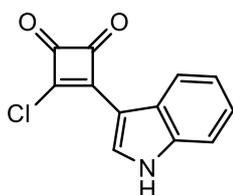


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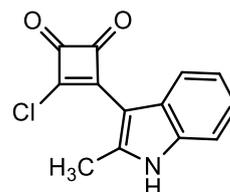
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Table S1: Structures of compounds mentioned in the article

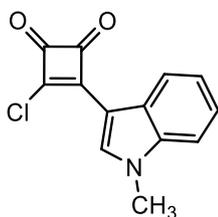
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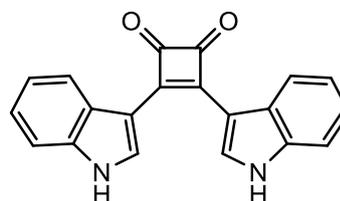
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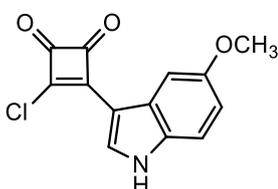
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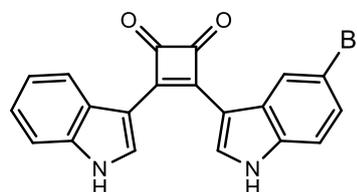
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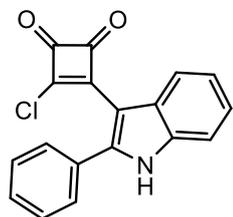
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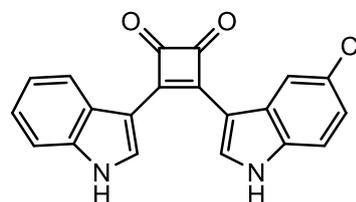
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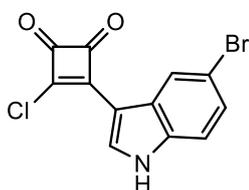
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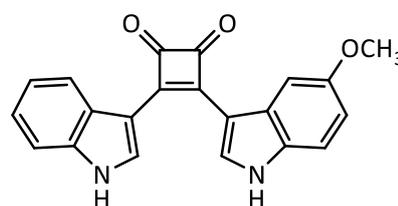
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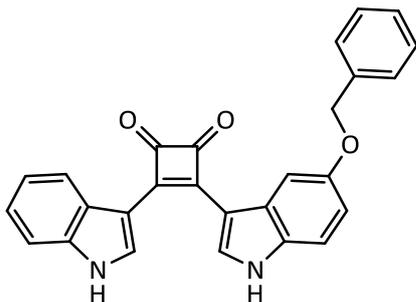
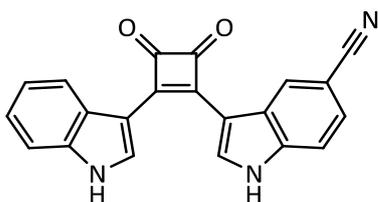
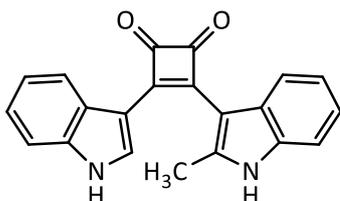
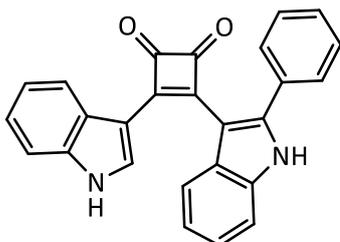
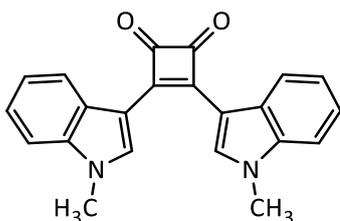
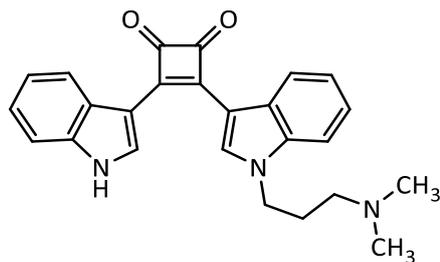
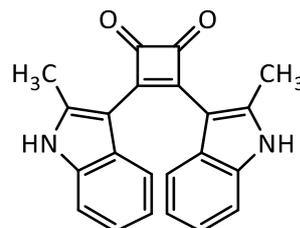
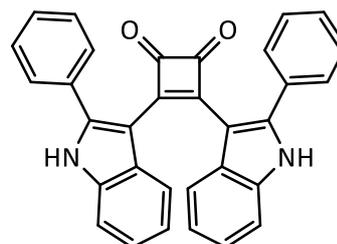
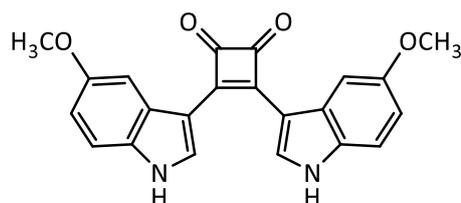
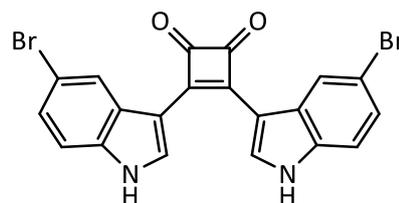


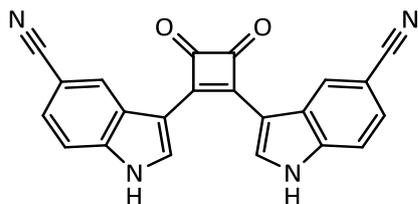
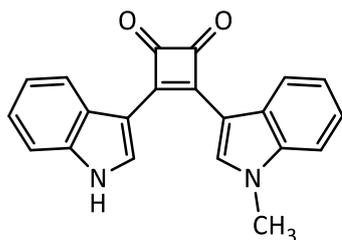
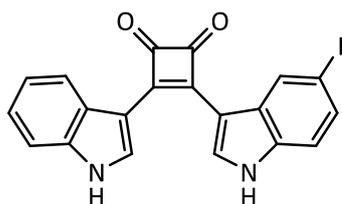
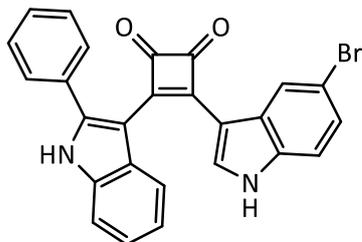
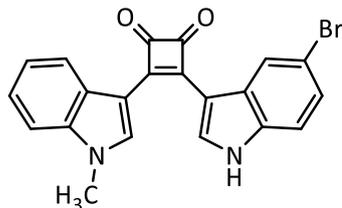
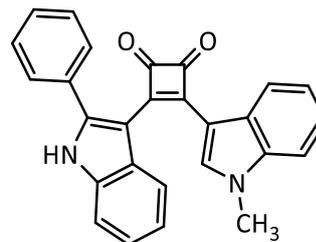
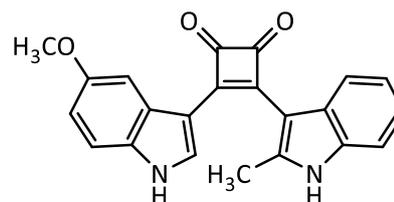
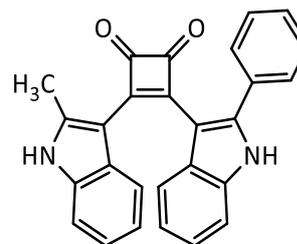
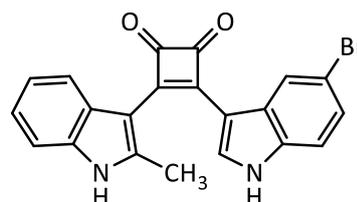
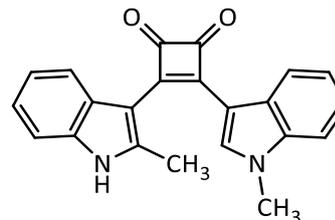
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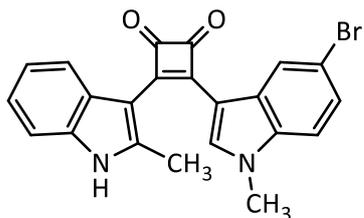
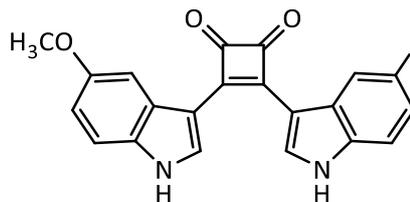
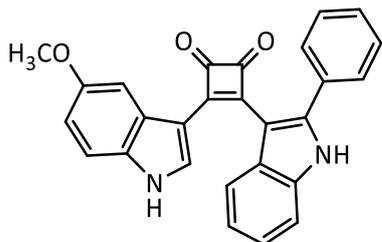
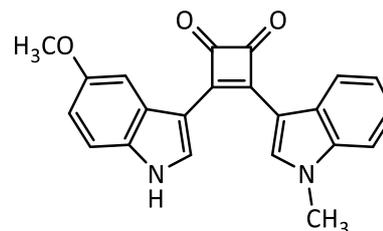
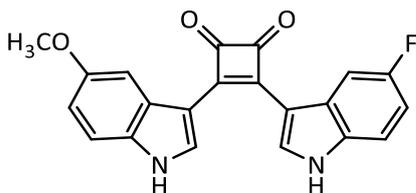
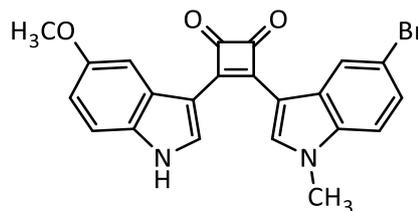
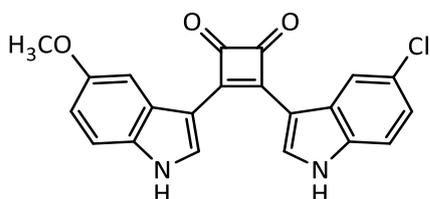
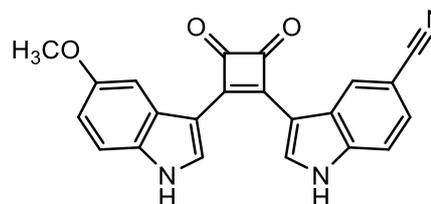
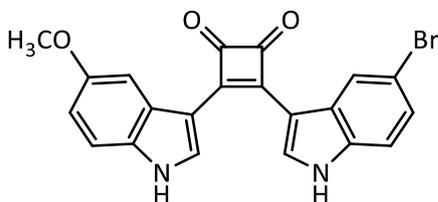
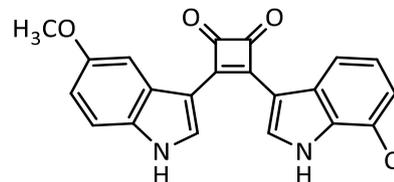


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3,3'-(3,4-Dioxocyclobut-1-ene-1,2-diyl)bis(1H-indole-5-carbonitrile) (**2p**)3-(1H-Indol-3-yl)-4-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)cyclobut-3-ene-1,2-dione (**2q**)3-(1H-Indol-3-yl)-4-(5-iod-1H-indol-3-yl)cyclobut-3-ene-1,2-dione (**2r**)3-(5-Bromo-1H-indol-3-yl)-4-(2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)cyclobut-3-ene-1,2-dione (**2s**)3-(5-Bromo-1H-indol-3-yl)-4-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)cyclobut-3-ene-1,2-dione (**2t**)3-(1-Methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-4-(2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)cyclobut-3-ene-1,2-dione (**2u**)3-(5-Methoxy-1H-indol-3-yl)-4-(2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)cyclobut-3-ene-1,2-dione (**2v**)3-(2-Methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-4-(2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)cyclobut-3-ene-1,2-dione (**2w**)3-(5-Bromo-1H-indol-3-yl)-4-(2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)cyclobut-3-ene-1,2-dione (**2x**)3-(1-Methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-4-(2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)cyclobut-3-ene-1,2-dione (**2y**)

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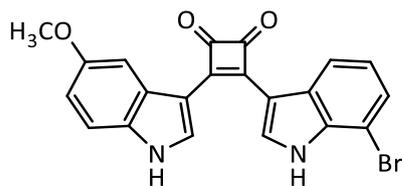
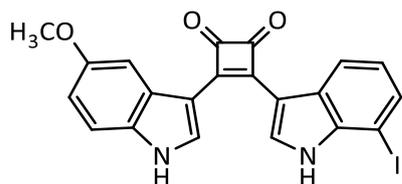
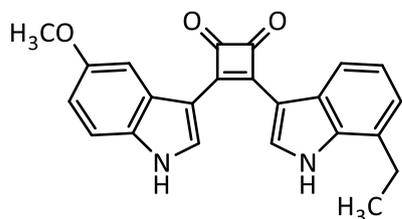
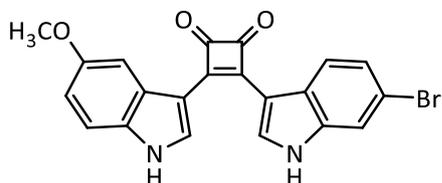
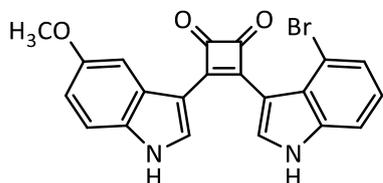
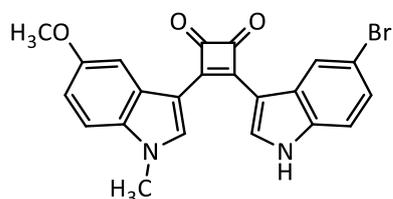
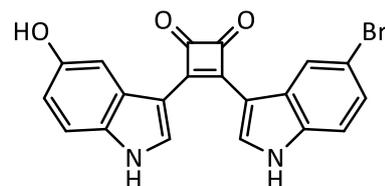
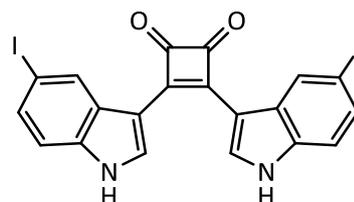
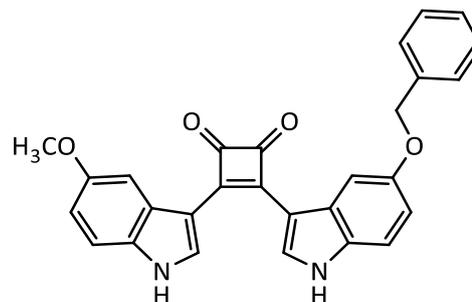
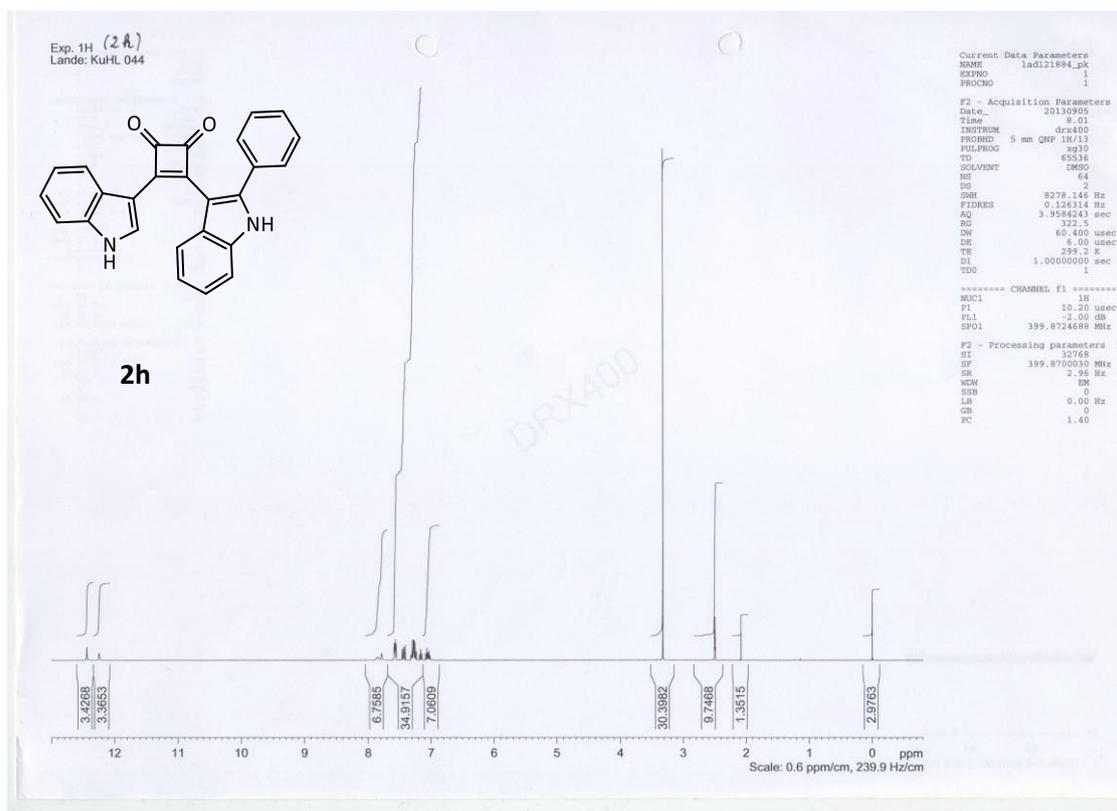
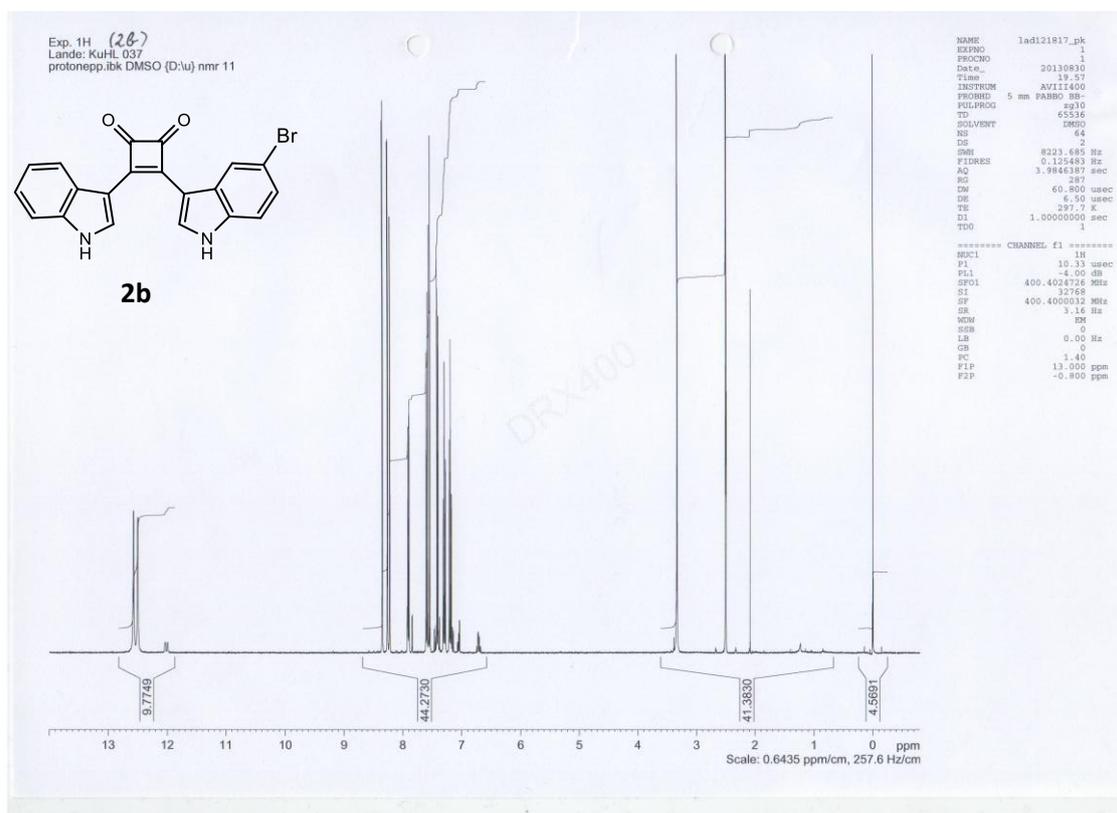
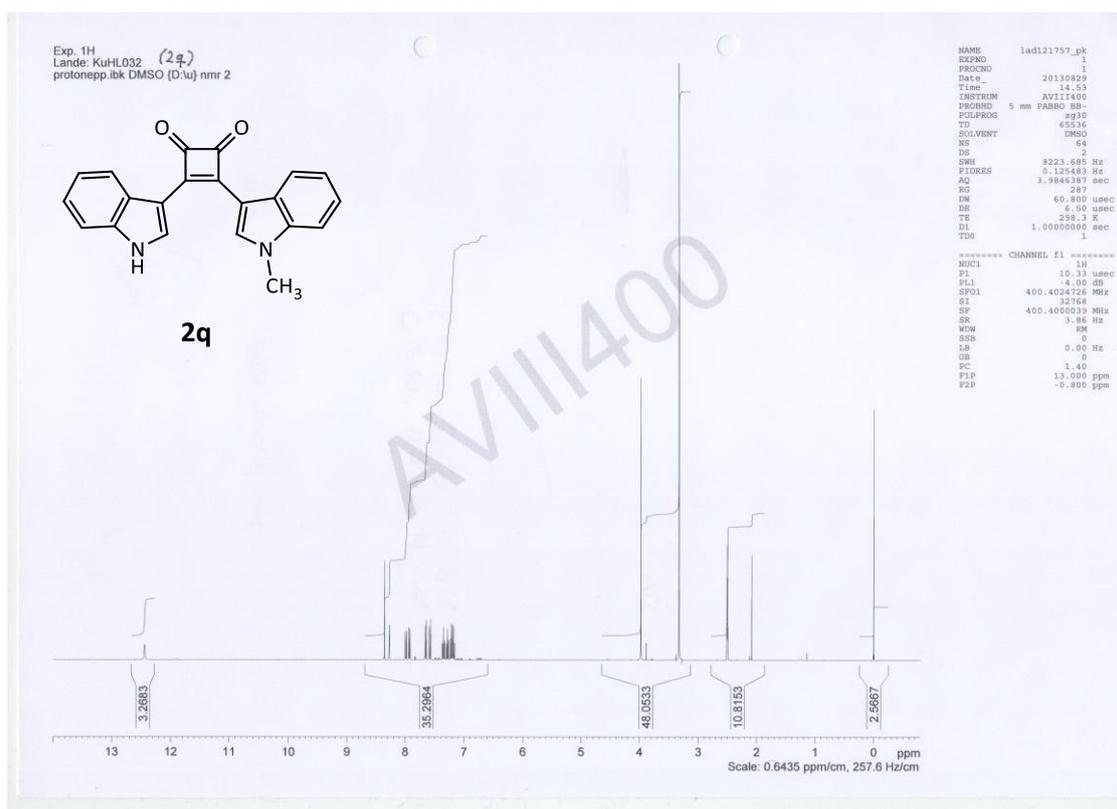
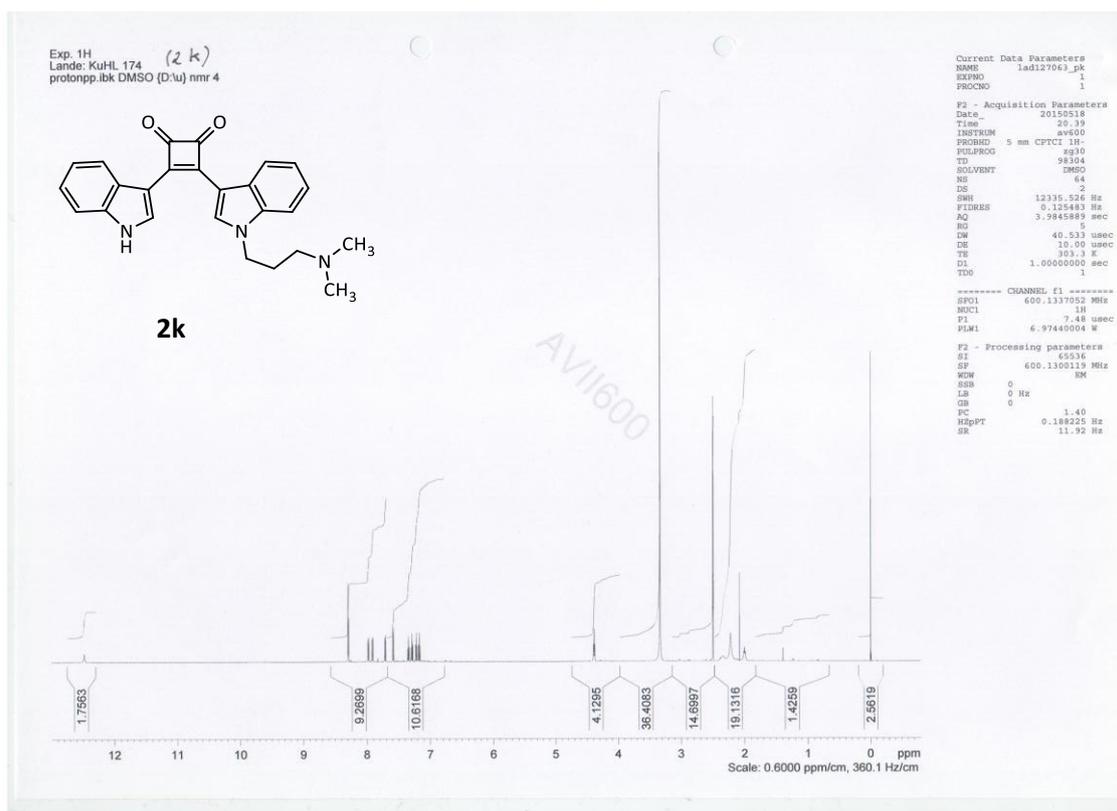
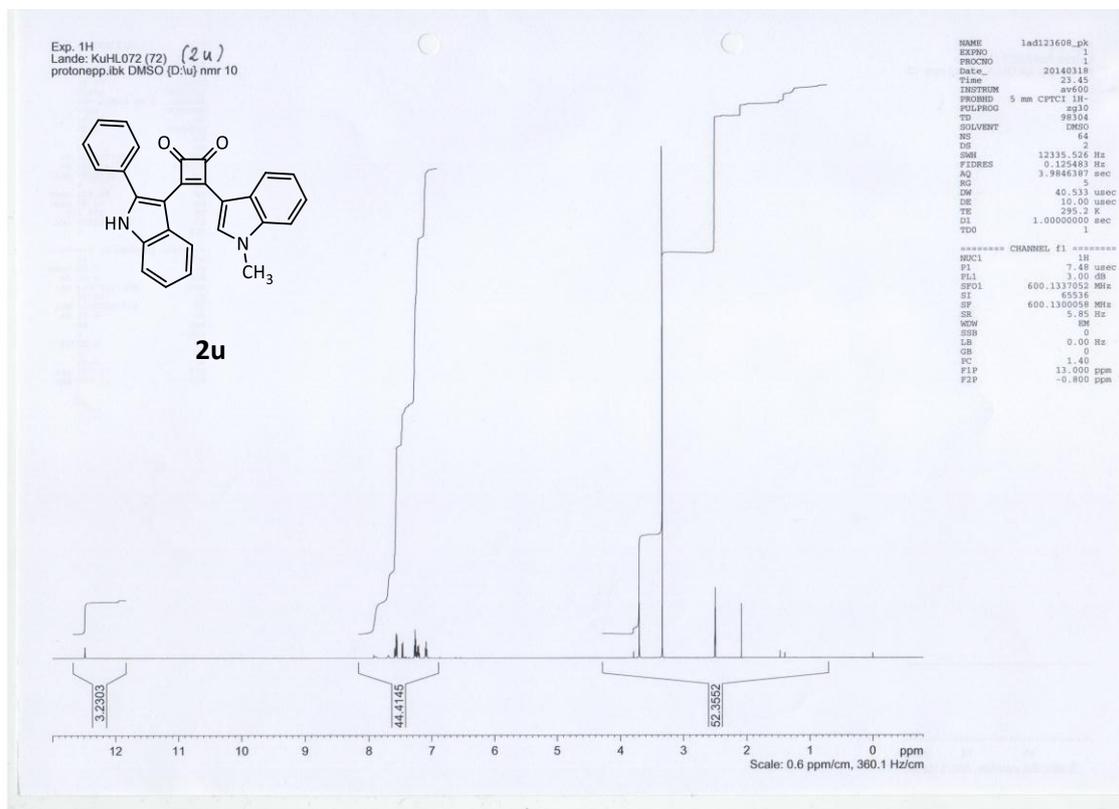
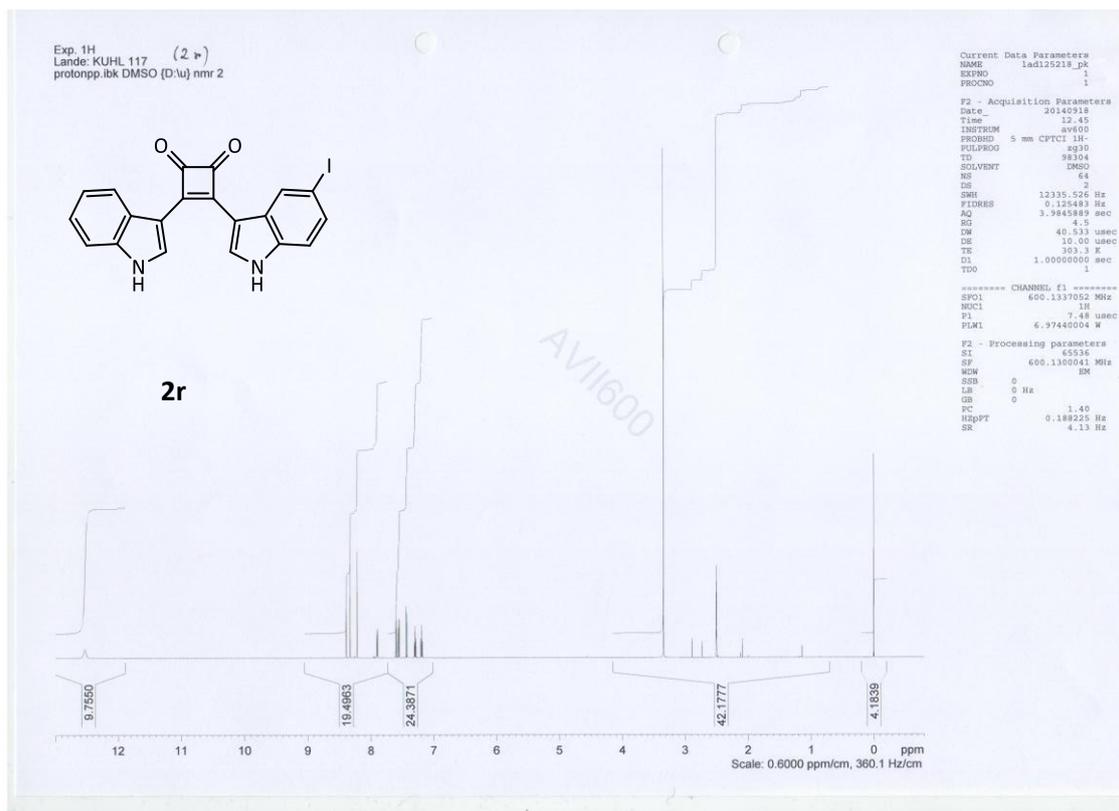
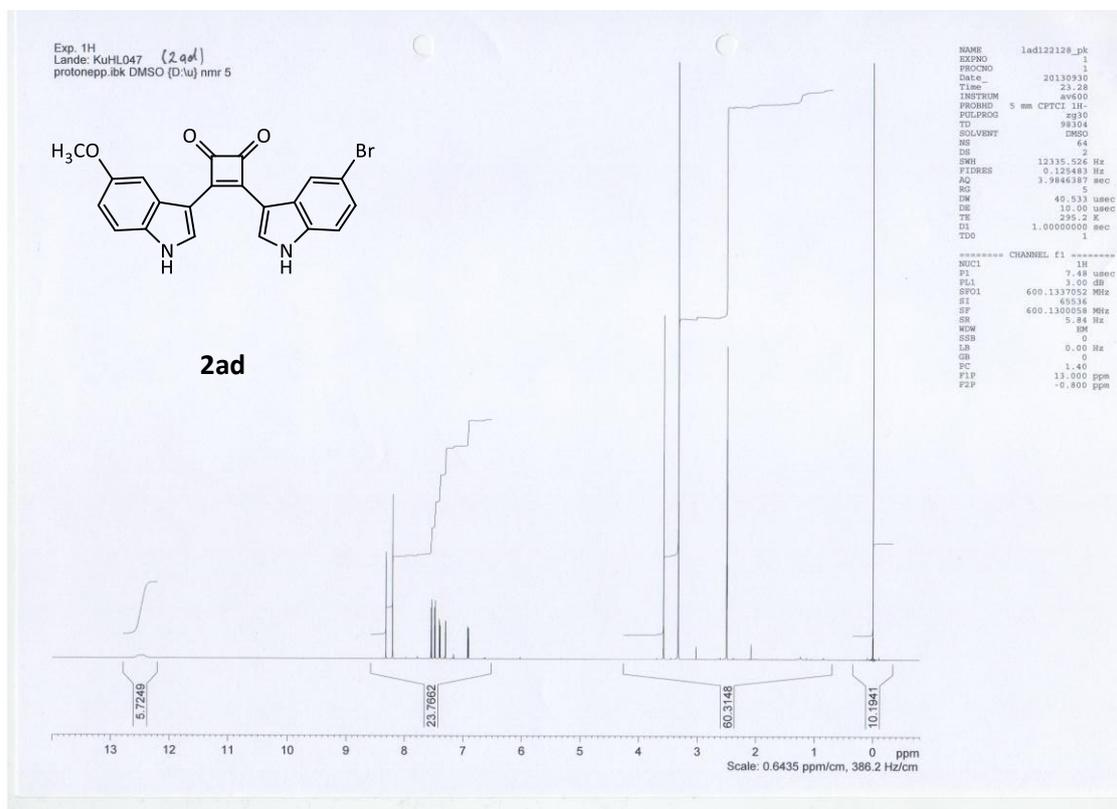
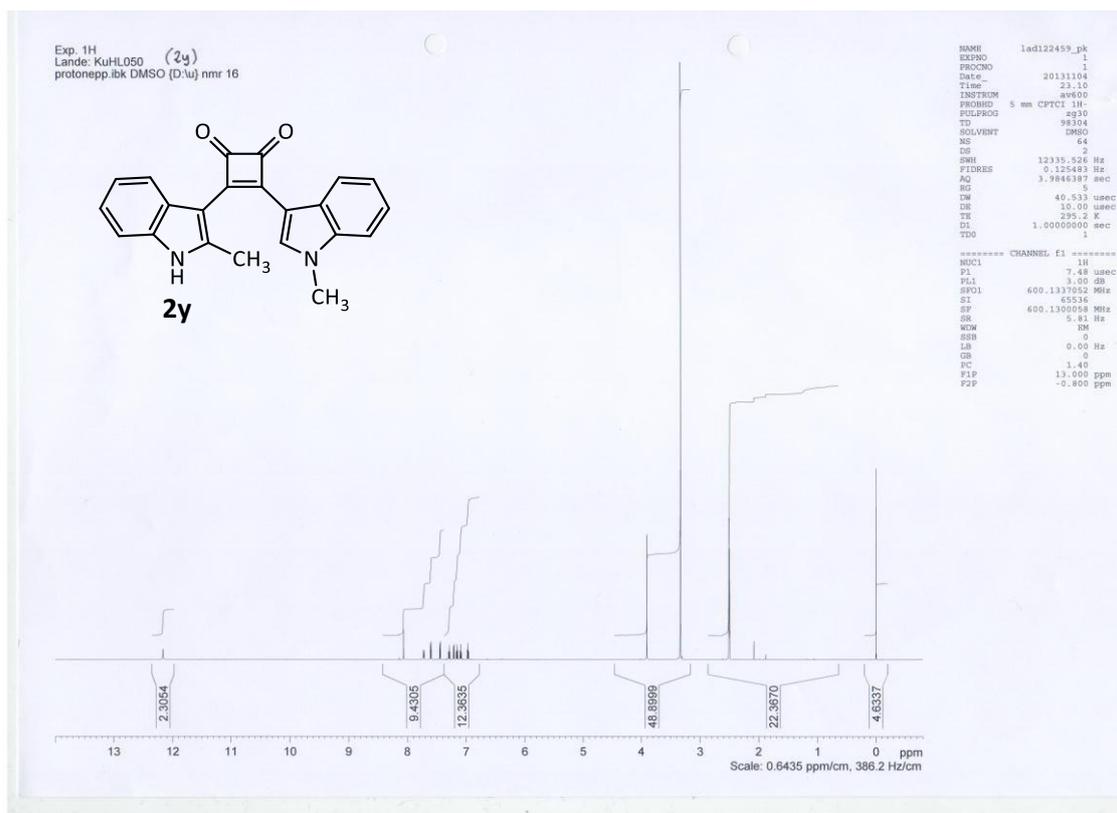
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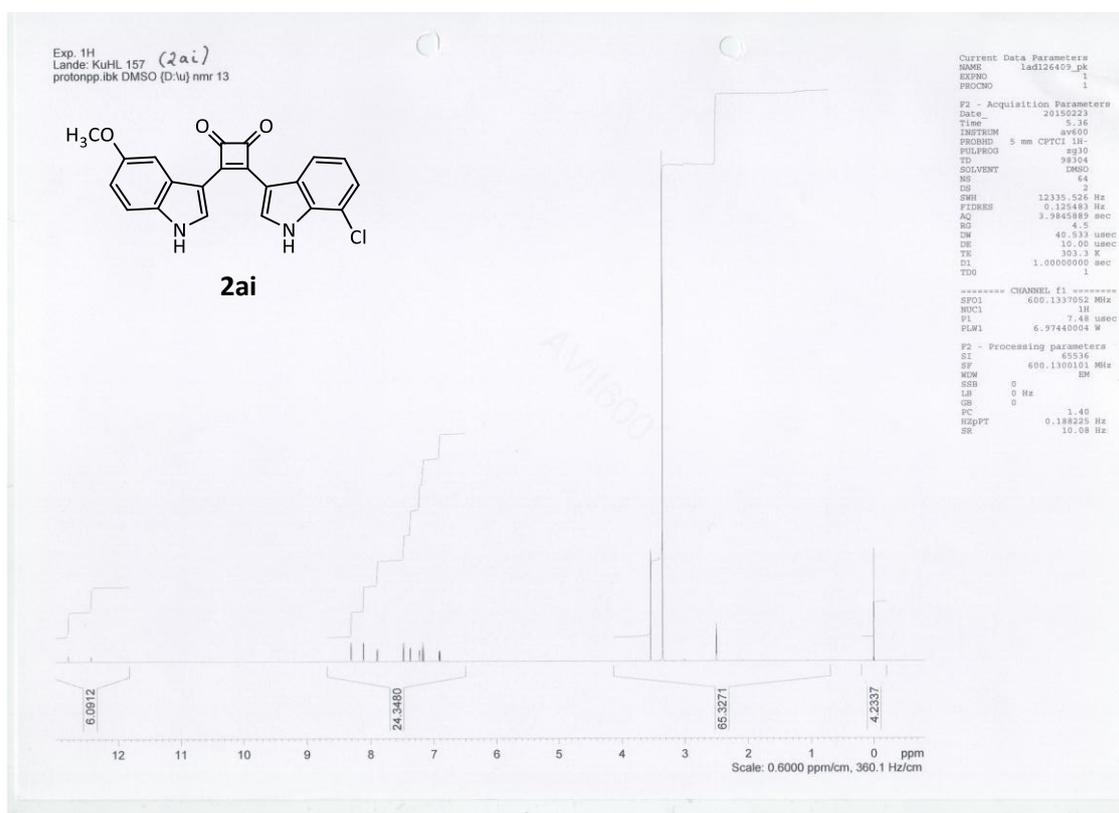
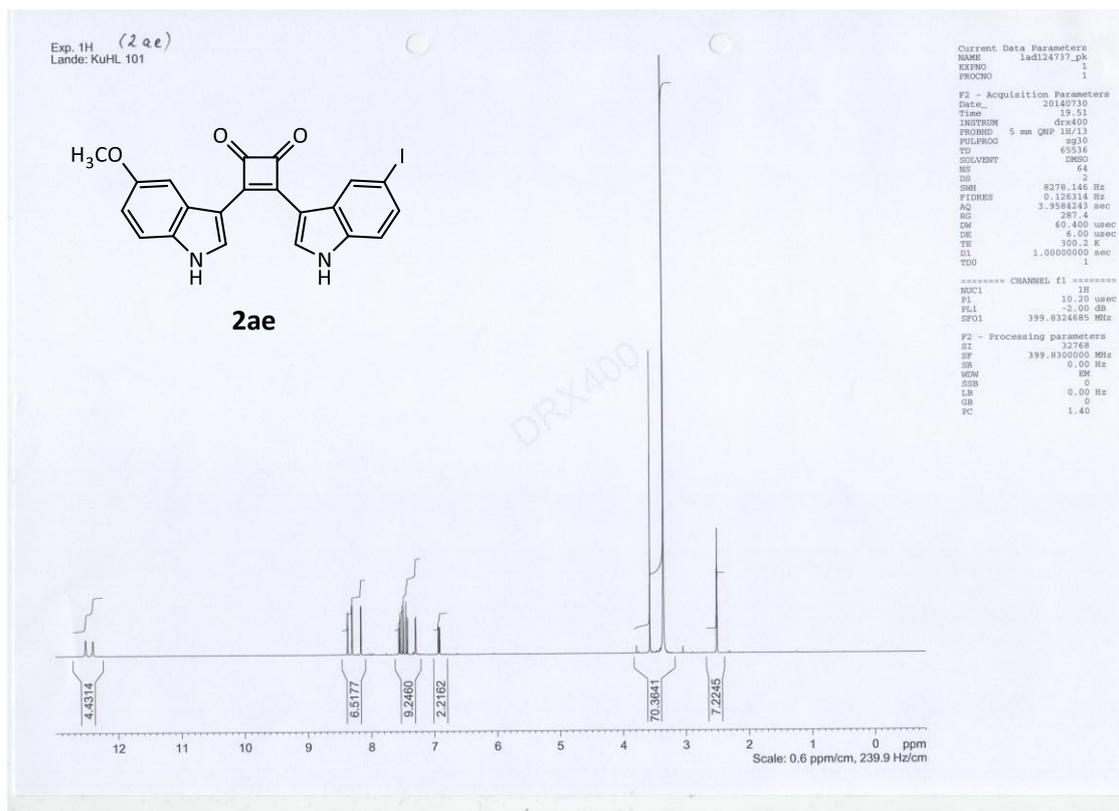
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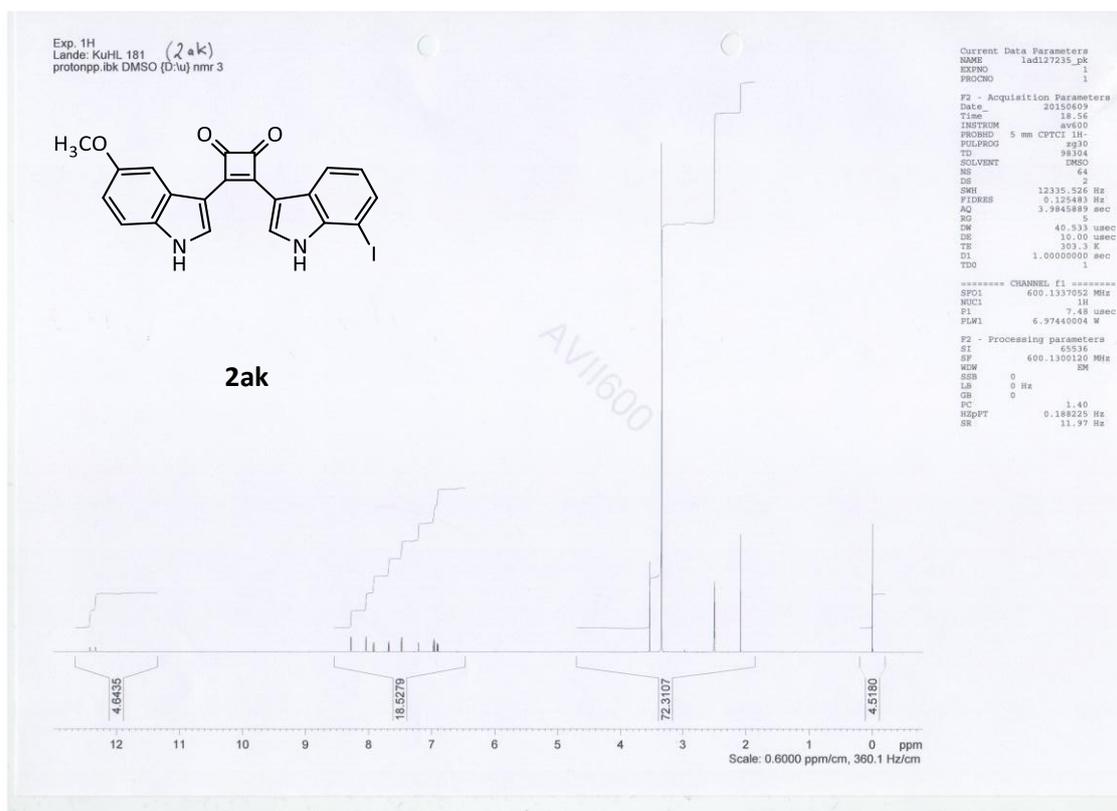
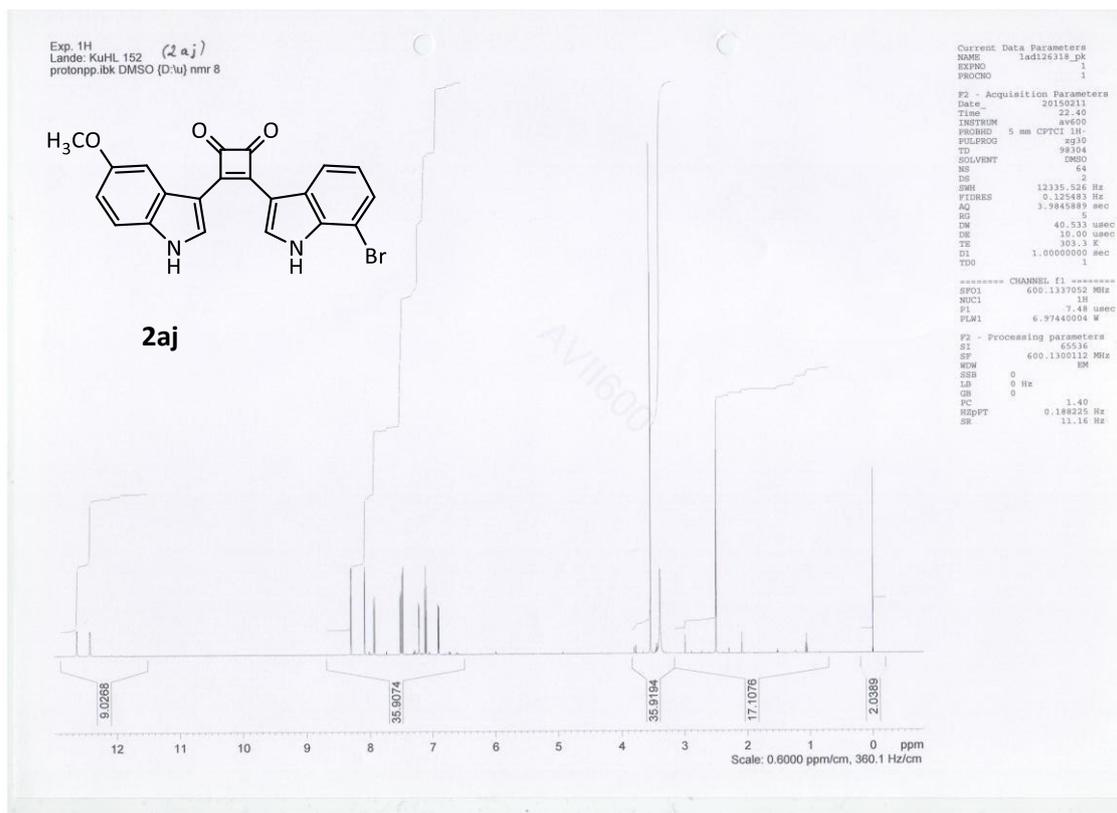


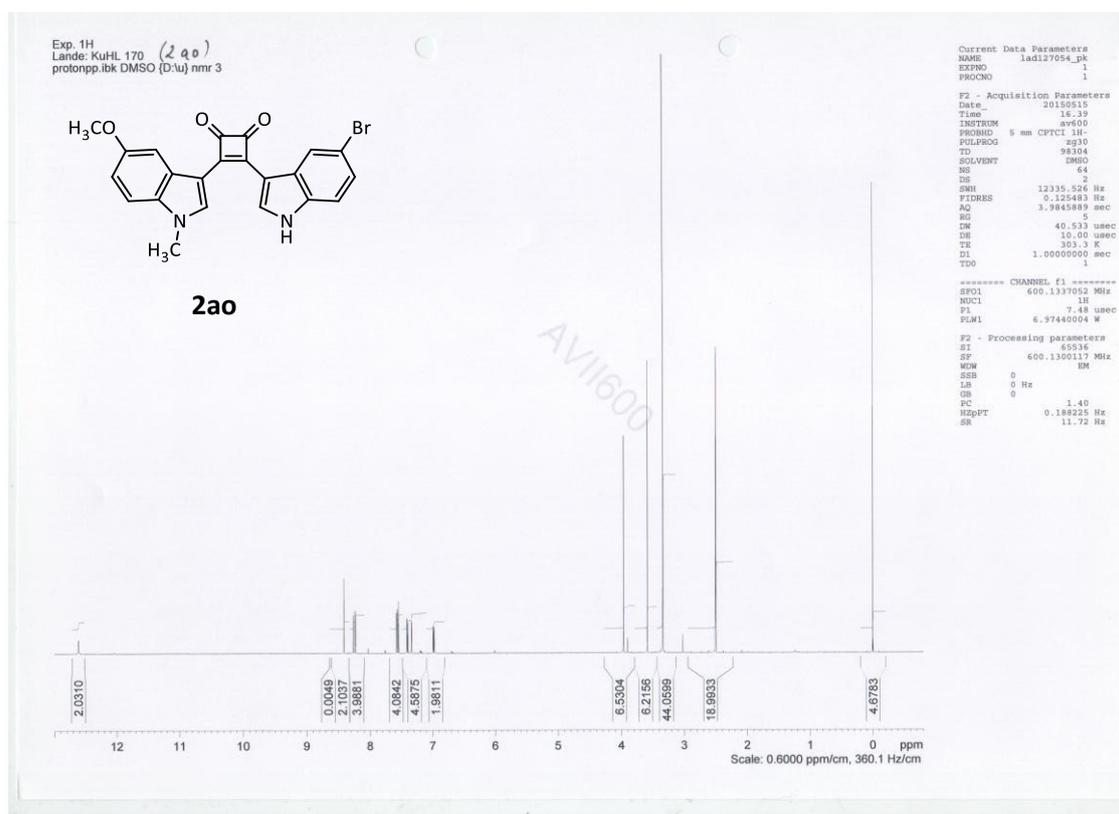
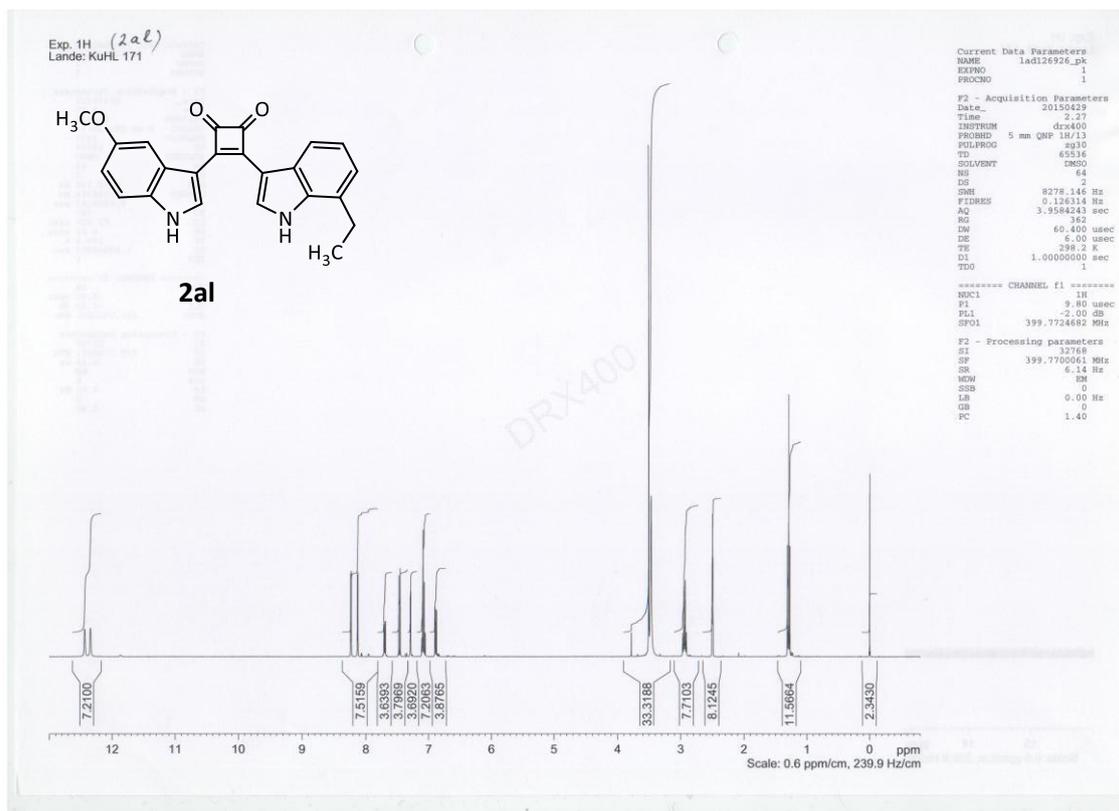












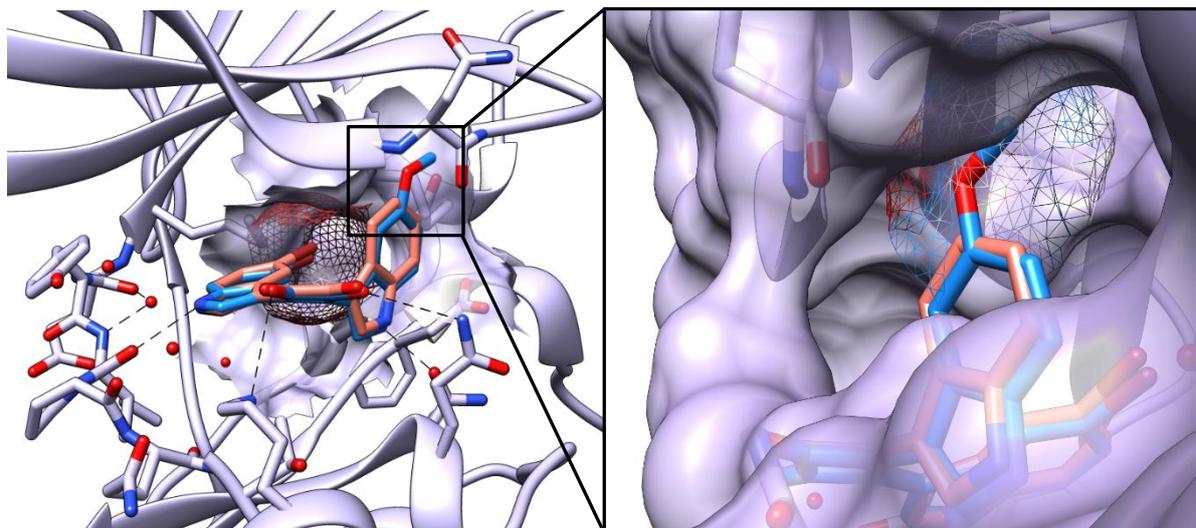


Figure S1: Suggested orientation generated by docking of **2b** (orange) and of **2ad** (blue) in the ATP binding pocket of a *PfGSK-3* homology model (light purple). While the nitrogen of the bromo-substituted indole ring acts as hydrogen bond donor to the hinge area, the bromo substituent occupies a hydrophobic back pocket. The second indole ring is orientated perpendicular. Detail shown on the right: The methoxy group of **2ad** fills a pocket at the roof of the ATP binding site. Although the results of these docking experiments could very well explain the antiplasmodial effect of the binsindolylcyclobutenediones reported here, the enzymatic assays later showed that *PfGSK-3* is not the relevant biological target of this class of compounds.