

Palladium-Catalyzed *ortho* C–H Bond Alkylation of Benzylamides with α -Bromo Ketones

Jiao Song,^a Wenbo Chen,^a Yunjie Zhao,^a Chenglong Li,^a Guang Liang^{*a} and Lehao
Huang^{*a,b}

^a*Chemical Biology Research Center, School of Pharmaceutical Science, Wenzhou
Medical University, Wenzhou, Zhejiang 325035, People's Republic of China*

^b*Wenzhou Medical University Renji College, Wenzhou, Zhejiang 325035, People's
Republic of China*

E-mail: wzmcliangguang@163.com.

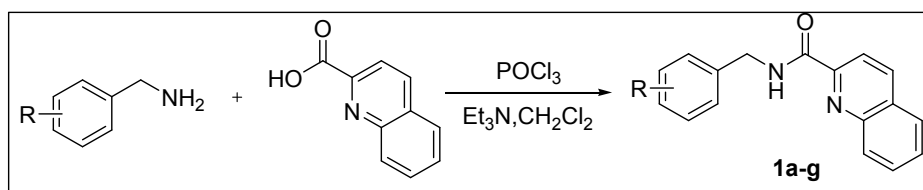
E-mail: hlh1023@163.com

Supporting Information

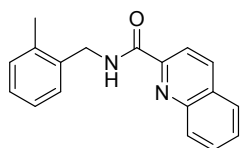
Content

Preparation and Characterization of Benzylamide Compounds 1a–j	S2-S5
Optimization of the reaction conditions of 3z'b	S6
¹ H NMR and ¹³ C NMR spectra of Benzylamide Compounds 1a–j	S6-S16
¹ H NMR and ¹³ C NMR spectra of Products 3a–x	S17-S46
¹ H NMR and ¹³ C NMR spectra of 3-Arylisoquinoline Derivatives 4a–d	S47-S50

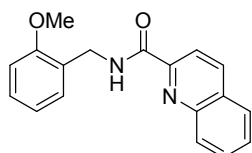
Preparation of Benzylamide Compounds 1a–j.



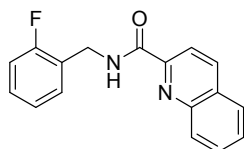
Quinoline-2-carboxylic acid (20 mmol, 3.46 g), benzylamine derivatives (20 mmol), and Et₃N (40 mmol, 5.6 mL) were dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (40 mL), and addition of POCl₃ (3.76 mL) was added dropwise at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 0.5 h. Subsequently, the reaction was performed at room temperature for about 2 h until benzylamine derivative was consumed completely. At the conclusion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was allowed to cool to 0 °C, and ice–water was added slowly to quench the reaction. The organic layer was collected, and the aqueous phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with saturated NaHCO₃ (2 × 40 mL) and dried over MgSO₄. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (eluent, ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/6 v/v) to give the desired product.



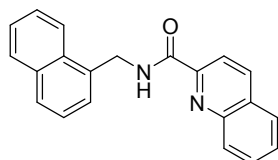
N-(2-Methylbenzyl)quinoline-2-carboxamide (**1a**, CAS no. 879307-42-3). 2.76 g, 50% yield; white solid; mp 95–96 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.47 (s, 1H), 8.35 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (m, 3H), 4.72 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.0, 144.5, 141.3, 132.2, 131.3, 131.2, 130.7, 125.3, 124.8, 124.5, 124.1, 123.3, 122.6, 122.5, 121.0, 113.7, 36.5, 13.9.



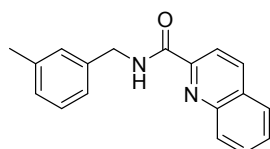
N-(2-Methoxybenzyl)quinoline-2-carboxamide (**1b**, CAS no. 224796-49-0). 3.04 g, 52% yield; white solid; mp 106–107 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.72 (s, 1H), 8.30 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.0, 152.5, 144.9, 141.3, 132.1, 124.7, 124.5, 124.3, 124.0, 123.5, 122.5, 122.4, 121.2, 115.4, 113.7, 105.2, 50.2, 34.0.



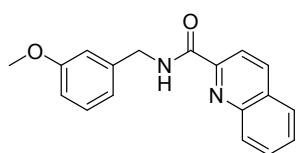
N-(2-Fluorobenzyl)quinoline-2-carboxamide (**1c**, CAS no. 731012-39-8). 3.08 g, 55% yield; white solid; mp 89–90 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.70 (s, 1H), 8.30 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.03 (m, 2H), 4.76 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.5, 162.0, 161.1, 149.6, 146.5, 137.5, 130.2, 130.1, 130.0, 129.7, 129.4, 129.3, 129.2, 127.9, 127.7, 125.4, 125.3, 124.3, 124.2, 118.9, 115.5, 115.3, 37.5, 37.4.



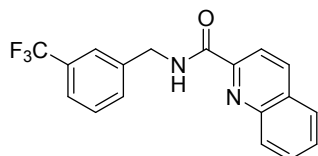
N-((naphthalen-4-yl)methyl)quinoline-2-carboxamide (**1d**). 3.25 g, 52% yield; white solid; mp 154–155 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.58 (s, 1H), 8.36 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (m, 3H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.2, 149.6, 146.5, 137.5, 133.9, 133.7, 131.6, 130.0, 129.7, 129.3, 128.8, 128.6, 127.9, 127.7, 126.7, 126.6, 126.0, 125.5, 123.6, 119.0, 41.7. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₁₆N₂O [M + H]⁺ 313.1335, found 313.1334.



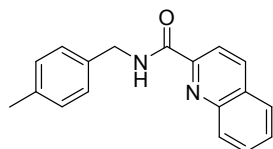
N-(3-methylbenzyl)quinoline-2-carboxamide (**1e**). 2.94 g, 53% yield; white solid; mp 81–82 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.63 (s, 1H), 8.35 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (m, 4H), 4.69 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.2, 144.5, 141.3, 133.2, 133.0, 132.2, 124.8, 124.5, 124.1, 123.5, 123.4, 123.0, 122.7, 122.5, 119.7, 113.7, 38.4, 16.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₆N₂O [M + H]⁺ 277.1335, found 277.1332.



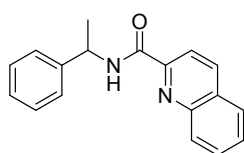
N-(3-methoxybenzyl)quinoline-2-carboxamide (**1f**). 3.97 g, 68% yield; white solid; mp 75–76 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.62 (s, 1H), 8.34 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.5, 160.0, 149.7, 146.5, 140.0, 137.5, 130.1, 129.8, 129.7, 129.4, 127.9, 127.7, 120.1, 119.0, 113.5, 113.0, 55.3, 43.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₆N₂O₂ [M + H]⁺ 293.1285, found 293.1283.



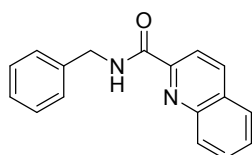
N-(3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)quinoline-2-carboxamide (**1g**). 4.55 g, 69% yield; white solid; mp 116–117 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.74 (s, 1H), 8.34 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.7, 149.5, 146.5, 139.5, 137.6, 131.4, 131.2, 130.9, 130.6, 130.2, 129.7, 129.4, 129.2, 128.0, 127.7, 127.3, 125.2, 124.7, 124.6, 124.5, 124.4, 124.3, 124.2, 124.1, 124.0, 123.0, 120.8, 118.9, 43.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₃F₃N₂O [M + H]⁺ 331.1053, found 331.1050.



N-(4-methylbenzyl)quinoline-2-carboxamide (**1h**). 3.66 g, 66% yield; white solid; mp 77–78 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.58 (s, 1H), 8.34 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.70 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.2, 144.6, 141.3, 132.2, 131.9, 130.1, 124.8, 124.4, 124.2, 124.1, 122.7, 122.6, 122.5, 113.7, 38.2, 15.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₆N₂O [M + H]⁺ 277.1335, found 277.1333.

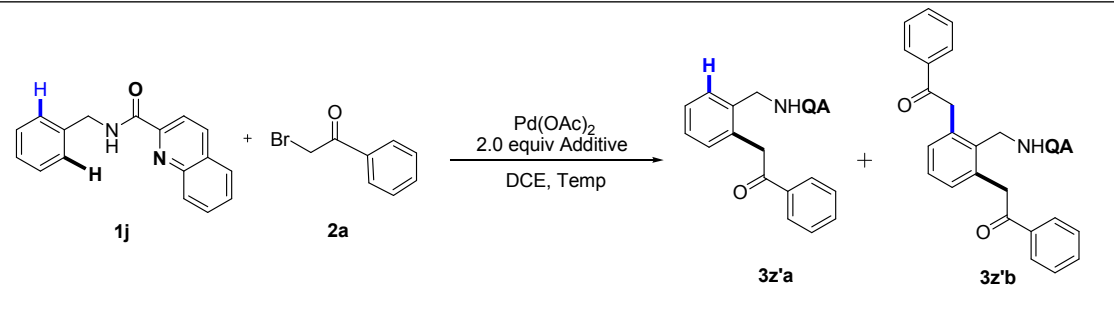


N-(1-Phenylethyl)quinoline-2-carboxamide (**1i**, CAS no. 361984-03-4). 2.98 g, 54% yield; white solid; mp 95–96 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.61 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (quint, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 1.63 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.6, 149.9, 146.5, 143.4, 137.5, 130.1, 129.7, 129.4, 128.7, 127.9, 127.8, 127.4, 126.3, 118.9, 49.0, 22.1.



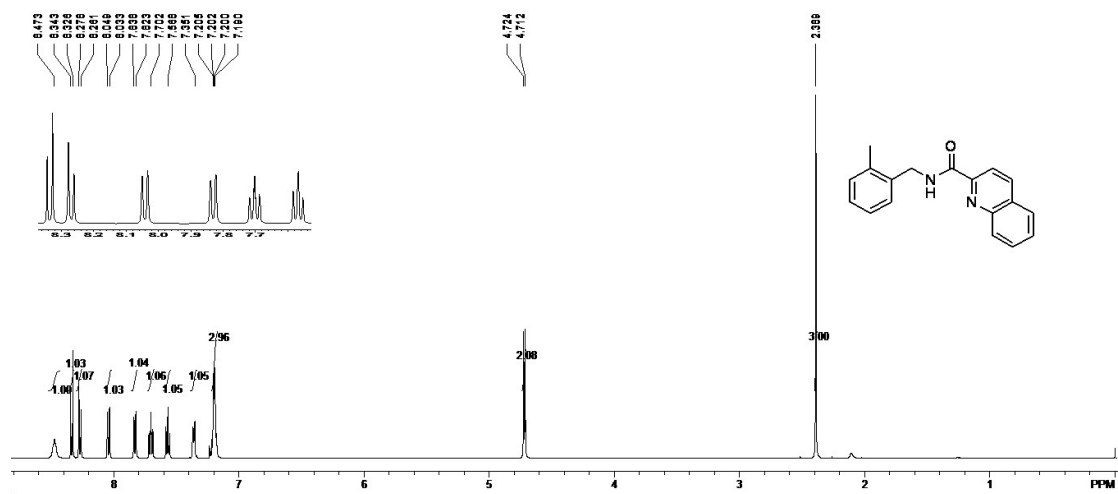
N-Benzylquinoline-2-carboxamide (**1j**, CAS no. 6019-43-8). 2.83 g, 54% yield; white solid; mp 116–117 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.65 (s, 1H), 8.34 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.73 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.5, 149.7, 146.5, 138.3, 137.5, 130.1, 129.7, 129.3, 128.8, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.5, 119.0, 43.6.

Table 3 Optimization of the reaction conditions^a

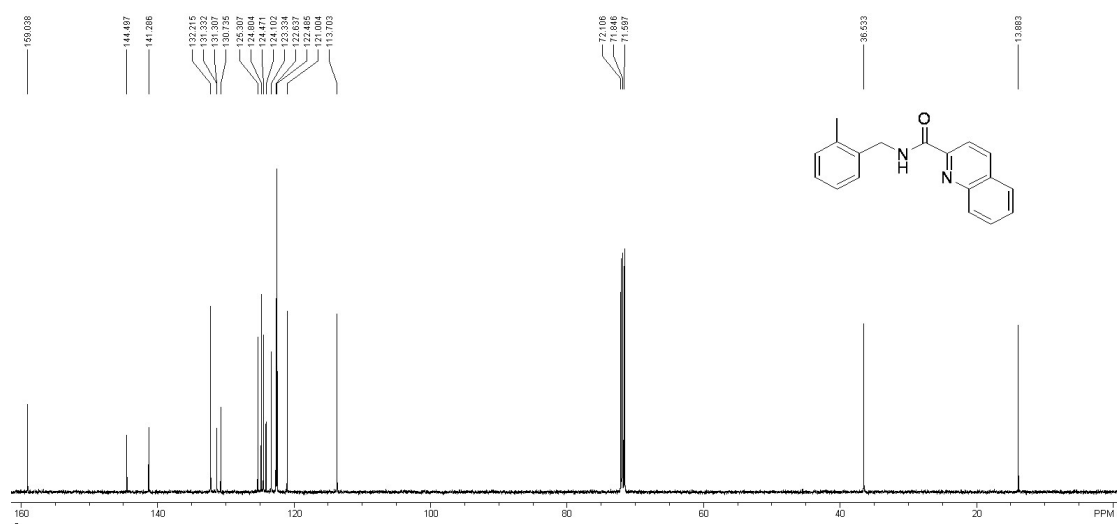
							
Entry	Pd(OAc) ₂ (mol %)	Additive	2a(equiv)	T(°C)	Time (h)	3za(%) ^b	3zb(%) ^b
1	10	PhCOOK	3	90	12	34	33
2	10	Na ₂ CO ₃	3	90	12	36	38
3	10	PhCOOK	4	90	12	38	30
4	10	PhCOOK	3	90	48	34	33
5	15	PhCOOK	3	130	12	35	34
6	15	Na ₂ CO ₃	3	130	12	32	30

^aReaction conditions: **1j** (0.25 mmol, 69 mg), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.025 mmol, 6 mg), α -bromo ketones (0.5 mmol), PhCOOK (0.5 mmol, 80 mg), DCE (2 mL), 90 °C, 12 h.

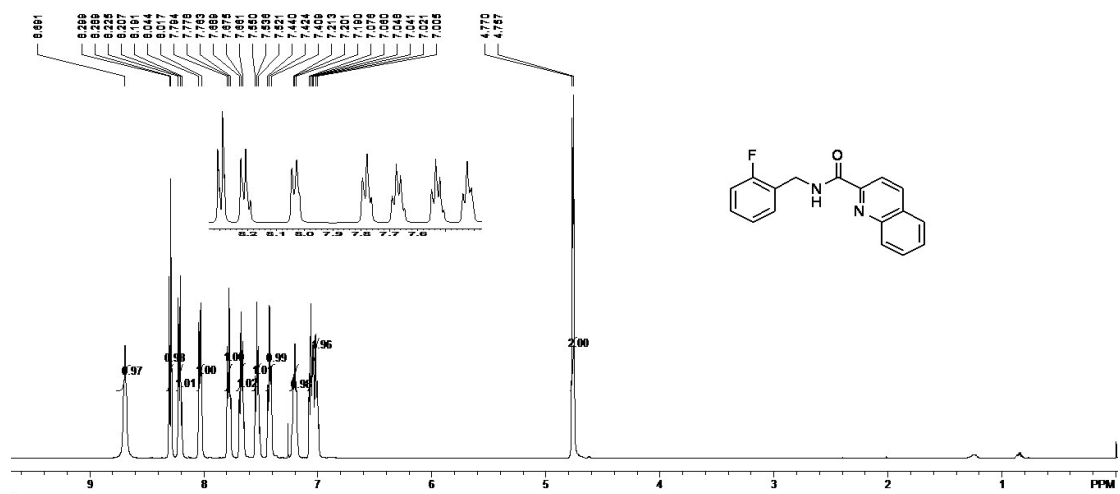
^bIsolated yields.



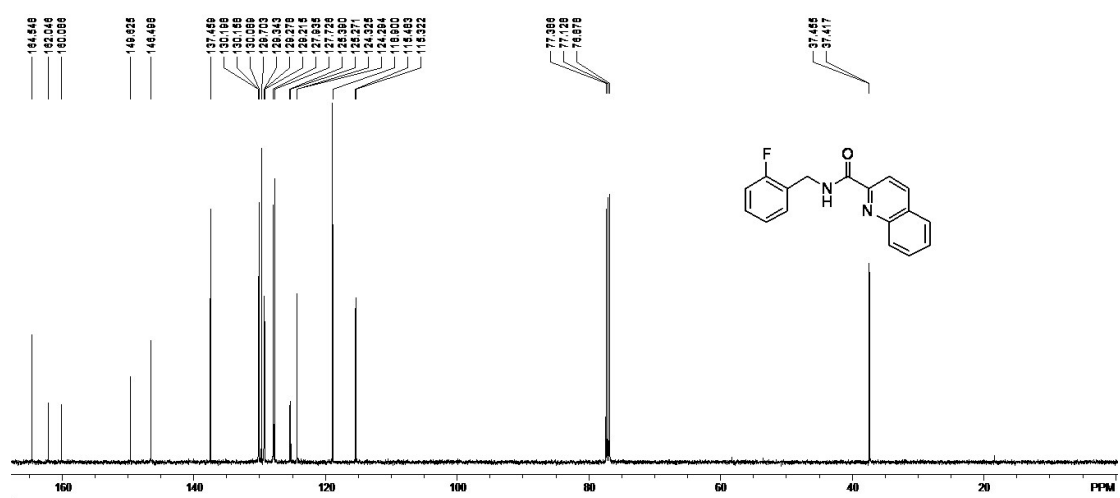
¹H NMR of product **1a**



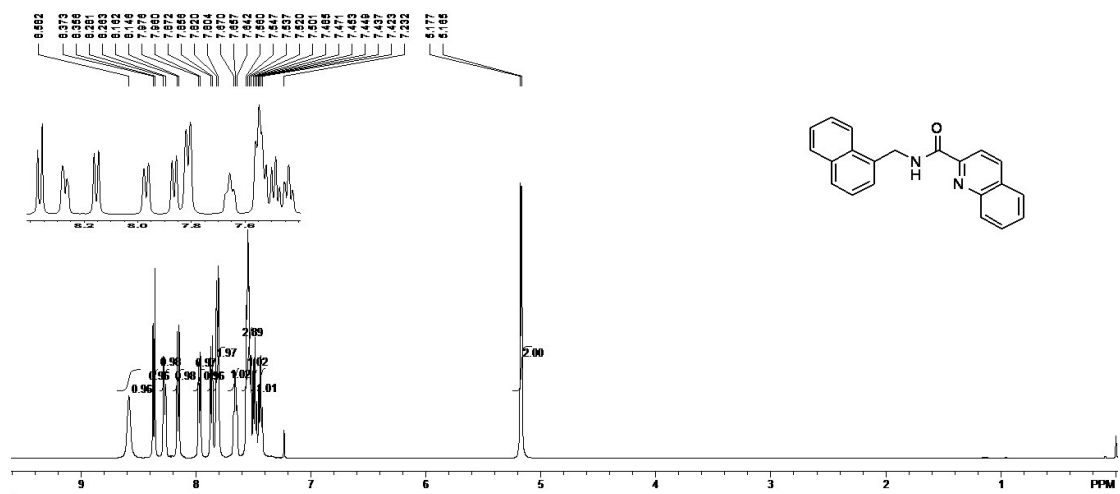
¹³C NMR of product **1a**



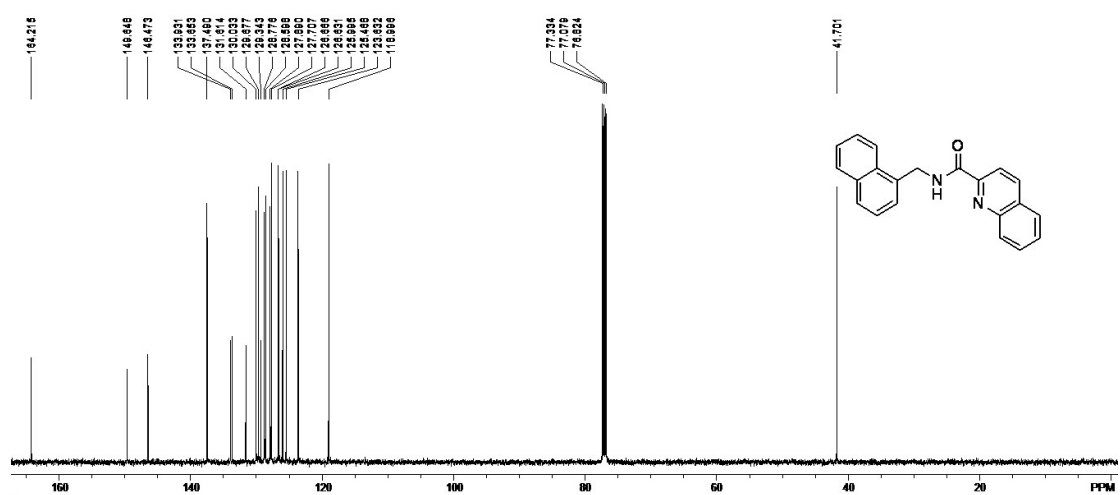
¹H NMR of product 1c



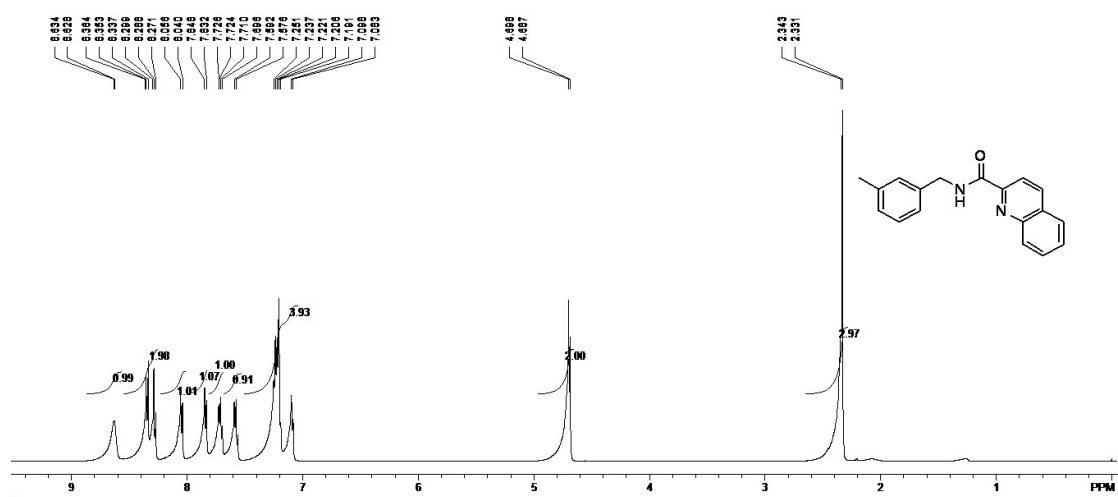
¹³C NMR of product 1c



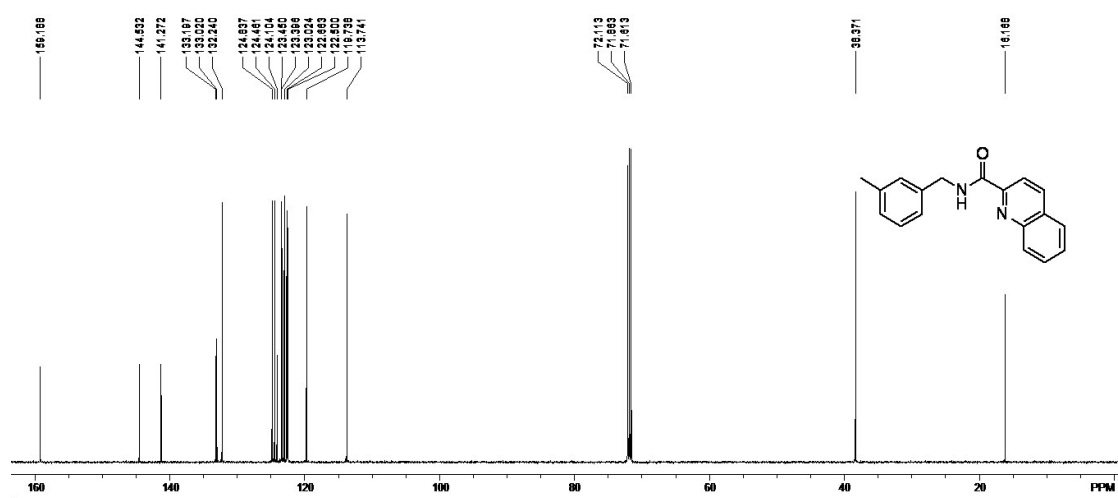
¹H NMR of product **1d**



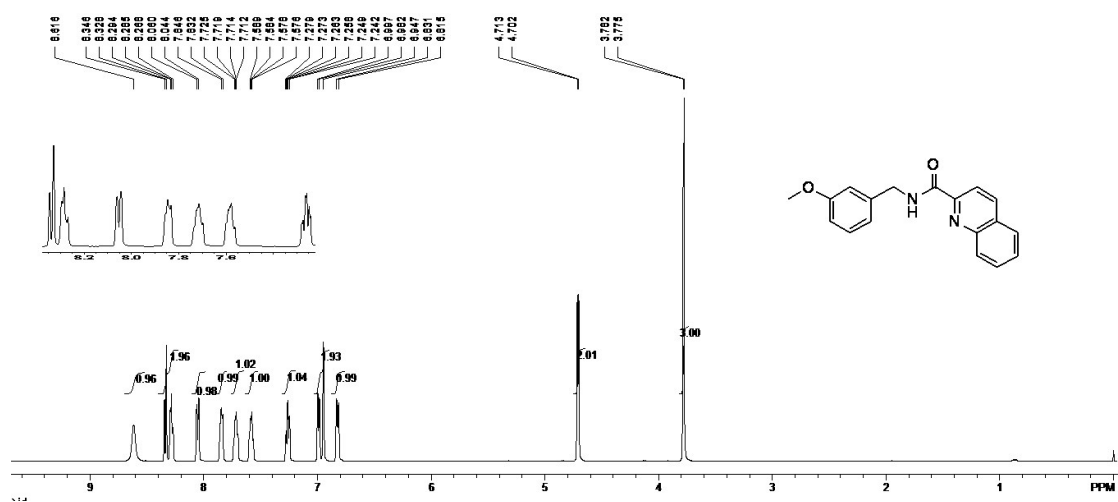
¹³C NMR of product **1d**



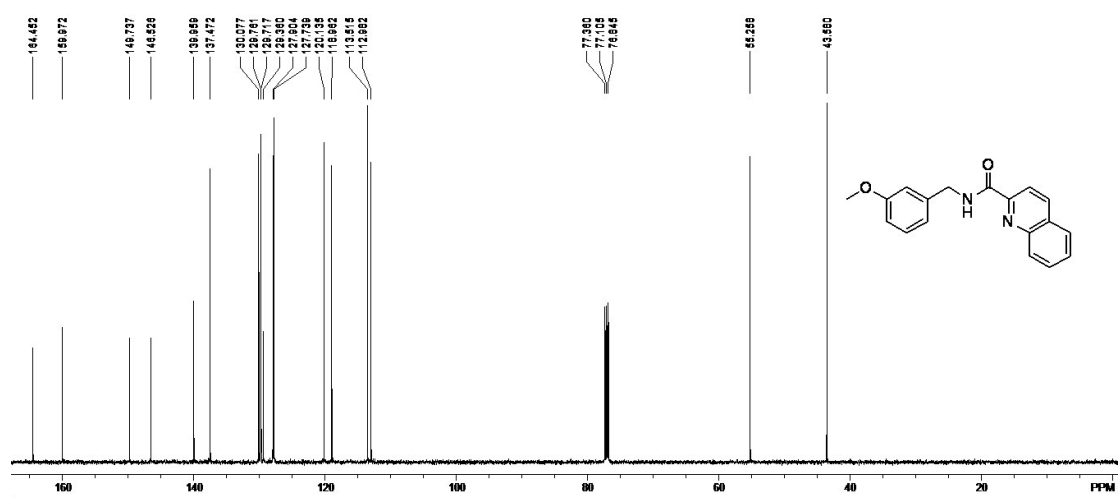
^1H NMR of product 1e



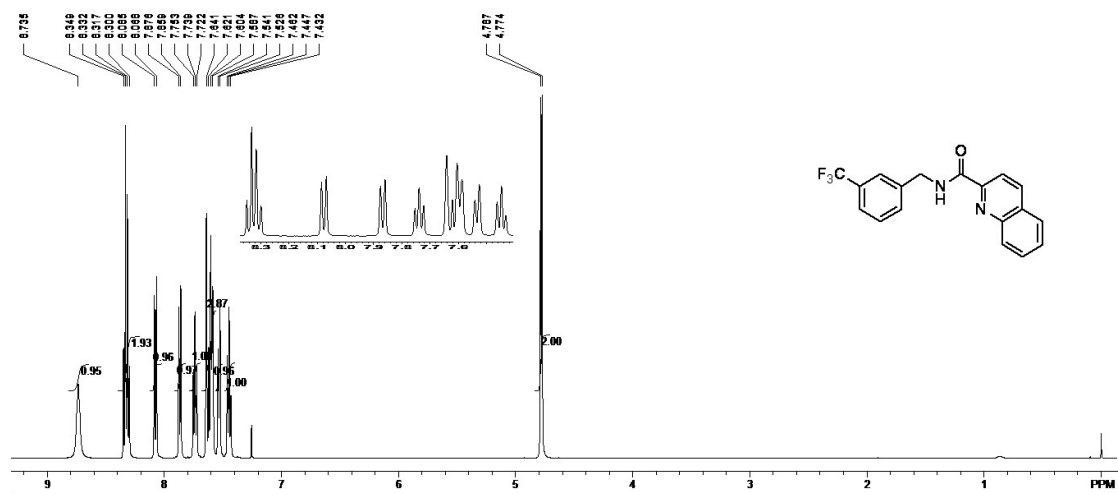
^{13}C NMR of product 1e



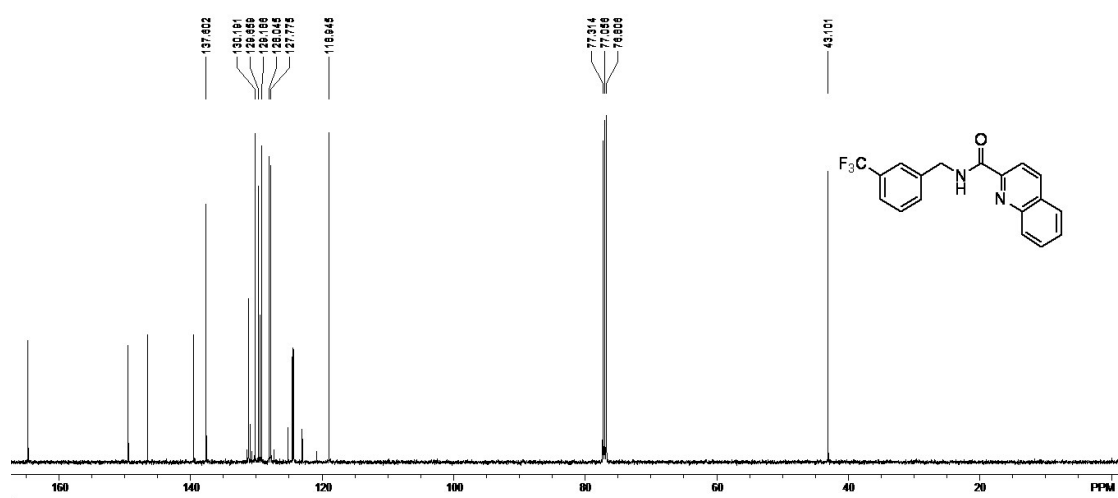
¹H NMR of product **1f**



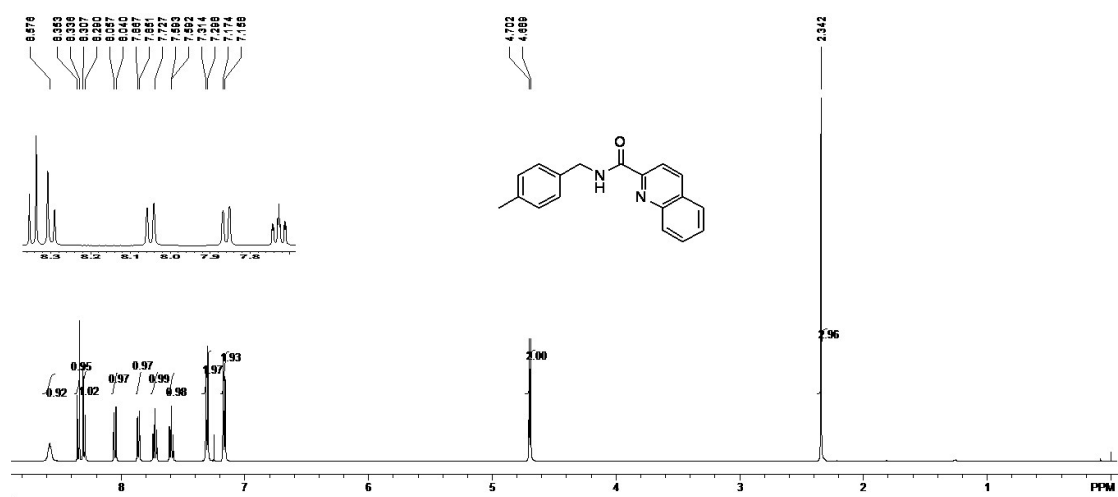
¹³C NMR of product **1f**



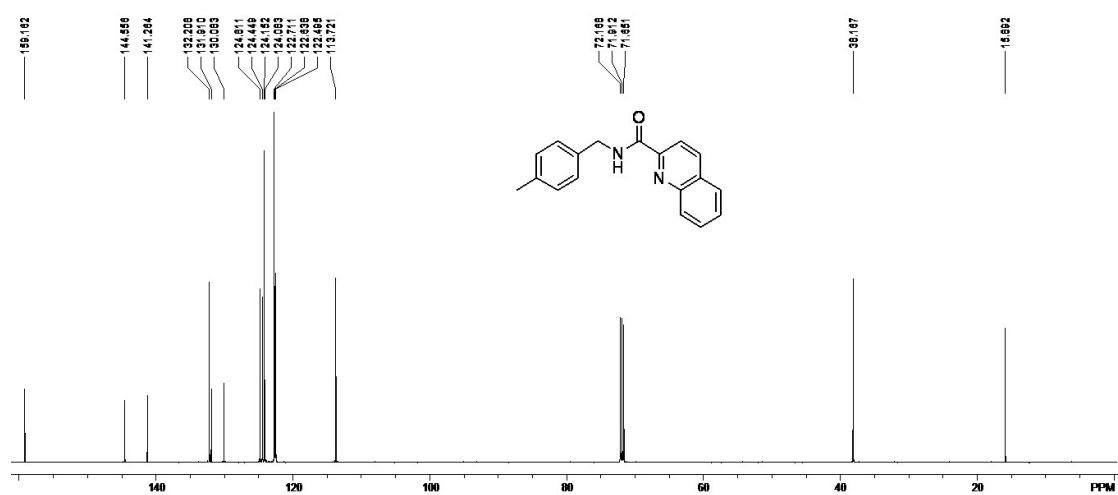
^1H NMR of product **1g**



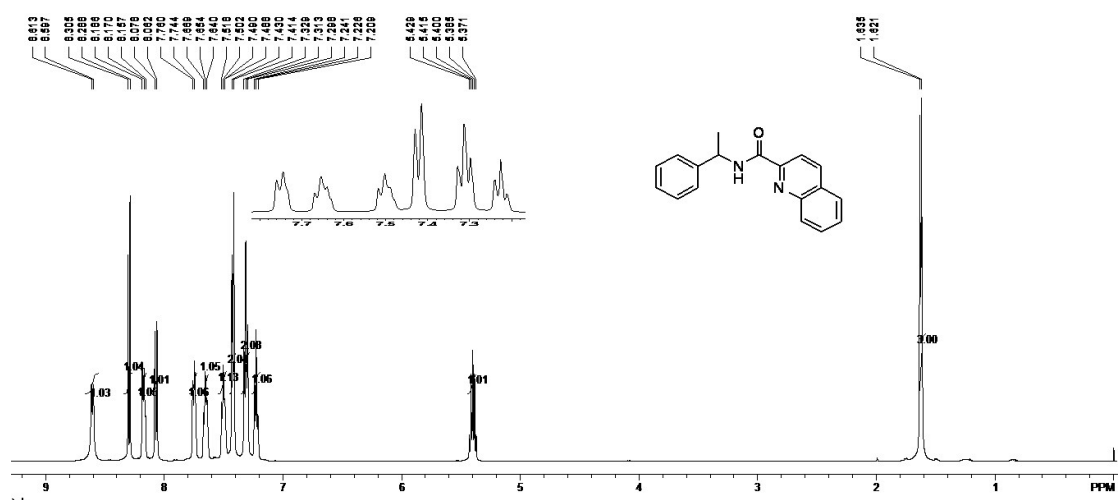
^{13}C NMR of product **1g**



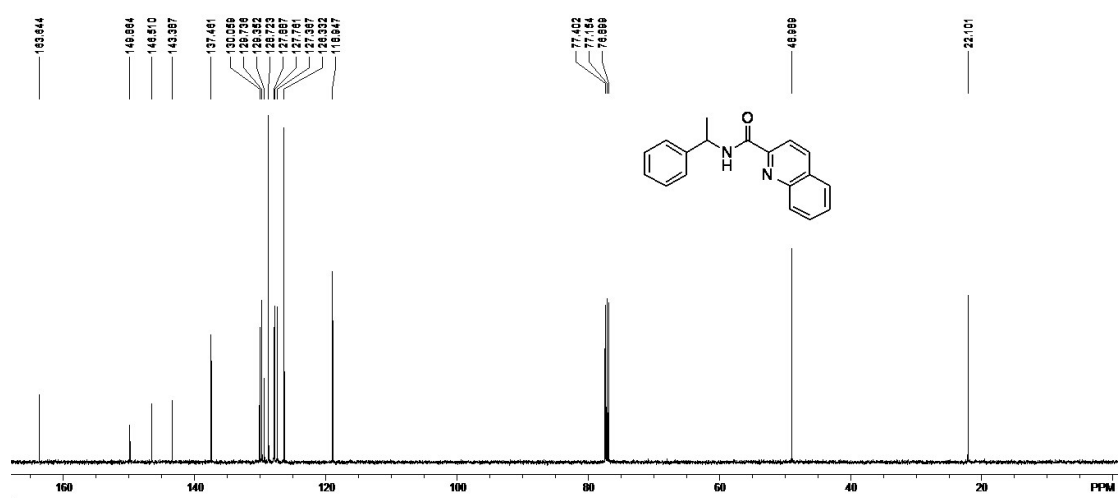
¹H NMR of product **1h**



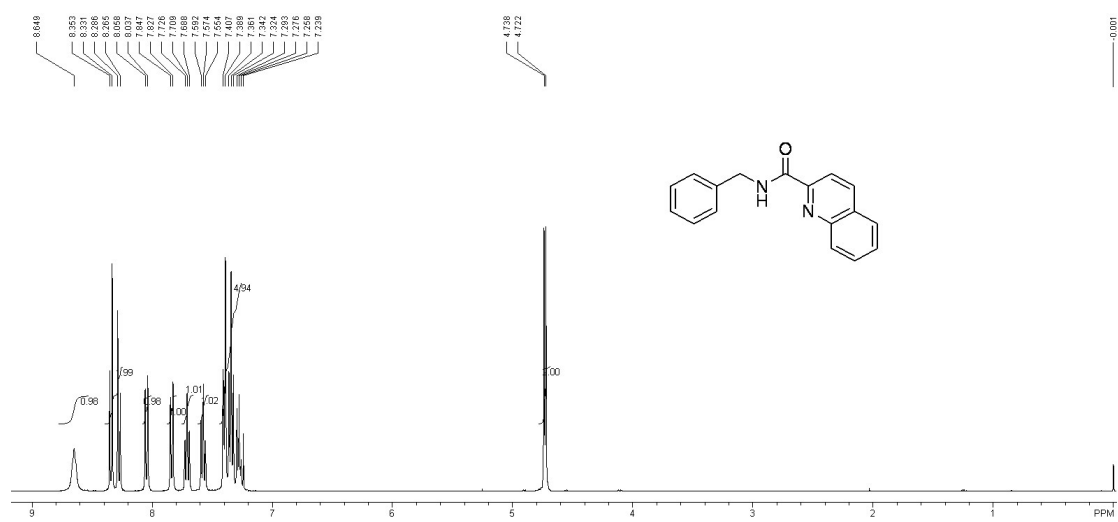
¹³C NMR of product **1h**



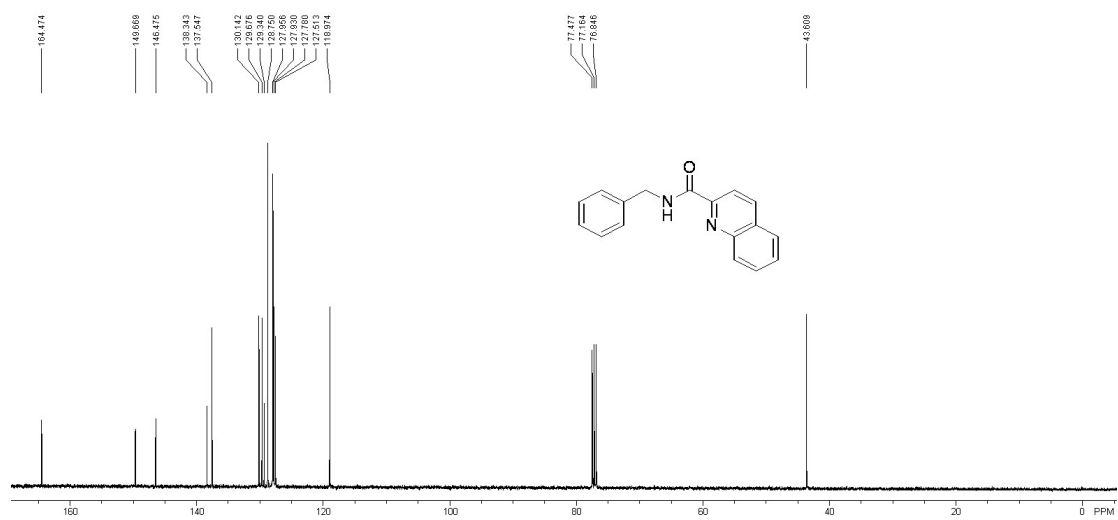
¹H NMR of product **1i**



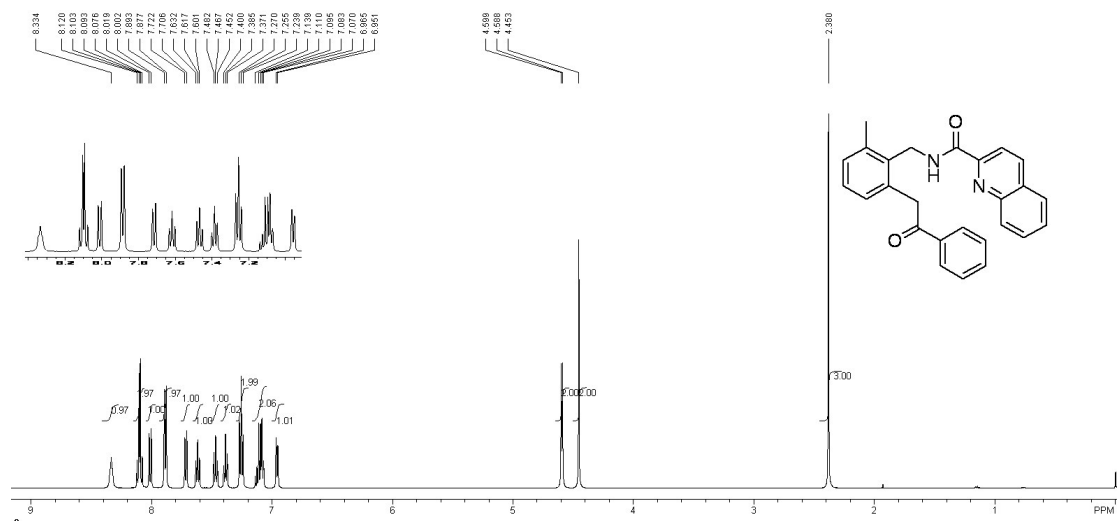
¹³C NMR of product **1i**



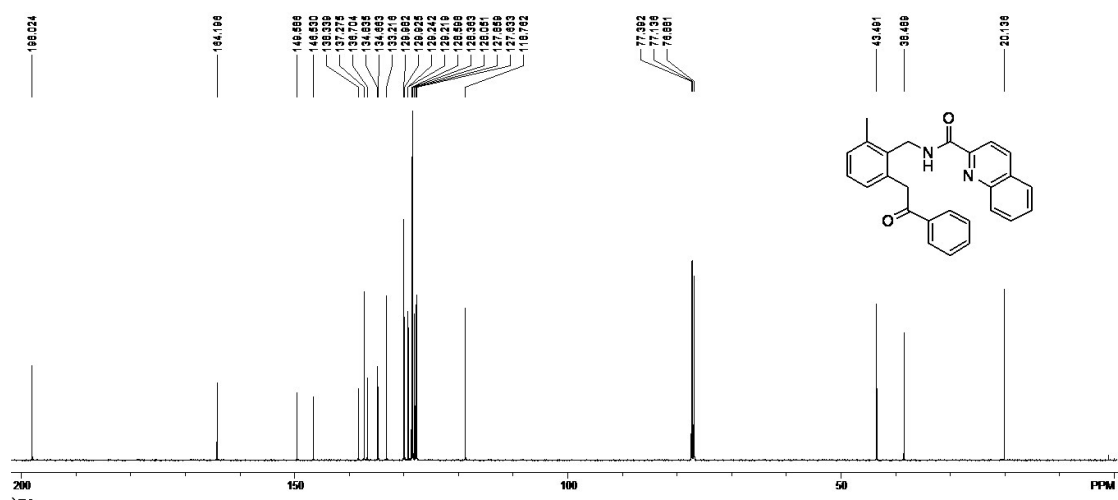
¹H NMR of product **1j**



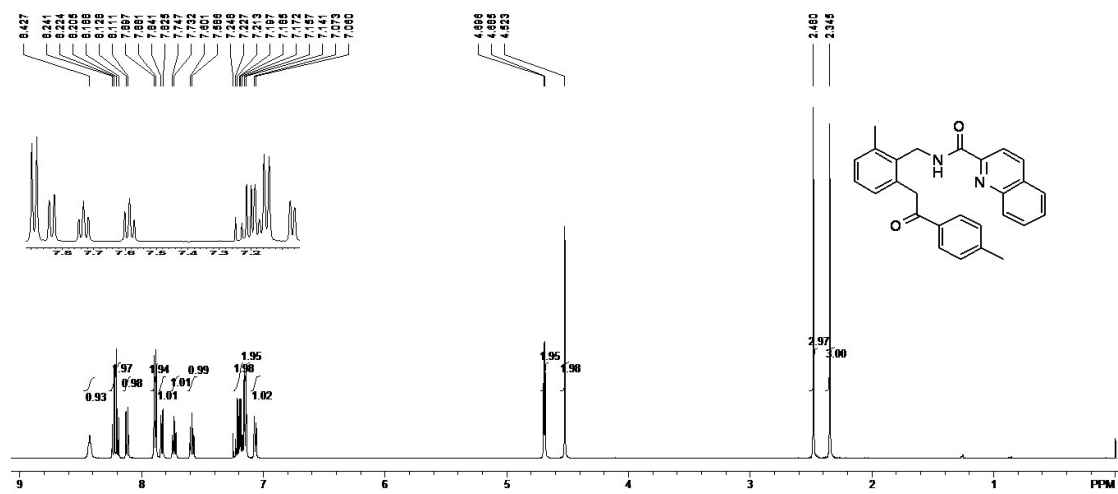
¹³C NMR of product **1j**



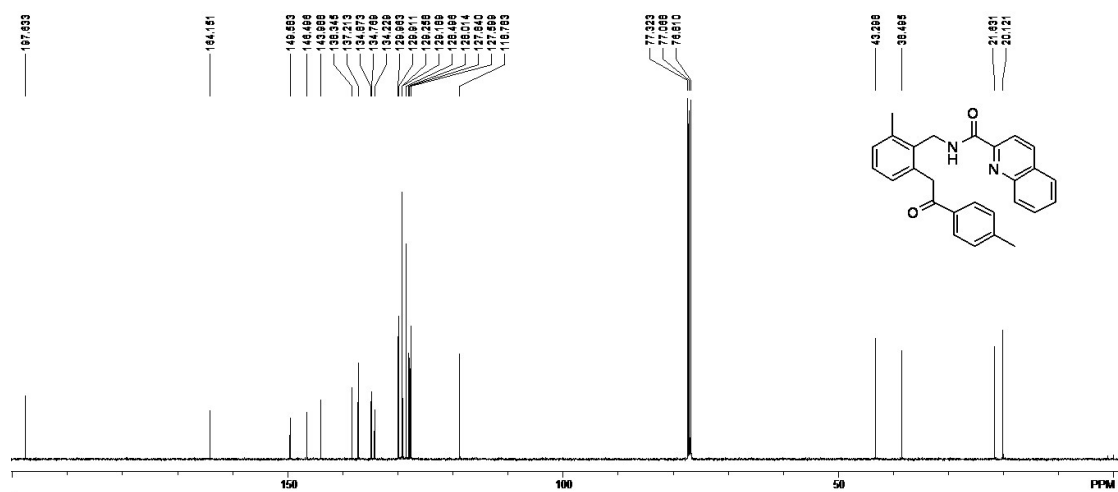
¹H NMR of product 3a



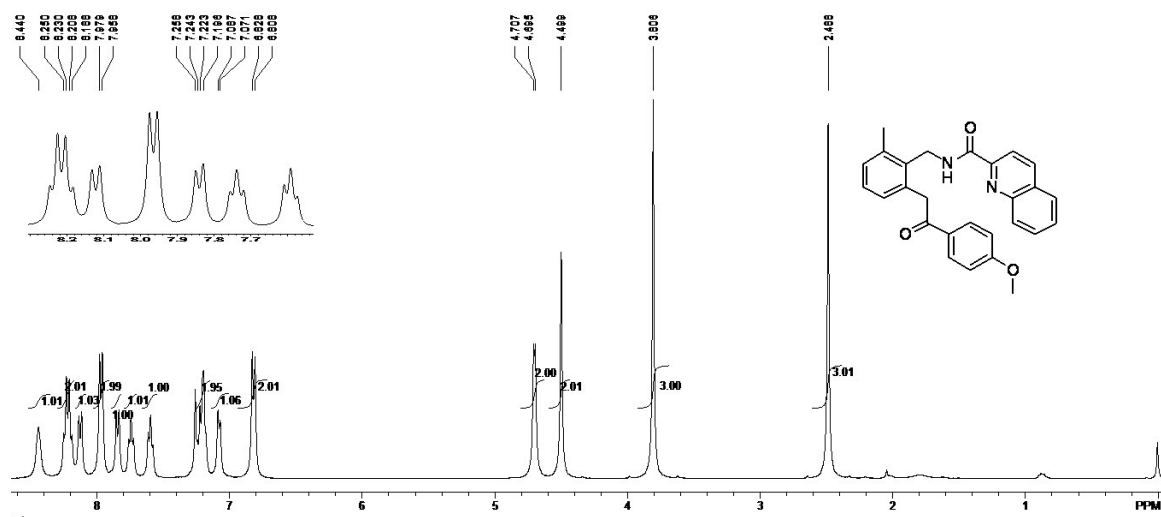
¹³C NMR of product 3a



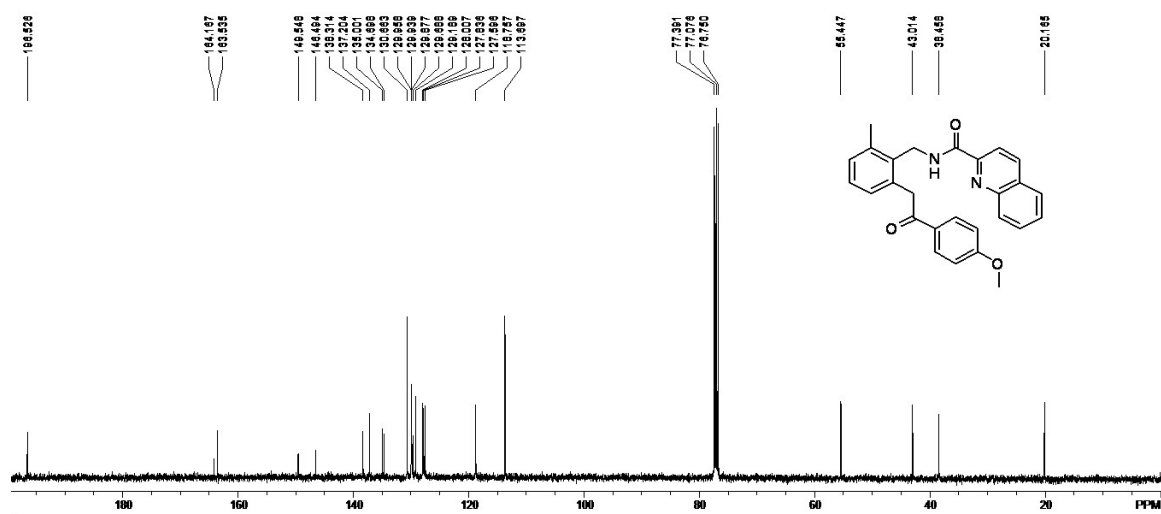
¹H NMR of product **3b**



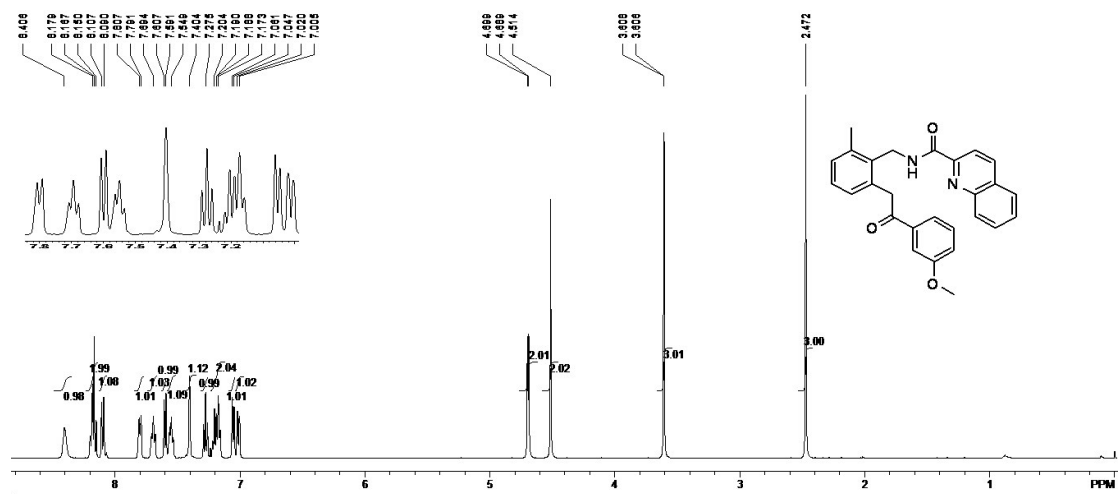
¹³C NMR of product **3b**



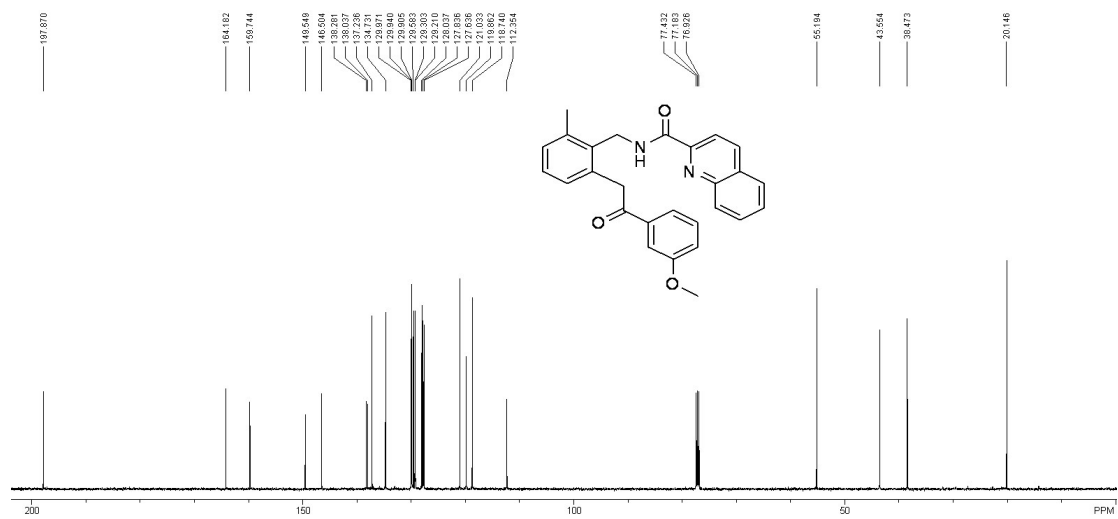
¹H NMR of product 3c



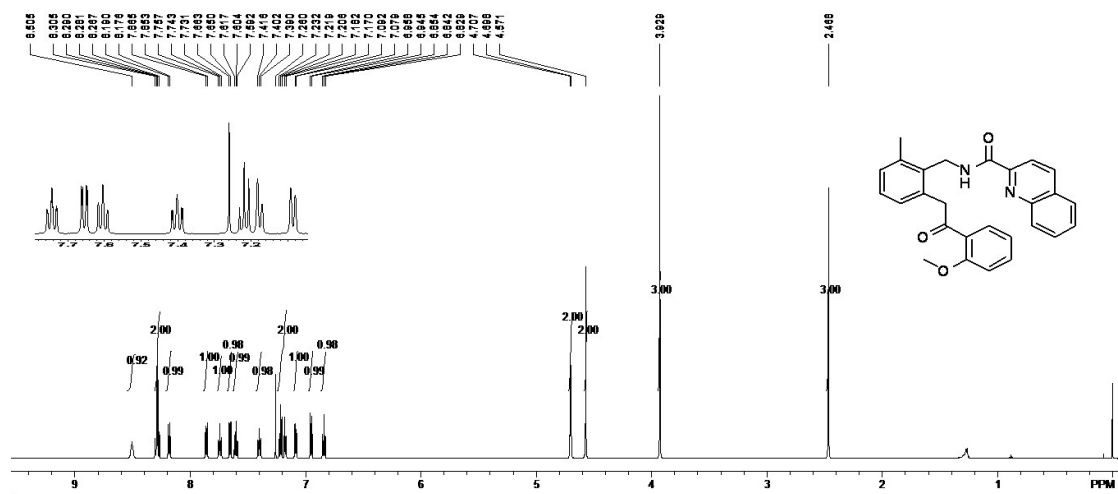
¹³C NMR of product 3c



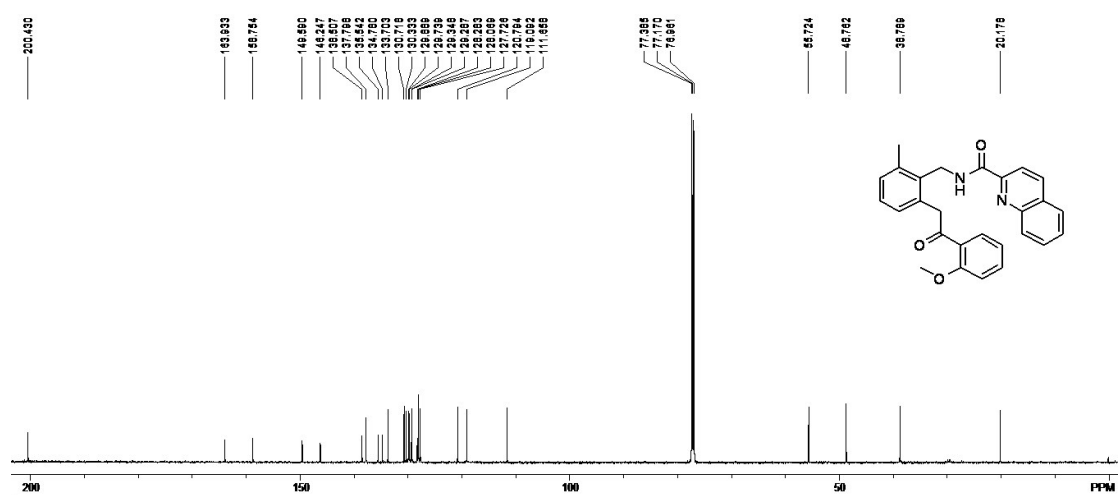
¹H NMR of product 3d



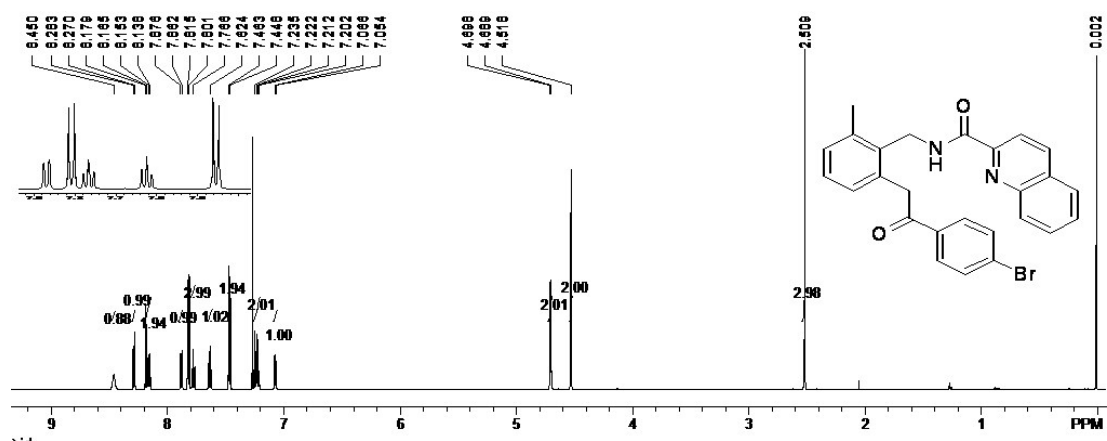
¹³C NMR of product 3d



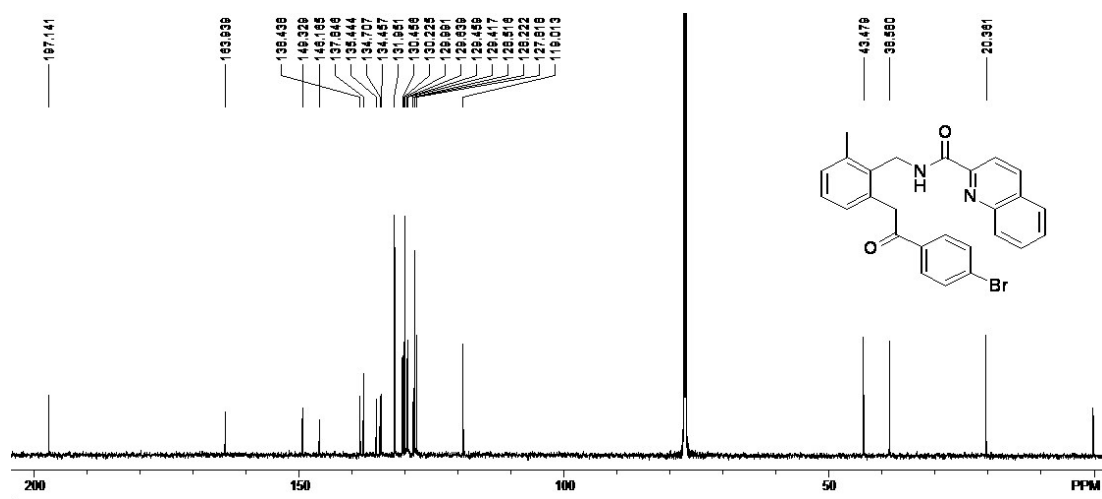
^1H NMR of product 3e



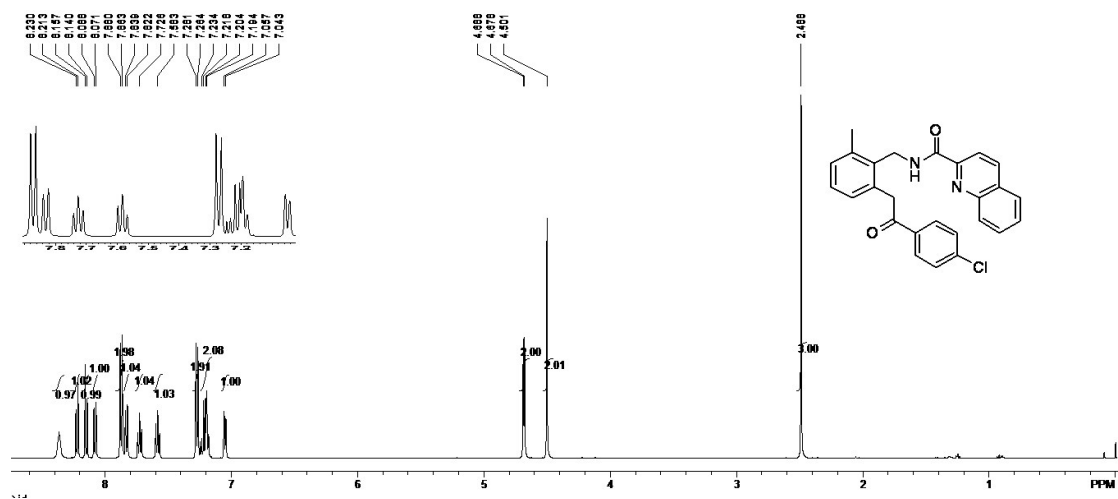
^{13}C NMR of product 3e



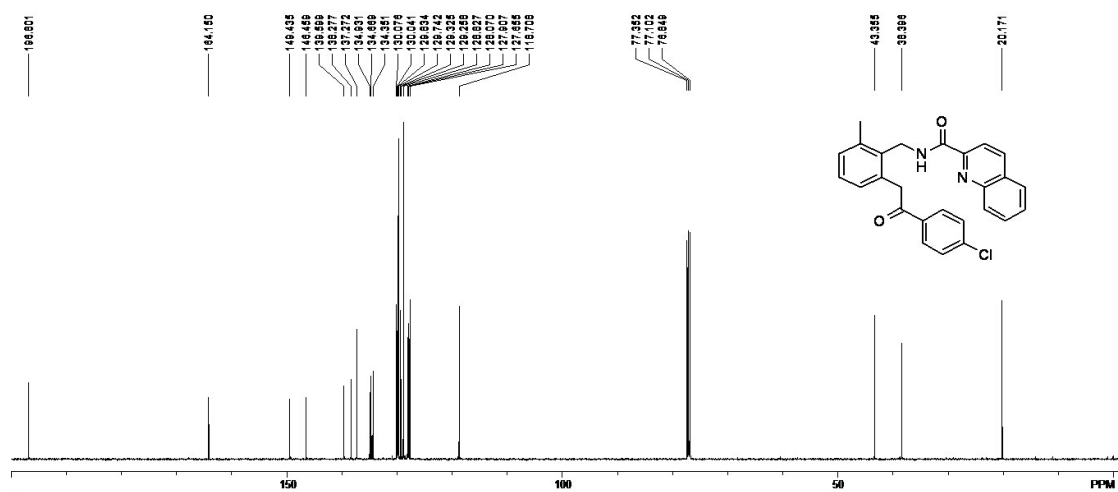
¹H NMR of product **3f**



¹³C NMR of product **3f**



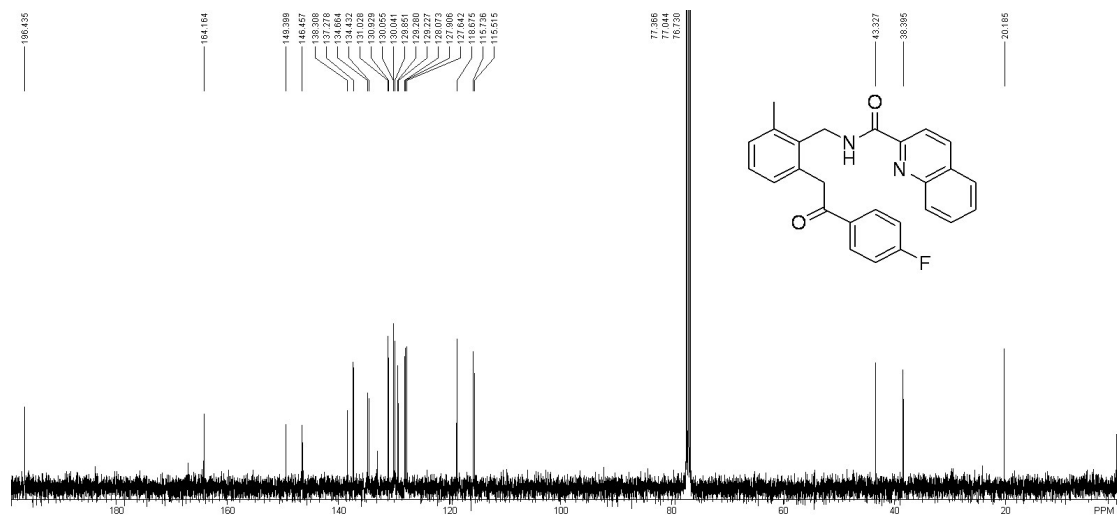
¹H NMR of product 3g



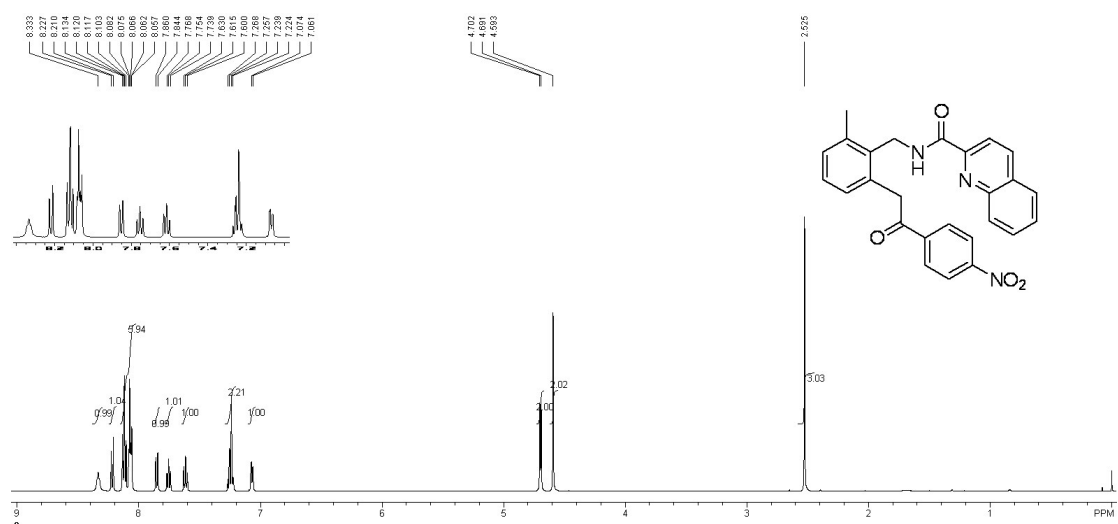
¹³C NMR of product 3g



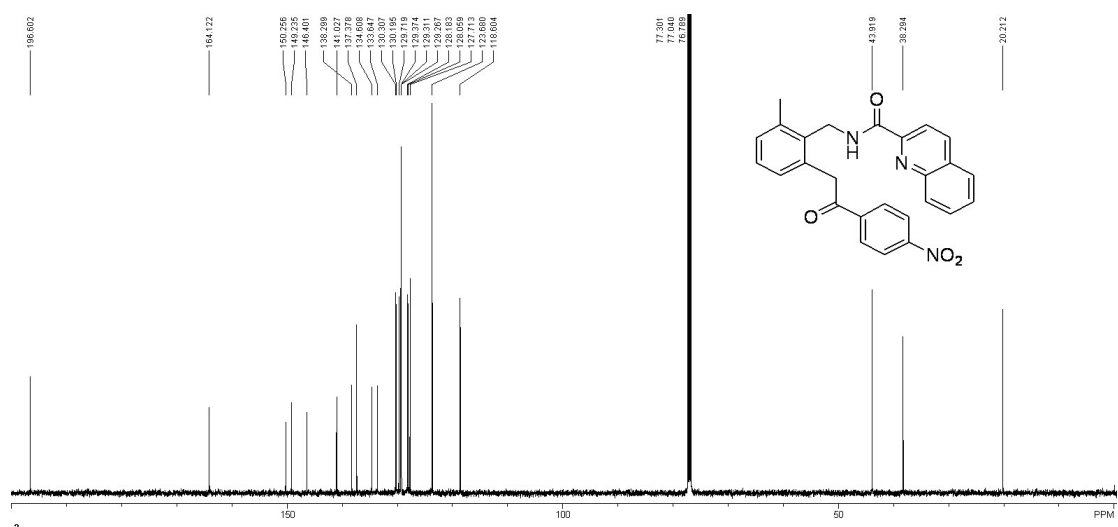
¹H NMR of product 3h



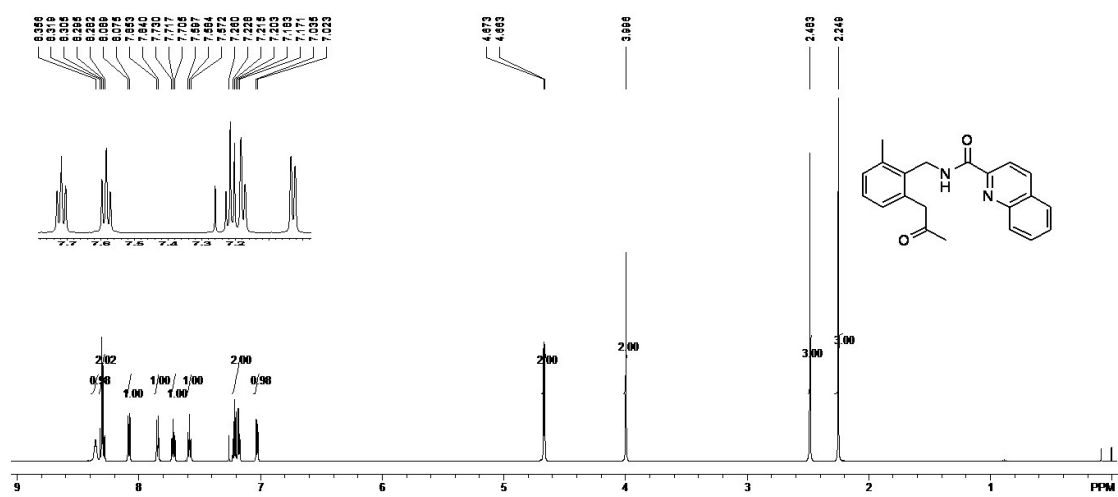
¹³C NMR of product 3h



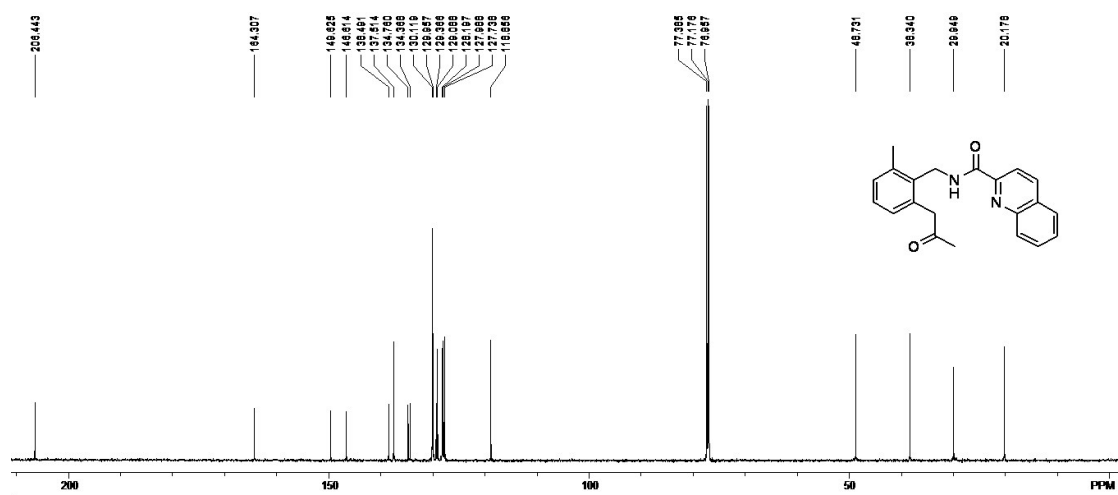
$^1\text{H NMR}$ of product **3j**



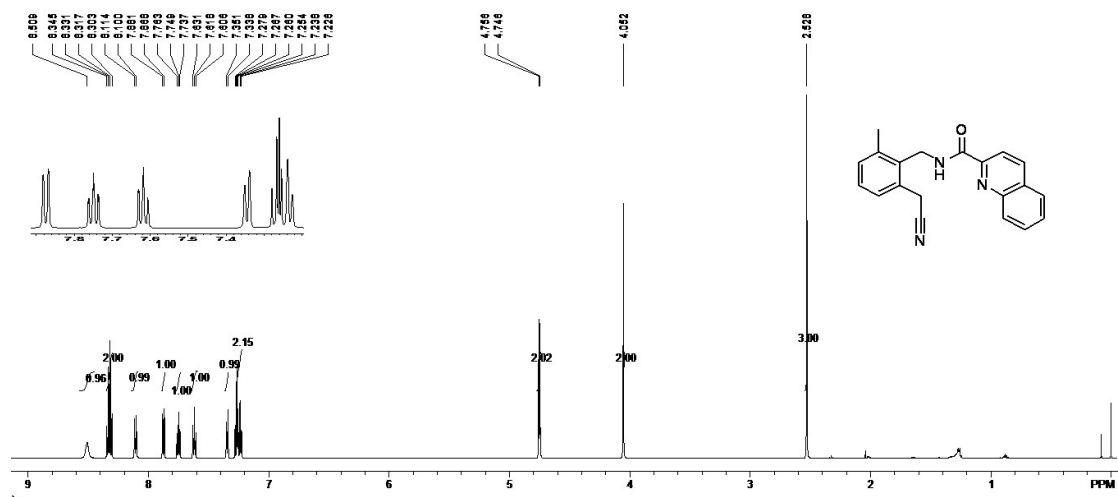
$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ of product **3j**



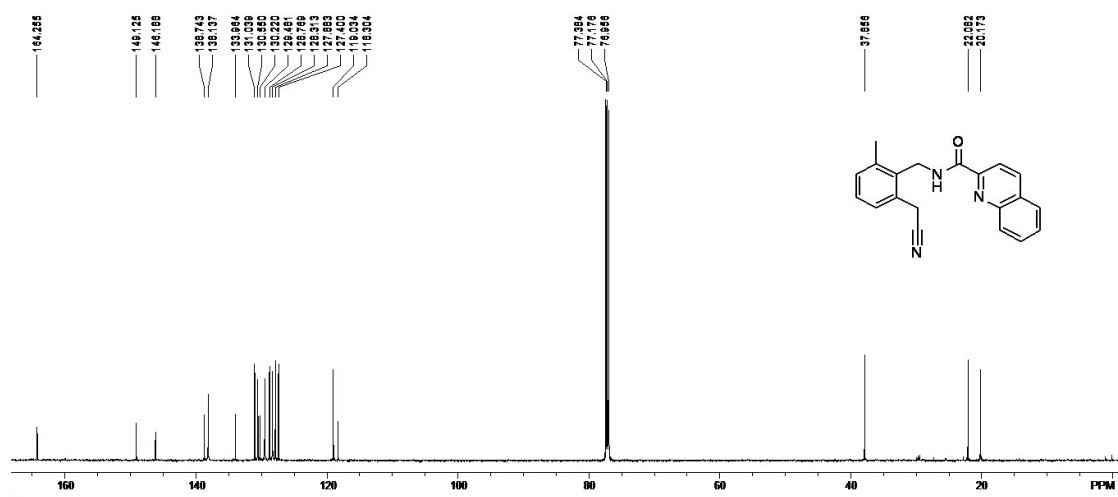
¹H NMR of product **3k**



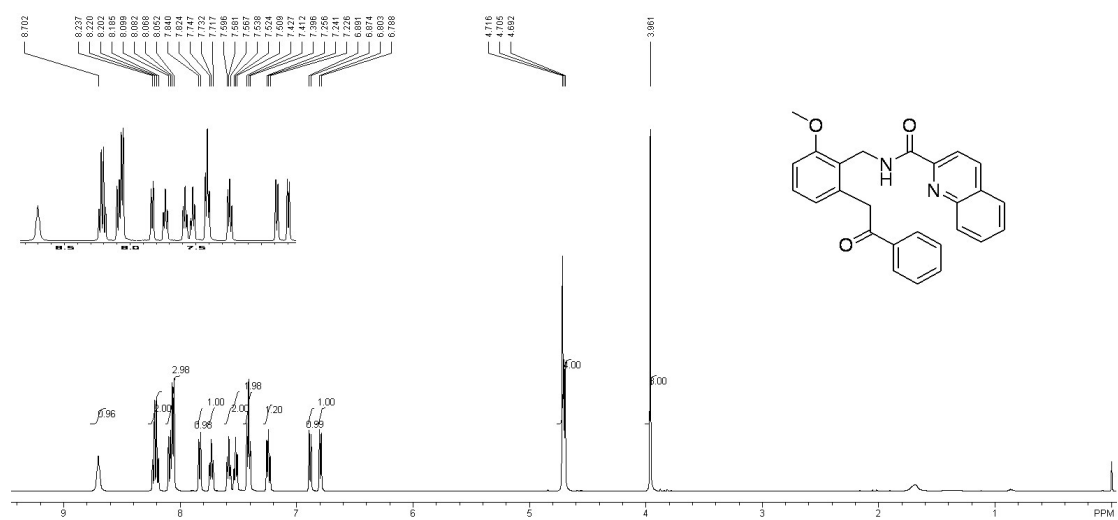
¹³C NMR of product **3k**



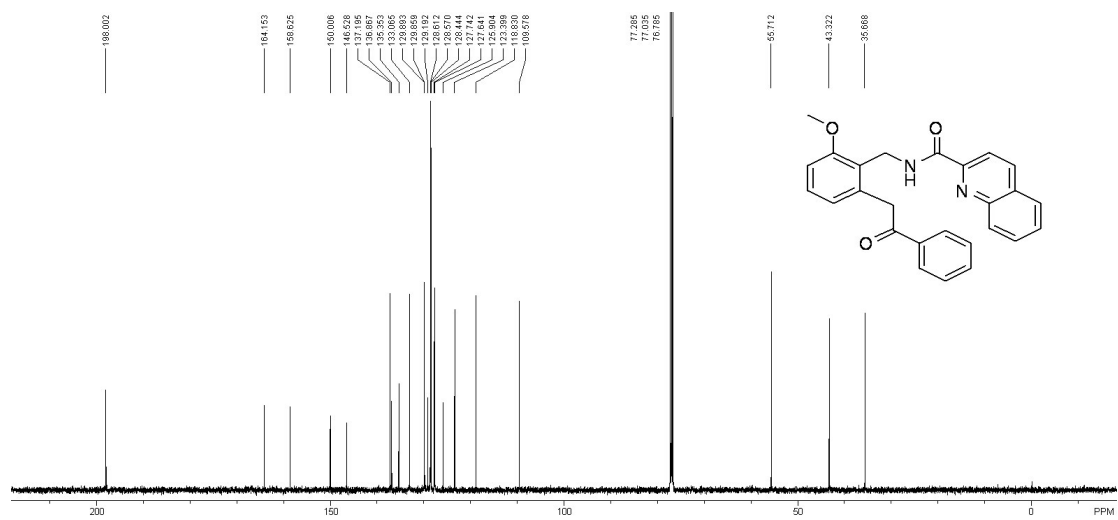
¹H NMR of product 31



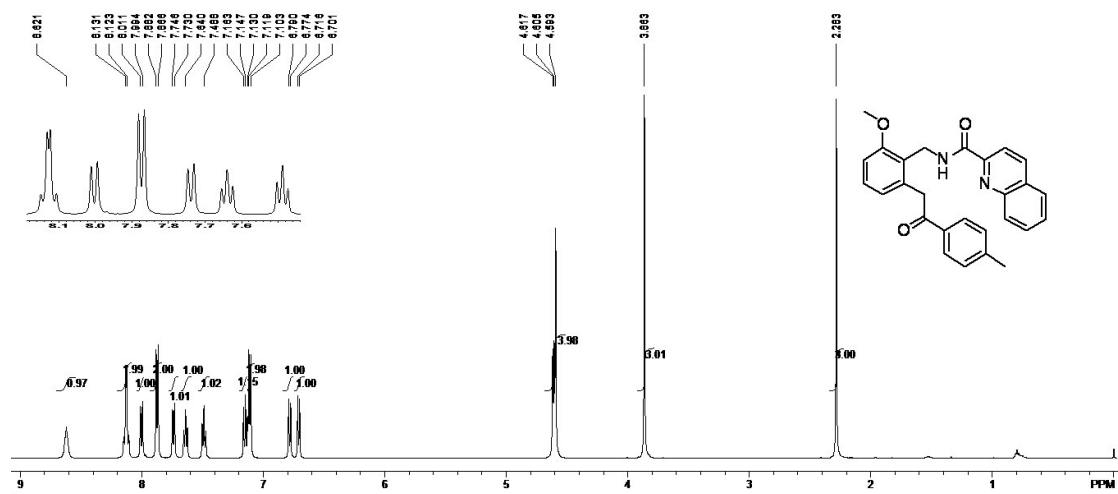
¹³C NMR of product 31



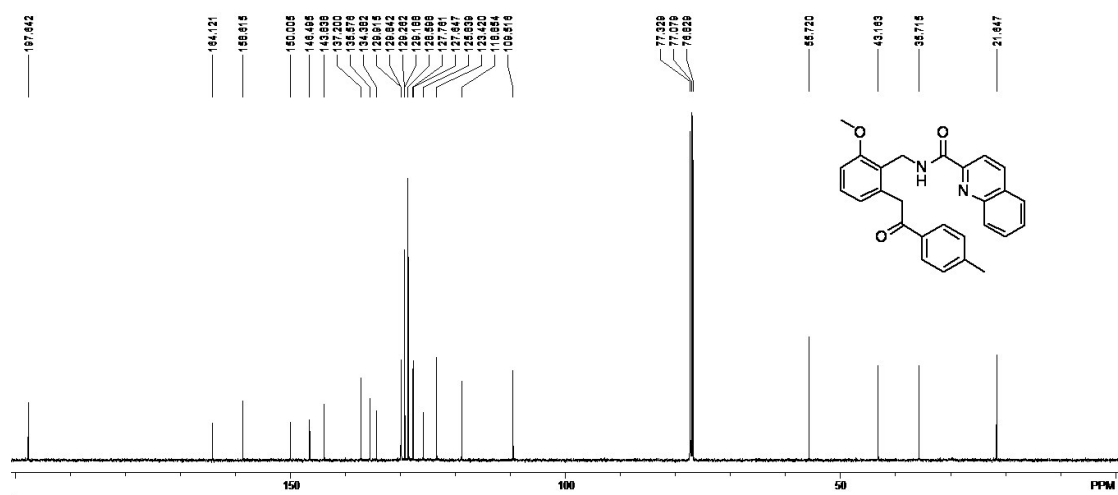
^1H NMR of product **3m**



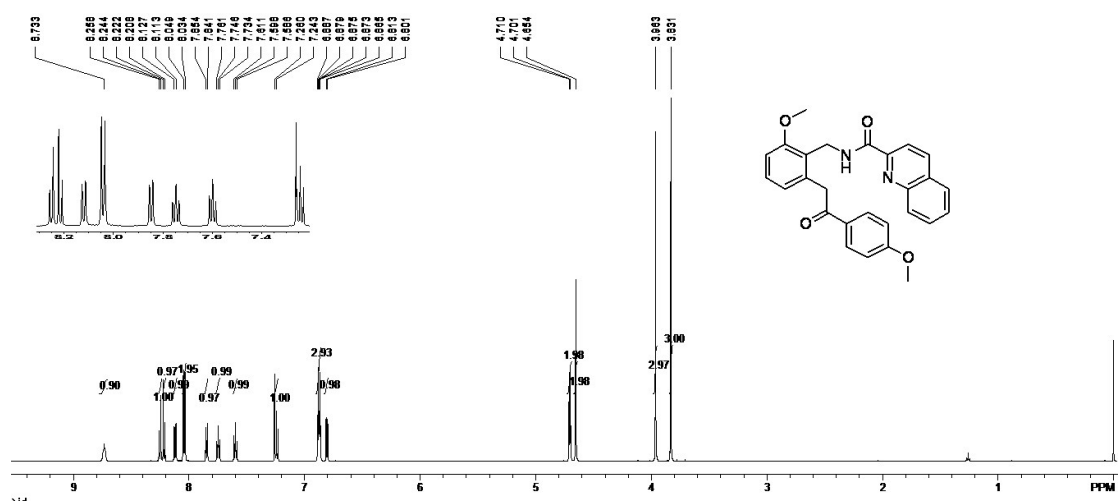
^{13}C NMR of product **3m**



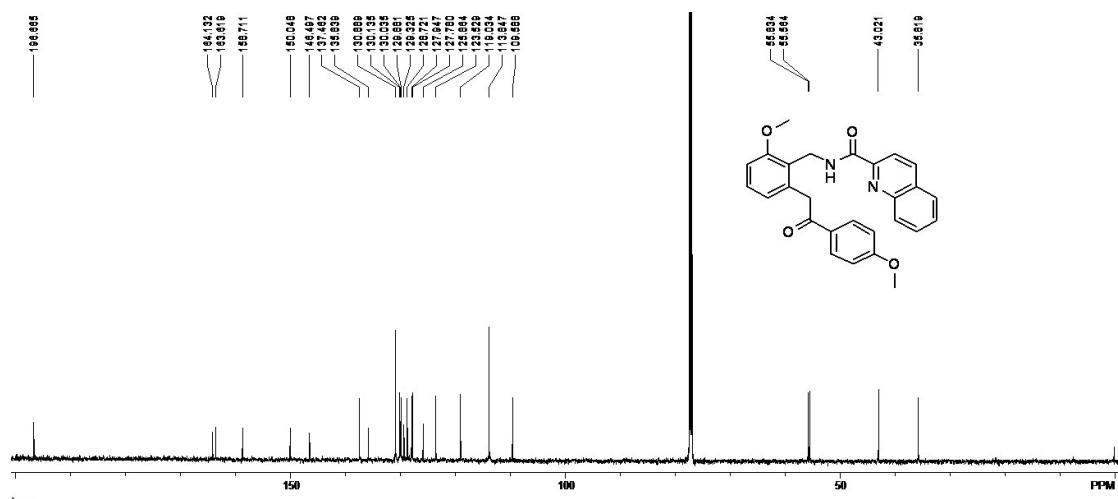
¹H NMR of product 3n



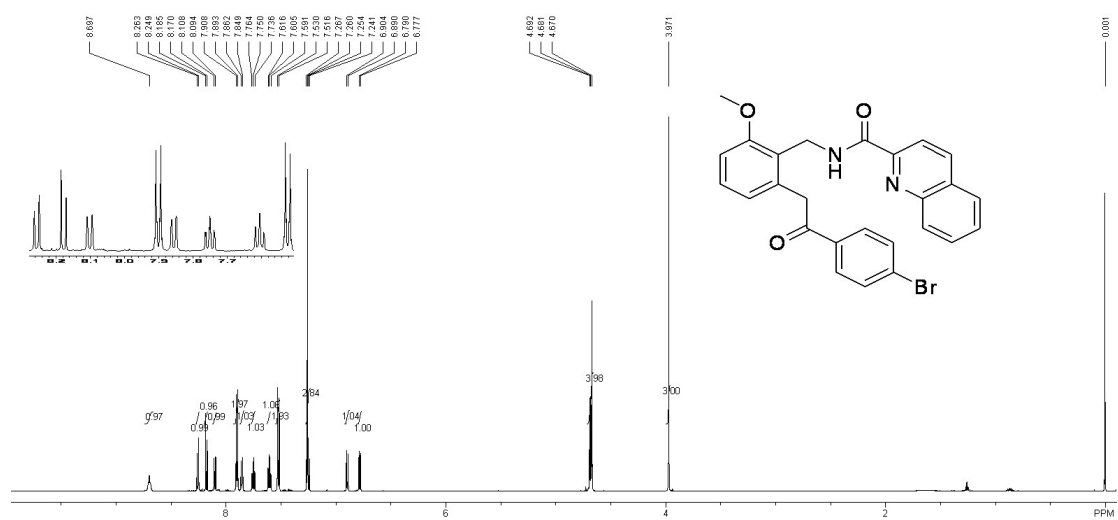
¹³C NMR of product 3n



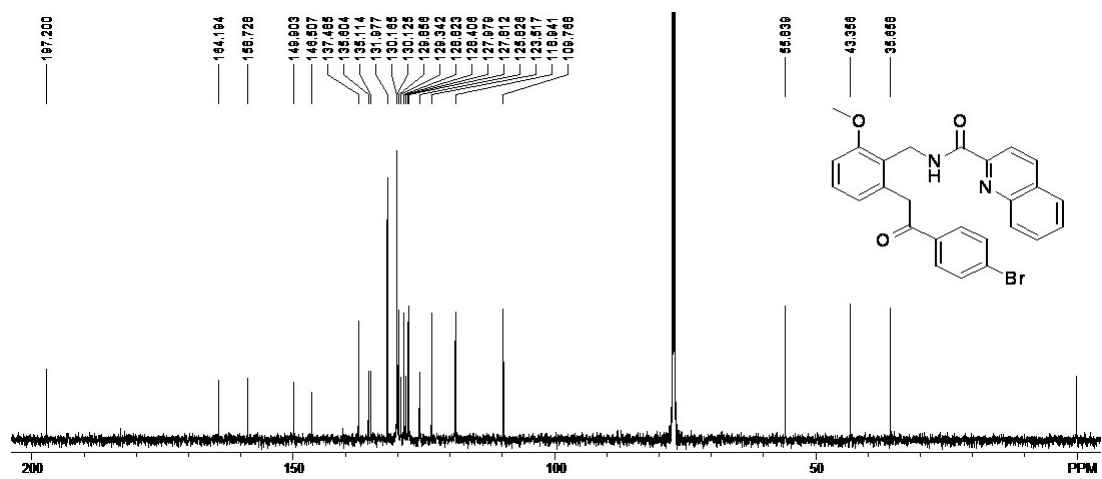
¹H NMR of product 3o



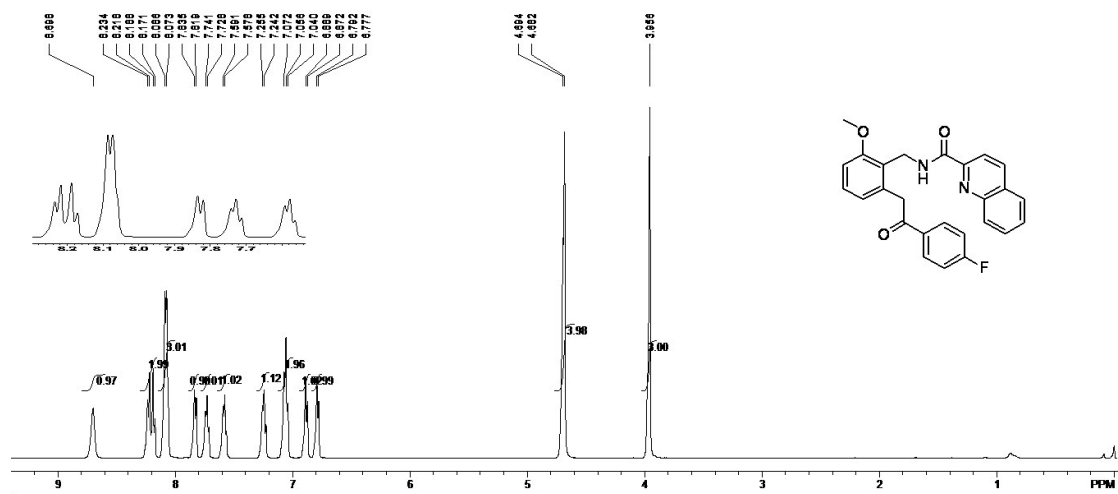
¹³C NMR of product 3o



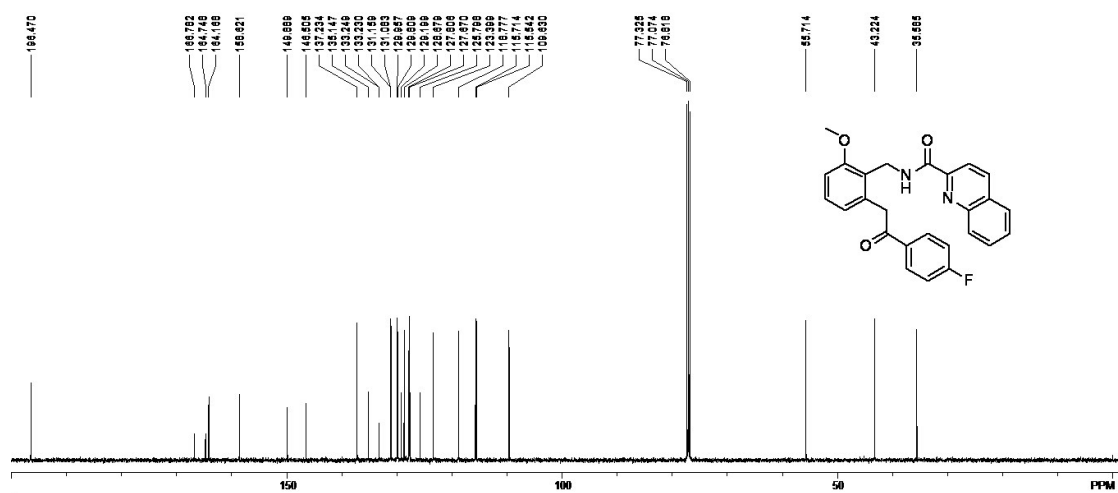
¹H NMR of product 3p



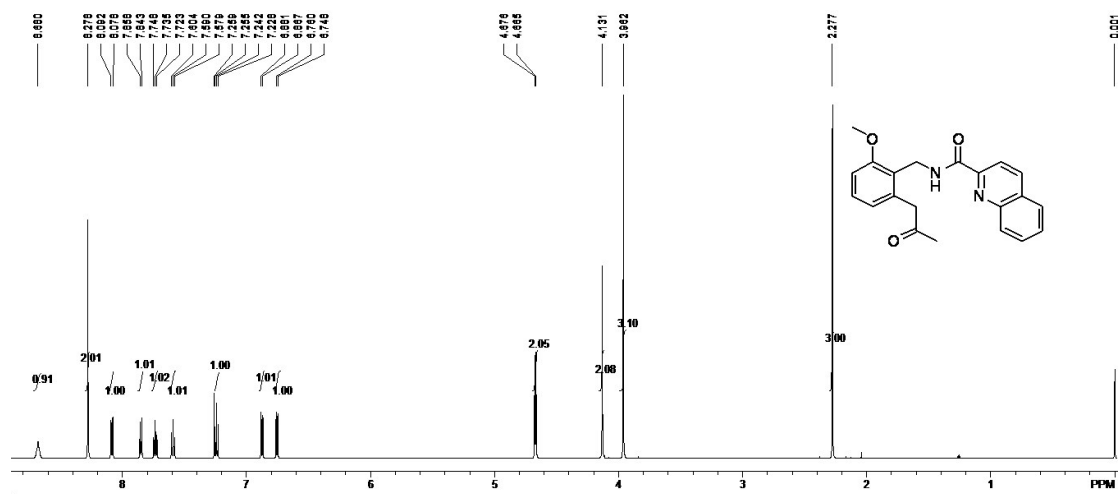
¹³C NMR of product 3p



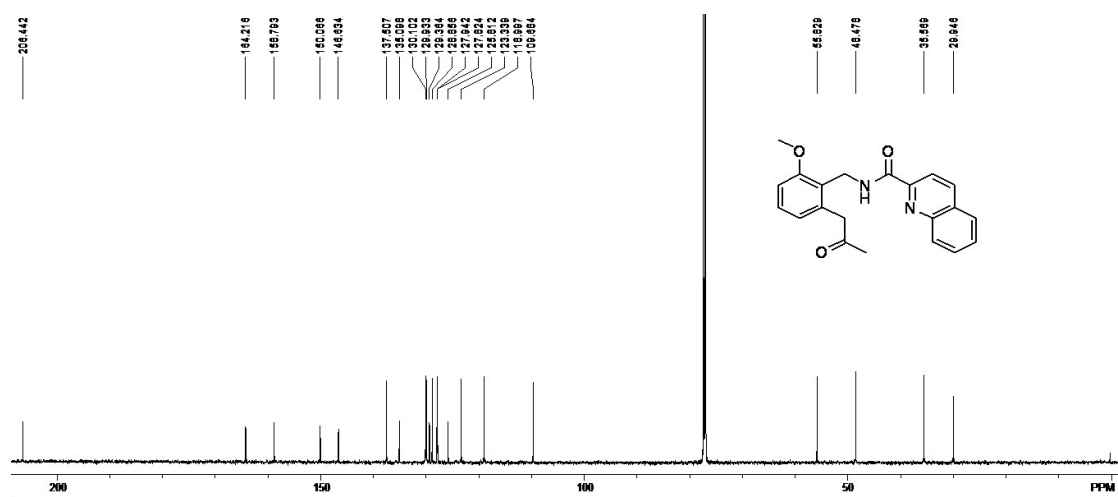
¹H NMR of product 3q



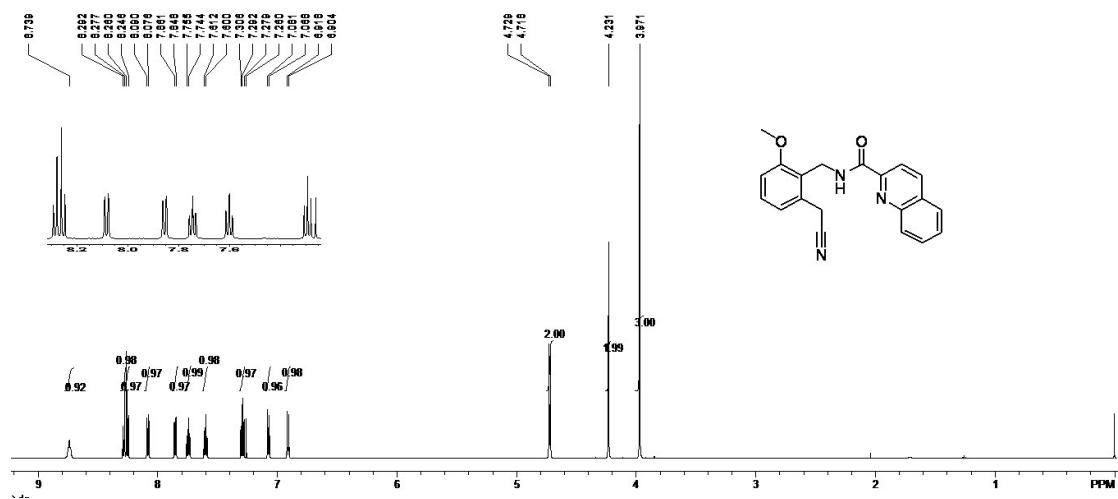
¹³C NMR of product 3q



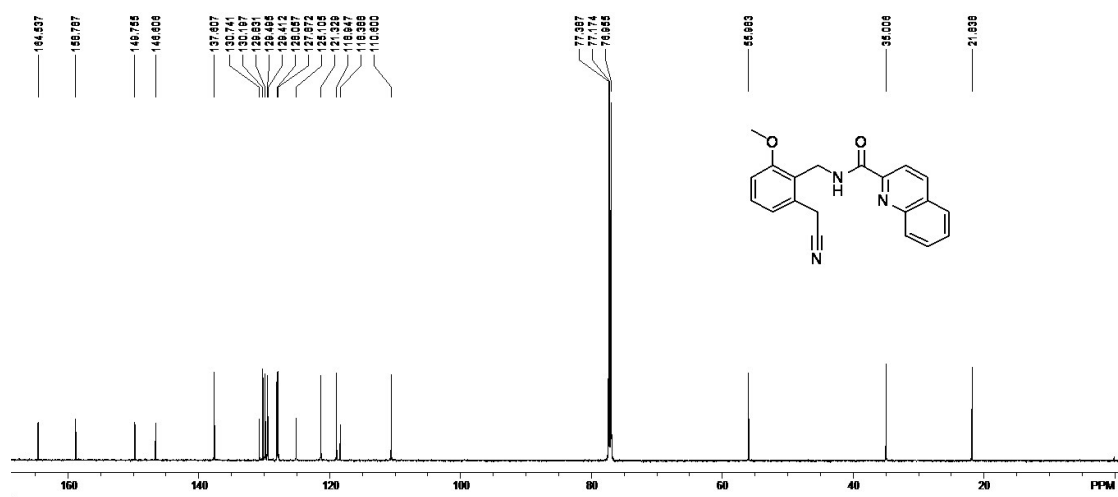
¹H NMR of product 3r



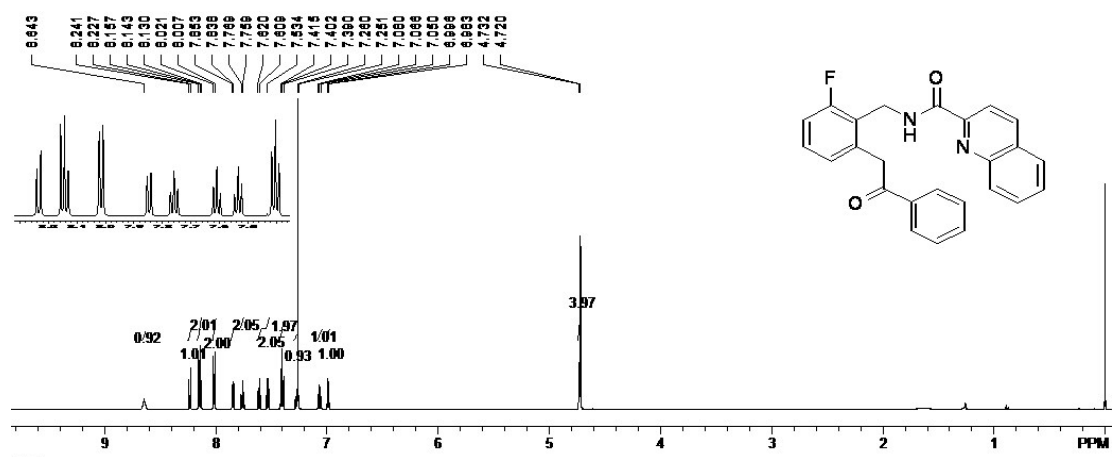
¹³C NMR of product 3r



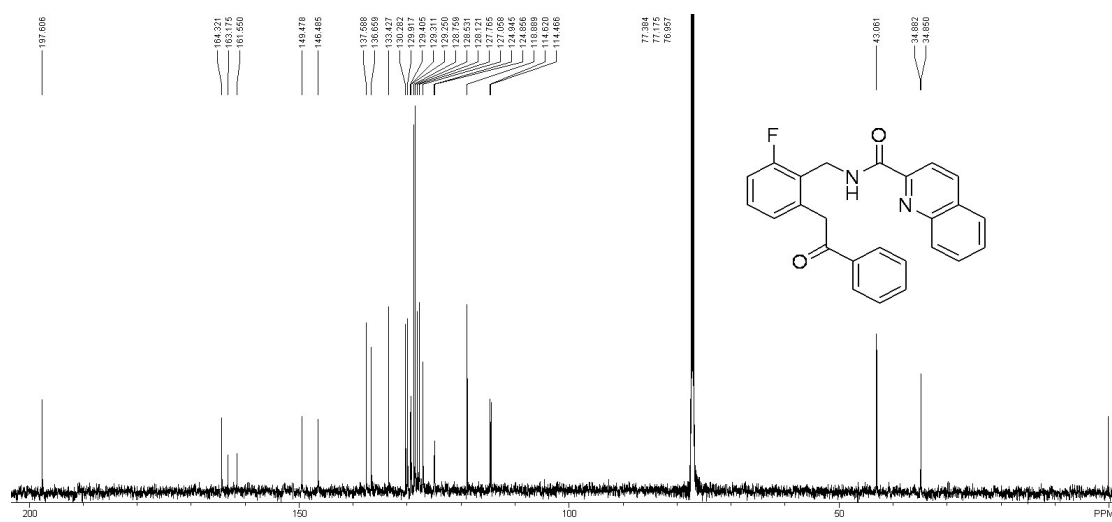
¹H NMR of product 3s



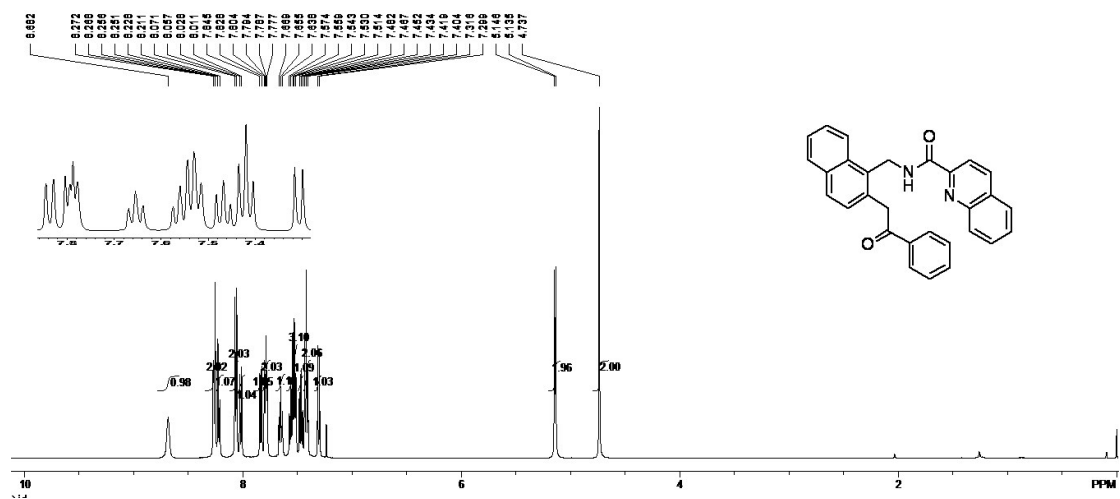
¹³C NMR of product 3s



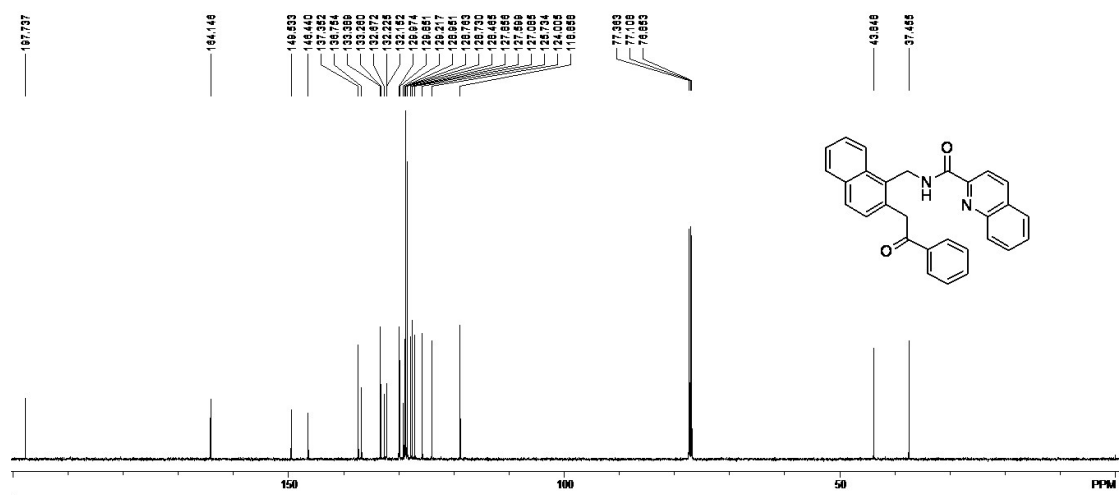
$^1\text{H NMR}$ of product **3t**



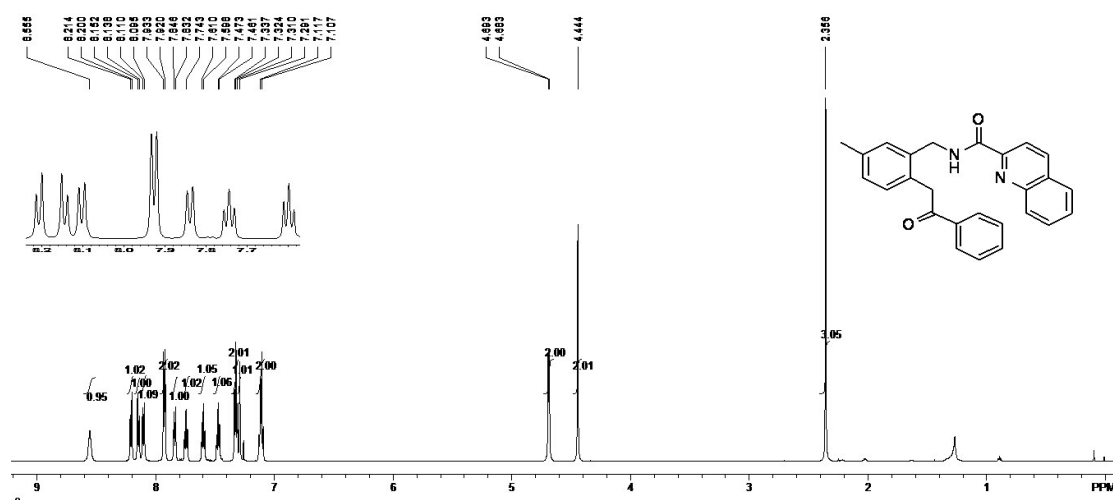
$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ of product **3t**



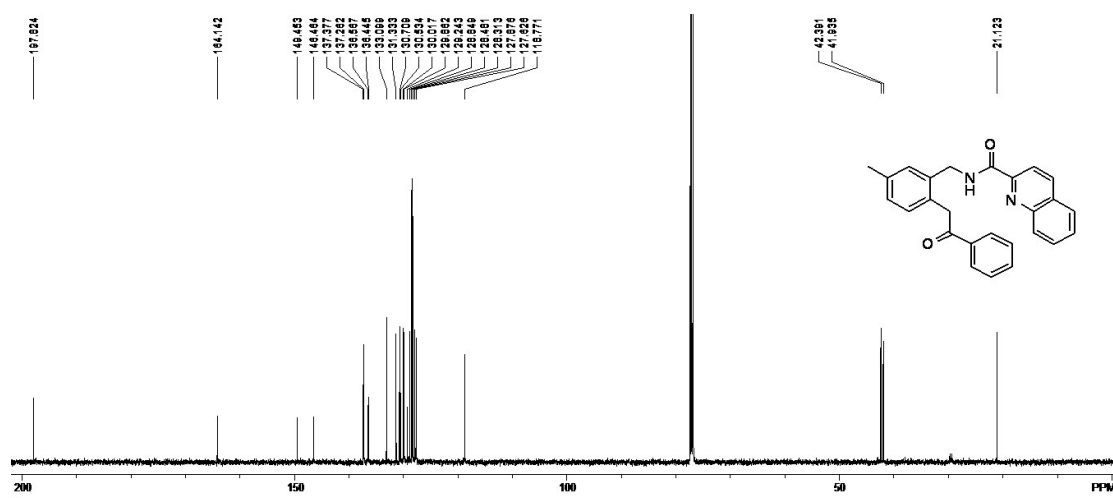
¹H NMR of product **3u**



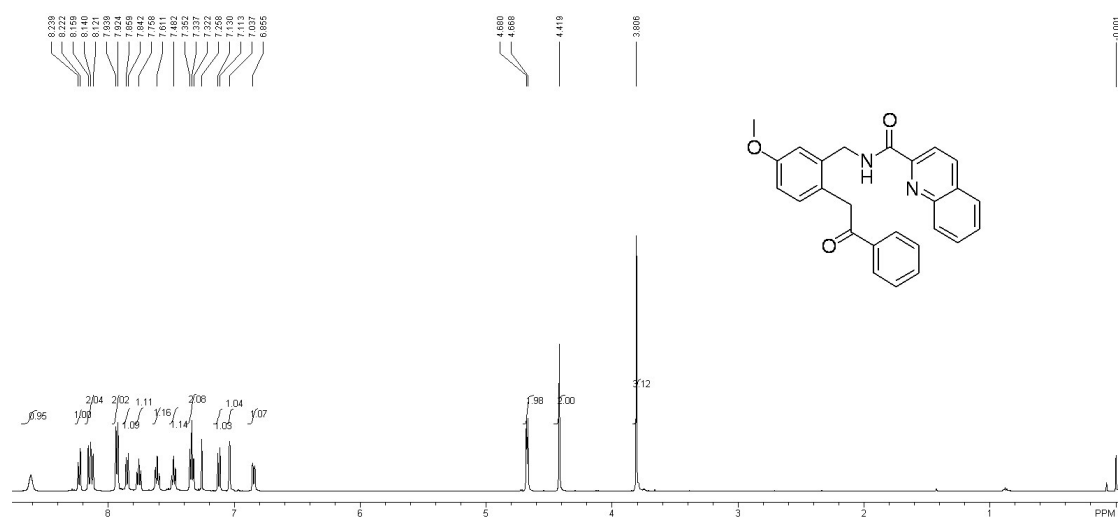
¹³C NMR of product **3u**



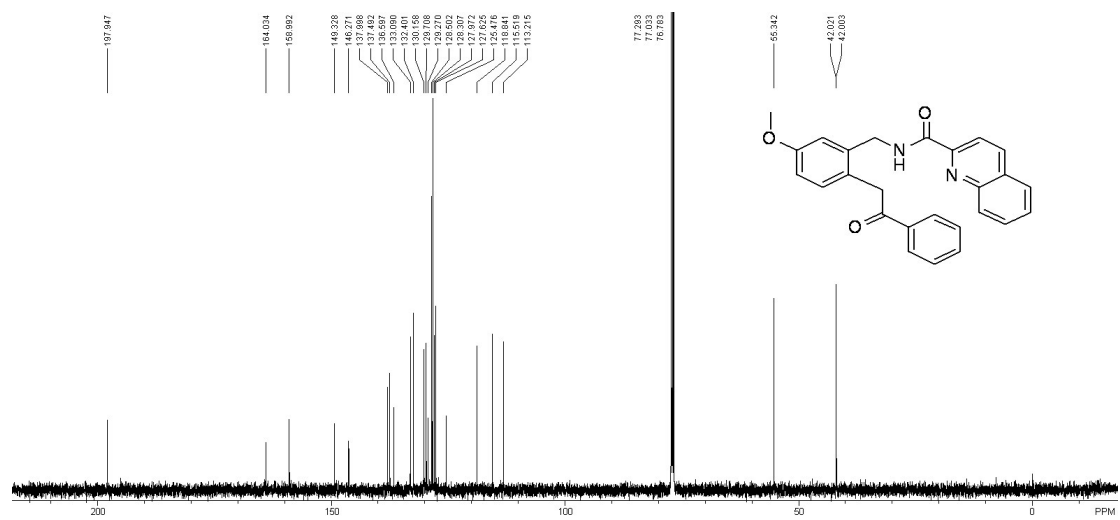
¹H NMR of product 3v



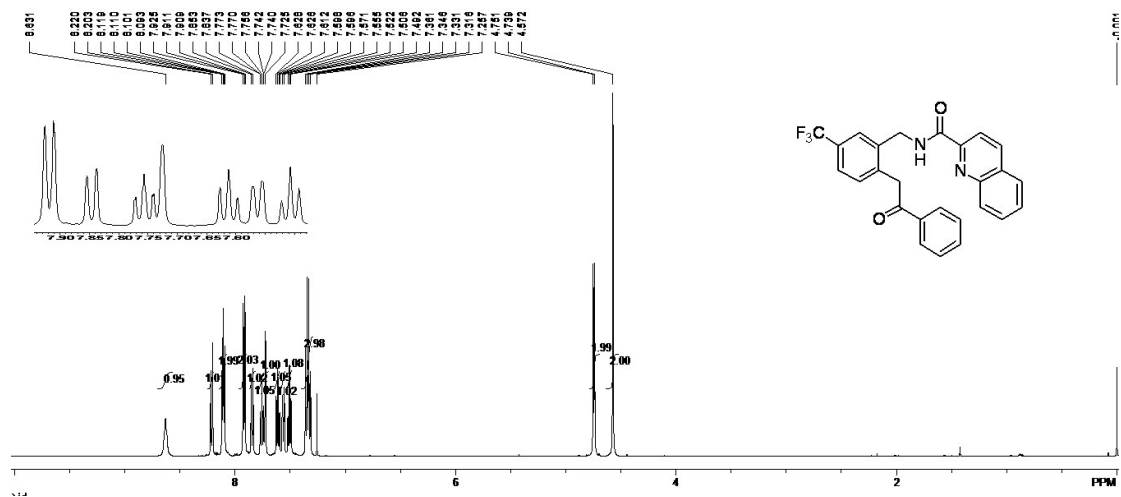
¹³C NMR of product 3v



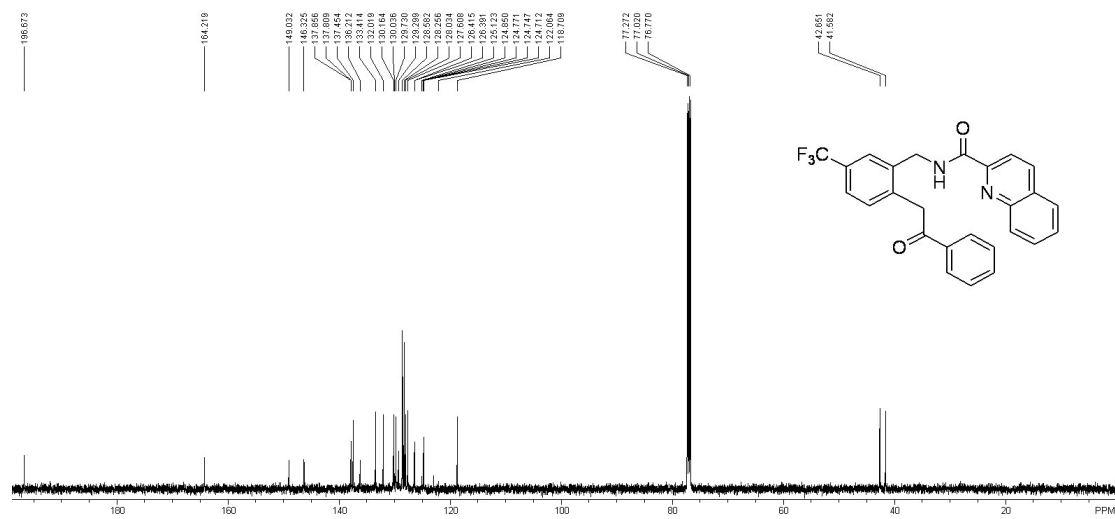
^1H NMR of product **3w**



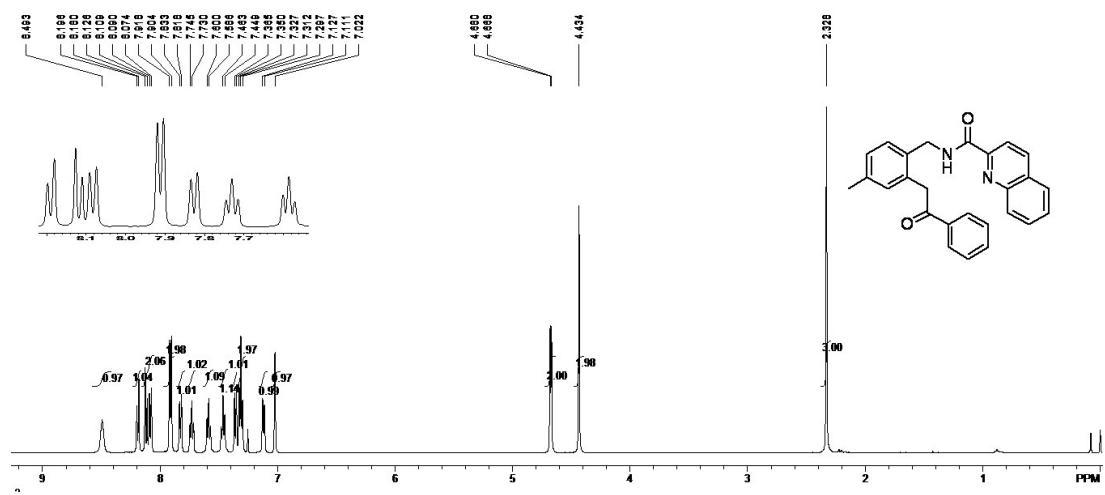
^{13}C NMR of product **3w**



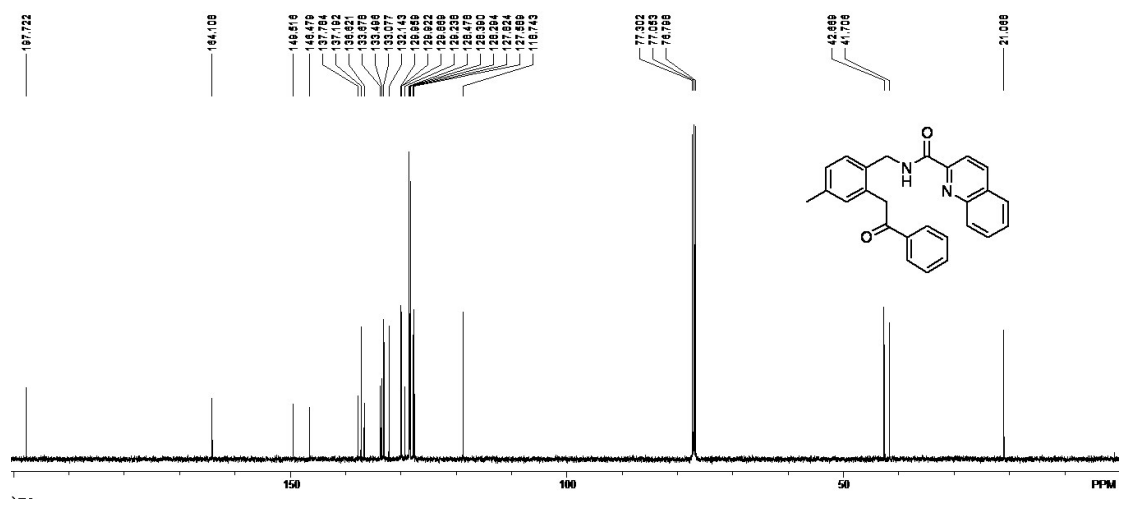
¹H NMR of product 3x



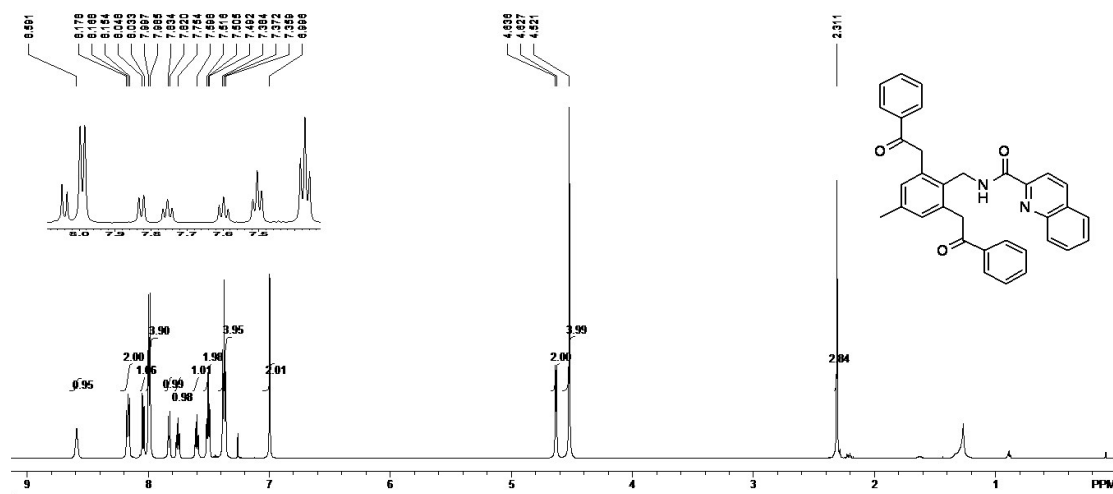
¹³C NMR of product 3x



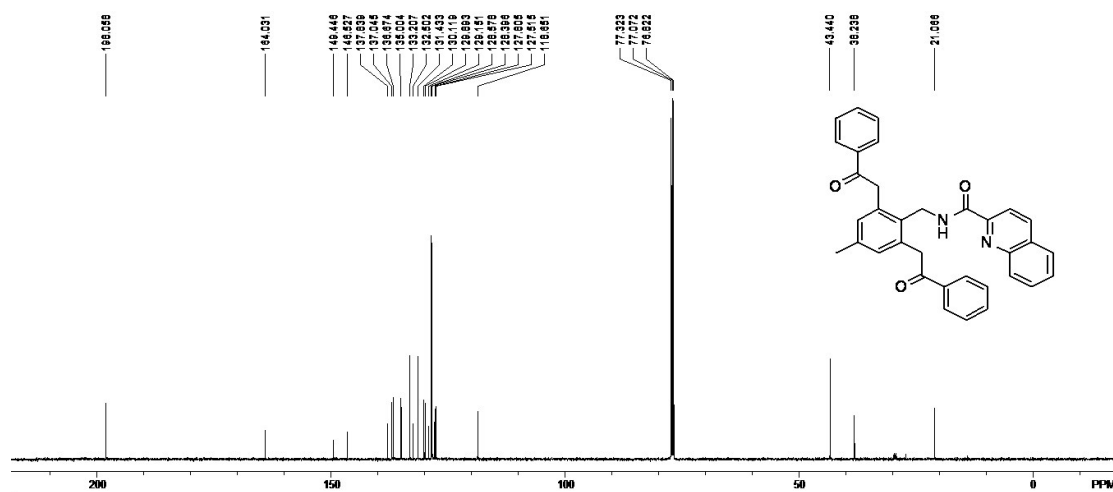
¹H NMR of product 3ya



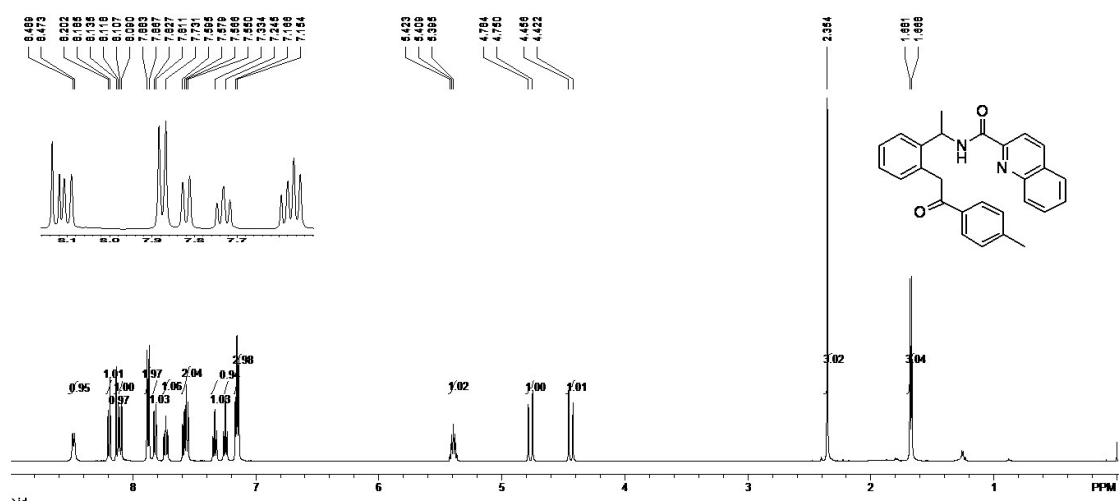
¹³C NMR of product 3ya



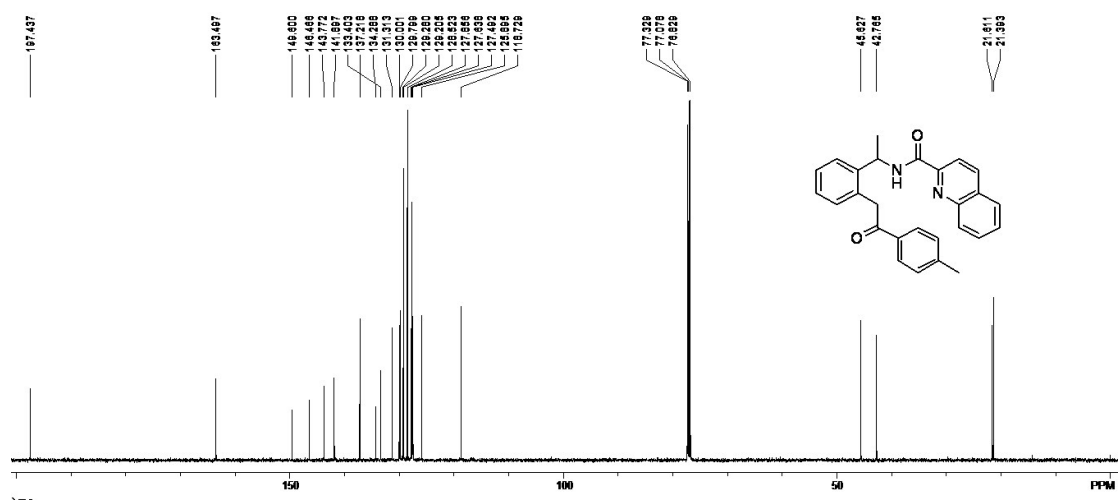
¹H NMR of product 3yb



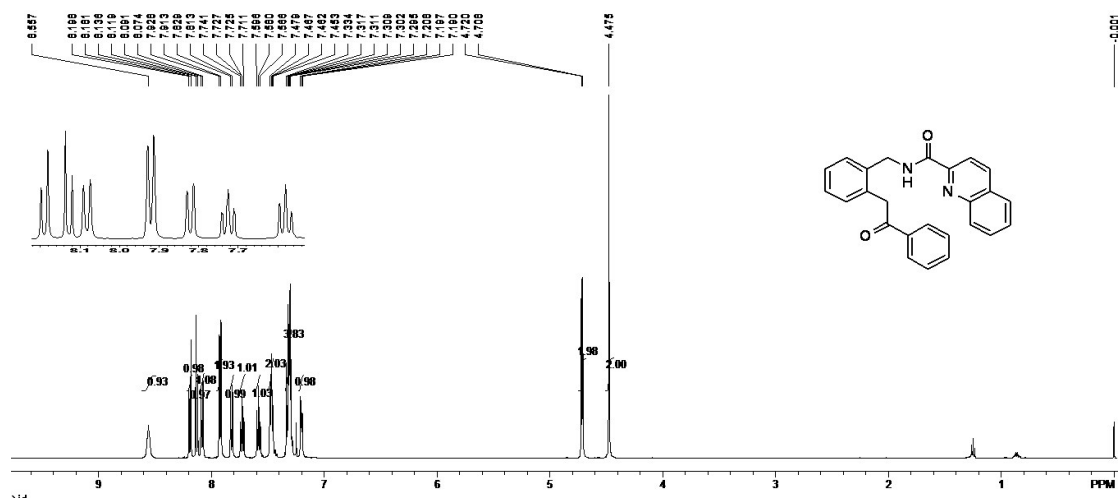
¹³C NMR of product 3yb



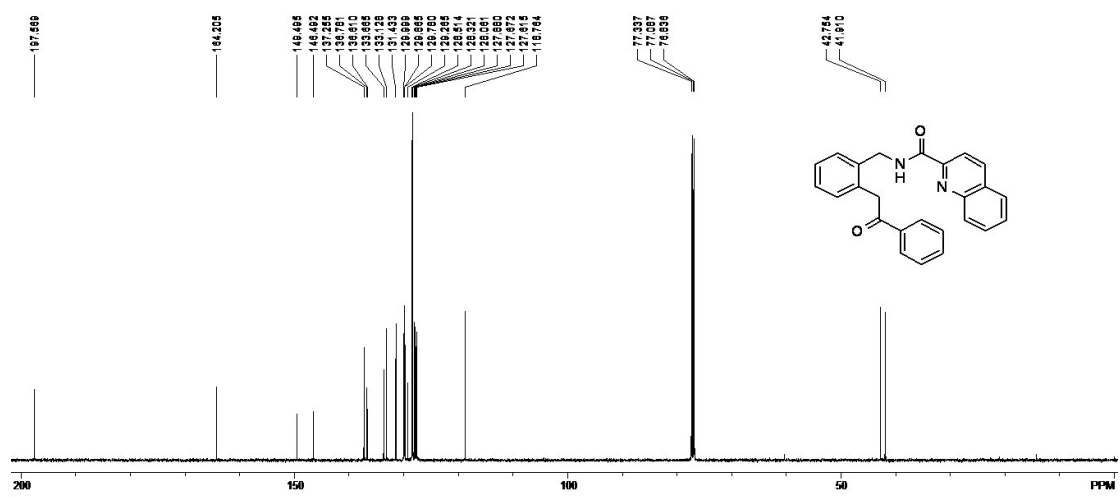
¹H NMR of product **3za**



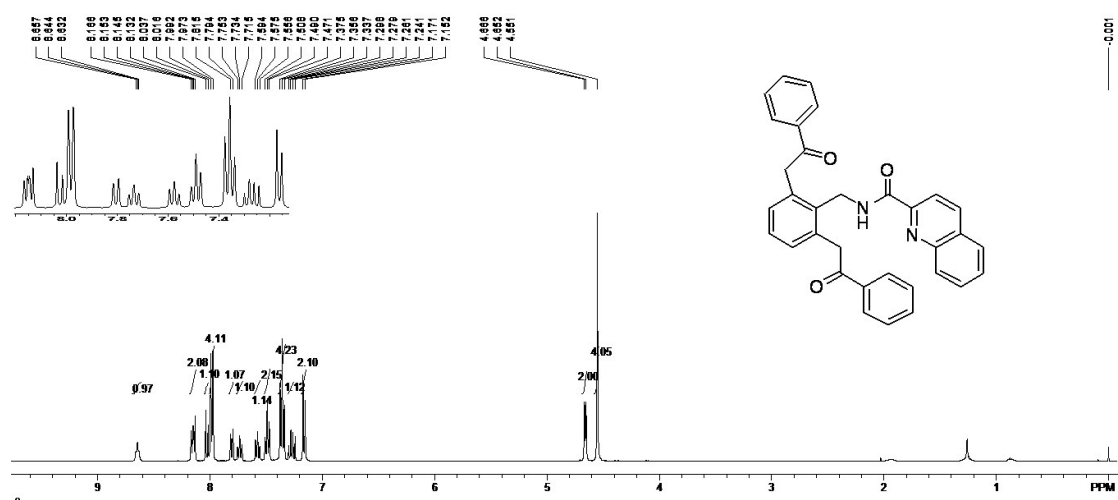
¹³C NMR of product **3za**



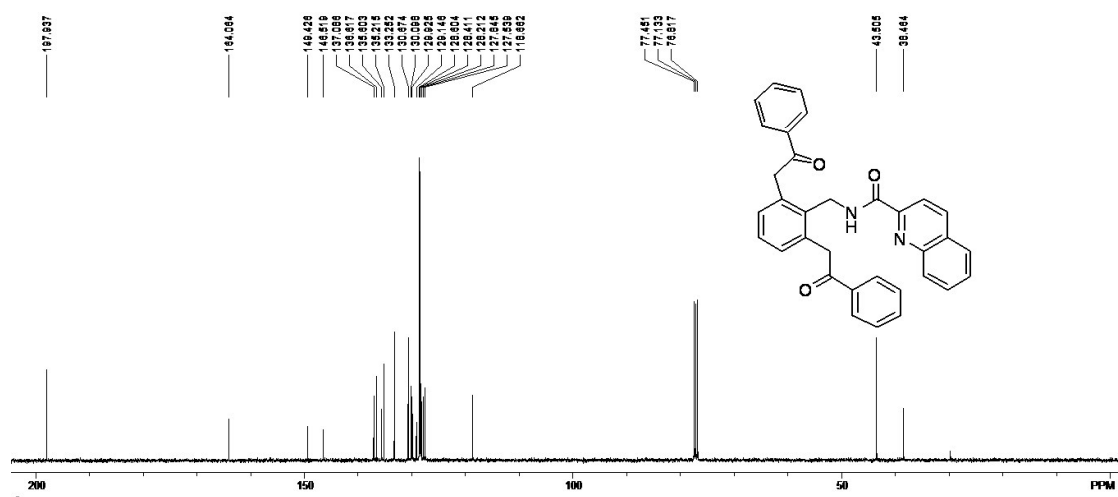
^1H NMR of product **3z'a**



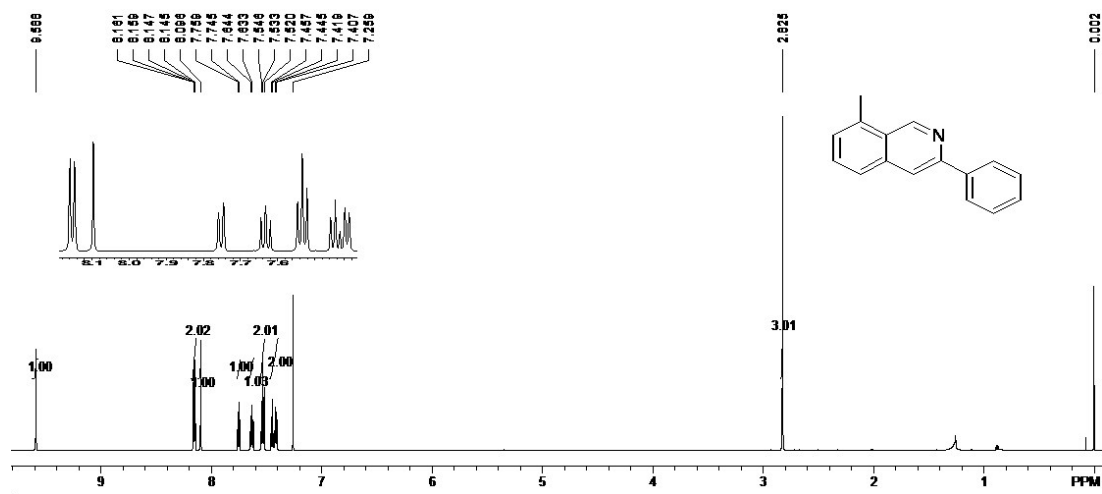
^{13}C NMR of product **3z'a**



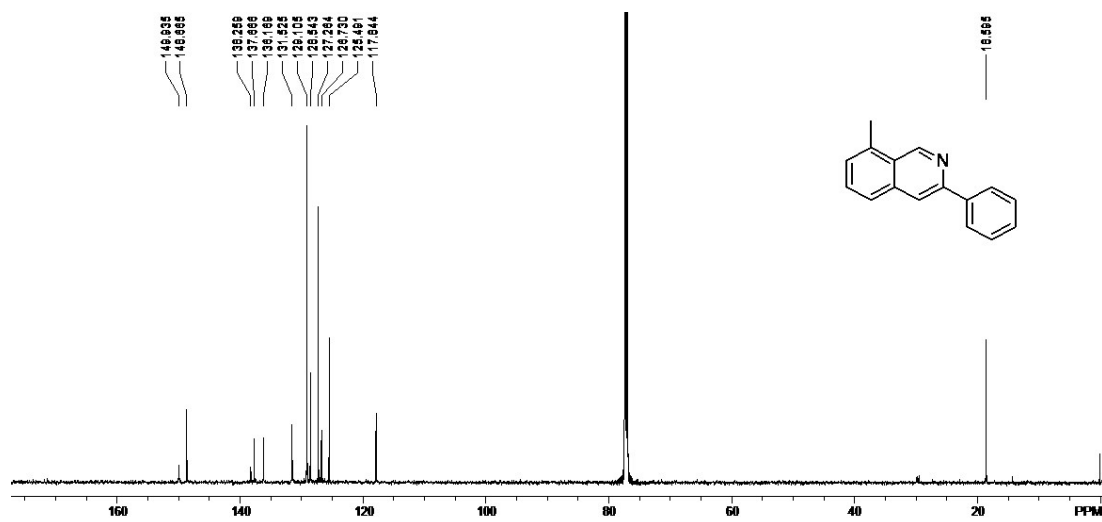
¹H NMR of product **3 z'b**



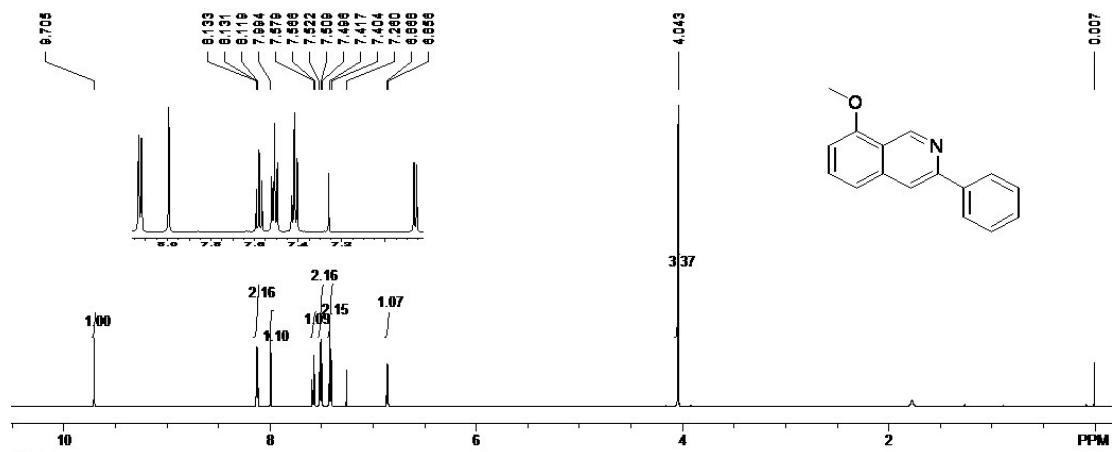
¹³C NMR of product **3 z'b**



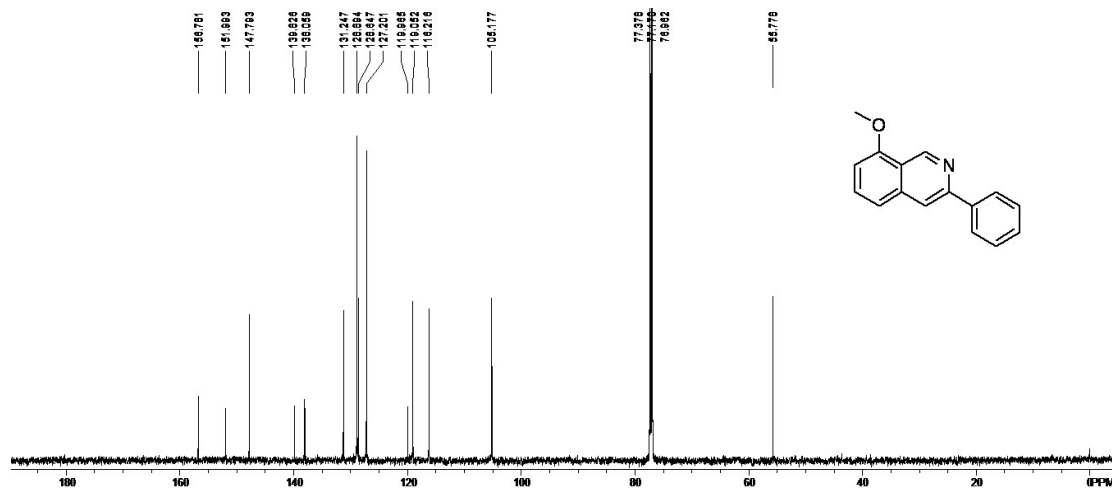
¹H NMR of product 4a



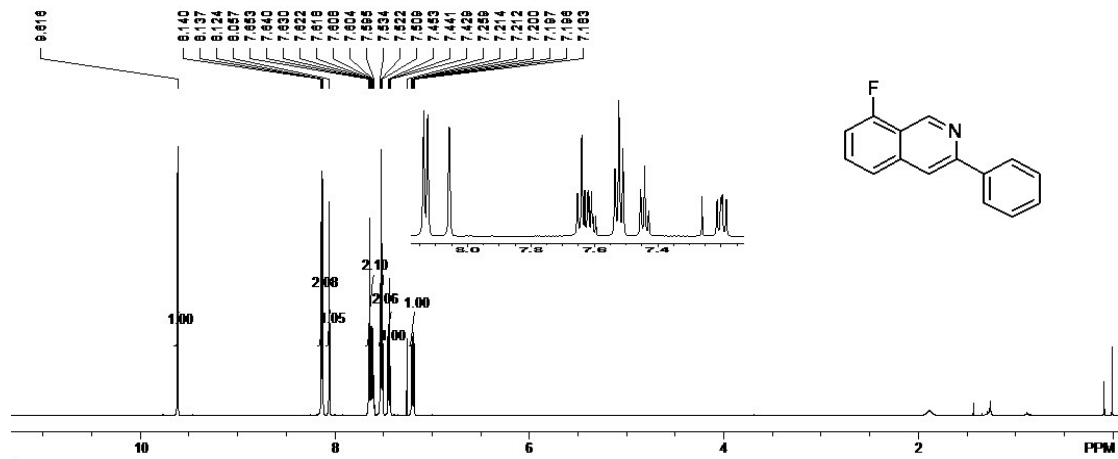
¹³C NMR of product 4a



¹H NMR of product **4b**



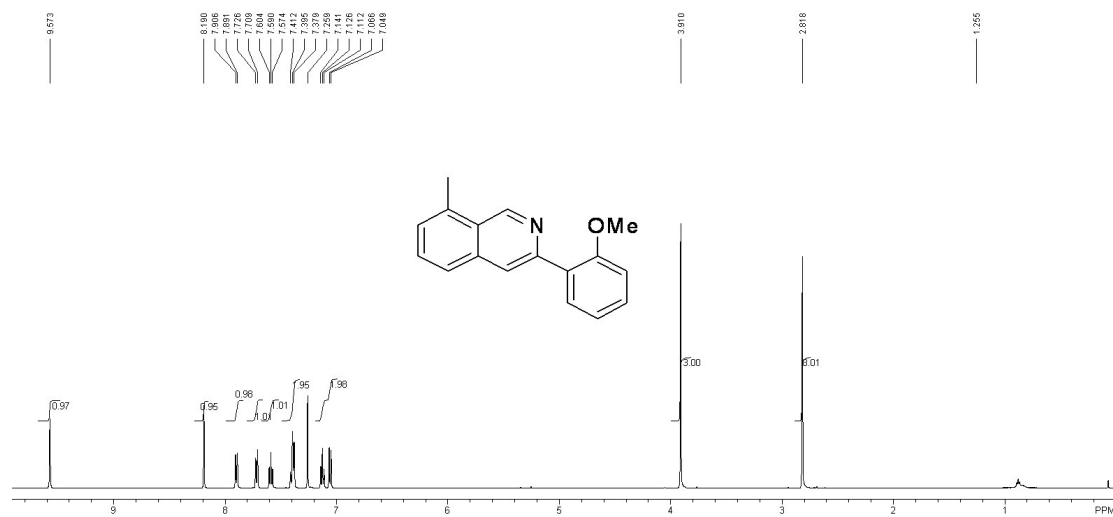
¹³C NMR of product **4b**



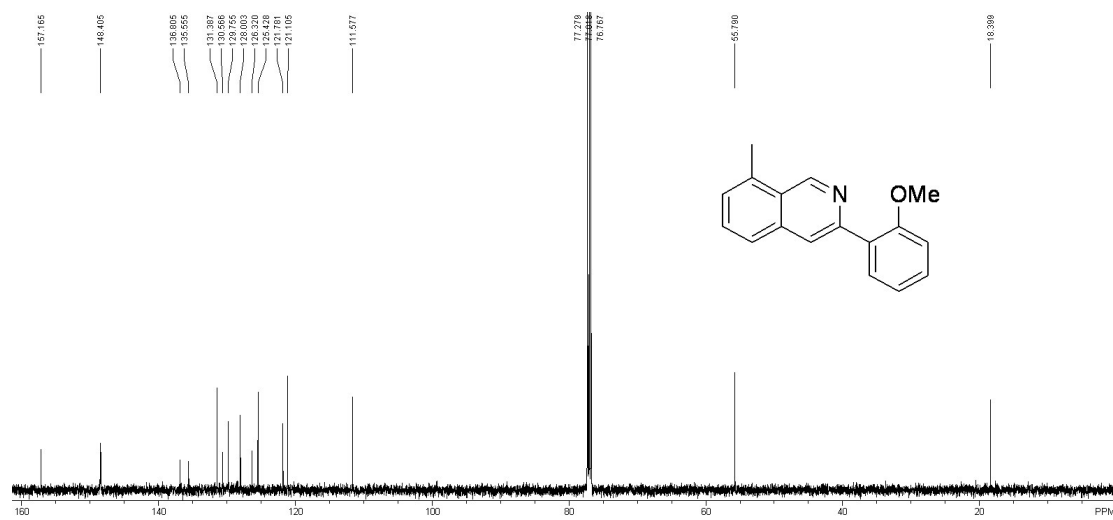
¹H NMR of product 4c



¹³C NMR of product 4c



¹H NMR of product 4d



¹³C NMR of product 4d