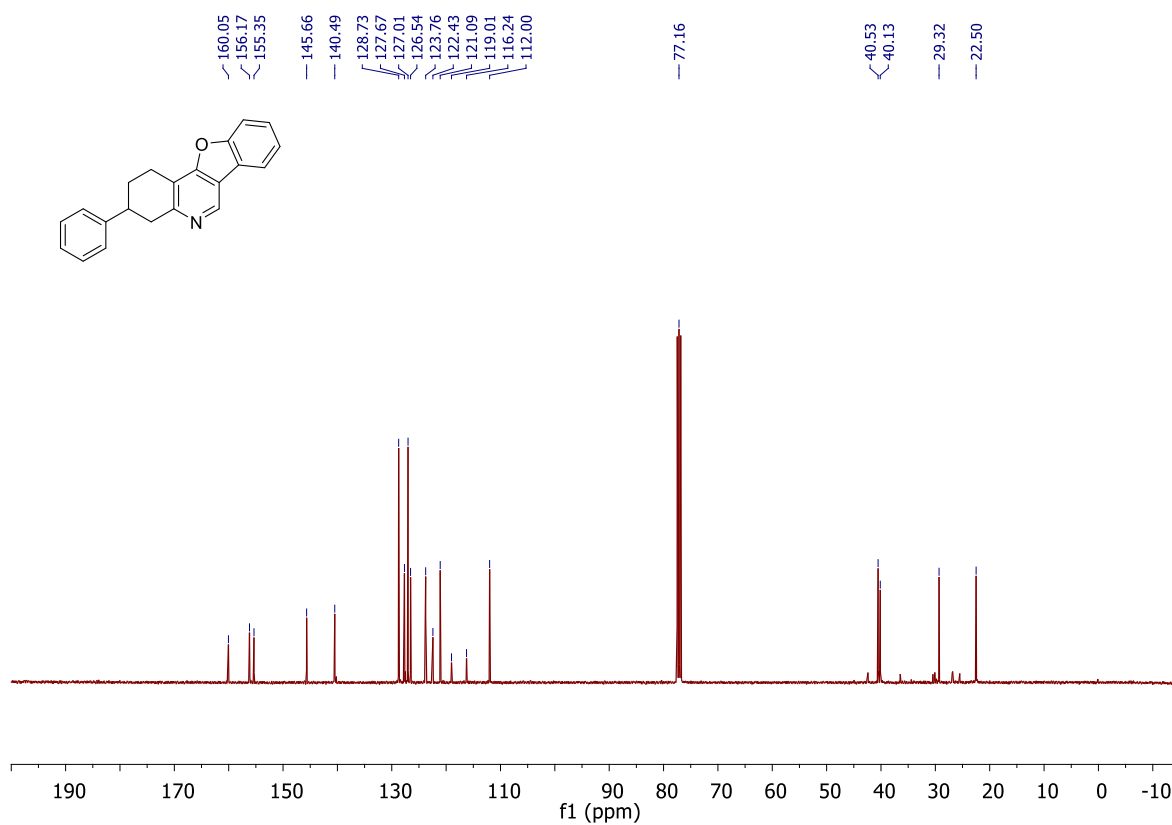
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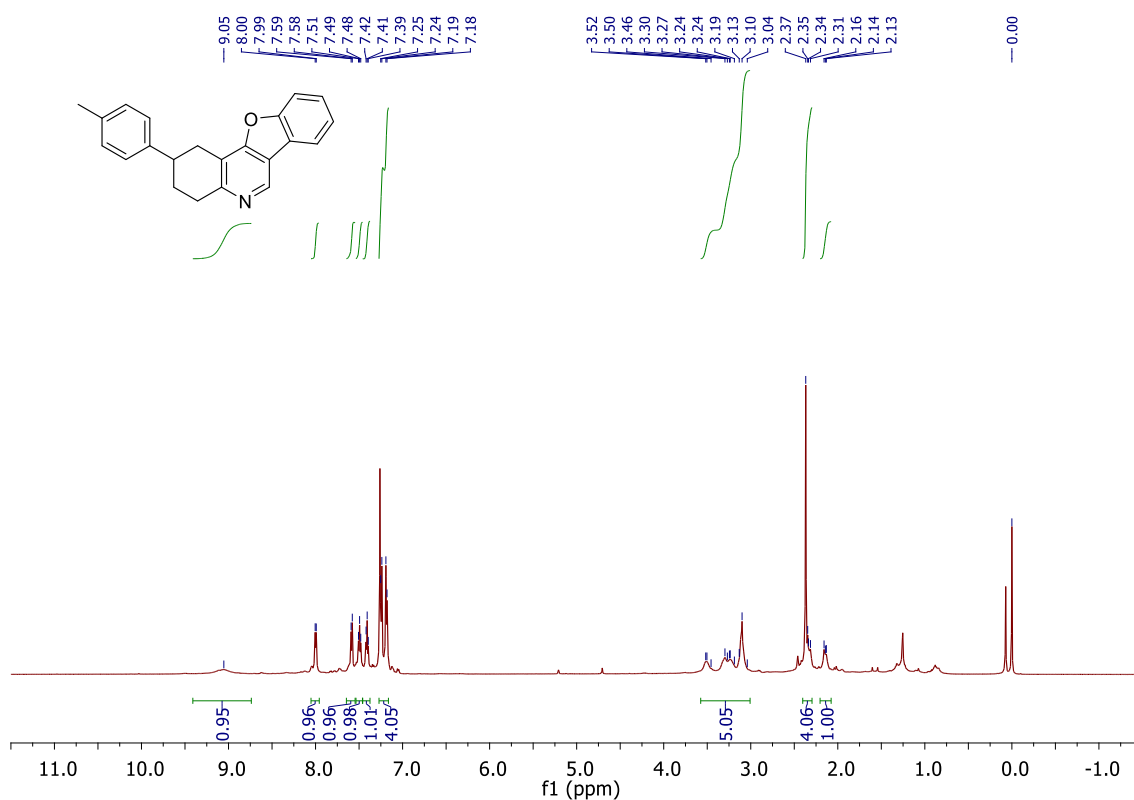
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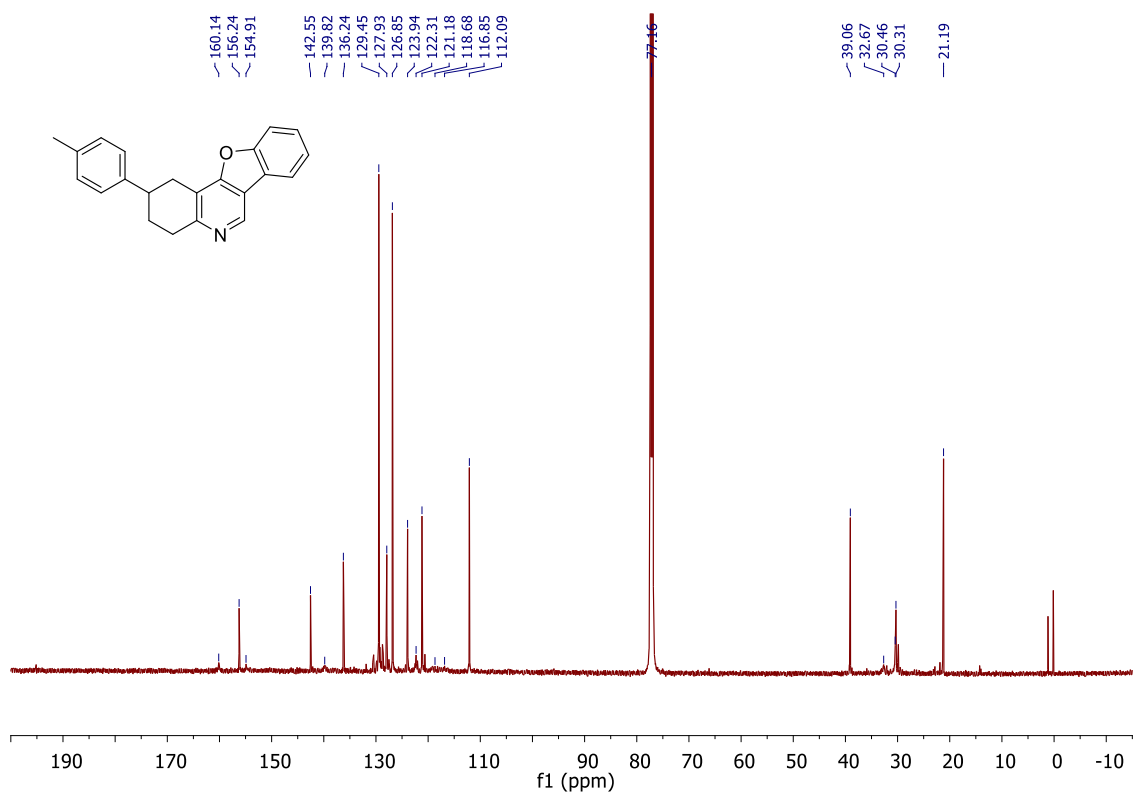
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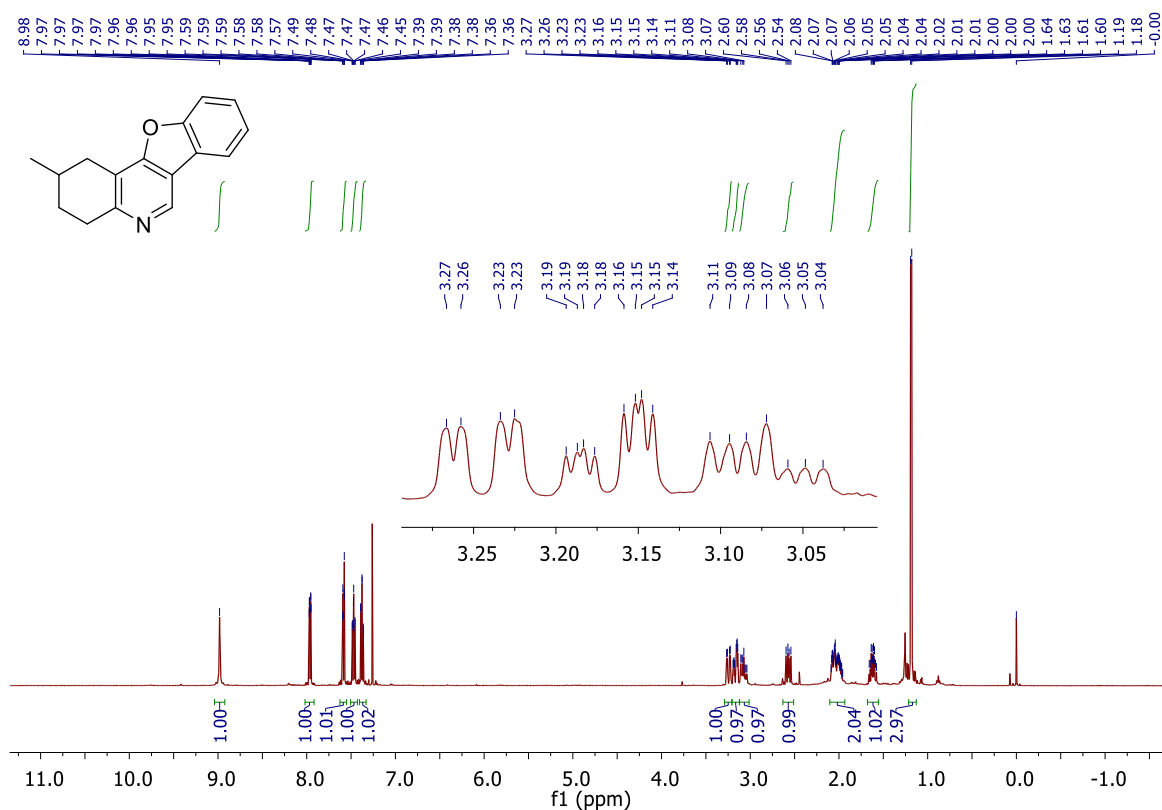
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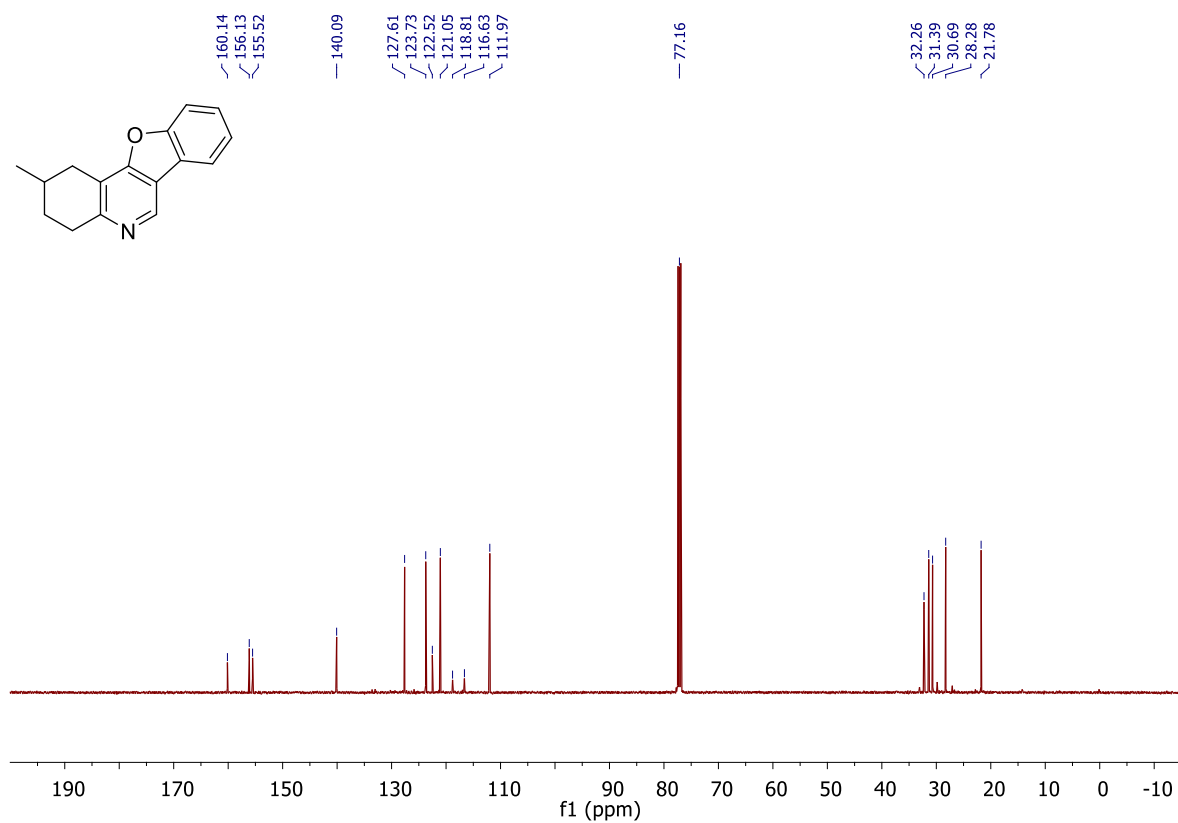
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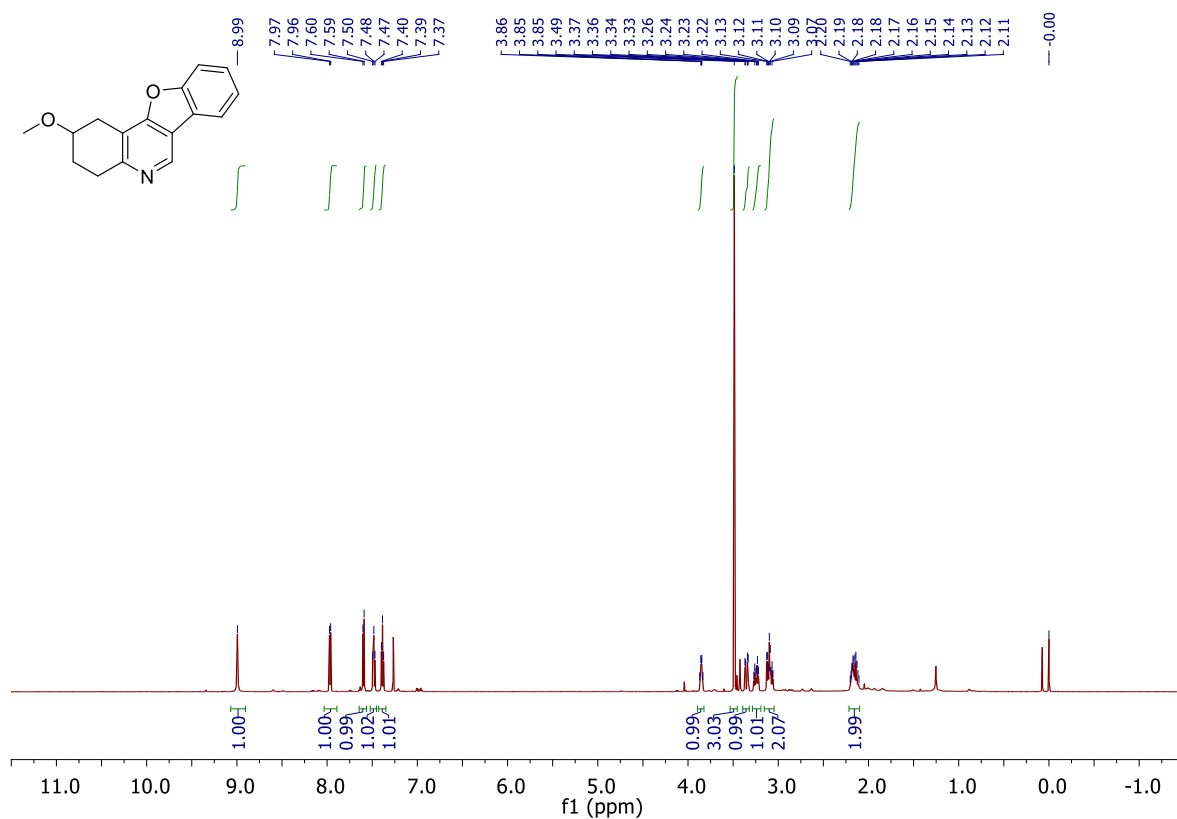
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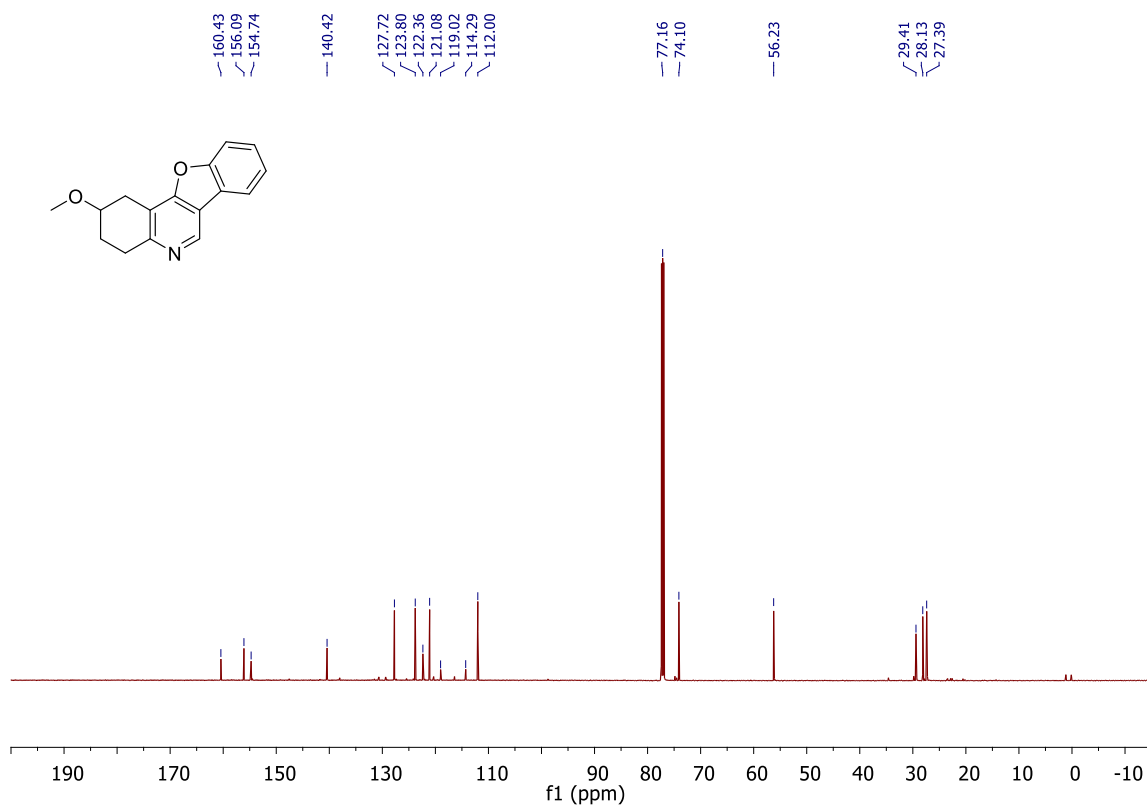
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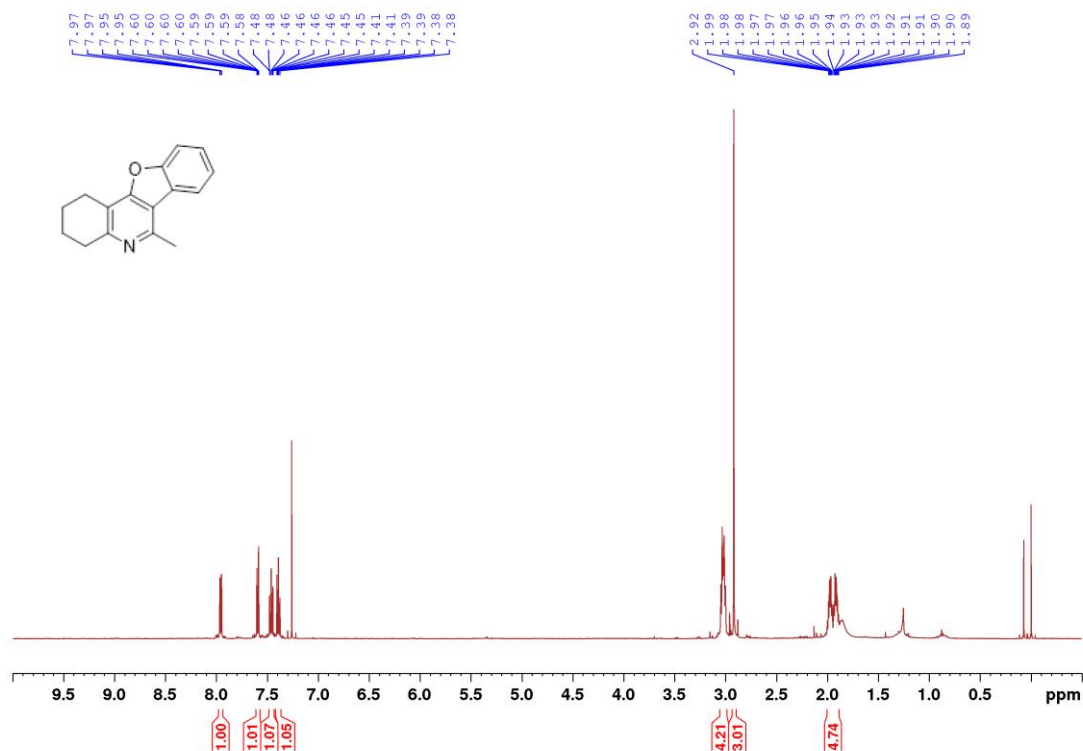
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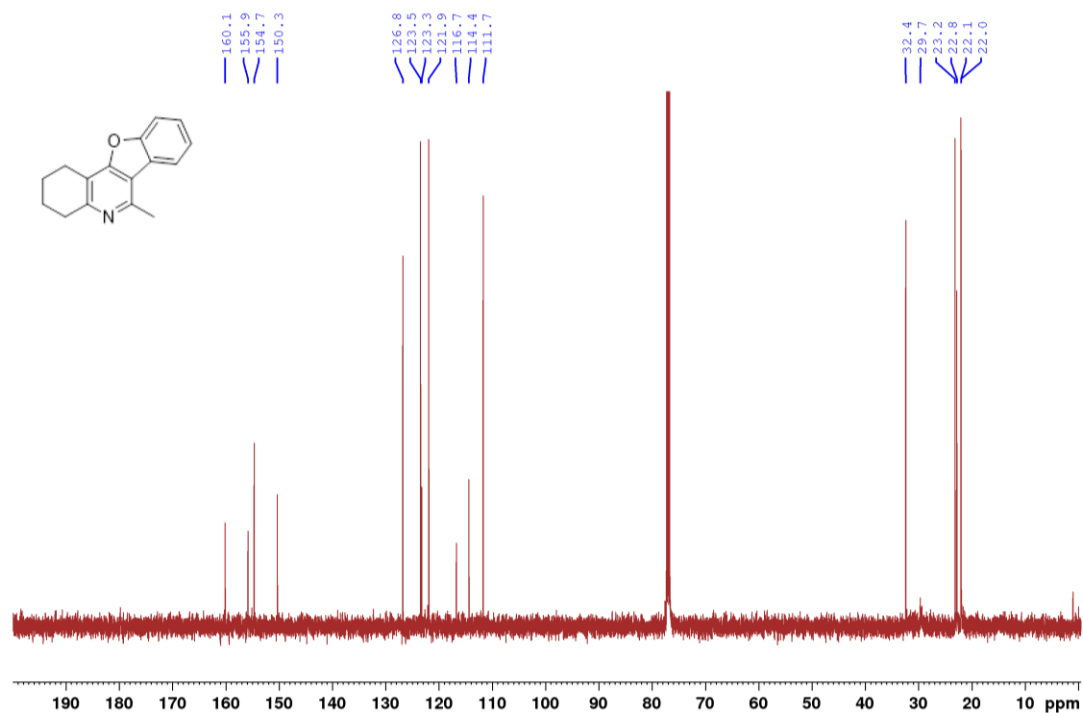
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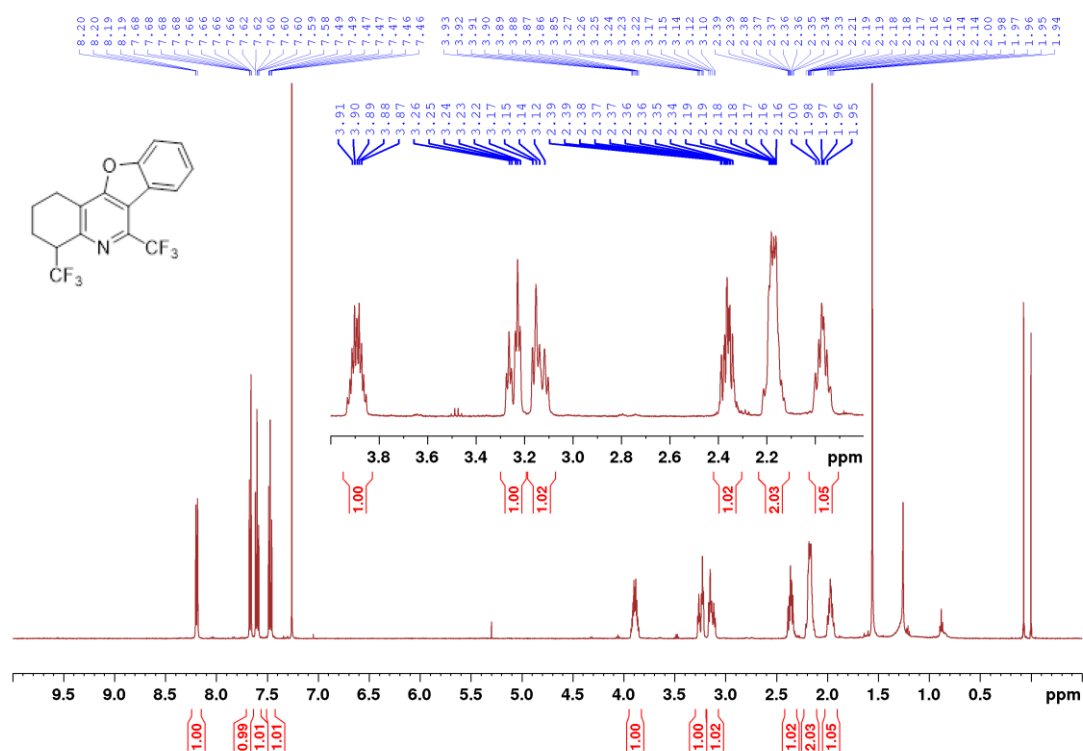
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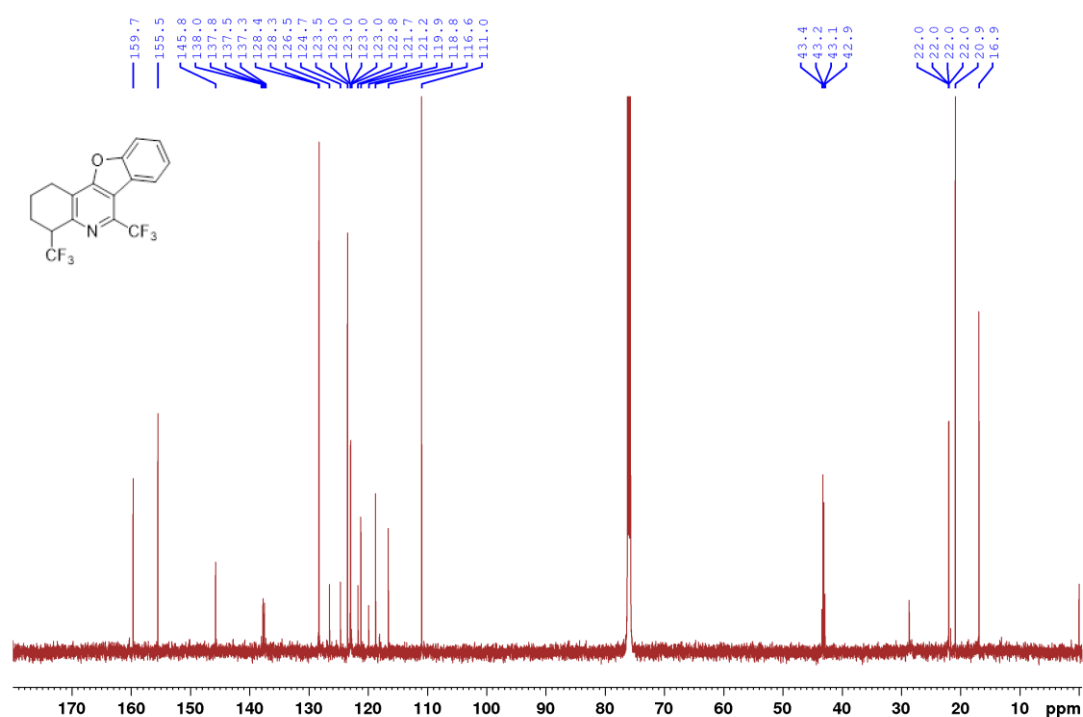
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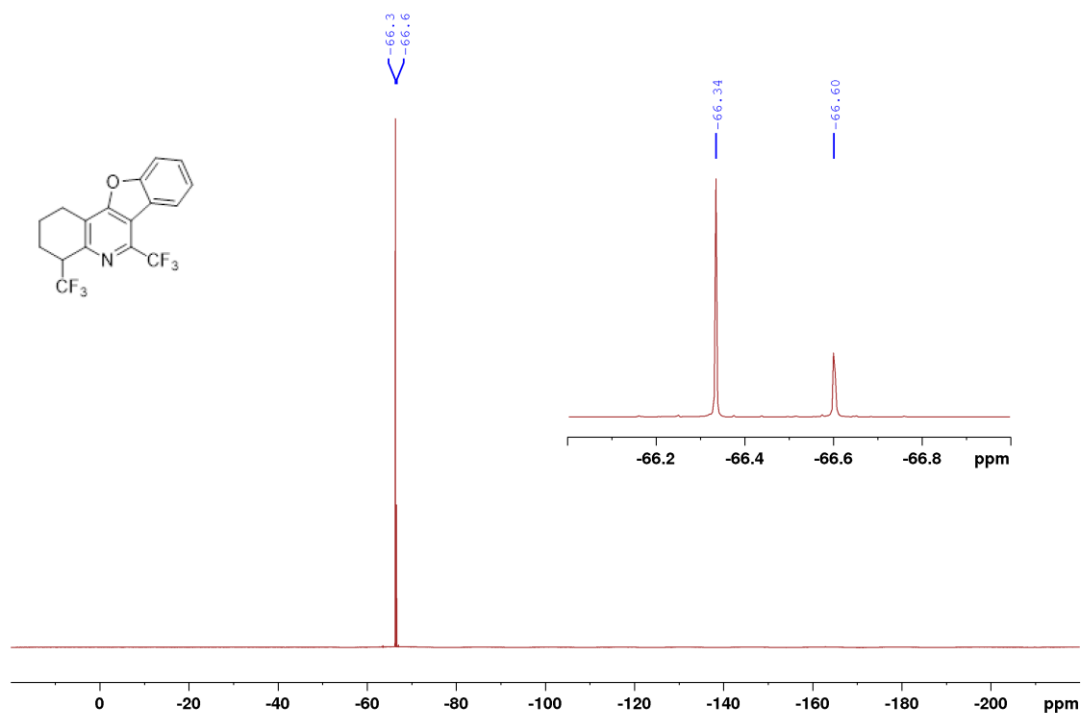
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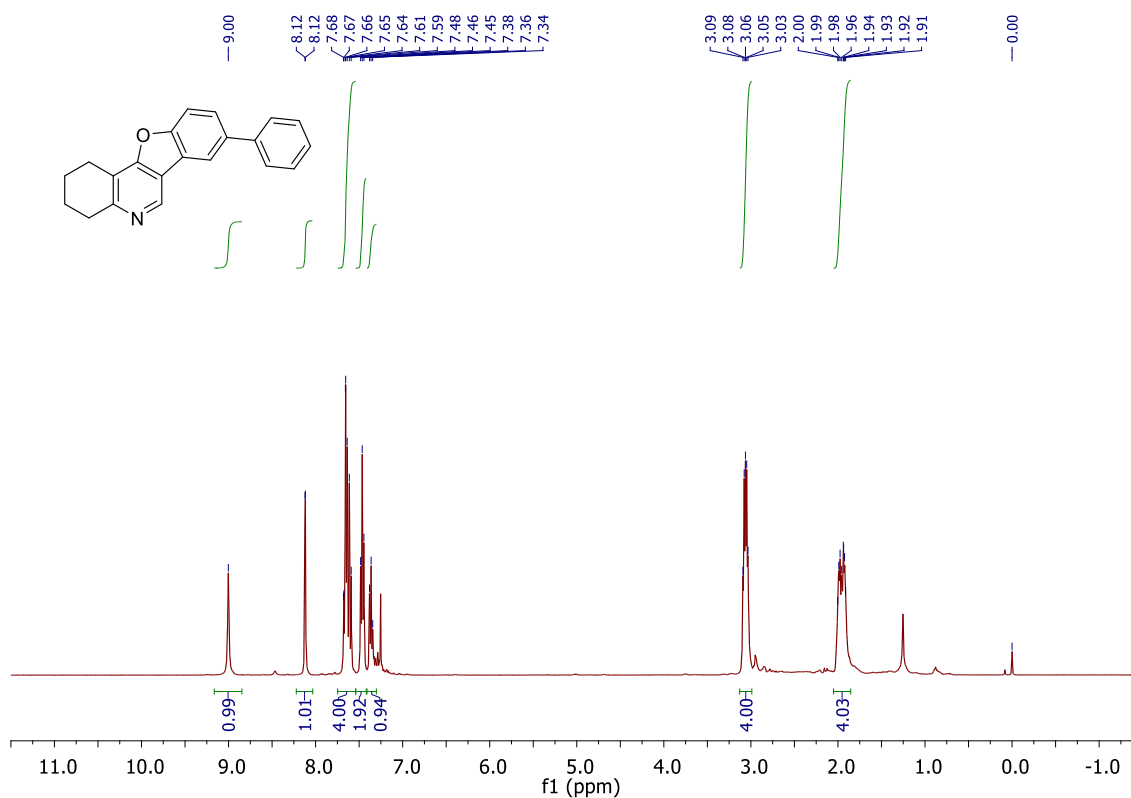
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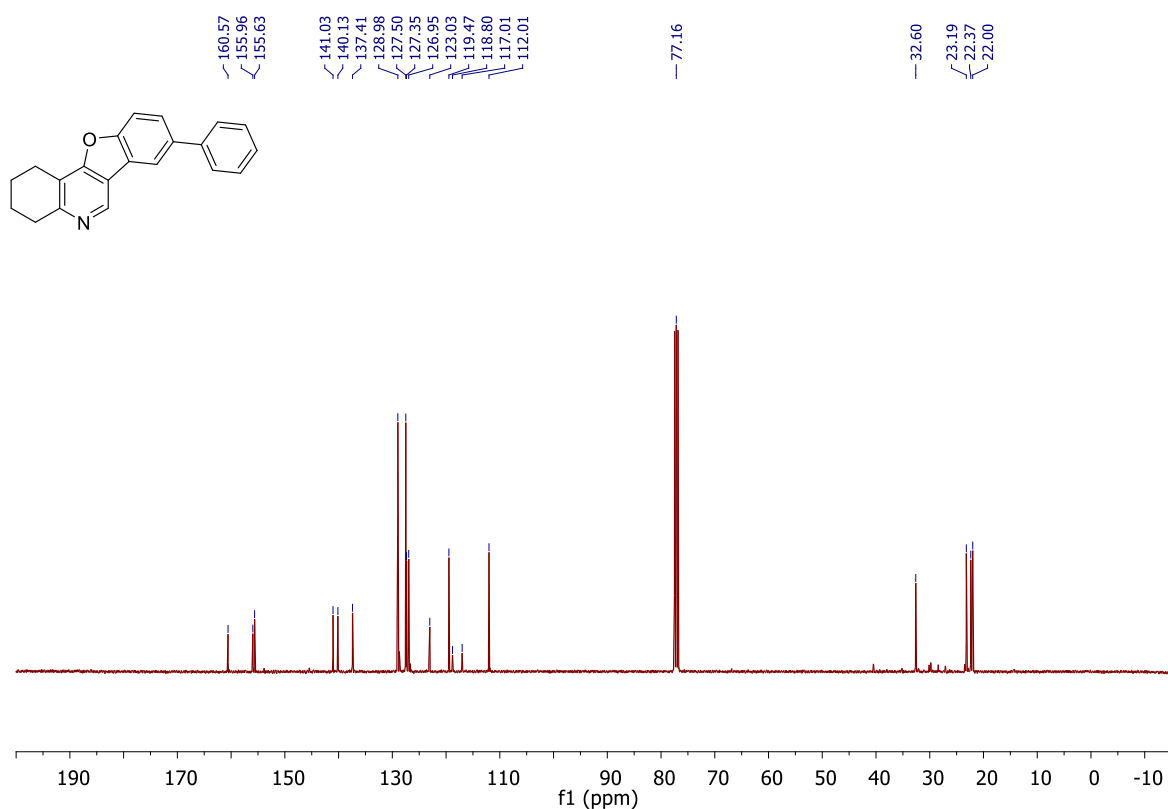
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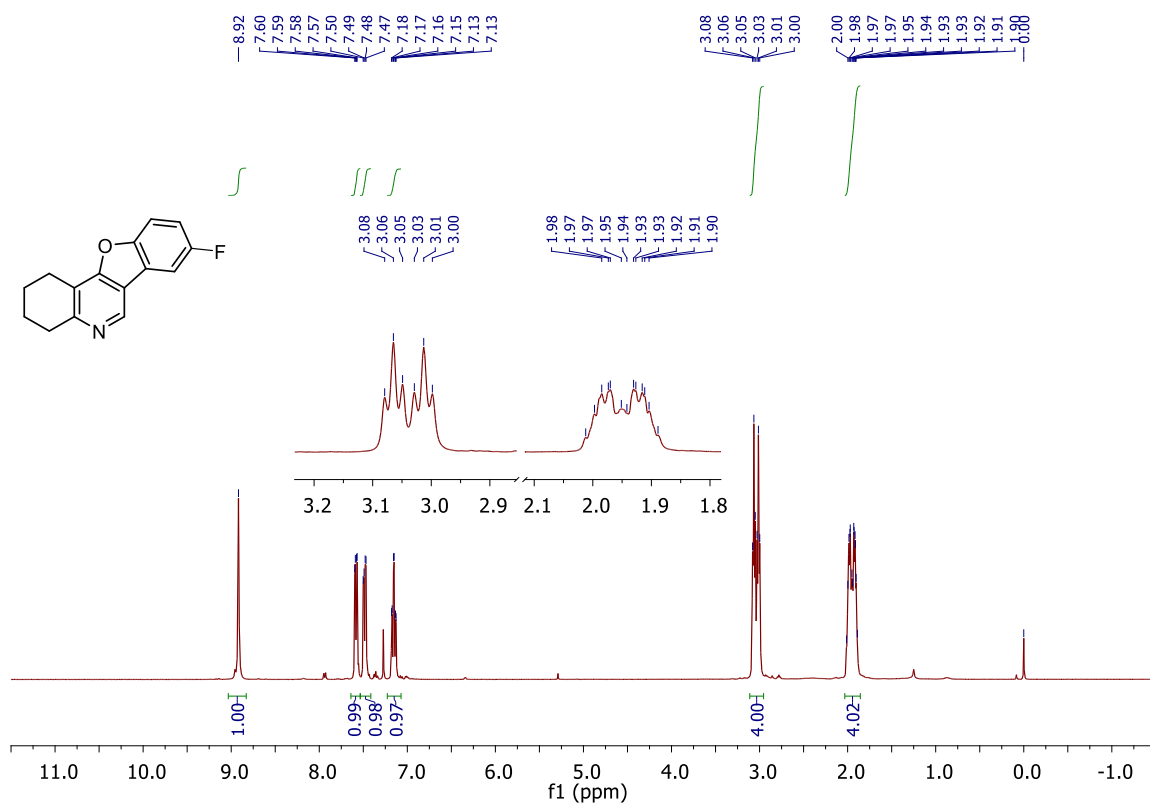
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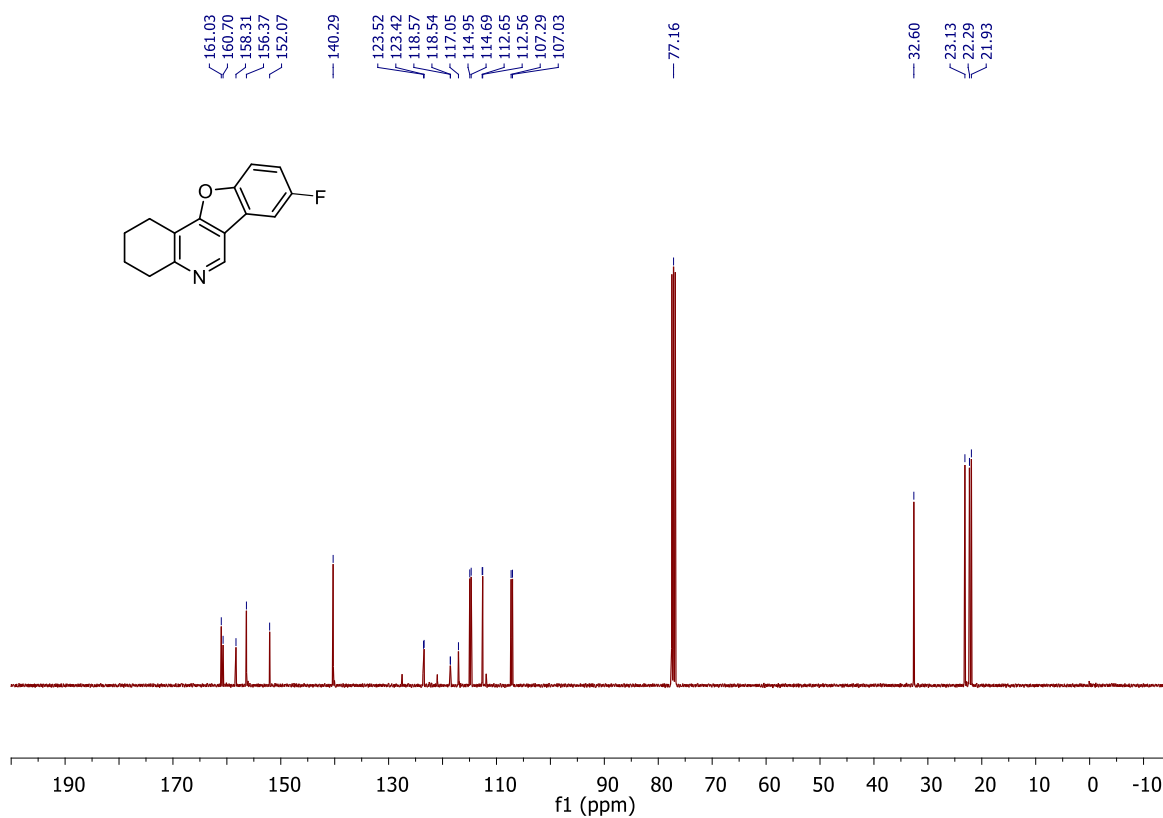
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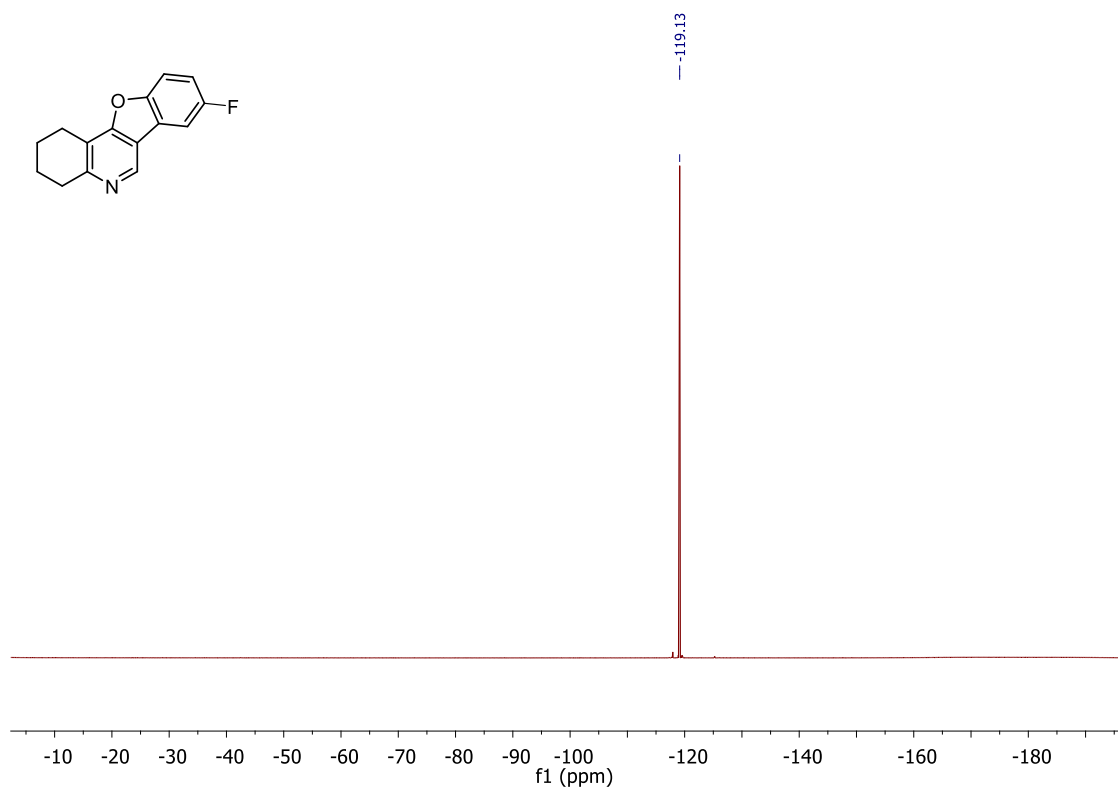
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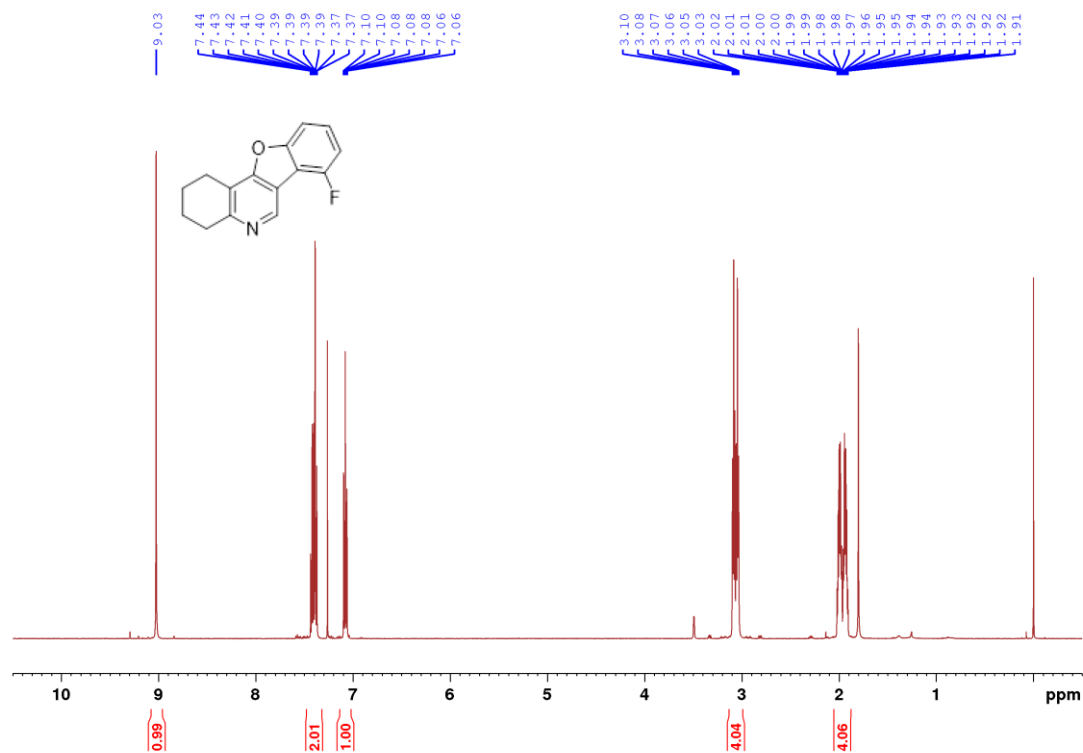
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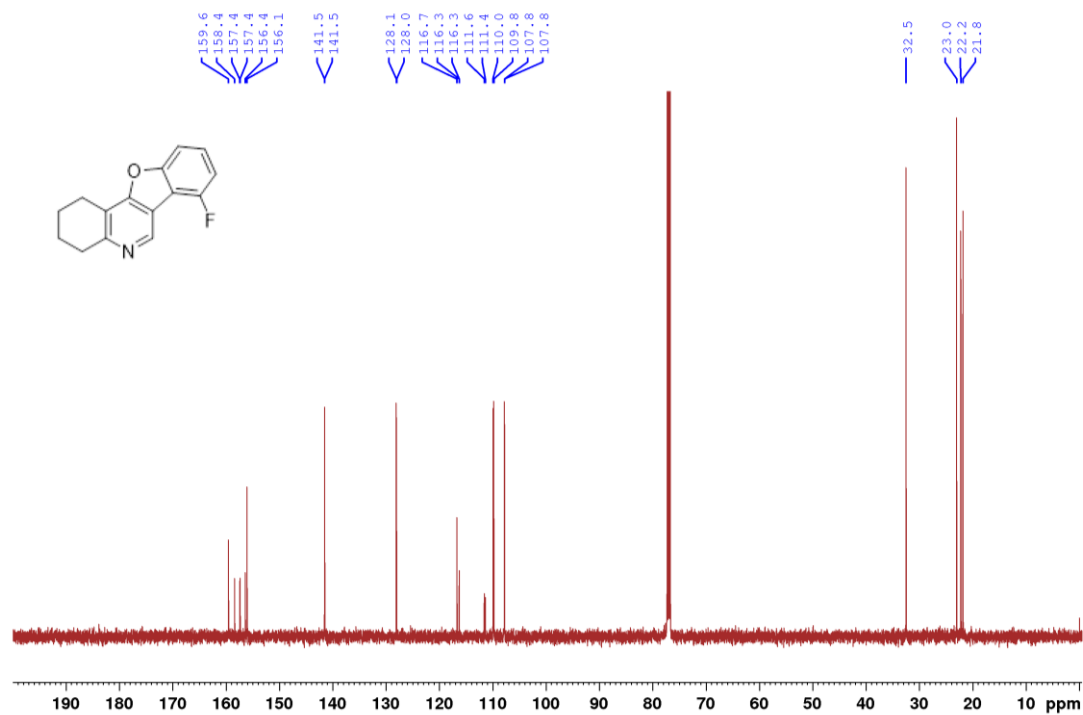
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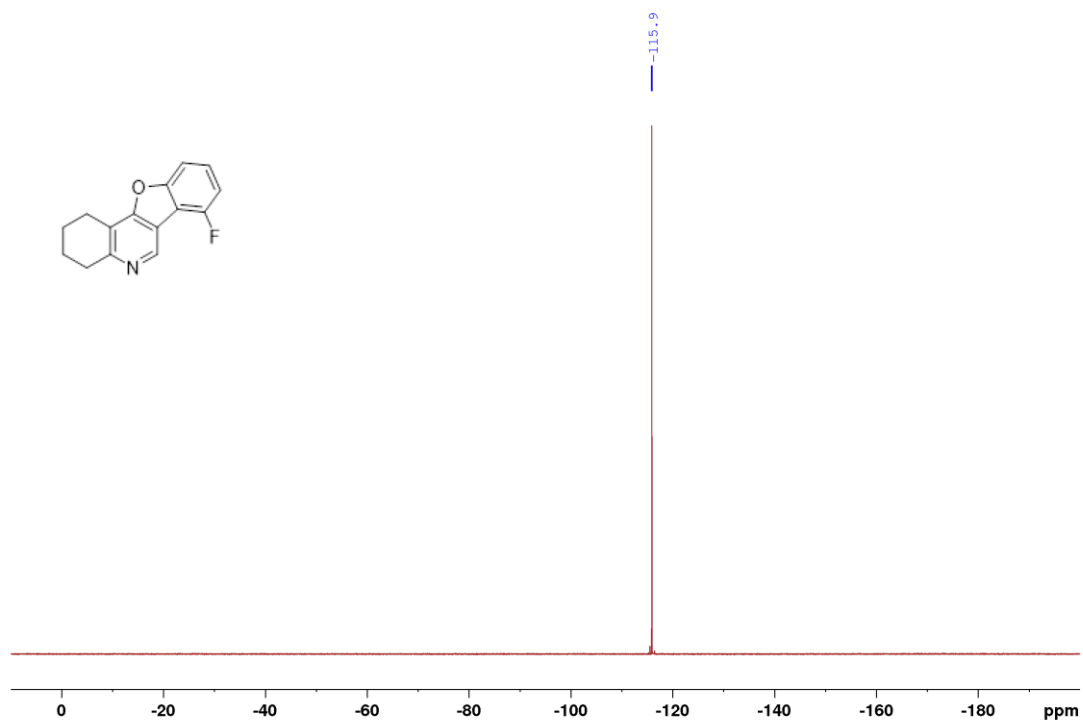
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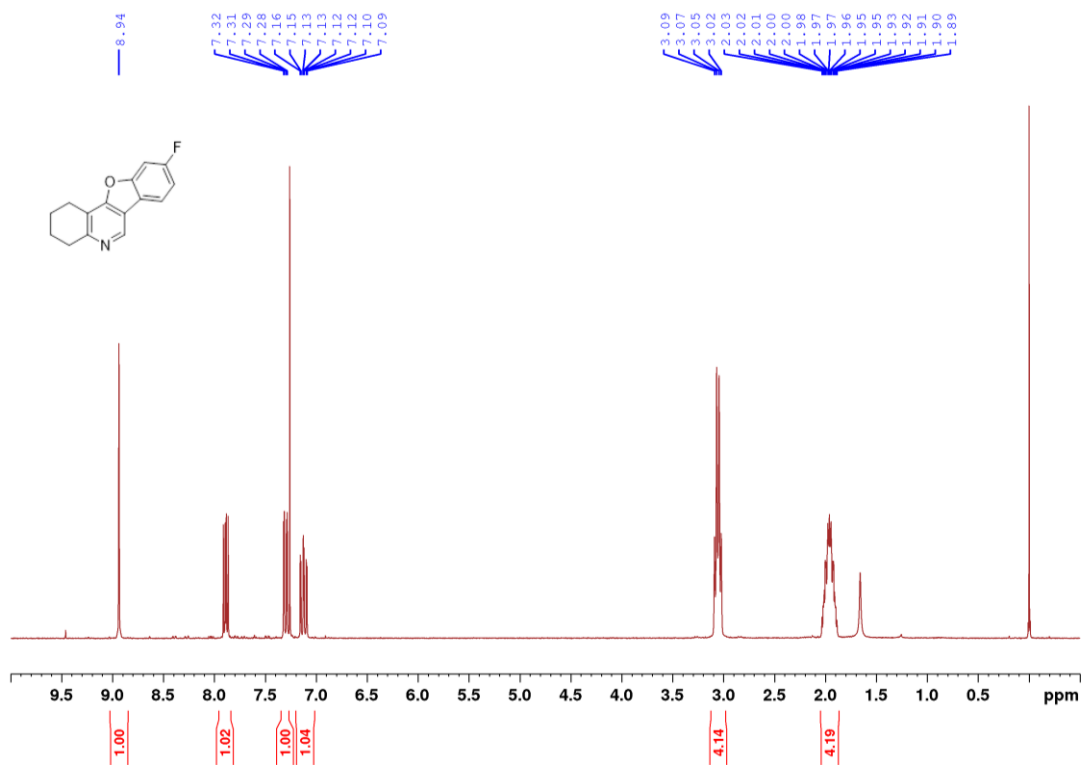
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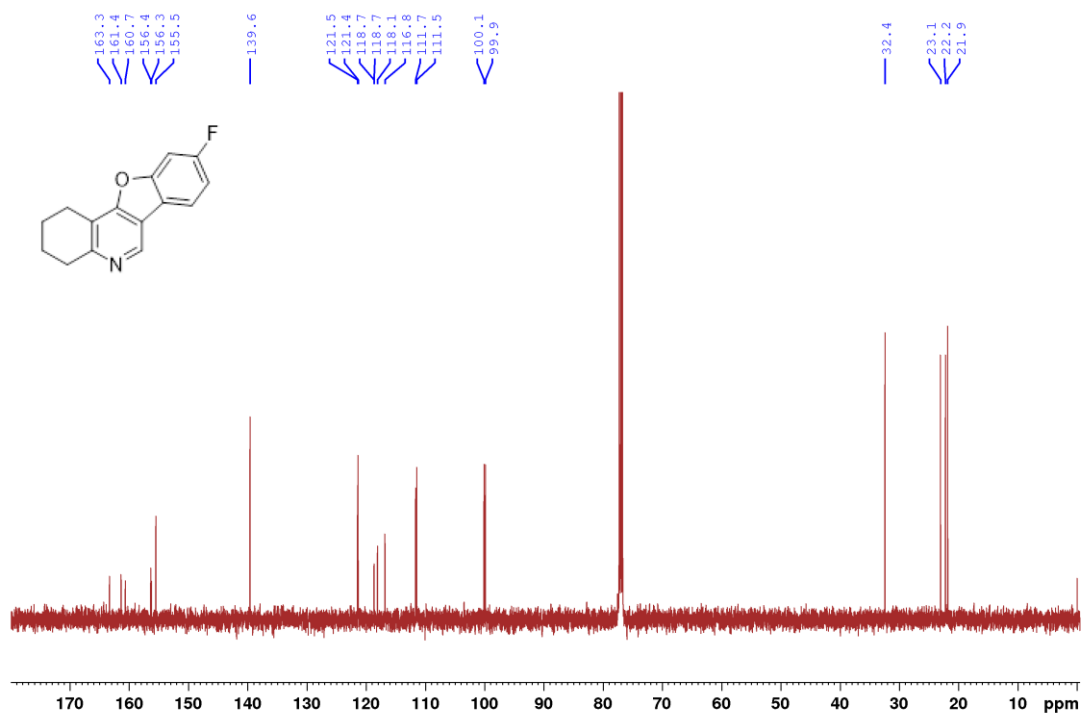
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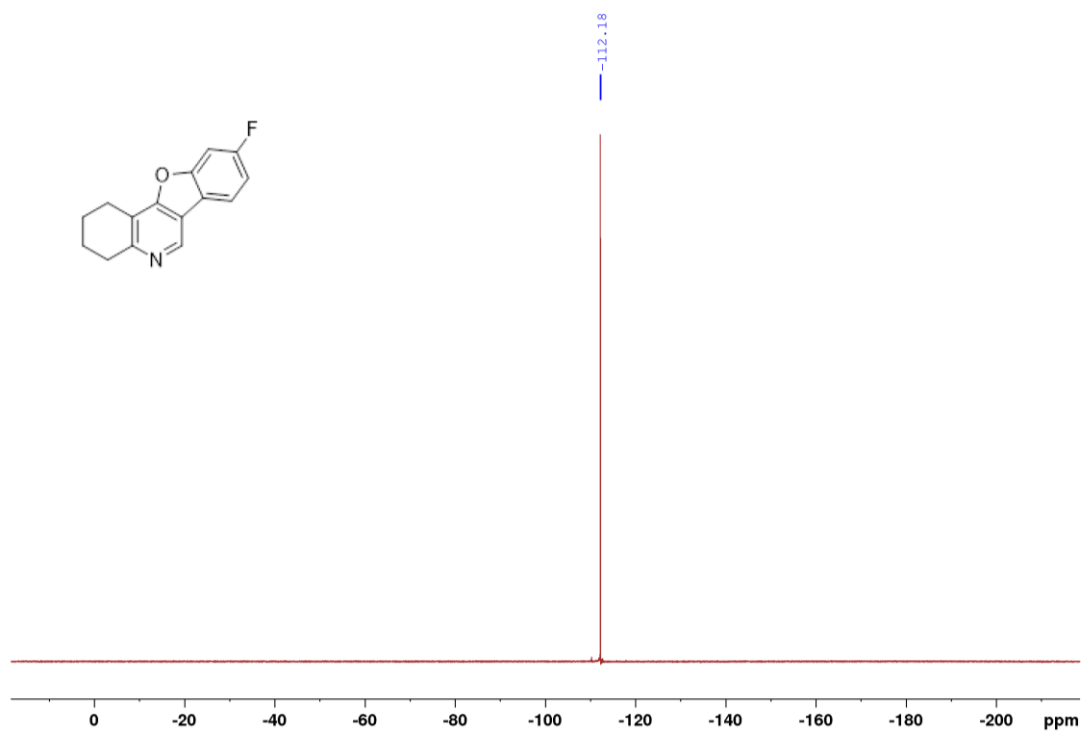
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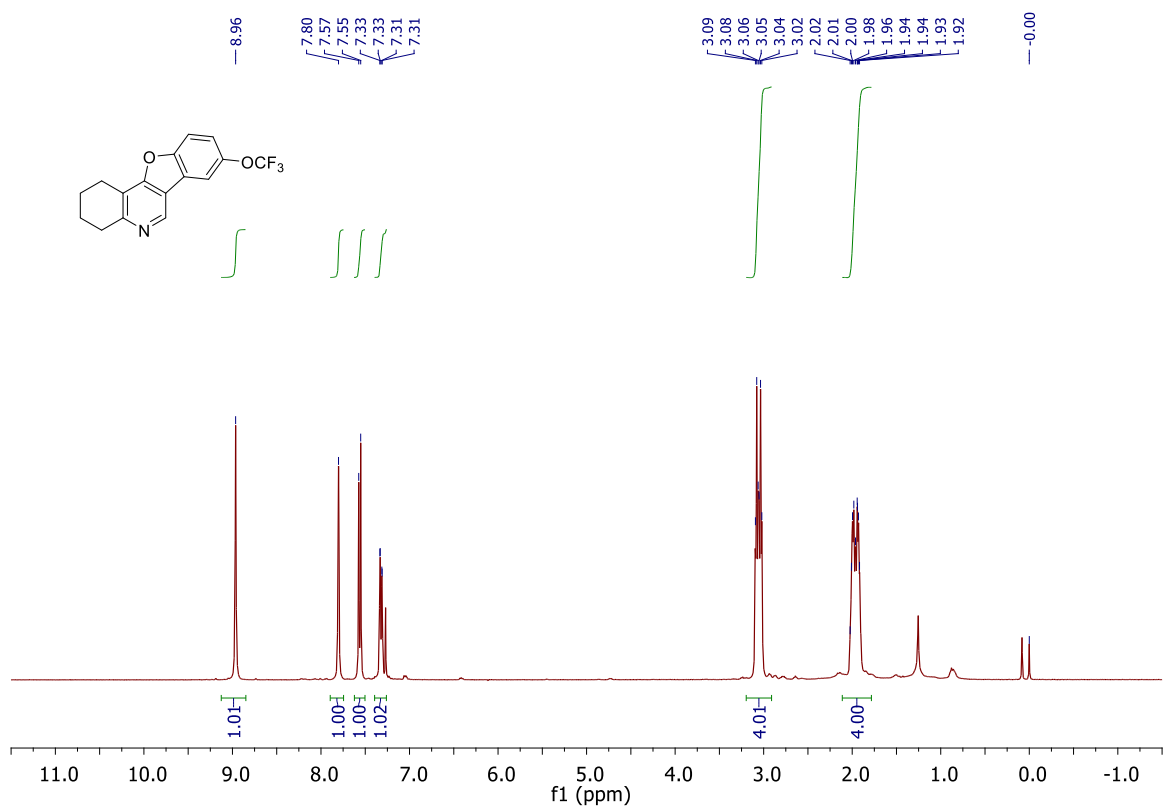
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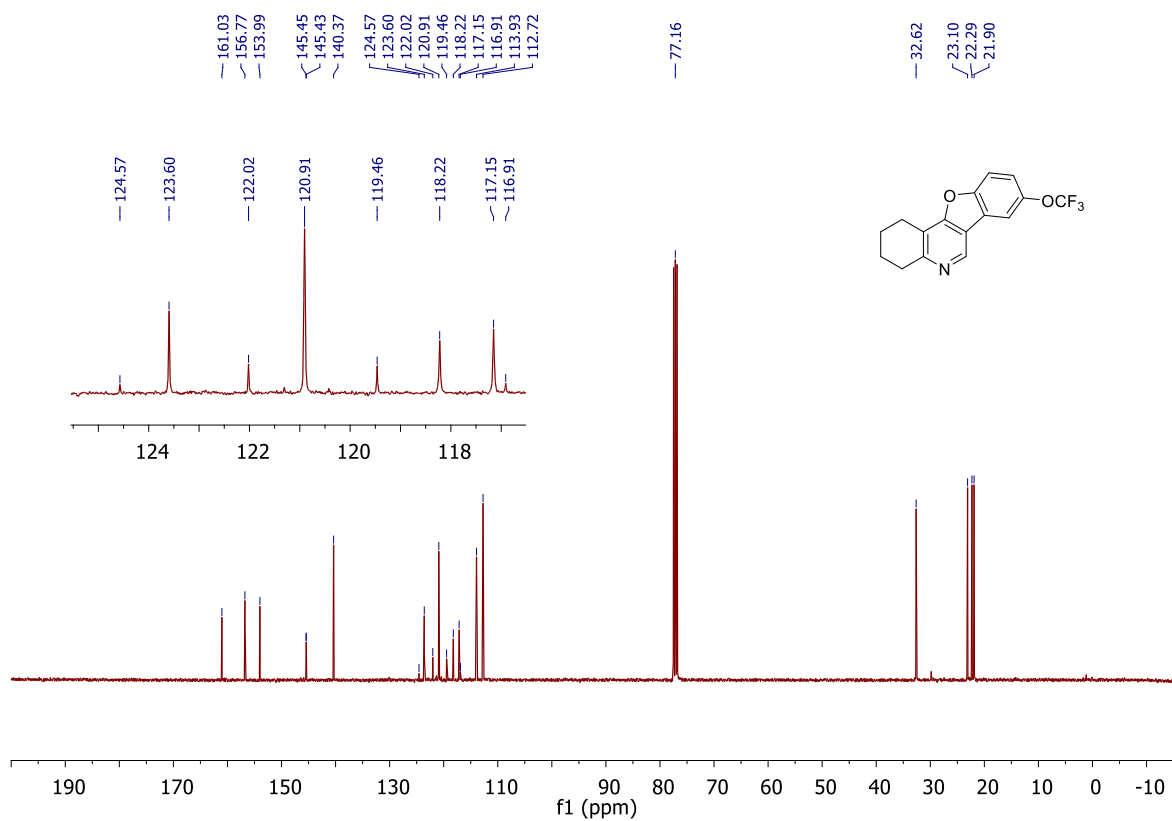
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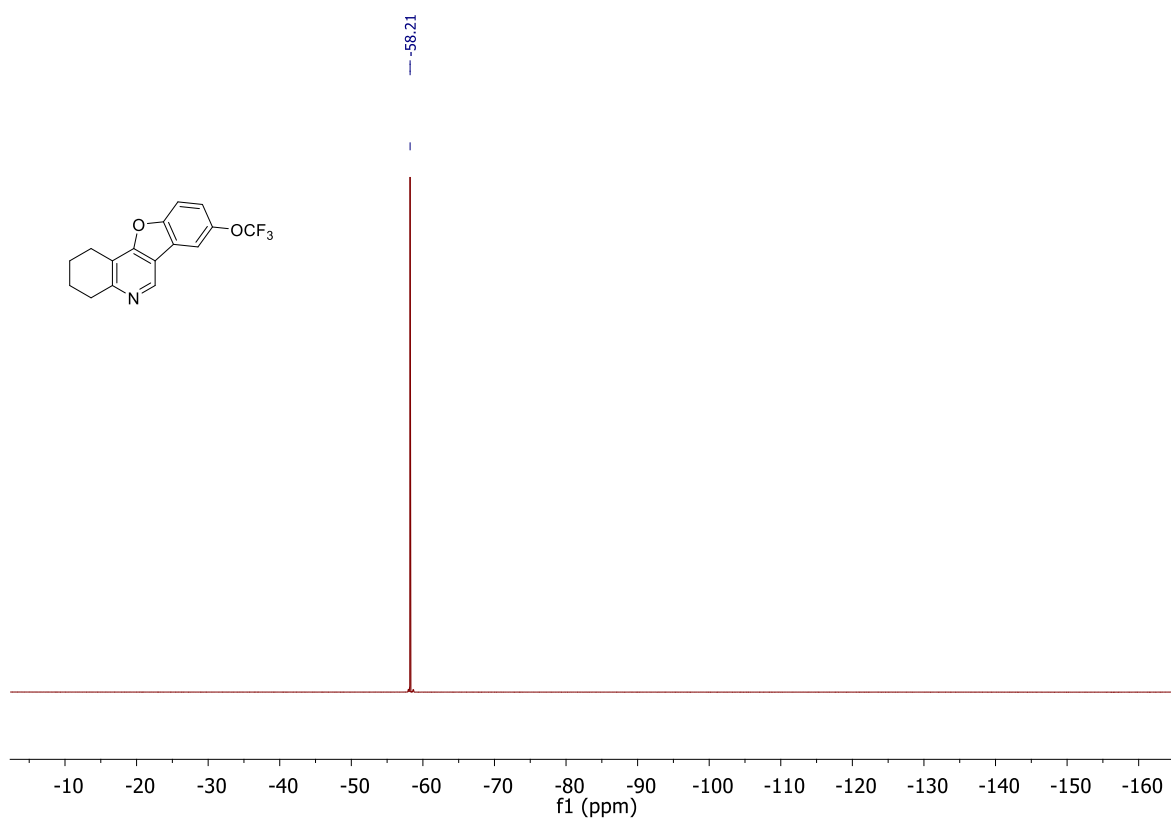
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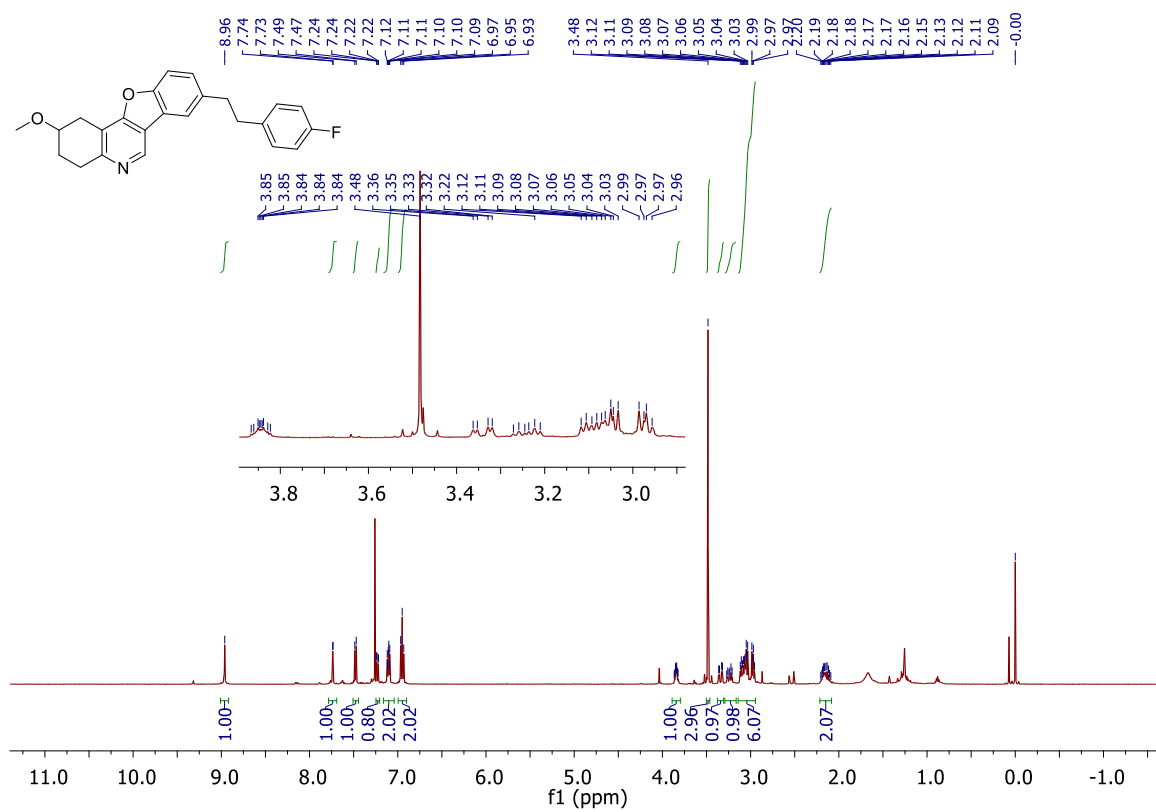
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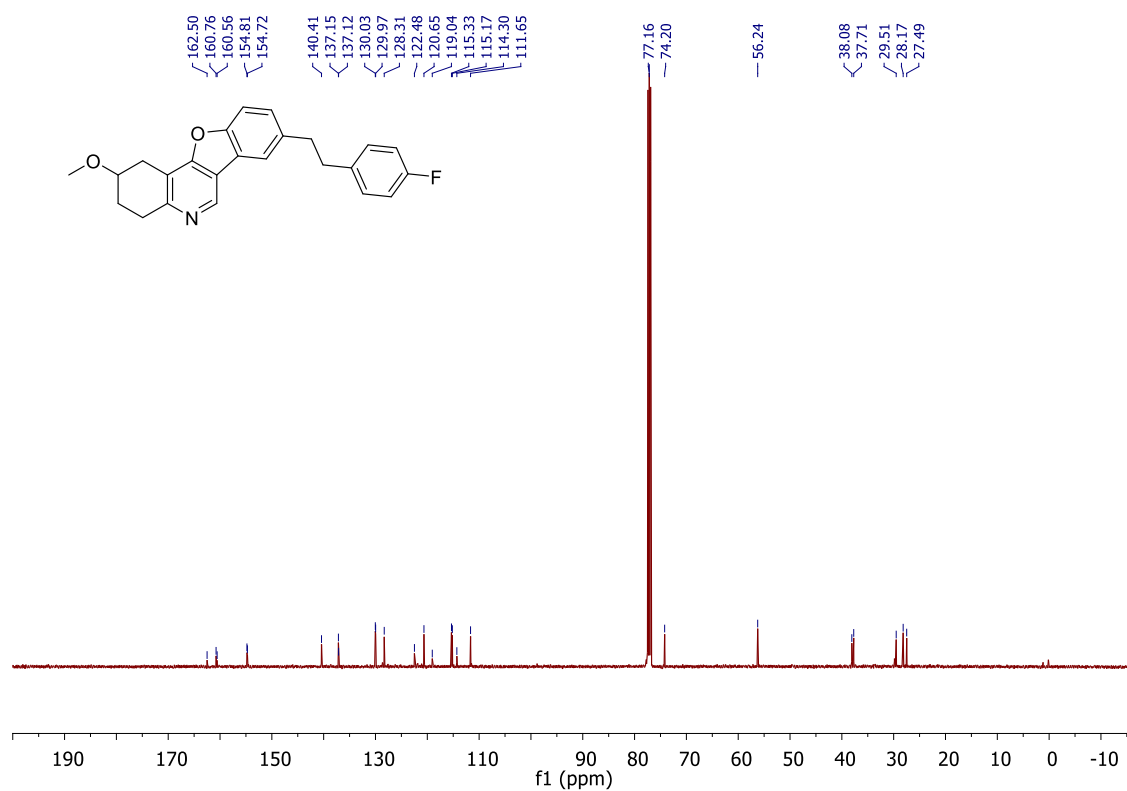
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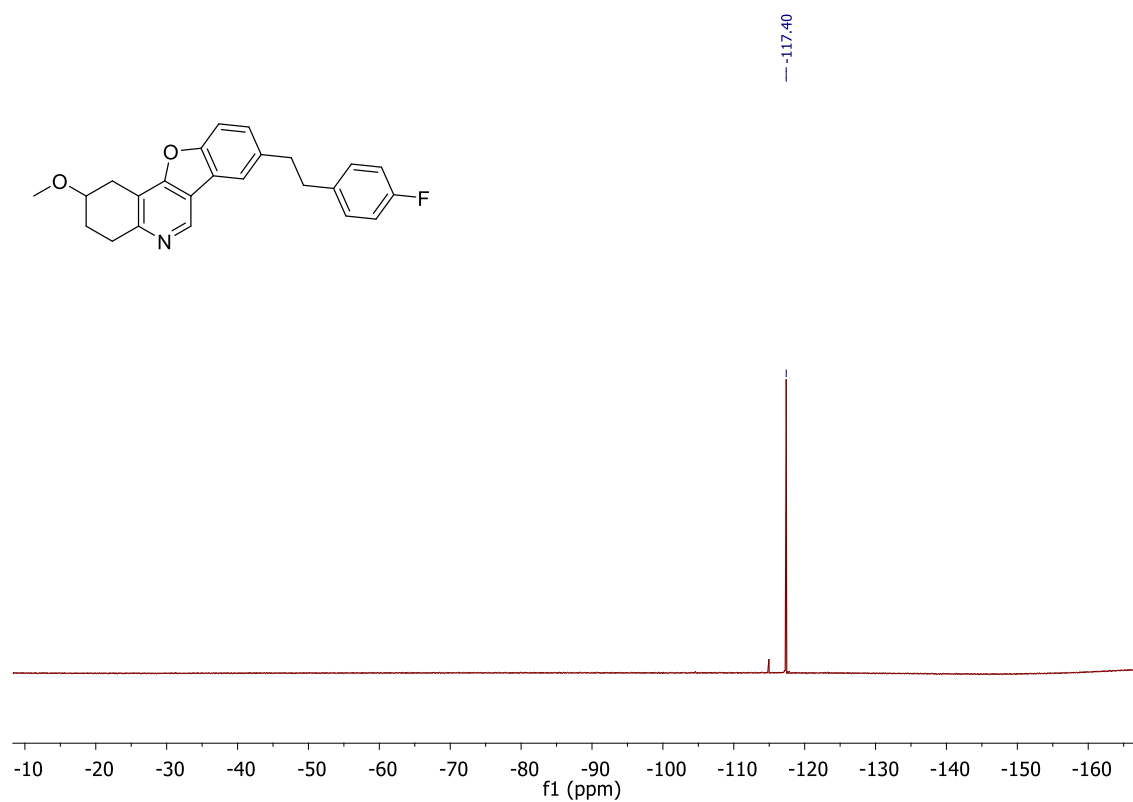
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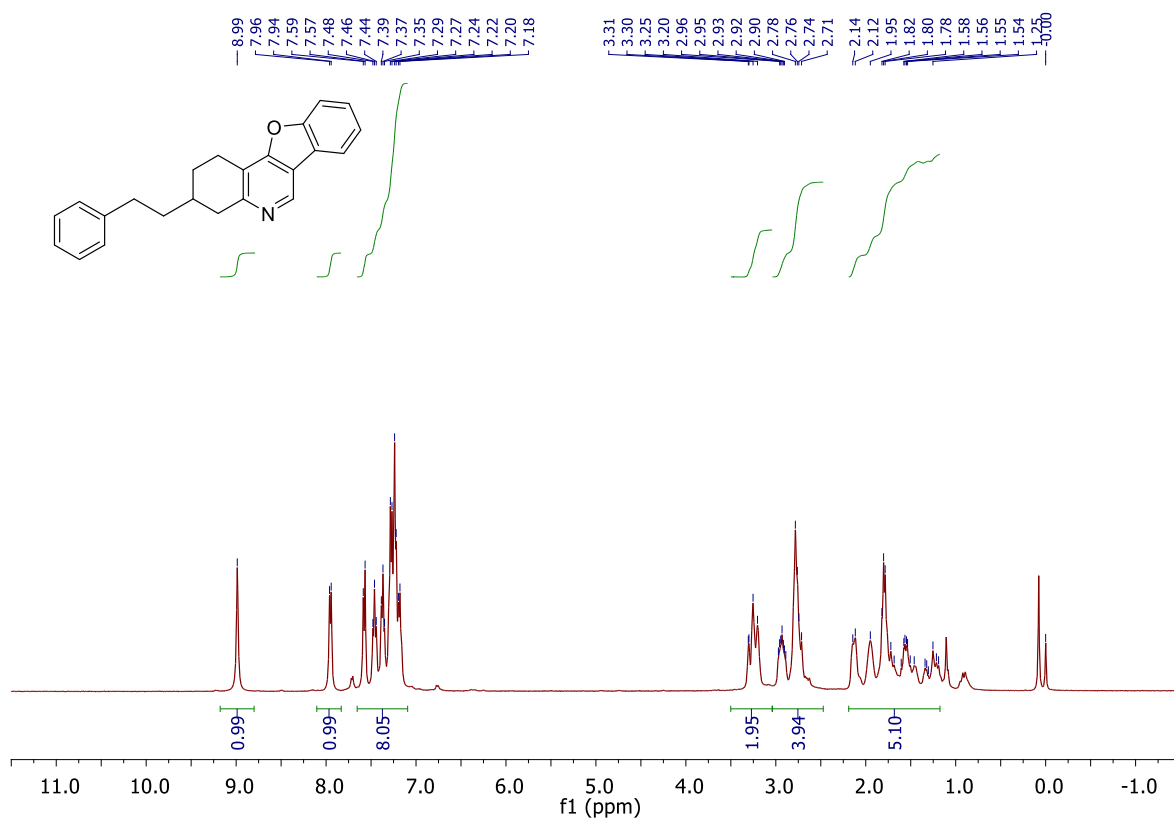
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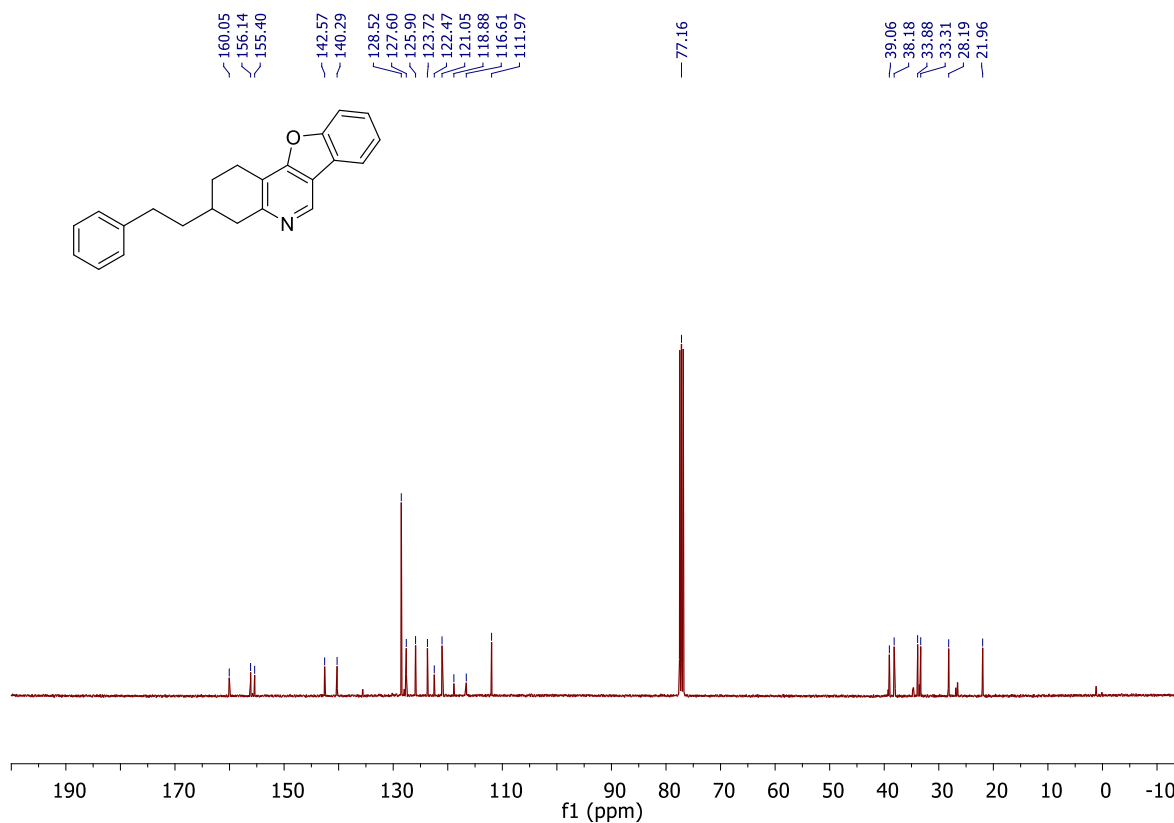
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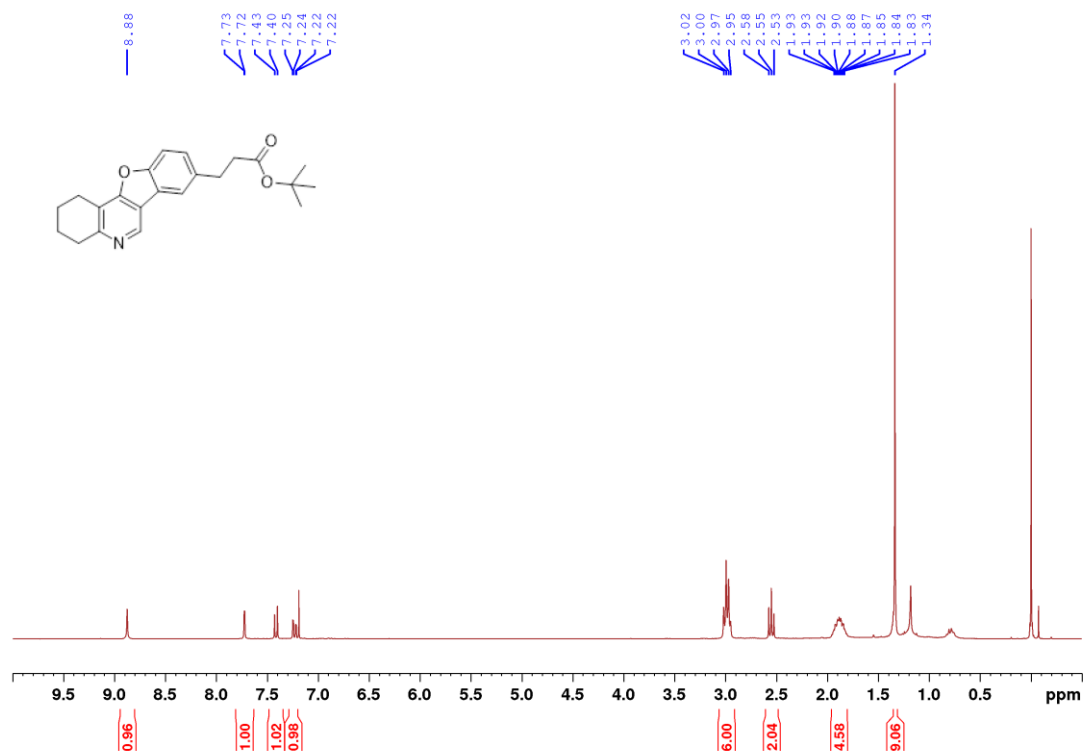
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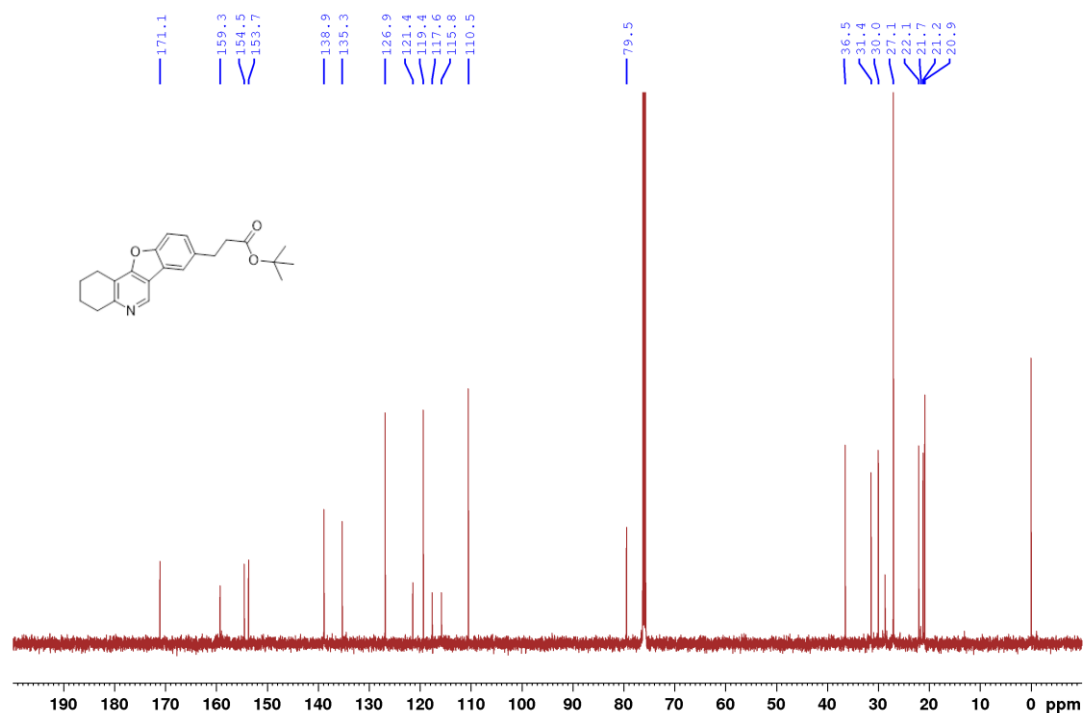
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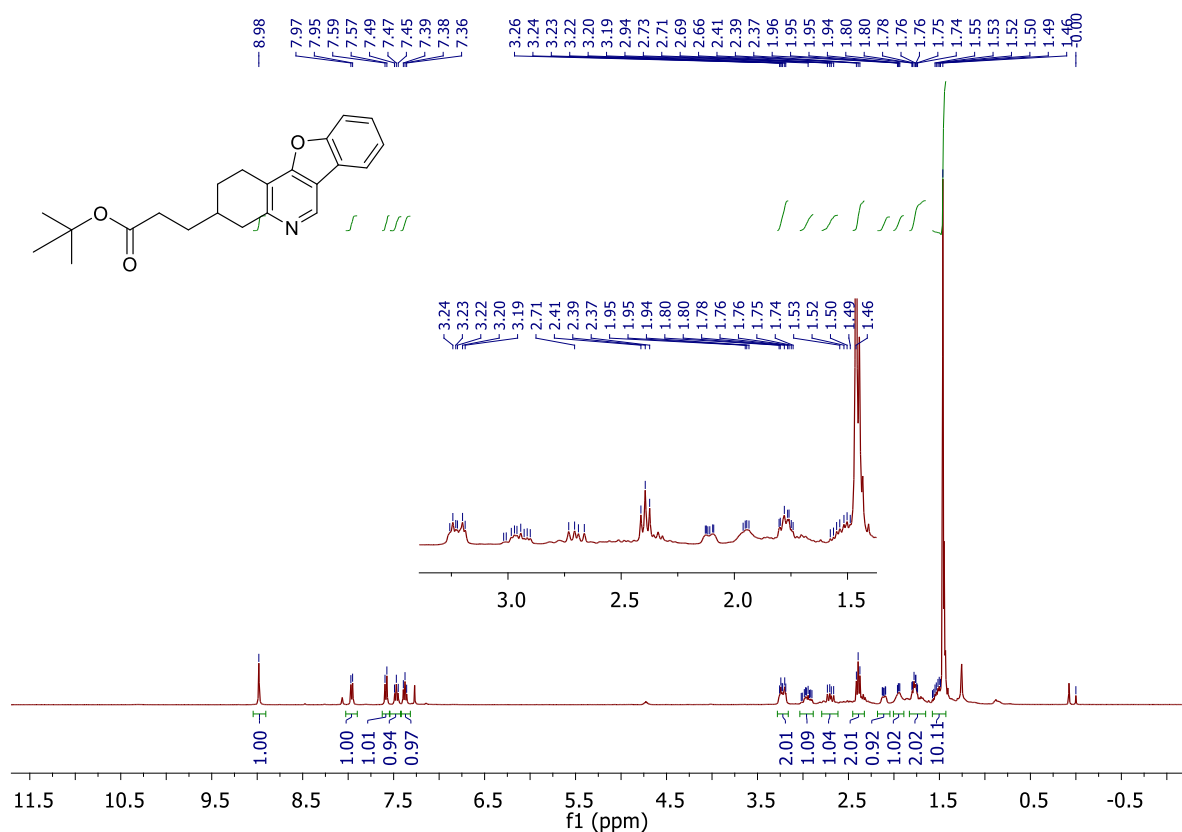
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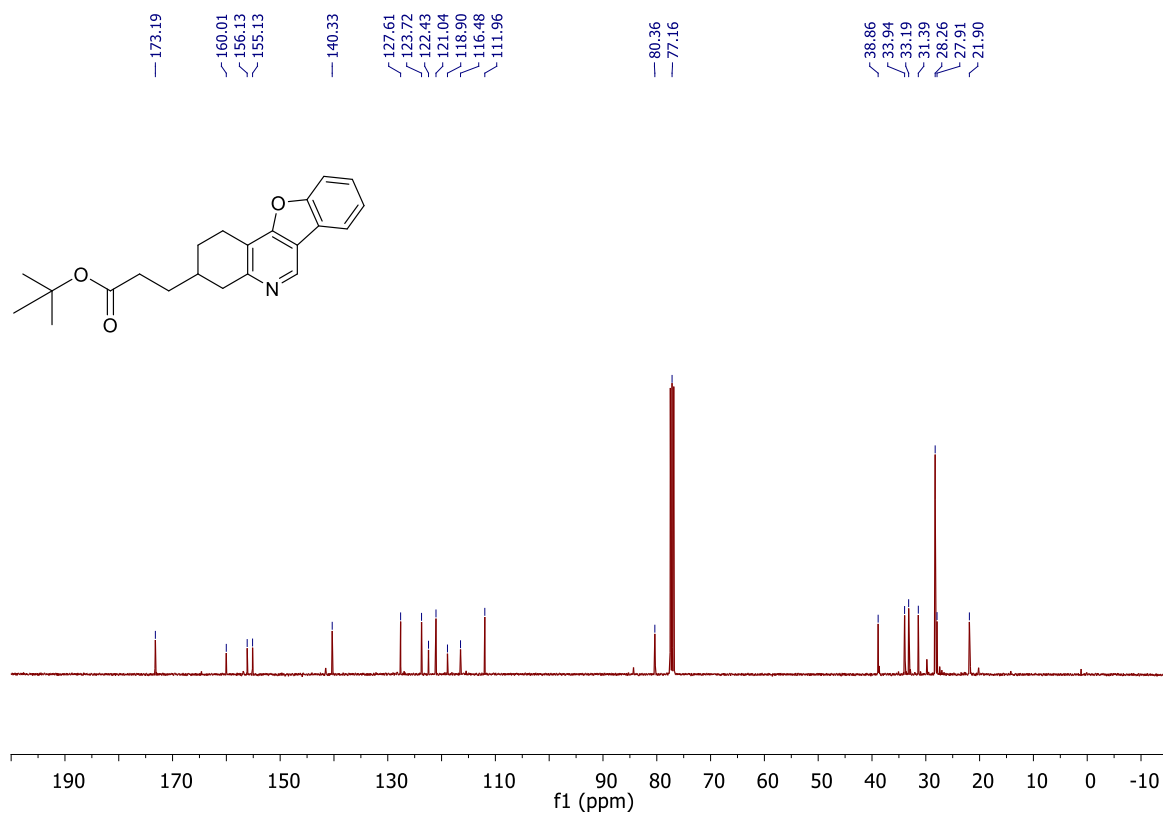
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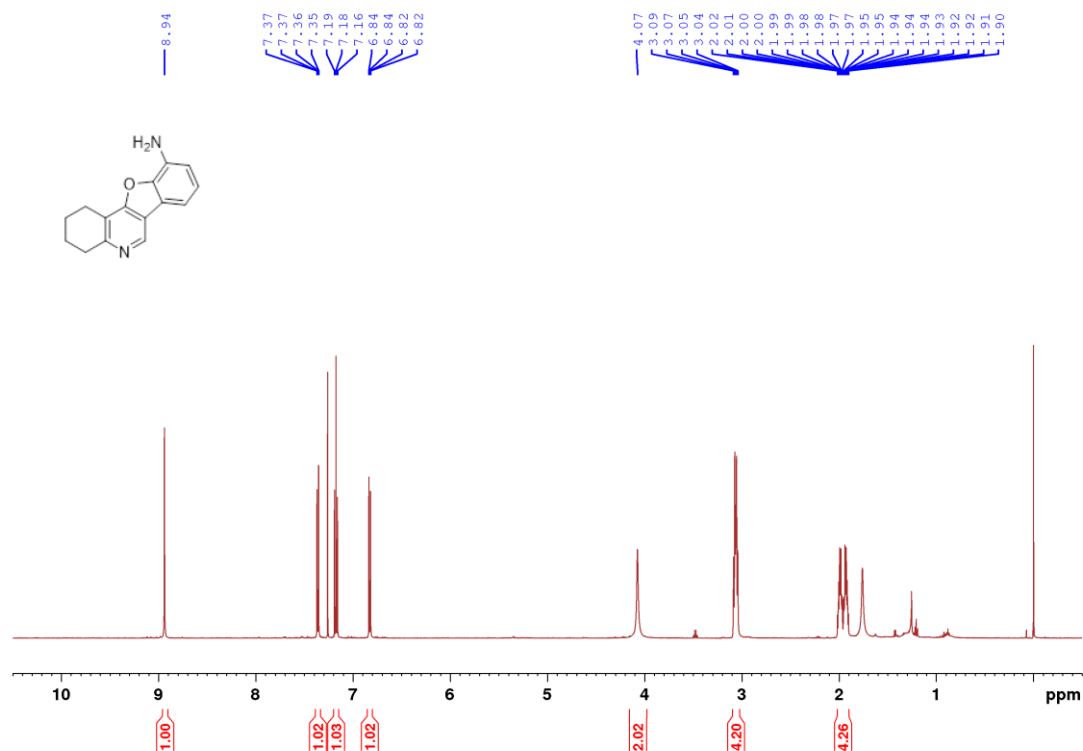
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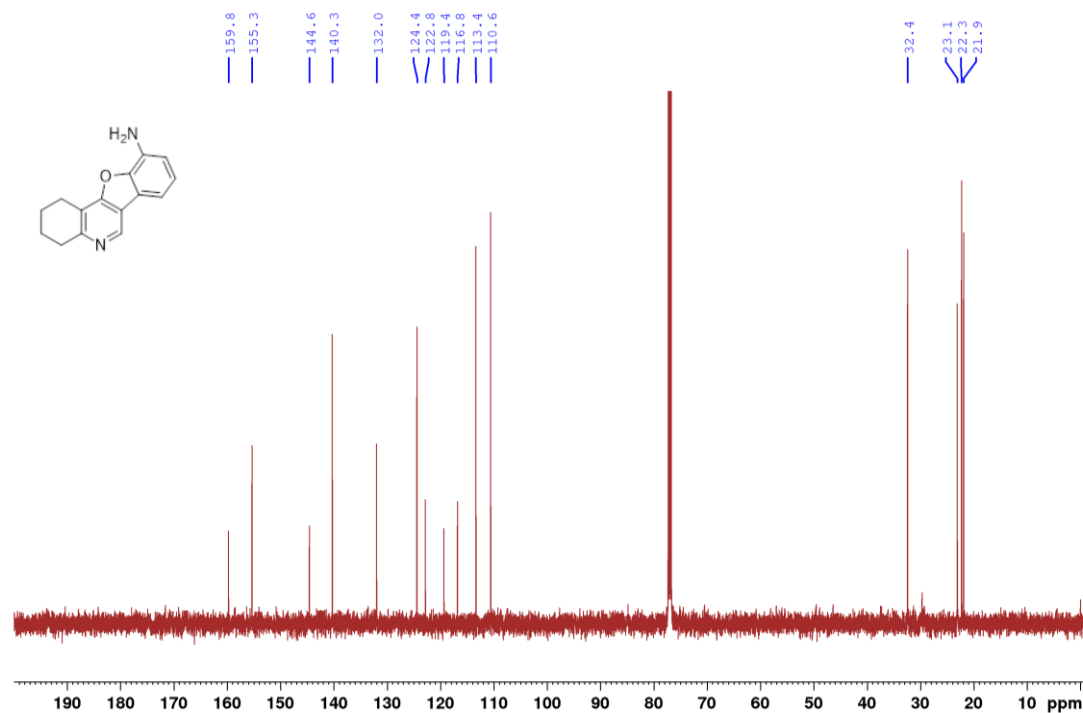
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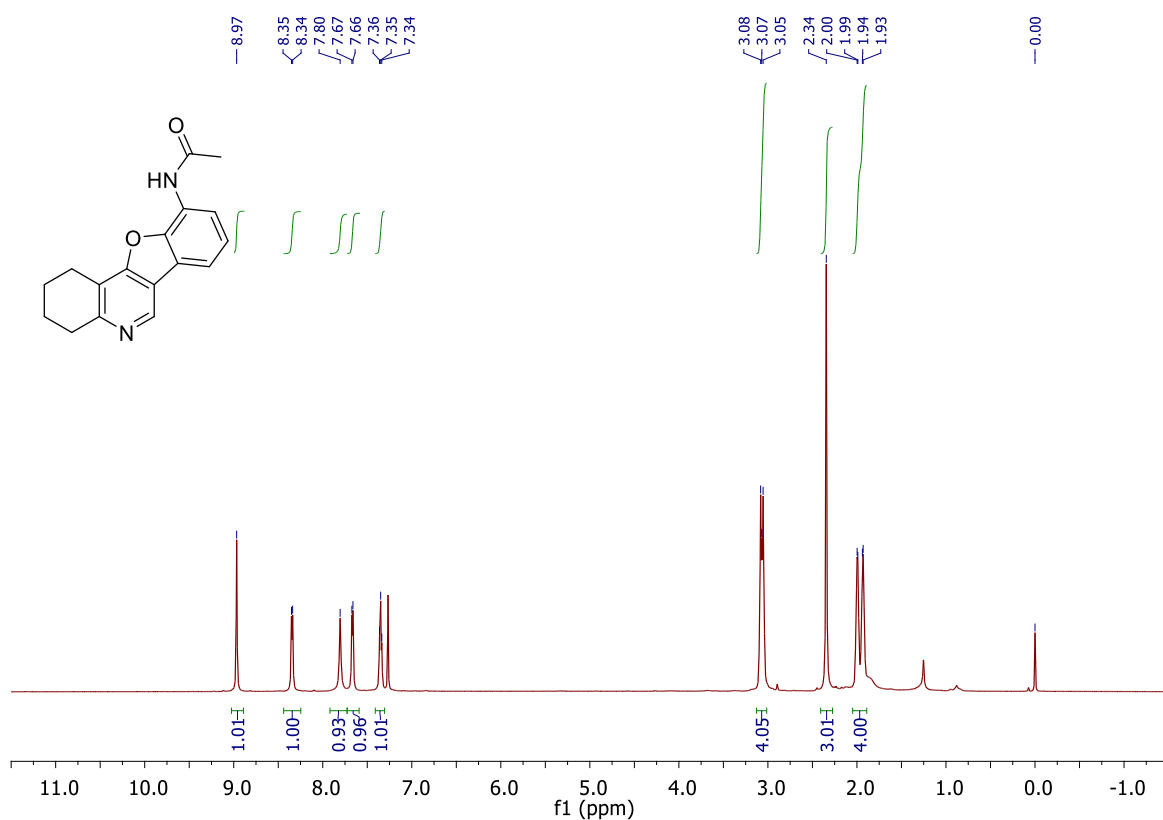
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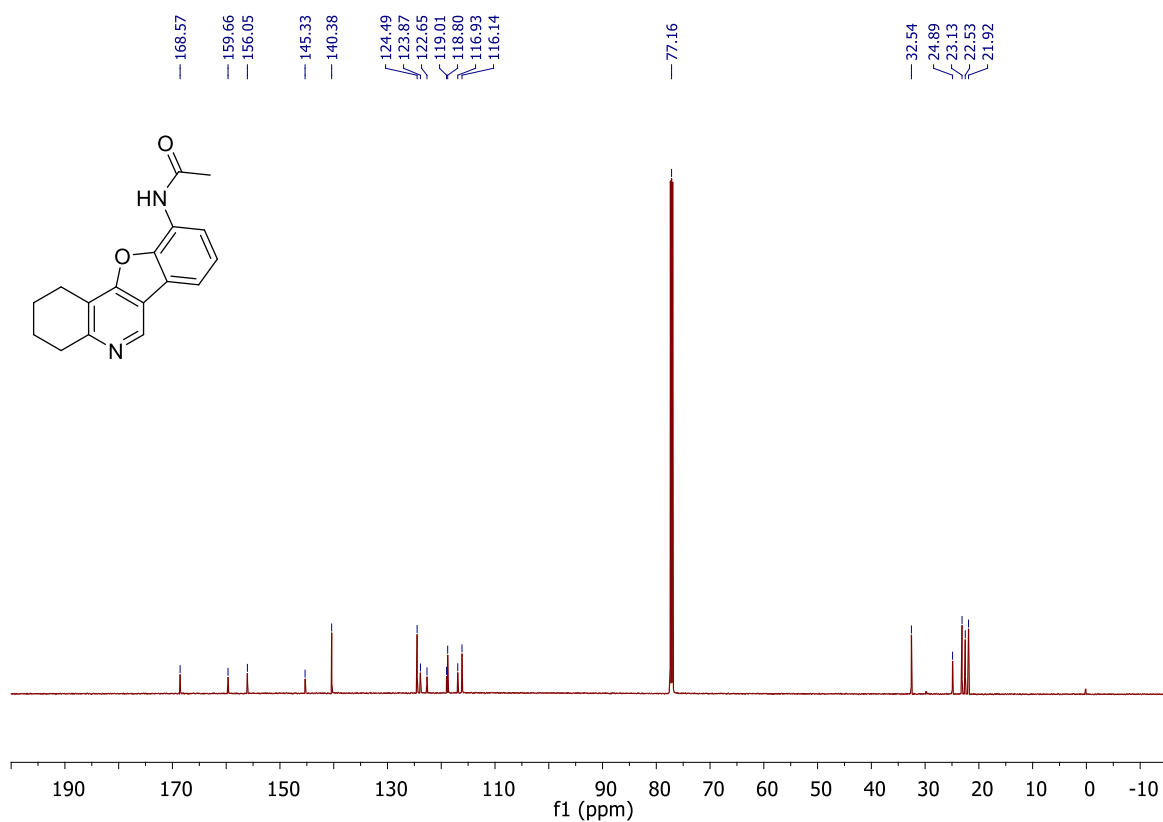
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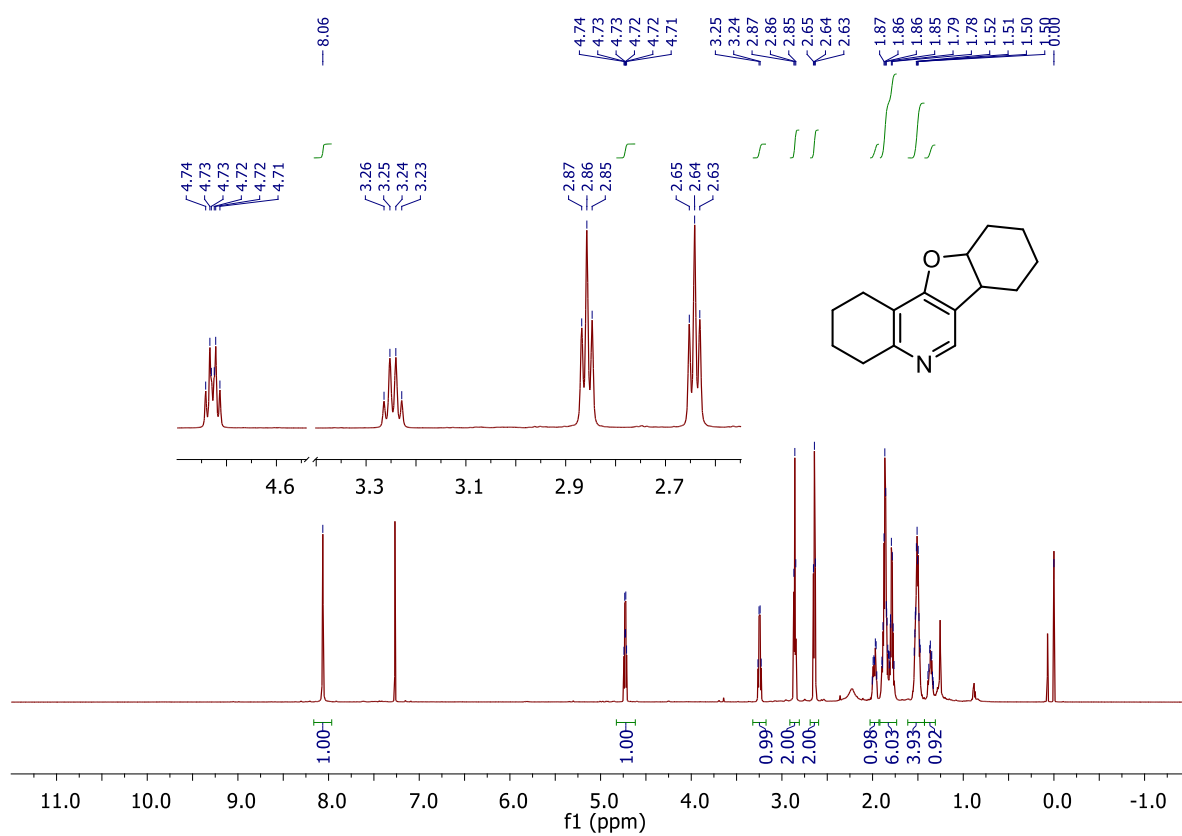
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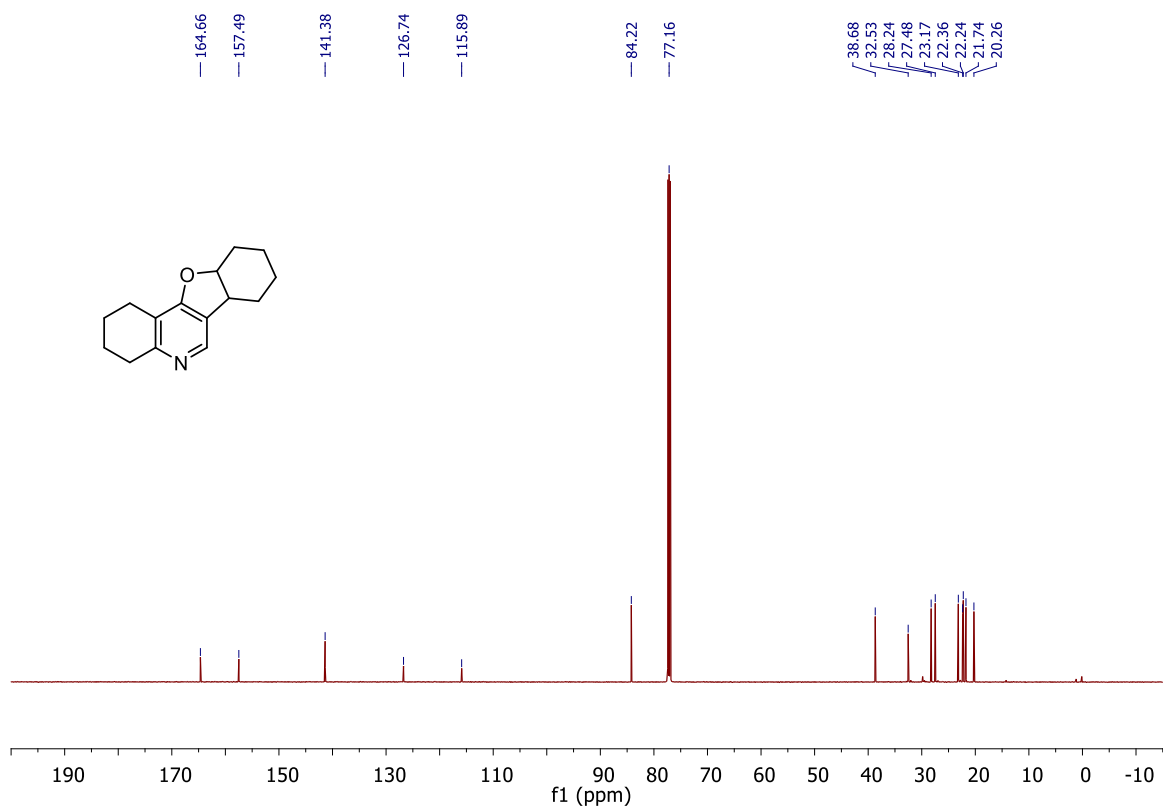
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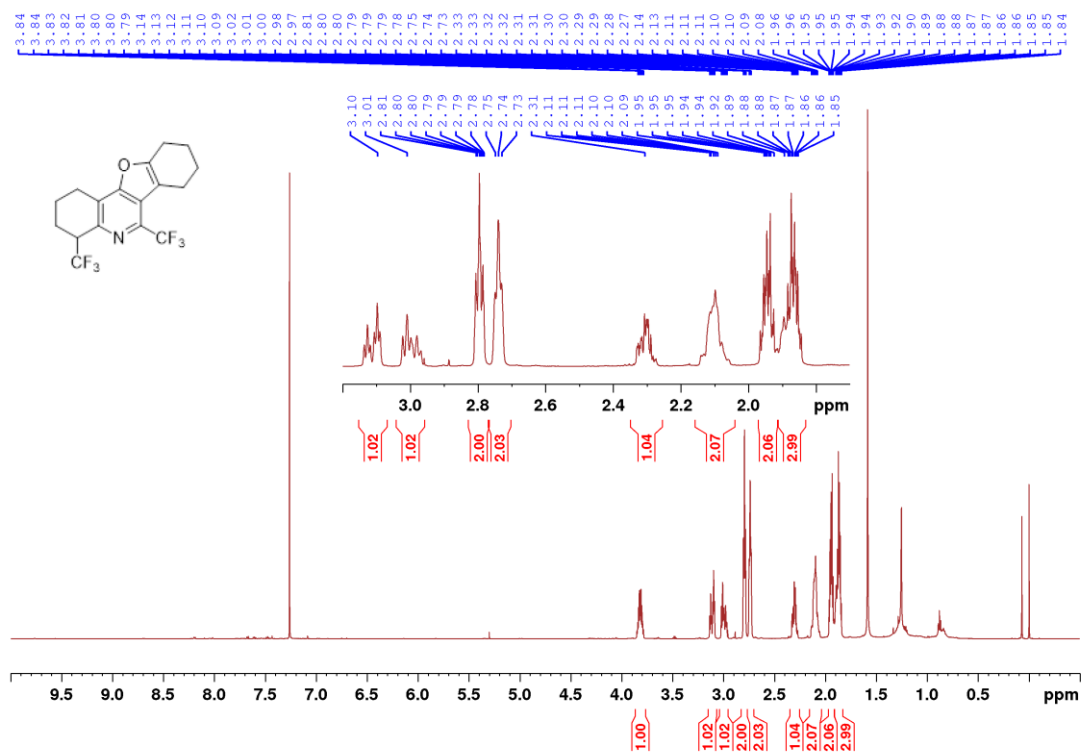
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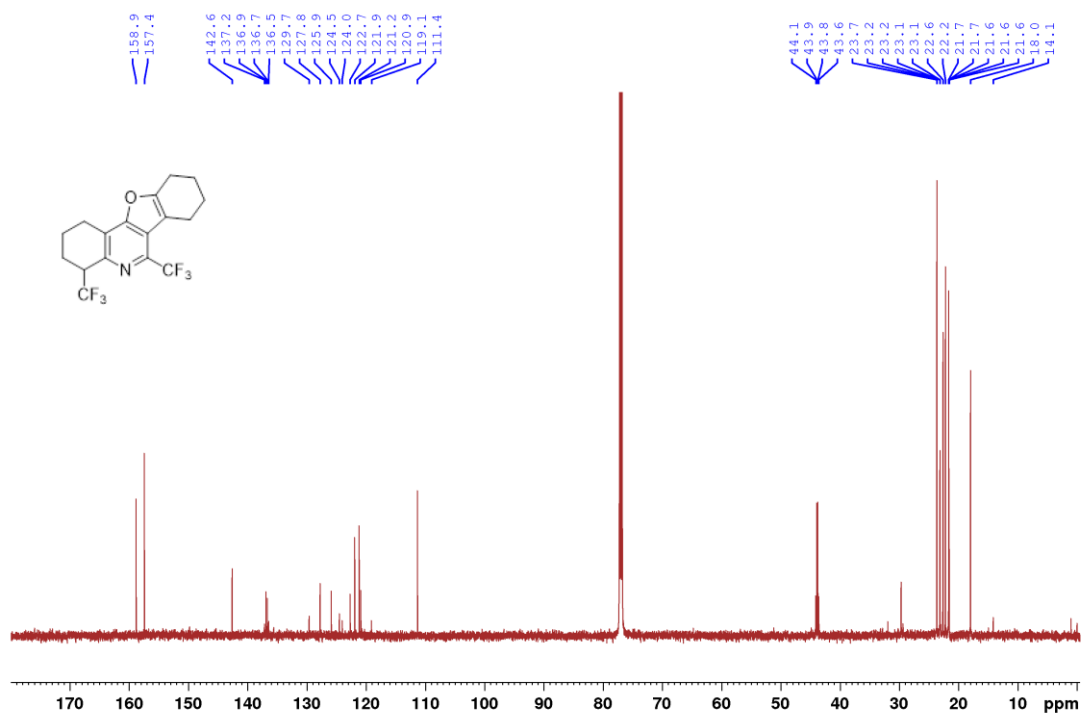
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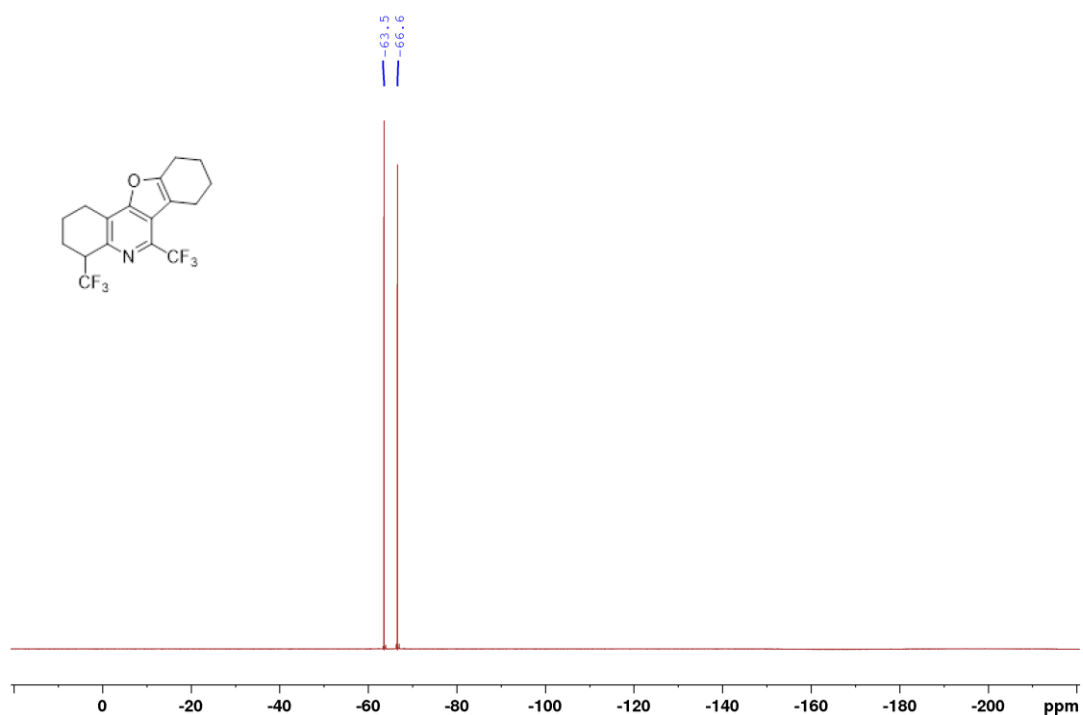
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4,6-Bis(trifluoromethyl)-1,2,3,4,6b,7,8,9,10,10a-decahydrobenzofuro[3,2-c]quinoline ¹³C NMR, 150 MHz, CDCl₃ (7b)



4,6-Bis(trifluoromethyl)-1,2,3,4,6b,7,8,9,10,10a-decahydrobenzofuro[3,2-c]quinoline ¹⁹F NMR, 471 MHz, CDCl₃ (7b)



X-Ray Crystallography Methods

Single crystals were obtained from a saturated solution of methanol or DCM by slow evaporation. A suitable crystal was selected and mounted on a **MITIGEN** holder with silicon oil. Data were collected using a ROD, Synergy Custom system, **HyPix** diffractometer equipped with an Oxford Cryosystems low temperature device operating at a steady temperature of $T = 100(2)$ K. Data were measured using ω scans with Cu K_{α} / Mo K_{α} radiation. The diffraction pattern was indexed and the total number of runs, and images was based on the strategy calculation from the program **CrysAlisPro** 1.171.41.93a (Rigaku OD, 2022). A multi-scan absorption correction was performed using CrysAlisPro 1.171.41.93a.^[39] Empirical absorption correction using spherical harmonics, implemented in SCALE3 ABSPACK scaling algorithm. The absorption coefficient of these materials is obtained at $\lambda = 1.54184\text{\AA}$.

The structures were solved, and the space group determined by the **ShelXT**^[40] structure solution program using dual methods and by using and by using **Olex2**^[41] as the graphical interface. These models were refined by full matrix least squares minimisation on F^2 version 2016/6 of **ShelXL**.^[42] All nonhydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atom positions were calculated geometrically and refined using the riding model.

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Crystal Data

There is a single molecule in the asymmetric unit for compounds **2a**, **2m** and **6b** which is represented by the reported sum formula. In other words: Z is 4 and Z' is 1.

There is a single molecule in the asymmetric unit for compounds **2n**, which is represented by the reported sum formula. In other words: Z is 2 and Z' is 1.

For compound **2b** and **2o**, the value of Z' is 4. This means that there are four independent molecules in the asymmetric unit.

For **6a**, the value of Z is 2 and the value of Z' is 0.5. This means that only half of the formula unit is present in the asymmetric unit, with the other half consisting of symmetry equivalent atoms.

CCDC

X-ray crystallographic data for compounds **2a** [CCDC 2115483], **2b** [CCDC 2288736], **2m** [CCDC 2304121], **2n** [CCDC 2267614], **2o** [CCDC 2288587], **6a** [CCDC 2298734], **6b** [CCDC 2267627].

Table 3S: X-ray-crystallographic data

Compound	2a	2b	2m	2n	2o	6a	6b
Formula	C ₁₅ H ₁₃ NO	C ₂₂ H ₁₉ NO	C ₁₅ H ₁₂ FNO	C ₁₅ H ₁₂ FNO	C ₁₆ H ₁₂ F ₃ NO ₂	C ₃₀ H ₃₀ N ₄ O ₃	C ₁₇ H ₁₆ N ₂ O ₂
Moity Formula	-	-	-	-	-	2(C ₁₅ H ₁₄ N ₂ O), H ₂ O	-
<i>D</i> _{calc.} / g cm ⁻³	1.391	1.299	1.470	1.448	1.516	1.362	1.381
<i>m</i> /mm ⁻¹	0.087	0.079	0.104	0.102	0.128	0.089	0.740
Formula Weight	223.26	313.38	241.26	241.26	307.27	494.58	280.32
Colour	clear colourless	clear colourless	clear light yellow	clear colourless	clear colourless	Clear colourless	clear colourless
Shape	block-shaped	block-shaped	prism-shaped	prism-shaped	plate-shaped	plate shaped	plate-shaped
Size/mm ³	0.24×0.07×0.07	0.32×0.27×0.21	0.39×0.33×0.18	0.34×0.25×0.08	0.31×0.16×0.05	0.25×0.12×0.08	0.35×0.08×0.05
<i>T</i> /K	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)	100.00(10)	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)
Crystal System	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	triclinic	triclinic	orthorhom bic	orthorhom bic
Flack Parameter	-	0.16(18)	-	-	-	-0.2(3)	-0.02(11)
Hooft Parameter	-	0.12(17)	-	-	-	-0.1(3)	0.04(8)
Space Group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i>	<i>Cc</i>	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i>	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2	<i>Pca</i> 2 ₁
<i>a</i> /Å	6.3620(2)	18.4541(3)	6.47150(10)	6.4065(2)	8.31680(10)	19.8325(5)	16.0017(2)
<i>b</i> /Å	13.7876(4)	10.4924(2)	13.8628(2)	8.1840(2)	12.97700(10)	12.1409(3)	9.58830(10)
<i>c</i> /Å	12.2250(3)	33.1638(5)	12.2344(2)	11.1469(4)	25.7022(3)	5.00950(10)	8.78600(10)
<i>a</i> °	90	90	90	80.146(2)	92.3890(10)	90	90
<i>b</i> °	96.314(2)	93.1390(10)	96.8270(10)	73.974(3)	93.2610(10)	90	90
<i>g</i> °	90	90	90	86.980(2)	103.1990(10)	90	90
<i>V</i> /Å ³	1065.83(5)	6411.80(19)	1089.80(3)	553.43(3)	2692.04(5)	1206.21(5)	1348.03(3)
<i>Z</i>	4	16	4	2	8	2	4
<i>Z</i> '	1	4	1	1	4	0.5	1
Wavelength/Å	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	1.54184
Radiation type	Mo K _α	Mo K _α	Mo K _α	Mo K _α	Mo K _α	Mo K _α	Cu K _α
<i>Q</i> _{min} /°	2.234	2.211	2.229	1.927	1.839	1.967	4.612
<i>Q</i> _{max} /°	28.497	30.491	33.624	28.494	36.209	32.271	76.799
Measured Refl's.	16387	70366	35257	44256	222974	17067	12298
Indep't Refl's	2708	16238	3981	2798	24401	3691	2201
Refl's I≥2 σ(I)	2375	15124	3679	2519	16973	3493	2165
<i>R</i> _{int}	0.0483	0.0207	0.0218	0.0825	0.0524	0.0250	0.0250
Parameters	154	901	163	163	800	180	195
Restraints	0	40	0	0	5	0	1

Largest Peak	0.357	0.654	0.525	0.359	0.615	0.347	0.167
Deepest Hole	-0.236	-0.403	-0.238	-0.243	-0.335	-0.183	-0.188
GooF	1.071	1.020	1.082	1.089	1.016	1.035	1.036
<i>wR</i>₂ (all data)	0.1069	0.1163	0.1024	0.1159	0.1396	0.0884	0.0709
<i>wR</i>₂	0.1038	0.1140	0.1006	0.1128	0.1245	0.0868	0.0706
<i>R</i>₁ (all data)	0.0435	0.0485	0.0367	0.0444	0.0809	0.0346	0.0273
<i>R</i>₁	0.0385	0.0446	0.0346	0.0407	0.0490	0.0327	0.0268

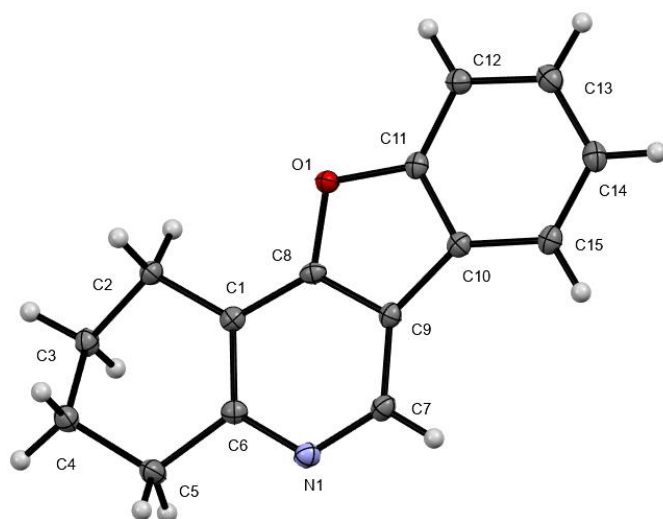


Figure 3S: Thermal ellipsoid of compound **2a** drawn at the 50% probability level

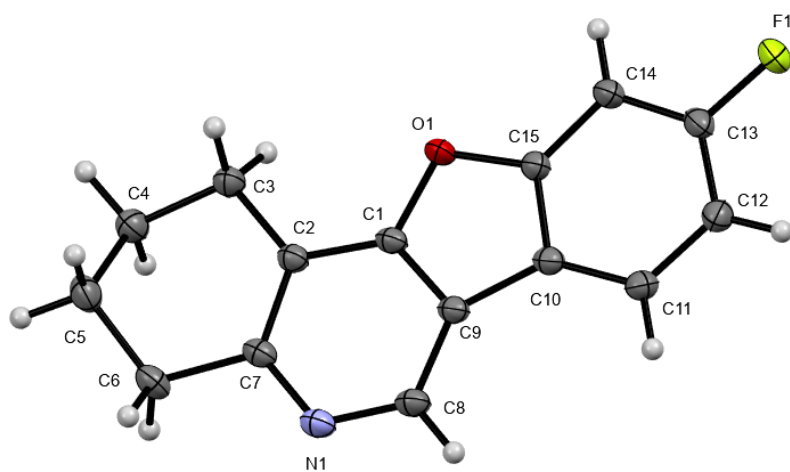


Figure 6S: Thermal ellipsoid of compound **2n** drawn at the 50% probability level

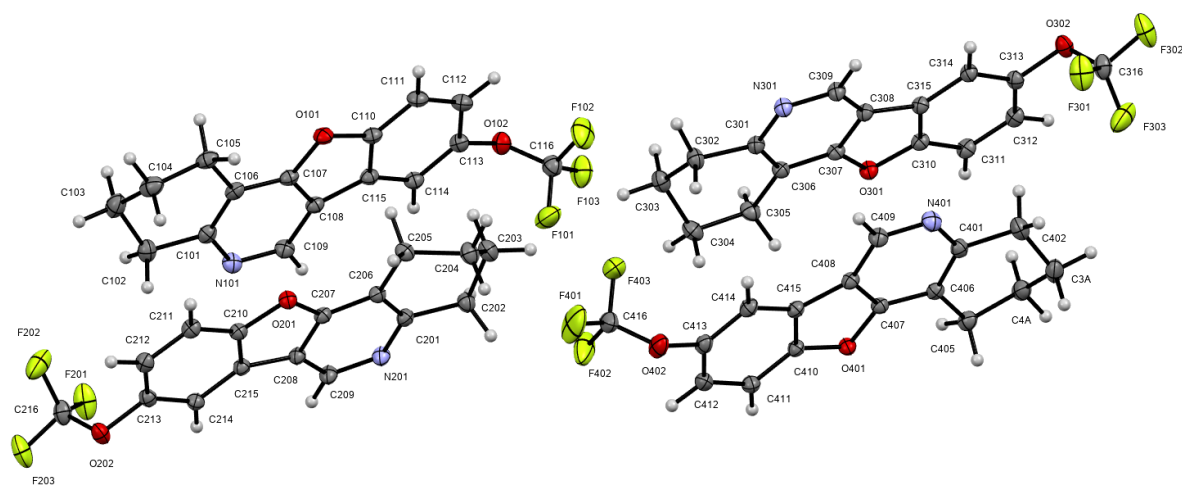


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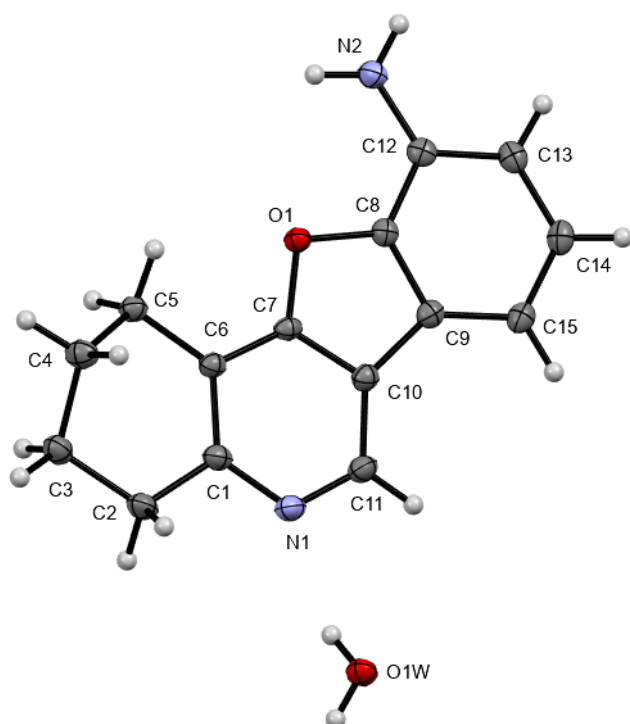


Figure 8S: Thermal ellipsoid of compound **6a** drawn at the 50% probability level

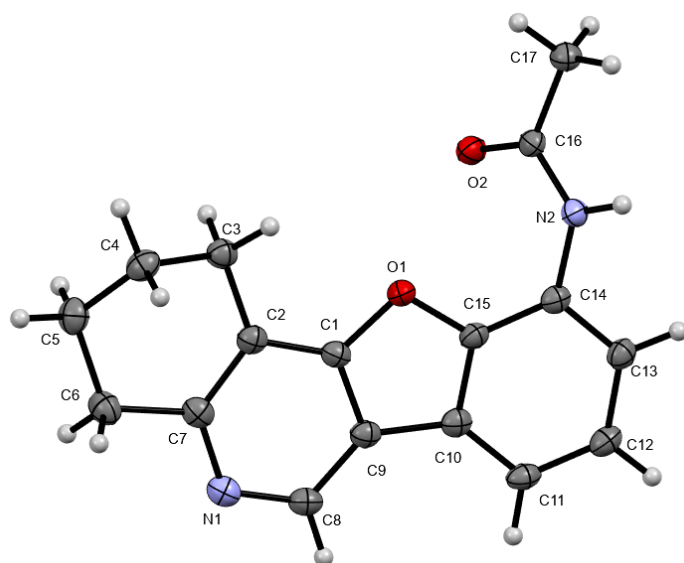


Figure 9S: Thermal ellipsoid of compound **6b** drawn at the 50% probability level

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