

Supporting Information

Aniline Assisted Dimerization of Phenylalanines: Convenient Synthesis of 2-Aroyl-3-arylquinoline in I₂-DMSO System

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1. General

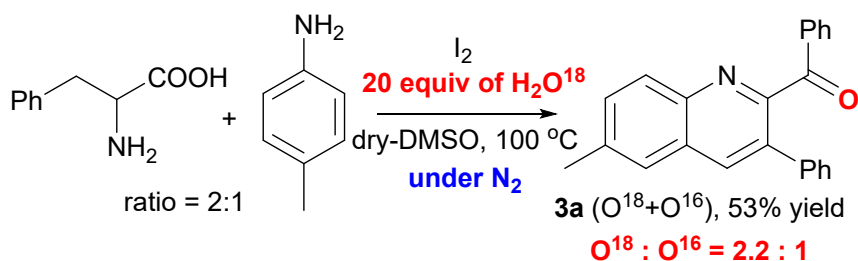
All other substrates and reagents were commercially available and used without further purification. TLC analysis was performed using pre-coated glass plates. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel (200–300 mesh). ^1H spectra were recorded in $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{DMSO-d}_6$ on 400 MHz NMR spectrometers and resonances (δ) are given in parts per million relative to tetramethylsilane. Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz) and integration. ^{13}C spectra were recorded in $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{DMSO-d}_6$ on 100 MHz NMR spectrometers and resonances (δ) are given in ppm. HRMS were obtained on a Bruker 7-tesla FT-ICR MS equipped with an electrospray source. The X-ray crystal-structure determinations of **3v** were obtained on a Bruker SMART APEX CCD system. Melting points were determined using XT-4 apparatus and not corrected.

2. General procedure for the synthesis of **3** (**3a** as an example)

To a flame-dried pressure sealed tube charged with aspartate ester or phenylalanine (**1a**) (165.0 mg, 1.0 mmol), *p*-toluidine (**2a**) (53.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), I_2 (190.5mg, 0.75mmol) and DMSO (3.0 mL, *c* 0.17 M) at 100 °C (heating block) for 12 h till almost completed conversion of the substrates by TLC analysis. When the reaction is completed, the reaction was quenched by slow addition of saturated sodium thiosulfate, water and ethyl acetate. The mixture was then poured into a separating funnel. After the phases were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted three times with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated by rotary evaporation. The crude product can be separated by preparative TLC or silica gel column chromatography to obtain the dichlorination product **3a** (117.9 mg, 73% yield).

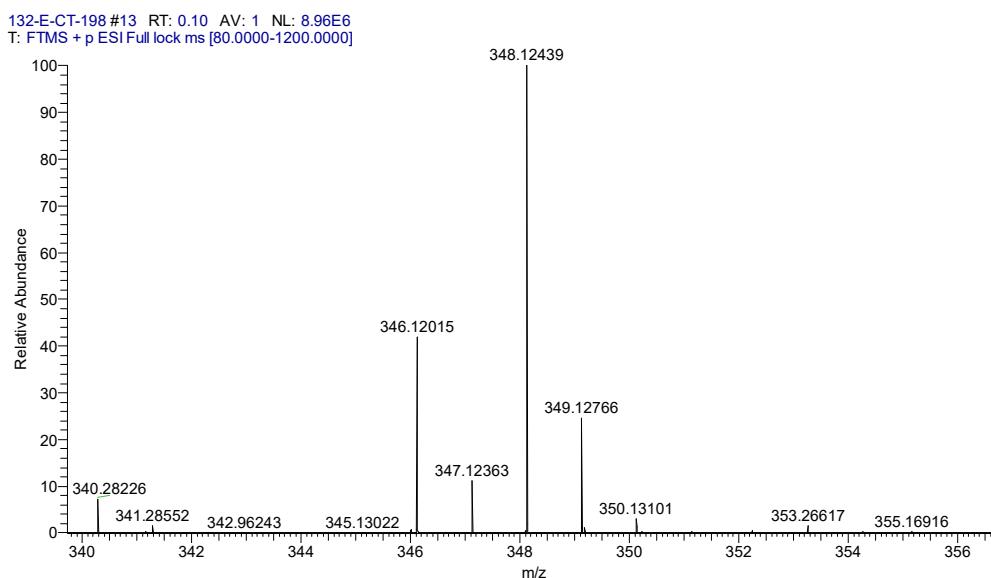
3. Mechanism study

When 20 equiv of H_2O^{18} was added to conduct the reaction under N_2 using a dry-DMSO solvent, both 3a-O^{18} and 3a-O^{16} were detected as products. Since it is understandable that O-exchange could happen between 2-arylpyridines and H_2O , the detection of 3a-O^{16} clearly proved that the oxygen in the product comes from both DMSO and water.

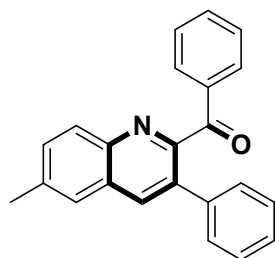


The HRMS Spectra of 3a-O^{18} is listed below:

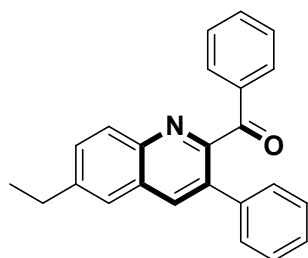
HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}^{18}\text{ONa}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 348.12448, found 348.12439.



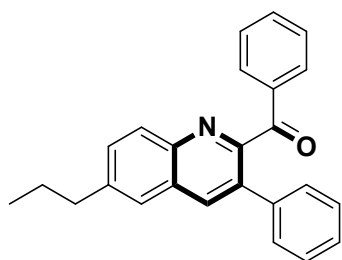
4. Characterization data for compounds 3 and 5a



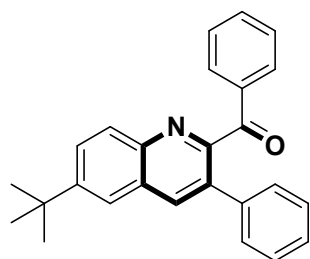
(6-methyl-3-phenylquinolin-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3a)^[1] Yield 73%; 117.9 mg; yellow solid; mp 96–98 °C; R_f 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:15); IR (KBr): 1676, 1595, 1286, 904, 825, 717, 696 cm^{-1} ; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.17 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.61 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 4H), 7.35–7.26 (m, 3H), 2.59 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.2, 155.3, 144.6, 138.1, 137.9, 136.5, 136.2, 134.0, 133.4, 132.5, 130.4, 129.3, 129.0, 128.6, 128.3, 128.1, 127.8, 126.5, 21.7. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺ 324.1383, found 324.1382.



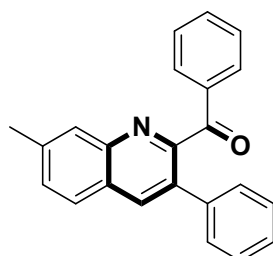
(6-ethyl-3-phenylquinolin-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3b) Yield 72%; 120.6 mg; yellow solid; mp 93-95 °C; R_f 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:15); IR (KBr): 1670, 1286, 898, 844, 740, 715, 700, 688 cm^{-1} ; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.21 (s, 1H), 8.10 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.65 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 4H), 7.35–7.27 (m, 3H), 2.89 (q, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.38 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.2, 155.4, 144.8, 144.3, 137.9, 136.7, 136.2, 134.0, 133.4, 131.5, 130.5, 129.4, 129.0, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 127.8, 125.2, 29.0, 15.3. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_2^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺ 338.1539, found 338.1538.



phenyl(3-phenyl-6-propylquinolin-2-yl)methanone (3c) Yield 65%; 114.1mg; yellow solid; mp 99-101 °C; R_f 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:15); IR (KBr): 1670, 1452, 1284, 1157, 908, 696 cm^{-1} ; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.20 (s, 1H), 8.10 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 4H), 7.35–7.27 (m, 3H), 2.83 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.78 (dd, $J = 15.2, 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.01 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.1, 155.3, 144.7, 142.8, 137.9, 136.8, 136.2, 134.0, 133.4, 131.9, 130.5, 129.3, 129.0, 128.6, 128.3, 128.1, 127.8, 126.0, 38.0, 24.3, 13.8. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 352.1696, found 352.1692.

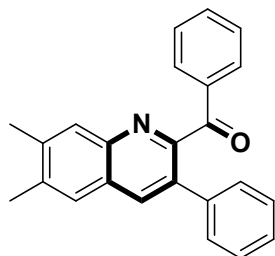


(6-(tert-butyl)-3-phenylquinolin-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3d) Yield 61%; 111.9 mg; yellow oil; R_f 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:15); IR (KBr): 1676, 1452, 1284, 1157, 908, 696 cm^{-1} ; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.24 (s, 1H), 8.12 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.90–7.83 (m, 4H), 7.52 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.41–7.36 (m, 4H), 7.34–7.27 (m, 3H), 1.46 (s, 9H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.2, 155.6, 151.1, 144.6, 137.9, 137.2, 136.3, 134.0, 133.4, 130.5, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.5, 128.3, 127.9, 127.8, 122.6, 35.1, 31.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 366.1852, found 366.1851.

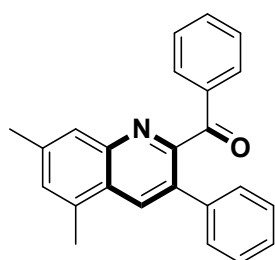


(7-methyl-3-phenylquinolin-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3e)^[2] Yield 70%; 113.0 mg; yellow solid; mp 89-91 °C; R_f 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:15); IR (KBr): 1676, 1276, 1149, 897, 698 cm^{-1} ; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.23 (s, 1H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.56–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.43–7.36 (m,

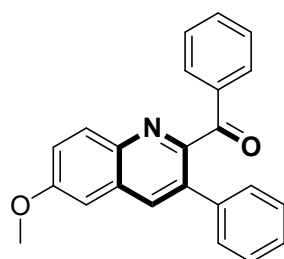
4H), 7.35–7.27 (m, 3H), 2.59 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.2, 156.1, 146.2, 140.6, 137.8, 136.9, 136.2, 133.5, 133.2, 130.5, 130.3, 129.0, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 127.8, 127.3, 126.2, 22.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 324.1383, found 324.1382.



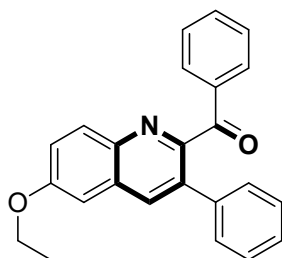
(6,7-dimethyl-3-phenylquinolin-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3f)^[2] Yield 65%; 110.2 mg; yellow solid; mp 97-99 °C; R_f 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:15); IR (KBr): 1666, 1450, 910, 704 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.14 (s, 1H), 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.53 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.42–7.36 (m, 4H), 7.34–7.26 (m, 3H), 2.49 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.3, 155.2, 145.1, 140.6, 138.2, 138.1, 136.3, 136.1, 133.4, 133.3, 130.5, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 128.3, 127.7, 126.8, 126.7, 20.5, 20.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 338.1539, found 338.1538.



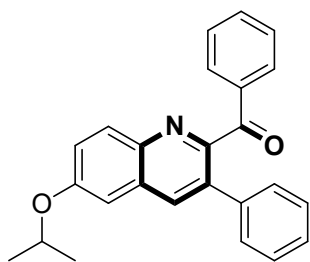
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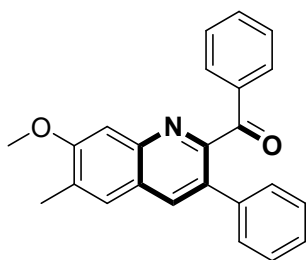
(6-methoxy-3-phenylquinolin-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3h)^[1] Yield 73%; 123.7 mg; yellow solid; mp 142-144 °C; R_f 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:12); IR (KBr): 1676, 1618, 1490, 1276, 1213, 698 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.15 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45–7.35 (m, 5H), 7.35–7.26 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.2, 159.0, 153.7, 142.1, 138.0, 136.3, 135.9, 134.5, 133.4, 131.1, 130.5, 129.3, 128.9, 128.5, 128.3, 127.8, 123.1, 104.8, 55.6. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₃H₁₈NO₂⁺ (M+H)⁺ 340.1332, found 340.1329.



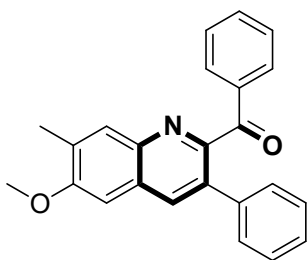
(6-ethoxy-3-phenylquinolin-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3i) Yield 72%; 127.1 mg; yellow solid; mp 143-145 °C; R_f 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:12); IR (KBr): 1676, 1618, 1597, 1490, 1452, 1309, 1274, 698 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.13 (s, 1H), 8.06 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43–7.37 (m, 5H), 7.34–7.28 (m, 3H), 7.15 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.52 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.2, 158.3, 153.6, 142.0, 138.1, 136.4, 135.8, 134.5, 133.3, 131.1, 130.5, 129.4, 128.9, 128.5, 128.3, 127.8, 123.4, 105.5, 63.9, 14.7. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₄H₂₀NO₂⁺ (M+H)⁺ 354.1489, found 354.1486.



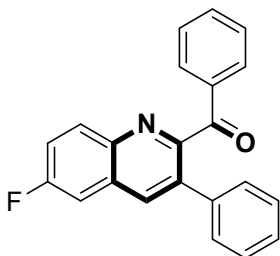
(6-isopropoxy-3-phenylquinolin-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3j) Yield 69%; 126.6 mg; yellow solid; mp 146-148 °C; R_f 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:12); IR (KBr): 1674, 1618, 1487, 1452, 1288, 1213, 1110, 694 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.12 (s, 1H), 8.06 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, J = 9.6, 5.6 Hz, 5H), 7.33–7.27 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (dt, J = 12.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.44 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.2, 157.2, 153.5, 141.8, 138.1, 136.4, 135.8, 134.4, 133.3, 131.2, 130.5, 129.4, 128.9, 128.5, 128.3, 127.8, 124.0, 107.0, 70.3, 21.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₅H₂₂NO₂⁺ (M+H)⁺ 368.1645, found 368.1643.



(7-methoxy-6-methyl-3-phenylquinolin-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3k) Yield 71%; 125.3 mg; yellow solid; mp 147-159 °C; R_f 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:12); IR (KBr): 1674, 1491, 1448, 1238, 1141, 916, 700 cm^{-1} ; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.42–7.35 (m, 4H), 7.33–7.26 (m, 3H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.5, 160.4, 155.2, 146.8, 138.1, 136.3, 136.0, 133.4, 131.8, 131.4, 130.4, 129.0, 128.5, 128.3, 127.7, 127.6, 123.3, 106.2, 55.7, 17.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_2^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 354.1489, found 354.1487.

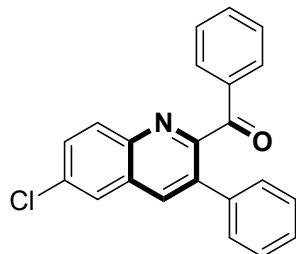


(6-methoxy-7-methyl-3-phenylquinolin-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3l) Yield 72%; 127.1 mg; yellow solid; mp 150-152 °C; R_f 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:12); IR (KBr): 1672, 1489, 1417, 1228, 1016, 927, 696 cm^{-1} ; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.12 (s, 1H), 7.93–7.86 (m, 3H), 7.52 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.41–7.36 (m, 4H), 7.33–7.27 (m, 3H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.3, 158.3, 153.3, 141.9, 138.2, 136.5, 135.4, 133.69, 133.65, 133.3, 130.5, 130.3, 129.0, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 127.6, 103.3, 55.6, 17.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_2^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 354.1489, found 354.1487.

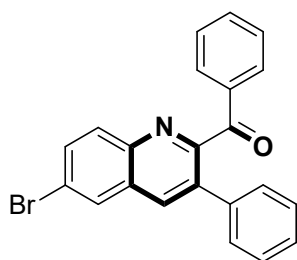


(6-fluoro-3-phenylquinolin-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3m) Yield 69%; 112.8 mg; yellow solid; mp 95-97 °C; R_f 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:15); IR (KBr): 1676, 1448, 1284, 1207, 1151, 912, 694 cm^{-1} ; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.22 (s, 1H), 8.19 (dd, J = 10.0, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 7.40 (dd, J = 14.9, 7.0 Hz, 4H), 7.32 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 194.8,

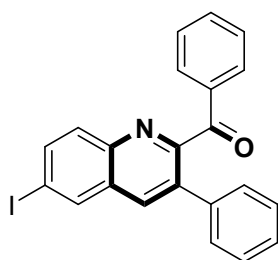
161.4 (d, $J = 248.0$ Hz, $^1J_{CF}$), 155.7, 143.0, 137.3, 136.5 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz, $^3J_{CF}$), 136.0, 134.9, 133.6, 132.3 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, $^3J_{CF}$), 130.4, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.4, 128.1, 120.5 (d, $J = 26.0$ Hz, $^2J_{CF}$), 110.7 (d, $J = 22.0$ Hz, $^2J_{CF}$). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -110.85. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{15}\text{FNO}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 328.1132, found 328.1135.



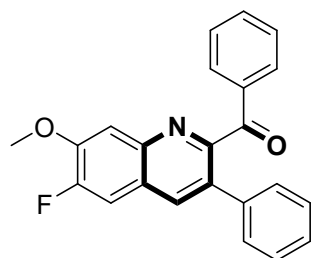
(6-chloro-3-phenylquinolin-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3n)^[3] Yield 62%; 106.3mg; yellow solid; mp 100-102 °C; R_f 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:15); IR (KBr): 1676, 1448, 1286, 896, 758, 698 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.18 (s, 1H), 8.11 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 194.7, 156.5, 144.4, 137.2, 136.1, 135.9, 135.0, 133.8, 133.7, 131.3, 131.1, 130.4, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 128.2, 126.3. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClNO}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 344.0837, found 344.0840.



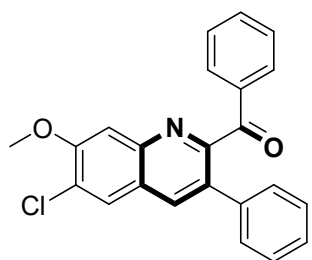
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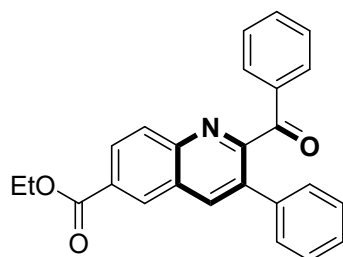
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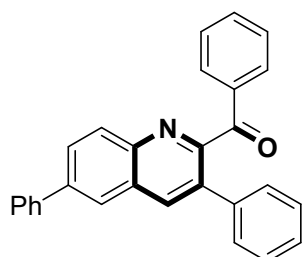
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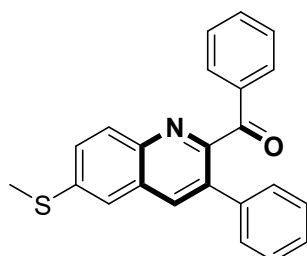
(6-chloro-7-methoxy-3-phenylquinolin-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3r) Yield 71%; 132.4 mg; yellow solid; mp 151-153 °C; R_f 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:12); IR (KBr): 1678, 1446, 1238, 914, 698 cm^{-1} ; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.13 (s, 1H), 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.57–7.52 (m, 2H), 7.43–7.28 (m, 7H), 4.04 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.0, 156.6, 156.5, 146.2, 137.4, 136.0, 135.8, 133.6, 132.8, 130.4, 129.0, 128.6, 128.5, 127.93, 127.86, 126.4, 123.3, 108.7, 56.6. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClNO}_2^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 374.0942, found 374.0940.



ethyl 2-benzoyl-3-phenylquinoline-6-carboxylate (3s)^[1] Yield 55%; 104.8 mg; yellow solid; mp 96-98 °C; R_f 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:12); IR (KBr): 1710, 1678, 1276, 1250, 694 cm^{-1} ; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.70 (s, 1H), 8.40–8.34 (m, 2H), 8.21 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44–7.32 (m, 7H), 4.49 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.47 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 194.7, 165.9, 158.3, 147.7, 138.3, 137.1, 135.8, 134.8, 133.7, 130.7, 130.4, 129.9, 129.7, 129.6, 129.0, 128.7, 128.5, 128.2, 127.3, 61.5, 14.3. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺ 382.1438, found 382.1436.

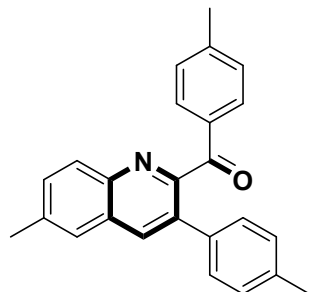


(3,6-diphenylquinolin-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3t) Yield 67%; 130.0 mg; yellow solid; mp 131-133 °C; R_f 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:15); IR (KBr): 1674, 1481, 1284, 760, 694 cm^{-1} ; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.31 (s, 1H), 8.24 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 7.44–7.38 (m, 5H), 7.35–7.29 (m, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.1, 156.2, 145.4, 140.8, 140.1, 137.7, 137.3, 136.2, 134.5, 133.5, 130.5, 130.1, 129.9, 129.1, 129.0, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 128.0, 127.9, 127.5, 125.3. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺ 386.1539, found 386.1538.

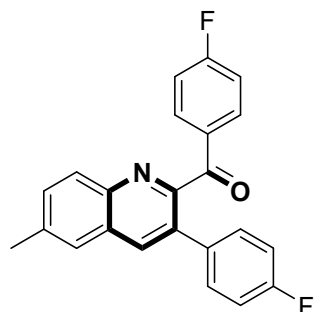


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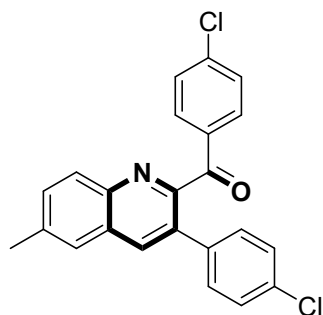
Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 2.64 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.0, 155.1, 144.1, 139.6, 137.7, 136.2, 135.7, 134.8, 133.5, 130.5, 129.7, 129.4, 128.9, 128.6, 128.4, 127.9, 121.5, 15.4. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{18}\text{NOS}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 356.1104, found 356.1100.



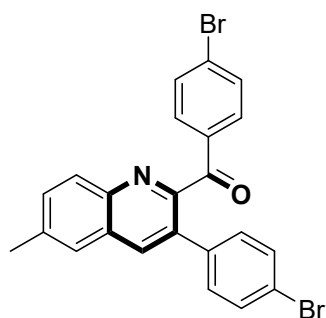
(6-methyl-3-(p-tolyl)quinolin-2-yl)(p-tolyl)methanone (3v) Yield 73%; 128.1 mg; yellow solid; mp 101-103 °C; R_f 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:15); IR (KBr): 825, 906, 1290, 1600, 1664 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.15 (s, 1H), 8.06 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (dd, J = 61.6, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.0, 155.7, 144.4, 138.0, 137.7, 136.4, 135.1, 134.0, 133.9, 132.3, 130.7, 129.4, 129.3, 129.2, 128.8, 128.2, 126.5, 21.82, 21.78, 21.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 352.1696, found 352.1694.



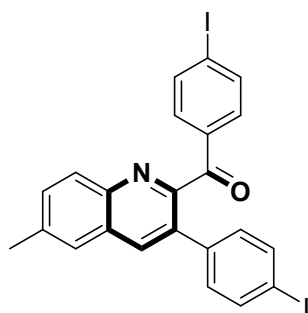
(4-fluorophenyl)(3-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-methylquinolin-2-yl)methanone (3w) Yield 69%; 123.9 mg; yellow solid; mp 101-103 °C; R_f 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:15); IR (KBr): 1666, 1595, 1296, 1224, 1145, 906, 835 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.15 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (dd, J = 8.4, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, J = 8.0, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (dt, J = 22.4, 8.4 Hz, 4H), 2.60 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 193.5, 166.1 (d, J = 254.0 Hz, $^1J_{\text{CF}}$), 162.6 (d, J = 247.0 Hz, $^1J_{\text{CF}}$), 154.8, 144.6, 138.5, 136.7, 133.9 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, $^4J_{\text{CF}}$), 133.2 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, $^3J_{\text{CF}}$), 133.0, 132.8, 132.6 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, $^4J_{\text{CF}}$), 130.7 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, $^3J_{\text{CF}}$), 129.3, 128.2, 126.5, 115.74 (d, J = 22.0 Hz, $^2J_{\text{CF}}$), 115.71 (d, J = 22.0 Hz, $^2J_{\text{CF}}$), 21.8. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -103.84, -113.97. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_2\text{NO}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 360.1194, found 360.1193.



(4-chlorophenyl)(3-(4-chlorophenyl)-6-methylquinolin-2-yl)methanone (3x) Yield 62%; 121.2 mg; yellow solid; mp 107-109 °C; R_f 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:15); IR (KBr): 1664, 1583, 1292, 1088, 902, 829 cm^{-1} ; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.14 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.27 (m, 4H), 2.60 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 193.6, 154.3, 144.6, 140.2, 138.6, 136.7, 136.3, 134.5, 134.2, 132.95, 132.86, 131.9, 130.2, 129.3, 128.88, 128.86, 128.1, 126.5, 21.8. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{Cl}_2\text{NO}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 392.0603, found 392.0601.

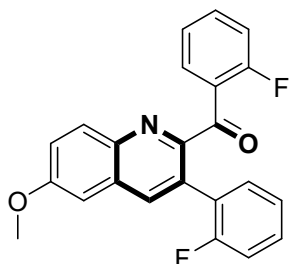


(4-bromophenyl)(3-(4-bromophenyl)-6-methylquinolin-2-yl)methanone (3y) Yield 57%; 136.8 mg; yellow solid; mp 129-131 °C; R_f 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:15); IR (KBr): 1672, 1581, 1286, 904, 831, 744 cm^{-1} ; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.15 (s, 1H), 8.06 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.60 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 193.6, 154.1, 144.5, 138.7, 136.8, 134.9, 133.00, 132.96, 132.0, 131.9, 131.8, 130.5, 129.2, 129.1, 128.1, 126.5, 122.5, 21.8. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{Br}_2\text{NO}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 481.9573, found 481.9569.

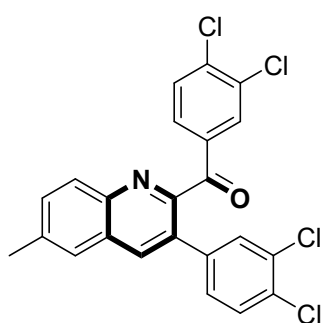


(4-iodophenyl)(3-(4-iodophenyl)-6-methylquinolin-2-yl)methanone (3z) Yield 54%; 155.2 mg; yellow solid; mp 135-137 °C; R_f 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:15);

IR (KBr): 1670, 1576, 1284, 902, 829, 744 cm^{-1} ; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.13 (s, 1H), 8.03 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.65 (dd, $J = 19.6, 8.0$ Hz, 6H), 7.09 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.59 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 194.0, 154.1, 144.6, 138.7, 137.84, 137.76, 137.4, 136.6, 135.4, 133.1, 132.9, 131.8, 130.6, 129.3, 128.1, 126.5, 102.2, 94.1, 21.8. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{I}_2\text{NO}^+$ (M+H) $^+$ 575.9316, found 575.9311.

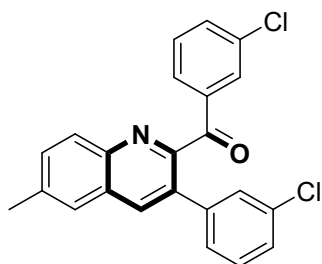


(2-fluorophenyl)(3-(2-fluorophenyl)-6-methoxyquinolin-2-yl)methanone (3aa)
 Yield 67%; 125.6 mg; yellow solid; mp 118-120 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; R_f 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:12); IR (KBr): 1676, 1614, 1454, 1221, 916, 752 cm^{-1} ; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.13 (s, 1H), 8.00 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (dd, $J = 10.4, 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.48–7.38 (m, 2H), 7.33 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 (td, $J = 7.6, 4.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.06 (dd, $J = 18.0, 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.96 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 192.1, 161.8 (d, $J = 255.0$ Hz, $^1J_{\text{CF}}$), 159.3, 159.2 (d, $J = 245.0$ Hz, $^1J_{\text{CF}}$), 153.0, 142.3, 137.1, 134.4 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, $^3J_{\text{CF}}$), 131.9 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{CF}}$), 131.5, 131.1 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{CF}}$), 129.9 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, $^3J_{\text{CF}}$), 129.7, 128.1, 126.2 (d, $J = 33.0$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{CF}}$), 126.1 (d, $J = 29.0$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{CF}}$), 124.5 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{CF}}$), 124.0 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{CF}}$), 123.3, 116.3 (d, $J = 22.0$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{CF}}$), 115.6 (d, $J = 22.0$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{CF}}$), 104.9, 55.7. $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -112.72, -114.99. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_2^+$ (M+H) $^+$ 376.1144, found 376.1141.



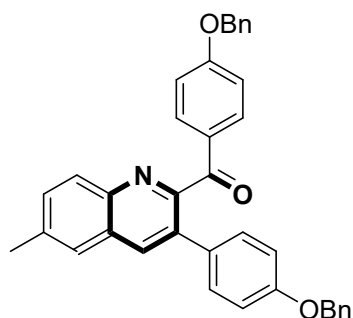
(3,4-dichlorophenyl)(3-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-6-methylquinolin-2-yl)methanone (3ab)
 Yield 61%; 140.6 mg; yellow solid; mp 135-137 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; R_f 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:15); IR (KBr): 1668, 1288, 1151, 1026, 927, 827 cm^{-1} ; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.16 (s, 1H), 8.06 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.79 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.61 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 192.0, 153.1, 144.6, 139.2, 138.4, 137.9, 137.1, 135.7, 133.3, 133.2, 132.9,

132.5, 132.4, 132.1, 130.70, 130.66, 130.6, 129.6, 129.4, 128.2, 128.1, 126.5, 21.8.
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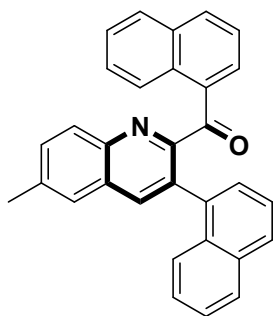
(3-chlorophenyl)(3-(3-chlorophenyl)-6-methylquinolin-2-yl)methanone (3ac)

Yield 64%; 125.1 mg; yellow solid; mp 102-104 °C; R_f 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:15); IR (KBr): 1672, 1566, 1209, 1157, 929, 827, 781, 748 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.17 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, J = 13.2, 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.3, 153.9, 144.7, 139.7, 138.8, 137.7, 136.9, 134.7, 134.6, 133.5, 133.0, 132.8, 130.3, 129.79, 129.78, 129.4, 128.9, 128.7, 128.1, 128.0, 127.2, 126.5, 21.8. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₃H₁₆Cl₂NO⁺ (M+H)⁺ 392.0603, found 392.0598.



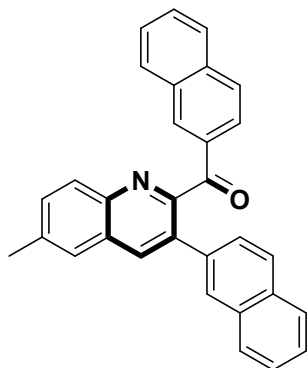
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Yield 63%; 168.5 mg; yellow solid; mp 142-144 °C; R_f 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:12); IR (KBr): 1666, 1599, 1510, 1249, 1228, 1149, 993, 908, 831, 738, 696 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.15–8.03 (m, 2H), 7.85 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, J = 26.8 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 28.0 Hz, 14H), 6.94 (s, 4H), 5.07 (d, J = 29.6 Hz, 4H), 2.58 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.1, 163.0, 158.5, 155.8, 144.4, 137.8, 136.7, 136.1, 133.4, 132.9, 132.2, 130.5, 130.1, 129.5, 129.2, 128.7, 128.6, 128.23, 128.15, 128.0, 127.50, 127.48, 126.4, 114.9, 114.5, 70.1, 69.9, 21.7. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₇H₃₀NO₃⁺ (M+H)⁺ 536.2220, found 536.2221.



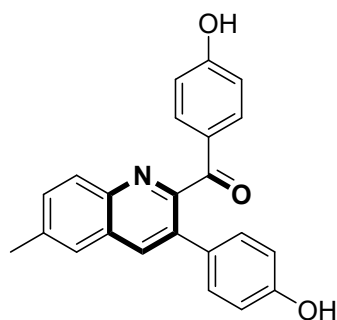
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Yield 69%; 145.9 mg; yellow solid; mp 131-133 °C; R_f 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:15); IR (KBr): 1670, 1288, 902, 777, 752 cm^{-1} ; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.24 (dd, $J = 13.2, 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.67 (t, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 5H), 7.58 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.40–7.30 (m, 4H), 7.24 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.17–7.09 (m, 2H), 2.61 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.2, 157.4, 145.2, 138.4, 138.1, 135.2, 133.8, 133.4, 133.2, 132.8, 132.7, 132.4, 131.7, 131.3, 130.5, 129.7, 128.1, 128.0, 127.90, 127.88, 127.6, 126.4, 126.2, 126.0, 125.8, 125.7, 125.5, 124.8, 123.6, 21.8. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 424.1696, found 424.1693.



(6-methyl-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)quinolin-2-yl)(naphthalen-2-yl)methanone (3af)

Yield 68%; 143.8 mg; yellow solid; mp 137-139 °C; R_f 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:15); IR (KBr): 1660, 1294, 904, 825, 746 cm^{-1} ; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.38 (s, 1H), 8.32 (s, 1H), 8.11 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.04 (dd, $J = 8.8, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.84 (dd, $J = 8.4, 3.6$ Hz, 3H), 7.75 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 4H), 7.64 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.52–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.43 (dd, $J = 6.4, 3.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.62 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.2, 155.6, 144.6, 138.2, 136.9, 135.8, 135.4, 134.1, 133.7, 133.4, 133.2, 132.6, 132.5, 132.3, 129.8, 129.4, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.8, 127.6, 126.8, 126.60, 126.56, 126.4, 126.3, 125.1, 21.8. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 424.1696, found 424.1693.



(4-hydroxyphenyl)(3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-6-methylquinolin-2-yl)methanone (5ah)

Yield 37%; 65.7 mg; yellow solid; mp 169-171 °C; R_f 0.3 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:3); IR (KBr): 3370, 1660, 1591, 1282, 1226, 1153, 831, 756 cm^{-1} ; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 10.60 (s, 1H), 9.64 (s, 1H), 8.34 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.73 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.53 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 193.5, 162.8, 157.4, 156.0, 143.8, 137.5, 135.9, 133.0, 132.7, 132.3, 130.1, 128.5, 128.2, 128.0, 127.7, 126.8, 115.63, 115.58, 21.4. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_3^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 356.1281, found 356.1278.

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6. Crystallographic data and molecular structure of **3v**

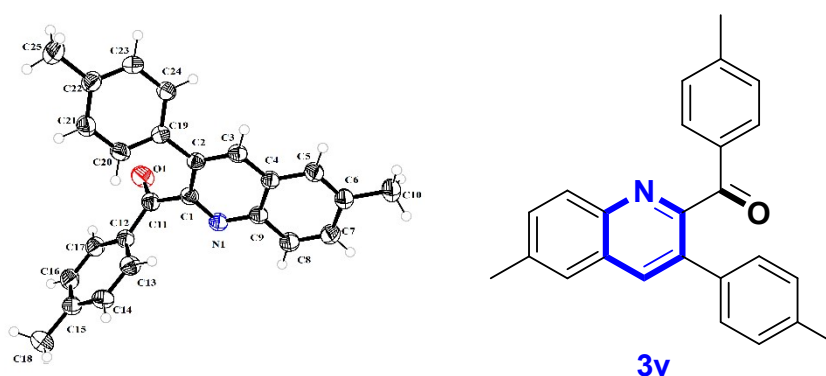


Figure S1. X-ray crystal structure of **3v**, thermal ellipsoids shown at 50% probability level. Sample preparation: 35 mg of **3v** was dissolved in 6 ml CH_2Cl_2 and 1 ml CH_3OH at room temperature for slow evaporation about a week. The crystals were mounted on a glass fiber for diffraction experiments. Intensity data were collected on a Bruker SMART APEX CCD diffractometer with Mo $K\alpha$ radiation (0.71073 Å) at room temperature. Crystal Data for Compound **3v**: CCDC 2227223 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data could be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic.

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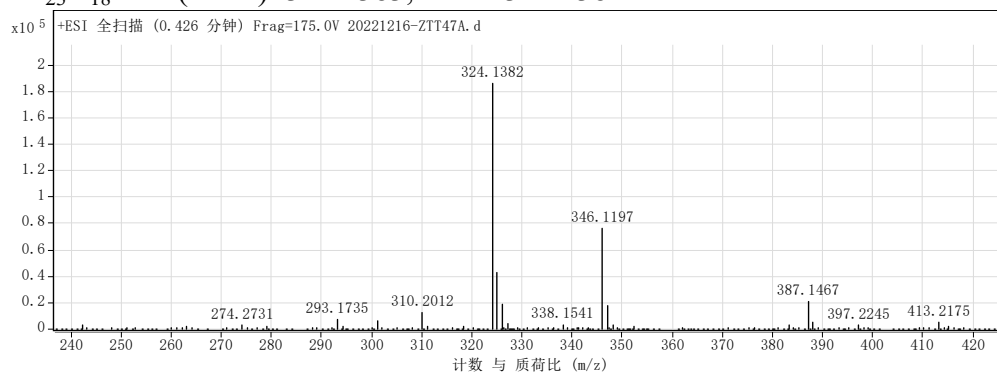
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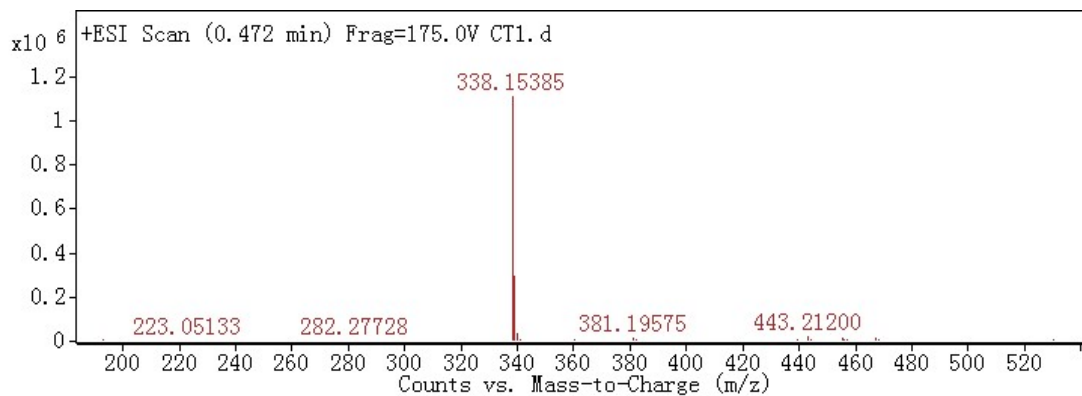
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5. HRMS spectra for compounds 3 and 5ah

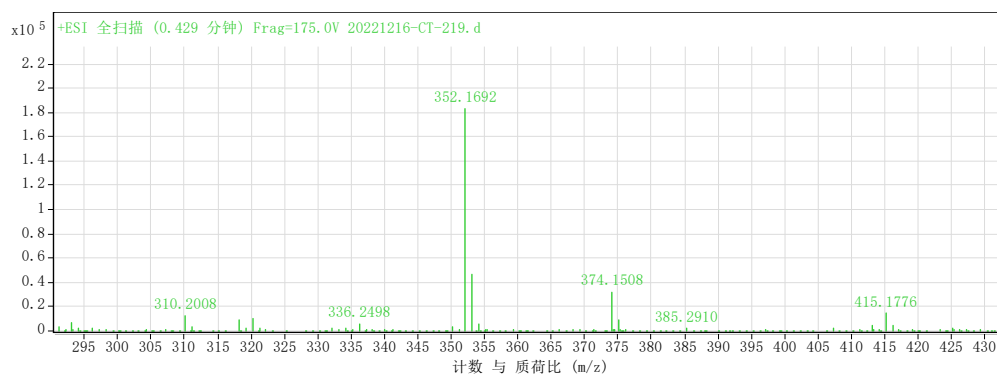
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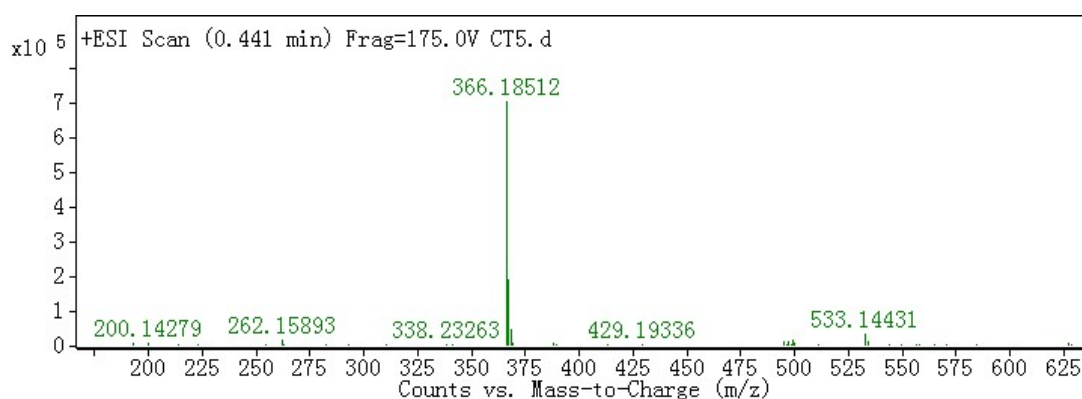
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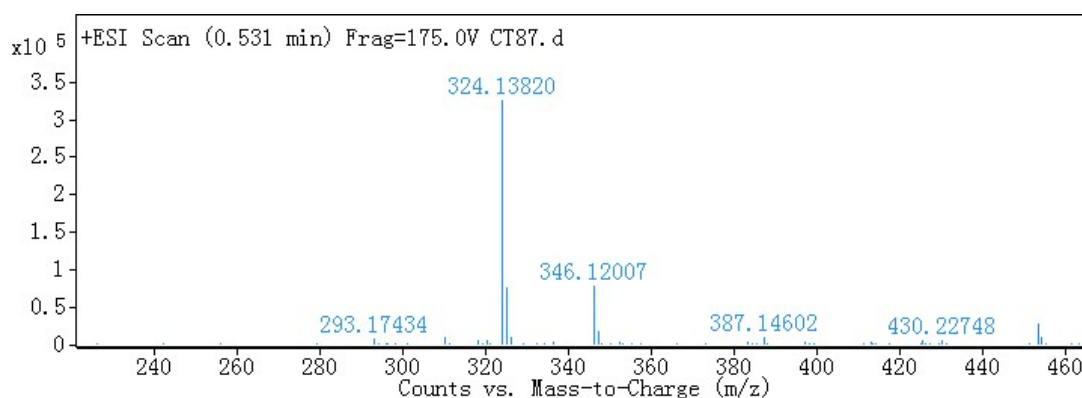
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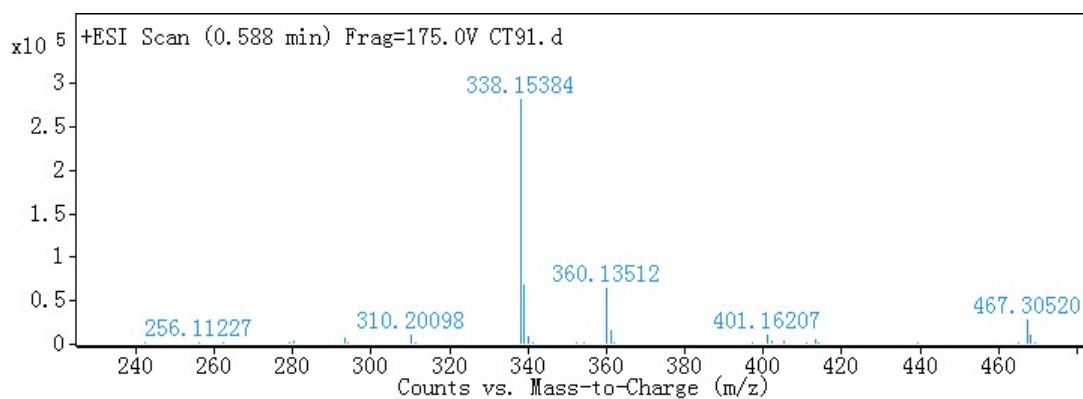
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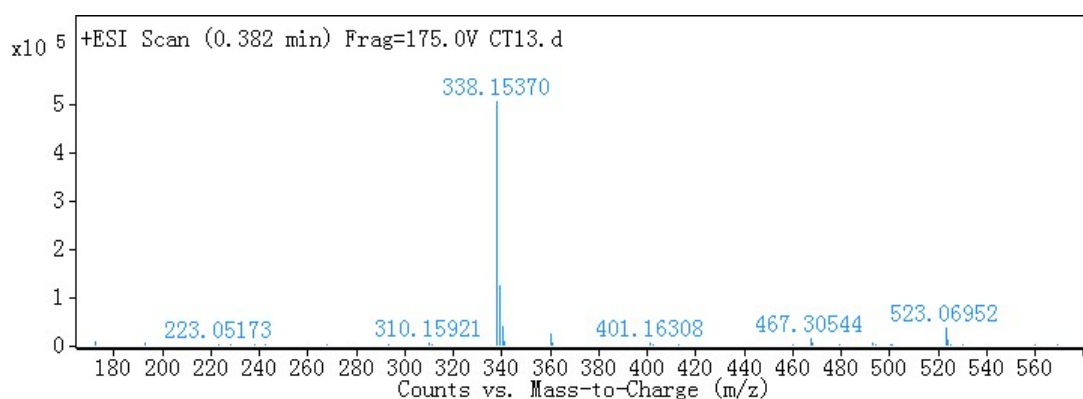
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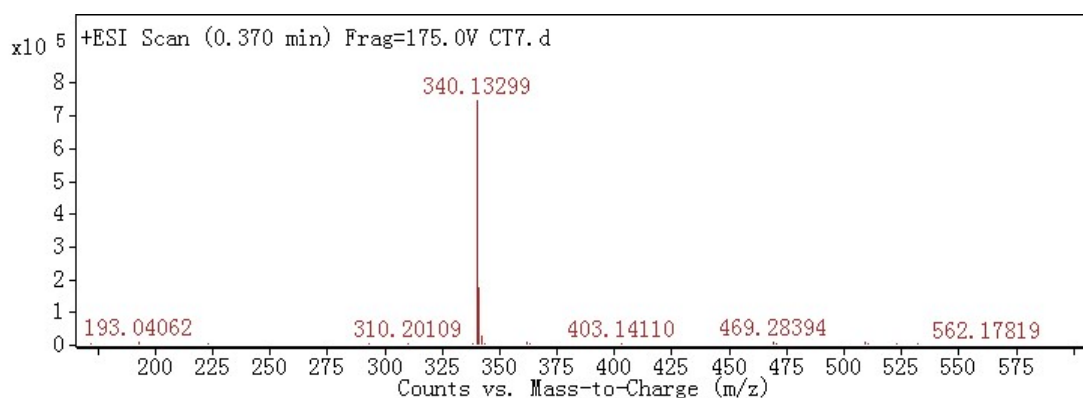
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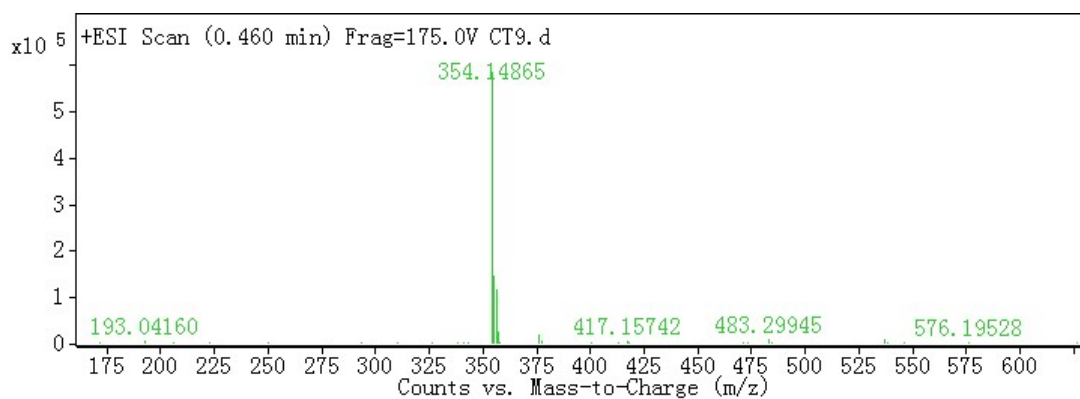
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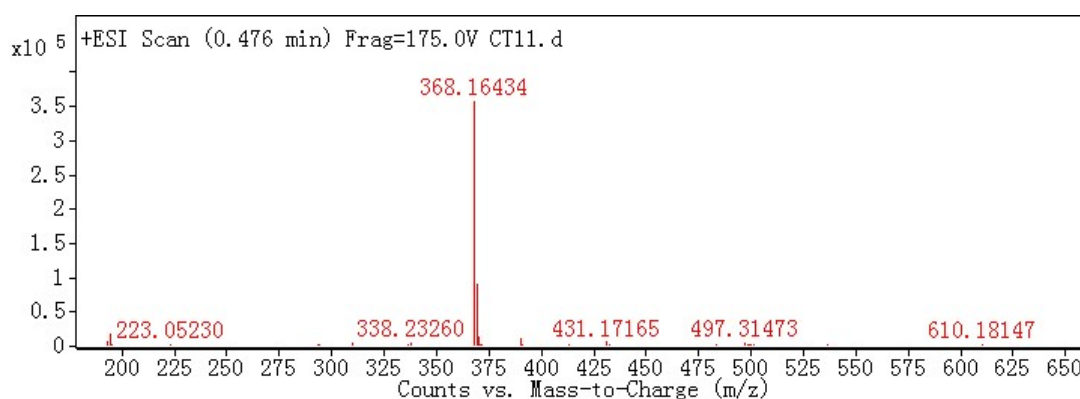
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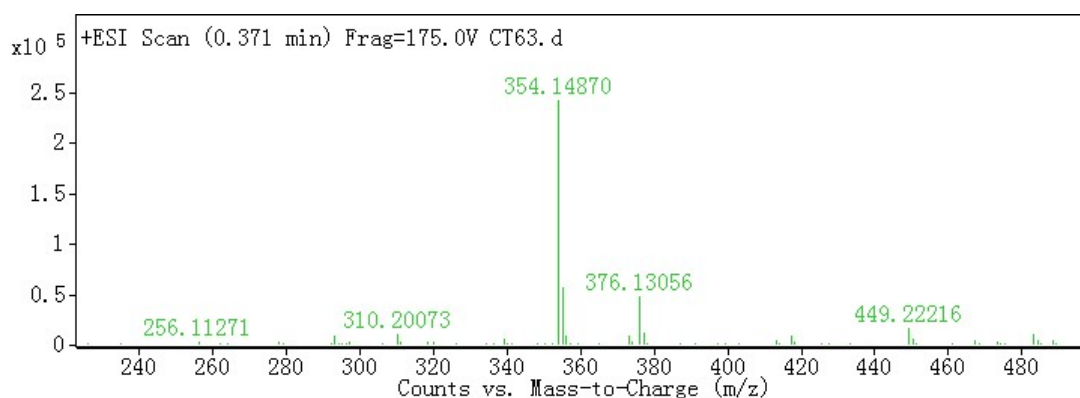
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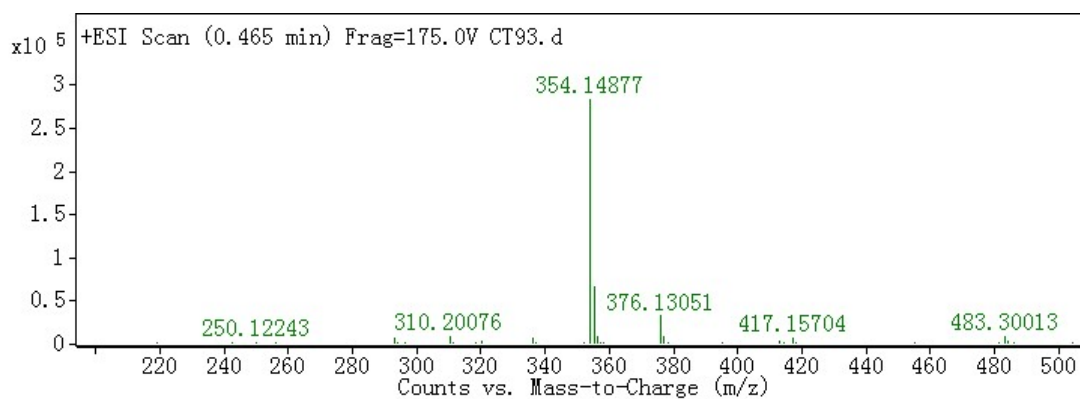
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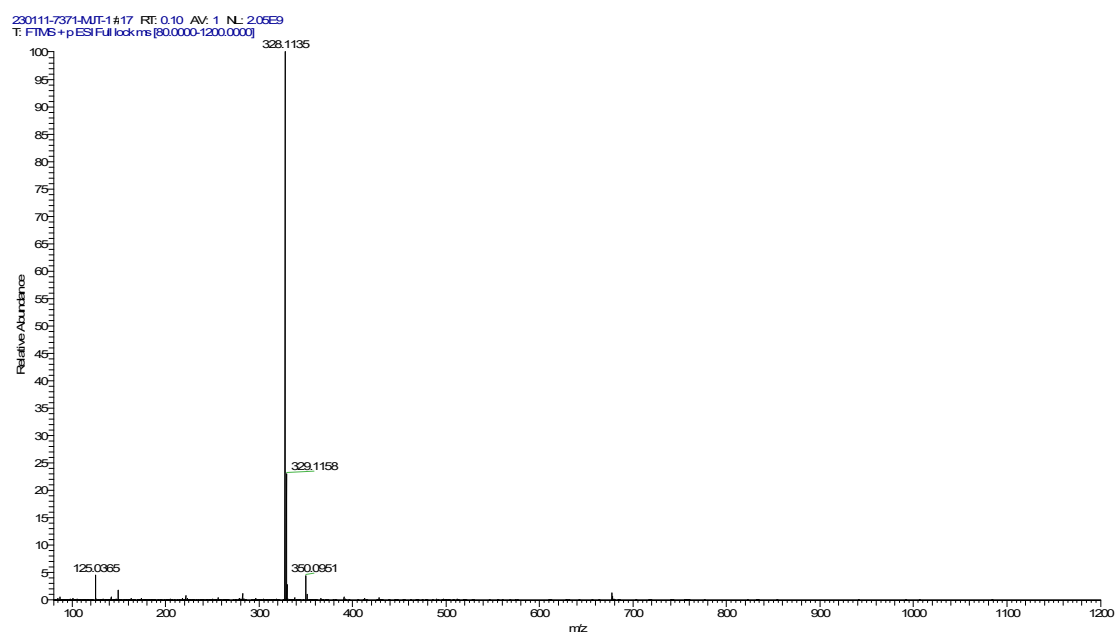
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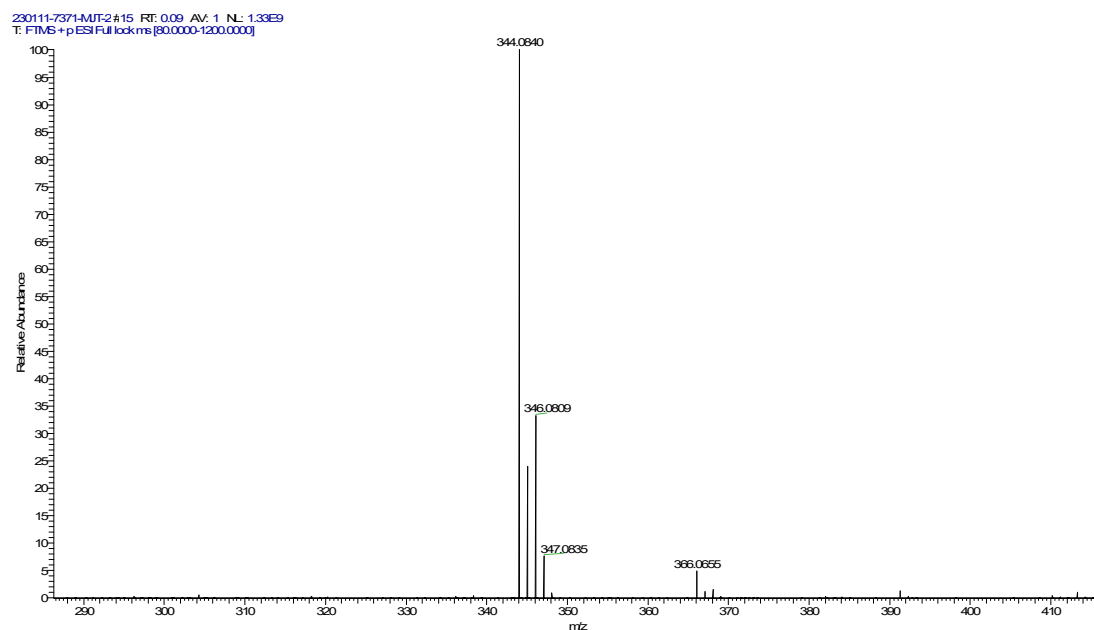
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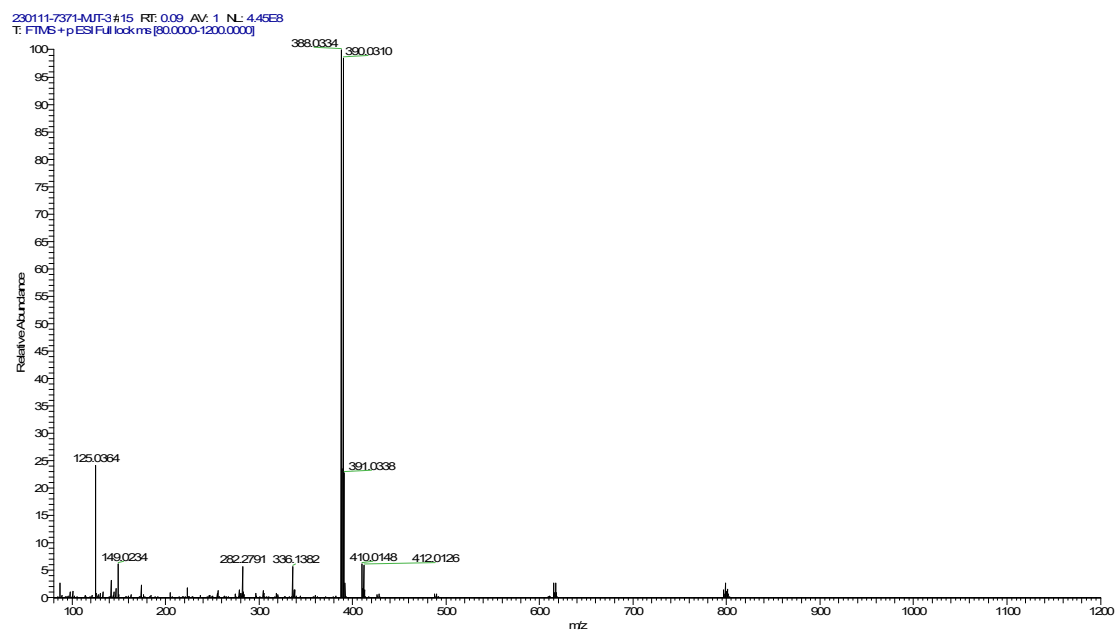
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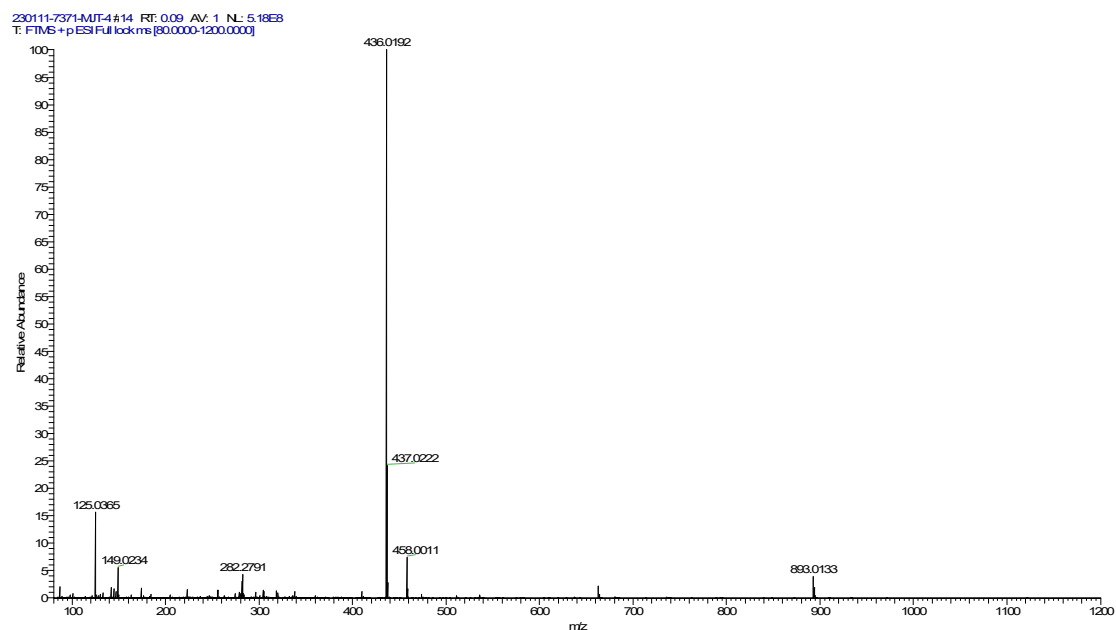
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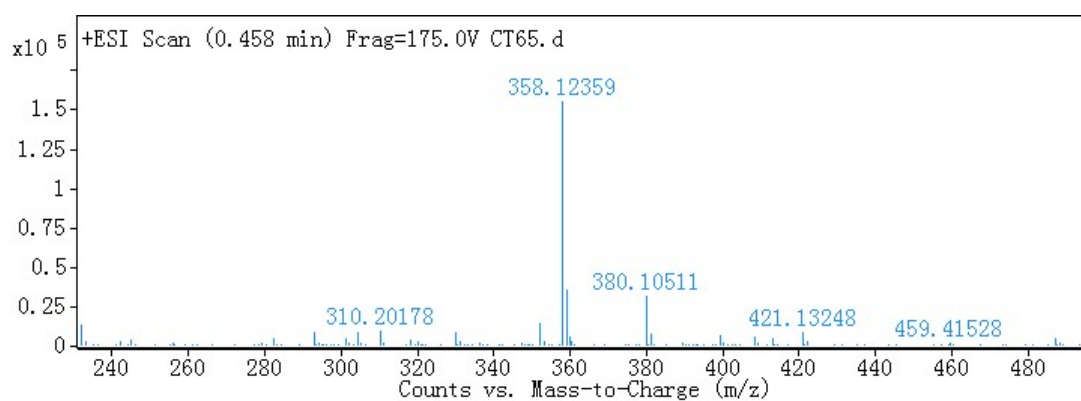
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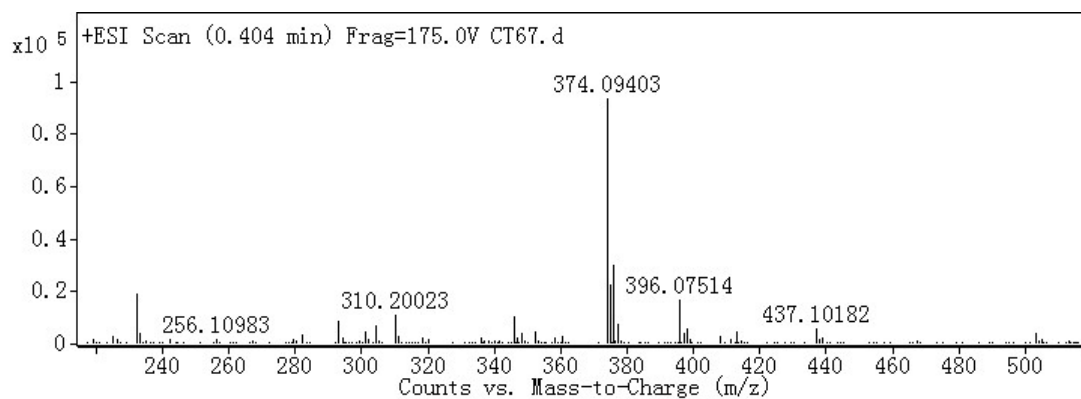
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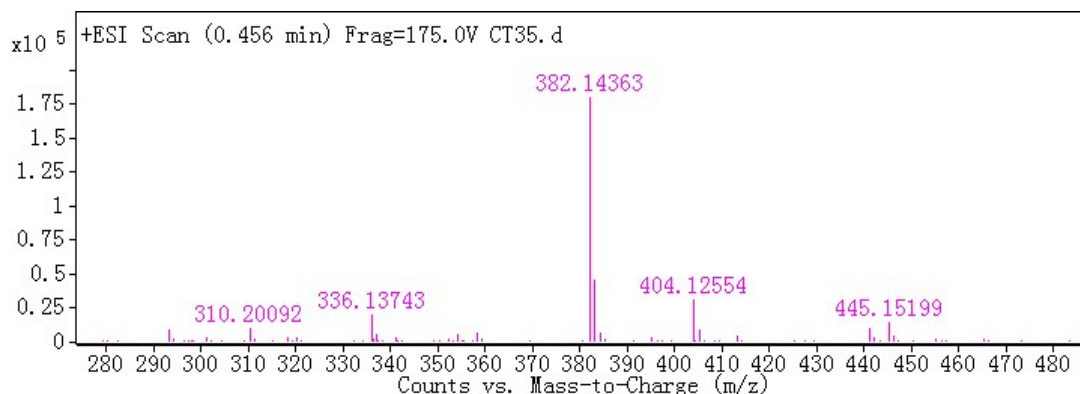
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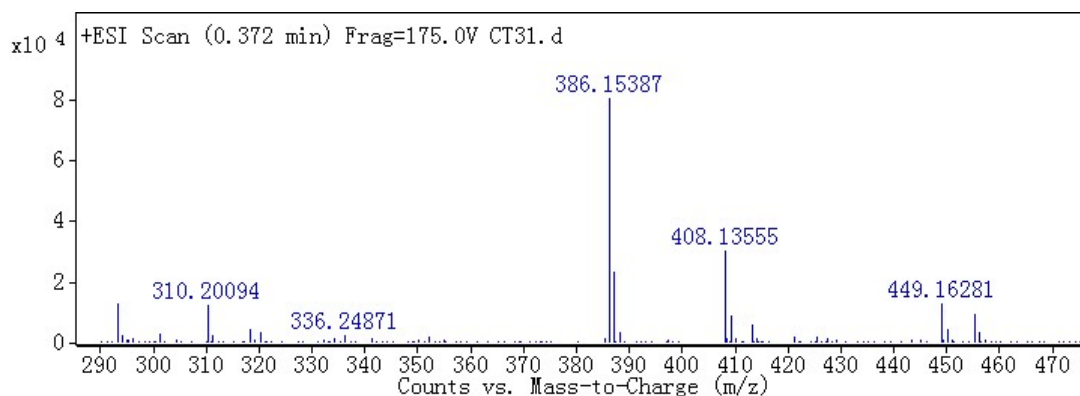
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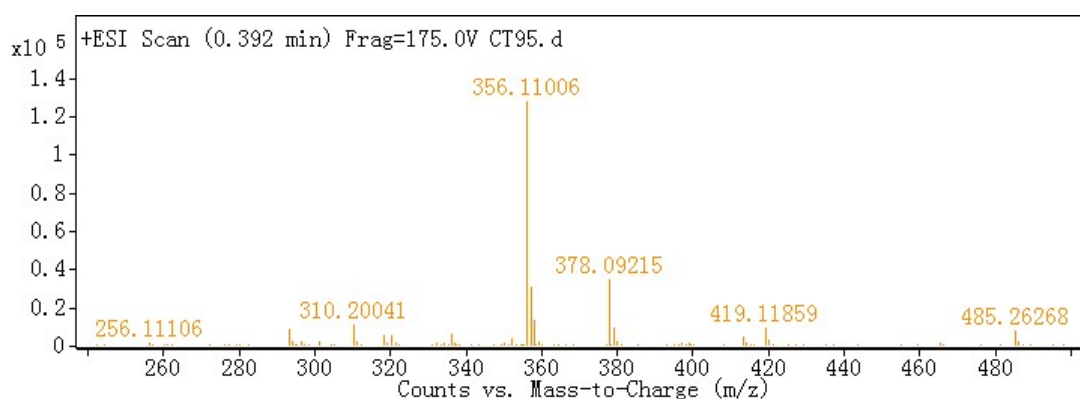
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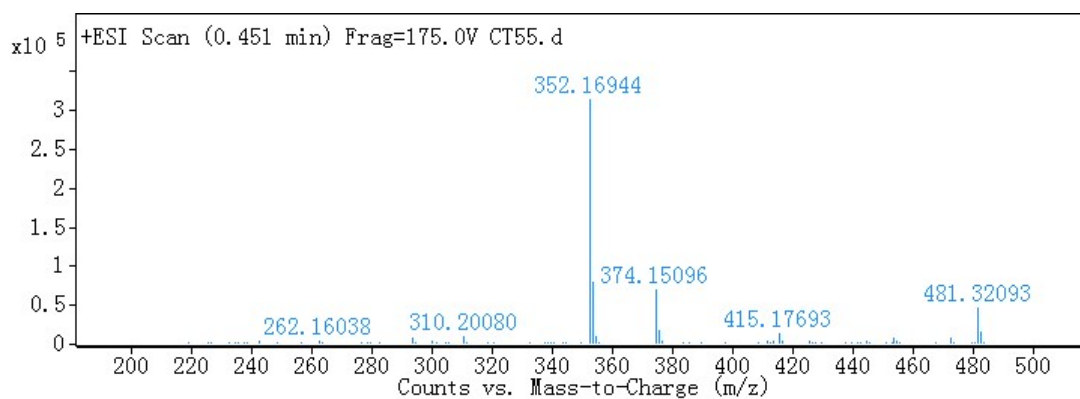
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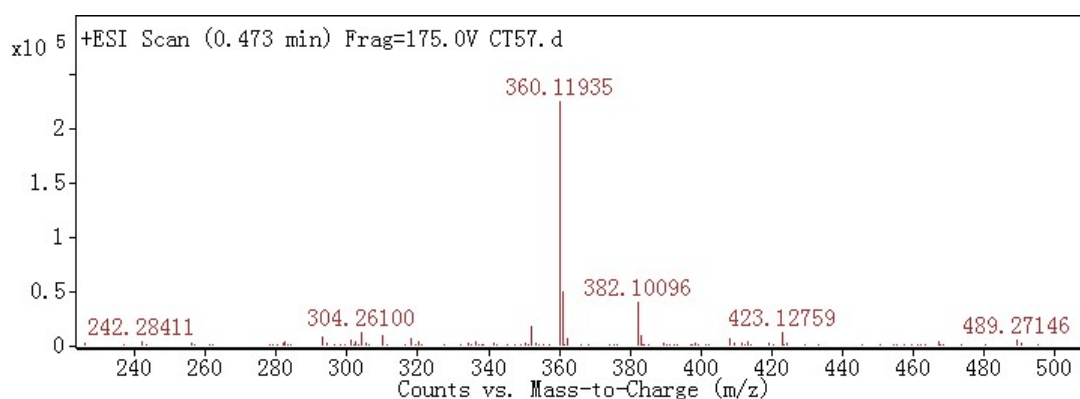


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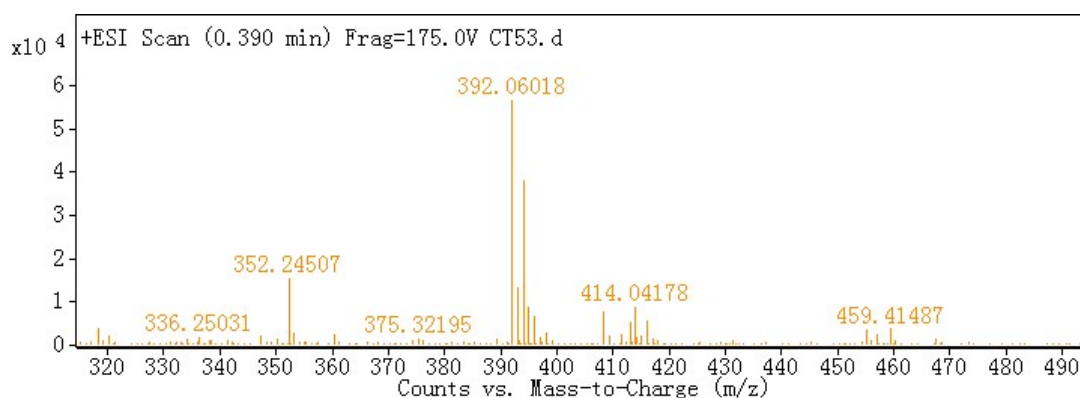
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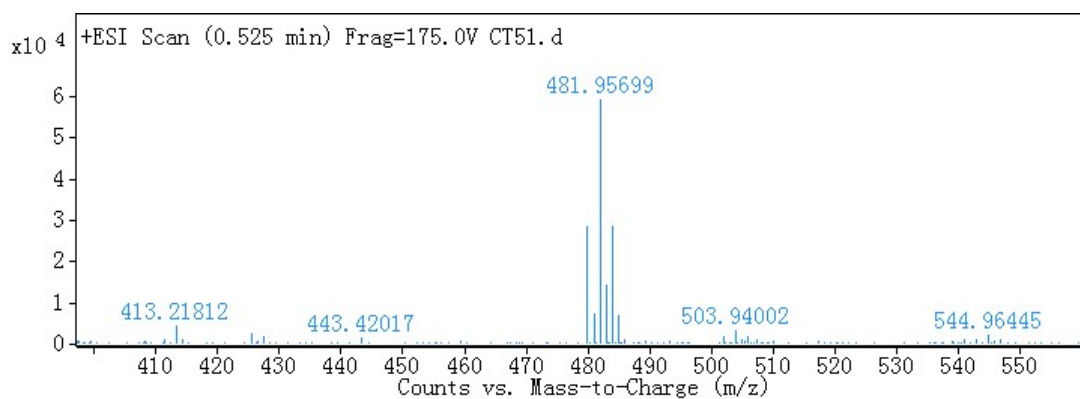
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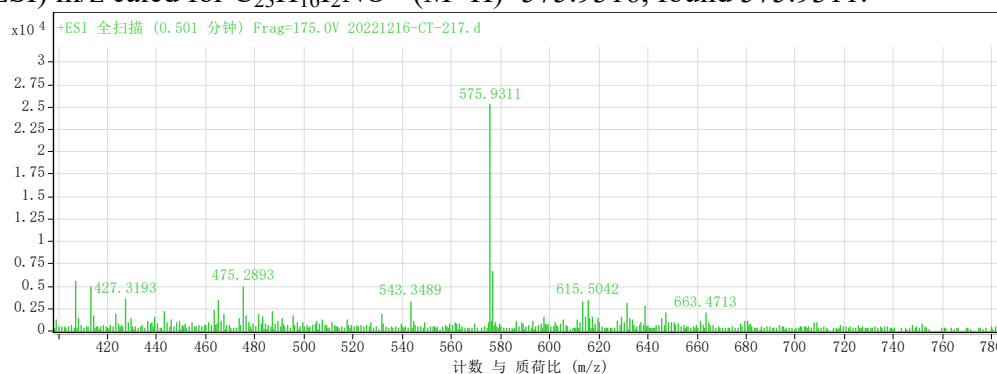


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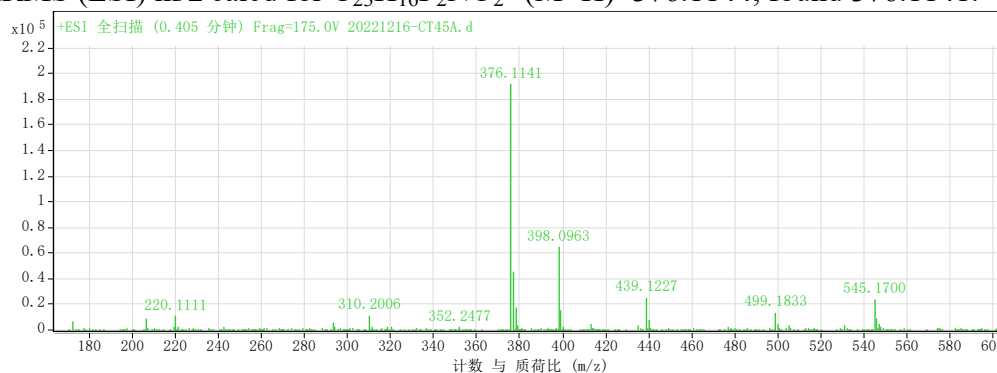
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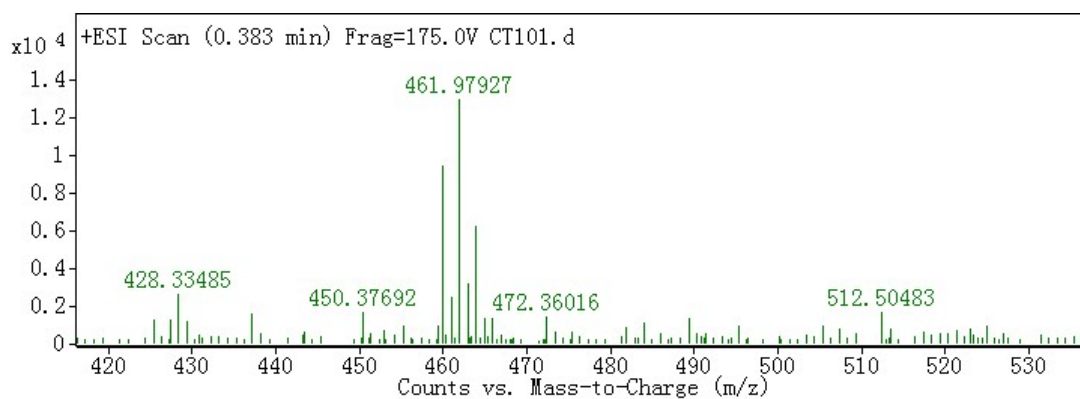
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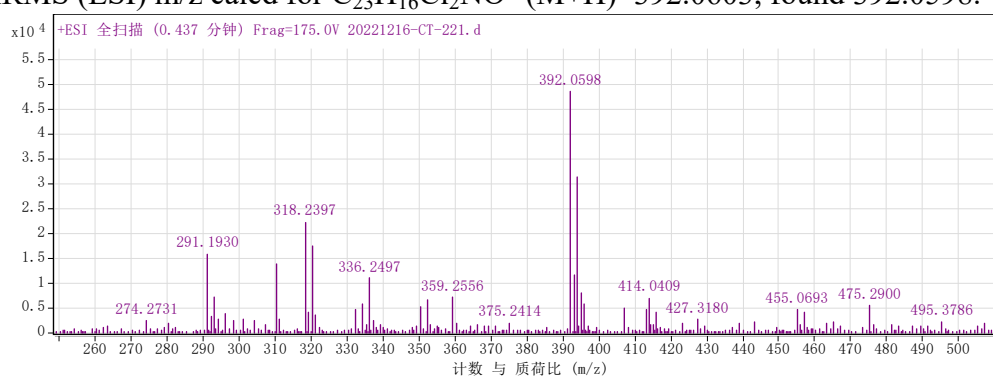
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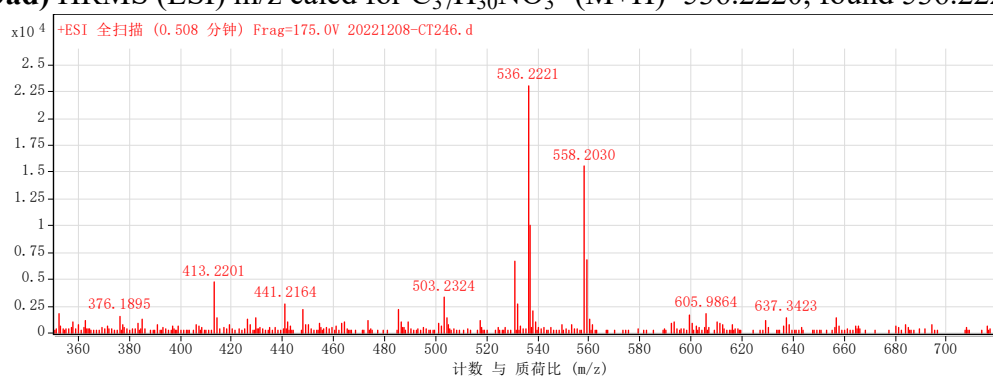
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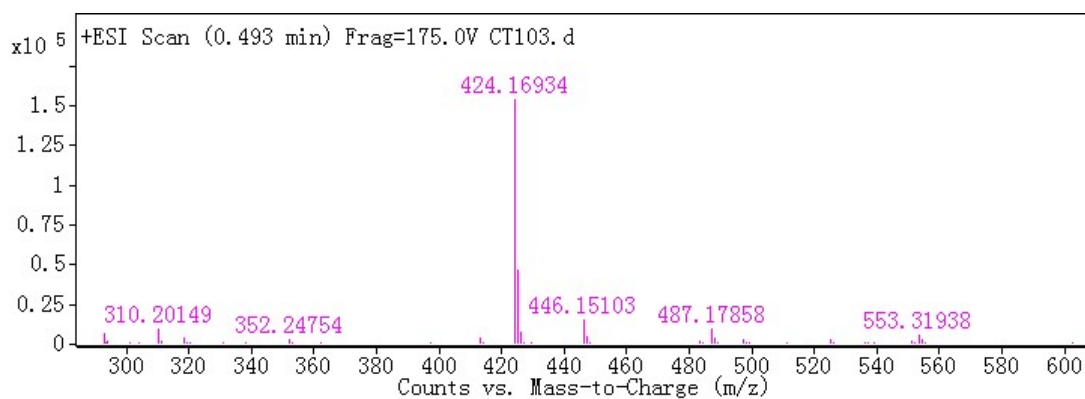
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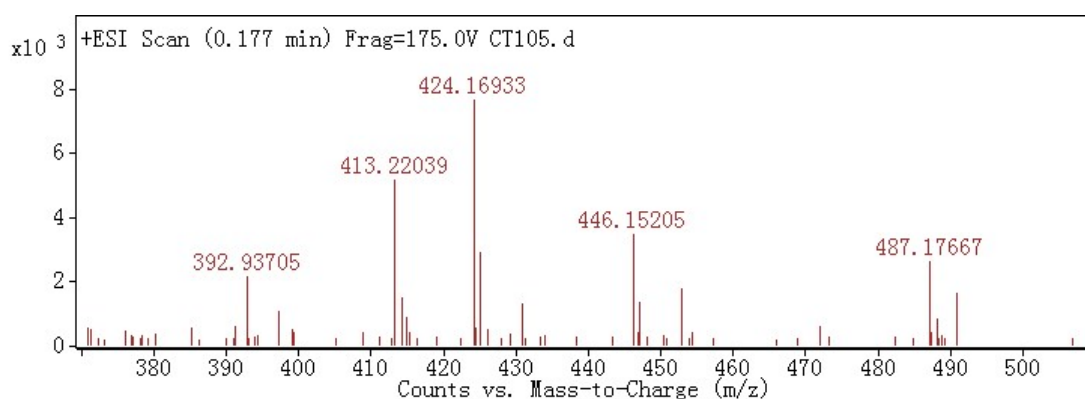
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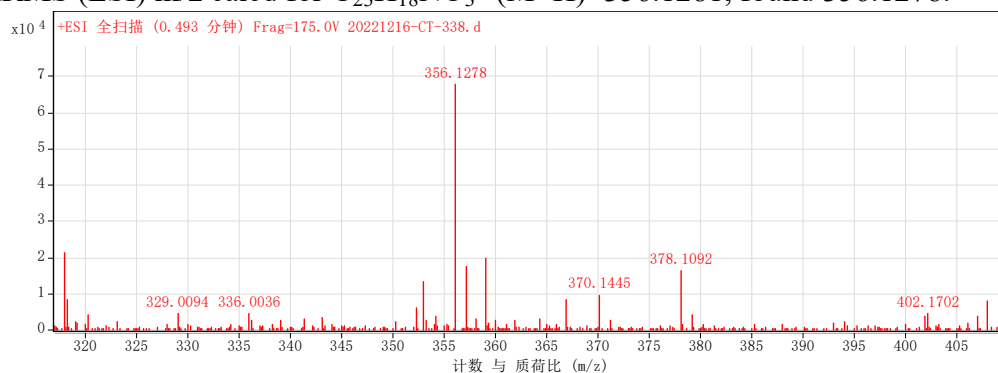
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(6-methyl-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)quinolin-2-yl)(naphthalen-2-yl)methanone (3af)
 HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₁H₂₂NO⁺ (M+H)⁺ 424.1696, found 424.1693.



(4-hydroxyphenyl)(3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-6-methylquinolin-2-yl)methanone (5ah)
 HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₃H₁₈NO₃⁺ (M+H)⁺ 356.1281, found 356.1278.



7. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of compounds 3 and 5a

