

## Development of aromatic foldamer building blocks bearing multiple biogenic side chains

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**1 Picture of the PurePep® Chorus synthesizer (Protein Technologies)**

The synthesizer is composed of six reaction vessels in total, meaning with the *in situ* protocols one can perform up to three SPFS in parallel. Each reaction vessel can be heated up independently. Heating is performed by induction. For a detailed procedure and explanation of the use of this instrument please refer to the *Chem. Eur. J.* [2023, e202300898](#)

**2 General information**

All reagents obtained from commercial sources were used without further purification unless otherwise stated. Anhydrous solvents were obtained from commercial sources and used without further drying. TG R Wang resin was purchased from CEM. Peptide grade *N,N*-dimethylformamide (DMF) was purchased from Carlo Erba and peptide grade *N*-methyl-2-pyrrolidone was purchased from Iris. Anhydrous triethylamine (TEA) and *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (DIPEA) were obtained via distillation over CaH<sub>2</sub> prior to use. Anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (THF), dichloromethane (DCM) and toluene were obtained via an MBRAUN SPS-800 solvent purification system. Anhydrous acetonitrile (MeCN), *N,N*-dimethylformamide (DMF) were purchased from Fischer Scientific. Nitrogen gas dried on a column of

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Drierite® was used as inert atmosphere. In hydrogenation reactions H<sub>2</sub> pressure was provided with a balloon. The reactions were monitored using LC-MS and GC-MS instruments or by thin layer chromatography (TLC) on Merck silica gel 60-F254 plates and observed under UV light. Analytical LC-MS: Agilent HP1200 LC with Agilent 6140 quadrupole MS, operating in positive or negative ion electrospray ionisation mode. Molecular weight scan range was 100 to 1350 m/z. Parallel UV detection was done at 210 nm and 254 nm. Samples were supplied as a 1 mM solution in MeCN with 2 µL loop injection, unless stated otherwise. LC-MS analyses were performed on two instruments, one of which was operated with basic, and the other with acidic eluents. Basic LC-MS: Gemini-NX, 3 µm, C18, 50 mm × 3.00 mm i.d. column at 23°C, at a flow rate of 1 mL min<sup>-1</sup> using 5 mM aq. NH<sub>4</sub>HCO<sub>3</sub> solution and MeCN as eluents. Acidic LC-MS: ZORBAX Eclipse XDB-C18, 1.8 µm, 50 mm × 4.6 mm i.d. column at 40°C, at a flow rate of 1 mL min<sup>-1</sup> using water and MeCN as eluents, both containing 0.07 V/V% TFA. Combination gas chromatography and low-resolution mass spectrometry were performed on Agilent 6850 gas chromatograph and Agilent 5975C mass spectrometer using 15 m × 0.25 mm column with 0.25 µm HP-5MS coating and helium as carrier gas. Ion source: EI<sup>+</sup>, 70 eV, 230°C, quadrupole: 150°C, interface: 300°C. Flash chromatography was performed on ISCO CombiFlash Rf 200i or ISCO CombiFlash Torrent® with pre-packed silica-gel cartridges (RediSep® R<sub>f</sub> Gold High Performance). Preparative RP-HPLC purifications were performed on an ISCO CombiFlash EZ Prep system with a Gemini-NX® 10 µm C18, 250 mm × 50 mm column running at a flow rate of 118 mL min<sup>-1</sup> with UV diode array detection or performed on a Thermo Fisher Scientific Ultimate 3000 HPLC System using Macherey-Nagel Nucleodur C8 Gravity columns (4 × 100 mm, 5 µm and 10 × 250 mm, 5 µm) and Macherey-Nagel Nucleodur C8 Gravity columns (4 × 50 mm, 5 µm and 10 × 100 mm, 5 µm). In the latter case, solvent mixture composed of H<sub>2</sub>O+0.1% TFA in A and 0.1% TFA+MeCN in B. For RP-HPLC analyses, a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min was applied; semi-preparative RP-HPLC purification were performed at a flow rate of 5.0 mL/min. UV absorbance was monitored at 300 nm if not stated otherwise. <sup>1</sup>H NMR, and proton-decoupled <sup>13</sup>C/DEPTQ NMR measurements were performed on Bruker Avance III 500 MHz spectrometer and Bruker Avance III 400 MHz spectrometer, using DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> or CDCl<sub>3</sub> as solvent. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C/DEPTQ NMR data are in the form of delta values, given in part per million (ppm), using the residual peak of the solvent as internal standard (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>: 2.50 ppm (<sup>1</sup>H) / 39.5 ppm (<sup>13</sup>C/DEPTQ), CDCl<sub>3</sub>: 7.26 ppm (<sup>1</sup>H) / 77.2 ppm (<sup>13</sup>C/DEPTQ), DMF-d<sub>7</sub> 8.03 ppm (<sup>1</sup>H)). Measurements were performed at 298 K unless stated otherwise. NMR spectra of the oligomers were recorded in DMF-d<sub>7</sub>. The raw data were evaluated using Mnova version 14.0.0 from Mestrelab Research or Bruker Topspin 3.2 in case of all small molecules, while Mnova version 14.0.0 from Mestrelab Research for the evaluation of the prepared foldamer. Splitting patterns are designated as: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), m (multiplet), br s (broad singlet), dd (doublet of doublets), dt (doublet of triplets), quintet (quint), sextet (sext), septet (sp). In some cases, due to tautomers or amide rotamers two sets of signals appear in the spectra, which are represented in a format like „6.98/6.64 (t/br s, *J* = 5.4 Hz for triplet signal, <sup>1</sup>H)” meaning that the singlet signal at 6.98 ppm and the triplet signal with *J* = 5.4 Hz coupling

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at 6.64 ppm corresponds to the same proton, and together give an integral of 1. LC-HRMS were determined on an Agilent 1290 Infinity II - Agilent 6545 LC-QTOF, ion source temperature 200°C, ESI +/-, ionization voltage: +/-4.5 kV. InfinityLab Poroshell 120 SB-C18, 2.1 mm, 1.9  $\mu$ m column. Mass resolution: min. 10000. LC-HRMS spectra for some quinoline monomeres were recorded on a Thermo Scientific Dionex UltiMate 3000 equipped with a Nucleodur C18 gravity column (2 x 50 mm, 1.8  $\mu$ m) with a flow of 0.33 mL min<sup>-1</sup>. 0.1% of formic acid in water (solvent A) and 0.1% of formic acid in acetonitrile (solvent B) were used as mobile phase for the ionization of the quinoline monomers and the oligomer. Elution was monitored by UV detection at 214, 254 and 300 nm with a diode array detector. The LC system was coupled to a micrOTOF II mass spectrometer by Bruker Daltonics and molecules were ionized by ESI. GC-HRMS were determined on Agilent 7890B gas chromatograph and AccuTOF GCX mass spectrometer using 15 m  $\times$  0.25 mm column with 0.25  $\mu$ m HP-5MS coating and helium as carrier gas. Ion source: FI, 37V, interface: 320°C. Chemical names were generated by BioviaDraw 2021.

### 3 Experimental data

#### 3.1 Analytical data of the newly synthesized compounds in this work

##### General procedure A for hydrogenation

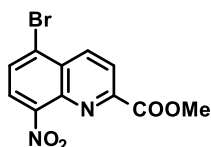
To a pear-shaped flask and **methyl 8-nitro-quinoline-2-carboxylate** (1.0 equiv.) and Pd/C (10% mol%, 0.1 g/g). were measured, the flask was closed with a rubber septum, evacuated, and charged with dry N<sub>2</sub>. Then methanol (100 mL/g, dry, N<sub>2</sub> flushed), dichloromethane (100 mL/g, dry, N<sub>2</sub> flushed) and *N,N*-diethylethanamine (10 mL/g) were added. The headspace of the flask was evacuated then backfilled with H<sub>2</sub> gas (1 bar). The reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 1-48 h until full conversion was observed. Catalyst was filtered on a celite pad, washed with DCM, the organic phase dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the filtrate was concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude product was purified by normal phase flash chromatography (eluent: DCM/MeOH) to afford **methyl 8-amino-quinoline-2-carboxylate**.

##### General procedure B for the hydrolysis and Fmoc-protection steps

To a pear-shaped flask **methyl 8-amino-quinoline-2-carboxylate** (1.0 equiv.) was measured and dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (100 mL/g). A solution of LiOH · H<sub>2</sub>O (1.5 equiv.) in water (50 mL/g) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature until hydrolysis was complete (usually 1 h). Hydrolysis was quenched by addition of 1M aq. HCl solution (1.5 equiv.). The reaction mixture was cooled to 0°C, NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (5 equiv.) was added (pH set to ~7-8), and a solution of FmocCl (1.5 equiv.) in 1,4-dioxane (30 mL/g) was introduced dropwise during a 1 h period. Stirring at 0°C was continued for 1h-18h until complete conversion was observed. The reaction mixture was diluted with water, pH was adjusted to 3-4 by the addition of 5% citric acid solution. DCM was added, the organic layer separated and washed with 5% citric acid solution. Organic phase was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> filtered and the filtrate was concentrated. The crude product was purified by normal phase flash chromatography (eluent: heptane/DCM/MeOH), then was further purified with RP-HPLC purification in (MeCN/25mM aq NH<sub>4</sub>HCOO buffer) to afford **8-(9H-fluoren-9-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)-2-carboxylic acid** derivatives.

#### 3.2 Synthetic procedure and analytical data of the newly synthesized compounds in this work

##### Methyl 5-bromo-8-nitro-quinoline-2-carboxylate (2)

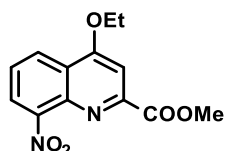


20.8 g **5-bromo-8-nitroquinoline-2-carboxylic acid** (prepared according to [1], 1.0 equiv., 70 mmol) is dissolved in 250 mL of MeOH, then 5 mL of concentrated H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> was added and the mixture was heated up to reflux using an oil bath and left stirring overnight. After reaction completion, mixture was cooled down to room temperature, the precipitate was filtered and washed with cold MeOH. The reaction yielded product **2** as a brown solid (16.6 g, 76%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 8.86 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.41 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = 164.1, 150.1, 147.9, 138.3, 137.7, 131.7, 128.4, 124.8, 124.1, 53.1.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>7</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 332.9481; found: 332.9483.

##### Methyl 4-ethoxy-8-nitro-quinoline-2-carboxylate (5a)



5.00 g **methyl 4-hydroxy-8-nitro-quinoline-2-carboxylate (1)** (prepared according to [2], 1.0 equiv., 20.1 mmol) and 5.55 g K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2 equiv., 40.2 mmol) were suspended in 100 mL anhydrous DMF under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. 2.30 mL **ethyl iodide** (1.4 equiv., 28.6 mmol) was then added and the mixture was heated up to 70°C by a heating block and stirred overnight. Then the mixture was cooled to RT and 500 mL of cold H<sub>2</sub>O was added. The precipitate was filtered and washed

with 3x100 mL of cold H<sub>2</sub>O. The resulting solid was then dried *in vacuo* at 50°C for 2 days. Without further purification, **5a** was obtained as a beige solid (5.23 g, 94%).

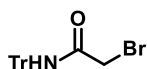
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = 8.45 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.34 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 4.47 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 1.52 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

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$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 164.9, 162.2, 151.0, 148.3, 138.8, 127.0, 125.5, 124.4, 122.2, 102.6, 65.5, 53.0, 14.1.

HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ : 299.0638; found: 299.0638.

### 2-bromo-*N*-trityl-acetamide (S1)

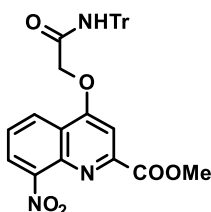


To a 250 mL pear-shaped flask 2.000 g **2-bromoacetamide** (1.0 equiv., 14.497 mmol) and 7.547 g **triphenylmethanol** (2 equiv., 28.994 mmol) were measured, the flask was closed with a rubber septum, evacuated and charged with dry  $\text{N}_2$ , then 43.49 mL acetic acid (3 mL/mmol), 2.74 mL acetyl acetate (2 equiv., 28.994 mmol) and 0.074 mL sulfuric acid (0.1 equiv., 1.450 mmol). The reaction mixture was heated to  $50^\circ\text{C}$  by a heating block and stirred at this temperature for 30 minutes. After 30 minutes, precipitation was observed. The reaction mixture was cooled to  $0^\circ\text{C}$ , the formed precipitate was filtered, washed with 10 mL cold water and 10 mL cold  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ . The solid was dried *in vacuo* to afford **S1** (2.814 g, 51%) as a white solid.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{dmsO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.07 (s, 1H), 7.33-7.27 (m, 6H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 6H), 4.03 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{dmsO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  165.5, 144.3, 128.4, 127.6, 126.6, 69.4, 30.6.

HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{BrNO}$ : 402.0469; found: 402.0465.

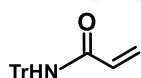
### Methyl 8-nitro-4-[2-oxo-2-(tritylamino)ethoxy]quinoline-2-carboxylate (5b)



To a 250 mL pear-shaped flask 2.000 g **methyl 4-hydroxy-8-nitroquinoline-2-carboxylate (1)** (prepared according to [2], 1.0 equiv., 8.058 mmol), 3.800 g **2-bromo-*N*-trityl-acetamide** (1.25 equiv., 9.992 mmol) and 7.877 g  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  (3 equiv., 24.1749 mmol) were measured the flask was closed with a rubber septum, evacuated and charged with dry  $\text{N}_2$ , then 40 mL *N,N*-dimethylformamide was added and the reaction mixture heated to  $50^\circ\text{C}$  by a heating block and stirred for 1 hour. Then 100 mL DCM was added to the reaction mixture, was washed with 20 mL water and 20 mL brine, the organic phase dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by normal phase flash chromatography (220 g silicagel column, DCM/MeOH, gradient elution: 0-100%) to afford **5b** (3.846 g, 78%) as a beige solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{dmsO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.14 (s, 1H), 8.42 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.34 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.31-7.17 (m, 15H), 5.29 (s, 2H), 4.00 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{dmsO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  165.8, 164.8, 162.0, 150.5, 148.2, 144.4, 138.8, 128.5, 127.6, 127.2, 126.6, 125.6, 124.5, 122.1, 103.1, 69.5, 67.4, 53.2.

HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_3\text{O}_6$ : 548.1816; found: 548.1815.

### *N*-tritylprop-2-enamide (S2)



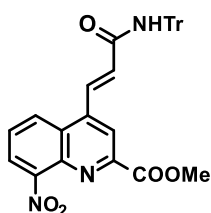
To a 250 mL pear-shaped flask 2.000 g **prop-2-enamide** (1.0 equiv., 28.14 mmol) and 14.650 g **triphenylmethanol** (2 equiv., 56.27 mmol) were measured, the flask was closed with a rubber septum, evacuated and charged with dry  $\text{N}_2$ , then 84.41 mL acetic acid (3 mL/mmol), 5.32 mL acetyl acetate (2 equiv., 56.27 mmol) and 0.1434 mL sulfuric acid (0.1 equiv., 2.814 mmol). The reaction mixture was heated to  $50^\circ\text{C}$  by a heating block and stirred at this temperature for 1 hour. Then the reaction mixture was poured onto 500 g ice, precipitation was observed. The formed precipitate was filtered, washed with 10 mL cold water and taken up in 300 mL EtOAc and was washed with 3 x 100 mL water, the organic phase dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (220 g silicagel column, heptane/EtOAc, gradient elution: 0-100%) to afford **S2** (6.929 g, 79%) as a white solid.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{dmsO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.88 (s, 1H), 7.32-7.25 (m, 6H), 7.24-7.16 (m, 9H), 6.67 (dd,  $J$  = 16.6 Hz, 10.1 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (dd,  $J$  = 17.1 Hz, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 5.54 (dd,  $J$  = 10.1 Hz, 2.3 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{dmsO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  164.2, 144.7, 132.3, 128.5, 127.5, 126.4, 125.4, 69.4.

HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}$ : 314.1539; found: 314.1540.

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### Methyl 8-nitro-4-[(E)-3-oxo-3-(tritylamino)prop-1-enyl]quinoline-2-carboxylate (**5c**)



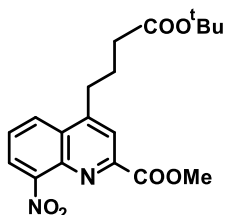
To a 250 mL pear-shaped flask 3.500 g **methyl 4-bromo-8-nitro-quinoline-2-carboxylate (4)** (prepared according to [2], 1.0 equiv., 11.25 mmol), 126 mg diacetoxypalladium (0.05 equiv., 0.5625 mmol), 685 mg tris-*o*-tolylphosphane (0.2 equiv., 2.250 mmol) and 5.289 g *N*-tritylprop-2-enamide (1.5 equiv., 16.88 mmol) were measured, the flask was closed with a rubber septum, evacuated, and charged with dry N<sub>2</sub>. Then 22.5 mL *N,N*-dimethylformamide (2 mL/mmol) and 22.5 mL *N*-ethyl-*N*-isopropyl-propan-2-amine (2 mL/mmol, 129.2 mmol) were added and the reaction mixture was heated to 100°C by a heating block and stirred

for 1 h. Reaction mixture was partitioned between 250 mL EtOAc and 100 mL water. Organic phase was washed with 30 mL water and 30 mL brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (220 g silicagel column, DCM/MeOH, gradient elution: 0-20%) to afford **5c** (2.987 g, 42 %) as a yellow solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, dms-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 9.24 (s, 1H), 8.59 (dd, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.44 (s, 1H), 8.39 (dd, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (dd, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.29 (m, 6H), 7.29-7.22 (m, 9H), 3.98 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, dms-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 164.5, 163.3, 149.1, 148.8, 144.5, 142.8, 138.5, 131.9, 131.3, 128.6, 128.4, 127.73, 127.67, 127.1, 126.6, 124.2, 118.7, 69.8, 53.1.

HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: 544.1867; found: 544.1869.

### Methyl 4-(4-*tert*-butoxy-4-oxo-butyl)-8-nitro-quinoline-2-carboxylate (**5d**)



#### Preparation of alkylboron-reagent:

An oven-dried, 250 mL pear-shaped flask was filled with 738 mg *tert*-butyl but-3-enoate (1.2 equiv, 12.85 mmol), closed with a rubber septum, evacuated and charged with dry N<sub>2</sub>. Through the septum 27.8 mL 0.50 M solution of 9-borabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane in THF (1.3 equiv., 13.92 mmol) was added at RT, then the resulting mixture was stirred for 12 h. This solution was used in the next step.

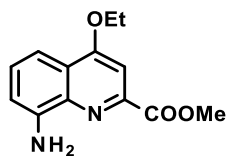
#### Suzuki-coupling:

A 500 mL pear-shaped flask was filled with 3.330 g **methyl 4-bromo-8-nitro-quinoline-2-carboxylate (4)** (prepared according to [2], 1.0 equiv., 10.70 mmol), 379 mg Pd(AtaPhos)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5.00 mol%, 0.535 mmol) and 10.460 g Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (3.00 equiv., 32.11 mmol), closed with a rubber septum, evacuated and charged with dry N<sub>2</sub>. Through the septum 0.193 mL (1 equiv., 10.70 mmol) water and the *alkylboron-reagent* were added. The mixture was heated to 50°C by a heating block and stirred for 30 min. After cooling to RT, the reaction mixture was filtered through a celite pad and was washed with 300 mL EtOAc. The filtrate was washed with 2x50 mL water and 50 mL brine, the organic phase was separated and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. [SAFETY NOTE: Crude product should be handled under inert gas, as borane residues might be present, causing sudden heating, fuming and fire hazard upon exposition to air.] The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (220 g silicagel column, heptane/DCM, gradient elution: 0-100%) to afford **5d** as a brown, crystalline solid (1206 mg, 27%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ= 8.54 (dd, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (dd, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (s, 1H), 7.92 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 7.6 Hz), 3.95 (s, 3H), 2.66 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.91 (quint, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.38 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ=171.9, 164.7, 150.8, 149.1, 149.0, 138.0, 128.6, 127.9, 127.8, 123.7, 122.3, 79.8, 53.0, 34.0, 30.8, 27.7, 25.3 ppm.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 373.1394; found: 373.1397.

### Methyl 8-amino-4-ethoxy-quinoline-2-carboxylate (**6a**)



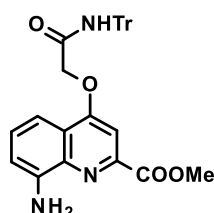
5.230 g **5a** (1.0 equiv., 18.9 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of 175 mL THF and 175 mL EtOAc. The mixture was bubbled with N<sub>2</sub> for 15 min before 523 mg Pd/C (0.1 equiv., 10 m/m%) was added to the mixture. The mixture was then stirred at room temperature under H<sub>2</sub> atmosphere overnight. The reaction mixture was filtered through celite, washed with EtOAc and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. Without further purification, **6a** (4.62 g, 99%) was obtained as a yellow solid.

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$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.35 (dd,  $J$  = 8.2, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (dd,  $J$  = 8.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (dd,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (s, 2H), 4.32 (q,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 1.47 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 165.6, 161.6, 146.0, 145.1, 137.2, 129.0, 122.2, 109.8, 107.0, 100.6, 64.3, 52.5, 14.3.

HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ] $^+$  calcd. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ : 269.0897; found: 269.0896.

### Methyl 8-amino-4-[2-oxo-2-(tritylamino)ethoxy]quinoline-2-carboxylate (6b)

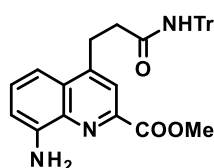


Using **General Procedure A** 3.470 g compound **5b** (1.0 equiv., 6.337 mmol), **6b** (3.379 g, 97%) was obtained as yellow solid.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, dms- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.05 (s, 1H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.38-7.14 (m, 15H), 6.91 (dd,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1.1 Hz), 6.02 (s, 2H), 5.13 (s, 2H), 3.98 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz, dms- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  166.3, 165.5, 161.2, 146.0, 144.7, 144.4, 137.2, 129.1, 128.5, 127.6, 126.6, 122.1, 109.8, 107.0, 101.1, 69.5, 66.9, 52.7.

HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$ : 518.2074; found: 518.2080.

### Methyl 8-amino-4-[3-oxo-3-(tritylamino)propyl]quinoline-2-carboxylate (6c)



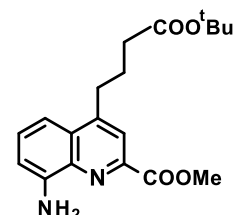
Using **General Procedure A** 2.800 g compound **5c** (1.0 equiv., 5.151 mmol), **6c** (2.405 g, 83%) was obtained as yellow solid.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.76 (s, 1H), 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.44 (dd,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.14 (m, 10H), 7.13-7.09 (m, 6H), 6.93 (dd,  $J$  = 1.1 Hz, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (s, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.22 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.81 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 170.7, 165.5, 148.4, 146.8, 144.8, 143.3,

136.4, 130.1, 128.9, 128.5, 127.4, 126.3, 119.8, 109.2, 109.0, 69.3, 52.5, 34.8, 27.0 ppm.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ] $^+$ : 516.2282; found: 516.2281.

### Methyl 8-amino-4-(4-tert-butoxy-4-oxo-butyl)quinoline-2-carboxylate (6d)

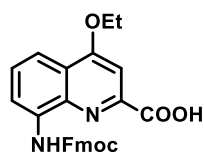


Using **General Procedure A** 1.200 g compound **5d** (1.0 equiv., 3.205 mmol), **6d** (1.090 g, 87%) was obtained as yellow solid.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.89 (s, 1H), 7.44 (t,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (dd,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1.1 Hz), 6.11 (s, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.05 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.88 (quint,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.40 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 172.0, 165.5, 148.7, 146.8, 143.3, 136.5, 130.1, 128.8, 120.5, 109.2, 109.0, 79.7, 52.5, 34.2, 31.0, 27.7, 25.0 ppm.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ] $^+$ : 345.1809; found: 345.1816.

### 4-ethoxy-8-(9H-fluoren-9-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)quinoline-2-carboxylic acid (7a)



4.62 g **6a** (1.0 equiv., 18.8 mmol) was dissolved in 500 mL 1,4-dioxane. A solution of 1.19 g LiOH  $\cdot$  H $_2$ O (1.5 equiv., 28.3 mmol) in 375 mL water was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. Hydrolysis was quenched by addition of 28.3 mL 1 M aq. hydrogen chloride solution (1.5 equiv., 28.3 mmol). The reaction mixture was cooled to 0°C, 7.87 g NaHCO $_3$  (5 equiv., 93.7 mmol) was added (pH was set to 7-8), and a solution of 7.28 g FmocCl (1.5 equiv., 28.3 mmol) in 200 mL 1,4-dioxane was introduced dropwise during a 1 h period. After reaction completion, 5% citric acid solution was added until pH 4 was reached. Mixture was then extracted with DCM (3 $\times$ 200mL). Organic layers were combined and dried over MgSO $_4$ , filtered and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. Crude product was suspended in MeOH and sonicated for 1h. After going back to room temperature it was let at -25°C overnight. The suspension was filtered and washed with cold MeOH to afford **7a** as an off-white solid. (5.45 g, 64%).

HPLC-UV purity: 97.9%.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 13.50 (b s, 1H), 10.44 (s, 1H), 8.34 (b s, 1H), 7.93 (dt,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 7.81 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dd,  $J$  = 7.4, 0.6 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (s, 2H), 7.44 (tt,  $J$  = 7.5, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (td,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 4.61 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 4.44 (quint,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 2.53 (s, 1H), 1.50 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 165.5, 162.6, 153.5, 146.7,

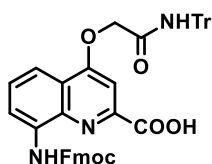


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143.7, 140.8, 137.5, 135.7, 128.4, 127.8, 127.2, 125.2, 121.8, 120.2, 116.5, 114.6, 100.4, 66.4, 64.9, 46.6, 14.2.

HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[M+H]^+$  calcd. for  $C_{27}H_{23}N_2O_5$ : 455.1601; found: 455.1596.

### 8-(9H-fluoren-9-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)-4-[2-oxo-2-(tritylamino)ethoxy]quinoline-2-carboxylic acid (7b)



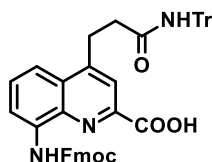
Using General Procedure B 3.200 g **6b** (1.0 equiv., 5.812 mmol), **7b** (1.184 g, 28%) was obtained as an off-white solid.

HPLC-UV purity: 98.8%.

$^1H$  NMR (500 MHz,  $dmsO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  10.26 (bs, 1H), 9.10 (s, 1H), 8.31 (bs, 1H), 7.93 (d,  $J = 7.8$ , 2H), 7.77 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 3H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.56 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.36 (td,  $J = 7.4$ , 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.17 (m, 15H), 5.21 (s, 1H), 4.60 (d,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 2H), 4.44 (t,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}C\{^1H\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $dmsO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  166.1, 165.9, 161.9, 153.4, 144.4, 143.7, 140.8, 137.6, 135.4, 128.6, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 127.2, 126.6, 125.1, 121.4, 120.3, 116.0, 114.6, 109.8, 101.3, 69.5, 67.1, 66.4, 46.6.

HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[M+H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{46}H_{35}N_3O_6$ : 726.2599; found: 726.2603.

### 8-(9H-fluoren-9-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)-4-[3-oxo-3-(tritylamino)propyl]quinoline-2-carboxylic acid (7c)



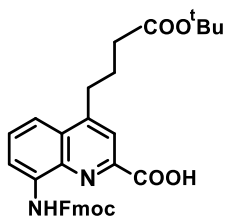
Using General Procedure B 2.300 g **6c** (1.0 equiv., 4.104 mmol), **7c** (1.391 g, 45%) was obtained as an off-white solid.

HPLC-UV purity: 96.5%.

$^1H$  NMR (500 MHz,  $dmsO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  10.34 (bs, 1H), 8.78 (s, 1H), 8.31 (bs, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d,  $J = 7.6$ , 2H), 7.79 (d,  $J = 7.6$ , 1H), 7.77 (dd,  $J = 0.6$  Hz, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.36 (td,  $J = 1.1$  Hz, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 6H), 7.19-7.14 (m, 3H), 7.13-7.08 (m, 6H), 4.60 (d,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 2H), 4.44 (t,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.30 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 2.84 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}C\{^1H\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $dmsO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  170.6, 165.7, 153.5, 150.2, 144.8, 143.7, 140.8, 136.7, 136.2, 129.2, 128.5, 128.4, 127.8, 127.4, 127.2, 126.3, 125.2, 120.3, 119.8, 117.0, 115.8, 69.3, 66.4, 46.6, 34.8, 26.9.

HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[M+H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{47}H_{37}N_3O_5$ : 724.2806; found: 724.2805.

### 4-(4-tert-butoxy-4-oxo-butyl)-8-(9H-fluoren-9-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)quinoline-2-carboxylic acid (7d)



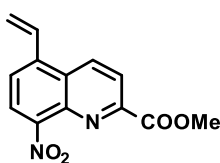
Using General Procedure B 2.900 g **6d** (1.0 equiv., 7.747 mmol), **7d** (2.079 g, 49%) was obtained as an off-white solid.

HPLC-UV purity: 99.5%.

$^1H$  NMR (500 MHz,  $dmsO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  10.27 (bs, 1H), 8.29 (bs, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d,  $J = 7.6$ , 2H), 7.83 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.64 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.34 (dt,  $J = 7.6$ , 1.1 Hz, 2H), 4.57 (d,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 2H), 4.40 (t,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.12 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 2.30 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 1.88 (quint,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 1.39 (s, 9H).  $^{13}C\{^1H\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $dmsO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  171.9, 166.2, 153.3, 149.8, 143.7, 140.8, 136.8, 136.0, 128.6, 127.9, 127.8, 127.2, 125.1, 120.8, 120.3, 116.9, 115.3, 79.7, 66.4, 46.5, 34.1, 30.9, 27.8, 25.2.

HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[M+H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{33}H_{32}N_2O_6$ : 553.2333; found: 553.2333.

### Methyl 8-nitro-5-vinyl-quinoline-2-carboxylate (8a)



1.00 g methyl 5-bromo-8-nitroquinoline-2-carboxylate (**2**) (1.0 equiv., 3.20 mmol), 0.515 g potassium trifluoro(vinyl)borate (1.2 equiv., 3.84 mmol), 35.9 mg  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (0.05 equiv., 0.160 mmol), 131.4 mg SPhos (0.1 equiv., 0.320 mmol) and 1.33 g  $K_2CO_3$  (3.0 equiv., 9.6 mmol) were added in a sealed tube. The combined solids were flushed 3 times with  $N_2$ . 8.5 mL toluene and 2.0 mL degassed water were then added and the reaction mixture was heated to 85°C using an oil bath for 18 h. Then  $H_2O$  was added and mixture was extracted with

DCM. Organic layers were combined and dried over  $MgSO_4$ , filtered and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. Crude product was suspended in MeOH and sonicated for 1h. After going back

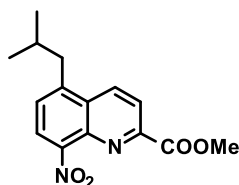
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to RT, it was let to stir at -25°C overnight. The suspension was filtered and washed with cold MeOH to afford **8a** as a brown solid (0.390 g, 47%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = 9.03 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 8.38 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 11.1 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.75 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = 164.6, 149.3, 147.6, 139.2, 138.1, 135.1, 131.3, 126.9, 124.4, 124.3, 122.6, 122.0, 53.1, 48.7.

HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 281.0533; found: 281.0531.

### Methyl 5-*isobutyl*-8-nitro-quinoline-2-carboxylate (**8b**)



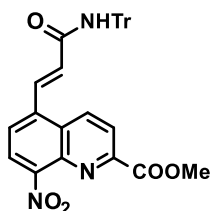
1.87 g **methyl 5-bromo-8-nitroquinoline-2-carboxylate (2)** (1.0 equiv., 6.00 mmol), 253 mg Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.06 equiv., 0.36 mmol), 2.93 g Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1.5 equiv., 9.0 mmol), 857 mg **isobutylboronic acid** (1.4 equiv., 8.4 mmol) were added in a flask and flushed three times with N<sub>2</sub>, then 150 mL dry toluene was added. The mixture was heated up to 80°C using an oil bath and stirred under N<sub>2</sub> overnight. Full conversion was observed, then the mixture was diluted with 300 mL EtOAc, washed with 2x150 mL aq. citric acid 5% and 2x150 mL H<sub>2</sub>O.

The combined aqueous phase were extracted with 3x150 mL EtOAc. Organic layers were combined and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and solvent was removed *in vacuo*. Crude product was suspended in iPr<sub>2</sub>O and sonicated for 1h. After going back to RT it was stirred at -25°C overnight. The suspension was filtered and washed with cold <sup>4</sup>Pr<sub>2</sub>O to obtain **8b** as a brown solid (1.34 g, 78%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = 8.92 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.05 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.95 (h, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 0.92 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = 164.6, 148.9, 146.9, 143.5, 138.2, 135.5, 128.2, 128.1, 123.9, 122.2, 53.0, 40.5, 29.7, 22.3.

HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 311.1002; found: 311.1002.

### Methyl 8-nitro-5-[(E)-3-oxo-3-(tritylamino)prop-1-enyl]quinoline-2-carboxylate (**8c**)



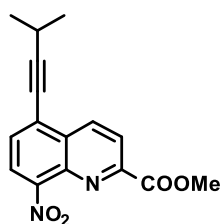
To a 250 mL pear-shaped flask 6.000 g **methyl 5-bromo-8-nitroquinoline-2-carboxylate (2)** (1.0 equiv., 19.29 mmol), 217 mg diacetoxypalladium (0.05 equiv., 0.9644 mmol), 1.174 g tris-*o*-tolylphosphane (0.2 equiv., 3.857 mmol) and 9.067 g ***N*-tritylprop-2-enamide** (1.5 equiv., 28.93 mmol) were measured, the flask was closed with a rubber septum, evacuated, and charged with dry N<sub>2</sub>. Then 38.6 mL *N,N*-dimethylformamide (2 mL/mmol) and 38.6 mL *N*-ethyl-*N*-isopropyl-propan-2-amine (2 mL/mmol) were added and the reaction mixture was heated to 100°C by a heating block and stirred for 2 h. Reaction mixture was

partitioned between 500 mL EtOAc and 150 mL water. Organic phase was washed with 50 mL water and 50 mL brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (330 g silicagel column, DCM/MeOH, gradient elution: 0-100%) to afford **8c** (7.260 g, 69%) as a yellow solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, dms-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 9.14 (s, 1H), 9.00 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.44 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.20 (m, 15H), 3.96 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, dms-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 164.4, 163.7, 149.4, 148.1, 144.6, 138.1, 136.9, 135.1, 132.4, 130.0, 128.6, 127.6, 127.4, 126.6, 125.6, 124.2, 122.8, 69.7, 53.1.

HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: 544.1867; found: 544.1871.

### Methyl 5-(3-methylbut-1-ynyl)-8-nitro-quinoline-2-carboxylate (**8d**)



2.50 g **methyl 5-bromo-8-nitroquinoline-2-carboxylate (2)** (1.0 equiv., 8.00 mmol), 337 mg Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.06 equiv., 0.480 mmol), 46 mg CuI (0.03 equiv., 0.240 mmol) were added in a flask and flushed 3 times with N<sub>2</sub>. To the flask 150 mL of dry MeCN was added followed by 35 mL Et<sub>3</sub>N (30 equiv., 240 mmol) and 1.2 mL **3-methylbut-1-yne** (1.4 equiv., 11.3 mmol). The mixture was heated up to 70°C using an oil bath and left stirring under N<sub>2</sub> overnight. After reaction completion, mixture was diluted with 300 mL of DCM, washed with 3x250 mL of 5% aq. citric acid solution. The combined aqueous phase were extracted with

3x200 mL of DCM. Organic layers were combined and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and the filtrate was

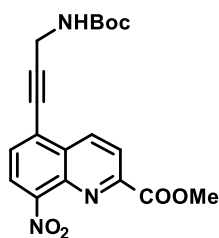
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concentrated *in vacuo*. Crude product was suspended in MeCN and sonicated for 1h. After going back to RT it was let at -25°C overnight. The suspension was filtered and washed with cold MeCN to afford **8d** as a off white solid (2.06 g, 86%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = 8.88 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.04 (hept, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.35 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = 164.4, 149.7, 147.3, 137.8, 136.5, 131.0, 129.4, 125.1, 124.3, 123.4, 105.9, 75.3, 53.1, 22.5, 20.8.

HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 321.0846; found: 321.0845.

### Methyl 5-[3-(*tert*-butoxycarbonylamino)prop-1-ynyl]-8-nitro-quinoline-2-carboxylate (**8e**)



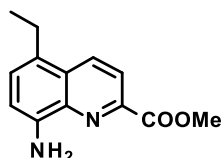
2.00 g methyl 5-bromo-8-nitroquinoline-2-carboxylate (**2**) (1.0 equiv., 6.40 mmol), 140 mg Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.03 equiv., 0.19 mmol), 125 mg CuI (0.1 equiv., 0.64 mmol), 200 mg P(oTol)<sub>3</sub> (0.1 equiv., 0.64 mmol) and 1.20 g *N*-Boc-propargylamine (1.2 equiv., 7.68 mmol) were added to a flask and flushed 3 times with N<sub>2</sub>. 50 mL dry DMF was added followed by 8.40 mL DIPEA (7.1 equiv., 45.44 mmol). The mixture was stirred under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere overnight at RT. Full conversion was observed, then the mixture was diluted with 100 mL DCM, washed with 2x50 mL aq. citric acid 5% and 50 mL sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution. The combined aqueous phase was extracted with 3x200 mL DCM.

Organic layers were combined and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and solvent was removed *in vacuo*. Crude product was suspended in iPr<sub>2</sub>O and sonicated for 1h. After going back to RT it was let at -25°C overnight. The suspension was filtered and washed with cold iPr<sub>2</sub>O to obtain **8e** as a off white solid (1.50 g, 61%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = 8.94 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.38 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.34 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 1.43 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = 164.4, 155.5, 149.9, 147.7, 137.7, 136.5, 131.3, 129.5, 124.3, 123.4, 97.3, 78.6, 77.0, 53.1, 30.6, 28.2.

HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub>: 408.1166; found: 408.1169.

### Methyl 8-amino-5-vinyl-quinoline-2-carboxylate (**9a**)

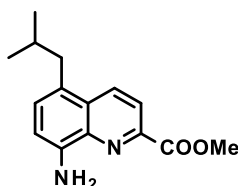


0.390 g **8a** (1.0 equiv., 1.50 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of 25 mL THF and 25 mL EtOAc. The mixture was bubbled with N<sub>2</sub> for 15 min before 40 mg Pd/C (0.1 equiv., 10 *m/m*%) was added to the mixture. The mixture was then stirred at RT under H<sub>2</sub> atmosphere overnight. The reaction mixture was filtered through celite, washed with EtOAc and solvents were removed *in vacuo*. Without further purification, the **9a** was obtained as a yellow oily solid (0.341 g, 99%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = 8.51 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.91 (s, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 2.91 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = 165.4, 144.4, 143.4, 137.0, 133.6, 129.0, 127.8, 125.7, 120.5, 109.1, 52.5, 23.9, 15.5.

HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 253.0947; found: 253.0947.

### Methyl 8-amino-5-isobutyl-quinoline-2-carboxylate (**9b**)



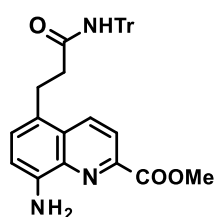
1.34 g **8b** (1.0 equiv., 4.65 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of 50 mL THF and 50 mL EtOAc. The mixture was bubbled with N<sub>2</sub> for 15 min before 135 mg Pd/C (0.1 equiv. 10% *m/m*%) was added to the mixture. The mixture was then stirred at RT under H<sub>2</sub> atmosphere overnight. The reaction mixture was filtered through celite, washed with EtOAc and solvents were removed *in vacuo*. Without further purification, **9b** was obtained as a yellow solid (1.19 g, 99%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = 8.49 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (s, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 2.74 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.82 (h, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 0.88 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = 165.4, 144.5, 143.3, 136.9, 133.9, 130.9, 128.2, 123.1, 120.3, 108.9, 52.5, 40.2, 29.5, 22.4.

HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 281.1260; found: 281.1260.

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### Methyl 8-amino-4-[3-oxo-3-(tritylamino)propyl]quinoline-2-carboxylate (**9c**)

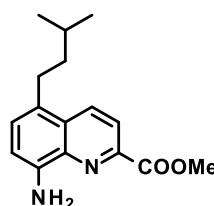


Using **General Procedure A** 7.200 g compound **8c** (1.0 equiv., 13.25 mmol), **9c** (5.686 g, 67%) was obtained as yellow solid.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.58 (s, 1H), 8.51 (d,  $J$  = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d,  $J$  = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.14 (m, 10H), 7.12-7.04 (m, 6H), 6.90 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (s, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.07 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 171.2, 165.4, 144.8, 144.7, 143.3, 136.9, 133.8, 130.2, 128.5, 128.0, 127.4, 126.3, 123.1, 120.5, 108.9, 69.2, 52.5, 37.1, 26.6 ppm.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 516.2282; found: 516.2283.

### Methyl 8-amino-5-isopentyl-quinoline-2-carboxylate (**9d**)

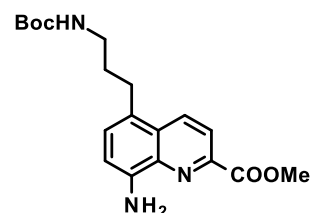


2.06 g **8d** (1.0 equiv., 6.90 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of 62.5 mL THF and 62.5 mL EtOAc. The mixture was bubbled with  $\text{N}_2$  for 15 min before 210 mg Pd/C (0.1 equiv., 10  $m/m\%$ ) was added to the mixture. The mixture was then stirred at RT under  $\text{H}_2$  atmosphere overnight. The reaction mixture was filtered through celite, washed with EtOAc and solvents were removed *in vacuo*. Without further purification **9d** (1.86 g, 99%) was obtained as a yellow solid.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.47 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (s, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 2.91 – 2.84 (m, 2H), 1.62 (hept,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.50 – 1.42 (m, 2H), 0.94 (d,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 165.3, 144.4, 143.4, 137.0, 133.6, 129.7, 127.8, 124.4, 120.4, 109.0, 52.5, 40.2, 28.8, 27.4, 22.5.

HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ : 295.1417; found: 295.1417.

### Methyl 8-amino-5-[3-(*tert*-butoxycarbonylamino)propyl]quinoline-2-carboxylate (**9e**)

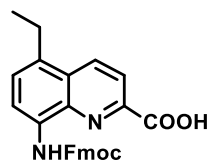


1.50 g **8e** (1.0 equiv., 3.90 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of 50 mL THF and 50 mL EtOAc. The mixture was bubbled with  $\text{N}_2$  for 15 min before 150 mg Pd/C (0.1 equiv., 10  $m/m\%$ ) was added to the mixture. The mixture was then stirred at RT under  $\text{H}_2$  atmosphere overnight. The reaction mixture was filtered through celite, washed with EtOAc and solvents were removed *in vacuo*. Without further purification, **9e** was obtained as a yellow solid (1.39 g, 99%).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.49 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (t,  $J$  = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.92 (s, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 2.97 (q,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.86 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.68 (quint,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.38 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 165.4, 155.7, 144.5, 143.4, 137.0, 133.6, 130.0, 127.9, 123.7, 120.4, 109.0, 77.4, 52.5, 30.9, 28.3, 28.2.

HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$ : 382.1737; found: 382.1737.

### 5-ethyl-8-(9H-fluoren-9-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)quinoline-2-carboxylic acid (**10a**)



0.348 g **9a** (1.0 equiv., 1.48 mmol) was dissolved in 50 mL 1,4-dioxane and mixed with aqueous solution of 95.0 mg LiOH  $\cdot$   $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1.5 equiv., 2.25 mmol) in 30 mL  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . After 1 h full conversion was observed, the mixture was quenched with 2.3 mL of 1 M HCl (2.25 mmol) aqueous solution. The mixture was then cooled to 0  $^\circ\text{C}$  and 0.630 g  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (5.0 equiv., 7.5 mmol) was added (pH was set to 7-8). A solution of 0.580 g Fmoc-Cl (1.5 equiv., 2.25 mmol) in 20 mL 1,4-dioxane was

added dropwise to the reaction mixture within 1h. After reaction completion, 5% aq. citric acid solution was added until pH 4 was reached. Then the mixture was extracted with DCM (3 $\times$ 50mL). Organic layers were combined and dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtered and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. Crude product was suspended in MeOH and sonicated for 1h. After going back RT it was stirred at -25 $^\circ\text{C}$  overnight. The suspension was filtered and washed with cold MeOH to afford **10a** as an off-white solid (0.530 g, 82%).

HPLC-UV purity: 98.9%.

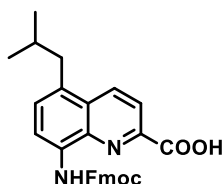
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 13.61 (b s, 1H), 10.38 (b s, 1H), 8.74 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (b s, 1H), 8.23 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz,

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1H), 7.44 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.36 (td,  $J = 7.4, 1.2$  Hz, 2H), 4.61 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 2H), 4.45 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.05 (q,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 1.27 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta = 165.4, 153.5, 143.7, 140.8, 137.1, 135.0, 133.9, 133.7, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 127.2, 125.2, 120.4, 120.3, 116.2, 66.3, 46.6, 24.1, 15.2$ .

HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd. for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ : 439.1652; found: 439.1650.

### 8-(9H-fluoren-9-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)-5-isobutyl-quinoline-2-carboxylic acid (10b)



1.19 g **9b** (1.0 equiv., 4.60 mmol) was dissolved in 150 mL 1,4-dioxane and 290 mg  $\text{LiOH} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1.5 equiv., 6.90 mmol) in 100 mL  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was added. After 1 h full conversion was observed, the mixture was quenched with 6.9 mL of 1 M HCl aqueous solution. The mixture was then cooled to 0 °C and 1.93 g  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (5.0 equiv., 23.0 mmol) was added (pH was set to 7-8). A solution of 1.78 g FmocCl (1.5 equiv., 6.9 mmol) in 60 mL 1,4-dioxane was added dropwise to the reaction mixture within 1 h. After reaction completion, 5% aq. citric acid solution was

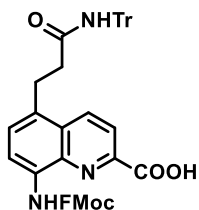
added until pH 4 was reached. Mixture was then extracted with DCM (3×150mL). Organic layers were combined and dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtered and solvent was removed *in vacuo*. Crude product was suspended in MeOH and sonicated for 1 h. After going back to rt it was stirred at -25°C overnight. The suspension was filtered and washed with cold MeOH. The reaction yielded product **10b** as an off-white solid (1.63 g, 76%).

HPLC-UV purity: 99.6%.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta = 13.60$  (s, 1H), 10.40 (s, 1H), 8.74 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.28 (b s, 1H), 8.21 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.36 (td,  $J = 7.4, 1.2$  Hz, 2H), 4.61 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 2H), 4.45 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.89 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 1.89 (h,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H), 0.90 (d,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta = 165.4, 153.5, 143.7, 140.8, 137.1, 135.4, 134.0, 131.2, 129.9, 128.0, 127.8, 127.2, 125.1, 120.2, 115.9, 66.3, 46.6, 29.5, 22.3$ .

HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ : 467.1965; found: 467.1961.

### 8-(9H-fluoren-9-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)-5-[3-oxo-3-(tritylamino)propyl]quinoline-2-carboxylic acid (10c)



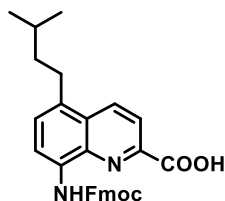
Using **General Procedure B** 5.600 g **9c** (1.0 equiv., 9.558 mmol) **10c** (5.820 g, 77%) was obtained as an off-white solid.

HPLC-UV purity: 95.7%.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, dmsO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  10.11 (bs, 1H), 8.61 (bs, 1H), 8.58 (d,  $J = 15.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.48 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.24 (bs, 1H), 8.15 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.76 (dd,  $J = 0.6$  Hz, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.36 (dt,  $J = 1.1$  Hz, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.14 (m, 9H), 7.11-7.05 (m, 6H), 4.59 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 4.42 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.18 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 2.69 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz, dmsO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  171.0, 153.3, 144.9, 143.7, 140.8, 137.4, 137.0, 134.1, 131.0, 128.9, 128.5, 127.8, 127.4, 127.2, 126.3, 125.1, 121.4, 121.0, 120.3, 120.1, 115.0, 69.2, 66.3, 63.8, 46.6, 36.7, 26.7.

HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{47}\text{H}_{37}\text{N}_3\text{O}_5$ : 724.2806; found: 724.2804.

### 8-(9H-fluoren-9-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)-5-isopentyl-quinoline-2-carboxylic acid (10d)



1.86 g **9d** (1.0 equiv., 6.83 mmol) was dissolved in 175 mL 1,4-dioxane and mixed with aqueous solution of 430 mg  $\text{LiOH} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1.5 equiv., 10.25 mmol) in 150 mL  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . After 1 h, full conversion was observed, the mixture was quenched with 10.3 mL of 1 M HCl aqueous solution. The mixture was then cooled to 0°C and 2.87 g  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (5.0 equiv., 34.2 mmol) was added (pH was set to 7-8). A solution of 2.65 g FmocCl (1.5 equiv., 10.25 mmol) in 75 mL 1,4-dioxane was added dropwise to the reaction mixture within 1 h. After reaction completion, 5%

aq. citric acid solution was added until pH 4 was reached. Mixture was then extracted with DCM (3×100 mL). Organic layers were combined and dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtered and solvent was removed *in vacuo*. Crude product was suspended in MeOH and sonicated for 1 h. After going back to RT it was let at -25°C

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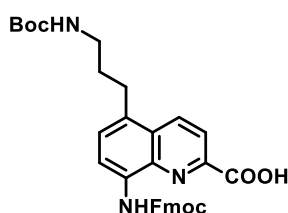
overnight. The suspension was filtered and washed with cold MeOH to afford **10d** as an off-white solid (3.02 g, 92%).

HPLC-UV purity: 99.2%.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 13.55 (b s, 1H), 10.38 (s, 1H), 8.69 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.93 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (td,  $J$  = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 4.60 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 4.44 (t,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.04 – 2.97 (m, 2H), 1.63 (hept,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.55 – 1.47 (m, 2H), 0.95 (d,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 165.4, 153.5, 145.0, 143.7, 140.8, 137.1, 135.0, 133.9, 132.5, 128.7, 127.8, 127.6, 127.2, 125.1, 120.4, 120.2, 116.1, 66.3, 46.6, 29.0, 27.5, 22.4.

HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ] $^+$  for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ : 481.2122; found: 481.2116.

### 5-[3-(*tert*-butoxycarbonylamino)propyl]-8-(9H-fluoren-9-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)quinoline-2-carboxylic acid (**10e**)



1.39 g **9e** (1.0 equiv., 3.86 mmol) was dissolved in 100 mL 1,4-dioxane and 245 mg LiOH · H<sub>2</sub>O (1.5 equiv., 5.79 mmol) in 75 mL H<sub>2</sub>O was added. After 1 h full conversion was observed, the mixture was quenched with 6 mL of 1 M HCl aqueous solution. The mixture was then cooled to 0 °C and 1.62 g NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (5.0 equiv., 19.3 mmol) was added (pH was set to 7-8). A solution of 1.50 g FmocCl (1.5 equiv., 5.79 mmol) in 50 mL 1,4-dioxane was added dropwise to the reaction mixture within 1 h. After reaction completion, 5% aq. citric acid solution was added until pH 4 was reached.

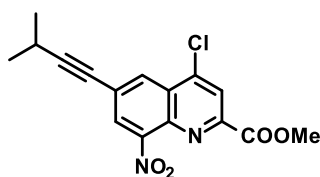
Mixture was then extracted with DCM (3×100mL). Organic layers were combined and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and solvent was removed *in vacuo*. Crude product was suspended in MeOH and sonicated for 1h. After going back to RT it was stirred at -25°C overnight. The suspension was filtered and washed with cold MeOH to obtain **10e** as an off-white solid (1.58 g, 72%).

HPLC-UV purity: 98.1%.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 13.62 (s, 1H), 10.43 (s, 1H), 8.74 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (b s, 1H), 8.23 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (dt,  $J$  = 7.5, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (dd,  $J$  = 7.4, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (td,  $J$  = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (t,  $J$  = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 4.46 (t,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (q,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 4H), 1.74 (quint,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.39 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 165.4, 155.7, 153.5, 144.9, 143.7, 140.8, 137.1, 135.1, 134.1, 131.8, 129.0, 128.2, 127.8, 127.7, 127.3, 125.2, 120.34, 120.29, 116.1, 77.5, 66.3, 46.6, 30.7, 28.4, 28.3.

HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ] $^+$  for  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_3\text{O}_6$ : 568.2442; found: 568.2437.

### Methyl 4-chloro-6-(3-methylbut-1-ynyl)-8-nitro-quinoline-2-carboxylate (**11a**)

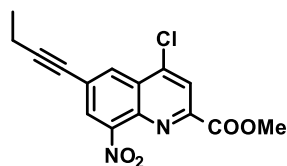


A 1 L pear-shaped flask was filled with 12.00 g compound **methyl 6-bromo-4-chloro-8-nitro-quinoline-2-carboxylate (3)** (prepared according to [2], 1.0 equiv., 25.70 mmol), 489 mg CuI (0.1 equiv., 2.57 mmol) and 902 mg Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.05 equiv., 1.29 mmol). The flask was closed with a rubber septum, evacuated and charged with dry N<sub>2</sub>, then 385 mL THF (15 mL/mmol methyl 6-bromo-4-chloro-8-nitro-quinoline-2-carboxylate), 51 mL TEA (2 mL/mmol methyl 6-bromo-4-chloro-8-nitro-quinoline-2-carboxylate) and 3.15 mL 3-methylbut-1-yne (1.20 equiv., 30.84 mmol) were added.

The reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 24 h, then diluted with 500 mL DCM, washed with 2x100 mL 1 M aq. HCl solution and 100 mL sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution. The combined aq phase was extracted with 2x100 mL DCM. The combined organic phase was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (220 g column, DCM/MeOH as eluents) to afford 7.157 g **11a** as a beige solid (85% purity, 18.29 mmol, 71%).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =8.53 (d,  $J$  = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.40 (s, 1H), 8.39 (s, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 2.93 (hept,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.28 ppm (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =163.5, 149.4, 148.7, 143.0, 137.6, 129.2, 127.4, 127.2, 124.1, 123.4, 102.0, 77.7, 53.3, 22.3, 20.6 ppm.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_4$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ] $^+$ : 333.0642; found: 333.0638.

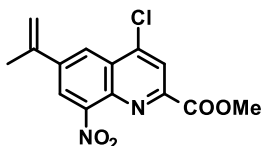
**Methyl 6-but-1-ynyl-4-chloro-8-nitroquinoline-2-carboxylate (11b)**

3.46 g **methyl 6-bromo-4-chloro-8-nitroquinoline-2-carboxylate (3)** (prepared according to [2], 1.0 equiv., 10.0 mmol), 211 mg Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.03 equiv., 0.30 mmol) and 115 mg CuI (0.06 equiv., 0.60 mmol) were added in a flask and flushed 3 times with N<sub>2</sub>. 200 mL of dry THF was added followed by 30.0 mL Et<sub>3</sub>N (21.2 equiv., 212 mmol), 1.96 mL **but-1-yn-1-yltrimethylsilane** (1.20 equiv., 12.0 mmol) and 620 mg H<sub>2</sub>SiF<sub>6</sub> (0.5 equiv.,

in 35 m/m% aq. solution). The mixture was heated up to 60°C using an oil bath and was stirred under N<sub>2</sub> for 6h. After reaction completion, mixture was diluted with 300 mL of DCM, washed with 2x200mL of citric acid 5%. The combined aqueous phase were extracted with 3x300mL of DCM. Organic layers were combined and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and solvent was removed *in vacuo*. Crude product was suspended in <sup>i</sup>Pr<sub>2</sub>O and sonicated for 1h. After going back to room temperature it was stirred at -25°C overnight. The suspension was filtered and washed with cold <sup>i</sup>Pr<sub>2</sub>O. The reaction yielded product **11b** (2.20 g, 69%) as a yellowish solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = 8.55 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.42 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.40 (s, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 2.56 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = 163.5, 149.4, 148.7, 143.0, 137.7, 129.3, 127.4, 127.2, 124.2, 123.4, 98.4, 77.9, 53.3, 13.3, 12.6.

HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 341.0300; found: 341.0299.

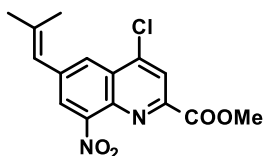
**Methyl 4-chloro-6-isopropenyl-8-nitroquinoline-2-carboxylate (11c)**

To a 250 mL pear-shaped flask 3.000 g **methyl 6-bromo-4-chloro-8-nitroquinoline-2-carboxylate (3)** (prepared according to [2], 1.0 equiv., 6.425 mmol), 6.280 g Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (3 equiv., 19.27 mmol), 262 mg cyclopenta-1,3-dien-1-yl(diphenyl)phosphane; dichloromethane; dichloropalladium; iron(2+) (0.05 equiv., 0.3212 mmol) and 1.509 mL **2-isopropenyl-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane** (1.25 equiv., 1349 mg, 8.031 mmol) were

measured. The flask was closed with a rubber septum, evacuated and charged with dry N<sub>2</sub>. Then 45 mL 2-methyltetrahydrofuran and 4.5 mL water were added. The reaction mixture was heated to 60°C by a heating block and stirred at this temperature for 6 hours. Full conversion was observed, presence of disubstituted by-product was detected. Then 100 mL EtOAc and 50 mL water were added to the reaction mixture, the phases were separated. The organic phase was washed with 2x20 mL water. The combined aqueous phase was extracted with 20 mL EtOAc. Then the combined organic phase dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by normal phase flash chromatography (220 g silicagel column, DCM/MeOH, gradient elution: 0-40%) to **11c** as a yellow solid (1.333 g, 62%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, dmsO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 8.82 (s, 1H), 8.39 (s, 1H), 8.35 (s, 1H), 5.94 (s, 1H), 5.52 (s, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, dmsO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 163.6, 148.9, 143.5, 141.0, 140.0, 137.9, 127.3, 123.2, 122.7, 122.1, 122.0, 118.5, 53.2, 21.0.

HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 307.0480; found: 307.0472.

**Methyl 4-chloro-6-(2-methylprop-1-enyl)-8-nitroquinoline-2-carboxylate (11d)**

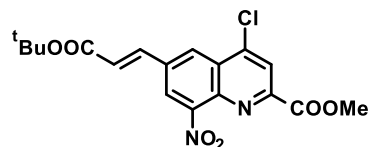
To a 1 L pear-shaped flask 13.000 g **methyl 6-bromo-4-chloro-8-nitroquinoline-2-carboxylate (3)** (prepared according to [2], 1.0 equiv., 27.841 mmol), 27.214 g Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (3 equiv., 83.524 mmol), 1.137 g cyclopenta-1,3-dien-1-yl(diphenyl)phosphane; dichloromethane; dichloropalladium; iron(2+) (0.05 equiv., 1.3921 mmol) and 6.084 g **4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(2-methylprop-1-enyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane** (1.2 equiv., 33.410 mmol) were

measured. The flask was closed with a rubber septum, evacuated, and charged with dry N<sub>2</sub>. Then 418 mL 2-methyltetrahydrofuran and 42 mL water were added. The reaction mixture was heated to 60°C by a heating block and stirred at this temperature for 26 hours. Then the reaction mixture was filtered on a celite pad, 500 mL EtOAc and 100 mL water were added, the phases were separated. The organic phase was washed with 2x150 mL water. Combined aqueous phase was extracted with 100 mL EtOAc. Then the combined organic phase dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by normal phase flash chromatography (220 g silicagel column, DCM/MeOH, gradient elution: 0-15%) to afford **11d** as a yellow solid (3.620 g, 28%).

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$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{dms}\text{-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.40 (d,  $J$  = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.34 (s, 1H), 8.22 (d,  $J$  = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (bs, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 1.99 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{dms}\text{-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  164.1, 149.0, 148.9, 143.4, 142.2, 140.0, 137.4, 127.6, 126.5, 125.4, 123.3, 123.1, 53.7, 27.6, 20.0.  
HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_4$ : 321.0637; found: 321.0640.

### Methyl 6-[(E)-3-*tert*-butoxy-3-oxo-prop-1-enyl]-4-chloro-8-nitro-quinoline-2-carboxylate (**11e**)

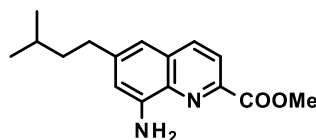


To a 500 mL pear-shaped 7.000 g flask **methyl 6-bromo-4-chloro-8-nitro-quinoline-2-carboxylate (3)** (prepared according to [2], 1.0 equiv., 20.26 mmol) and 1.113 g (1*E*,4*E*)-1,5-diphenylpenta-1,4-dien-3-one; palladium; triphenylphosphane (0.06 equiv., 1.216 mmol) were measured. The flask was closed with a rubber septum, evacuated, and charged with dry  $\text{N}_2$ . Then 101 mL *N,N*-dimethylformamide (dry, degassed), 41 mL *N*-ethyl-*N*-isopropyl-propan-2-amine (11.5 equiv., 232.6 mmol), 0.590 mL **tritert-butylphosphane** (0.12 equiv., 2.431 mmol) and 3.56 mL *tert*-butyl prop-2-enoate (1.2 equiv., 24.31 mmol) were added. The reaction mixture was heated to 100°C by a heating block and stirred at this temperature for 30 min. 300 mL EtOAc and 100 mL water were added to the reaction mixture and the phases were separated. Organic phase was washed with 50 mL water and 50 mL brine. Then the combined organic phase dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by normal phase flash chromatography (220 g silicagel column, heptane/DCM, gradient elution: 30-100%) to afford **11e** as an off-white solid (4.568 g, 57%).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{dms}\text{-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.99 (d,  $J$  = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.75 (d,  $J$  = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.39 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d,  $J$  = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d,  $J$  = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 1.51 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{dms}\text{-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  164.9, 163.5, 149.6, 149.1, 144.0, 140.5, 138.9, 135.5, 128.1, 127.6, 125.1, 123.4, 122.8, 80.6, 53.3, 27.8.

HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_6$ : 393.0848; found: 393.0844.

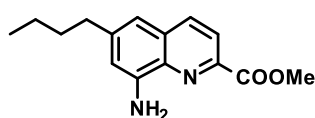
### Methyl 8-amino-6-isopentyl-quinoline-2-carboxylate (**12a**)



Using **General Procedure A** 6.500 g compound **11a** (1.0 equiv., 16.61 mmol), **12a** (88% purity, 3.328 g, 65%) was obtained as brown solid.  
 $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{dms}\text{-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.24 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d,  $J$  = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d,  $J$  = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (s, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.64 (t, 2H), 1.61-1.49 (m, 3 H), 0.92 (d,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz, 6H).  
 $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{dms}\text{-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  165.4, 145.8, 145.1, 143.1, 136.4, 135.5, 129.8, 120.9, 112.1, 110.3, 52.4, 33.7, 27.2, 22.4.

HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ : 273.1598; found: 273.1594.

### Methyl 8-amino-6-butyl-quinoline-2-carboxylate (**12b**)



2.20 g **11b** (1.0 equiv., 6.90 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of 200 mL THF and 200 mL EtOAc. The mixture was bubbled with  $\text{N}_2$  for 15 min before 220 mg Pd/C (0.1 g/g, 10% *m/m*%), 440 mg  $\text{Pd}(\text{OH})_2/\text{C}$  (0.2 g/g, 20% *m/m*%) and 4.365 g  $\text{NH}_4\text{COOH}$  (10.0 equiv., 69.0 mmol) were added to the mixture. The mixture was then stirred at rt under  $\text{H}_2$  atmosphere overnight. The reaction mixture was filtered through celite, washed with EtOAc. The filtrate was then washed with 2x200 mL water. The combined aqueous phase were extracted with 3x300 mL of DCM. Organic layers were combined and dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtered and solvent was removed *in vacuo*. Without further purification, the **12b** was obtained as a yellow solid (1.78 g, 99%).

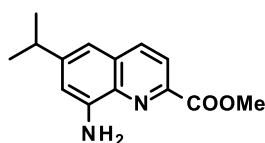
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.25 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d,  $J$  = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d,  $J$  = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (s, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.64 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.66-1.57 (m, 2H), 1.34 (sext, 2H), 0.91 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 165.4, 145.8, 144.9, 143.1, 136.4, 135.5, 129.8, 120.9, 112.2, 110.3, 52.5, 35.5, 32.7, 21.9, 13.8.

HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ : 281.1260; found: 281.1260.



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### Methyl 8-amino-6-isopropyl-quinoline-2-carboxylate (**12c**)



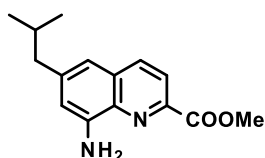
Using **General Procedure A** 1.333 g compound **11c** (1.0 equiv., 3.991 mmol), **12c** (556 mg, 46%) was obtained as brown solid.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{dms}\text{-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.27 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d,  $J$  = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d,  $J$  = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (bs, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.94 (sp,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.26 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 6H)  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{dms}\text{-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  165.4, 150.8, 145.9, 143.2, 136.6, 135.7, 129.8, 120.9,

110.1, 108.7, 52.4, 34.0, 23.6.

HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ : 245.1284; found: 245.1275.

### Methyl 8-amino-6-isobutyl-quinoline-2-carboxylate (**12d**)



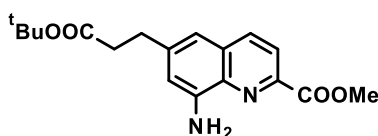
Using **General Procedure A** 330 mg **11d** (1.0 equiv., 0.8952 mmol), **12d** (178 mg, 77%) was obtained as yellow solid.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.08 (s, 2H), 6.93 (d,  $J$  = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d,  $J$  = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (bs, 2H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 2.55 (d,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.97 (sp,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 0.94 (d,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.3, 144.7, 144.3, 144.1, 136.8, 136.4, 130.2, 121.4, 115.2, 52.8,

46.2, 30.1, 25.0, 22.7.

HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ : 259.1441; found: 259.1430.

### Methyl 8-amino-6-(3-tert-butoxy-3-oxo-propyl) quinoline-2-carboxylate (**12e**)



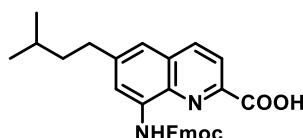
Using **General Procedure A** 4.500 g compound **11e** (1.0 equiv., 11.46 mmol), **12e** (3.159 g, 83%) was obtained as yellow solid.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{dms}\text{-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.25 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d,  $J$  = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d,  $J$  = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (bs, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.88 (tr,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.57 (tr,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.35 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{dms}\text{-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  171.5,

165.4, 145.8, 143.3, 143.1, 136.5, 135.6, 129.7, 121.0, 112.2, 110.1, 79.7, 52.5, 35.9, 31.1, 27.7.

HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ : 331.1652; found: 331.1649.

### 8-(9H-fluoren-9-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)-6-isopentyl-quinoline-2-carboxylic acid (**13a**)



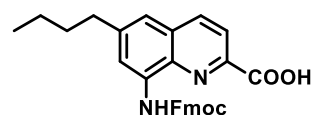
Using **General Procedure B** 3.328 g **12a** (1.0 equiv., 10.76 mmol), **13a** (3.354 g, 65%) was obtained as pale yellow crystals.

HPLC-UV purity: 97.8%.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{dms}\text{-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  10.32 (bs, 1H), 8.45 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (bs, 1H), 8.10 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d,

$J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d,  $J$  = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (td,  $J$  = 7.4, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 4.58 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 4.43 (t,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.64-1.50 (m, 3H), 0.93 (d,  $J$  = 6.4 Hz, 6H)  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{dms}\text{-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  165.8, 153.4, 143.7, 140.8, 137.5, 135.5, 135.3, 129.1, 127.8, 127.2, 125.1, 121.0, 120.3, 119.2, 117.1, 66.4, 46.6, 33.8, 27.2, 22.4. HR-MS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ : 481.2122; found: 481.2127.

### 6-butyl-8-(9H-fluoren-9-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)quinoline-2-carboxylic acid (**13b**)



1.78 g **12b** (1.0 equiv., 6.85 mmol) was dissolved in 200 mL 1,4-dioxane and mixed with aqueous solution of 432 mg  $\text{LiOH} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1.5 equiv., 10.3 mmol) in 150 mL  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . After 1h full conversion was observed, the mixture was quenched with 10.3 mL of 1 M HCl aqueous solution. The

mixture was then cooled to 0 °C and 2.88 g  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (5.0 equiv., 34.3 mmol) was added. A solution of 2.65 g  $\text{FmocCl}$  (1.5 equiv., 10.3 mmol) in 75 mL 1,4-dioxane was added dropwise to the reaction mixture within 1h. After full conversion was observed, 5% aq. citric acid solution was added until pH 4 was reached. Mixture was then extracted with 3×200mL DCM. Organic layers were combined and dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtered and solvent was removed *in vacuo*. Crude product was suspended in MeOH and sonicated for 1h. After going back to room temperature it was stirred at -25°C overnight. The suspension was filtered and washed with cold MeOH. The reaction yielded **13b** as an off-white solid (2.08 g, 65%).

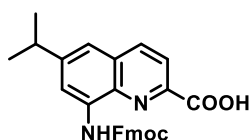
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HPLC-UV purity: 96.9%.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 13.53 (b s, 1H), 10.44 (s, 1H), 8.49 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (b s, 1H), 8.17 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (dt,  $J$  = 7.4, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 4.61 (d,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 4.45 (t,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.64 (m,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.35 (sext,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.91 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 165.5, 153.5, 144.1, 143.7, 140.8, 137.8, 135.5, 135.4, 129.3, 127.8, 125.1, 120.8, 120.3, 119.3, 117.4, 66.4, 46.6, 40.4, 35.6, 32.7, 21.8, 13.8.

HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ : 467.1965; found: 467.1961.

### 8-(9H-fluoren-9-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)-6-isopropyl-quinoline-2-carboxylic acid (13c)



Using **General Procedure B** 950 mg **12c** (1.0 equiv., 3.111 mmol), **13c** (333 mg, 24%) was obtained as off-white crystals.

HPLC-UV purity: 98.8%.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, dms- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  10.14 (bs, 1H), 8.42 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (bs, 1H), 8.12 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d,  $J$  = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (td,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 4.59 (d,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 4.43 (t,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (quint,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.28 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz, dms- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  165.5, 153.6, 149.9, 144.7, 143.7, 140.8, 138.0, 135.7, 135.6, 129.4, 127.8, 127.2, 125.2, 120.7, 120.3, 117.2, 115.9, 66.4, 46.6, 34.1, 23.5.

HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ : 453.1809; found: 453.1810.

### 8-(9H-fluoren-9-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)-6-isobutyl-quinoline-2-carboxylic acid (13d)



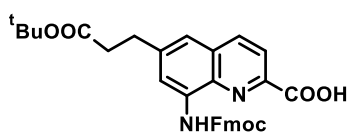
Using **General Procedure B** 2.100 g **12d** (1.0 equiv., 7.154 mmol), **13d** (1.985 g, 57%) was obtained as an off-white solid.

HPLC-UV purity: 98.8%.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, dms- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  10.41(s, 1H) 8.48 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (bs, 1H), 8.16 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d,  $J$  = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (td,  $J$  = 7.4, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 4.59 (d,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 4.44 (t,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.66-2.60 (m, 2H), 1.94 (sp,  $J$  = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 0.90 (d,  $J$  = 6.5 Hz, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz, dms- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  165.4, 153.6, 144.6, 143.7, 143.1, 140.8, 137.9, 135.5, 135.4, 129.2, 127.8, 127.2, 125.2, 120.7, 120.3, 120.2, 117.9, 66.4, 46.6, 45.2, 29.6, 22.2.

HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ : 467.1965; found: 467.1968.

### 6-(3-tert-butoxy-3-oxo-propyl)-8-(9H-fluoren-9-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)quinoline-2-carboxylic acid (13e)



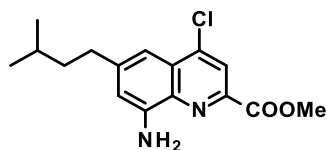
Using **General Procedure B** 4.100 g **12e** (1.0 equiv., 11.29 mmol), **13e** (1.595 g, 26%) was obtained as an off-white solid.

HPLC-UV purity: 99.5%.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, dms- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  10.18 (bs, 1H), 8.40 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (bs, 1H), 8.12 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (dd,  $J$  = 0.6 Hz, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d,  $J$  = 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (td,  $J$  = 7.4, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 4.60 (d,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 4.44 (t,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (t,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.60 (t,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.34 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz, dms- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  171.7, 166.7, 153.7, 144.1, 142.0, 141.2, 137.7, 136.0, 135.6, 129.4, 129.2, 128.2, 127.7, 125.6, 121.8, 120.7, 119.8, 117.1, 80.3, 66.8, 47.0, 36.4, 31.6, 28.2.

HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6$ : 539.2177; found: 539.2177.

### Methyl 8-amino-4-chloro-6-isopentyl-quinoline-2-carboxylate (15a)



A 2 L pear-shaped flask was filled with 1.10 g Raney nickel (1.94 equiv., 11.8 mmol) under  $\text{N}_2$  atmosphere, then washed with 3x20 mL water and 2x20 mL MeOH. 2.02 g compound **11a** (6.06 mmol) and 403 mL MeOH were added and the atmosphere was changed to  $\text{H}_2$  (1 bar). The reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 1 week and then filtered through a short pad of celite. The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* and the obtained residue was purified by flash chromatography (40 g silicagel column, heptane/EtOAc, gradient elution: 20-50%) to afford compound

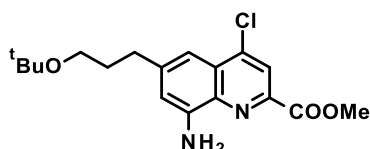
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**15a** as an orange crystalline solid (1.53 g, 82%).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =8.10 (s, 1H), 7.10 (d,  $J$  = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d,  $J$  = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (s, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 2.69 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.62-1.50 (m, 3H), 0.93 ppm (d,  $J$  = 6.4 Hz, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =164.4, 147.0, 146.7, 142.5, 141.1, 135.9, 127.4, 121.0, 111.2, 107.6, 52.7, 40.0, 34.0, 27.2, 22.4 ppm.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 307.1213; found: 307.1209.

### Methyl 8-amino-6-(3-*tert*-butoxypropyl)-4-chloro-quinoline-2-carboxylate (**15b**)



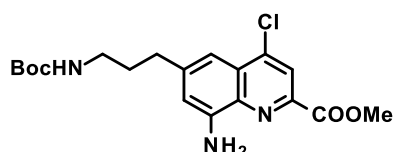
A 2 L pear-shaped flask was filled with 720 mg Raney nickel (2.20 equiv., 8.38 mmol) under  $\text{N}_2$  atmosphere, then washed with 3x20 mL water and 2x20 mL MeOH. 1.44 g **14a** (prepared according to [2], 1.0 equiv., 3.81 mmol) and 1.12 L MeOH were added and the atmosphere was changed to  $\text{H}_2$  (1 bar). The reaction mixture was

stirred at RT for 27 h and then filtered through a short pad of celite. The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* and the obtained residue was purified by flash chromatography (40 g silicagel column, heptane/EtOAc, gradient elution: 35-60%) to afford compound **15b** as an orange crystalline solid (1.19 g, 89%).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =8.10 (s, 1H), 7.10 (d,  $J$  = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (s, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.32 (t,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.73 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.80 (quint,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.13 ppm (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =164.4, 146.7, 146.4, 142.5, 141.1, 135.9, 127.3, 121.0, 111.3, 107.9, 72.0, 59.8, 52.7, 32.7, 31.4, 27.4 ppm.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{24}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_3$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 351.1475; found: 351.1476.

### Methyl 8-amino-6-[3-(*tert*-butoxycarbonylamino)propyl]-4-chloro-quinoline-2-carboxylate (**15c**)



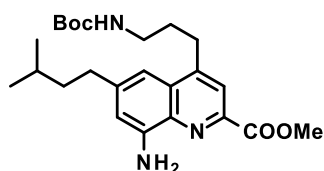
A 2 L pear-shaped flask was filled with 490 mg Raney nickel (2.45 equiv., 5.72 mmol) under  $\text{N}_2$  atmosphere, then washed with 3x20 mL water and 2x20 mL MeOH. 980 mg **14b** (prepared according to [2], 1.0 equiv., 2.33 mmol), 49.0 mL DCM and 392 mL MeOH were added and the atmosphere was changed to  $\text{H}_2$  (1 bar). The reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 24 h and then filtered

through a short pad of celite. The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* and the obtained residue was purified by flash chromatography (40 g silicagel column, heptane/EtOAc, gradient elution: 20-60%) to afford compound **15c** as an orange crystalline solid (695 mg, 76%).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =8.10 (s, 1H), 7.11 (d,  $J$  = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (t,  $J$  = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (s, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 2.97 (q,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.74 (quint,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.38 ppm (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =164.4, 155.6, 146.7, 146.3, 142.6, 141.1, 135.9, 127.4, 121.0, 111.2, 107.8, 77.4, 52.7, 39.6, 33.4, 31.0, 28.3 ppm.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{25}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_4$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 394.1534; found: 394.1528.

### Methyl 8-amino-4-[3-(*tert*-butoxycarbonylamino)propyl]-6-isopentyl-quinoline-2-carboxylate (**16a**)



#### Preparation of alkylboron-reagent:

An oven-dried, 25 mL pear-shaped flask was filled with 738 mg *tert*-butyl *N*-allylcarbamate (2.00 equiv, 4.69 mmol), closed with a rubber septum, evacuated and charged with dry  $\text{N}_2$ . Through the septum 8.21 mL 0.50 M solution of 9-borabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane in THF (1.75 equiv., 4.11 mmol) was added at RT, then the resulting mixture was stirred for

1 h. This solution was used in the next step.

#### Suzuki-coupling:

A 25 mL pear-shaped flask was filled with 720 mg compound **15a** (1.0 equiv., 2.35 mmol), 83.1 mg  $\text{Pd}(\text{AtaPhos})_2\text{Cl}_2$  (5.00 mol%, 0.12 mmol) and 2.29 g  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  (3.00 equiv., 7.04 mmol), closed with a rubber septum, evacuated and charged with dry  $\text{N}_2$ . Through the septum 2.35 mL (1 mL/mmol) water and the alkylboron-reagent were added. The mixture was heated to 50°C by a heating block and stirred for 20 h. After cooling to RT, the organic phase was separated and dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. [SAFETY NOTE: Crude product should be handled under inert gas,

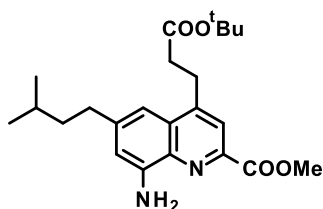
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as borane residues might be present, causing sudden heating, fuming and fire hazard upon exposition to air.] The residue was triturated with 50 mL heptane, filtered, and the crystals were washed with 3x5 mL heptane. The resulting solid was purified by flash chromatography (120 g silicagel column, DCM/EtOAc, gradient elution: 0-25%) to afford compound **16a** as a pale yellow, crystalline solid (890 mg, 88%).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =7.87 (s, 1H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 6.98/6.64 (t/br s,  $J$  = 5.4 Hz for triplet signal, 1H), 6.80 (d,  $J$  = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (s, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.05-2.99 (m, 4H) 2.66 (t,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 1.78 (quint,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.58 (hept,  $J$  = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 1.55-1.50 (m, 2H), 1.38/1.32 (s/s, 9H), 0.93 ppm (d,  $J$  = 6.4 Hz, 6H). (Amide rotamers present at room temperature.)  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =165.6, 155.7, 148.2, 146.4, 144.8, 142.5, 135.5, 128.8, 120.2, 109.9, 108.3, 77.5, 52.4, 40.2, 39.7, 34.1, 29.6, 29.1, 28.2, 27.3, 22.4 ppm.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{36}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 430.2706; found: 430.2704.

### Methyl 8-amino-4-(3-*tert*-butoxy-3-oxo-propyl)-6-isopentyl-quinoline-2-carboxylate (**16b**)



#### Preparation of alkylboron-reagent:

An oven-dried, 50 mL pear-shaped flask was closed with a rubber septum, evacuated and charged with dry  $\text{N}_2$ . Through the septum 1.60 mL *tert*-butyl acrylate (5.00 equiv., 10.9 mmol), and 21.8 mL 0.50 M solution of 9-borabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane in THF (5.00 equiv., 10.9 mmol) were added at RT, then the resulting mixture was stirred for 2 h. This solution was used in the next step.

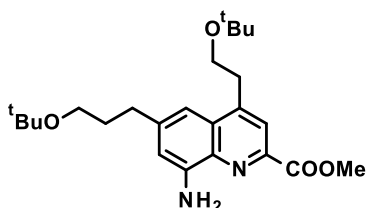
#### Suzuki-coupling:

A 50 mL pear-shaped flask was filled with 670 mg compound **15a** (1.0 equiv., 2.18 mmol), 77.3 mg  $\text{Pd}(\text{AtaPhos})_2\text{Cl}_2$  (5.00 mol%, 0.11 mmol) and 2.14 g  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  (3.00 equiv., 6.55 mmol), closed with a rubber septum, evacuated and charged with dry  $\text{N}_2$ . Through the septum 2.18 mL water (1 mL/mmol) and the alkylboron-reagent were added. The mixture was heated to 65°C by a heating block and stirred for 2 h. After cooling to RT, the reaction mixture was washed with 2x25 mL brine, the organic phase was dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (80 g silicagel column, heptane/EtOAc, gradient elution: 0-50%) then reversed phase HPLC (EZ Prep system, eluent: 0.1% aq. TFA/MeCN, gradient elution: 70-100%) to afford compound **16b** as a yellow solid (390 mg, 45%).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =7.86 (s, 1H), 7.04 (d,  $J$  = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d,  $J$  = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (s, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.25 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.62-1.50 (m, 3H), 1.36 (s, 9H), 0.94 ppm (d,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =171.3, 165.5, 146.6, 146.5, 145.1, 142.4, 135.4, 128.7, 120.0, 110.0, 108.0, 80.0, 52.4, 40.1, 34.2, 34.1, 27.6, 27.2, 26.9, 22.4 ppm.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 401.2440; found: 401.2435.

### Methyl 8-amino-4-(2-*tert*-butoxyethyl)-6-(3-*tert*-butoxypropyl)quinoline-2-carboxylate (**16c**)



#### Preparation of alkylboron-reagent:

An oven-dried, 25 mL pear-shaped flask was closed with a rubber septum, evacuated and charged with dry  $\text{N}_2$ . Through the septum 1.21 mL 2-methyl-2-vinyloxy-propane (3.50 equiv., 9.18 mmol), and 15.7 mL 0.50 M solution of 9-borabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane in THF (3.00 equiv., 7.87 mmol) were added at RT, then the resulting mixture was stirred for 30 min. This solution was used in the next step.

#### Suzuki-coupling:

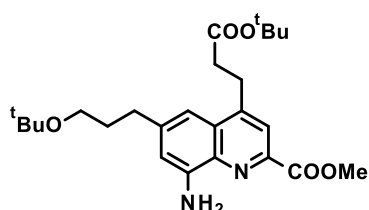
A 50 mL pear-shaped flask was filled with 920 mg compound **15b** (1.0 equiv., 2.62 mmol), 92.9 mg  $\text{Pd}(\text{AtaPhos})_2\text{Cl}_2$  (5.00 mol%, 0.13 mmol) and 2.56 g  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  (3.00 equiv., 7.87 mmol), closed with a rubber septum, evacuated and charged with dry  $\text{N}_2$ . Through the septum 2.62 mL water (1 mL/mmol) and the alkylboron-reagent were added. The mixture was heated to 65°C by a heating block and stirred for 20 h. After cooling to RT, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short pad of celite. The filtrate was washed with 2x15 mL brine, and the aqueous phase back-extracted with 2x10 mL THF. The combined organic phase was dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (120 g silicagel column, DCM/EtOAc, gradient elution: 0-40%) to afford compound **16c** as a yellow honey (682 mg, 62%).

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$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =7.94 (s, 1H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 6.80 (d,  $J$  = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (s, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.66 (t,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.33 (t,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 3.18 (t,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.69 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.80 (quint,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.13 (s, 9H), 1.08 ppm (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =165.6, 146.3, 145.8, 144.2, 142.4, 135.5, 129.1, 121.0, 109.9, 108.5, 72.5, 72.0, 60.3, 60.0, 52.4, 32.9, 32.9, 31.6, 27.4, 27.2 ppm.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{37}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 417.2753; found: 417.2749.

### Methyl 8-amino-4-(3-*tert*-butoxy-3-oxo-propyl)-6-(3-*tert*-butoxypropyl)quinoline-2-carboxylate (16d)



#### Preparation of alkylboron-reagent:

An oven-dried, 50 mL pear-shaped flask was closed with a rubber septum, evacuated and charged with dry  $\text{N}_2$ . Through the septum 5.30 mL *tert*-butyl acrylate (10.0 equiv., 36.2 mmol), and 36.2 mL 0.50 M solution of 9-borabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane in THF (5.00 equiv., 18.1 mmol) were added at RT, then the resulting mixture was stirred for 20 h. This solution was used in the next step.

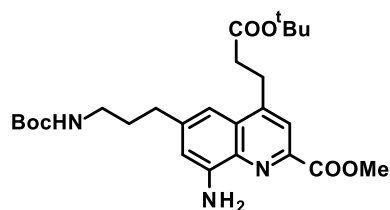
#### Suzuki-coupling:

A 100 mL pear-shaped flask was filled with 1.27 g compound **15b** (1.0 equiv., 3.62 mmol), 128 mg  $\text{Pd}(\text{AtaPhos})_2\text{Cl}_2$  (5.00 mol%, 0.18 mmol) and 3.54 g  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  (3.00 equiv., 10.9 mmol), closed with a rubber septum, evacuated and charged with dry  $\text{N}_2$ . Through the septum 3.62 mL water (1 mL/mmol) and the *alkylboron-reagent* were added. The mixture was heated to  $65^\circ\text{C}$  by a heating block and stirred for 20 h. After cooling to RT, the reaction mixture was washed with 2x25 mL brine, the organic phase was dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (330 g silicagel column, heptane/EtOAc/MeOH 89/10/1 as eluent) then reversed phase HPLC (EZ Prep system, eluent: 25mM aq  $\text{NH}_4\text{HCO}_3$ /MeCN, gradient elution: 50-80%) to afford compound **16d** as a yellow solid (596 mg, 37%).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =7.86 (s, 1H), 7.03 (d,  $J$  = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d,  $J$  = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (s, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.33 (t,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 3.25 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.72-2.66 (m, 4H), 1.80 (quint,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (s, 9H), 1.13 ppm (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =171.2, 165.5, 146.7, 146.5, 144.5, 142.4, 135.5, 128.6, 120.1, 110.0, 108.2, 80.0, 72.0, 60.0, 52.4, 34.2, 32.9, 31.5, 27.6, 27.4, 26.9 ppm.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{37}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 445.2702; found: 445.2706.

### Methyl 8-amino-6-[3-(*tert*-butoxycarbonylamino)propyl]-4-(3-*tert*-butoxy-3-oxo-propyl)quinoline-2-carboxylate (16e)



#### Preparation of alkylboron-reagent:

An oven-dried, 50 mL pear-shaped flask was closed with a rubber septum, evacuated and charged with dry  $\text{N}_2$ . Through the septum 21.6 mL 0.50 M solution of 9-borabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane in THF (5.00 equiv., 10.8 mmol) and 1.58 mL *tert*-butyl acrylate (5.00 equiv., 10.8 mmol) were added at RT, then the resulting mixture was stirred for 2 h. This solution was used in the next step.

#### Suzuki-coupling:

A 50 mL pear-shaped flask was filled with 850 mg compound **15c** (1.0 equiv., 2.16 mmol), 45.5 mg 4-[bis(1-adamantyl)phosphanyl]-*N,N*-dimethyl-aniline (5.00 mol%, 0.11 mmol, prepared according to [2]), 24.7 mg  $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$  (1.25 mol%, 0.03 mmol) and 2.11 g  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  (3.00 equiv., 6.47 mmol), closed with a rubber septum, evacuated and charged with dry  $\text{N}_2$ . Through the septum 5.00 mL THF was added and the mixture was stirred at RT for 5 min, then 2.18 mL water (1 mL/mmol) and the *alkylboron-reagent* were added. The mixture was heated to  $65^\circ\text{C}$  by a heating block and stirred for 1.5 h. After cooling to RT, the reaction mixture was washed with 2x25 mL brine, the organic phase was dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (80 g silicagel column, heptane/EtOAc, gradient elution: 30-60%) then reversed phase HPLC (EZ Prep system, eluent: 25mM aq  $\text{NH}_4\text{HCO}_3$ /MeCN, gradient elution: 70-90%) to afford compound **16e** as a yellow solid (626 mg, 59%).

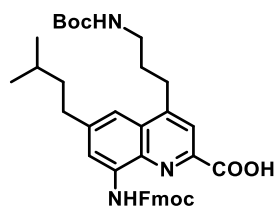
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =7.87 (s, 1H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 6.90 (t,  $J$  = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 6.05

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(s, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.26 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 2.97 (q,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.72-2.60 (m, 4H), 1.74 (quint,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 1.38 (s, 9H), 1.36 ppm (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =171.3, 165.4, 155.6, 146.7, 146.5, 144.4, 142.4, 135.5, 128.7, 120.1, 110.0, 108.3, 80.0, 77.4, 52.4, 39.4, 34.1, 33.5, 31.1, 28.3, 27.6, 26.9 ppm.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{38}\text{N}_3\text{O}_6$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 488.2761; found: 488.2760.

### 4-[3-(*tert*-butoxycarbonylamino)propyl]-8-(9*H*-fluoren-9-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)-6-isopentyl-quinoline-2-carboxylic acid (**17a**)



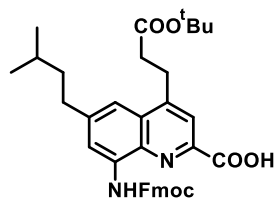
Using **General Procedure B** 865 mg compound **16a** (1.0 equiv., 2.01 mmol), **17a** (1.05 g, 82%) was obtained as pale yellow solid.

HPLC-UV purity: 98.8%.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =13.53 (br s, 1H), 10.39 (br s, 1H), 8.32 (br s, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.44 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 6.99/6.65 (t/br s,  $J = 5.4$  Hz for triplet signal, 1H), 4.58 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 2H), 4.44 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.11 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 3.04 (q,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.76 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 1.80 (quint,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 1.59 (hept,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 1.57-1.51 (m, 2H), 1.38/1.32 (s/s, 9H), 0.94 ppm (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 6H). (Amide rotamers present at room temperature.)  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =166.1, 155.7, 153.4, 149.7, 145.5, 143.7, 143.7, 140.7, 135.9, 135.6, 128.1, 127.8, 127.2, 125.1, 120.3, 120.2, 116.6, 115.3, 77.5, 66.4, 46.5, 40.1, 39.7, 34.2, 29.7, 29.0, 28.2, 27.3, 22.4 ppm.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{44}\text{N}_3\text{O}_6$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 638.3230; found: 638.3229.

### 4-(3-*tert*-butoxy-3-oxo-propyl)-8-(9*H*-fluoren-9-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)-6-isopentyl-quinoline-2-carboxylic acid (**17b**)



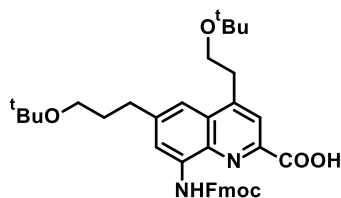
Using **General Procedure B** 390 mg compound **16b** (1.0 equiv., 0.97 mmol), **17b** (400 mg, 67%) was obtained as pale yellow solid.

HPLC-UV purity: 99.6%.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =13.52 (br s, 1H), 10.48 (br s, 1H), 8.35 (br s, 1H), 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.44 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.36 (td,  $J = 7.5$  Hz,  $J = 1.1$  Hz, 2H), 4.59 (d,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 4.45 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.37 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.79 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 2.72 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 1.62-1.50 (m, 3H), 1.35 (s, 9H), 0.94 ppm (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =171.1, 165.5, 153.5, 148.6, 144.4, 143.7, 140.8, 136.1, 135.5, 128.3, 127.8, 127.2, 125.2, 120.3, 119.9, 117.1, 115.3, 80.1, 66.4, 46.6, 40.0, 34.2, 34.1, 27.6, 27.3, 26.9, 22.4 ppm.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{41}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 609.2965; found: 609.2963.

### 4-(2-*tert*-butoxyethyl)-6-(3-*tert*-butoxypropyl)-8-(9*H*-fluoren-9-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)quinoline-2-carboxylic acid (**17c**)



Using **General Procedure B** 658 mg compound **16c** (1.0 equiv., 1.58 mmol), **17c** (798 mg, 81%) was obtained as pale yellow solid.

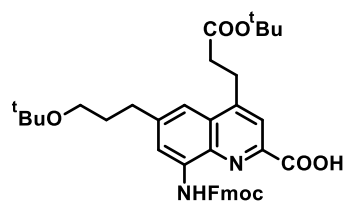
HPLC-UV purity: 99.2%.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =13.58 (br s, 1H), 10.37 (br s, 1H), 8.30 (br s, 1H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.43 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.35 (td,  $J = 7.5$  Hz,  $J = 0.9$  Hz, 2H), 4.58 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 4.43 (t,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.68 (t,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 2H), 3.33 (t,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.28 (t,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.80 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 1.82 (quint,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 2H), 1.12 (s, 9H), 1.06 ppm (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =166.0, 153.4, 147.5, 145.1, 143.7, 143.1, 140.7, 135.8, 135.6, 128.5, 127.8, 127.2, 125.1, 121.0, 120.2, 116.8, 115.8, 72.5, 72.0, 66.4, 60.4, 59.9, 46.5, 32.9, 32.8, 31.5, 27.4, 27.2 ppm.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{45}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 625.3278; found: 625.3279.

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### 4-(3-*tert*-butoxy-3-oxo-propyl)-6-(3-*tert*-butoxypropyl)-8-(9H-fluoren-9-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)quinoline-2-carboxylic acid (**17d**)



Using **General Procedure B** 575 mg compound **16d** (1.0 equiv., 1.29 mmol), **17d** (559 mg, 66%) was obtained as pale yellow solid.

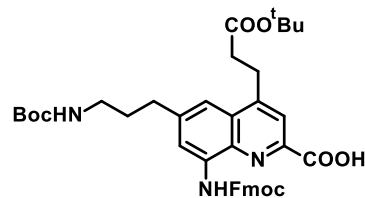
HPLC-UV purity: 98.4%.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ=13.58 (br s, 1H), 10.40 (br s, 1H), 8.32 (br s, 1H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 4.59 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 4.44 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz,

2H), 3.33 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.82 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.70 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.82 (quint, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.35 (s, 9H), 1.12 ppm (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ=171.1, 165.8, 153.4, 148.3, 144.9, 143.7, 143.6, 140.8, 136.0, 135.6, 128.0, 127.8, 127.2, 125.1, 120.2, 120.0, 116.9, 115.3, 80.1, 72.0, 66.4, 59.8, 46.5, 34.3, 32.9, 31.5, 27.6, 27.4, 26.9 ppm.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>45</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 653.3227; found: 653.3226.

### 6-[3-(*tert*-butoxycarbonylamino)propyl]-4-(3-*tert*-butoxy-3-oxo-propyl)-8-(9H-fluoren-9-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)quinoline-2-carboxylic acid (**17e**)



Using **General Procedure B** 800 mg compound **16e** 25 (1.0 equiv., 1.641 mmol), **17e** (960 mg, 84%) was obtained as pale yellow solid.

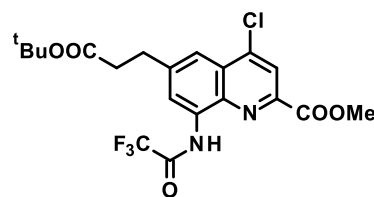
HPLC-UV purity: 97.5%.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ=13.52 (br s, 1H), 10.48 (br s, 1H), 8.32 (br s, 1H), 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (dd, *J* = 7.4 Hz, *J* = 0.6 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (td, *J* = 7.4 Hz, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 2H), 6.93/6.58 (t/s, *J* = 6.8 Hz for

triplet signal, 1H), 4.60 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 4.46 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.98 (q, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.77 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.72 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.76 (quint, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.37 (s, 9H), 1.35 ppm (s, 9H). (Amide rotamers present at room temperature.) <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ=171.1, 165.5, 155.6, 153.5, 148.7, 143.9, 143.7, 140.8, 136.1, 135.6, 128.3, 127.8, 127.2, 125.2, 120.3, 120.0, 117.1, 115.6, 80.1, 77.4, 66.3, 46.6, 39.2, 34.2, 33.5, 31.1, 28.3, 27.6, 26.9 ppm.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>46</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 696.3285; found: 696.3292.

### Methyl 6-(3-*tert*-butoxy-3-oxo-propyl)-4-chloro-8-[(2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl)amino]quinoline-2-carboxylate (**19b**)



#### Preparation of alkylboron-reagent:

An oven-dried, 250 mL pear-shaped flask was closed with a rubber septum, evacuated and charged with dry N<sub>2</sub>. Through the septum 137 mL 0.50 M solution of 9-borabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane in THF (5.00 equiv., 68.3 mmol) and 20.0 mL *tert*-butyl acrylate (10.0 equiv., 137 mmol) were added at RT, then the resulting mixture was stirred for 12 h. This solution was used in the next step.

#### Suzuki-coupling:

A 250 mL pear-shaped flask was filled with 5.62 g **18** (prepared according to [2], 1.0 equiv., 13.7 mmol), 483 mg Pd(AtaPhos)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5.00 mol%, 0.68 mmol) and 13.3 g Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (3.00 equiv., 41.0 mmol), closed with a rubber septum, evacuated and charged with dry N<sub>2</sub>. Through the septum 13.7 mL water (1 mL/mmol) and the *alkylboron-reagent* were added. The mixture was heated to 50°C by a heating block and stirred for 30 min. After cooling to RT, the reaction mixture was washed with 2x25 mL brine, the organic phase was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was triturated with 90 mL pentane, filtered and washed with 3x10 mL pentane. The obtained solid was purified by flash chromatography (40 g silicagel column, DCM as eluent), then the resulting solid was triturated again with 15 mL pentane, filtered and dried *in vacuo* to afford **19b** as a white solid (4.52 g, 72%).

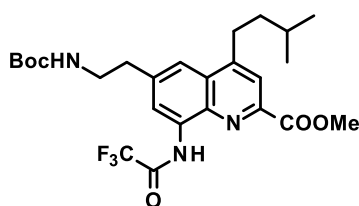
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ=11.05 (s, 1H), 8.38 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (s, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.13 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.69 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.35 ppm (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ= 171.2, 163.8, 154.7 (q, *J* = 37.4 Hz), 146.1, 144.0, 142.7, 138.7, 132.9, 126.7, 123.9, 122.1, 119.5, 115.6 (q, *J* = 288.4 Hz), 80.0, 53.1, 35.5, 30.9, 27.7 ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz,

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DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =-74.5 ppm.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $C_{20}H_{21}ClF_3N_2O_5$   $[M+H]^+$ : 461.1091; found: 461.1090.

### Methyl 6-[2-(*tert*-butoxycarbonylamino)ethyl]-4-isopentyl-8-[(2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl)amino]quinoline-2-carboxylate (**20a**)



#### Preparation of alkylboron-reagent:

An oven-dried, 25 mL pear-shaped flask was closed with a rubber septum, evacuated and charged with dry  $N_2$ . Through the septum 4.04 mL 1.50 M solution of **3-methylbut-1-ene** in THF (3.0 equiv., 6.05 mmol), and 6.05 mL 0.50 M solution of 9-borabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane in THF (1.5 equiv., 3.03 mmol) were added at RT, then the resulting mixture was stirred for 12 h. This solution was used in the next step.

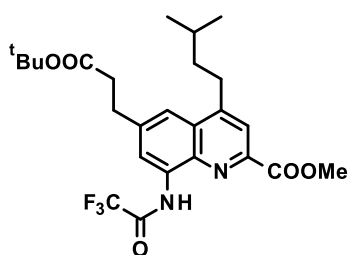
#### Suzuki-coupling:

A 50 mL pear-shaped flask was filled with 960 mg compound **methyl 6-[2-(*tert*-butoxycarbonylamino)ethyl]-4-chloro-8-[(2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl)amino]quinoline-2-carboxylate (**19a**)** (prepared according to [2], 1.0 equiv., 2.02 mmol), 71.4 mg  $Pd(AtaPhos)_2Cl_2$  (5.00 mol%, 0.10 mmol) and 1.32 g  $Cs_2CO_3$  (2.00 equiv., 4.04 mmol), closed with a rubber septum, evacuated and charged with dry  $N_2$ . Through the septum 2.02 mL (1 mL/mmol) water and the *alkylboron-reagent* were added. The mixture was heated to 50°C by a heating block and stirred for 1 h. After cooling to RT, 15 mL EtOAc was added, the organic phase was separated and washed with 2x5 mL brine. The organic phase was dried over  $Na_2SO_4$ , filtered and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (40 g silicagel column, heptane/EtOAc, gradient elution: 0-60%), then the resulting solid was triturated with 20 mL heptane, filtered and dried *in vacuo* to afford compound **20a** as an off-white, crystalline solid (770 mg, 75%).

$^1H$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =11.00 (s, 1H), 8.37/8.34 (s/s, 1H), 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.87/7.81 (s, 1H), 6.96/6.60 (t/br s,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz for triplet signal, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.29 (q,  $J$  = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.17 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.97 (t,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.70 (hept,  $J$  = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.60 (q,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.31/1.25 (s, 9H), 1.00 (d,  $J$  = 6.5 Hz, 6H). (Amide rotamers present at room temperature.)  $^{13}C\{^1H\}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =164.7, 155.5, 154.1 (q,  $J$  = 36.8 Hz), 151.2, 145.2, 140.7, 137.1, 132.4, 127.9, 121.1, 121.0, 119.9, 115.6 (q,  $J$  = 288.5 Hz), 77.5, 52.8, 41.0, 38.6, 36.2, 29.3, 28.1, 27.7, 22.3 ppm.  $^{19}F$  NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =-74.7 ppm.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $C_{25}H_{33}F_3N_3O_5$   $[M+H]^+$ : 512.2372; found: 512.2369.

### Methyl 6-(3-*tert*-butoxy-3-oxo-propyl)-4-isopentyl-8-[(2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl)amino]quinoline-2-carboxylate (**20b**)



#### Preparation of alkylboron-reagent:

An oven-dried, 25 mL pear-shaped flask was closed with a rubber septum, evacuated and charged with dry  $N_2$ . Through the septum 1.25 mL 1.50M solution of **3-methylbut-1-ene** in THF (3.00 equiv., 2.28 mmol), and 2.28 mL 0.50 M solution of 9-borabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane in THF (1.50 equiv., 1.14 mmol) were added at RT, then the resulting mixture was stirred for 12 h. This solution was used in the next step.

#### Suzuki-coupling:

A 25 mL pear-shaped flask was filled with 350 mg **19b** (1.0 equiv., 0.76 mmol), 26.9 mg  $Pd(AtaPhos)_2Cl_2$  (5.00 mol%, 0.04 mmol) and 495 mg  $Cs_2CO_3$  (2.00 equiv., 1.52 mmol), closed with a rubber septum, evacuated and charged with dry  $N_2$ . Through the septum 0.76 mL (1mL/mmol) water and the *alkylboron-reagent* were added. The mixture was heated to 50°C by a heating block and stirred for 1 h. After cooling to RT, the organic phase was separated and washed with 2x2 mL brine. The organic phase was dried over  $Na_2SO_4$ , filtered and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (12 g silicagel column, heptane/EtOAc, gradient elution: 0-40%), then reversed phase HPLC (EZ Prep system, eluent: 25mM aq  $NH_4HCO_3$ /MeCN, gradient elution: 80-100%) to afford **20b** as an off-white, crystalline solid (317 mg, 84%).

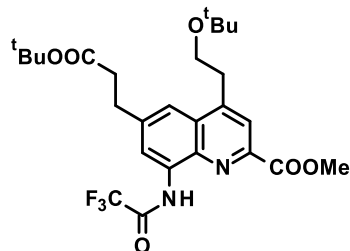
$^1H$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =10.95 (s, 1H), 8.33 (d,  $J$  = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.16-3.10 (m, 2H), 3.08 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.68 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.70 (hept,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.62-1.53 (m, 2H), 1.34 (s, 9H), 0.99 ppm (d,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 6H).  $^{13}C\{^1H\}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-



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$\delta$ =171.3, 164.7, 154.2 (q,  $J$  = 36.9 Hz), 151.2, 145.4, 141.8, 137.2, 132.5, 127.9, 121.1, 121.1, 119.4, 115.6 (q,  $J$  = 288.5 Hz), 79.9, 52.8, 38.7, 35.7, 31.1, 29.3, 27.7, 27.7, 22.3 ppm.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =-74.7 ppm.  
HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{32}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 497.2260; found: 497.2258.

### Methyl 4-(2-*tert*-butoxyethyl)-6-(3-*tert*-butoxy-3-oxo-propyl)-8-[(2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl)amino]quinoline-2-carboxylate (20c)



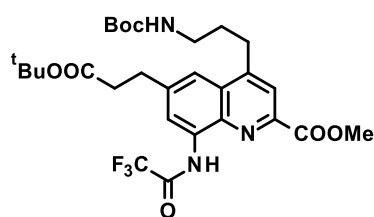
#### Preparation of alkylboron-reagent:

An oven-dried, 25 mL pear-shaped flask was closed with a rubber septum, evacuated and charged with dry  $\text{N}_2$ . Through the septum 713  $\mu\text{L}$  **2-methyl-2-vinyloxy-propane** (2.00 equiv., 5.43 mmol), and 10.9 mL 0.50 M solution of 9-borabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane in THF (2.00 equiv., 5.43 mmol) were added at RT, then the resulting mixture was stirred for 30 min. This solution was used in the next step.

#### Suzuki-coupling:

A 25 mL pear-shaped flask was filled with 1.25 g compound **19b** (1.0 equiv., 2.71 mmol), 96.0 mg  $\text{Pd}(\text{AtaPhos})_2\text{Cl}_2$  (5.00 mol%, 0.14 mmol) and 2.65 g  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  (3.00 equiv., 8.14 mmol), closed with a rubber septum, evacuated and charged with dry  $\text{N}_2$ . Through the septum 2.71 mL (1 mL/mmol) water and the *alkylboron-reagent* were added. The mixture was stirred at heated to  $50^\circ\text{C}$  by a heating block and stirred for 30 min. After cooling to RT, the organic phase was separated and washed with 2x5 mL brine. The organic phase was dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered and the filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (80 g silicagel column, heptane/EtOAc, gradient elution: 0-30%), then reversed phase HPLC (EZ Prep system, eluent: 0.1% aq TFA/MeCN, gradient elution: 90-100%) to afford **20c** as an off-white, crystalline solid (1.14 g, 80%).  
 $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =11.00 (s, 1H), 8.35 (d,  $J$  = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (s, 1H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.71 (t,  $J$  = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.34 (t,  $J$  = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.09 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.68 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.35 (s, 9H), 1.05 ppm (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =171.3, 164.8, 154.3 (q,  $J$  = 36.9 Hz), 148.5, 145.2, 141.6, 137.4, 132.6, 128.5, 122.2, 121.3, 120.0, 115.7 (q,  $J$  = 291.5 Hz), 79.9, 72.5, 60.4, 52.9, 35.8, 32.5, 31.1, 27.7, 27.2 ppm.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =-74.6 ppm.  
HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{34}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_6$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 527.2369; found: 527.2369.

### Methyl 4-[3-(*tert*-butoxycarbonylamino)propyl]-6-(3-*tert*-butoxy-3-oxo-propyl)-8-[(2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl)amino]quinoline-2-carboxylate (20d)



#### Preparation of alkylboron-reagent:

An oven-dried, 25 mL pear-shaped flask was filled with 880 mg *tert*-butyl *N*-allylcarbamate (3.00 equiv, 5.60 mmol), closed with a rubber septum, evacuated and charged with dry  $\text{N}_2$ . Through the septum 5.60 mL 0.50 M solution of 9-borabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane in THF (1.50 equiv., 2.80 mmol) was added at RT, then the resulting mixture was stirred for 1 h. This solution was used in the next step.

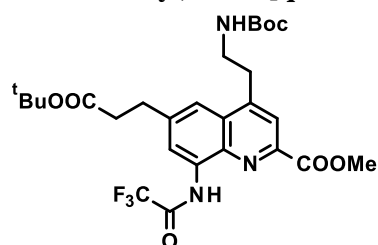
#### Suzuki-coupling:

A 25 mL pear-shaped flask was filled with 860 mg compound **19b** (1.0 equiv., 1.87 mmol), 66.1 mg  $\text{Pd}(\text{AtaPhos})_2\text{Cl}_2$  (5.00 mol%, 0.09 mmol) and 1.22 g  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  (2.00 equiv., 3.73 mmol), closed with a rubber septum, evacuated and charged with dry  $\text{N}_2$ . Through the septum 1.87 mL (1 mL/mmol) water and the *alkylboron-reagent* were added. The mixture was stirred at heated to  $50^\circ\text{C}$  by a heating block and stirred for 1 h. After cooling to RT, 10 mL DCM was added, the organic phase was separated and washed with 2x10 mL brine. The organic phase was dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered and the filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. [SAFETY NOTE: Crude product should be handled under inert gas, as borane residues might be present, causing sudden heating, fuming and fire hazard upon exposition to air.] The residue was triturated with 25 mL pentane, filtered, and the crystals were washed with 3x5 mL pentane. The resulting solid was purified by flash chromatography (40 g silicagel column, DCM/MeOH, gradient elution: 0-5%) to afford **20d** as an off-white, crystalline solid (977 mg, 90%).  
 $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =10.99 (s, 1H), 8.35 (d,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 6.99 (t,  $J$  = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.16 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 3.09 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.04 (q,  $J$  = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.68 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.82 (quint,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.39 (s, 9H), 1.37 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR

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(100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =171.3, 164.8, 155.7, 154.3 (q,  $J$  = 36.8 Hz), 150.6, 145.5, 141.9, 137.4, 132.6, 128.1, 121.5, 121.3, 119.6, 115.6 (q,  $J$  = 289.8 Hz), 79.9, 77.5, 52.8, 39.6, 35.8, 31.1, 29.8, 28.8, 28.3, 27.7 ppm.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =-74.6 ppm.  
HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{37}\text{F}_3\text{N}_3\text{O}_7$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 584.2584; found: 584.2583.

### Methyl 4-[2-(*tert*-butoxycarbonylamino)ethyl]-6-(3-*tert*-butoxy-3-oxo-propyl)-8-[(2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl)amino]quinoline-2-carboxylate (**20e**)



#### Preparation of alkylboron-reagent:

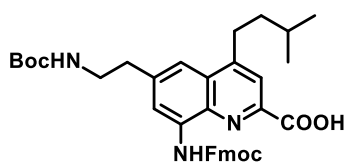
An oven-dried, 25 mL pear-shaped flask was filled with 699 mg **tert-butyl *N*-vinylcarbamate** (Prepared from *N*-vinyl formamide according to [2].) (1.50 equiv., 4.88 mmol), closed with a rubber septum, evacuated and charged with dry  $\text{N}_2$ . 13.0 mL 0.50 M solution of 9-borabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane in THF (2.00 equiv., 6.51 mmol) was added at RT, then the resulting mixture was stirred for 1 h. This solution was used in the next step.

#### Suzuki-coupling:

A 25 mL pear-shaped flask was filled with 1.50 g **19b** (1.0 equiv., 3.26 mmol), 115 mg  $\text{Pd}(\text{AtaPhos})_2\text{Cl}_2$  (5.00 mol%, 0.16 mmol) and 3.18 g  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  (3.00 equiv., 9.77 mmol), closed with a rubber septum, evacuated and charged with dry  $\text{N}_2$ . Through the septum 3.26 mL (1 mL/mmol) water and the *alkylboron-reagent* were added. The mixture was heated to 50°C by a heating block and stirred for 3 h. After cooling to RT, the organic phase was separated and washed with 2x5 mL brine. The organic phase was dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (120 g silicagel column, heptane/EtOAc, gradient elution: 0-60%). The obtained solid was triturated with 15 mL DIPE, filtered, washed with further 2x2 mL DIPE and dried *in vacuo* to afford **20e** as an off-white, crystalline solid (800 mg, 43%).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =10.98 (s, 1H), 8.35 (d,  $J$  = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 8.01/7.93 (s/s, 1H), 7.01/6.60 (t/s,  $J$  = 5.2 Hz for triplet signal, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.32-3.23 (m, 4H), 3.09 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.71 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.37 (s, 9H), 1.30/1.09 ppm (s/s, 9H). (Amide rotamers present at room temperature.)  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =171.3, 164.7, 155.5, 154.3 (q,  $J$  = 36.8 Hz), 148.2, 145.2, 141.8, 137.4, 132.5, 128.4, 122.3, 121.2, 119.7, 115.6 (q,  $J$  = 288.5 Hz), 79.9, 77.6, 52.8, 40.2, 35.6, 32.1, 31.1, 28.1, 27.7 ppm.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =-74.6 ppm.  
HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{35}\text{F}_3\text{N}_3\text{O}_7$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 570.2427; found: 570.2419.

### 6-[2-(*tert*-butoxycarbonylamino)ethyl]-8-(9H-fluoren-9-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)-4-isopentyl-quinoline-2-carboxylic acid (**21a**)



Using **General Procedure B** 730 mg compound **20a** (1.0 equiv., 1.43 mmol), **21a** (625 mg, 70%) was obtained as pale yellow solid.

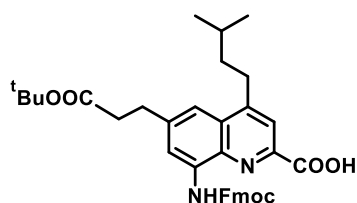
HPLC-UV purity: 98.3%.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =13.58 (br s, 1H), 10.38 (br s, 1H), 8.30 (br s, 1H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.59/7.55 (s, 1H), 7.44 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.93/6.56 (t/br s,  $J$  = 5.5 Hz for triplet signal, 1H), 4.59 (d,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 4.44 (t,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (q,  $J$  = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.12 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.88 (t,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.68 (hept,  $J$  = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.59 (q,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 1.32/1.23 (s, 9H), 0.99 ppm (d,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 6H). (Amide rotamers present at room temperature.)  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =165.8, 155.5, 153.4, 150.7, 144.8, 143.7, 140.8, 140.7, 136.0, 135.8, 128.2, 127.8, 127.2, 125.1, 120.3, 119.9, 117.2, 116.0, 77.5, 66.4, 46.5, 41.1, 38.5, 36.5, 29.4, 28.2, 27.6, 22.3 ppm.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{42}\text{N}_3\text{O}_6$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 624.3074; found: 624.3070.

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### 6-(3-*tert*-butoxy-3-oxo-propyl)-8-(9*H*-fluoren-9-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)-4-*isopentyl*-quinoline-2-carboxylic acid (**21b**)



Using **General Procedure B** 800 mg **20b** (1.0 equiv., 1.61 mmol), **21b** (587 mg, 60%) was obtained as pale yellow solid.

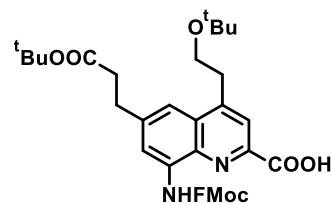
HPLC-UV purity: 99.8%.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =13.53 (br s, 1H), 10.46 (br s, 1H), 8.29 (br s, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.44 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (td,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz,  $J$  = 1.0 Hz, 2H), 4.61 (d,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 4.45 (t,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 1H),

3.12 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.01 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (t,  $J$  = 9.7 Hz, 2H), 1.68 (hept,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.62-1.55 (m, 2H), 1.34 (s, 9H), 0.99 ppm (d,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =171.3, 165.6, 153.5, 150.9, 144.4, 143.7, 142.0, 140.8, 136.0, 135.7, 128.2, 127.8, 127.2, 125.1, 120.3, 120.0, 116.9, 115.5, 79.8, 66.4, 46.6, 38.6, 35.8, 31.4, 29.5, 27.7, 27.6, 22.3 ppm.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{41}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 609.2965; found: 609.2963.

### 4-(2-*tert*-butoxyethyl)-6-(3-*tert*-butoxy-3-oxo-propyl)-8-(9*H*-fluoren-9-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)quinoline-2-carboxylic acid (**21c**)



Using **General Procedure B** 1.11 g **20c** (1.0 equiv., 2.11 mmol), **21c** (825 mg, 61%) was obtained as pale yellow solid.

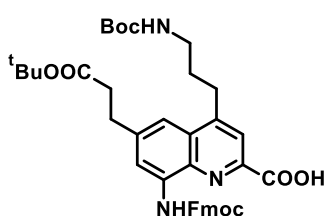
HPLC-UV purity: 99.8%.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =13.51 (br s, 1H), 10.46 (br s, 1H), 8.29 (br s, 1H), 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.44 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (td,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz,  $J$  = 1.0 Hz, 2H), 4.61 (d,  $J$  = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 4.46 (t,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.70

(t,  $J$  = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.29 (t,  $J$  = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.00 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.34 (s, 9H), 1.07 ppm (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =171.3, 165.6, 153.5, 148.1, 144.0, 143.7, 142.0, 140.8, 135.9, 135.7, 128.7, 127.8, 127.2, 125.1, 120.9, 120.3, 117.0, 115.9, 79.8, 72.5, 66.4, 60.3, 46.6, 35.9, 32.7, 31.4, 27.7, 27.2 ppm.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{43}\text{N}_2\text{O}_7$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 639.3070; found: 639.3065.

### 4-[3-(*tert*-butoxycarbonylamino)propyl]-6-(3-*tert*-butoxy-3-oxo-propyl)-8-(9*H*-fluoren-9-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)quinoline-2-carboxylic acid (**21d**)



Using **General Procedure B** 942 mg **20d** (1.0 equiv., 1.43 mmol), **21d** (700 mg, 62%) was obtained as pale yellow solid.

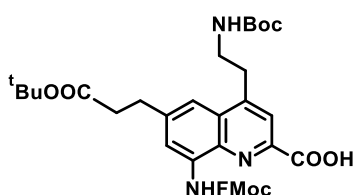
HPLC-UV purity: 99.8%.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =13.53 (br s, 1H), 10.34 (br s, 1H), 8.26 (br s, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.44 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (t,  $J$  = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (d,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 4.44 (t,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 3.03 (q,  $J$  = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.99 (t,  $J$  = 7.6

Hz, 2H), 2.61 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.80 (quint,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.38 (s, 9H), 1.35 ppm (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =171.3, 166.0, 155.7, 153.3, 149.8, 143.7, 141.6, 140.7, 135.9, 135.7, 128.0, 127.8, 127.2, 125.1, 120.5, 120.2, 116.5, 115.5, 79.8, 77.5, 66.4, 46.5, 39.7, 36.0, 31.5, 29.7, 29.0, 28.3, 27.7 ppm.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{46}\text{N}_3\text{O}_8$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 696.3285; found: 696.3280.

### 4-[2-(*tert*-butoxycarbonylamino)ethyl]-6-(3-*tert*-butoxy-3-oxo-propyl)-8-(9*H*-fluoren-9-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)quinoline-2-carboxylic acid (**21e**)



Using **General Procedure B** 780 mg compound **20e** (1.0 equiv., 1.37 mmol), **21e** (760 mg, 81%) was obtained as pale yellow solid.

HPLC-UV purity: 97.9%.

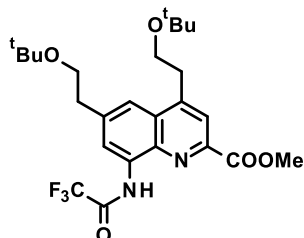
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =13.50 (br s, 1H), 10.46 (br s, 1H), 8.29 (br s, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (dd,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz,  $J$  = 0.5 Hz, 2H), 7.74/7.68 (s/s, 1H), 7.44 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (td,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz,  $J$  = 1.0 Hz, 2H), 6.97/6.57 (t/s,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz for triplet

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signal, 1H), 4.61 (d,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 2H), 4.46 (t,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.33-3.18 (m, 4H), 3.00 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.65 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 1.36 (s, 9H), 1.30/1.07 ppm (s/s, 9H). (Amide rotamers present at room temperature.)  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =171.3, 165.5, 155.5, 153.5, 148.0, 144.0, 143.7, 142.1, 140.8, 136.0, 135.8, 128.7, 127.8, 127.2, 125.1, 121.2, 120.3, 116.9, 115.7, 79.8, 77.6, 66.3, 46.6, 40.2, 35.8, 32.3, 31.4, 28.1, 27.7 ppm.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{44}\text{N}_3\text{O}_8$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 682.3128; found: 682.3126.

### Methyl 4,6-bis(2-*tert*-butoxyethyl)-8-[(2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl)amino]quinoline-2-carboxylate (**22b**)



#### Preparation of alkylboron-reagent:

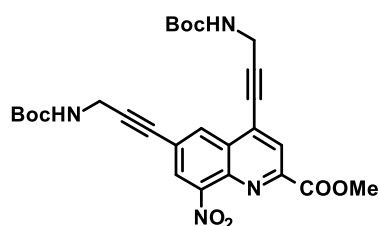
An oven-dried, 50 mL pear-shaped flask was closed with a rubber septum, evacuated and charged with dry  $\text{N}_2$ . Through the septum 1.37 mL **2-methyl-2-vinyloxy-propane** (2.00 equiv., 10.5 mmol), and 20.9 mL 0.50 M solution of 9-borabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane in THF (2.00 equiv., 10.5 mmol) were added at RT, then the resulting mixture was stirred for 30 min. This solution was used in the next step.

#### Suzuki-coupling:

A 100 mL pear-shaped flask was filled with 2.15 g compound **methyl 6-bromo-4-chloro-8-[(2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl)amino]quinoline-2-carboxylate (18)** (1.0 equiv., 5.22 mmol, prepared according to [2]), 116 mg  $\text{Pd}(\text{AtaPhos})_2\text{Cl}_2$  (5.00 mol%, 0.26 mmol) and 3.02 g  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  (3.00 equiv., 15.7 mmol), closed with a rubber septum, evacuated and charged with dry  $\text{N}_2$ . Through the septum 5.22 mL water and the *alkylboron-reagent* were added. The mixture was heated to  $40^\circ\text{C}$  by a heating block and stirred for 30 min. After cooling to RT, 50 mL DCM and 25 mL water were added, the organic phase was separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with 2x20 mL DCM, the combined organic phase was dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (120 g column, heptane/EtOAc, gradient elution: 0-35%) to afford **22b** as a yellow solid (643 mg, 25%).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =10.95 (s, 1H), 8.40 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.12 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d,  $J = 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.70 (t,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 2H), 3.65 (t,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 2H), 3.32 (t,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 2H), 3.00 (t,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 2H), 1.11 (s, 9H), 1.04 ppm (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =164.8, 154.2 (q,  $J = 36.7$  Hz), 148.4, 145.0, 140.8, 137.2, 132.1, 128.4, 122.1, 121.6, 120.5, 115.7 (q,  $J = 287.1$  Hz), 72.5, 72.4, 61.4, 60.5, 52.8, 37.0, 32.6, 27.3, 27.2 ppm.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =-74.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{34}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 499.2420; found: 499.2410.

### Methyl 4,6-bis[3-(*tert*-butoxycarbonylamino)prop-1-ynyl]-8-nitro-quinoline-2-carboxylate (**24a**)



415 mg **methyl 4,6-dibromo-8-nitro-quinoline-2-carboxylate (23)** (prepared according to [3], 1.0 equiv., 1.00 mmol), 466 mg *tert*-butyl *N*-prop-2-ynylcarbamate (3.0 equiv., 3.00 mmol), 39 mg copper(I)-iodide (0.2 equiv., 0.20 mmol) were measured into a 50 mL flask. The flask was evacuated then back-filled with  $\text{N}_2$  (repeated 3x), then 7.5 mL 1,4-dioxane (dry, degassed) and 2.00 mL *N*-isopropylpropan-2-amine (14.3 equiv., 14.3 mmol) were added at

rt while stirring. The reaction mixture was heated to  $80^\circ\text{C}$  by a heating block and 35.4 mg dichloropalladium, 4-*tert*-butylphosphanyl-*N,N*-dimethyl-aniline (1:2) (0.05 equiv., 0.05 mmol) was added at this temperature. After 10 min, full conversion was observed and 25 mL DCM was added, the resulting solution was washed with 2x10 mL 5% aq. citric acid solution and 15 mL sat. aq.  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  solution. Combined aqueous phase was extracted with 2x10 mL DCM. Combined organic phase dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , was filtered and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by normal phase flash chromatography (40 g silicagel column, heptane/DCM, gradient elution: 0-80%) to afford **24a** as an off-white solid (323 mg, 90%).

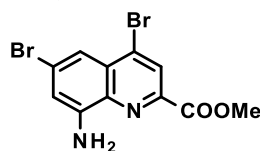
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.40 (s, 1H), 8.27 (s, 1H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 5.18 (b s, 1H), 5.04 (b s, 1H), 4.34 (d,  $J = 4.9$  Hz, 2H), 4.23 (d,  $J = 4.9$  Hz, 2H), 4.02 (s, 3H), 1.49 (s, 9H), 1.47 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR

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(125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 164.9, 155.6, 149.8, 148.7, 138.7, 132.7, 131.2, 129.4, 127.8, 126.0, 123.1, 99.4, 91.5, 80.7, 77.4, 53.7, 31.6, 31.3, 28.6.

HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>8</sub>: 539.2136; found: 539.2137.

### Methyl 8-amino-4,6-dibromo-quinoline-2-carboxylate (**25**)

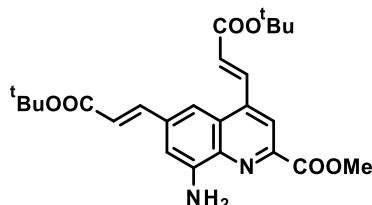


A 2 L pear-shaped flask was filled with 6.74 g Raney nickel (3.14 equiv., 78.7 mmol) under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere, then washed with 3x20 mL water and 2x20 mL MeOH. 9.77 g compound **methyl 4,6-dibromo-8-nitro-quinoline-2-carboxylate (23)** (prepared according to [3], 1.0 equiv., 25.1 mmol) and 1.12 L MeOH were added and the atmosphere was changed to H<sub>2</sub> (1 bar). The reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 18 h and then filtered through a short pad of celite. The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* and the obtained residue was purified by flash chromatography (330 g silicagel column, DCM/MeOH, gradient elution: 0-5%) to afford **25** as a yellow solid (6.41 g, 71%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ =8.33 (s, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (s, 2H), 3.94 ppm (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ =163.9, 148.5, 143.6, 135.3, 132.3, 130.0, 126.0, 125.8, 112.6, 112.3, 52.8 ppm.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>9</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 358.9031; found: 358.9017.

### Methyl 8-amino-4,6-bis[(*E*)-3-*tert*-butoxy-3-oxo-prop-1-enyl]quinoline-2-carboxylate (**26**)

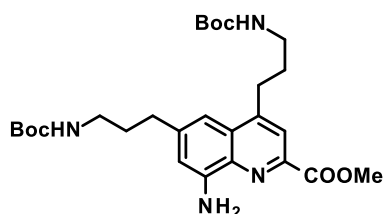


A 25 mL pear-shaped flask was filled with 1.41 g compound **25** (1.0 equiv., 3.92 mmol), 22.0 mg Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (2.5 mol%, 0.10 mmol) and 119 mg tris-*o*-tolylphosphane (10.0 mol%, 0.39 mmol), closed with a rubber septum, evacuated and charged with dry N<sub>2</sub>. Through the septum 3.92 mL DMF (1 mL/mmol), 3.92 mL DIPEA (1 mL/mmol) and 1.72 mL ***tert*-butyl acrylate** (3.0 equiv., 11.8 mmol) were added. The mixture was heated to 100°C by a heating block and stirred for 1 h. After cooling to RT, 20 mL EtOAc and 20 mL water were added, the organic phase was separated. The organic phase was washed with 20 mL water and 20 mL brine then it was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (80 g silicagel column, heptane/EtOAc, gradient elution: 0-60%) to afford compound **26** as an orange solid (1.32 g, 74%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ =8.28 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.21 (s, 2H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 1.53 (s, 9H), 1.51 ppm (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ =165.3, 164.9, 164.7, 146.8, 144.3, 143.8, 140.9, 138.1, 137.6, 136.0, 127.5, 127.0, 121.5, 118.8, 111.3, 106.2, 80.7, 80.2, 52.7, 27.8, 27.8 ppm.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 455.2182; found: 455.2181.

### Methyl 8-amino-4,6-bis[3-(*tert*-butoxycarbonylamino)propyl]quinoline-2-carboxylate (**27a**)



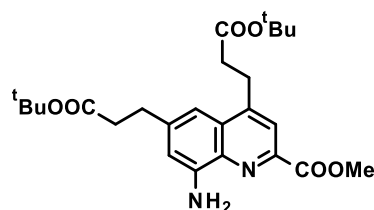
Using **General Procedure A** 90 mg compound **24a** (1.0 equiv., 0.465 mmol), **27a** was obtained as a pale yellow solid (112 mg, 50%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 6.97 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (b s, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.09-2.89 (m, 6H), 2.63 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.83-1.68 (m, 4H), 1.381 (s, 9H), 1.378 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 165.6, 155.7, 155.6, 148.3, 146.5, 144.1, 142.6, 135.6, 128.8, 120.3, 109.9, 108.5, 77.5, 77.4, 52.4, 33.6, 31.1, 29.5, 29.0, 28.3.

HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>8</sub>: 517.3021; found: 517.3022.

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### Methyl 8-amino-4,6-bis(3-*tert*-butoxy-3-oxo-propyl)quinoline-2-carboxylate (27c)



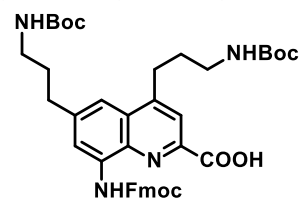
Using **General Procedure A** 1.300 g compound **26** (1.0 equiv., 2.85 mmol), **27c** was obtained as a yellow solid (1.270 g, 97%).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =7.87 (s, 1H), 7.06 (d,  $J$  = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (s, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.25 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.90 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.60 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (s, 9H), 1.36 ppm (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =171.5, 171.2, 165.4, 146.8, 146.5, 143.1, 142.6, 135.5, 128.6, 120.1, 109.9, 108.0, 80.0, 79.7, 52.4,

36.0, 34.1, 31.4, 27.7, 27.6, 26.9 ppm.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{35}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 459.2495; found: 459.2502.

### 4,6-bis[3-(*tert*-butoxycarbonylamino)propyl]-8-(9H-fluoren-9-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)quinoline-2-carboxylic acid (28a)



Using **General Procedure B** 160 mg compound **27a** (1.0 equiv., 0.167 mmol), **28a** was obtained as a pale yellow solid (59 mg, 68%).

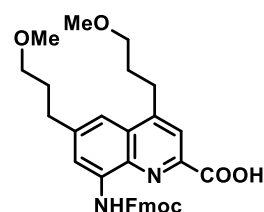
HPLC-UV purity: 98.2%.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 10.22 (s, 1H), 8.24 (s, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.43 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (dt,  $J$  = 1.0, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (t,  $J$  = 5.1 Hz, 1H),

6.92 (t,  $J$  = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 4.41 (t,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.13-2.92 (m, 6H), 2.74 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.86-1.70 (m, 4H), 1.38 (s, 9H), 1.37 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 166.3, 155.7, 155.6, 153.3, 149.4, 143.7, 142.5, 140.8, 135.8, 135.6, 127.9, 127.8, 127.24, 127.15, 126.8, 125.2, 125.1, 120.6, 120.3, 119.9, 116.4, 115.6, 77.50, 77.46, 66.4, 46.6, 33.6, 31.2, 29.7, 29.0, 28.3.

HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  for  $\text{C}_{41}\text{H}_{48}\text{N}_4\text{O}_8$ : 725.3545; found: 726.3546.

### 8-(9H-fluoren-9-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)-4,6-bis(3-methoxypropyl)quinoline-2-carboxylic acid (28b)



Using **General Procedure B** 188 mg compound **methyl 8-amino-4,6-bis(3-methoxypropyl)quinoline-2-carboxylate (27b)** (prepared according to [3], 1.0 equiv., 0.543 mmol), **28b** was obtained as a pale yellow solid (97 mg, 30%).

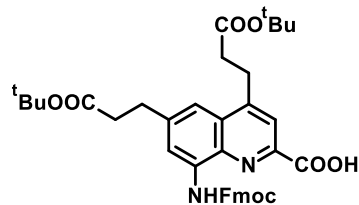
HPLC-UV purity: 93.1%

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 13.53 (b s, 1H), 10.45 (s, 1H), 8.31 (b s, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dd,  $J$  = 0.6, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.63

(d,  $J$  = 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (dt,  $J$  = 1.2, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.60 (d,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 4.45 (t,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (t,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 3.36 (t,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 3.26 (s, 3H), 3.25 (s, 3H), 3.20-3.14 (m, 2H), 2.81 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.97-1.83 (m, 4H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 165.7, 153.5, 143.7, 140.8, 136.1, 135.7, 128.4, 127.8, 127.2, 125.2, 120.3, 117.0, 115.6, 71.0, 70.9, 66.4, 57.9, 46.6, 32.8, 30.7, 29.4, 28.3.

HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  for  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{34}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6$ : 555.2490; found: 555.2495.

### 4,6-bis(3-*tert*-butoxy-3-oxo-propyl)-8-(9H-fluoren-9-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)quinoline-2-carboxylic acid (28c)



Using **General Procedure B** 1.240 g compound **27c** (1.0 equiv., 2.70 mmol), **28c** (1.300 g, 72%) was obtained as pale yellow solid.

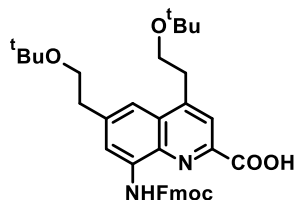
HPLC-UV purity: 99.9%.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =13.53 (br s, 1H), 10.30 (br s, 1H), 8.25 (br s, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.43 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (td,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz,  $J$  = 1.1 Hz, 2H), 4.60 (d,  $J$  = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 4.44 (t,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.00 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.70 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz,

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2H), 2.62 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 1.36 (s, 9H), 1.35 ppm (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =171.3, 171.1, 166.1, 153.3, 148.1, 146.3, 143.7, 141.8, 140.7, 135.9, 135.6, 127.8, 127.7, 127.2, 125.1, 120.3, 120.2, 116.5, 115.3, 80.0, 79.8, 66.4, 46.5, 35.9, 34.2, 31.4, 27.7, 27.6, 26.9 ppm.  
HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{43}\text{N}_2\text{O}_8$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 667.3019; found: 667.3003.

### 4,6-bis(2-*tert*-butoxyethyl)-8-(9*H*-fluoren-9-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)quinoline-2-carboxylic acid (28d)



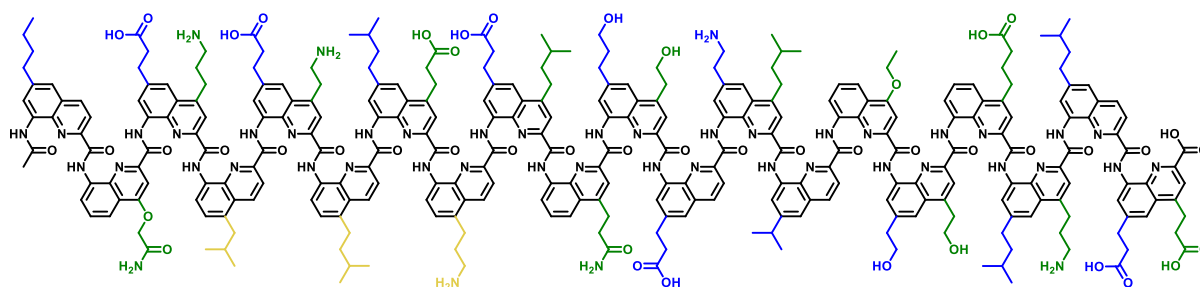
Using **General Procedure B** 624 mg **22b** (1.0 equiv., 1.25 mmol), **4,6-bis(2-*tert*-butoxyethyl)-8-(9*H*-fluoren-9-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)quinoline-2-carboxylic acid (28d)** (380 mg, 50%) was obtained as pale yellow solid.

HPLC-UV purity: 99.9%.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =13.51 (br s, 1H), 10.45 (br s, 1H), 8.35 (br s, 1H), 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.44 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.36 (td,  $J = 7.4$  Hz,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 2H), 4.60 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 2H), 4.45 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.69 (t,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 2H), 3.60 (t,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 2H), 3.30 (t,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 2H), 2.92 (t,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 2H), 1.09 (s, 9H), 1.06 ppm (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =165.6, 153.5, 148.0, 143.9, 143.7, 141.1, 140.8, 135.7, 135.6, 128.6, 127.8, 127.2, 125.1, 120.9, 120.3, 117.5, 116.6, 72.5, 72.3, 66.3, 61.6, 60.4, 46.6, 37.5, 32.8, 27.3, 27.2 ppm.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{43}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 611.3121; found: 611.3098.

### Oligomer 29



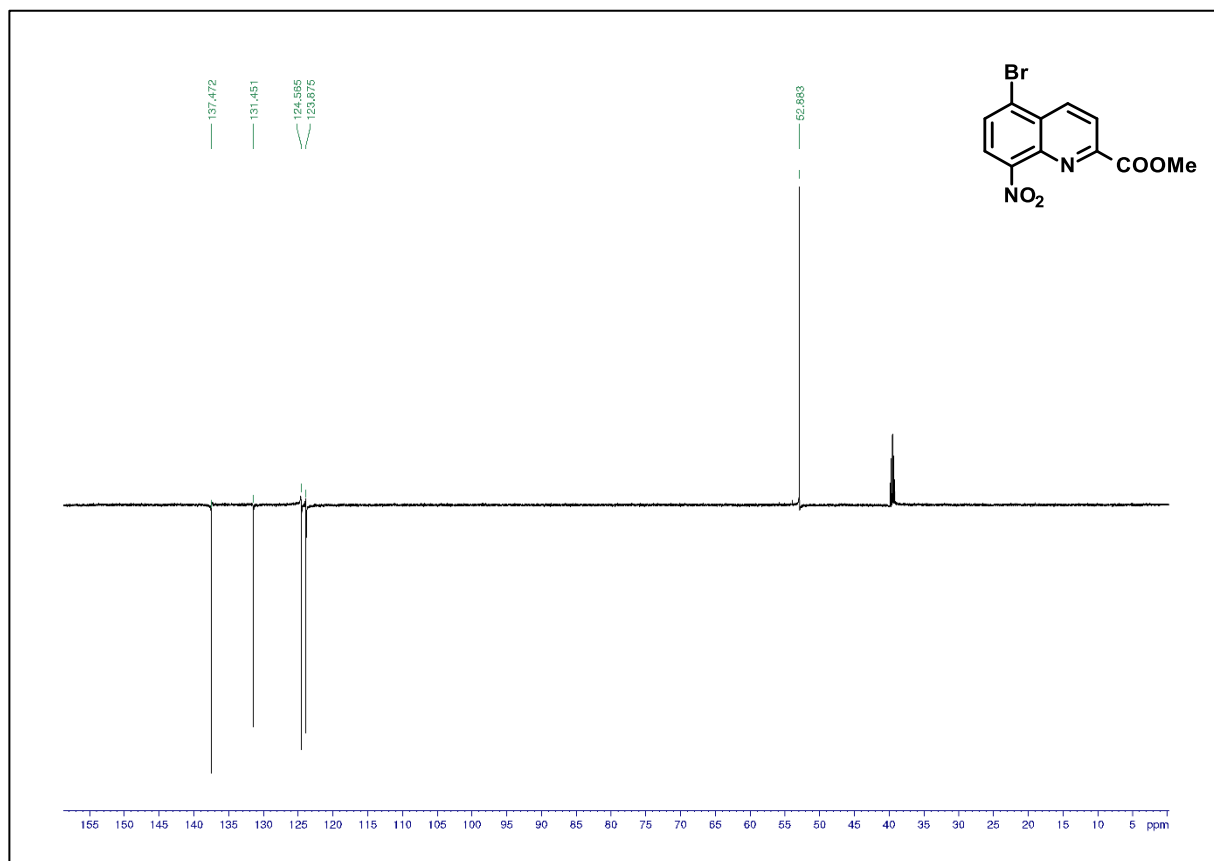
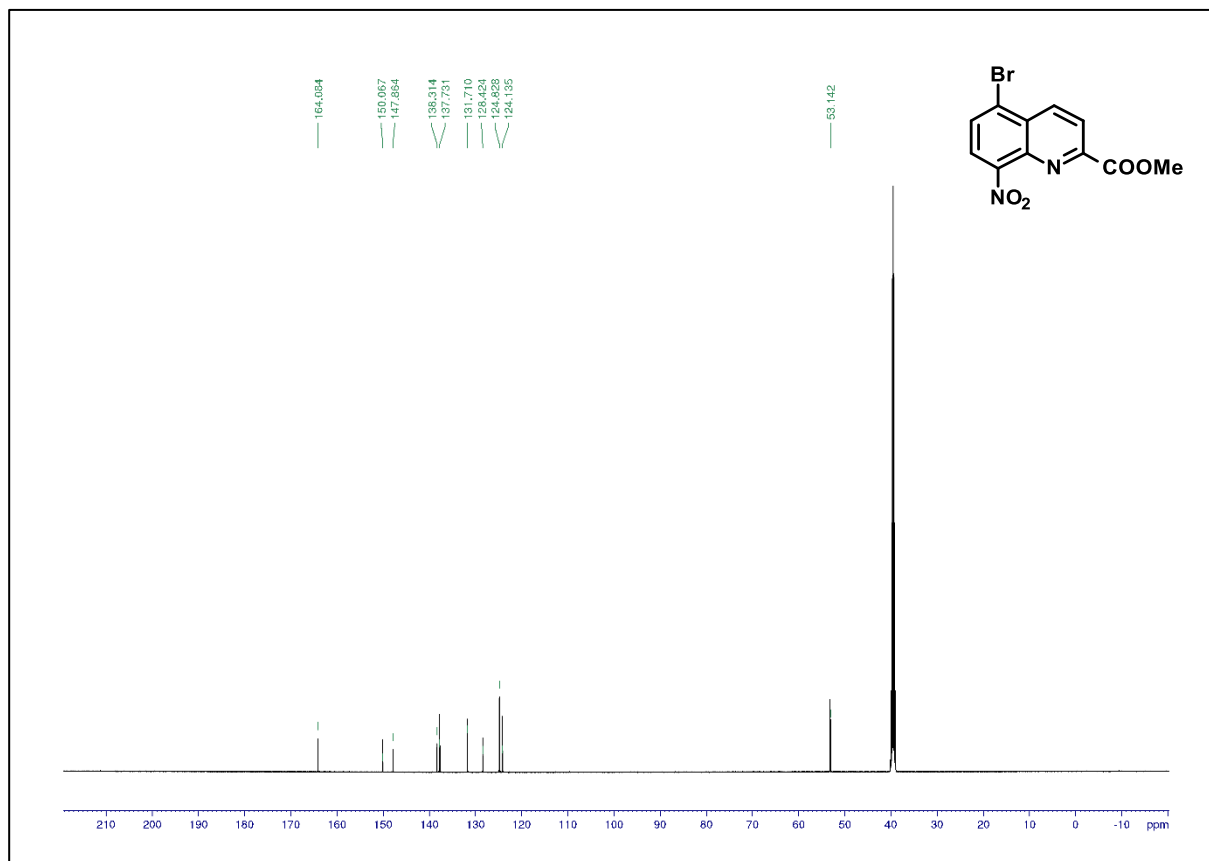
Oligomer **29** was synthesized on TG-R Wang resin (0.19mmol.g $^{-1}$ , 15 $\mu\text{mol}$  scale) according to the standard method [4]. Loading of the first monomer: **28c** 0.16mmol.g $^{-1}$  (85%). Unreacted amines were capped using Ac $_2$ O/DCM (1:1) for 2h at room temperature. The final acetyl group was added using the general acetylation method [5]. After purification by semi-preparative HPLC (C8, 20-80B, 50°C, A: H $_2$ O+0.1% TFA, B: MeCN+0.1% TFA), the title compound was obtained as a yellow powder (8.1 mg, 1.54 $\mu\text{mol}$ , 10.3%; HPLC purity >95%).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $d_7$ -DMF):  $\delta$  = 12.58 (s, 14H), 11.77 (s, 2H), 11.08 (s, 1H), 11.01 (s, 1H), 10.81 (s, 1H), 10.56 (s, 2H), 10.45 (s, 1H), 10.33 (s, 2H), 10.21 (s, 1H), 10.04 (d,  $J = 15.8$  Hz, 2H), 9.95 (d,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 5H), 9.84 (s, 1H), 9.65 (s, 1H), 9.41 (s, 1H), 8.57 (s, 8H), 8.42 (s, 11H), 8.36 (s, 1H), 8.27 (s, 5H), 7.93 (d,  $J = 3.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.87 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.81 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.79 – 7.69 (m, 5H), 7.61 (t,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 5H), 7.48 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 3H), 7.46 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.30 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 7.15 (d,  $J = 5.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.12 (t,  $J = 3.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 6.98 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 4H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 6.91 (s, 3H), 6.90 – 6.88 (m, 1H), 6.87 (d,  $J = 2.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d,  $J = 4.9$  Hz, 4H), 6.82 (s, 2H), 6.80 (d,  $J = 4.7$  Hz, 2H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 6.75 (t,  $J = 3.7$  Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 6.49 (s, 1H), 6.46 (s, 1H), 6.45 (s, 1H), 6.40 (t,  $J = 3.8$  Hz, 3H), 6.34 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.31 (s, 1H), 6.26 (s, 1H), 6.22 (s, 1H), 6.19 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.16 (d,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.04 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 5.97 (s, 1H), 5.73 (s, 1H), 4.93 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz, 2H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 4.45 (s, 1H), 4.39 (s, 1H), 4.09 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 2H), 3.74 (s, 2H), 3.31 (s, 5H), 3.25 (s, 6H), 3.12 (s, 4H), 2.99 (s, 1H), 2.67 – 2.49 (m, 36H), 2.45 – 2.34 (m, 3H), 2.15 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.12 – 1.96 (m, 2H), 1.89 – 1.67 (m, 5H), 1.54 (dt,  $J = 21.5, 6.7$  Hz, 4H), 1.44 (s, 1H), 1.36 (t,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 5H), 1.32 (d,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, 1H), 1.28 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 13H), 1.21 – 1.11 (m, 41H), 1.11 – 1.03 (m, 19H), 0.88 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 0.79 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 4H).

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{297}\text{H}_{301}\text{N}_{47}\text{O}_{46}$   $[\text{M}+3\text{H}]^{3+}$ : 1755.7656; found: 1755.8044.

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### 3.3 NMR data of newly synthesized compounds





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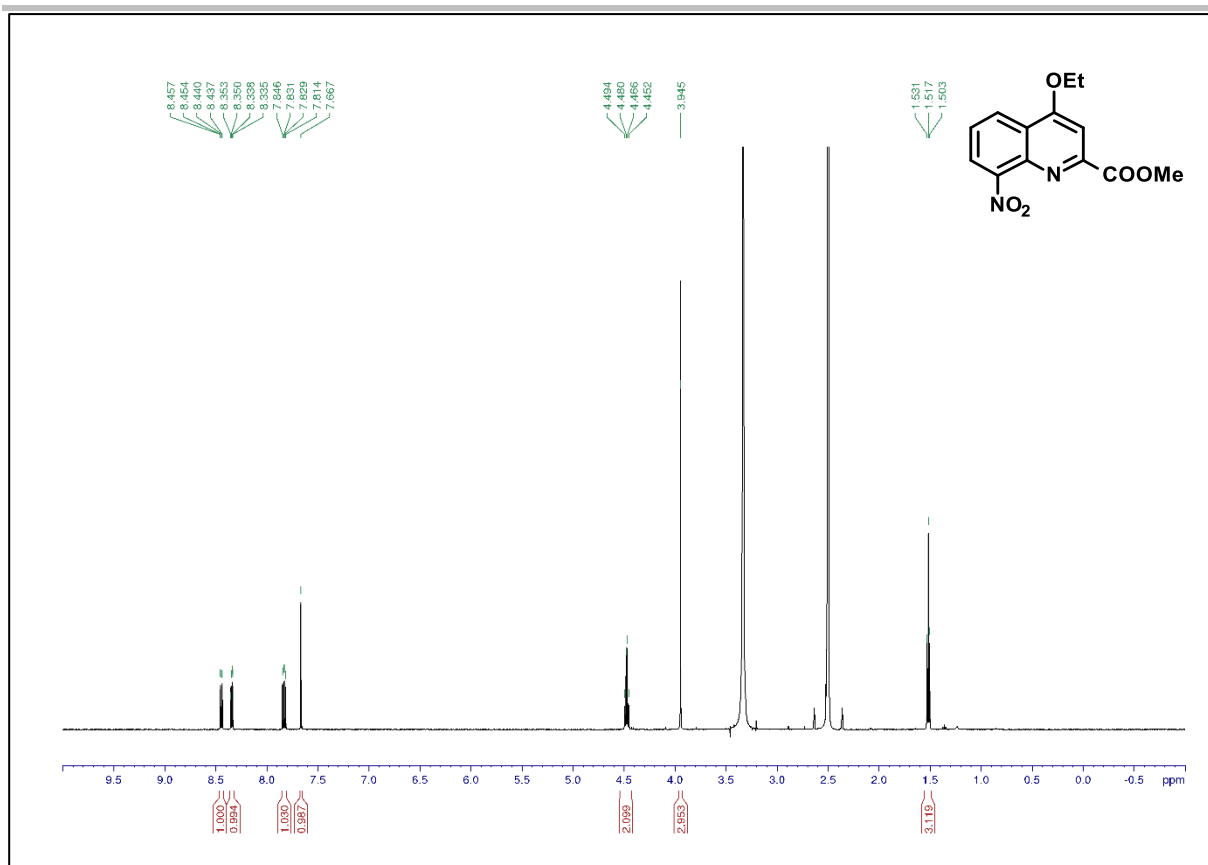


Figure S3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 5a.

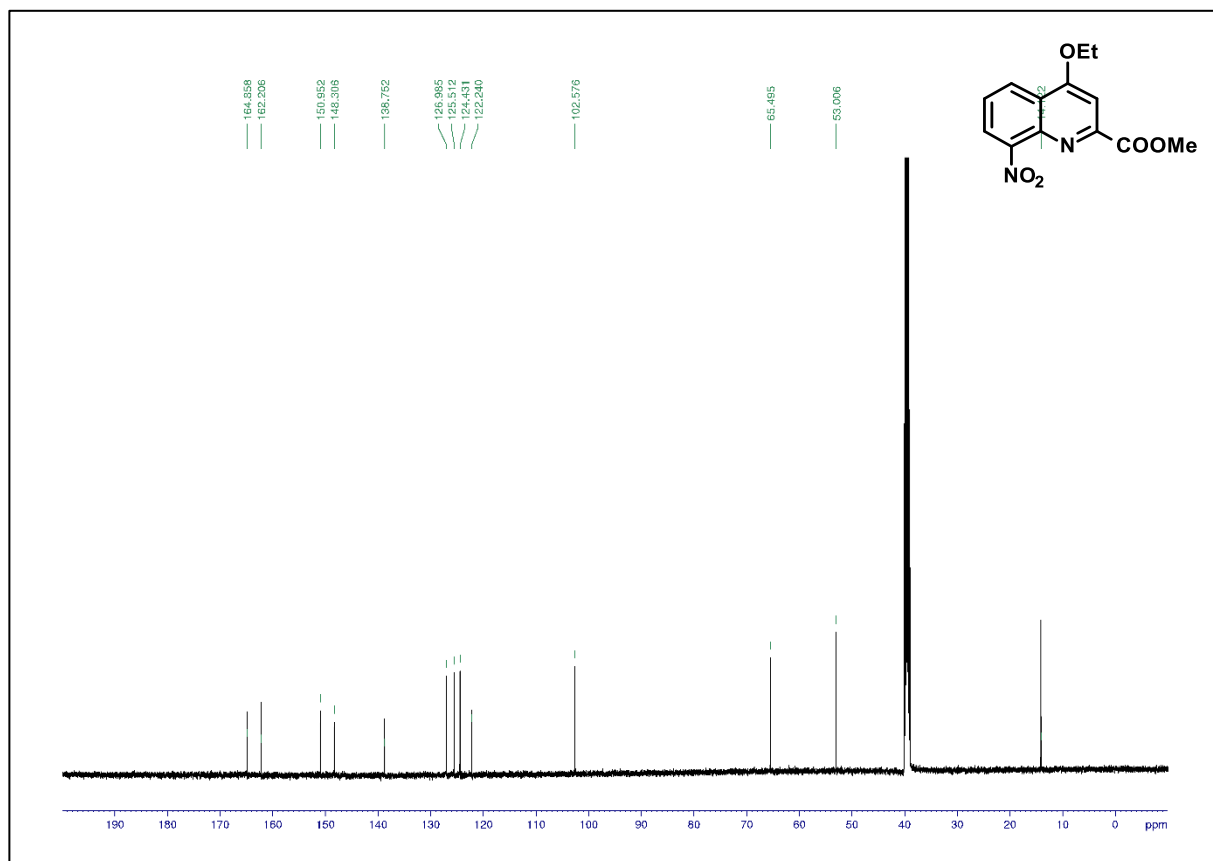
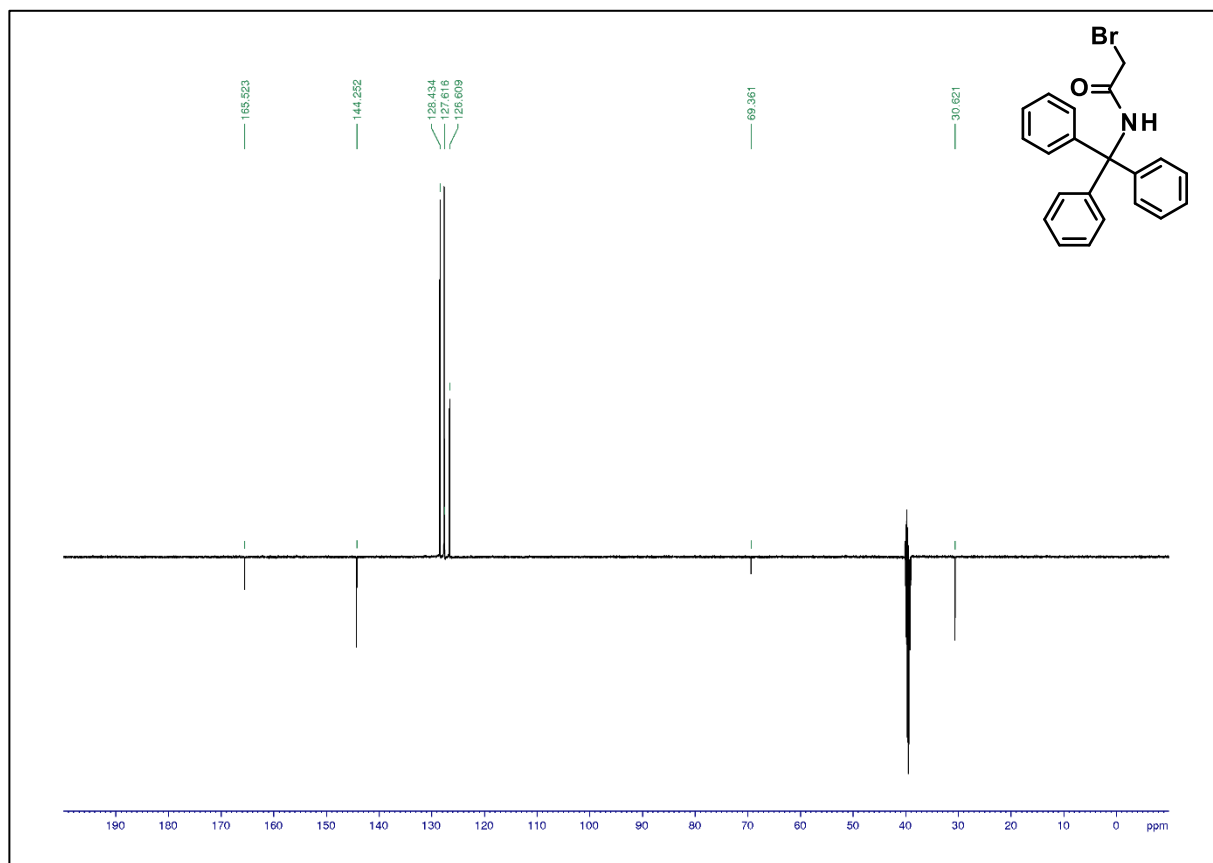
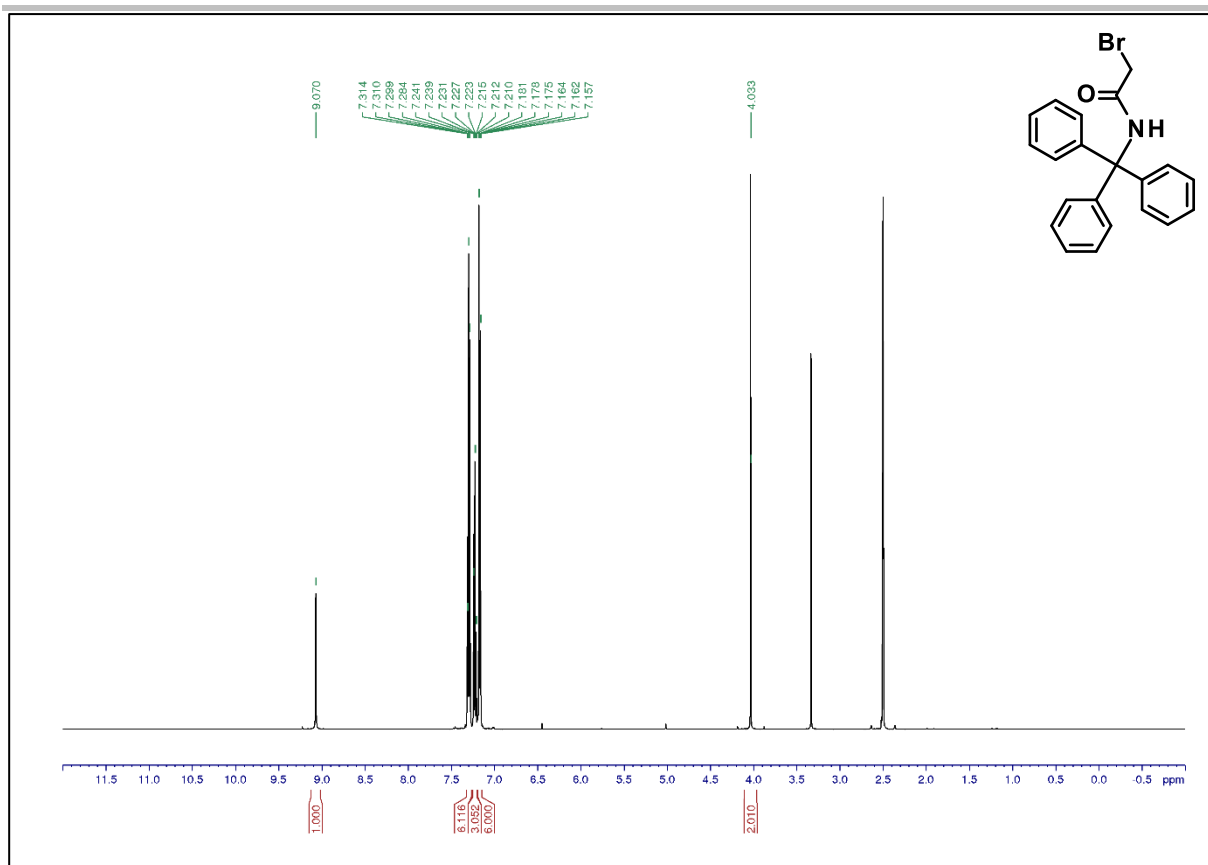


Figure S4. <sup>13</sup>C(<sup>1</sup>H) NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 5a.

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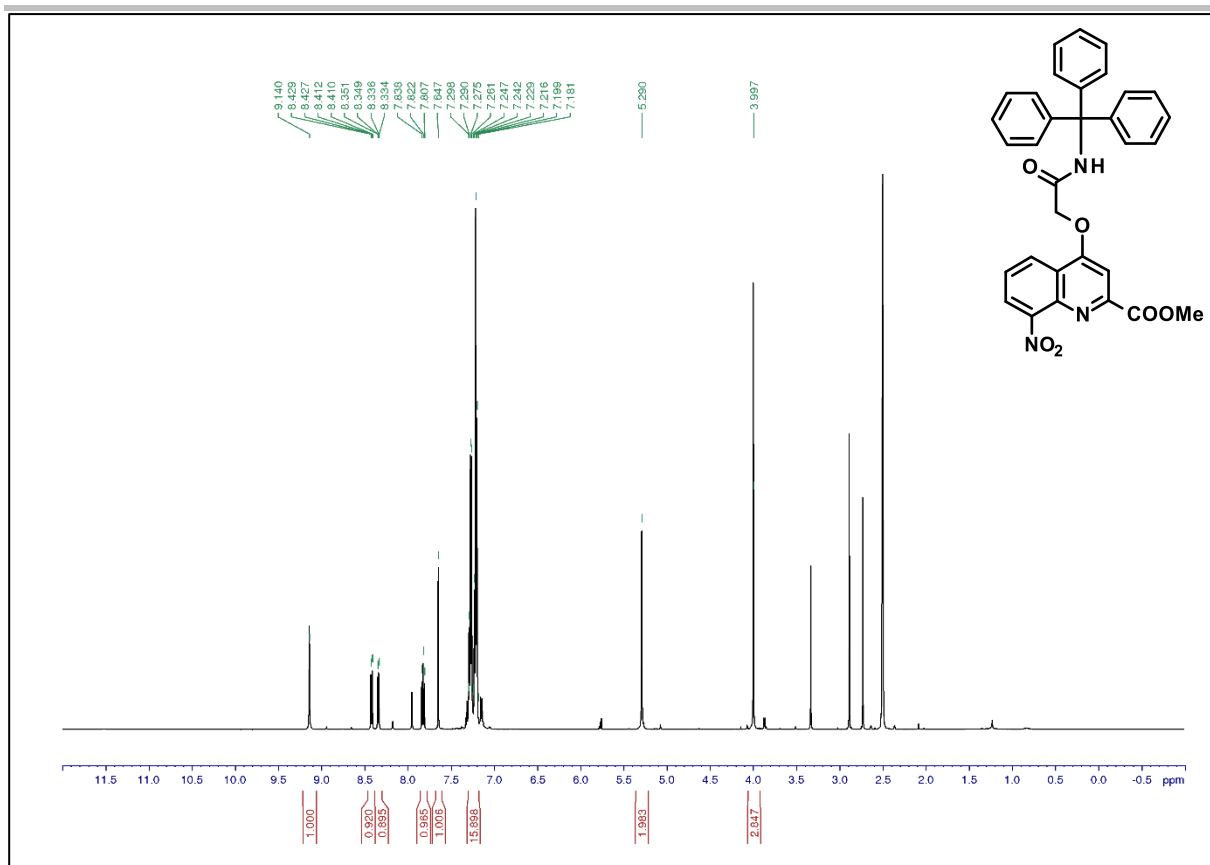


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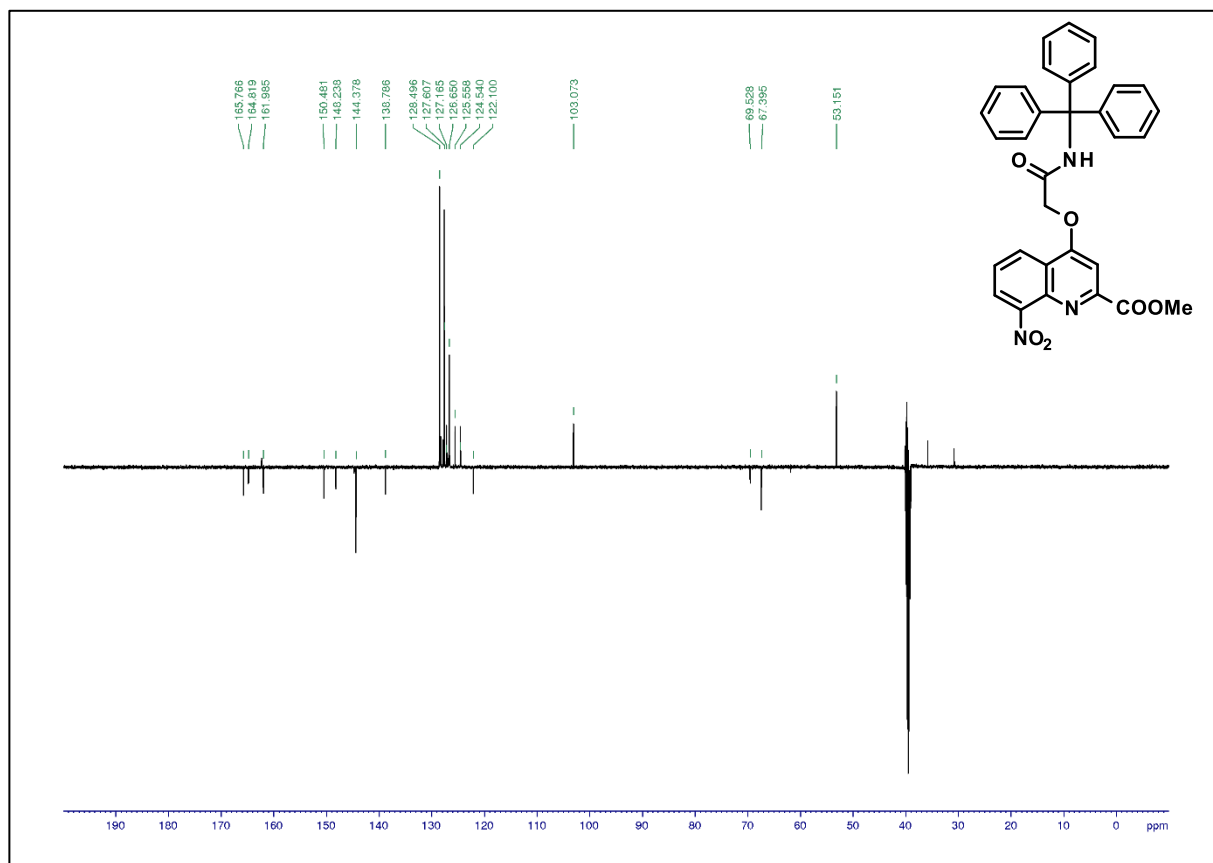
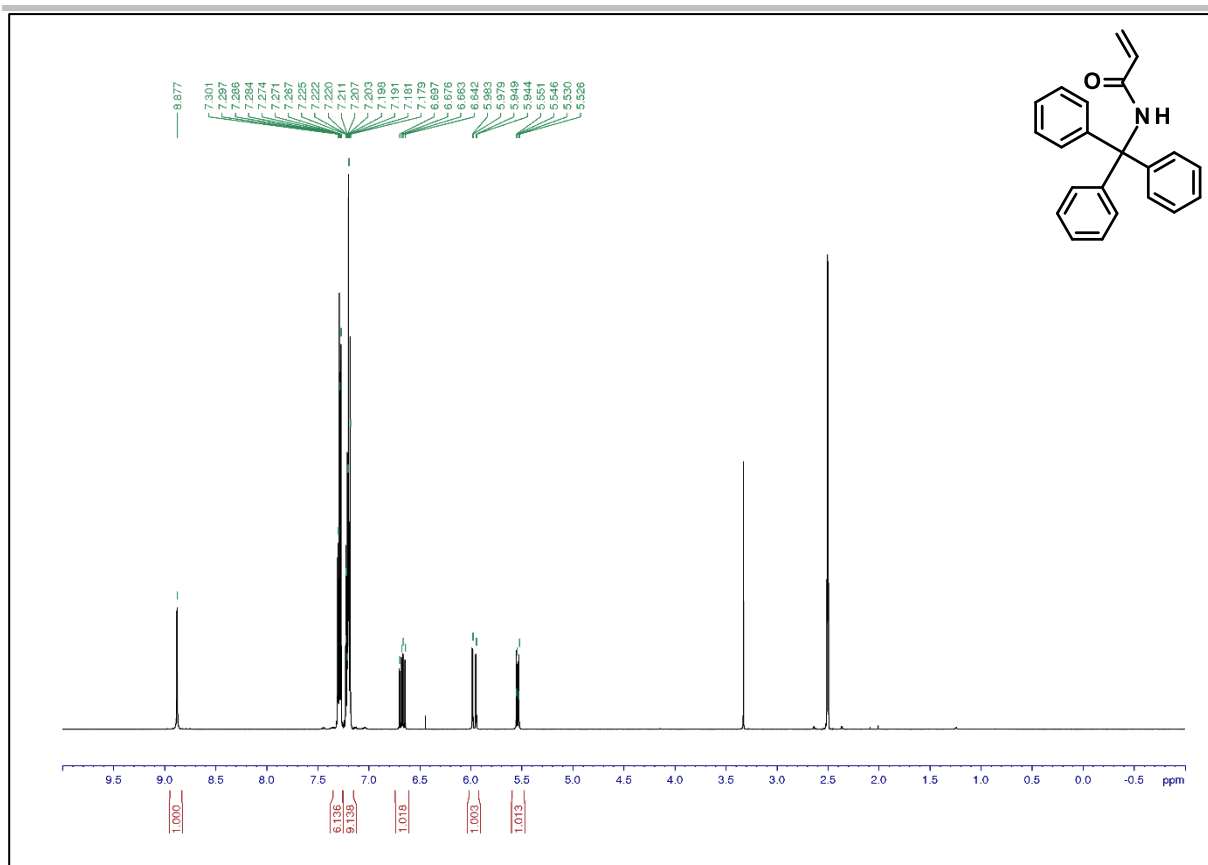
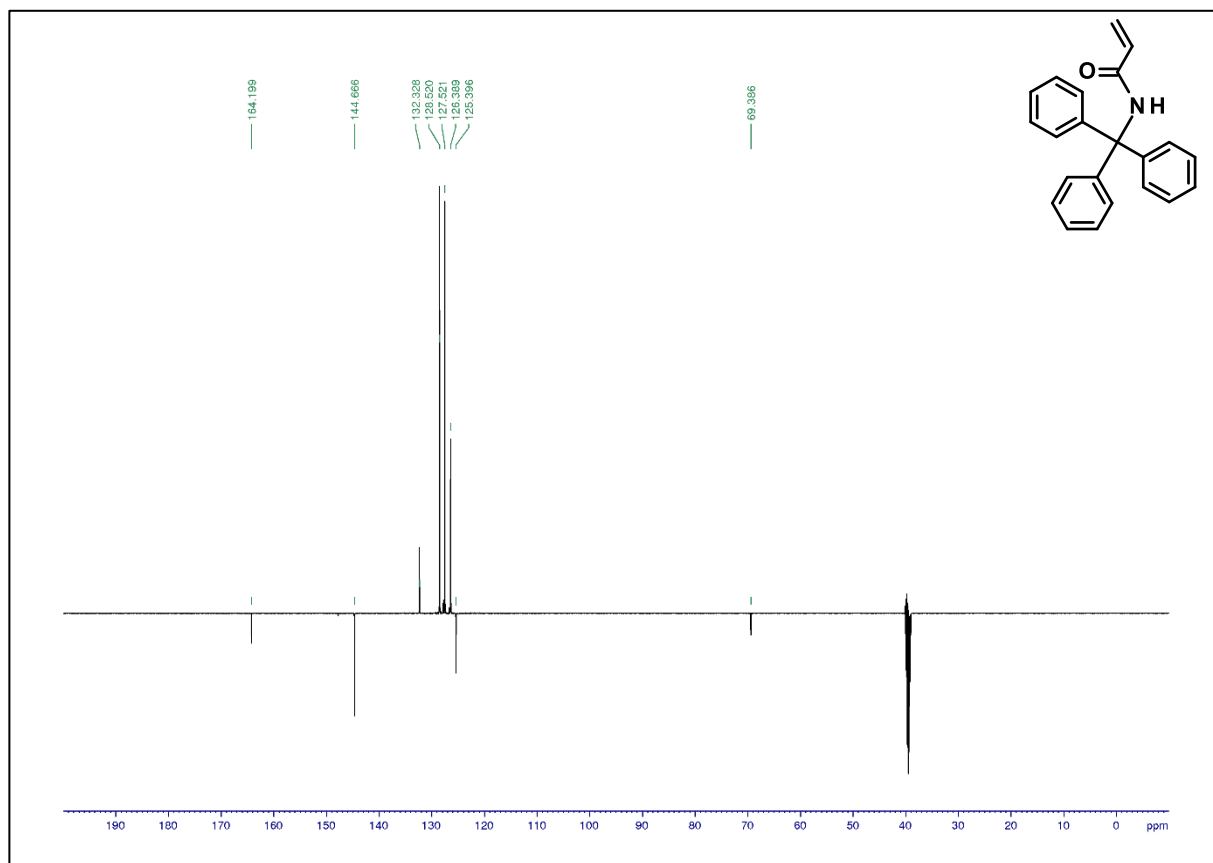


Figure S8. <sup>13</sup>C(<sup>1</sup>H) NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 5b.

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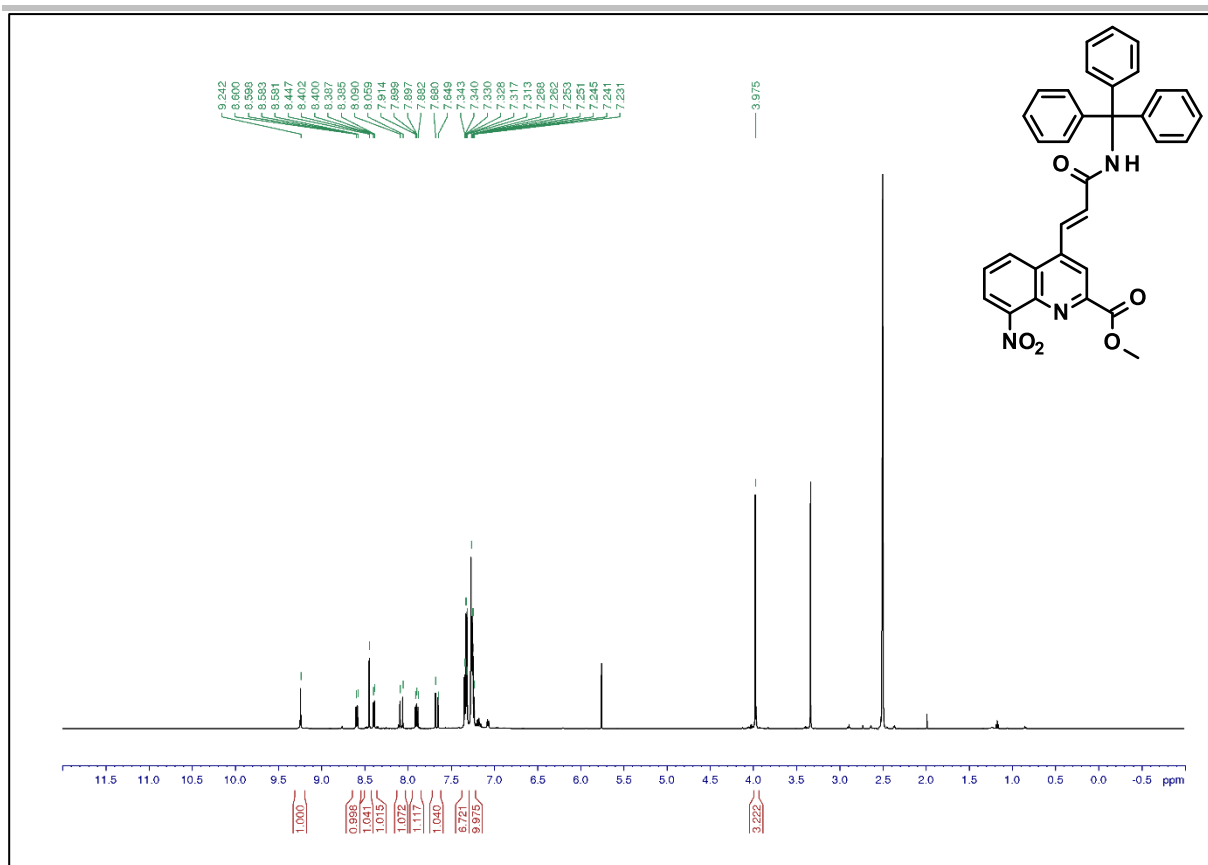


**Figure S9.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound S2.

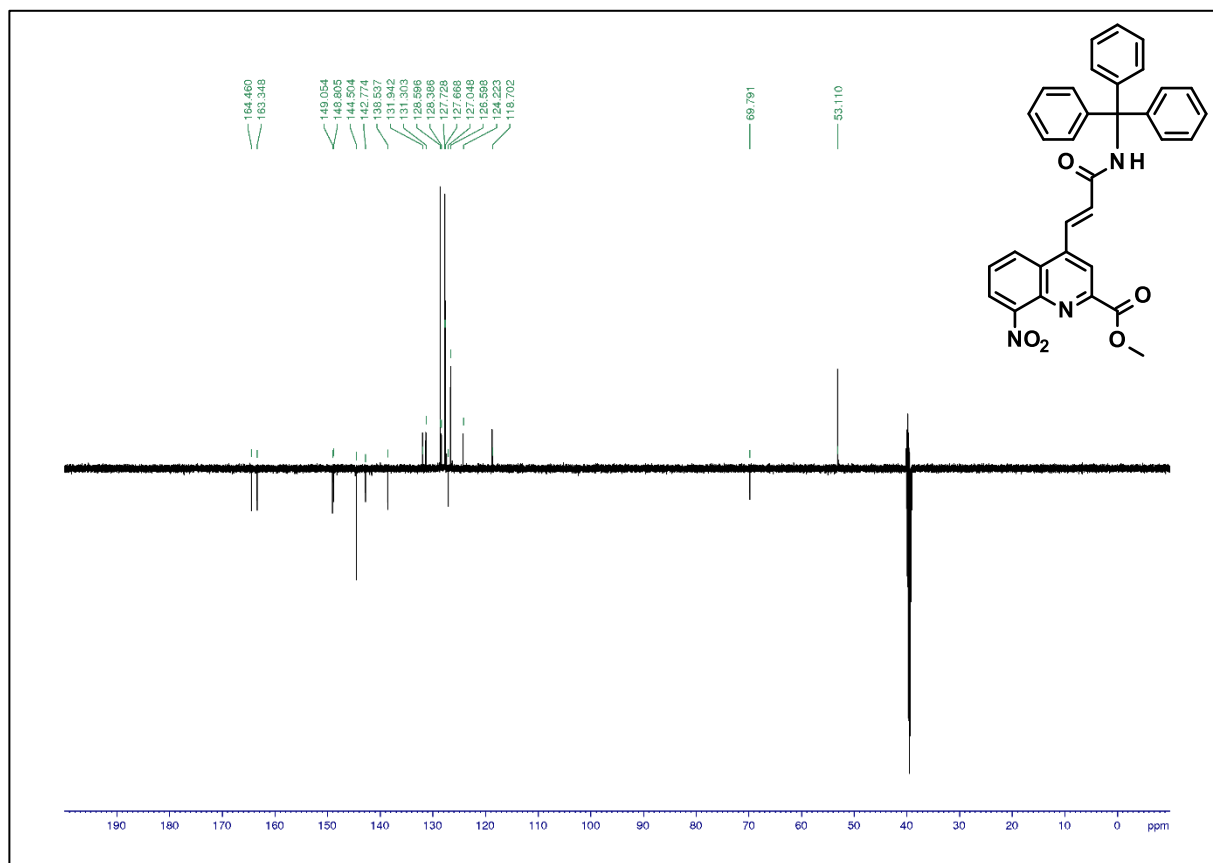


**Figure S10.** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound S2.

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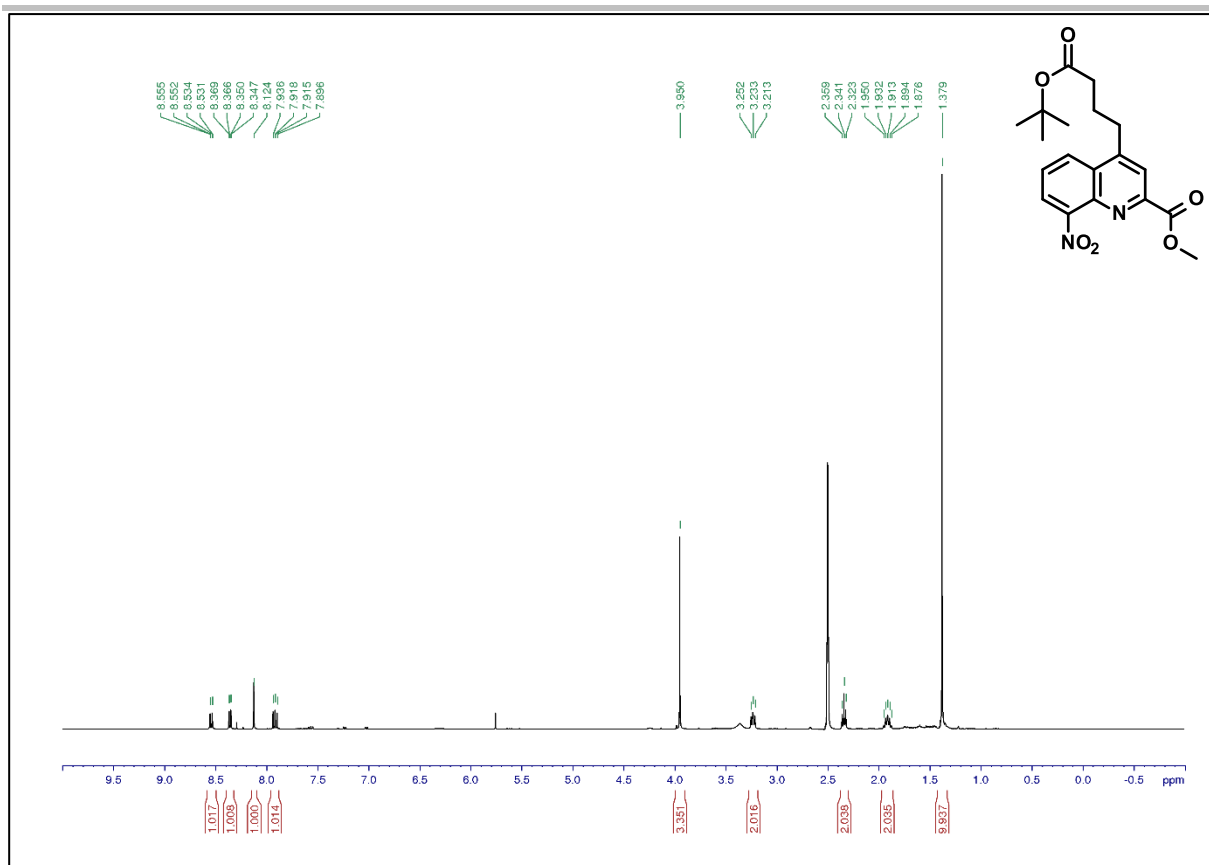


**Figure S11.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound **5c**.

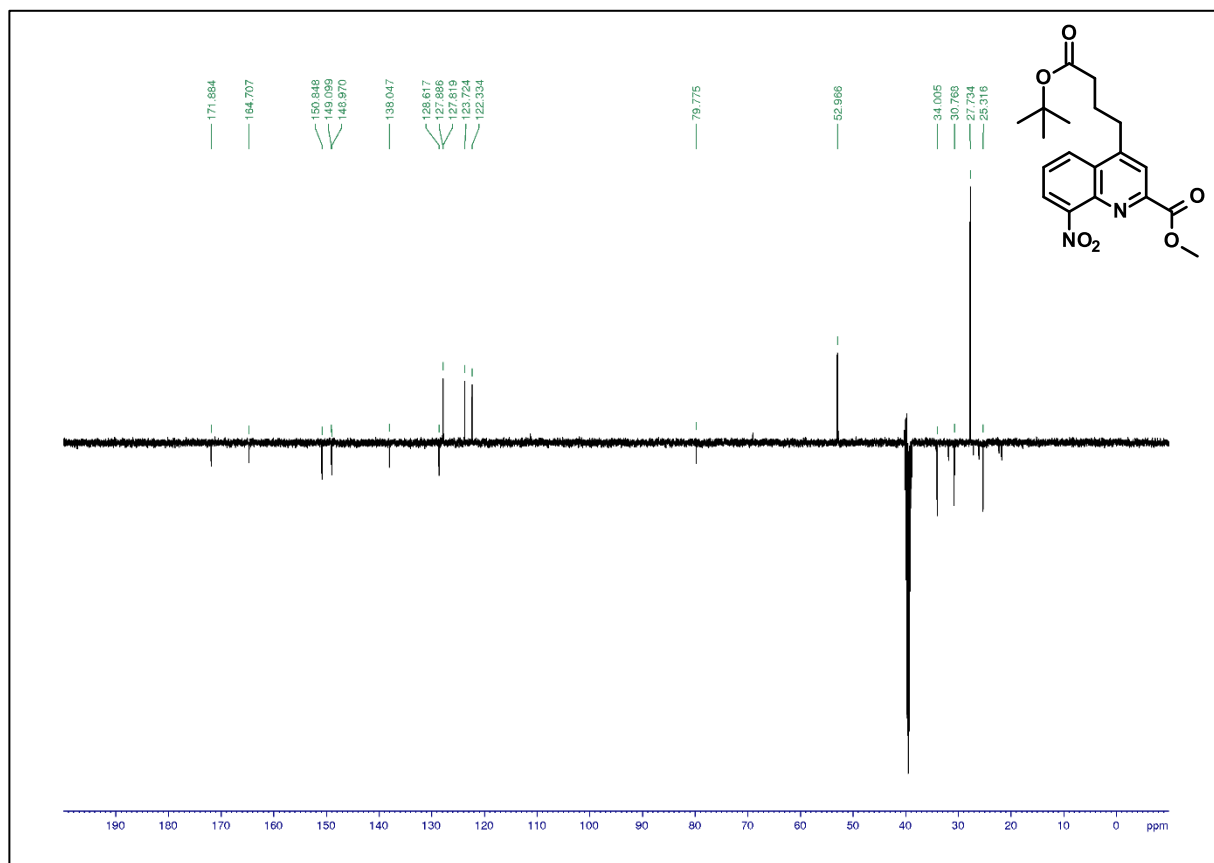


**Figure S12.** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound **5c**.

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**Figure S13.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound **5d**.



**Figure S14.** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound **5d**.

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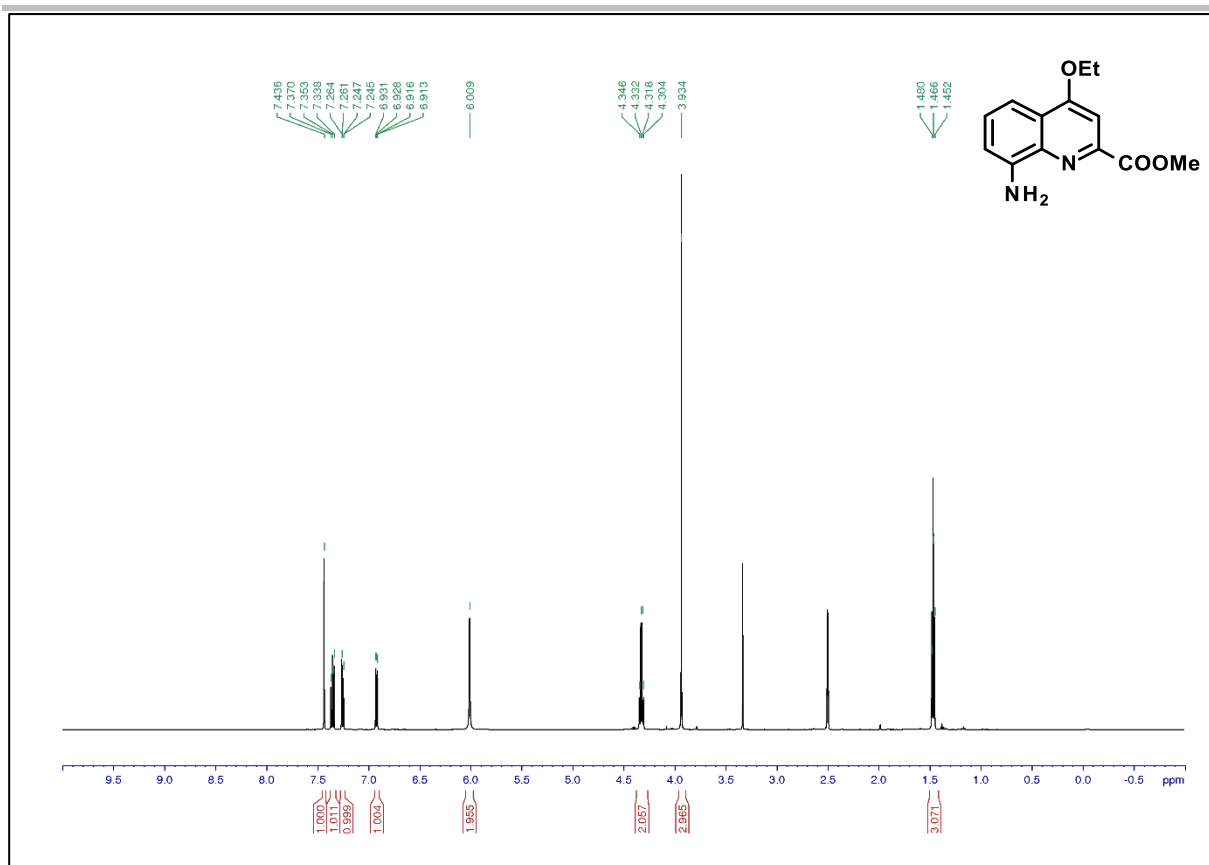


Figure S15. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound **6a**.

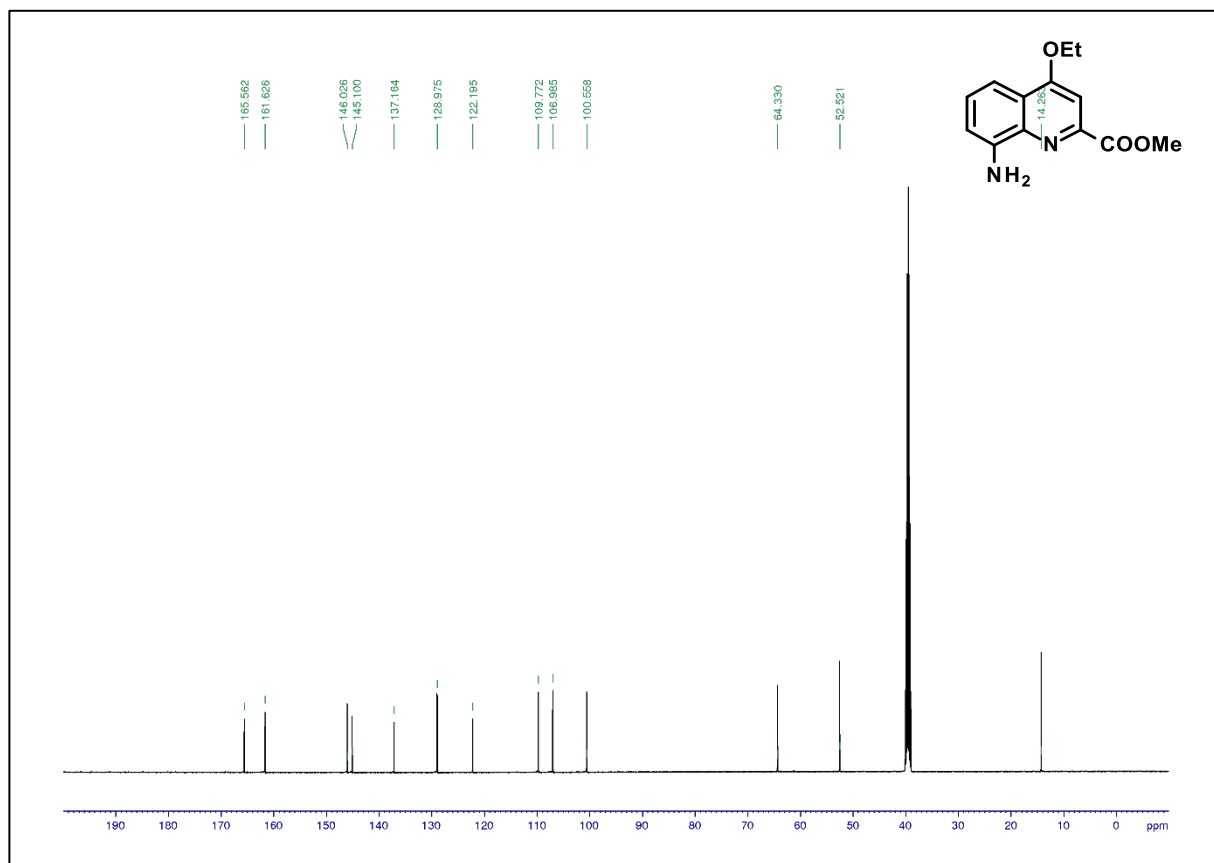


Figure S16. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound **6a**.

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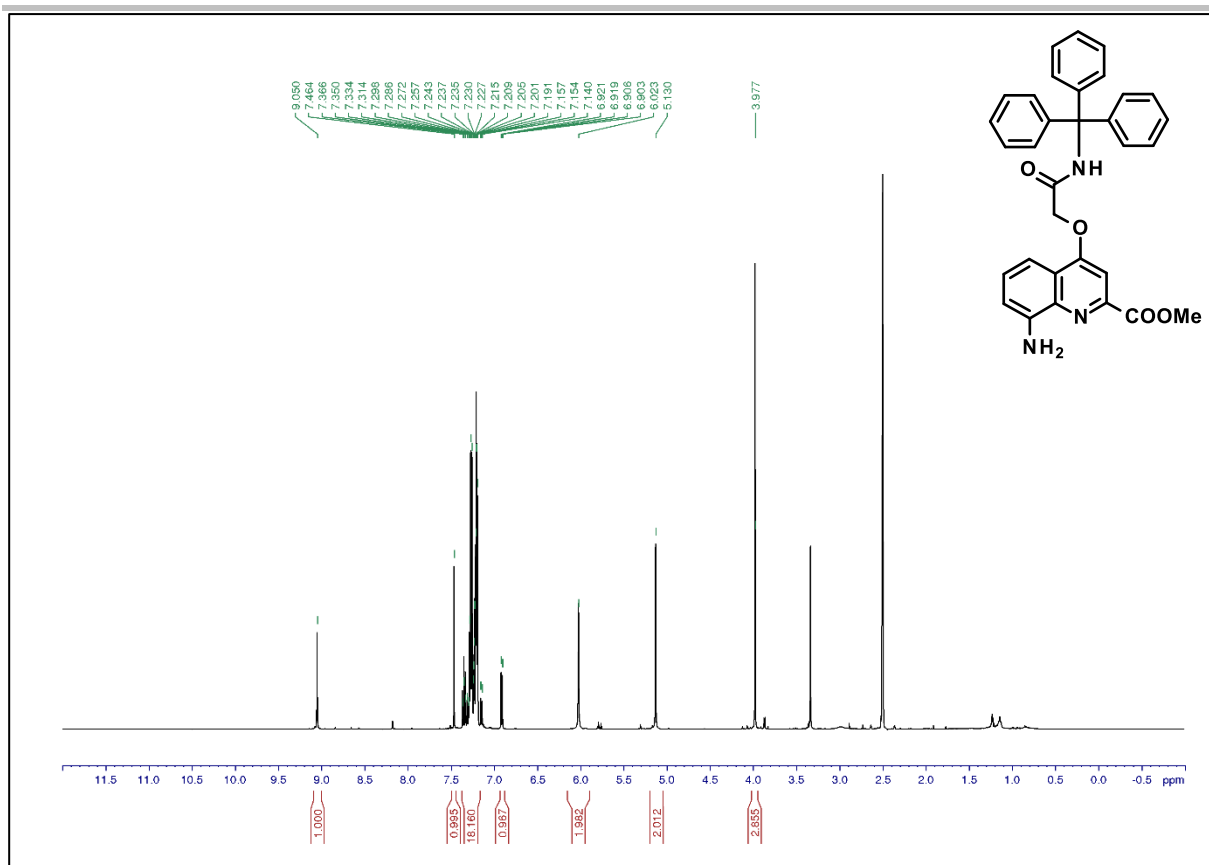


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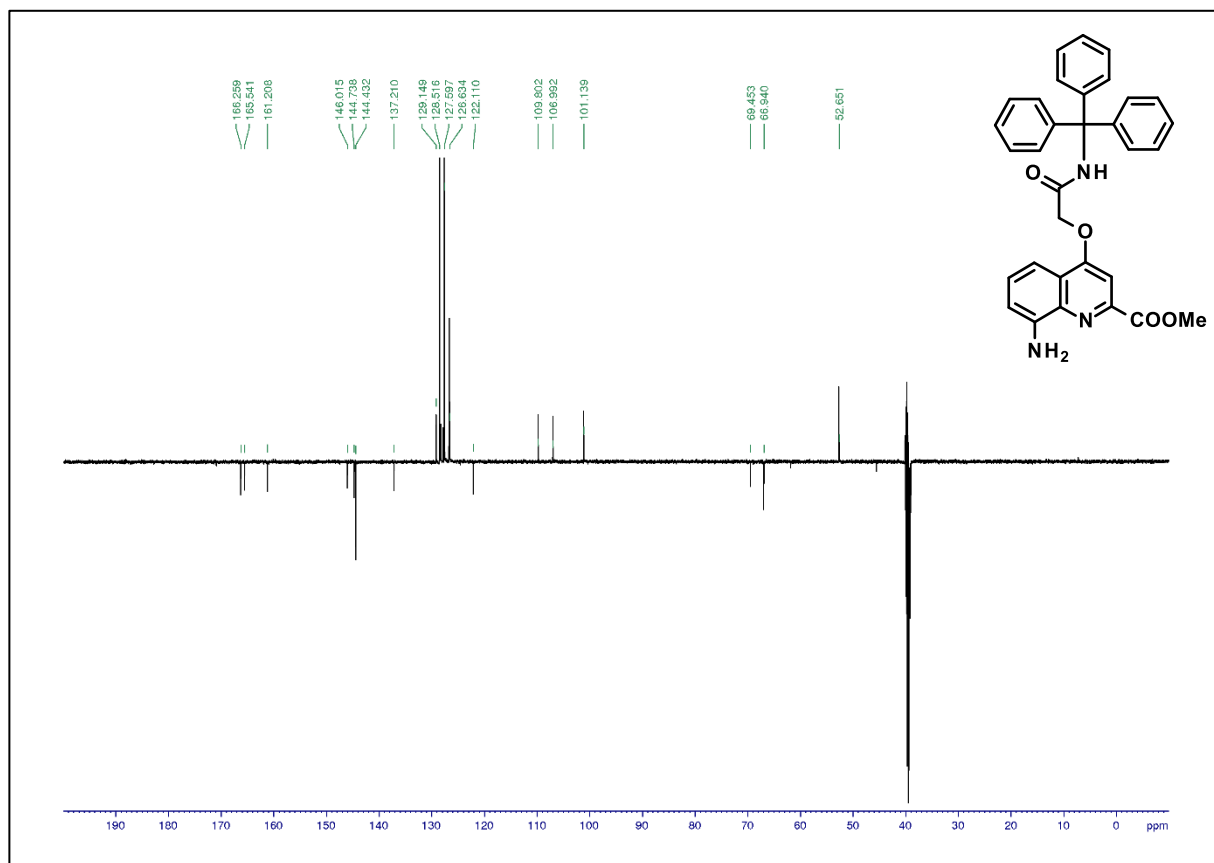


Figure S18. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 6b.



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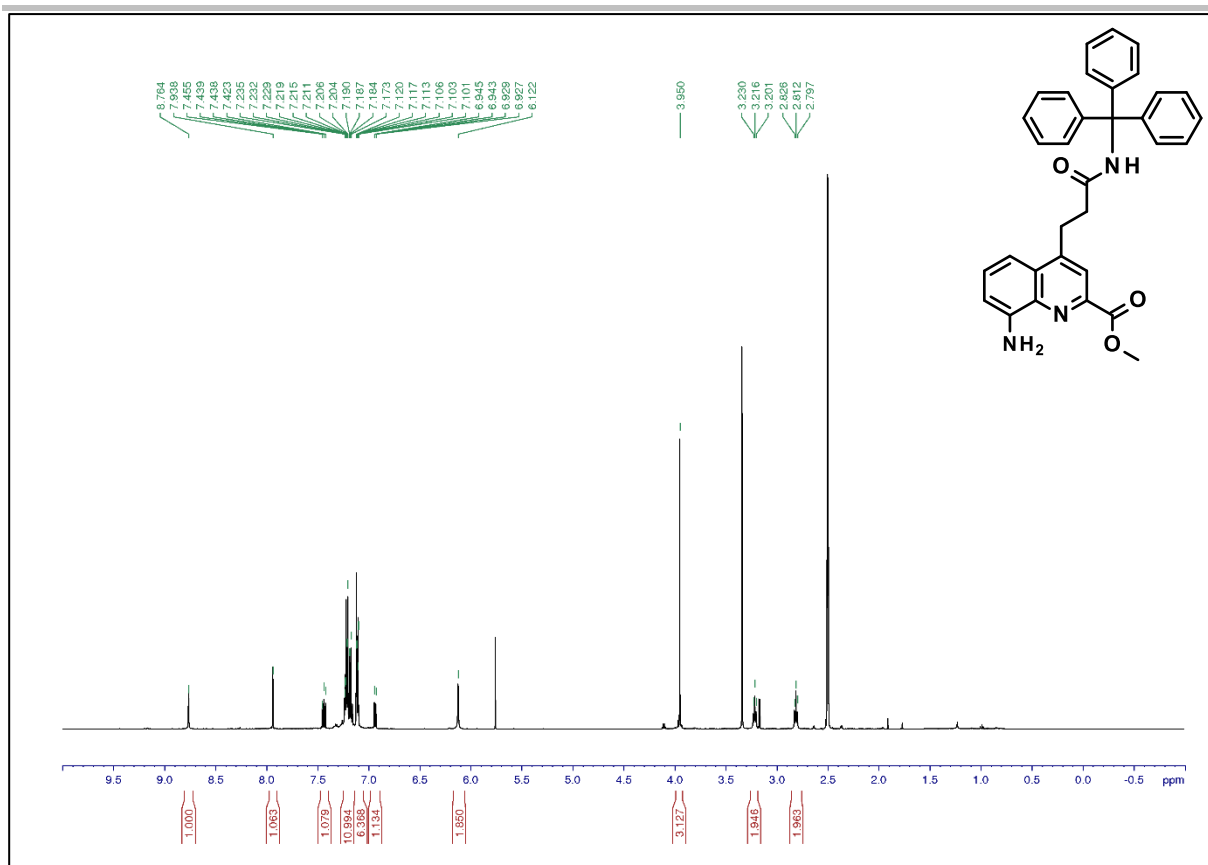


Figure S19. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 6c.

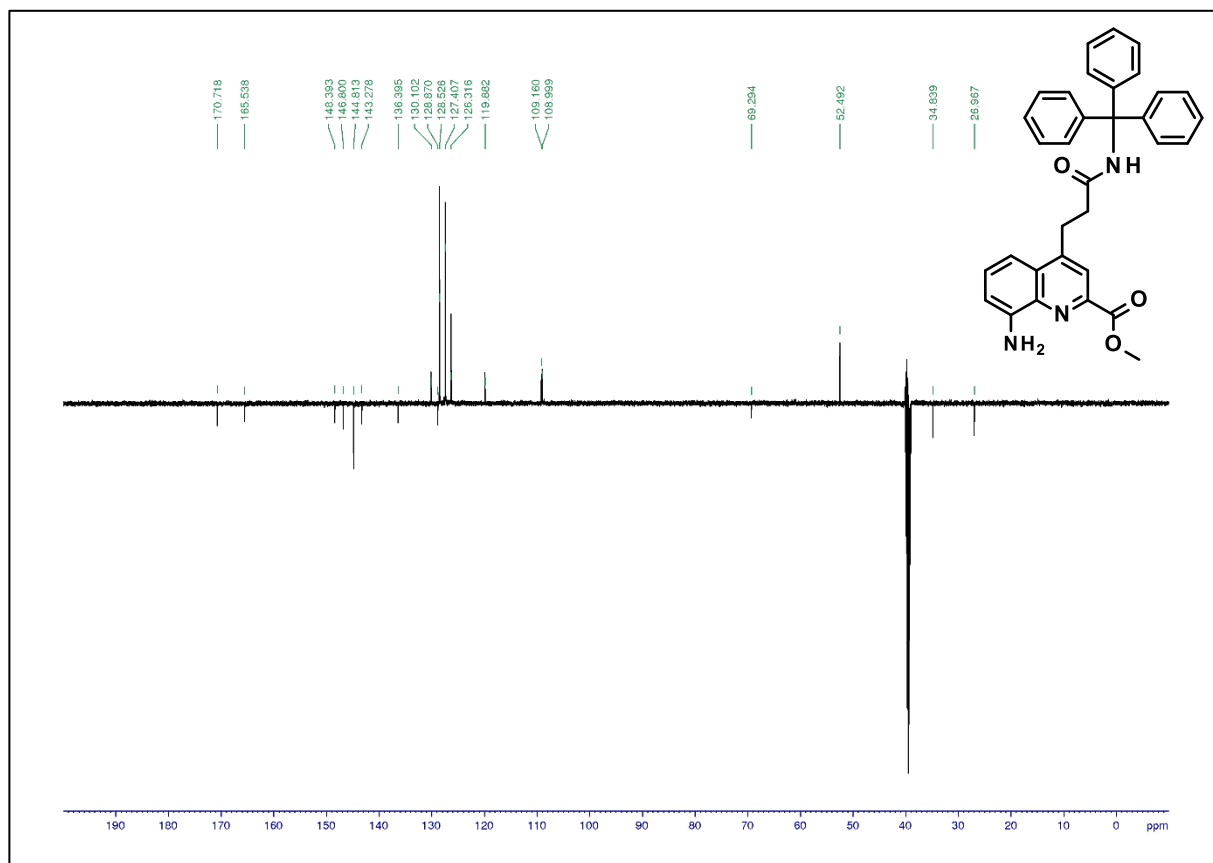


Figure S20. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 6c.

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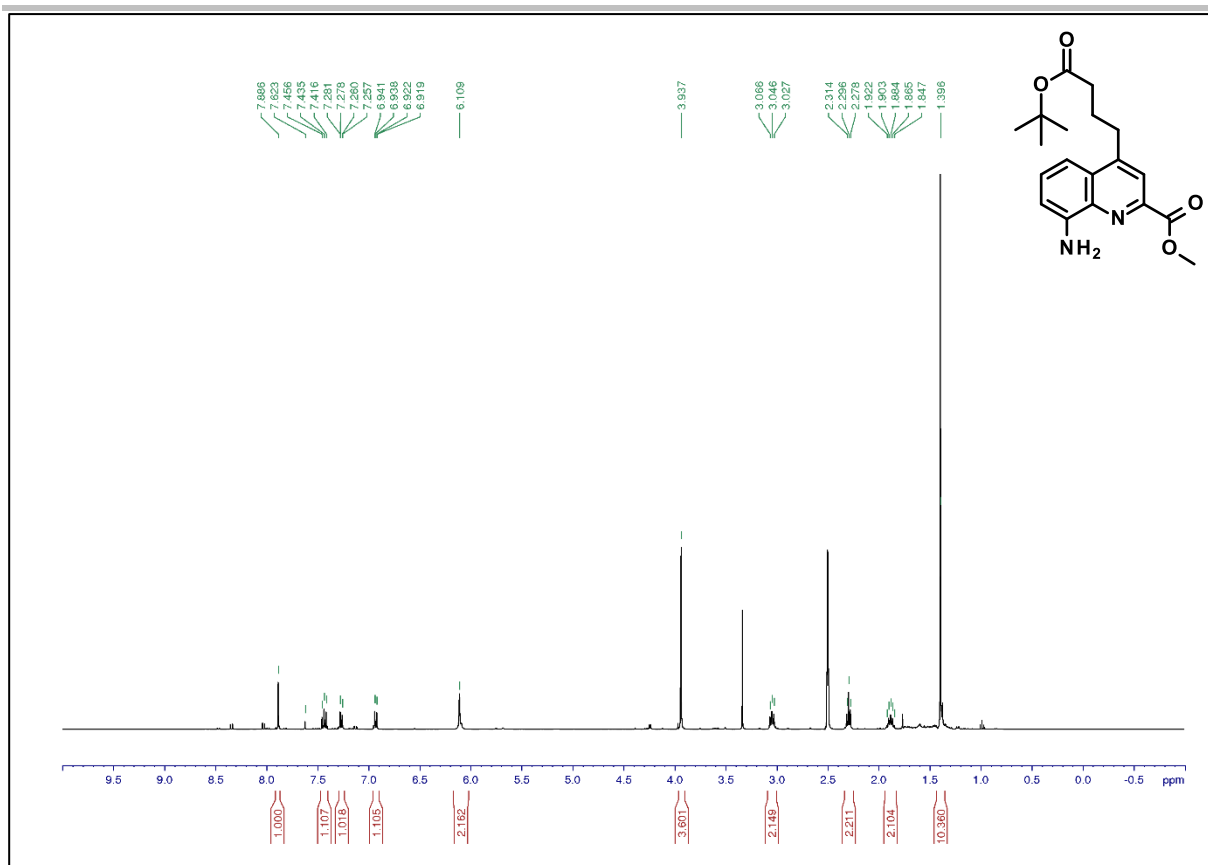


Figure S22. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 6d.

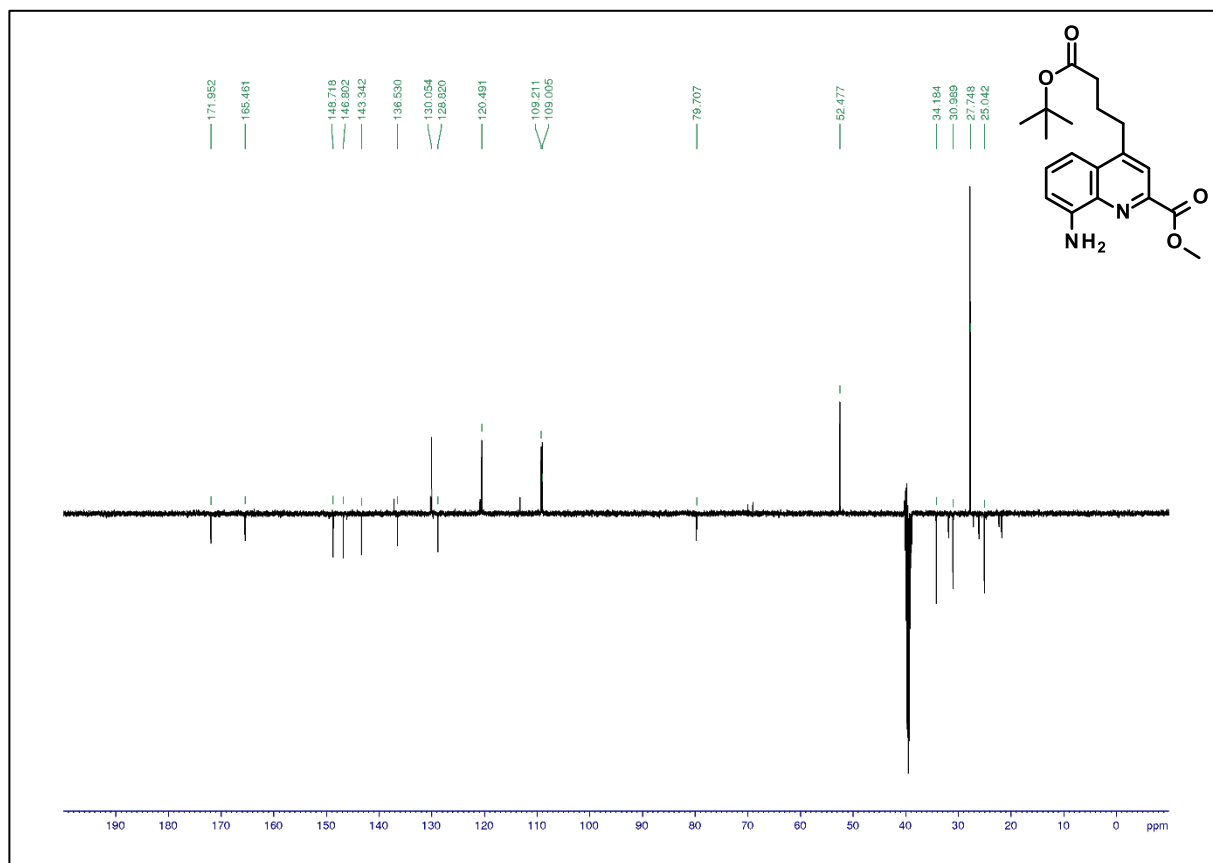


Figure S22. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 6d.

**Chemical Structure of 10:** CCOC1=CC=C2C(=C1)N=C(C(=O)O)C=C2C3=CC=CC=C3C(=O)OC4=CC=CC=C4

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**

- Chemical Shifts (ppm):** 1.52, 1.50, 1.49, 4.62, 4.61, 4.56, 4.45, 4.44, 4.42, 4.41, 7.35, 7.36, 7.37, 7.38, 7.42, 7.43, 7.44, 7.45, 7.46, 7.47, 7.50, 7.51, 7.52, 7.53, 7.54, 7.55, 7.56, 7.57, 7.58, 7.59, 7.60, 7.61, 7.62, 7.63, 7.64, 7.65, 7.66, 7.67, 7.68, 7.69, 7.70, 7.71, 7.72, 7.73, 7.74, 7.75, 7.76, 7.77, 7.78, 7.79, 7.80, 7.81, 7.82, 7.83, 7.84, 7.85, 7.86, 7.87, 7.88, 7.89, 7.90, 7.91, 7.92, 7.93, 7.94, 7.95, 7.96, 7.97, 7.98, 7.99, 8.00, 8.01, 8.02, 8.03, 8.04, 8.05, 8.06, 8.07, 8.08, 8.09, 8.10, 8.11, 8.12, 8.13, 8.14, 8.15, 8.16, 8.17, 8.18, 8.19, 8.20, 8.21, 8.22, 8.23, 8.24, 8.25, 8.26, 8.27, 8.28, 8.29, 8.30, 8.31, 8.32, 8.33, 8.34, 8.35, 8.36, 8.37, 8.38, 8.39, 8.40, 8.41, 8.42, 8.43, 8.44, 8.45, 8.46, 8.47, 8.48, 8.49, 8.50, 8.51, 8.52, 8.53, 8.54, 8.55, 8.56, 8.57, 8.58, 8.59, 8.60, 8.61, 8.62, 8.63, 8.64, 8.65, 8.66, 8.67, 8.68, 8.69, 8.70, 8.71, 8.72, 8.73, 8.74, 8.75, 8.76, 8.77, 8.78, 8.79, 8.80, 8.81, 8.82, 8.83, 8.84, 8.85, 8.86, 8.87, 8.88, 8.89, 8.90, 8.91, 8.92, 8.93, 8.94, 8.95, 8.96, 8.97, 8.98, 8.99, 9.00, 9.01, 9.02, 9.03, 9.04, 9.05, 9.06, 9.07, 9.08, 9.09, 9.10, 9.11, 9.12, 9.13, 9.14, 9.15, 9.16, 9.17, 9.18, 9.19, 9.20, 9.21, 9.22, 9.23, 9.24, 9.25, 9.26, 9.27, 9.28, 9.29, 9.30, 9.31, 9.32, 9.33, 9.34, 9.35, 9.36, 9.37, 9.38, 9.39, 9.40, 9.41, 9.42, 9.43, 9.44, 9.45, 9.46, 9.47, 9.48, 9.49, 9.50, 9.51, 9.52, 9.53, 9.54, 9.55, 9.56, 9.57, 9.58, 9.59, 9.60, 9.61, 9.62, 9.63, 9.64, 9.65, 9.66, 9.67, 9.68, 9.69, 9.70, 9.71, 9.72, 9.73, 9.74, 9.75, 9.76, 9.77, 9.78, 9.79, 9.80, 9.81, 9.82, 9.83, 9.84, 9.85, 9.86, 9.87, 9.88, 9.89, 9.90, 9.91, 9.92, 9.93, 9.94, 9.95, 9.96, 9.97, 9.98, 9.99, 10.00, 10.01, 10.02, 10.03, 10.04, 10.05, 10.06, 10.07, 10.08, 10.09, 10.10, 10.11, 10.12, 10.13, 10.14, 10.15, 10.16, 10.17, 10.18, 10.19, 10.20, 10.21, 10.22, 10.23, 10.24, 10.25, 10.26, 10.27, 10.28, 10.29, 10.30, 10.31, 10.32, 10.33, 10.34, 10.35, 10.36, 10.37, 10.38, 10.39, 10.40, 10.41, 10.42, 10.43, 10.44, 10.45, 10.46, 10.47, 10.48, 10.49, 10.50, 10.51, 10.52, 10.53, 10.54, 10.55, 10.56, 10.57, 10.58, 10.59, 10.60, 10.61, 10.62, 10.63, 10.64, 10.65, 10.66, 10.67, 10.68, 10.69, 10.70, 10.71, 10.72, 10.73, 10.74, 10.75, 10.76, 10.77, 10.78, 10.79, 10.80, 10.81, 10.82, 10.83, 10.84, 10.85, 10.86, 10.87, 10.88, 10.89, 10.90, 10.91, 10.92, 10.93, 10.94, 10.95, 10.96, 10.97, 10.98, 10.99, 11.00, 11.01, 11.02, 11.03, 11.04, 11.05, 11.06, 11.07, 11.08, 11.09, 11.10, 11.11, 11.12, 11.13, 11.14, 11.15, 11.16, 11.17, 11.18, 11.19, 11.20, 11.21, 11.22, 11.23, 11.24, 11.25, 11.26, 11.27, 11.28, 11.29, 11.30, 11.31, 11.32, 11.33, 11.34, 11.35, 11.36, 11.37, 11.38, 11.39, 11.40, 11.41, 11.42, 11.43, 11.44, 11.45, 11.46, 11.47, 11.48, 11.49, 11.50, 11.51, 11.52, 11.53, 11.54, 11.55, 11.56, 11.57, 11.58, 11.59, 11.60, 11.61, 11.62, 11.63, 11.64, 11.65, 11.66, 11.67, 11.68, 11.69, 11.70, 11.71, 11.72, 11.73, 11.74, 11.75, 11.76, 11.77, 11.78, 11.79, 11.80, 11.81, 11.82, 11.83, 11.84, 11.85, 11.86, 11.87, 11.88, 11.89, 11.90, 11.91, 11.92, 11.93, 11.94, 11.95, 11.96, 11.97, 11.98, 11.99, 12.00, 12.01, 12.02, 12.03, 12.04, 12.05, 12.06, 12.07, 12.08, 12.09, 12.10, 12.11, 12.12, 12.13, 12.14, 12.15, 12.16, 12.17, 12.18, 12.19, 12.20, 12.21, 12.22, 12.23, 12.24, 12.25, 12.26, 12.27, 12.28, 12.29, 12.30, 12.31, 12.32, 12.33, 12.34, 12.35, 12.36, 12.37, 12.38, 12.39, 12.40, 12.41, 12.42, 12.43, 12.44, 12.45, 12.46, 12.47, 12.48, 12.49, 12.50, 12.51, 12.52, 12.53, 12.54, 12.55, 12.56, 12.57, 12.58, 12.59, 12.60, 12.61, 12.62, 12.63, 12.64, 12.65, 12.66, 12.67, 12.68, 12.69, 12.70, 12.71, 12.72, 12.73, 12.74, 12.75, 12.76, 12.77, 12.78, 12.79, 12.80, 12.81, 12.82, 12.83, 12.84, 12.85, 12.86, 12.87, 12.88, 12.89, 12.90, 12.91, 12.92, 12.93, 12.94, 12.95, 12.96, 12.97, 12.98, 12.99, 13.00, 13.01, 13.02, 13.03, 13.04, 13.05, 13.06, 13.07, 13.08, 13.09, 13.10, 13.11, 13.12, 13.13, 13.14, 13.15, 13.16, 13.17, 13.18, 13.19, 13.20, 13.21, 13.22, 13.23, 13.24, 13.25, 13.26, 13.27, 13.28, 1

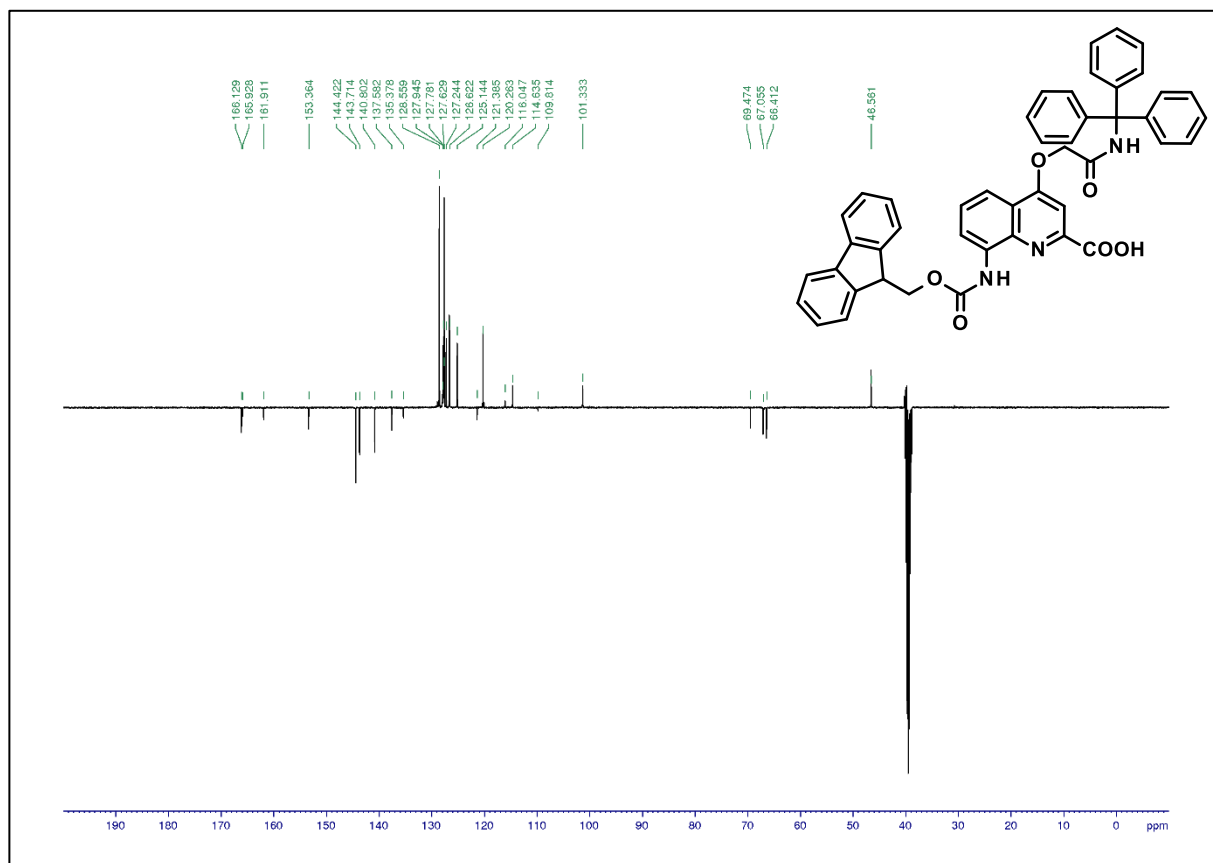
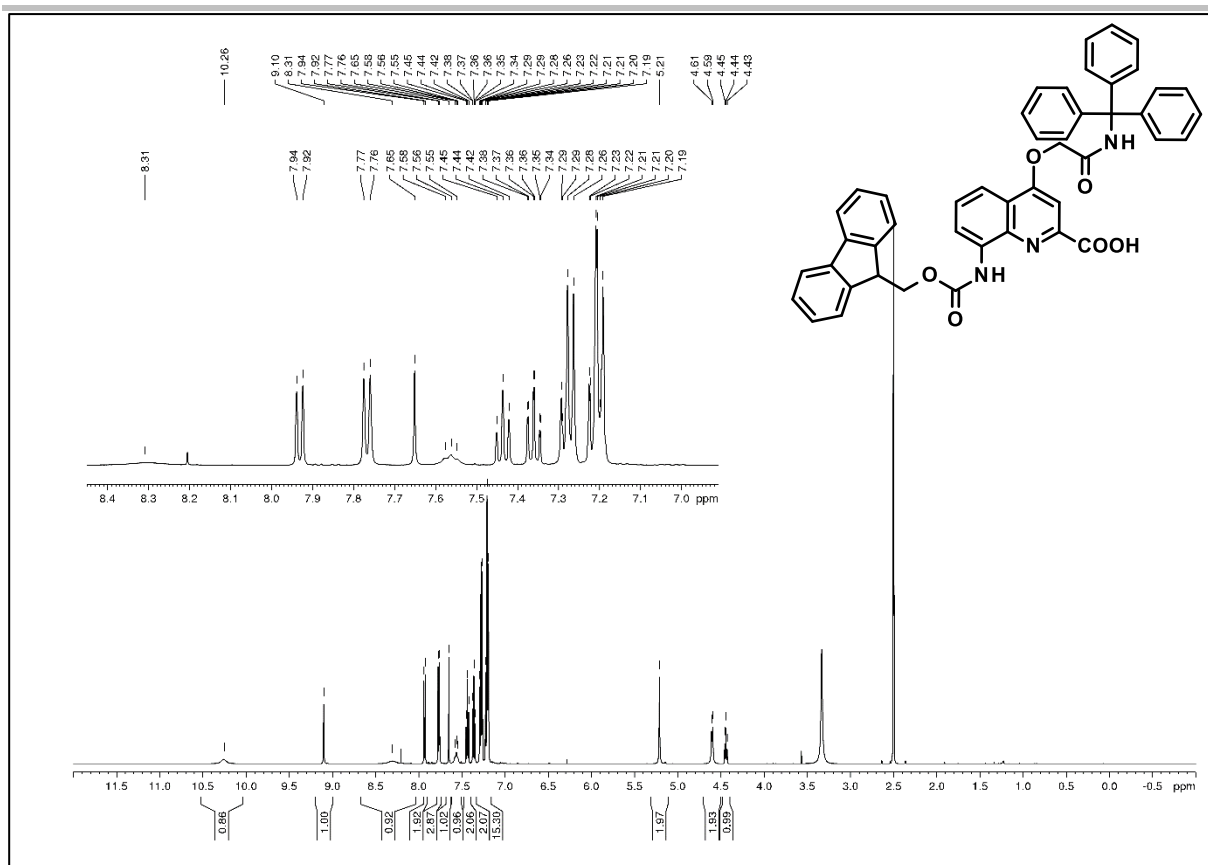
Chemical structure of compound 10b (NHFMoc) is shown in the top right corner. The structure is a benzimidazole derivative with an ethoxy group (OEt) at position 2, a carboxylic acid group (COOH) at position 3, and an NHFMoc group at position 4. The NHFMoc group is a 9-fluorenylmethyl carbamate derivative.

The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) shows the following chemical shifts (ppm):

- 165.484
- 162.596
- 153.513
- 146.735
- 143.701
- 140.805
- 137.491
- 135.652
- 128.362
- 127.779
- 127.218
- 126.403
- 124.807
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- 114.628
- 100.395
- 66.382
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- 46.530

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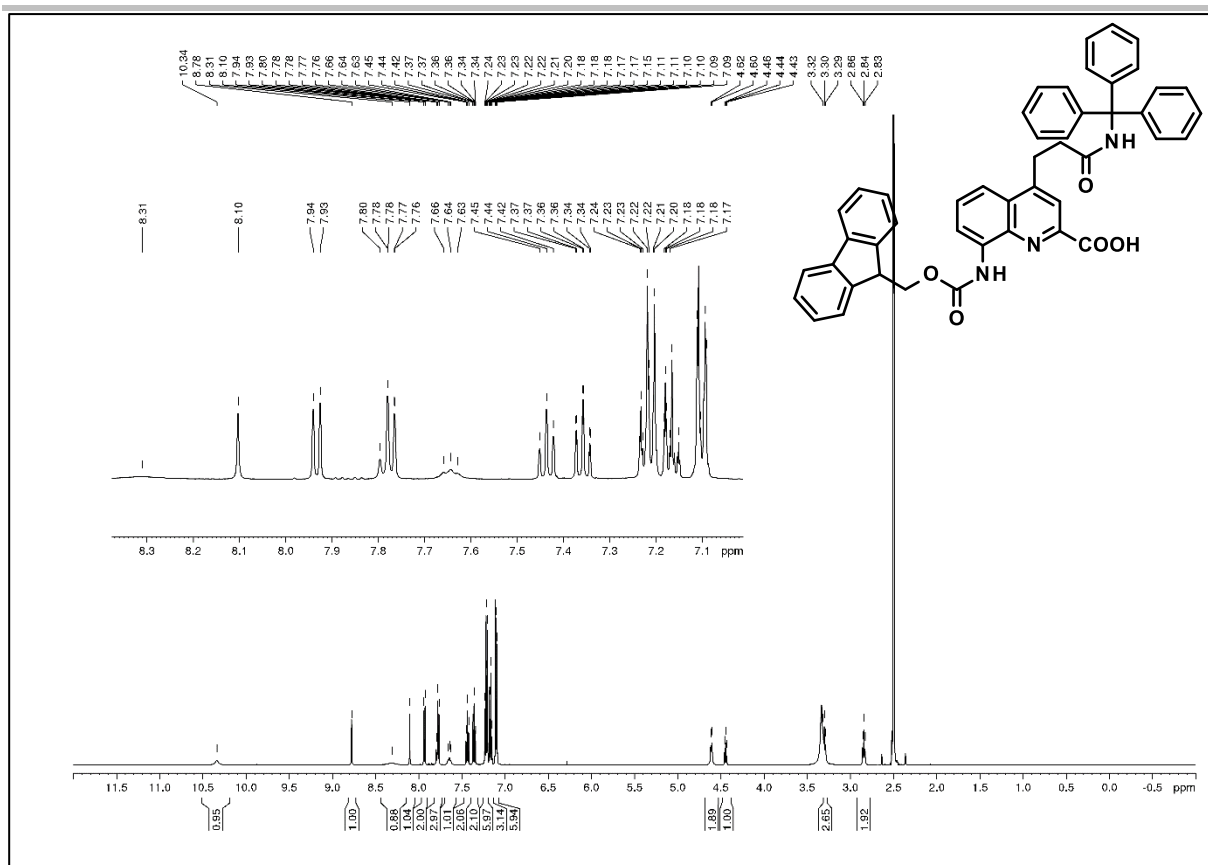


Figure S27. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 7c.

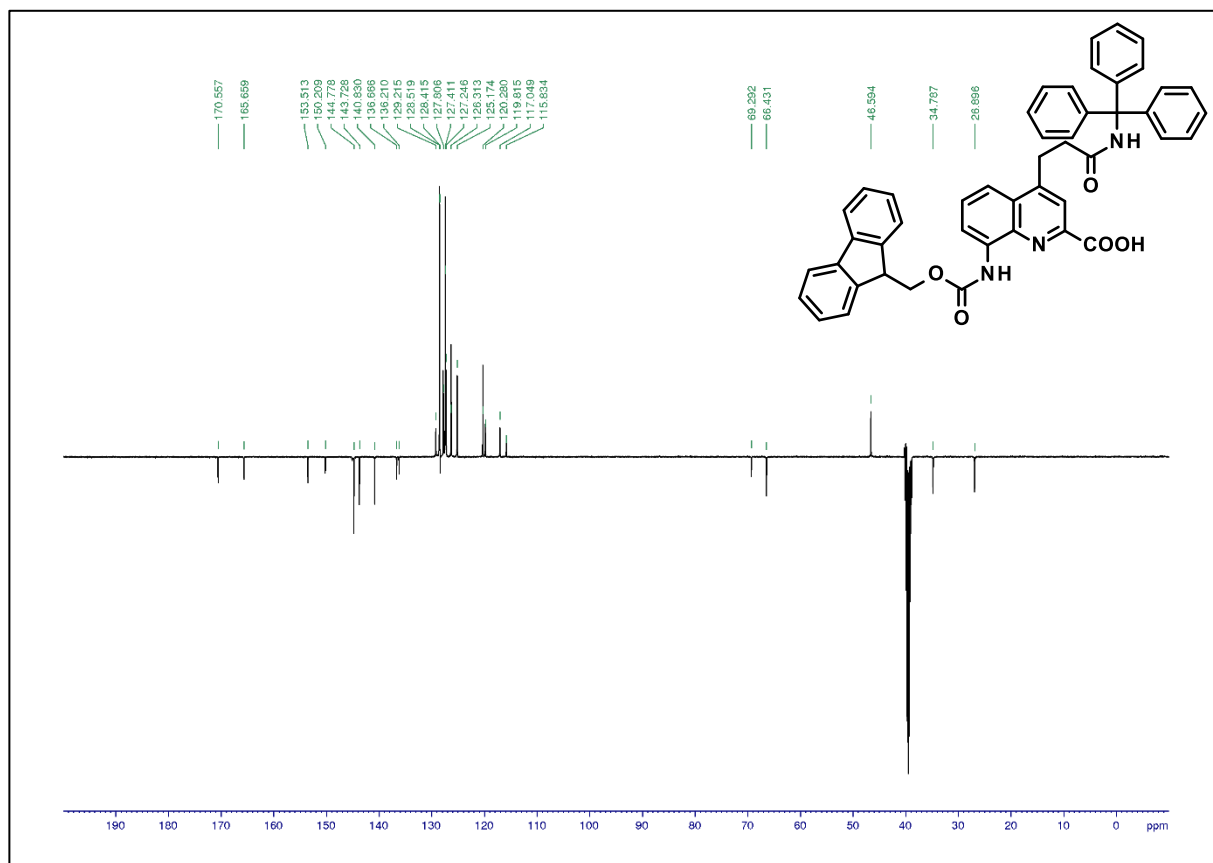


Figure S28. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 7c.

**Chemical structure of compound 10:**

CC(C)(C)OC(=O)CCc1ccc2nc(C(=O)O)c(NC(=O)Cc3c4ccccc4c5ccccc35)c21

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**

Chemical shift (ppm): 10.27, 8.02, 7.93, 7.91, 7.82, 7.84, 7.75, 7.73, 7.66, 7.64, 7.58, 7.44, 7.42, 7.41, 7.36, 7.35, 7.34, 7.32, 7.32, 7.44, 7.42, 7.41, 7.36, 7.34, 7.32, 7.32, 3.14, 3.12, 3.10, 2.32, 2.30, 2.29, 1.92, 1.90, 1.88, 1.86, 1.85, 1.39.

Integration values (from left to right): 1.00, 0.96, 2.04, 1.02, 2.03, 2.09, 2.07, 1.81, 1.86, 2.11, 2.08, 2.02, 9.05.

Chemical structure of compound 10b is shown in the top right corner. The structure is a complex molecule with a fluorene core, a quinoline ring, and a carboxylic acid group. The peaks are labeled with their corresponding chemical shifts in ppm.

Chemical Shift (ppm)
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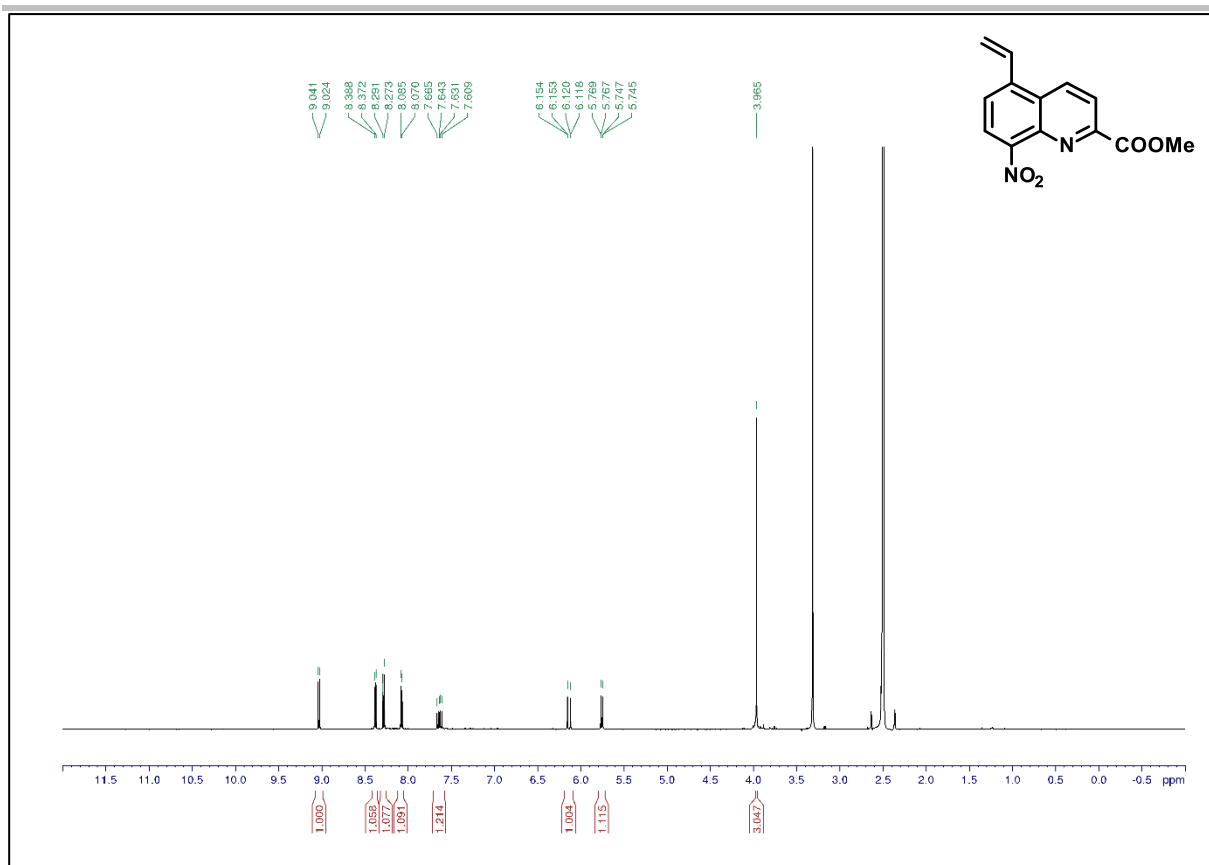


Figure S31. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 8a.

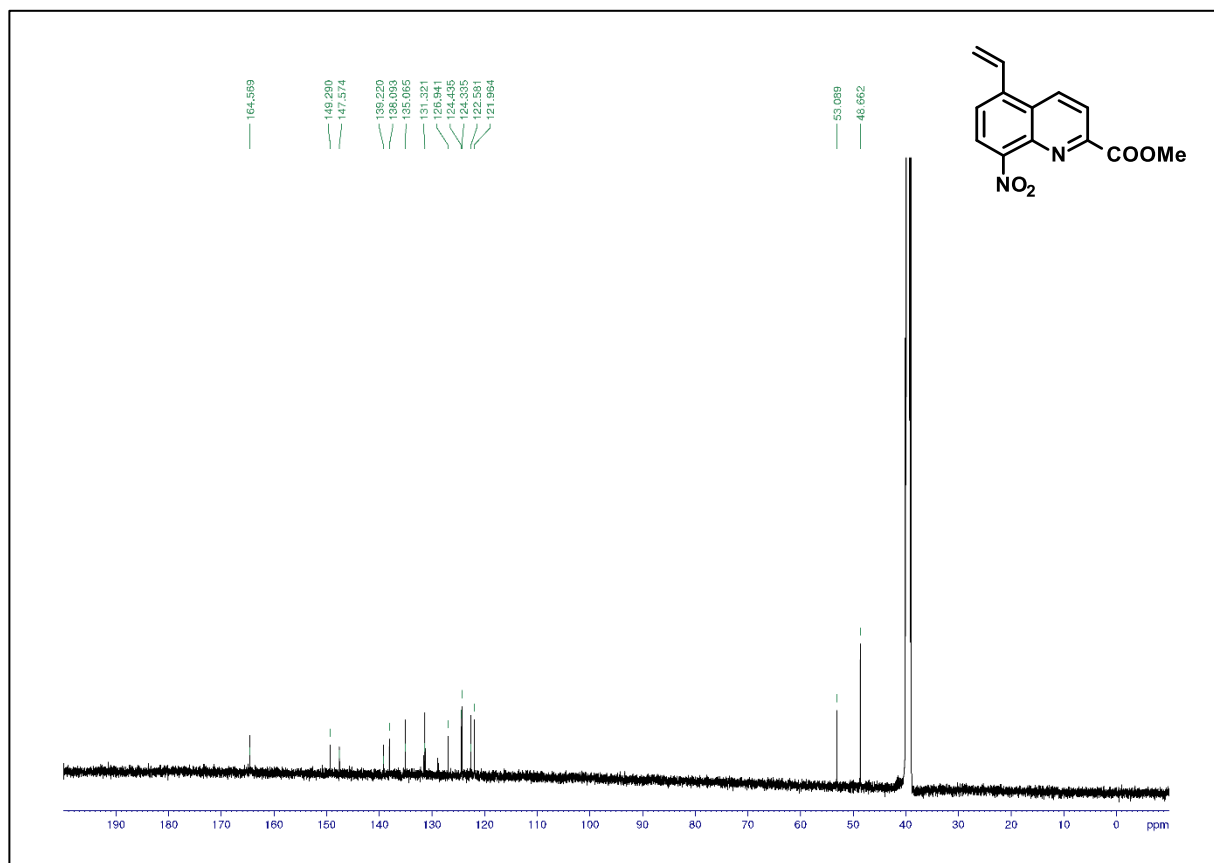


Figure S32. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 8a.

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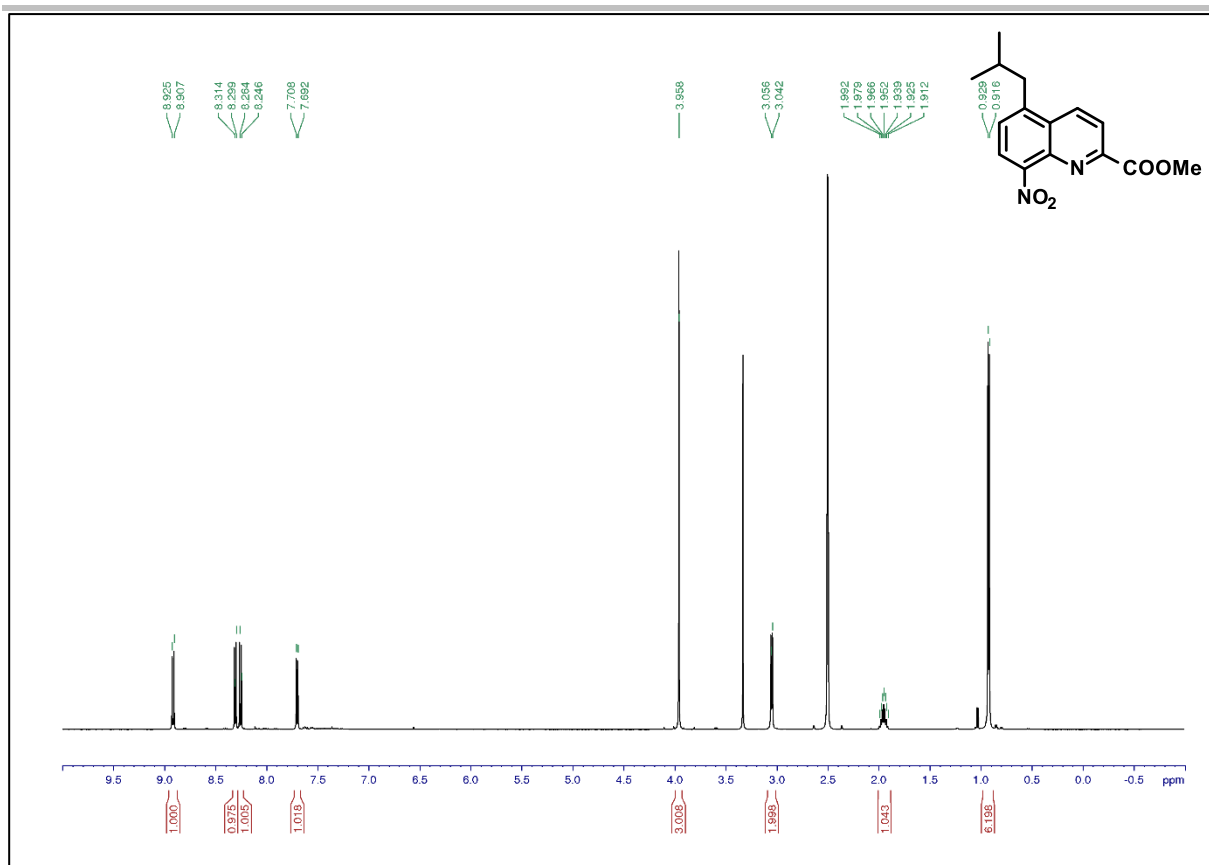


Figure S33. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound **8b**.

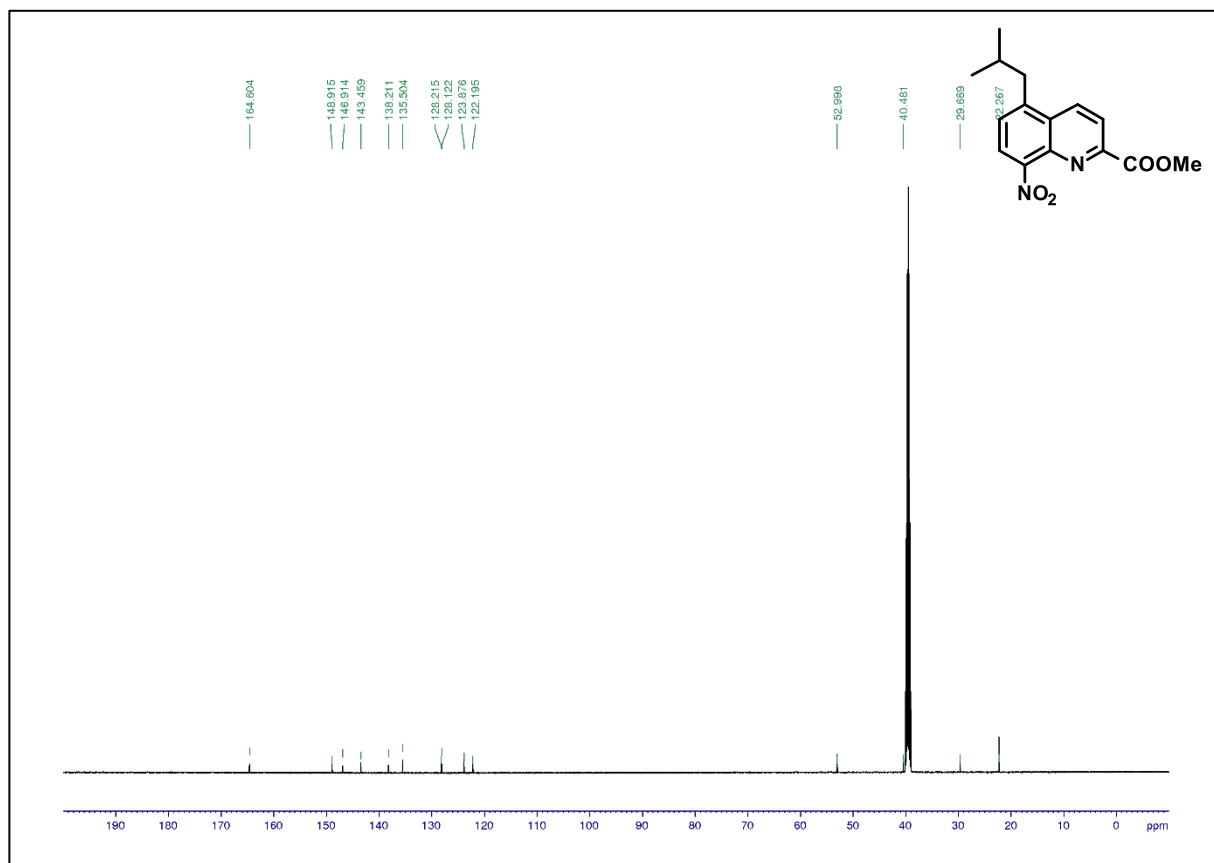


Figure S34. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound **8b**.



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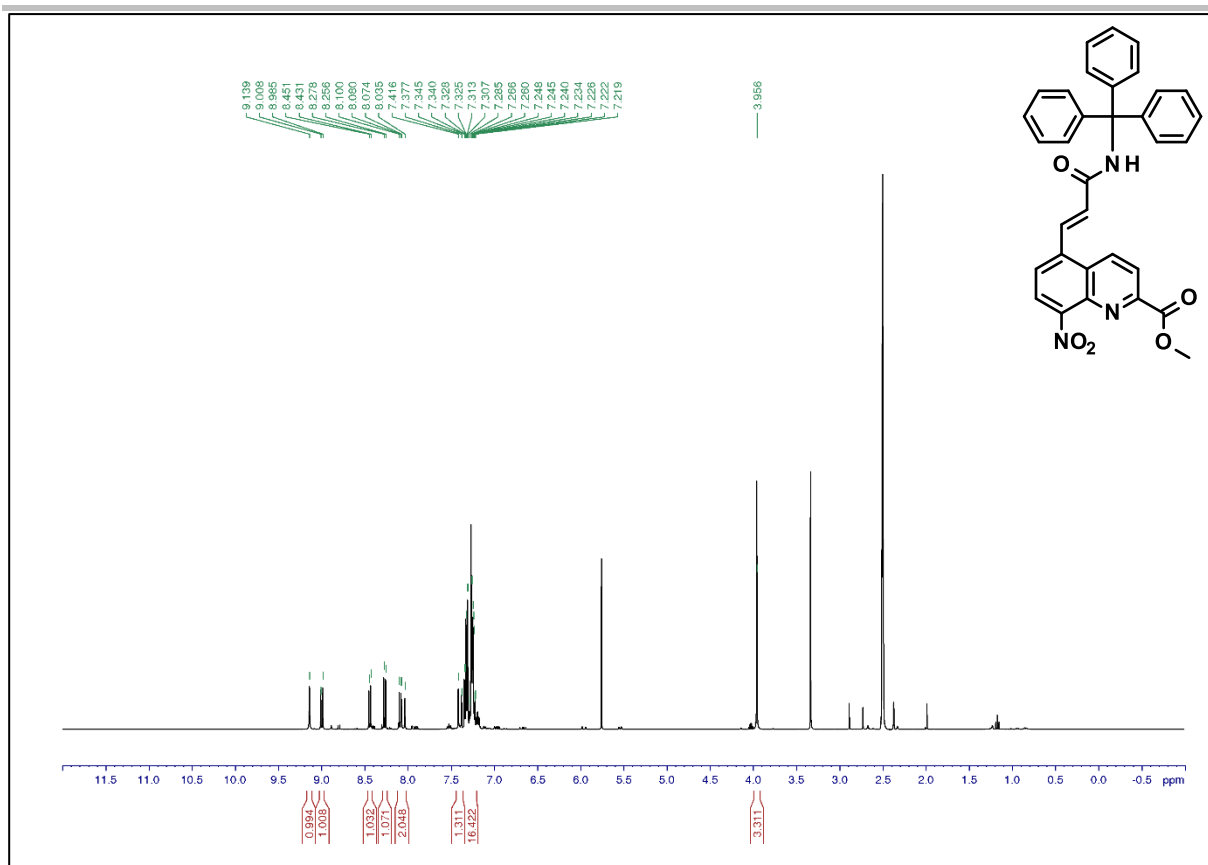


Figure S35. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound **8c**.

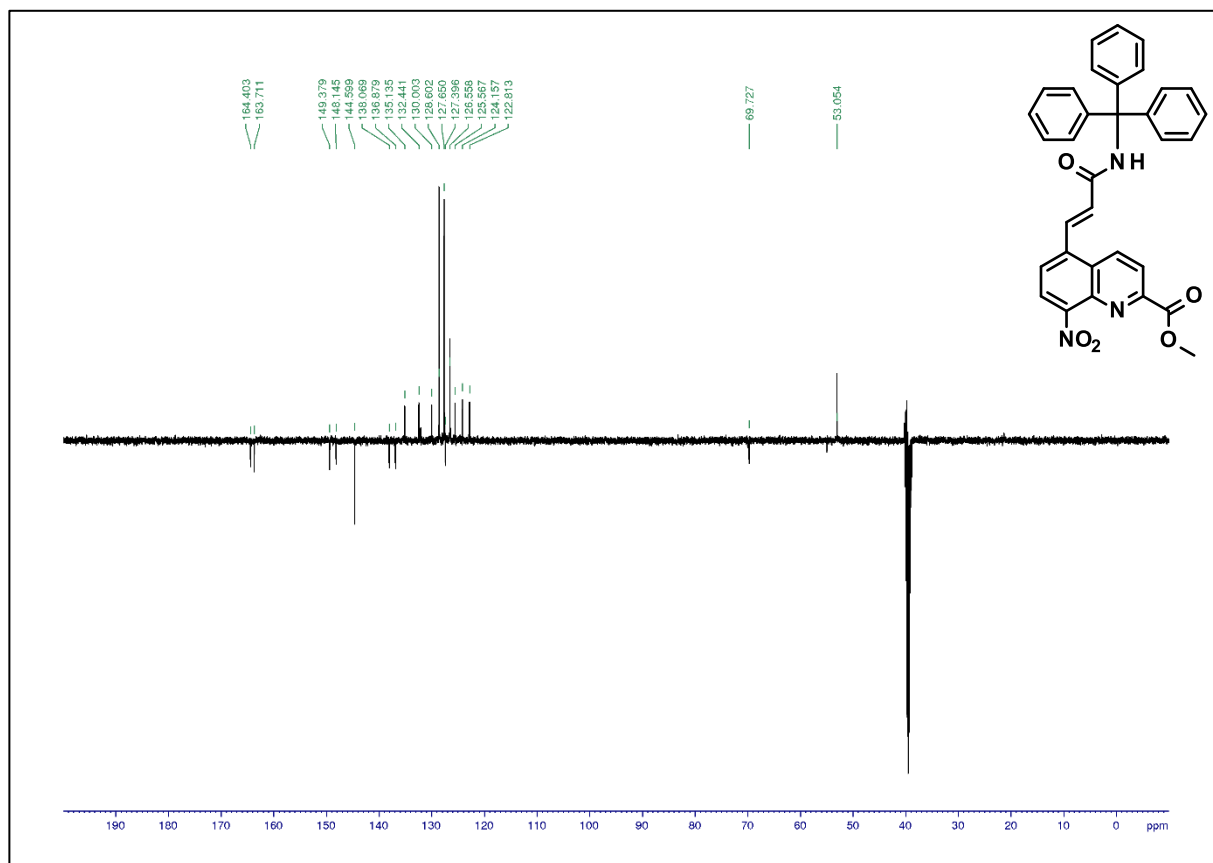
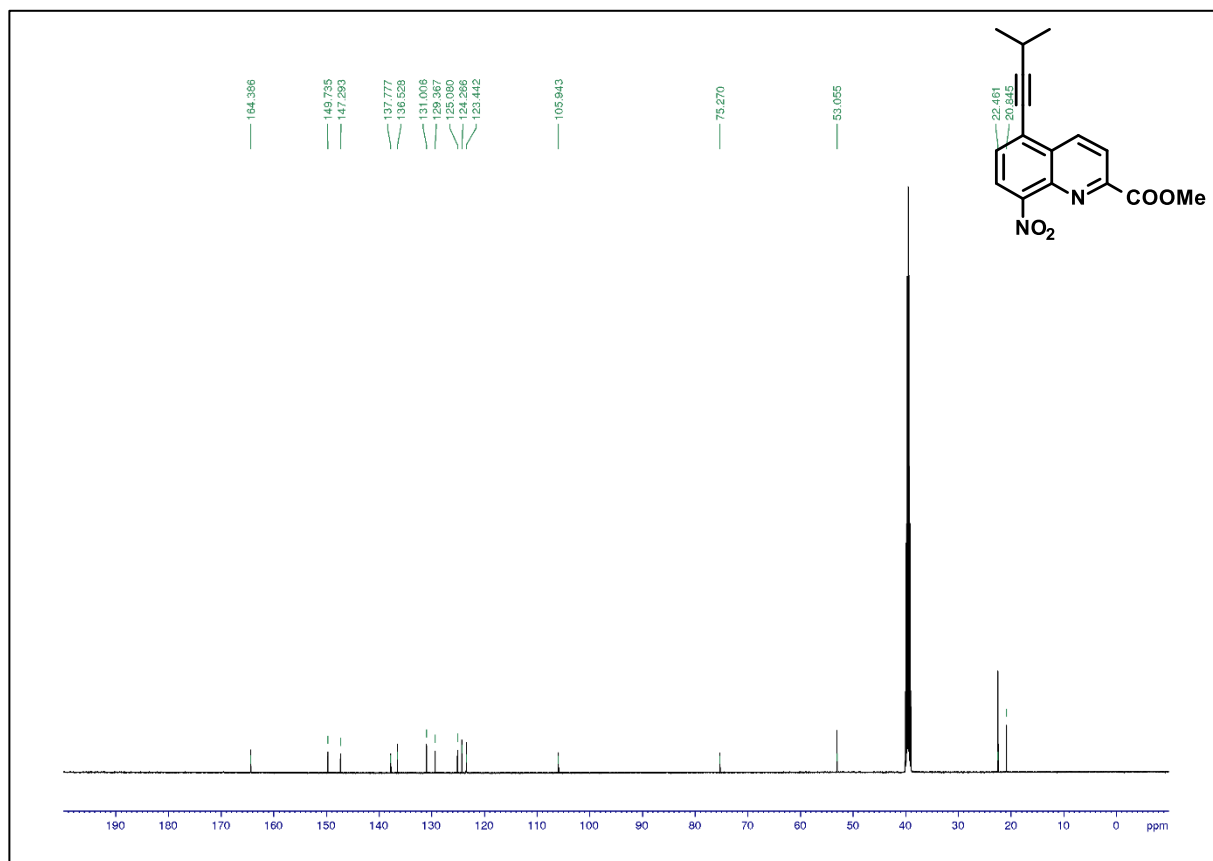
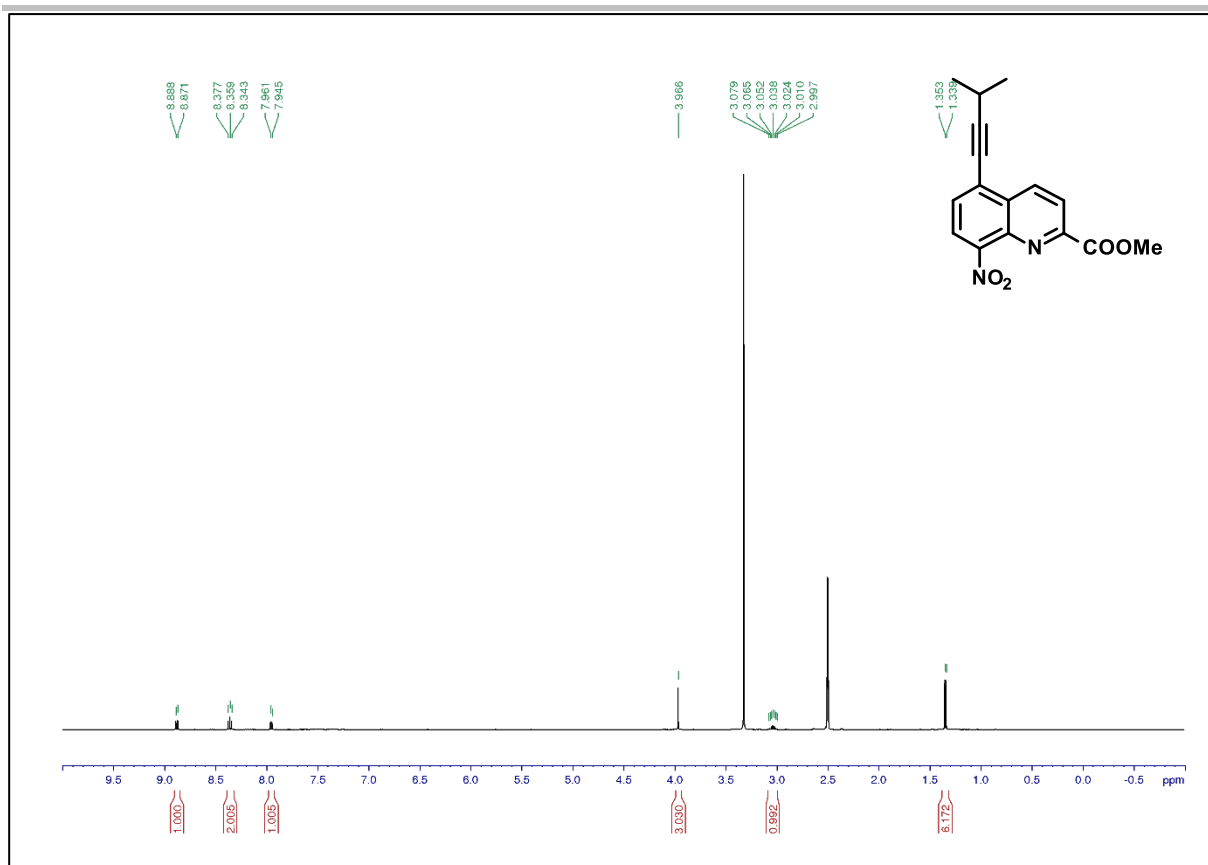


Figure S36. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound **8c**.

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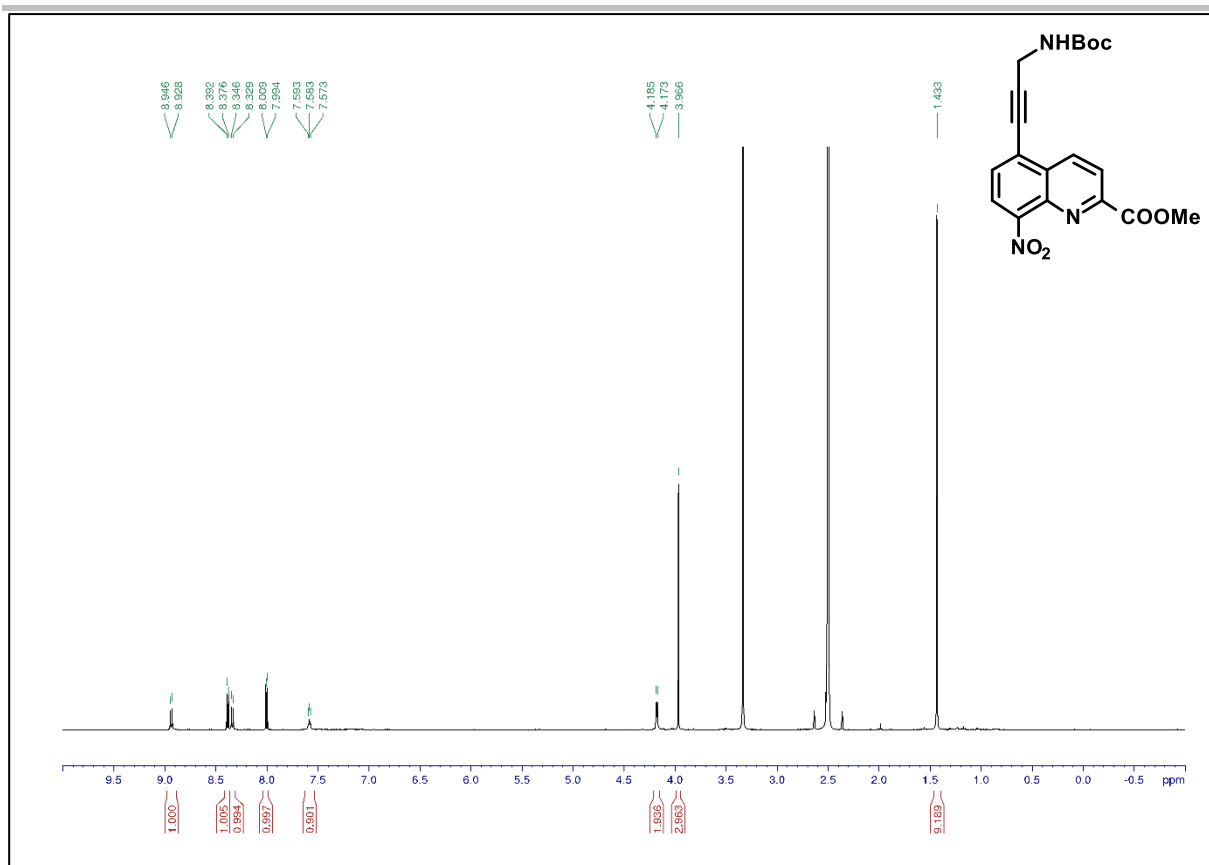


Figure S39. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound **8e**.

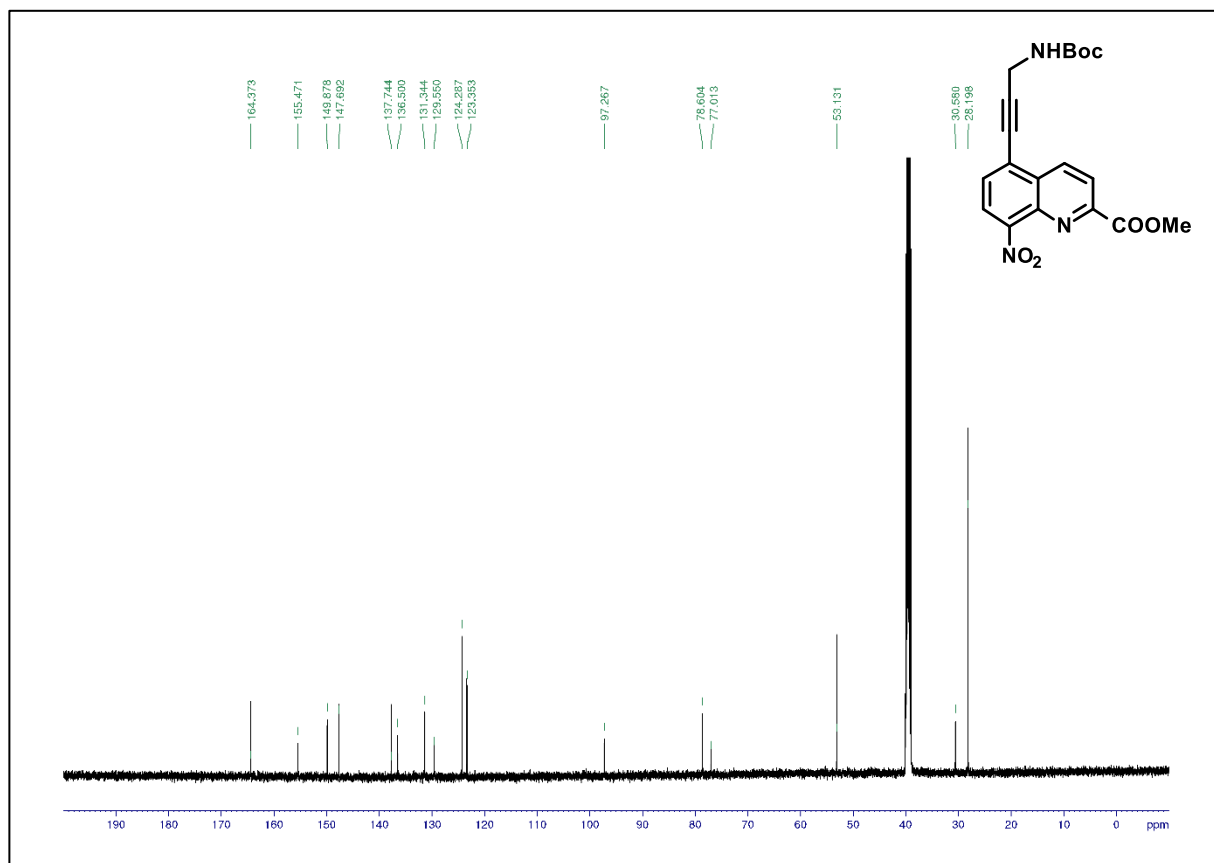


Figure S40. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound **8e**.

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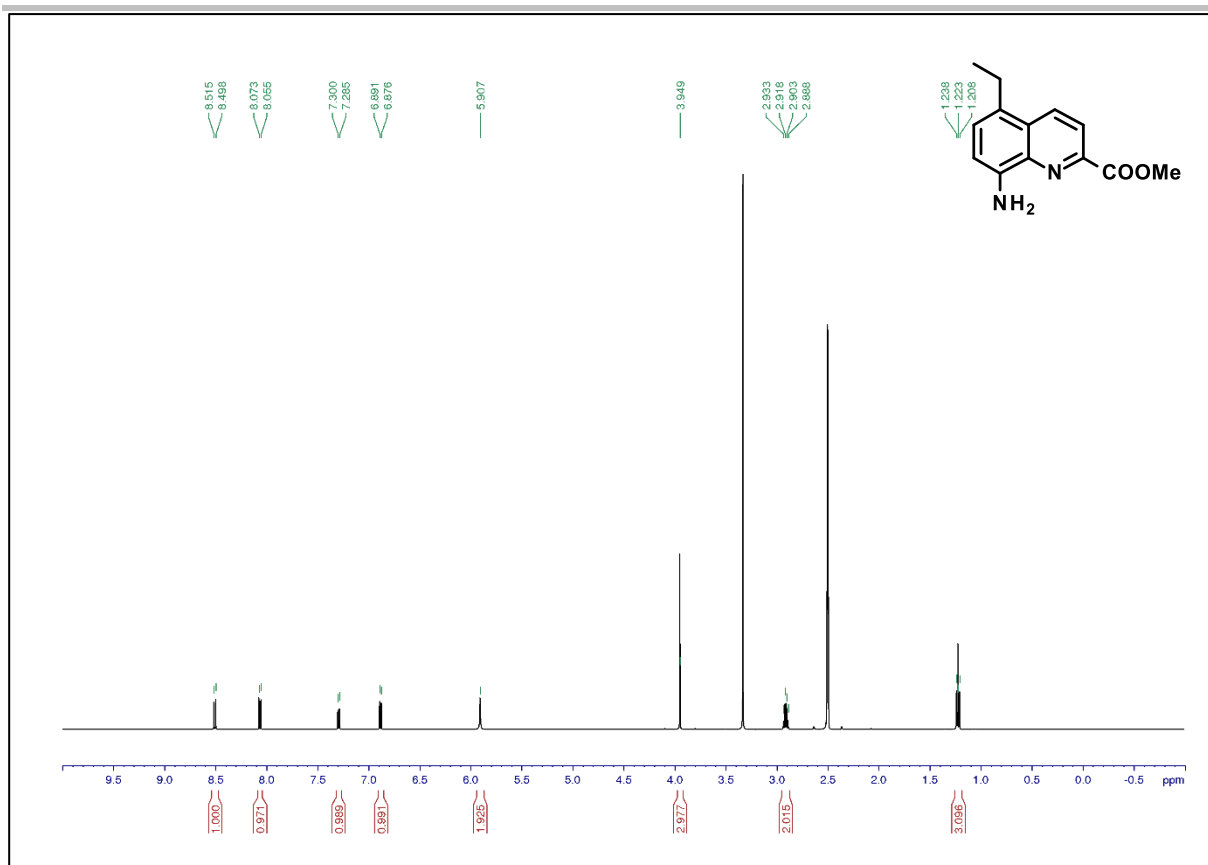


Figure S41. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 9a.

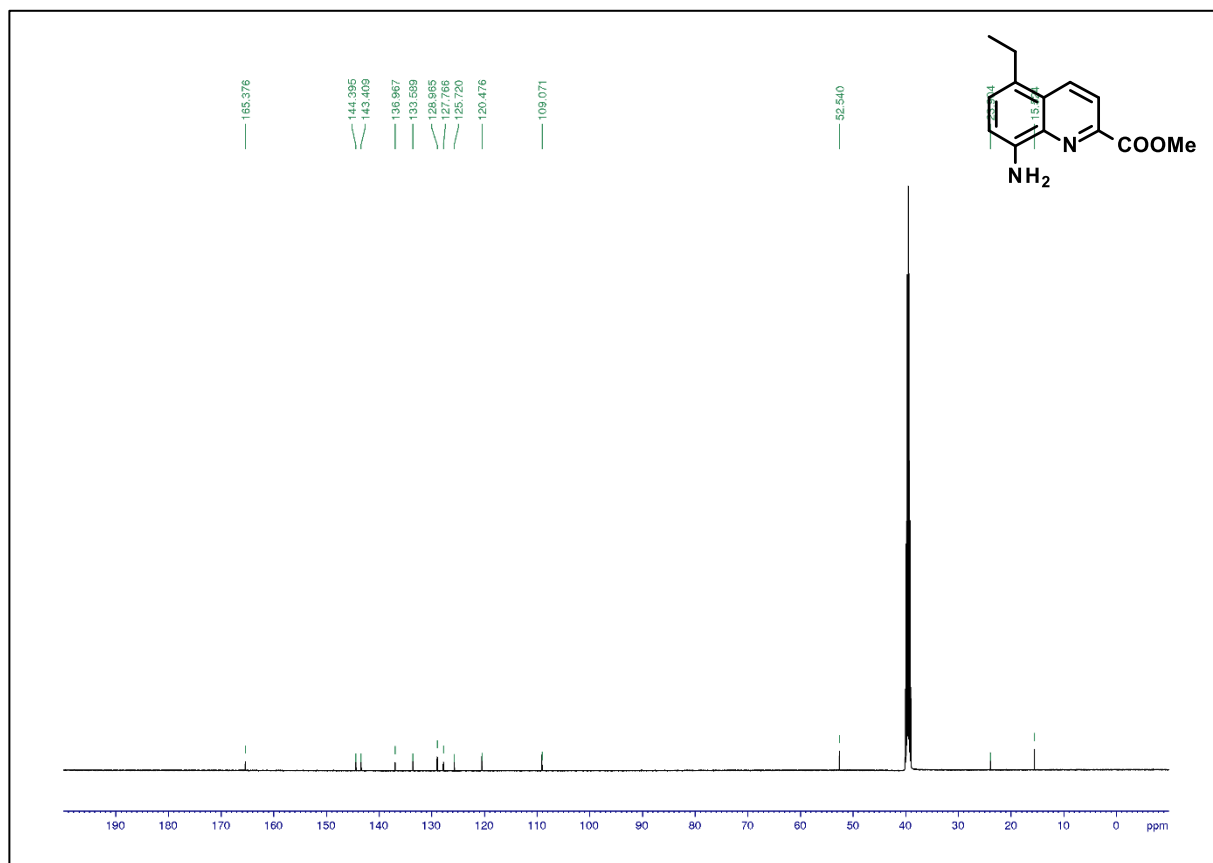


Figure S42. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 9a.

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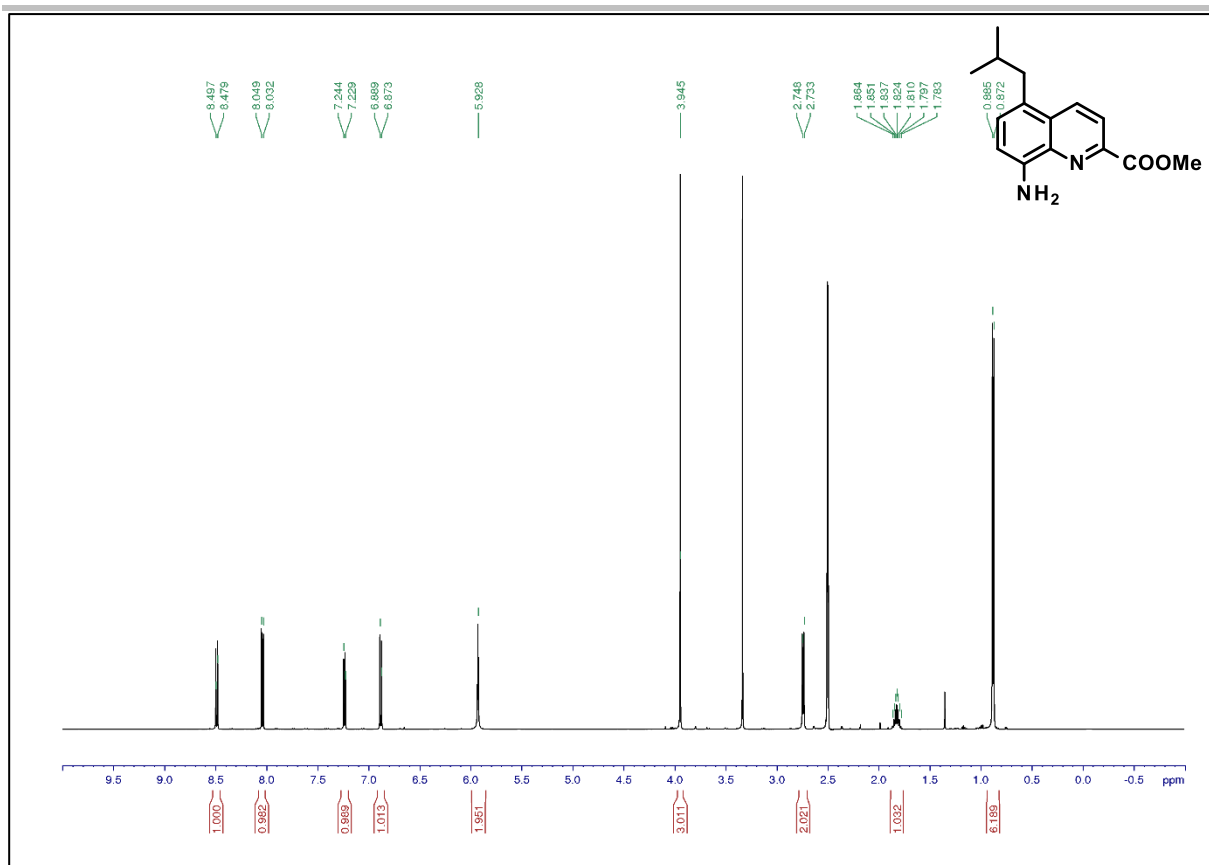


Figure S43. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 9b.

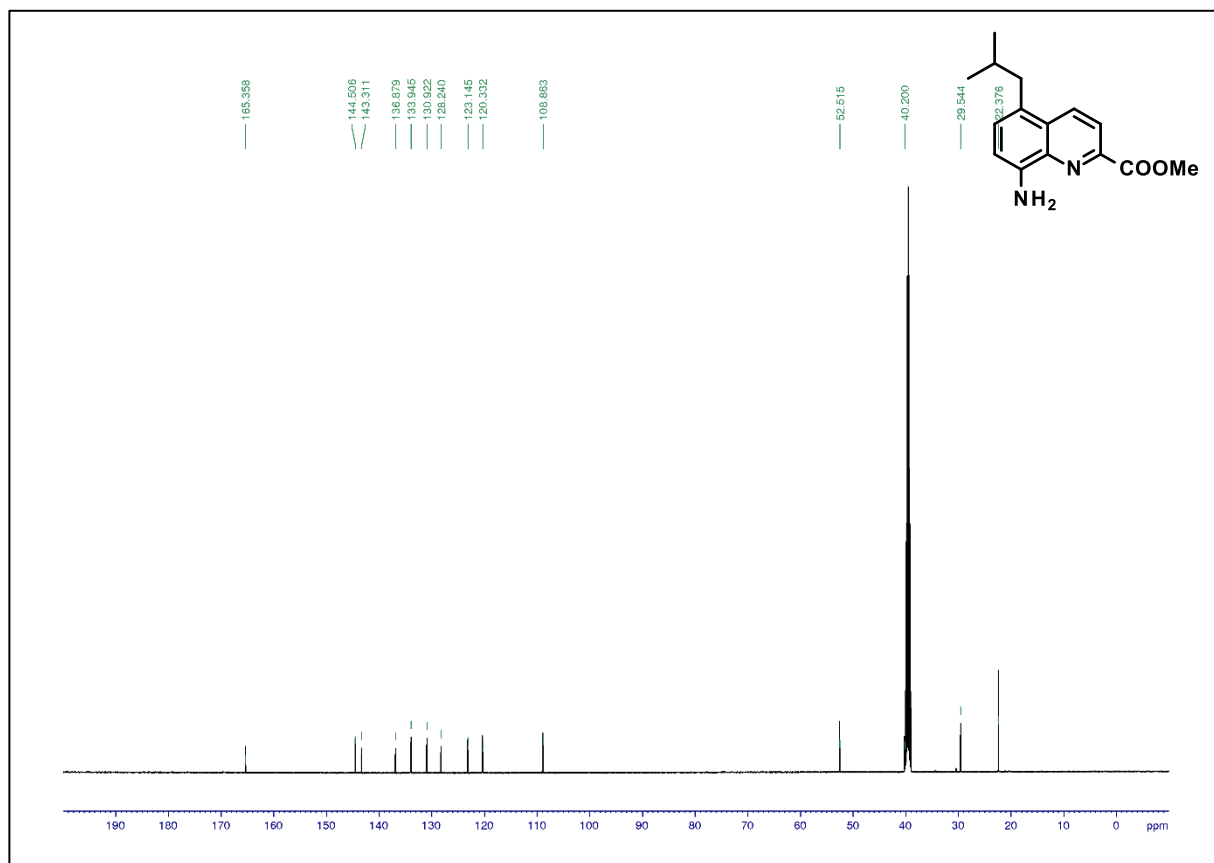


Figure S44. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 9b.

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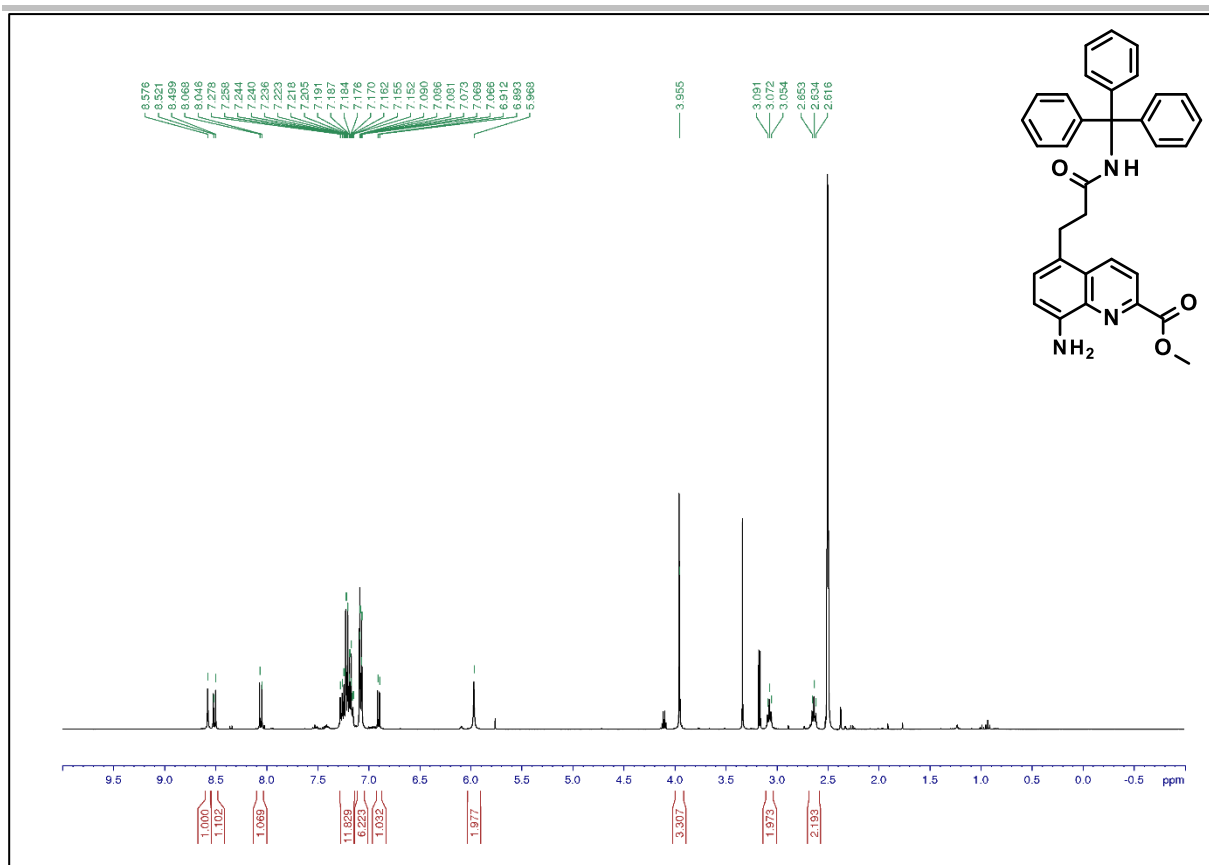


Figure S45. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 9c.

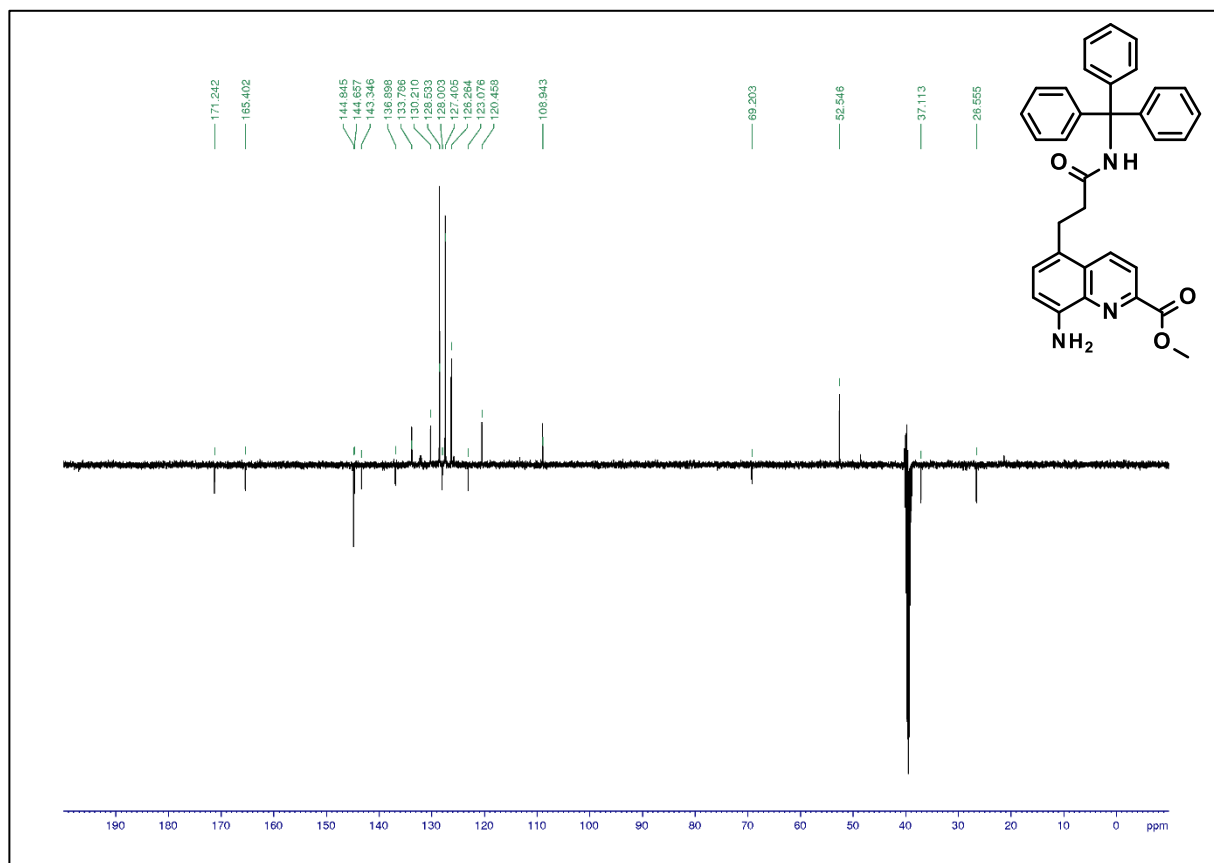


Figure S46. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 9c.

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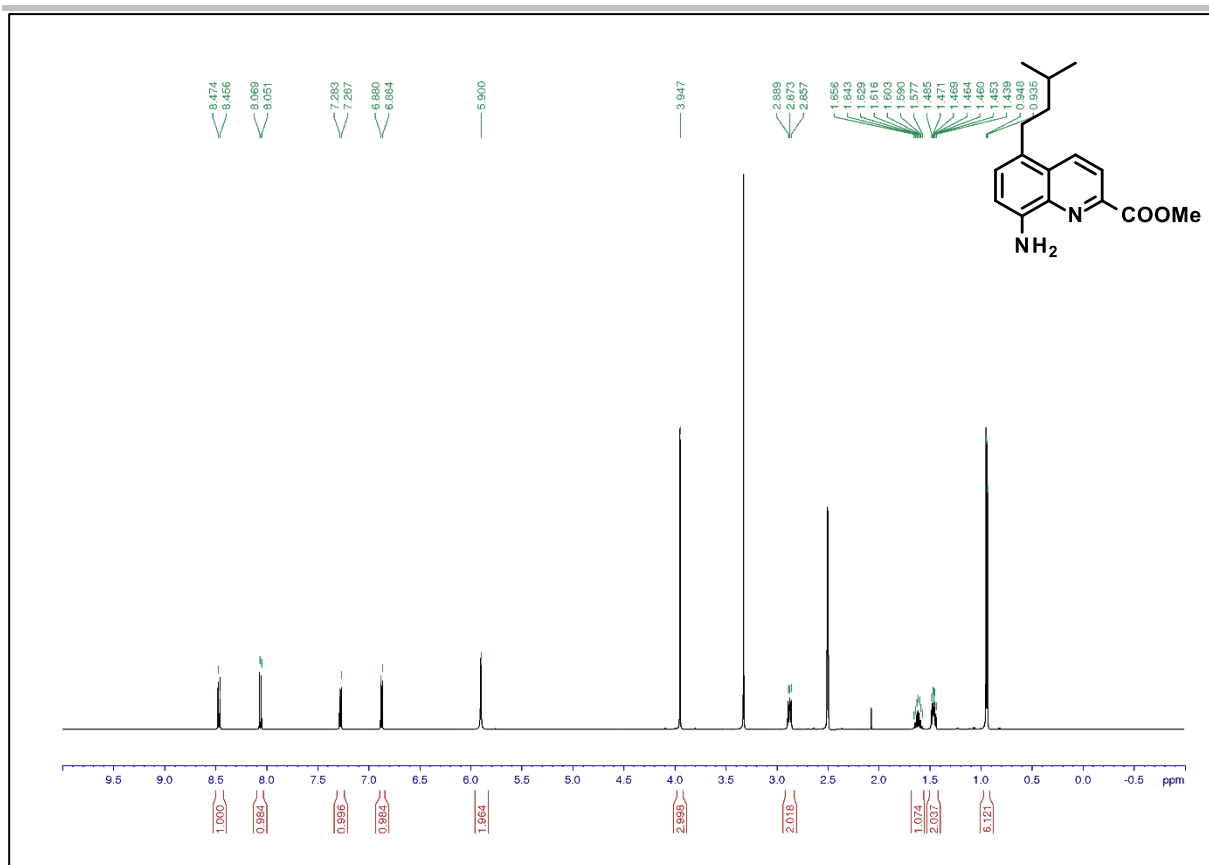


Figure S47. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 9d.

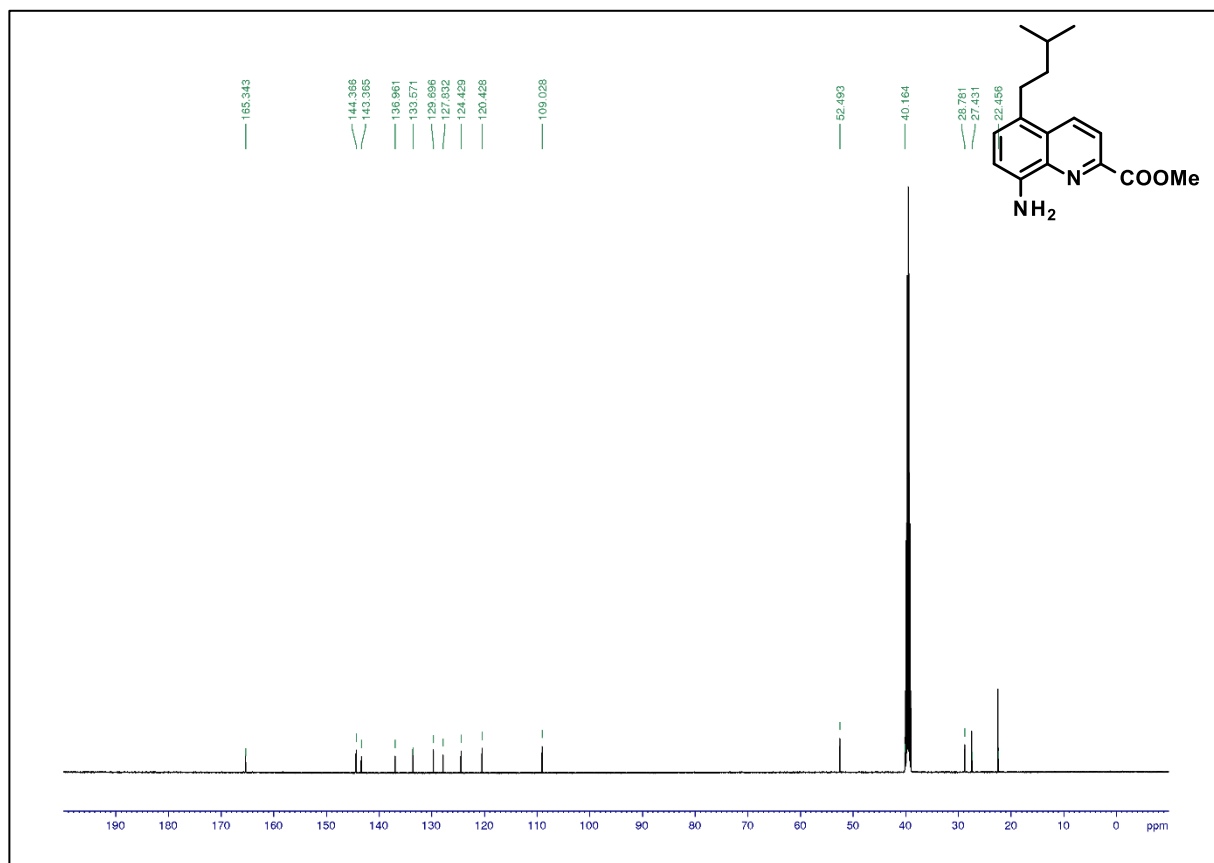


Figure S48. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 9d.

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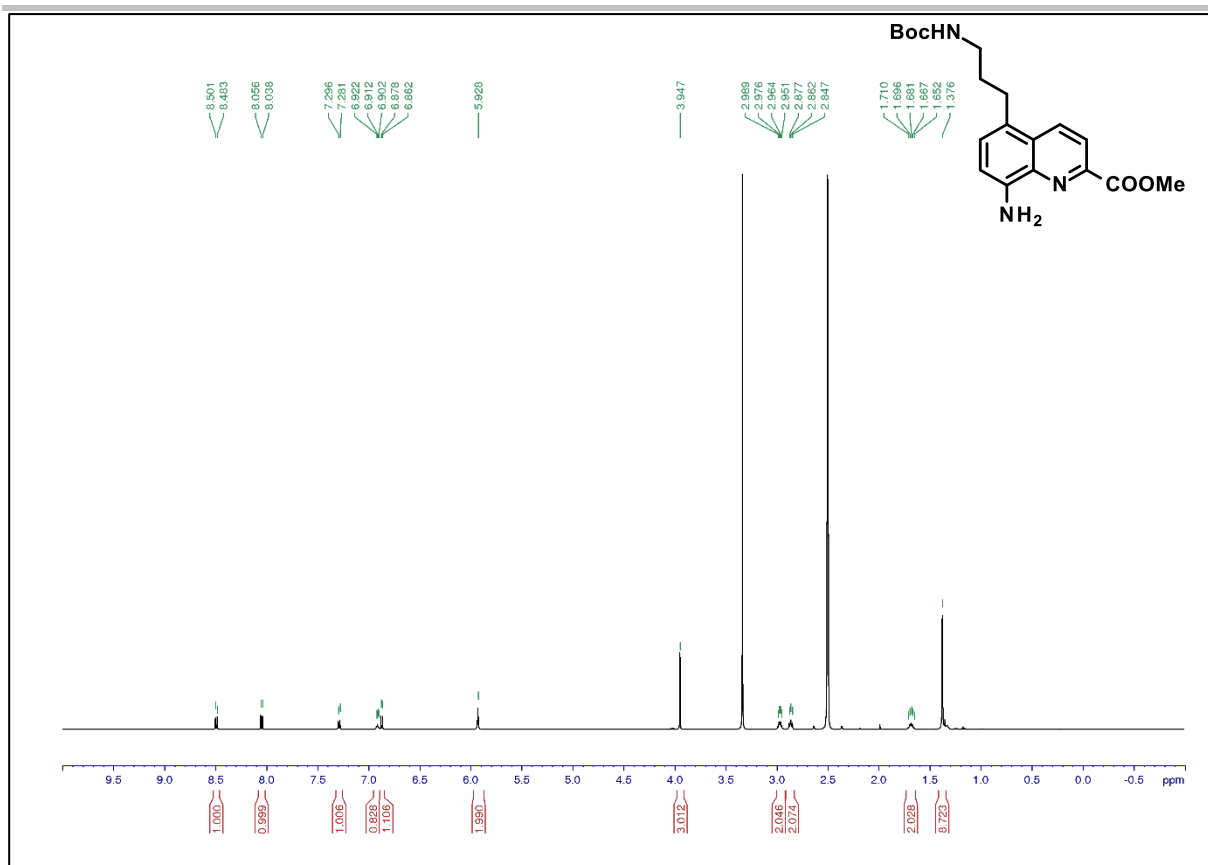


Figure S49. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 9e.

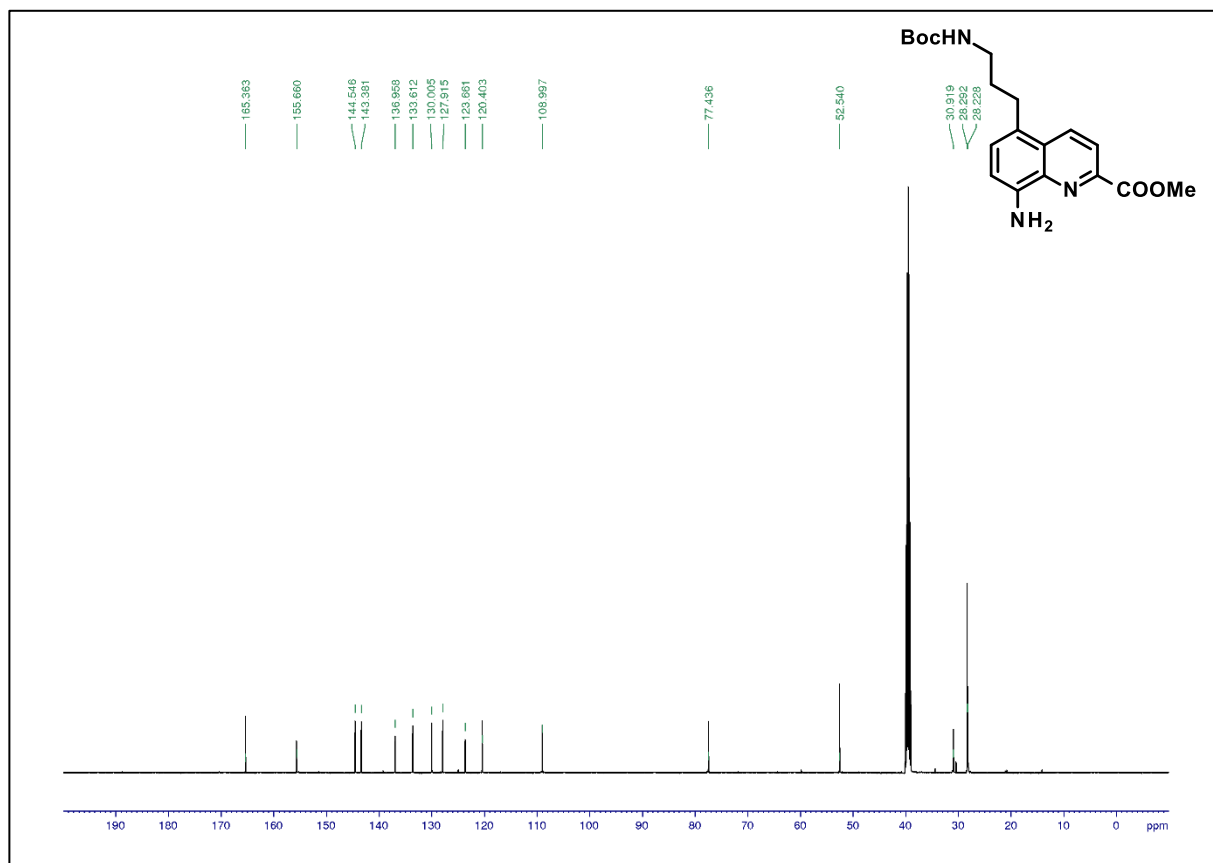


Figure S50. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 9e.



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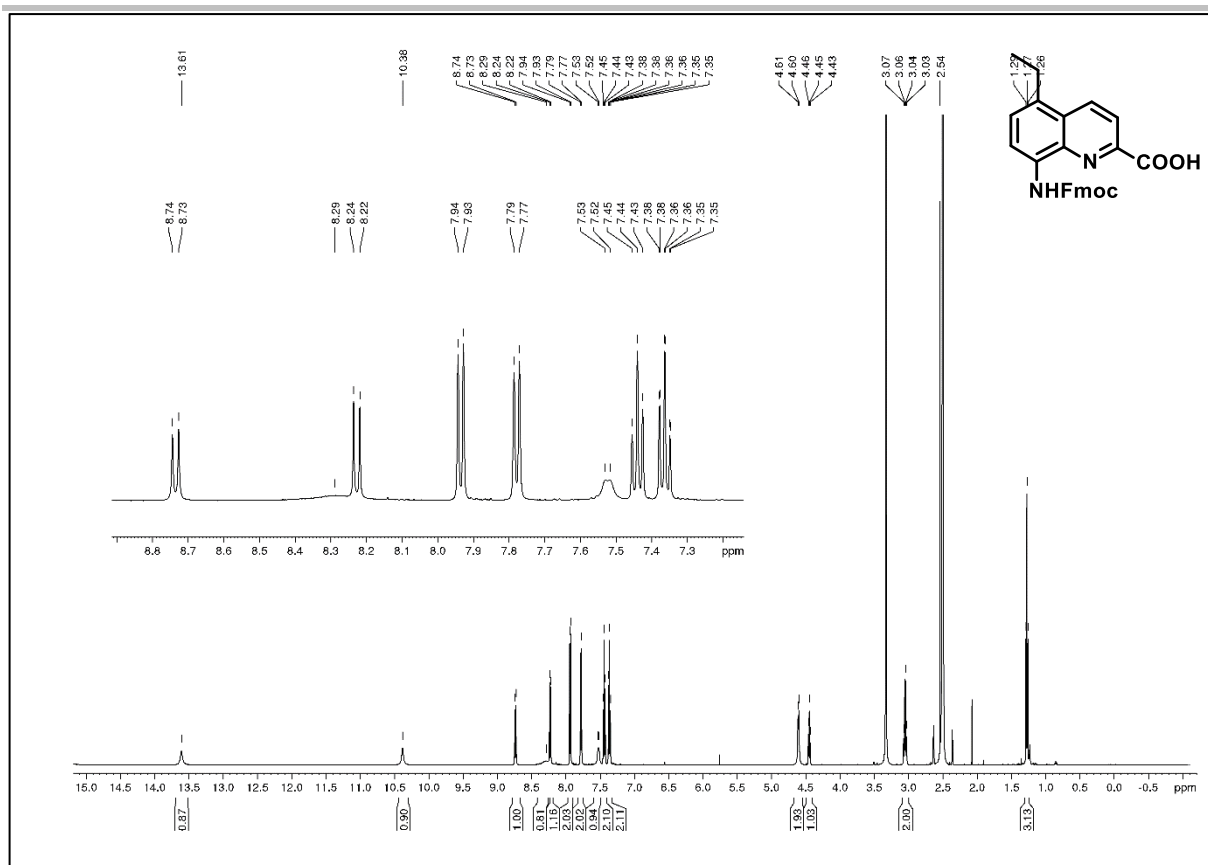


Figure S51.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) of compound **10a**.

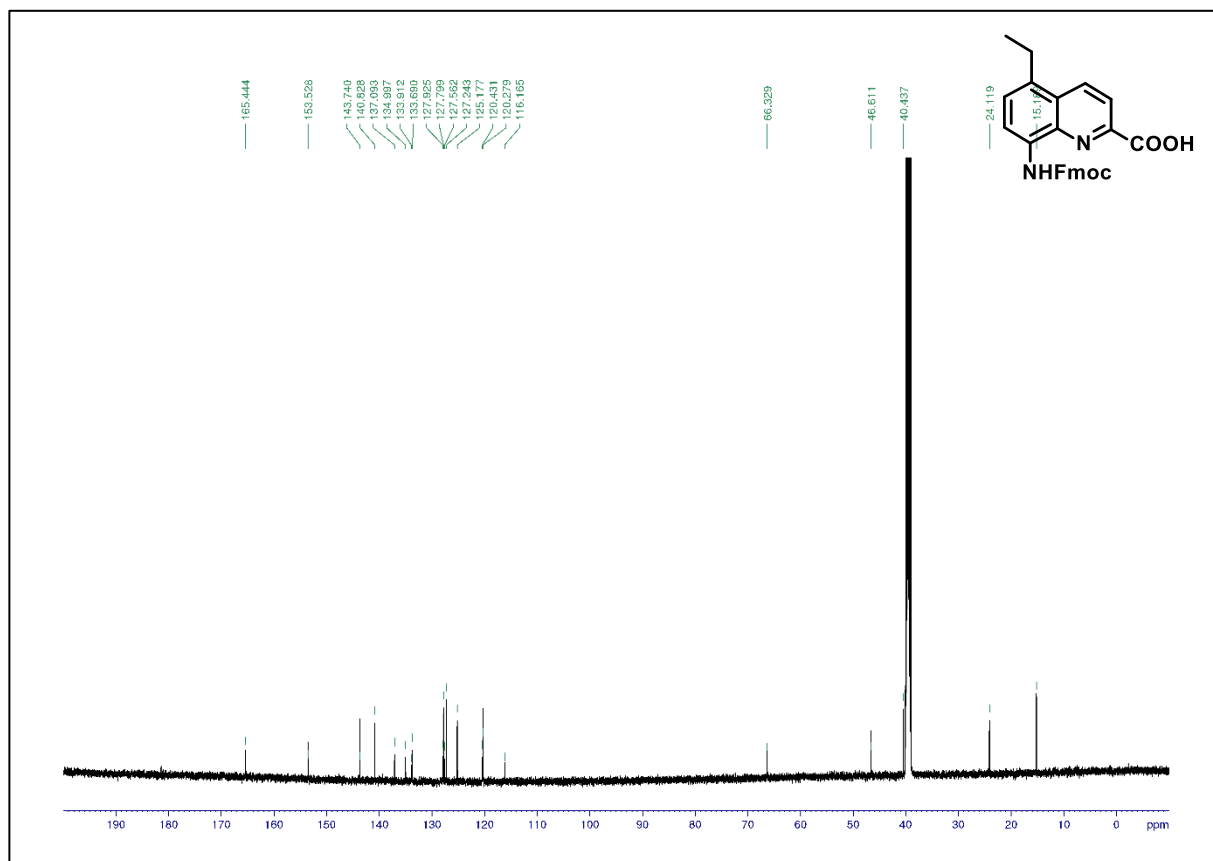


Figure S52.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) of compound **10a**.

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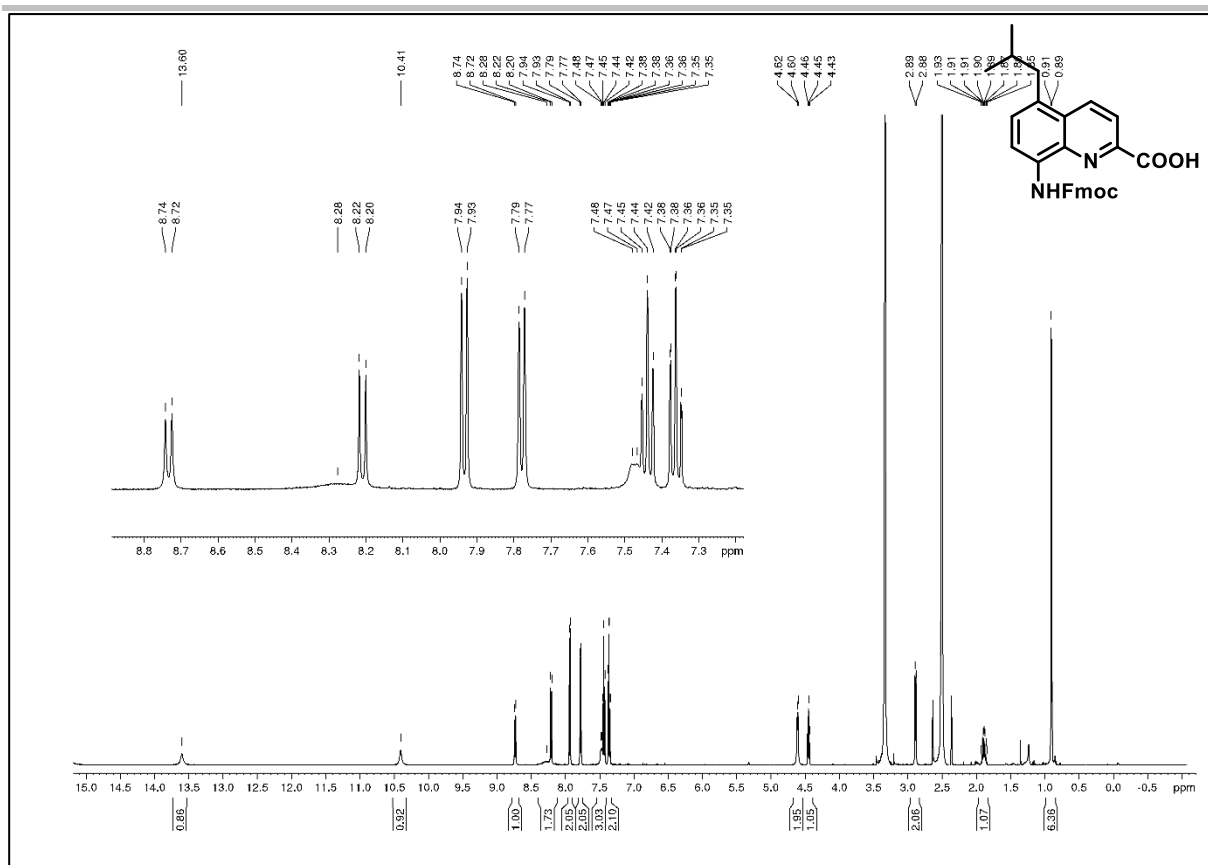


Figure S53. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 10b.

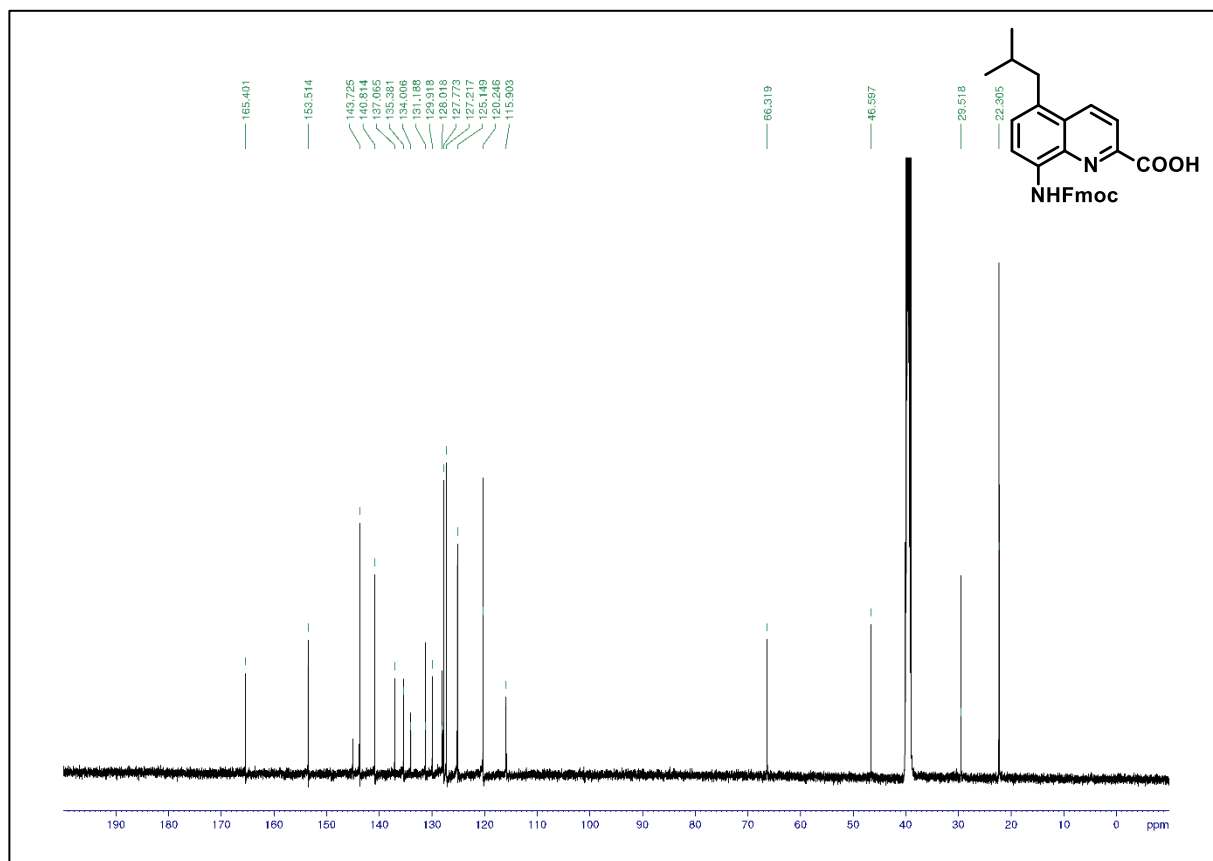


Figure S54. <sup>13</sup>C(<sup>1</sup>H) NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 10b.

**Chemical Structure of Compound 10:**

O=C(O)c1ccc2c(c1)c(c3ccccc32)C(C4=CC=CC=C4)C(=O)N5C(=O)C(=Cc6ccc7c(c6)C(=O)N(C7c8ccccc8)c9ccccc9)c10ccccc10

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):**

Chemical Shift (ppm)	Integration
10.11	1.08
8.61, 8.60, 8.57	1.99
8.24	0.80
8.16, 8.14	0.80
7.93	1.79
7.77, 7.75, 7.73, 7.72, 7.71, 7.70, 7.69, 7.68, 7.67, 7.66, 7.65, 7.64, 7.63, 7.62, 7.61, 7.60, 7.59, 7.58, 7.57, 7.56, 7.55, 7.54, 7.53, 7.52, 7.51, 7.50, 7.49, 7.48, 7.47, 7.46, 7.45, 7.44, 7.43, 7.42, 7.41, 7.40, 7.39, 7.38, 7.37, 7.36, 7.35, 7.34, 7.33, 7.32, 7.31, 7.30, 7.29, 7.28, 7.27, 7.26, 7.25, 7.24, 7.23, 7.22, 7.21, 7.20, 7.19, 7.18, 7.17, 7.16, 7.15, 7.14, 7.13, 7.12, 7.11, 7.10, 7.09, 7.08, 7.07, 7.06, 7.05, 7.04, 7.03, 7.02, 7.01, 7.00, 6.99, 6.98, 6.97, 6.96, 6.95, 6.94, 6.93, 6.92, 6.91, 6.90, 6.89, 6.88, 6.87, 6.86, 6.85, 6.84, 6.83, 6.82, 6.81, 6.80, 6.79, 6.78, 6.77, 6.76, 6.75, 6.74, 6.73, 6.72, 6.71, 6.70, 6.69, 6.68, 6.67, 6.66, 6.65, 6.64, 6.63, 6.62, 6.61, 6.60, 6.59, 6.58, 6.57, 6.56, 6.55, 6.54, 6.53, 6.52, 6.51, 6.50, 6.49, 6.48, 6.47, 6.46, 6.45, 6.44, 6.43, 6.42, 6.41, 6.40, 6.39, 6.38, 6.37, 6.36, 6.35, 6.34, 6.33, 6.32, 6.31, 6.30, 6.29, 6.28, 6.27, 6.26, 6.25, 6.24, 6.23, 6.22, 6.21, 6.20, 6.19, 6.18, 6.17, 6.16, 6.15, 6.14, 6.13, 6.12, 6.11, 6.10, 6.09, 6.08, 6.07, 6.06, 6.05, 6.04, 6.03, 6.02, 6.01, 6.00, 5.99, 5.98, 5.97, 5.96, 5.95, 5.94, 5.93, 5.92, 5.91, 5.90, 5.89, 5.88, 5.87, 5.86, 5.85, 5.84, 5.83, 5.82, 5.81, 5.80, 5.79, 5.78, 5.77, 5.76, 5.75, 5.74, 5.73, 5.72, 5.71, 5.70, 5.69, 5.68, 5.67, 5.66, 5.65, 5.64, 5.63, 5.62, 5.61, 5.60, 5.59, 5.58, 5.57, 5.56, 5.55, 5.54, 5.53, 5.52, 5.51, 5.50, 5.49, 5.48, 5.47, 5.46, 5.45, 5.44, 5.43, 5.42, 5.41, 5.40, 5.39, 5.38, 5.37, 5.36, 5.35, 5.34, 5.33, 5.32, 5.31, 5.30, 5.29, 5.28, 5.27, 5.26, 5.25, 5.24, 5.23, 5.22, 5.21, 5.20, 5.19, 5.18, 5.17, 5.16, 5.15, 5.14, 5.13, 5.12, 5.11, 5.10, 5.09, 5.08, 5.07, 5.06, 5.05, 5.04, 5.03, 5.02, 5.01, 5.00, 4.99, 4.98, 4.97, 4.96, 4.95, 4.94, 4.93, 4.92, 4.91, 4.90, 4.89, 4.88, 4.87, 4.86, 4.85, 4.84, 4.83, 4.82, 4.81, 4.80, 4.79, 4.78, 4.77, 4.76, 4.75, 4.74, 4.73, 4.72, 4.71, 4.70, 4.69, 4.68, 4.67, 4.66, 4.65, 4.64, 4.63, 4.62, 4.61, 4.60, 4.59, 4.58, 4.57, 4.56, 4.55, 4.54, 4.53, 4.52, 4.51, 4.50, 4.49, 4.48, 4.47, 4.46, 4.45, 4.44, 4.43, 4.42, 4.41, 4.40, 4.39, 4.38, 4.37, 4.36, 4.35, 4.34, 4.33, 4.32, 4.31, 4.30, 4.29, 4.28, 4.27, 4.26, 4.25, 4.24, 4.23, 4.22, 4.21, 4.20, 4.19, 4.18, 4.17, 4.16, 4.15, 4.14, 4.13, 4.12, 4.11, 4.10, 4.09, 4.08, 4.07, 4.06, 4.05, 4.04, 4.03, 4.02, 4.01, 4.00, 3.99, 3.98, 3.97, 3.96, 3.95, 3.94, 3.93, 3.92, 3.91, 3.90, 3.89, 3.88, 3.87, 3.86, 3.85, 3.84, 3.83, 3.82, 3.81, 3.80, 3.79, 3.78, 3.77, 3.76, 3.75, 3.74, 3.73, 3.72, 3.71, 3.70, 3.69, 3.68, 3.67, 3.66, 3.65, 3.64, 3.63, 3.62, 3.61, 3.60, 3.59, 3.58, 3.57, 3.56, 3.55, 3.54, 3.53, 3.52, 3.51, 3.50, 3.49, 3.48, 3.47, 3.46, 3.45, 3.44, 3.43, 3.42, 3.41, 3.40, 3.39, 3.38, 3.37, 3.36, 3.35, 3.34, 3.33, 3.32, 3.31, 3.30, 3.29, 3.28, 3.27, 3.26, 3.25, 3.24, 3.23, 3.22, 3.21, 3.20, 3.19, 3.18, 3.17, 3.16, 3.15, 3.14, 3.13, 3.12, 3.11, 3.10, 3.09, 3.08, 3.07, 3.06, 3.05, 3.04, 3.03, 3.02, 3.01, 3.00, 2.99, 2.98, 2.97, 2.96, 2.95, 2.94, 2.93, 2.92, 2.91, 2.90, 2.89, 2.88, 2.87, 2.86, 2.85, 2.84, 2.83, 2.82, 2.81, 2.80, 2.79, 2.78, 2.77, 2.76, 2.75, 2.74, 2.73, 2.72, 2.71, 2.70, 2.69, 2.68, 2.67, 2.66, 2.65, 2.64, 2.63, 2.62, 2.61, 2.60, 2.59, 2.58, 2.57, 2.56, 2.55, 2.54, 2.53, 2.52, 2.51, 2.50, 2.49, 2.48, 2.47, 2.46, 2.45, 2.44, 2.43, 2.42, 2.41, 2.40, 2.39, 2.38, 2.37, 2.36, 2.35, 2.34, 2.33, 2.32, 2.31, 2.30, 2.29, 2.28, 2.27, 2.26, 2.25, 2.24, 2.23, 2.22, 2.21, 2.20, 2.19, 2.18, 2.17, 2.16, 2.15, 2.14, 2.13, 2.12, 2.11, 2.10, 2.09, 2.08, 2.07, 2.06, 2.05, 2.04, 2.03, 2.02, 2.01, 2.00, 1.99, 1.98, 1.97, 1.96, 1.95, 1.94, 1.93, 1.92, 1.91, 1.90, 1.89, 1.88, 1.87, 1.86, 1.85, 1.84, 1.83, 1.82, 1.81, 1.80, 1.79, 1.78, 1.77, 1.76, 1.75, 1.74, 1.73, 1.72, 1.71, 1.70, 1.69, 1.68,	

Chemical structure of compound 10 is shown above the spectrum. The structure is a complex molecule featuring a fluorene core, a benzamide group, a benzyl group, and a quinoline-2-carboxylic acid moiety.

The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) shows the following peaks (ppm):

Peak (ppm)
171.005
153.266
144.852
144.802
143.902
140.784
137.426
136.951
134.129
133.622
132.855
128.509
127.764
127.397
127.229
126.733
126.433
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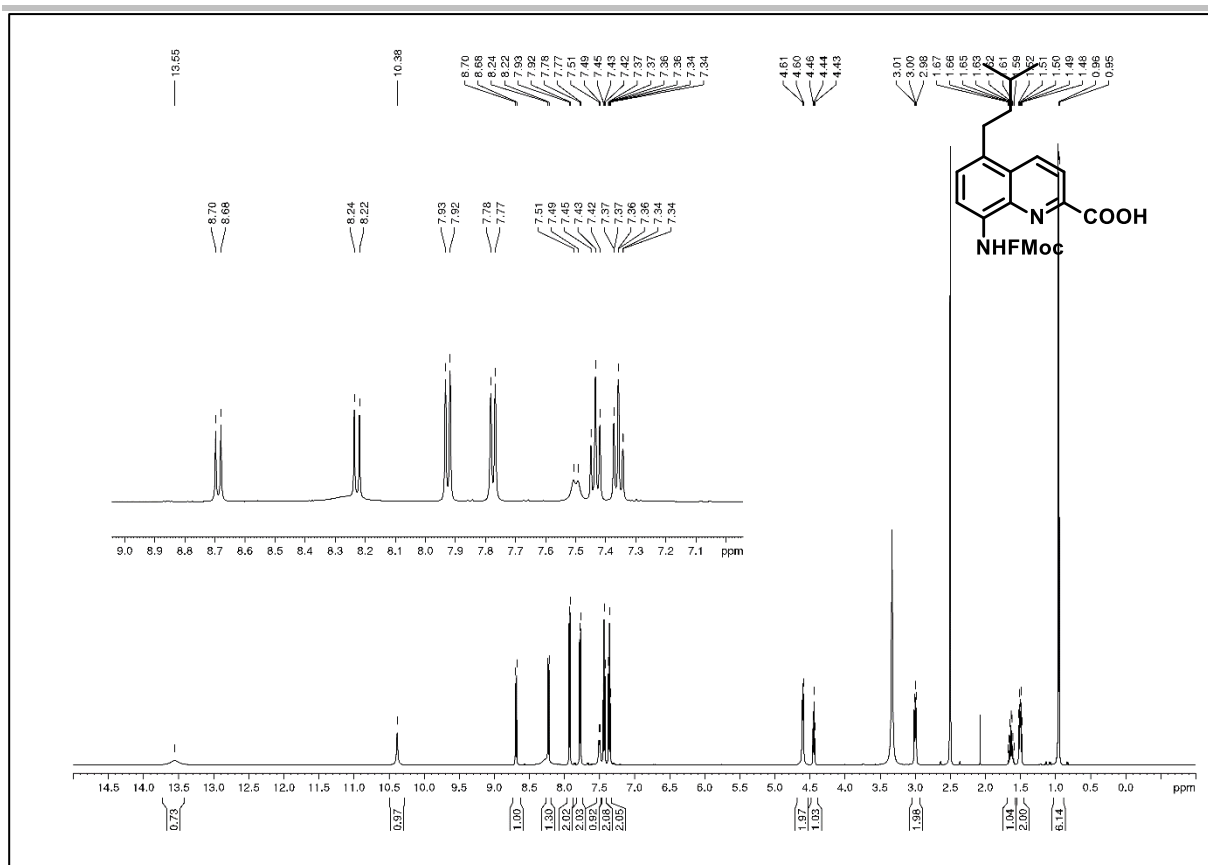


Figure S57. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 10d.

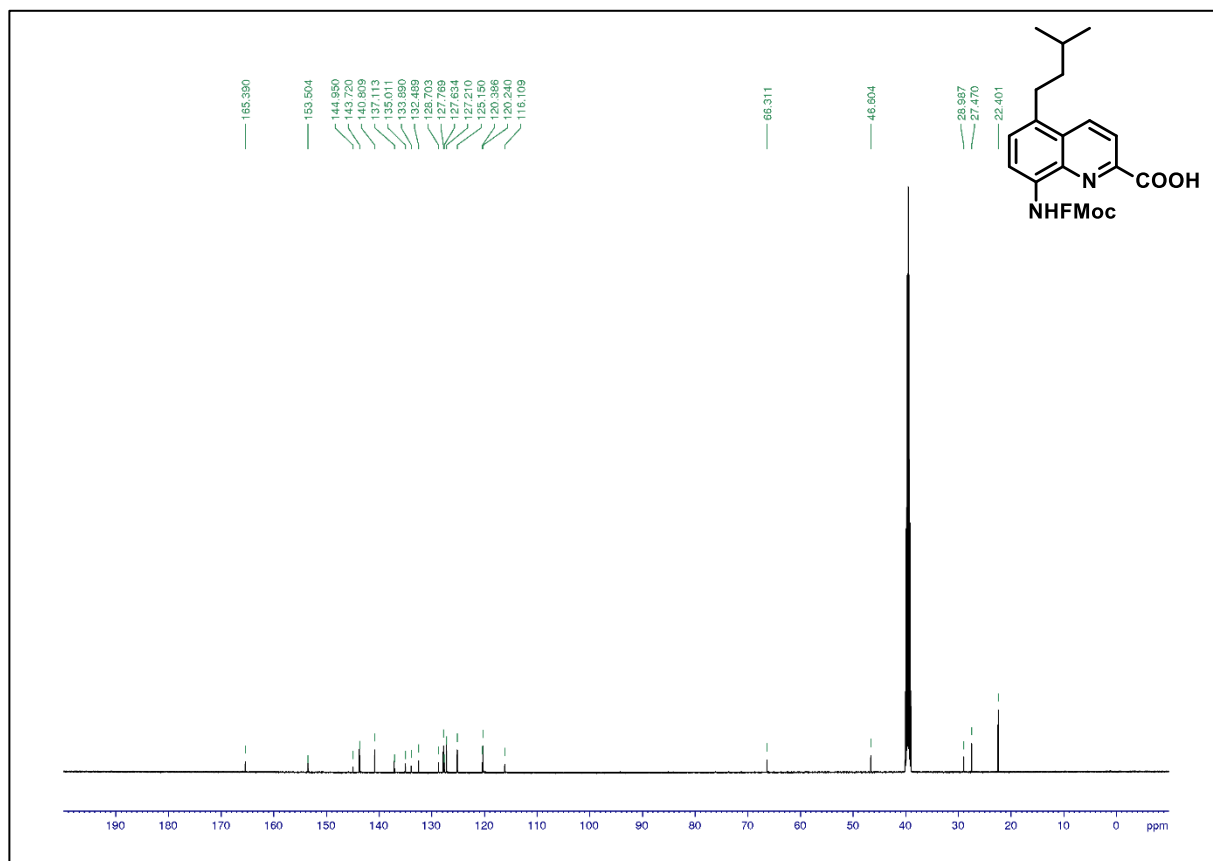


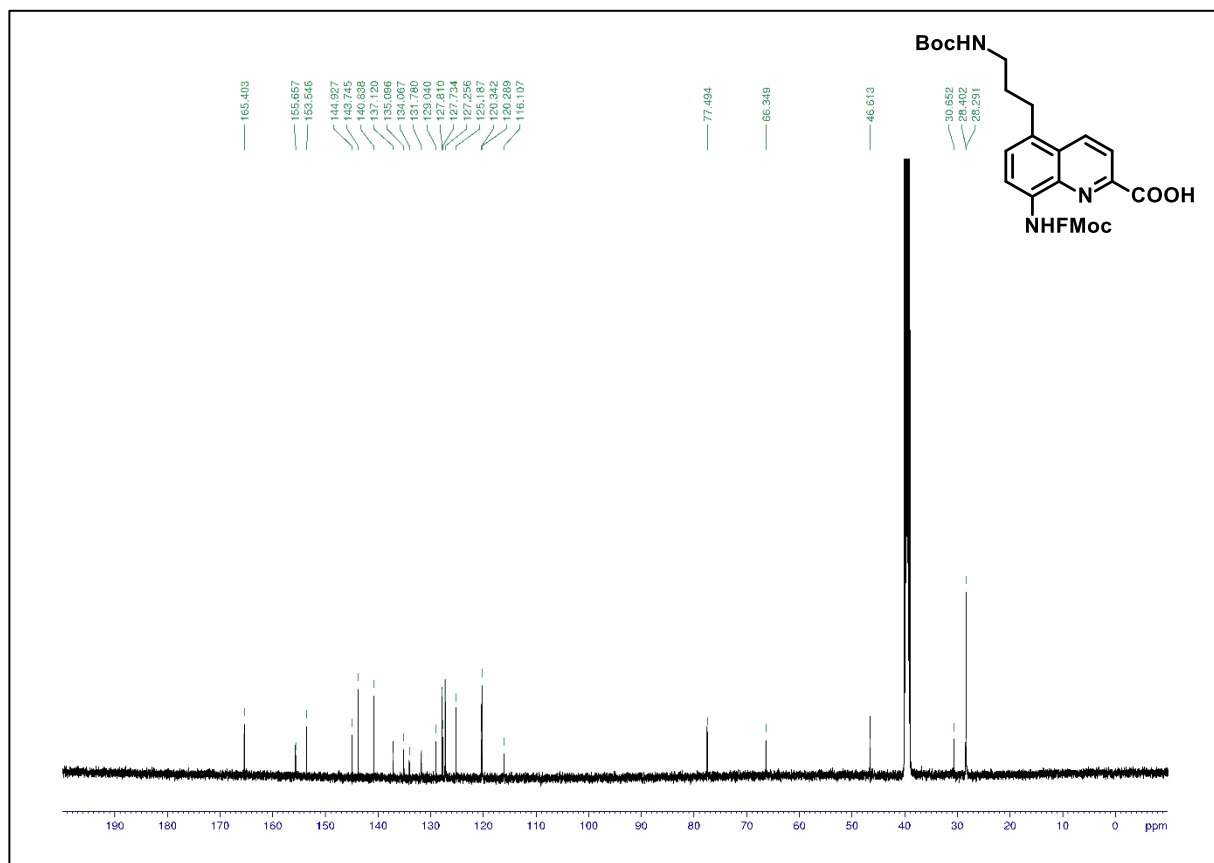
Figure S58. <sup>13</sup>C(<sup>1</sup>H) NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 10d.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of BocHN-1 in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>**

**Chemical structure of BocHN-1:** CC(C)(C)OC(=O)c1ccc2nc(C(=O)O)c3ccccc23

**Peak Data:**

Chemical Shift (ppm)	Integration
13.62	1.00
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8.29, 8.22, 8.22	1.01
7.95, 7.95, 7.95, 7.94, 7.94, 7.94, 7.80, 7.78	1.77
7.55, 7.53, 7.46, 7.45, 7.43, 7.39, 7.38, 7.37, 7.37, 7.36, 7.36	2.08
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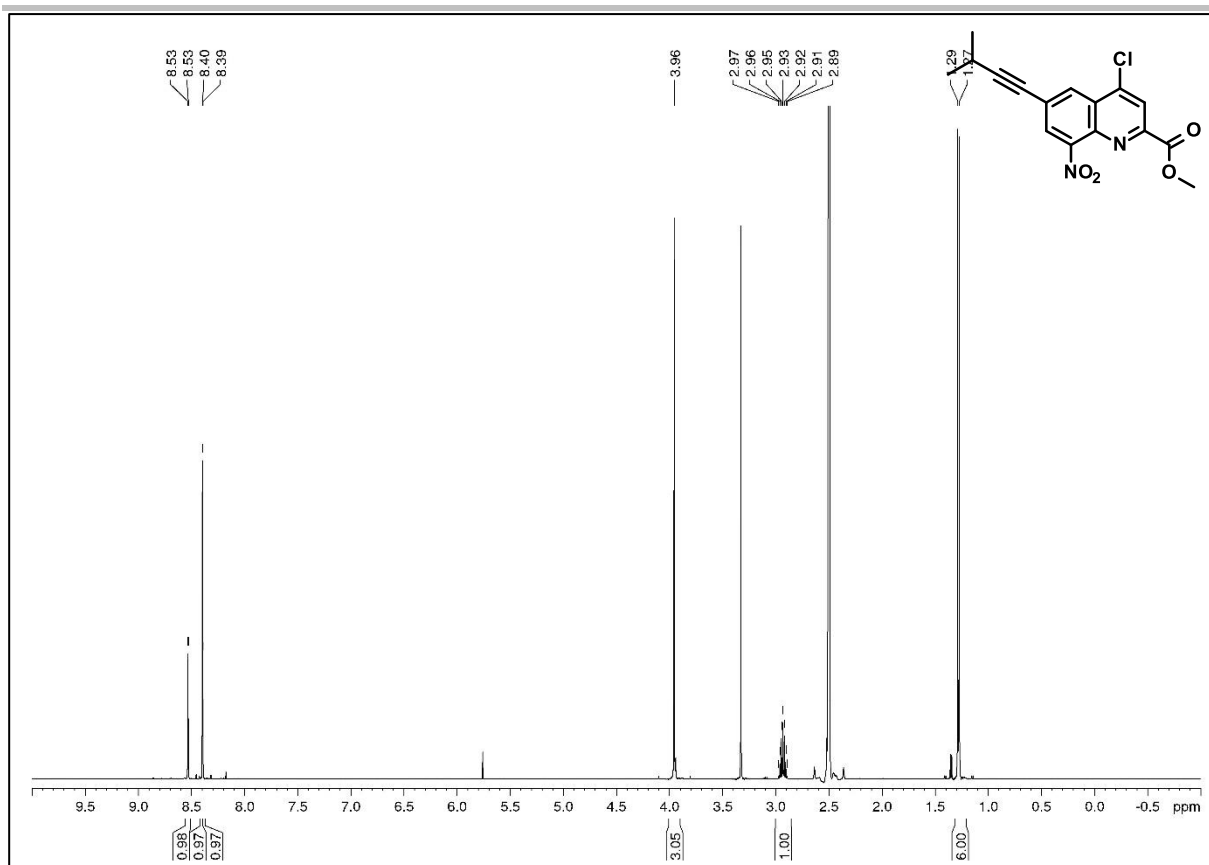


Figure S61. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 11a.

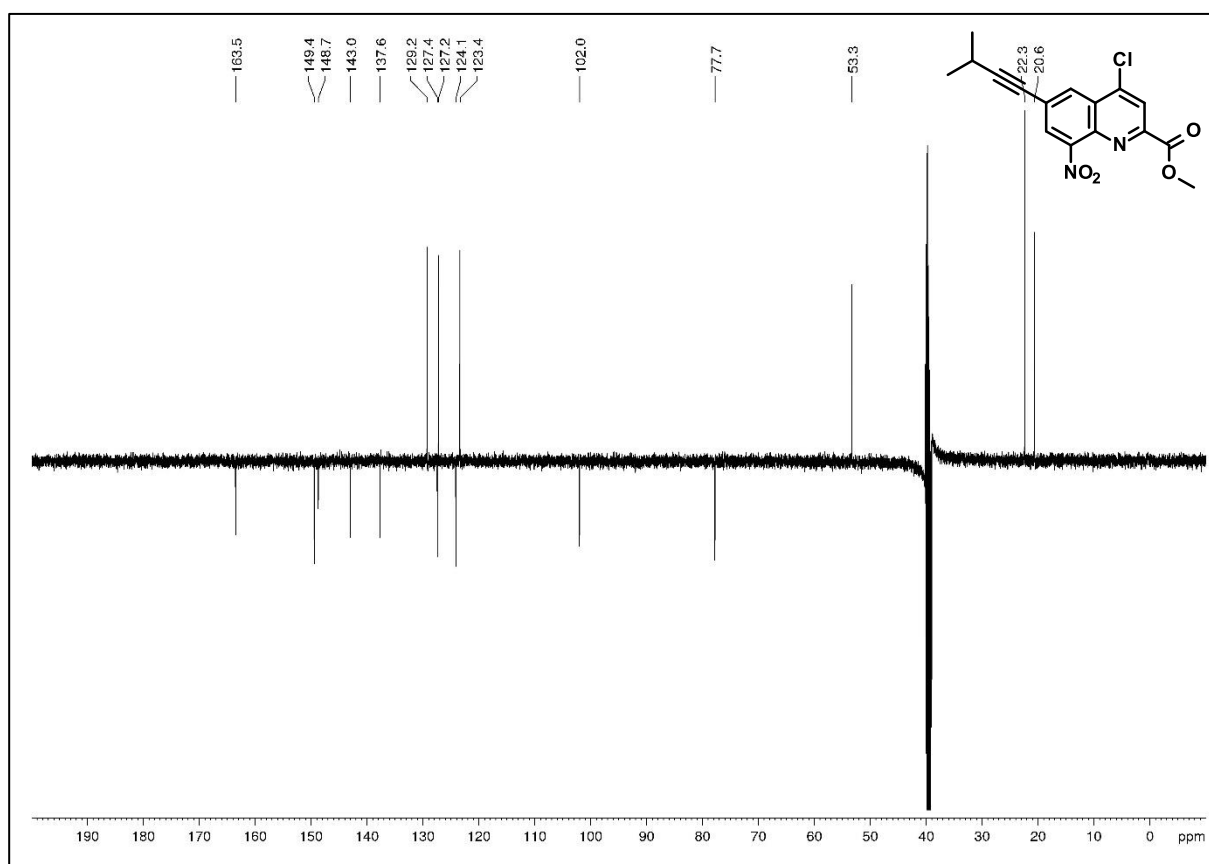


Figure S62. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 11a.

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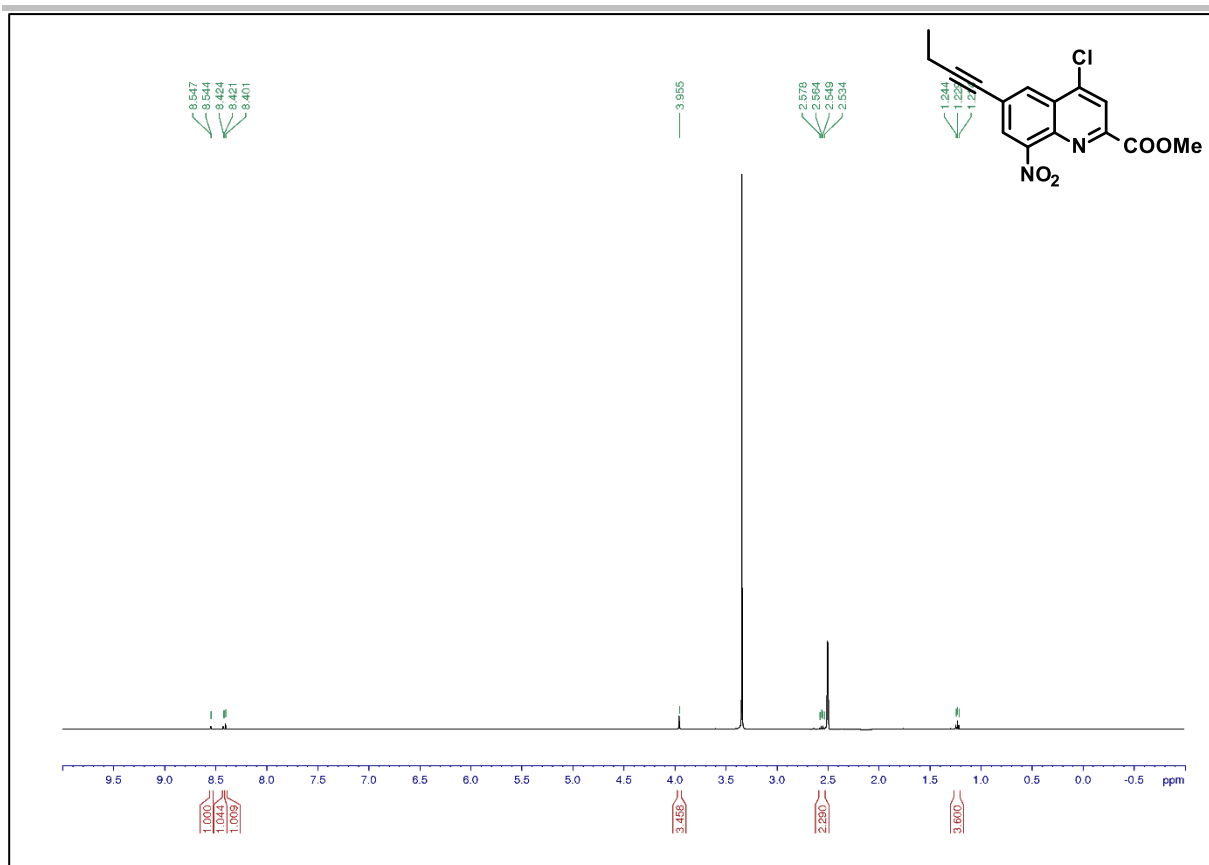


Figure S63. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 11b.

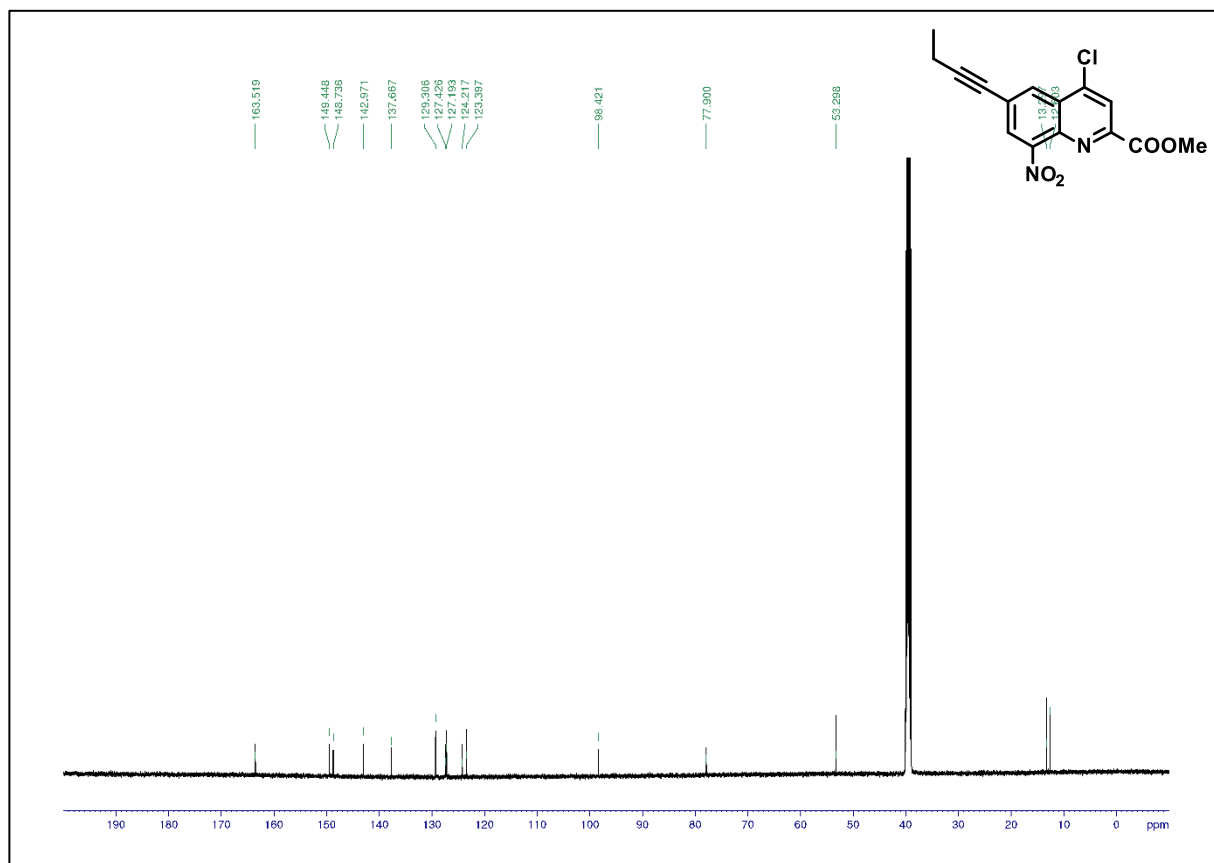
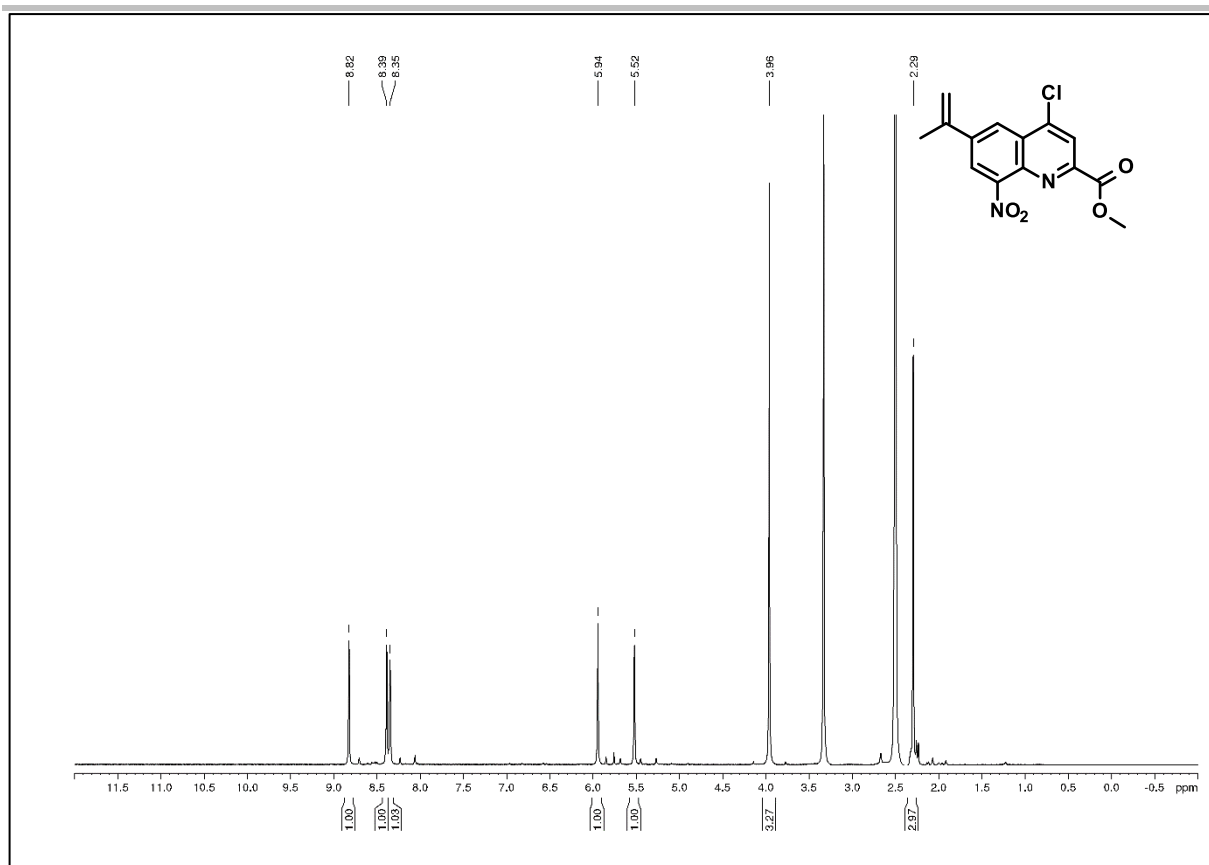
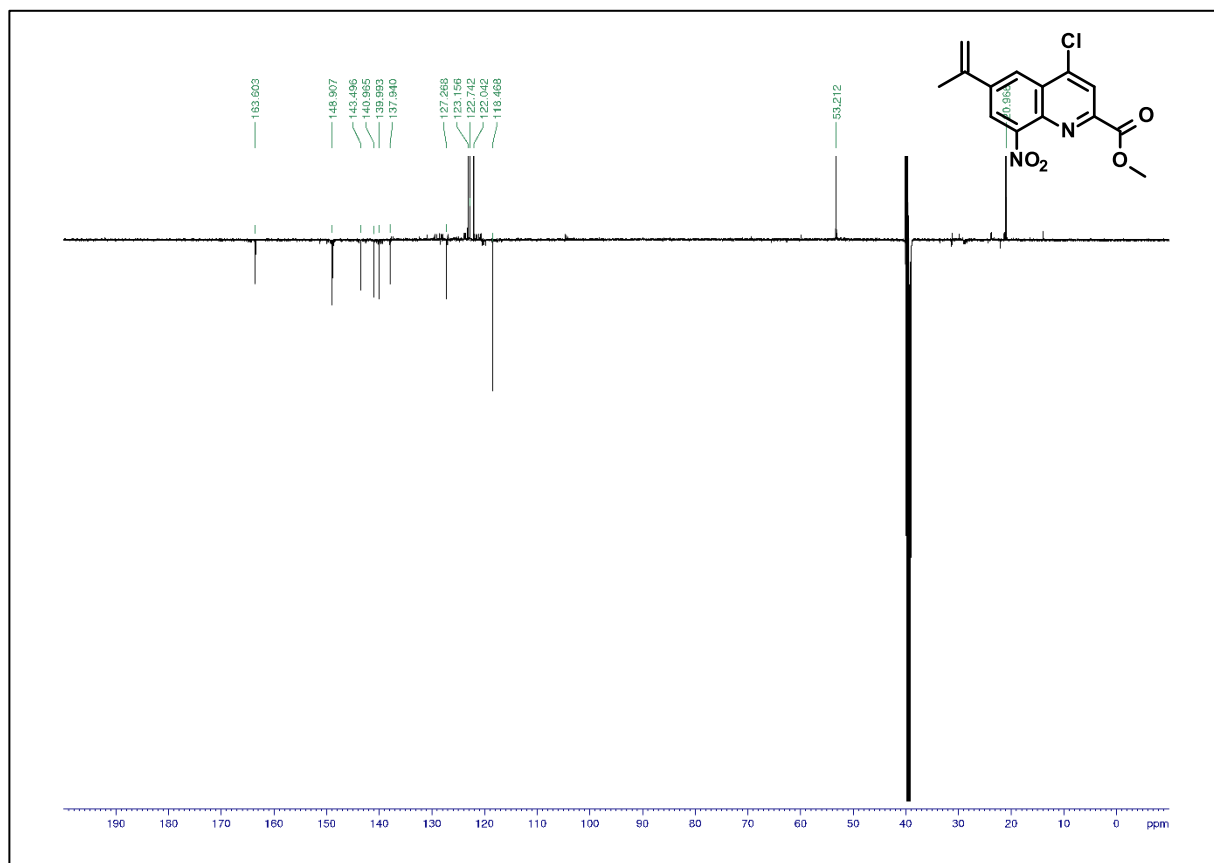


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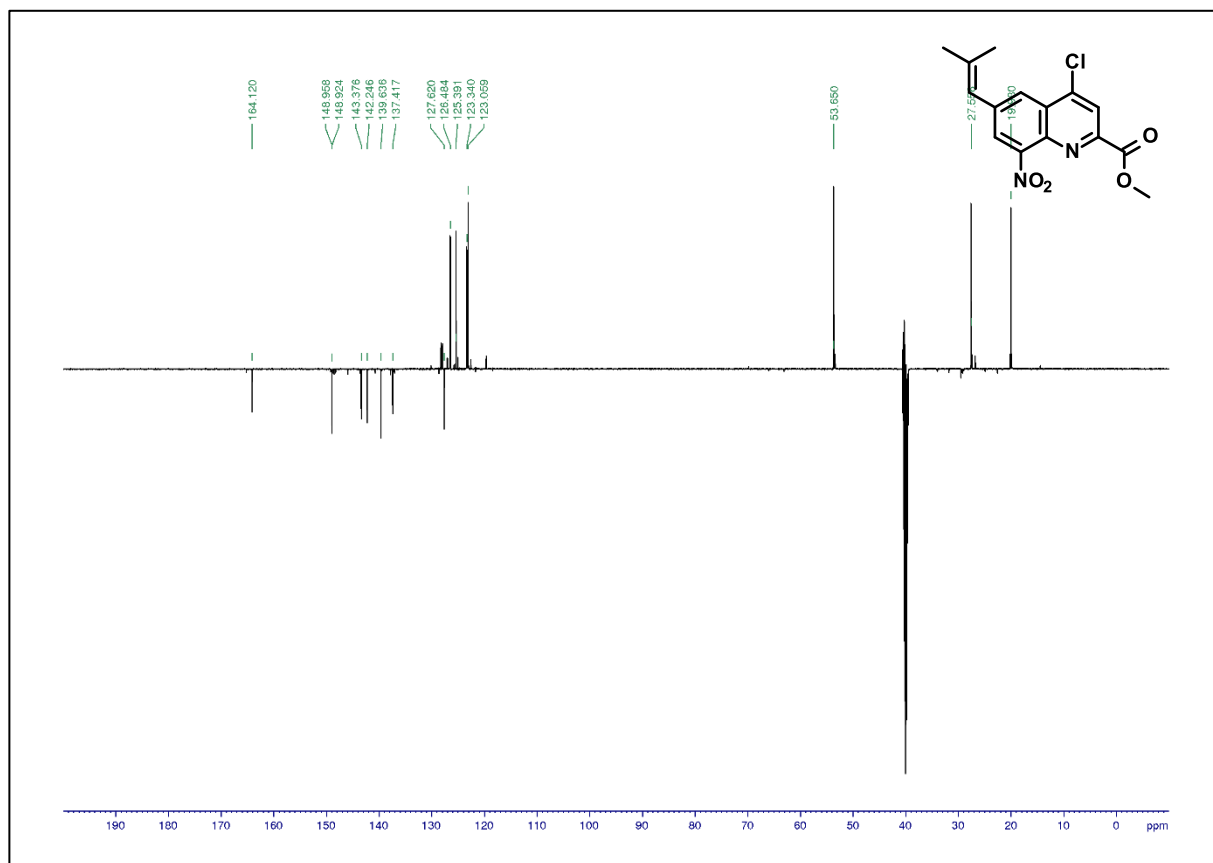
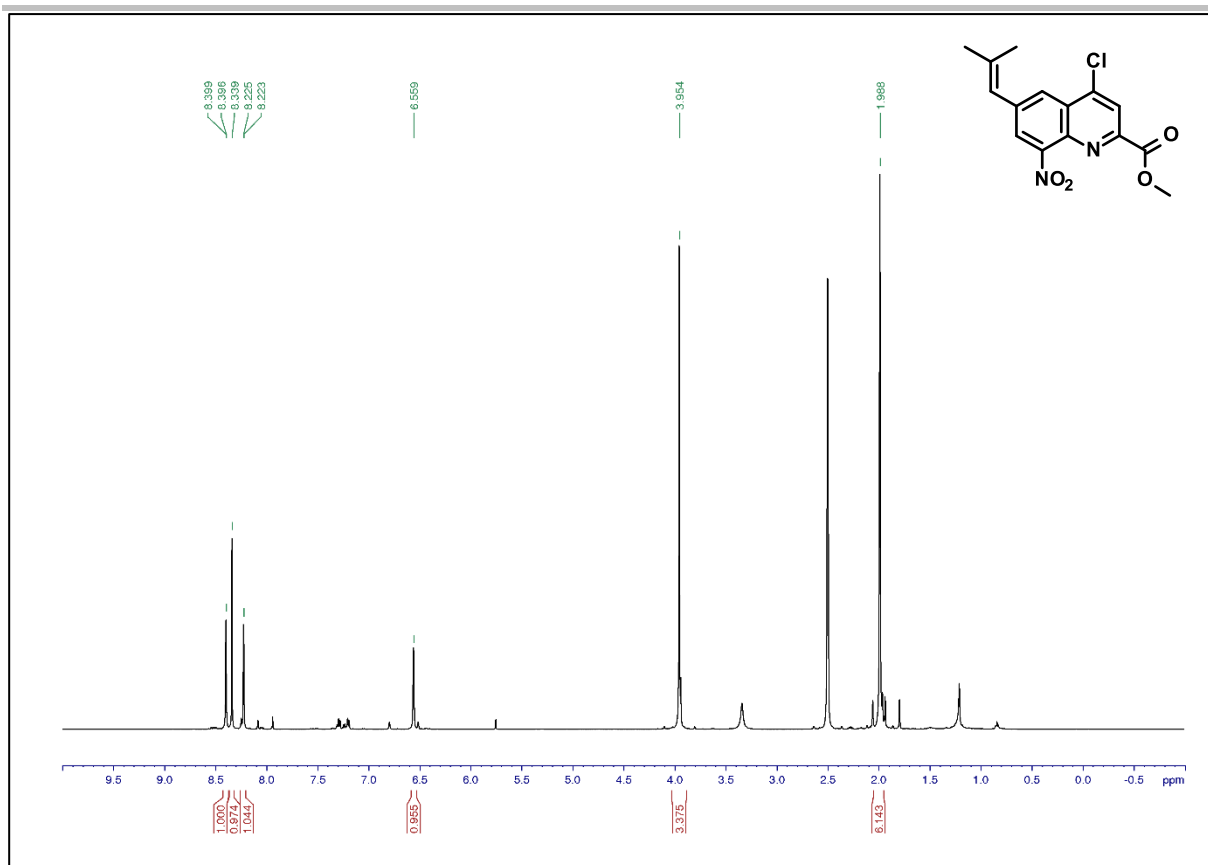
**Figure S65.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound **11c**.



**Figure S66.** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound **11c**.



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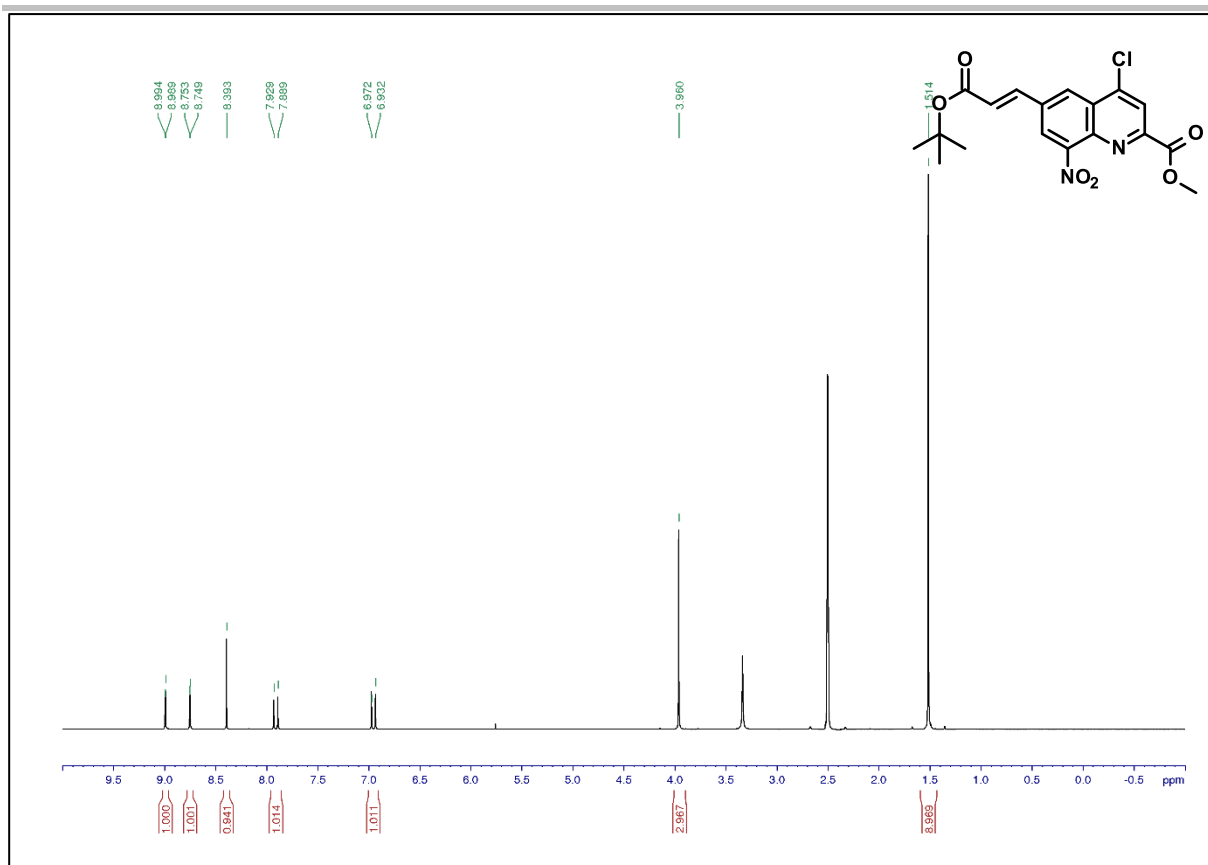


Figure S69. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 11e.

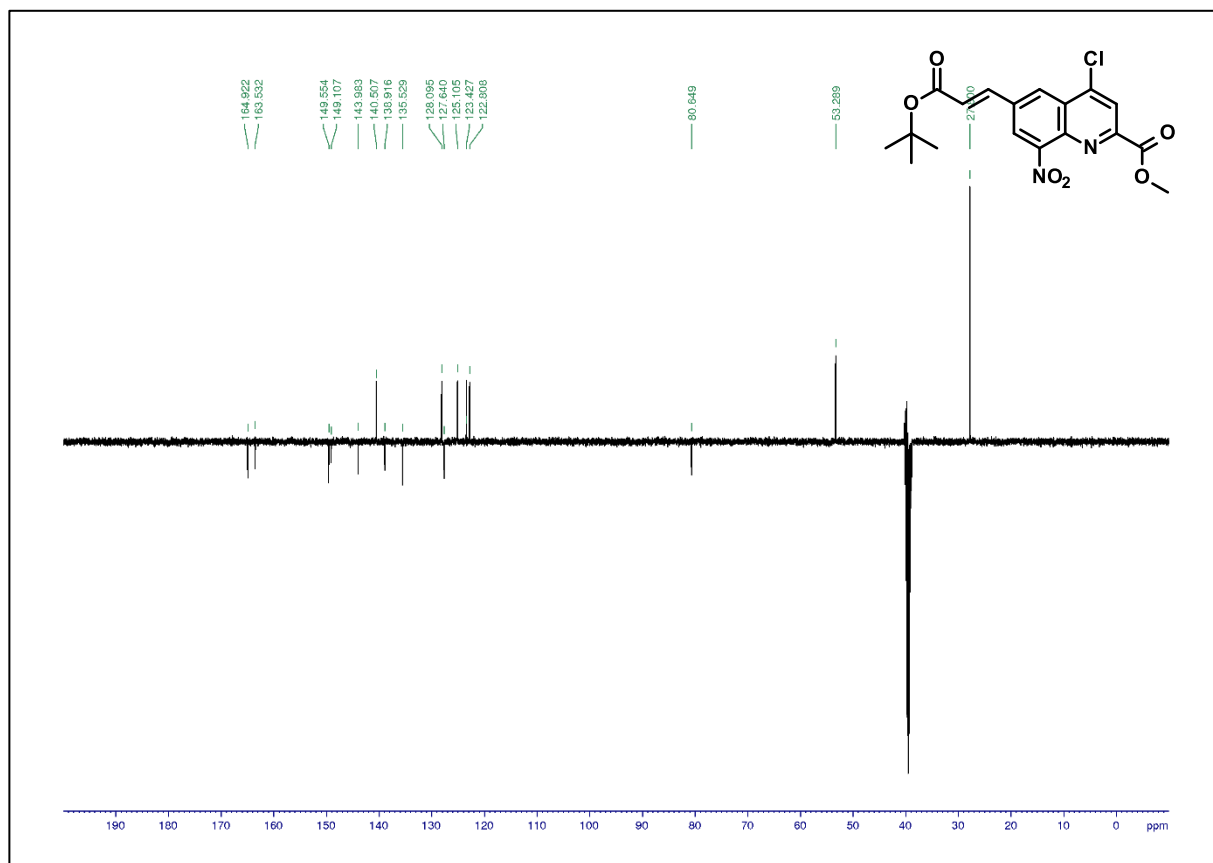
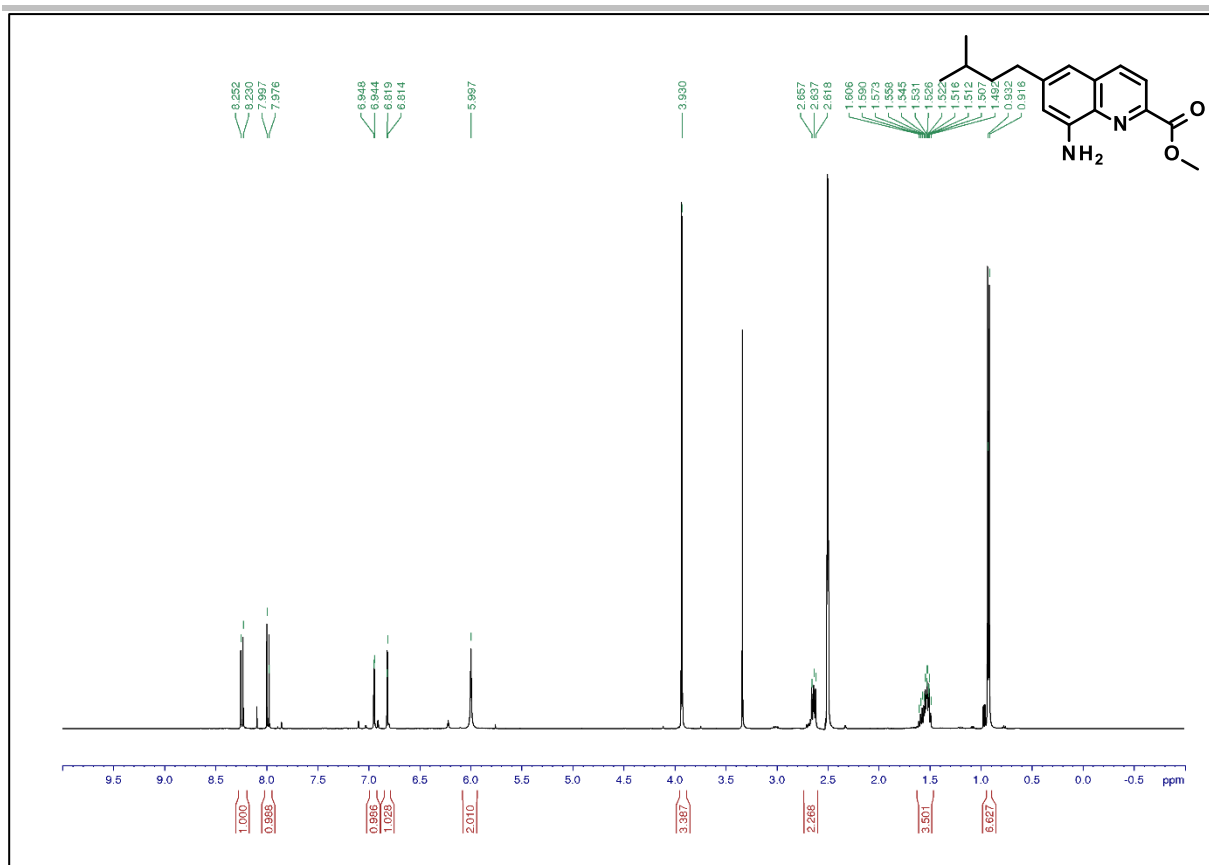
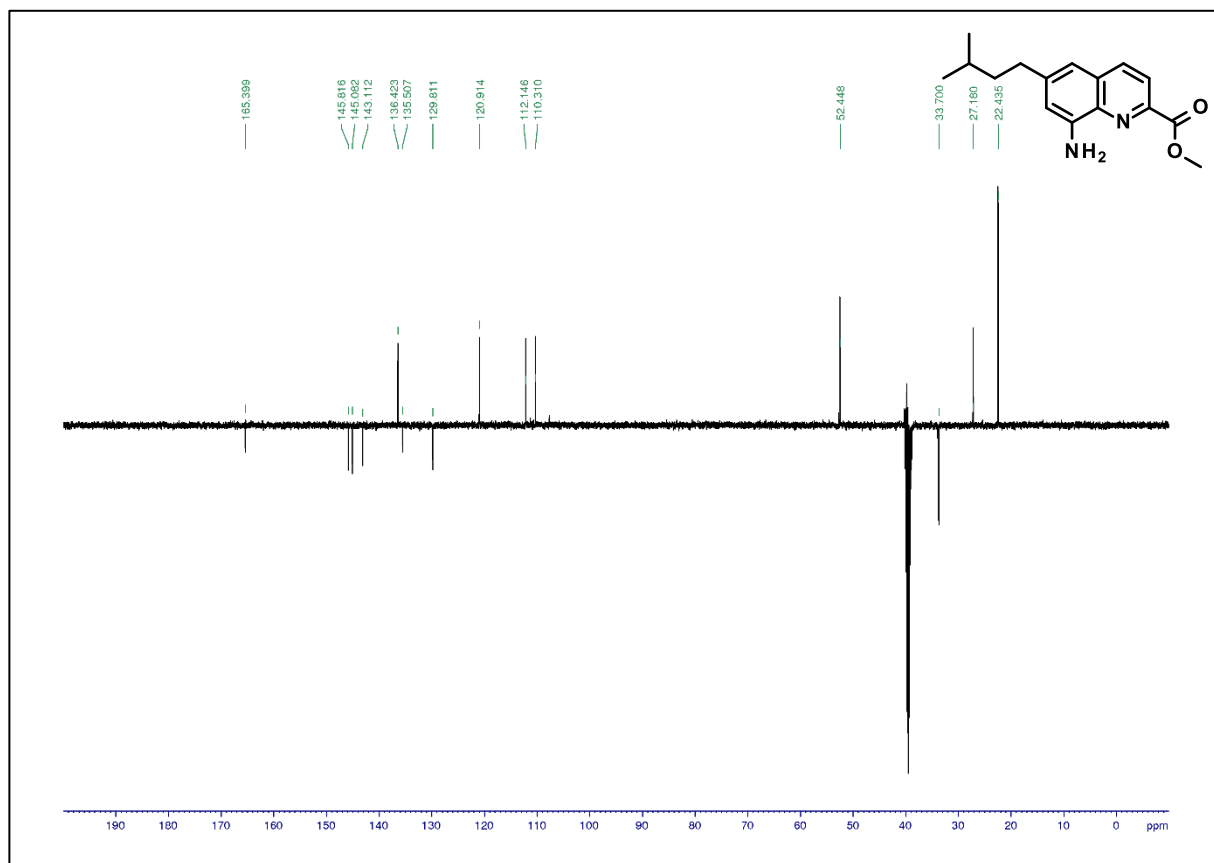


Figure S70. <sup>13</sup>C(<sup>1</sup>H) NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 11e.

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**Figure S71.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 12a.



**Figure S72.** <sup>13</sup>C(<sup>1</sup>H) NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 12a.

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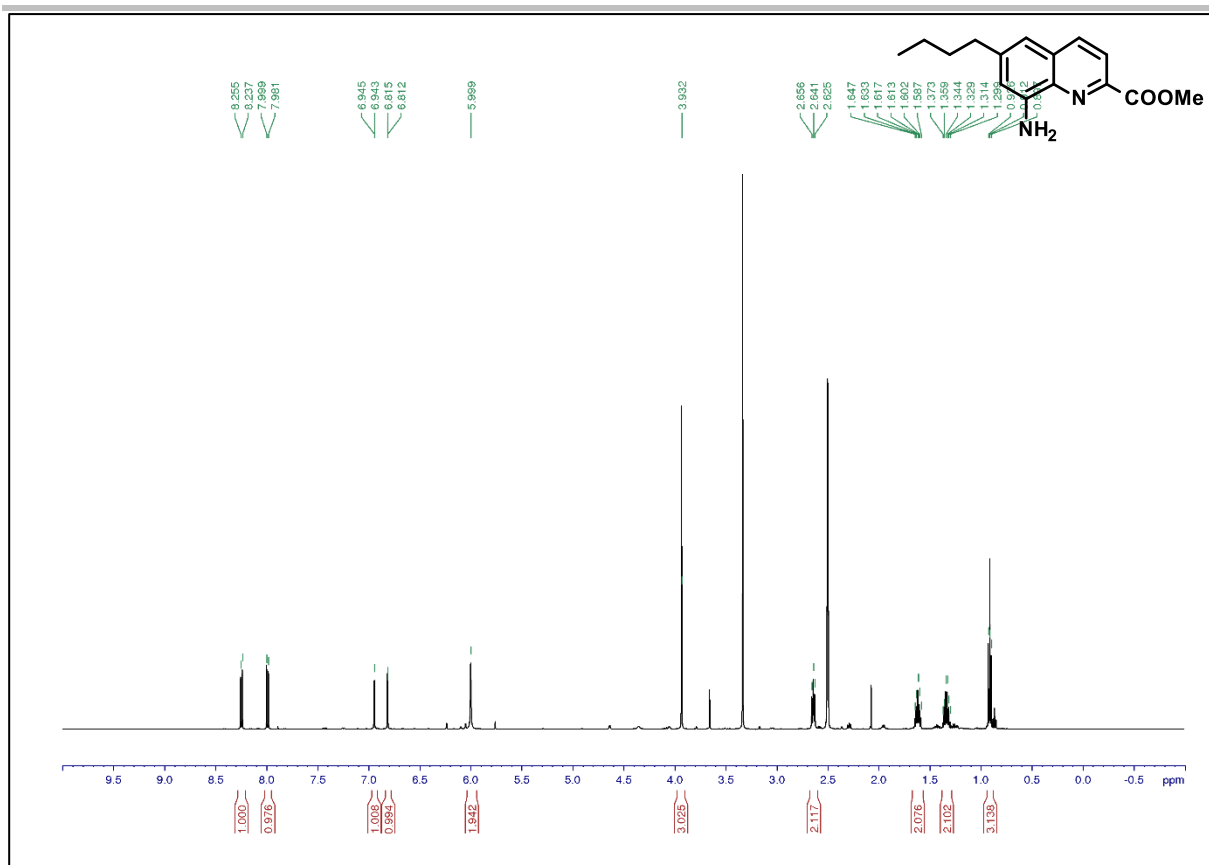


Figure S73. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 12b.

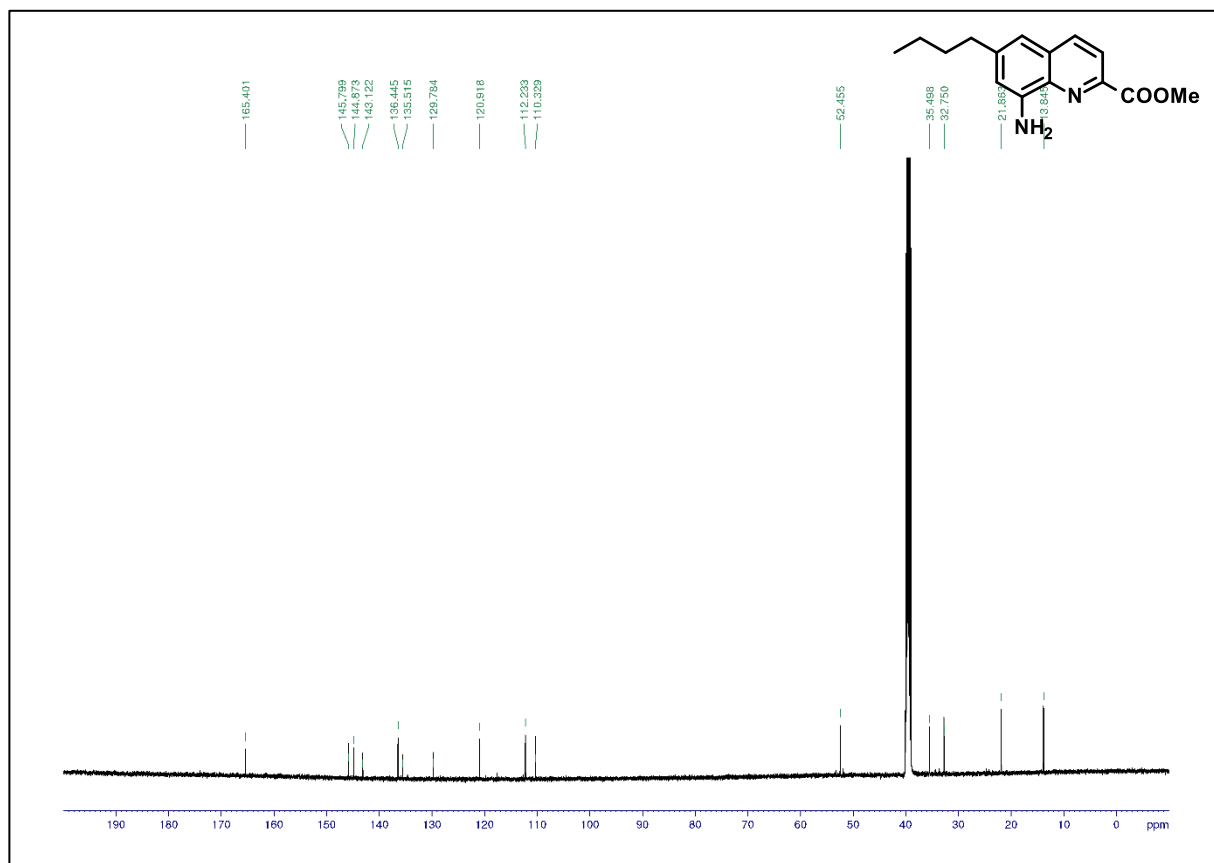
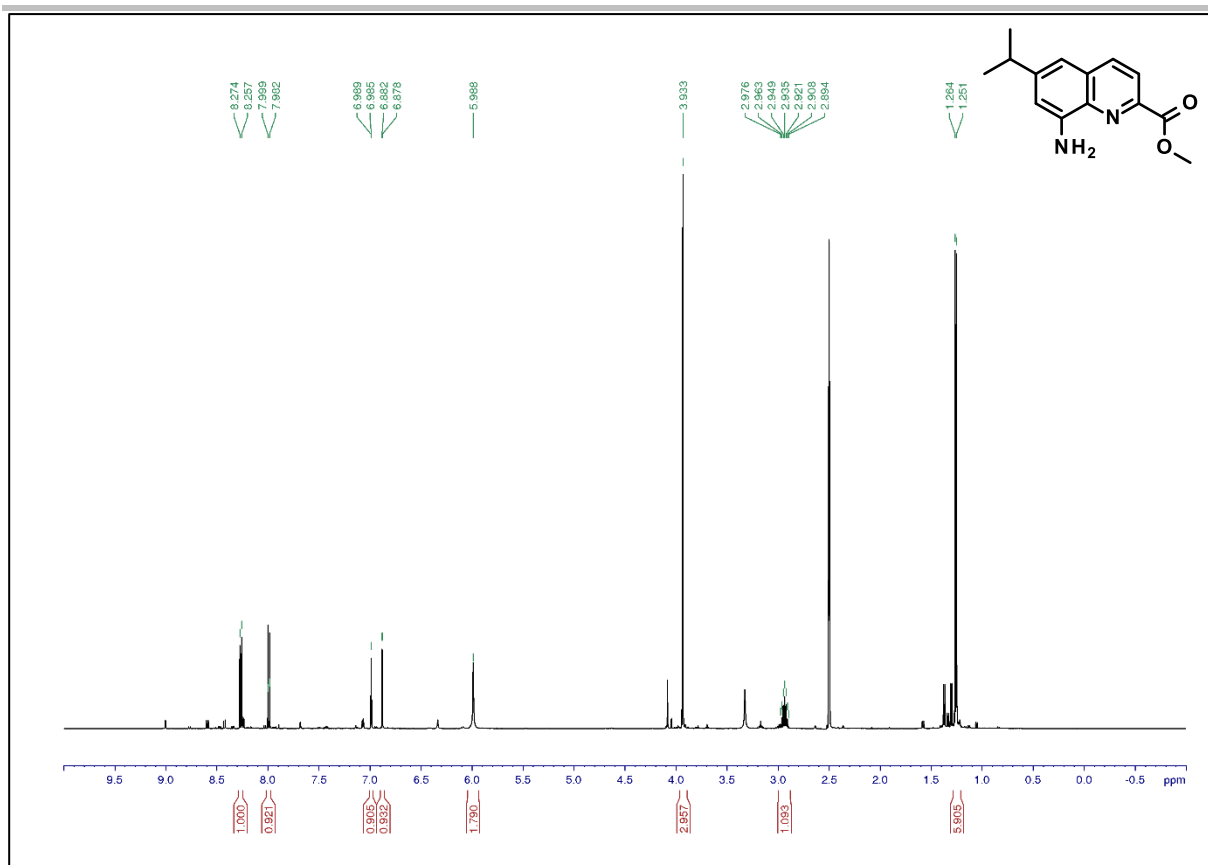
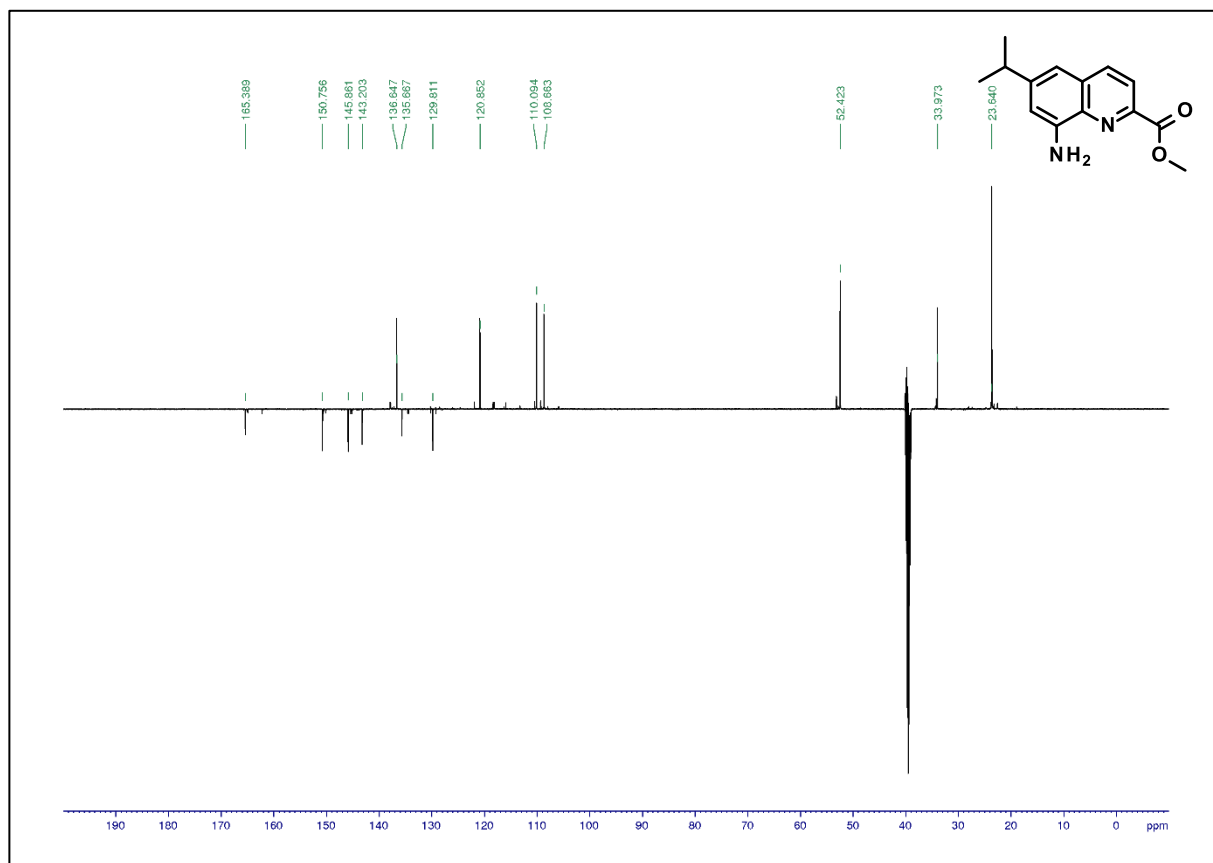


Figure S74. <sup>13</sup>C(<sup>1</sup>H) NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 12b.

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**Figure S75.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound **12c**.



**Figure S76.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound **12c**.

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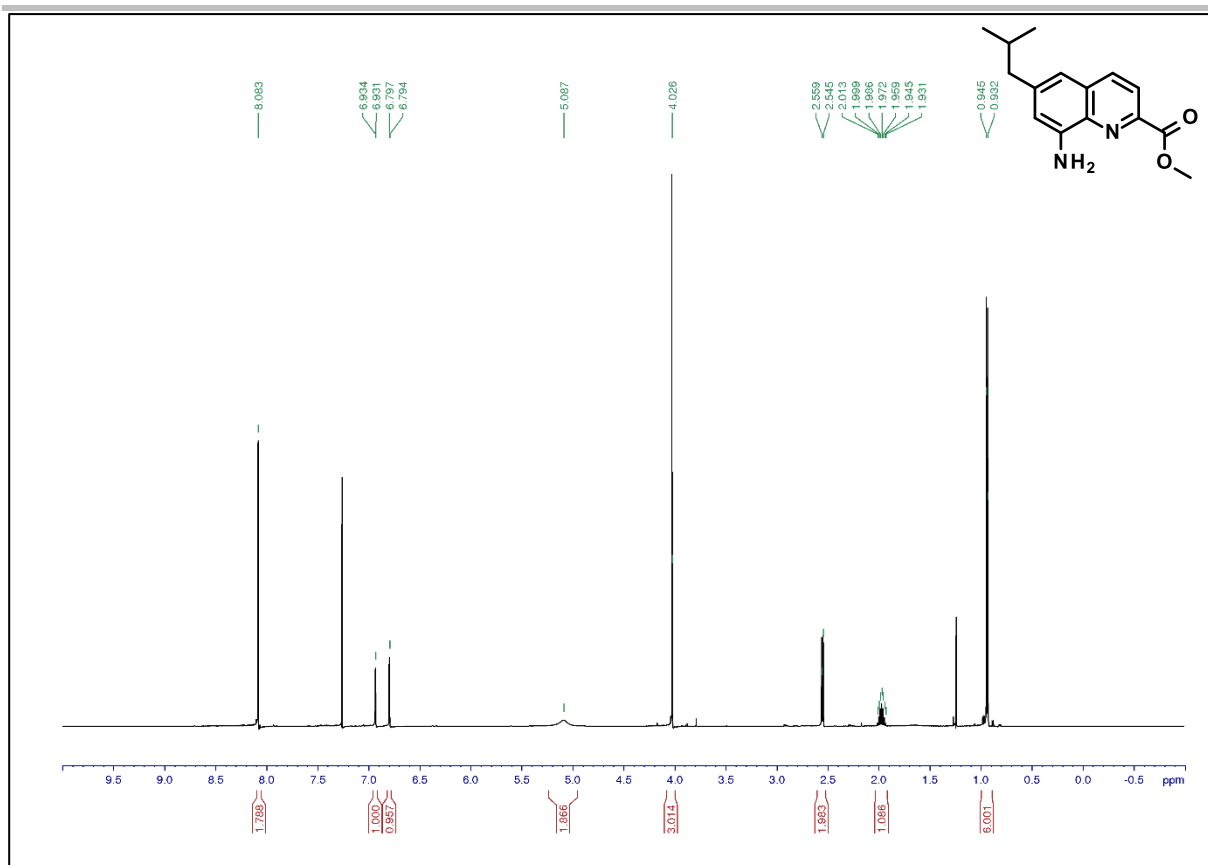


Figure S77.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound 12d.

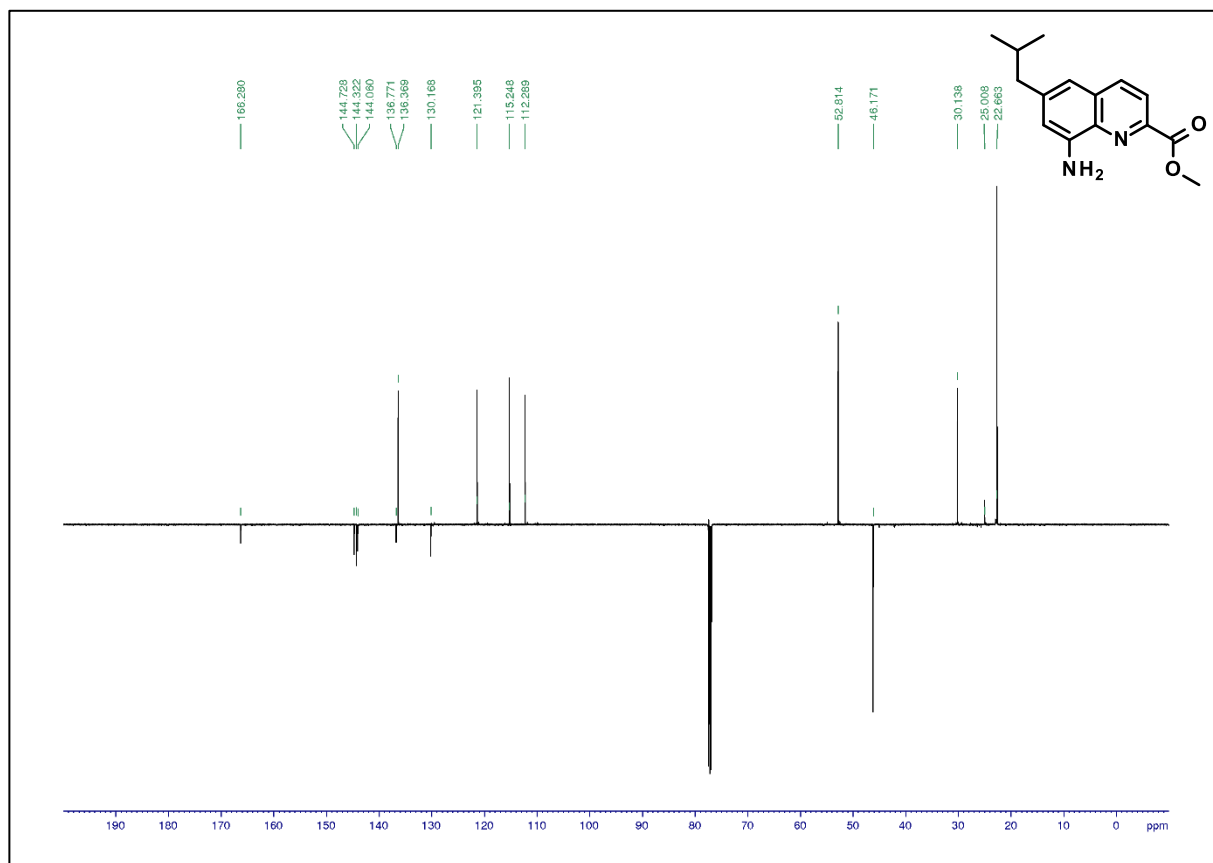
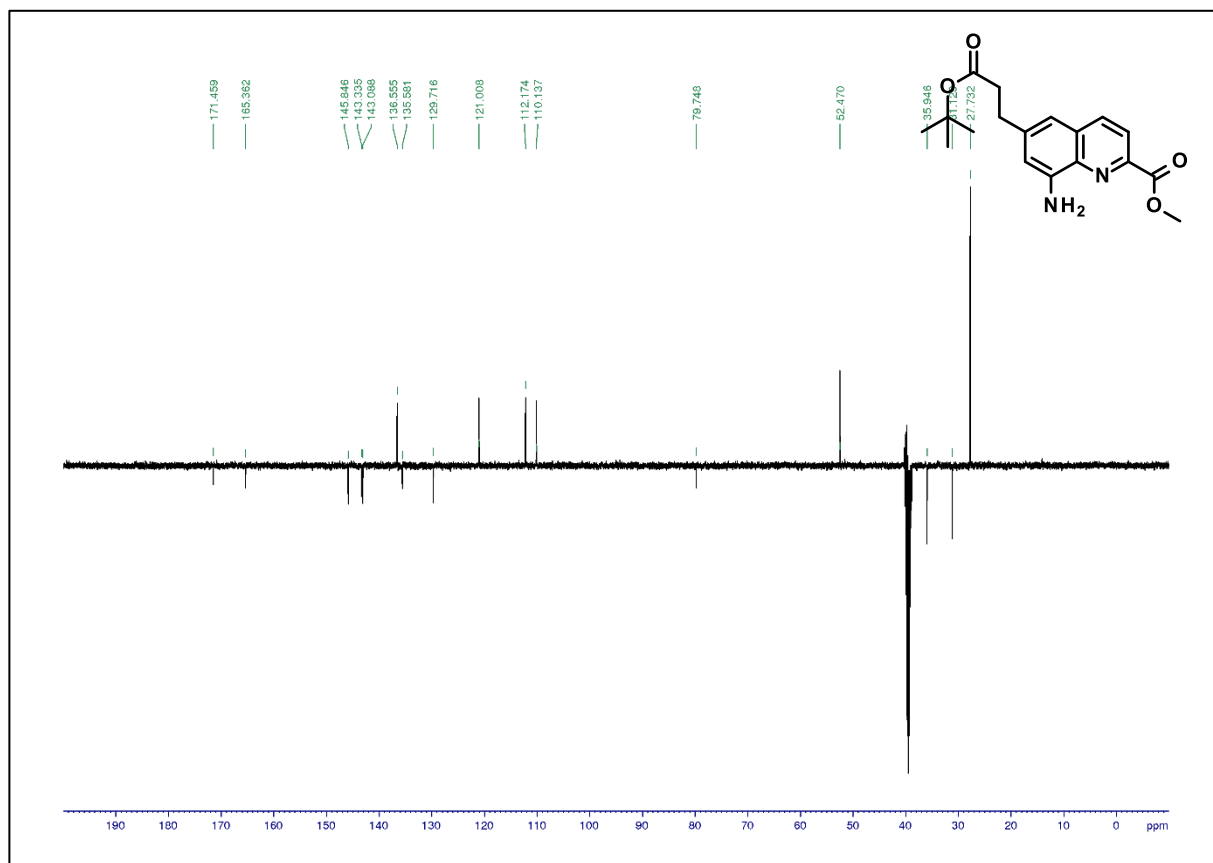
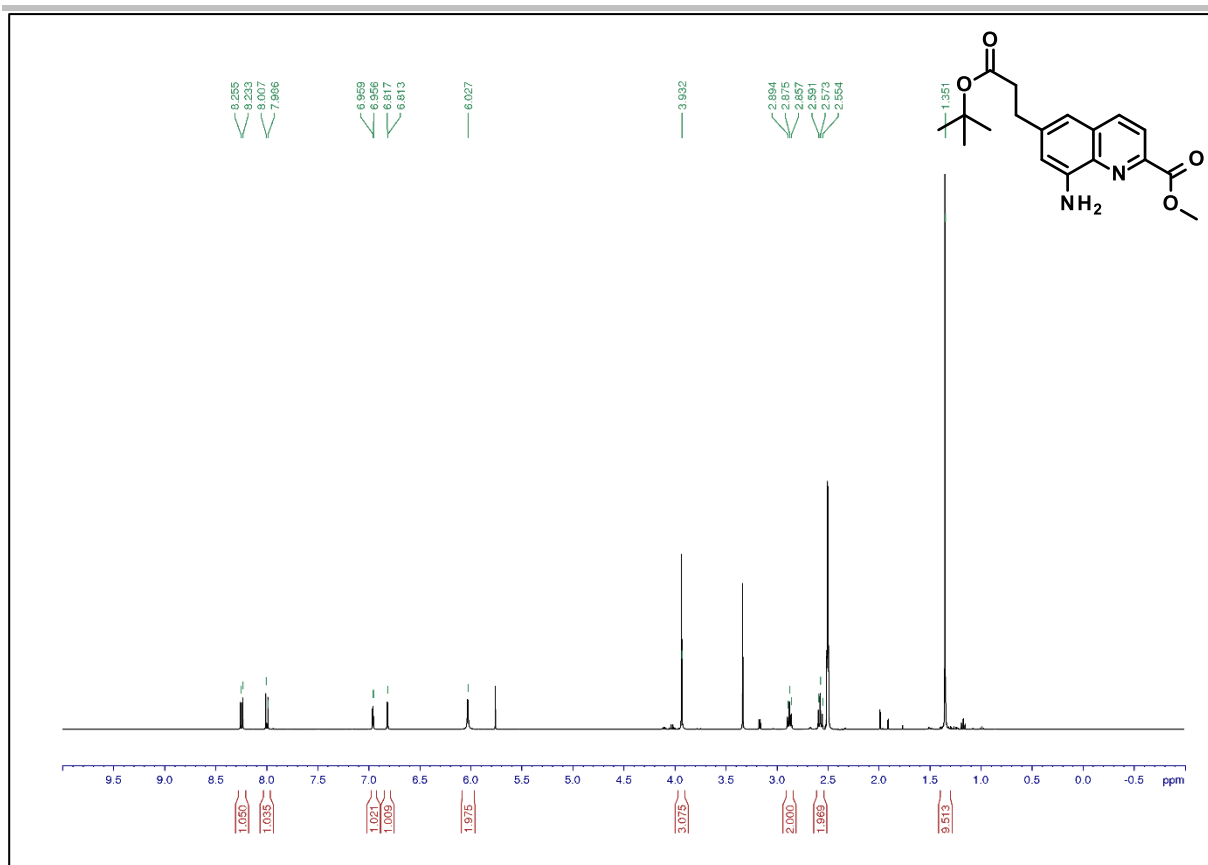
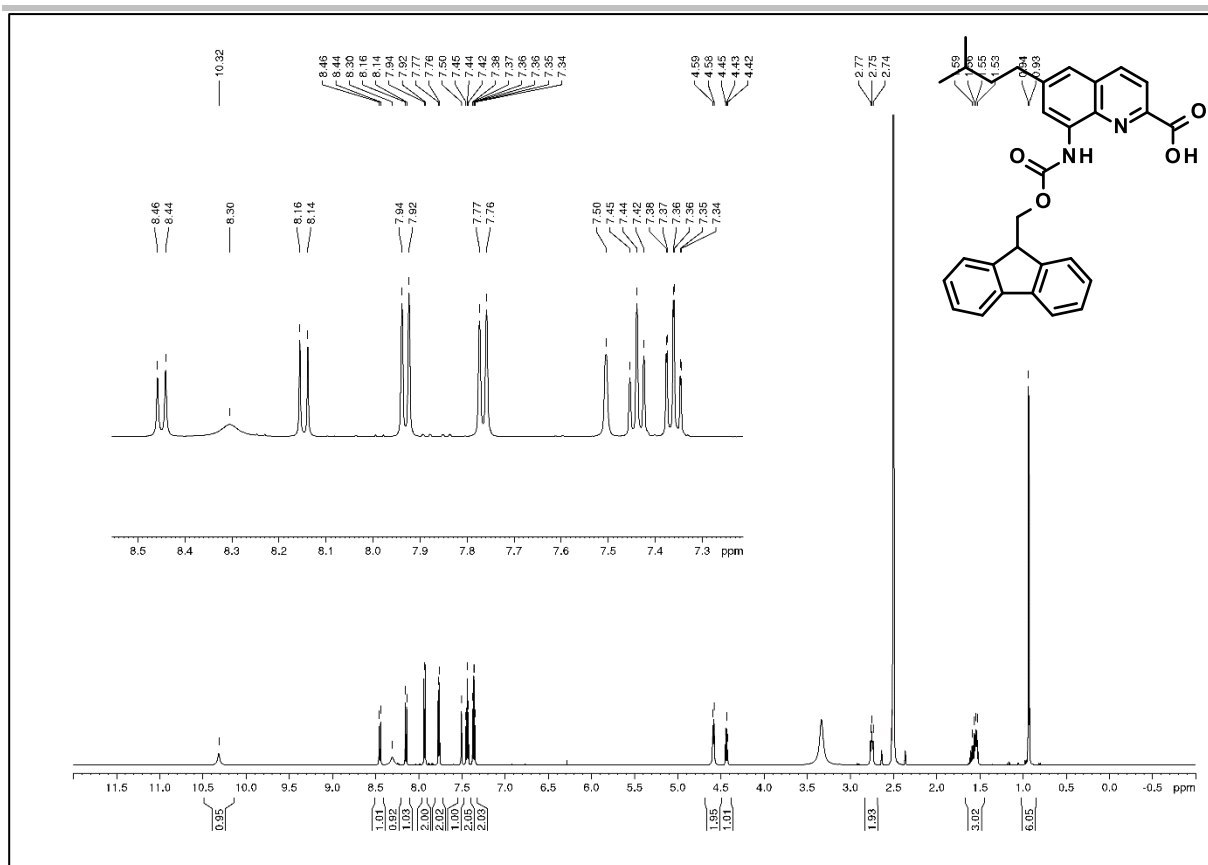


Figure S78.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound 12d.

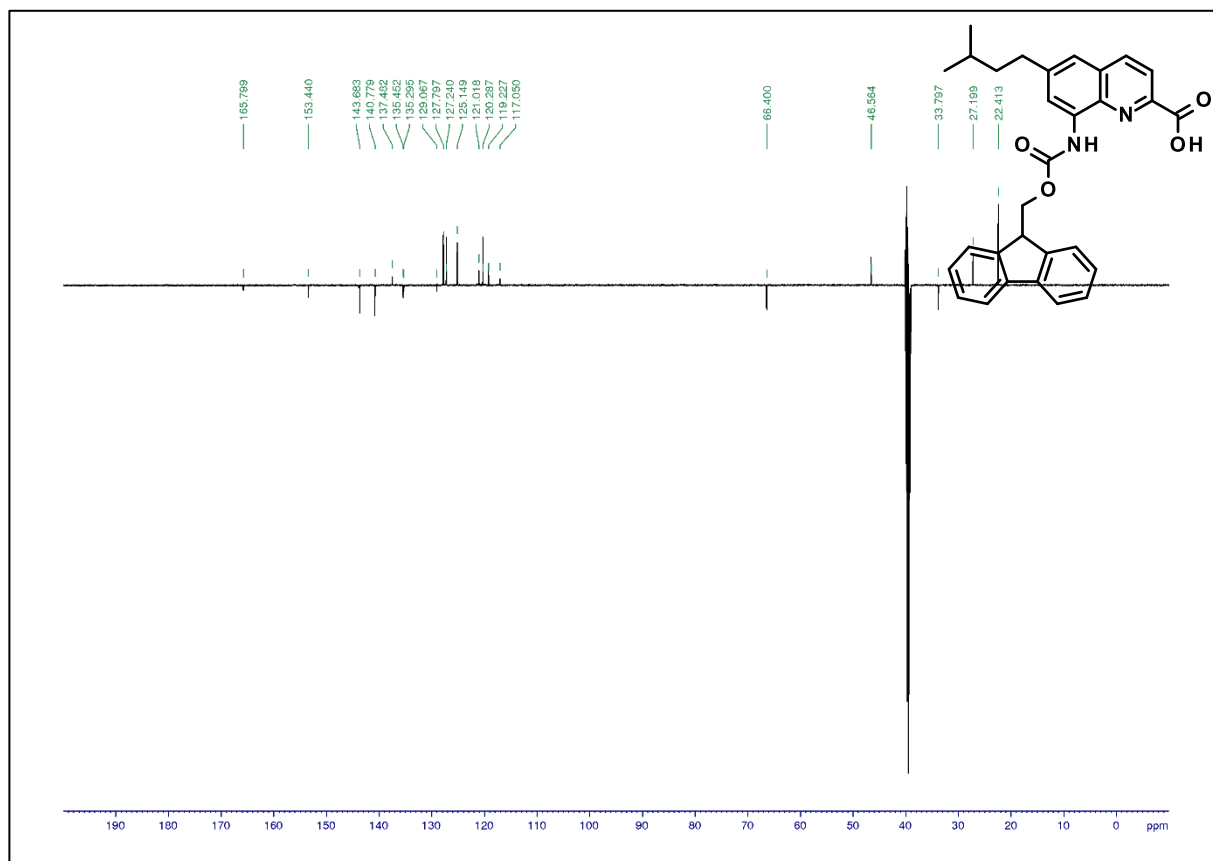
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**Figure S81.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound **13a**.



**Figure S82.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound **13a**.



**Chemical structure of 10:** CCCCCc1ccc2c(c1)cnc2C(=O)O

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**

**Chemical shift (ppm):** 13.53, 8.50, 8.46, 8.32, 8.18, 8.16, 8.15, 7.94, 7.93, 7.79, 7.77, 7.52, 7.50, 7.48, 7.44, 7.43, 7.38, 7.37, 7.36, 7.35, 7.26, 4.61, 4.60, 4.47, 4.45, 4.44, 2.77, 2.75, 2.74, 1.67, 1.65, 1.64, 1.62, 1.61, 1.59, 1.37, 1.36, 1.34, 1.33, 1.31, 1.29, 0.91, 0.90.

**Integration values:** 0.78, 0.93, 1.00, 0.92, 1.02, 1.99, 1.98, 0.97, 1.99, 1.97, 1.85, 1.92, 1.92, 1.94, 1.99, 2.95.

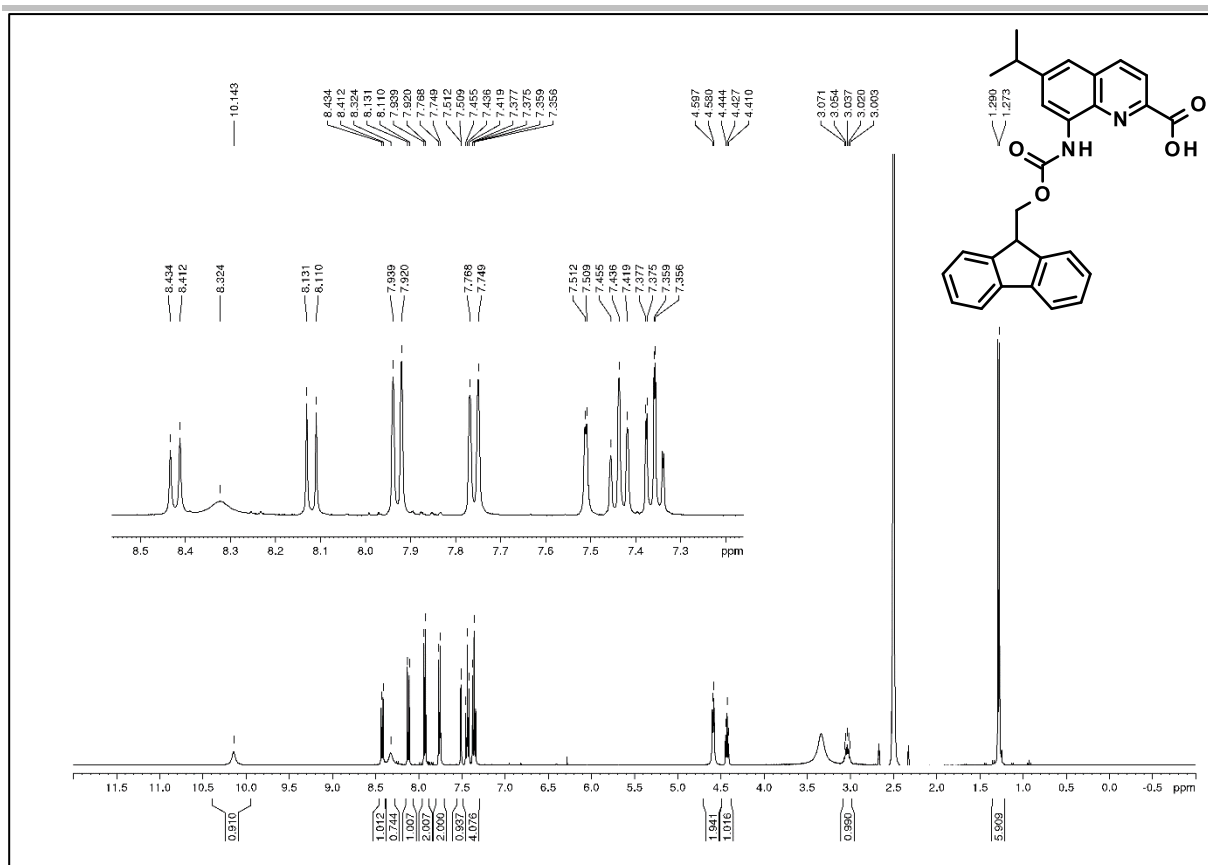
**Chemical Structure:** N-((4-oxo-4H-chromen-3-yl)methyl)-L-proline. The structure is labeled with atom numbers: 13 for the carbonyl carbon, 14 for the ring carbons, and 15 for the proline ring carbons.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectrum (ppm):**

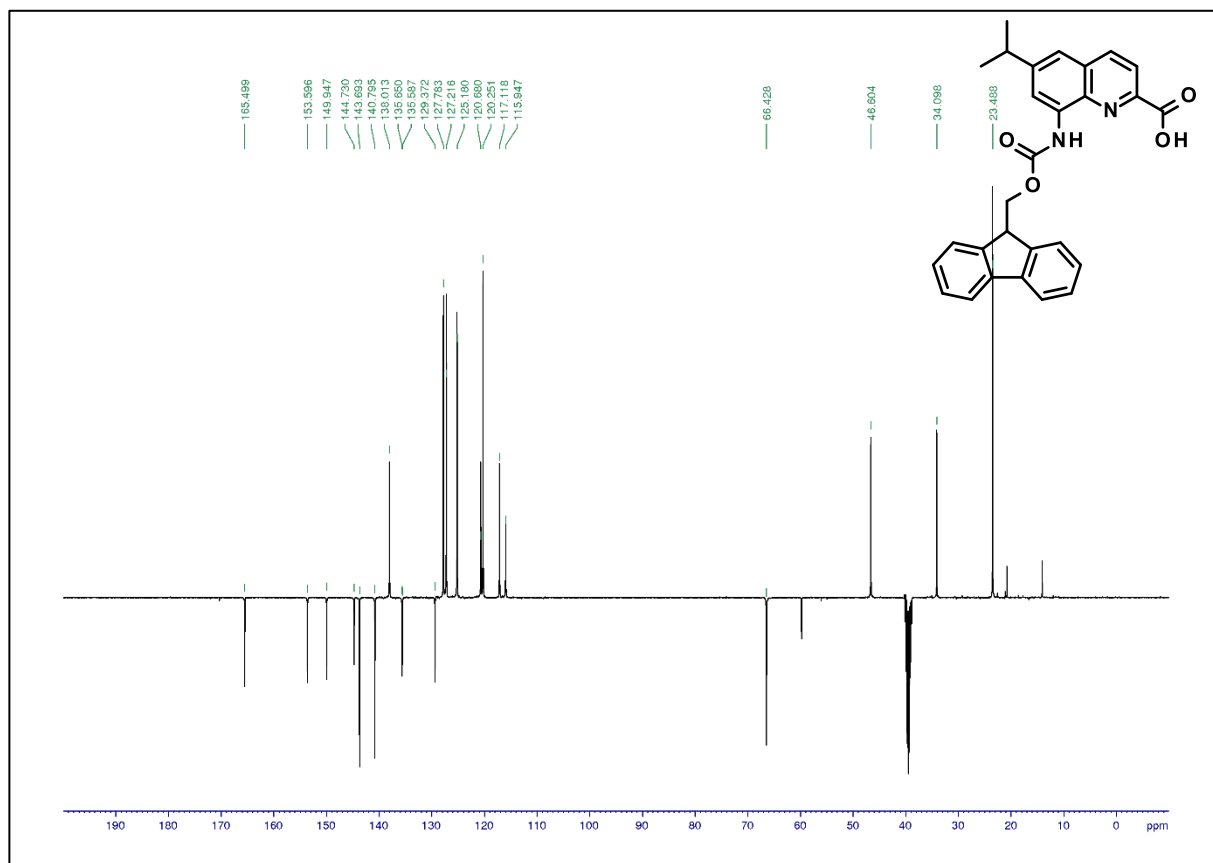
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143.675
140.776
139.776
135.489
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127.413
126.470
120.777
120.259
119.319
117.570
66.379
46.579
40.428
35.554
32.696
21.776

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**Figure S85.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound **13c**.



**Figure S86.** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound **13c**.

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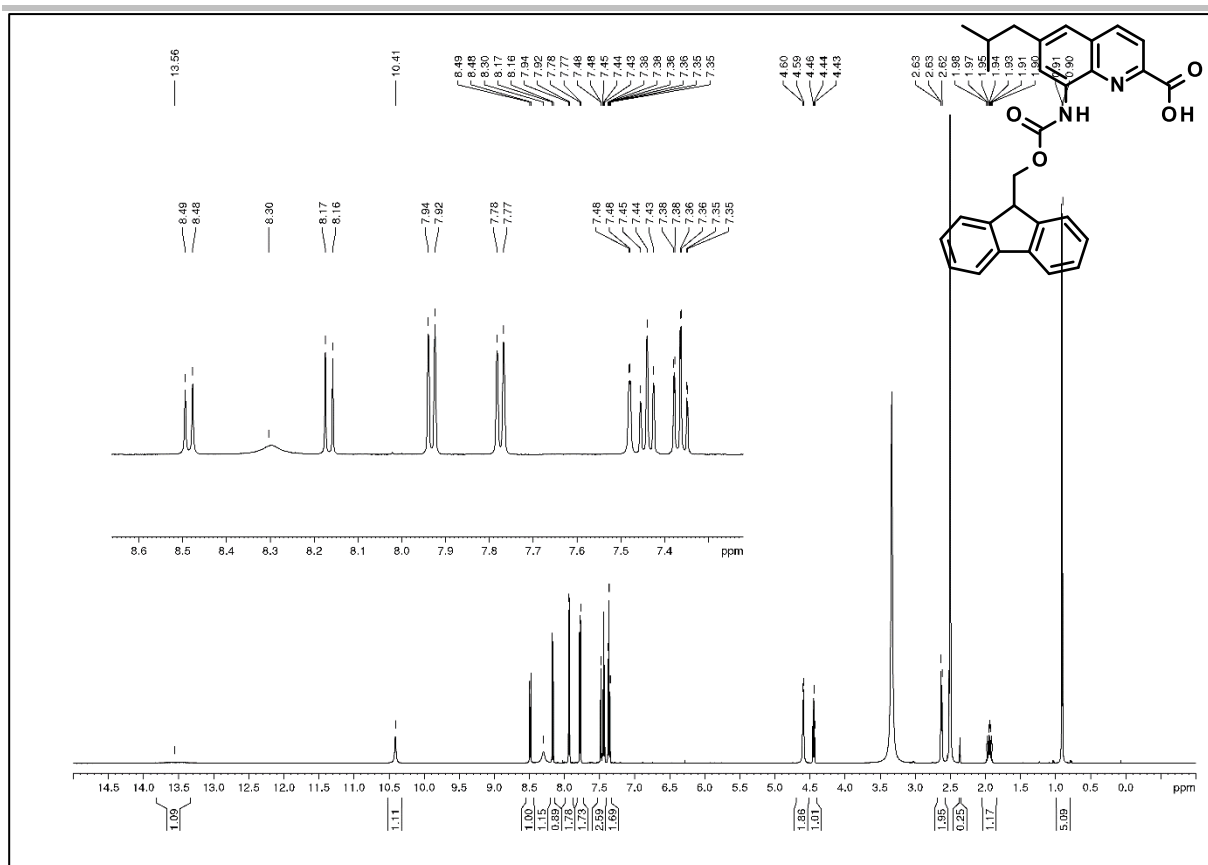


Figure S87.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) of compound **13d**.

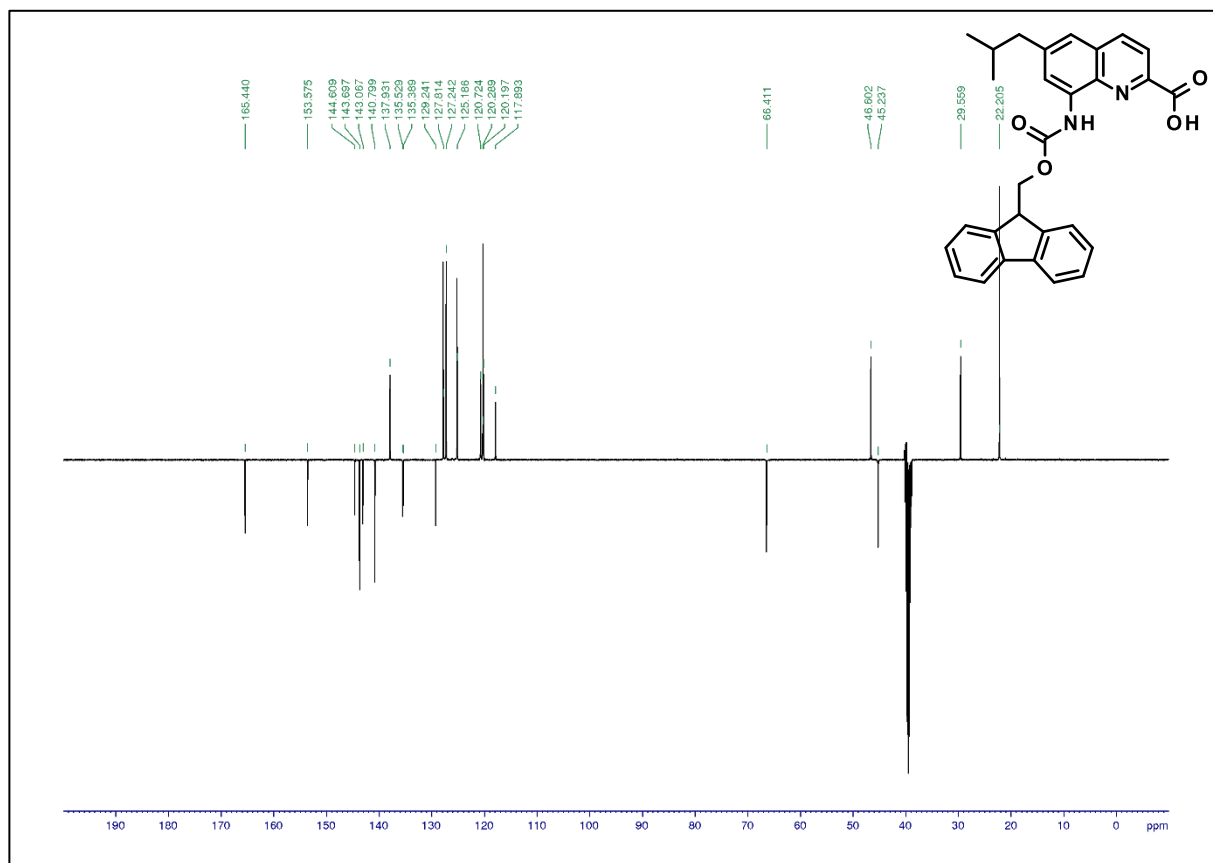
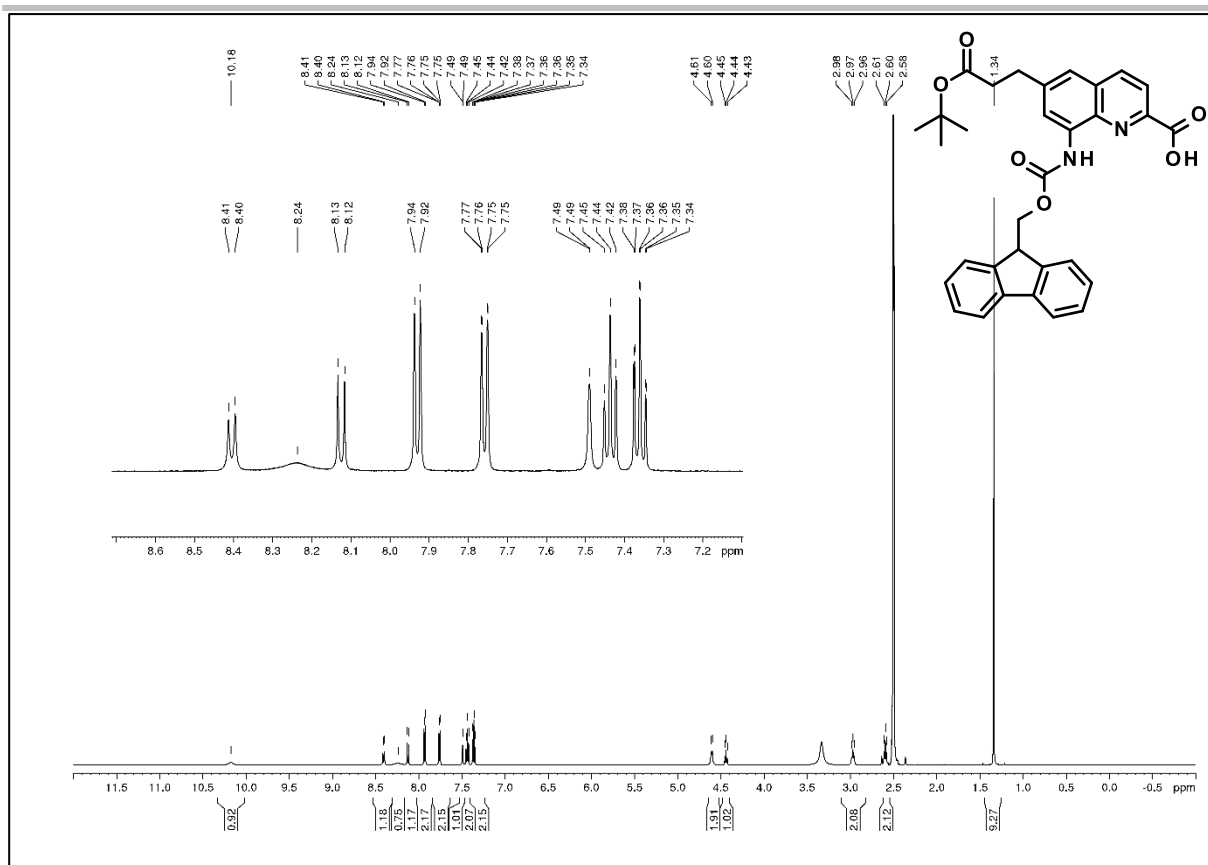
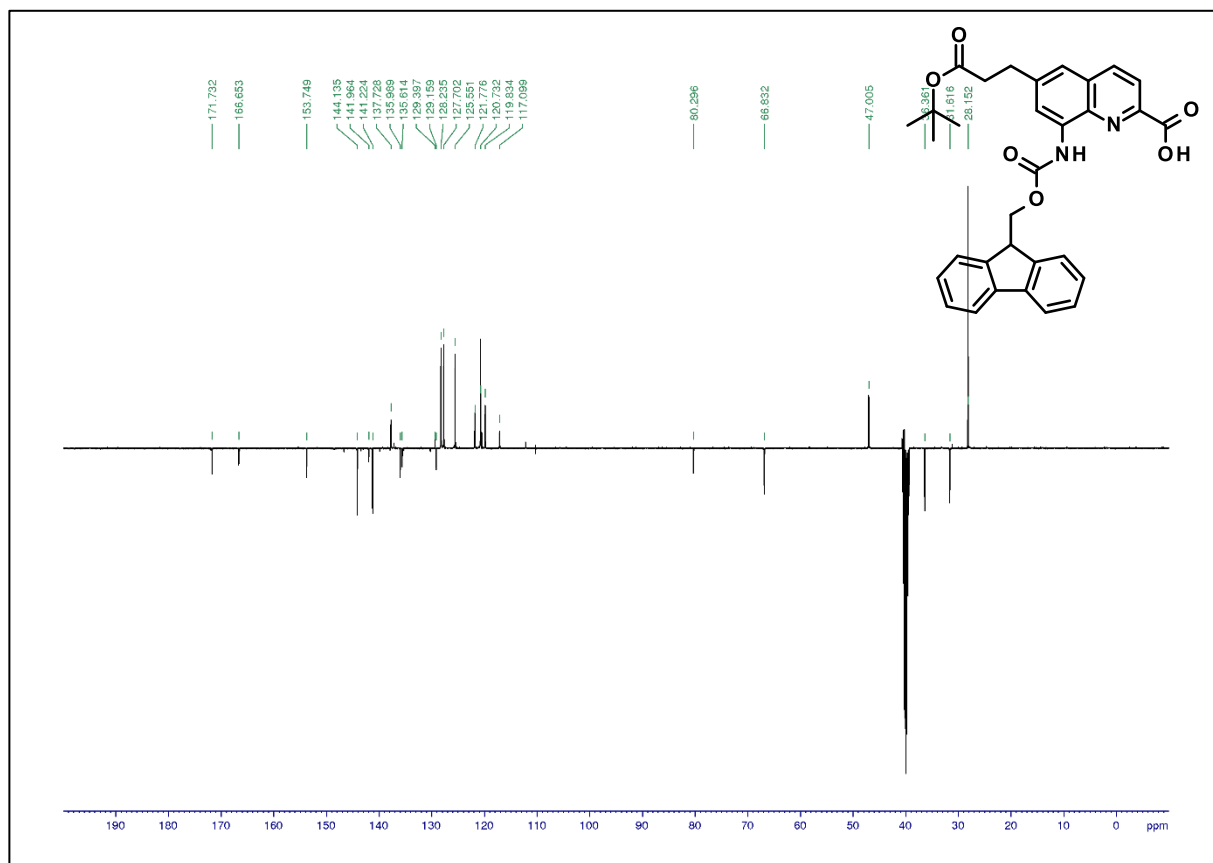


Figure S88.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) of compound **13d**.

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**Figure S89.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) of compound **13e**.



**Figure S90.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) of compound **13e**.

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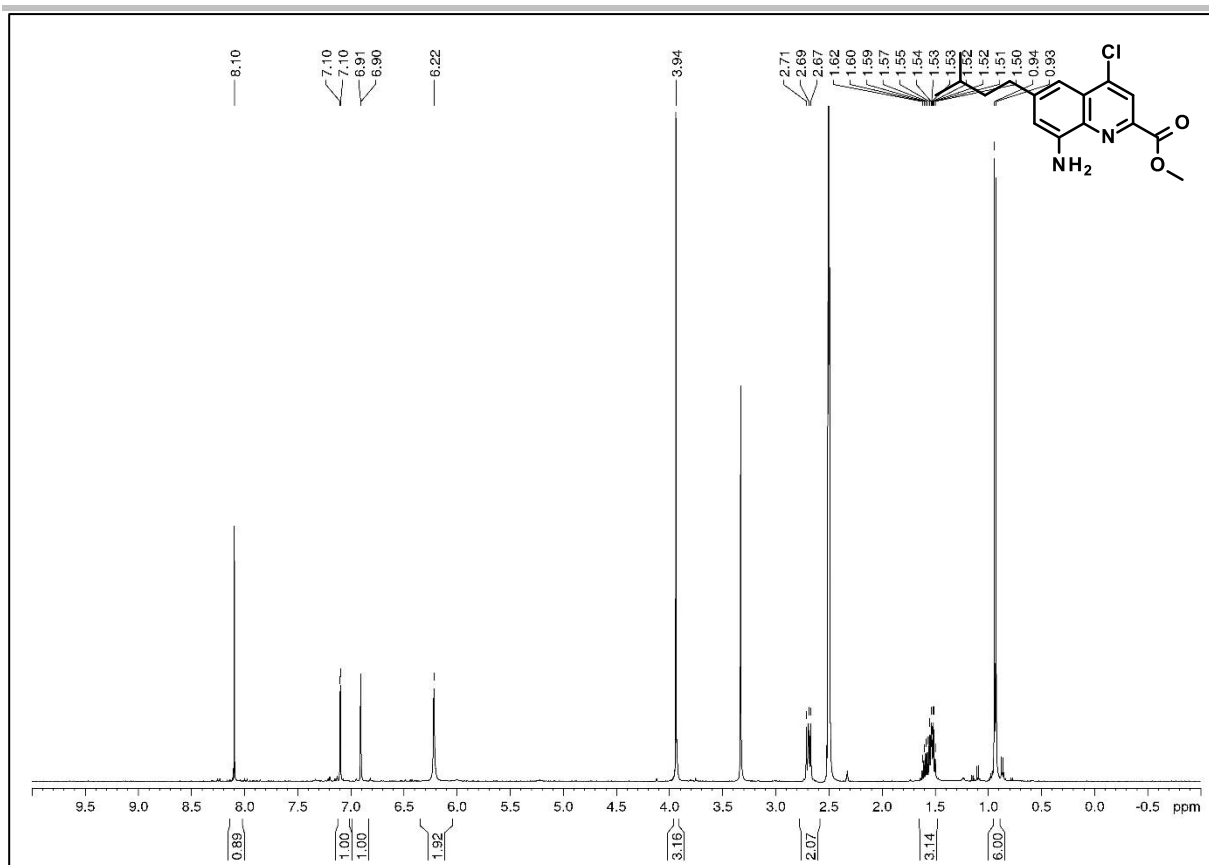


Figure S91.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) of compound 13f.

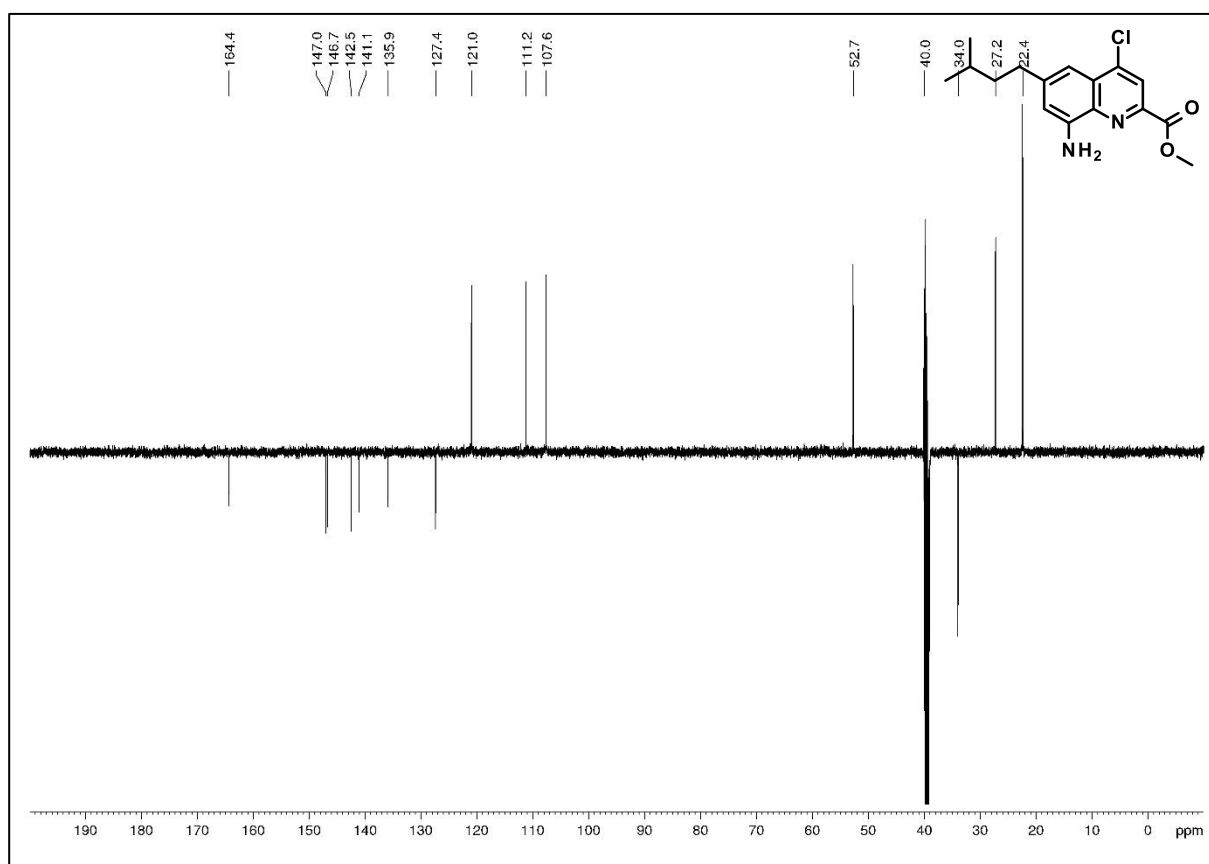


Figure S92.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) of compound 13f.

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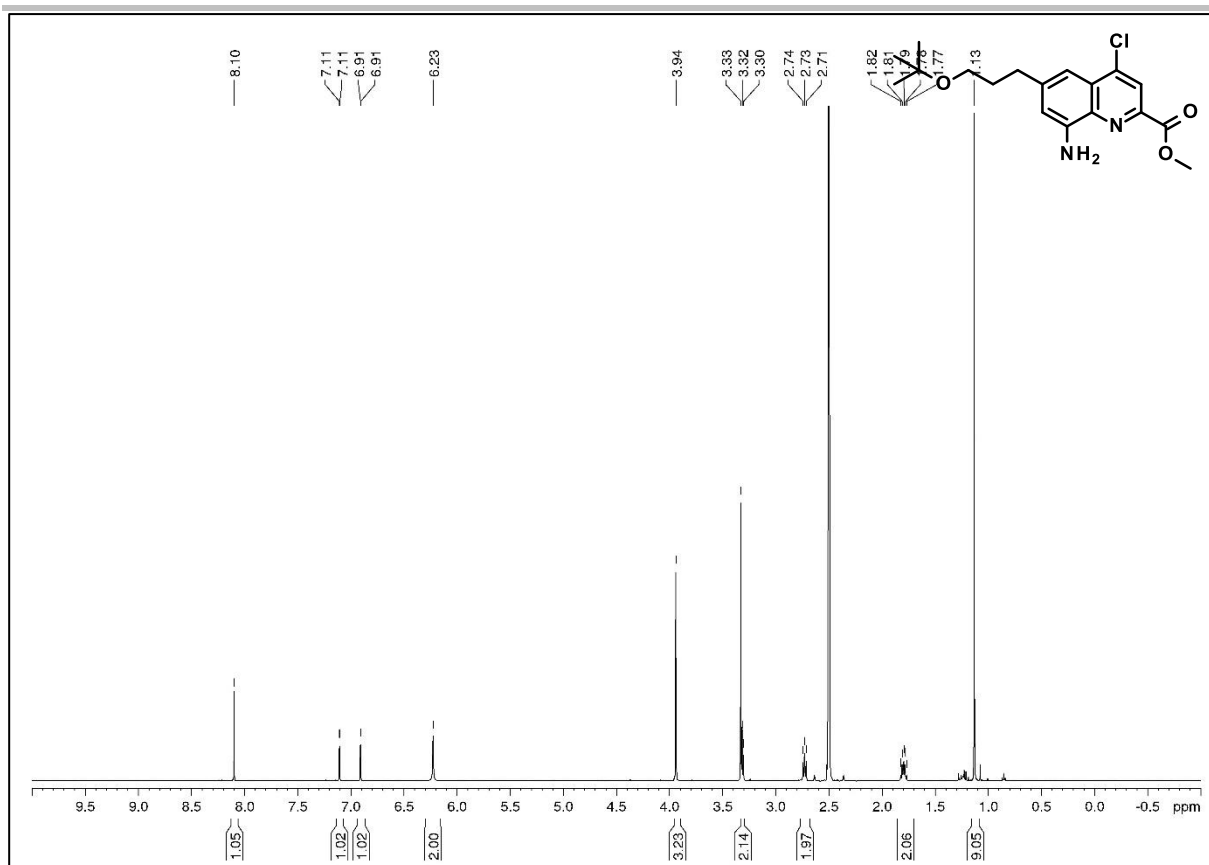


Figure S93. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 15b.

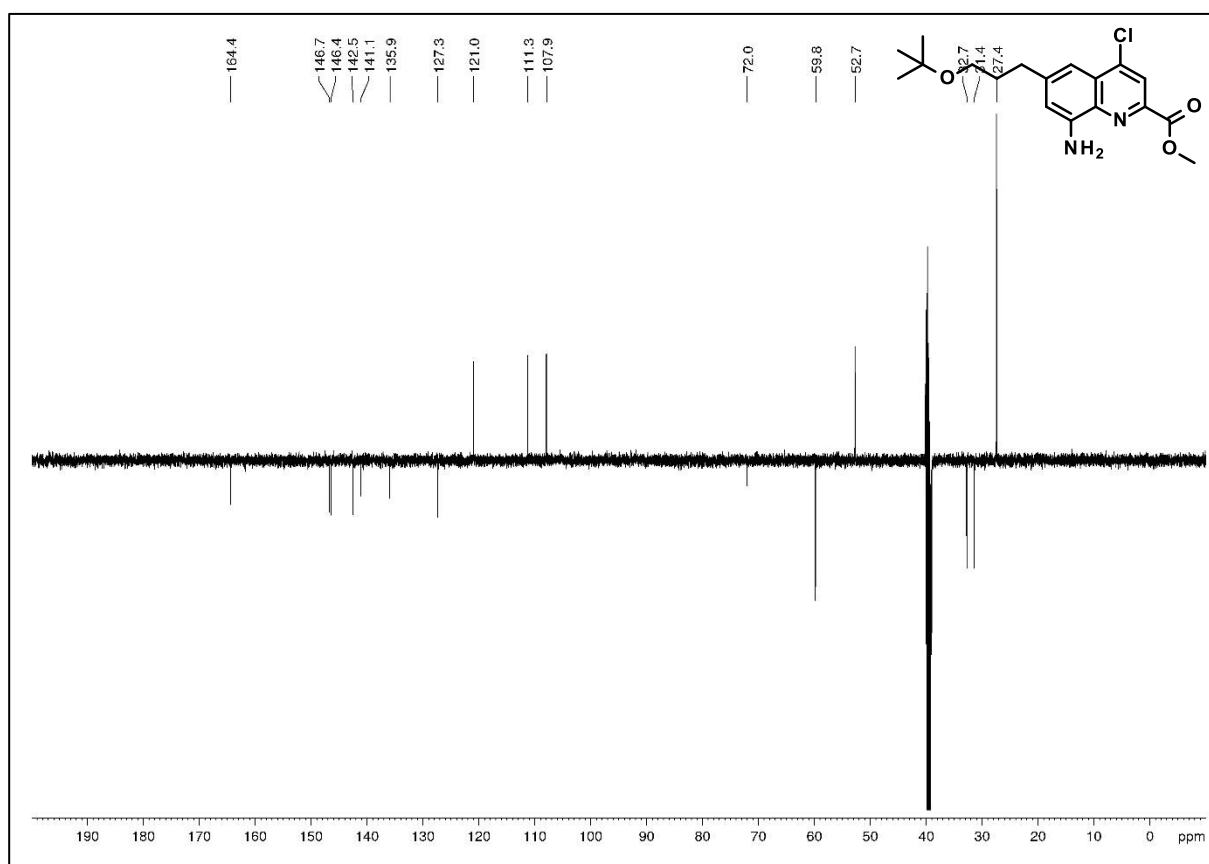


Figure S94. <sup>13</sup>C(<sup>1</sup>H) NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 15b.

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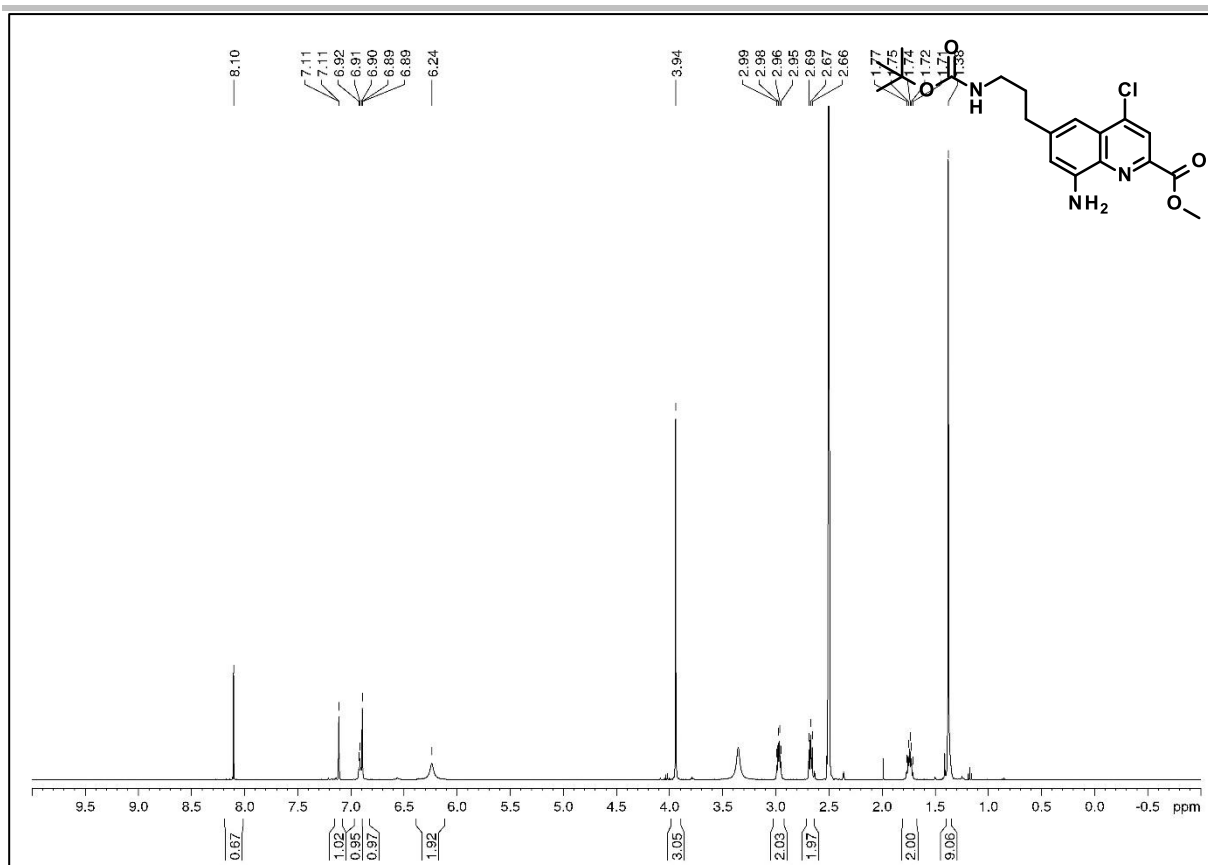


Figure S95. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 15c.

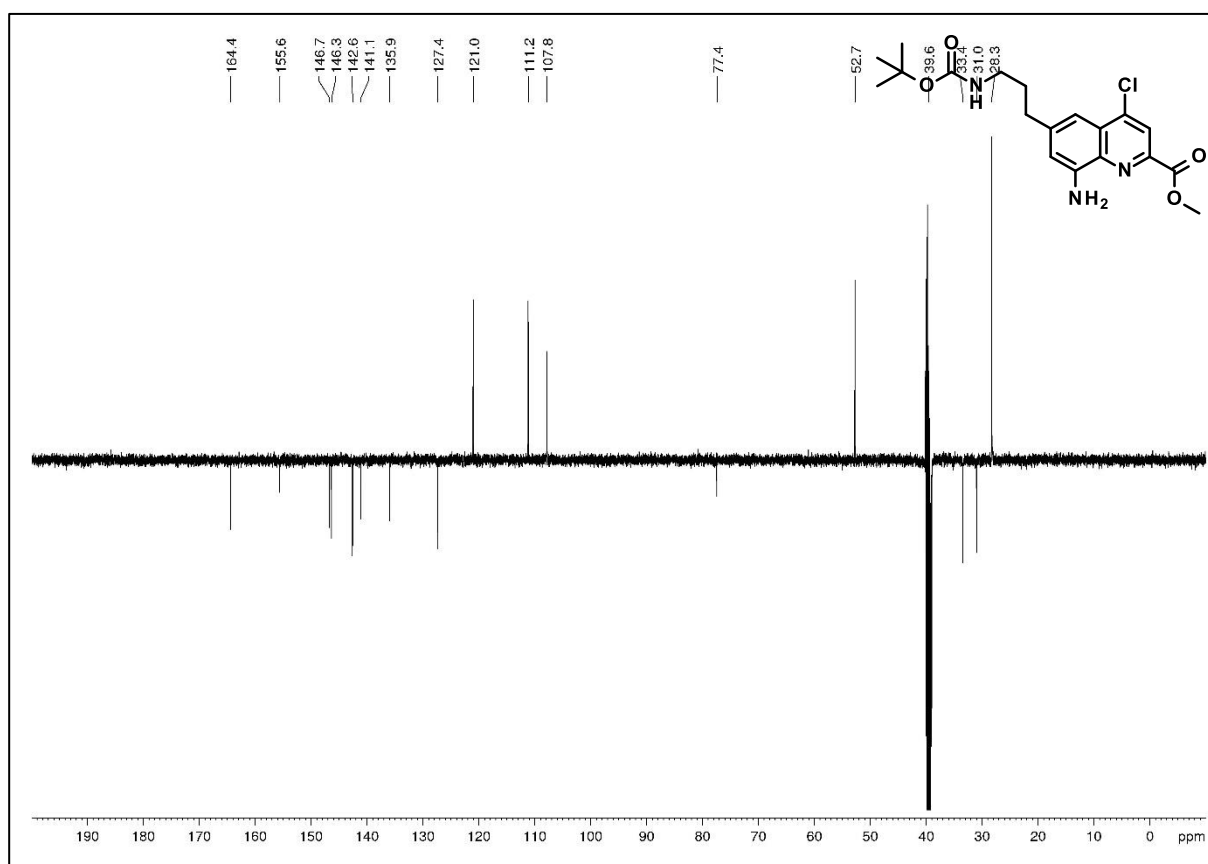


Figure S96. <sup>13</sup>C(<sup>1</sup>H) NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 15c.

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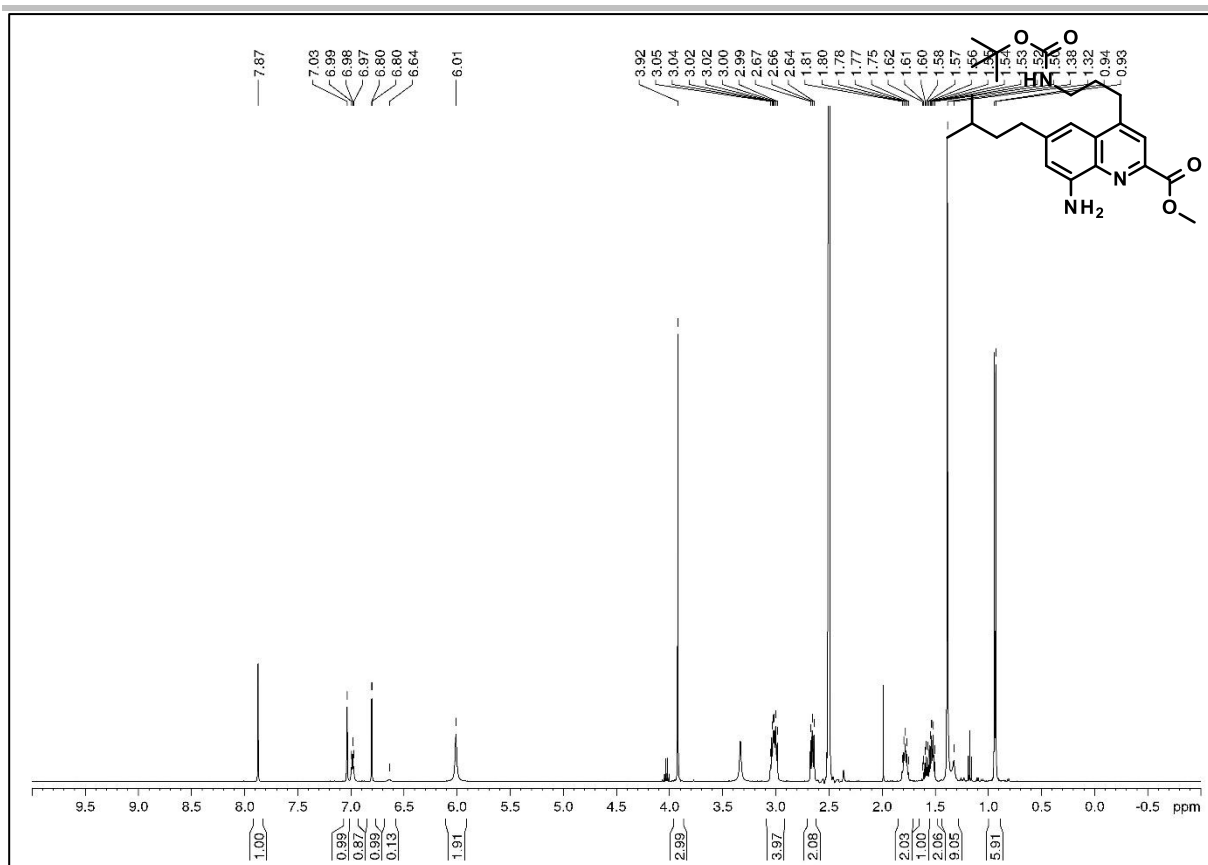


Figure S97. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 16a.

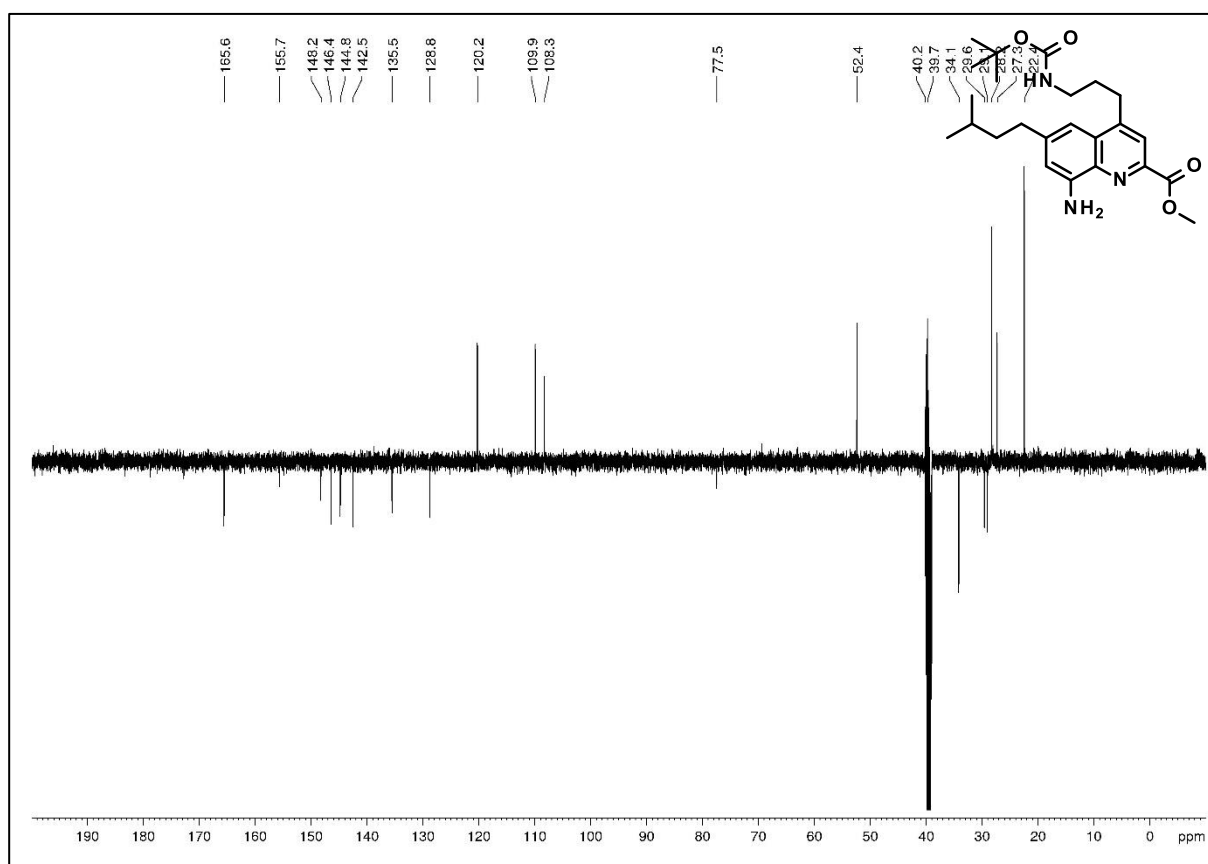


Figure S98. <sup>13</sup>C(<sup>1</sup>H) NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 16a.



**Chemical structure of compound 10:** COC(=O)c1cc(CCC(C)(C)C(=O)OC(C)(C)C)nc2cc(N)ccc12

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**

Chemical Shift (ppm)	Integration
7.86	1.01
7.04	1.00
7.03	1.01
6.82	1.01
6.81	1.01
6.03	1.96
3.92	3.08
3.27	2.09
3.25	2.09
3.24	2.09
2.69	2.12
2.67	2.12
2.66	2.12
1.62	3.05
1.61	3.05
1.60	3.05
1.58	9.14
1.56	9.14
1.55	9.14
1.54	9.14
1.54	9.14
1.51	6.11
1.36	6.11
0.94	6.11
0.93	6.11

Chemical structure of compound 10 is shown in the top right corner. The structure is a substituted quinoline derivative. It features a quinoline core with an amino group ( $\text{NH}_2$ ) at position 6, a methyl ester group ( $\text{CO}_2\text{Me}$ ) at position 4, and a complex side chain at position 3. The side chain includes a propyl group, a quaternary carbon atom bonded to a methyl group and a tert-butyl group, and a carbonyl group. The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum shows peaks corresponding to these various carbon environments, with the most prominent peaks at 171.3, 165.5, 146.6, 146.5, 145.1, 142.4, 135.4, 128.7, 120.0, 110.0, 108.0, 80.0, 52.4, 40.1, 34.2, 34.1, 27.6, 27.3, 26.9, and 24.4 ppm.

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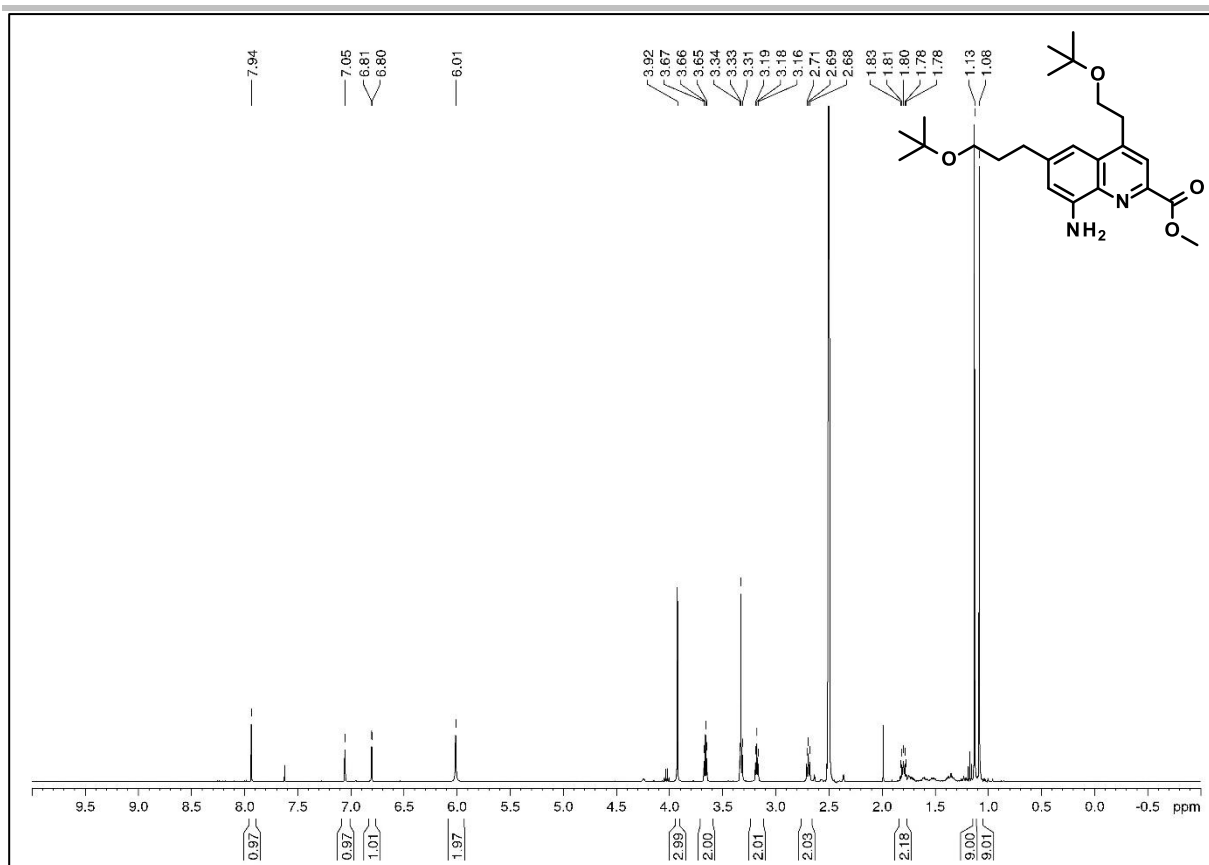


Figure S101. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 16c.

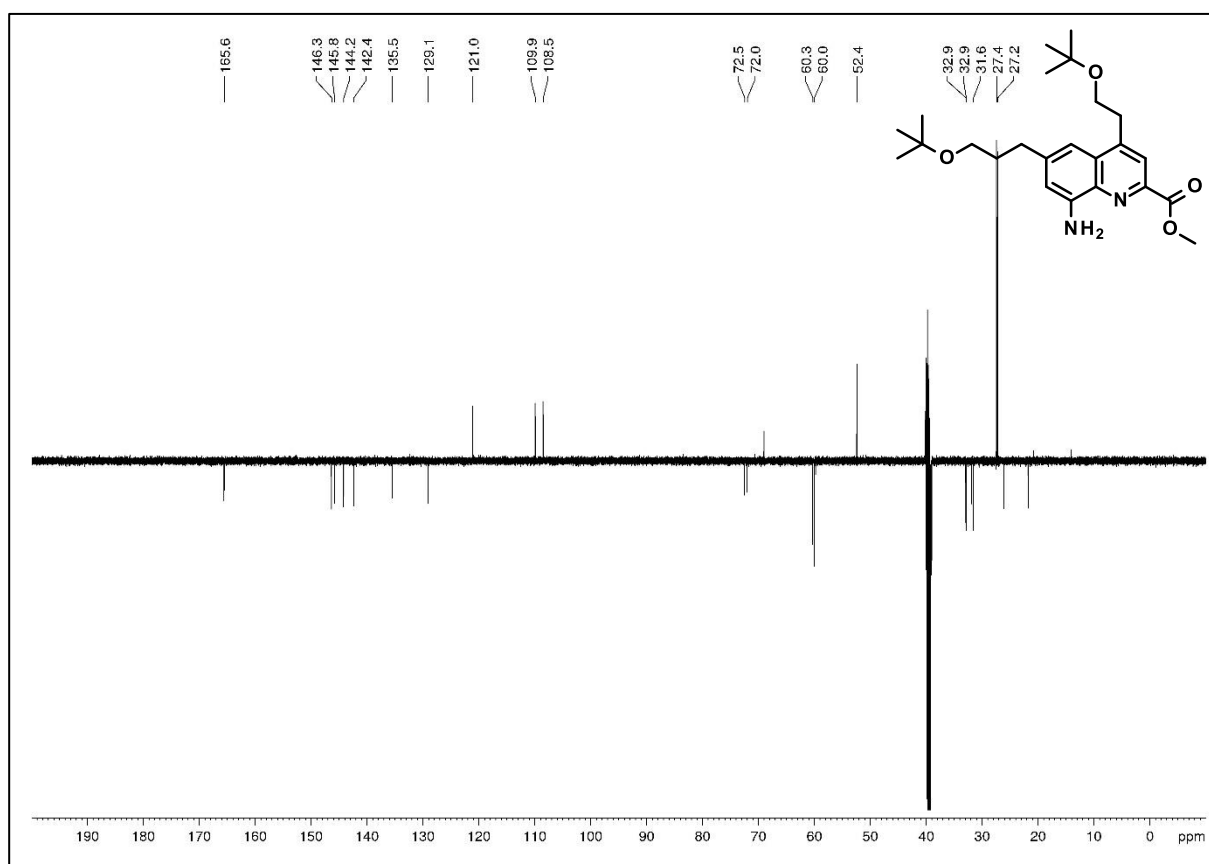


Figure S102. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 16c.

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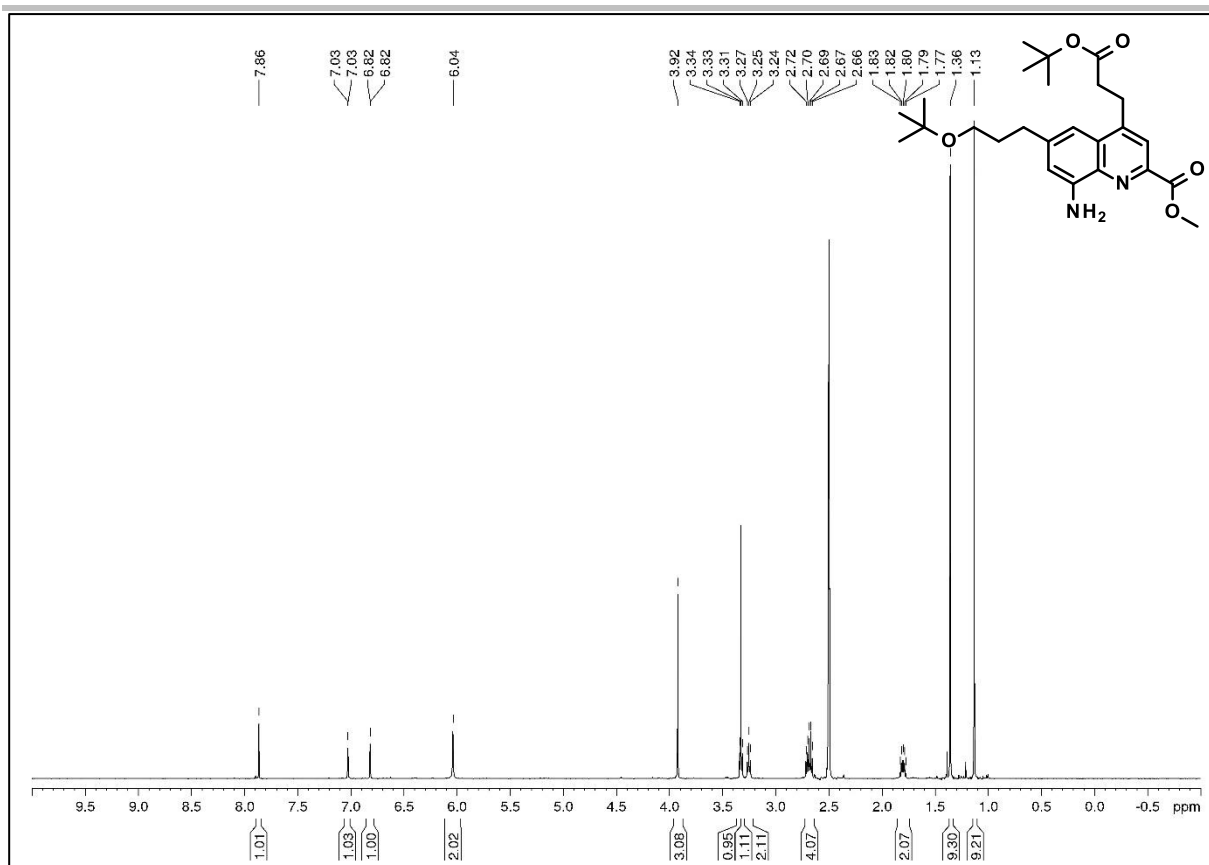


Figure S103. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 16d.

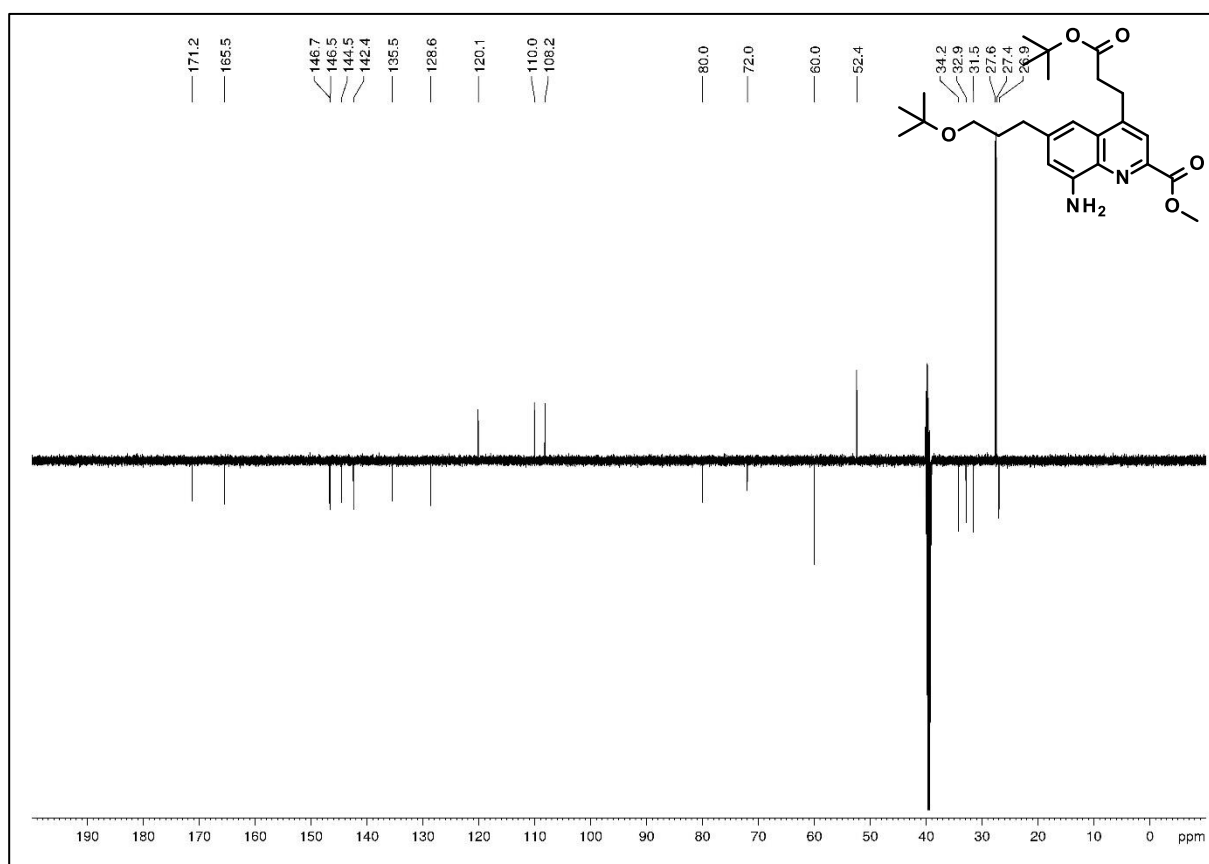


Figure S104. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 16d.

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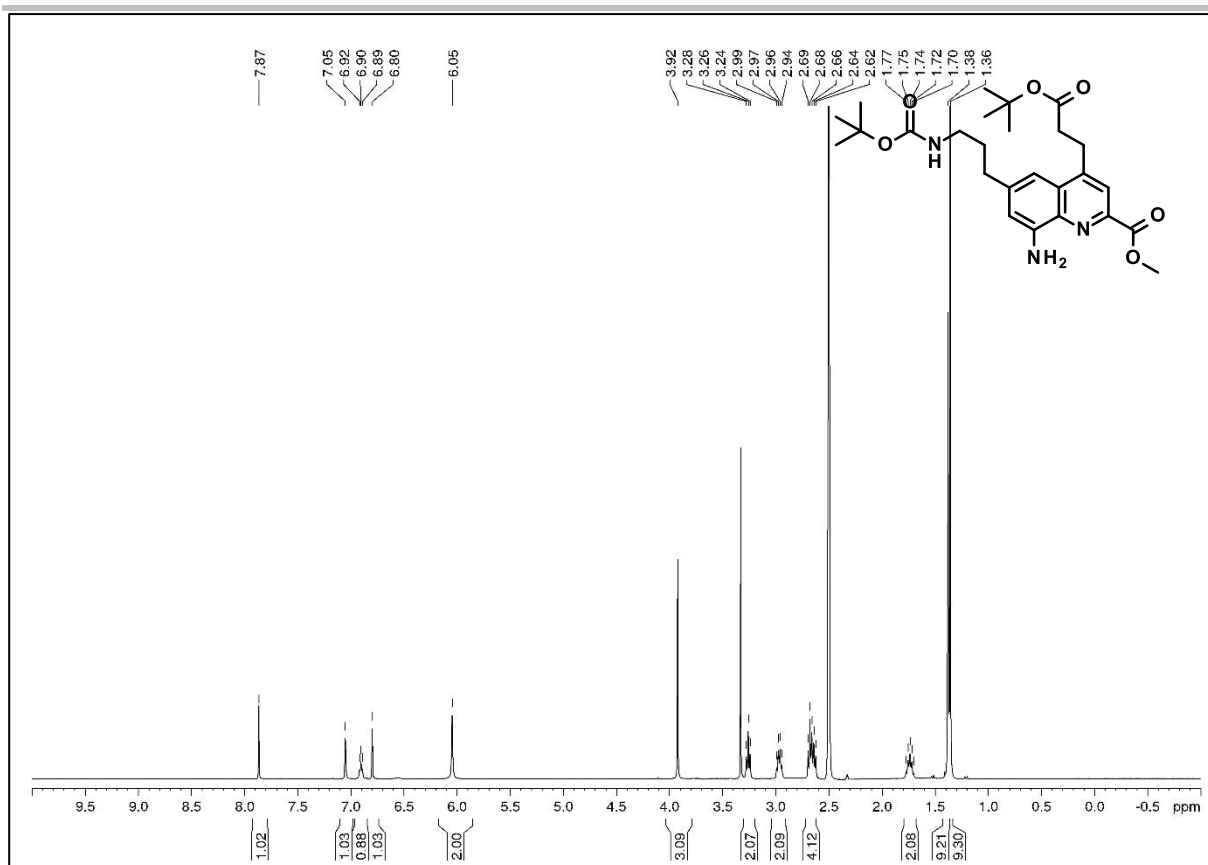


Figure S105. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 16e.

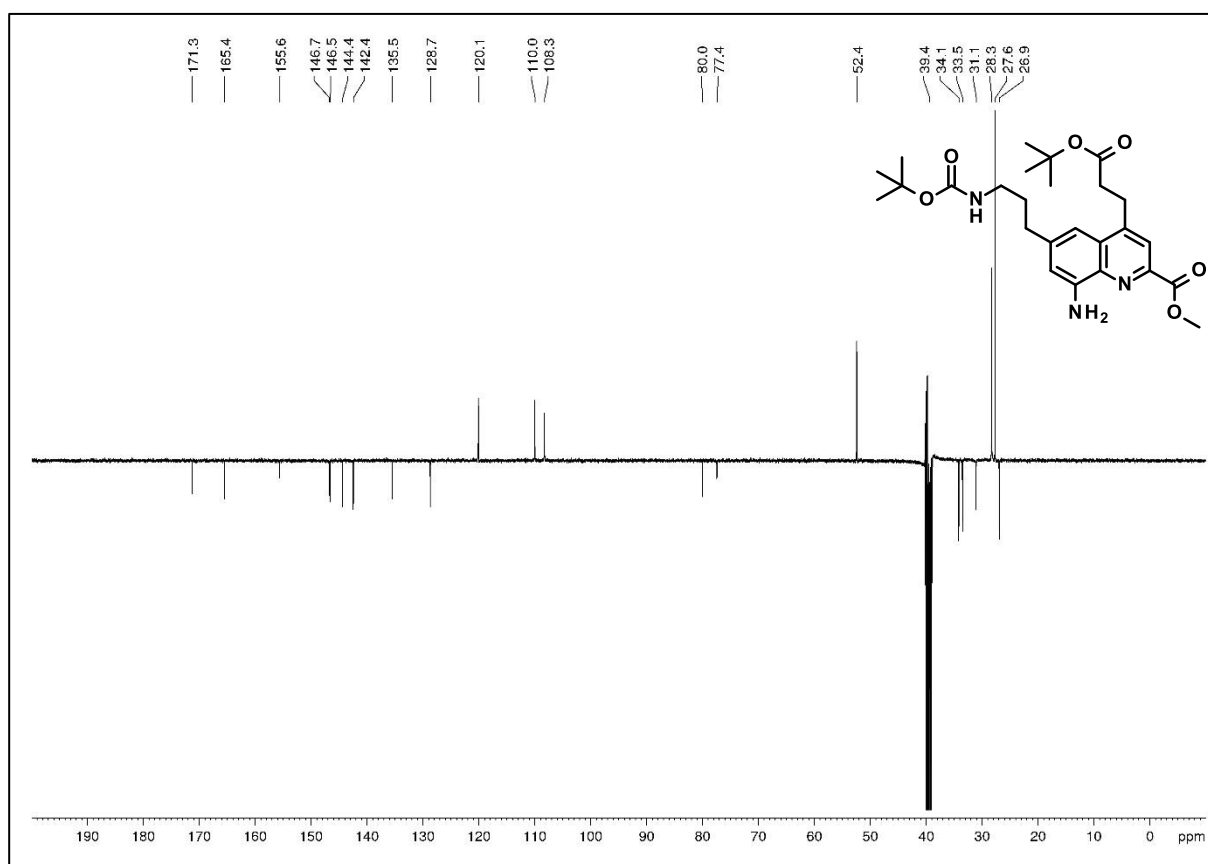


Figure S106. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 16e.

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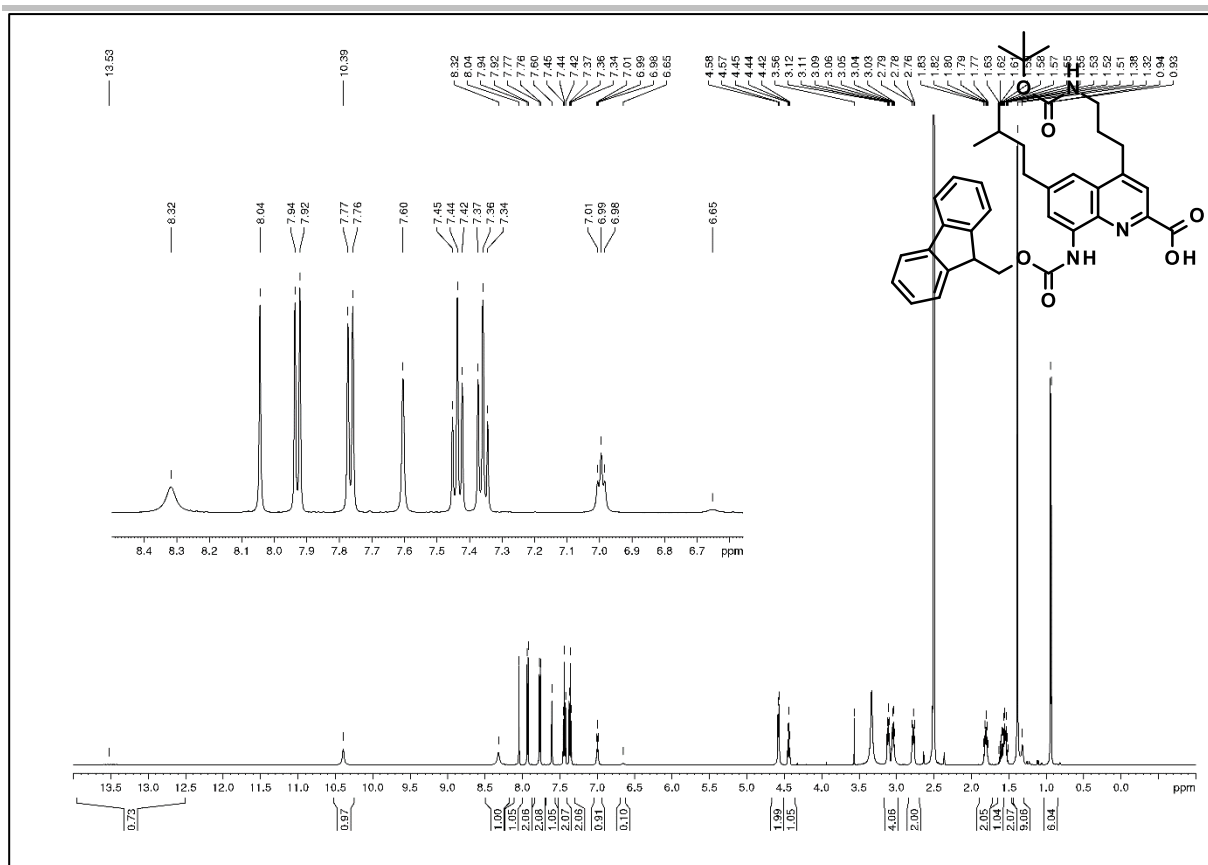


Figure S107.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) of compound **17a**.

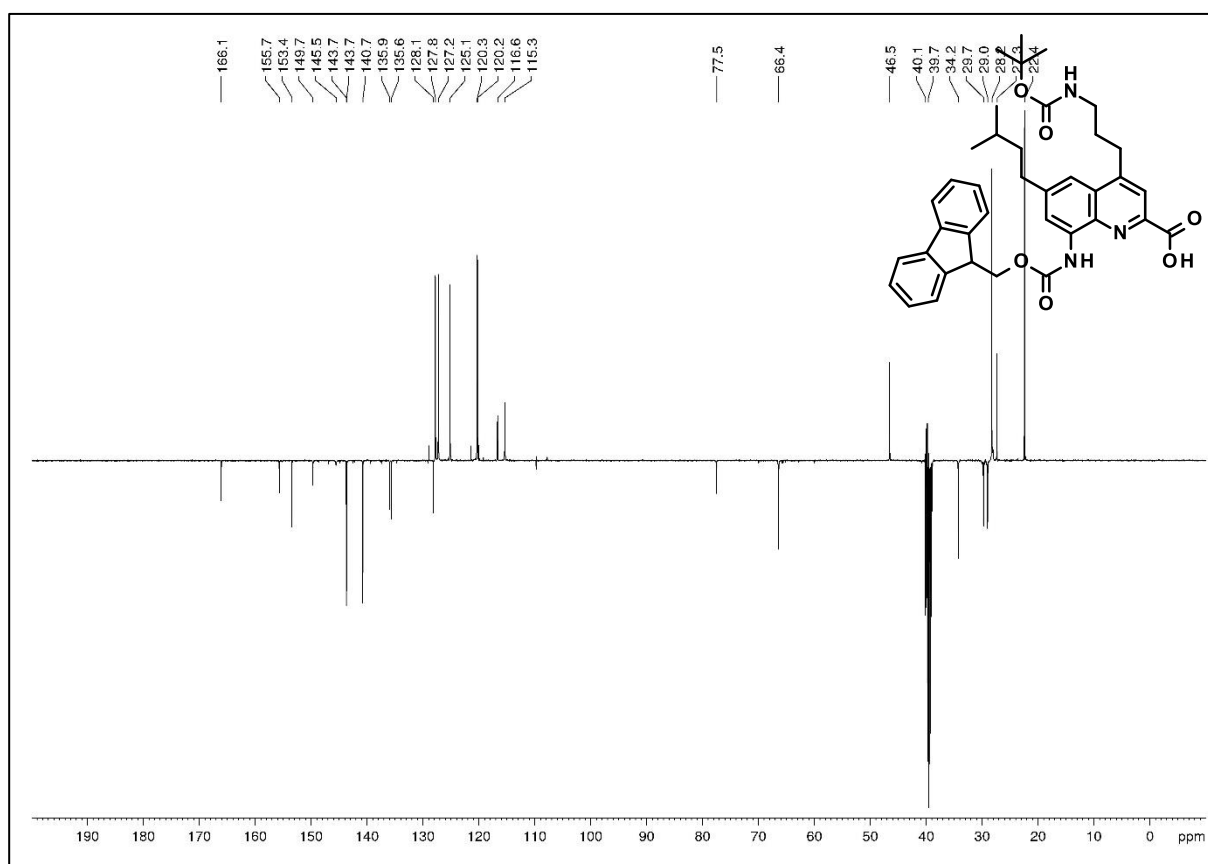


Figure S108.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) of compound **17a**.

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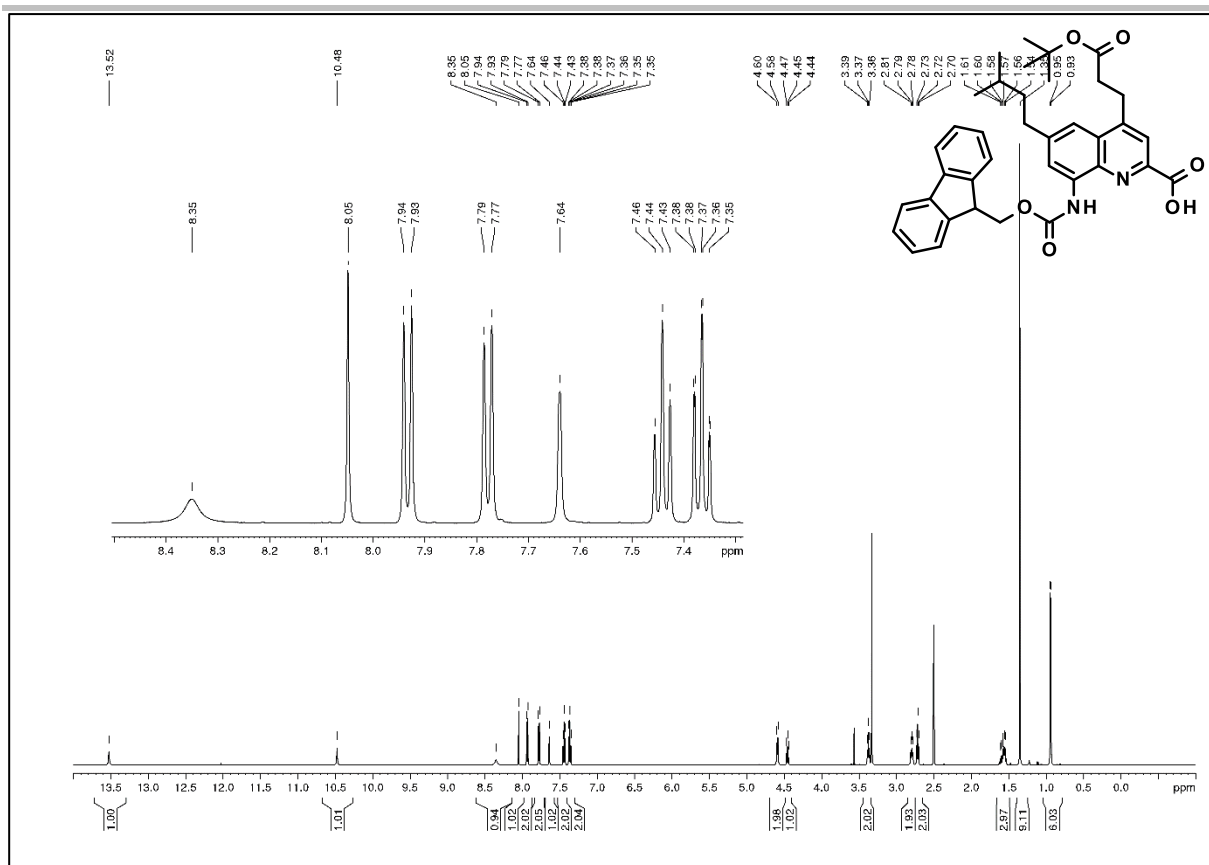


Figure S109.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) of compound **17b**.

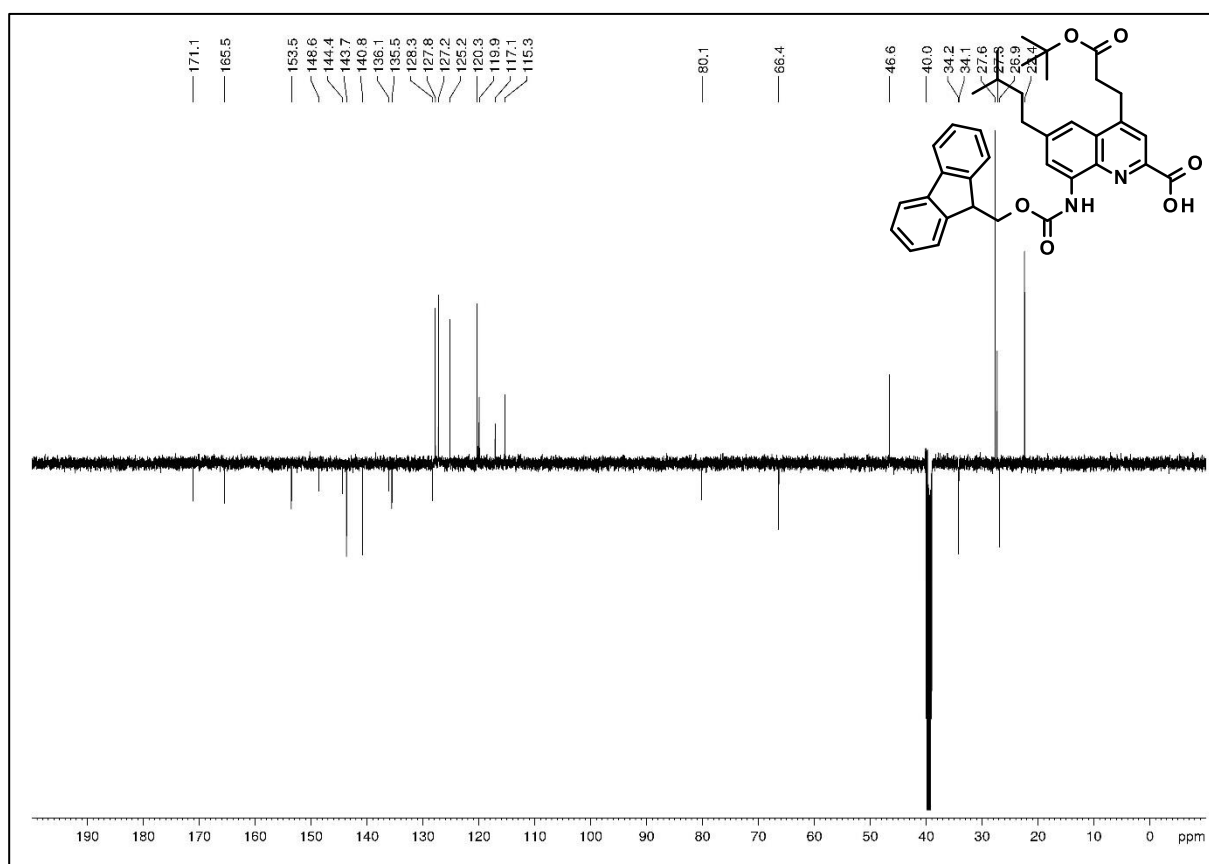


Figure S110.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) of compound **17b**.

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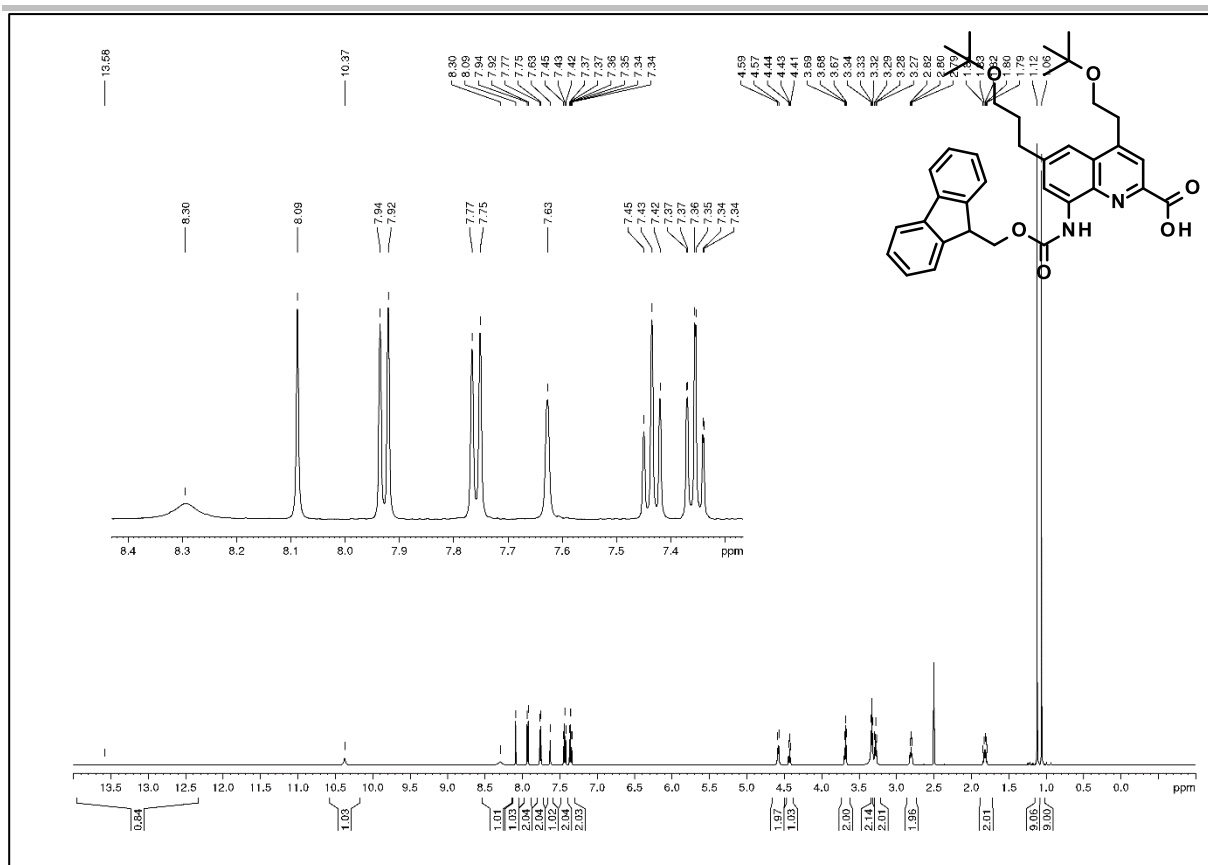


Figure S111. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 17c.

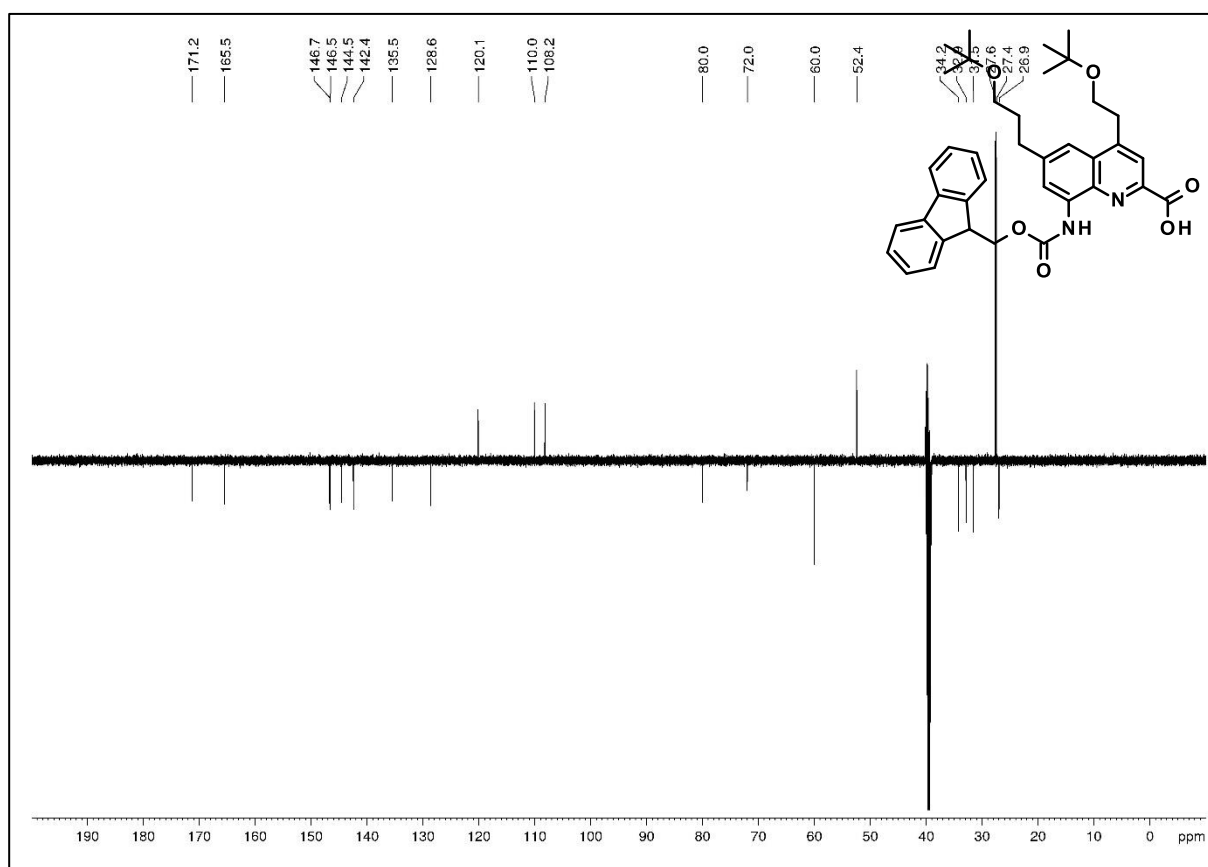
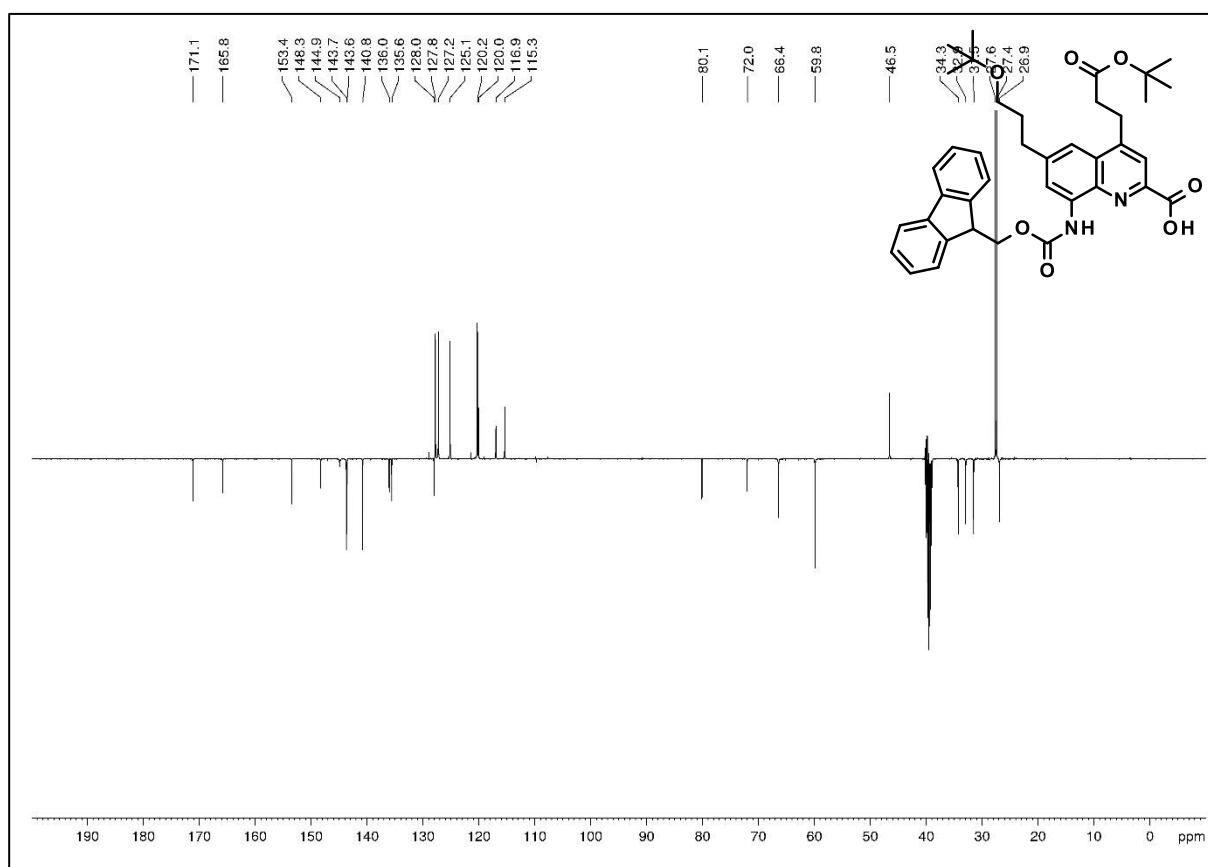
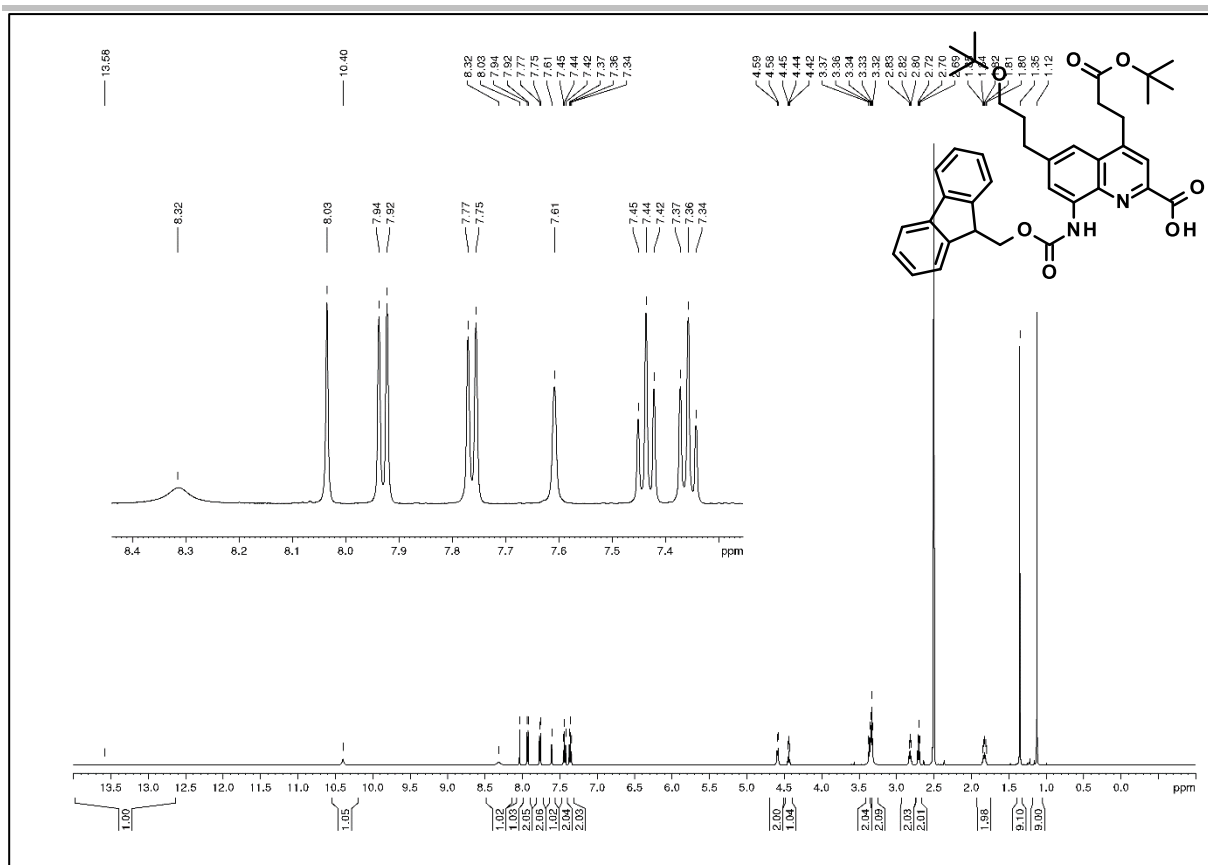


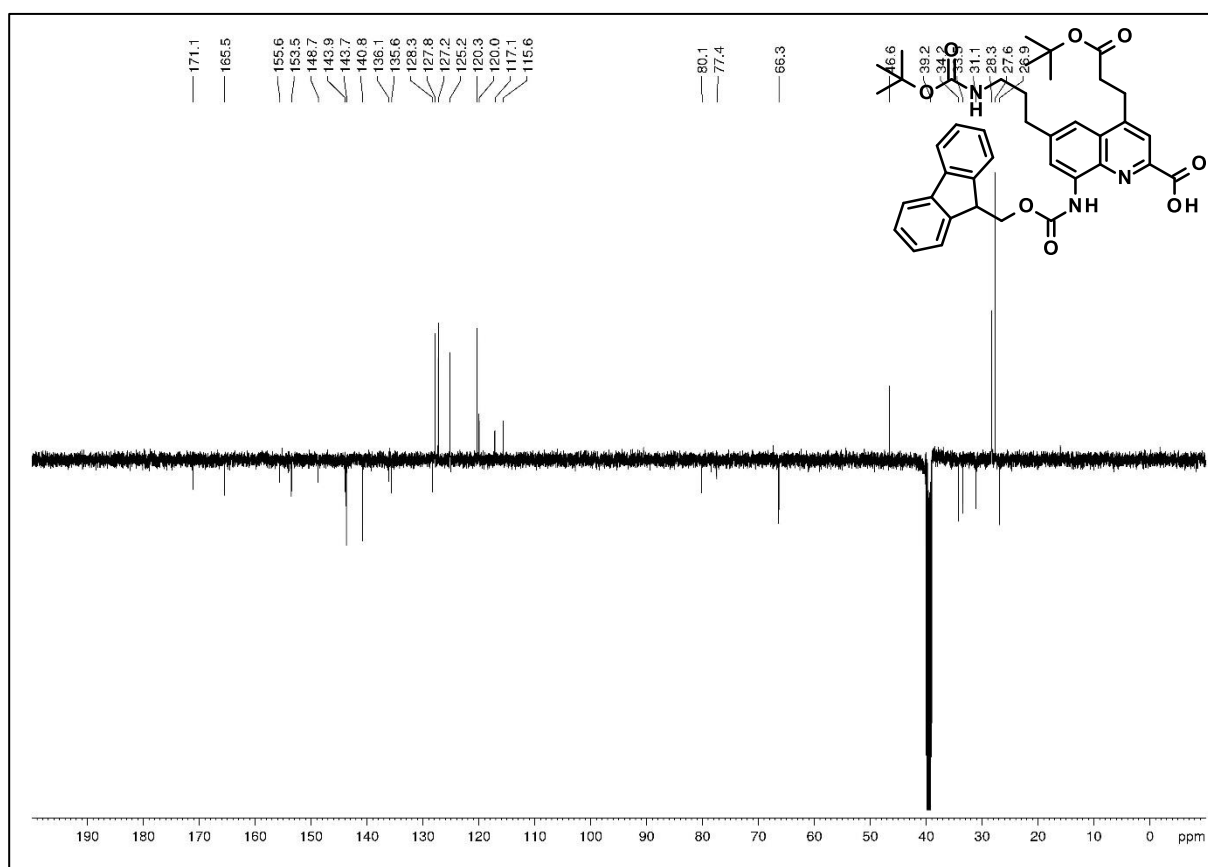
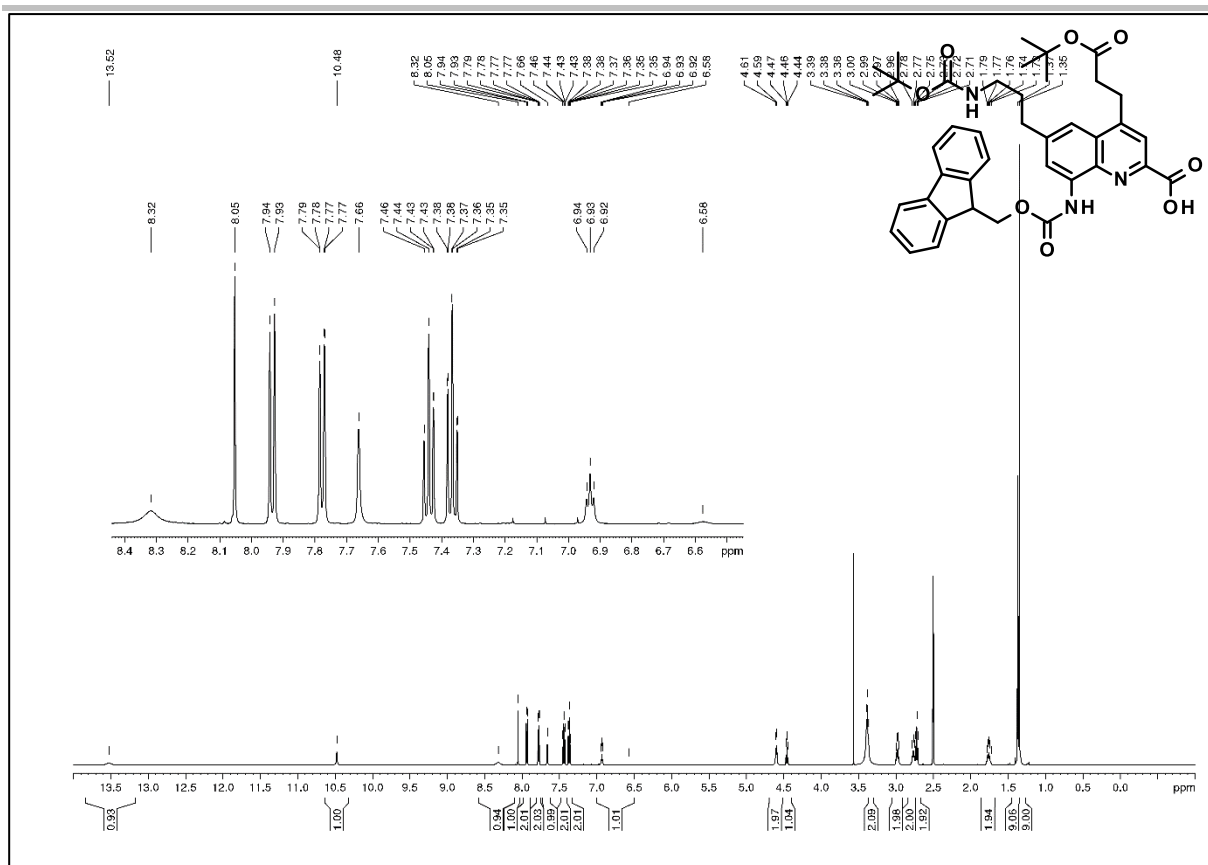
Figure S112. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 17c.

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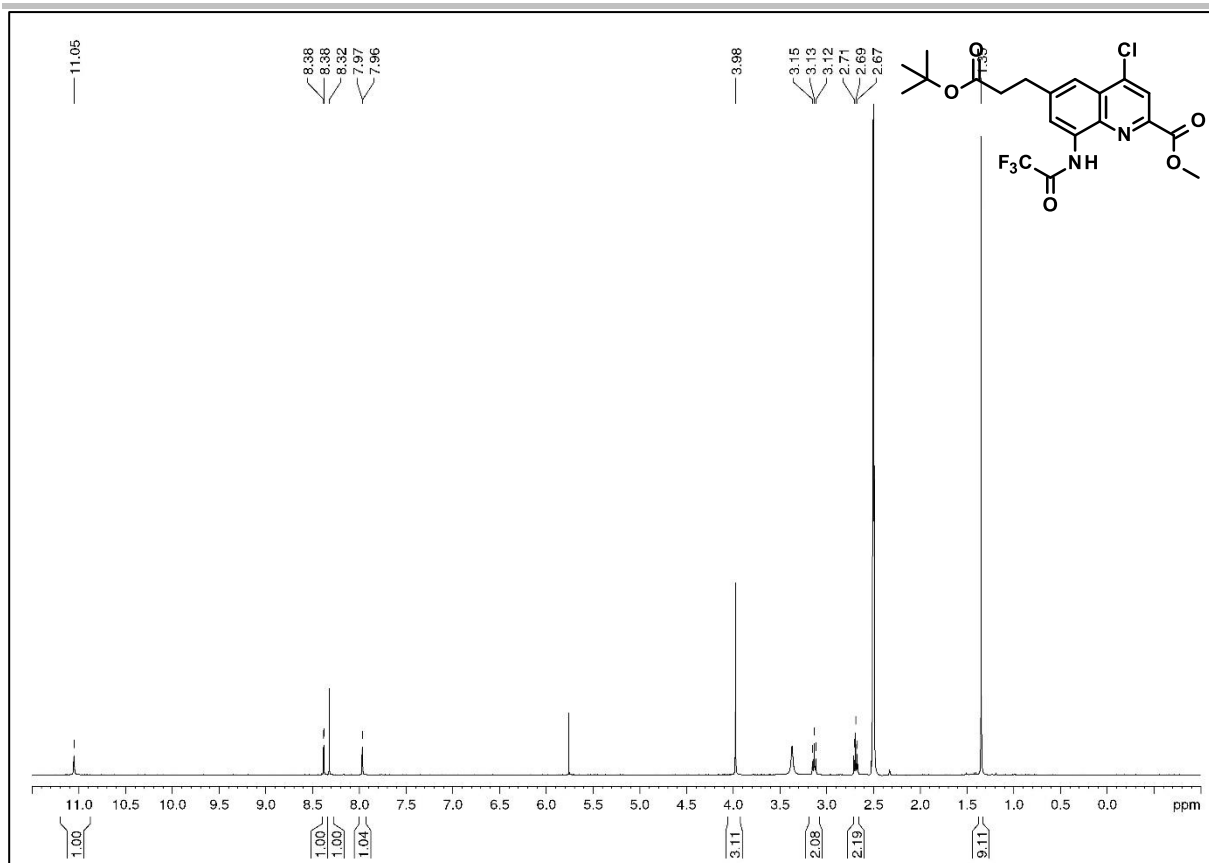


Figure S117. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound **19b**.

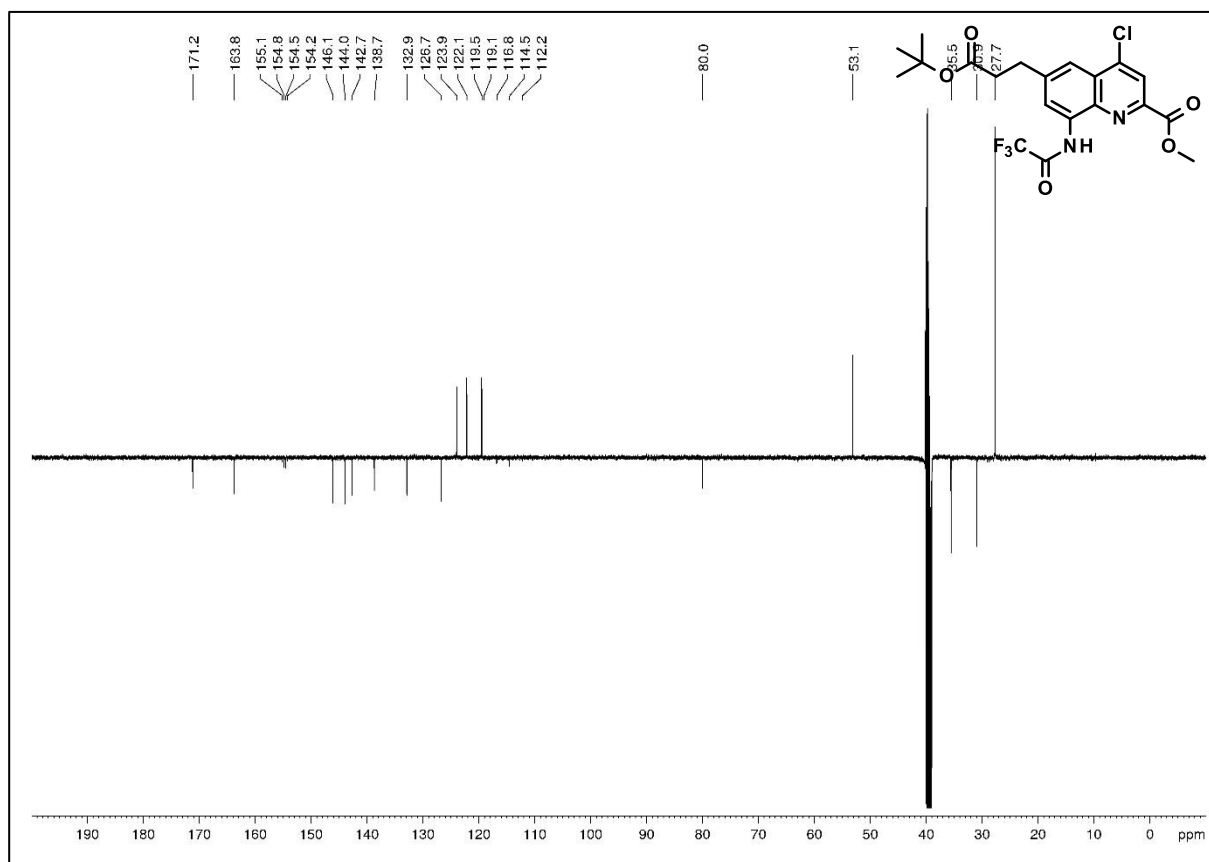
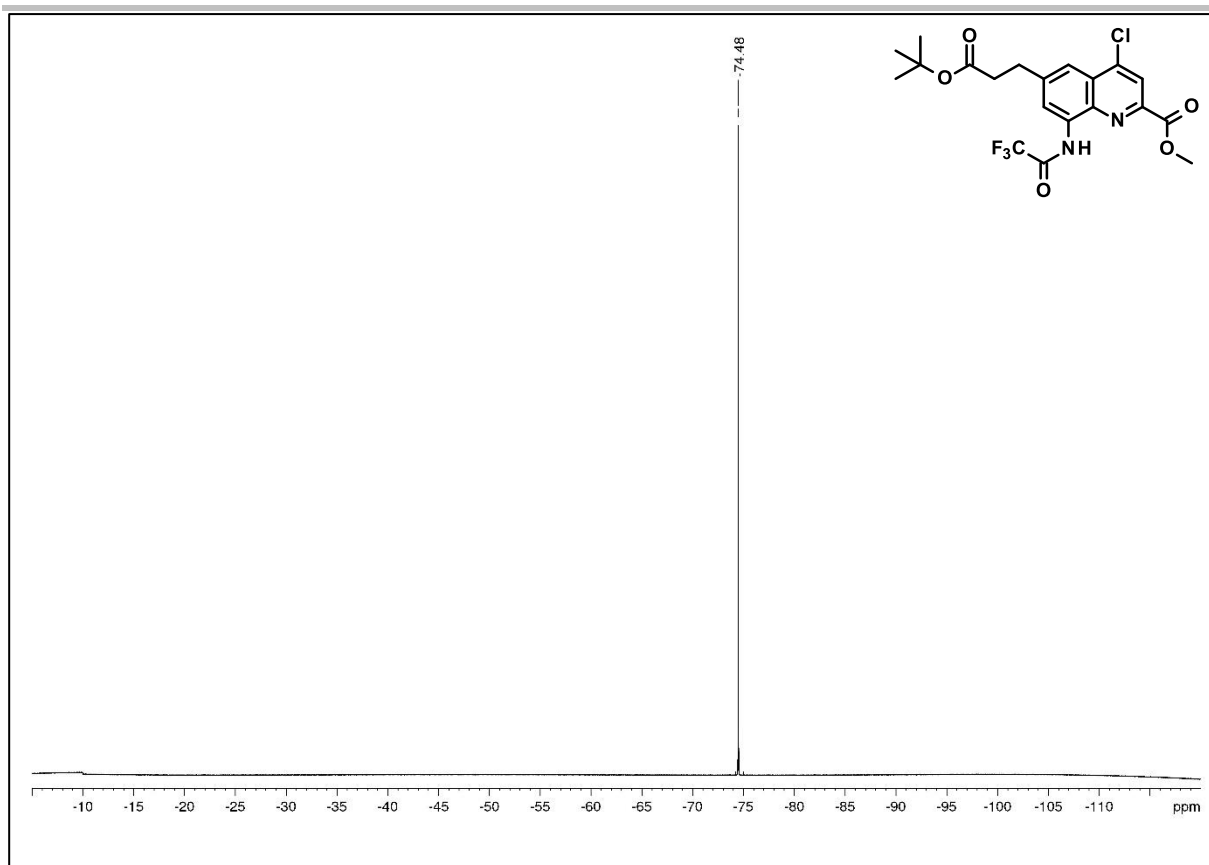


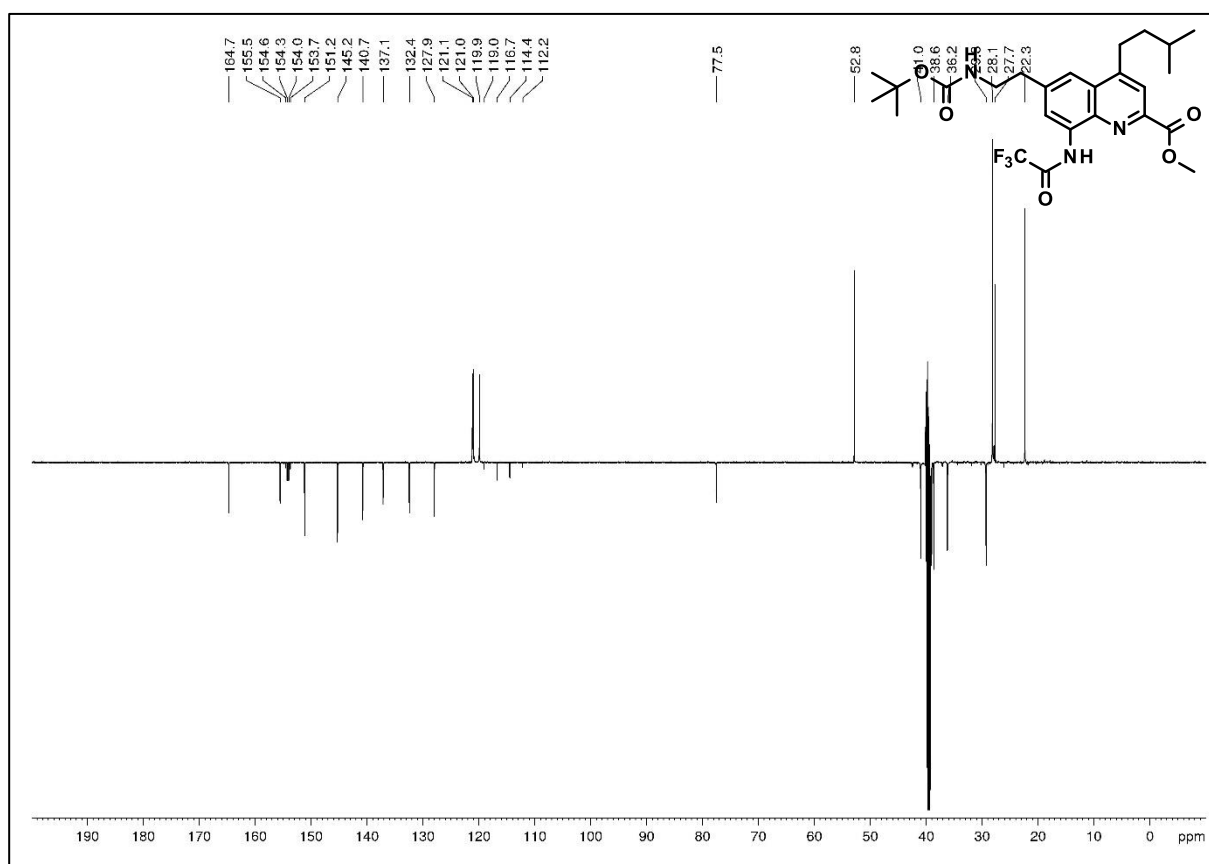
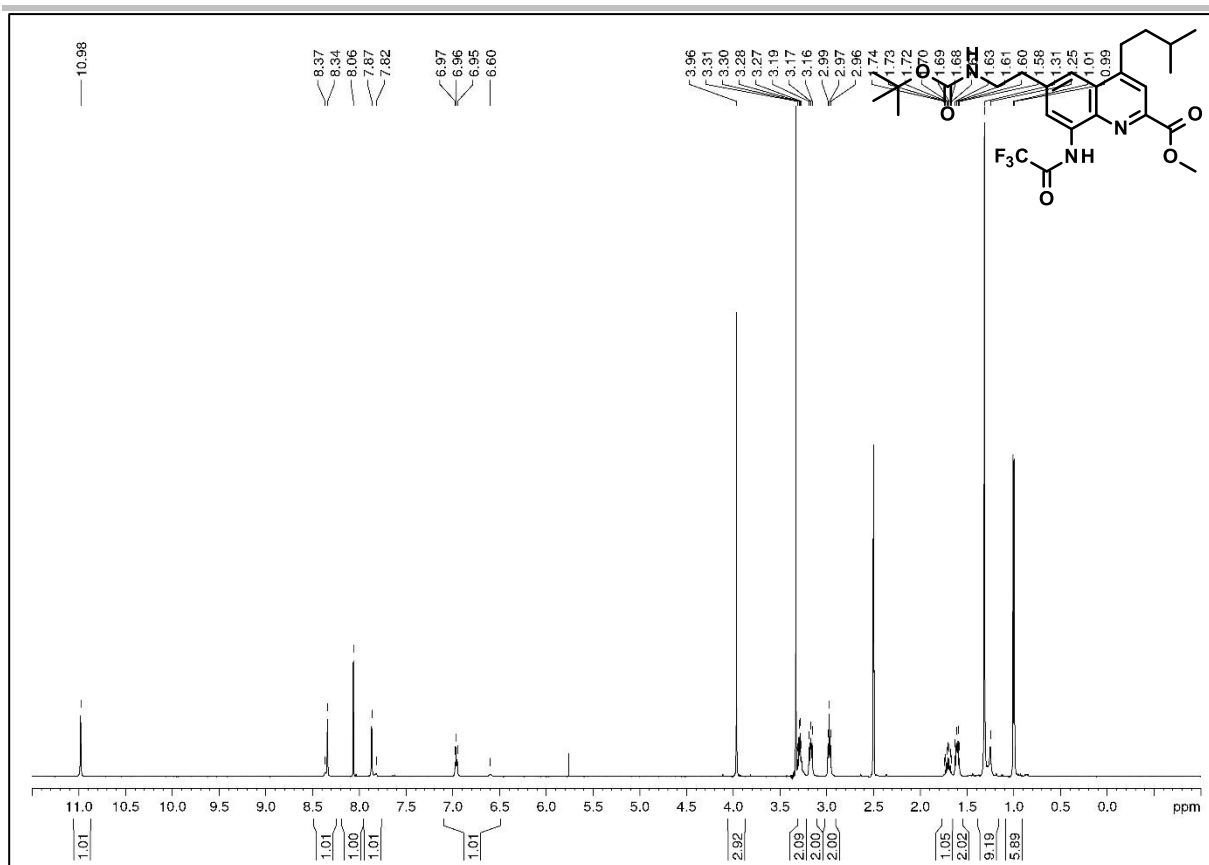
Figure S118. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound **19b**.

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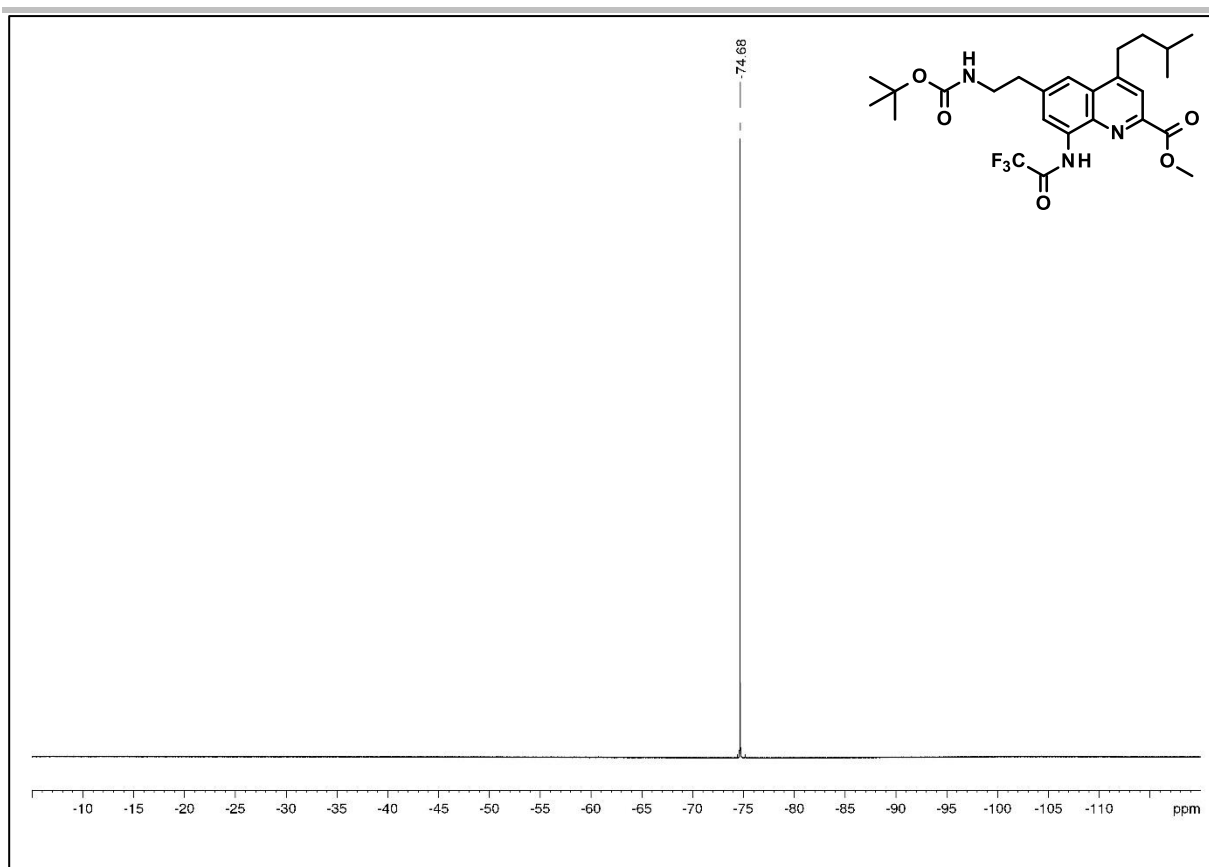


**Figure S119.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) of compound **19b**.

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**Figure S122.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) of compound **20a**.

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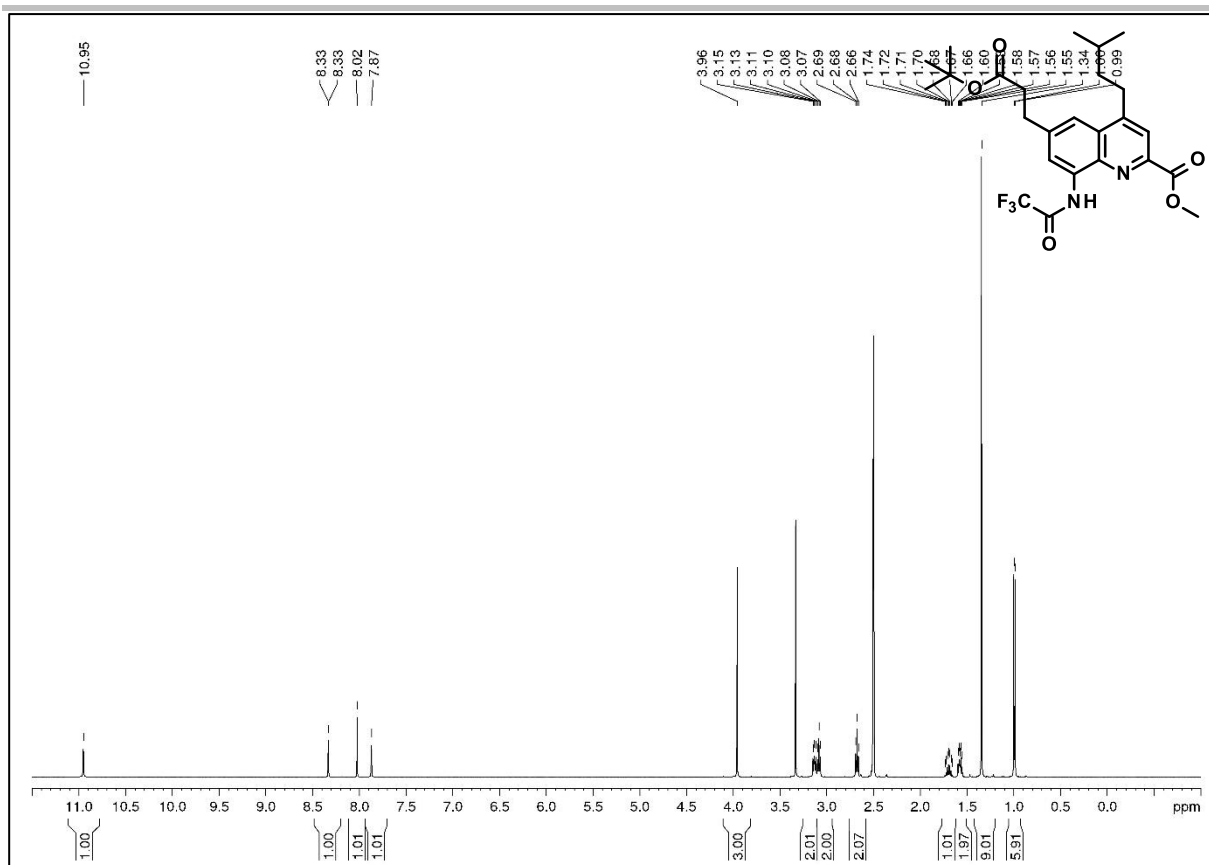


Figure S123. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 20b.

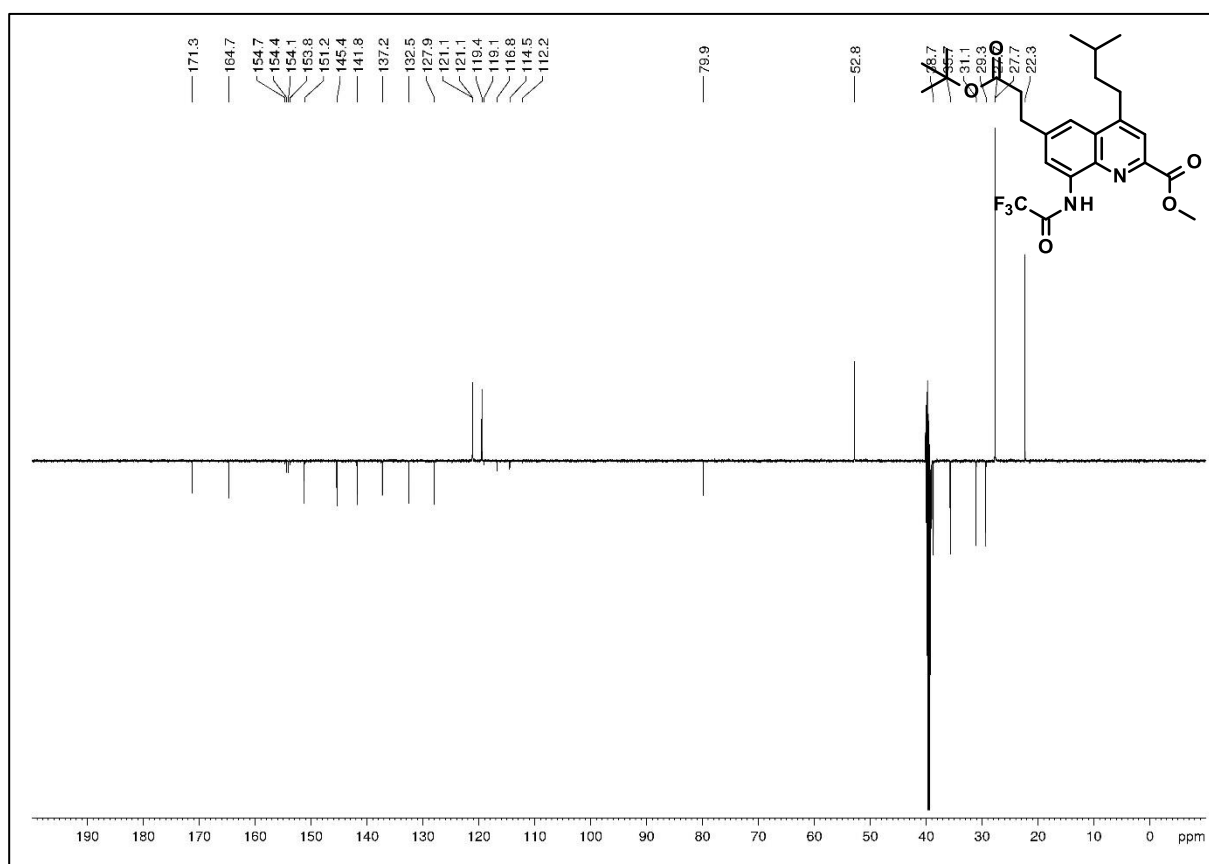
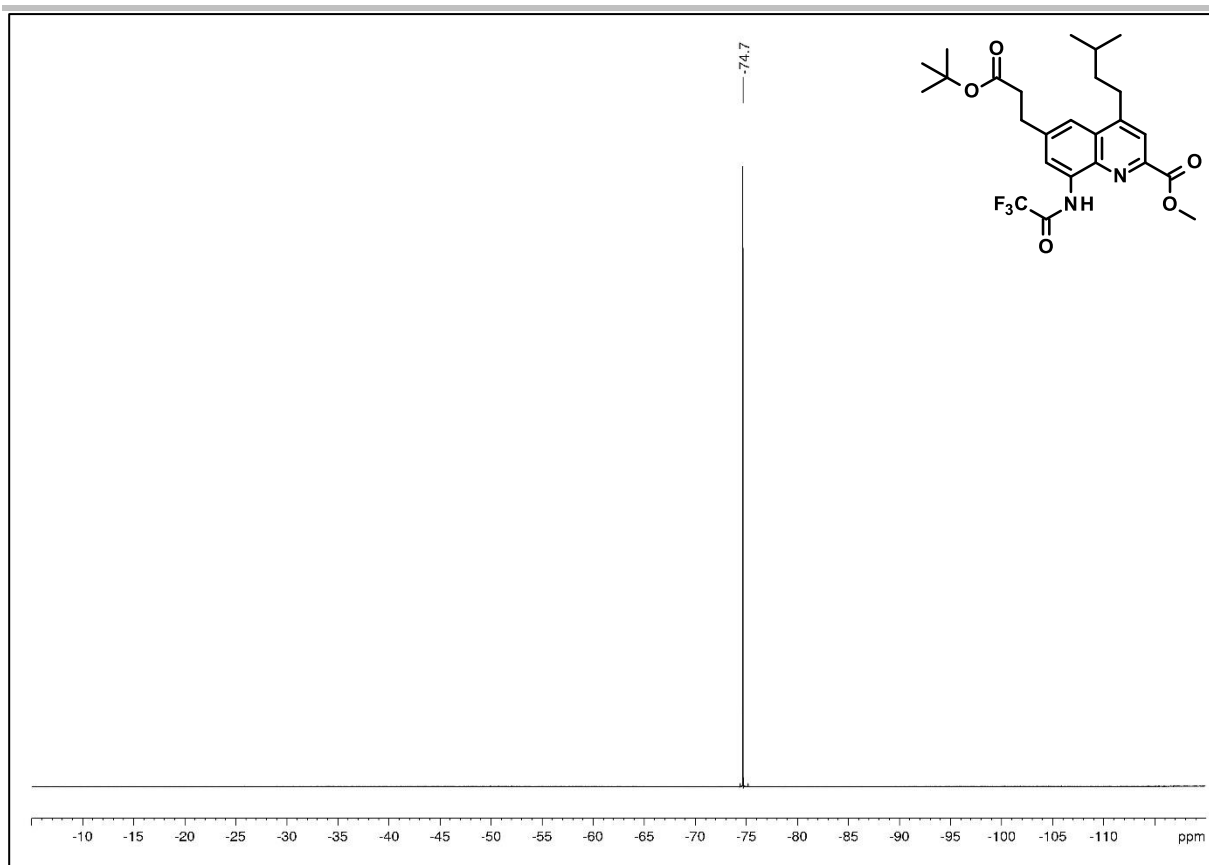


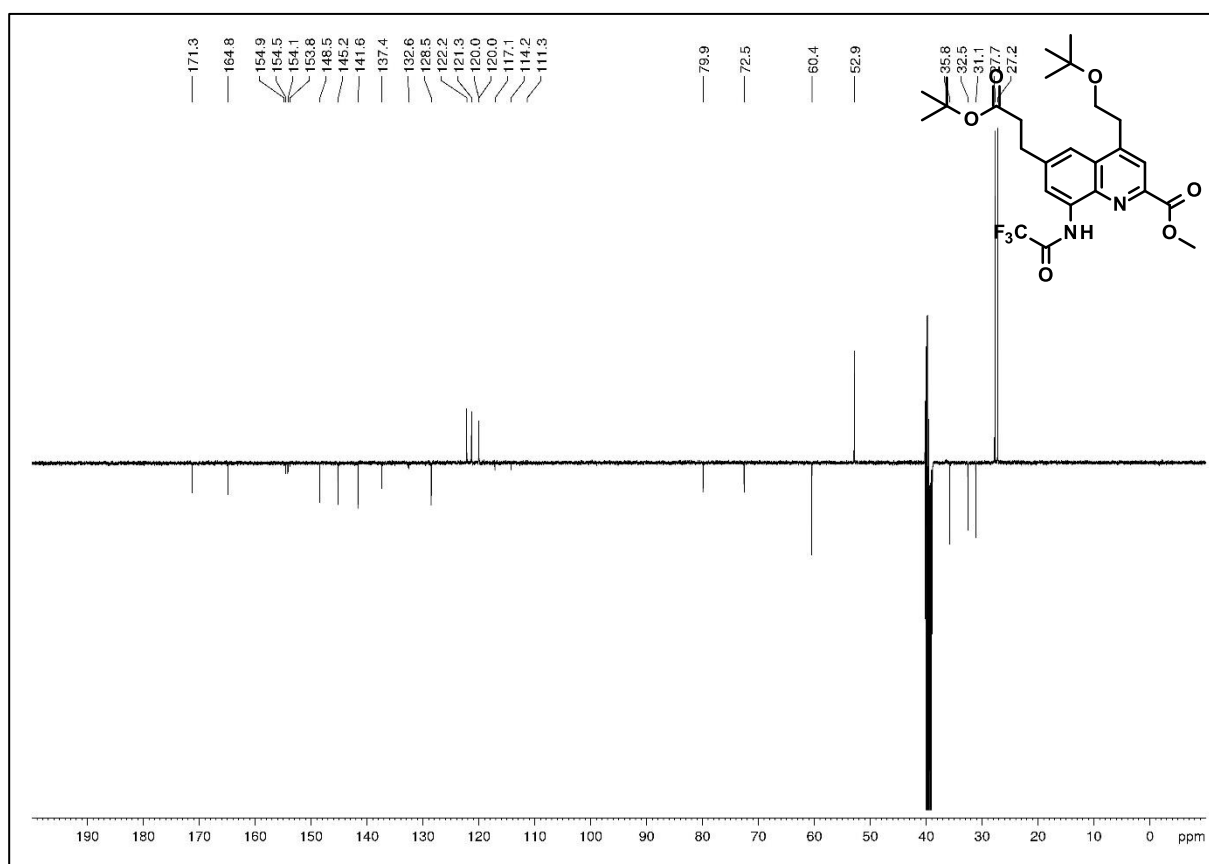
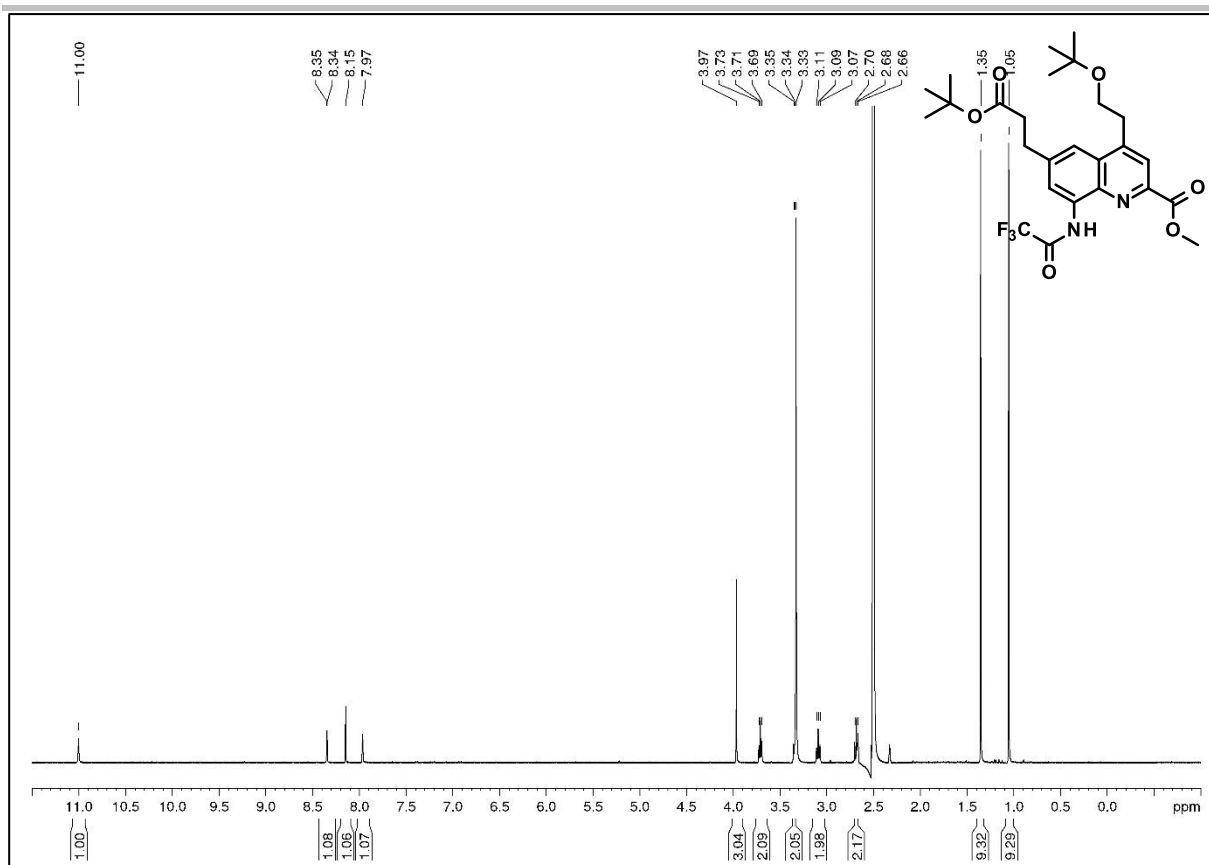
Figure S124. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 20b.

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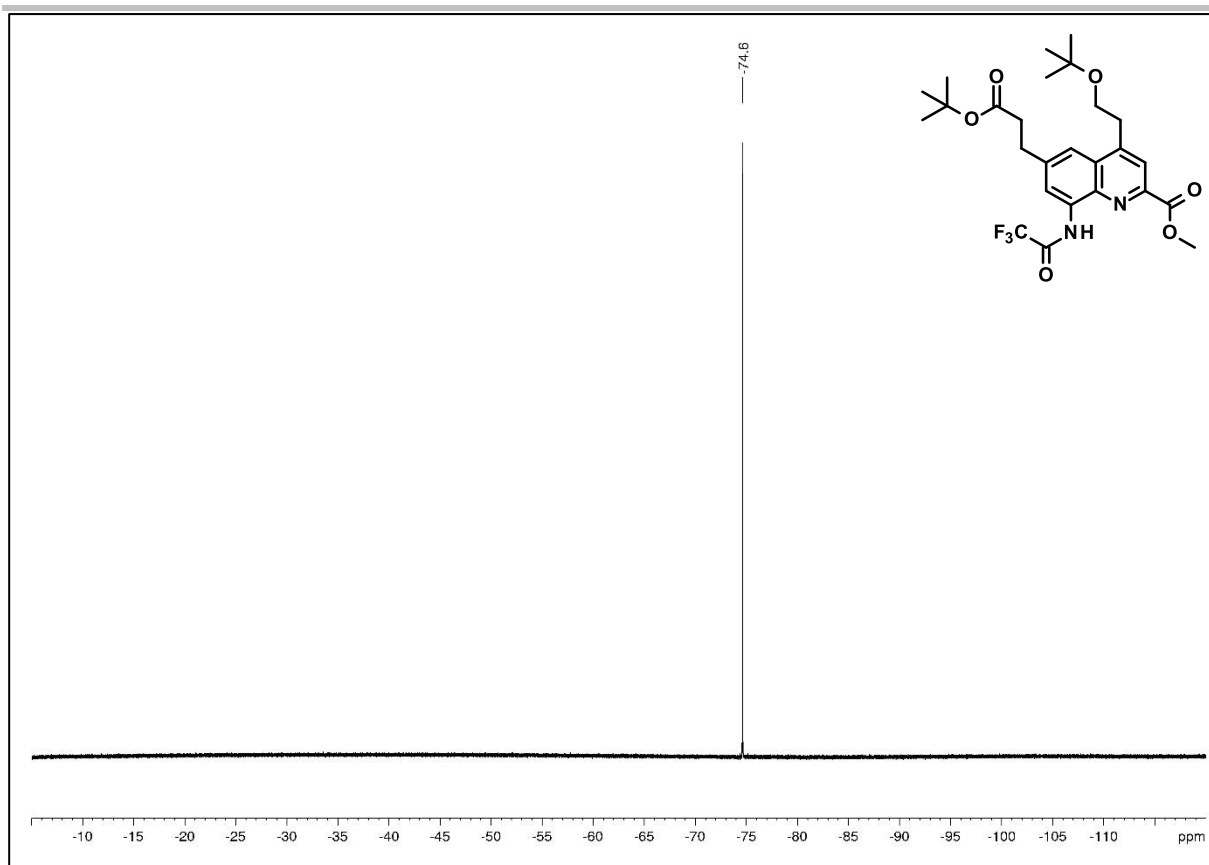
**Figure S125.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) of compound **20b**.

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**Figure S128.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) of compound **20c**.

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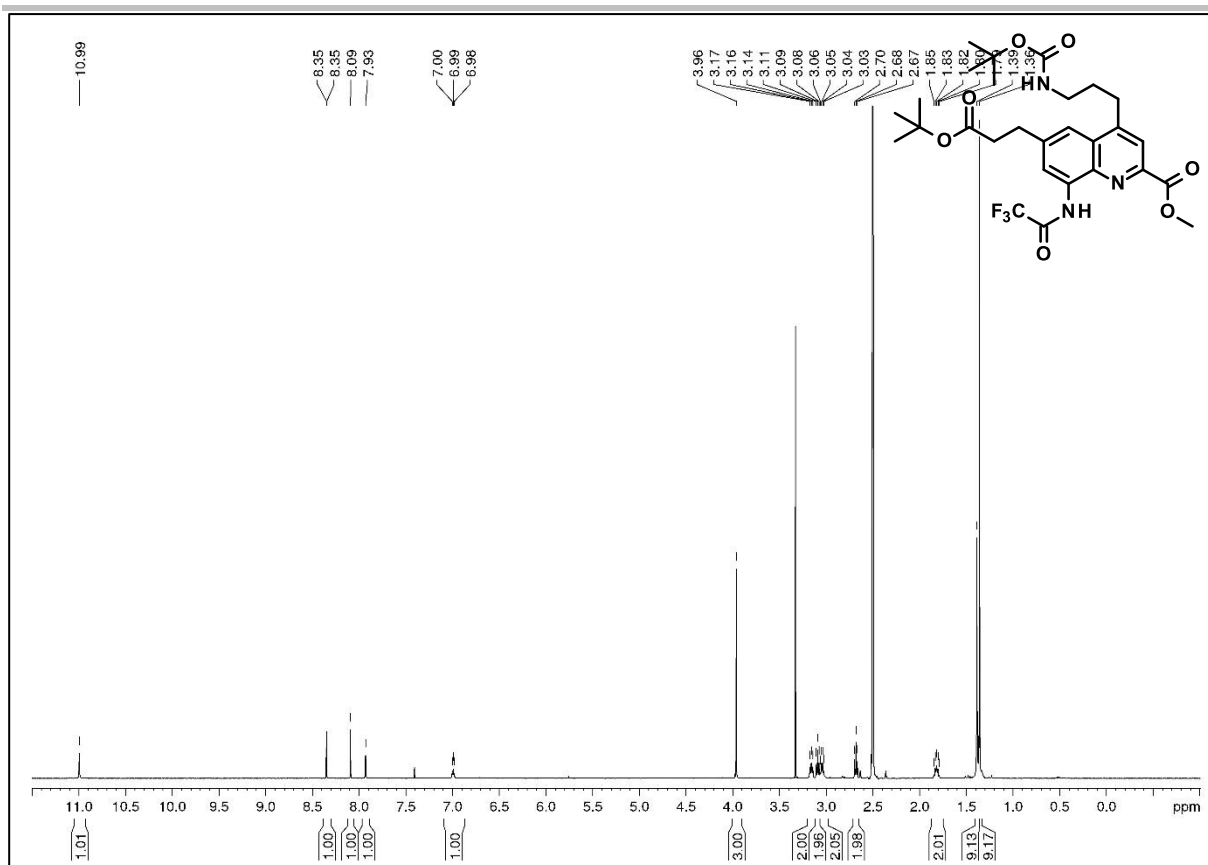


Figure S129. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 20d.

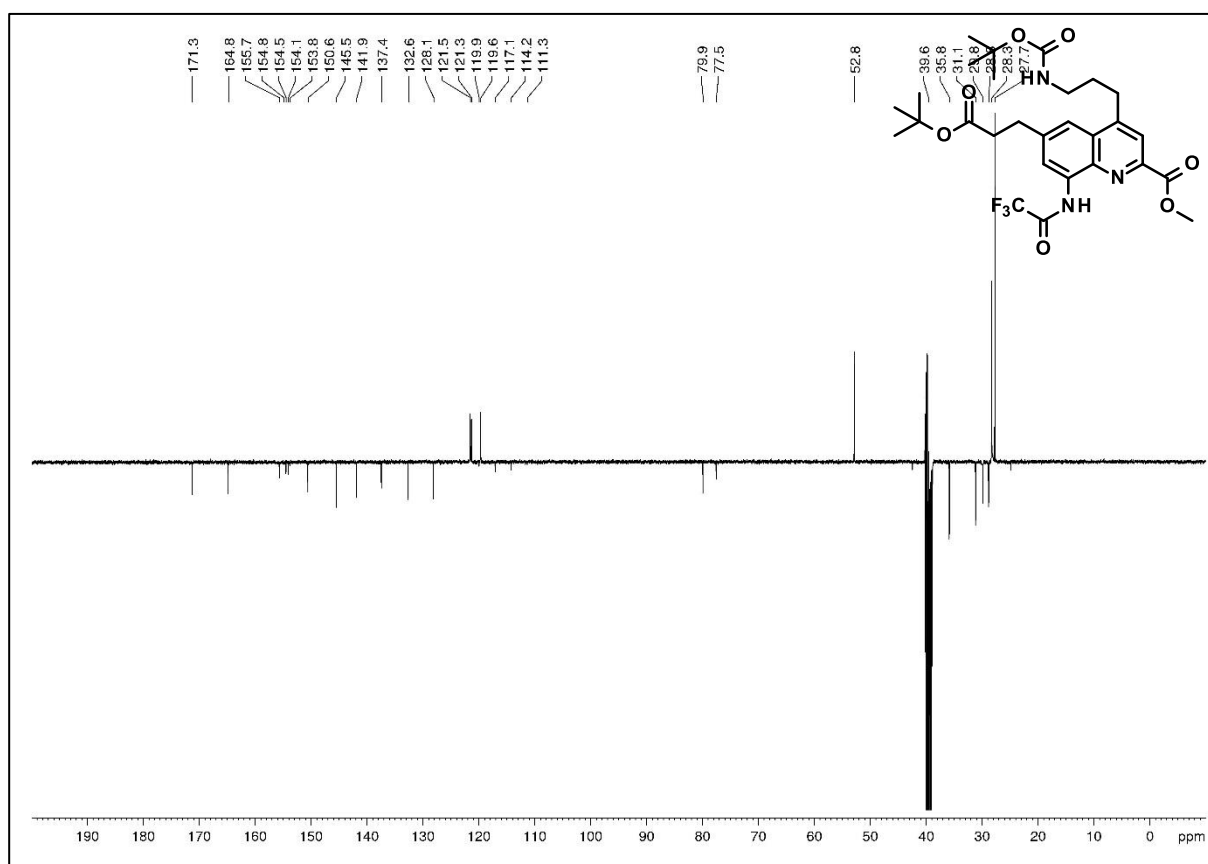
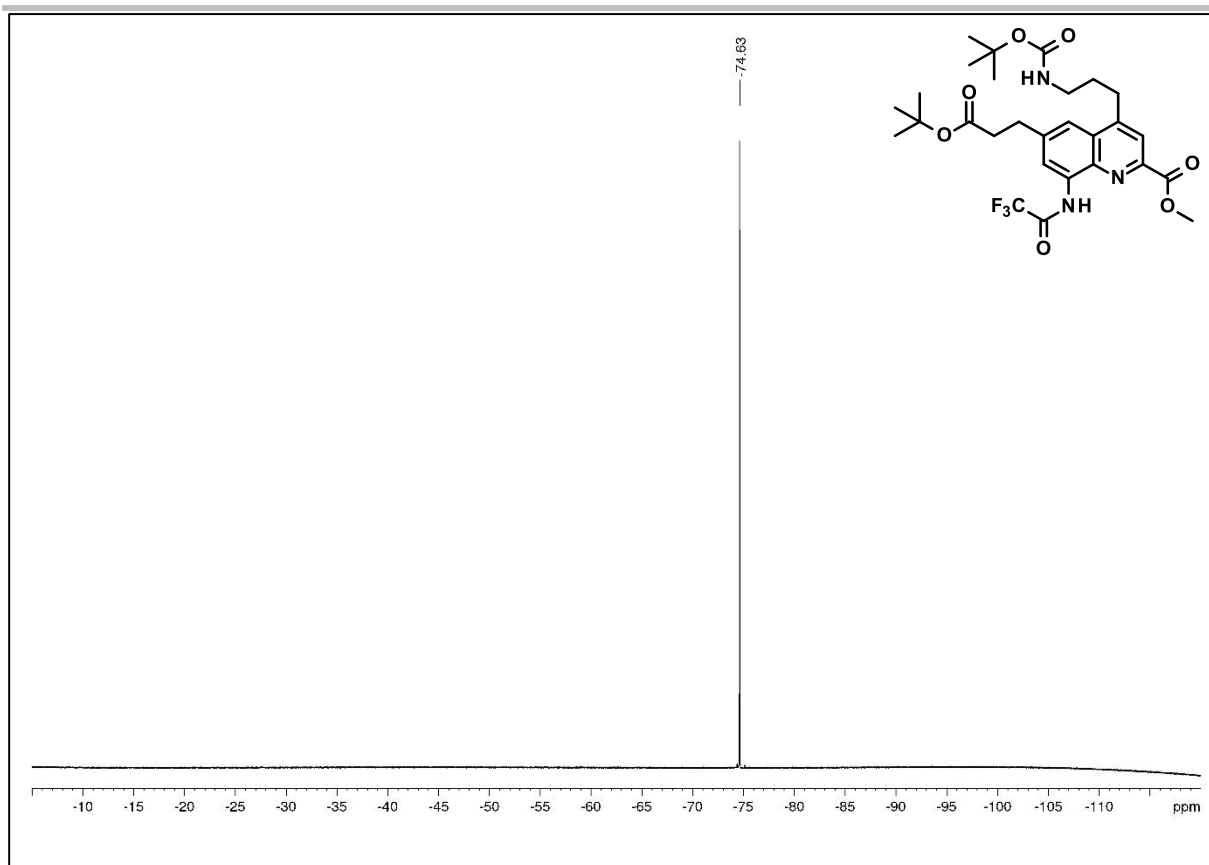


Figure S130. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 20d.

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**Figure S131.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) of compound **20d**.

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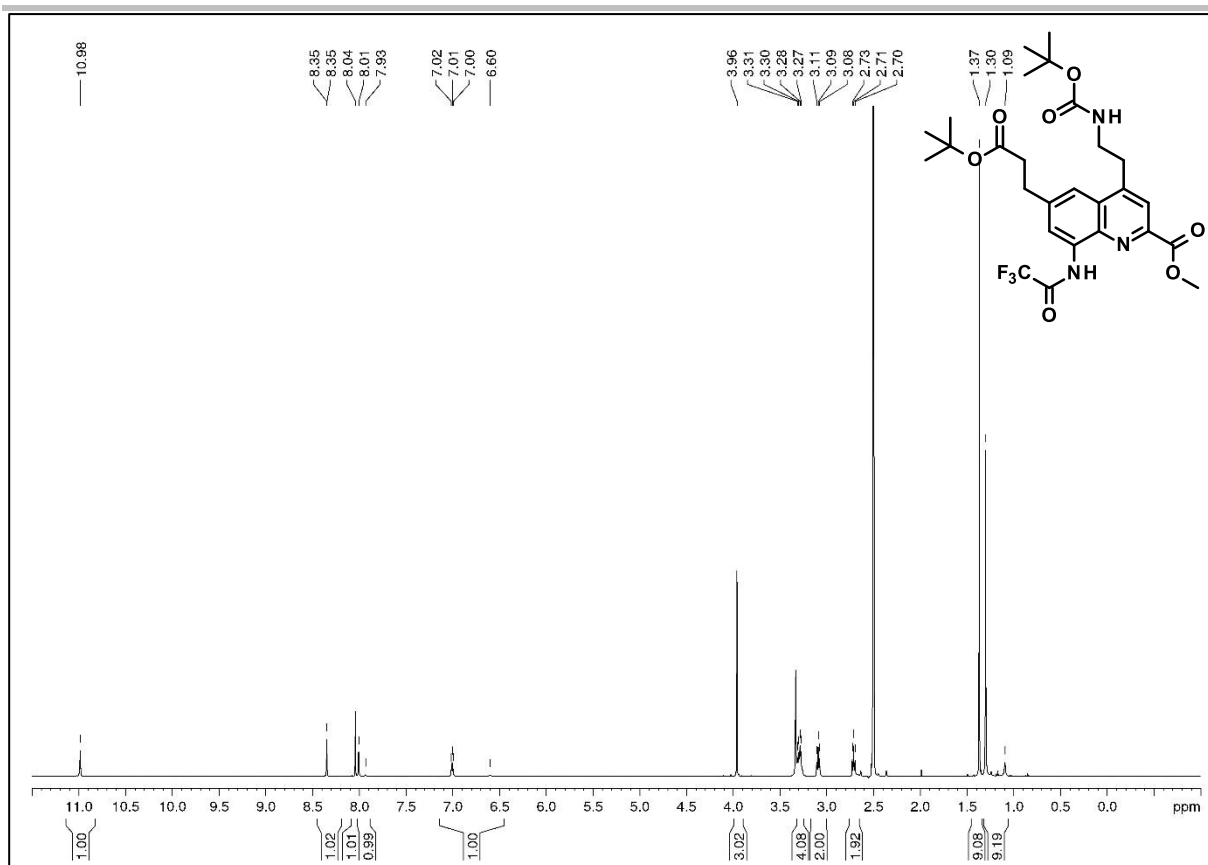


Figure S132. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 20e.

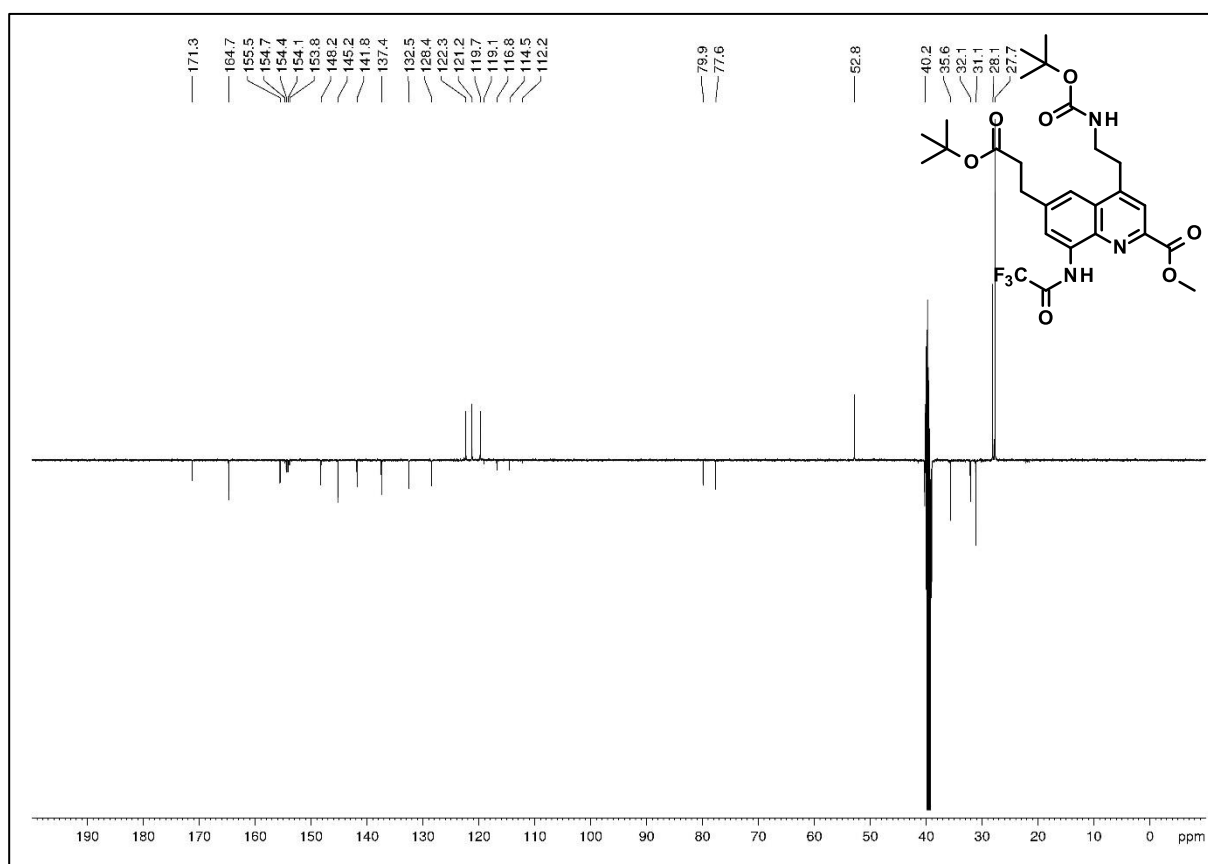
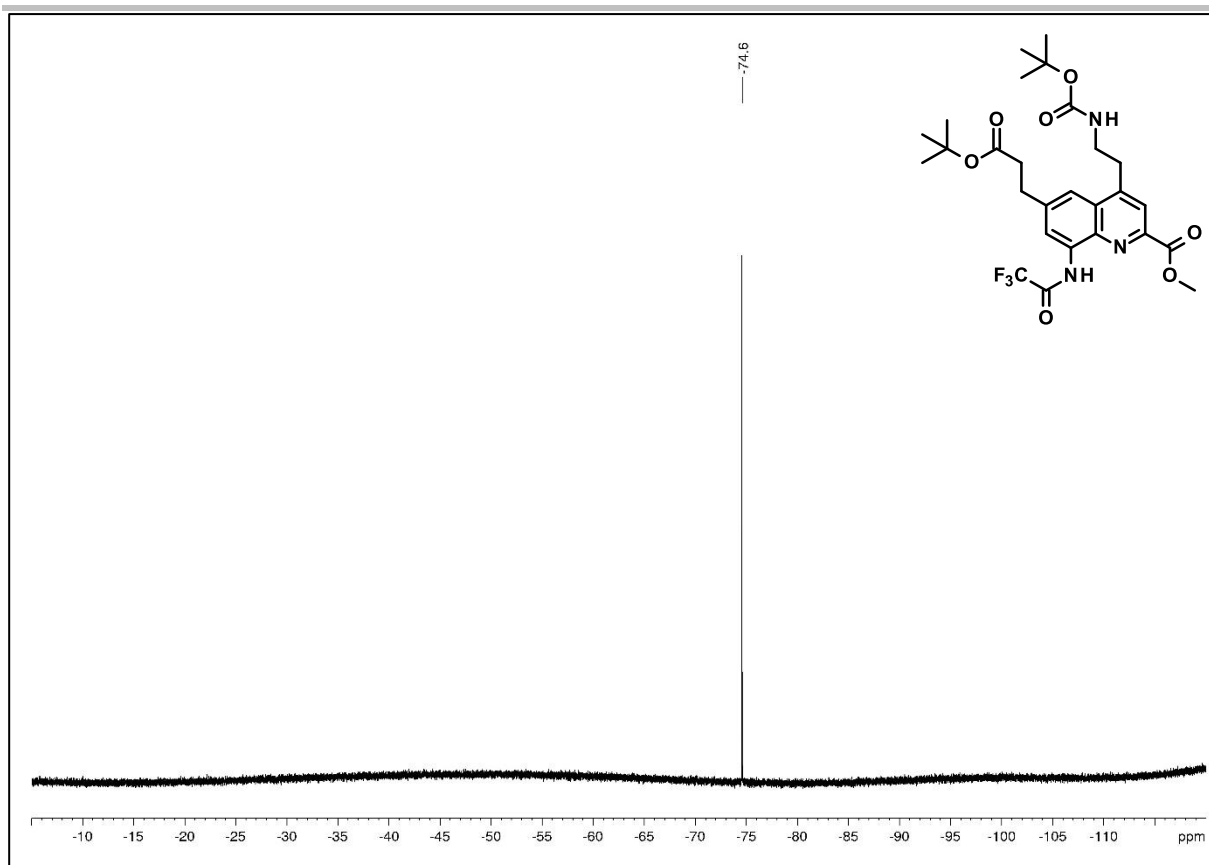


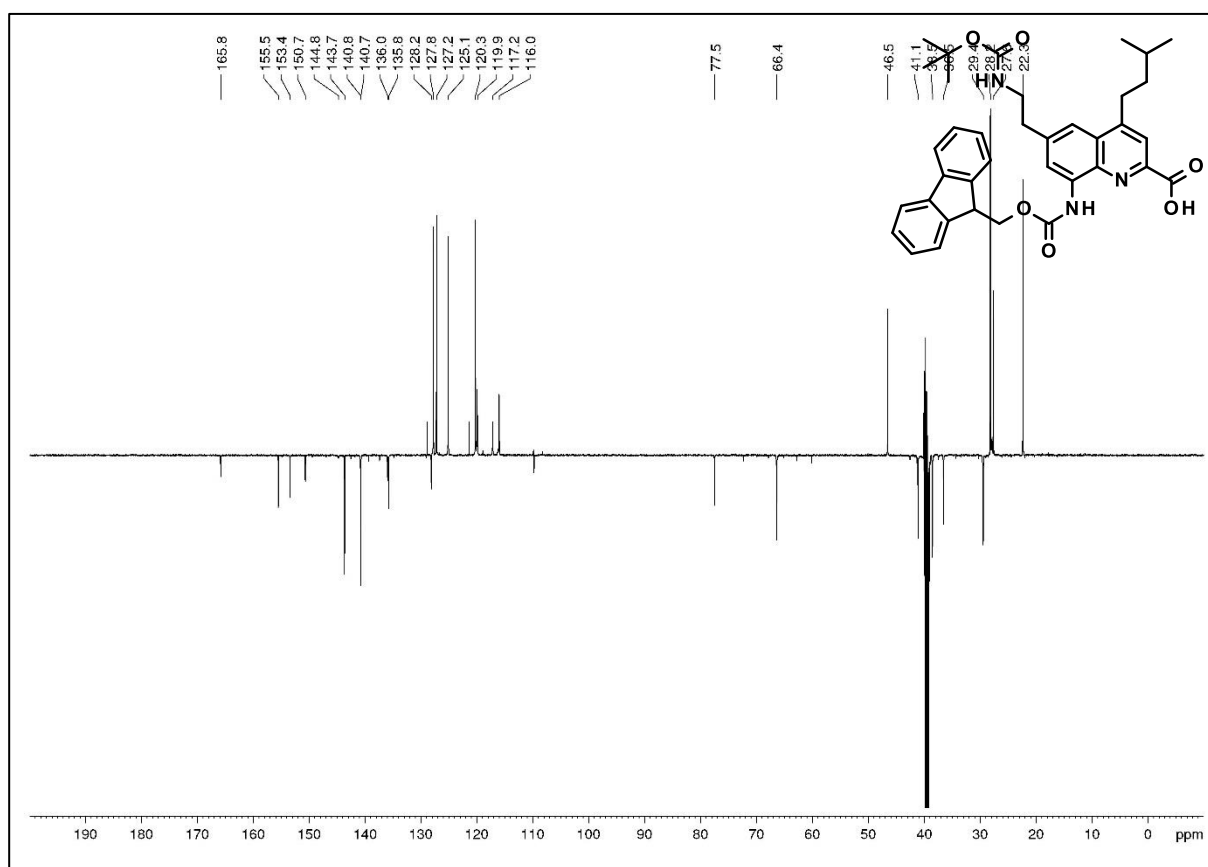
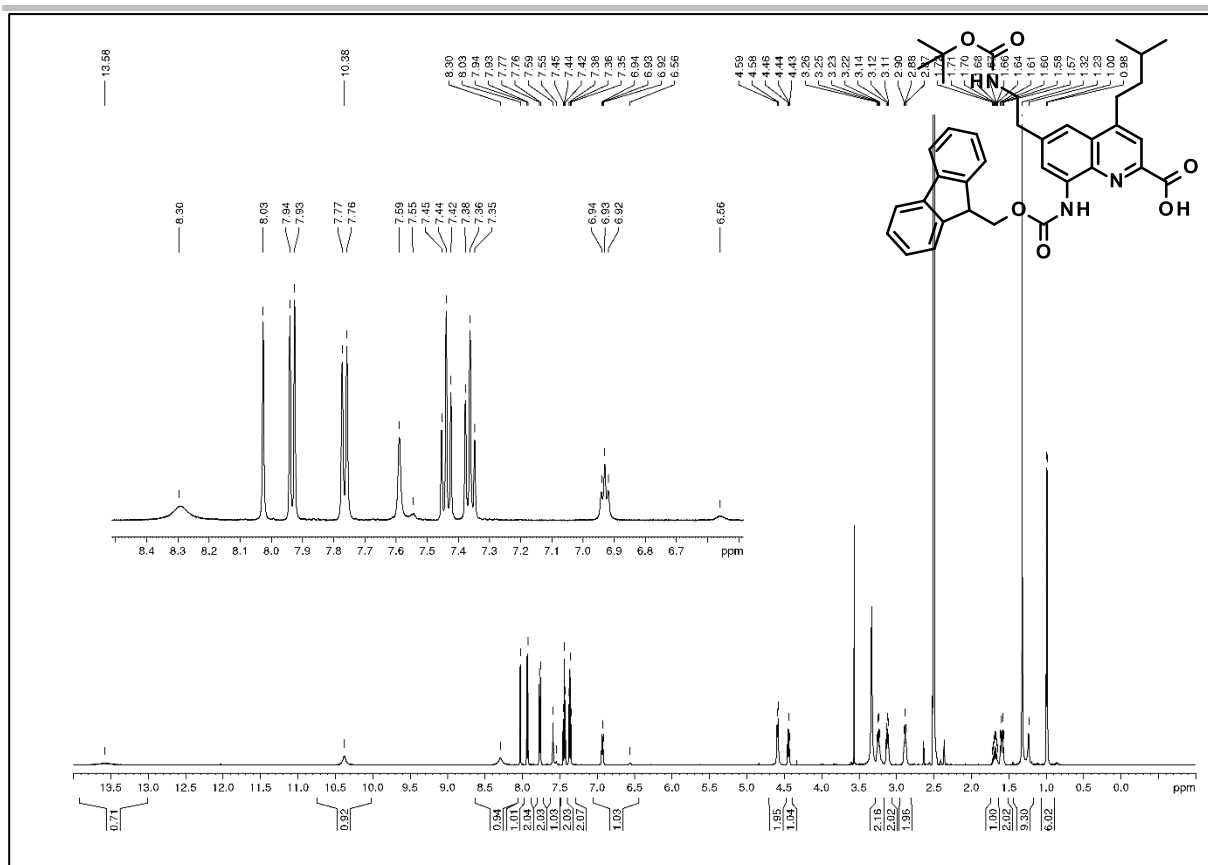
Figure S133. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 20e.

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**Figure S134.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) of compound **20e**.

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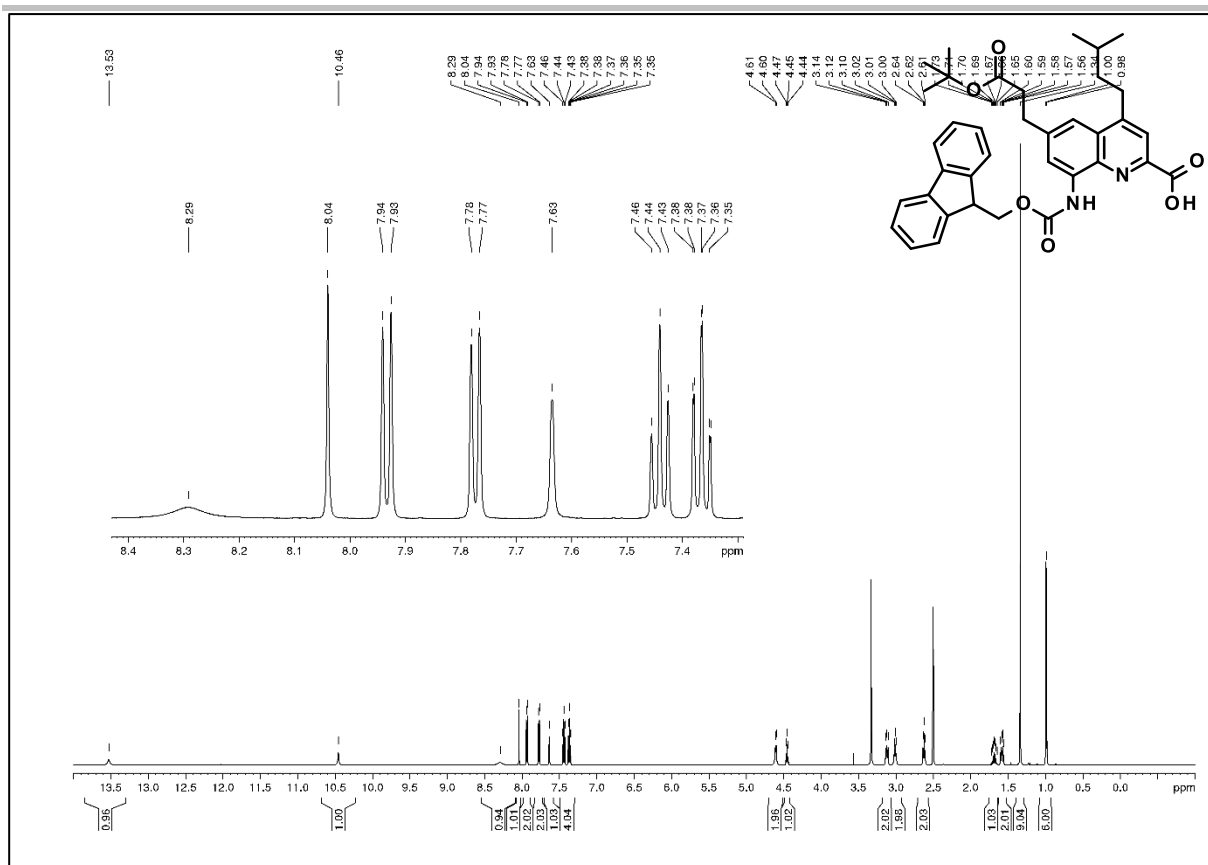


Figure S137. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 21b.

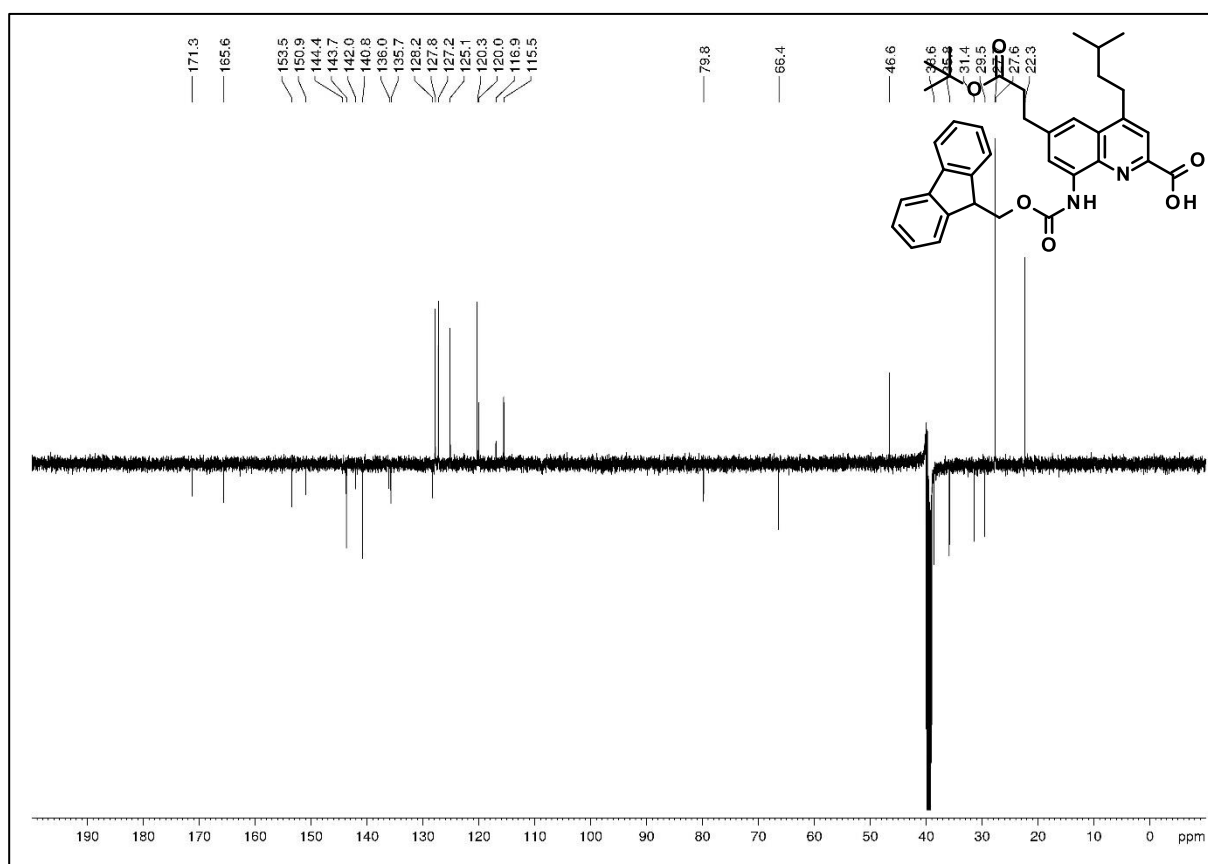
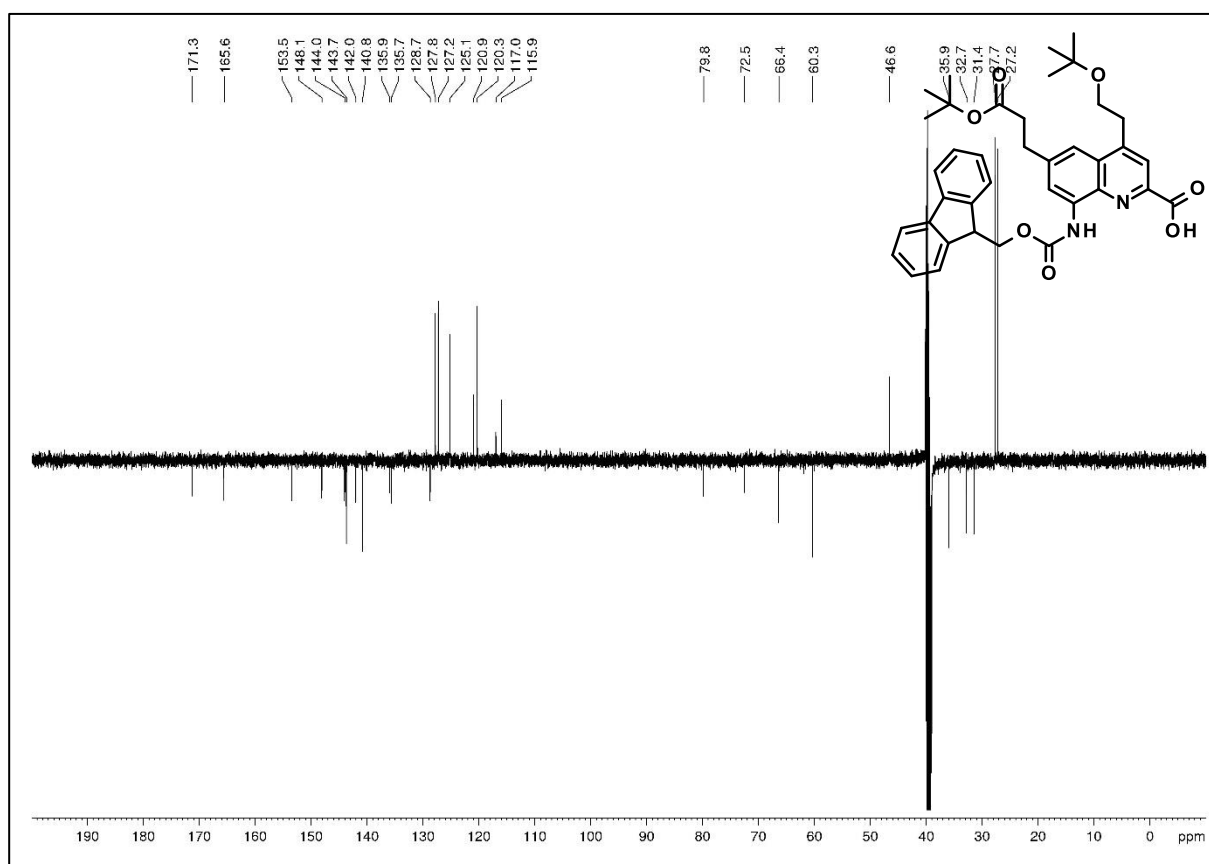
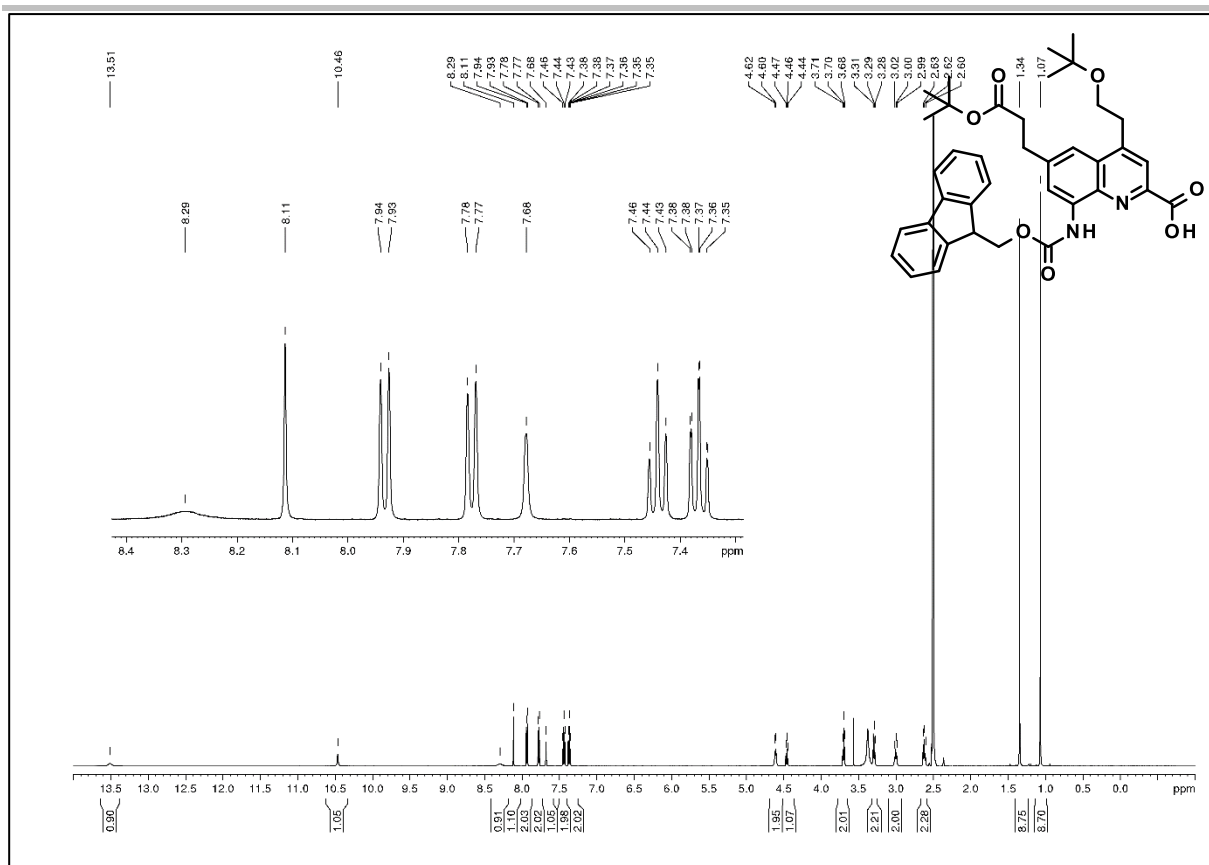


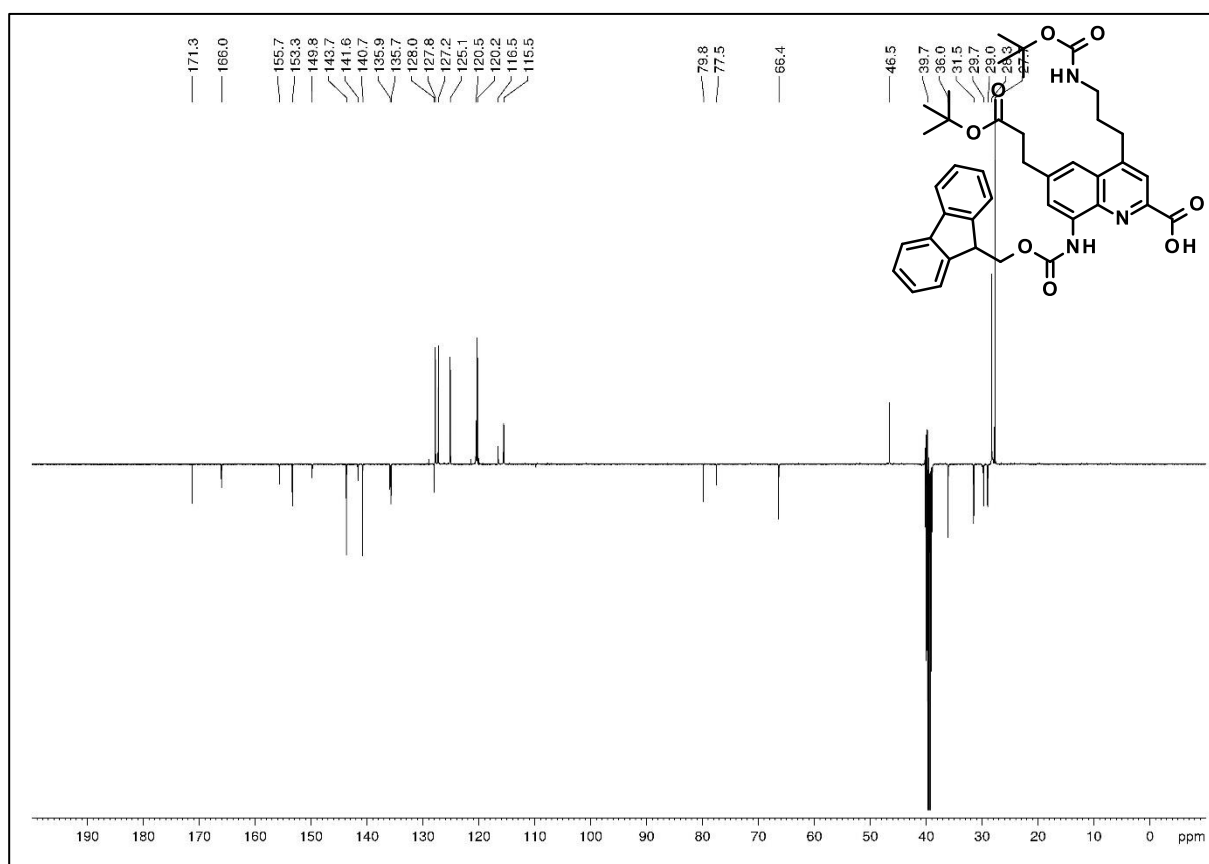
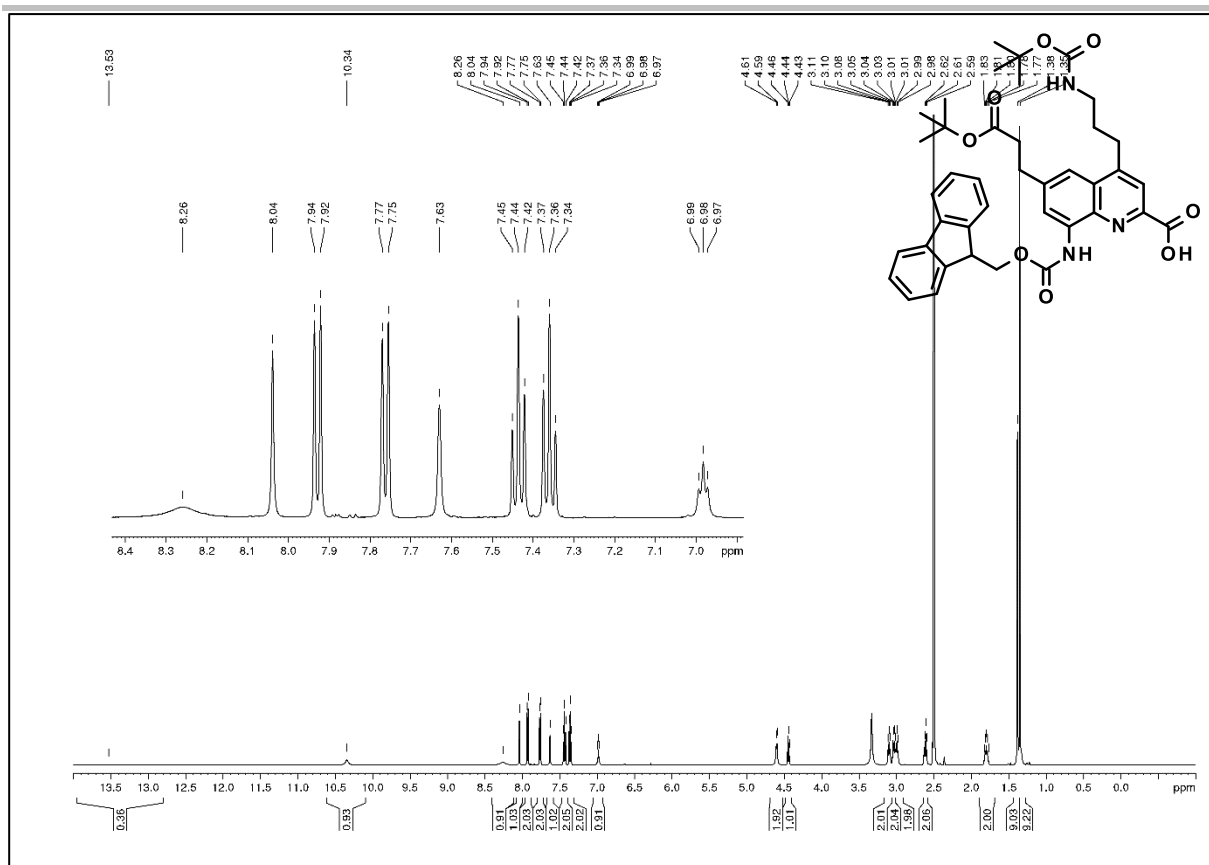
Figure S138. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 21b.

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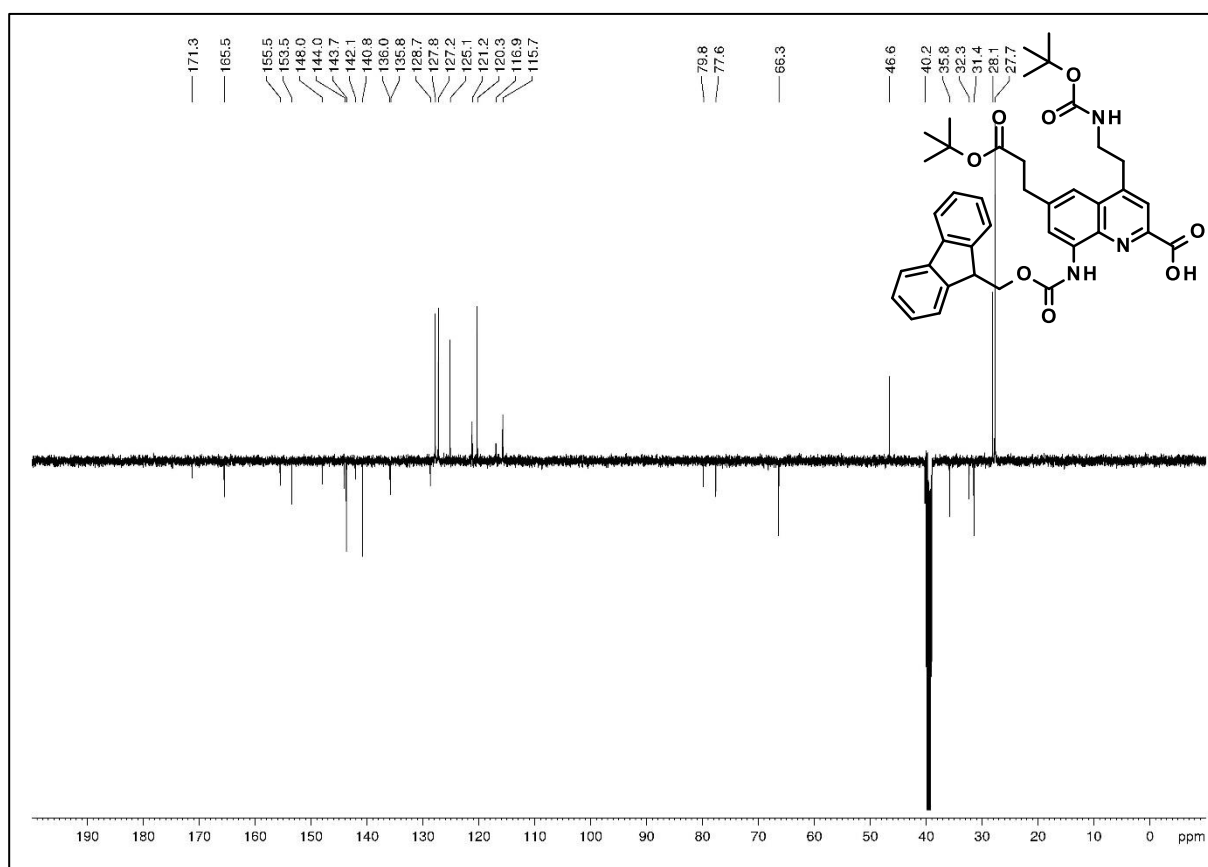
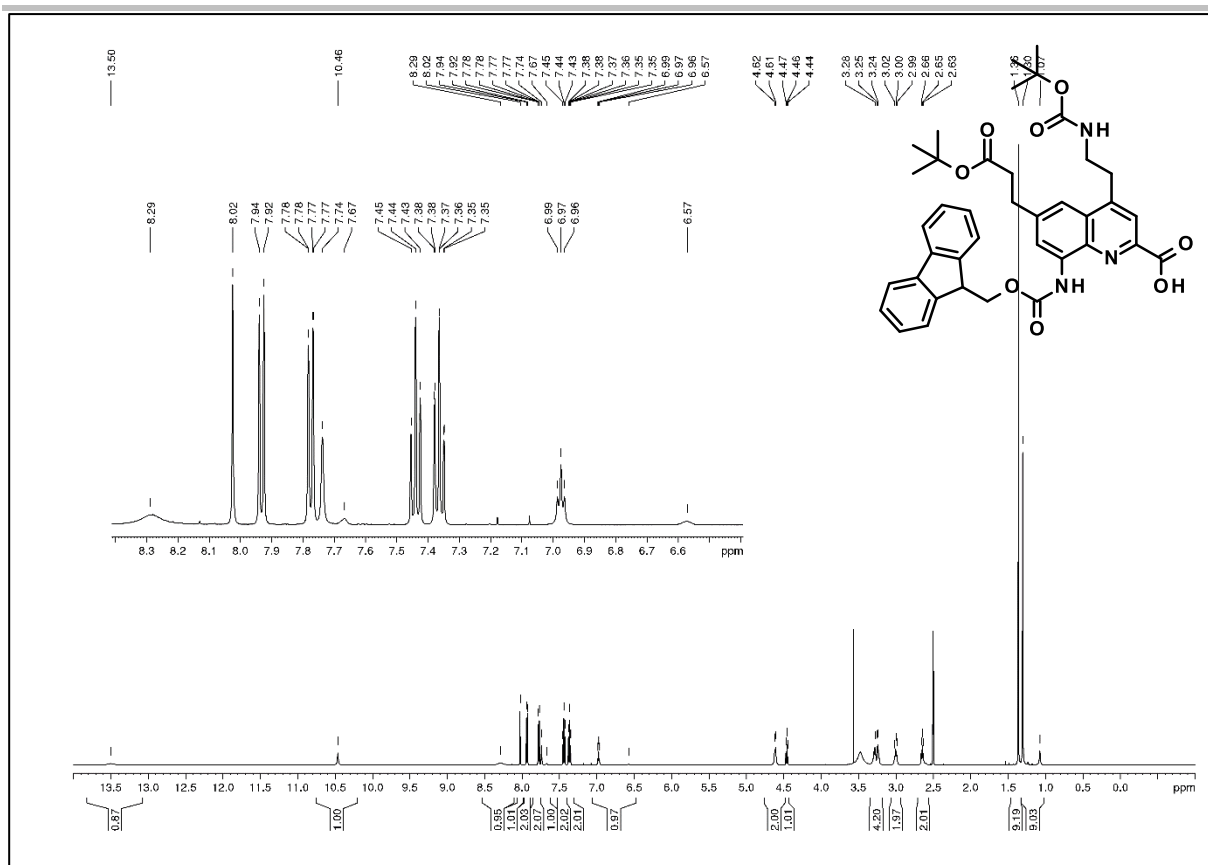




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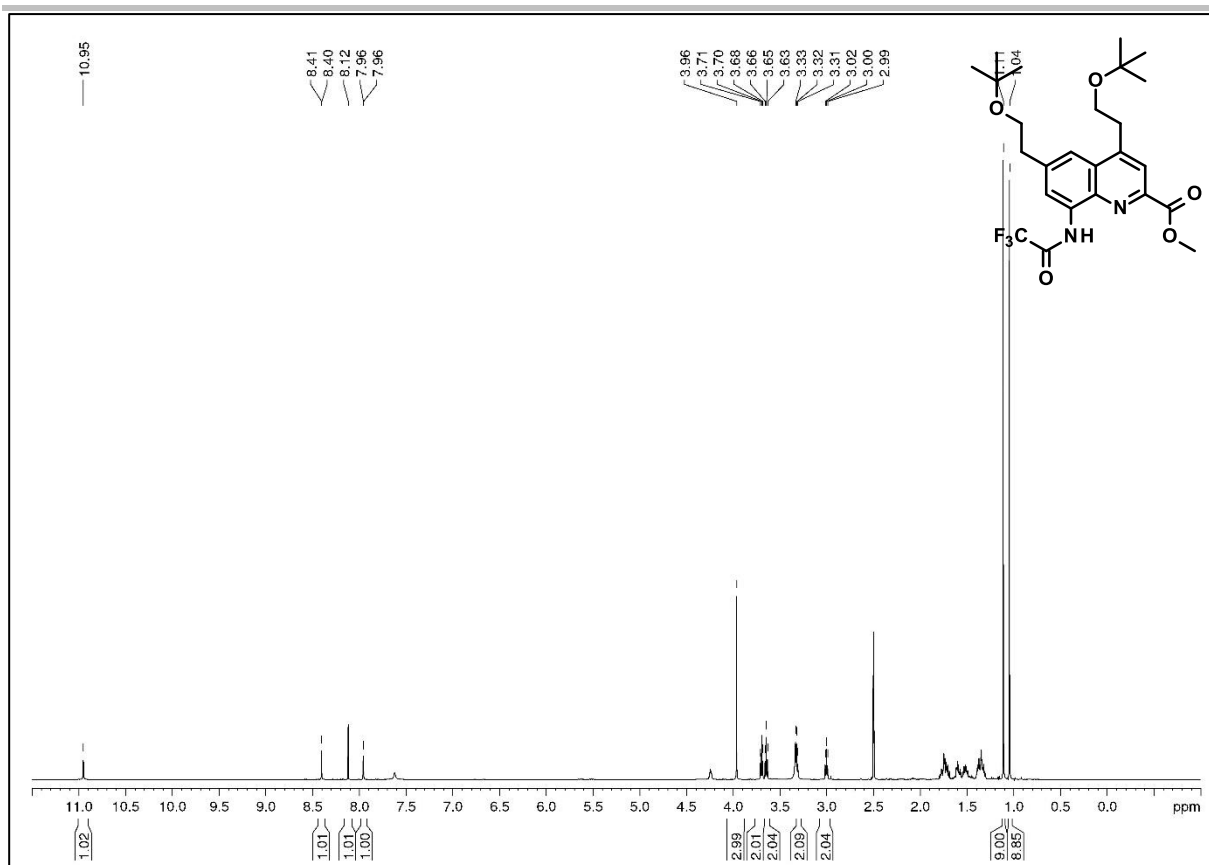


Figure S145. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound **22b**.

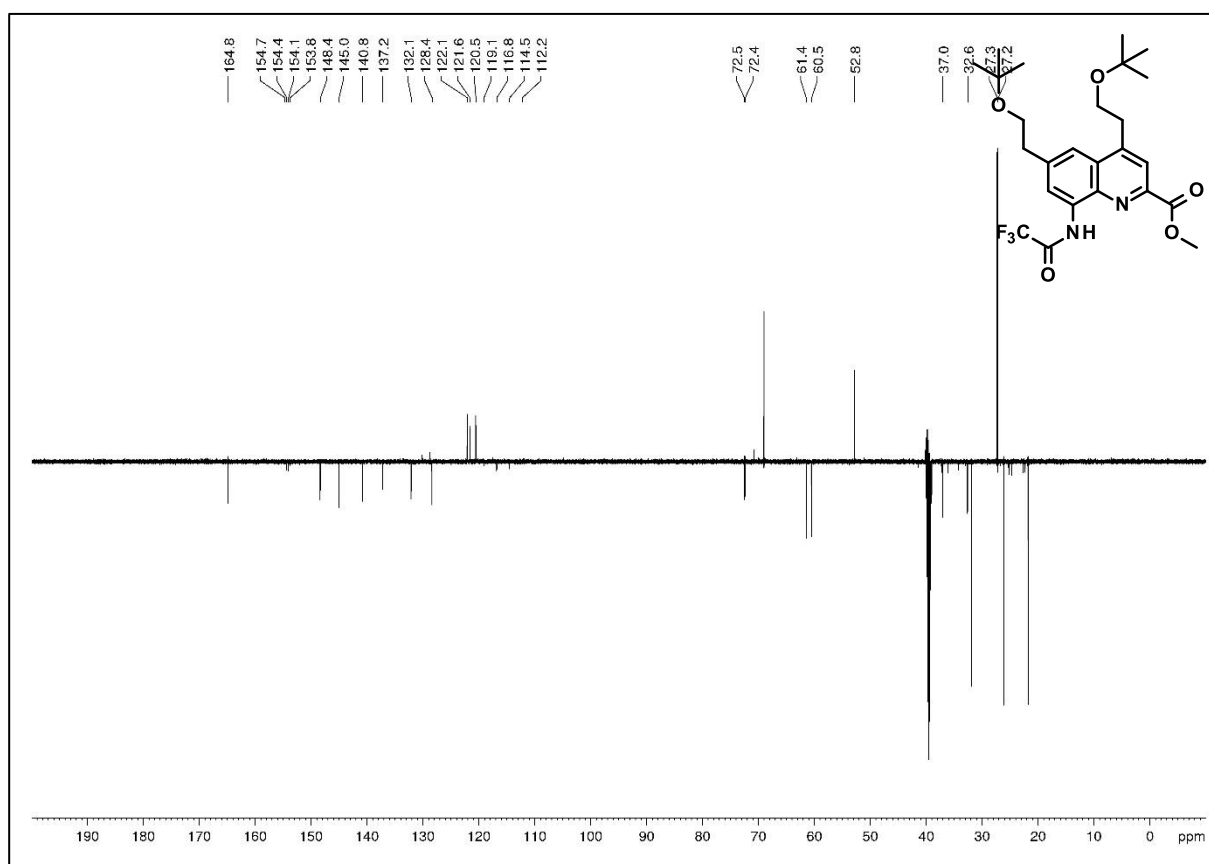
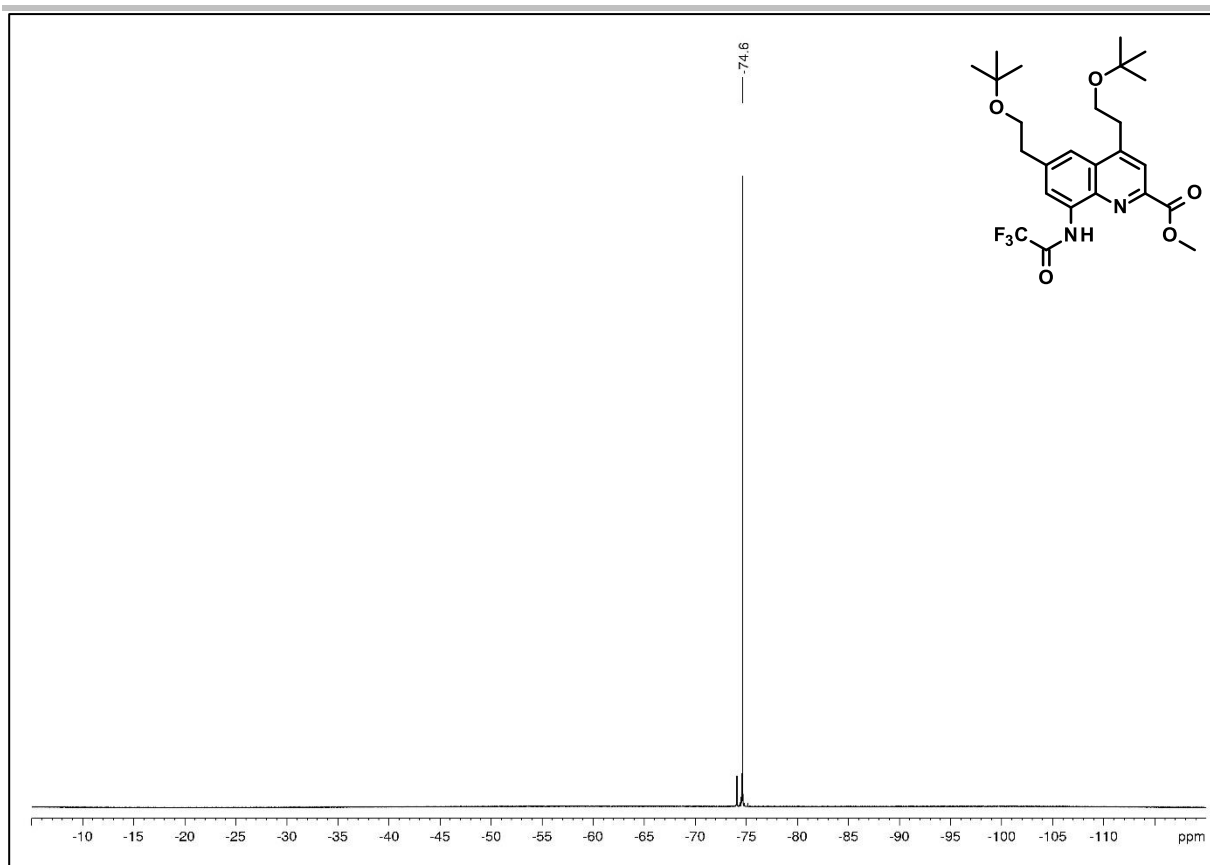


Figure S146. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound **22b**.

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**Figure S147.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) of compound **22b**.

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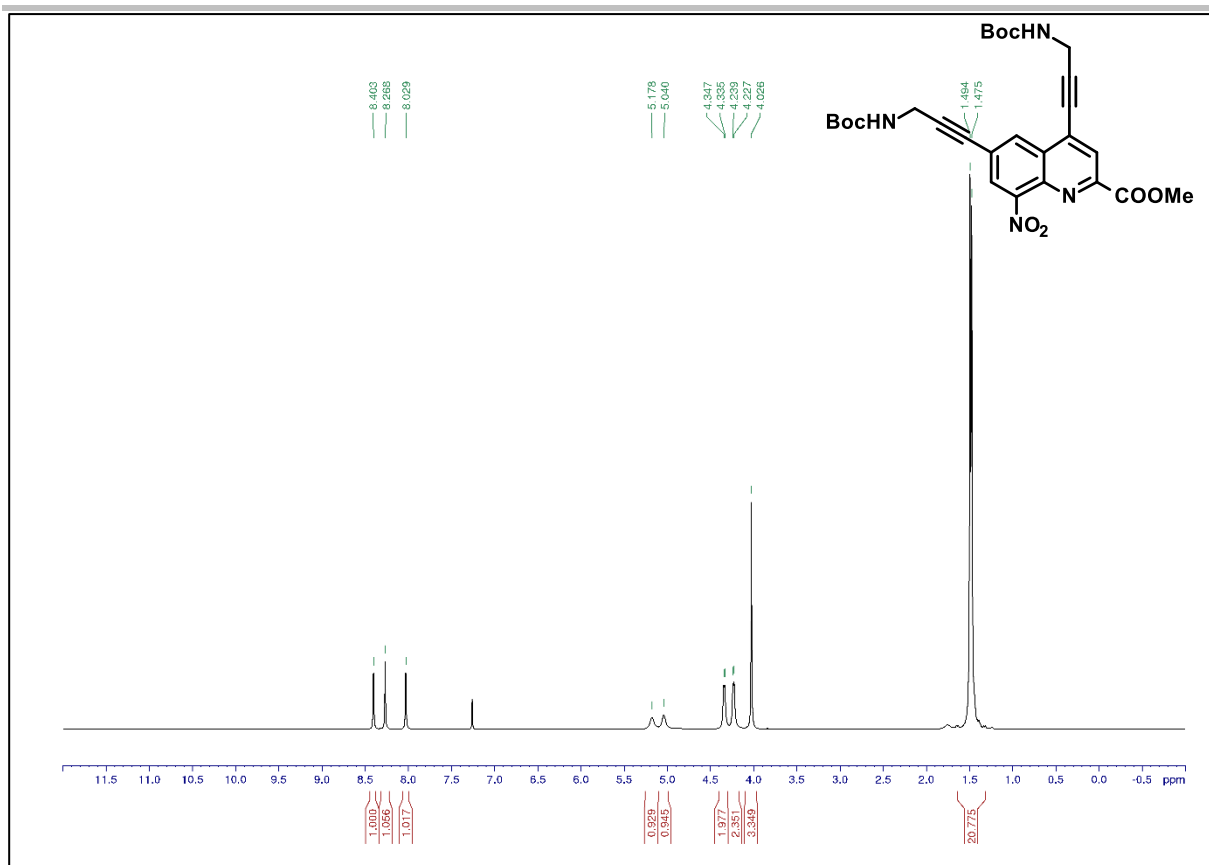


Figure S148. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 24a.

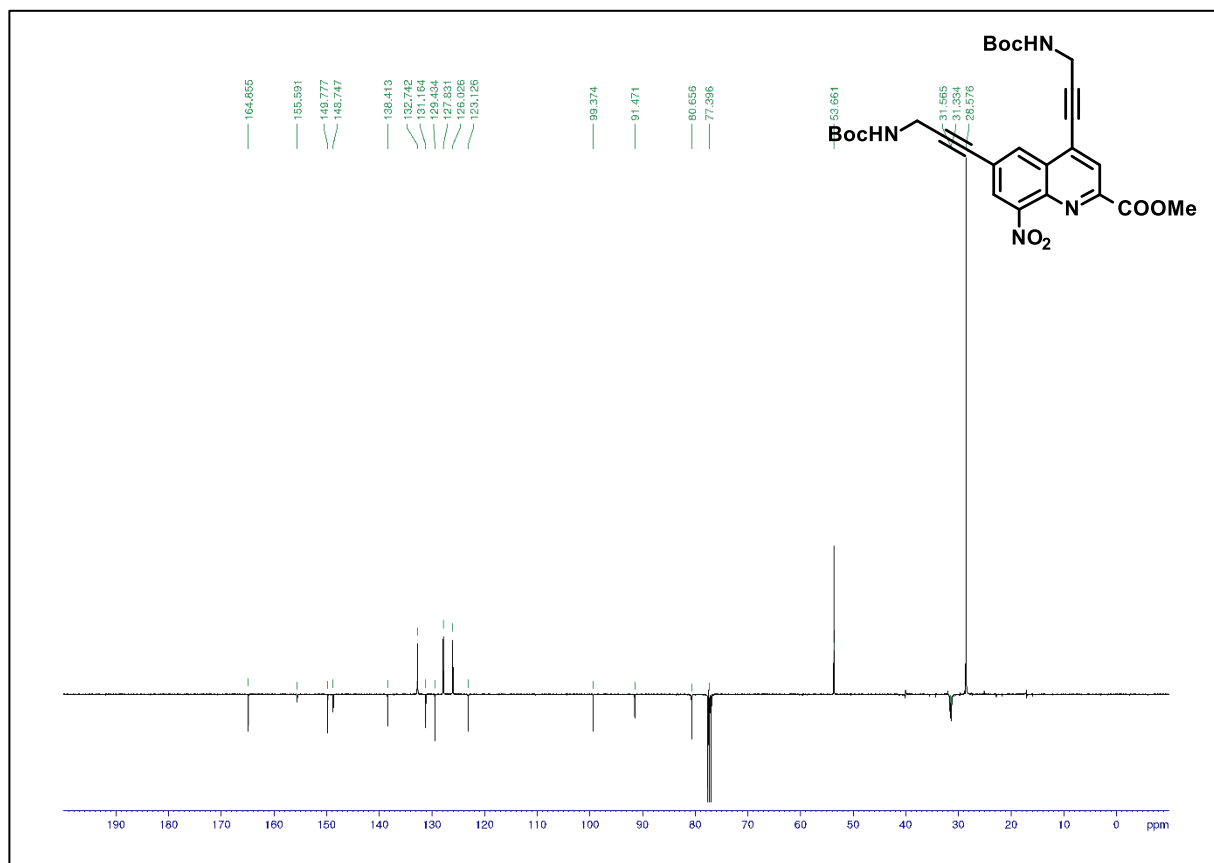


Figure S149. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 24a.

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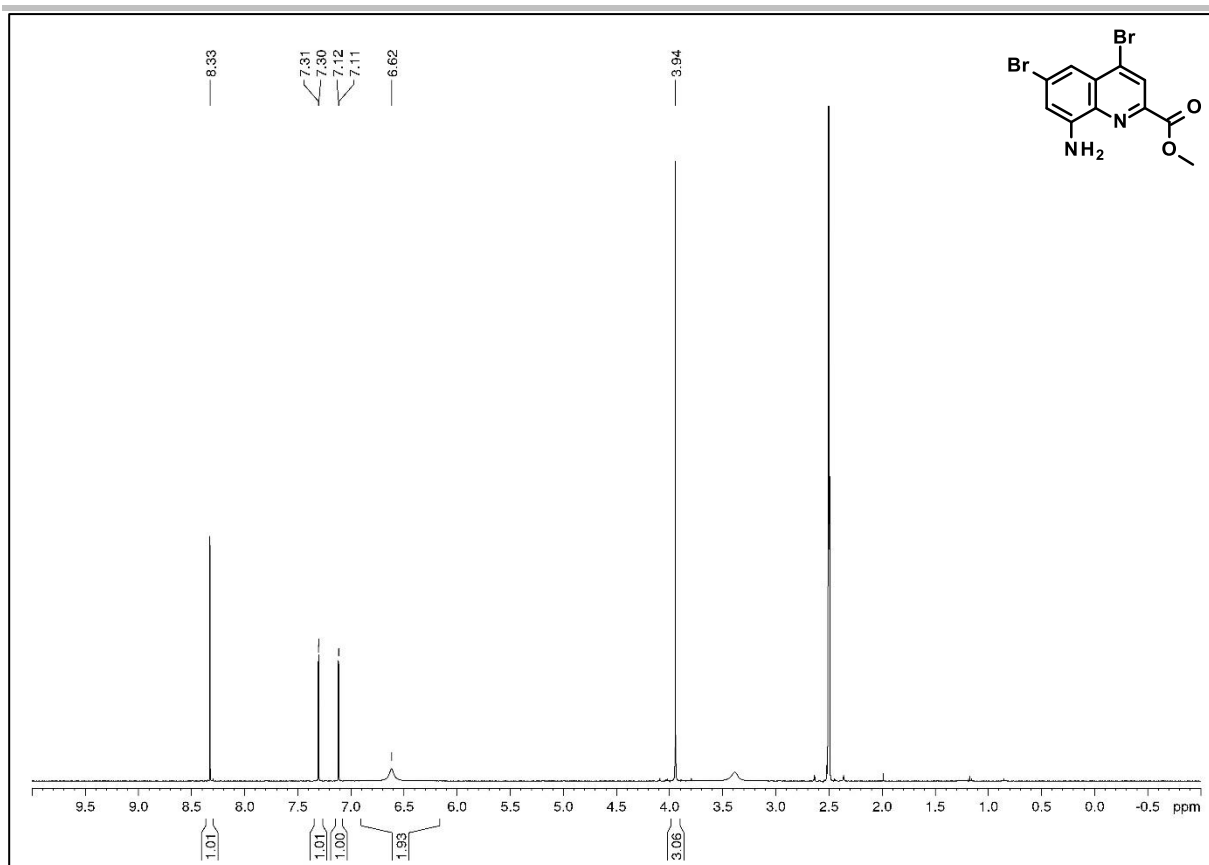


Figure S150. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 25.

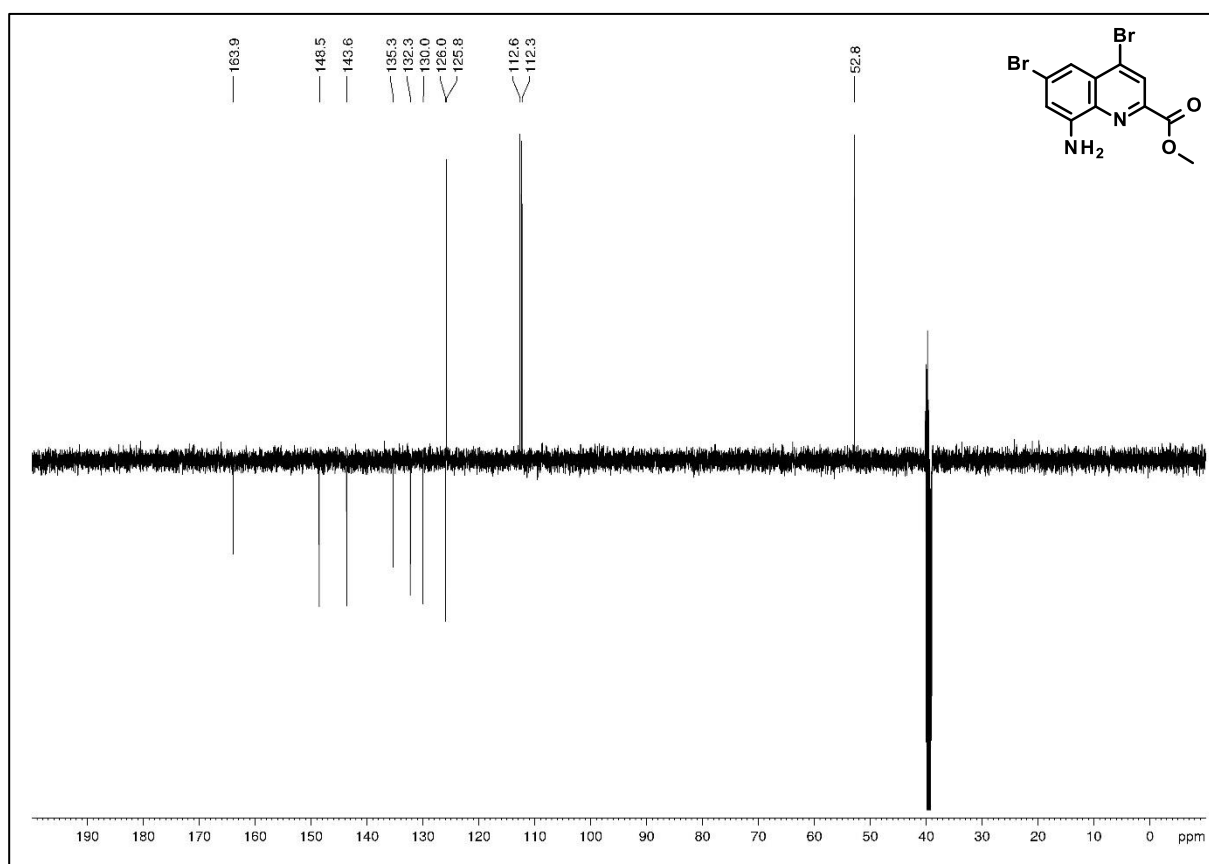
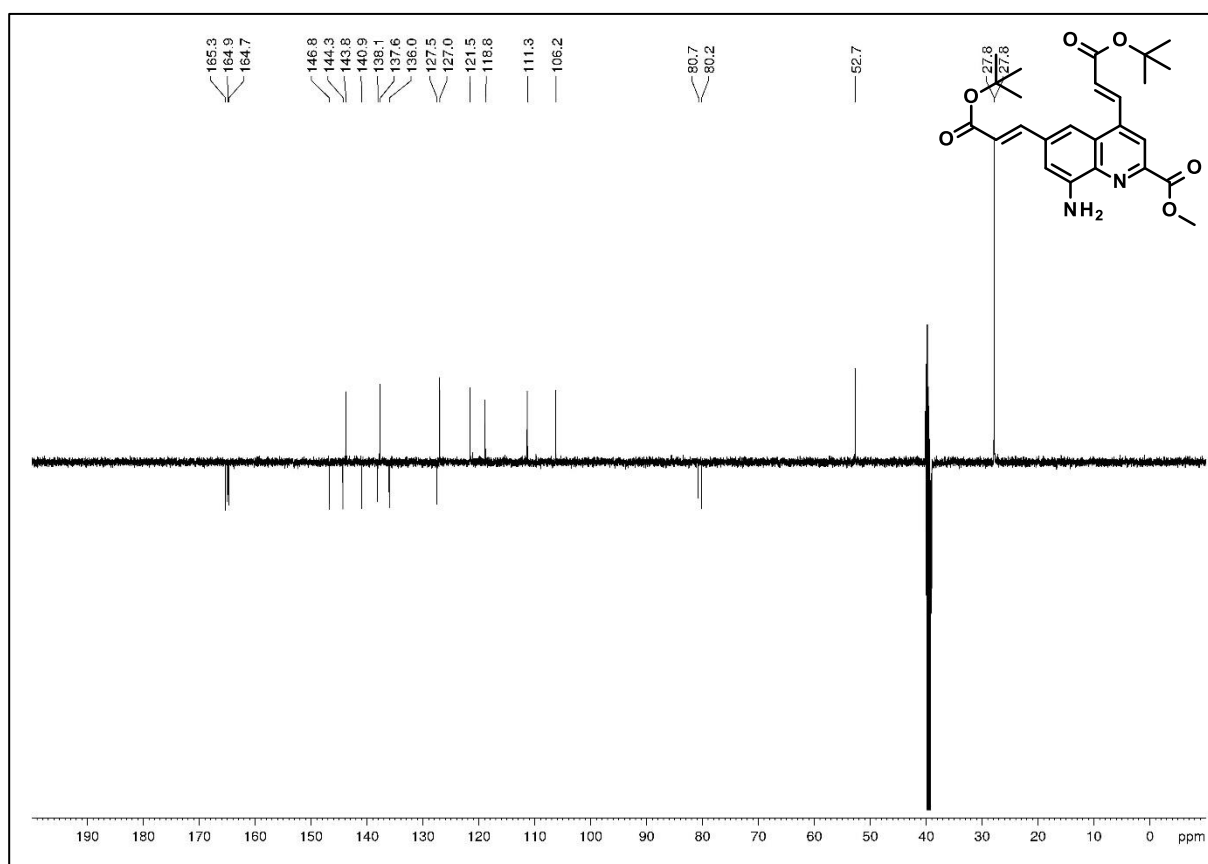
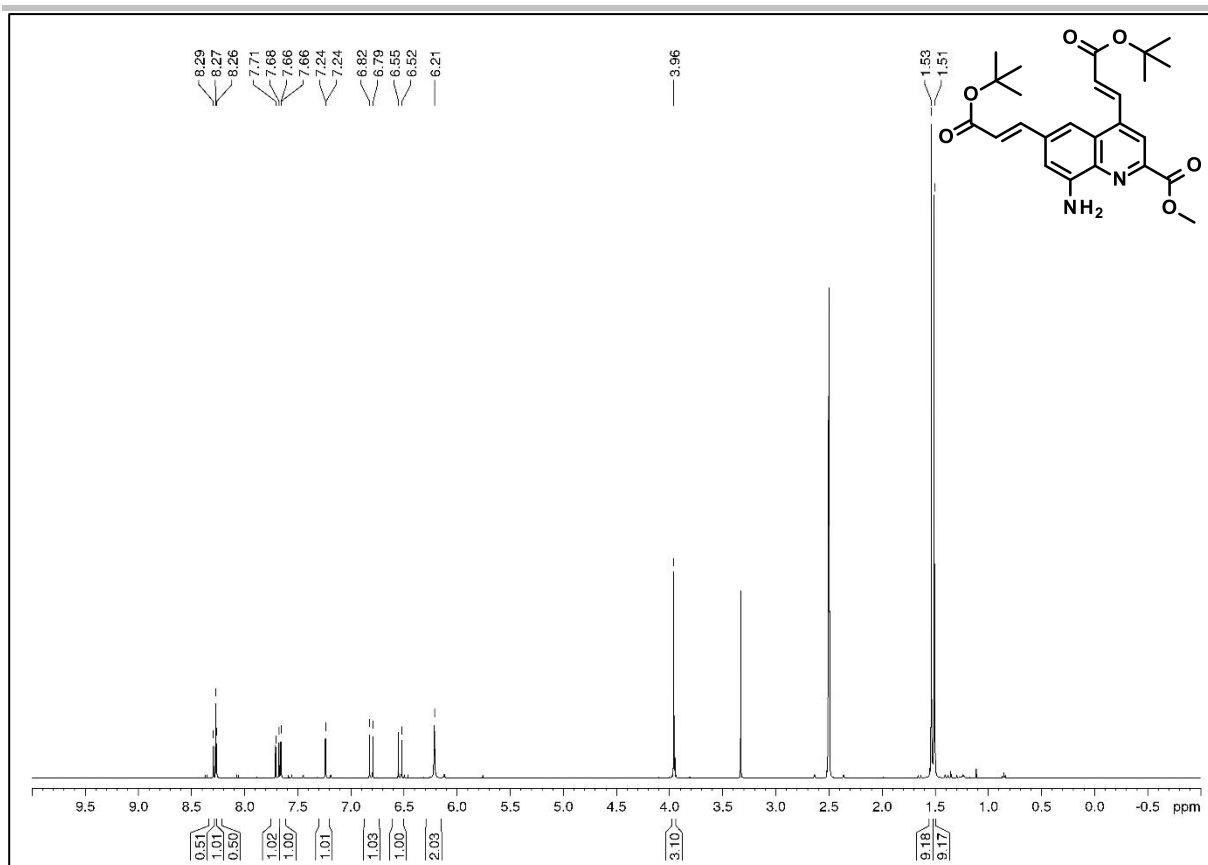


Figure S151. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 25.

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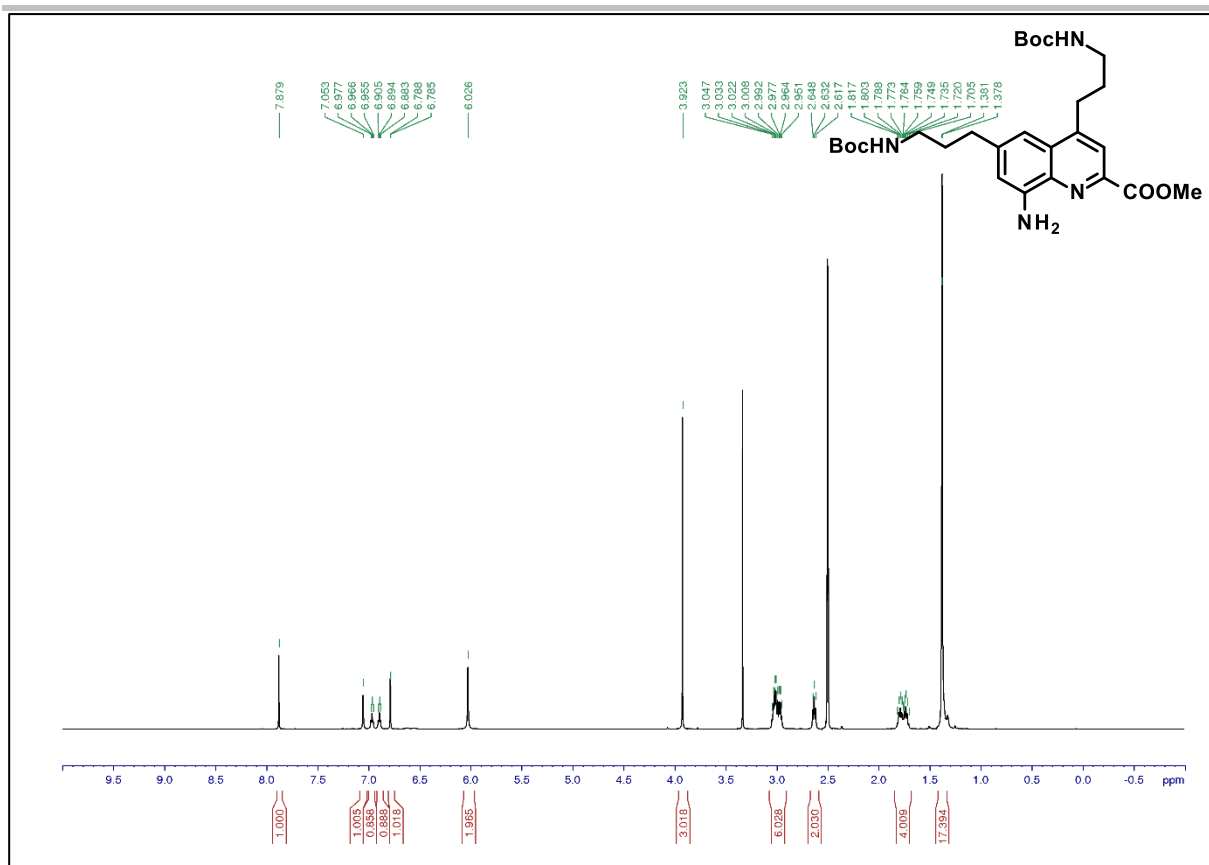


Figure S154. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 27a.

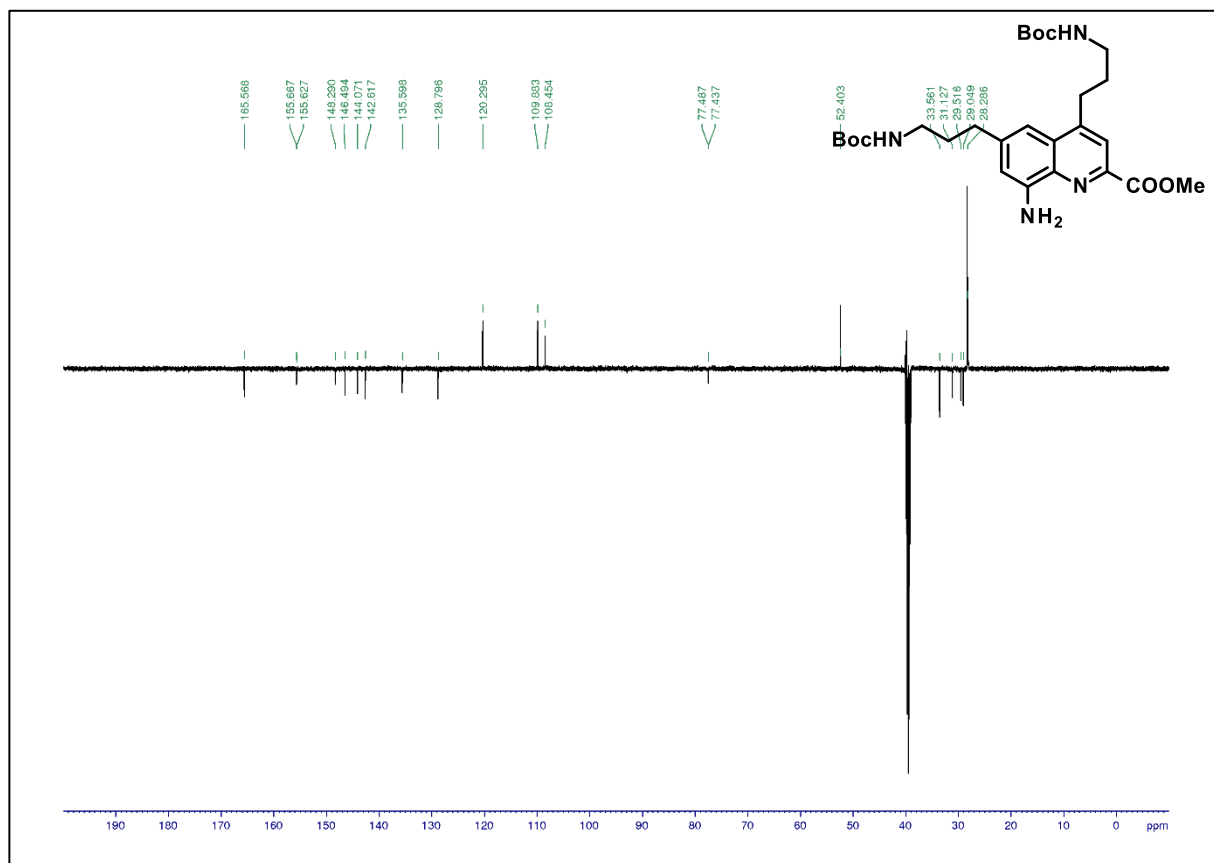


Figure S155. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 27a.



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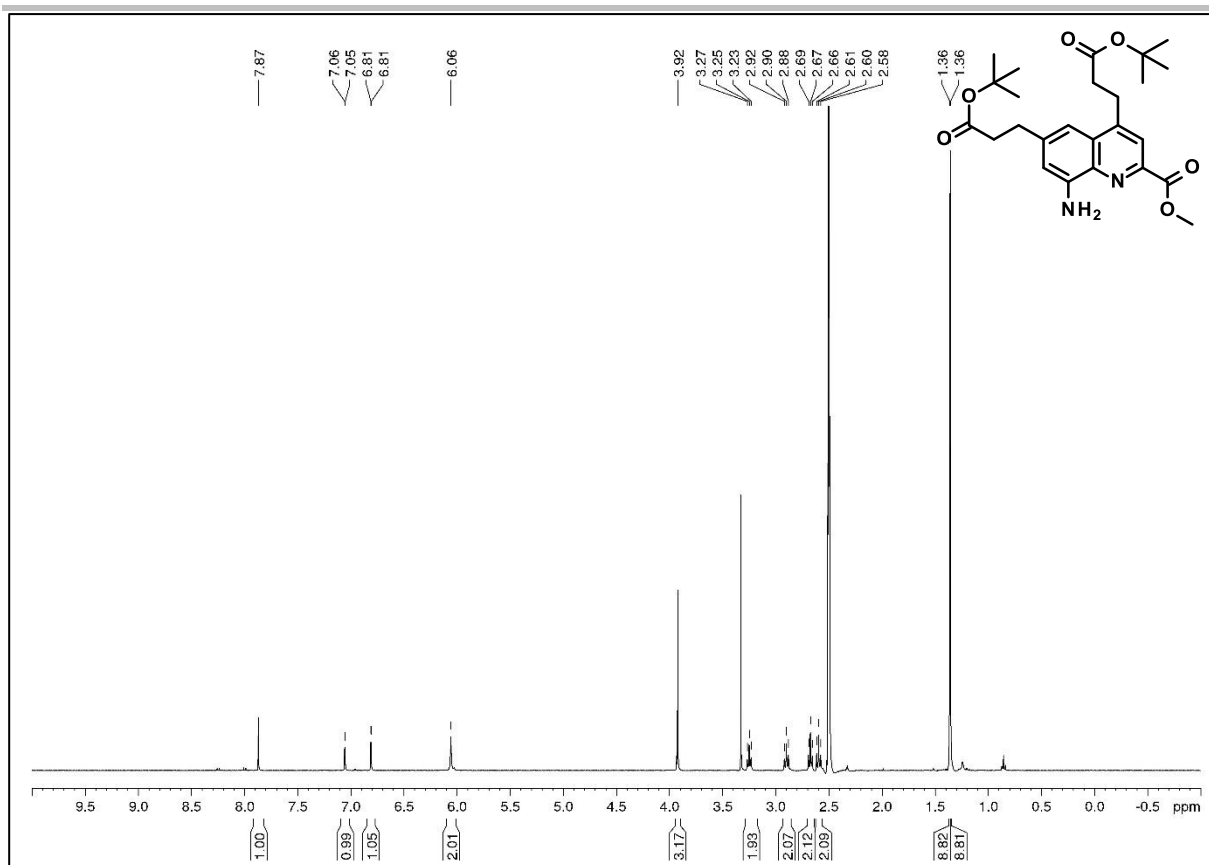


Figure S156. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 27c.

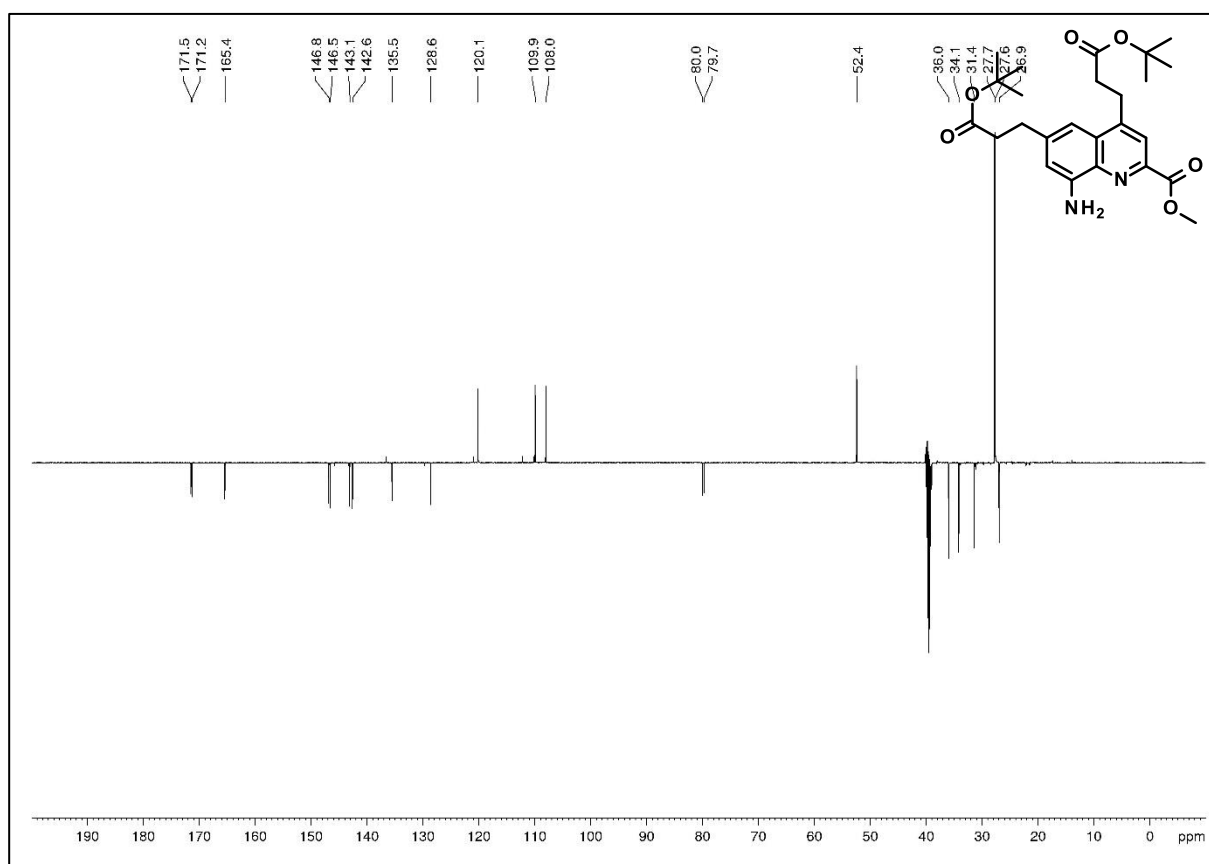


Figure S157. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 27c.

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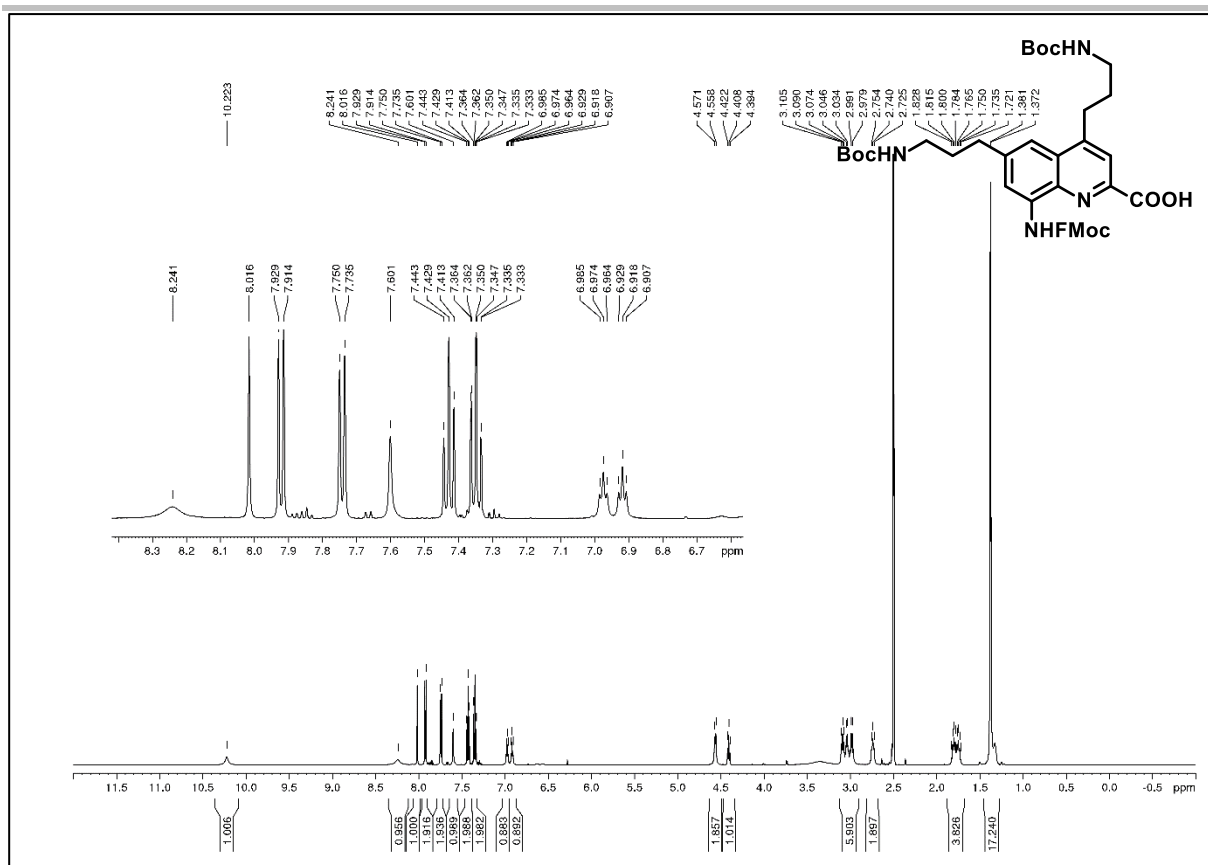


Figure S158. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 28a.

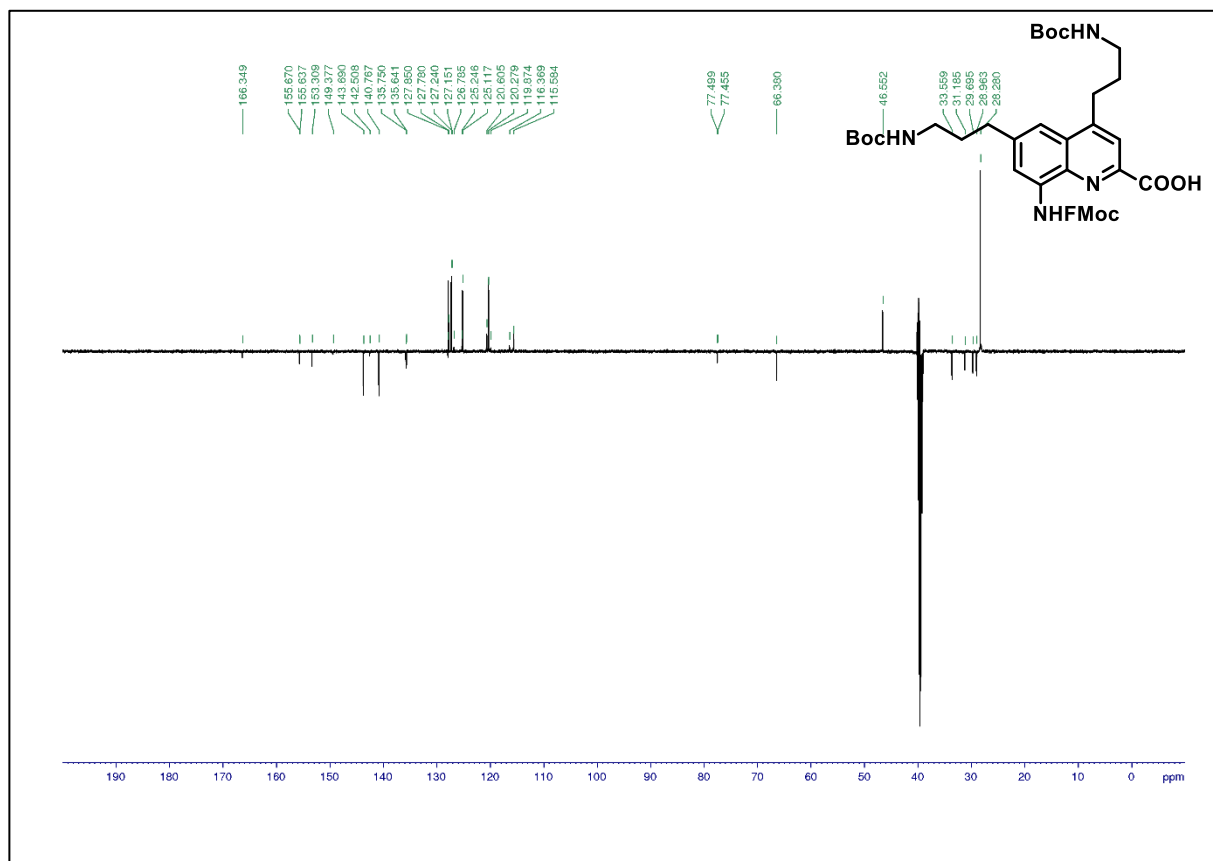


Figure S159. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 28a.

Chemical structure of compound 10 is shown in the top right corner. The structure is a complex molecule with a central core and various substituents, including a carboxylic acid group (COOH) and a methoxy group (OCH<sub>3</sub>).

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) shows the following chemical shifts (ppm) and integration values:

- 13.53 (COOH)
- 8.31
- 8.04
- 7.94
- 7.92
- 7.78
- 7.77
- 7.63
- 7.63
- 7.45
- 7.42
- 7.38
- 7.36
- 7.35
- 4.59
- 4.46
- 4.45
- 4.44
- 4.40
- 3.40
- 3.39
- 3.38
- 3.37
- 3.36
- 3.35
- 3.25
- 3.18
- 3.17
- 3.16
- 2.81
- 2.80
- 1.95
- 1.94
- 1.93
- 1.92
- 1.91
- 1.90
- 1.89
- 1.88
- 1.85

Integration values (from left to right): 1.00, 1.08, 0.88, 2.03, 2.03, 0.99, 2.01, 2.01, 1.54, 1.10, 2.01, 5.30, 2.06, 1.98, 3.89.

**Chemical structure of 10b:** COCCc1ccc2c(c1)c(c[nH]2)C(=O)O

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR peaks (ppm):**

Peak (ppm)
185.676
153.813
143.695
140.788
136.076
135.680
128.395
127.807
127.239
125.165
120.291
117.021
116.606
70.976
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68.376
57.903
48.587
32.803
30.691
29.390
28.285

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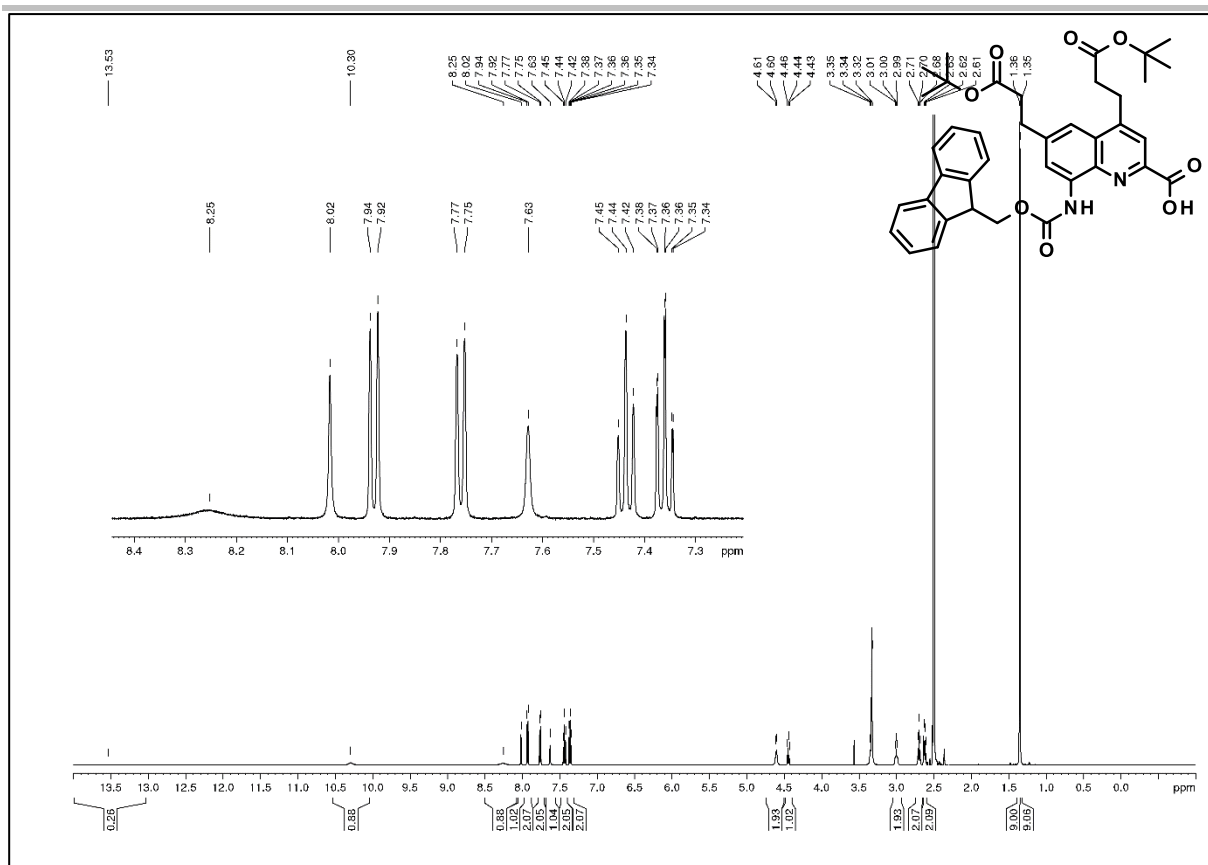


Figure S162.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) of compound **28c**.

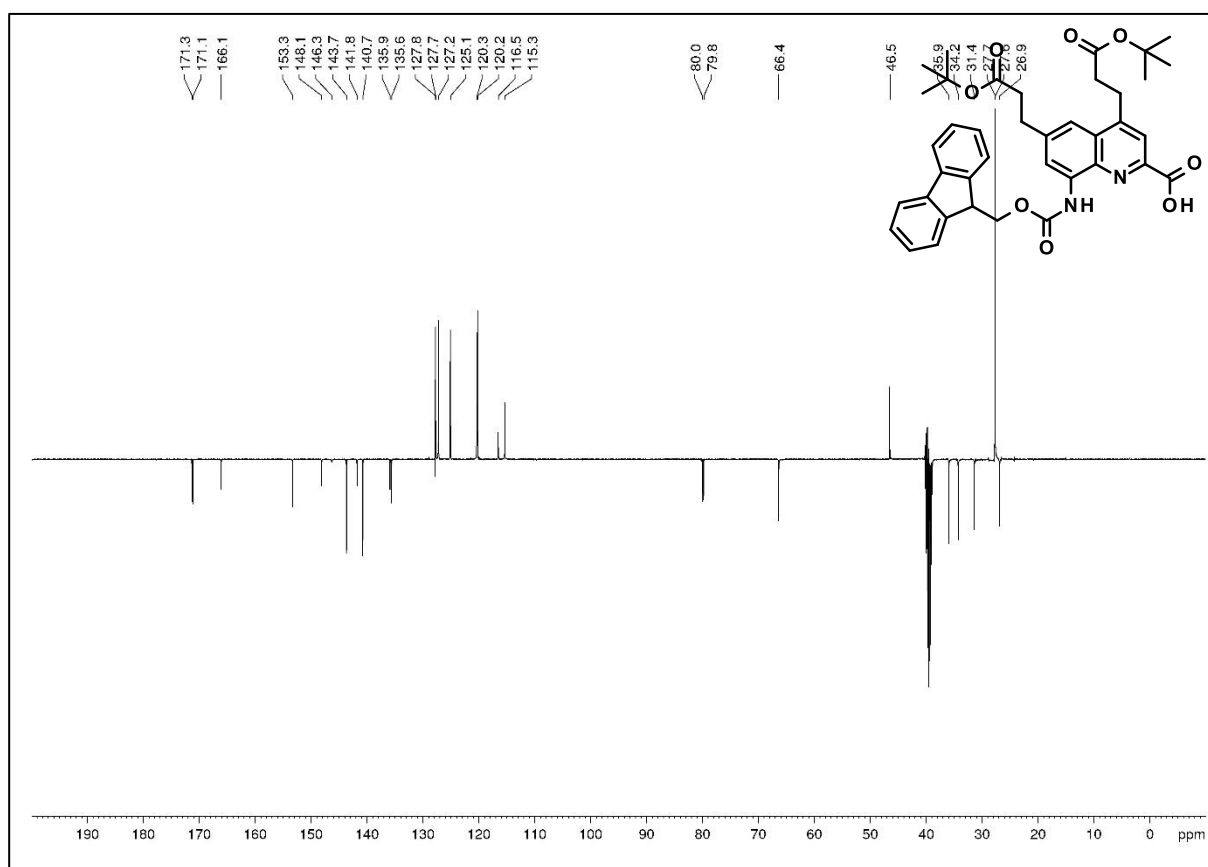


Figure S163.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) of compound **28c**.

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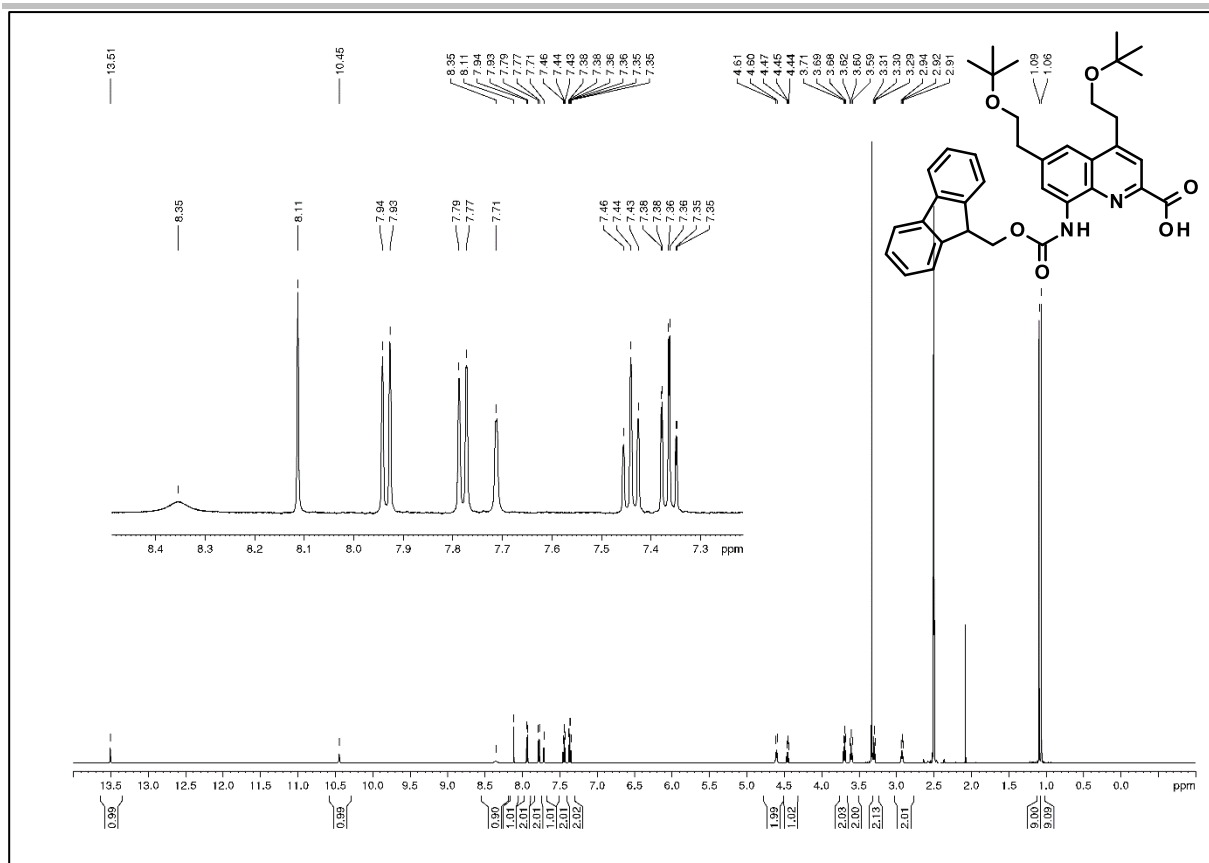


Figure S164.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) of compound **28d**.

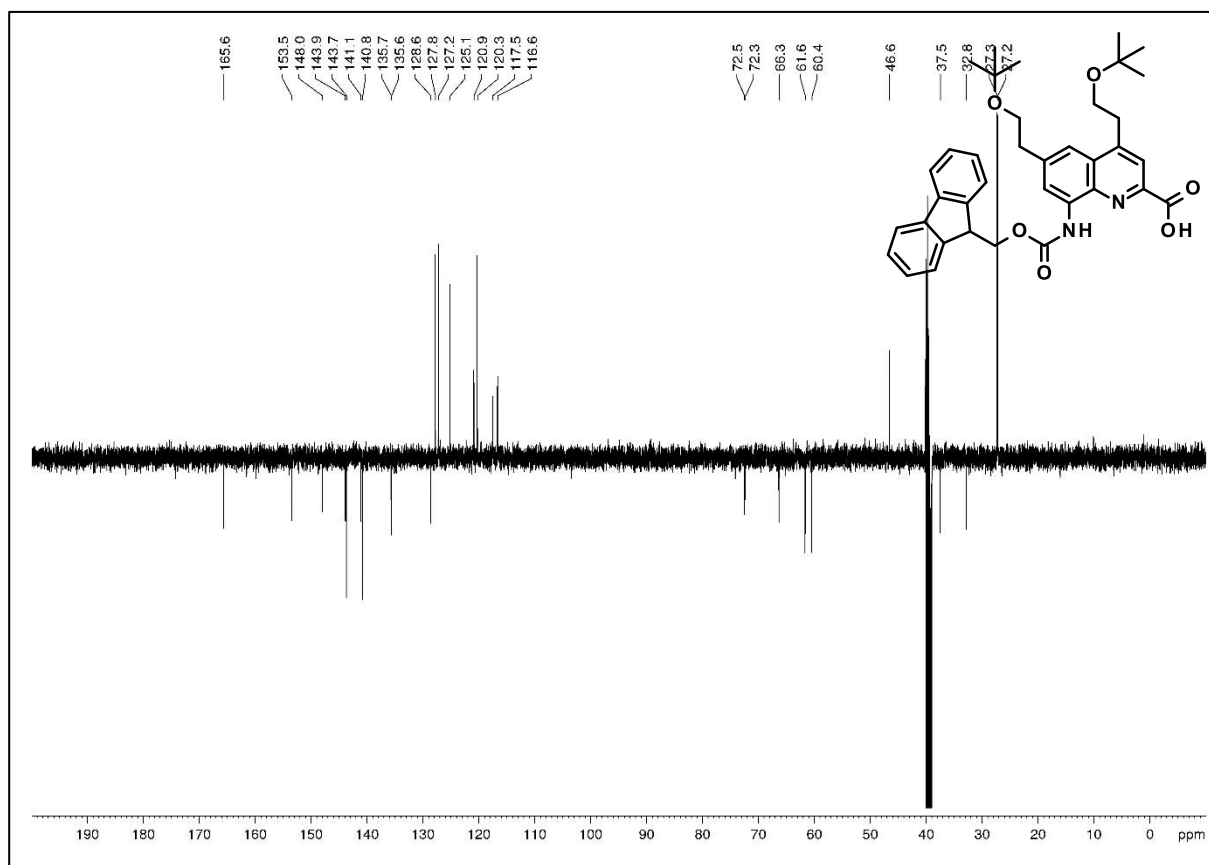


Figure S165.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) of compound **28d**.

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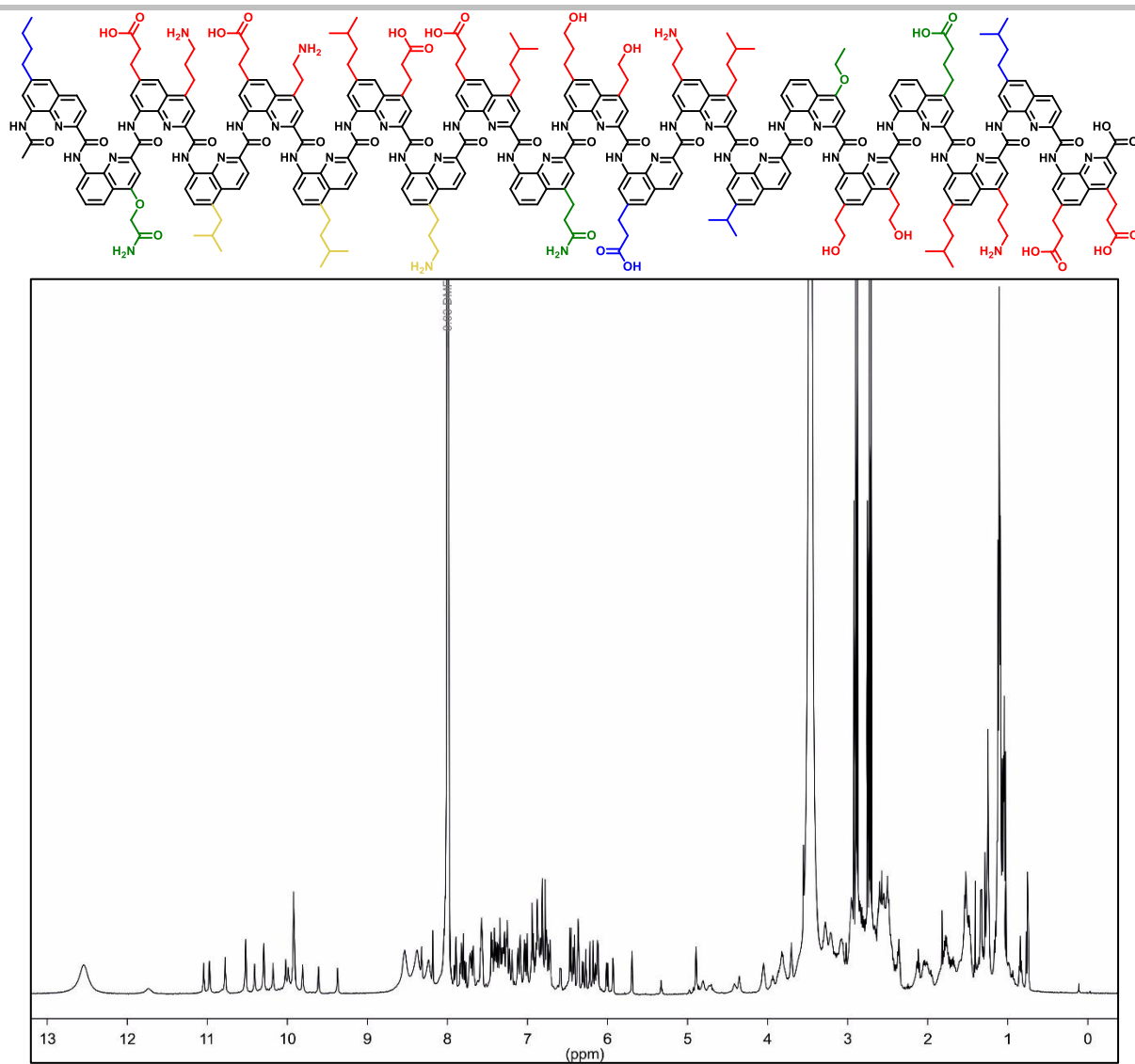
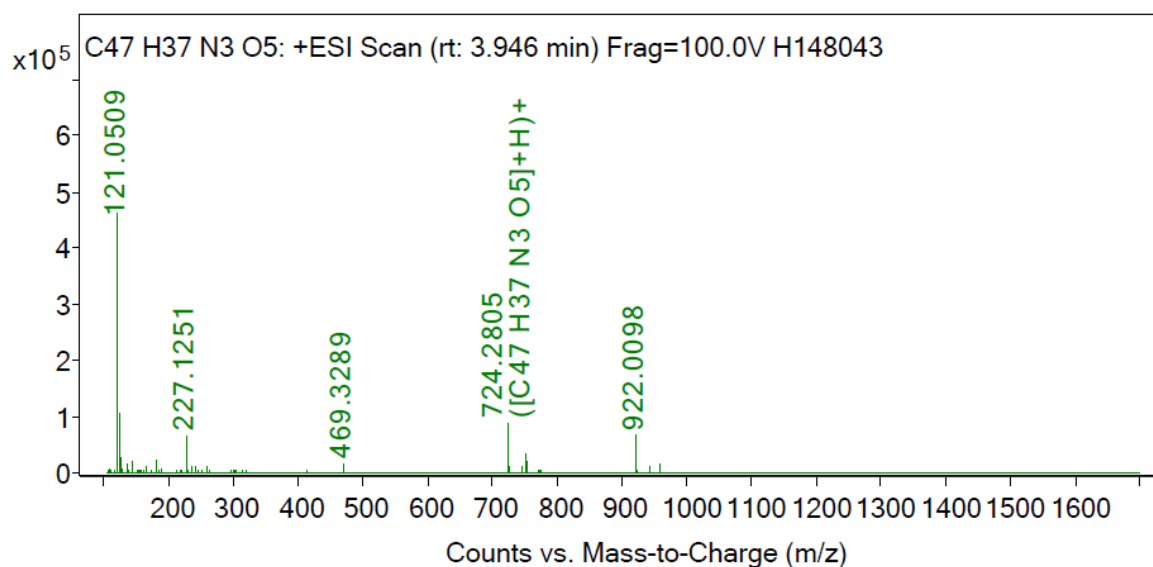
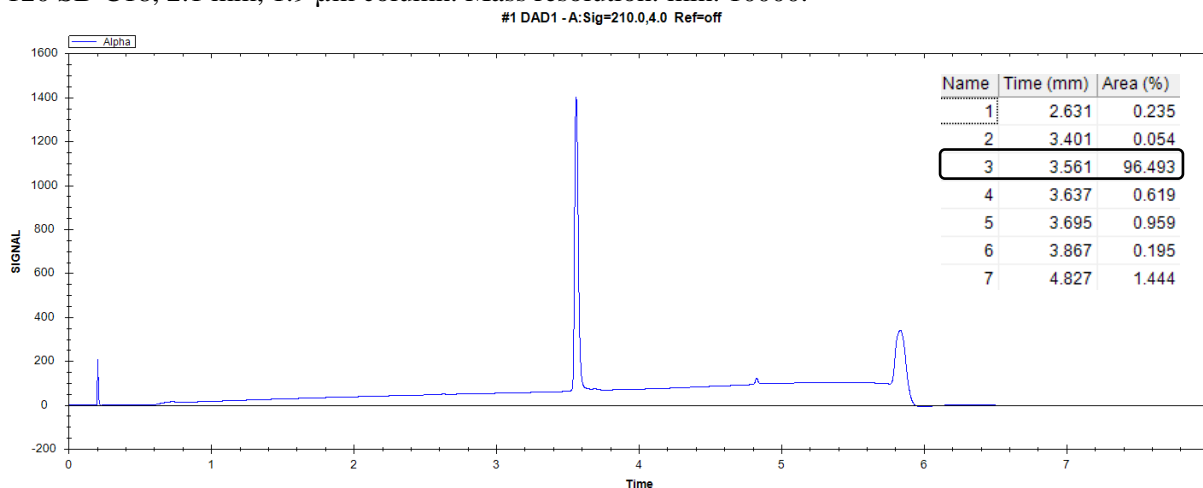


Figure S166. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMF-d<sub>7</sub>) of compound 29.

### 3.4 UV and MS spectra of newly synthesized compounds

A representative example of UV chromatogram and MS spectrum of final intermediate **7c** is shown below:

General conditions: LC-HRMS were determined on an Agilent 1290 Infinity II - Agilent 6545 LC-QTOF, ion source temperature 200°C, ESI +/-, ionization voltage: +/-4.5 kV. InfinityLab Poroshell 120 SB-C18, 2.1 mm, 1.9  $\mu$ m column. Mass resolution: min. 10000.



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### 3.5 The cumulative yields of advanced intermediates and final building blocks

Quinoline precursor (side chain position)	Advanced intermediate	Cumulated yield (steps)	Final Fmoc-acid monomer	Cumulated yield (steps)	Yield limiting transformation
<b>1</b> (4)	<b>6a</b>	93%(2)	<b>7a</b>	60% (3)	Fmoc installation
<b>1</b> (4)	<b>6b</b>	75%(2)	<b>7b</b>	21%(3)	Fmoc installation
<b>4</b> (4)	<b>6c</b>	35%(2)	<b>7c</b>	16%(3)	Heck coupling
<b>4</b> (4)	<b>6d</b>	23%(2)	<b>7d</b>	12%(3)	Suzuki coupling
<b>2</b> (5)	<b>9a</b>	47%(2)	<b>10a</b>	39% (3)	Suzuki coupling
<b>2</b> (5)	<b>9b</b>	77%(2)	<b>10b</b>	59% (3)	Suzuki coupling/Fmoc installation
<b>2</b> (5)	<b>9c</b>	46%(2)	<b>10c</b>	36%(3)	Reduction
<b>2</b> (5)	<b>9d</b>	85%(2)	<b>10d</b>	78% (3)	Sonogashira coupling
<b>2</b> (5)	<b>9e</b>	60%(2)	<b>10e</b>	43% (3)	Sonogashira coupling
<b>3</b> (6)	<b>12a</b>	46%(2)	<b>13a</b>	30%(3)	Reduction/ Fmoc installation
<b>3</b> (6)	<b>12b</b>	68%(2)	<b>13b</b>	44% (3)	Fmoc installation
<b>3</b> (6)	<b>12c</b>	26%(2)	<b>13c</b>	6%(3)	Fmoc installation
<b>3</b> (6)	<b>12d</b>	22%(2)	<b>13d</b>	12%(3)	Suzuki coupling
<b>3</b> (6)	<b>12e</b>	47%(2)	<b>13e</b>	12%(3)	Fmoc installation
<b>3</b> (4,6)	<b>16a</b>	51%(3)	<b>17a</b>	42% (4)	Sonogashira coupling
<b>3</b> (4,6)	<b>16b</b>	31%(3)	<b>17b</b>	21% (4)	Suzuki coupling
<b>3</b> (4,6)	<b>16c</b>	42%(3)	<b>17c</b>	34% (4)	Suzuki coupling
<b>3</b> (4,6)	<b>16d</b>	26%(3)	<b>17d</b>	17% (4)	Suzuki coupling
<b>3</b> (4,6)	<b>16e</b>	40%(3)	<b>17e</b>	34% (4)	Suzuki coupling



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### The cumulative yields of advanced intermediates and final building blocks (continued)

Quinoline precursor (side chain position)	Advanced intermediate	Cumulated yield (steps)	Final Fmoc-acid monomer	Cumulated yield (steps)	Yield limiting transformation
<b>18</b> (4,6)	<b>20a</b>	36%(2)	<b>21a</b>	25% (3)	Suzuki coupling
<b>18</b> (4,6)	<b>20b</b>	60%(2)	<b>21b</b>	36% (3)	Fmoc installation
<b>18</b> (4,6)	<b>20c</b>	58%(2)	<b>21c</b>	35% (3)	Fmoc installation
<b>18</b> (4,6)	<b>20d</b>	65%(2)	<b>21d</b>	40% (3)	Fmoc installation
<b>18</b> (4,6)	<b>20e</b>	31%(2)	<b>21e</b>	25% (3)	Suzuki coupling
<b>18</b> (4,6)	<b>22b</b>	25%(1)	<b>28d</b>	13%(2)	Suzuki coupling
<b>23</b> (4,6)	<b>27a</b>	45%(2)	<b>28a</b>	31%(3)	Reduction
<b>23</b> (4,6)	<b>27b</b>	80%(2)	<b>28b</b>	24%(3)	Fmoc installation
<b>23</b> (4,6)	<b>27c</b>	51%(3)	<b>28c</b>	37%(4)	NO <sub>2</sub> reduction

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