

One-pot synthesis of 4-substituted isoquinolinium zwitterionic salts by Metal-free C-H bond activation

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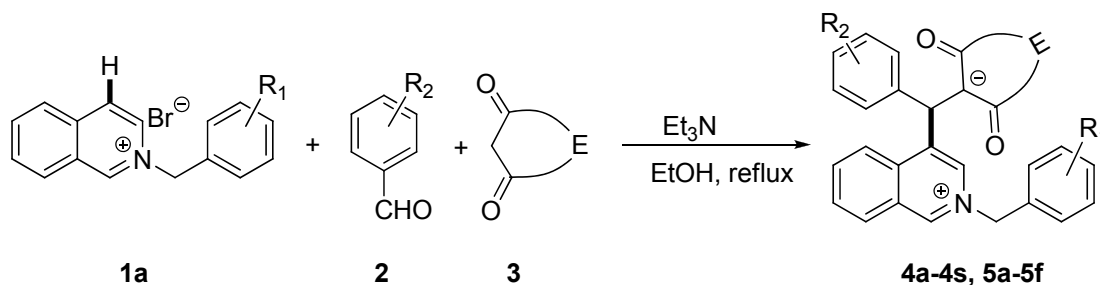
Experiment Procedure

Reagents and solvents were commercial available with analytical grade. Melting points were determined on a hot-plate microscope apparatus and were uncorrected. Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Merck silica gel aluminium plates with GF-254 indicator, visualized by irradiation with UV light. IR spectra were obtained on a Bruker Tensor27 spectrometer (KBr disc). ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were measured with a Bruker AV-600 spectrover in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ with chemical shift (δ) given in ppm relative to TMS as interstandard [(s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet), coupling constant (Hz)]. High-resolution mass (ESI) were obtained with a Bruker MicroTOF spectrometer. X-ray data were collected on a Bruker Smart APEX-2 CCD diffractometer.

General procedure

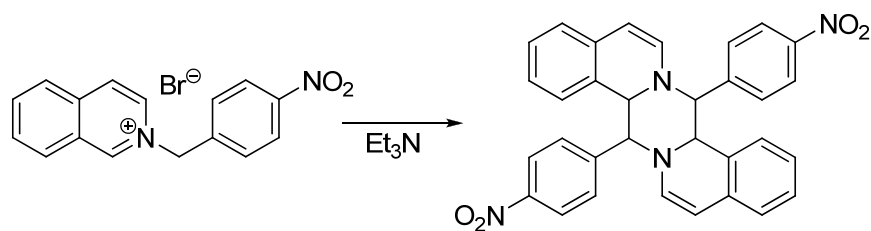
One-pot reaction for the synthesis of 4a-4s, 5a-5f.

Isoquinoline (3.0 mmol, 0.388 g) and benzyl bromide (2.2mmol) were stirred in ethanol (10 mL) at 50 °C for about three hours. Aromatic aldehyde **3** (2.0 mmol) and 1,3-dicarbonyl compound **4** (2.0 mmol) and triethylamine (3.0 mmol, 0.303 g) were then added to the solution, and the mixture was stirred at reflux for overnight (TLC monitoring). The resulting precipitates were collected by filtration, washed with alcohol and chloroform and dried to give the corresponding product **4a-4s**, **5a-5f**.



Reaction of isoquinoline and *p*-nitrobenzyl bromide yields the dimer of the isoquinoline ylide (**F**).

Isoquinoline (3.0 mmol, 0.388 g) and *p*-nitrobenzyl bromide (2.2mmol) were stirred in ethanol (10 mL) at 50 °C for about three hours. Triethylamine (3.0 mmol, 0.303 g) were then added to the solution, and the mixture was stirred at reflux for one hour (TLC monitoring). The resulting precipitates were collected by filtration, washed with alcohol and dried to give the corresponding product **F**.



Crystal Data:

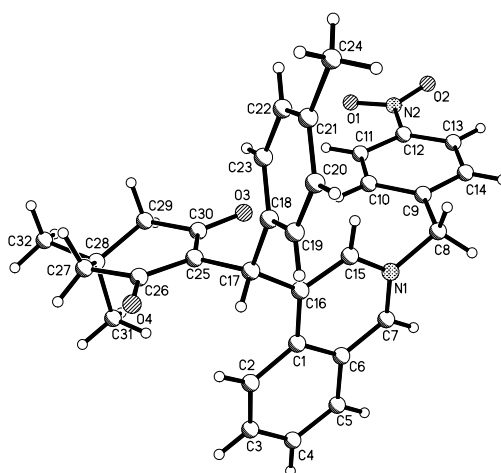


Fig. 1 X-ray structure of **4a**

Crystal data for **4a**: $C_{32}H_{30}N_2O_4$, $M_r = 506.58$, monoclinic, $a = 9.822(3) \text{ \AA}$, $b = 12.203(4) \text{ \AA}$, $c = 12.763(4) \text{ \AA}$, $U = 1476.6(8) \text{ \AA}^3$, $T = 296(2) \text{ K}$, space group P -1, $Z = 2$, 12504 reflections measured, 6409 unique ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0671$) which were used in all calculations. The final $wR (F^2)$ was 0.2677 (all data). CCDC 856821.

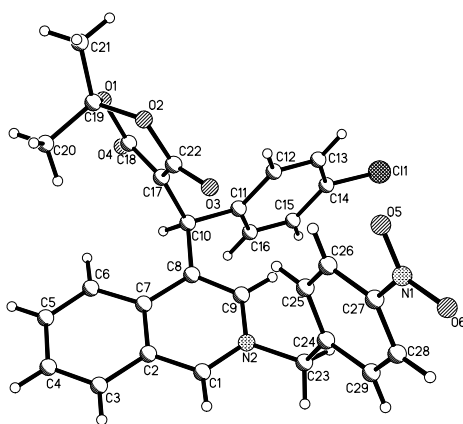


Fig. 2 X-ray structure of **4j**

Crystal data for **4j**: $C_{29}H_{23}ClN_2O_6$, $M_r = 530.94$, monoclinic, $a = 14.6580(19) \text{ \AA}$, $b = 10.0334(13) \text{ \AA}$, $c = 22.667(3) \text{ \AA}$, $U = 3323.5(7) \text{ \AA}^3$, $T = 296(2) \text{ K}$, space group $P 21/c$, $Z = 4$, 28869 reflections measured, 7785 unique ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0468$) which were used in all calculations. The final $wR (F^2)$ was 0.1016 (all data). CCDC 856822.

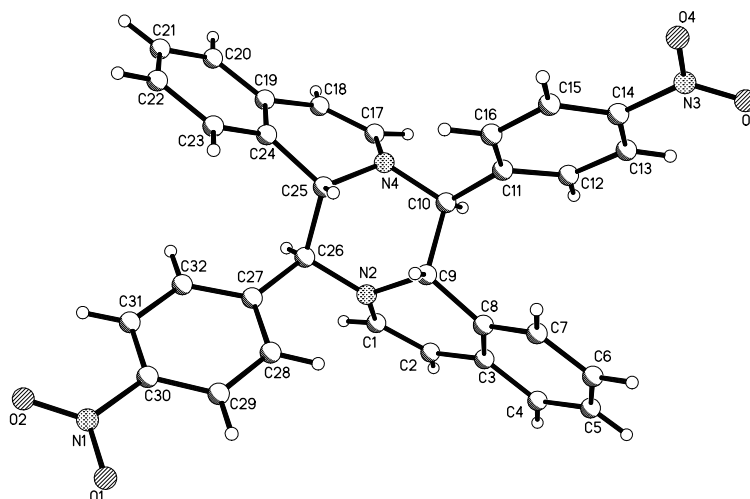


Fig 3 X-ray structure of **F**

Crystal data for **F**: $C_{32}H_{26}N_4O_4$, $M_r = 530.57$, orthorhombic, $a = 24.754(4) \text{ \AA}$, $b = 7.9738(13) \text{ \AA}$, $c = 13.336(2) \text{ \AA}$, $U = 2632.4(7) \text{ \AA}^3$, $T = 296(2) \text{ K}$, space group $P n a 21$, $Z = 4$, 22296 reflections measured, 3162 unique ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.1396$) which were used in all calculations. The final $wR (F^2)$ was 0.1396 (all data) CCDC 856823.

Characterization data of the 4a-4s:

4,4-dimethyl-1-((2-(4-nitrobenzyl)isoquinolinium-4-yl)(p-tolyl)methyl)-2,6-dioxocyclohexan-1-ide (4a): Yellow solid, yield: 70%, m.p. 208-210 °C, IR (KBr) $\nu = 3047, 2959, 2867, 1638, 1606, 1522, 1479, 1431, 1401, 1346, 1051, 995, 795 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm): 9.91 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.41 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.20 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.14 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.99-7.96 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.62 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.08 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.98 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.29 (s, 1H, CH), 6.09 (d, $J = 13.0$ Hz, 1H, CH), 6.05 (d, $J = 13.0$ Hz, 1H, CH), 2.23 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.99 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 2H, CH₂), 1.92 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 2H, CH₂), 0.81 (s, 6H, CH₃); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm): 147.5, 146.3, 144.9, 141.6, 138.9, 136.6, 136.0, 135.5, 134.6, 130.6, 130.4, 129.6, 129.1, 128.4, 126.9, 124.5, 123.9, 110.6, 62.0, 49.4, 44.6, 31.2, 28.5, 20.6; MS (m/z): 505.47 ([M-H]⁻, 100%); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₃₂H₂₉N₂O₄ ([M-H]⁻): 505.2127. Found: 505.2129.

1-((4-methoxyphenyl)(2-(4-nitrobenzyl)isoquinolinium-4-yl)methyl)-4,4-dimethyl-2,6-dioxocyclohexan-1-ide (4b): Yellow solid, yield: 76%, m.p. 196-198 °C, IR (KBr) $\nu = 3418, 2951, 1639, 1607, 1479, 1401, 1347, 1245, 1178, 1145, 1029, 839, 796, 759 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm): 9.79 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.52 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.35 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.21 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.11 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.00 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.94 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.65 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.15 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.74 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.30 (s, 1H, CH), 6.07 (d, $J = 15.0$ Hz, 1H, CH), 6.01 (d, $J = 15.0$ Hz, 1H, CH), 3.70 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 1.93 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 2H, CH₂), 1.84 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 2H, CH₂), 0.81 (s, 6H, CH₃); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm): 157.3, 147.5, 145.5, 141.7, 136.7, 135.8, 135.7, 134.4, 130.4, 130.3, 130.2, 129.6, 126.9, 124.8, 123.9, 123.0, 65.0, 55.9, 54.8, 50.4, 31.1, 28.7, 18.5; MS (m/z): 521.33 ([M-H]⁻, 100%); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₃₂H₂₉N₂O₅ ([M-H]⁻): 521.2076. Found: 521.2080.

1-((4-isopropylphenyl)(2-(4-nitrobenzyl)isoquinolinium-4-yl)methyl)-4,4-dimethyl-2,6-dioxocyclohexan-1-ide (4c): Yellow solid, yield: 71%, m.p. 220-222 °C, IR (KBr) $\nu = 3413, 2956, 1638, 1605, 1480, 1399, 1347, 1264, 1144, 1053, 841, 793, 736 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm): 9.81 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.54 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.38 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.20 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.13 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.00 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.95 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.63 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.09 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.00 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.32 (s, 1H, CH), 6.06 (d, $J = 15.1$ Hz, 1H, CH), 6.02 (d, $J = 15.1$ Hz, 1H, CH), 2.82-2.76 (m, 1H, CH), 1.93 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 2H, CH₂), 1.85 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 2H, CH₂), 1.85-1.14 (m, 6H, CH₃), 0.82 (s, 6H, CH₃); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm): 147.5, 145.7, 145.4, 141.6, 139.8, 136.8, 135.9, 135.7, 130.4, 130.3, 129.7, 129.1, 126.9, 125.4, 124.8, 123.9, 62.1, 50.3, 32.9, 31.1, 28.7, 23.9, 23.8; MS (m/z): 533.40 ([M-H]⁻, 100%); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₃₄H₃₃N₂O₄ ([M-H]⁻): 533.2440. Found: 533.2446.

1-((4-tert-butylphenyl)(2-(4-nitrobenzyl)isoquinolinium-4-yl)methyl)-4,4-dimethyl-2,6-dioxocyclohexan-1-ide (4d): Yellow solid, yield: 55%, m.p. 220 °C, IR (KBr) $\nu = 3442, 2959, 1638, 1606, 1521, 1476, 1431, 1402, 1345, 1266, 1172, 1145, 854, 794,$

760, 735 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ (ppm): 9.82 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.57 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.38 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.21 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.12 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.00 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.96 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.63 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.13 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.08 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.32 (s, 1H, CH), 6.05 (d, $J = 15.0$ Hz, 1H, CH), 6.01 (d, $J = 15.0$ Hz, 1H, CH), 1.94 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 2H, CH_2), 1.85 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 2H, CH_2), 1.23 (s, 9H, CH_3), 0.82 (s, 6H, CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ (ppm): 188.0, 147.6, 147.5, 145.7, 145.5, 141.4, 139.3, 136.7, 135.9, 135.6, 130.5, 130.3, 129.8, 128.8, 126.9, 124.7, 124.3, 123.9, 109.6, 62.1, 56.0, 50.2, 38.8, 33.8, 31.1, 31.0, 28.7, 18.4; MS (m/z): 547.47 ($[\text{M-H}]^-$, 100%); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{35}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ ($[\text{M-H}]^-$): 547.2597. Found: 547.2601.

1-((3-chlorophenyl)(2-(4-nitrobenzyl)isoquinolinium-4-yl)methyl)-4,4-dimethyl-2,6-dioxocyclohexan-1-ide (4e): Yellow solid, yield: 60%, m.p. 218 °C, IR (KBr) $\nu = 3443, 3004, 2945, 1637, 1603, 1567, 1522, 1398, 1345, 1288, 1194, 1145, 1045, 998, 792$ cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ (ppm): 9.84 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.53 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.38 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.22 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.13 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.09 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.96 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.67 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.23-7.14 (m, 4H, ArH), 6.37 (s, 1H, CH), 6.09 (d, $J = 14.9$ Hz, 1H, CH), 6.04 (d, $J = 14.9$ Hz, 1H, CH), 1.94 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 2H, CH_2), 1.87 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 2H, CH_2), 0.81 (s, 6H, CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ (ppm): 147.6, 145.9, 145.6, 144.7, 141.7, 136.7, 135.9, 135.6, 132.4, 130.5, 130.4, 129.7, 129.4, 129.1, 127.9, 126.9, 125.5, 124.8, 123.9, 108.7, 62.0, 50.4, 31.2, 28.7; MS (m/z): 525.40 ($[\text{M-H}]^-$, 100%); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{26}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_4$ ($[\text{M-H}]^-$): 525.1581. Found: 525.1577.

1-((4-fluorophenyl)(2-(4-nitrobenzyl)isoquinolinium-4-yl)methyl)-4,4-dimethyl-2,6-dioxocyclohexan-1-ide (4f): Yellow solid, yield: 59%, m.p. 242-244 °C, IR (KBr) $\nu = 3428, 2946, 1637, 1603, 1476, 1397, 1344, 1265, 855, 798, 764$ cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ (ppm): 9.80 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.52 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.37 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.22 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.13 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.03 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.95 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.66 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.26 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.00 (t, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.35 (s, 1H, CH), 6.12 (d, $J = 15.0$ Hz, 1H, CH), 6.04 (d, $J = 15.0$ Hz, 1H, CH), 1.94 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 2H, CH_2), 1.85 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 2H, CH_2), 0.81 (s, 6H, CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ (ppm): 187.2, 160.6 (d, $J = 241.3$ Hz), 147.6, 145.6, 141.8, 138.9, 136.7, 135.7 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz), 131.2 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 130.3 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 129.6, 127.0, 124.9, 123.9, 114.2 (d, $J = 20.7$ Hz), 109.4, 62.0, 50.6, 31.1, 28.8; MS (m/z): 509.40 ($[\text{M-H}]^-$, 100%); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{26}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_4$ ($[\text{M-H}]^-$): 509.1877. Found: 509.1874.

4,4-dimethyl-1-((2-(4-nitrobenzyl)isoquinolinium-4-yl)(phenyl)methyl)-2,6-dioxocyclohexan-1-ide (4g): Yellow solid, yield: 81%, m.p. 219-221 °C, IR (KBr) $\nu = 3441, 2992, 1638, 1577, 1521, 1435, 1392, 1344, 1258, 1107, 796$ cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ (ppm): 9.91 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.59 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.44 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.24 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.20 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.02 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.95 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.62 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.29 (d, $J = 7.6$

Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.25 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.18 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.14-6.03 (m, 3H, CH, CH₂), 1.36 (s, 6H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ(ppm): 164.7, 147.6, 146.8, 144.3, 142.2, 141.5, 136.7, 136.5, 135.4, 130.9, 130.5, 129.5, 129.0, 127.9, 127.2, 125.9, 124.5, 123.9, 99.4, 75.5, 62.2, 41.3, 25.9; MS (m/z): 495.27 ([M-H]⁺, 100%); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₂₉H₂₃N₂O₆ ([M-H]⁺): 495.1556. Found: 495.1561.

4,4-dimethyl-1-((2-(4-nitrobenzyl)isoquinolinium-4-yl)(p-tolyl)methyl)-2,6-dioxocyclohexan-1-ide (4h): Yellow solid, yield: 73%, m.p. 222-224 °C, IR (KBr) $\nu = 3442, 2990, 1639, 1580, 1525, 1437, 1388, 1343, 1256, 1212, 857, 797$ cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 9.89 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.58 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.43 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.24-8.19 (m, 3H, ArH), 8.00 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.92 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.62 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.16 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.04 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.10-1.01 (m, 3H, CH, CH₂), 2.26 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.36 (s, 6H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ(ppm): 164.7, 147.6, 146.7, 144.5, 141.6, 139.2, 136.7, 136.4, 135.4, 134.8, 130.8, 130.5, 129.6, 128.9, 128.5, 127.1, 124.5, 123.8, 99.4, 75.6, 62.1, 40.9, 25.9, 20.6; MS (m/z): 509.33 ([M-H]⁺, 100%); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₃₀H₂₅N₂O₆ ([M-H]⁺): 509.1713. Found: 509.1730.

1-((4-methoxyphenyl)(2-(4-nitrobenzyl)isoquinolinium-4-yl)methyl)-4,4-dimethyl-2,6-dioxocyclohexan-1-ide (4i): Yellow solid, yield: 85%, m.p. 197-199 °C, IR (KBr) $\nu = 3425, 2994, 1581, 1514, 1391, 1347, 1253, 1204, 927, 794, 750$ cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 9.80 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.50 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.34 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.15-8.10 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.92 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.82 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.53 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.12 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.73 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.00 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H, CH), 5.94 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H, CH), 5.90 (s, 1H, CH), 3.63 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 1.27 (s, 6H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ(ppm): 164.8, 157.6, 147.6, 146.7, 144.8, 141.6, 136.7, 136.4, 135.4, 133.9, 130.8, 130.5, 130.0, 129.6, 127.2, 124.5, 123.8, 113.3, 99.4, 75.9, 62.1, 54.9, 40.6, 25.9; MS (m/z): 525.33 ([M-H]⁺, 100%); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₃₀H₂₅N₂O₇ ([M-H]⁺): 525.1662. Found: 525.1662.

1-((4-chlorophenyl)(2-(4-nitrobenzyl)isoquinolinium-4-yl)methyl)-4,4-dimethyl-2,6-dioxocyclohexan-1-ide (4j): Yellow solid, yield: 77%, m.p. 196-198 °C, IR (KBr) $\nu = 3440, 2991, 1577, 1391, 1346, 1257, 1206, 1095, 1016, 919, 794, 751$ cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 9.92 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.55 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.44 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.24-8.20 (m, 3H, ArH), 8.01 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.99 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.64 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.32 (s, 4H, ArH), 6.12 (d, $J = 15.0$ Hz, 1H, CH), 6.07-6.04 (m, 2H, CH), 1.35 (s, 6H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ(ppm): 164.7, 147.6, 147.1, 143.7, 141.6, 141.3, 136.6, 136.5, 135.4, 130.9, 130.6, 130.5, 129.6, 127.8, 127.2, 124.4, 123.9, 99.4, 75.3, 62.1, 40.8, 25.9; MS (m/z): 529.33 ([M-H]⁺, 100%); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₂₉H₂₂ClN₂O₆ ([M-H]⁺): 529.1166. Found: 529.1167.

1-((3-chlorophenyl)(2-(4-nitrobenzyl)isoquinolinium-4-yl)methyl)-4,4-dimethyl-2,6-dioxocyclohexan-1-ide (4k): Yellow solid, yield: 71%, m.p. 204-206 °C, IR (KBr)

$\nu = 3447, 2990, 1639, 1578, 1521, 1390, 1347, 1258, 1201, 1112, 999, 791 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm): 9.94 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.55 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.45 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.23 (t, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.22 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.02 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.98 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.64 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.30-7.22 (m, 4H, ArH), 6.13-6.03 (m, 3H, CH, CH₂), 1.35 (s, 6H, CH₃); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm): 164.7, 152.2, 147.2, 142.8, 136.5, 135.2, 132.7, 131.1, 130.5, 129.7, 129.6, 128.8, 127.7, 127.5, 127.4, 127.2, 126.0, 124.4, 123.9, 122.9, 99.5, 75.0, 62.1, 41.1, 25.9; MS (m/z): 529.33 ([M-H]⁻, 100%); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₂₉H₂₂ClN₂O₆ ([M-H]⁻): 529.1166. Found: 529.1167.

5-((2-(4-nitrobenzyl)isoquinolinium-4-yl)(phenyl)methyl)-2,4,6-trioxohexahydropyrimidin-5-ide (4l): Yellow solid, yield: 88%, m.p. 297-299 °C, IR (KBr) $\nu = 3429, 1686, 1569, 1523, 1448, 1378, 1347, 1201, 1172, 776 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm): 9.96 (s, 1H, ArH), 9.24 (s, 2H, NH), 8.68 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.41 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.21-8.17 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.99-7.95 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.68 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.29 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.22 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.16 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.25 (s, 1H, CH), 6.09 (d, $J = 15.0$ Hz, 1H, CH), 6.04 (d, $J = 15.0$ Hz, 1H, CH); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm): 163.9, 152.1, 147.6, 146.3, 143.8, 141.9, 141.7, 135.9, 136.4, 135.9, 130.7, 130.4, 129.6, 129.0, 127.8, 127.2, 125.8, 124.5, 123.9, 85.4, 62.2, 40.2, 35.7, 30.7; MS (m/z): 479.33 ([M-H]⁻, 100%); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₂₇H₁₉N₄O₅ ([M-H]⁻): 479.1355. Found: 479.1368.

5-((2-(4-nitrobenzyl)isoquinolinium-4-yl)(p-tolyl)methyl)-2,4,6-trioxohexahydropyrimidin-5-ide (4m): Yellow solid, yield: 96%, m.p. 298-300 °C, IR (KBr) $\nu = 3424, 1684, 1572, 1521, 1449, 1378, 1348, 1220, 1174, 791 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm): 9.84 (s, 1H, ArH), 9.22 (s, 1H, NH), 9.20 (s, 1H, NH), 8.67 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.40 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.20-8.15 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.97 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.68 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.16 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.01 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.19 (s, 1H, CH), 6.10 (d, $J = 15.0$ Hz, 1H, CH), 6.03 (d, $J = 15.0$ Hz, 1H, CH), 2.24 (s, 3H, CH₃); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm): 164.4, 152.6, 148.1, 146.7, 144.4, 142.2, 139.4, 137.5, 136.9, 136.4, 135.2, 131.2, 130.9, 130.2, 129.4, 128.9, 127.7, 124.9, 124.4, 86.0, 62.7, 40.6, 21.0; MS (m/z): 493.27 ([M-H]⁻, 100%); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₂₈H₂₁N₄O₅ ([M-H]⁻): 493.1512. Found: 493.1514.

5-((4-chlorophenyl)(2-(4-nitrobenzyl)isoquinolinium-4-yl)methyl)-2,4,6-trioxohexahydropyrimidin-5-ide (4n): Yellow solid, yield: 96%, m.p. 289-291 °C, IR (KBr) $\nu = 3426, 1686, 1572, 1523, 1488, 1449, 1380, 1349, 1221, 852 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm): 9.87 (s, 1H, ArH), 9.24 (s, 2H, NH), 8.67 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.41 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.22-8.17 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.98 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.70 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.28 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.23 (s, 1H, CH), 6.13 (d, $J = 14.9$ Hz, 1H, CH), 6.03 (d, $J = 14.9$ Hz, 1H, CH); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm): 164.1, 162.3, 152.1, 147.6, 146.5, 143.1, 141.7, 141.0, 136.9, 136.5, 135.9, 130.9, 130.8, 130.5, 130.4, 129.7, 127.7, 127.2, 124.4, 123.9, 85.2, 62.1, 35.7, 30.7; MS (m/z): 513.27 ([M-H]⁻, 100%);

HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $C_{27}H_{18}ClN_4O_5$ ($[M-H]^+$): 513.0966. Found: 513.0967.

5-((4-fluorophenyl)(2-(4-nitrobenzyl)isoquinolinium-4-yl)methyl)-2,4,6-trioxohexahydropyrimidin-5-ide (4o): Yellow solid, yield: 90%, m.p. 263-265 °C, IR (KBr) ν = 3422, 1686, 1572, 1521, 1447, 1377, 1220, 1159, 1047, 797 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm): 9.87 (s, 1H, ArH), 9.24 (s, 2H, NH), 8.66 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.41 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.22-8.16 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.98 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.69 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.33 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.04 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.23 (s, 1H, CH), 6.12 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1H, CH), 6.03 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1H, CH); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm): 164.0, 160.6 (d, J = 239.8 Hz), 152.1, 147.6, 146.4, 143.6, 141.7, 138.0 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 136.9, 136.4, 135.8, 130.9 (d, J = 7.9 Hz), 130.7, 130.4, 129.6, 127.2, 124.4, 123.9, 114.4 (d, J = 21.0 Hz), 104.3, 85.6, 62.1; MS (m/z): 497.33 ($[M-H]^+$, 100%); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $C_{27}H_{18}FN_4O_5$ ($[M-H]^+$): 497.1261. Found: 497.1259.

5-((2-(4-nitrobenzyl)isoquinolinium-4-yl)(3-nitrophenyl)methyl)-2,4,6-trioxohexahydropyrimidin-5-ide (4p): Yellow solid, yield: 92%, m.p. 270-272 °C, IR (KBr) ν = 3419, 1681, 1573, 1525, 1449, 1379, 1349, 1251, 1171, 780 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm): 9.91 (s, 1H, ArH), 9.31 (s, 2H, NH), 8.70 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.43 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.24-8.18 (m, 4H, ArH), 8.08 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.00 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.95 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.73 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.70 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.55 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.37 (s, 1H, CH), 6.11 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H, CH), 6.03 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1H, CH); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm): 164.0, 162.3, 152.1, 147.7, 147.6, 146.9, 144.5, 142.6, 141.7, 136.5, 136.0, 135.7, 130.8, 130.5, 129.6, 129.2, 127.3, 124.5, 123.8, 121.1, 84.6, 62.1, 35.7, 30.7; MS (m/z): 524.33 ($[M-H]^+$, 100%); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $C_{27}H_{18}N_5O_7$ ($[M-H]^+$): 524.1206. Found: 524.1205.

1,3-dimethyl-5-((2-(4-nitrobenzyl)isoquinolinium-4-yl)(phenyl)methyl)-2,4,6-trioxohexahydropyrimidin-5-ide (4q): Yellow solid, yield: 89%, m.p. 267-269 °C, IR (KBr) ν = 3056, 2997, 1674, 1638, 1600, 1567, 1519, 1428, 1325, 1263, 1110, 997, 798 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm): 9.89 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.63 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.43 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.22-8.20 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.98 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.67 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.24-7.09 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.15 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.36 (s, 1H, CH), 6.09 (q, J = 14.9 Hz, 2H, CH), 3.02 (s, 6H, CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm): 161.8, 152.8, 147.6, 146.5, 143.4, 141.9, 141.6, 136.9, 136.6, 136.0, 130.8, 130.4, 129.7, 128.9, 127.8, 127.2, 125.8, 124.3, 123.8, 85.6, 62.2, 40.9, 26.9; MS (m/z): 507.39 ($[M-H]^+$, 100%); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $C_{29}H_{23}N_4O_5$ ($[M-H]^+$): 507.1668. Found: 507.1675.

1,3-dimethyl-5-((2-(4-nitrobenzyl)isoquinolinium-4-yl)(p-tolyl)methyl)-2,4,6-trioxohexahydropyrimidin-5-ide (4r): Yellow solid, yield: 92%, m.p. 284 °C, IR (KBr) ν = 3007, 1670, 1638, 1575, 1518, 1429, 1305, 1265, 1111, 787 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm): 9.88 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.61 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.42 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.22-8.17 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.98 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.67 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.10 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.00 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.31

(s, 1H, CH), 6.12 (d, $J = 15.0$ Hz, 1H, CH), 6.05 (d, $J = 14.9$ Hz, 1H, CH), 3.01 (s, 6H, CH₃), 2.24 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ(ppm): 161.8, 152.8, 147.6, 146.4, 143.6, 141.6, 138.8, 136.9, 136.5, 136.0, 134.6, 130.8, 130.4, 129.8, 128.8, 128.4, 127.1, 124.2, 123.8, 85.8, 62.1, 55.9, 40.6, 26.9, 20.5, 18.5; MS (m/z): 521.39 ([M-H]⁻, 100%); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₃₀H₂₅N₄O₅ ([M-H]⁻): 521.1825. Found: 521.1833.

5-((4-chlorophenyl)(2-(4-nitrobenzyl)isoquinolinium-4-yl)methyl)-1,3-dimethyl-2,4,6-trioxohexahydropyrimidin-5-ide (4s): Yellow solid, yield: 83%, m.p. 272-274 °C, IR (KBr) $\nu = 2984, 1672, 1638, 1574, 152, 1430, 1346, 1304, 1181, 1090, 855, 779$ cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 9.90 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.60 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.43 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.23-8.19 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.99 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.68 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.26 (t, $J = 9.7$ Hz, 4H, ArH), 6.34 (s, 1H, CH), 6.14 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 1H, CH), 6.07 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 1H, CH), 3.02 (s, 6H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ(ppm): 161.8, 152.8, 147.6, 146.7, 142.9, 141.7, 141.0, 136.9, 136.6, 136.0, 130.8, 130.5, 130.4, 129.7, 127.7, 127.2, 124.3, 123.8, 85.4, 62.1, 40.5, 26.9; MS (m/z): 541.34 ([M-H]⁻, 100%); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₂₉H₂₂ClN₄O₅ ([M-H]⁻): 541.1279. Found: 541.1283.

Characterization data of the 5a-5f:

5-((2-benzylisoquinolinium-4-yl)(p-tolyl)methyl)-2,2-dimethyl-4,6-dioxo-1,3-dioxan-5-ide (5a): yellow solid, yield: 78%, m.p. 294 °C, IR (KBr) $\nu = 3448, 2991, 1639, 1588, 1509, 1446, 1389, 1257, 1201, 1101, 792, 749 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm): 9.88 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.55 (d, $J = 8.7 \text{ Hz}$, 1H, ArH), 8.43 (d, $J = 8.3 \text{ Hz}$, 1H, ArH), 8.19 (t, $J = 7.8 \text{ Hz}$, 1H, ArH), 8.00-7.97 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.38-7.35 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.16 (d, $J = 7.9 \text{ Hz}$, 2H, ArH), 7.05 (d, $J = 7.9 \text{ Hz}$, 2H, ArH), 6.00 (s, 1H, CH), 5.88 (d, $J = 14.4 \text{ Hz}$, 1H, CH), 5.84 (d, $J = 14.4 \text{ Hz}$, 1H, CH), 2.29 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.36 (s, 6H, CH₃); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm): 164.7, 146.2, 144.3, 139.3, 136.6, 136.2, 135.4, 134.8, 134.4, 130.7, 130.4, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 128.3, 127.1, 99.3, 79.1, 75.7, 63.3, 40.9, 25.9, 20.6; MS (m/z): 464.40 ([M-H]⁻, 100%); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₃₀H₂₆NO₄ ([M-H]⁻): 464.1862. Found: 464.1872.

5-((2-benzylisoquinolinium-4-yl)(p-tolyl)methyl)-2,4,6-trioxohexahydropyrimidin-5-ide (5b): Yellow solid, yield: 89%, m.p. 296-298 °C, IR (KBr) $\nu = 3451, 2821, 1567, 1460, 1382, 1298, 1123, 881, 831, 792 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm): 9.84 (s, 1H, ArH), 9.01 (s, 2H, NH), 8.62 (d, $J = 8.7 \text{ Hz}$, 1H, ArH), 8.41 (d, $J = 8.3 \text{ Hz}$, 1H, ArH), 8.19 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.16 (t, $J = 7.7 \text{ Hz}$, 1H, ArH), 7.97 (t, $J = 7.7 \text{ Hz}$, 1H, ArH), 7.39-7.37 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.16 (d, $J = 7.9 \text{ Hz}$, 2H, ArH), 7.03 (d, $J = 7.9 \text{ Hz}$, 2H, ArH), 6.16 (s, 1H, CH), 5.89 (d, $J = 14.4 \text{ Hz}$, 1H, CH), 5.83 (d, $J = 14.3 \text{ Hz}$, 1H, CH), 2.28 (s, 3H, CH₃); The ^{13}C NMR spectroscopy of product can't be obtained due to it's bad solubility. MS (m/z): 448.17 ([M-H]⁻, 100%); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₂₈H₂₂N₃O₃ ([M-H]⁻): 448.1661. Found: 448.1671.

5-((2-benzylisoquinolinium-4-yl)(p-tolyl)methyl)-1,3-dimethyl-2,4,6-trioxohexahydropyrimidin-5-ide (5c): Yellow solid, yield: 70%, m.p. 306-308 °C, IR (KBr) $\nu = 3425, 3237, 1670, 1578, 1508, 1426, 1264, 1171, 1040, 797, 783, 760 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; ^1H NMR (600MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm): 9.87 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.58 (d, $J = 8.7 \text{ Hz}$, 1H, ArH), 8.41 (d, $J = 8.3 \text{ Hz}$, 1H, ArH), 8.27 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.17 (t, $J = 7.7 \text{ Hz}$, 1H, ArH), 7.96 (t, $J = 7.6 \text{ Hz}$, 1H, ArH), 7.42-7.40 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.37-7.36 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.10 (d, $J = 7.9 \text{ Hz}$, 2H, ArH), 7.02 (d, $J = 7.9 \text{ Hz}$, 2H, ArH), 6.29 (s, 1H, CH), 5.91 (d, $J = 14.3 \text{ Hz}$, 1H, CH), 5.85 (d, $J = 14.3 \text{ Hz}$, 1H, CH), 3.02 (s, 6H, CH₃), 2.27 (s, 3H, CH₃); The ^{13}C NMR spectroscopy of product can't be obtained due to it's bad solubility; MS (m/z): 476.13 ([M-H]⁻, 100%); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₃₀H₂₆N₃O₃ ([M-H]⁻): 476.1974. Found: 476.1985.

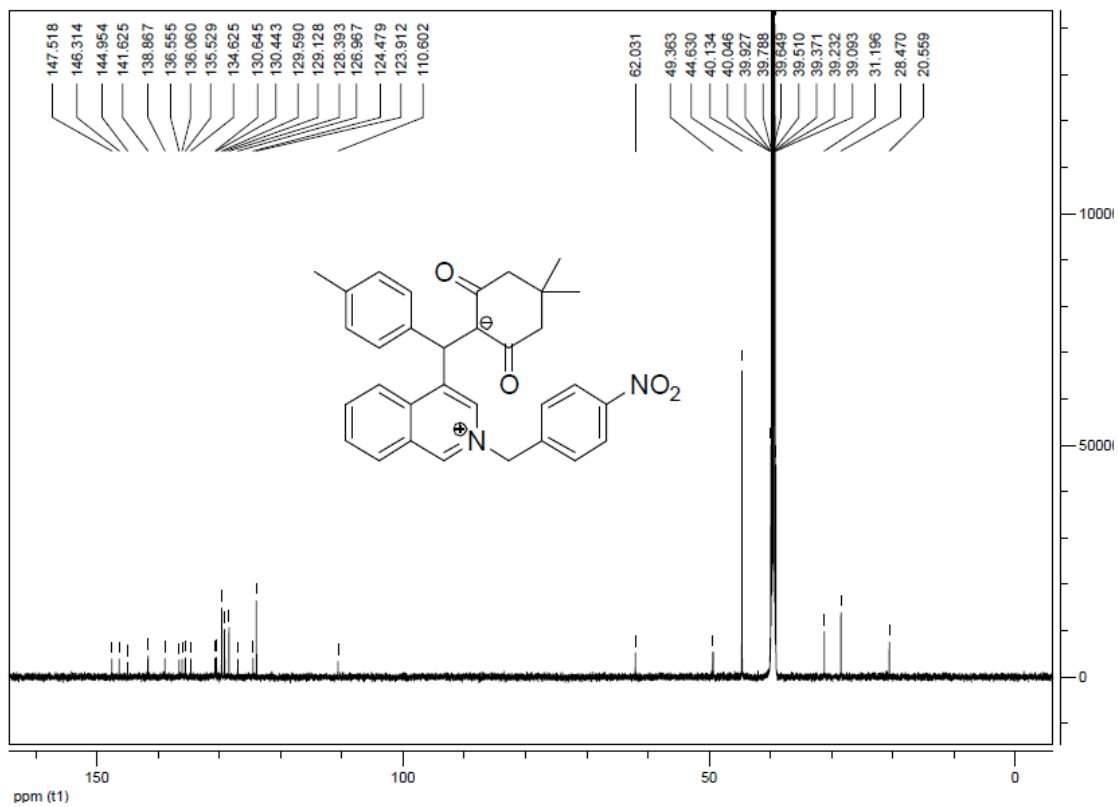
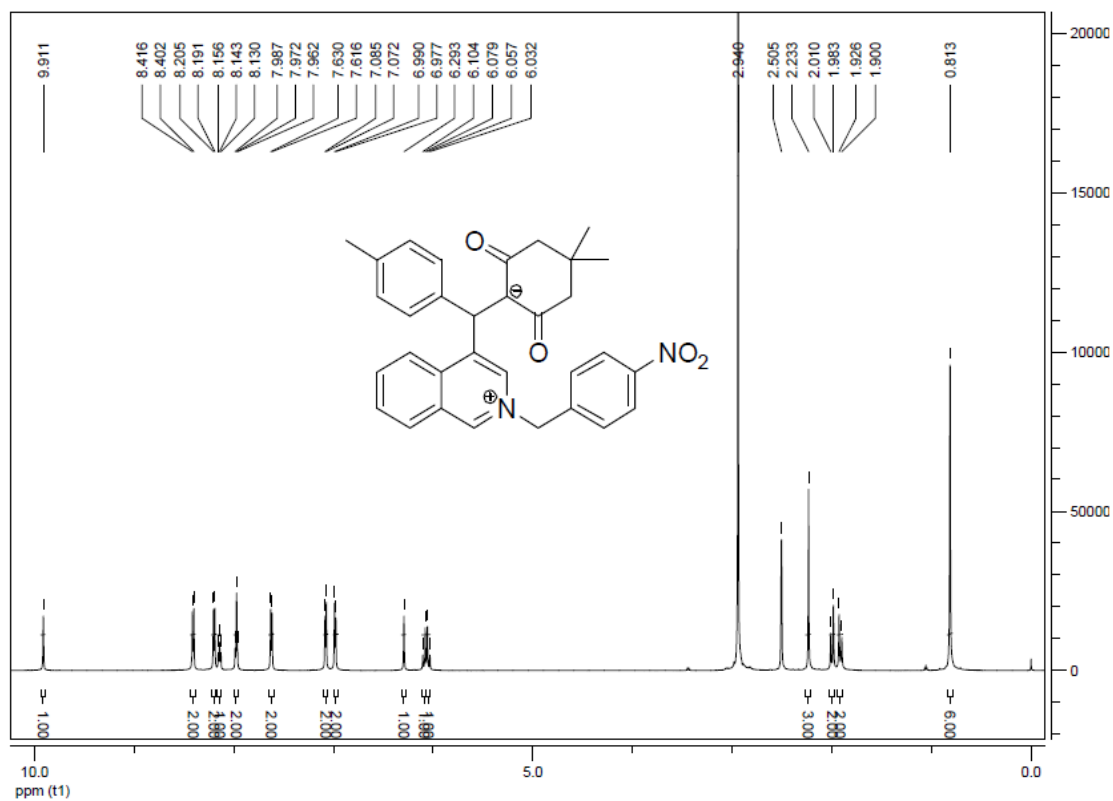
4,4-dimethyl-1-((2-(4-methylbenzyl)isoquinolinium-4-yl)(p-tolyl)methyl)-2,6-dioxocyclohexan-1-ide (5d): Yellow solid, yield: 64%, m.p. 246-248 °C, IR (KBr) $\nu = 3461, 2951, 1638, 1608, 1567, 1477, 1398, 1268, 1172, 1147, 816, 790 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 9.29 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.63 (d, $J = 8.0 \text{ Hz}$, 1H, ArH), 8.07 (d, $J = 7.7 \text{ Hz}$, 1H, ArH), 8.00 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.95 (d, $J = 7.7 \text{ Hz}$, 1H, ArH), 7.70 (t, $J = 7.6 \text{ Hz}$, 1H, ArH), 7.13-7.08 (m, 6H, ArH), 6.98 (d, $J = 7.6 \text{ Hz}$, 2H, ArH), 6.44 (s, 1H, CH), 5.56 (d, $J = 14.0 \text{ Hz}$, 1H, CH), 5.37 (d, $J = 14.0 \text{ Hz}$, 1H, CH), 2.31 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.30 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.21 (d, $J = 16.2 \text{ Hz}$, 2H, CH₂), 2.13 (d, $J = 16.1 \text{ Hz}$, 2H, CH₂), 0.94 (s, 6H, CH₃); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm): 140.1, 137.6,

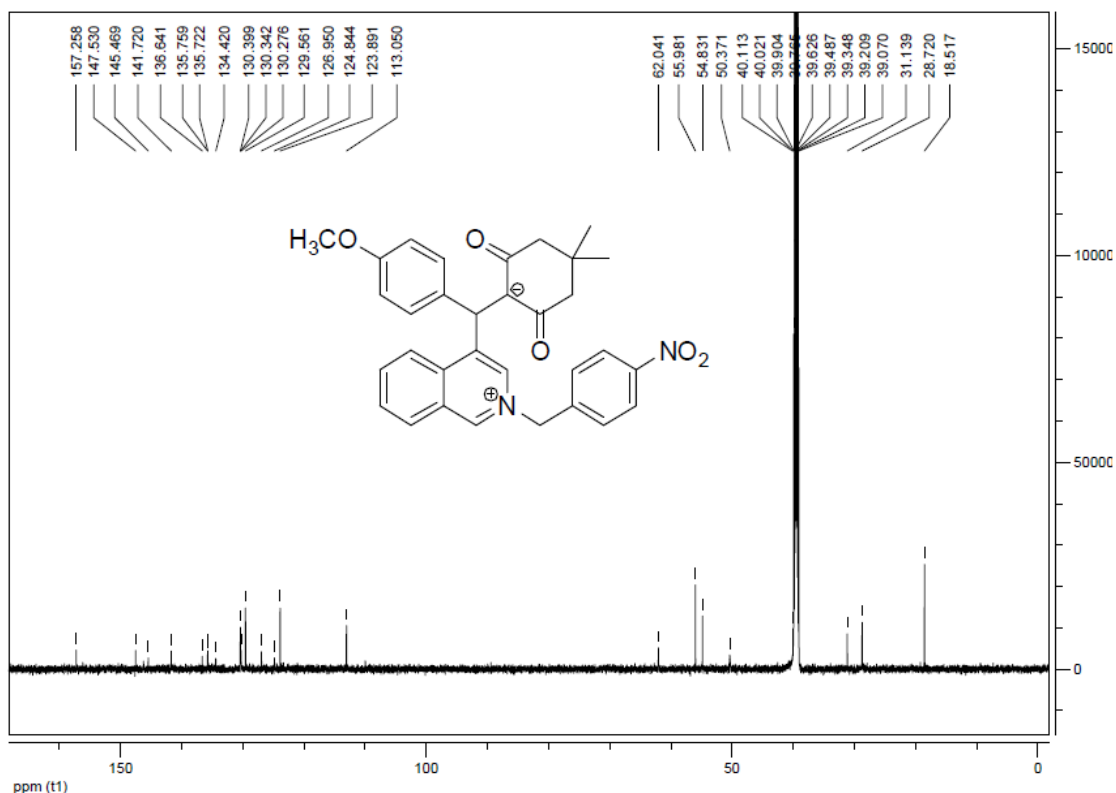
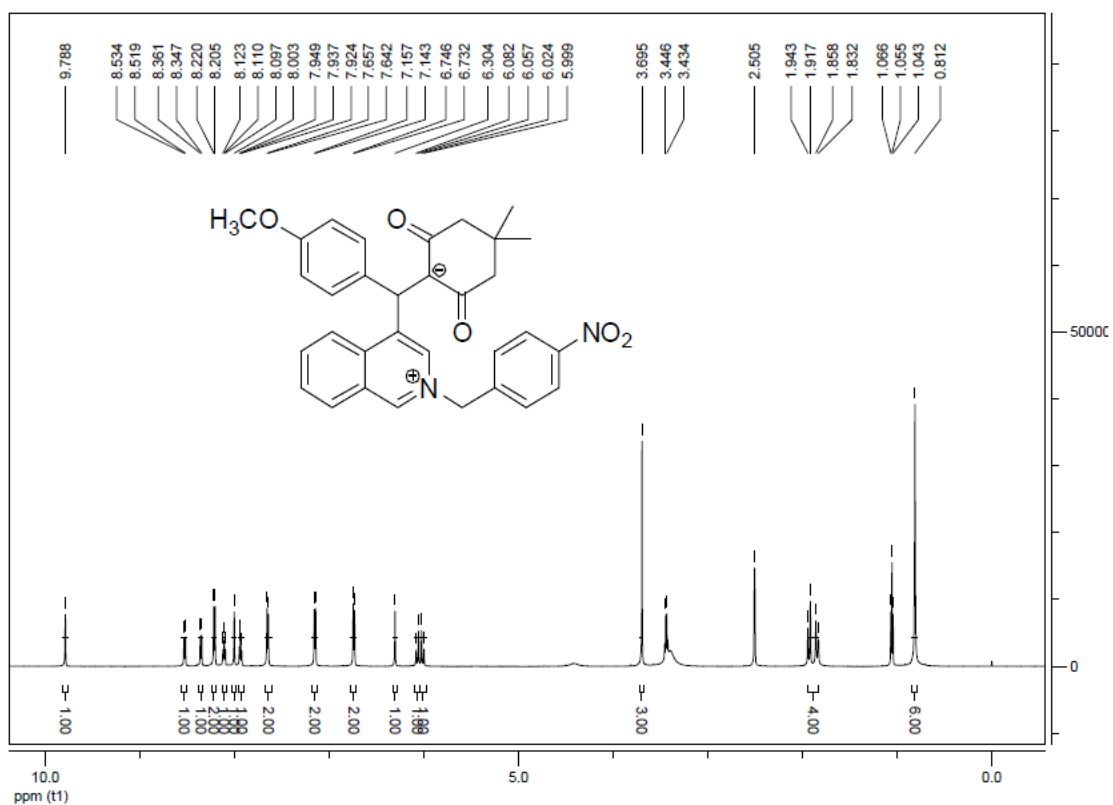
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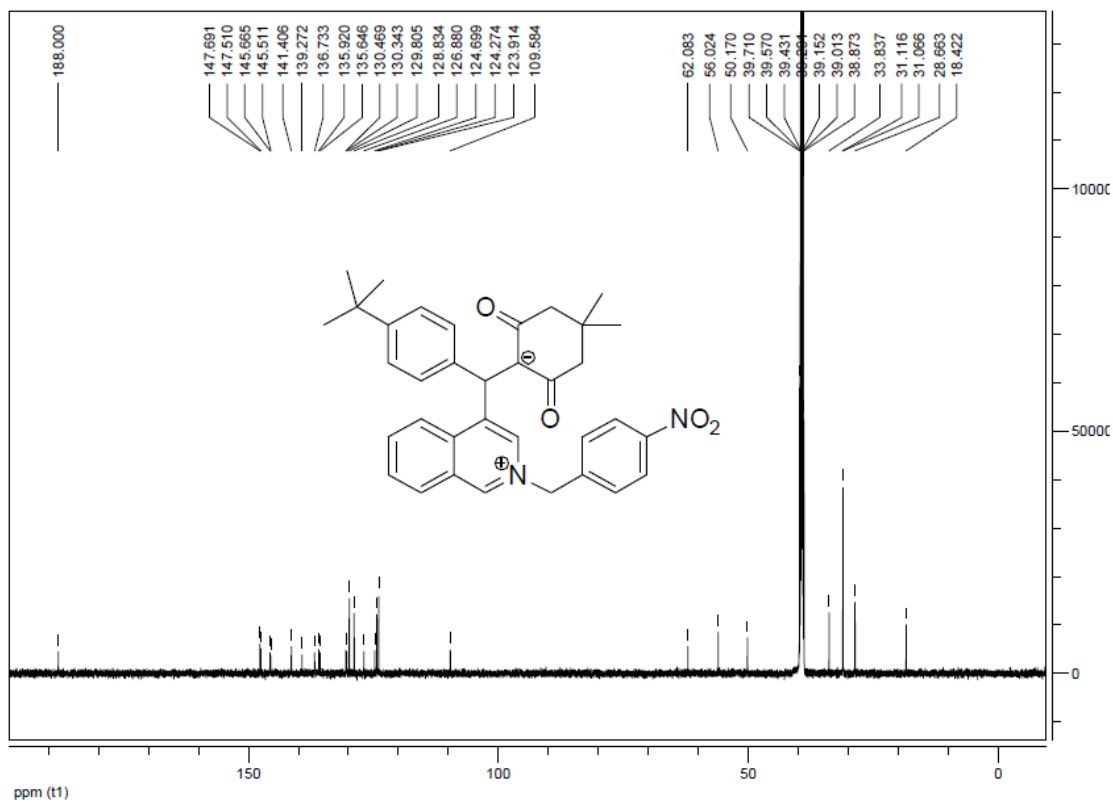
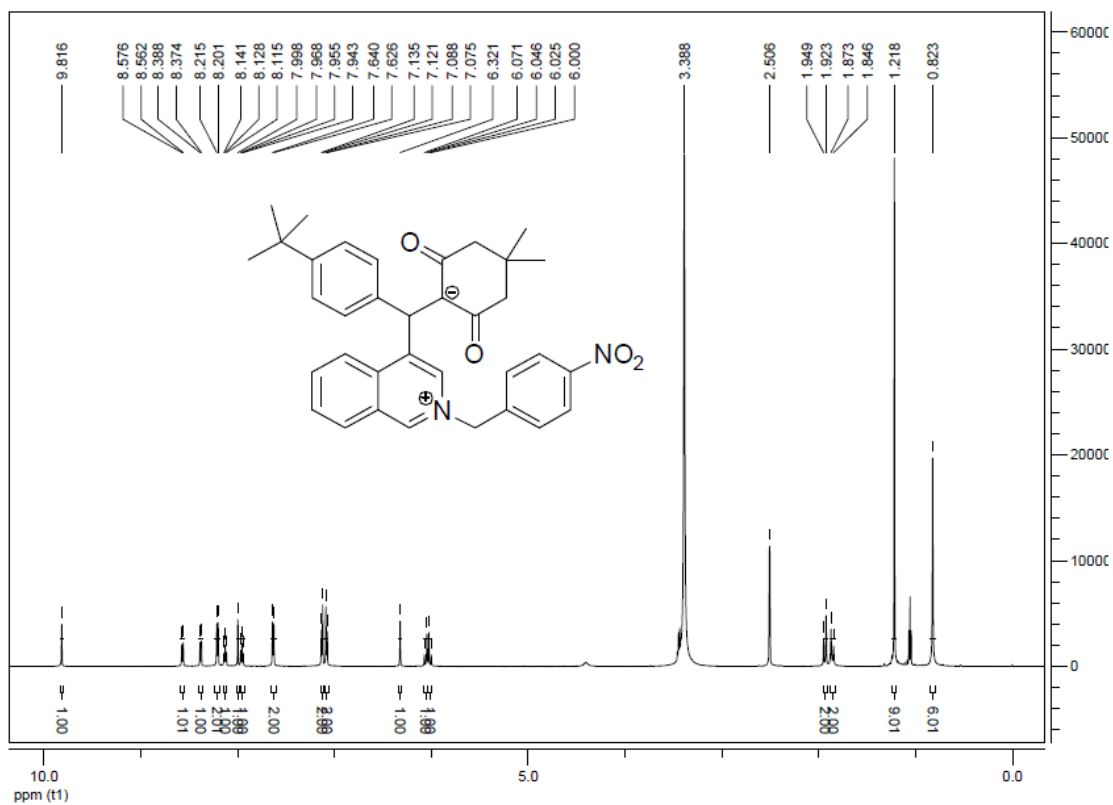
4,4-dimethyl-1-((2-(4-methylbenzyl)isoquinolinium-4-yl)(p-tolyl)methyl)-2,6-dioxocyclohexan-1-ide (5e): Yellow solid, yield: 88%, m.p. 220-222 °C, IR (KBr) ν = 3451, 2987, 1584, 1511, 1440, 1386, 1257, 1206, 1168, 1097, 817, 790 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 9.88 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.50 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.44 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.19 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.99-7.97 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.31-7.26 (m, 6H, ArH), 7.17 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.02 (s, 1H, CH), 5.85 (d, *J* = 14.2 Hz, 1H, CH), 5.80 (d, *J* = 14.1 Hz, 1H, CH), 2.29 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.35 (s, 6H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 164.7, 146.0, 144.2, 139.3, 138.4, 136.5, 136.1, 135.3, 134.7, 131.4, 130.7, 130.5, 129.4, 128.9, 128.5, 127.1, 124.4, 99.3, 75.6, 63.2, 41.0, 25.9, 20.7, 20.6; MS (*m/z*): 478.39 ([M-H]⁻, 100%); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₃₁H₂₈NO₄ ([M-H]⁻): 478.2018. Found: 478.2021.

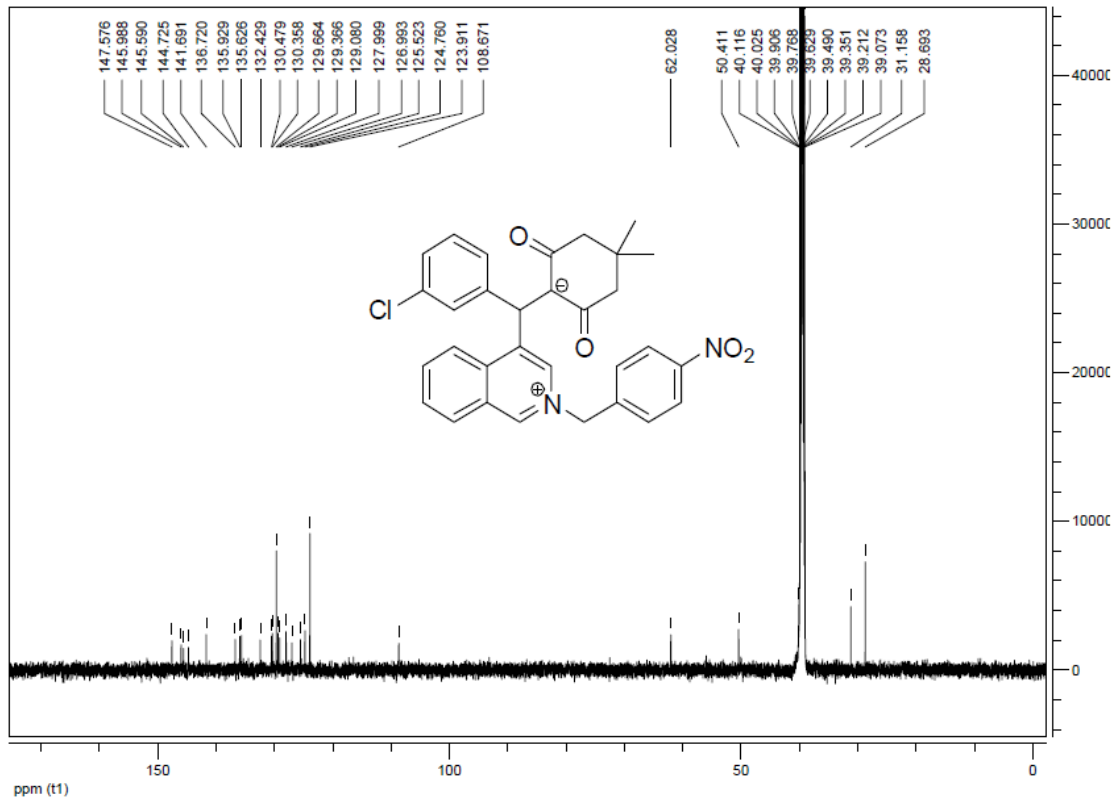
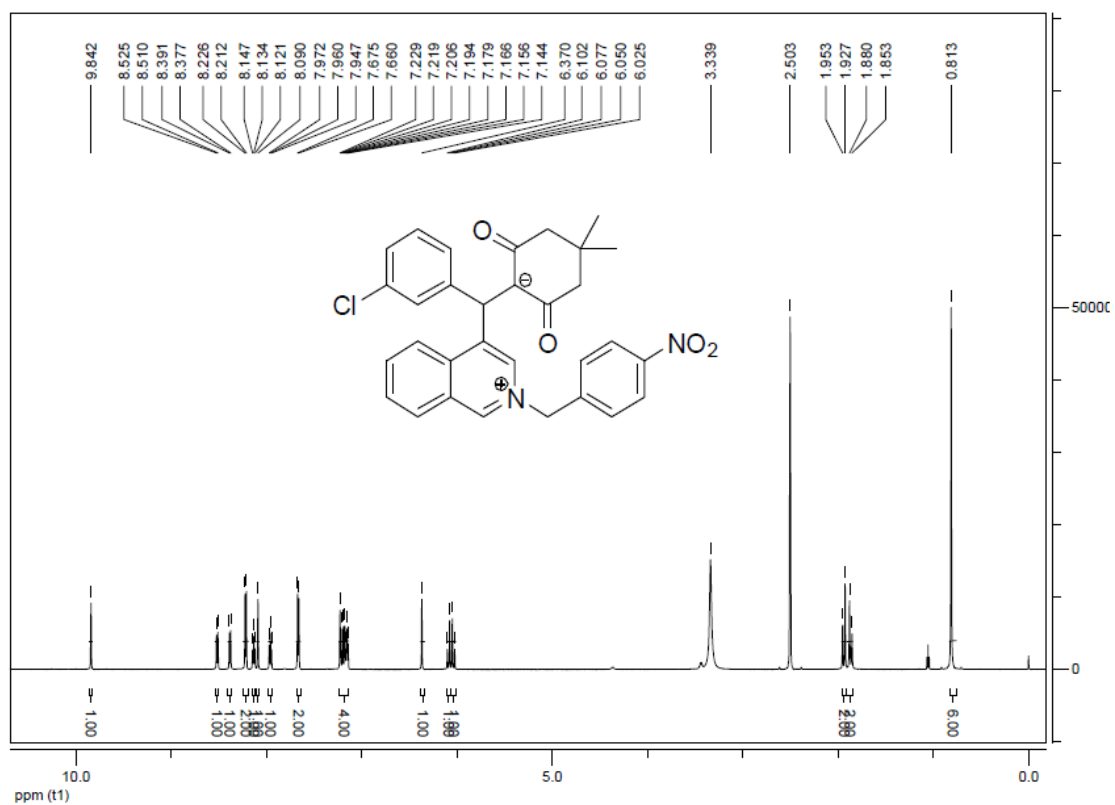
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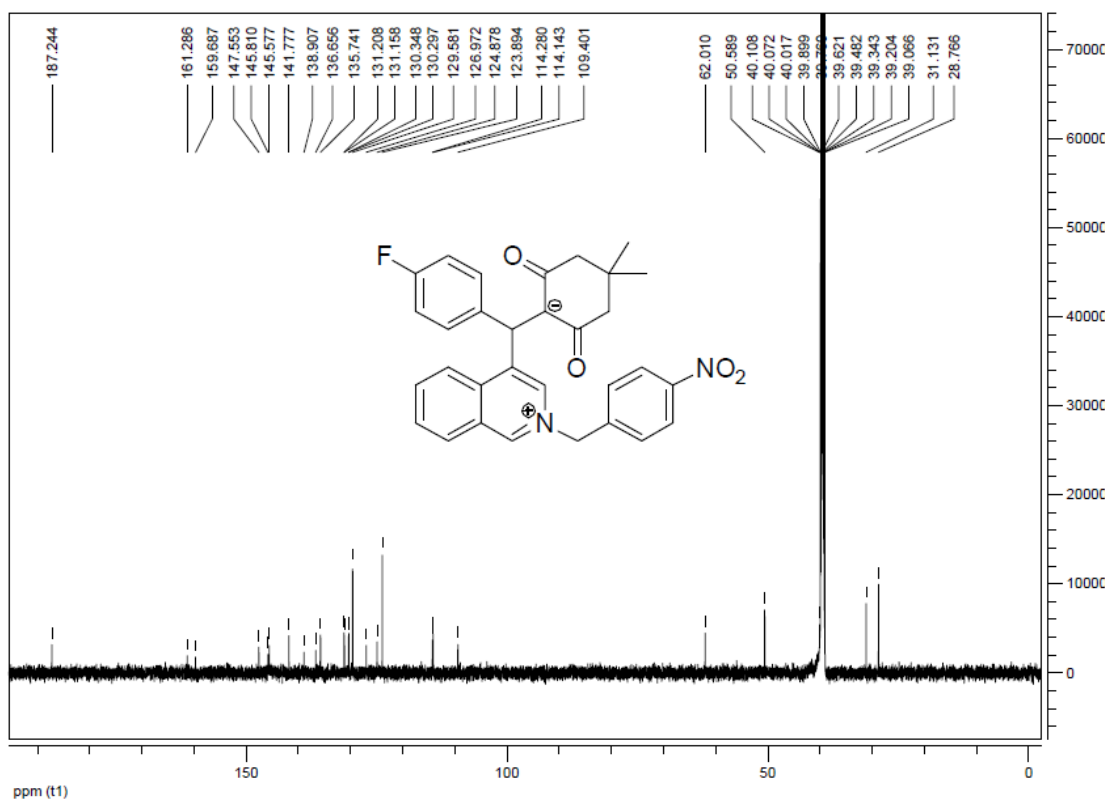
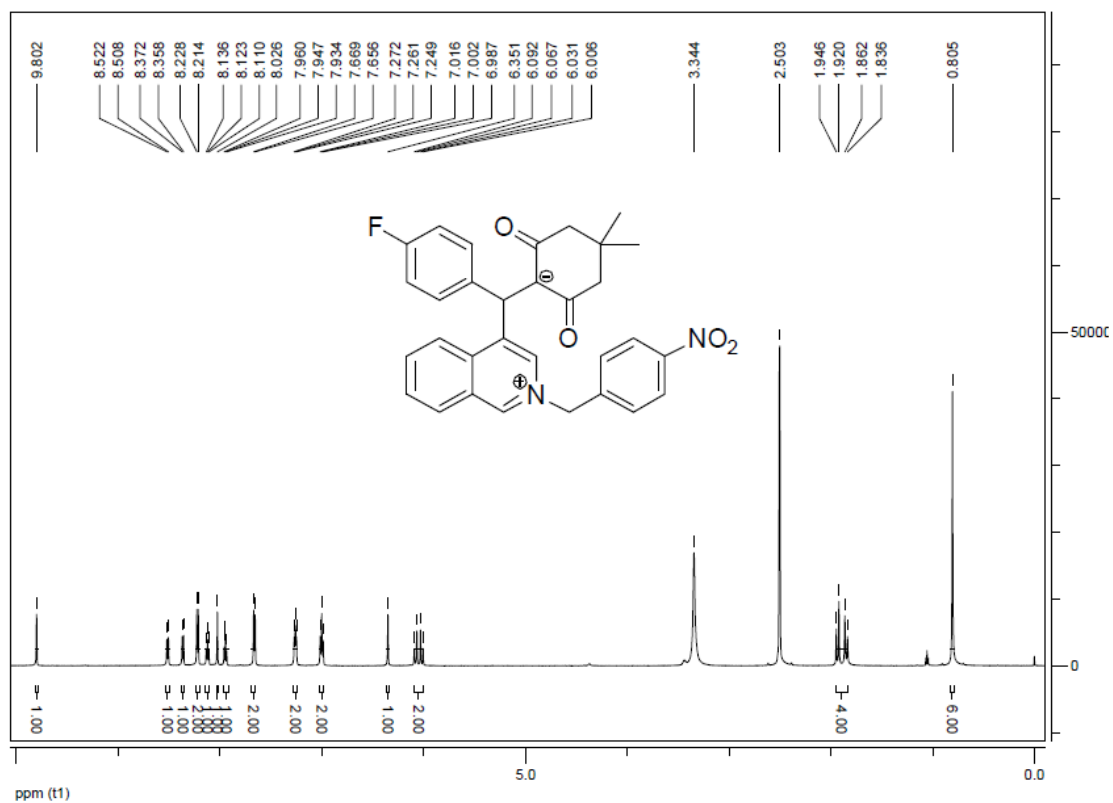
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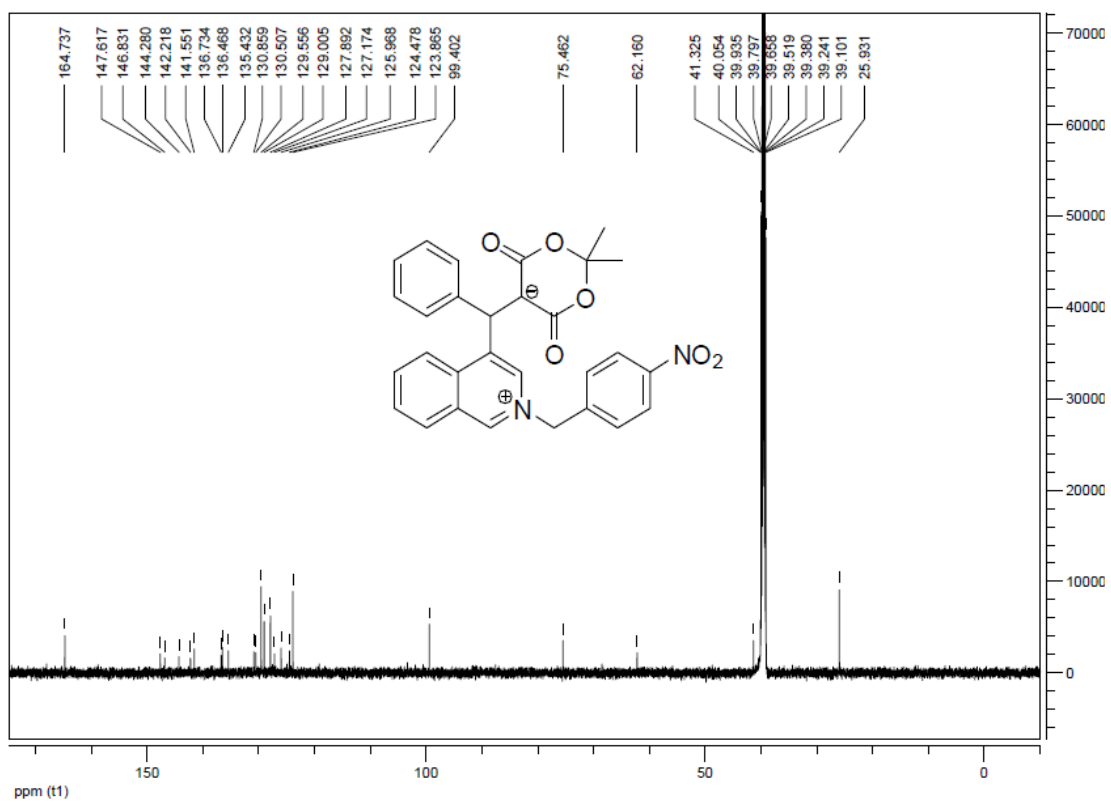
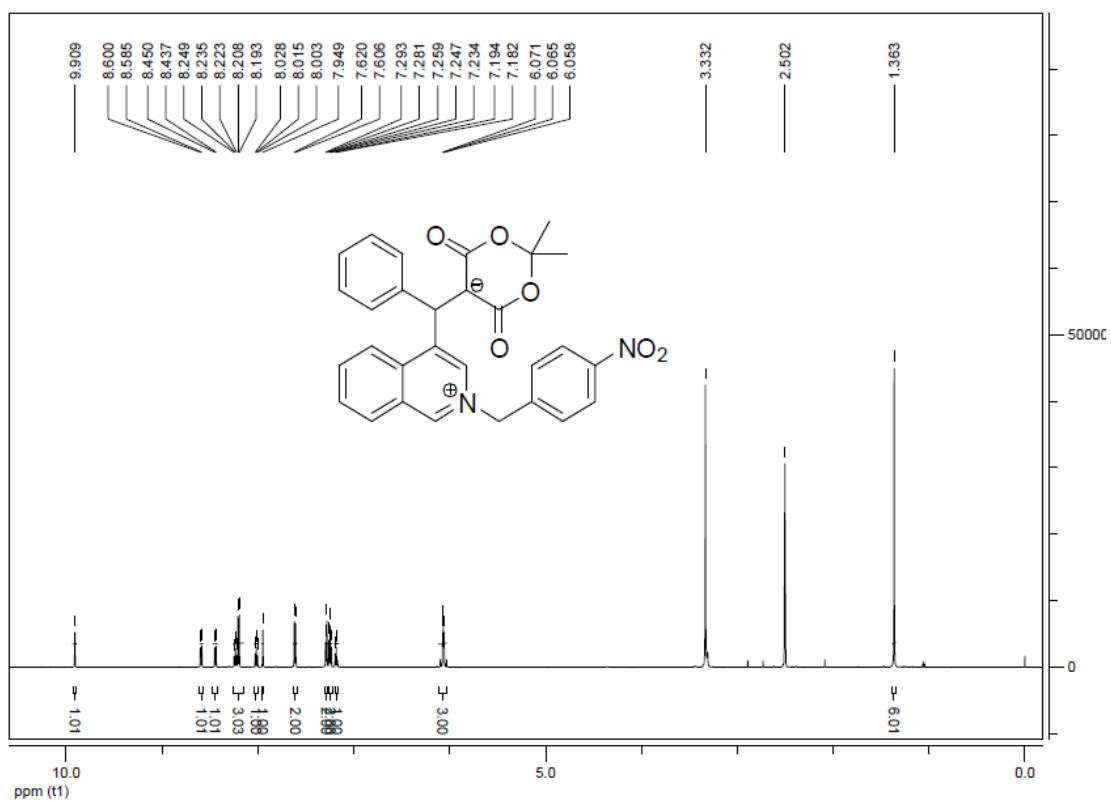


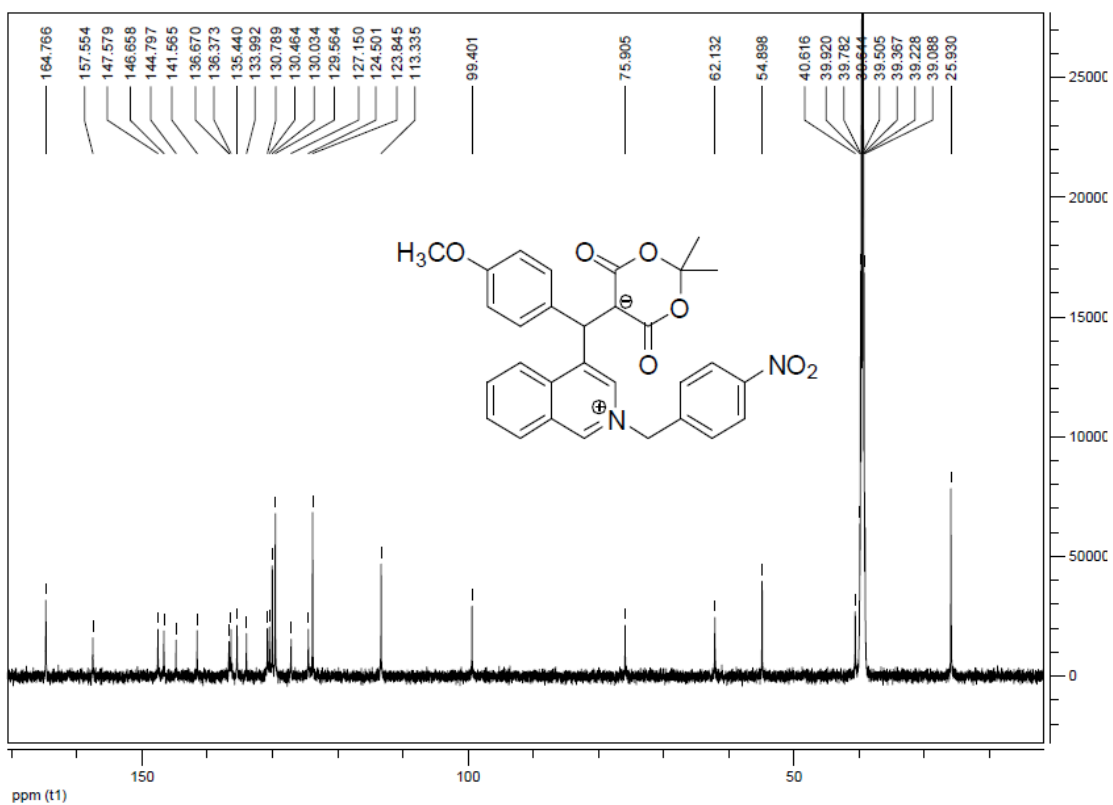
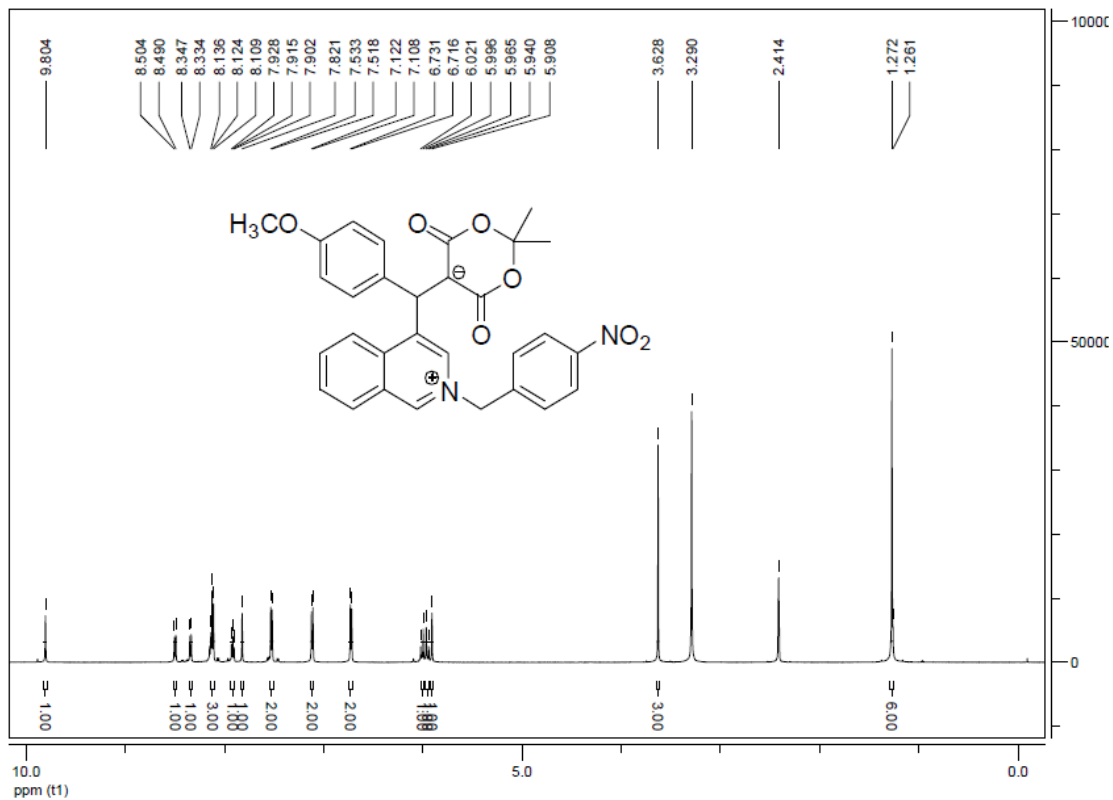


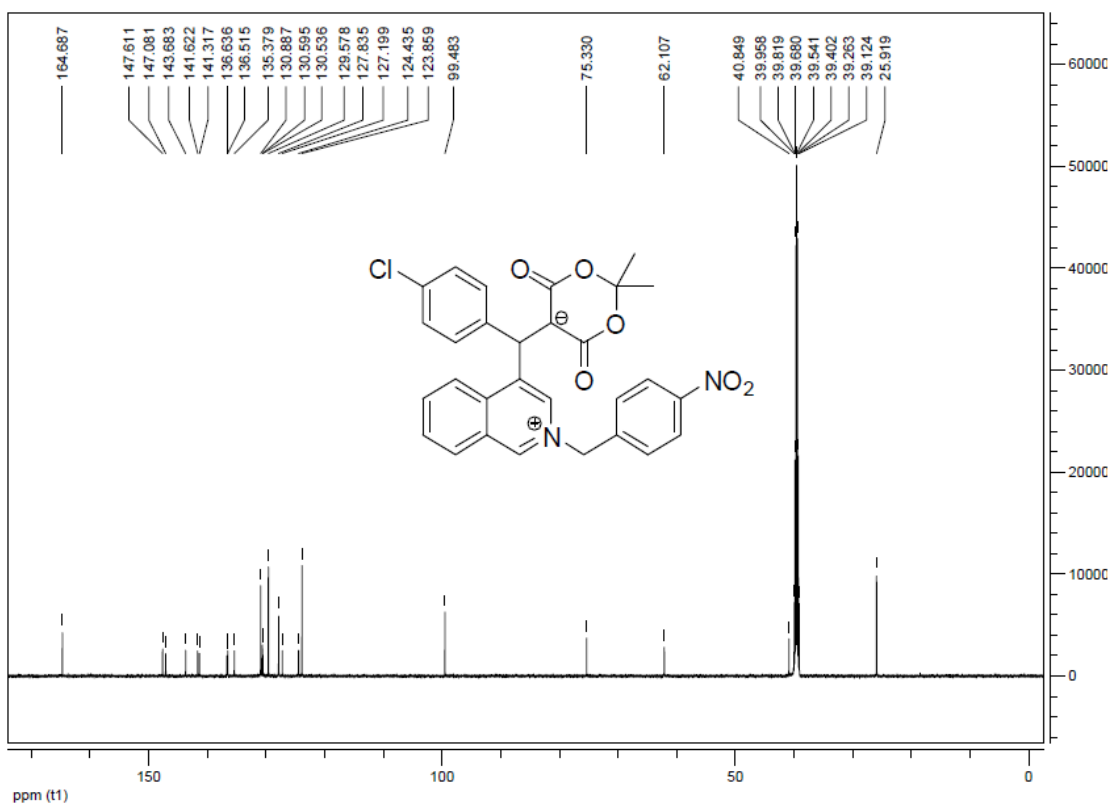
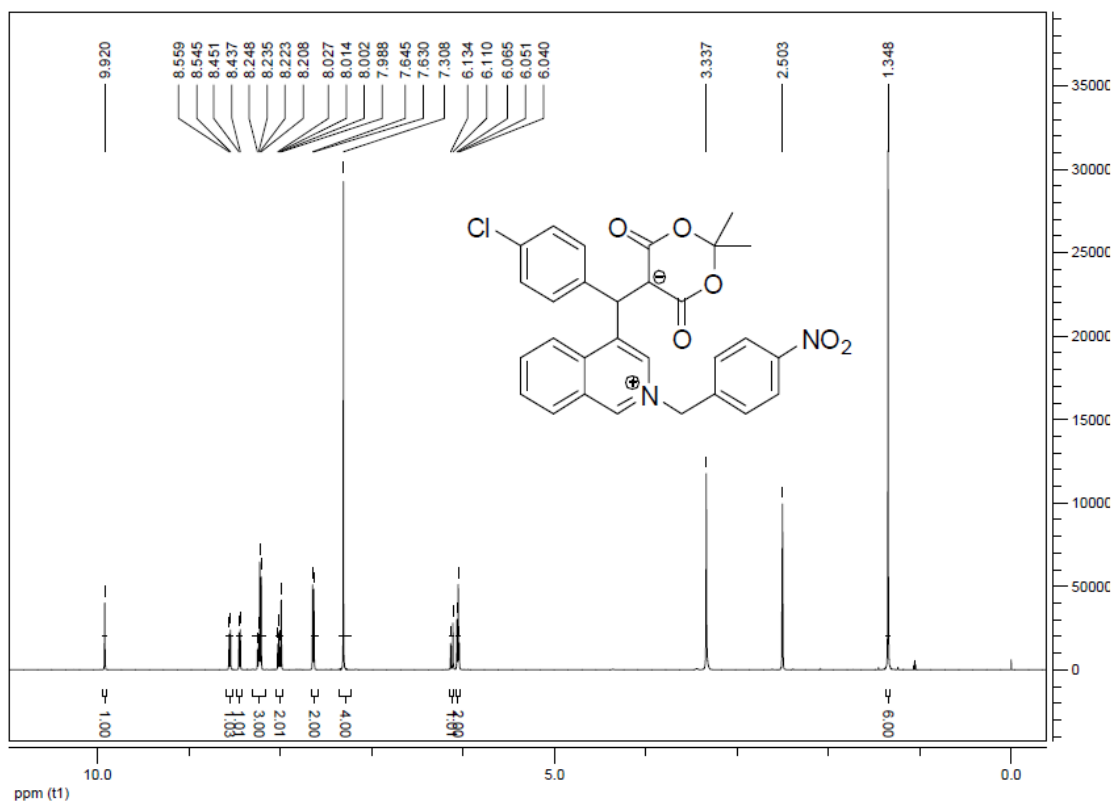


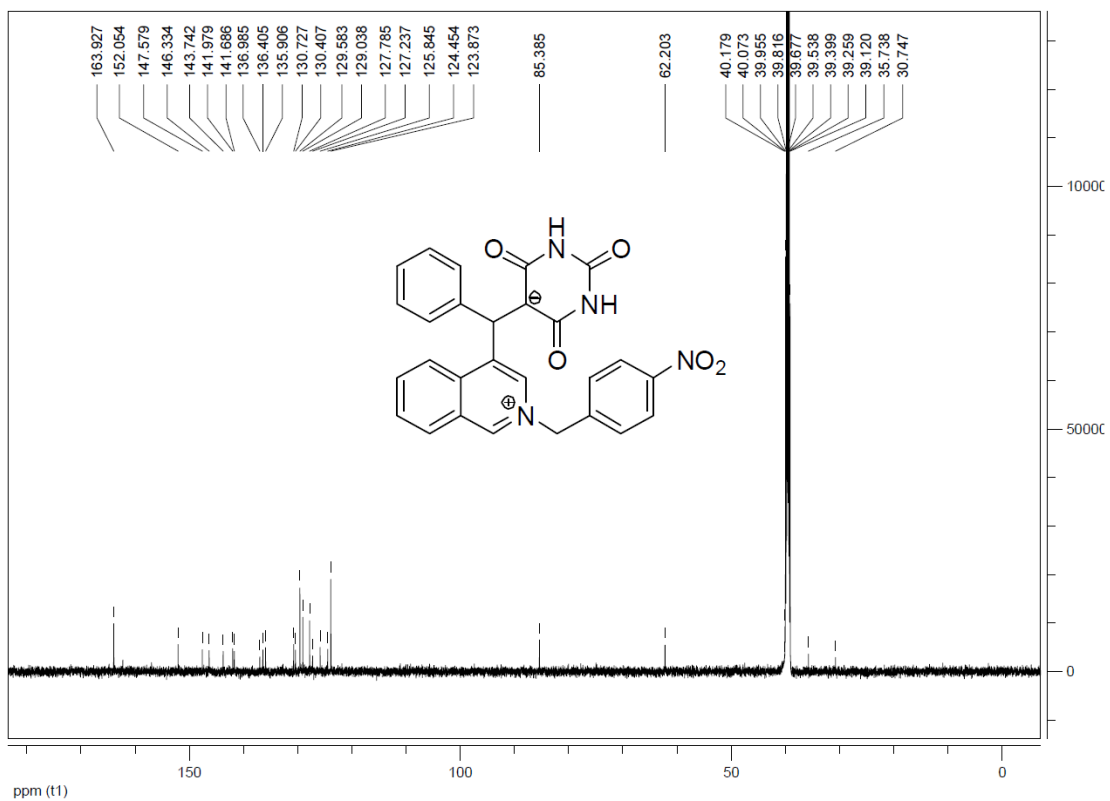
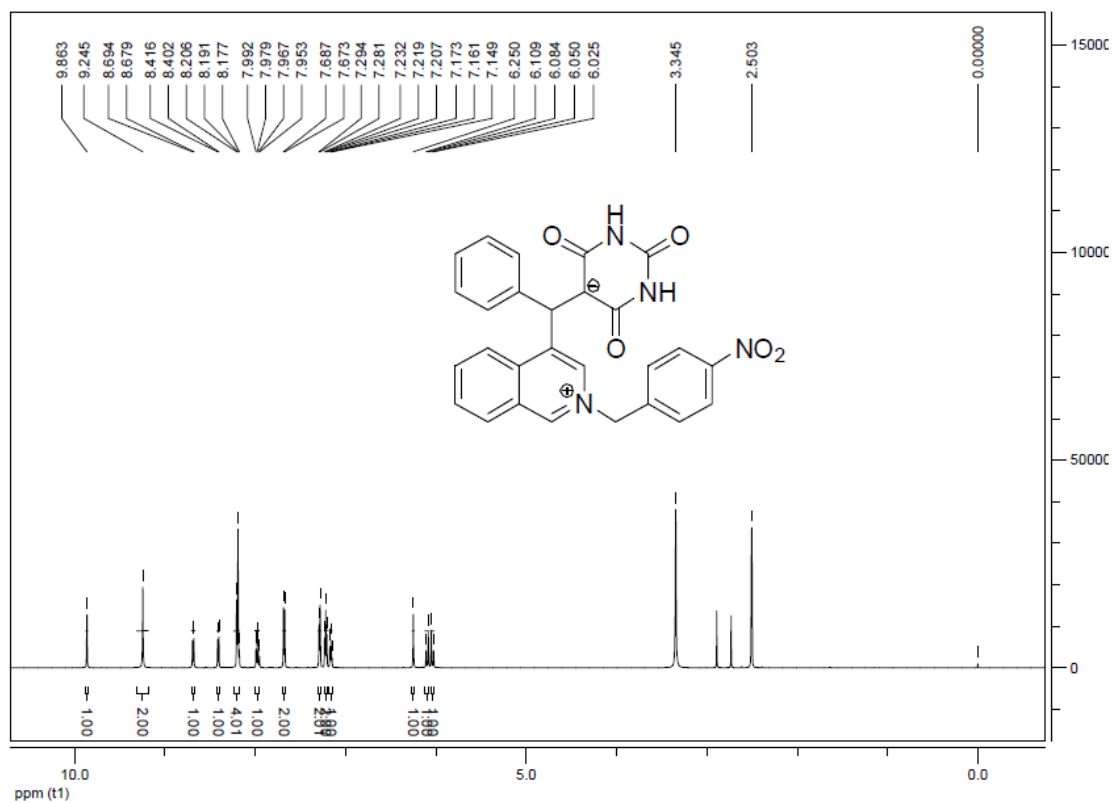


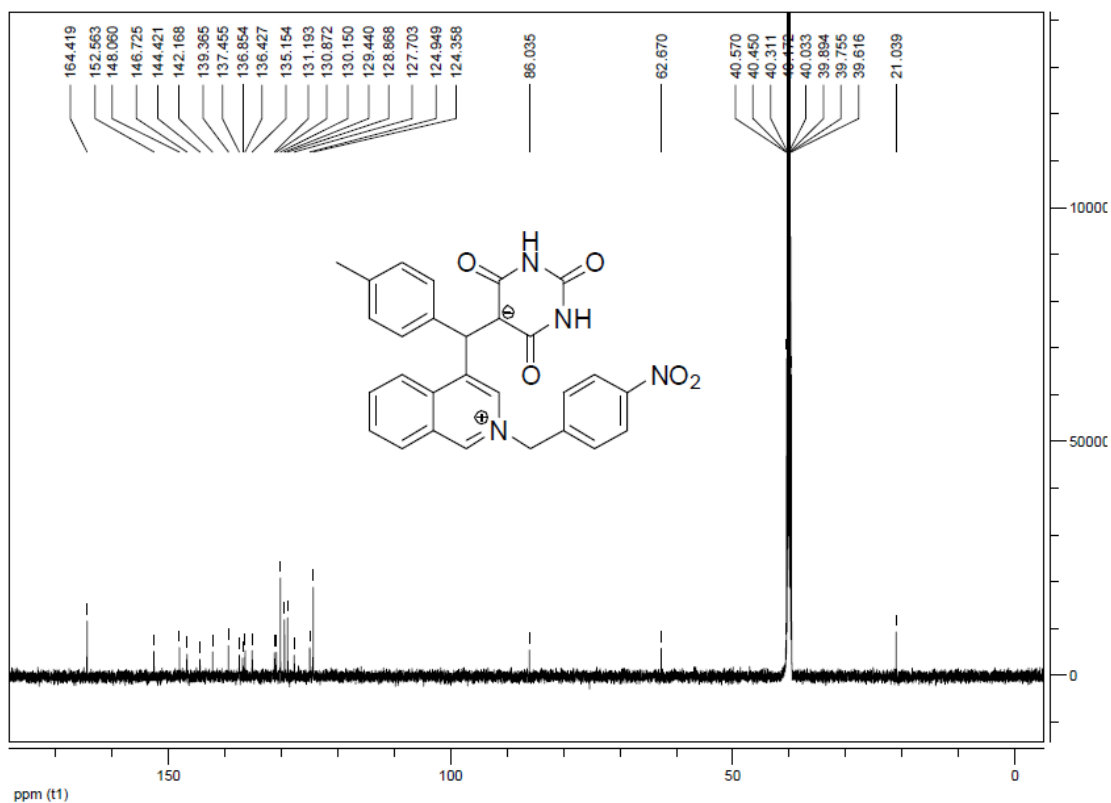
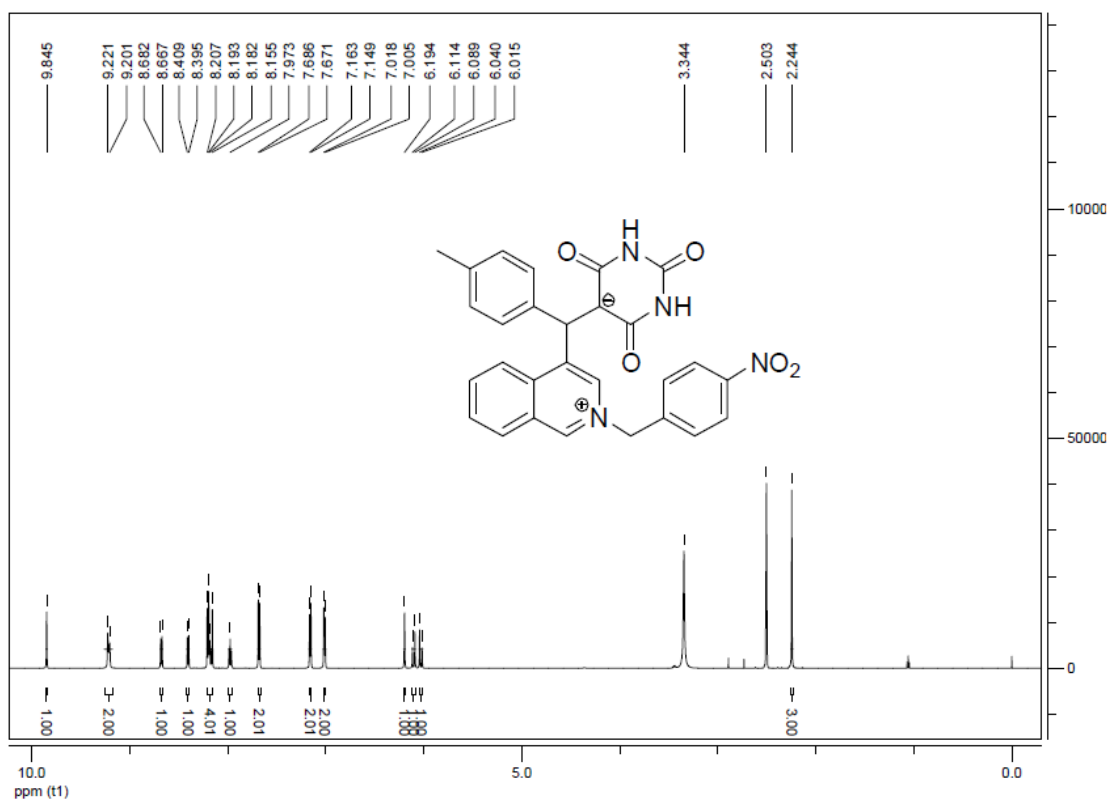


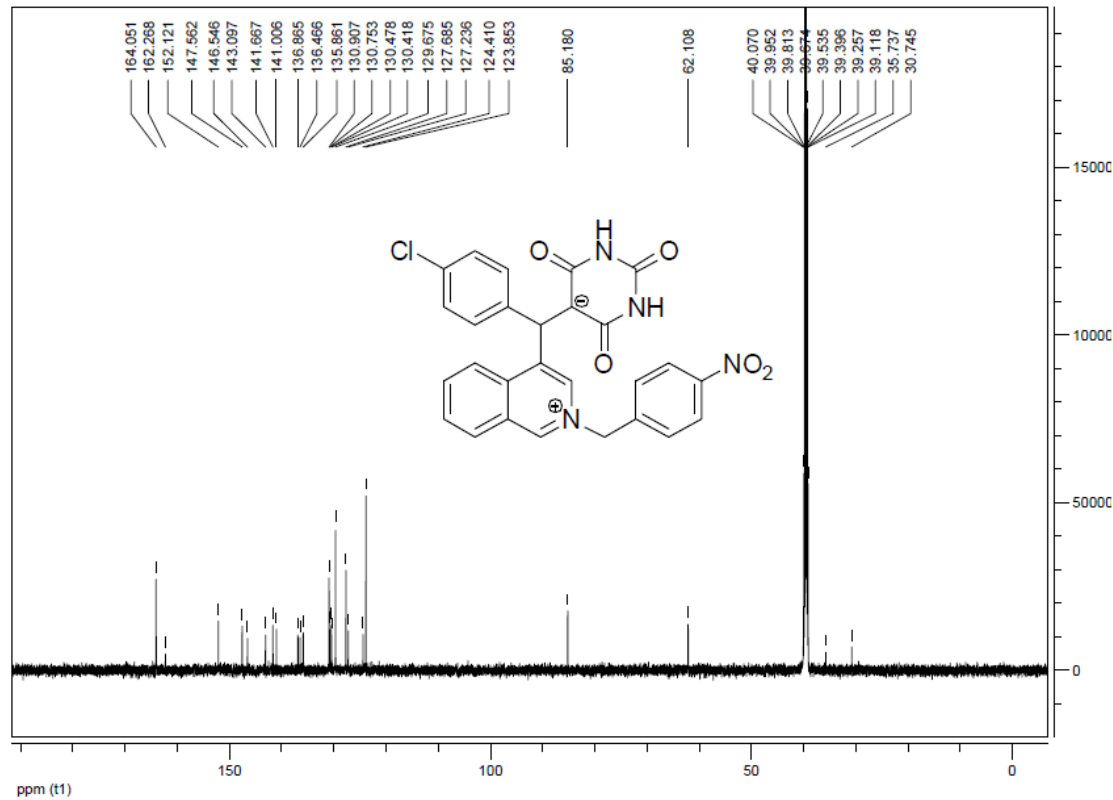
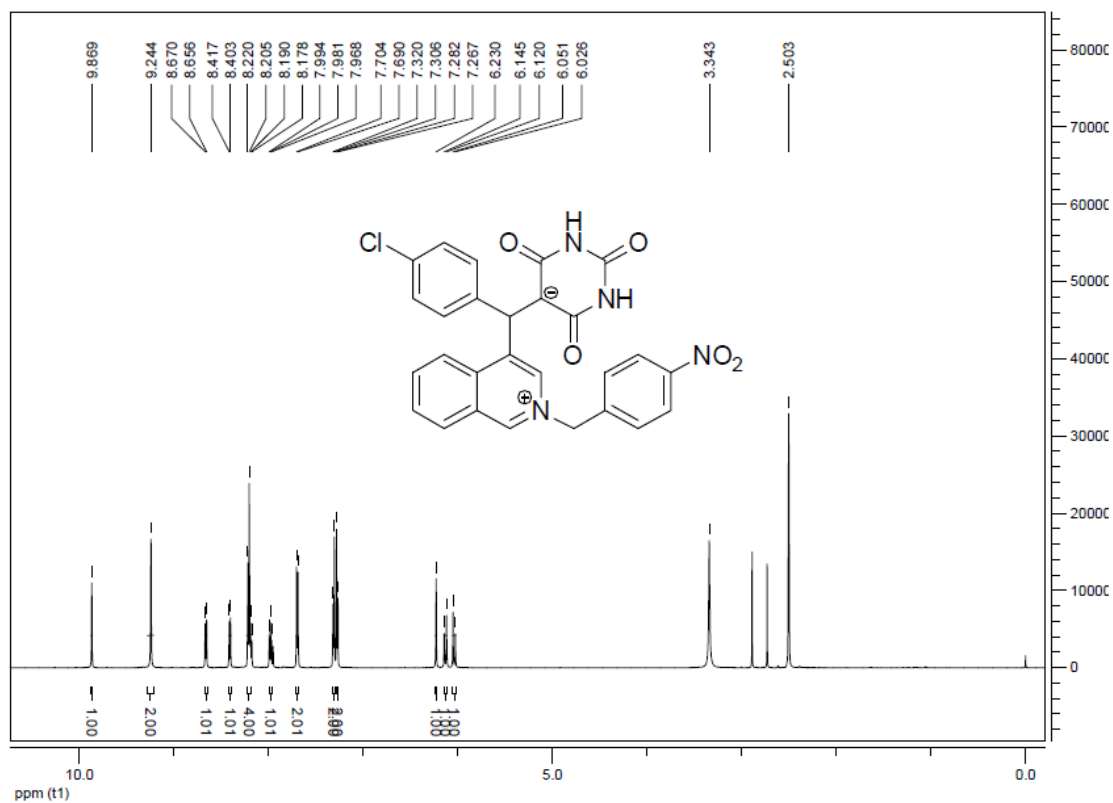


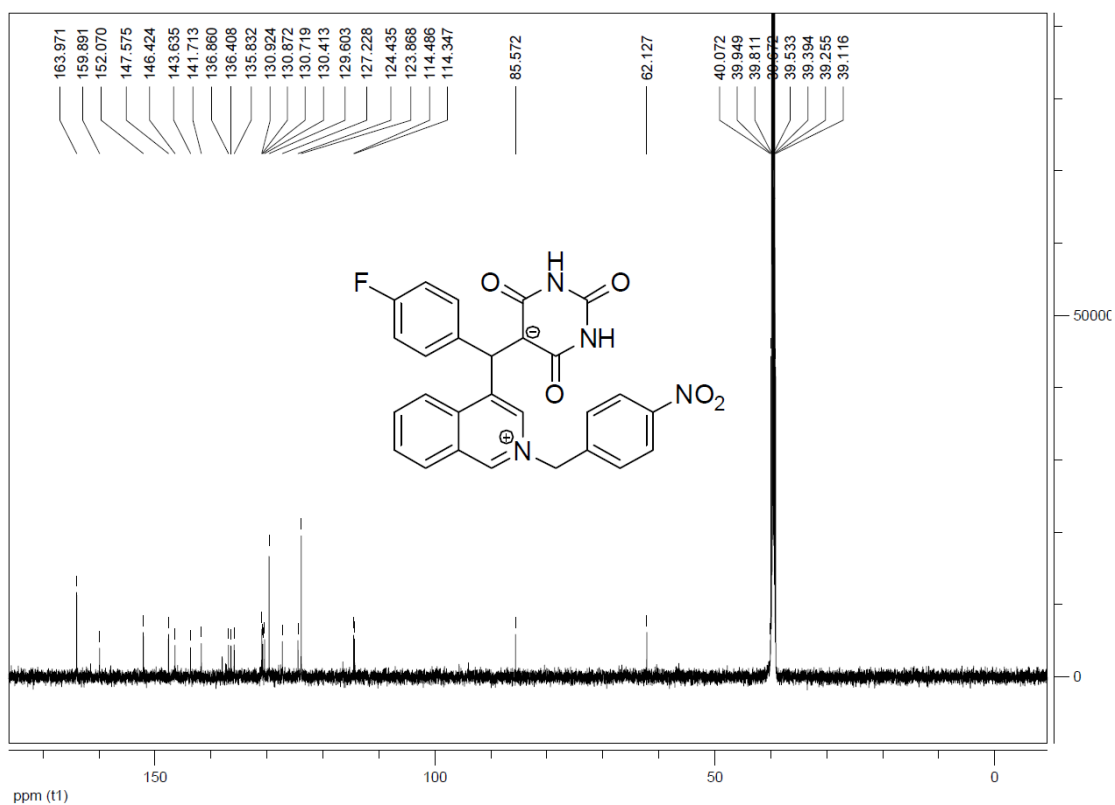
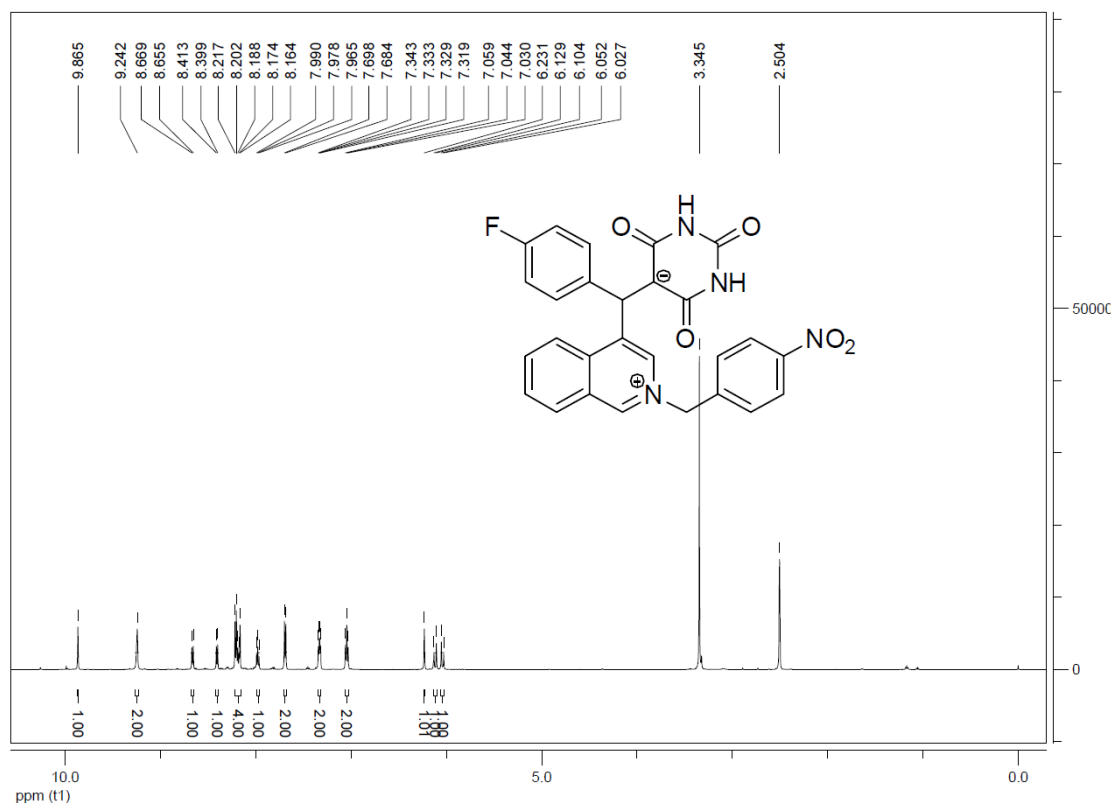


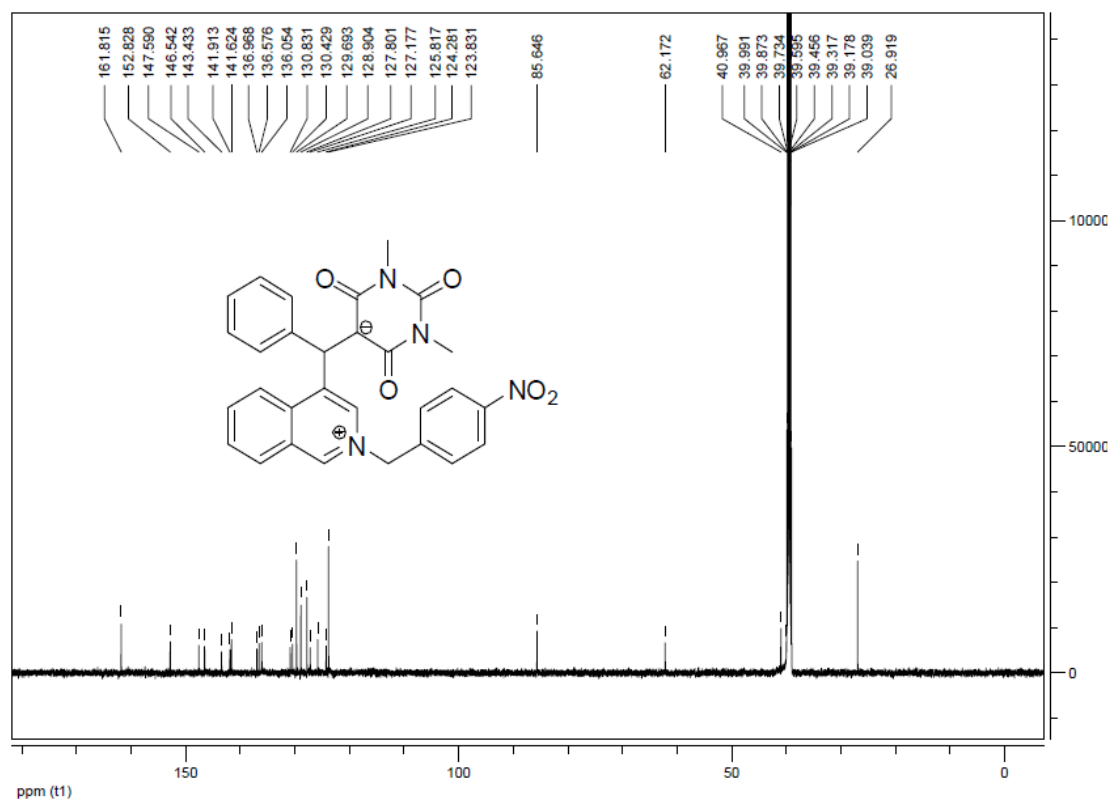
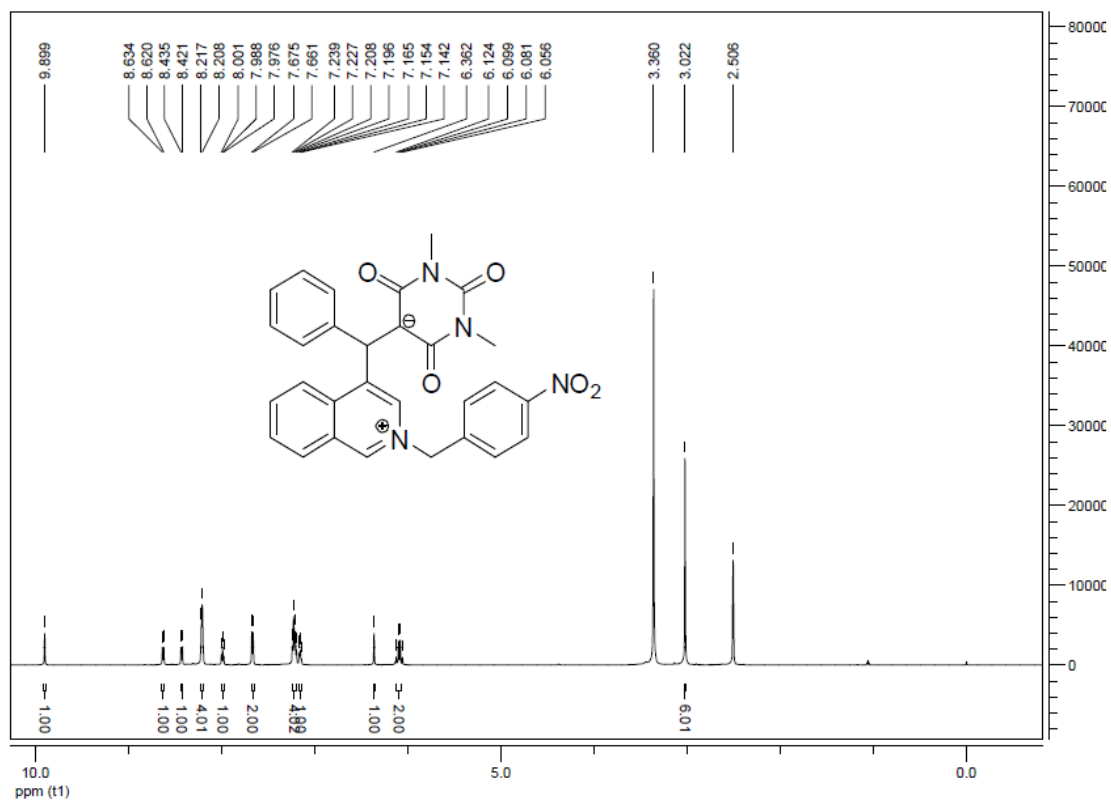


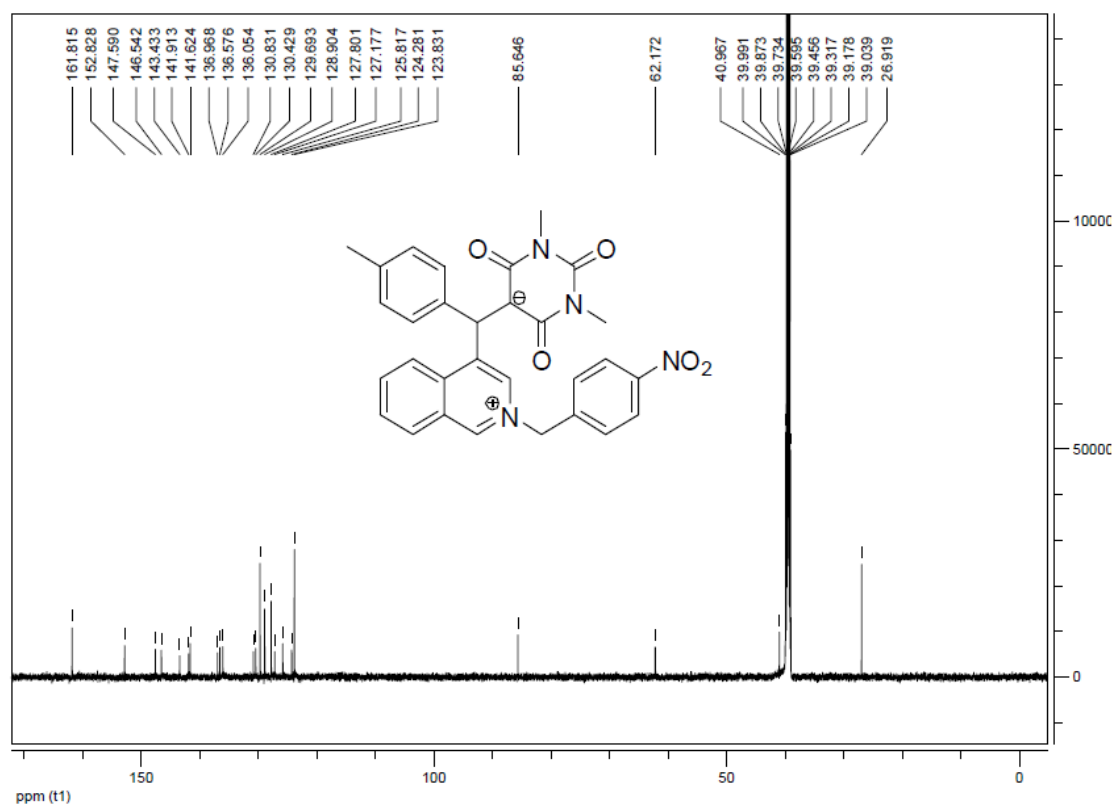
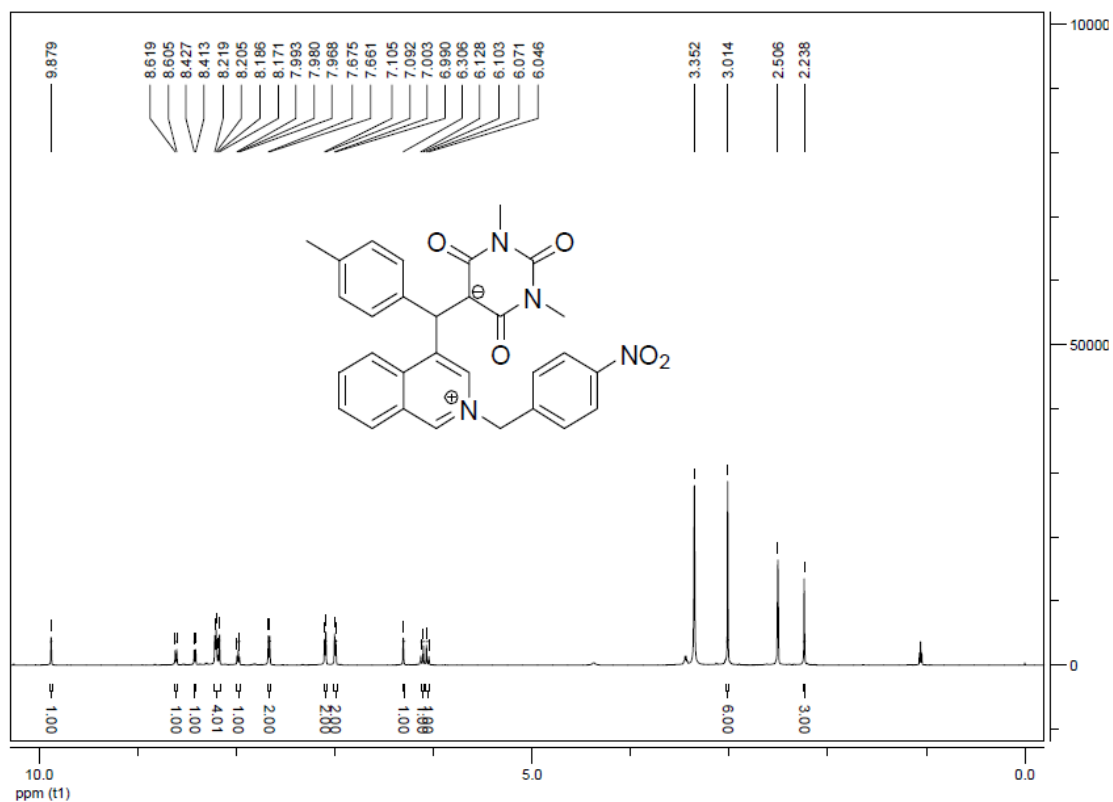


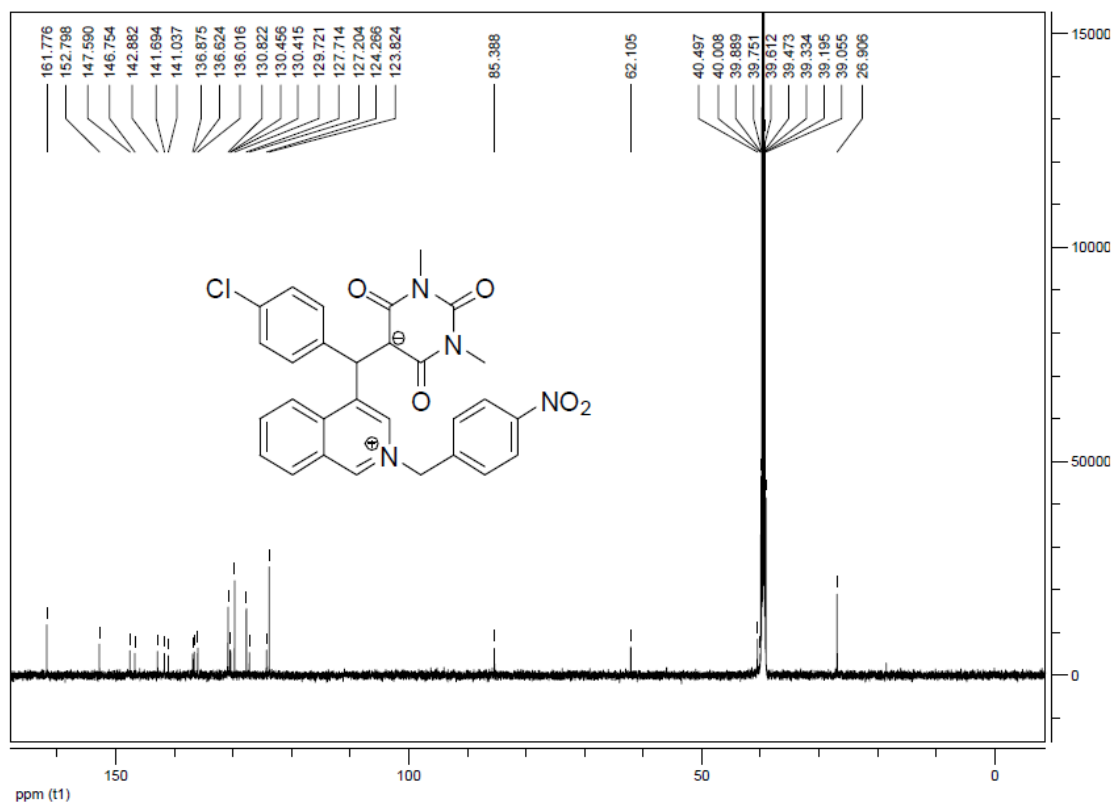
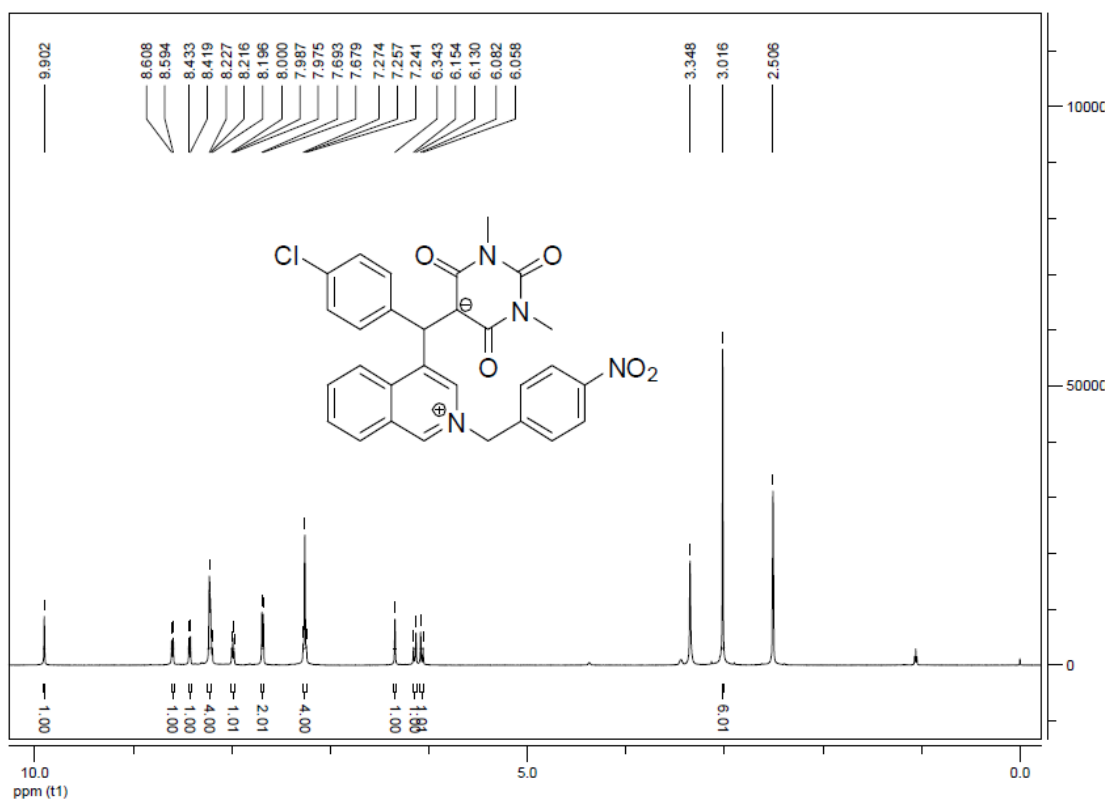


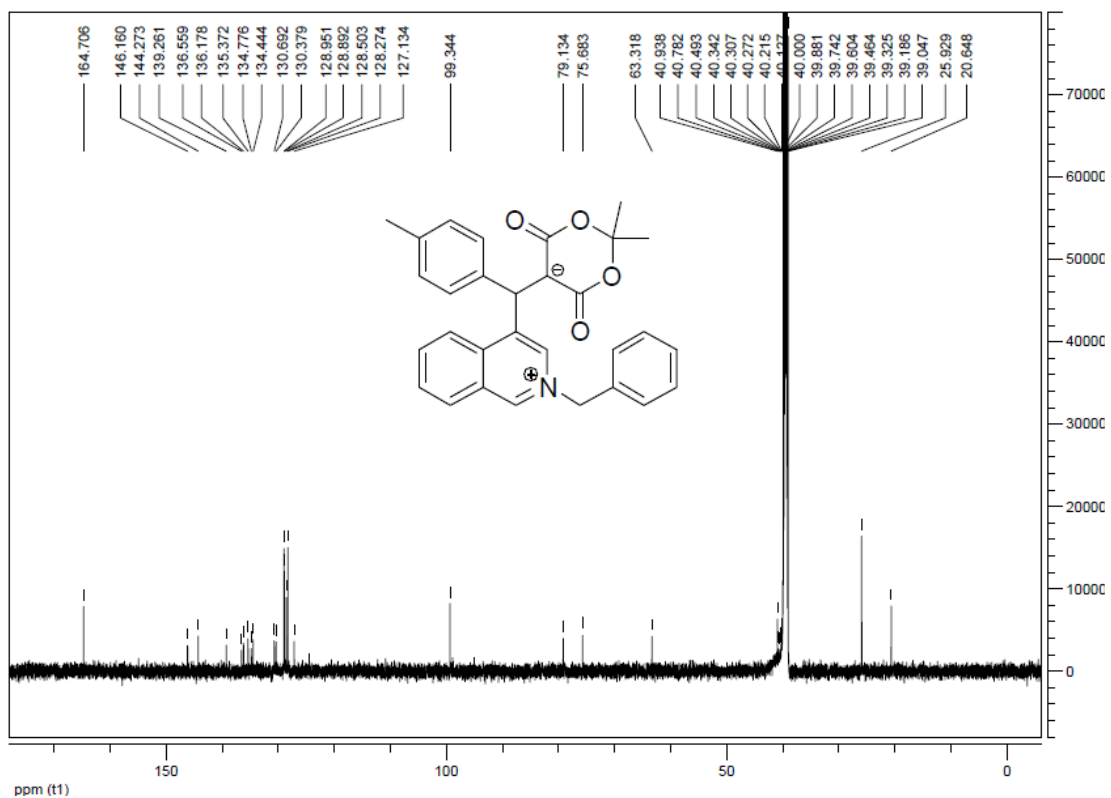
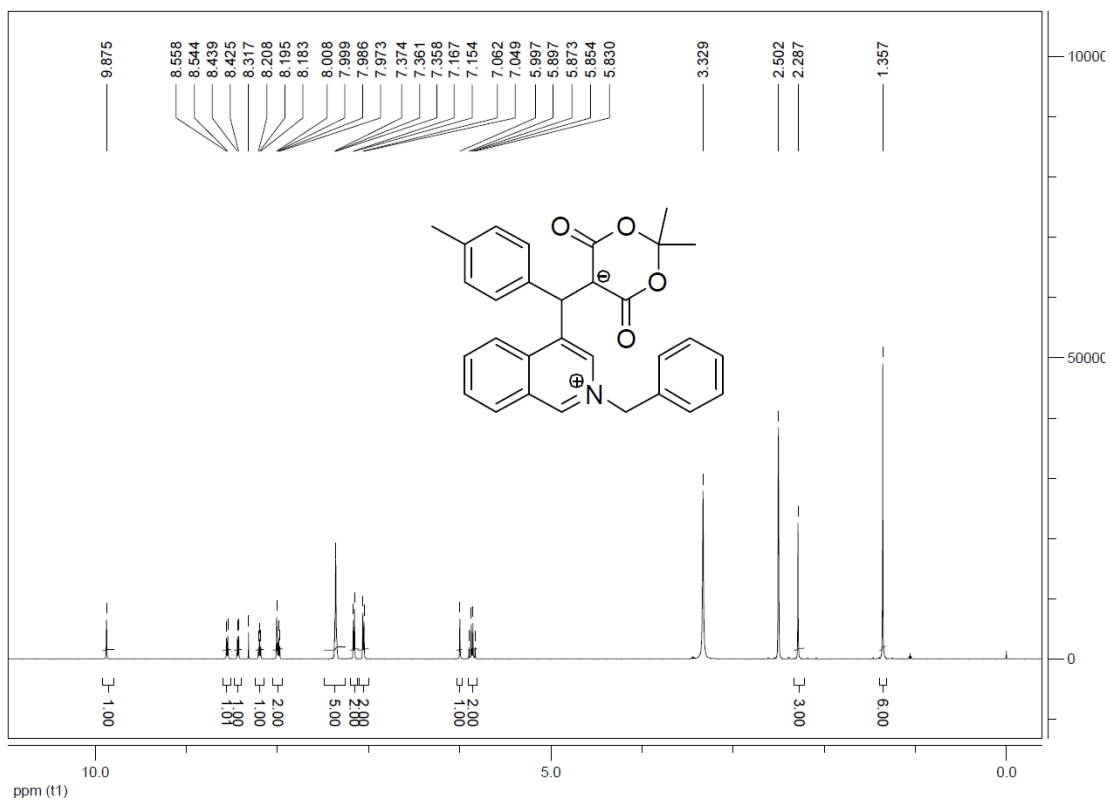


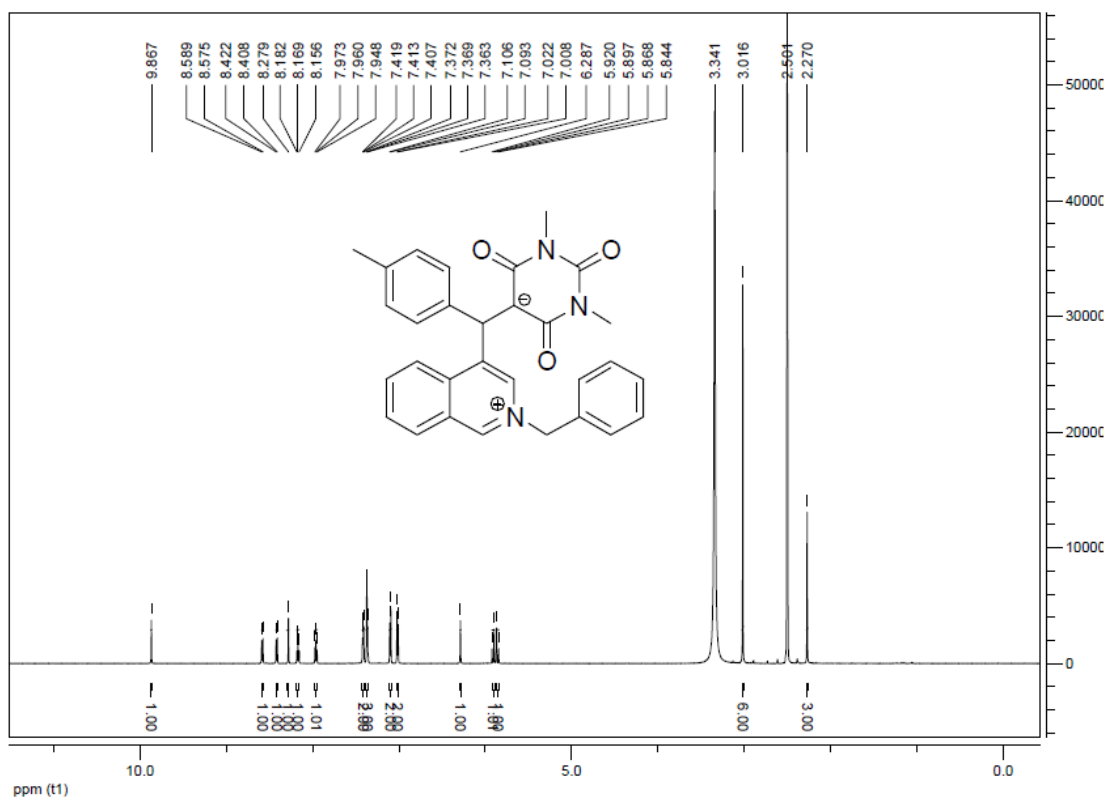
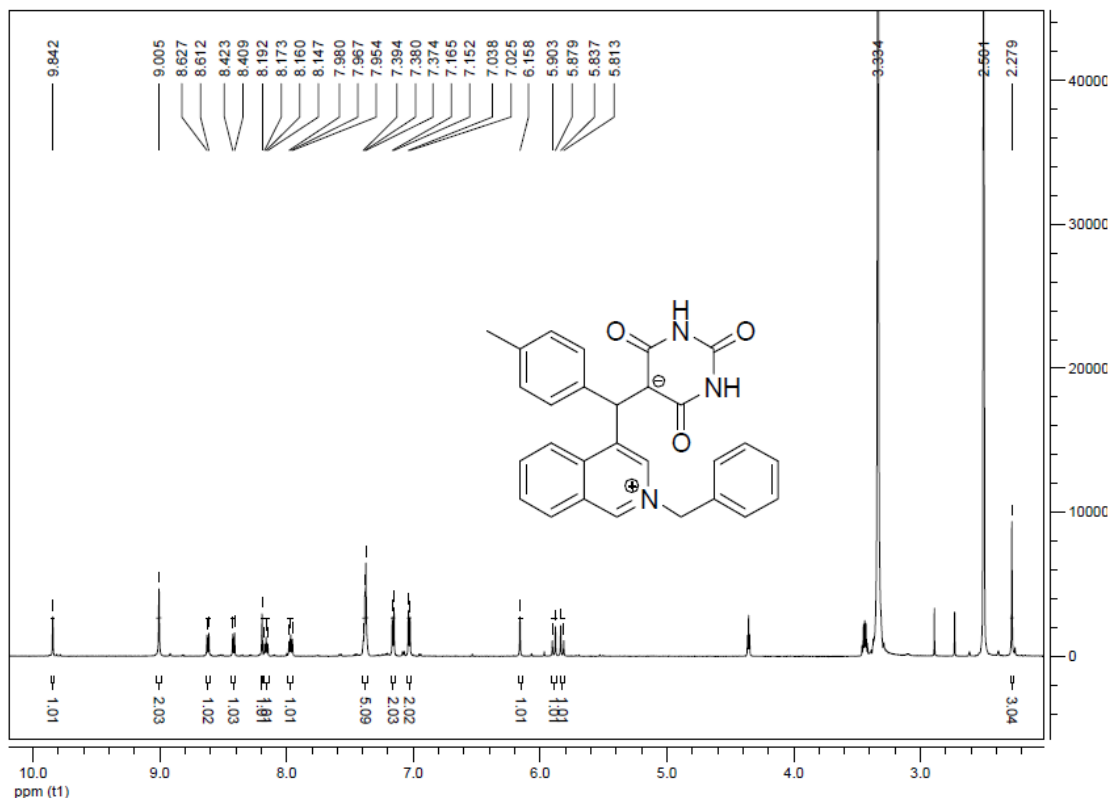


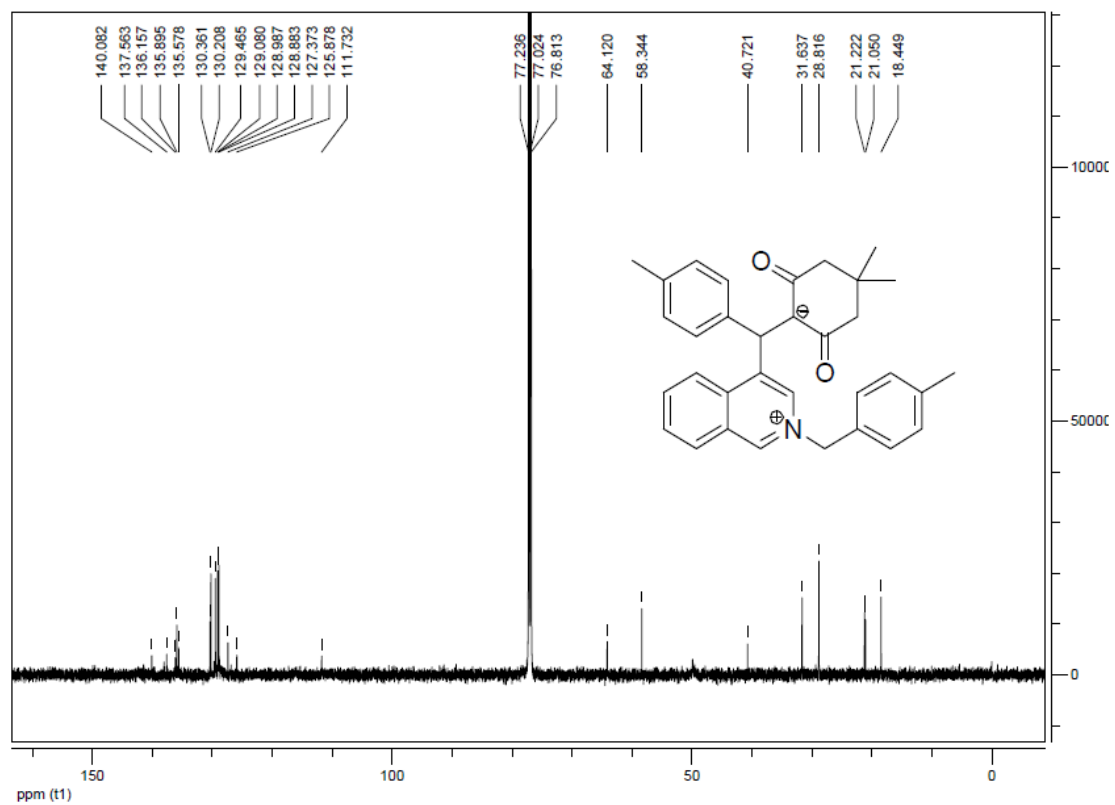
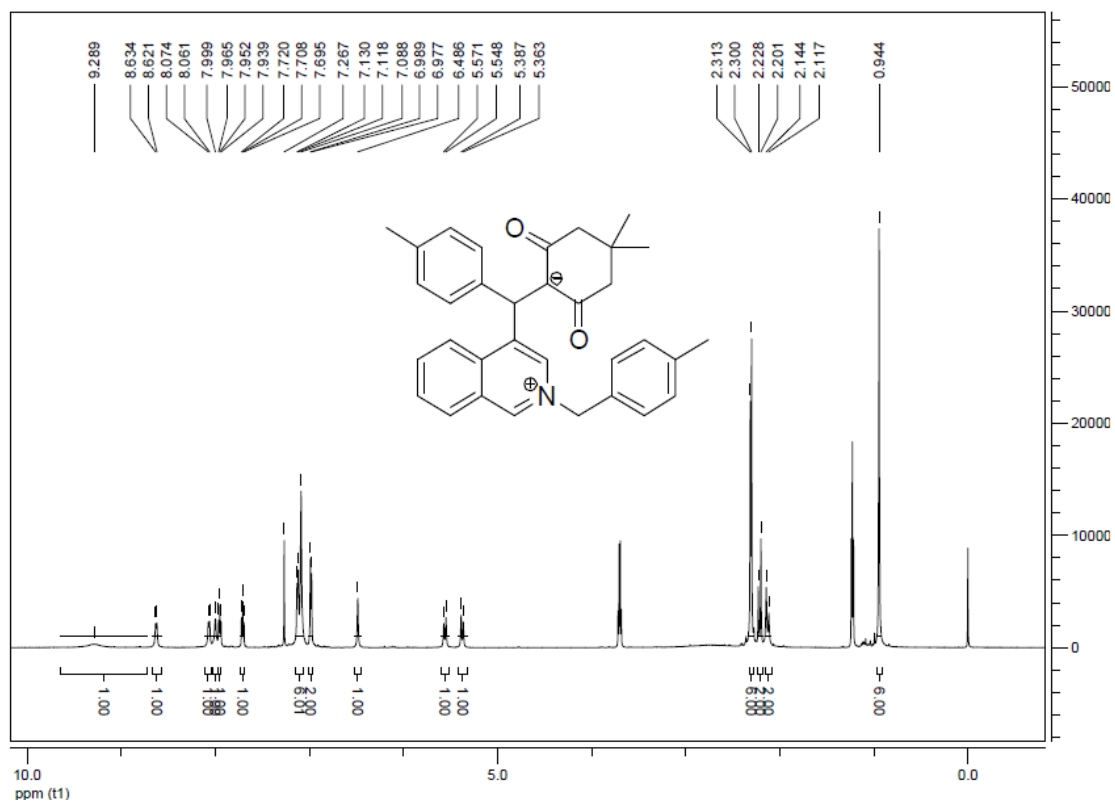


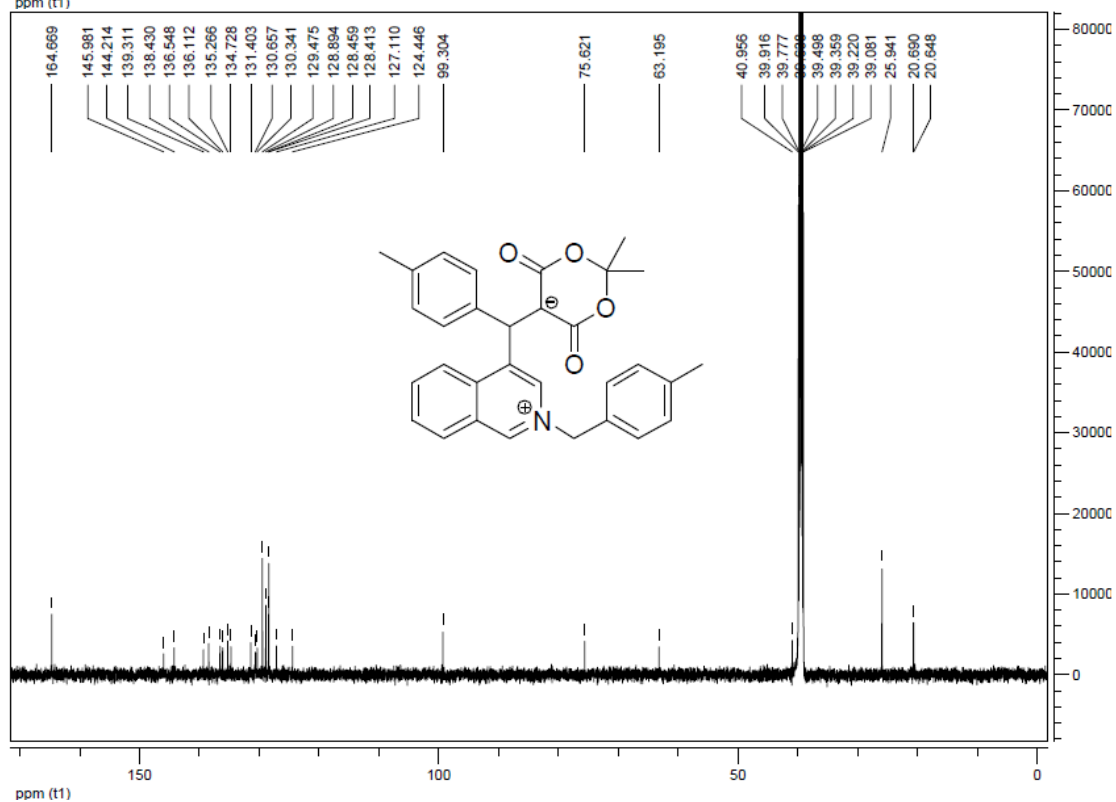
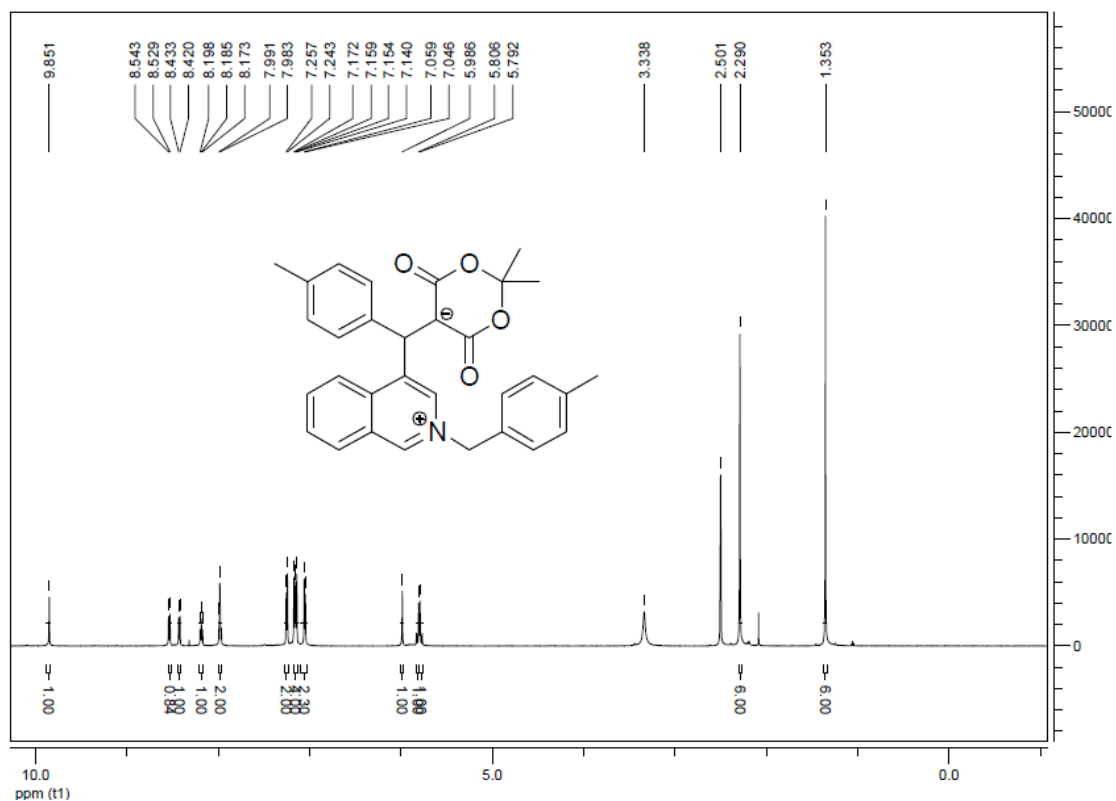












The optimized structure of intermediates at B3LYP/6-31G(d) level

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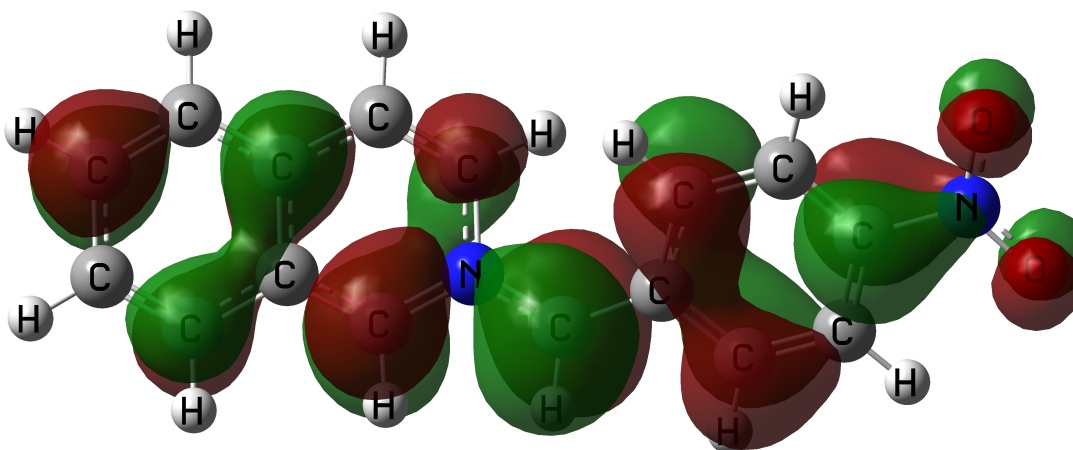
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$$E_0 = E + ZPE$$

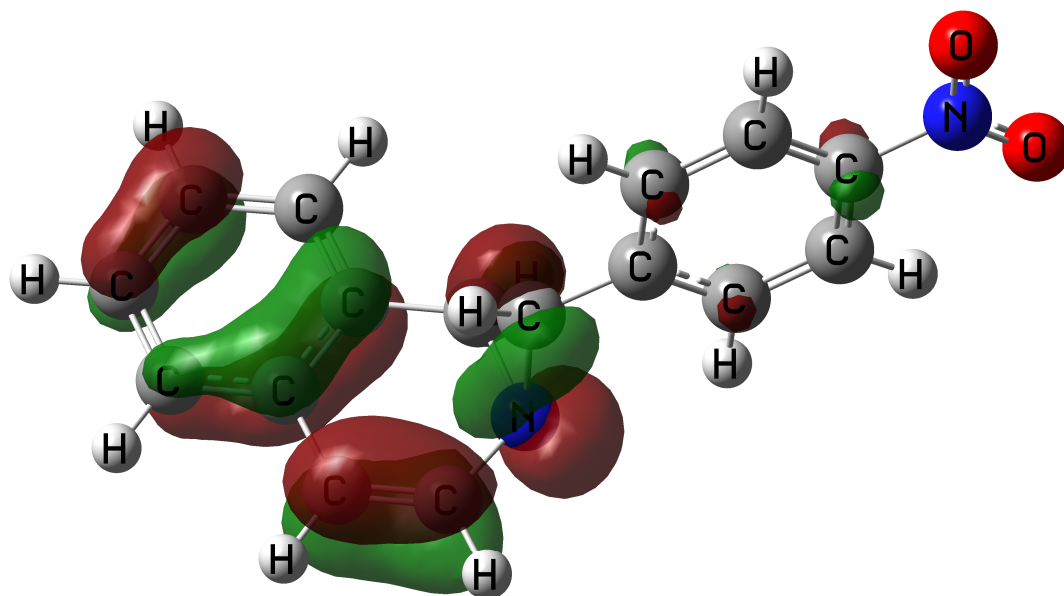
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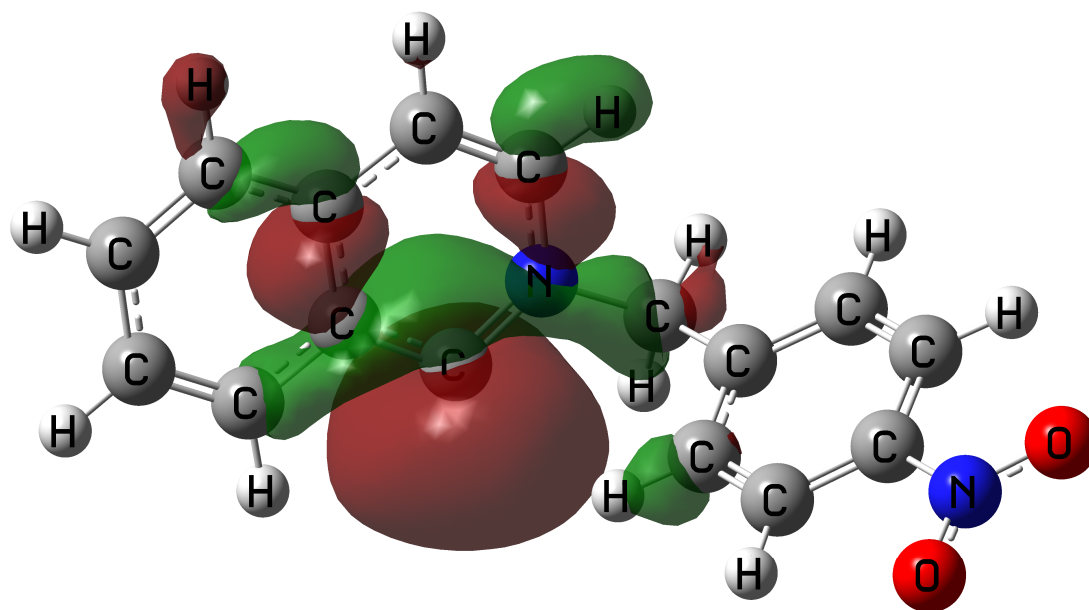
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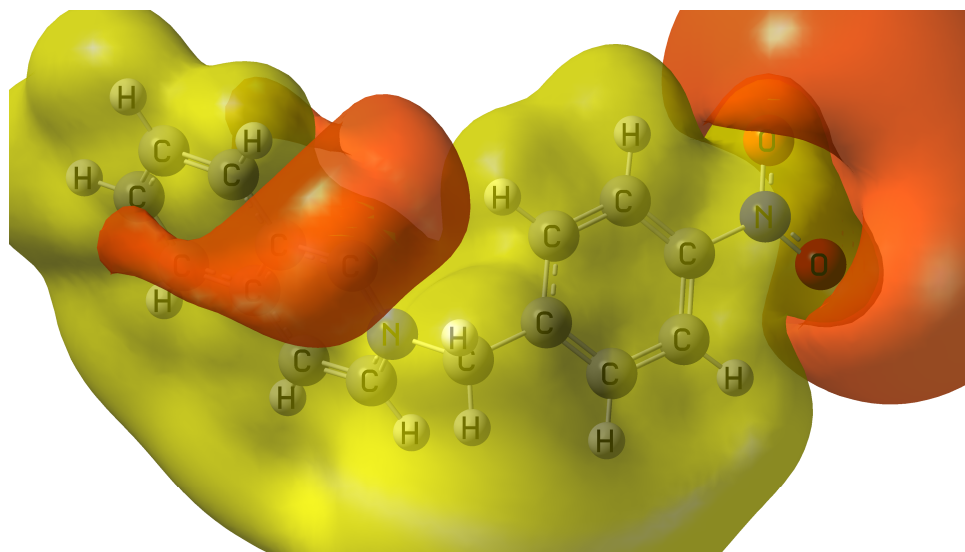


HOMO of intermediate B



HOMO of intermediate G

The highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO) of intermediates



The ESP of intermediate G