

Synthesis, *in silico* and *in vivo* toxicity assessment of functionalized pyridophenanthridinones obtained via sequential MW-assisted intramolecular Friedel-Crafts alkylation and direct C–H arylation

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1. Optimization of reaction conditions for the synthesis of *N*-arylcinnamamides **8a-f**

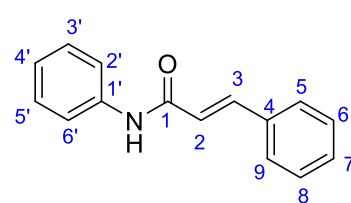
Table S1. Optimization of reaction conditions for the synthesis of *N*-arylcinnamamides **8a-f**^a

Cc1ccc(N)cc1 (**11b**) + OC(=O)/C=C/c1ccccc1 (**10a**) $\xrightarrow[\text{Temp., Time, Solvent}]{\text{Coupling agent, Base}}$ Cc1ccc(NC(=O)/C=C/c2ccccc2)cc1 (**8b**)

Entry	Solvent (mL)	Coupling agent (equiv)	Base (equiv)	Time (h/min)	Temp. (°C)	Yield (%) ^b
1 ^c	DMF (15)	TBTU (1)	Et ₃ N (1)	48 h	r.t.	36
2 ^d	-	SiO ₂ (5)	-	80 min	130	NR ^e
3 ^d	-	SiO ₂ (5)	-	10 min	160	28
4 ^d	[Bmim]PF ₆	-	-	15 min	240	NR ^e
5 ^d	DMF (8)	DCC (1)	-	1 min	145	27
6 ^d	DMF (8)	DCC (1)	-	10 min	145	45
7 ^d	DMF (8)	TBTU (1)	Et ₃ N (1)	10 min	80	77
8 ^d	DMF (8)	TBTU (1)	Et ₃ N (1)	10 min	100	93

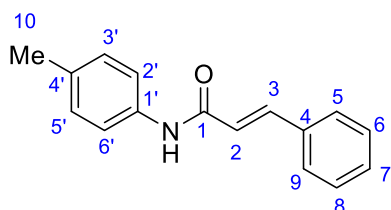
^a Reaction conditions: **11b** (1 equiv), **10** (1 equiv), coupling agent, Base, temperature, time, solvent. ^b Isolated yield after column chromatography over SiO₂. ^c Reaction performed under conventional conditions. ^d Reaction assisted by microwave irradiation on a Biotage® Initiator+. ^e NR: No Reaction.

2. Characterization data of all synthesized *N*-arylcinnamamides **8a-f**



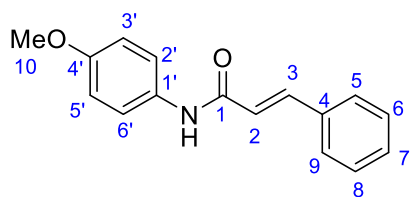
***N*-Phenylcinnamamide (8a)** was prepared according to the general procedure from aniline **11a** (93.13 mg, 1 mmol) and cinnamic acid **10** (148.16 mg, 1 mmol) in DMF. 198.71 mg (0.89 mmol) of a white solid was obtained, with a yield of 89 %.

$R_f = 0.27$ (5: 1 petroleum ether / ethyl acetate); m.p. = 156 °C. **IR** (KBr, $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3270 ν (N-H), 3054 ν (=C-H), 1650 ν (C=O), 1604 ν (C=C), 1342 ν (C-N). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.90 (s, 1H, NH), 7.75 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H, 3-CH), 7.66 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H, 2'- and 6'-H_{Ar}), 7.47 (dd, $J = 7.2, 2.4$ Hz, 5- and 9-H_{Ar}), 7.37–7.28 (m, 5H, 3-, 5-, 6-, 7- and 8-H_{Ar}), 7.12 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H, 4'-H_{Ar}), 6.62 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H, 2-CH). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 164.5 (1-CO), 142.3 (3-CH), 138.2 (1'-C_{Ar}), 134.6 (4-C_{Ar}), 129.9 (3'- and 5'-C_{Ar}), 129.1 (6- and 8-C_{Ar}), 128.9 (5- and 9-C_{Ar}), 128.0 (7-C_{Ar}), 124.5 (4'-C_{Ar}), 121.1 (2-CH), 120.3 (2'- and 6'-C_{Ar}). **HRMS** (ESI⁺): m/z : calcd for C₁₅H₁₃NO ([M+H]⁺) 224.1069, found: 224.1073.



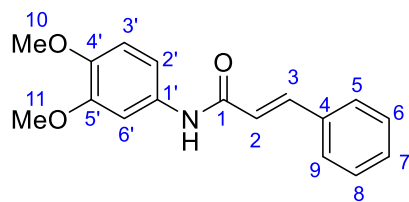
***N*-(*p*-Methylphenyl)cinnamamide (8b)** was prepared according to the general procedure from *p*-toluidine **11b** (107.17 mg, 1 mmol), and cinnamic acid **10** (148.16 mg, 1 mmol) in DMF. 220.69 mg (0.93 mmol) of a white solid was obtained, with a yield of 93%; $R_f = 0.33$ (5: 1 petroleum ether / ethyl acetate); m.p. = 168–170 °C. **IR**

(KBr, $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3255 $\nu(\text{N-H})$, 3054 $\nu(\text{C-H})$, 1666 $\nu(\text{C=O})$, 1604 $\nu(\text{C=C})$, 1342 $\nu(\text{C-N})$. **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta(\text{ppm})$: 7.88 (s, 1H, NH), 7.73 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H, 3-CH), 7.53 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H, 2'- and 6'- H_{Ar}), 7.46 (dd, $J = 7.1, 2.4$ Hz, 2H, 5- and 9- H_{Ar}), 7.36–7.28 (m, 3H, 6-, 7- and 8- H_{Ar}), 7.12 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H, 3'- and 5'- H_{Ar}), 6.61 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H, 2-CH), 2.31 (s, 3H, 10- CH_3). **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta(\text{ppm})$: 164.2 (1-CO), 142.1 (3-CH), 135.6 (1'- C_{Ar}), 134.8 (4- C_{Ar}), 134.1 (4'- C_{Ar}), 129.9 (3'- and 5'- C_{Ar}), 129.6 (7- C_{Ar}), 128.9 (6- and 8- C_{Ar}), 128.0 (5- and 9- C_{Ar}), 121.2 (2-CH), 120.3 (2'- and 6'- C_{Ar}), 21.0 (10- CH_3). **DEPT 135** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta(\text{ppm})$: 142.0 (3-CH), 129.8 (3'- and 5'- C_{Ar}), 129.6 (7- C_{Ar}), 128.8 (5- and 9- C_{Ar}), 128.0 (6- and 8- C_{Ar}), 121.2 (2'- and 6'- C_{Ar}), 120.4 (2-CH), 21.0 (10- CH_3). Correlation **COSY** [$\delta\text{H}/\delta\text{H}$]: 7.73/6.61 [3-CH/2-CH], 7.53/7.12 [2'- and 6'- H_{Ar} / 3'- and 5'- H_{Ar}], 7.46/7.36–7.28 [5- and 9- H_{Ar} / 6-, 7- and 8- H_{Ar}]. Correlation **HSQC**, [$\delta\text{H}/\delta\text{C}$]: 7.73/142.1 [3-CH/3-CH], 7.53/ 120.3 [2'- and 6'- H_{Ar} / 2'- and 6'- C_{Ar}], 7.46/128.0 [5- and 9- H_{Ar} / 5- and 9- C_{Ar}], 7.36–7.28/128.9/129.6 [6, 7 and 8- H_{Ar} / 6-, 7- and 8- C_{Ar}], 7.12/129.9 [3'- and 5'- H_{Ar} / 3'- and 5'- C_{Ar}], 6.61/121.2 [2-CH/2-CH], 2.31/21.0 [10- CH_3 / 10- CH_3]. Correlation **HMBC** [$\delta\text{H}/\delta\text{C}$]: 2.31/129.9/134.1 [10- CH_3 / 3' and 5'- C_{Ar} / 4'- C_{Ar}], 6.61/134.8/142.1/164.2 [2-CH/4- C_{Ar} / 3-CH / 1-CO], 7.12/21.0/129.9 / 135.6 [3' and 5'- H_{Ar} / 10- CH_3 / 3'- and 5'- C_{Ar} / 1'- C_{Ar}], 7.36–7.28/128.9/134.8 [6-, 7- and 8- H_{Ar} / 5- and 9- C_{Ar} / 4- C_{Ar}], 7.46/129.6/142.1 / 128.0 [5 and 9- H_{Ar} / 7- C_{Ar} / 3-CH / 6- and 8- C_{Ar}], 7.53/134.1 [2'- and 6'- H_{Ar} / 4- C_{Ar}], 7.73/121.2/128.9/134.8/164.2 [3-CH/2-CH/5- and 9- C_{Ar} / 4- C_{Ar} / 1-CO], 7.88/121.2/142.1/164.2 [NH/2-CH/3-CH/1-CO]. **HRMS** (ESI⁺): m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 238.1226, found: 238.1231.

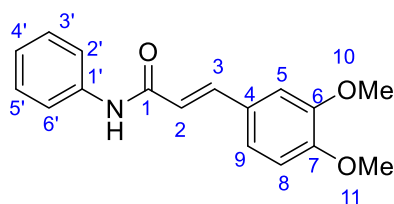


***N*-(4-Methoxyphenyl)cinnamamide (8c)** was prepared according to the general procedure from anisidine **11c** (123.15 mg, 1 mmol) and cinnamic acid **10** (148.16 mg, 1 mmol) in DMF. 222.90 mg (0.88 mmol) of a white solid were obtained, with a yield of 88%; $R_f = 0.20$ (5:1

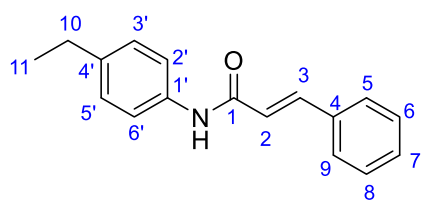
petroleum ether/ethyl acetate); m.p. = 155–156 °C. **IR** (KBr, $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3301 $\nu(\text{N-H})$, 3054 $\nu(\text{C-H})$, 1666 $\nu(\text{C=O})$, 1619 $\nu(\text{C=C})$, 1342 $\nu(\text{C-N})$, 1234 $\nu(\text{C-O})$. **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta(\text{ppm})$: 8.16 (s, 1H, NH), 7.71 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H, 3-CH), 7.55 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H, 2'- and 6'- H_{Ar}), 7.45–7.38 (m, 2H, 5- and 9- H_{Ar}), 7.34–7.26 (m, 3H, 6-, 7- and 8- H_{Ar}), 6.83 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H, 3'- and 5'- H_{Ar}), 6.63 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H, 2-CH), 3.74 (s, 3H, 10- CH_3). **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta(\text{ppm})$: 164.2 (1-CO), 156.5 (4'- C_{Ar}), 141.9 (3-CH), 134.8 (4- C_{Ar}), 131.3 (1'- C_{Ar}), 129.9 (7- C_{Ar}), 128.9 (6- and 8- C_{Ar}), 128.0 (5- and 9- C_{Ar}), 122.0 (2'- and 6'- C_{Ar}), 121.1 (2-CH), 114.2 (3'- and 5'- C_{Ar}), 55.5 (10- CH_3). **HRMS** (ESI⁺): m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_2$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 254.1175, found: 254.1180.



***N*-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)cinnamamide (8d)** was prepared according to the general procedure from 3,4-dimethoxyaniline **1e** (153.18 mg, 1 mmol) and cinnamic acid (148.16 mg, 1 mmol) in DMF. 229.5 mg (0.81 mmol) of a white solid were obtained, with a yield of 81%; R_f = 0.50 (5:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate); m.p. = 147–150 °C. **IR** (KBr, $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3311 ν (N-H), 3055 ν (C-H), 1665 ν (C=O), 1617 ν (C=C), 1343 ν (C-N), 1235 ν (C-O). **^1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta_{\text{(ppm)}}$: 8.24 (s, 1H, NH), 7.73 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H, 3-CH), 7.50 (s, 1H, 6'-H_{Ar}), 7.44–7.41 (m, 2H, 5- and 9-H_{Ar}), 7.32–7.29 (m, 3H, 6-, 7-, and 8-H_{Ar}), 7.06 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H, 3'-H_{Ar}), 6.77 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H, 2'-H_{Ar}), 6.64 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H, 2-CH), 3.82 (s, 6H, 10- and 11-CH₃). **^{13}C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta_{\text{(ppm)}}$: 164.3 (1-CO), 149.1 (4'-C_{Ar}), 145.9 (5'-C_{Ar}), 142.0 (3-CH), 134.7 (4-C_{Ar}), 132.0 (1'-C_{Ar}), 129.9 (7-C_{Ar}), 128.9 (6- and 8-C_{Ar}), 127.9 (5- and 9-C_{Ar}), 121.1 (2-CH), 112.2 (6'-C_{Ar}), 111.4 (3'-C_{Ar}), 105.1 (2'-C_{Ar}), 56.1 (11-CH₃), 55.9 (10-CH₃). **HRMS** (ESI⁺): m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_3$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 284.1281, found: 284.1287.



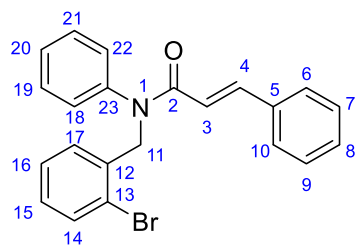
(*E*)-3-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-*N*-phenylacrylamide (8e) was prepared according to the general procedure from aniline **1a** (93.13 mg, 1 mmol) and 3,4-dimethoxybenzoic acid (182.17 mg, 1 mmol) in DMF. 240.85 mg (0.85 mmol) of a white solid were obtained, with a yield of 85%; R_f = 0.20 (5:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate); m.p. = 120–124 °C. **IR** (KBr, $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3303 ν (N-H), 3056 ν (C-H), 1666 ν (C=O), 1618 ν (C=C), 1343 ν (C-N), 1234 ν (C-O). **^1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta_{\text{(ppm)}}$: 9.09 (s, 1H, NH), 7.73 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H, 2'- and 6'-H_{Ar}), 7.67 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H, 3-CH), 7.30–7.22 (m, 2H, 3'- and 5'-H_{Ar}), 7.08–7.03 (m, 1H, 4'-H_{Ar}), 6.92 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.1 Hz, 1H, 9-H_{Ar}), 6.86 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H, 5-H_{Ar}), 7.67 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H, 2-CH), 6.68 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, 8-H_{Ar}), 3.80 (s, 3H, 11-CH₃), 3.65 (s, 3H, 10-CH₃). **^{13}C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta_{\text{(ppm)}}$: 165.1 (1-CO), 150.5 (7-C_{Ar}), 148.8 (6-C_{Ar}), 141.7 (3-CH), 138.5 (4-C_{Ar}), 128.9 (2'- and 6'-C_{Ar}), 127.6 (1'-C_{Ar}), 124.1 (5-C_{Ar}), 121.8 (2-CH), 120.1 (8-C_{Ar}), 119.2 (9-C_{Ar}), 111.0 (3'- and 5'-C_{Ar}), 109.9 (4'-C_{Ar}), 55.7 (11-CH₃), 55.5 (10-CH₃). **HRMS** (ESI⁺): m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_3$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 284.1281, found: 284.1290.



***N*-(4-Ethylphenyl)cinnamamide (8f)** was prepared according to the general procedure from 4-ethylaniline **1d** (121.18 mg, 1 mmol) and cinnamic acid (148.16 mg, 1 mmol) in DMF. 223.68 mg (0.89 mmol) of a white solid were obtained, with a yield of 89%; R_f = 0.37 (5:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate); m.p. = 146–147 °C. **IR** (KBr, $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3286 ν (N-H), 3054 ν (C-H), 2962 ν (C-C), 1666 ν (C=O), 1619 ν (C=C), 1342 ν (C-N). **^1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta_{\text{(ppm)}}$: 8.07 (s, 1H, NH), 7.73 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H, 3-CH), 7.57 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H,

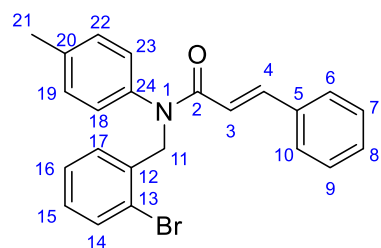
2'- and 6'-H_{Ar}), 7.47–7.38 (m, 2H, 5- and 9-H_{Ar}), 7.35–7.27 (m, 3H, 6-, 7- and 8-H_{Ar}), 7.14 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H, 3- and 5'-H_{Ar}), 6.64 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H, 2-CH), 2.60 (q, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H, 10-CH₂), 1.21 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H, 11-CH₃). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{ppm} : 164.3 (1-CO), 142.1 (3-CH), 140.6 (4'-C_{Ar}), 135.8 (1'-C_{Ar}), 134.8 (4-C_{Ar}), 129.9 (7-C_{Ar}), 128.9 (6- and 8-C_{Ar}), 128.4 (5- and 9-C_{Ar}), 128.0 (3'- and 5'-C_{Ar}), 121.2 (2-CH), 120.4 (2'- and 6'-C_{Ar}), 28.4 (10-CH₂), 15.7 (11-CH₃). **HRMS** (ESI⁺): m/z : calcd for C₁₇H₁₇NO ([M+H]⁺) 252.1383, found: 252.1388.

3. Characterization data of all synthesized *N*-(2-bromobenzyl)-*N*-phenylcinnamamide 7a-f



***N*-(2-Bromobenzyl)-*N*-phenylcinnamamide (7a)** was prepared according to the general procedure from *N*-phenylcinnamamide **8a**, (223.27 mg, 1 mmol) and 2-bromobenzyl bromide, **12**, (374.89 mg, 1.5 mmol) in THF. 364.83 mg (0.93 mmol) of a white solid were obtained, with a yield of 93%. $R_f = 0.47$ (5:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate); m.p. = 125 °C. **IR** (KBr, $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3054 ν (=C-H), 2915 ν (C-

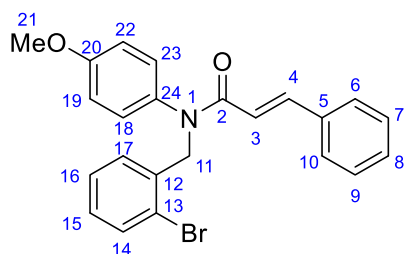
C), 1650 ν (C=O), 1604 ν (C=C), 1388 ν (C-N). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{ppm} : 7.77 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H, 4-CH), 7.49 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.1$ Hz, 1H, 14-H_{Ar}), 7.43 (dd, $J = 7.7, 1.5$ Hz, 1H, 18-H_{Ar}), 7.38–7.24 (m, 9H, 6-, 7-, 8-, 9-, 10-, 19-, 20-, 21- and 22-H_{Ar}), 7.17–7.14 (m, 2H, 16- and 17-H_{Ar}), 7.10 (td, $J = 7.9, 1.7$ Hz, 1H, 15-H_{Ar}), 6.42 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H, 3-CH), 5.19 (s, 2H, 11-CH). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{ppm} : 166.3 (2-CO), 142.7 (4-CH), 141.9 (12-C_{Ar}), 136.4 (23-C_{Ar}), 135.1 (5-C_{Ar}), 132.8 (14-C_{Ar}), 129.8 (8-C_{Ar}), 129.7 (7- and 9-C_{Ar}), 129.6 (18- and 22-C_{Ar}), 128.8 (16-C_{Ar}), 128.8 (6- and 10-C_{Ar}), 128.1 (15-C_{Ar}), 128.0 (19- and 21-C_{Ar}), 128.0 (17-C_{Ar}), 127.6 (20-C_{Ar}), 123.6 (13-C_{Ar}), 118.5 (3-CH), 53.1 (11-CH₂). **HRMS** (ESI⁺): m/z : calcd for C₂₂H₁₈BrNO ([M+H]⁺) 392.0644, found: 392.0652.



***N*-(2-Bromobenzyl)-*N*-(*p*-tolyl)cinnamamide (7b)** was prepared according to the general procedure from *N*-phenylcinnamamide **8b**, (237.30 mg, 1 mmol) and 2-bromobenzyl bromide, **12**, (374.89 mg, 1.5 mmol) in THF. 337.25 mg (0.83 mmol) of a white solid were obtained, with a yield of 83%. $R_f = 0.50$ (5:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate); m.p. = 153 - 155 °C. **IR** (KBr, $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3054 ν (=C-H),

2915 ν (C-C), 1650 ν (C=O), 1619 ν (C=C), 1388 ν (C-N), 570.84 ν (C-Br). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{ppm} : 7.79 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H, 4-CH), 7.51 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H, 14-H_{Ar}), 7.44 (dd, $J = 7.7, 1.3$ Hz, 1H, 17-H_{Ar}), 7.40–7.24 (m, 6H, 6-, 7-, 8-, 9-, 10- and 16-H_{Ar}), 7.17 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H, 18- and 23-H_{Ar}), 7.12 (td, $J = 7.8, 1.5$ Hz, 1H, 15-H_{Ar}), 7.05 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H, 19- and 22-H_{Ar}), 6.47 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H, 3-CH), 5.18 (s, 2H, 11-CH₂), 2.39 (s, 3H, 21-CH₃). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{ppm} : 166.4 (2-CO), 142.5 (4-CH), 139.3 (12-C_{Ar}), 137.8 (20-C_{Ar}), 136.5 (24-C_{Ar}), 135.2 (5-C_{Ar}), 132.8 (14-C_{Ar}), 130.2 (17-, 18- and 23-C_{Ar}),

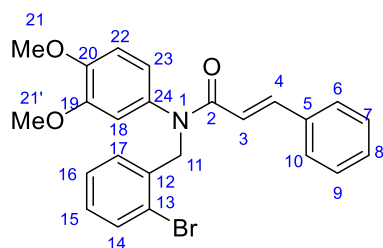
129.8 (8-CAr), 129.7 (7- and 9-CAr), 128.8 (6- and 10-CAr), 128.0 (16-CAr), 127.8 (15-CAr), 127.6 (19- and 22-CAr), 123.6 (13-CAr), 118.6 (3-CH), 53.1 (11-CH₂), 21.2 (21-CH₃). **DEPT 135** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\text{(ppm)}}$: 142.5 (4-CH), 132.7 (17-CAr), 130.2 (18- and 23-CAr), 129.7 (8-CAr), 129.7 (7- and 9-CAr), 128.78 (6- and 10-CAr), 128.0 (16-CAr), 127.8 (15-CAr), 127.6 (19- and 22-CAr), 118.6 (3-CH), 53.1 (11-CH₂), 21.2 (21-CH₃). Correlation **COSY** [$\delta\text{H}/\delta\text{H}$]: 6.47/7.79 [3-CH/4-CH], 7.05/7.17 [18- and 23-H_{Ar}/19- and 22-H_{Ar}], 7.12/7.51 [15-H_{Ar}/14-H_{Ar}], 7.44/7.40–7.24 [17-H_{Ar}/16-H_{Ar}]. Correlation **HSQC** [$\delta\text{H}/\delta\text{C}$]: 2.39/21.2 [21-CH₃/21-CH₃], 5.18/53.1 [11-CH₂], 6.47/118.6 [3-CH/3-CH], 7.05/127.6 [19 and 22-H_{Ar}/19- and 22-CAr], 7.12/127.8 [15-H_{Ar}/15-CAr], 7.17/130.2 [18- and 23-H_{Ar}/19 and 22-CAr], 7.40 – 7.24/129.7/128.0 [7-, 9- and 16-H_{Ar}/7- and 9-CAr/16-CAr], 7.44/130.2 [17-H_{Ar}/17-CAr], 7.51/132.8 [14-H_{Ar}/14-CAr], 7.79/142.5 [4-CH/4-CH]. Correlation **HMBC** [$\delta\text{H}/\delta\text{C}$]: 2.39/130.21/137.88 [21-CH₃/18 and 23-CAr/20-CAr], 5.18/123.6/130.2/136.5/139.3/166.4 [11-CH₂/13-CAr/18 and 23-CAr/24-CAr/12-CAr/2-CO], 6.47/135.2/166.4 [3-CH/5-CAr/2-CO], 7.05/127.6/137.8 [19- and 22-H_{Ar}/19- and 22-CAr/20-CAr], 7.12/123.6/130.2 [15-H_{Ar}/13-CAr/17-CAr], 7.17/21.2/130.2/137.8 [18- and 23-H_{Ar}/21-CH₃/18- and 23-CAr/20-CAr], 7.40 – 7.24/127.8/132.8/135.2/129.7 [6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 16-H_{Ar}/15-CAr/14-CAr/5-CAr/7- and 9-CAr], 7.44/53.1/123.6/128.0 [17-H_{Ar}/11-CH₂/13-CAr/16-CAr], 7.51/127.8/123.6 [14-H_{Ar}/15-CAr/13-CAr], 7.79/118.6/128.8/166.4/135.2 [4-CH/3-CH/6 and 10-CAr/2-CO/5-CAr]. **HRMS** (ESI⁺): m/z : calcd for C₂₃H₂₀BrNO ([M+H]⁺) 406.0801, found: 406.0809.



***N*-(2-Bromobenzyl)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)cinnamamide**

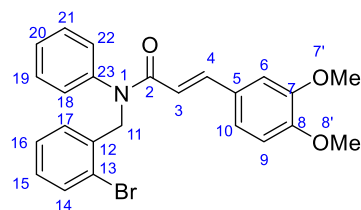
(**7c**) was prepared according to the general procedure from *N*-phenylcinnamamide **8c**, (253.30 mg, 1 mmol) and 2-bromobenzyl bromide, **12**, (374.89 mg, 1.5 mmol) in THF. 413.87 mg (0.98 mmol) of a white solid were obtained, with a yield of 98%. R_f = 0.50 (5:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate); m.p. = 101–105 °C. **IR** (KBr,

$\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3054 ν (=C-H), 2962 ν (C-C), 1650 ν (C=O), 1619 ν (C=C), 1388 ν (C-N). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\text{(ppm)}}$: 7.75 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H, 4-CH), 7.48 (dd, J = 8.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H, 14-H_{Ar}), 7.41 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H, 17-H_{Ar}), 7.36–7.23 (m, 6H, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16-H_{Ar}), 7.09 (td, J = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H, 15-H_{Ar}), 7.04 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H, 18- and 23-H_{Ar}), 6.85 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H, 19- and 22-H_{Ar}), 6.41 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H, 3-CH), 5.14 (s, 2H, 11-CH₂), 3.81 (s, 3H, 21-CH₃). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\text{(ppm)}}$: 166.5 (2-CO), 159.0 (20-CAr), 142.5 (4-CH), 136.5 (12-CAr), 135.2 (5-CAr), 134.5 (24-CAr), 132.8 (14-CAr), 130.1 (17-CAr), 129.7 (8-CAr), 129.4 (7- and 9-CAr), 128.8 (16-CAr), 128.8 (6- and 10-CAr), 128.0 (18- and 23-CAr), 127.6 (15-CAr), 123.8 (13-CAr), 118.5 (3-CH), 114.6 (19- and 22-CAr), 55.5 (21-CH₃), 53.1 (11-CH₂). **HRMS** (ESI⁺): m/z : calcd for C₂₃H₂₀BrNO₂ ([M+H]⁺) 422.0750, found: 422.0758.

***N*-(2-bromobenzyl)-*N*-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)**

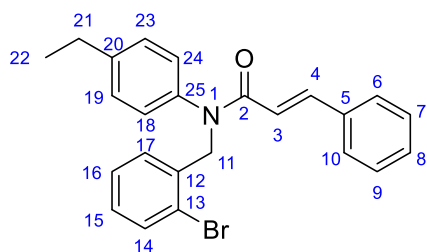
cinnamamide (7d) was prepared according to the general procedure from *N*-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)cinnamamide **8d**, (283.33 mg, 1 mmol) and 2-bromobenzyl bromide, **12**, (374.89 mg, 1.5 mmol) in THF. 425.19 mg (0.94 mmol) of a non-color solid were obtained, with a yield of 94%. R_f = 0.56 (5:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate); m.p. = 115–117

°C. **IR** (KBr, $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3053 $\nu(\text{C-H})$, 2964 $\nu(\text{C-C})$, 1655 $\nu(\text{C=O})$, 1620 $\nu(\text{C=C})$, 1386 $\nu(\text{C-N})$. **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta(\text{ppm})$: 7.75 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H, 4-CH), 7.48 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H, 17- H_{Ar}), 7.42 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H, 14- H_{Ar}), 7.36–7.27 (m, 5H, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 16- H_{Ar}), 7.25 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H, 6- H_{Ar}), 7.09 (td, J = 7.5, 1.7 Hz, 1H, 15- H_{Ar}), 6.79 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, 22- H_{Ar}), 6.68 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H, 23- H_{Ar}), 6.56 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H, 18- H_{Ar}), 6.42 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H, 3-CH), 5.16 (s, 2H, 11- CH_2), 3.89 (s, 3H, 21'- CH_3), 3.73 (s, 3H, 21- CH_3). **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta(\text{ppm})$: 166.4 (2-CO), 149.3 (20- C_{Ar}), 148.7 (19- C_{Ar}), 142.5 (4-CH), 136.7 (12- C_{Ar}), 135.2 (5- C_{Ar}), 134.5 (24- C_{Ar}), 132.7 (14- C_{Ar}), 130.5 (17- C_{Ar}), 129.7 (8- C_{Ar}), 128.9 (16- C_{Ar}), 128.8 (6- and 10- C_{Ar}), 128.0 (7- and 9- C_{Ar}), 127.6 (15- C_{Ar}), 124.0 (13- C_{Ar}), 120.8 (18- C_{Ar}), 118.5 (3-CH), 111.5 (22- C_{Ar}), 111.1 (23- C_{Ar}), 56.0 (21'- and 21- CH_3), 52.8 (11- CH_2). **HRMS** (ESI⁺): m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{BrNO}_3$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 452.0855, found: 452.0864.

***(E)*-*N*-(2-bromobenzyl)-3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-*N*-phenylacrylamide (7e)**

was prepared according to the general procedure from *(E)*-3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-*N*-phenylacrylamide **8e**, (253.30 mg, 1 mmol) and 2-bromobenzyl bromide, **12**, (374.89 mg, 1.5 mmol) in THF.

413.87 mg (0.98 mmol) of a yellow liquid were obtained, with a yield of 98%. R_f = 0.50 (5:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate). **IR** (KBr, $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3056 $\nu(\text{C-H})$, 2964 $\nu(\text{C-C})$, 1658 $\nu(\text{C=O})$, 1621 $\nu(\text{C=C})$, 1385 $\nu(\text{C-N})$. **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta(\text{ppm})$: 7.69 (d, J = 15.4 Hz, 1H, 4-CH), 7.48 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H, 14- H_{Ar}), 7.42 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H, 17- H_{Ar}), 7.38–7.23 (m, 5H, 10, 16, 19, 20 and 21- H_{Ar}), 7.16 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.6 Hz, 2H, 18- and 22- H_{Ar}), 7.09 (td, J = 7.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H, 15- H_{Ar}), 6.95 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.1 Hz, 1H, 9- H_{Ar}), 6.80 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H, 6- H_{Ar}), 6.27 (d, J = 15.4 Hz, 1H, 3-CH), 5.18 (s, 2H, 11- CH_2), 3.86 (s, 3H, 24'- CH_3), 3.80 (s, 3H, 24- CH_3). **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta(\text{ppm})$: 166.6 (2-CO), 150.7 (8- C_{Ar}), 149.1 (7- C_{Ar}), 142.6 (4-CH), 142.2 (13- C_{Ar}), 136.6 (12- C_{Ar}), 132.8 (14- C_{Ar}), 129.8 (17- C_{Ar}), 129.5 (18- and 22- C_{Ar}), 128.8 (19- and 21- C_{Ar}), 128.2 (23- C_{Ar}), 128.2 (16- C_{Ar}), 127.8 (20- C_{Ar}), 127.6 (15- C_{Ar}), 123.6 (13- C_{Ar}), 121.8 (6- C_{Ar}), 116.6 (3-CH), 111.2 (9- C_{Ar}), 110.5 (10- C_{Ar}), 56.0 (7'- C_{Ar}), 55.9 (8'- C_{Ar}), 53.1 (11- CH_2). **HRMS** (ESI⁺): m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{BrNO}_3$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 452.0855, found: 452.0869.

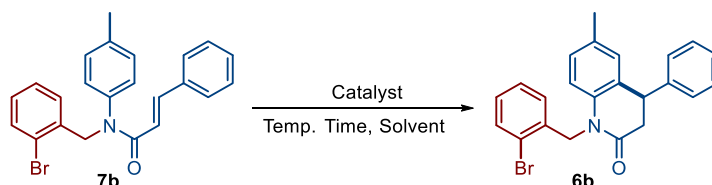


***N*-(2-Bromobenzyl)-*N*-(4-ethylphenyl)cinnamamide (7f)** was prepared according to the general procedure from *N*-(4-Ethylphenyl)cinnamamide **8f**, (251.32 mg, 1 mmol) and 2-bromobenzyl bromide, **12**, (374.89 mg, 1.5 mmol) in THF. 361.50 mg (0.86 mmol) of a white solid were obtained, with a yield of 86%. R_f = 0.53 (5:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate); m.p. = 136–137 °C. **IR**

(KBr, $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3054 $\nu(\text{C-H})$, 2962 $\nu(\text{C-C})$, 1650 $\nu(\text{C=O})$, 1619 $\nu(\text{C=C})$, 1388 $\nu(\text{C-N})$. **^1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta_{\text{(ppm)}}$: 7.77 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H, 4-CH), 7.49 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H, 14- H_{Ar}), 7.41 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H, 17- H_{Ar}), 7.37–7.28 (m, 5H, 6-, 7-, 8-, 9-, 10- H_{Ar}), 7.26 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H, 16- H_{Ar}), 7.17 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H, 18- and 24- H_{Ar}), 7.10 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H, 15- H_{Ar}), 7.06 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, 19- and 23- H_{Ar}), 6.46 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H, 3-CH), 5.16 (s, 2H, 11- CH_2), 2.67 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H, 21- CH_2), 1.25 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H, 22- CH_3). **^{13}C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta_{\text{(ppm)}}$: 166.4 (2-CO), 144.1 (4-CH), 142.6 (20- C_{Ar}), 139.5 (12- C_{Ar}), 136.5 (25- C_{Ar}), 135.2 (5- C_{Ar}), 132.8 (14- C_{Ar}), 129.7 (7- and 9- C_{Ar}), 129.6 (8- C_{Ar}), 128.9 (19- and 23- C_{Ar}), 128.8 (6- and 10- C_{Ar}), 128.7 (17- C_{Ar}), 128.0 (16- C_{Ar}), 127.8 (15- C_{Ar}), 127.6 (18- and 24- C_{Ar}), 123.5 (13- C_{Ar}), 118.6 (3-CH), 53.3 (11- CH_2), 28.5 (21- CH_2), 15.4 (22- CH_3). **HRMS** (ESI⁺): m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{BrNO}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 420.0957, found: 420.0965.

4. Optimization of reaction conditions for the synthesis of *N*-benzyl-4-phenyl-3,4-dihydroquinolin-2(1*H*)-ones **6a-f**

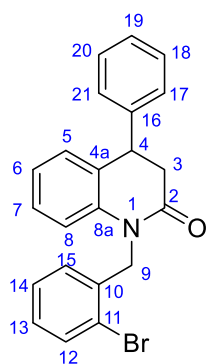
Table S2. Optimization of reaction conditions for the synthesis of *N*-benzyl-4-phenyl-3,4-dihydroquinolin-2(1*H*)-ones **6a-f**^a



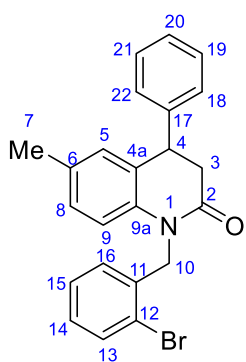
Entry	Catalyst (1 mL/mmol)	Solvent (mL)	Time (h/min)	Temp. (°C)	Yield (%) ^b
1 ^c	TfOH	CHCl_3 (5)	24 h	65	22
2 ^d	TfOH	CHCl_3 (5)	5 min	150	18
3 ^d	TFA	-	10 min	80	NR ^e
4 ^d	TFA	-	10 min	100	NR ^e
5 ^d	TFA	-	60 min	100	Traces
6 ^d	TFA	-	30 min	120	24
7 ^d	TFA	-	30 min	130	38
8 ^d	TFA	-	40 min	140	63

^a Reaction conditions: **7b** (1 mmol), Catalyst (4 mL/mmol), temperature, time, solvent. ^b Isolated yield after column chromatography over SiO_2 . ^c Reaction performed under conventional conditions. ^d Reaction assisted by microwave irradiation on a Biotage® Initiator+. ^e NR: No Reaction.

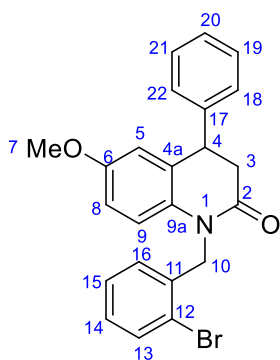
5. Characterization data of all synthesized *N*-benzyl-4-phenyl-3,4-dihydroquinolin-2(1*H*)-ones 6a-f



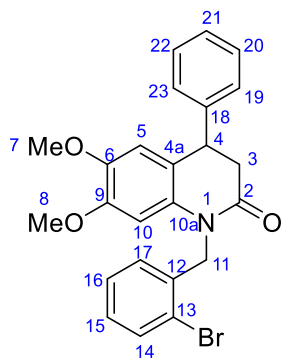
1-(2-Bromobenzyl)-4-phenyl-3,4-dihydroquinolin-2(1*H*)-one (6a) was prepared according to the general procedure from *N*-(2-bromobenzyl)-*N*-phenylcinnamamide **7a**, (392.29 mg, 1mmol) and TFA (4 mL). 274.60 mg (0.70 mmol) of a white solid were obtained, with a yield of 70%; $R_f = 0.37$ (5:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate); m.p. = 122–124 °C. **IR** (KBr, $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3023 $\nu(\text{C-H})$, 1681 $\nu(\text{C=O})$, 1373 $\nu(\text{C-N})$, 694 $\nu(\text{C-Br})$. **^1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta(\text{ppm})$: 7.59 (dd, $J = 7.5, 1.6$ Hz, 1H, 12- H_{Ar}), 7.39–7.33 (m, 2H, 21- and 17- H_{Ar}), 7.32–7.27 (m, 1H, 19- H_{Ar}), 7.24–7.19 (m, 2H, 20- and 18- H_{Ar}), 7.19–7.07 (m, 3H, 6-, 7- and 13- H_{Ar}), 7.03–6.96 (m, 2H, 14- and 15- H_{Ar}), 6.85 (dd, $J = 7.4, 1.9$ Hz, 1H, 5- H_{Ar}), 6.77 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H, 8- H_{Ar}), 5.22 (q, $J = 17.1$ Hz, 2H, 9- CH_2), 4.35 (dd, $J = 7.6, 6.1$ Hz, 1H, 4-CH), 3.16 (dq, $J = 15.8, 6.9$ Hz, 2H, 3- CH_2). **^{13}C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta(\text{ppm})$: 169.5 (2-CO), 140.9 (16- C_{Ar}), 139.3 (8a- C_{Ar}), 135.2 (10- C_{Ar}), 132.9 (12- C_{Ar}), 129.1 (4a- C_{Ar}), 129.0 (18 and 20- C_{Ar}), 128.7 (15- C_{Ar}), 128.5 (13- C_{Ar}), 128.2 (7- C_{Ar}), 127.9 (17- and 21- C_{Ar}), 127.8 (5- C_{Ar}), 127.3 (14- C_{Ar}), 127.2 (19- C_{Ar}), 123.4 (6- C_{Ar}), 122.6 (11- C_{Ar}), 115.7 (8- C_{Ar}), 46.7 (9- CH_2), 41.5 (4-CH), 38.8 (3- CH_2). **HRMS** (ESI⁺): m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{BrNO}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 392.0644, found: 392.0652.



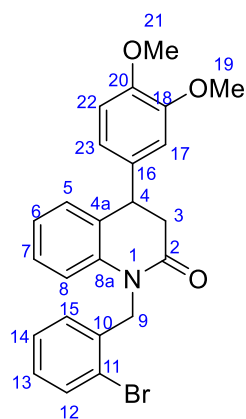
1-(2-Bromobenzyl)-6-methyl-4-phenyl-3,4-dihydroquinolin-2(1*H*)-one (6b) was prepared according to the general procedure from *N*-(2-bromobenzyl)-*N*-(*p*-tolyl)cinnamamide (**7b**) (406.32 mg, 1 mmol) and TFA (4 mL). 268.17 mg (0.66 mmol) of a white solid were obtained, with a yield of 66%; $R_f = 0.38$ (5:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate); m.p. = 135 °C. **IR** (KBr, $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3023 $\nu(\text{C-H})$, 1681 $\nu(\text{C=O})$, 1373 $\nu(\text{C-N})$, 694 $\nu(\text{C-Br})$. **^1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta(\text{ppm})$: 7.58 (dd, $J = 7.5, 1.7$ Hz, 1H, 13- H_{Ar}), 7.39–7.33 (m, 2H, 22- and 18- H_{Ar}), 7.32–7.27 (m, 1H, 20- H_{Ar}), 7.23–7.18 (m, 2H, 21 and 19- H_{Ar}), 7.11 (pd, $J = 7.3, 1.7$ Hz, 2H, 14- and 16- H_{Ar}), 6.96 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.9$ Hz, 1H, 8- H_{Ar}), 6.84 (dd, $J = 6.1, 1.5$ Hz, 2H, 5- and 15- H_{Ar}), 6.67 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H, 9- H_{Ar}), 5.29–5.11 (m, 2H, 10- CH_2), 4.30 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 1H, 4-CH), 3.14 (dq, $J = 15.8, 6.7$ Hz, 2H, 3- CH_2), 2.22 (s, 3H, 7- CH_3). **^{13}C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta(\text{ppm})$: 169.4 (2-CO), 141.1 (17- C_{Ar}), 136.9 (9a- C_{Ar}), 135.4 (11- C_{Ar}), 133.1 (6- C_{Ar}), 132.9 (13- C_{Ar}), 129.2 (14- C_{Ar}), 129.0 (21- and 19- C_{Ar}), 128.9 (4a- C_{Ar}), 128.7 (16- C_{Ar}), 128.6 (15- C_{Ar}), 127.9 (22 and 18- C_{Ar}), 127.7 (5- C_{Ar}), 127.3 (8- C_{Ar}), 127.2 (20- C_{Ar}), 122.6 (12- C_{Ar}), 115.6 (9- C_{Ar}), 46.7 (10- CH_2), 41.5 (4-CH), 39.0 (3- CH_2), 20.7 (7- CH_3). **HRMS** (ESI⁺): m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{BrNO}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 406.0801, found: 406.0809.



1-(2-Bromobenzyl)-6-methoxy-4-phenyl-3,4-dihydroquinolin-2(1H)-one. (6c) was prepared according to the general procedure from *N*-(2-bromobenzyl)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)cinnamamide (**7c**) (422.32 mg, 1 mmol) and TFA (4 mL). 198.49 mg (0.47 mmol) of a white solid was obtained with a yield of 47%; R_f = 0.27 (5:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate); m.p. = 125–127 °C. **IR** (KBr, $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3023 $\nu(\text{C-H})$, 2931 $\nu(\text{C-H})$, 1681 $\nu(\text{C=O})$, 1296 $\nu(\text{C-N})$, 740 $\nu(\text{C-Br})$. **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta(\text{ppm})$: 7.58 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H, 13- H_{Ar}), 7.36 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H, 22- and 18- H_{Ar}), 7.32–7.27 (m, 1H, 20- H_{Ar}), 7.21 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H, 21- and 19- H_{Ar}), 7.17–7.07 (m, 2H, 14- and 16- H_{Ar}), 6.85 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.7 Hz, 1H, 8- H_{Ar}), 6.73–6.65 (m, 2H, 5- and 15- H_{Ar}), 6.56 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H, 9- H_{Ar}), 5.20 (q, J = 17.0 Hz, 2H, 10- CH_2), 4.30 (dd, J = 7.4, 6.4 Hz, 1H, 4-CH), 3.68 (s, 3H, 7- CH_3), 3.13 (dq, J = 15.8, 7.0 Hz, 2H, 3- CH_2). **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta(\text{ppm})$: 169.2 (2-CO), 155.7 (6- C_{Ar}), 140.7 (17- C_{Ar}), 135.3 (11- C_{Ar}), 132.9 (13- C_{Ar}), 132.8 (9a- C_{Ar}), 130.7 (16- C_{Ar}), 129.0 (21 and 19- C_{Ar}), 128.7 (14- C_{Ar}), 127.9 (22- and 18- C_{Ar}), 127.8 (20- C_{Ar}), 127.4 (15- C_{Ar}), 127.3 (4a- C_{Ar}), 122.6 (12- C_{Ar}), 116.7 (9- C_{Ar}), 114.8 (8- C_{Ar}), 112.3 (5- C_{Ar}), 55.5 (7- CH_3), 46.7 (10- CH_2), 41.7 (4-CH), 38.8 (3- CH_2). **HRMS** (ESI⁺): m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{BrNO}_2$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 422.0750, found: 422.0758.

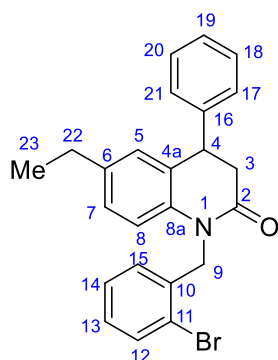


1-(2-Bromobenzyl)-6,7-dimethoxy-4-phenyl-3,4-dihydroquinolin-2(1H)-one. (6d) was prepared according to the general procedure from *N*-(2-bromobenzyl)-*N*-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)cinnamamide (**7d**) (452.35 mg, 1 mmol) and TFA (4 mL). 226.17 mg (0.50 mmol) of a yellow liquid was obtained with a yield of 50%; R_f = 0.23 (5:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate). **IR** (KBr, $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3025 $\nu(\text{C-H})$, 2931 $\nu(\text{C-H})$, 1683 $\nu(\text{C=O})$, 1295 $\nu(\text{C-N})$, 742 $\nu(\text{C-Br})$. **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta(\text{ppm})$: 7.59 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H, 14- H_{Ar}), 7.39–7.30 (m, 3H, 21, 16 and 15- H_{Ar}), 7.21–7.10 (m, 4H, 23, 22, 20 and 19- H_{Ar}), 6.90 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H, 17- H_{Ar}), 6.56 (s, 1H, 10- H_{Ar}), 6.42 (s, 1H, 5- H_{Ar}), 5.30 (q, J = 17.0 Hz, 2H, 11- CH_2), 4.28 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H, 4-CH), 3.74 (s, 3H, 7- CH_3), 3.74 (s, 3H, 8- CH_3), 3.16 (dd, J = 6.4, 2.6 Hz, 2H, 3- CH_2). **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta(\text{ppm})$: 169.3 (2-CO), 148.5 (6- C_{Ar}), 144.8 (9- C_{Ar}), 141.3 (18- C_{Ar}), 135.6 (12- C_{Ar}), 132.8 (14- and 17- C_{Ar}), 132.6 (10a- C_{Ar}), 128.9 (22- and 20- C_{Ar}), 128.0 (15- C_{Ar}), 127.9 (21- C_{Ar}), 127.8 (23- and 19- C_{Ar}), 127.3 (16- C_{Ar}), 122.6 (13- C_{Ar}), 120.3 (4a- C_{Ar}), 112.2 (5- C_{Ar}), 101.1 (10- C_{Ar}), 56.2 (7- CH_3), 56.2 (8- CH_3), 45.8 (11- CH_2), 41.1 (4-CH), 39.3 (3- CH_2). **HRMS** (ESI⁺): m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{BrNO}_3$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 452.0855, found: 452.0864.



1-(2-Bromobenzyl)-4-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-3,4-dihydroquinolin-2(1H)-one (6e) was prepared according to the general procedure from

(*E*)-*N*-(2-bromobenzyl)-3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-*N*-phenylacrylamide (**7e**) (452.35 mg, 1 mmol) and TFA (4 mL). 248.78 mg (0.55 mmol) of a yellow solid was obtained with a yield of 55%; R_f = 0.30 (5:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate); m.p. = 147–150 °C. **IR** (KBr, $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3023 $\nu(\text{C-H})$, 2930 $\nu(\text{C-H})$, 1684 $\nu(\text{C=O})$, 1298 $\nu(\text{C-N})$, 742 $\nu(\text{C-Br})$. **^1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta(\text{ppm})$: 7.59 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H, 12- H_{Ar}), 7.18–7.09 (m, 3H, 15-, 14, and 13- H_{Ar}), 7.01–6.99 (m, 2H, 8- and 5- H_{Ar}), 6.86–6.82 (m, 2H, 7- and 6- H_{Ar}), 6.78–6.74 (m, 2H, 22- and 23- H_{Ar}), 6.73 (s, 1H, 17- H_{Ar}), 5.22 (q, J = 17.0 Hz, 2H, 9- CH_2), 4.29 (dd, J = 8.3, 5.7 Hz, 1H, 4-CH), 3.89 (s, 3H, 21- CH_3), 3.82 (s, 3H, 19- CH_3), 3.21–3.06 (m, 2H, 3- CH_2). **^{13}C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta(\text{ppm})$: 169.7 (2-CO), 149.3 (20- C_{Ar}), 148.3 (18- C_{Ar}), 139.3 (8a- C_{Ar}), 135.3 (10- C_{Ar}), 133.3 (16- C_{Ar}), 133.0 (12- C_{Ar}), 129.5 (4a- C_{Ar}), 128.7 (15- C_{Ar}), 128.4 (7- C_{Ar}), 128.1 (13- C_{Ar}), 127.7 (14- C_{Ar}), 127.2 (5- C_{Ar}), 123.4 (6- C_{Ar}), 122.6 (11- C_{Ar}), 120.1 (17- C_{Ar}), 115.7 (8- C_{Ar}), 111.5 (23- C_{Ar}), 111.1 (22- C_{Ar}), 56.0 (21- CH_3), 56.0 (19- CH_3), 46.7 (9- CH_2), 41.1 (4-CH), 39.0 (3- CH_2). **HRMS** (ESI+): m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{BrNO}_3$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 452.0855, found: 452.0864.

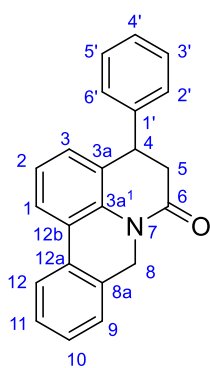


1-(2-Bromobenzyl)-6-ethyl-4-phenyl-3,4-dihydroquinolin-2(1H)-one (6f) was prepared according to the general procedure from *N*-(2-bromobenzyl)-*N*-(4-ethylphenyl)cinnamamide (**7f**) (420.35 mg,

1 mmol) and TFA (4 mL). 180.75 mg (0.68 mmol) of a white solid was obtained with a yield of 68%; R_f = 0.43 (5:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate); m.p. = 111–113 °C. **IR** (KBr, $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3023 $\nu(\text{C-H})$, 2962 $\nu(\text{C-H})$, 1666 $\nu(\text{C=O})$, 1373 $\nu(\text{C-N})$, 740 $\nu(\text{C-Br})$. **^1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta(\text{ppm})$: 7.59 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H, 12- H_{Ar}), 7.39–7.33 (m, 2H, 21- and 17- H_{Ar}), 7.32–7.27 (m, 1H, 19- H_{Ar}), 7.23–7.18 (m, 2H, 20- and 18- H_{Ar}), 7.12 (pd, J = 7.3, 1.7 Hz, 2H, 13- and 15- H_{Ar}), 7.00 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.9 Hz, 1H, 7- H_{Ar}), 6.85 (dd, J = 7.1, 1.6 Hz, 2H, 5- and 14- H_{Ar}), 6.70 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H, 8- H_{Ar}), 5.27–5.13 (m, 2H, 9- CH_2), 4.32 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H, 4-CH), 3.22–3.06 (m, 2H, 3- CH_2), 2.53 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H, 22- CH_2), 1.15 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H, 23- CH_3). **^{13}C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta(\text{ppm})$: 169.4 (2-CO), 141.1 (16- C_{Ar}), 139.5 (6- C_{Ar}), 137.1 (8a- C_{Ar}), 135.4 (10- C_{Ar}), 132.9 (12- C_{Ar}), 128.9 (20- and 18- C_{Ar}), 128.8 (4a- C_{Ar}), 128.6 (15- C_{Ar}), 128.1 (13- C_{Ar}), 127.9 (21- and 17- C_{Ar}), 127.7 (5- C_{Ar}), 127.4 (14- C_{Ar}), 127.3 (7- C_{Ar}), 127.2 (19- C_{Ar}), 122.6 (11- C_{Ar}), 115.7 (8- C_{Ar}), 46.7 (9- CH_2), 41.6 (4-CH), 39.0 (3- CH_2), 28.1 (22- CH_2), 15.6 (23- CH_3). **DEPT 135** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta(\text{ppm})$: 132.9 (12- C_{Ar}), 128.9 (20- and 18- C_{Ar}), 128.6 (15- C_{Ar}), 128.1 (13- C_{Ar}), 127.8 (21- and 17- C_{Ar}), 127.7 (5- C_{Ar}), 127.3 (14- C_{Ar}), 127.3 (7- C_{Ar}), 127.2 (19- C_{Ar}), 115.7 (8- C_{Ar}), 46.7 (9- CH_2), 41.5 (4-CH), 39.0 (3- CH_2), 28.1 (22- CH_2), 15.6 (23- CH_3). **COSY** Correlation [$\delta\text{H}/\delta\text{H}$]: 1.15/2.53 [23- CH_3 /22- CH_2], 3.22–3.06/4.32 [3- CH_2 /4-CH], 6.70/7.00 [8- H_{Ar} /15-

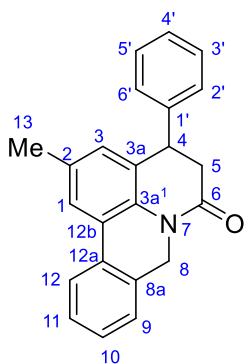
H_{Ar}], 6.85/7.12 [14-H_{Ar}/13- and 15-H_{Ar}], 7.12/7.59 [13- and 15-H_{Ar}/12-H_{Ar}], 7.21/7.36 [20- and 18-H_{Ar}/21 and 17-H_{Ar}]. **HSQC** Correlation [$\delta\text{H}/\delta\text{C}$]: 1.15/15.6 [23-CH₃/23-CH₃], 2.53/28.1 [22-CH₂/22-CH₂], 3.22–3.06/39.0 [3-CH₂/3-CH₂], 4.32/41.6 [4-CH/4-CH], 5.27 – 5.13/46.7 [9-CH₂/9-CH₂], 6.70/115.7 [8-H_{Ar}/8-C_{Ar}], 6.85/127.4 [5- and 14-H_{Ar}/5- and/or 14-C_{Ar}], 7.00/127.3 [7-H_{Ar}/7-C_{Ar}], 7.12/128.6 [15-H_{Ar}/15-C_{Ar}], 7.23–7.18/128.9 [20- and 18-H_{Ar}/20 and 18-C_{Ar}], 7.32–7.27/127.2 [19-H_{Ar}/19-C_{Ar}], 7.39–7.33/127.9 [21- and 17-H_{Ar}/21 and 17-C_{Ar}], 7.59/132.9 [12-H_{Ar}/12-C_{Ar}]. **HMBC** Correlation [$\delta\text{H}/\delta\text{C}$]: 1.15/28.1/139.5 [23-CH₃/22-CH₂/6-C_{Ar}], 2.53/15.6/127.7/139.5 [22-CH₂/23-CH₃/5-C_{Ar}/6-C_{Ar}], 3.22–3.06/41.6/ 128.8/141.1/169.4 [3-CH₂/4-CH/4a-C_{Ar}/16-C_{Ar}/2-CO], 4.32/39.0/128.8/ 137.1/141.1/169.4 [4-CH/3-CH₂/4a-C_{Ar}/8a-C_{Ar}/16-C_{Ar}/2-CO], 5.27 – 5.13/122.6/135.4/169.4 [9-CH₂/11-C_{Ar}/10-C_{Ar}/2-CO], 6.7/128.8/139.5 [8-H_{Ar}/4a-C_{Ar}/6-C_{Ar}], 6.8/28.1/41.6/128.1/135.4 [5- and 14-H_{Ar}/22-CH₂/4-CH/13-C_{Ar}/10-C_{Ar}], 7.00/28.1/115.7/127.7/137.1 [7-H_{Ar}/22-CH₂/8-C_{Ar}/5-C_{Ar}/8a-C_{Ar}], 7.12/122.6/ 127.4/132.9/135.4 [13 and 15-H_{Ar}/11-C_{Ar}/14-C_{Ar}/12-C_{Ar}/10-C_{Ar}], 7.23–7.18/41.6/127.2 [20- and 18-H_{Ar}/4-CH/19-C_{Ar}], 7.32–7.27/127.9 [19-H_{Ar}/21 and 17-C_{Ar}], 7.39–7.33/128.9/141.1 [21- and 17-H_{Ar}/20- and 18-C_{Ar}/16-C_{Ar}], 7.59/127.4/135.4/122.6 [12-H_{Ar}/14-C_{Ar}/10-C_{Ar}/11-C_{Ar}]. **HRMS** (ESI⁺): m/z : calcd for C₂₄H₂₂BrNO ([M+H]⁺) 420.0957, found: 420.965.

6. Characterization data of all synthesized pyrido[3,2,1-*de*]phenanthridin-6-ones 4a-f

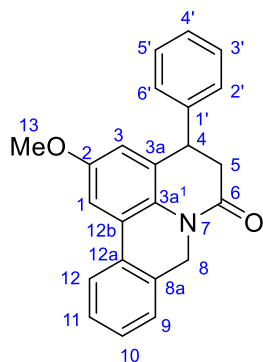


4-Phenyl-4,5-dihydro-6H,8H-pyrido[3,2,1-*de*]phenanthridin-6-one

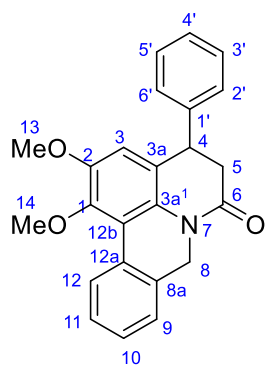
(**4a**) was prepared according to the general procedure from 1-(2-bromobenzyl)-4-phenyl-3,4-dihydroquinolin-2(1*H*)-one **6a** (392.29 mg, 1 mmol). 289.58 mg (0.93 mmol) of a yellow solid was obtained with a yield 93%; R_f = 0.50 (4:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate); m.p. = 159–160 °C. **IR** (KBr, $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3023 ν (=C-H), 2854 ν (C-H), 1681 ν (C=O), 1388 ν (C-N). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.76 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H, 1- and 12-H_{Ar}), 7.38–7.36 (m, 2H, 2'- and 6'-H_{Ar}), 7.34 (s, 1H, 11-H_{Ar}), 7.31–7.29 (m, 3H, 4'-, 9- and 10-H_{Ar}), 7.23–7.17 (m, 2H, 3'- and 5'-H_{Ar}), 7.09 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H, 2-H_{Ar}), 6.89 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H, 3-H_{Ar}), 5.11 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H, 8-CH₂), 5.00 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H, 8-CH₂), 4.28 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H, 4-CH), 3.03–2.91 (m, 2H, 5-CH₂). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 168.3 (6-CO), 141.0 (1'-C_{Ar}), 135.4 (3a¹-C_{Ar}), 131.5 (12a-C_{Ar}), 130.6 (8a-C_{Ar}), 129.8 (3a-C_{Ar}), 129.0 (3'- and 5'-C_{Ar}), 128.3 (10-C_{Ar}), 128.2 (11-C_{Ar}), 127.9 (3-C_{Ar}), 127.8 (2'- and 6'-C_{Ar}), 127.4 (9-C_{Ar}), 126.7 (4'-C_{Ar}), 124.1 (12b-C_{Ar}), 124.0 (2-C_{Ar}), 123.2 (1-C_{Ar}), 122.6 (12-C_{Ar}), 42.6 (8-CH₂), 41.6 (4-CH), 38.7 (5-CH₂). **HRMS** (ESI⁺): m/z : calcd for C₂₂H₁₇NO ([M+H]⁺) 312.1383, found: 312.1389.



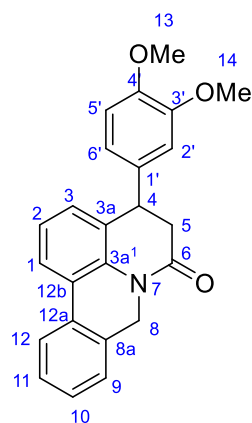
2-Methyl-4-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-6H,8H-pyrido[3,2,1-de]phenanthridin-6-one (4b) was prepared according to the general procedure from 1-(2-bromobenzyl)-6-methyl-4-phenyl-3,4-dihydroquinolin-2(1*H*)-one (**6b**) (406.32 mg, 1 mmol). 302.63 mg (0.93 mmol) of a yellow solid was obtained with a yield of 93%; R_f = 0.50 (4:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate); m.p. = 178–181 °C. **IR** (KBr, $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3023 $\nu(\text{C-H})$, 2854 $\nu(\text{C-H})$, 1666 $\nu(\text{C=O})$, 1373 $\nu(\text{C-N})$. **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta_{\text{(ppm)}}$: 7.77 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, 12- H_{Ar}), 7.56 (s, 1H, 1- H_{Ar}), 7.40–7.32 (m, 3H, 2'-, 6'- and 11- H_{Ar}), 7.30–7.28 (m, 3H, 4'-, 9- and 10- H_{Ar}), 7.23–7.17 (m, 2H, 3'- and 5'- H_{Ar}), 6.72 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H, 3- H_{Ar}), 5.04 (s, 2H, 8- CH_2), 4.24 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H, 4-CH), 2.94 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H, 5- CH_2), 2.32 (s, 3H, 13- CH_3). **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta_{\text{(ppm)}}$: 168.1 (6-CO), 141.2 (1'- C_{Ar}), 133.5 (12a- C_{Ar}), 133.1 (3a¹- C_{Ar}), 131.5 (8a- C_{Ar}), 130.6 (2- C_{Ar}), 129.5 (3a- C_{Ar}), 129.0 (3'- and 5'- C_{Ar}), 128.6 (9- C_{Ar}), 128.2 (11- C_{Ar}), 128.1 (10- C_{Ar}), 127.8 (2' and 6'- C_{Ar}), 127.3 (3- C_{Ar}), 126.7 (4'- C_{Ar}), 123.9 (12b- C_{Ar}), 123.2 (1- C_{Ar}), 123.0 (12- C_{Ar}), 42.7 (8- CH_2), 41.6 (4-CH), 38.9 (5- CH_2), 21.2 (13- CH_3). **HRMS** (ESI⁺): m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 326.1539, found: 326.1545.



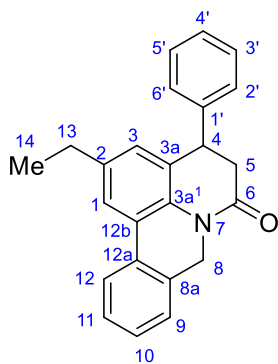
2-Methoxy-4-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-6H,8H-pyrido[3,2,1-de]phenanthridin-6-one (4c) was prepared according to the general procedure from 1-(2-bromobenzyl)-6-methoxy-4-phenyl-3,4-dihydroquinolin-2(1*H*)-one (**6c**) (422.32 mg, 1 mmol). 337.99 mg (0.9 mmol) of a yellow solid was obtained with a yield of 99%; R_f = 0.34 (4:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate); m.p. = 133–135 °C. **IR** (KBr, $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3055 $\nu(\text{C-H})$, 2839 $\nu(\text{C-H})$, 1666 $\nu(\text{C=O})$, 1388 $\nu(\text{C-N})$. **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta_{\text{(ppm)}}$: 7.73 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, 12- H_{Ar}), 7.42–7.25 (m, 7H, 2'-, 4'-, 6'-, 1-, 9-, 10- and 11- H_{Ar}), 7.22–7.18 (m, 2H, 3'- and 5'- H_{Ar}), 6.47 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H, 3- H_{Ar}), 5.07 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H, 8- CH_2), 4.98 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H, 8- CH_2), 4.24 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H, 4-CH), 3.78 (s, 3H, 13- CH_3), 2.94 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, 5-CH). **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta_{\text{(ppm)}}$: 167.9 (6-CO), 156.2 (2- C_{Ar}), 140.8 (1'- C_{Ar}), 131.8 (12a- C_{Ar}), 131.3 (8a- C_{Ar}), 130.5 (3a¹- C_{Ar}), 129.16 (3a- C_{Ar}), 129.0 (3'- and 5'- C_{Ar}), 128.4 (11- C_{Ar}), 128.2 (10- C_{Ar}), 127.8 (2' and 6'- C_{Ar}), 127.4 (9- C_{Ar}), 126.7 (4'- C_{Ar}), 125.2 (12b- C_{Ar}), 123.3 (12- C_{Ar}), 114.1 (3- C_{Ar}), 107.2 (1- C_{Ar}), 55.6 (13- CH_3), 42.7 (8- CH_2), 41.8 (4-CH), 38.8 (5- CH_2). **HRMS** (ESI⁺): m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 342.1488, found: 342.1495.



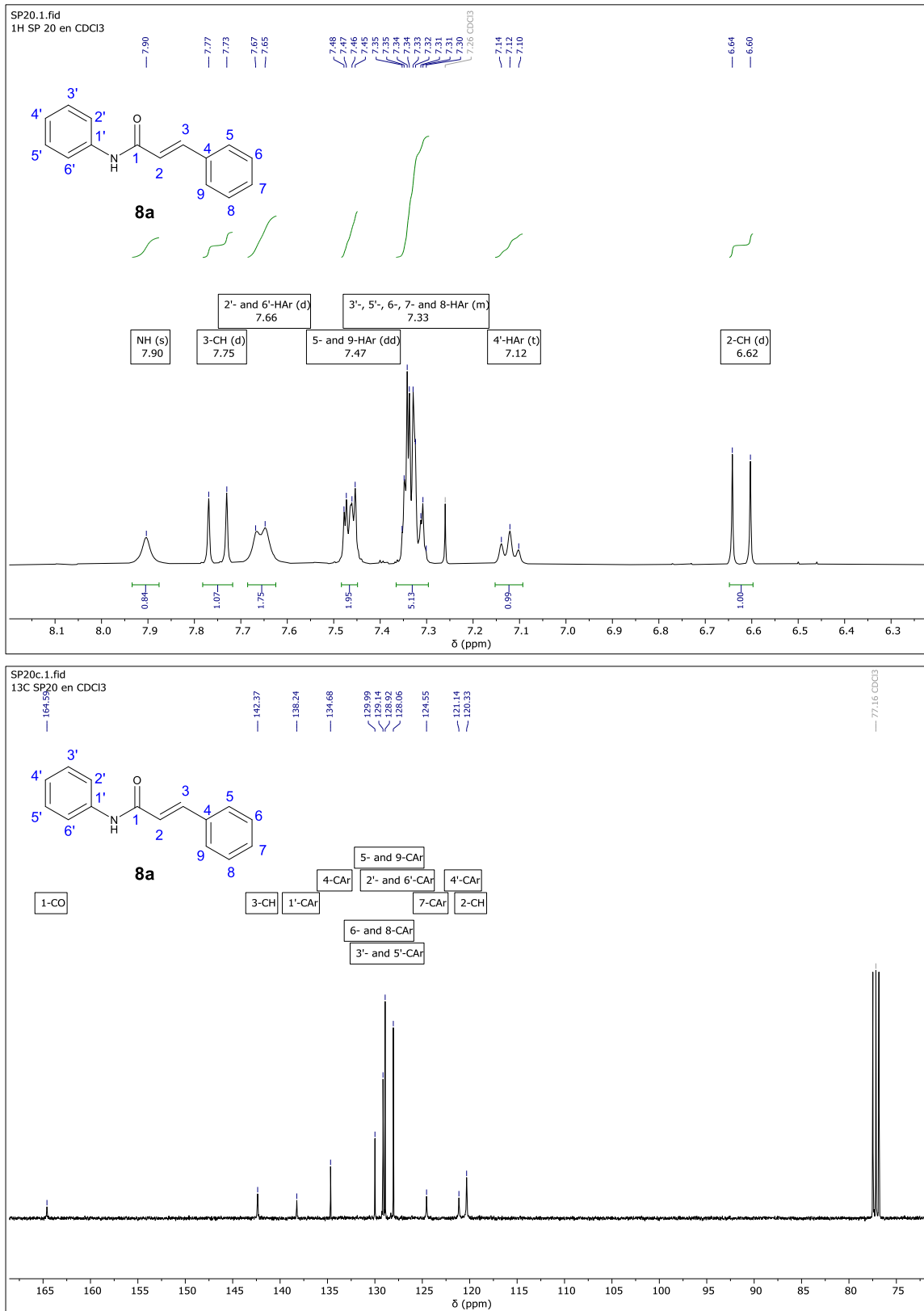
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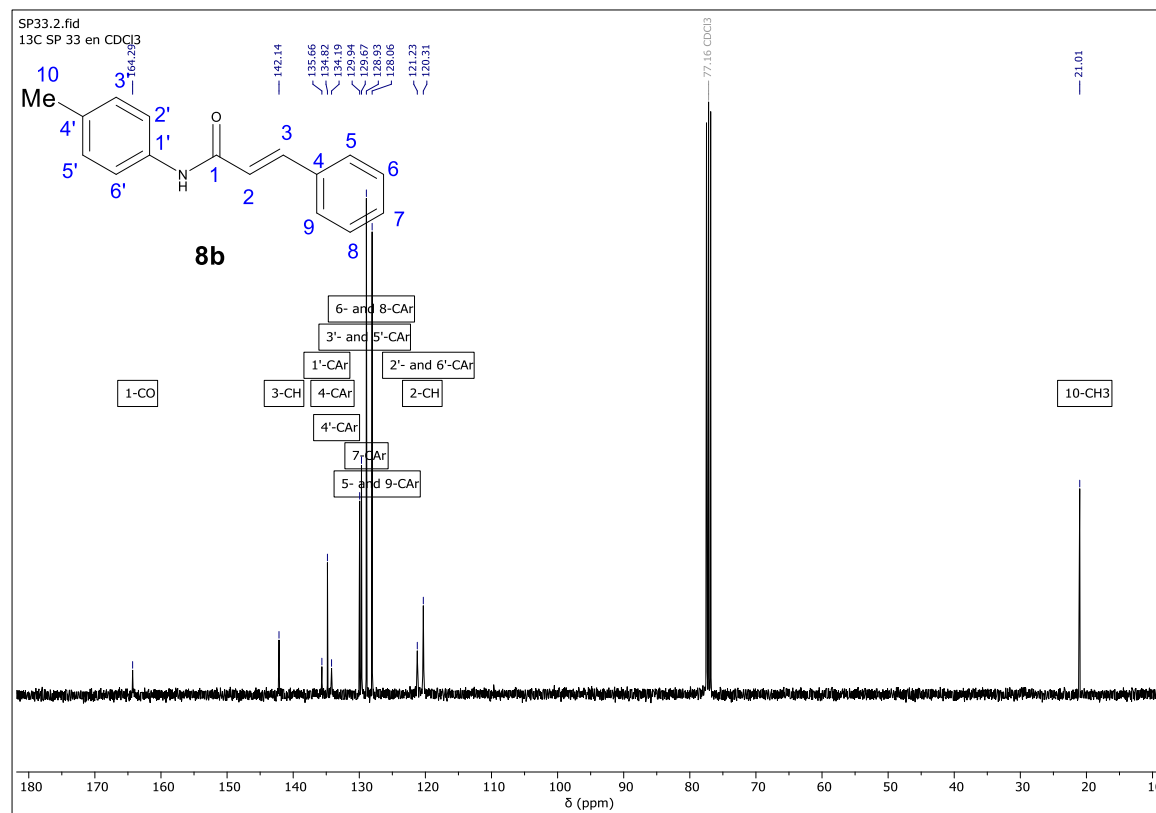
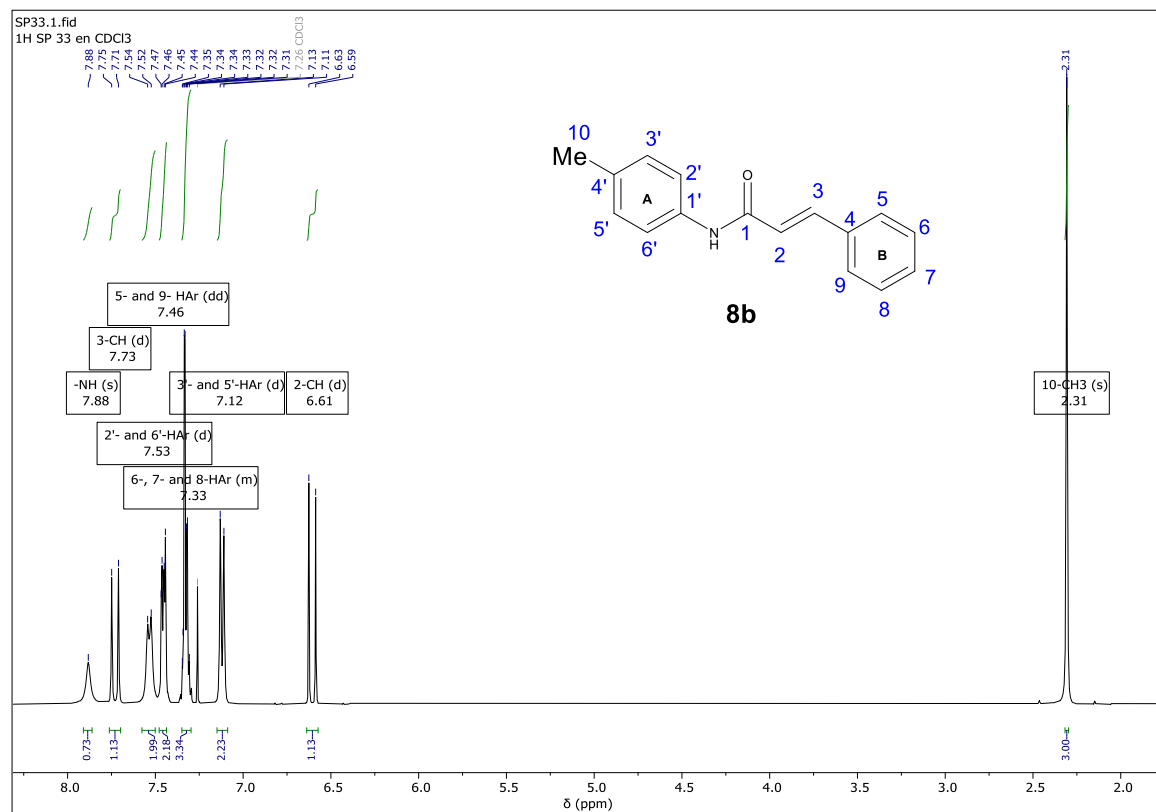


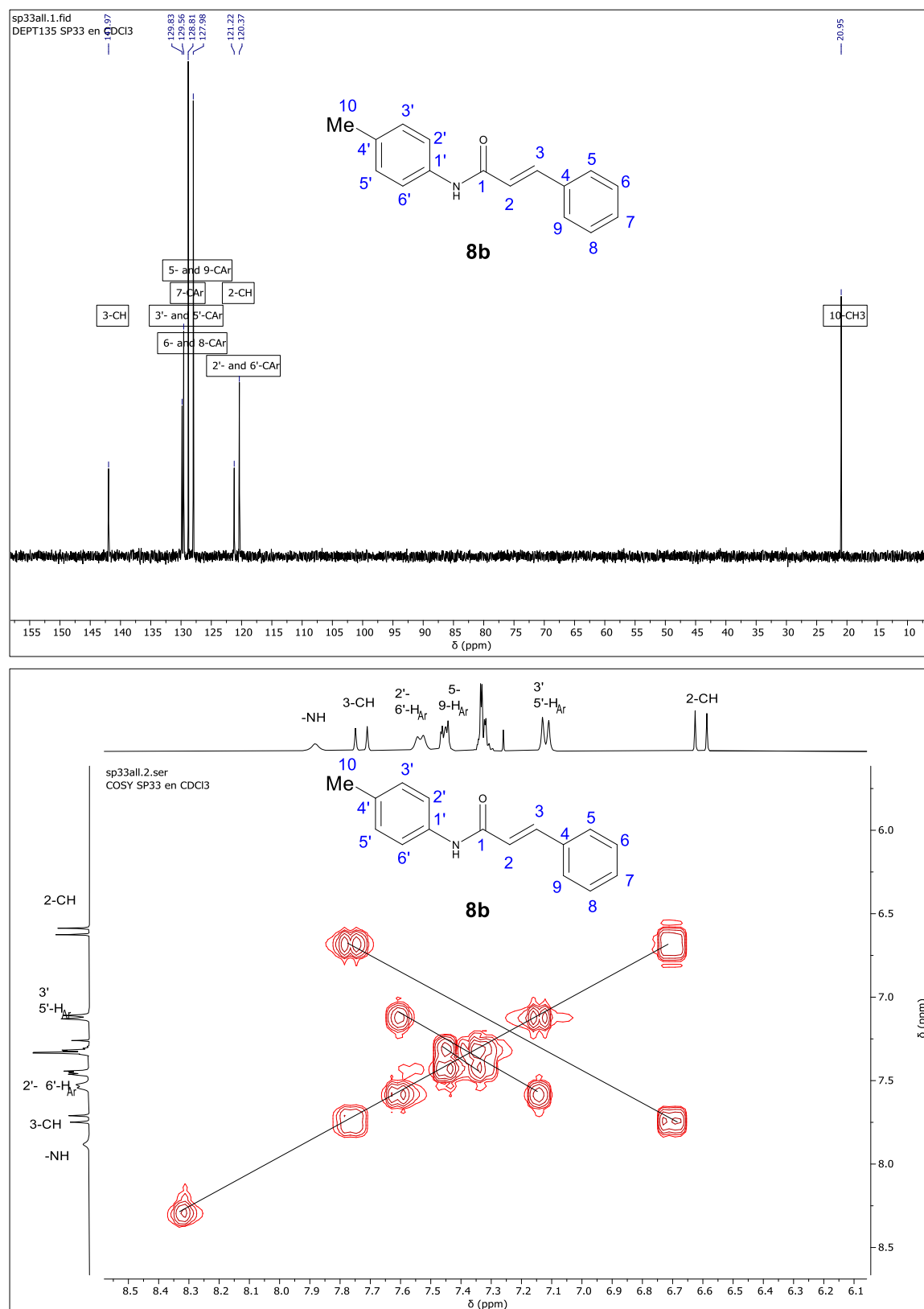
4-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-4,5-dihydro-6H,8H-pyrido[3,2,1-de]phenanthridin-6-one (4e) was prepared according to the general procedure from 1-(2-bromobenzyl)-4-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-3,4-dihydroquinolin-2(1*H*)-one (**6e**) (452.35 mg, 1 mmol). 334.3 mg (0.90 mmol) of a yellow liquid was obtained with a yield of 90%; R_f = 0.26 (4:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate). **IR** (KBr, $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3053 $\nu(\text{C-H})$, 2837 $\nu(\text{C-H})$, 1665 $\nu(\text{C=O})$, 1388 $\nu(\text{C-N})$. **^1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta(\text{ppm})$: 7.75 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H, 6'- and 5'- H_{Ar}), 7.40–7.35 (m, 1H, 12- H_{Ar}), 7.33–7.28 (m, 2H, 3- and 1- H_{Ar}), 7.09 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H, 2- H_{Ar}), 6.91 (dt, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H, 9- H_{Ar}), 6.83 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, 11- H_{Ar}), 6.75–6.71 (m, 2H, 10- and 2'- H_{Ar}), 5.04 (q, 1H, 8- CH_2), 4.22 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H, 4-CH), 3.87 (s, 3H, 13- CH_3), 3.82 (s, 3H, 14- CH_3), 2.94 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H, 5- CH_2). **^{13}C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta(\text{ppm})$: 168.4 (6-CO), 149.3 (4'- C_{Ar}), 148.3 (3'- C_{Ar}), 135.3 (1'- C_{Ar}), 133.4 (3a'- C_{Ar}), 131.5 (12a- C_{Ar}), 130.6 (8a- C_{Ar}), 130.1 (3a- C_{Ar}), 128.3 (12- and 9- C_{Ar}), 127.8 (11- C_{Ar}), 126.7 (10- C_{Ar}), 124.1 (12b- C_{Ar}), 124.0 (3- C_{Ar}), 123.2 (1- C_{Ar}), 122.6 (2- C_{Ar}), 120.0 (5'- C_{Ar}), 111.6 (6'- C_{Ar}), 110.9 (2'- C_{Ar}), 56.0 (13- CH_3), 56.0 (14- CH_3), 42.69 (8- CH_2), 41.3 (4-CH), 38.9 (5- CH_2). **HRMS** (ESI+): m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_3$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 372.1594, found: 372.1601.

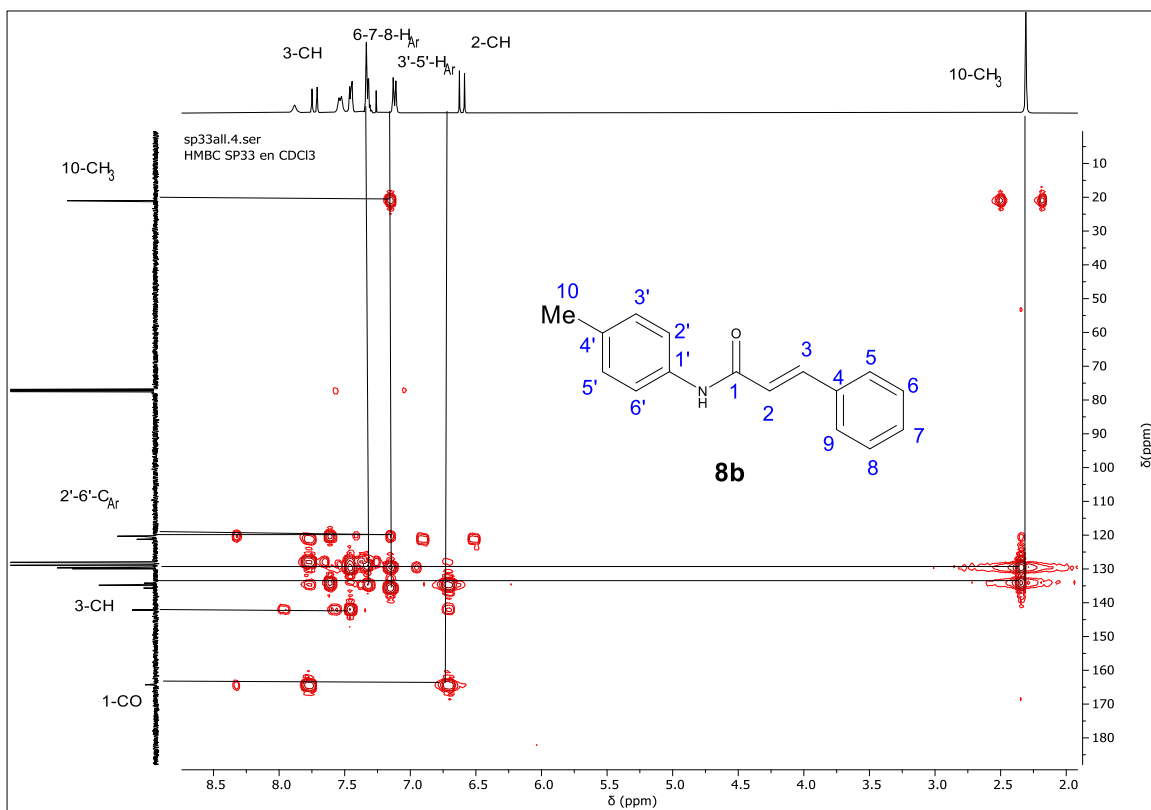
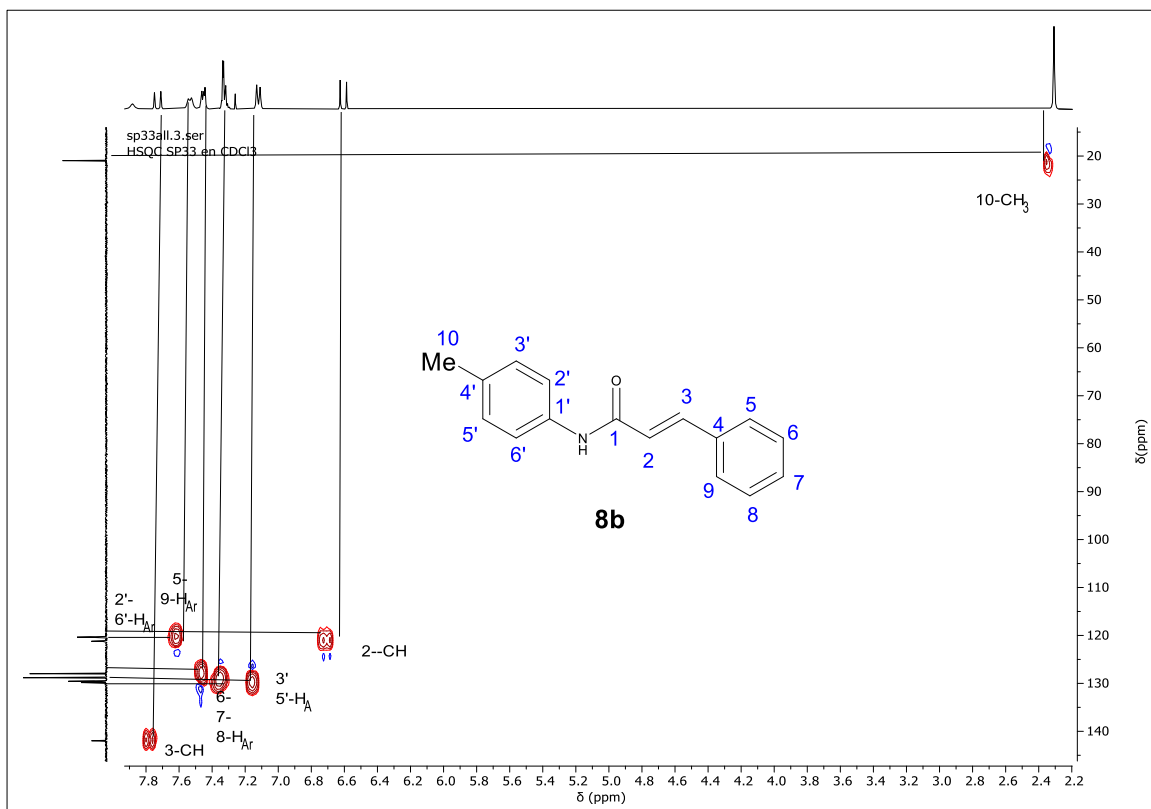


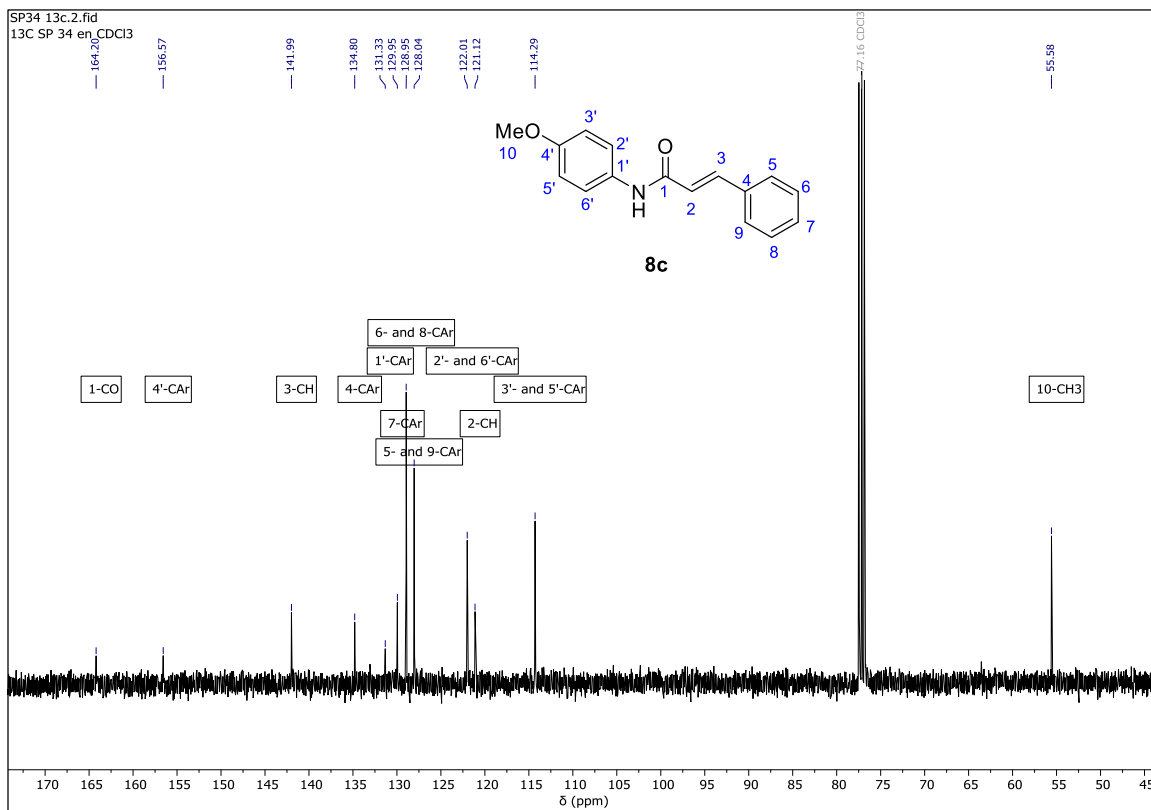
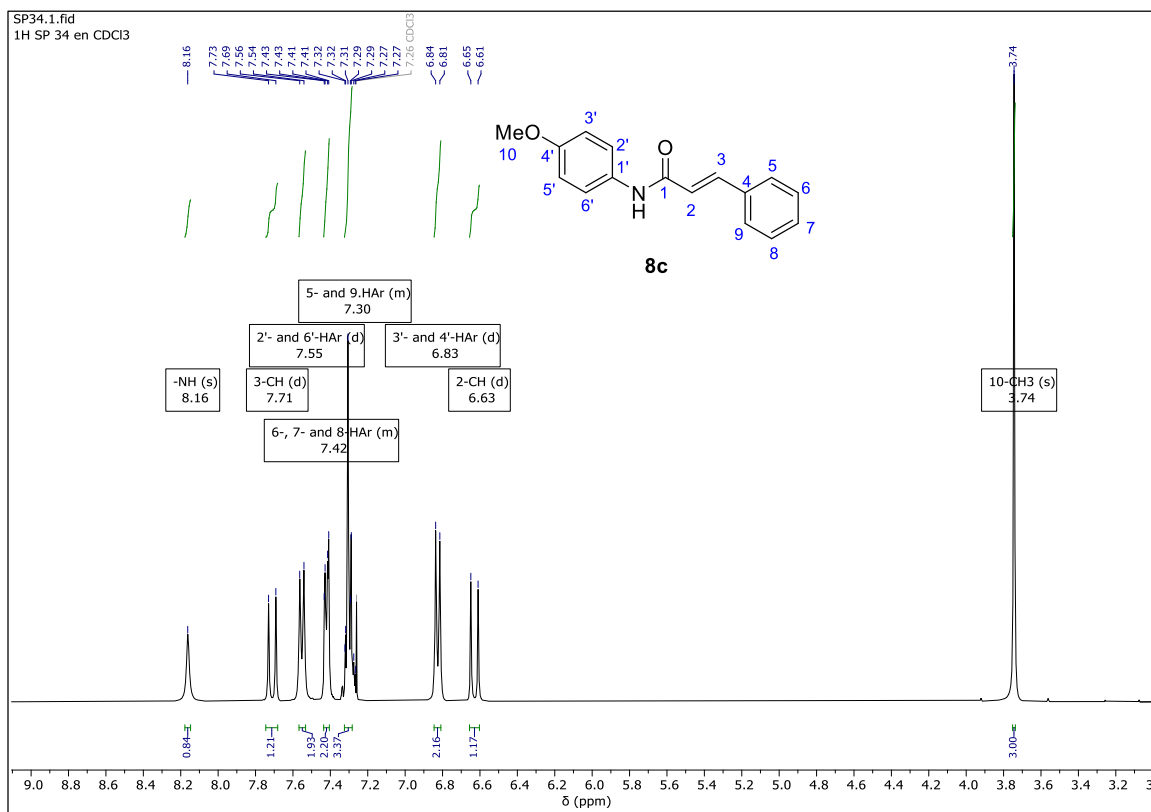
2-Ethyl-4-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-6H,8H-pyrido[3,2,1-de]phenanthridin-6-one (4f) was prepared according to the general procedure from 1-(2-bromobenzyl)-6-ethyl-4-phenyl-3,4-dihydroquinolin-2(1*H*)-one **6f** (420.35 mg, 1 mmol). 315.67 mg (0.93 mmol) of a yellow solid was obtained with a yield of 93%; R_f = 0.50 (4:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate); m.p. = 143–146 °C. **IR** (KBr, $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3023.89 $\nu(\text{C-H})$, 2962.18 $\nu(\text{C-H})$, 1666.23 $\nu(\text{C=O})$, 1373.09 $\nu(\text{C-N})$. **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta(\text{ppm})$: 7.79 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, 12- H_{Ar}), 7.59 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H, 1- H_{Ar}), 7.41–7.33 (m, 3H, 3'-, 5'- and 11- H_{Ar}), 7.33–7.26 (m, 3H, 4'-, 9- and 10- H_{Ar}), 7.23–7.17 (m, 2H, 2'- and 6'- H_{Ar}), 6.75 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H, 3- H_{Ar}), 5.04 (s, 2H, 8- CH_2), 4.26 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H, 4-CH), 2.95 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H, 5- CH_2), 2.61 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H, 13- CH_2), 1.22 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H, 14- CH_3). **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta(\text{ppm})$: 168.1 (6-CO), 141.2 (1'- C_{Ar}), 140.0 (2- C_{Ar}), 133.2 (3a'- C_{Ar}), 131.5 (12a- C_{Ar}), 130.7(8a- C_{Ar}), 129.6 (3a- C_{Ar}), 129.0 (3' and 5'- C_{Ar}), 128.1 (11- C_{Ar}), 128.1 (10- C_{Ar}), 127.8 (2'- and 6'- C_{Ar}), 127.5 (9- C_{Ar}), 127.3 (3- C_{Ar}), 126.7 (4'- C_{Ar}), 124.0 (12b- C_{Ar}), 123.2 (12- C_{Ar}), 121.8 (1- C_{Ar}), 42.6 (8- CH_2), 41.7 (4-CH), 38.9 (5- CH_2), 28.6 (13- CH_2), 15.8 (14- CH_3). **DEPT 135** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta(\text{ppm})$: 129.0 (3'- and 5'- C_{Ar}), 128.1 (11- C_{Ar}), 128.1 (10- C_{Ar}), 127.8 (2'- and 6'- C_{Ar}), 127.5 (9- C_{Ar}), 127.3 (3- C_{Ar}), 126.7 (4'- C_{Ar}), 123.2 (12- C_{Ar}), 121.8 (1- C_{Ar}), 42.6 (8- CH_2), 41.7 (4-CH), 38.9 (5- CH_2), 28.6 (13- CH_2), 15.8 (14- CH_3). **COSY** [$\delta\text{H}/\delta\text{H}$]: 1.22/2.61 [14- CH_3 /13- CH_2], 2.95/4.26 [5- CH_2 /4-CH], 6.75/7.59 [3- H_{Ar} /1- H_{Ar}], 7.23–7.17/7.41–7.33 [3'- and 5'- H_{Ar} /2'- and 6'- H_{Ar}], 7.41–7.33/7.79 [11- H_{Ar} /12- H_{Ar}]. **HSQC** [$\delta\text{H}/\delta\text{C}$]: 1.22/15.8 [14- CH_3 /14- CH_3], 2.61/28.6 [13- CH_2 /13- CH_2], 2.95/38.9 [5- CH_2 /5- CH_2], 4.26/41.7 [4-CH/4-CH], 5.04/42.6 [8- CH_2 /8- CH_2], 6.75/127.3 [3- H_{Ar} /3- C_{Ar}], 7.23–7.17/127.8 [2'- and 6'- H_{Ar} /2'- and 6'- C_{Ar}], 7.33–7.26/126.7 [4'- H_{Ar} /4'- C_{Ar}], 7.41–7.33/128.1/ 129.0 [3'-, 5'- and 11- H_{Ar} /11'- C_{Ar} /3'- and 5'- C_{Ar}], 7.59/121.8 [1- H_{Ar} /1- C_{Ar}], 7.79/123.2 [12- H_{Ar} /12- C_{Ar}]. **HMBC** [$\delta\text{H}/\delta\text{C}$]: 1.22/28.63/140.0 [14- CH_3 /13- CH_2 /2- C_{Ar}], 2.61/15.8/121.8/127.3/ 140.0 [13- CH_2 /14- CH_3 /1- C_{Ar} /3- C_{Ar} /2- C_{Ar}], 2.95/ 41.7/129.6/141.2/168.1 [5- CH_2 /4-CH/3a- C_{Ar} /1'- C_{Ar} /6-CO], 4.26/38.9/ 129.0/133.2/141.2/ 168.1 [4-CH/5- CH_2 /2' and 6'- C_{Ar} /3a'- C_{Ar} /1'- C_{Ar} /6-CO], 5.04/127.5/130.7/133.2/168.1[8- CH_2 /9- C_{Ar} /8a- C_{Ar} /3a'- C_{Ar} /6-CO], 6.75/28.6/41.7/121.8/133.2 [3- H_{Ar} /13- CH_2 /4-CH/1- C_{Ar} /3a'- C_{Ar}], 7.23–7.17/41.7/127.3 [2'- and 6'- H_{Ar} /4-CH/3- C_{Ar}], 7.33–7.26/41.7/123.2/128.1/ 130.7/141.2 [4'-, 9- and 10- H_{Ar} /4-CH/12- C_{Ar} /11- C_{Ar} /8a- C_{Ar} /1'- C_{Ar}], 7.41–7.33/127.8/141.2 [3', 5' and 11- H_{Ar} /2'- and 6'- C_{Ar} /1'- C_{Ar}], 7.59/28.6/127.3/131.5/133.2 [1- H_{Ar} /13- CH_2 /12a- C_{Ar} /3a'- C_{Ar}], 7.79/124.0/ 128.1/131.5 [12- H_{Ar} /12b- C_{Ar} /11- C_{Ar} /12a- C_{Ar}]. **HRMS** (ESI+): m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 340.1695, found: 340.1702.

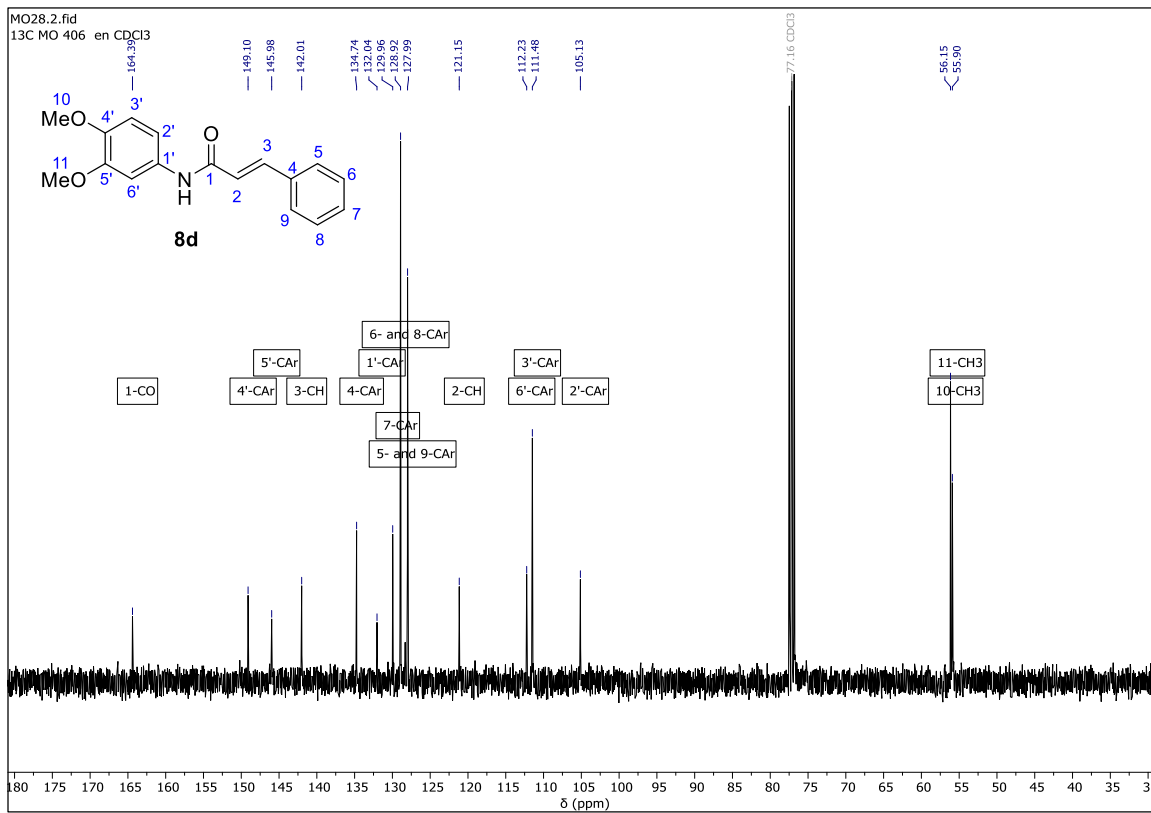
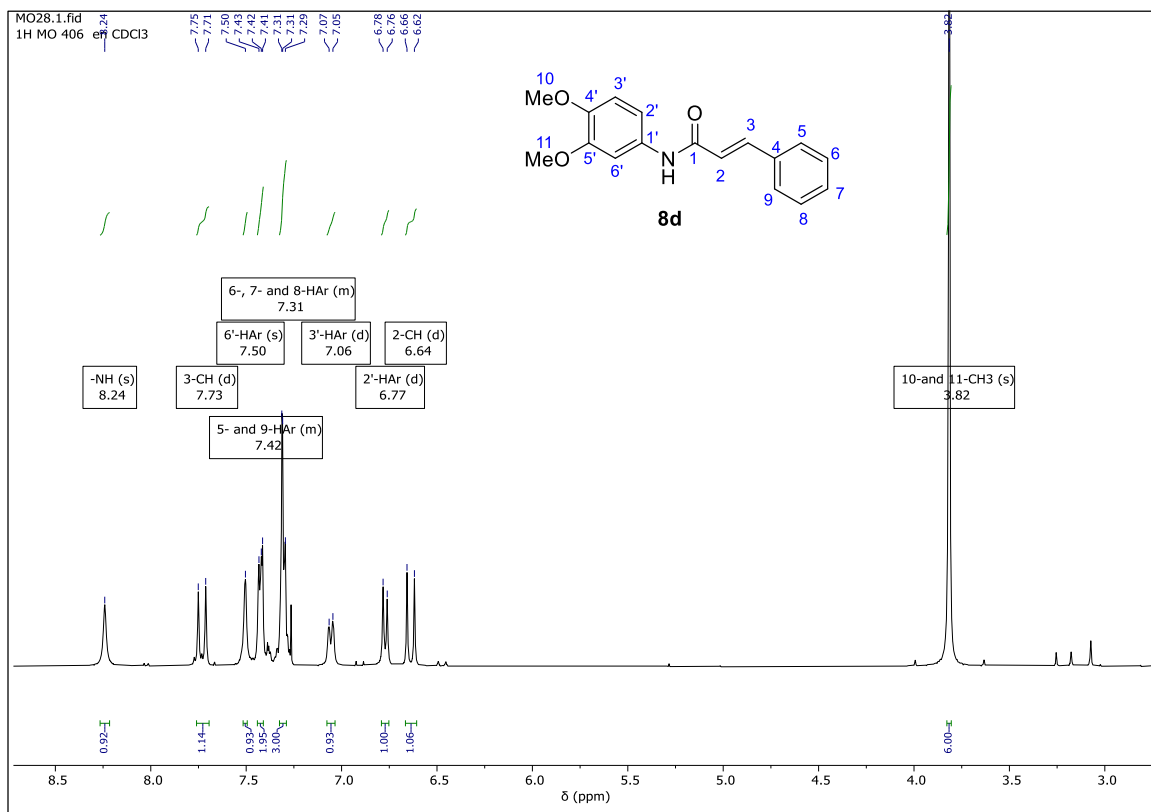
7. Figures S1-S16 of the respective ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of all synthesized *N*-arylcinnamamides 8a-f

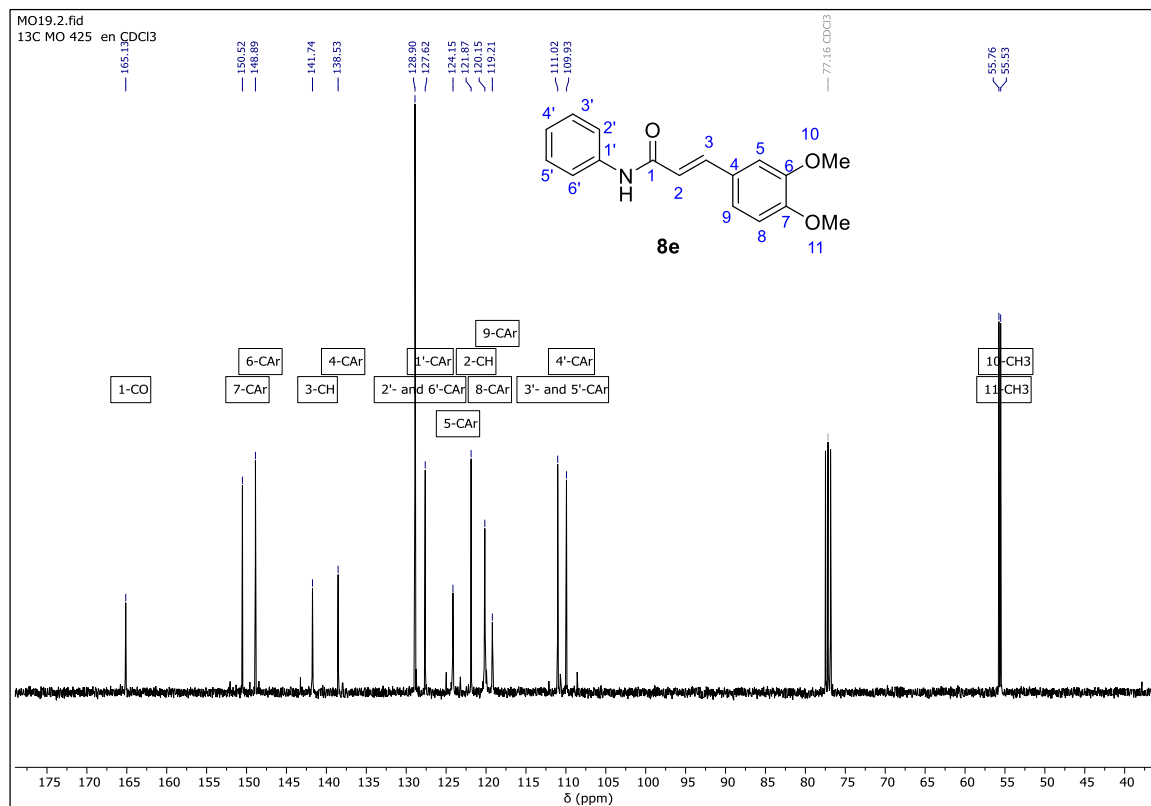
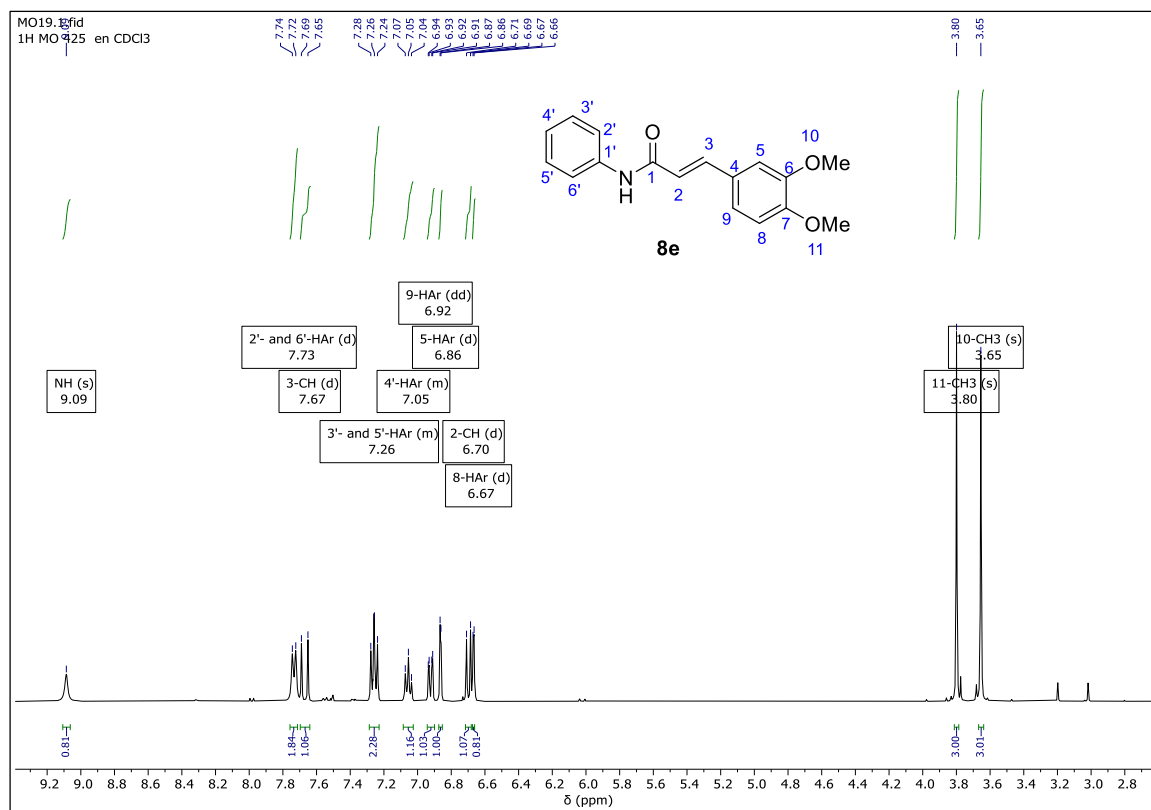


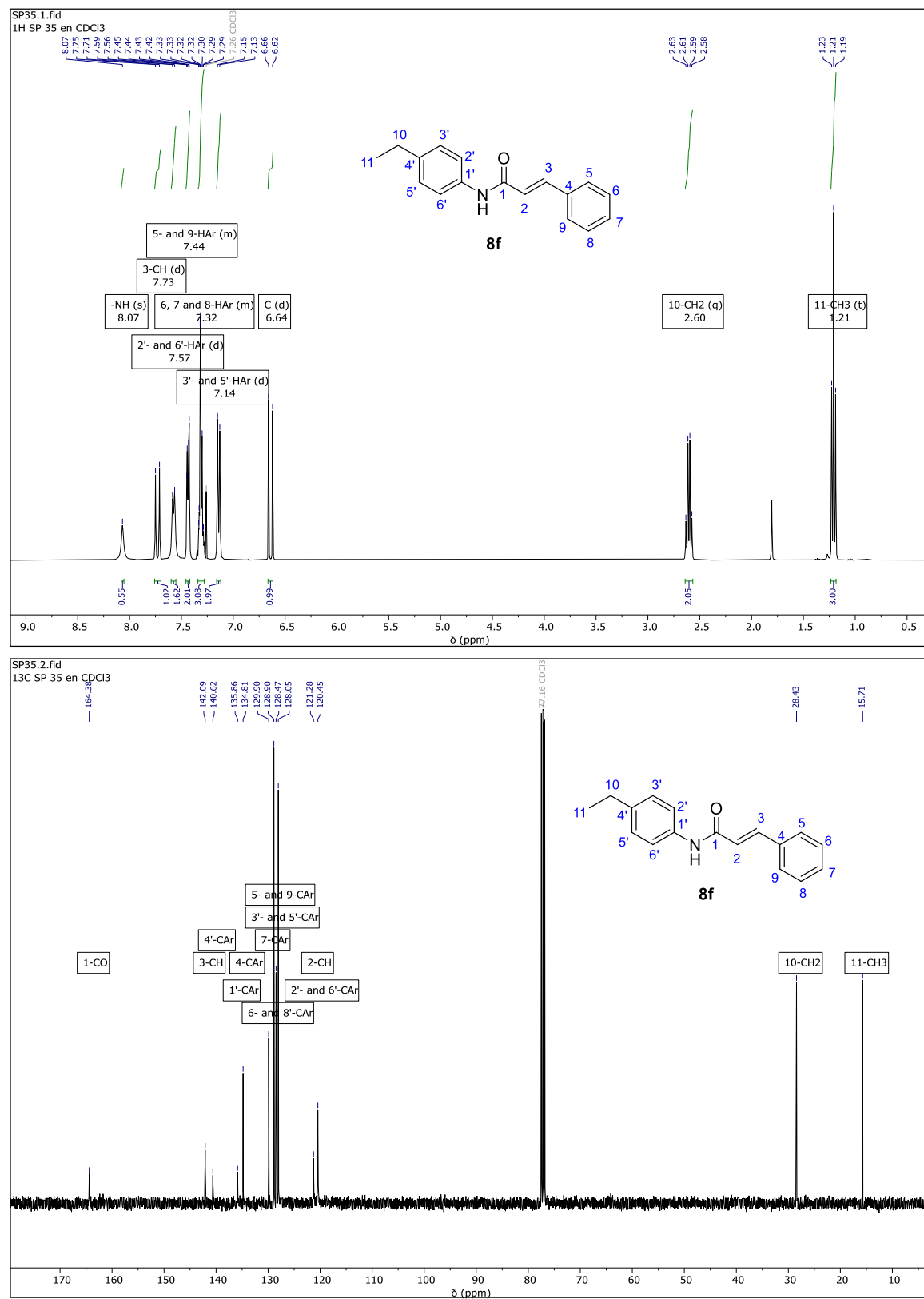




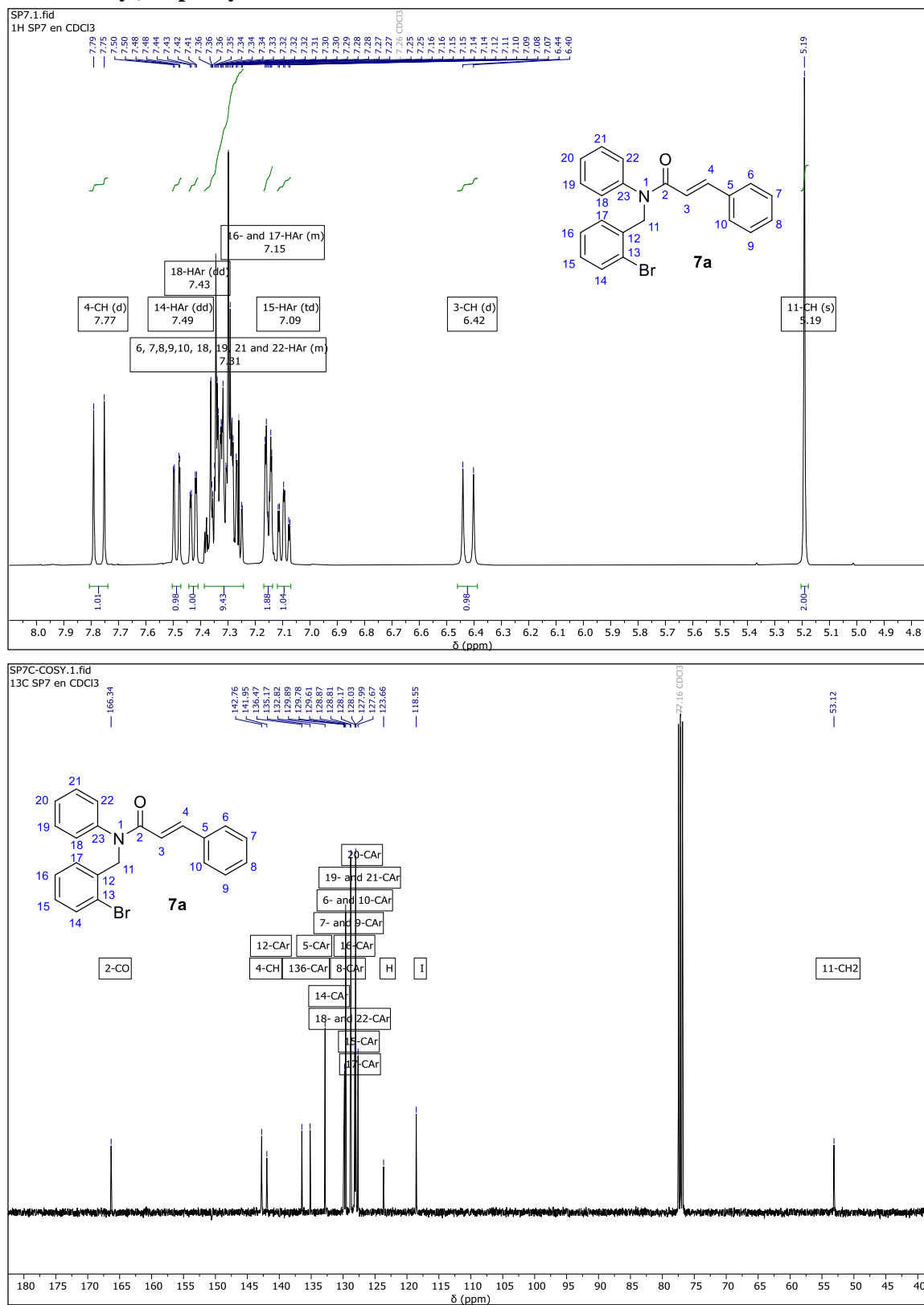


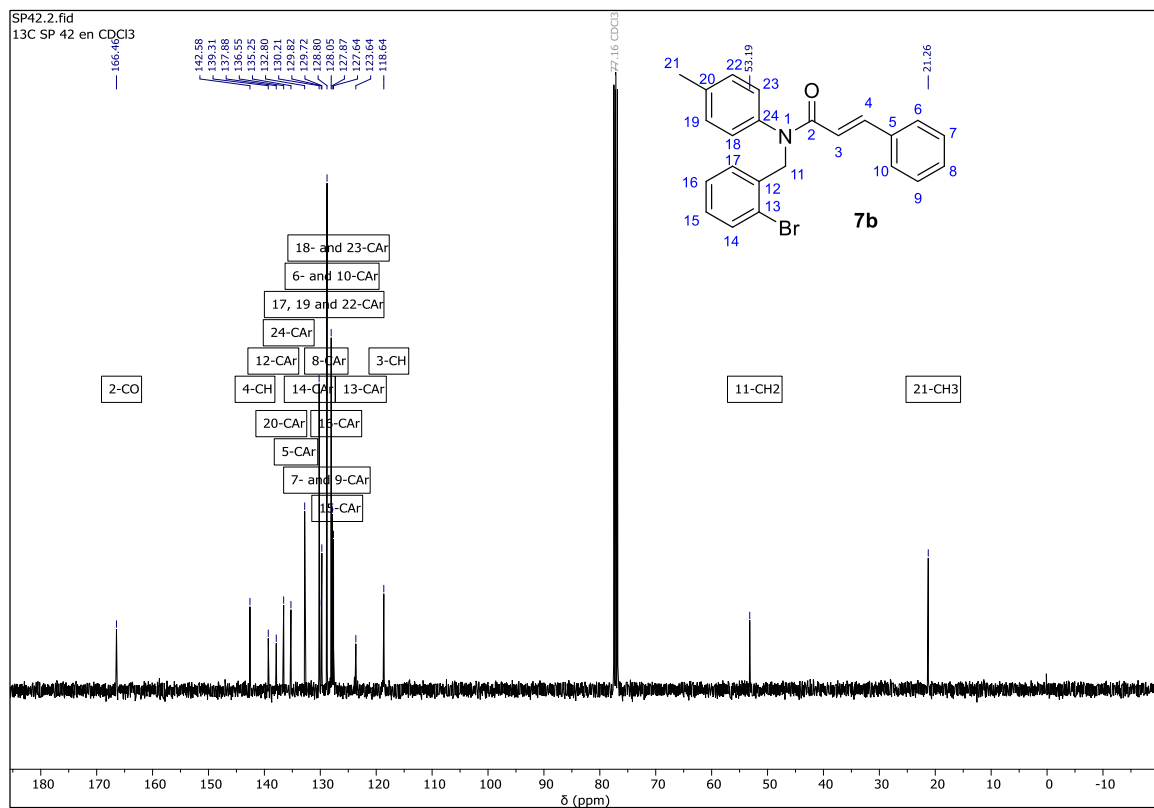
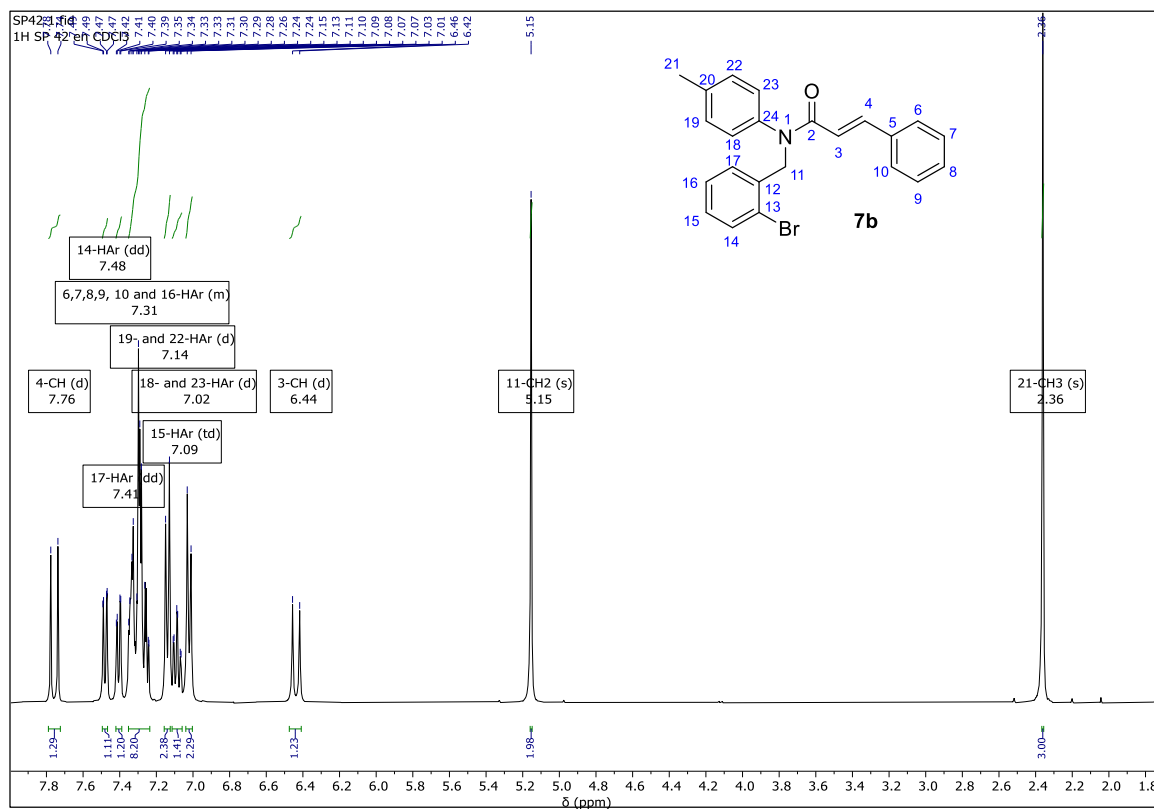


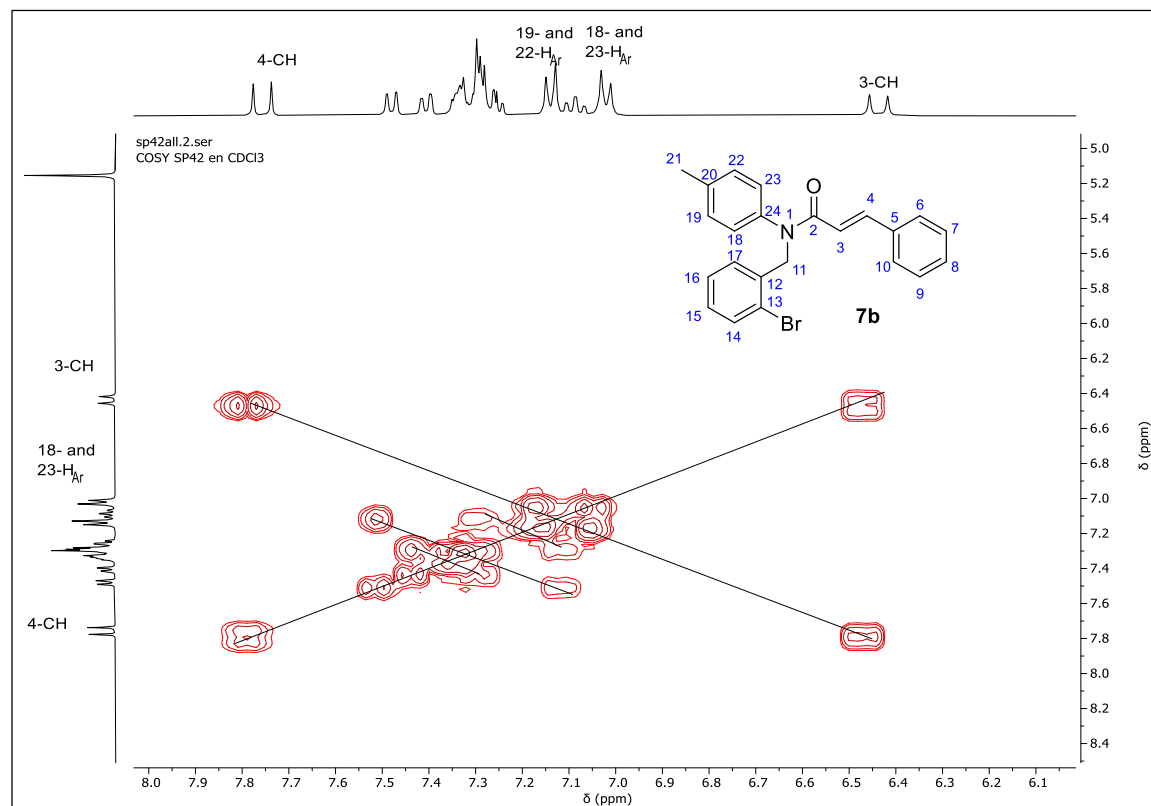
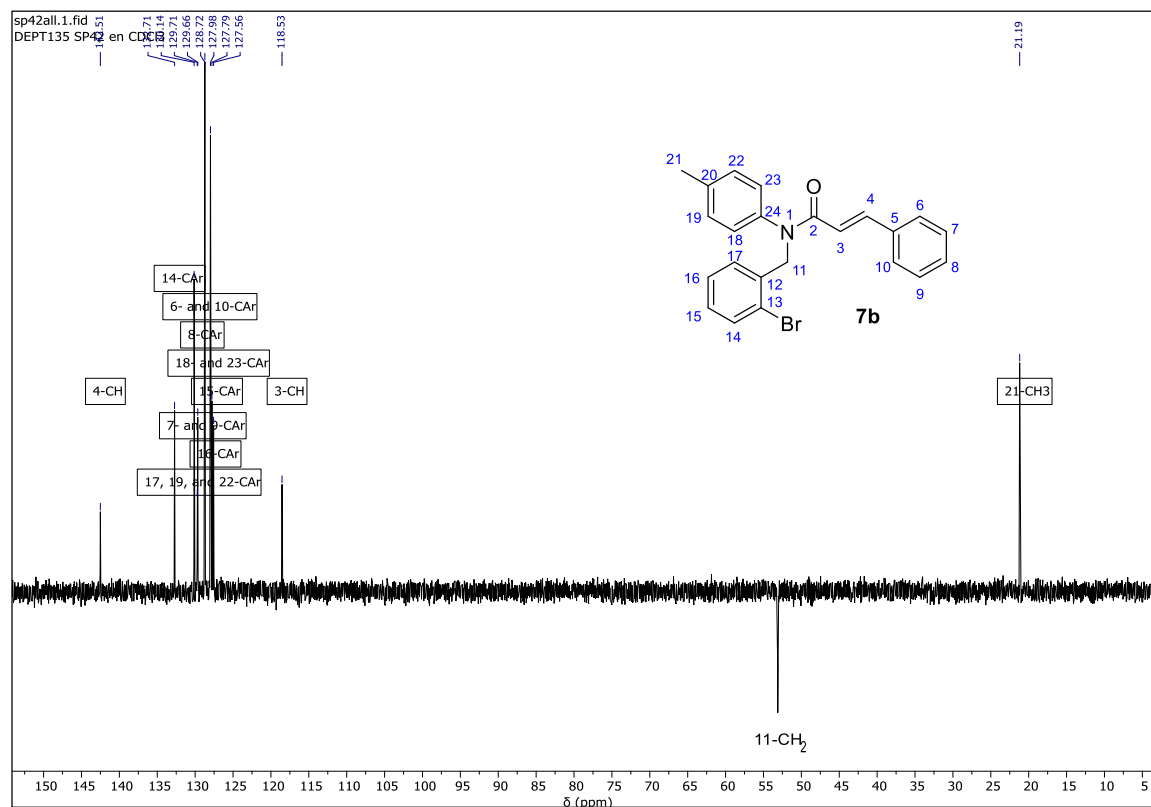


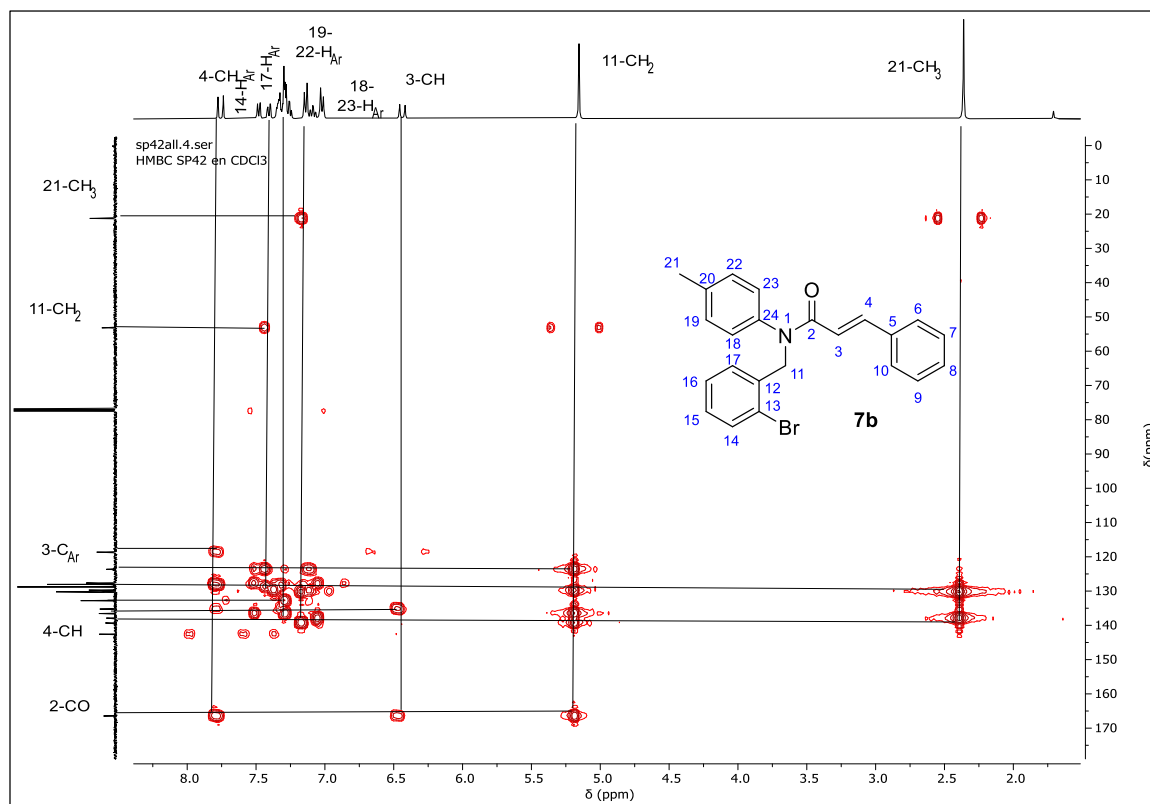
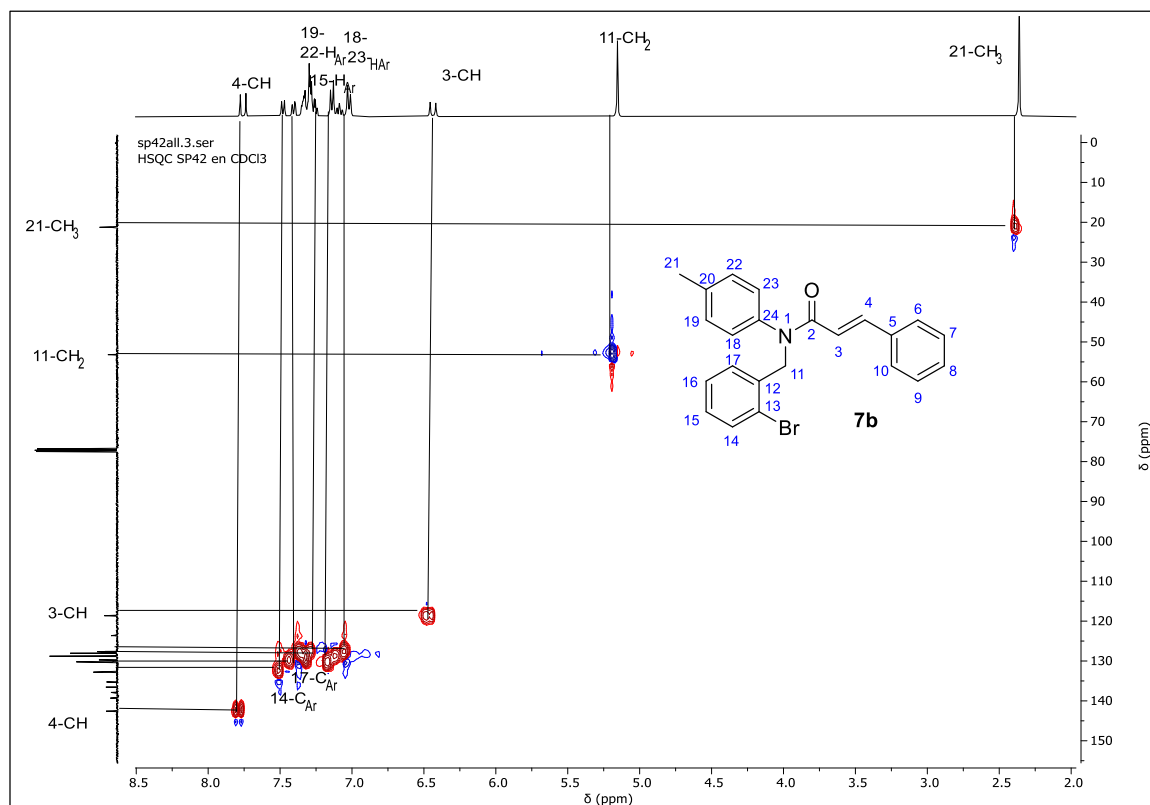


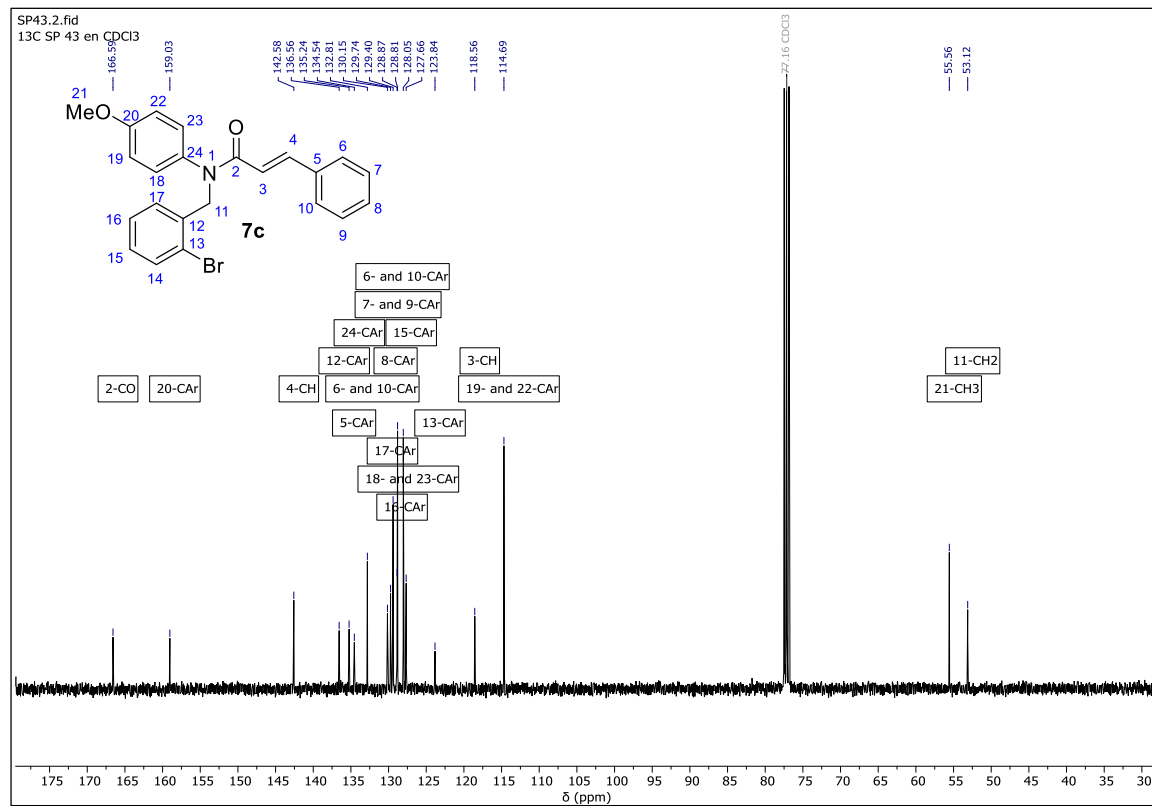
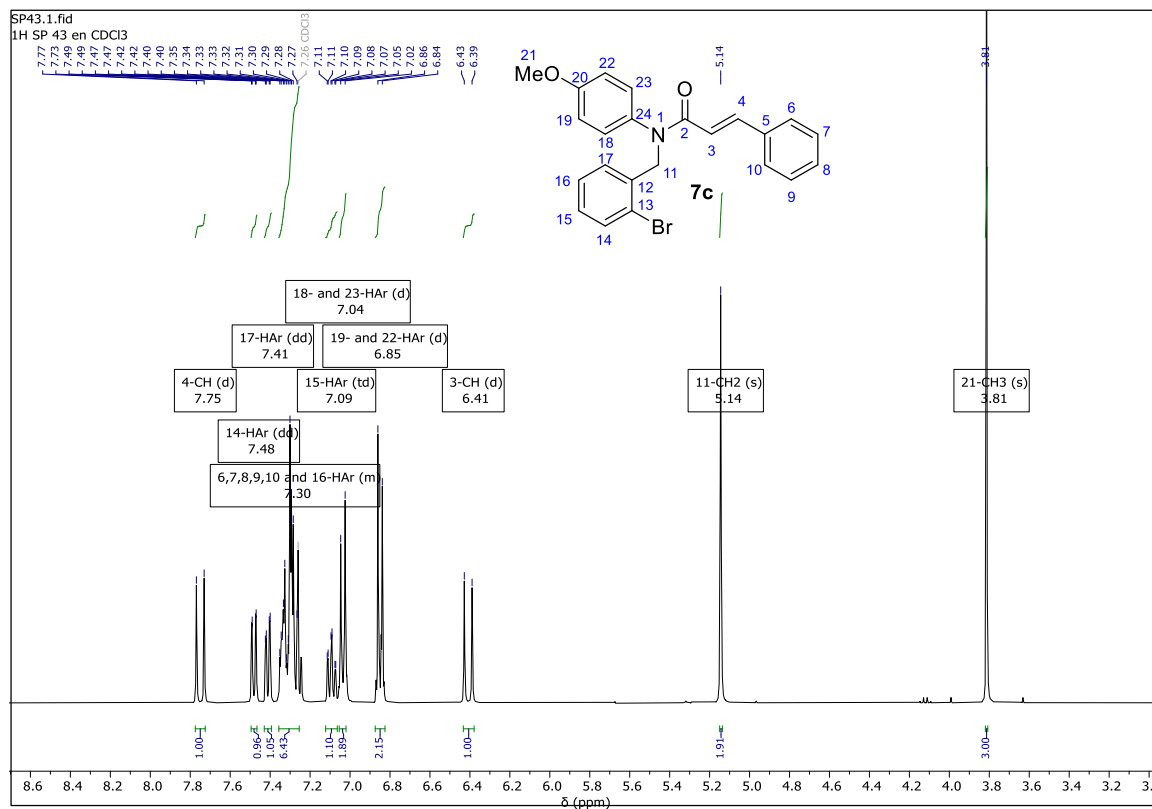
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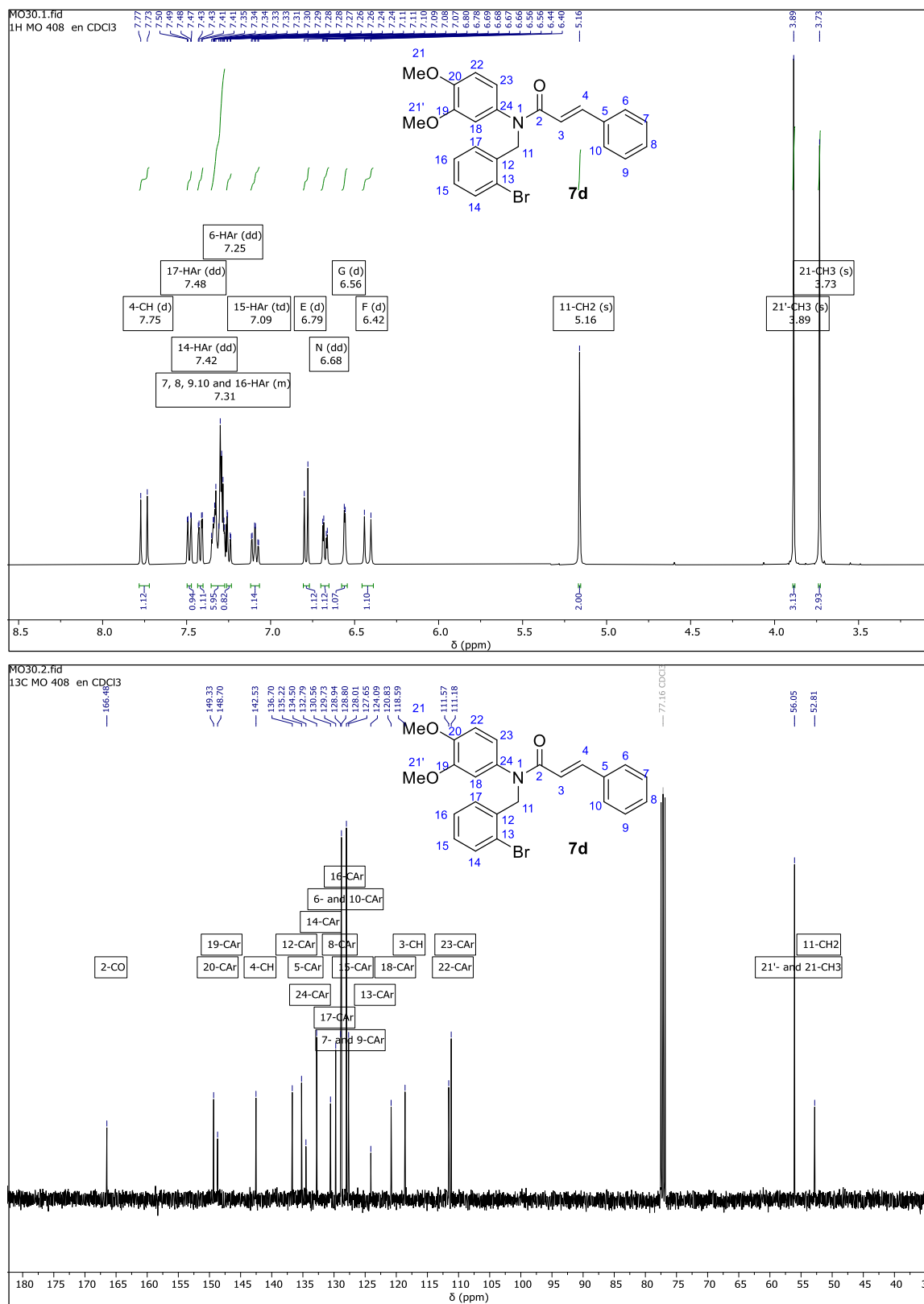


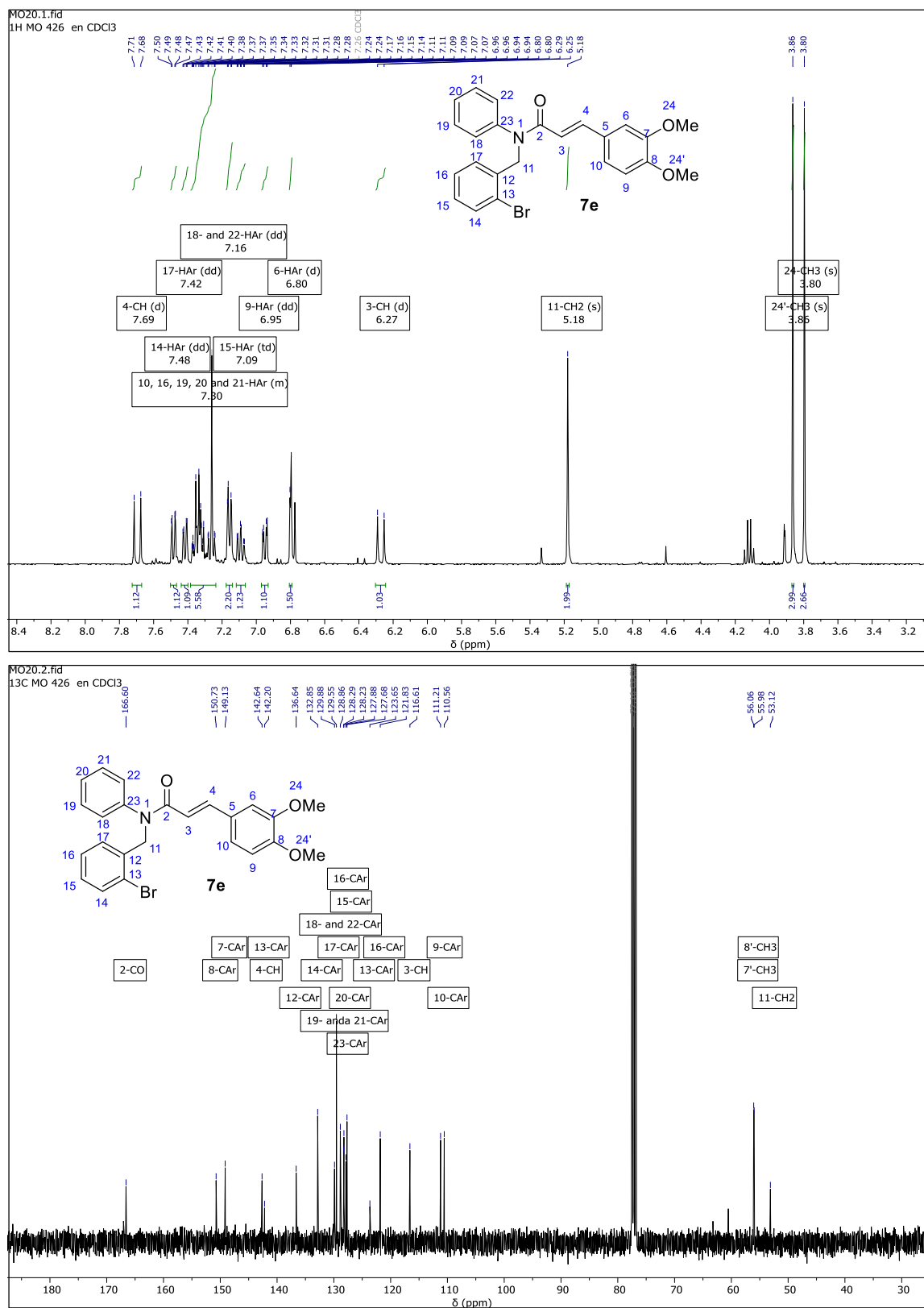


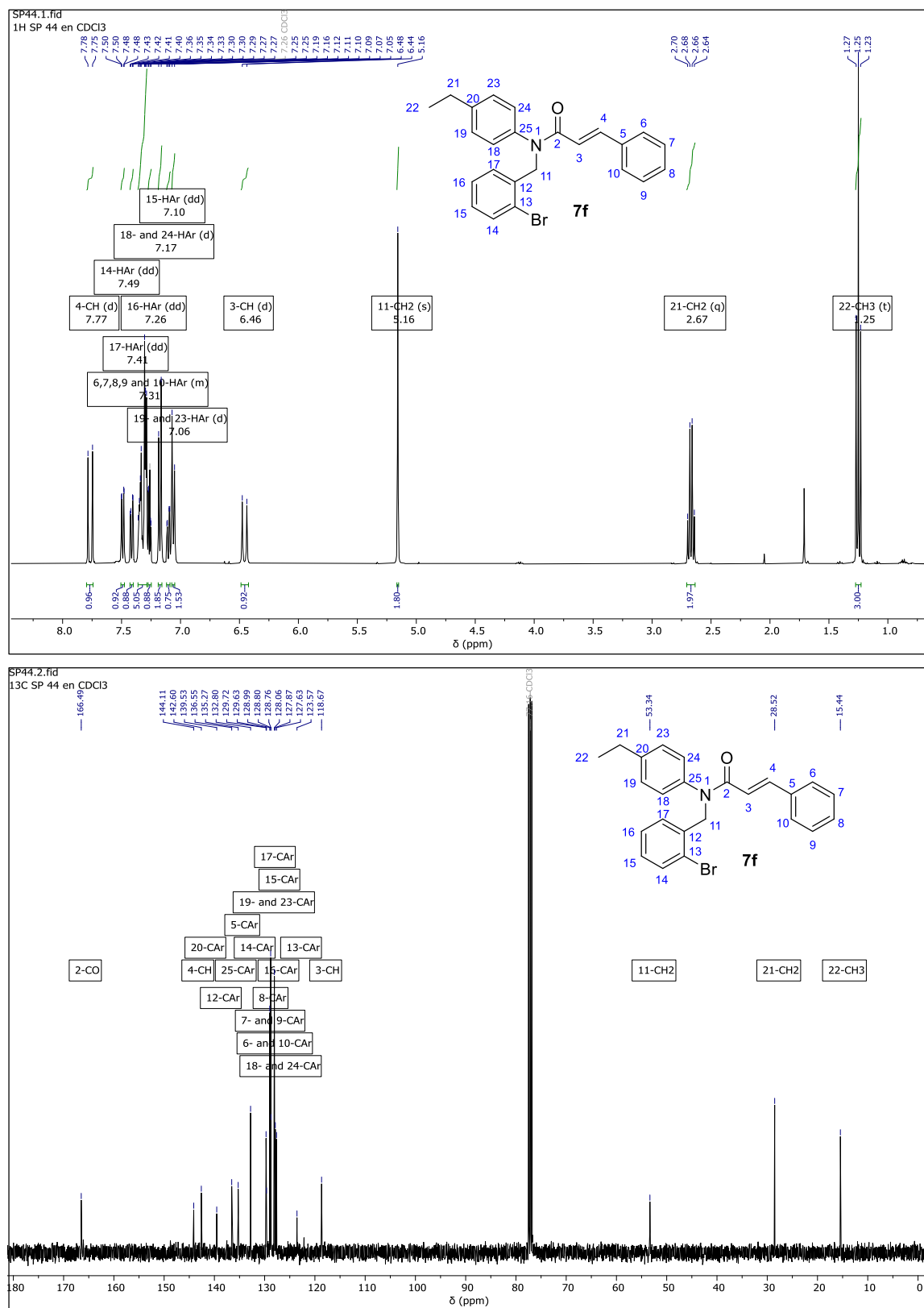




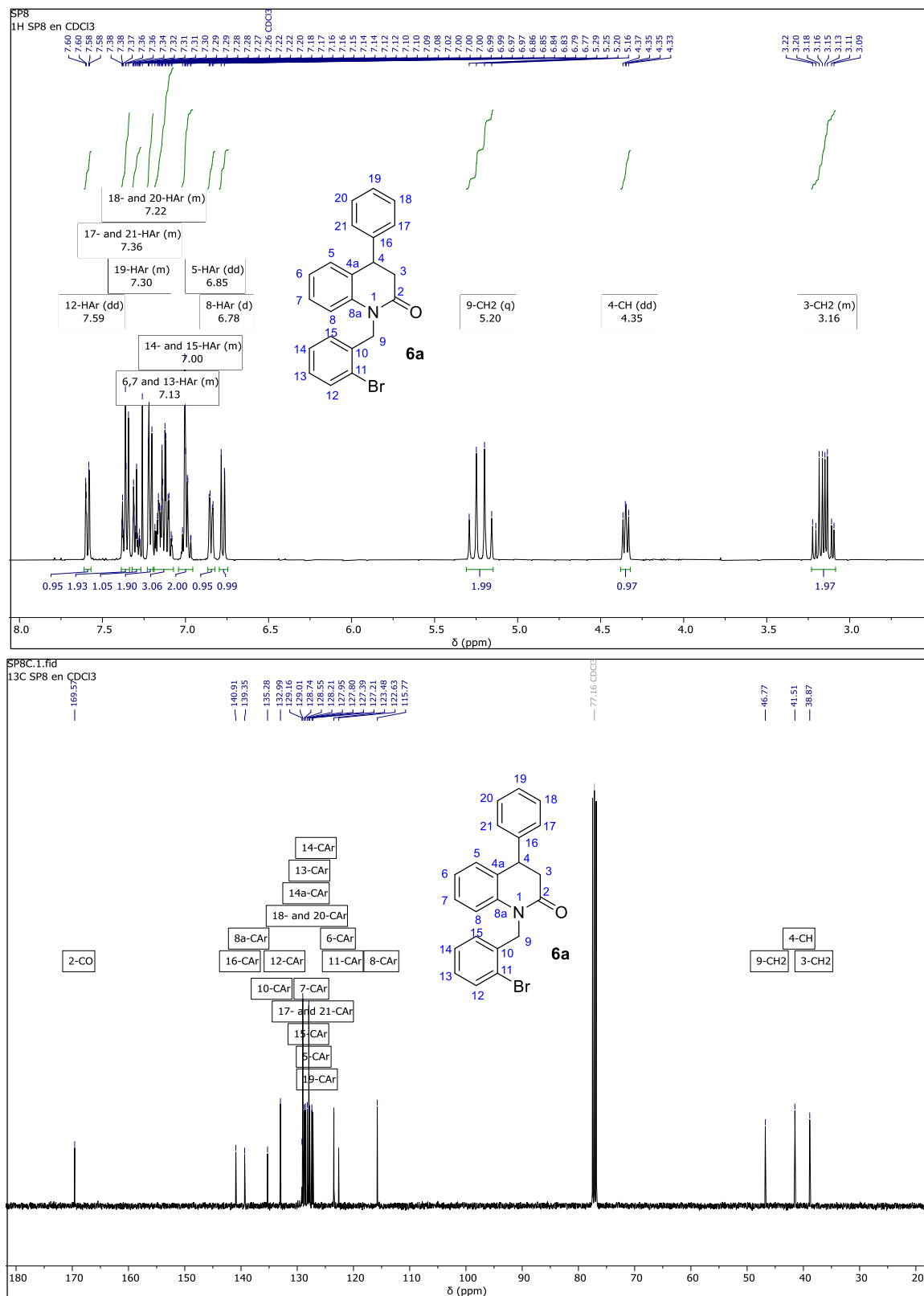


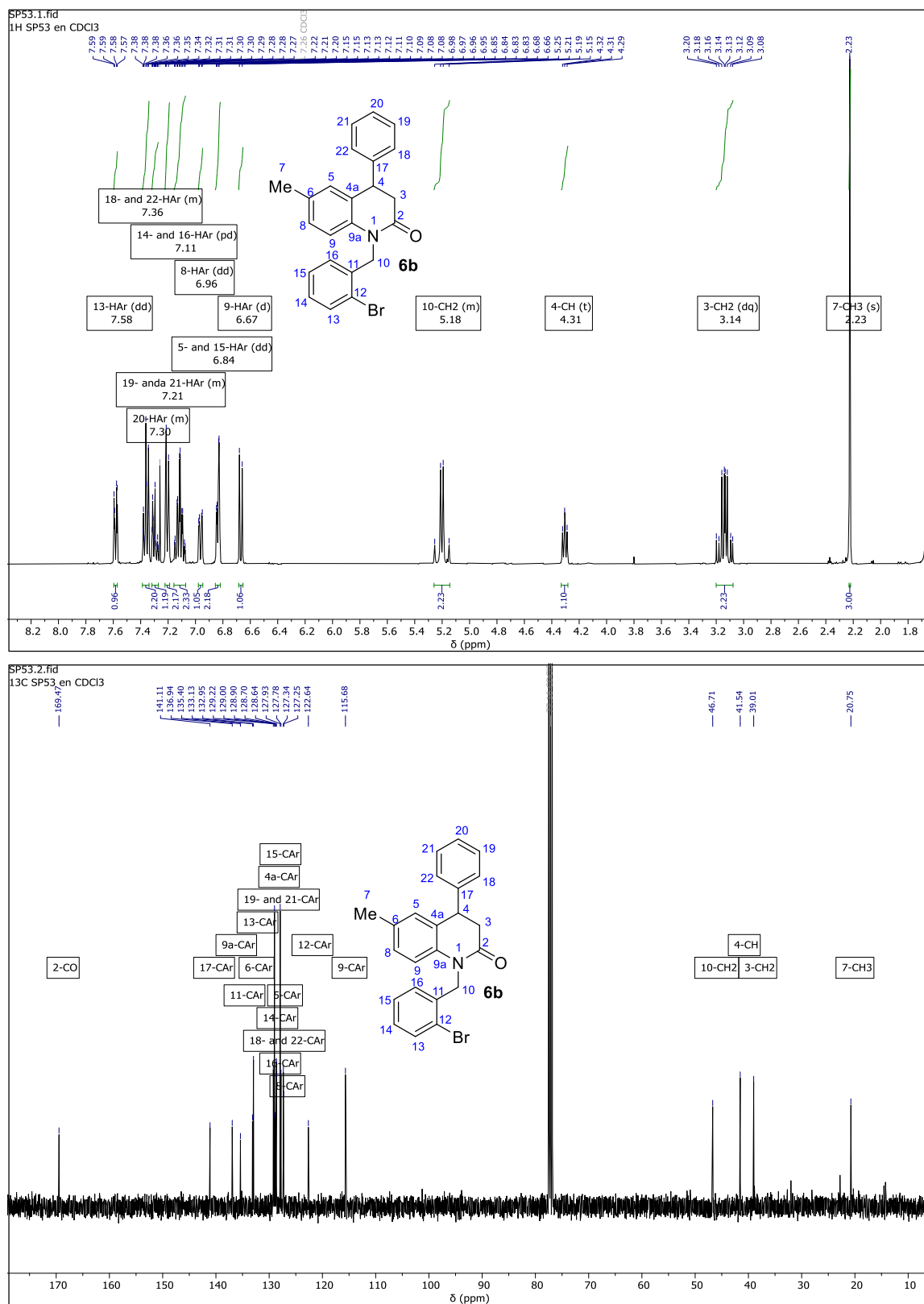


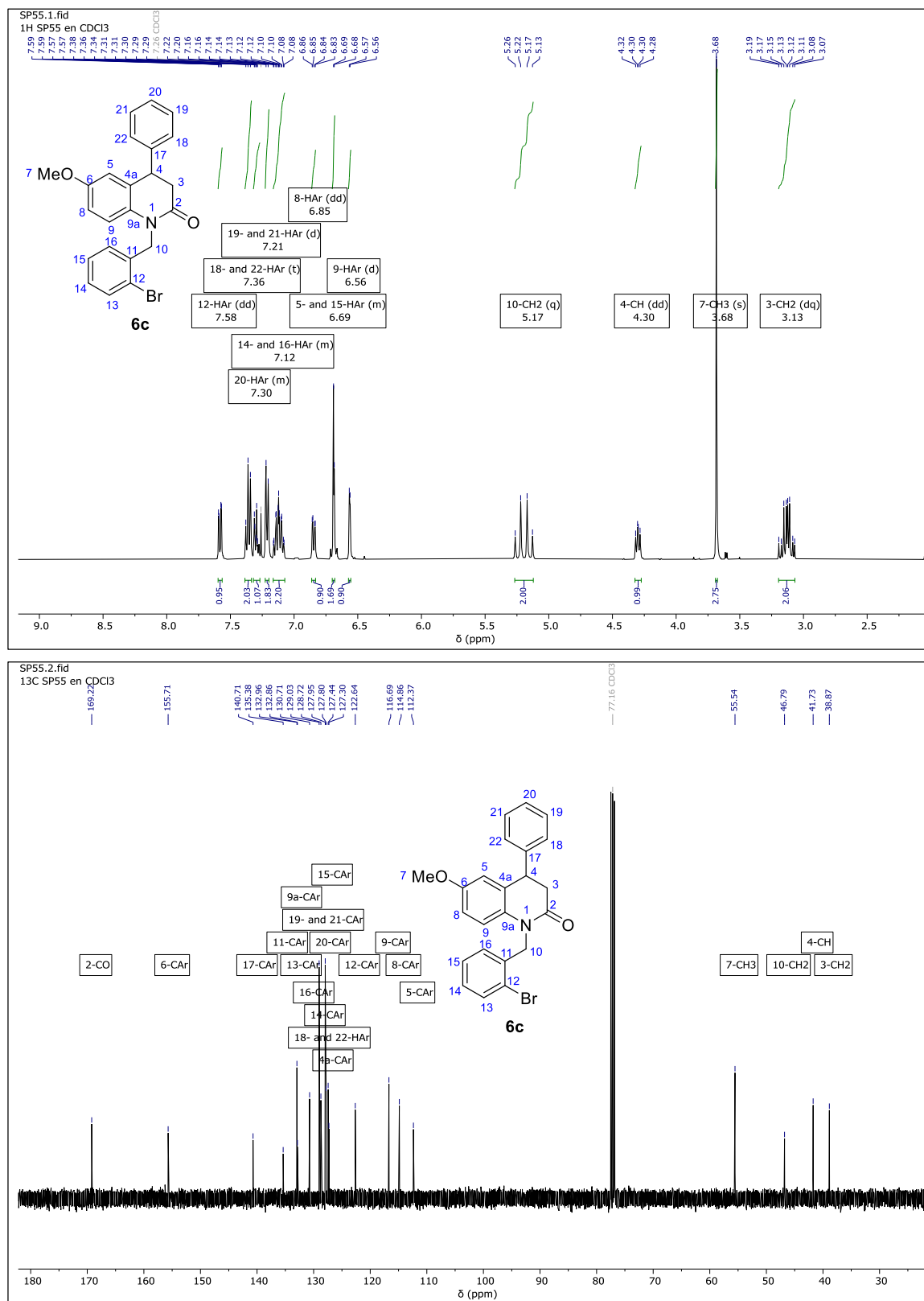


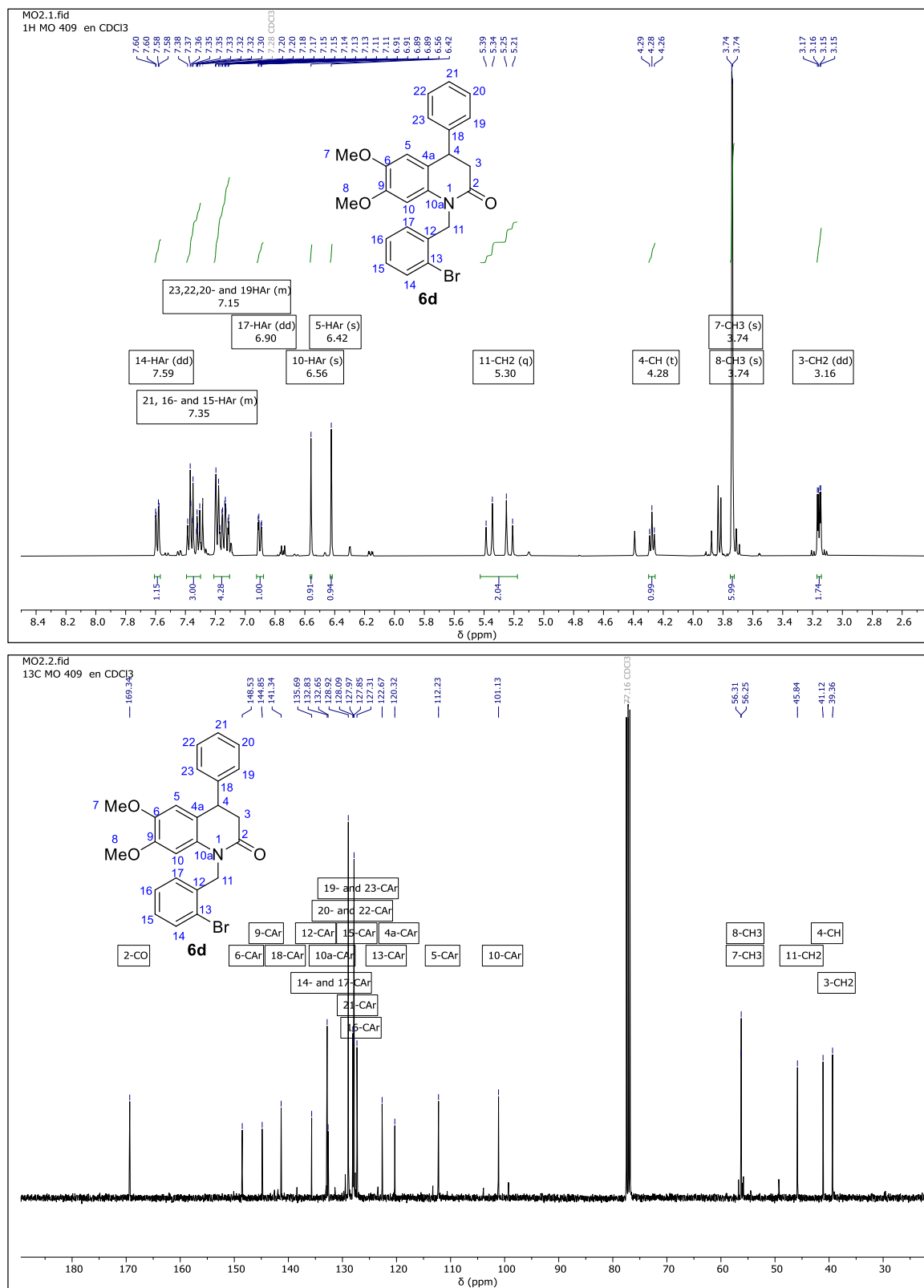


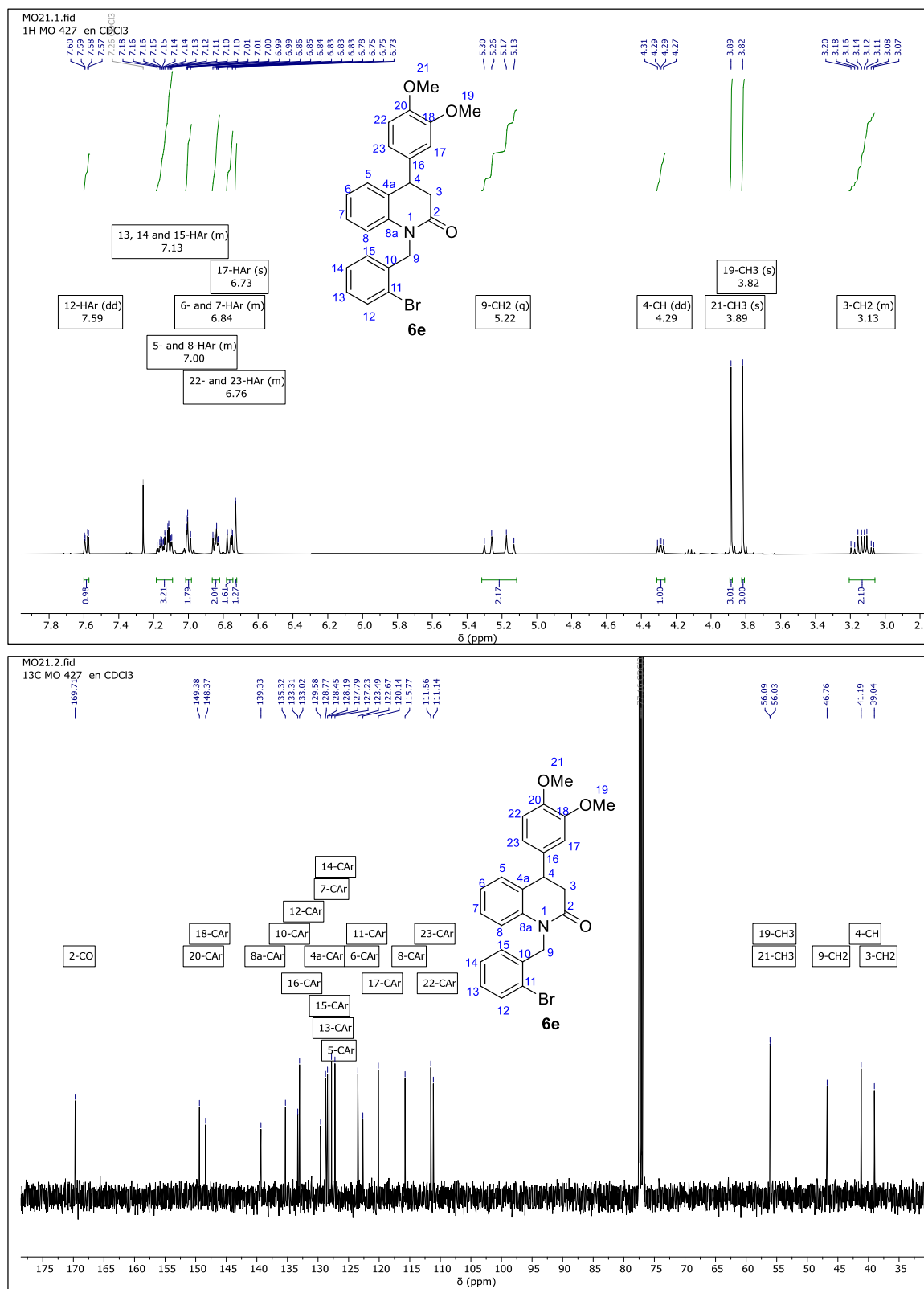
9. Figures S33-S49 of the respective ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of all synthesized *N*-benzyl-4-phenyl-3,4-dihydroquinolin-2(1*H*)-ones 6a-f

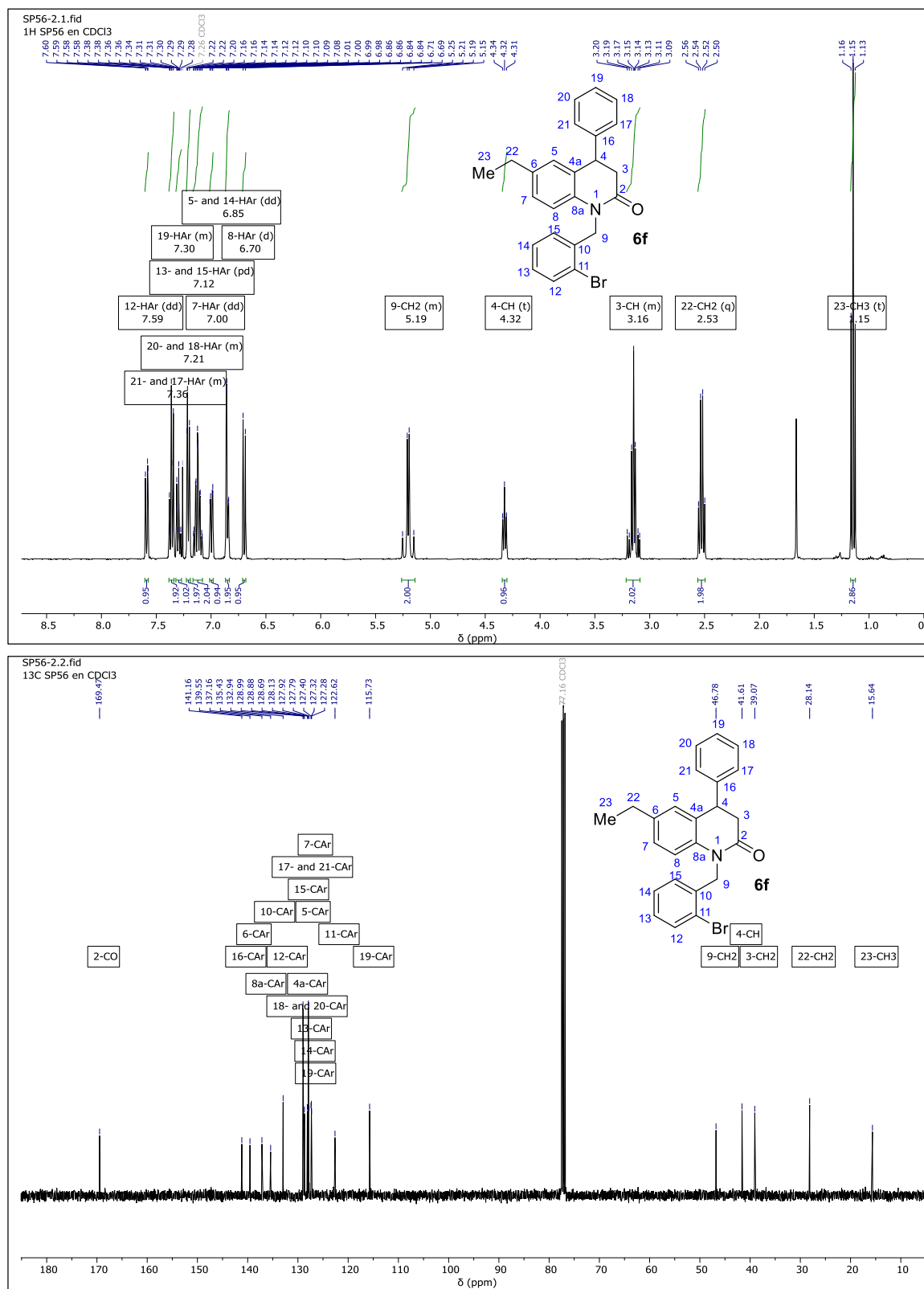


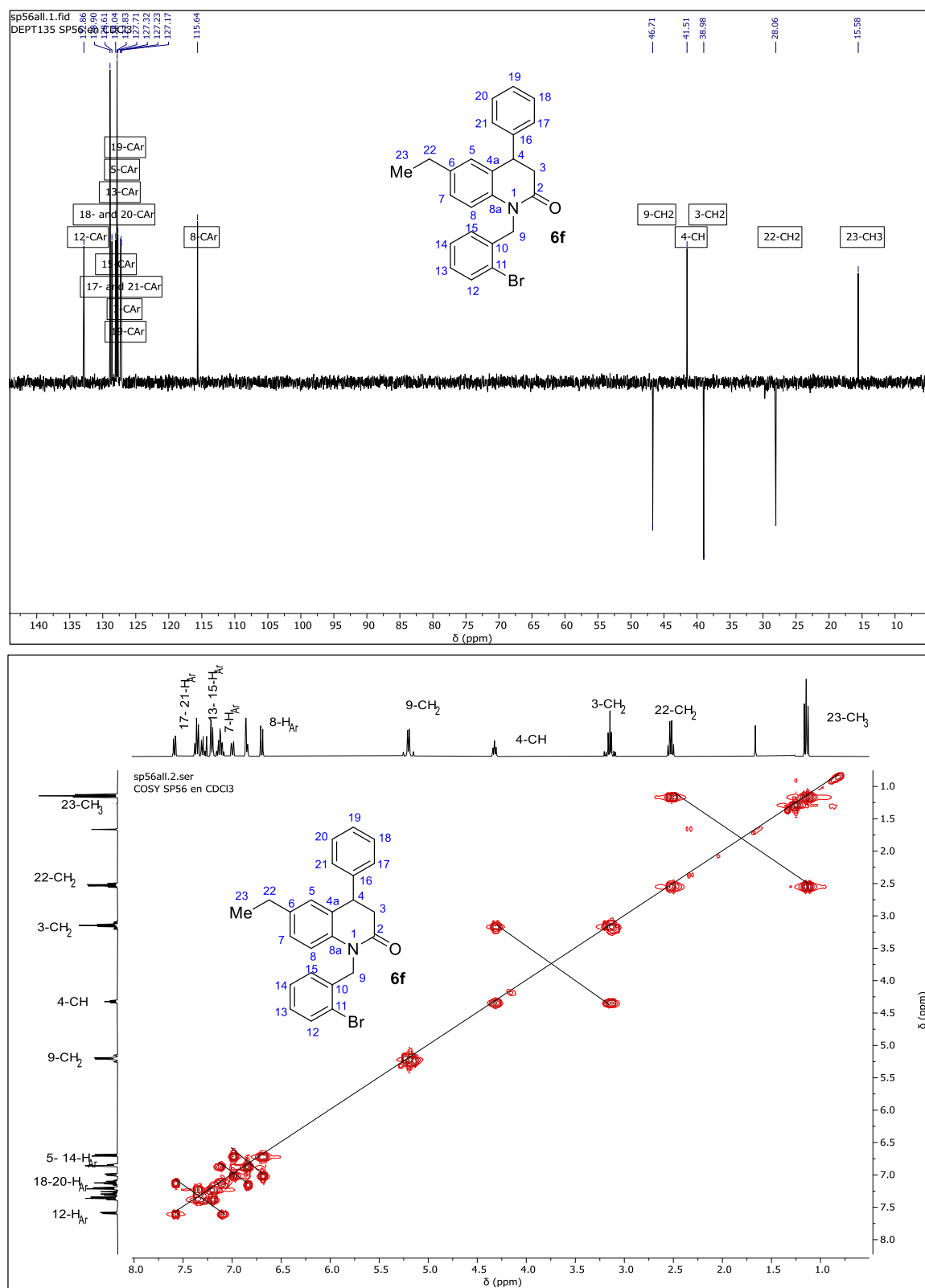


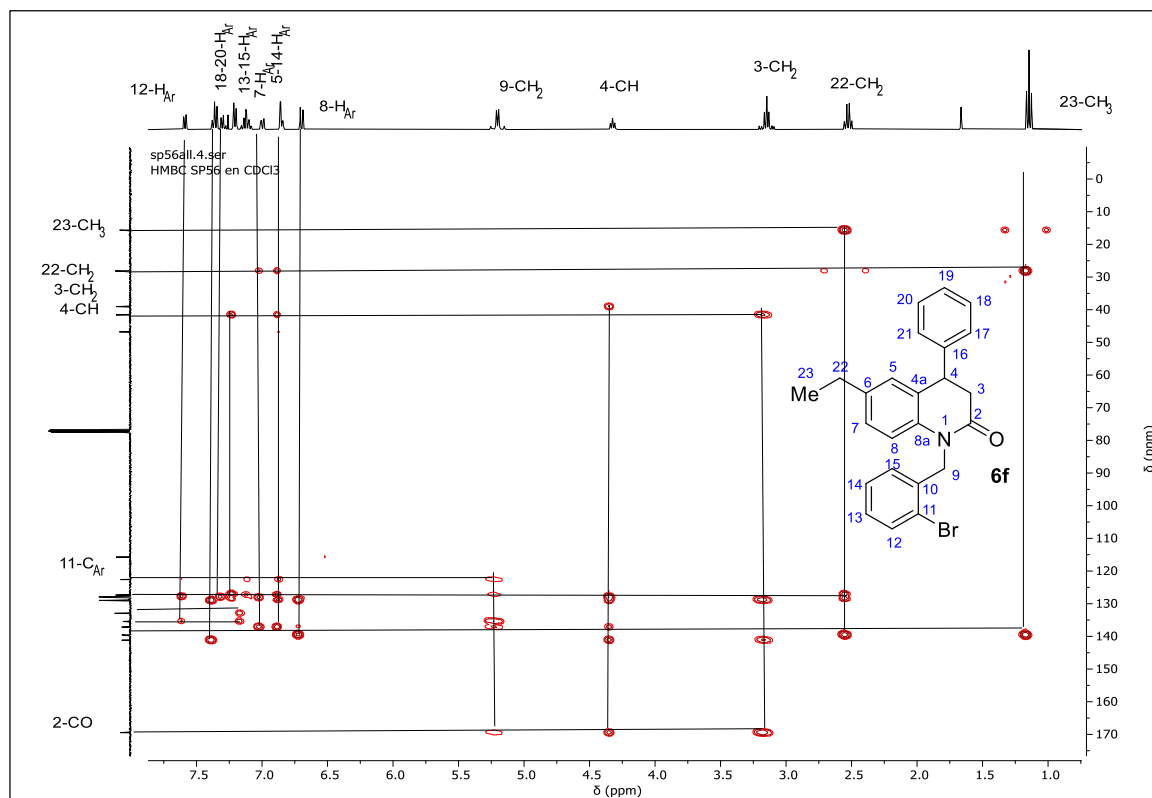
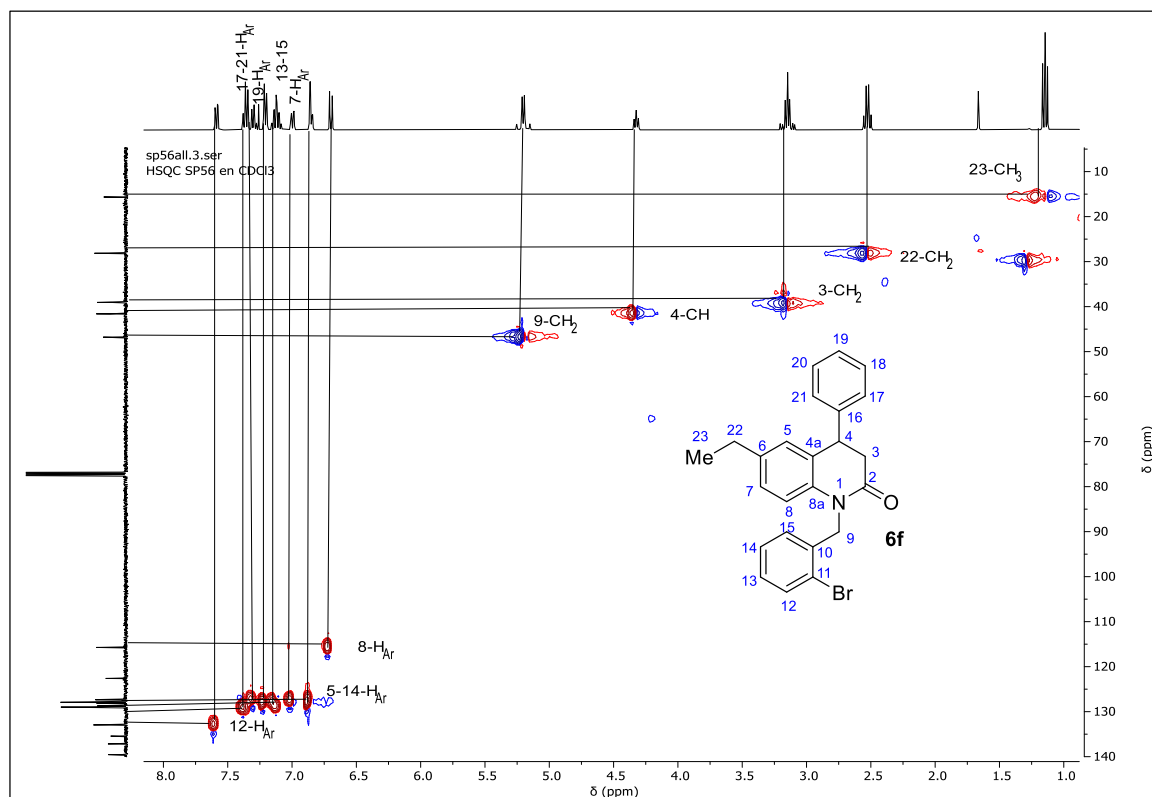












10. Figures S50-S66 of the respective ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of all synthesized pyrido[3,2,1-*de*]phenanthridin-6-ones 4a-f

