

Supporting information

An electrochemical tandem oxidative azidation and intramolecular cyclization strategy for the synthesis of quinoxaline derivatives

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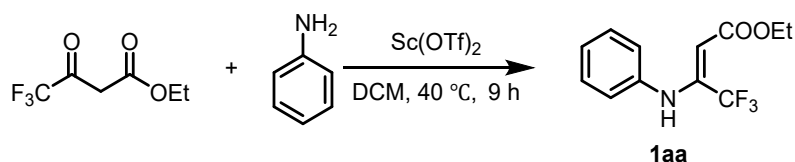
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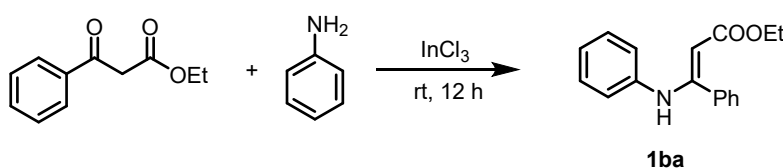
1. General information

All reagents were obtained from commercial sources and used without further purification unless otherwise indicated. Silica gel for column chromatography was purchased from Qingdao Haiyang Chemical Co., Ltd. Reactions were stirred using Teflon-coated magnetic stir bars. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was used to monitor the reaction. Melting points were determined using a Büchi B-540 capillary melting point apparatus. ^1H NMR (400 MHz), ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) and ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz) spectra were recorded with CDCl_3 . Chemical shifts are reported downfield from TMS (= 0) for ^1H NMR. For $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR, chemical shifts are reported in the scale relative to CDCl_3 (= 77.0). High resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) analysis was performed on an Agilent 1290–6540 UHPLC Q-ToF HR-MS System (ESI) spectrometer.

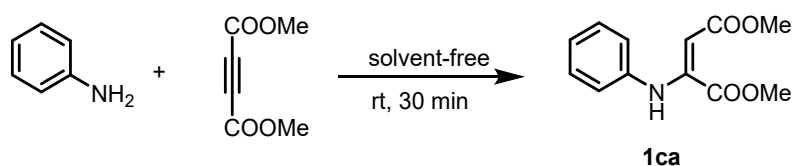
2. Typical experimental procedure¹⁻⁴



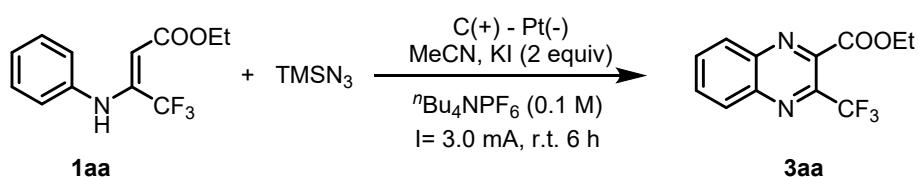
A 50 mL single-mouth flask was charged with ethyl trifluoroacetoacetate (5.0 mmol, 920.5 mg), aniline (7.5 mmol, 698.5 mg), DCM (3.0 mL), $\text{Sc}(\text{OTf})_2$ (0.25 mmol, 123.0 mg). The reaction mixture was stirred at $40\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 9 hours and monitored by TLC during the reaction. When the reaction was finished, the solution was extracted with diethyl ether ($2 \times 10\text{ mL}$). After the solvent was evaporated under vacuum, The crude products were separated by flash column chromatography on Et_3N pre-treated silica gel using petroleum ether: ethyl ether = (20:1, v/v) as eluent.



A 50 mL single-mouth flask was charged with ethyl benzoyl acetate (5 mmol, 961.1 mg), aniline (7.5 mmol, 698.5 mg), InCl_3 (0.5 mmol, 221.2 mg). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 hours and monitored by TLC during the reaction. When the reaction was finished, the solution was extracted with diethyl ether (2×10 mL). After the solvent was evaporated under vacuum, The crude products were separated by flash column chromatography on Et_3N pre-treated silica gel using petroleum ether: ethyl ether = (20:1, v/v) as eluent.



Take a 50 mL single-necked round-bottomed flask that was dried in the oven in advance, add aniline (7.5 mmol, 698.5 mg), then slowly add dimethylacetylenedicarboxylate (5.0 mmol, 710.5 mg), and mix thoroughly to form a uniform paste. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min and monitor the reaction process by TLC. After the reaction was completed, using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = (15:1, v/v) as eluent to quickly purify by silica gel column pretreated with Et_3N to obtain the desired product.



In an oven-dried undivided three-necked bottle added enamine ester **1aa** (0.5 mmol · 122.6 mg), MeCN (5.0 mL), TMSN_3 (1.0 mmol, 115.0 mg), $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$ (0.5 mmol, 193.5 mg), KI (1.0 mmol, 166.0 mg). The bottle was equipped with platinum plate (20 mm \times 15 mm) as the anode and platinum plate (20 mm \times 15 mm) as the cathode. The reaction mixture was stirred and electrolyzed at a constant current of 3.0 mA for 6 hours at room temperature. When the reaction was finished, the solution was extracted with diethyl ether (3×10 mL). After the solvent was evaporated under

vacuum, the residues were purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: ethyl ether = 10:1, v/v) to give the desired product.



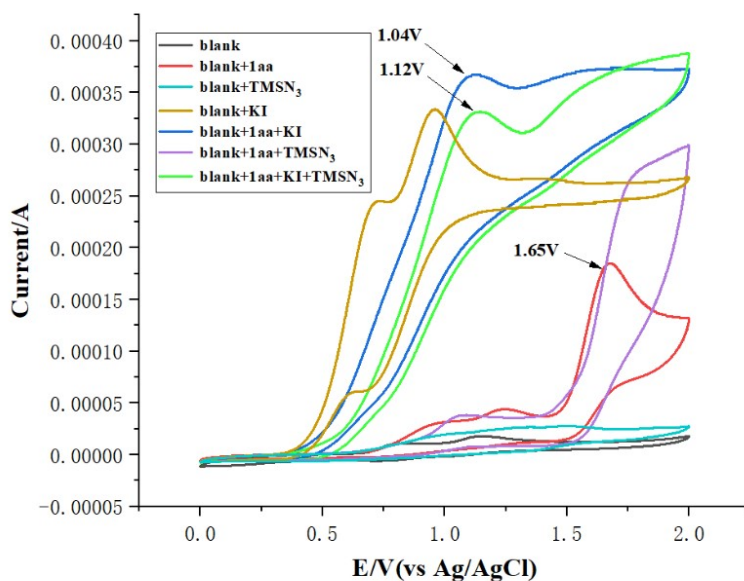
Figure S1. Electrolysis setup

3. Large-scale experimental procedure

In an oven-dried undivided three-necked bottle added enamine ester **1aa** (5.0 mmol, 1.23 g), MeCN (20.0 mL), TMSN₃ (10.0 mmol, 1.12 g), ⁿBu₄NPF₆ (5.0 mmol, 1.94 g), KI (10.0 mmol, 1.66 g). The bottle was equipped with platinum plate (20 mm × 15 mm) as the anode and platinum plate (20 mm × 15 mm) as the cathode. The reaction mixture was stirred and electrolyzed at a constant current of 6.0 mA for 16 hours at room temperature. When the reaction was finished, the solution was extracted with diethyl ether (3 × 20 mL). After the solvent was evaporated under vacuum, the residues were purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: ethyl ether = 10:1, v/v) to give the desired product.

4. Cyclic voltammetry experiments

Cyclic voltammetry was performed in a three-electrode bottle (10.0 mL) by electrochemical analyzer at room temperature. The working electrode was a steady glassy carbon disk electrode, the counter electrode a platinum wire. The reference was an Ag/AgCl electrode submerged in saturated aqueous KCl solution. In all experiments, 10 mL of CH₃CN containing 0.1 M ⁿBu₄NPF₆ were poured into the electrochemical cell. The scan rate is 0.04 V/s, ranging from 0.0 V to 2.0 V.

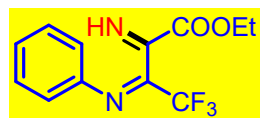


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6. Analytical data of the synthesized derivatives

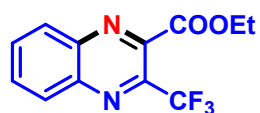
ethyl -4,4,4-trifluoro-2-imino-3-(phenylimino)butanoate (2aa)



Yellow oil; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.06 (s, 1H), 7.32 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 4.04 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.09 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.0, 157.1, 152.4 (q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 35.7$ Hz), 145.9, 129.1, 127.1, 120.6, 118.8 (q, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 279.1$ Hz), 63.4, 13.5. $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -69.61.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 273.0845, found 273.0846.

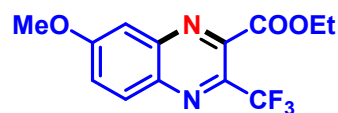
ethyl 3-(trifluoromethyl)quinoxaline-2-carboxylate (3aa)



White solid; m.p. = 48.3-49.5 °C; 70% yield; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.27 (m, 2H), 7.98 (m, 2H), 4.58 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.2, 143.6, 141.7, 140.5, 140.2 (q, ²*J*_{C-F} = 36.6 Hz), 133.2, 132.8, 129.8, 129.6, 120.6 (q, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 275.8 Hz), 63.2, 13.9. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -64.4.

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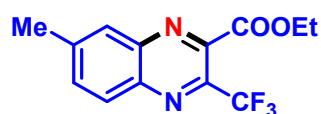
ethyl 7-methoxy-3-(trifluoromethyl)quinoxaline-2-carboxylate (3ab)



Yellow viscous oil; 74% yield; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (s, 2H), 1.39 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.4, 163.3, 143.9, 143.7, 137.8 (q, ²*J*_{C-F} = 36.2 Hz, CF₃), 137.0, 130.7, 126.8, 122.3 (q, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 275.8 Hz, CF₃), 106.3, 63.1, 56.2, 13.9. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -64.0.

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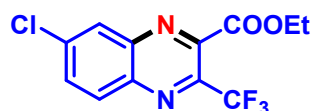
ethyl 7-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)quinoxaline-2-carboxylate (3ac)



Yellow viscous oil; 72% yield; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (m, 1H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.72 (m, 2H), 4.49 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 1.39 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.4, 144.6, 143.6, 141.8, 140.8 (q, ²*J*_{C-F} = 36.0 Hz, CF₃), 139.1, 135.2, 129.3, 128.3, 122.2 (q, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 275.8 Hz, CF₃), 63.1, 22.1, 13.9. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -64.3.

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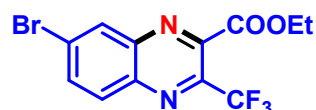
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Yellow oil; 46% yield; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.22 – 8.09 (m, 2H), 7.85 (m, 1H), 4.50 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.40 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.8, 144.5, 142.0, 140.6 (q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 36.7$ Hz, CF_3), 139.6, 139.1, 134.0, 131.0, 128.5, 120.5 (q, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 275.8$ Hz, CF_3), 63.4, 13.9. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -64.5.

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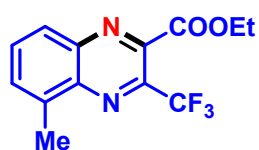
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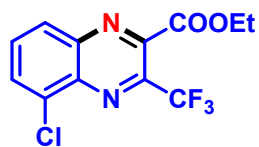
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HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 285.0845, found 284.0846

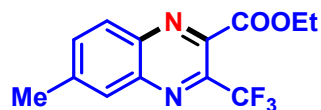
ethyl 5-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)quinoxaline-2-carboxylate (3ag)



Yellow oil; 41% yield; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.20 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.90 (t, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.58 (q, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.47 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.8, 144.3, 142.7, 140.2 (q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 36.2$ Hz, CF_3), 137.6, 134.3, 132.9, 132.5, 128.5, 120.5 (q, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 275.8$ Hz, CF_3), 63.4, 13.9. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -64.3.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_9\text{ClF}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 305.0299, found 305.0298

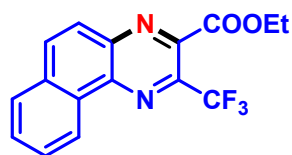
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Yellow solid; m.p. = 58.2-59.3 °C; 43% yield; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.81 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 4.39 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.38 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.3, 148.2, 139.0, 135.6 (q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 35.6$ Hz, CF_3), 131.4, 128.8, 127.8, 127.2, 123.2, 120.8 (q, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 269.1$ Hz, CF_3), 62.3, 21.2, 13.9. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -61.1.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 285.0845, found 285.0846

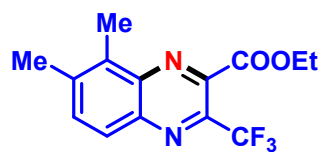
ethyl 2-(trifluoromethyl)benzo[f]quinoxaline-3-carboxylate (3aj)



Yellow viscous oil; 47% yield; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.31 – 9.21 (m, 1H), 8.22 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.09 – 7.97 (m, 2H), 7.90 – 7.83 (m, 2H), 4.59 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.49 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.5, 135.6 (q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 35.6$ Hz, CF_3), 135.3, 134.0, 133.1, 130.6, 129.9, 128.9, 128.9, 128.7, 128.3, 125.8, 125.4, 120.8 (q, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 269.1$ Hz), 63.2, 14.0. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -63.9.

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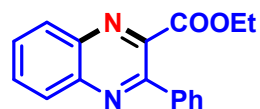
ethyl 7,8-dimethyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)quinoxaline-2-carboxylate (3al)



Yellow viscous oil; 41% yield; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.00 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.56 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.77 (s, 4H), 2.59 (s, 4H), 1.47 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.5, 144.7, 144.2, 142.8 (q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 36.0$ Hz, CF_3), 129.9, 129.7, 128.6, 128.5, 125.2 (q, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 275.8$ Hz, CF_3), 119.5, 117.2, 63.1, 20.7, 20.6, 13.9. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -67.3.

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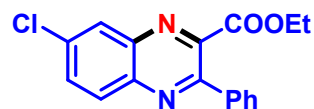
ethyl 3-phenylquinoxaline-2-carboxylate (3ba)



Yellow solid; m.p.= 65.1-66.7 °C; 71% yield; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.2 (dd, $J = 13.7, 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.9 – 7.7 (m, 4H), 7.5 (q, $J = 2.9, 2.4$ Hz, 3H), 4.3 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.2 – 1.1 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.6, 152.3, 145.7, 142.2, 139.9, 137.8, 131.7, 130.5, 129.6, 129.3, 128.6, 128.5, 62.4, 13.7.

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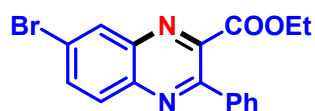
ethyl 7-chloro-3-phenylquinoxaline-2-carboxylate (3bd)



Yellow solid; m.p.= 91.1-92.8 °C; 59% yield; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.21 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.80 (dd, $J = 9.0, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.76 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.55 – 7.49 (m, 3H), 4.34 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.18 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.3, 152.3, 146.5, 140.7, 140.1, 137.3, 136.4, 132.7, 130.5, 129.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 62.5, 13.7.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 313.0738, found 313.0736

ethyl 7-bromo-3-phenylquinoxaline-2-carboxylate (3be)



Yellow solid; m.p.= 103.1-104.8 °C; 58% yield; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.40 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (ddt, *J* = 5.2, 3.0, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.48 (m, 3H), 4.34 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.19 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.3, 152.4, 146.5, 141.0, 140.4, 137.3, 135.2, 131.7, 130.6, 129.8, 128.7, 128.5, 124.5, 62.5, 13.6.

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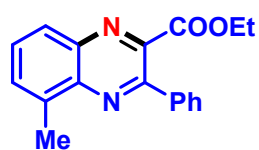
ethyl 7-fluoro-3-phenylquinoxaline-2-carboxylate (3bm)



Yellow solid; m.p.= 76.2-77.3 °C; 57% yield; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.20 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.80 – 7.60 (m, 3H), 7.55 – 7.49 (m, 3H), 4.34 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.18 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.4, 163.0 (d, *J* = 253.8 Hz), 151.6, 151.5, 146.5, 140.7, 140.6, 139.5, 137.4, 131.5, 131.4, 129.7, 128.7, 128.5, 122.4, 122.1, 113.1, 112.8, 62.5, 13.7.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C₁₇H₁₄FN₂O₂⁺ [M+H]⁺ 297.1034, found 297.1033

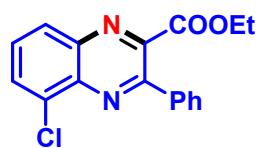
ethyl 5-methyl-3-phenylquinoxaline-2-carboxylate (3bf)



Yellow oil; 58% yield; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08 – 8.00 (m, 1H), 7.84 – 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.74 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.57 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 4.34 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.85 (s, 3H), 1.19 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.0, 150.7, 145.1, 141.4, 139.9, 138.1, 137.8, 131.4, 130.2, 129.5, 128.8, 128.5, 127.3, 62.3, 17.1, 13.7.

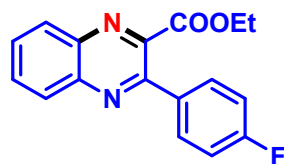
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ethyl 5-chloro-3-phenylquinoxaline-2-carboxylate (3bg)



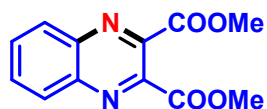
Yellow solid; m.p. = 117.5–120.3 °C; 57% yield; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.14 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (q, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 3H), 4.36 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.4, 152.3, 146.3, 140.7, 139.0, 137.2, 133.4, 131.4, 130.1, 130.0, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 62.6, 13.7. HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): calcd for C₁₇H₁₄ClN₂O₂⁺ [M+H]⁺ 313.0738, found 313.0737

ethyl 3-(4-fluorophenyl)quinoxaline-2-carboxylate (3bn)



Yellow solid; m.p. = 147.1–148.9 °C; 55% yield; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.20 (ddd, *J* = 19.6, 8.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.91 – 7.80 (m, 1H), 7.78 – 7.72 (m, 1H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.5, 163.8 (d, *J* = 250.0 Hz), 151.1, 145.5, 142.2, 139.9, 133.9, 131.8, 130.6, 130.6, 129.6, 129.3, 115.9, 115.6, 62.5, 13.8. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -111.3. HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): calcd for C₁₇H₁₄FN₂O₂⁺ [M+H]⁺ 297.1034, found 297.1035

dimethyl quinoxaline-2,3-dicarboxylate (3ca)



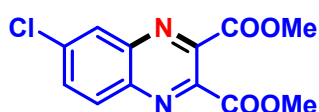
White solid; m.p. = 122.1–124.5 °C; 66% yield; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.27 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 3.4 Hz, 2H), 7.96 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 3.4 Hz, 2H), 4.10 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.1, 143.8, 141.4, 132.7, 129.9, 53.6. HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): calcd for C₁₂H₁₁N₂O₄⁺ [M+H]⁺ 247.0713, found 247.0715

dimethyl 6-methylquinoxaline-2,3-dicarboxylate (3cc)



Yellow solid; m.p.= 84.4-85.4 °C; 69% yield; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.14 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (dt, *J* = 1.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (s, 6H), 2.65 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.3, 165.1, 144.0, 143.9, 142.5, 141.4, 139.8, 135.0, 129.2, 128.4, 53.4, 53.4, 22.0. HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): calcd for C₁₃H₁₃N₂O₄⁺ [M+H]⁺ 261.0870, found 261.0869

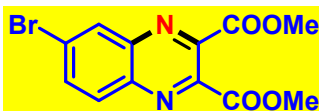
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Brown white solid; m.p.= 78.1-80.3 °C; 68% yield; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.27 – 8.16 (m, 2H), 7.88 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.9, 164.7, 144.9, 143.5, 141.6, 139.9, 139.0, 133.8, 131.0, 128.6, 53.6.

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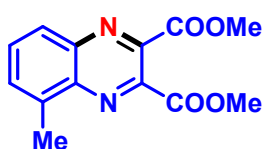
dimethyl 6-bromoquinoxaline-2,3-dicarboxylate (3ce)



Yellow solid; m.p.= 99.6-100.3 °C; 65% yield; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.44 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.9, 164.8, 144.8, 143.7, 141.8, 140.1, 136.3, 132.1, 131.0, 127.4, 53.7.

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): calcd for C₁₂H₁₀BrN₂O₄⁺ [M+H]⁺ 324.9818, found 324.9816

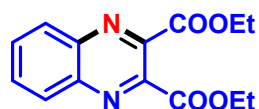
dimethyl 5-methylquinoxaline-2,3-dicarboxylate (3cf)



Yellow solid; m.p.= 111.9-112.8 °C; 61% yield; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.85 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 4.08 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 6H), 2.84 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.7, 165.1, 143.4, 142.4, 141.4, 140.7, 138.6, 132.5, 132.2, 127.6, 53.5, 53.3, 17.0.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $C_{13}H_{13}N_2O_4^+$ [M+H]⁺ 261.0870, found 261.0869

diethyl quinoxaline-2,3-dicarboxylate (3da)



White solid; m.p.= 128.3-130.6 °C; 65% yield; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.3 (dt, *J* = 6.5, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 7.9 (dq, *J* = 6.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 4.6 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 1.5 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.7, 144.1, 141.3, 132.4, 129.8, 62.8, 14.0.

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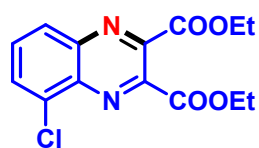
diethyl 6-chloroquinoxaline-2,3-dicarboxylate (3dd)



Brown solid; m.p.= 118.6-120.7 °C; 69% yield; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.16 – 7.07 (m, 2H), 6.63 – 6.56 (m, 2H), 4.25 – 4.11 (m, 4H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.5, 164.4, 145.3, 144.0, 141.6, 139.9, 138.7, 133.5, 131.0, 128.6, 63.0, 14.1, 14.0.

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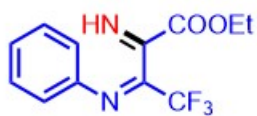
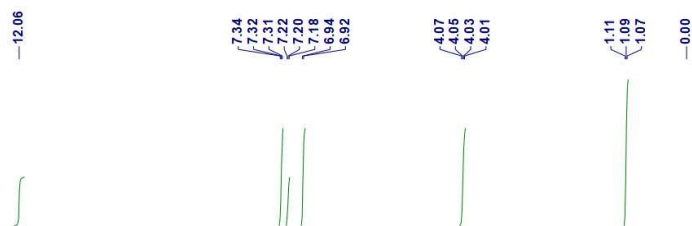
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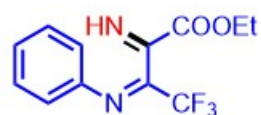
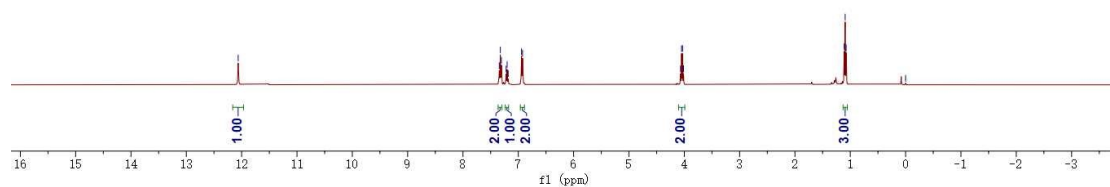
Brown solid; m.p.= 90.5-92.7 °C; 67% yield; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.2 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 0H), 8.0 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 0H), 7.8 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 7.6 Hz, 0H), 4.6 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.5 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.5, 164.3, 144.8, 144.4, 142.2, 138.3, 134.0, 132.3, 132.0, 128.8, 63.0, 62.9, 14.1, 14.0.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $C_{14}H_{14}ClN_2O_4^+$ [M+H]⁺ 309.0637, found 309.0639

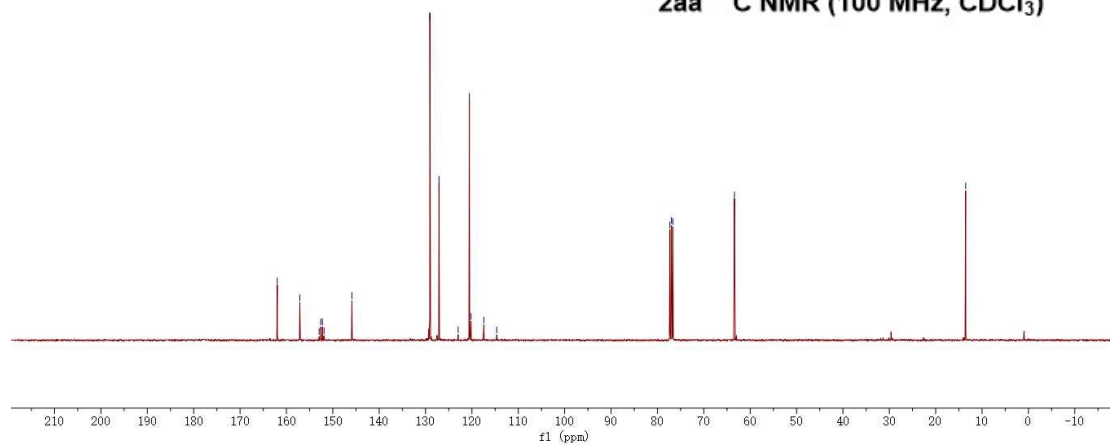
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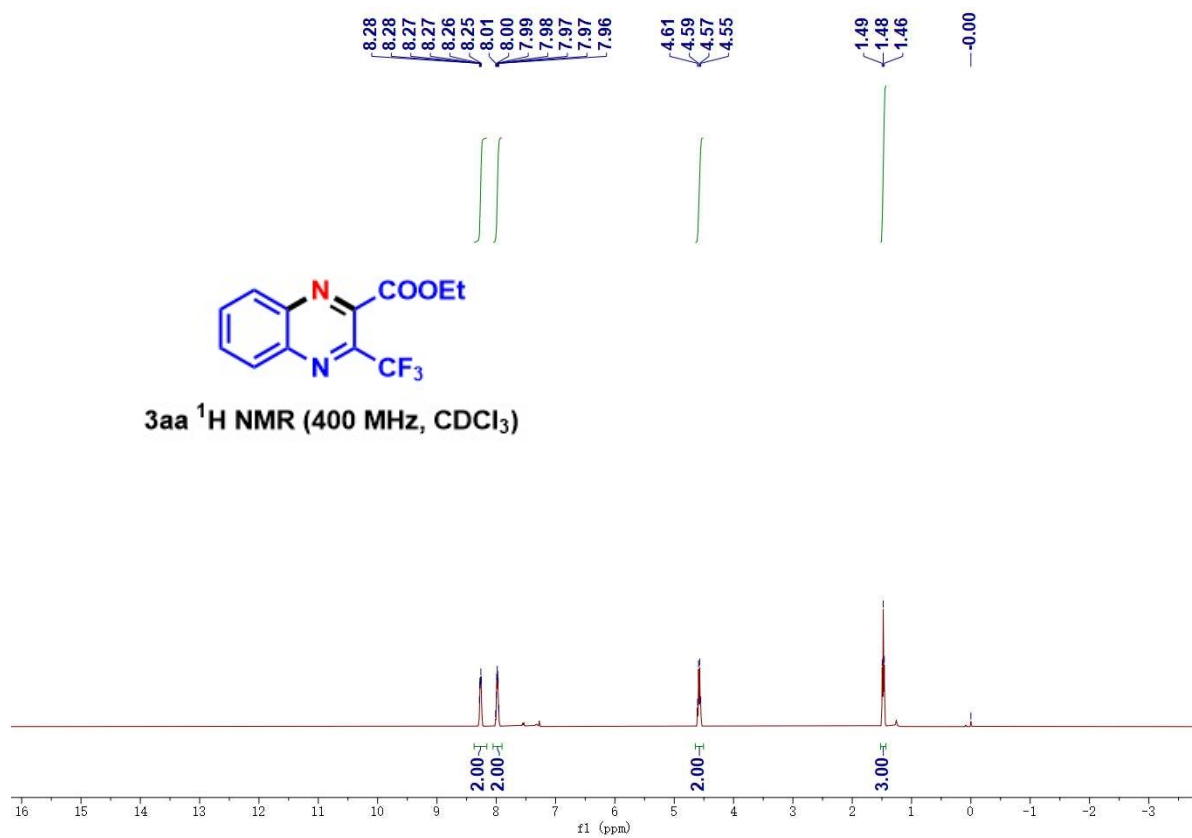
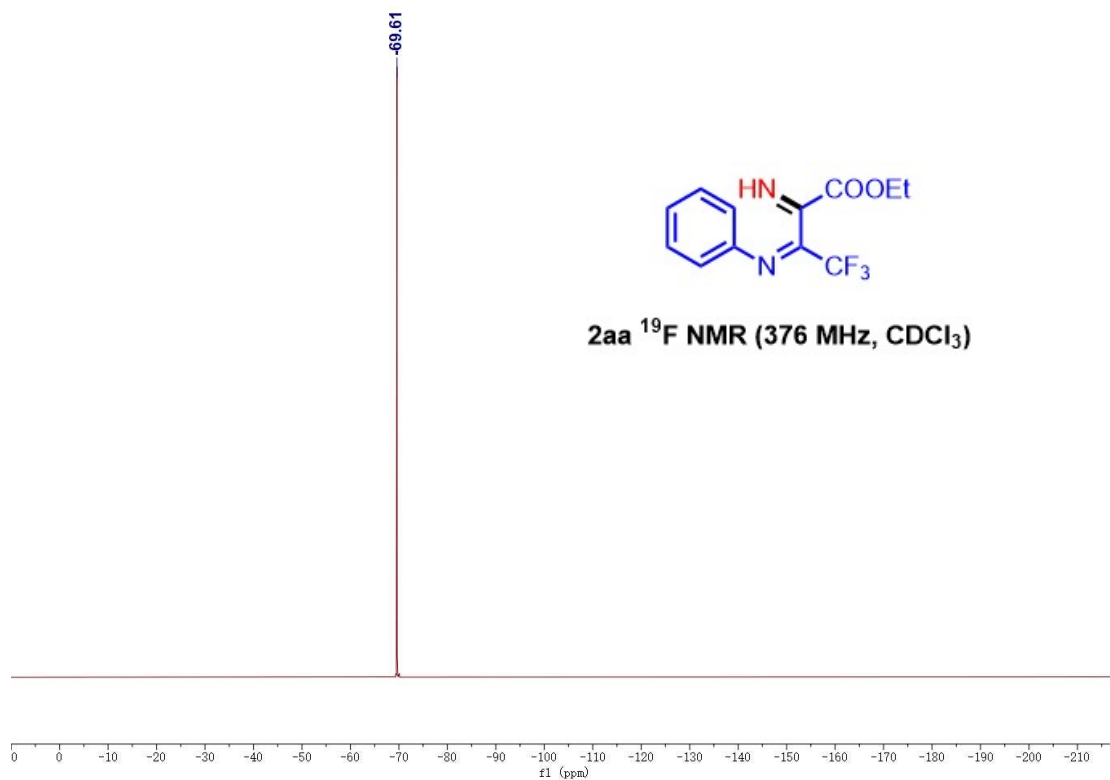


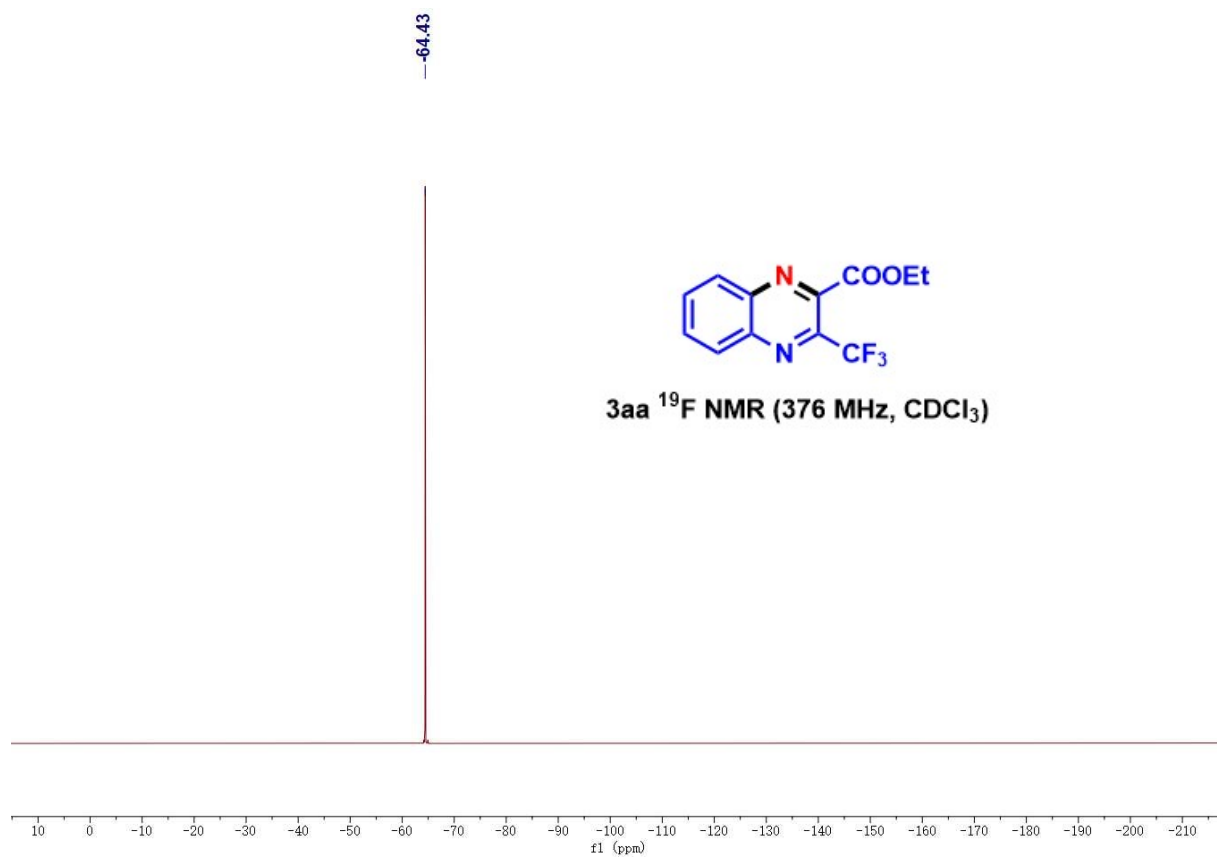
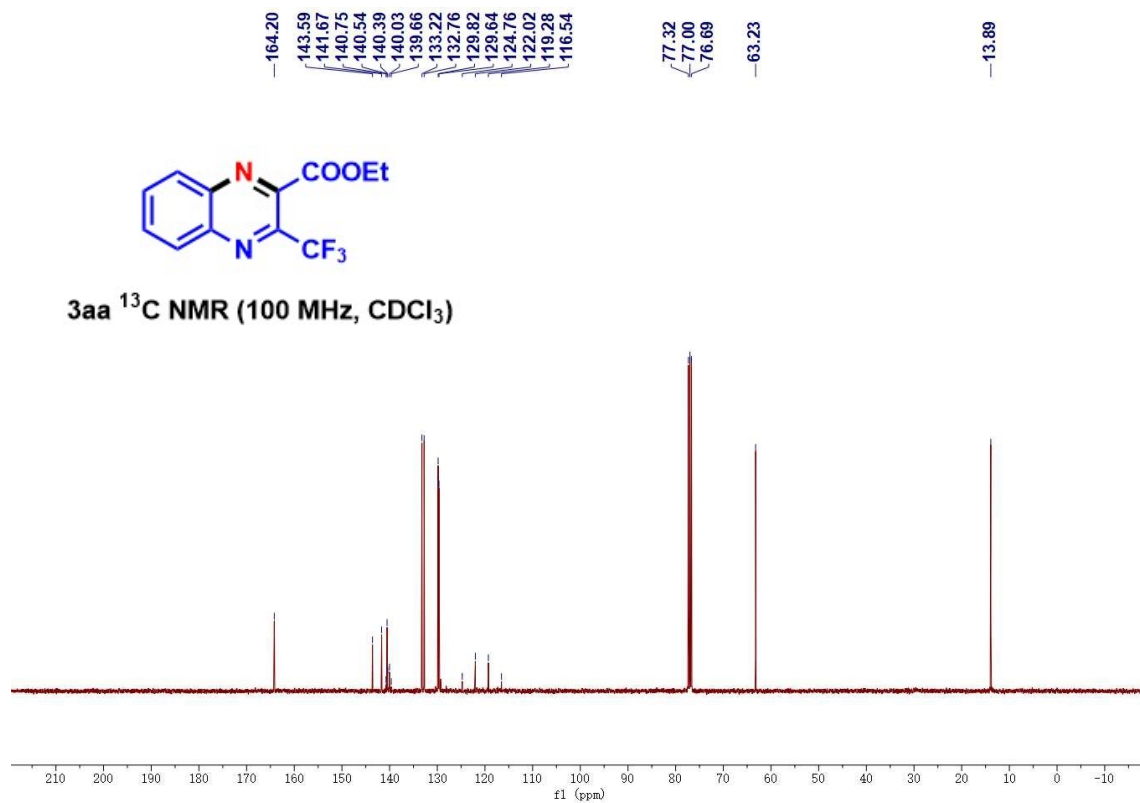
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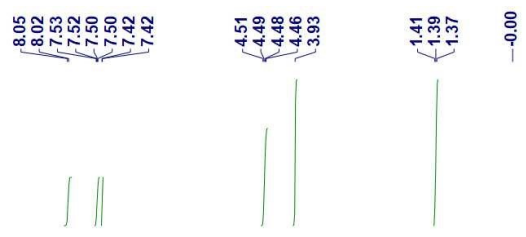


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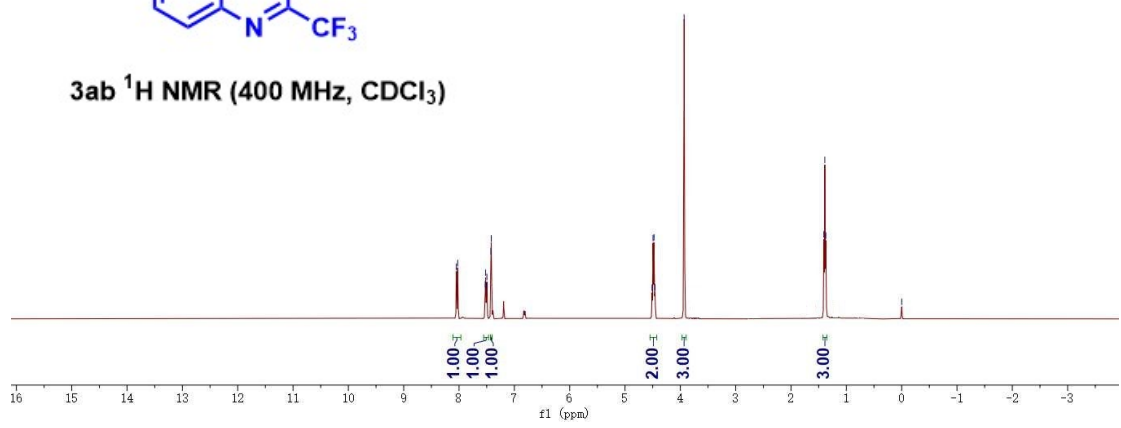








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 3ab ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



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 3ab ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)

