



SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL TO  
**Synthesis, cytotoxicity and computational study of novel  
protoberberine derivatives**

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SPECTRAL DATA FOR SYNTHESISED COMPOUNDS

*N*-(2-Bromoallyl)pyridinium bromide (**4**). Compound **4** was synthesised from pyridine and 2,3-dibromopropene as a light brown amorphous solid (720 mg, 85 %). Its melting point was not determined due to the hygroscopic properties of the compound.

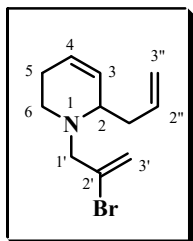
*N*-(2-Iodoallyl)isoquinolinium bromide (**14a**). Compound **14a** was synthesised from isoquinoline and 3-bromo-2-iodoprop-1-ene as a light brown amorphous solid (1.13 g, 92 %). Its melting point was not determined due to the hygroscopic properties of the compound.

2-Iodoallyl-6,7-dimethoxy-2-isoquinolinium bromide (**14b**). Compound **14b** was synthesised from 6,7-dimethoxyisoquinoline and 3-bromo-2-iodoprop-1-ene as a white amorphous solid, m.p. > 270 °C (1.10 g, 96 %).

4,9-Dihydro-2-(2-iodoallyl)-3H-pyrido[3,4-*b*]indolium bromide (**22**). Compound **22** was synthesised from 3,4-dihydro- $\beta$ -carboline and 3-bromo-2-iodoprop-1-ene as a dark orange amorphous solid, (1.04 g, 80 %). Melting point was not determined due to hygroscopic properties of the compound.

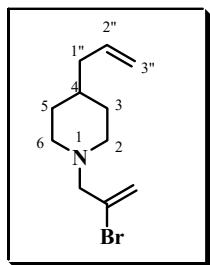
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## 2-Allyl-1-(2-bromoallyl)-1,2,5,6-tetrahydropyridine (7)

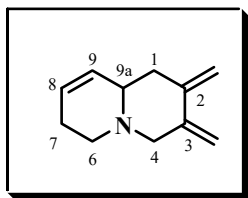


The products **7** and **8** were isolated after flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 95:5 *V/V*, petroleum ether–diethyl ether) as a pale yellow oil, in ratio 1:1 (46 %). IR (ATR,  $\nu / \text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2888, 1636, 1112, 961, 844; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta / \text{ppm}$ ): 5.94–5.91 (*m*, 1H, H-3''), 5.84–5.76 (*m*, 2H, H-4, H-2''), 5.61 (*dd*, 1H, *J* = 4.4 and 1.6 Hz, H-3), 5.57 (*brs*, 1H, H-3'), 5.10 (*d*, 1H, *J* = 6.8 Hz, H-3''), 5.01 (*brs*, 1H, H-3'), 3.53 (*d*, 1H, *J* = 15.6 Hz, H-1'), 3.19 (*d*, 1H, *J* = 15.6 Hz, H-1'), 3.10–3.00 (*m*, 1H, H-2), 2.99–2.90 (*m*, 1H), 2.57–2.42 (*m*, 1H), 2.39–2.19 (*m*, 2H), 2.11–2.01 (*m*, 2H, H-5); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta / \text{ppm}$ ): 135.6, 131.9, 129.2, 125.4, 117.6, 116.4 (=CH<sub>2</sub>), 62.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>CBr); 58.4 C(2), 46.3 C(6), 37.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>CH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.0 (C-5); MS (EI) *m/z*: 241.0, 200.0, 120.1, 80.1; HRMS (ESI): calculated for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrN [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 242.05389, found 242.05474.

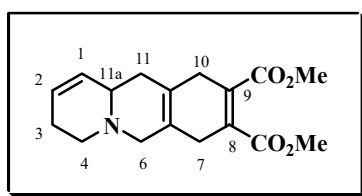
## 4-Allyl-1-(2-bromoallyl) piperidine (8)



IR (ATR,  $\nu / \text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2909, 1629, 1445, 980, 909, 892; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta / \text{ppm}$ ): 5.84–5.82 (*m*, 1H), 5.81–5.67 (*m*, 1H), 5.56 (*s*, 1H), 5.05–4.99 (*m*, 1H), 4.95 (*s*, 1H), 3.16 (*s*, 2H), 2.93–2.86 (*m*, 2H), 2.03–1.92 (*m*, 4H), 1.69–1.65 (*m*, 3H), 1.33–1.24 (*m*, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta / \text{ppm}$ ): 137.0, 131.1, 118.2, 115.7, 66.8, 53.5, 40.9, 35.6, 31.9; MS (EI) *m/z*: 244.1, 202.0, 164.1, 138.1, 120.1; HRMS (ESI): calculated for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>19</sub>BrN [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 244.06954, found 244.06931.

*2,3,4,6,7,9a-Hexahydro-2,3-dimethylene-1H-quinolizine (9)*

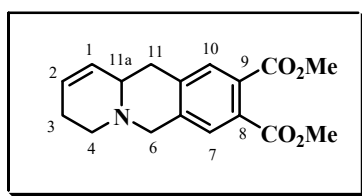
The product was isolated after flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 9:1 *V/V*, petroleum ether–diethyl ether) as a pale yellow oil (30 mg, 26 %). IR (ATR,  $\nu / \text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2937, 2908, 2732, 1332, 1130, 891, 802; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>  $\delta / \text{ppm}$ ): 5.77–5.73 (*m*, 1H, H-9), 5.47 (*dd*, 1H, *J* = 10.0 and 1.5 Hz, H-8), 5.12 (*t*, 1H, *J* = 1.5 Hz, =CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.08 (*t*, 1H, *J* = 2.0 Hz, =CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.81 (*t*, 1H, *J* = 2.0 Hz, =CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.75 (*t*, 1H, *J* = 2.5 Hz, =CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.36 (*d*, 1H, *J* = 12.5 Hz, H-4), 2.91 (*dt*, 1H, *J* = 12.0 and 1.5 Hz, H-4), 2.88–2.85 (*m*, 1H, H-6), 2.67–2.64 (*m*, 1H, H-9a), 2.47–2.42 (*m*, 1H, H-7), 2.39 (*dd*, 1H, *J* = 10.5 and 3.5 Hz, H-6), 2.35 (*dd*, 1H, *J* = 13.5 and 3.5 Hz, H-1), 2.20–2.14 (*m*, 1H, H-1), 2.05–2.00 (*m*, 1H, H-7); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>  $\delta / \text{ppm}$ ): 145.6 (C-2), 144.4 (C-3), 128.9 (C-8), 125.3 (C-9), 109.5 (H<sub>2</sub>C=C-3), 109.4 5 (H<sub>2</sub>C=C-2), 61.7 (C-4), 60.5 (C-9a), 51.1 (C-6), 40.2 (C-1), 26.0 (C-7); MS (EI) *m/z*: 160.1 [M-H]<sup>+</sup>, 146.1, 80.1, 67.1; HRMS (ESI): calculated for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 162.12773, found 162.12773.

*Dimethyl-4,6,7,10,11,11a-hexahydro-3H-pyrido[1,2-*b*]isoquinoline-8,9-dicarboxylate (10)*

The product was isolated after flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 9:1 *V/V*, diethyl ether–petroleum ether) as a creamy-white amorphous solid (38 mg, 72 %), m.p. 110–111 °C. IR (ATR,  $\nu / \text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 1712, 1273, 1071, 791, 757; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>  $\delta / \text{ppm}$ ): 5.78–5.75 (*m*, 1H, H-2), 5.51 (*d*, 1H, *J* = 10.0 Hz, H-1), 3.78 (*s*, 6H, COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.10 (*d*, 1H, *J* = 20.0 Hz, H-11a), 2.95–2.82 (*m*, 7H, H-4, H-6, H-7, H-10), 2.43–2.40 (*m*, 2H, H-3, H-4), 2.05–2.03 (*m*, 2H, H-3, H-11), 1.94–1.90 (*m*, 1H, H-11); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>  $\delta / \text{ppm}$ ): 168.3 (C=O), 168.1 (C=O), 132.8 (C-7), 131.8 (C-8), 128.7 (C-1), 124.9 (C-2), 123.2 (C-6a), 122.9 (C-10a), 57.5 (C-11a), 56.9 (C-6), 52.2 (COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 50.6 (C-4), 36.1 (C-11), 32.2 (C-10), 30.3 (C-7), 25.9 (C-3); MS (ESI) *m/z*: 304.0, 272.0, 243.1,

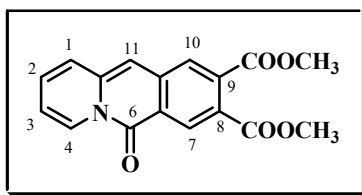
134.1, 115.2; HRMS (ESI) calculated for  $C_{17}H_{22}NO_4$   $[M+H]^+$  304.15433, found 304.15410.

*Dimethyl 3,6,11,11a-tetrahydro-4H-pyrido[1,2-b]isoquinoline-8,9-dicarboxylate (II)*



The product was isolated after flash chromatography ( $SiO_2$ , 9:1 *V/V*, diethyl ether–petroleum ether) as a yellow oil (10 mg, 80 %), which solidified upon standing, m.p. 75–78 °C. IR (ATR,  $\nu / cm^{-1}$ ): 1716, 1435, 1268, 1121, 776;  $^1H$ -NMR (500 MHz,  $CDCl_3$   $\delta / ppm$ ): 7.46 (*s*, 1H, H-10), 7.43 (*s*, 1H, H-7), 5.86–5.83 (*m*, 1H, H-2), 5.89 (*d*, 1H,  $J = 10.0$  Hz, H-1), 3.98 (*d*, 1H,  $J = 15.5$  Hz, H-6), 3.89 (*s*, 3H,  $COOCH_3$ ), 3.88 (*s*, 3H,  $COOCH_3$ ), 3.56 (*d*, 1H,  $J = 15.5$  Hz, H-6), 3.04–3.01 (*m*, 1H, H-4), 2.99–2.96 (*m*, 1H, H-11a), 2.85 (*dd*, 1H,  $J = 7.0$  and 4.0 Hz, H-11), 2.78–2.72 (*m*, 1H, H-11), 2.52–2.47 (*m*, 2H, H-3, H-4), 2.10–2.06 (*m*, 1H, H-3);  $^{13}C$ -NMR (125 MHz,  $CDCl_3$   $\delta / ppm$ ): 168.1 (C=O), 167.9 (C=O), 138.5, 138.2, 129.9, 129.2, 129.2 (C-10), 128.3 (C-1), 127.0 (C-7), 125.5 (C-2), 57.6 (C-6), 57.0 (C-11a), 52.5 ( $2 \times CH_3$ ), 50.8 (C-4), 35.7 (C-11), 25.8 (C-3) ppm; MS (ESI)  $m/z$ : 302.1, 271.1, 201.1, 155.1, 142.1; HRMS (ESI): calculated for  $C_{17}H_{20}NO_4$   $[M+H]^+$  302.13868, found 302.13883.

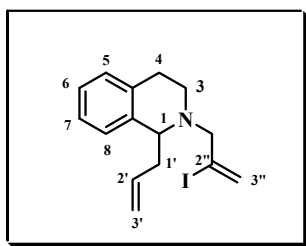
*Dimethyl 6-oxo-6H-pyrido[1,2-b]isoquinoline-8,9-dicarboxylate (12)*



The product was isolated after flash chromatography ( $SiO_2$ , 6:4 *V/V*, dichloromethane–diethyl ether) as orange needles (12 mg, 53 %), m.p. 171–174 °C. IR (ATR,  $\nu / cm^{-1}$ ): 1715, 1668, 1634, 1616, 1119, 737;  $^1H$ -NMR (500 MHz,  $CDCl_3$   $\delta / ppm$ ): 9.11 (*s*, 1H, H-7), 8.88 (*d*, 1H,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, H-4), 7.83 (*s*, 1H, H-10), 7.35 (*d*, 1H,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, H-1), 7.14 (*dd*, 1H,  $J = 9.0$  and 6.5 Hz, H-2), 6.85 (*s*, 1H, H-11), 6.75 (*t*, 1H,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, H-3), 3.98 (*s*, 3H,  $COOCH_3$ ), 3.96 (*s*, 3H,  $COOCH_3$ );  $^{13}C$ -NMR (125 MHz,  $CDCl_3$   $\delta / ppm$ ): 168.8 (C=O<sub>ester</sub>), 166.4 (C=O<sub>ester</sub>), 158.7 (C=O<sub>lactam</sub>), 139.8 (10a), 137.9 (C-11a), 136.3 (C-9), 131.7 (C-8), 128.4 (C-2), 126.7 (C-4), 126.2 (C-10), 125.7 (C-1), 125.1 (C-8), 119.2 (C-6a),

113.1 (C-3), 100.3 (C-11), 52.9 (COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 52.6 (COOCH<sub>3</sub>); MS (ESI) *m/z*: 312.1 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 280.1, 265.1, 253.1, 222.1, 194.1, 166.1, 140.1; HRMS (ESI): calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 312.08665, found 312.08524.

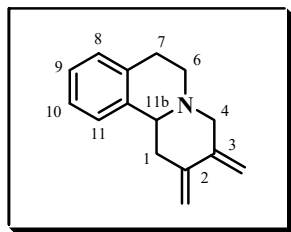
*1-Allyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-(2-iodoallyl)isoquinoline (16a)*



The product was isolated after flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 98:2 *V/V*, petroleum ether–diethyl ether) as a pale yellow oil (610 mg, 70 %). IR (ATR,  $\nu / \text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2907, 2803, 1637, 1615, 1498, 1427, 1123, 903, 742; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>  $\delta / \text{ppm}$ ): 7.26–7.03 (*m*, 4H, ArH), 6.36 (*dd*, 1H, *J* = 1.5 and 1.0 Hz, H-3''), 6.03–5.95 (*m*, 1H, H-2'), 5.86 (*d*, 1H, *J* = 1.0 Hz, H-3'), 5.04–4.99 (*m*, 2H, H-3'', H-3'), 3.71 (*dd*, 1H, *J* = 7.5 and 5.5 Hz, H-1), 3.31 (*d*, 2H, *J* = 4.5 Hz, H-1'), 3.25–3.19 (*m*, 1H, H-3), 2.87–2.82 (*m*, 1H, H-4), 2.79–2.75 (*m*, 1H, H-3), 2.64 (*dt*, 1H, *J* = 16.5 and 4.5 Hz, H-4), 2.59–2.53 (*m*, 1H, H-1'), 2.47–2.42 (*m*, 1H, H-1'); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>  $\delta / \text{ppm}$ ): 137.9, 136.7, 134.5, 128.9, 127.7, 126.3, 126.0, 115.9 (CHC=CH<sub>2</sub>), 111.6 (IC=), 65.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>CI=CH<sub>2</sub>), 61.1 (C-1), 43.3 (C-3), 40.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>CH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.2 (C-4); MS (EI) *m/z*: 338.0, 298.0, 170.1, 130.1; HRMS (ESI): calculated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>IN [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 340.05567, found 340.05547.

*1-Allyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-(2-iodoallyl)-6,7-dimethoxyisoquinoline (16b)*

The product was isolated after flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 9:1 *V/V*, petroleum ether–ethyl acetate) as a pale yellow oil (500 mg, 60 %). IR (ATR,  $\text{cm}^{-1} \nu / \text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2932, 1511, 1225, 1105, 900; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>  $\delta / \text{ppm}$ ): 7.38 (*s*, 1H, ArH), 6.67 (*s*, 1H, ArH), 6.51–6.48 (*m*, 2H, H-3', H-3''), 5.81–5.84 (*m*, 1H, H-2''), 5.21–5.16 (*m*, 2H, H-3', H-3''), 4.43 (*s*, 1H, H-1), 4.07–3.96 (*m*, 2H), 3.87 (*s*, 6H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.90–3.80 (*m*, 1H), 3.57–3.49 (*m*, 2H), 3.12 (*s*, 2H), 2.66 (*s*, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>  $\delta / \text{ppm}$ ): 149.4, 148.0, 139.6, 131.9, 121.1, 120.7, 120.6, 111.1, 111.0, 61.7, 60.9, 43.5, 39.6, 21.9; MS (EI) *m/z*: 399.1, 359.0, 321.1, 273.1; HRMS (ESI): calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>23</sub>INO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 400.07680, found 400.07774.

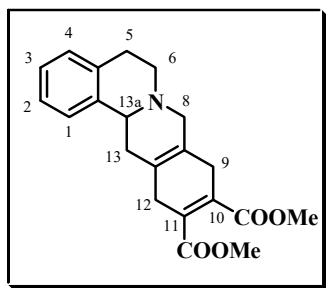
*1,3,4,6,7,11b-Hexahydro-2,3-dimethylene-2H-pyrido[2,1-a]isoquinoline (17a)*

The product was isolated after flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 8:2 *V/V*, petroleum ether–diethyl ether) as a pale yellow amorphous solid (210 mg, 70 %), m.p. 80–81 °C. IR (ATR,  $\nu / \text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2926, 2735, 1617, 1492, 1450, 1136, 1137, 732; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>  $\delta / \text{ppm}$ ): 7.21–7.10 (*m*, 4H, ArH), 5.16–5.15 (*m*, 2H, =CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.87 (*t*, 1H, *J* = 2.0 Hz, =CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.84 (*brs*, 1H, =CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.49 (*d*, 1H, *J* = 13.0 Hz, H-4), 3.44 (*d*, 1H, *J* = 10.5 Hz, H-11b), 3.19–3.13 (*m*, 2H, H-4, H-7), 3.06–3.02 (*m*, 1H, H-6), 2.92 (*dd*, 1H, *J* = 14.0 and 3.0 Hz, H-1), 2.77 (*dt*, 1H, *J* = 6.0 and 3.0 Hz, H-7), 2.57 (*td*, 1H, *J* = 4.0 and 11.0 Hz, H-6), 2.40–2.34 (*m*, 1H, H-1); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>  $\delta / \text{ppm}$ ): 145.5, 144.1, 137.5, 134.4, 128.9, 126.2, 125.8, 125.3, 109.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>=), 109.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>=), 62.3 (C-11b), 62.1 (C-4), 50.7 (C-6), 40.0 (C-1), 29.6 (C-7); MS (EI) *m/z*: 211.1, 196.1, 182.1, 130.0, 115.0; HRMS (ESI): calculated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 212.14338, found 212.14299.

*1,3,4,6,7,11b-Hexahydro-9,10-dimethoxy-2,3-dimethylene-2H-pyrido[2,1-a]isoquinoline (17b)*

The product was isolated after flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 65:35 *V/V*, petroleum ether–ethyl acetate) as a pale yellow amorphous solid (370 mg, 61 %), m.p. 65–67 °C. IR (ATR,  $\nu / \text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 1510, 1257, 1227, 1130, 1021; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>  $\delta / \text{ppm}$ ): 6.67 (*s*, 1H, H-11), 6.59 (*s*, 1H, H-8), 5.16–5.15 (*m*, 2H, =CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.87 (*t*, 1H, *J* = 2.0 Hz, =CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.84 (*s*, 1H, =CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.87 (*s*, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.85 (*s*, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.48 (*d*, 1H, *J* = 13.0 Hz, H-4), 3.36 (*d*, 1H, *J* = 10.5 Hz, H-11b), 3.16–3.00 (*m*, 3H, H-4, H-7, H-6), 2.86 (*dd*, 1H, *J* = 13.5 and 3.0 Hz, H-1), 2.67 (*dt*, 1H, *J* = 15.5 and 3.5 Hz, H-7), 2.55 (*td*, 1H, *J* = 10.5 and 4.0 Hz, H-6), 2.39–2.35 (*m*, 1H, H-1); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>  $\delta / \text{ppm}$ ): 147.5, 147.2, 145.4, 144.1, 129.4, 126.6, 111.4 (C-8), 109.7 (C-2'), 109.4 (C-3'), 108.5 (C-11), 62.0 (C-11b), 61.9 (C-4), 56.0 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 55.8 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 50.8 (C-6), 40.1 (C-1), 29.2 (C-7); MS (EI) *m/z*: 270.1, 256.1, 240.1, 190.0; HRMS (ESI): calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M<sup>+</sup>+H] 272.16451, found 272.16501.

*Dimethyl 5,8,9,12,13,13a-hexahydro-6H-isoquino[2,1-b]isoquinoline-10,11-dicarboxylate (18a)*



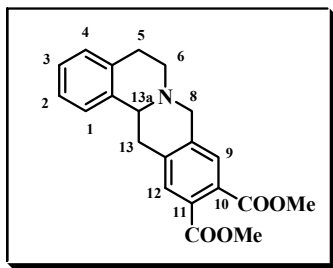
The product was isolated after flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 95:5 *V/V*, diethyl ether–petroleum ether) as a pale yellow amorphous solid (70 mg, 90 %), m.p. 121–124 °C. IR (ATR,  $\nu / \text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2950, 1716, 1433, 1267, 1196, 1068, 736; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>  $\delta / \text{ppm}$ ): 7.17–7.10 (*m*, 4H, ArH), 3.79 (*s*, 3H, COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.78 (*s*, 3H, COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.58 (*dd*, 1H, *J*=10.5 and 3.0 Hz, H-13b), 3.22 (*brd*, 1H, *J*=16.0 Hz, H-8), 3.17–3.14 (*m*, 1H, H-5), 3.09 (*dd*, 1H, *J*=11.0 and 4.0 Hz, H-6), 3.01–2.91 (*m*, 5H, H-8, H-9, H-12), 2.73 (*brd*, 1H, *J*=16.0 Hz, H-5), 2.59–2.49 (*m*, 2H, H-6, H-13), 2.22–2.16 (*m*, 1H, H-13); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>  $\delta / \text{ppm}$ ): 168.3 (C=O<sub>ester</sub>); 168.1 (C=O<sub>ester</sub>), 137.6, 134.2, 132.8, 131.8, 128.8, 126.1, 125.9, 125.2, 123.2, 122.9, 59.2 (C-11b), 58.0 (C-8), 52.2 (2C, COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 50.8 (C-6), 36.7 (C-13), 32.2 (C-12), 30.1 (C-9), 29.3 (C-5); MS (ESI) *m/z*: 354.0, 322.0, 184.1, 132.0, 117.0; HRMS (ESI): calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 354.16998, found 354.16918.

*Methyl 5,8,9,12,13,13a-hexahydro-6H-isoquino[2,1-b]isoquinoline-11-carboxylate (18b')*. Compounds **18b** and **18b'** were synthesised from **17a** and methylpropiolate following the general procedure for the synthesis of cyclo-adducts by Diels–Alder reaction. Two products, separated by flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 7:3 *V/V*, ethyl acetate–petroleum ether), were isolated in 1:1 ratio (30 mg, 72 % combined yield). Compound **18b'** was isolated as yellow oil which solidified upon standing, m.p. 63–65 °C. IR (ATR,  $\nu / \text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2948, 1717, 1434, 1255, 726; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>  $\delta / \text{ppm}$ ): 7.19–7.10 (*m*, 4H, ArH), 6.99–6.98 (*m*, 1H, H-10), 3.76 (*s*, 3H, COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.59 (*dd*, 1H, *J* = 11.0 and *J* = 3.5 Hz, H-13a), 3.22–3.16 (*m*, 2H, H-8, H-5), 3.10 (*ddd*, 1H, *J* = 11.0, 5.5 and 1.5 Hz, H-6), 3.00 (*brd*, 1H, *J* = 15.0 Hz, H-8), 2.86–2.81 (*m*, 4H, H-12, H-9), 2.73 (*brd*, 1H, *J* = 15.0 Hz, H-5), 2.59–2.54 (*m*, 2H, H-13, H-6), 2.24–2.19 (*m*, 1H, H-13); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>  $\delta / \text{ppm}$ ): 167.3 (C=O), 137.8, 135.8 (C-10), 134.3, 128.8, 127.7, 126.1, 126.0, 125.3, 124.9, 122.5, 59.4 (C-13a), 58.4 (C-8), 51.6 (COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 50.9 (C-6), 37.2 (C-13), 29.9 (C-9), 29.8 (C-12), 29.4 (C-5); MS (ESI) *m/z*: 296.1, 264.1, 236.1, 220.1, 217.1, 144.1; HRMS (ESI): calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 296.16451, found 296.16488.

*Methyl 5,8,9,12,13,13a-hexahydro-6H-isoquino[2,1-b]isoquinoline-10-carboxylate (18b)*. Compound was isolated as a yellow oil which solidified upon standing, m.p. 110–116 °C. IR (ATR,  $\nu / \text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2950, 1717, 1653, 1435, 1253, 724;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$   $\delta / \text{ppm}$ ): 7.37–7.36 (*m*, 1H, ArH), 7.18–7.10 (*m*, 3H, ArH), 7.01–6.99 (*m*, 1H, H-11), 3.76 (*s*, 3H,  $\text{COOCH}_3$ ), 3.58 (*dd*, 1H,  $J = 11.0$  and  $3.5$  Hz, H-13a), 3.23 (*d*, 1H,  $J = 15.0$  Hz, H-8), 3.21–3.15 (*m*, 1H, H-5), 3.09 (*ddd*, 1H,  $J = 11.0$ ,  $5.6$  Hz and  $2.0$  Hz, H-6), 3.02 (*brd*, 1H,  $J = 16.5$  Hz, H-8), 2.91–2.77 (*m*, 4H, H-9, H-12), 2.73 (*brd*, 1H,  $J = 16.5$  Hz, H-5), 2.57 (*td*, 1H,  $J = 11.5$  Hz and  $3.5$  Hz, H-6), 2.51 (*brd*, 1H,  $J = 16.5$  Hz, H-13), 2.21–2.15 (*m*, 1H, H-13);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$   $\delta / \text{ppm}$ ): 167.3 (C=O), 137.9, 136.4, (C-11), 134.4, 128.8, 127.3, 126.0, 125.9, 125.2, 124.5, 122.9, 59.4 (C-13a), 58.7 (C-8), 51.6 ( $\text{COOCH}_3$ ), 50.9 (C-6), 36.9 (C-13), 31.9 (C-12), 29.4 (C-5), 27.9 (C-9); MS (ESI)  $m/z$ : 296.1; 184.1; 132.1; 117.1; HRMS (ESI): calculated for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  296.16451, found 296.16451.

*Dimethyl 5,8,9,12,13,13a-hexahydro-2,3-dimethoxy-6H-isoquino[2,1-b]isoquinoline-10,11-dicarboxylate (18c)*. The product was isolated after flash chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , 7:3 *V/V*, ethyl acetate–petroleum ether) as a white amorphous solid (50 mg, 80 %), m.p. 170 °C. IR (ATR,  $\nu / \text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 1711, 1517, 1280, 1256, 1070, 781;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$   $\delta / \text{ppm}$ ): 6.63 (*s*, 1H, H-4), 6.59 (*s*, 1H, H-5), 3.86 (*s*, 6H,  $\text{COOCH}_3$ ), 3.79 (*s*, 6H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.52 (*dd*,  $J = 10.5$  and  $3.5$  Hz, H-13a), 3.22 (*d*, 1H,  $J = 15.0$  Hz, H-8), 3.11–2.95 (*m*, 7H, H-5, H-6, H-9, H-12, H-8), 2.65–2.61 (*m*, 1H, H-5), 2.58–2.52 (*m*, 1H, H-6), 2.46 (*brd*, 1H,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, H-13), 2.21–2.15 (*m*, 1H, H-13);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$   $\delta / \text{ppm}$ ): 168.3 (C=O<sub>ester</sub>), 168.2 (C=O<sub>ester</sub>), 147.5, 147.4, 132.7, 132.0, 129.5, 126.5, 123.1, 122.9, 111.3, 108.3, 58.9 (C-13a), 58.0 (C-8), 56.0 ( $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 55.8 ( $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 52.2 (2C,  $\text{COOCH}_3$ ), 51.0 (C-6), 36.9 (C-13), 32.3 (C-12), 30.2 (C-9), 28.9 (C-5); MS (EI)  $m/z$ : 268.1, 210.1, 136.1; HRMS (ESI): calculated for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_6$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  414.19111, found 414.19005.

*Dimethyl 5,8,13,13a-tetrahydro-6H-isoquino[2,1-b]isoquinoline-10,11-dicarboxylate (19a)*



The product was isolated after flash chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , 4:1 *V/V*, diethyl ether–petroleum ether) as a yellow oil (15 mg, 63 %), which solidified upon

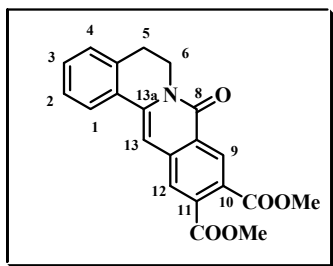


standing, m.p. 108–110 °C. IR (ATR,  $\nu / \text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3283, 2922, 1699, 1621, 1606, 1439, 1299, 1284, 1148, 1231, 737;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$   $\delta / \text{ppm}$ ): 7.53 (*s*, 1H, H-12), 7.48 (*s*, 1H, H-9), 7.25–7.14 (*m*, 4H, ArH), 4.08 (*d*, 1H,  $J = 15.5$  Hz, H-8), 3.90 (*s*, 6H,  $\text{COOCH}_3$ ), 3.75 (*d*, 1H,  $J = 15.5$  Hz, H-8), 3.70 (*dd*, 1H,  $J = 11.5$  and 4.0 Hz, H-13a), 3.41 (*dd*, 1H,  $J = 16.5$  and 4.0 Hz, H-13), 3.23–3.16 (*m*, 2H, H-5, H-6), 2.95 (*dd*, 1H,  $J = 16.5$  and 11.0 Hz, H-13), 2.80–2.76 (*m*, 1H, H-5), 2.69–2.64 (*m*, 1H, H-6);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$   $\delta / \text{ppm}$ ): 168.1 (C=O), 167.9 (C=O), 138.4, 138.0, 137.1, 134.4, 130.0, 129.4, 129.3, 128.9, 126.9, 126.4, 126.2, 125.4, 59.3 (C-13a), 58.0 (C-8), 52.6 ( $2 \times \text{CH}_3$ ), 50.9 (C-6), 36.5 (C-13), 29.4 (C-5); MS (ESI)  $m/z$ : 352.1, 130.1, 117.1, 103.1; HRMS (ESI) calculated for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_4$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  352.15433, found 352.15493.

*Methyl 5,8,13,13a-tetrahydro-6H-isoquino[2,1-b]isoquinoline-10-carboxylate (19b)*. The product was isolated after flash chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , 1:1 *V/V*, diethyl ether–petroleum ether) as yellow plates (10 mg, 72 %), m.p. 133–136 °C. IR (ATR,  $\nu / \text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2953, 2929, 1713, 1441, 1289, 1198, 745;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$   $\delta / \text{ppm}$ ): 7.82 (*d*, 1H,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, H-11), 7.79 (*s*, 1H, H-9), 7.27–7.26 (*m*, 1H, ArH), 7.23–7.14 (*m*, 4H, ArH), 4.08 (*d*, 1H,  $J = 15.0$  Hz, H-8), 3.90 (*s*, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.75 (*d*, 1H,  $J = 15.5$  Hz, H-8), 3.70 (*dd*, 1H,  $J = 11.0$  and 3.5 Hz, H-13a), 3.42 (*dd*, 1H,  $J = 17.0$  and 4.0 Hz, H-13), 3.24–3.16 (*m*, 2H, H-5, H-6), 2.95 (*dd*, 1H,  $J = 16.5$  and 11.5 Hz, H-13), 2.79–2.75 (*m*, 1H, H-5), 2.67–2.63 (*m*, 1H, H-6);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$   $\delta / \text{ppm}$ ): 167.1 (C=O), 140.1, 137.4, 134.7, 134.4, 128.9, 128.8, 127.7, 127.5, 127.3, 126.2, 126.1, 125.4, 59.5 (C-13a), 58.3 (C-8), 51.9 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 51.1 (C-6), 36.8 (C-13), 29.4 (C-5); MS (EI)  $m/z$ : 293.1  $[\text{M}^+]$ , 278.1, 232.0, 163.0, 130.1, 103.0; HRMS (ESI) calculated for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  294.14886, found 294.14906.

*Dimethyl 5,8,13,13a-tetrahydro-2,3-dimethoxy-6H-isoquino[2,1-b]isoquinoline-10,11-dicarboxylate (19c)*. The product was isolated after flash chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , 95:5 *V/V*, diethyl ether–petroleum ether) as yellow needles (12 mg, 78 %), m.p. 173–175 °C. IR (ATR,  $\nu / \text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 1721, 1513, 1258, 1100, 728;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$   $\delta / \text{ppm}$ ): 7.55 (*s*, 1H, H-12), 7.47 (*s*, 1H, H-9), 6.1 (*s*, 1H, H-1), 6.23 (*s*, 1H, H-4), 4.08 (*d*, 1H,  $J = 15.5$  Hz, H-8), 3.90 (*s*, 3H,  $\text{COCH}_3$ ), 3.89 (*s*, 6H,  $\text{COCH}_3$ ,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.87 (*s*, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.74 (*d*, 1H,  $J = 15.5$  Hz, H-8), 3.63 (*dd*, 1H,  $J = 11.0$  and 3.5 Hz, H-13a), 3.37 (*dd*, 1H,  $J = 16.5$  and 3.5 Hz, H-13), 3.17–3.11 (*m*, 2H, H-5, H-6), 2.93 (*dd*, 1H,  $J = 16.5$  and 11.0 Hz, H-13), 2.71–2.61 (*m*, 2H, H-6, H-5);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$   $\delta / \text{ppm}$ ): 168.1 (C=O), 168.0 (C=O), 147.7 (C-2), 147.5 (C-3), 138.3, 138.1, 129.9, 129.5, 129.4 (C-12), 128.9, 126.9 (C-9), 126.6, 111.4, 108.4, 59.0 (C-13a), 58.0 (C-8), 56.0 ( $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 55.8 ( $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 52.5 ( $2\text{C}, \text{COCH}_3$ ), 51.1 (C-6), 36.7 (C-13), 28.9 (C-5); MS (ESI)  $m/z$ : 412.1  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ; 380.1, 348.1, 322.1, 277.9, 250.1; HRMS (ESI) calculated for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_6$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  412.17646, found 412.17642.

*Dimethyl 5,6-dihydro-8-oxo-8H-isoquino[2,1-b]isoquinoline-10,11-dicarboxylate (20a)*



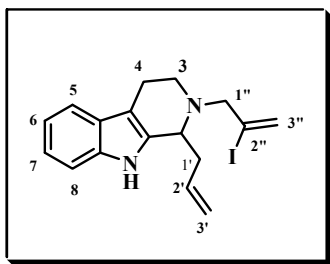
The product was isolated after flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 4:1 *V/V*, diethyl ether–petroleum ether) as yellow needles (5 mg, 70 %), m.p. 178–180 °C. This derivative gave specific azure colour with Dragendorff reagent. IR (ATR,  $\nu / \text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 1729, 1712, 1645, 1620, 1293, 1161, 772; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>  $\delta / \text{ppm}$ ): 8.88 (*s*, 1H), 7.84–7.78 (*m*, 3H), 7.42–7.27 (*m*, 2H), 7.00 (*s*, 1H), 4.37 (*t*, 2H, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 3.97 (*s*, 3H, COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.94 (*s*, 3H, COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.04 (*t*, 2H, *J* = 6.0 Hz, H-5); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>  $\delta / \text{ppm}$ ) 168.5 (C=O<sub>ester</sub>), 166.6 (C=O<sub>ester</sub>), 161.3 (C=O<sub>lactam</sub>), 140.6, 138.7, 136.4, 135.7, 130.6, 130.2, 129.5, 128.2, 127.7, 127.3, 126.7, 125.4, 125.1, 101.8, 52.9, 52.7, 39.8, 28.3; MS (ESI) *m/z*: 364.1, 332.1, 317.1, 290.1, 230.1; HRMS (ESI): calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 364.11795, found 364.11783.

*Methyl 5,6-dihydro-8-oxo-8H-isoquino[2,1-b]isoquinoline-10-carboxylate (20b)*. The product was isolated after flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 7:3 *V/V*, diethyl ether–petroleum ether) as yellow rombs (8 mg, 45 %), m.p. 202–204 °C. Compound gave specific purple-brown colour with Dragendorff reagent. IR (ATR,  $\nu / \text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 1703, 1651, 1614, 1600, 1288, 766; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>  $\delta / \text{ppm}$ ): 9.11 (*d*, 1H, *J* = 1.5 Hz, H-9), 8.24 (*dd*, 1H, *J* = 8.4 and 1.6 Hz, H-11), 7.86–7.84 (*m*, 1H, H-1), 7.62 (*d*, 1H, *J* = 8.2 Hz, H-12), 7.40–7.38 (*m*, 2H, H-2, H-3), 7.34–7.30 (*m*, 1H, H-4), 7.04 (*s*, 1H, H-13), 4.39 (*t*, 2H, *J* = 6.1 Hz, H-6), 3.97 (*s*, 3H, COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.04 (*t*, 2H, *J* = 6.1 Hz, H-5); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>  $\delta / \text{ppm}$ ): 166.6 (C=O<sub>ester</sub>), 161.9 (C=O<sub>lactam</sub>), 139.9, 139.8, 135.7, 132.5, 130.5, 129.9, 129.8, 128.1, 127.6, 126.4, 125.3, 102.2 (C-13), 52.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 39.7 (C-6), 28.4 (C-5) ppm; MS (ESI) *m/z*: 306.0, 276.0, 247.1, 232.0, 176.1; 203.0; HRMS (ESI): calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 306.11247, found 306.11202.

*Dimethyl 5,6-dihydro-2,3-dimethoxy-8-oxo-8H-isoquino[2,1-b]isoquinoline-10,11-dicarboxylate (20c)*. The product was isolated after flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 1:1 *V/V*, diethyl ether–petroleum ether) as yellow needles (12 mg, 50 %), m.p. 220–221 °C. Compound gave specific blue colour with Dragendorff reagent. IR (ATR,  $\nu / \text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 1709, 1563, 1514, 1241, 1046, 787; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>  $\delta / \text{ppm}$ ): 8.88 (*s*, 1H, H-9), 7.78 (*s*, 1H, H-12), 7.25 (*s*, 1H, H-1), 6.88 (*s*,

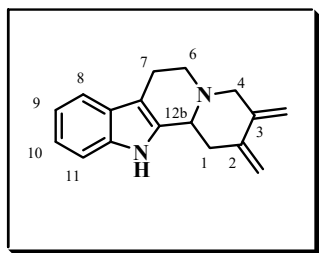
1H, H-13), 6.76 (*s*, 1H, H-4), 4.36 (*t*, 2H,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, H-6), 3.99 (*s*, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.96 (*s*, 3H, COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.95 (*s*, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.94 (*s*, 3H, COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.97 (*t*, 2H,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, H-5); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  168.5 (C=O<sub>ester</sub>), 166.6 (C=O<sub>ester</sub>), 161.4 (C=O<sub>lactam</sub>), 151.1 (C-2), 148.7 (C-3), 140.6, 138.9, 136.4, 130.6 (C-9), 129.3, 126.8, 126.4 (C-12), 124.6, 121.5, 110.5 (C-4), 108.1 (C-1), 100.4 (C-13), 56.3 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 56.1 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 52.9 (COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 52.6 (COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 39.9 (C-6), 27.8 (C-5); MS (EI) *m/z*: 355.1, 298.9, 281.1, 263.1, 207.0; HRMS (ESI): calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>7</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 424.13908, found 424.13949.

*1-Allyl-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-2-(2-iodoallyl)-1H-pyrido[3,4-b]indole (23)*



The product was isolated after flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 9:1 *V/V*, petroleum ether–diethyl ether) as a pale yellow oil (173 mg, 42 %). IR (ATR,  $\nu / \text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3230, 3070, 2916, 1615, 1451, 741; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>  $\delta / \text{ppm}$ ): 7.76 (*brs*, 1H, N-H), 7.55–7.05 (*m*, 4H, ArH), 6.37 (*d*, 1H,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, H-3''), 5.90–6.09 (*m*, 1H, H-2'), 5.89 (*d*, 1H,  $J = 1.0$  Hz, H-3''), 5.16 (*d*, 2H,  $J = 12.0$  Hz, H-3'), 3.74 (*t*, 1H,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, H-1), 3.33 (*s*, 2H, H-1'), 3.25–3.00 (*m*, 1H), 2.86–2.45 (*m*, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>  $\delta / \text{ppm}$ ): 136.2, 135.7, 134.8, 127.0, 126.6, 121.6, 119.4, 118.1, 117.5, 111.8, 110.7, 108.1, 64.8, 56.7, 44.7, 39.4, 18.7; MS (EI) *m/z*: 378[M]<sup>+</sup>, 337 [M-allyl]<sup>+</sup>, 209.1, 169.1; HRMS (ESI): calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>IN<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 379.06657, found 379.06643.

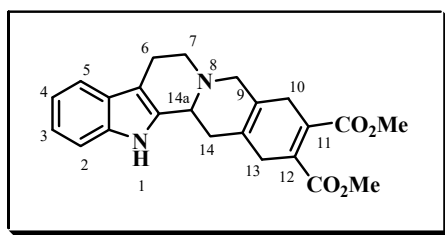
*1,2,3,4,6,7,12,12b-Octahydro-2,3-dimethylene-indolo[2,3-a]quinolizine (24)*



The product was isolated after flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 7:3 *V/V*, petroleum ether–diethyl ether) as a pale yellow amorphous solid (126 mg, 50 %), m.p. 153–156 °C. IR (ATR,  $\nu / \text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3418, 3049, 2949, 1643, 1314, 743; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR

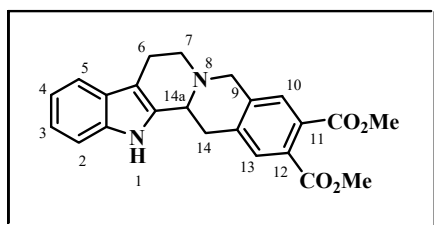
(500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>  $\delta$  / ppm): 7.74 (*brs*, 1H, N-H), 7.48 (*d*, 1H,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, H-8), 7.31 (*dt*, 1H,  $J$  = 8.0 and 0.5 Hz, H-11), 7.16–7.08 (*m*, 2H, H-9, H-10), 5.19–5.18 (*m*, 2H, =CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.88 (*s*, 2H, =CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.56 (*d*, 1H,  $J$  = 12.5 Hz, H-4), 3.47–3.44 (*m*, 1H, H-12b), 3.18–3.13 (*m*, 2H, H-4, H-6), 3.07–2.99 (*m*, 1H, H-7), 2.79–2.74 (*m*, 2H; H-1, H-7), 2.66 (*td*,  $J$  = 11.0 and 4.5 Hz, H-6), 2.50–2.44 (*m*, 1H, H-1); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>  $\delta$  / ppm): 144.4, 143.9, 136.1, 134.1, 127.2, 121.6, 119.5, 118.2, 110.8 (C-11), 110.3 (C<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>), 110.1 (C<sub>3</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>), 108.7 (C-7a), 61.4 (C-4), 59.2 (C-12b), 52.3 (C-6), 38.6 (C-1), 21.6 (C-7); MS (EI)  $m/z$ : 259.2 [M]<sup>+</sup>, 235.1, 220.1, 206.1, 169.1; HRMS (ESI): calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 251.15428, found 251.15374.

*11,12-Dicarbomethoxy-1,6,7,9,10,13,14,14a-octahydroindolo[2,3-a]benzo[e]-quinolizine (25)*



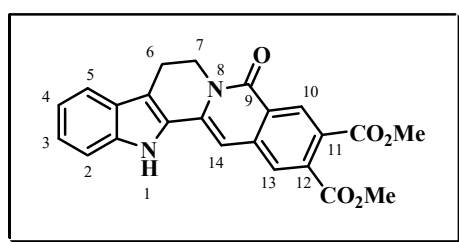
The product was isolated after flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 8:2 *V/V*, diethyl ether–petroleum ether) as a creamy-white amorphous solid (50 mg, 80 %), m.p. 161–163 °C. IR (ATR,  $\nu$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2949, 1716, 1659, 1434, 1260, 1069, 738; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>  $\delta$  / ppm): 7.74 (*s*, 1H, ArH), 7.50 (*d*, 1H,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, ArH), 7.32 (*d*, 1H,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, ArH), 7.16 (*t*, 1H,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, ArH), 7.11 (*t*, 1H,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, ArH), 3.80 (*s*, 3H, COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.79 (*s*, 3H, COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.64–3.61 (*m*, 1H, H-3), 3.28 (*brd*, 1H,  $J$  = 15.5 Hz, H-9), 3.20 (*dd*, 1H,  $J$  = 11.5 and 4.5 Hz, H-7), 3.06–2.89 (*m*, 6H, H-6, H-9, H-10, H-13), 2.80–2.75 (*m*, 1H, H-6), 2.67 (*td*, 1H,  $J$  = 11.0 and 4.0 Hz, H-7), 2.31–2.33 (*m*, 2H, H-14); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>  $\delta$  / ppm): 168.3 (C=O), 168.1 (C=O), 136.3, 134.1, 132.7, 131.9, 127.2, 123.7, 122.1, 121.6, 119.5, 118.3, 110.8, 108.7, 57.3 (C-9), 55.8 (C-14a), 52.3 (2C, COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 51.9 (C-7), 34.9 (C-14), 32.3 (C-10), 30.3 (C-13), 21.5 (C-6); MS (ESI)  $m/z$ : 393.1, 171.1, 144.1, 117.1; HRMS (ESI): calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 393.18088, found 393.17969.

*11,12-dicarbomethoxy-1,6,7,9,14,14a-hexahydroindolo[2,3-a]benzo[e]quinolizine (26)*



The product was isolated after flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 9:1 *V/V*, diethyl ether–petroleum ether) as a pale yellow amorphous solid (17 mg, 72 %), m.p. 167–168 °C. IR (ATR,  $\nu / \text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 1720, 1434, 1271, 1125, 741; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>  $\delta / \text{ppm}$ ) 8.17 (*s*, 1H, N-H), 7.51 (*d*, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz, H-2), 7.45 (*s*, 2H, H-13, H-10), 7.35 (*d*, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz, H-5), 7.17 (*td*, 1H, *J* = 7.0 and 1.0 Hz, H-4), 7.10 (*td*, 1H, *J* = 7.0 and 1.0 Hz, H-3), 4.09 (*d*, 1H, *J* = 15.5 Hz, H-9), 3.91 (*s*, 3H, COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.87 (*s*, 3H, COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.70 (*d*, 1H, *J* = 15.5 Hz, H-9), 3.55–3.53 (*m*, 1H, H-14a), 3.27–3.24 (*m*, 1H, H-7), 3.11 (*dd*, 1H, *J* = 16.0 and 3.0 Hz, H-14), 3.06–2.99 (*m*, 1H, H-6), 2.94 (*dd*, 1H, *J* = 16.0 and 11.5 Hz, H-14), 2.82–2.79 (*m*, 1H, H-6), 2.71 (*td*, 1H, *J* = 11.5 and 3.5 Hz, H-7); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>  $\delta / \text{ppm}$ ): 168.3 (C=O), 168.0 (C=O), 138.2, 137.3, 136.4, 133.6, 130.0, 129.4, 129.3, 127.1, 127.0, 121.7 (C-10), 119.5 (C-11), 118.2 (C-12), 110.9, 108.7, 57.3 (C-21), 55.8 (C-3), 52.7 (COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 52.6 (COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 52.2 (C-7), 34.6 (C-14), 21.4 (C-6); MS (ESI) *m/z*: 391.1, 374.1, 359.1, 144.1, 117.1; HRMS (ESI): calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 391.16523, found 391.16563.

*11,12-dicarbomethoxy-1,6,7-trihydroindolo[2,3-a]benzo[e]quinolizine-9-on (27)*

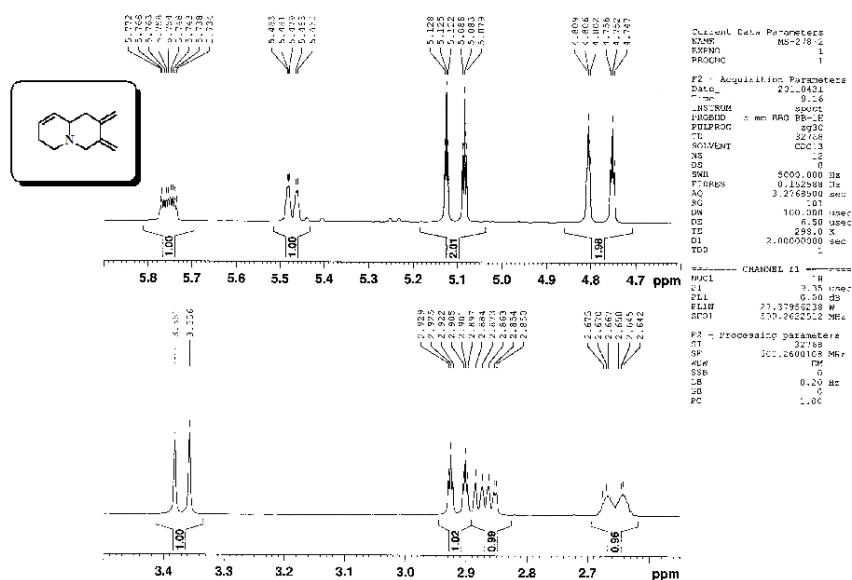


The product was isolated after flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, diethyl ether) as a yellow amorphous solid (5 mg, 45 %), m.p. 220–225 °C. Compound gave specific gray-blue colour with Dragendorff reagent. IR (ATR,  $\nu / \text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3283, 2922, 1699, 1621, 1606, 1439, 1299, 1284, 1148, 1231, 737; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>  $\delta / \text{ppm}$ ): 8.77 (*s*, 1H, H-10), 8.74 (*s*, 1H, N-H), 7.60 (*d*, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz, H-5), 7.56 (*s*, 1H, H-13), 7.45 (*d*, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz, H-2), 7.32 (*t*, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz, H-3), 7.18 (*t*, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz, H-4), 6.41 (*s*, 1H, H-14), 4.51 (*t*, 2H, *J* = 7.0 Hz,

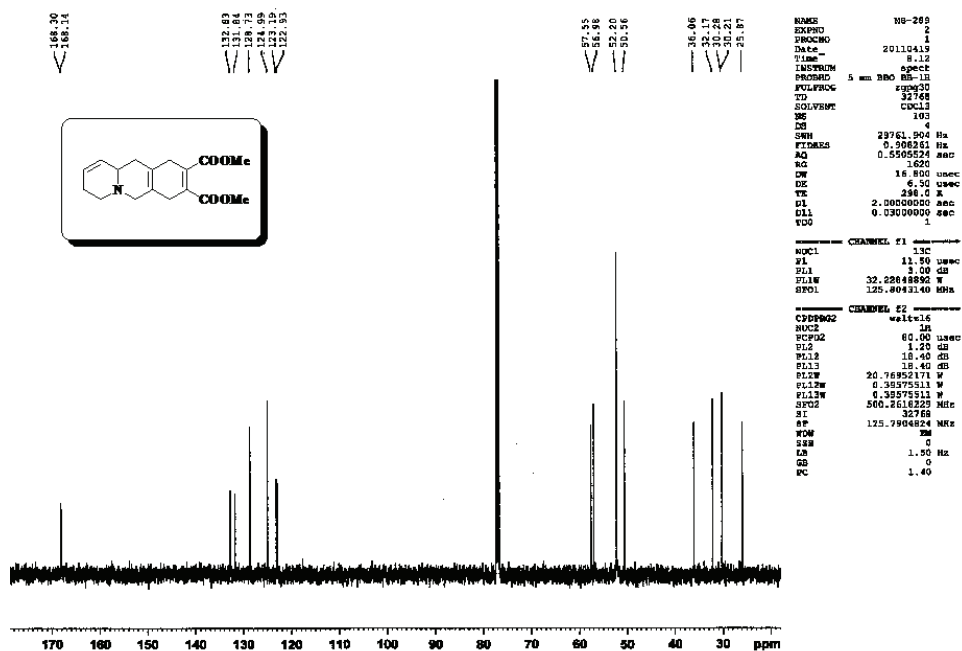
H-7), 4.03 (s, 3H, COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.63 (s, 3H, COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.15 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.0 Hz, H-6); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub> δ / ppm): 169.5 (C=O<sub>ester</sub>), 165.9 (C=O<sub>ester</sub>), 161.2 (C=O<sub>lactam</sub>), 138.7, 138.4, 136.9, 134.9, 130.7, 127.4, 126.1, 125.9, 125.5, 125.0, 124.9, 120.7, 119.6, 115.6, 111.8, 97.7, 53.2 (COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 52.2 (COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 41.0 (C-7), 19.7 (C-6); MS (ESI) *m/z*: 403.1, 371.1, 355.1, 343.1, 283.1; HRMS (ESI): calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 403.12885, found 403.12910.

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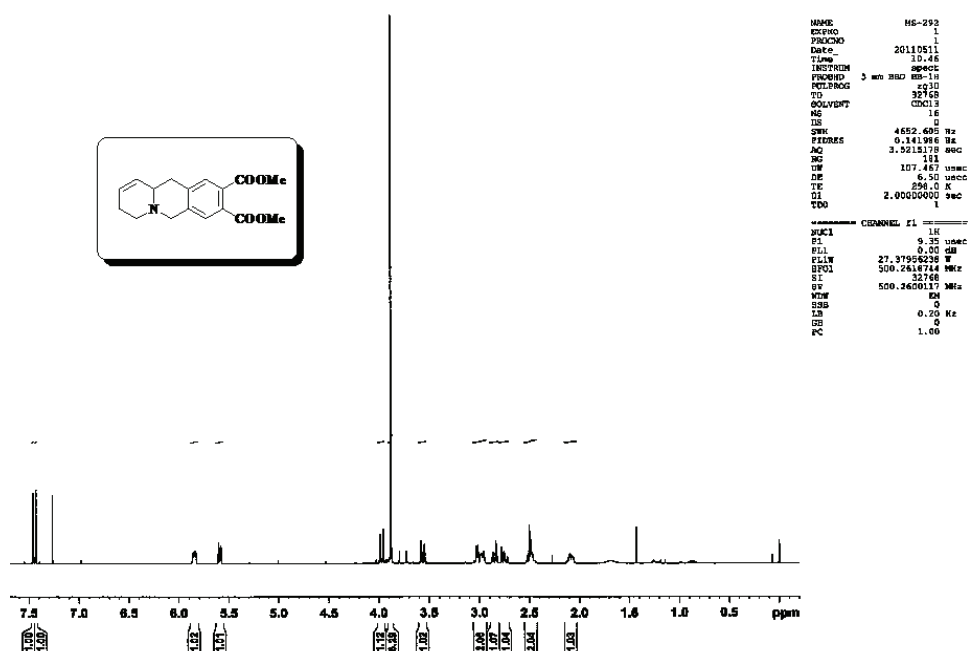
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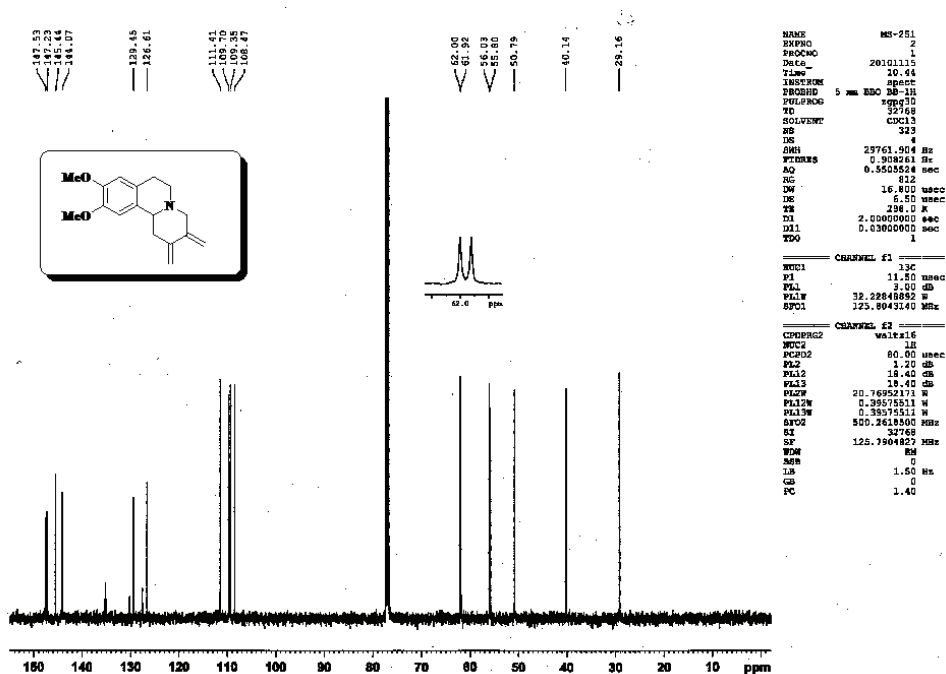
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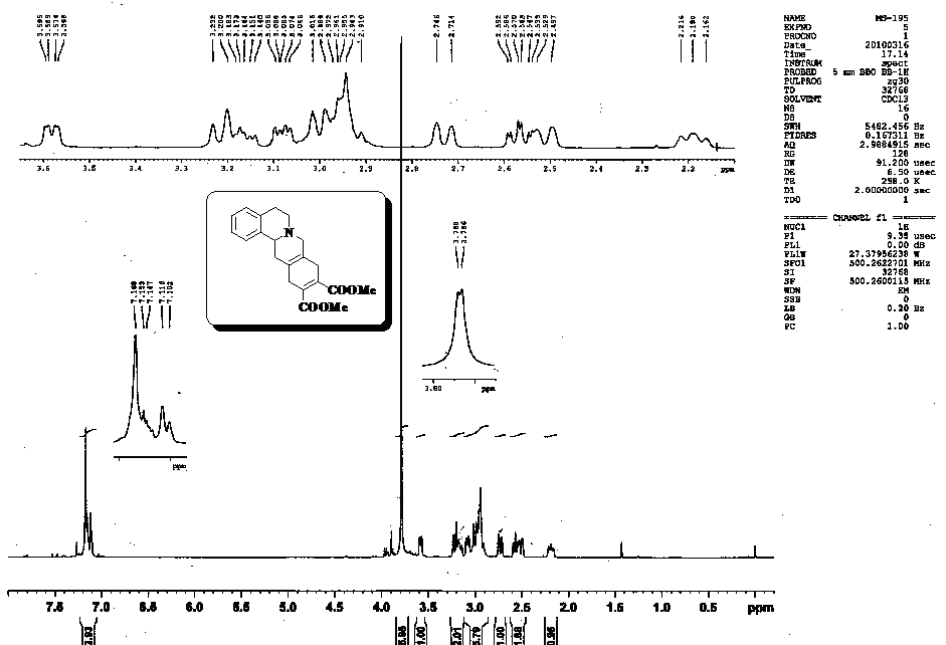




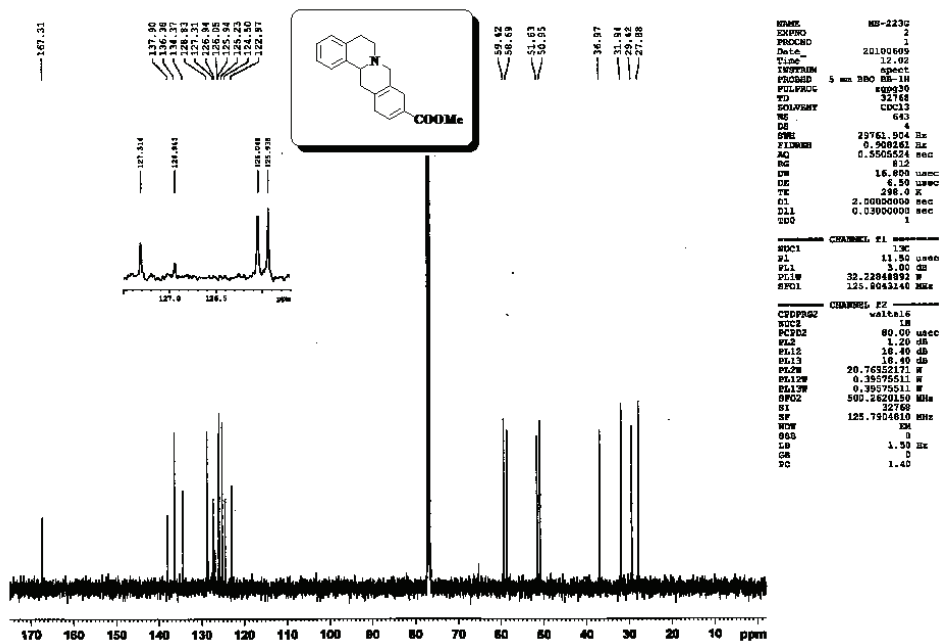




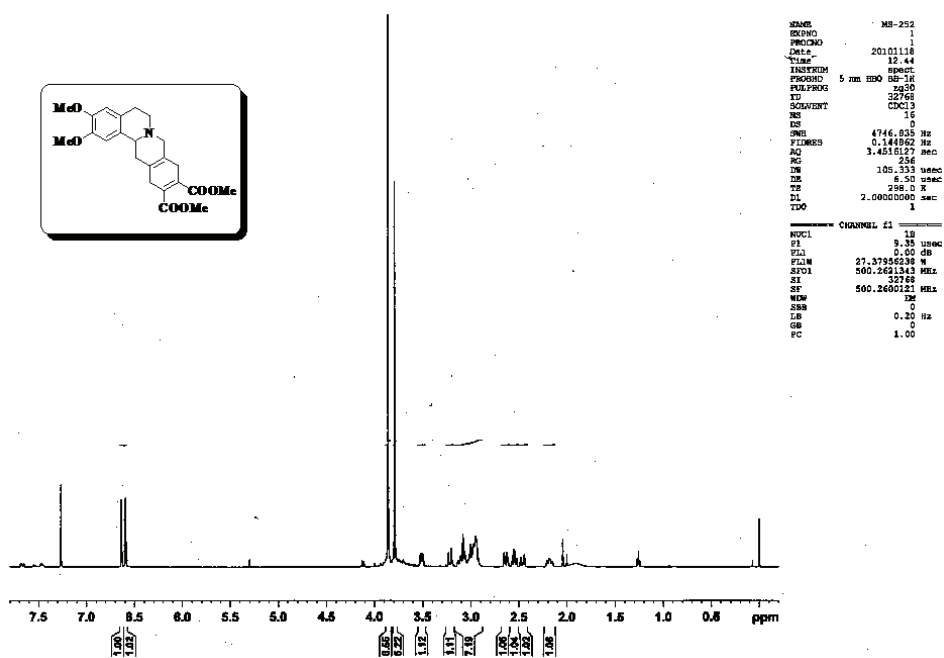
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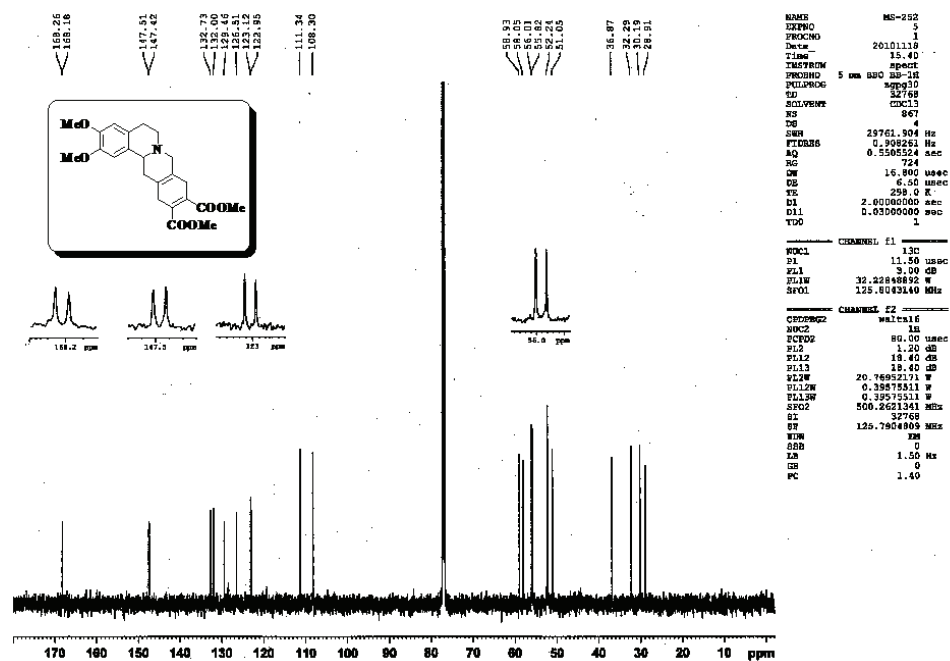




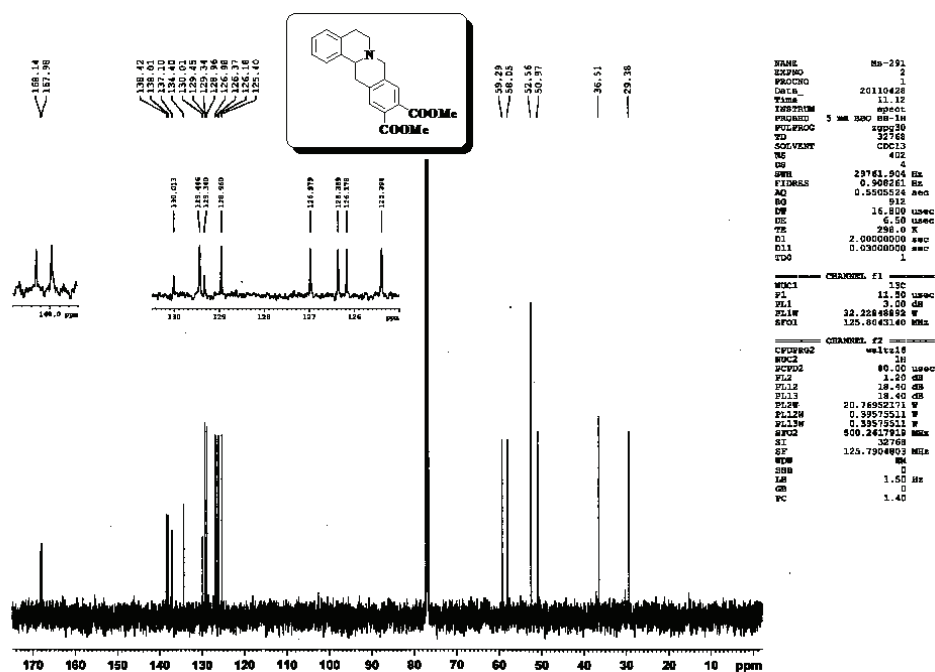


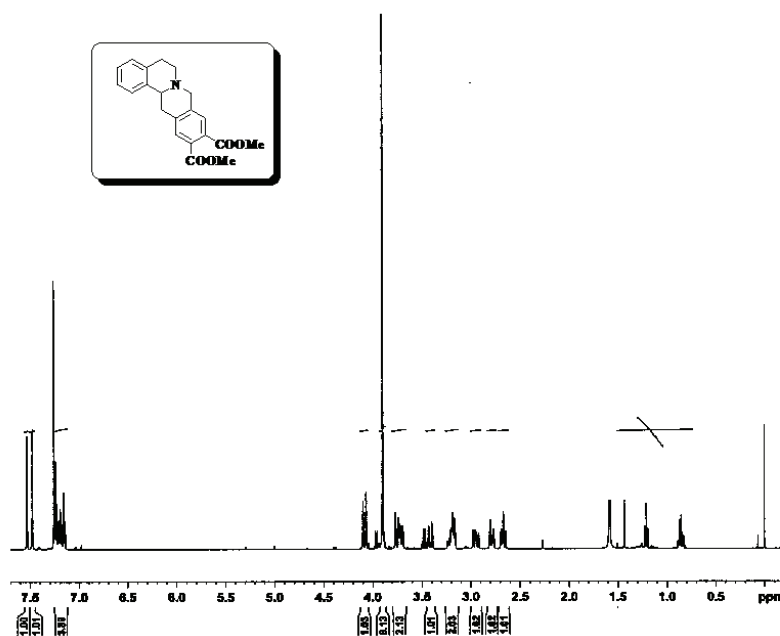
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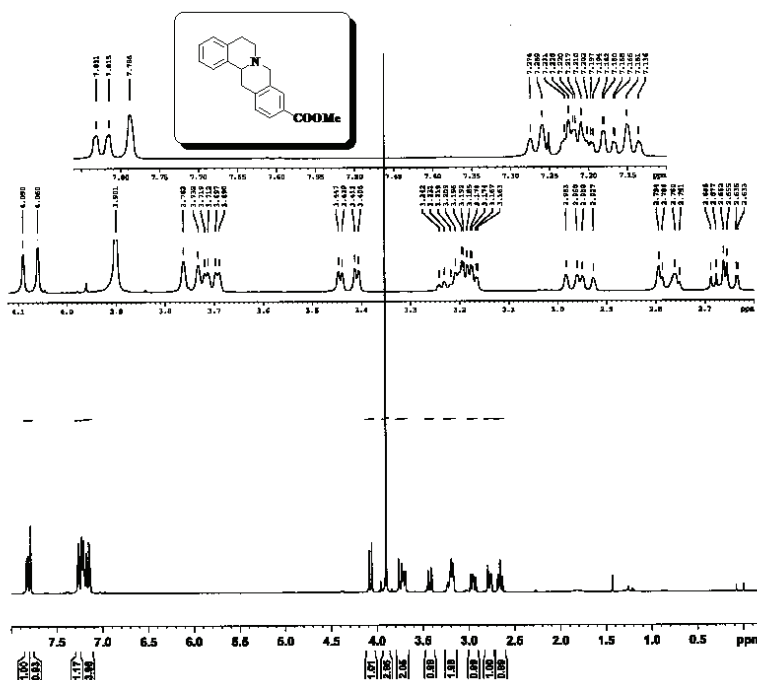




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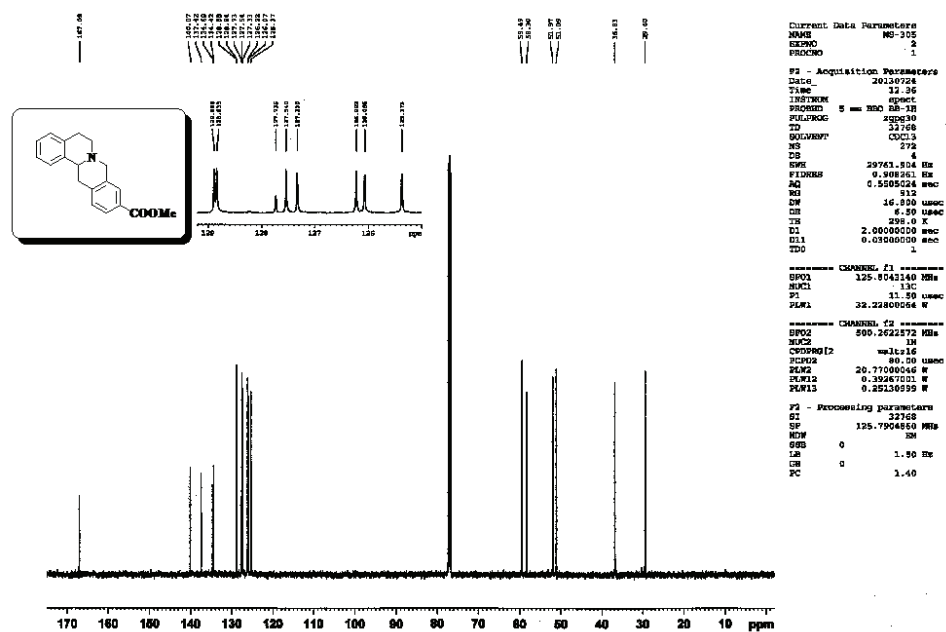
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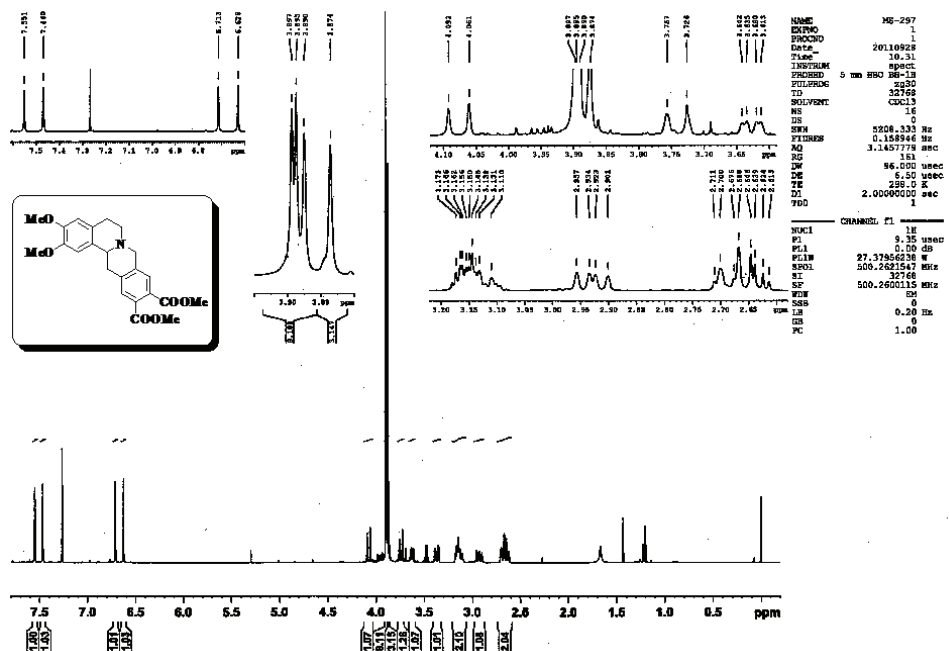


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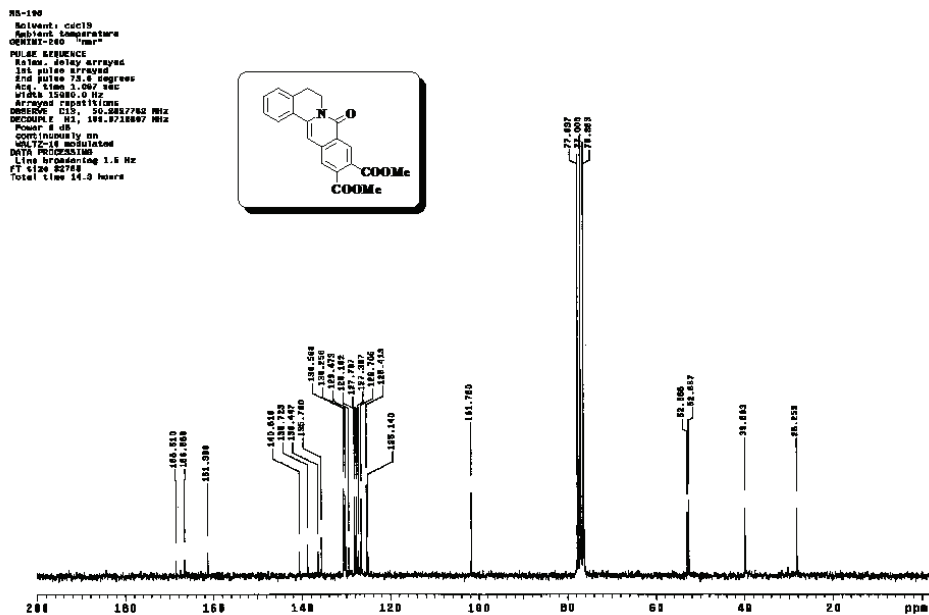


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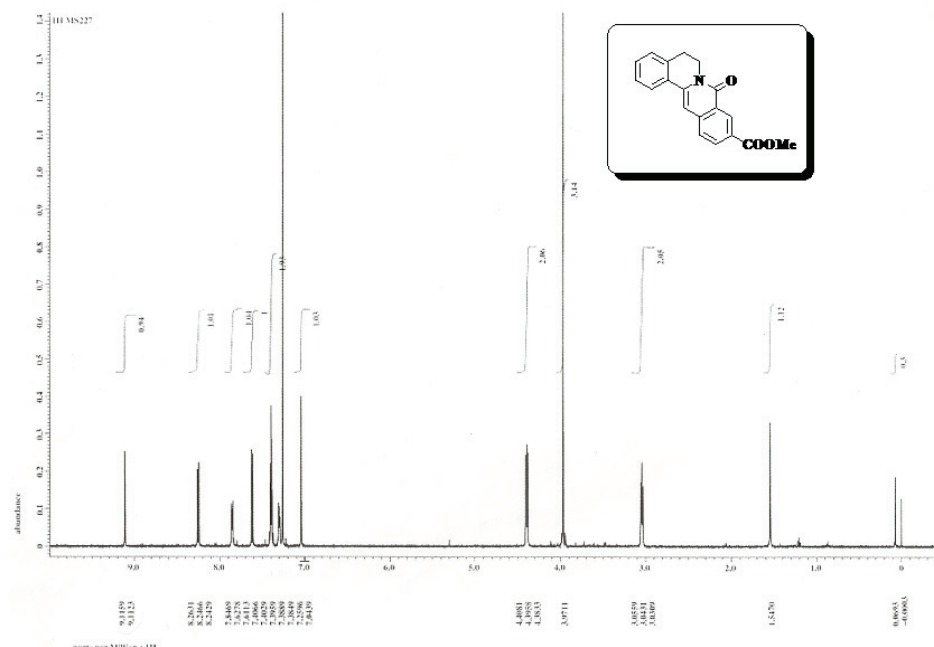


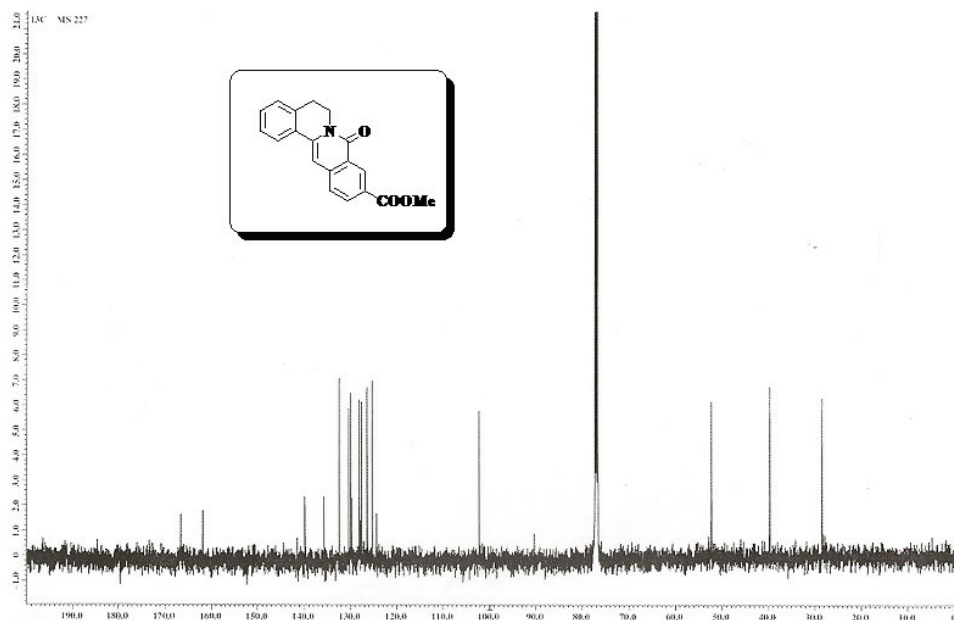




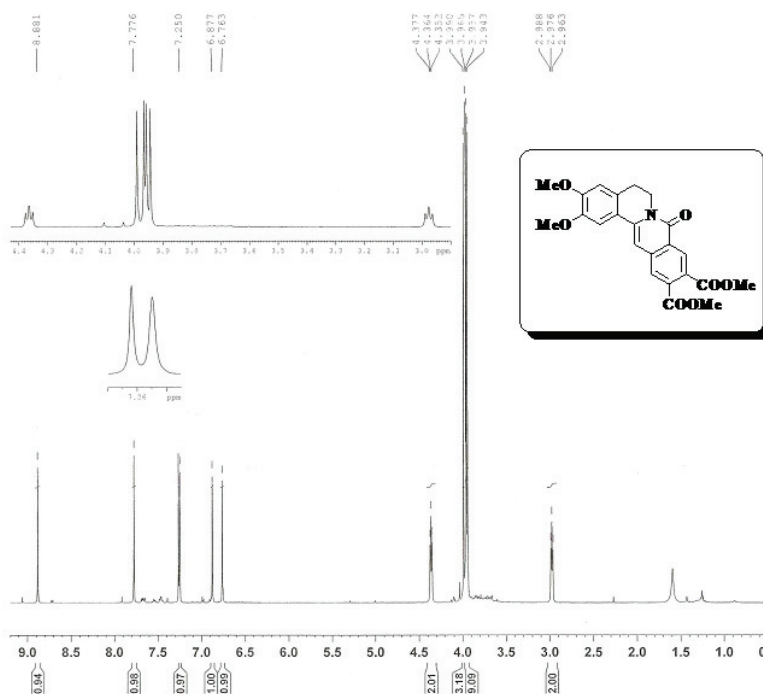


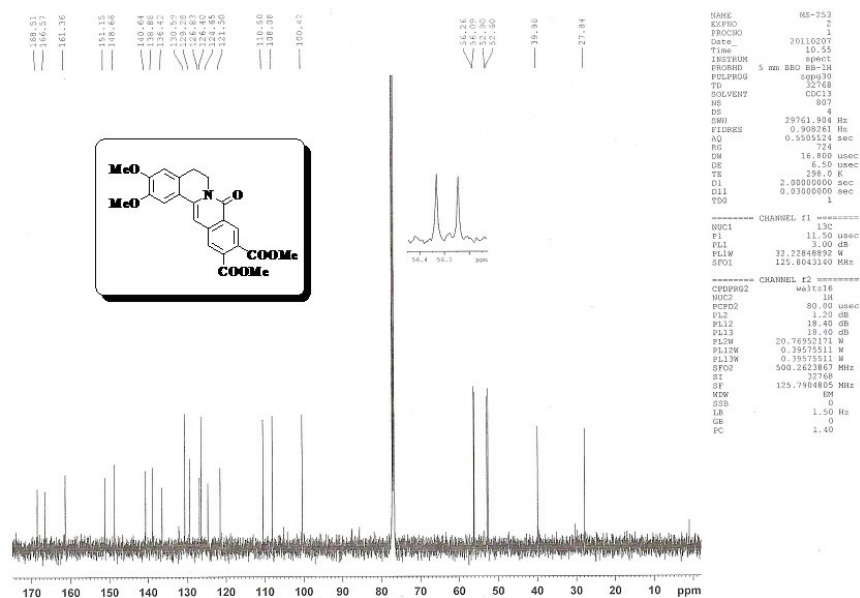
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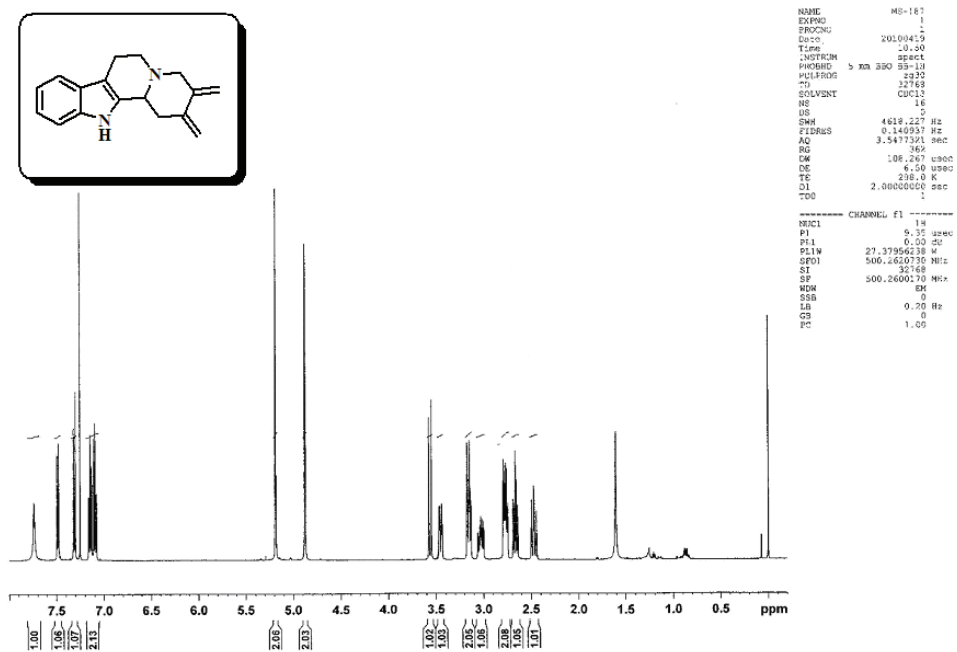


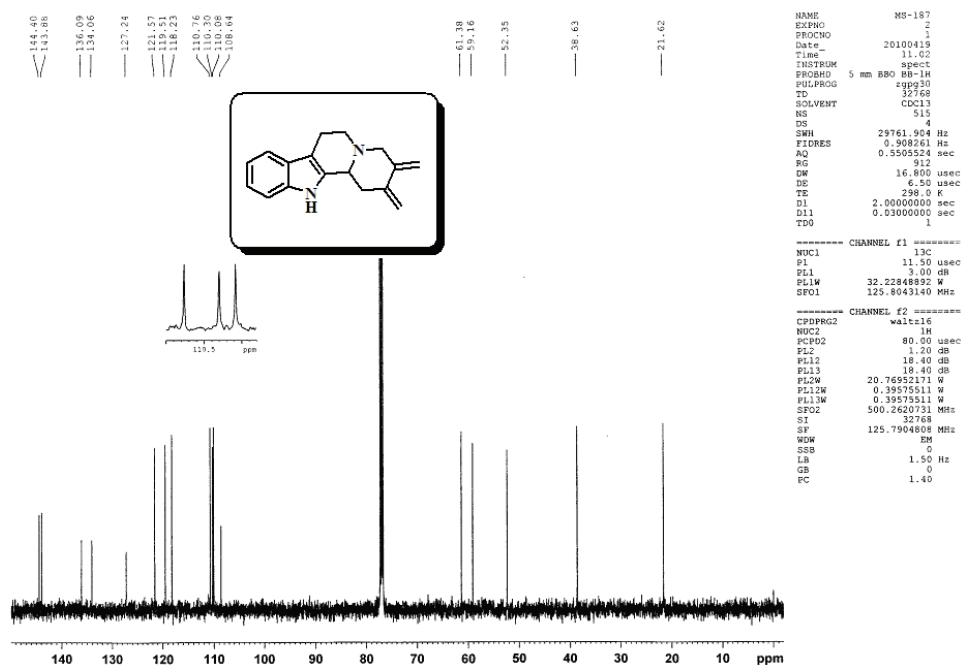
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## Compound 24





Compound 25

