#### **Supporting Online Material for**

# A simple and efficient copper-catalyzed three-component reaction to synthesize (Z)-1, 2-dihydro-2-iminoquinolines

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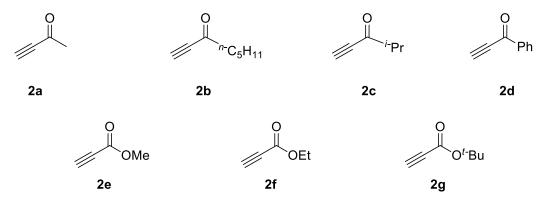
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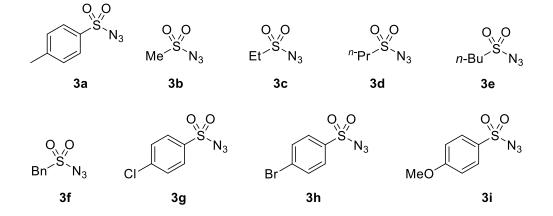
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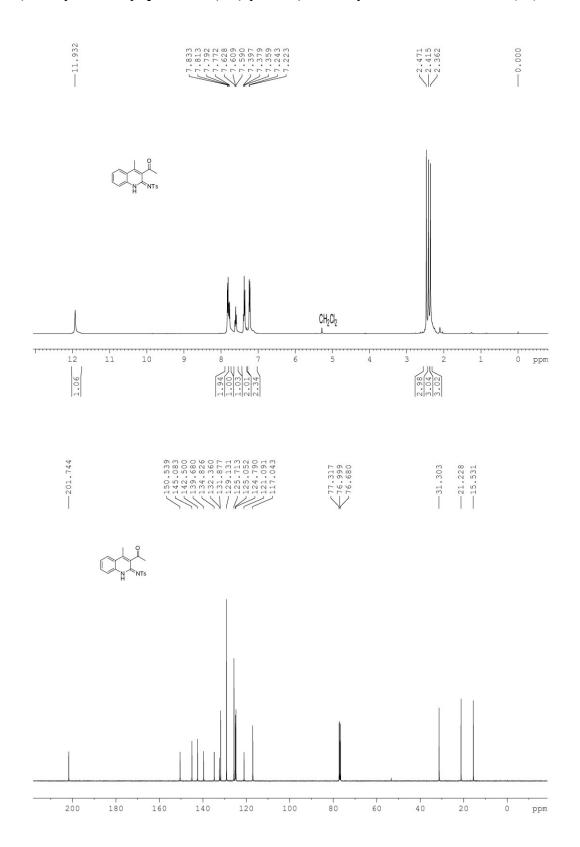


#### 2. General Information

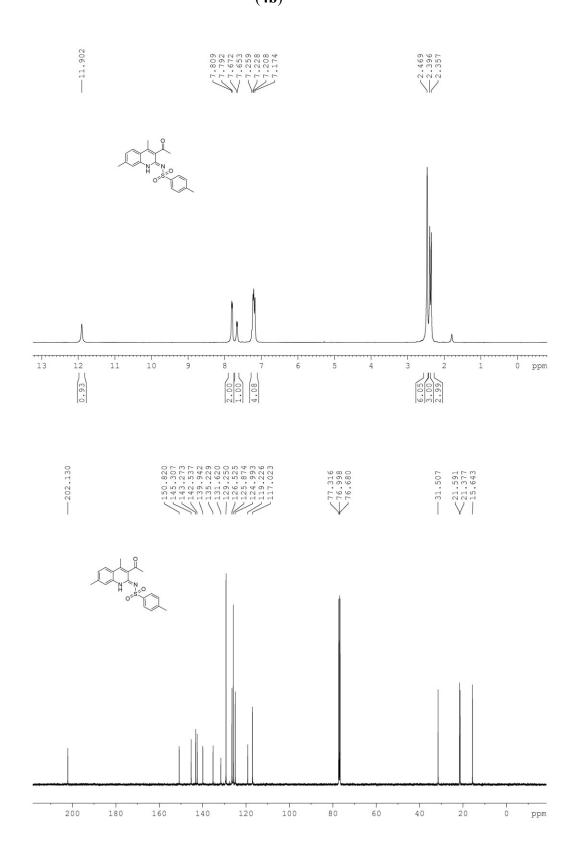
<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra were recorded at ambient temperatures on a 400 MHz Bruker spectrometer using CDCl<sub>3</sub> or DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> as solvent and tetramethylsilane (TMS) as the internal standard. Chemical shifts are presented as δ values relative to TMS and <sup>1</sup>H<sup>-1</sup>H coupling constants (*J* values) are given in Hz. IR spectra were recorded as KBr pellets on a Nicolet FT-IR 5DX spectrometer while HRMS measurements were carried out on a Bruker micrOTOF-Q II spectrometer. Melting points were determined on a Yanaco melting point apparatus and are uncorrected.

#### 3. NMR Spectra

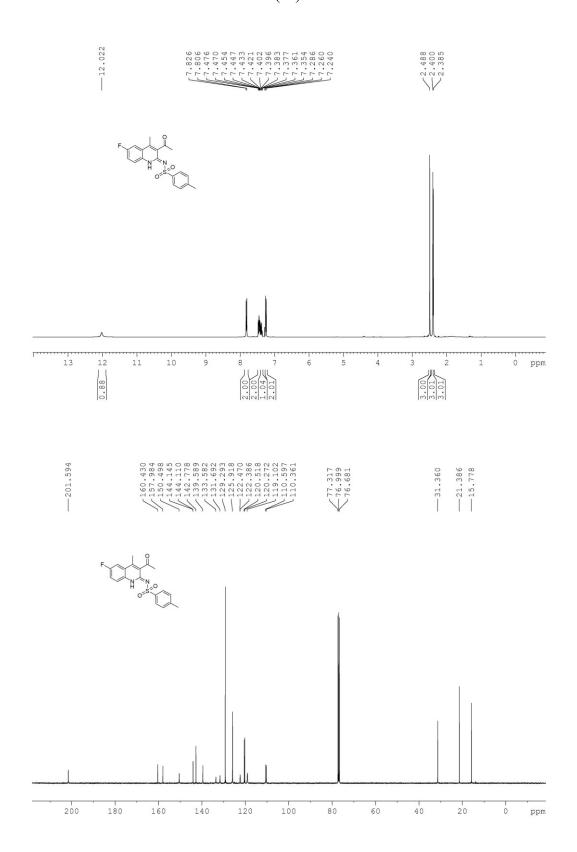
### N-(3-acetyl-4-methylquinolin-2(1H)-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (4a)



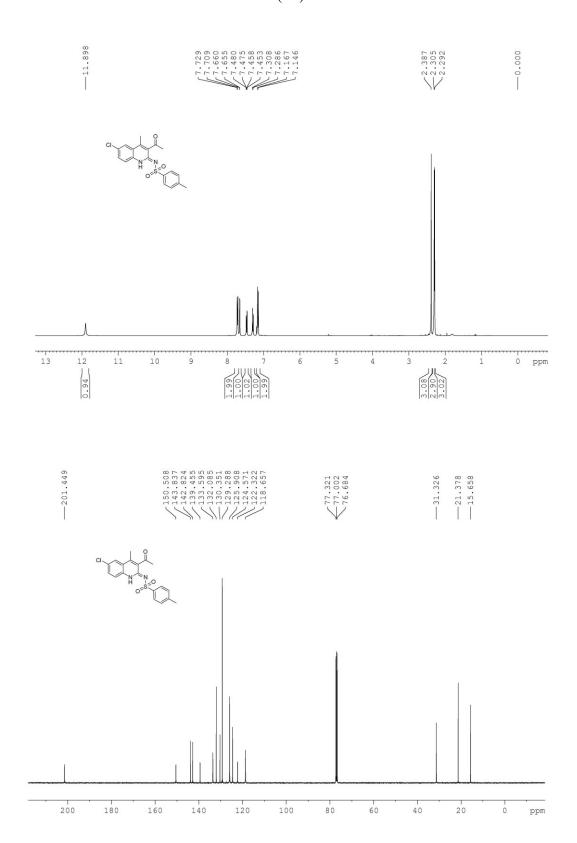
# $\label{eq:N-(3-acetyl-4,7-dimethylquinolin-2(1$H$)-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide} \eqno(4b)$



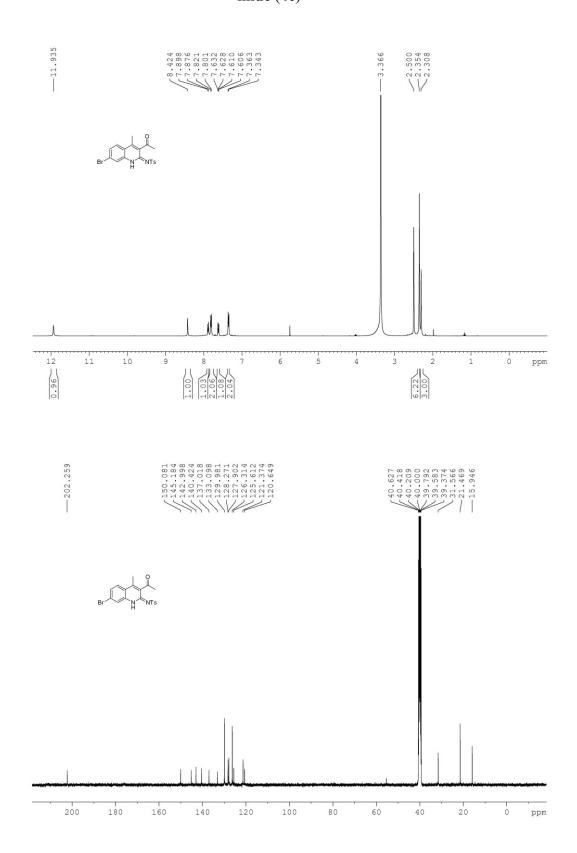
# $\label{eq:N-(3-acetyl-6-fluoro-4-methylquinolin-2(1$H$)-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfona} \\ \text{mide (4c)}$



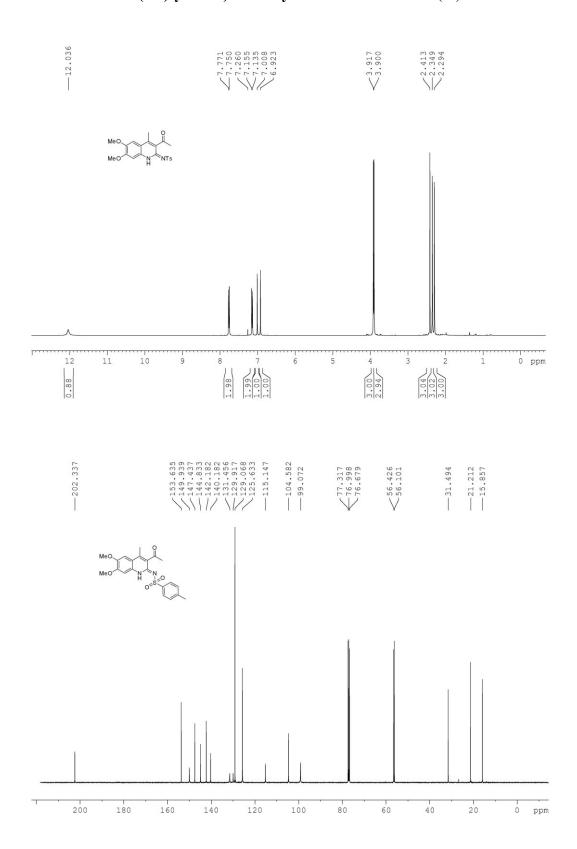
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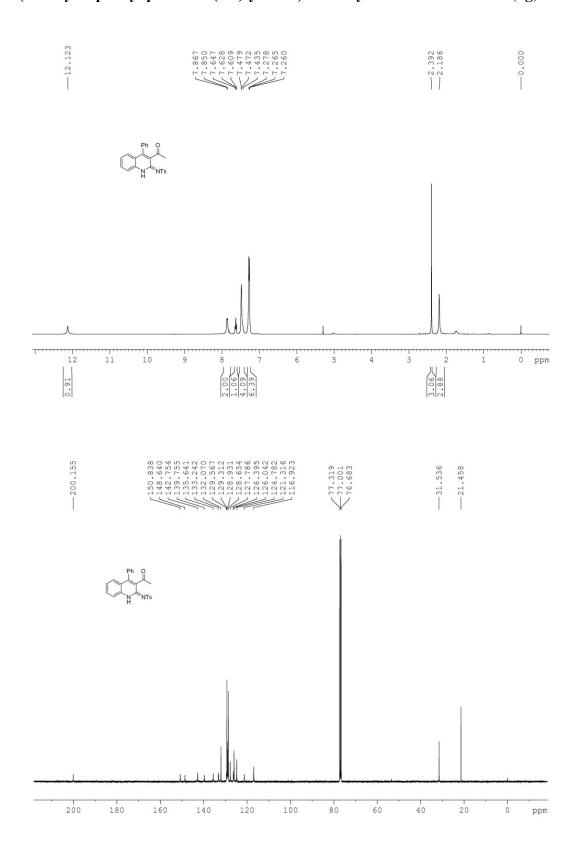
# $\label{eq:N-(3-acetyl-7-bromo-4-methylquinolin-2(1$H$)-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfona} \\ \text{mide (4e)}$



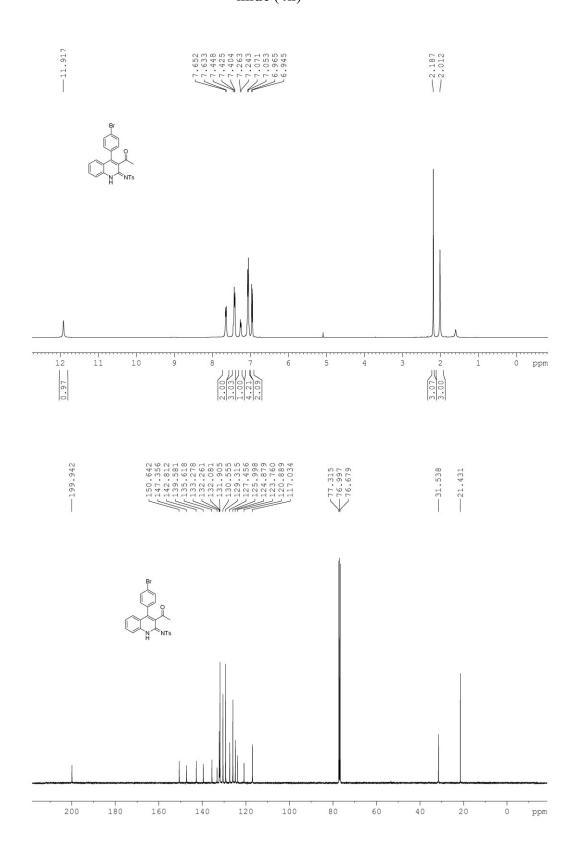
# $N\hbox{-}(3\hbox{-}acetyl\hbox{-}6,7\hbox{-}dimethoxy\hbox{-}4\hbox{-}methylq$ $\hbox{uinolin-2(1$H$)-ylidene)-4-methylbenzene sulfonamide (4f)}$



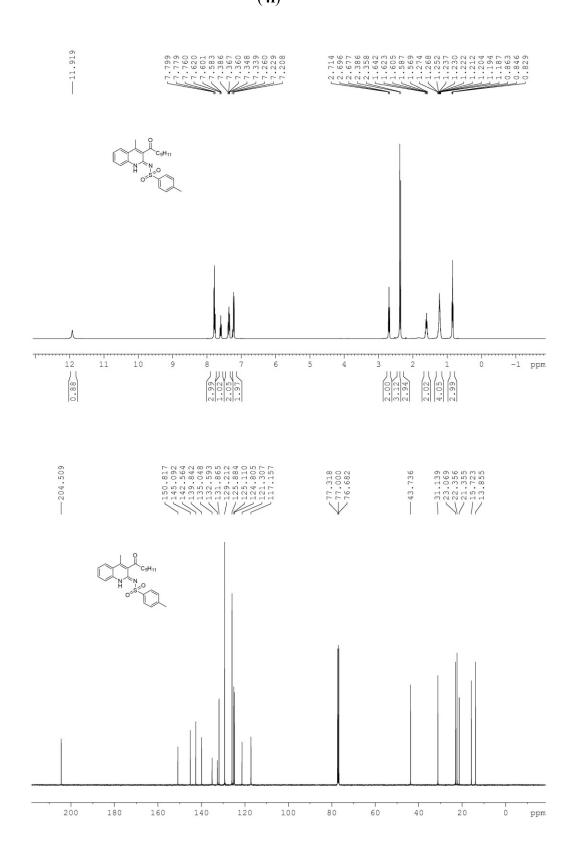
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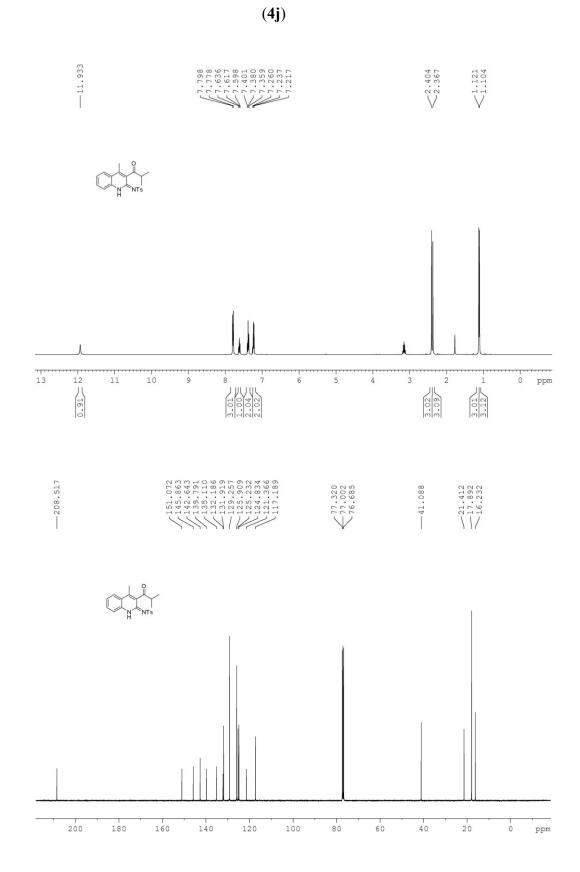
# $\label{eq:N-(3-acetyl-4-(4-bromophenyl)quinolin-2(1$H$)-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfona} \\$ $\qquad \qquad \text{mide (4$h$)}$



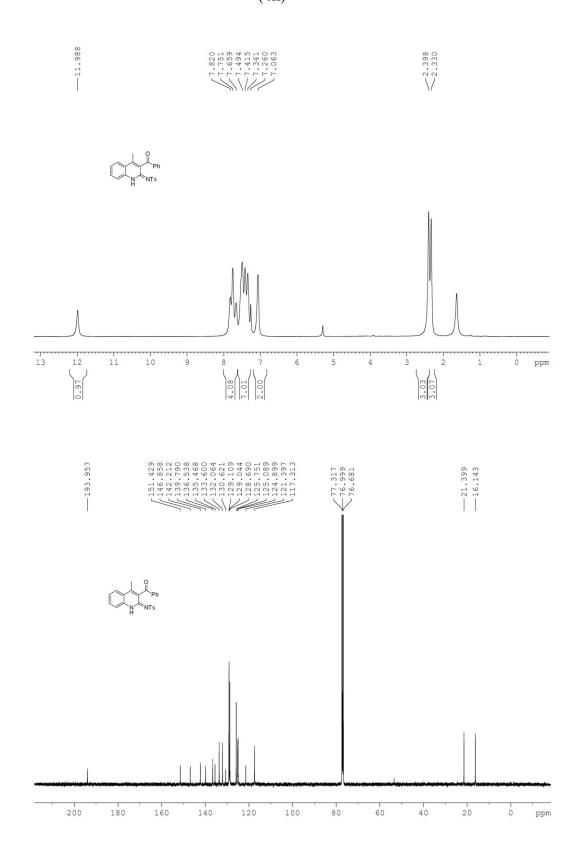
# $\label{eq:N-(3-hexanoyl-4-methylquinolin-2(1$H$)-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide} \eqno(4i)$



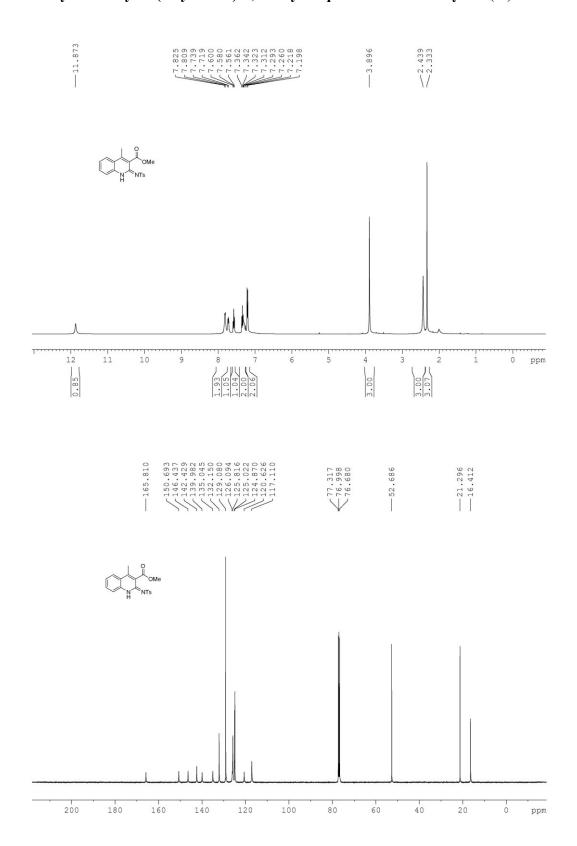
### N-(3-isobutyryl-4-methylquinolin-2(1H)-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide



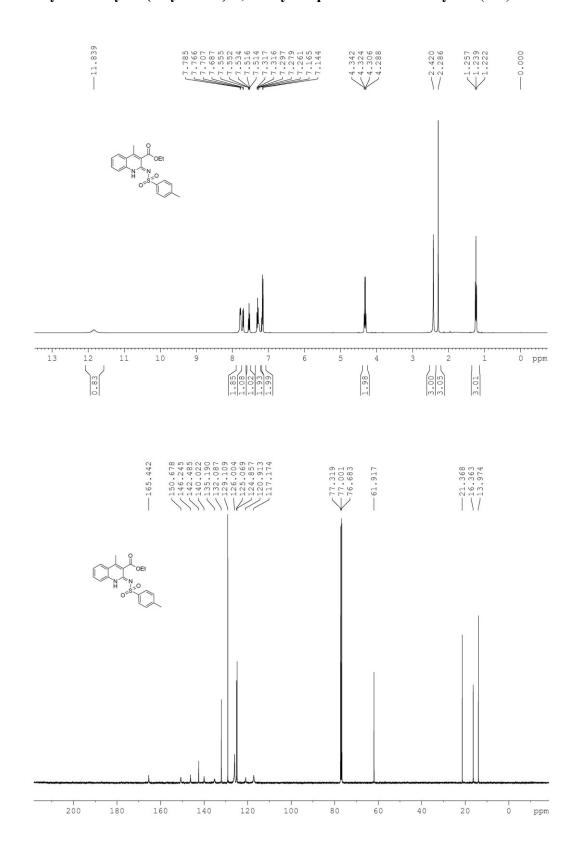
# $\label{eq:N-(3-benzoyl-4-methylquinolin-2(1$H$)-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide} \eqno(4k)$



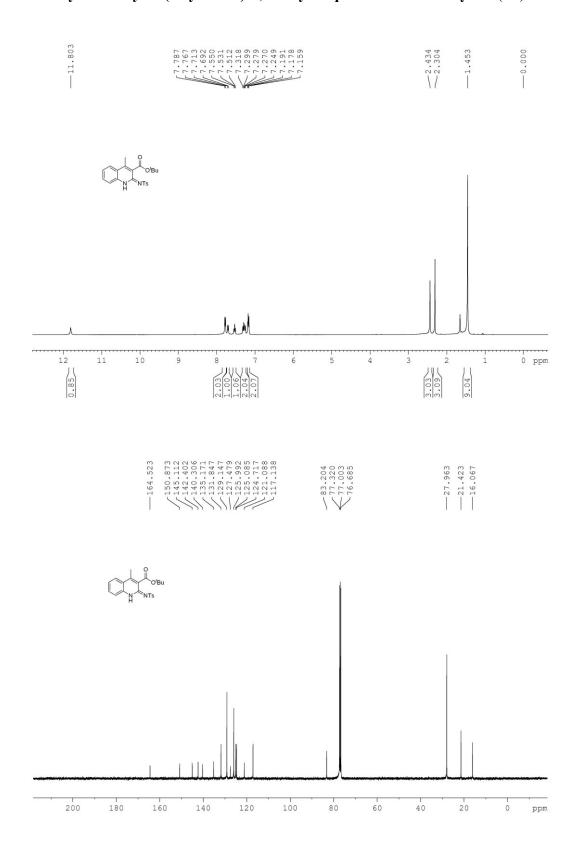
#### methyl 4-methyl-2-(tosylimino)-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (4l)



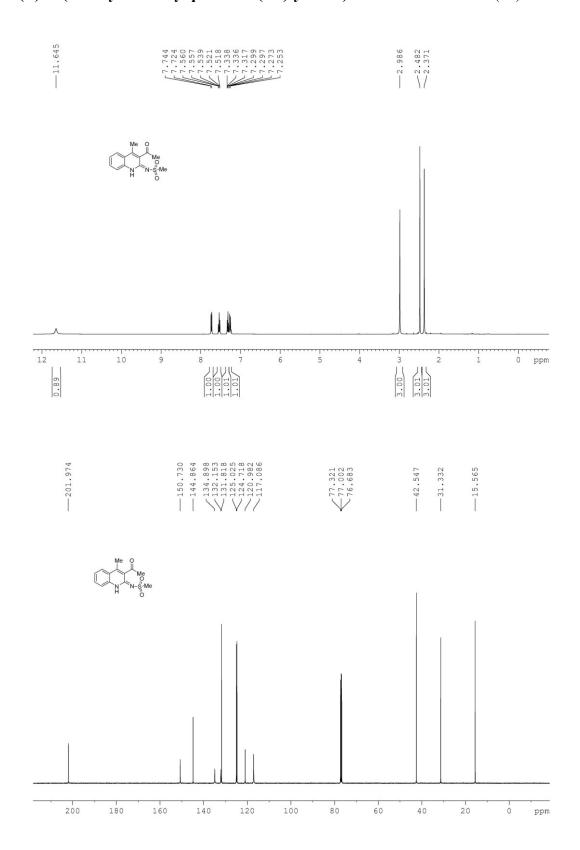
#### ethyl 4-methyl-2-(tosylimino)-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (4m)



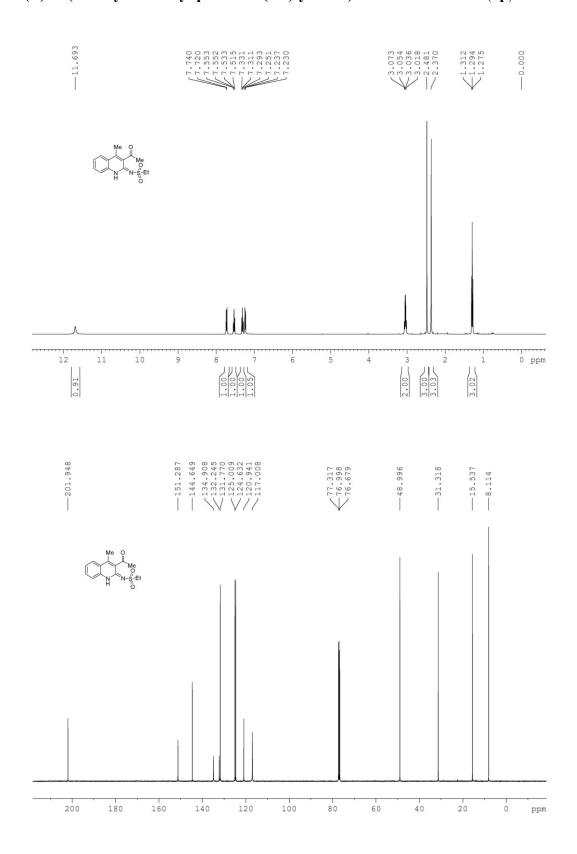
#### tert-butyl 4-methyl-2-(tosylimino)-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (4n)



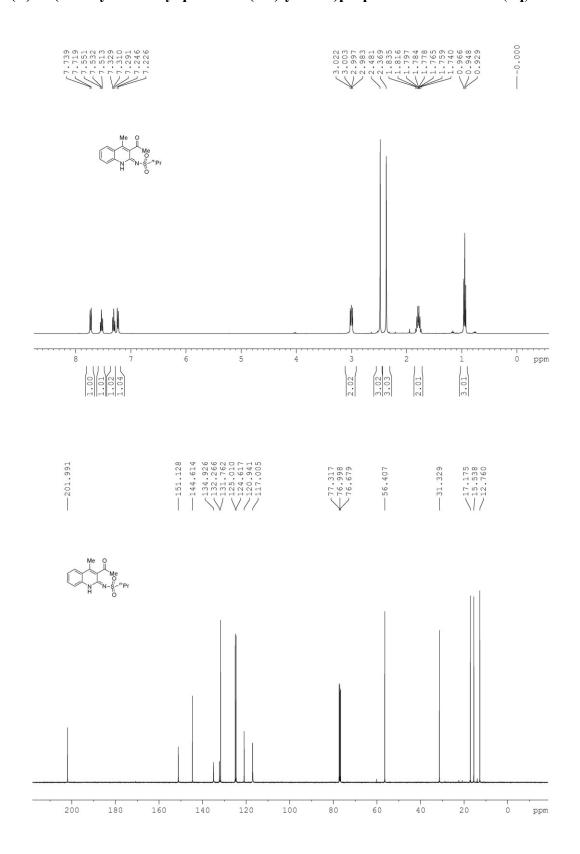
#### (E)-N-(3-acetyl-4-methylquinolin-2(1H)-ylidene)methanesulfonamide (40)



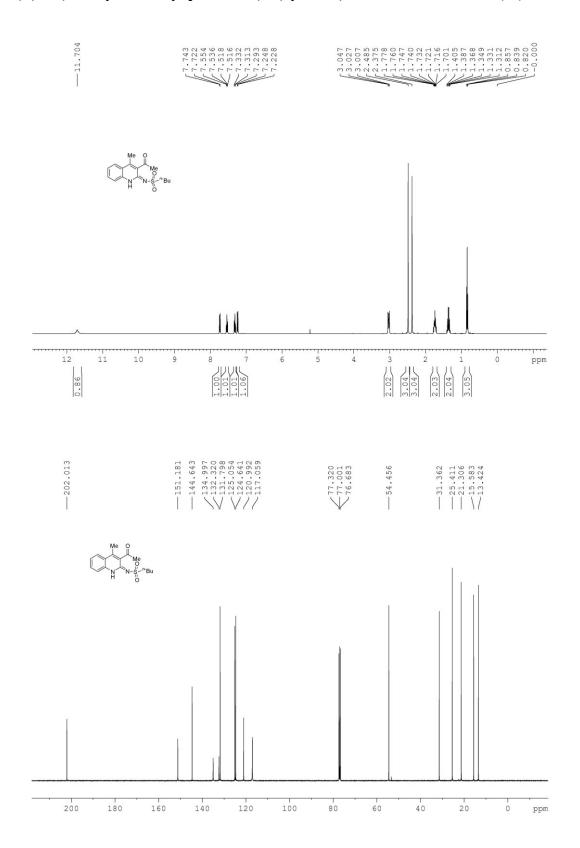
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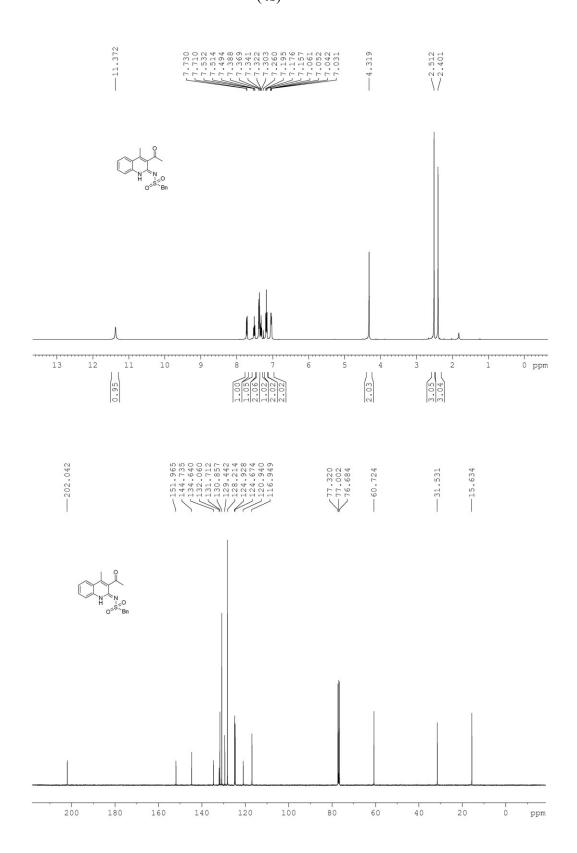
#### (E)-N-(3-acetyl-4-methylquinolin-2(1H)-ylidene)propane-1-sulfonamide (4q)



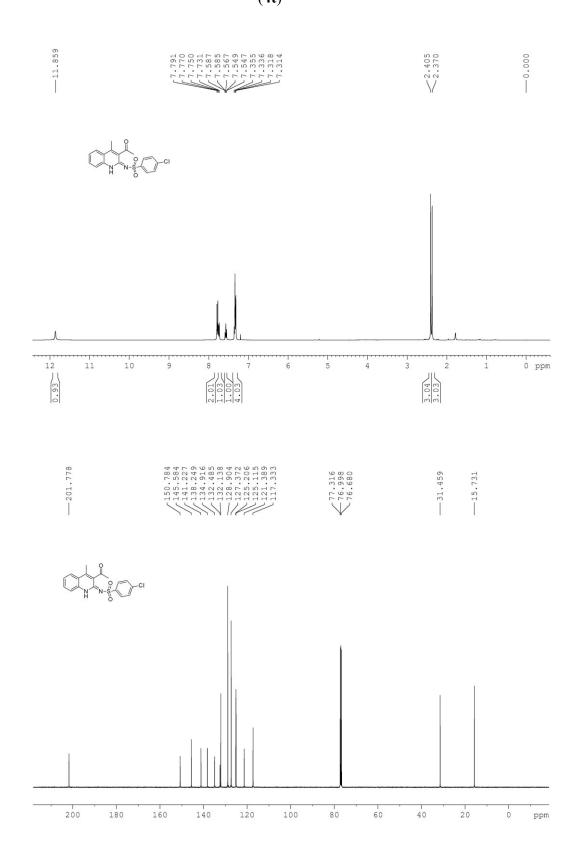
#### (E)-N-(3-acetyl-4-methylquinolin-2(1H)-ylidene)butane-1-sulfonamide (4r)



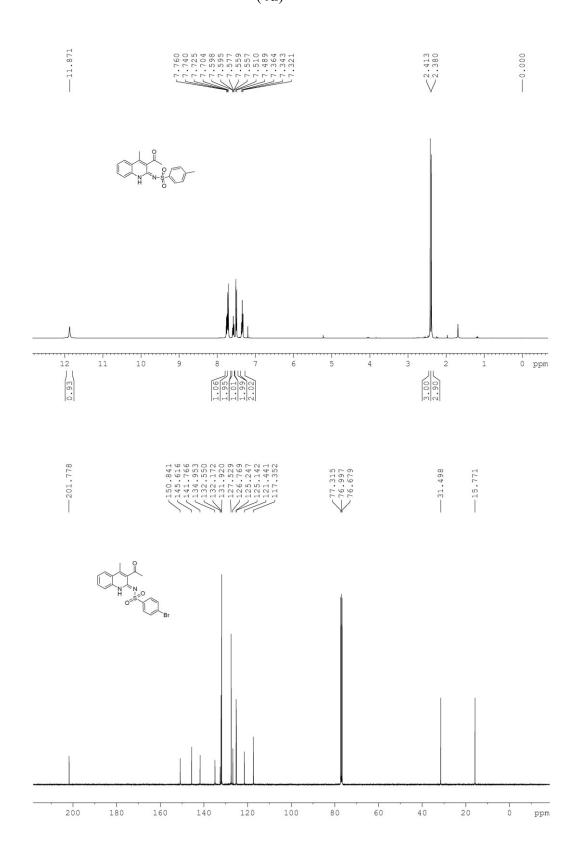
# $\label{eq:local_equation} \textit{(E)-N-} (3-acetyl-4-methylquinolin-2(1\textit{H})-ylidene)-1-phenylmethanesulfonamide} \tag{4s}$



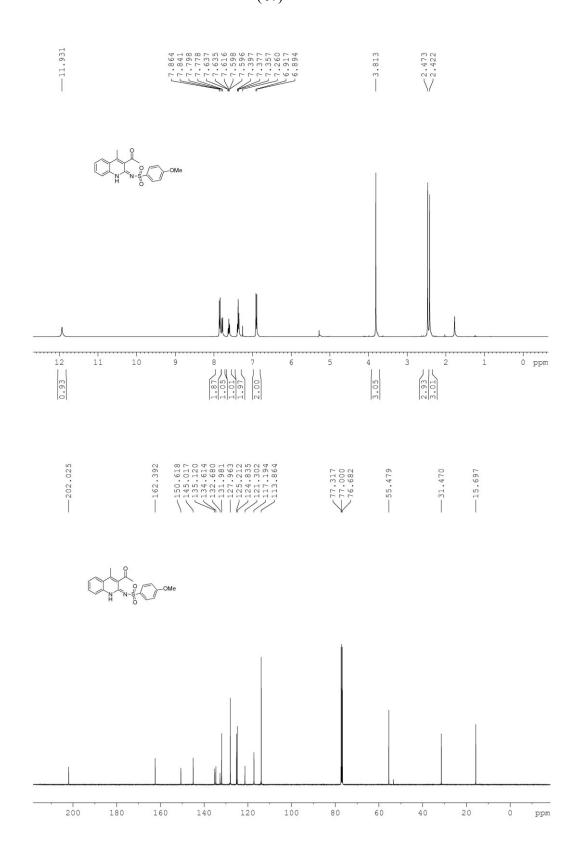
# $\label{eq:continuous} \textit{(E)-N-(3-acetyl-4-methylquinolin-2(1$H$)-ylidene)-4-chlorobenzenesulfonamide} \tag{4t}$



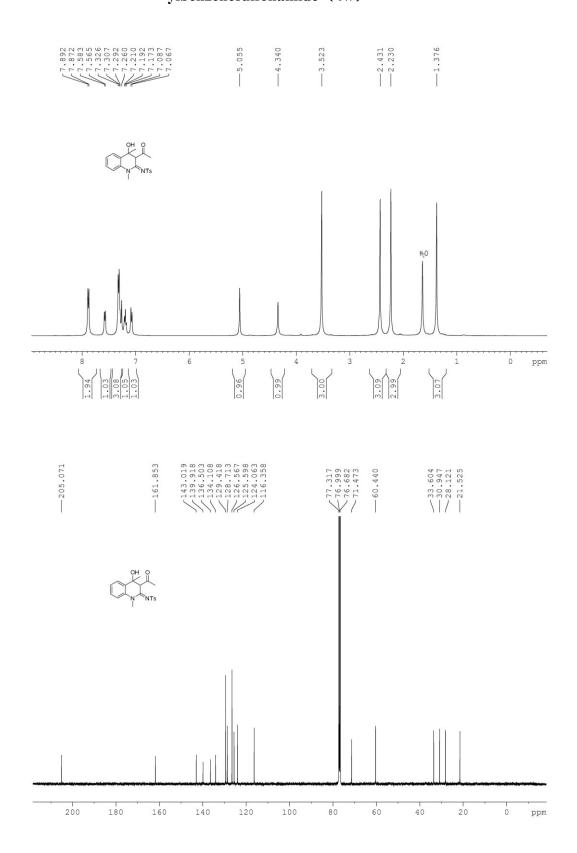
# $\label{eq:local_equation} \textit{(E)-N-} (3-acetyl-4-methylquinolin-2(1\textit{H})-ylidene)-4-bromobenzenesulfonamide}$ (4u)



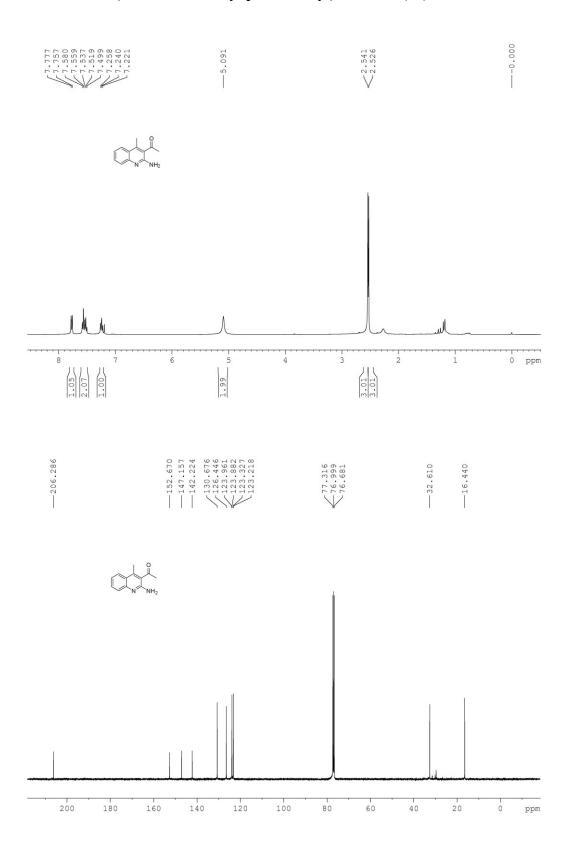
# $\label{eq:control} \textit{(E)-N-(3-acetyl-4-methylquinolin-2(1$\emph{H}$)-ylidene)-4-methoxybenzenesulfonamide}$ (4v)



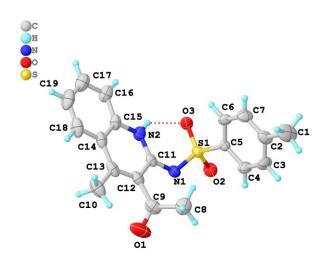
# $N\hbox{-}(3\hbox{-acetyl-4-hydroxy-1,4-dimethyl-3,4-dihydroquinolin-2(1$$H$)-ylidene)-4-meth}$ ylbenzenesulfonamide~~(4w)



#### 1-(2-amino-4-methylquinolin-3-yl)ethanone (5a)



### **4.1** X-ray Crystallographic Data for Compound **4a** (CCDC deposition number 2092343)



Bond precision: C-C = 0.0043 A Wavelength=0.71073

Cell: a=7.7587(5) b=18.0168(12) c=19.7560(13) alpha=104.844(2) beta=98.140(2) gamma=92.385(2)

Temperature: 273 K

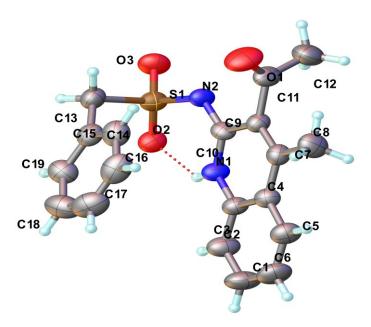
	Calculated	Reported
Volume	2633.8(3)	2633.8(3)
Space group	P -1	P -1
Hall group	-P 1	-P 1
Moiety formula	C19 H18 N2 O3 S	C19 H18 N2 O3 S
Sum formula	C19 H18 N2 O3 S	C19 H18 N2 O3 S
Mr	354.41	354.41
Dx,g cm-3	1.341	1.341
Z	6	6
Mu (mm-1)	0.205	0.205
F000	1116.0	1116.0
F000'	1117.22	
h,k,lmax	9,21,23	9,21,23
Nref	9308	9293
Tmin,Tmax	0.936,0.987	0.691,0.746
Tmin'	0.905	

Correction method= # Reported T Limits: Tmin=0.691 Tmax=0.746 AbsCorr = MULTI-SCAN

Data completeness= 0.998 Theta(max) = 25.027

S = 1.026 Npar= 685

### **4.2** X-ray Crystallographic Data for Compound **4s** (CCDC deposition number 2092351)



Bond precision: C-C = 0.0087 A Wavelength=0.71073

Cell: a=10.929(18) b=10.763(18) c=15.62(3) alpha=90 beta=109.953(17) gamma=90

Temperature: 296 K

	Calculated	Reported
Volume	1727(5)	1726(5)
Space group	P 21/c	P 1 21/c 1
Hall group	-P 2ybc	-P 2ybc
Moiety formula	C19 H18 N2 O3 S	C19 H18 N2 O3 S
Sum formula	C19 H18 N2 O3 S	C19 H18 N2 O3 S
Mr	354.41	354.41
Dx,g cm-3	1.363	1.364
Z	4	4
Mu (mm-1)	0.208	0.208
F000	744.0	744.0
F000'	744.81	
h,k,lmax	13,13,19	13,13,19
Nref	3443	3319
Tmin,Tmax	0.975,0.983	0.526,0.745
Tmin'	0.975	

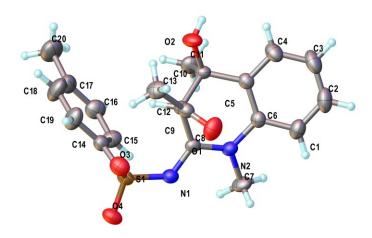
Correction method= # Reported T Limits: Tmin=0.526 Tmax=0.745 AbsCorr = MULTI-SCAN

Data completeness= 0.964 Theta(max) = 26.127

R(reflections) = 0.0968(1990) wR2(reflections) = 0.1968(3319)

S = 1.157 Npar= 228

### **4.3** X-ray Crystallographic Data for Compound **4w** (CCDC deposition number 2092350)



Bond precision: C-C = 0.0024 A Wavelength=0.71073

Cell: a=33.074(19) b=7.648(4) c=16.250(9)

alpha=90 beta=111.766(6) gamma=90

Temperature: 296 K

 $\begin{array}{cccc} & & \text{Calculated} & & \text{Reported} \\ \text{Volume} & 3817\,\text{(4)} & & 3817\,\text{(4)} \\ \text{Space group} & \text{C 2/c} & & \text{C 1 2/c 1} \\ \text{Hall group} & -\text{C 2yc} & & -\text{C 2yc} \\ \end{array}$ 

Moiety formula C20 H22 N2 O4 S C20 H22 N2 O4 S Sum formula C20 H22 N2 O4 S C20 H23 N2 O4 S

Mr 386.46 387.46 Dx,g cm-3 1.345 1.348 Z 8 8 Mu (mm-1) 0.198 0.198 F000 1632.0 1640.0

F000' 1633.72 h,k,lmax 43,10,21 42,9,21 Nref 4481 4399

Tmin, Tmax 0.972, 0.980 0.625, 0.746

Tmin' 0.965

Correction method= # Reported T Limits: Tmin=0.625 Tmax=0.746 AbsCorr = MULTI-SCAN

Data completeness= 0.982 Theta(max) = 27.722

S = 1.036 Npar= 249