

## Supporting Information for

### Design and evaluation of selective butyrylcholinesterase inhibitors based on Cinchona alkaloid scaffold

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#### Synthesis of compounds

Compounds **CD-(mBr)**, **CD-(mMet)**, **CD-(mCl)**, **CD-(mNO<sub>2</sub>)**, **CN-(pMet)**, and **CN-(mMet)** are novel compounds. Their spectral and analytical data are given in the manuscript. Melting points were determined on a Melting Point B-540 apparatus (Büchi, Essen, Germany) and are uncorrected. Optical rotations were measured on an Optical Activity AA-10 automatic polarimeter (Optical Activity Limited, Ramsey, Cambridgeshire, UK) at 22 °C. CHN analysis was performed on Perkin Elmer 2400 Series II CHNS analyzer. 1D and 2D, <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian XL-GEM 600 spectrometer at 22 °C and Bruker Avance III HD 400 MHz/54 mm Ascend spectrometer (Bruker Optics Inc, Billerica, MA, USA). Chemical shifts are given in ppm downfield from tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard and coupling constants (*J*) in Hz. Splitting patterns are designated as s (singlet), d (doublet), dd (doublet of doublets), ddd (doublet of doublet of doublets), qd (quartet of doublets), t (triplet), q (quartet) or m (multiplet). Quinoline hydrogen and carbon atoms are marked with an apostrophe. Benzene hydrogen and carbon atoms are marked with a double apostrophe.

#### S1.1. General procedure for synthesis

The compounds were synthesized following this procedure: *Cinchona* alkaloid (1 mmol) and appropriate halide (1.05 mmol for *para*- and 1.20 mmol for *meta*-substituted halides) were heated to reflux in toluene (5 mL). End of reaction was detected with thin layer chromatography (CHCl<sub>3</sub>: MeOH = 9:1). After cooling to room temperature, the precipitated product was isolated by filtration and

recrystallized from stated solvent. *Meta*-substituted derivatives required longer time for reaction (24 – 48 h) then *para*-substituted derivatives (1 – 2 h).

### S1.2. Analytical data

***N*-methyl cinchonidinium iodide (CD-Met).** Orange solid. Yield: 69% (recrystallized from methanol/diethyl ether). m.p. 222.5 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{24} = -214^\circ$  (*c* 0.1, MeOH); IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3443 (O-H), 3172 (C-H<sub>Ar</sub>), 1511 (C=N), 1132 (C-N); Anal. Calc. for [C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>IN<sub>2</sub>O]: C, 55.05; H, 5.78; N, 6.42 found C, 55.08; H, 5.77; N, 6.40; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ ppm 1.20 - 1.27 (1 H, m, H7b) 1.90 - 1.97 (1 H, m, H4) 2.02 - 2.13 (3 H, m, H7a, H5) 2.78 - 2.84 (1 H, m, H3) 3.42 (3 H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>) 3.43 - 3.47 (1 H, m, H6b) 3.64 - 3.77 (3 H, m, H8, H2) 4.16 - 4.22 (1 H, m, H6a) 4.96 (1 H, d, *J*=10.6 Hz, H11b) 5.15 (1 H, d, *J*=17.2 Hz, H11a) 5.69 (1 H, ddd, *J*=17.2, 10.6, 6.6 Hz, H10) 6.21 (1 H, m, H9) 6.58 (1 H, d, *J*=3.7 Hz, OH) 7.70 - 7.74 (1 H, m, H7') 7.75 (1 H, d, *J*=4.4 Hz, H3') 7.81 - 7.86 (1 H, m, H6') 8.08 - 8.11 (1 H, m, H5') 8.15 (1 H, d, *J*=8.4 Hz, H8') 8.96 (1 H, d, *J*=4.4 Hz, H2'); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ ppm 19.8 (C7) 24.7 (C5) 25.7 (C4) 37.4 (C3) 48.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>) 54.5 (C6) 63.7 (C2) 64.3 (C9) 66.4 (C8) 116.3 (C11) 119.8 (C3') 123.3 (C5') 124.2 (C9') 127.2 (C6') 129.4 (C7') 129.9 (C8') 138.1 (C10) 145.2 (C10') 147.6 (C4') 150.1 (C2').

***N*-benzylcinchonidinium bromide (CD-Bzl).** White solid. Yield: 90% (recrystallized from methanol/diethyl). m.p. 185.6-186.7 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{24} = -155^\circ$  (*c* 0.1, MeOH). IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3435 (O-H), 3115 (C-H<sub>Ar</sub>), 1506 (C=N), 1129 (C-N); Anal. Calc. for [C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>29</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O]: C, 67.10; H, 6.28; N, 6.02 found C, 67.13; H, 6.27; N, 6.04; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ ppm 1.20 - 1.37 (1 H, m, H7b) 1.82 (1 H, m, H5b) 1.96 - 2.21 (3 H, m, H5a, H7a, H4) 2.69 (1 H, m, H3) 3.18 - 3.32 (2 H, m, H2b, H6b) 3.78 (1 H, d, *J*=11.3 Hz, H2a) 3.94 (1 H, t, *J*=8.7 Hz, H8) 4.29 (1 H, t, *J*=10.6 Hz, H6a) 4.90 - 5.10 (2 H, m, H11) 5.10 - 5.25 (2 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>) 5.68 (1 H, ddd, *J*=17.2, 10.6, 6.5 Hz, H10) 6.52 - 6.63 (1 H, m, H9) 6.75 (1 H, d, *J*=4.5 Hz, OH) 7.54 - 7.66 (3 H, m, H4'', H6'', H2'') 7.70 - 7.91 (5H, m, H6', H3'', H5'', H7', H3') 8.08 - 8.15 (1 H, m, H5') 8.31 (1 H, d, *J*=8.3 Hz, H8') 8.99 (1 H, d, *J*=4.5 Hz, H2'); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ ppm 21.4 (C7) 24.7 (C5) 26.3 (C4) 37.3 (C3) 51.1 (C6) 59.7 (C2) 63.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>) 64.5 (C9) 68.1 (C8) 116.8 (C11) 120.6 (C3') 124.2 (C5') 124.8 (C9') 127.7 (C6') 128.4 (C1'') 129.4 (C7') 129.9 (C8') 130.3 (C2'', C6'') 130.6 (C4'') 134.2 (C3'', C5'') 138.6 (C10) 145.7 (C10') 148.1 (C4') 150.6 (C2').

***N*-(4-bromobenzyl)cinchonidinium bromide (CD-(pBr)).** White solid. Yield: 80% (recrystallized from methanol/diethyl). m.p. 234.9-235.8 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{24} = -176^\circ$  (*c* 0.1, MeOH); IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3436 (O-H), 3144 (C-H<sub>Ar</sub>), 1506 (C=N), 1071 (C-N); Anal. Calc. for [C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>28</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O]: C, 57.37; H, 5.19; N, 5.15 found C, 57.33; H, 5.17; N, 5.14; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ ppm 1.20 - 1.36 (1 H, m, H7b) 1.80 (1 H, t, *J*=9.4 Hz, H5b) 1.93 - 2.02 (1 H, m, H4) 2.02 - 2.08 (1 H, m, H5a) 2.12 (1 H, dd, *J*=12.8, 8.1 Hz, H7a) 2.67 (1 H, m, H3) 3.23 (1 H, td, *J*=11.4, 4.4 Hz, H6b) 3.32 - 3.35 (1 H, m, H2b) 3.61 - 3.76 (1 H, m, H2a) 3.89 (1 H, t, *J*=9.0 Hz, H8) 4.17 - 4.30 (1 H, m, H6a) 4.95 (1 H, d, *J*=10.6 Hz,

H11b) 4.99 (1 H, d,  $J=12.5$  Hz, H11a) 5.11 - 5.17 (2 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>) 5.67 (1 H, ddd,  $J=17.2, 10.6, 6.0$  Hz, H10) 6.48 - 6.59 (1 H, m, H9) 6.72 (1 H, d,  $J=4.4$  Hz, OH) 7.68 (2 H, d,  $J=8.4$  Hz, H2'', H6'') 7.75 (1 H, td,  $J=7.6, 1.3$  Hz, H3') 7.78 - 7.81 (3 H, m, H6', H5'', H3'') 7.83 - 7.87 (1 H, m, H7') 8.09 - 8.13 (1 H, m, H5') 8.28 (1 H, d,  $J=8.1$  Hz, H8') 8.98 (1 H, d,  $J=4.4$  Hz, H2'), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ ppm 20.8 (C7) 24.2 (C5) 25.8 (C4) 36.9 (C3) 50.6 (C6) 59.1 (C2) 61.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>) 64.1 (C9) 67.7 (C8) 116.3 (C11) 120.0 (C3') 123.5 (C5') 124.0 (C9') 124.3 (C4'') 127.1 (C6') 127.3 (C1) 129.4 (C7') 129.9 (C8') 131.9 (C5'', C3'') 135.8 (C6'', C2'') 138.0 (C10) 145.2 (C10') 147.6 (C4') 150.1 (C2').

***N*-(4-methylbenzyl)cinchonidinium bromide (CD-(pMet))**. Pink solid. Yield: 72% (recrystallized from methanol/diethyl). m.p. 218.3-219.8 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{24} = -226^\circ$  (*c* 0.1, MeOH); IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3422 (O-H), 3120 (C-H<sub>Ar</sub>), 1506 (C=N), 1127 (C-N); Anal. Calc. for [C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>31</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O]: C, 67.64; H, 6.52; N, 5.84 found C, 67.66; H, 6.51; N, 5.86; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ ppm 1.21 - 1.35 (1 H, m, H7b) 1.73- 1.89 (1 H, m, H5b) 1.99 (1 H, m, H4) 2.03 - 2.18 (2 H, m, H7a, H5a) 2.40 (3 H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>) 2.68 (1 H, s, H3) 3.14 - 3.30 (2 H, m, H2b, H6b) 3.68 (1 H, d,  $J=12.8$  Hz, H2a) 3.89 (1 H, t,  $J=8.8$  Hz, H8) 4.22 (1 H, t,  $J=11.7$  Hz, H6a) 4.88 - 5.00 (2 H, m, H11) 5.01 - 5.19 (2 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>) 5.67 (1 H, ddd,  $J=17.2, 10.5, 6.6$  Hz) 6.55 (1 H, s, H9) 6.72 (1 H, d,  $J=4.1$  Hz, OH) 7.39 (2 H, m,  $J=7.9$  Hz, H5'', H3'') 7.59 (2 H, m,  $J=7.9$  Hz, H2'', H6'') 7.70 - 7.91 (3 H, m, H7', H3', H6') 8.06 - 8.15 (1 H, m, H5') 8.27 (1 H, d,  $J=8.3$  Hz, H8') 8.98 (1 H, d,  $J=4.1$  Hz, H2'); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ ppm 21.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>) 21.8 (C7) 24.7 (C5) 26.3 (C4) 37.3 (C3) 59.6 (C6) 62.3 (C2) 63.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>) 64.6 (C9) 68.00 (C8) 116.8 (C11) 120.5 (C3') 124.1 (C5') 124.7 (C9') 125.3 (C1'') 127.6 (C6') 130.0 (C2'', C4'') 130.4 (C8') 134.1 (C3'', C5'') 138.6 (C10) 140.3 (C4'') 145.7 (C10') 148.1 (C4') 150.7 (C2').

***N*-(4-nitrobenzyl)cinchonidinium bromide (CD-(pNO<sub>2</sub>))**. Yellow solid. Yield: 68% (recrystallized from methanol/diethyl). m.p. 193.5-194.5 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{24} = -317^\circ$  (*c* 0.1, MeOH); IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3433 (O-H), 3176 (C-H<sub>Ar</sub>), 1509 (C=N), 1519 (N-O), 1346 (N-O), 1113 (C-N); Anal. Calc. for [C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>28</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>]: C, 61.18; H, 5.53; N, 8.23 found C, 61.17; H, 5.57; N, 8.20; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ ppm 1.26 - 1.37 (1 H, m, H7b) 1.76 - 1.86 (1 H, m, H5b) 1.97 - 2.05 (1 H, m, H4) 2.05 - 2.12 (1 H, m, H5a) 2.12 - 2.18 (1 H, m, H7a) 2.65 (1 H, s, H3) 3.26 (1 H, td,  $J=11.6, 5.1$  Hz, H6b) 3.34 - 3.38 (1 H, m, H2b) 3.81 - 3.87 (1 H, m, H2a) 3.97 (1 H, t,  $J=8.8$  Hz, H8) 4.30 - 4.38 (1 H, m, H6a) 4.97 (1 H, d,  $J=10.6$  Hz, H11a) 5.15 - 5.25 (2 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>) 5.33 (1 H, d,  $J=12.1$  Hz, H11b) 5.68 (1 H, ddd,  $J=17.2, 10.6, 6.6$  Hz, H10) 6.54 - 6.61 (1 H, m, H9) 6.76 (1 H, d,  $J=4.4$  Hz, OH) 7.74 - 7.79 (1 H, m, H6') 7.81 - 7.88 (2 H, m, H3', H7') 8.07 (2 H, m,  $J=8.4$  Hz, H2'', H6'') 8.12 (1 H, d,  $J=8.4$  Hz, H5') 8.32 (1 H, d,  $J=8.4$  Hz, H8') 8.43 (2 H, m,  $J=8.4$  Hz, H5'', H3'') 9.00 (1 H, d,  $J=4.4$  Hz, H2'); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ ppm 20.9 (C7) 24.2 (C5) 25.7 (C4) 36.9 (C3) 50.9 (C6) 59.3 (C2) 61.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>) 64.1 (C9) 68.0 (C8) 116.4 (C11) 120.1 (C3') 123.6 (C5') 123.7 (C3'', C5'') 124.3 (C9') 127.20 (C6', C7') 129.4 (C5') 129.9 (C8') 135.3 (C1) 135.3 (C6'', C2'') 138.0 (C10) 145.1 (C4'') 147.6 (C10') 148.5 (C4') 150.2 (C2').

***N*-(4-chlorobenzyl)cinchonidinium bromide (CD-(pCl))**. White solid. Yield: 82%. m.p. 225.4-226.3 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{24} = -156^\circ$  (*c* 0.1, MeOH); IR( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3430 (O-H), 3117 (C-H<sub>Ar</sub>), 1506 (C=N), 1116 (C-N); Anal. Calc. for  $[\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{28}\text{BrClN}_2\text{O}]$ : C, 62.47; H, 5.65; N, 5.60 found 62.44; H, 5.66; N, 5.63;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 1.21 - 1.38 (1 H, m, H7b) 1.80 (1 H, t, *J*=9.2 Hz, H5b) 2.00 (1 H, m, H4) 2.06 - 2.20 (2 H, m, H7a, H5a) 2.67 (1 H, m, H3) 3.15 - 3.25 (1 H, m, H6b) 3.35 (1 H, d, *J*=11.1 Hz, H2b) 3.72 (1 H, d, *J*=13.0 Hz, H2a) 3.91 (1 H, t, *J*=8.8 Hz, H8) 4.14 - 4.34 (1 H, m, H6a) 4.92 - 5.08 (2 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>) 5.11 - 5.23 (2 H, m, H11) 5.67 (1 H, ddd, *J*=17.2, 10.6, 6.5 Hz, H10) 6.50 - 6.59 (1 H, m, H9) 6.71 (1 H, d, *J*=4.3 Hz, OH) 7.60 - 7.70 (2 H, m, H3', H6') 7.71 - 7.83 (4 H, m, ArH'') 7.84 - 7.88 (1 H, m, H7') 8.11 (1 H, d, *J*=8.5 Hz, H5') 8.28 (1 H, d, *J*=8.3 Hz, H8') 8.98 (1 H, d, *J*=4.5 Hz, H2');  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 21.4 (C7) 24.7 (C5) 26.3 (C4) 37.4 (C3) 51.1 (C6) 59.7 (C2) 62.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>) 64.6 (C9) 68.24 (C8) 116.8 (C11) 120.5 (C3') 124.1 (C5') 124.7 (C9') 127.4 (C1) 127.7 (C6') 129.5 (C7') 129.9 (C8') 130.4 (C2'', C6'') 135.7 (C'') 136.0 (C3'', C5'') 138.5 (C10) 145.7 (C10') 148.1 (C4') 150.6 (C2').

***N*-methyl cinchoninium iodide (CN-Met)**. Orange solid. Yield: 60% (recrystallized from acetonitrile/diethyl ether). m.p. 236.8-237.8 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{24} = +225^\circ$  (*c* 0.1, MeOH); IR( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3446 (O-H), 3124 (C-H<sub>Ar</sub>), 1511 (C=N), 1132 (C-N); Anal. Calc. for  $[\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{25}\text{IN}_2\text{O}]$ : C, 55.05; H, 5.78; N, 6.42 found C, 55.02; H, 5.75; N, 6.40;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 0.96 - 1.03 (1 H, m, H7b) 1.77 - 1.84 (1 H, m, H5b) 1.86 - 1.91 (1 H, m, H5a) 1.93 (1 H, m, H4) 2.20 (1 H, t, *J*=11.6 Hz, H7a) 2.78 (1 H, q, *J*=8.6 Hz, H3) 3.37 (3 H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>) 3.49 - 3.60 (2 H, m, H6b) 3.66 (1 H, t, *J*=9.4 Hz, H2a) 3.74 (1 H, t, *J*=11.4 Hz, H8) 4.22 (1 H, ddd, *J*=11.9, 9.0, 2.6 Hz, H6a) 5.23 - 5.27 (2 H, m, H11) 6.01 (1 H, ddd, *J*=17.4, 10.1, 7.0 Hz, H10) 6.20 (1 H, s, H9) 6.66 (1 H, d, *J*=3.3 Hz, OH) 7.70 - 7.74 (1 H, m, H7') 7.76 (1 H, d, *J*=4.4 Hz, H3') 7.81 - 7.85 (1 H, m, H6') 8.10 (1 H, d, *J*=8.4 Hz, H5') 8.20 (1 H, d, *J*=8.1 Hz, H8') 8.97 (1 H, d, *J*=4.4 Hz, H2');  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 19.6 (C7) 23.3 (C5) 26.2 (C4) 37.2 (C3) 48.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>) 58.5 (C6) 59.9 (C2) 64.9 (C9) 65.7 (C8) 117.0 (C11) 119.8 (C3') 123.4 (C5') 124.2 (C9') 127.2 (C6') 129.4 (C7') 129.8 (C8') 137.0 (C10) 144.8 (C10) 147.6 (C4') 150.1 (C2').

***N*-benzyl cinchoninium bromide (CN-Bzl)**. White solid. Yield: 61% (recrystallized from acetonitrile/diethyl ether); m.p. 259.3-260.5 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{24} = +136^\circ$  (*c* 0.1, MeOH); IR( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3444 (O-H), 3187 (C-H<sub>Ar</sub>), 1512 (C=N), 1071 (C-N); Anal. Calc. for  $[\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{29}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}]$ : C, 67.10; H, 6.28; N, 6.02 found C, C, 67.12; H, 6.25; N, 6.01;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 0.99 - 1.12 (1 H, m, H7b) 1.78 (2 H, d, *J*=8.3 Hz, H5) 1.87 (1 H, m, H4) 2.30 (1 H, t, *J*=11.5 Hz, H7a) 2.65 (1 H, q, *J*=8.0 Hz, H3) 2.88 - 3.03 (1 H, m, H2b) 3.48 (1 H, t, *J*=11.2 Hz, H6b) 3.88 - 4.06 (2 H, m, H2a, H8) 4.24 (1 H, t, *J*=9.4 Hz, H6a) 4.98 (1 H, d, *J*=12.3 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>) 5.14 (1 H, d, *J*=12.3 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>) 5.18 - 5.29 (2 H, m, H11) 5.93 - 6.08 (1 H, m, H10) 6.53 (1 H, s, H9) 6.82 (1 H, d, *J*=3.9 Hz, OH) 7.55 - 7.62 (3 H, m, H3', H6', H7') 7.71 - 7.89 (5 H, m, Ar H'') 8.11 (1 H, d, *J*=8.3 Hz, H5') 8.36 (1 H, d, *J*=8.3 Hz, H8') 8.99 (1 H, d, *J*=4.3 Hz, H2');  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 21.2 (C7) 23.4 (C5) 26.8 (C4)

37.1 (C3) 54.3 (C6) 56.5 (C2) 62.8 (C5) 65.2 (C9) 67.6 (C8) 117.5 (C11) 120.6 (C3') 124.4 (C5') 124.9 (C9') 127.7 (C6') 128.4 (C1'') 129.4 (C3'', C5'') 129.9 (C7') 130.3 (C8') 130.6 (C4'') 134.3 (C2'', C6'') 137.6 (C10) 145.5 (C10') 148.1 (C4') 150.6 (C2').

***N*-(4-bromobenzyl)cinchoninium bromide (CN-(pBr))**. White solid. Yield: 72% (recrystallized from methanol/diethyl ether); m.p. 236-237 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{24} = +98^\circ$  (*c* 0.1, MeOH). IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3438 (O-H), 3142 (C-H<sub>Ar</sub>), 1508 (C=N), 1070 (C-N); Anal. Calc. for [C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>28</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O]: C, 57.37; H, 5.19; N, 5.15 found C, 57.36; H, 5.18; N, 5.16; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 0.81 - 0.93 (1 H, m, H7b) 1.26 - 1.43 (2 H, m, H5) 1.80 (1 H, m, H4) 2.04 - 2.15 (1 H, m, H7a) 2.24 - 2.39 (1 H, m, H3) 2.65 - 2.78 (1 H, m, H2b) 3.20 (1 H, t, *J*=11.3 Hz, H6b) 4.05 - 4.23 (2 H, m, H8, H2a) 4.46 (1 H, ddd, *J*=12.2, 9.3, 2.3 Hz, H6a) 5.19 (1 H, d, *J*=17.2 Hz, H11a) 5.23 - 5.40 (2 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>) 5.84 (1 H, ddd, *J*=17.3, 10.2, 7.2 Hz, H10) 6.30 (1 H, d, *J*=12.1 Hz, H9) 6.56 (1 H, d, *J*=5.9 Hz, OH) 6.89 - 7.02 (2 H, m, H3', H6') 7.34 (2 H, d, *J*=8.6 Hz, H3'', H5'') 7.47 - 7.58 (3 H, m, H2'', H6'', H7') 7.86 (1 H, d, *J*=4.658 Hz, H5') 8.24 (1 H, d, *J*=7.8 Hz, H8') 8.84 (1 H, d, *J*=4.3 Hz, H2'); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 21.8 (C7) 23.7 (C5) 27.1 (C4) 38.0 (C3) 53.7 (C6) 56.2 (C2) 60.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>) 65.6 (C9) 66.9 (C8) 118.3 (C11) 119.6 (C3') 123.0 (C5') 123.3 (C9') 125.4 (C4'') 125.9 (C1'') 127.1 (C6') 128.2 (C7') 129.5 (C8') 132.0 (C2'', C6'') 135.0 (C10) 135.5 (C3'', C5'') 144.0 (C10') 146.9 (C4') 149.4 (C2').

***N*-(4-nitrobenzyl)cinchoninium bromide (CN-(pNO<sub>2</sub>))**. Yellow solid. Yield: 65% (recrystallized from methanol/diethyl ether). m.p. 239.8-240.6 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{24} = +108^\circ$  (*c* 0.1, MeOH); IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3427 (O-H), 3200 (C-H<sub>Ar</sub>), 1509 (C=N), 1527 (N-O), 1351 (N-O), 1103 (C-N); Anal. Calc. for [C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>28</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>]: C, 61.18; H, 5.53; N, 8.23 found C, 61.20; H, 5.54; N, 8.23; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 0.81 - 0.88 (1 H, m, H7b) 1.25 - 1.41 (1 H, m, H5b) 1.77 - 1.88 (2 H, m, H4, H5a) 2.09 - 2.17 (1 H, m, H7a) 2.30 - 2.39 (1 H, m, H3) 2.70 - 2.81 (1 H, m, H2b) 3.17 (1 H, t, *J*=11.3 Hz, H6b) 4.13 - 4.26 (2 H, m, H8, H2a) 4.55 (1 H, ddd, *J*=12.1, 9.4, 2.0 Hz, H6a) 5.22 (1 H, d, *J*=17.2 Hz, H11a) 5.28 (1 H, d, *J*=10.2 Hz, H11b) 5.60 - 5.72 (1 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>a) 5.85 (1 H, ddd, *J*=17.3, 10.4, 7.0 Hz, H10) 6.40 - 6.44 (1 H, m, H9) 6.47 - 6.53 (2 H, m, OH, CH<sub>2</sub>b) 6.93 - 7.02 (2 H, m, H3', H7') 7.51 - 7.55 (1 H, m, H6') 7.84 (1 H, d, *J*=4.3 Hz, H5') 7.87 - 7.95 (4 H, m, Ar H'') 8.22 - 8.28 (1 H, m, H8') 8.84 (1 H, d, *J*=4.7 Hz, H2'); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 21.8 (C7) 23.7 (C5) 27.0 (C4) 37.9 (C3) 54.3 (C6) 56.6 (C2) 59.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>) 65.6 (C9) 67.4 (C8) 118.6 (C11) 119.5 (C3') 122.8 (C5') 123.2 (C3'', C5'') 123.2 (C9') 127.1 (C6') 128.2 (C7') 129.7 (C8') 134.2 (C1'') 134.6 (C10) 135.4 (C2'', C6'').

***N*-(4-chlorobenzyl)cinchoninium bromide (CN-(pCl))**. White solid. Yield: 72% (recrystallized from methanol/diethyl ether). m.p. 248.6-249.8 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{24} = +173^\circ$  (*c* 0.1, MeOH); IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3435 (O-H), 3131 (C-H<sub>Ar</sub>), 1506 (C=N), 1062 (C-N); Anal. Calc. for [C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>28</sub>BrClN<sub>2</sub>O]: C, 62.47; H, 5.65; N, 5.60 found C, 62.43; H, 5.67; N, 5.61; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 0.81 - 0.93 (1 H, m, H7b) 1.26 - 1.43 (2 H, m, H5) 1.80 (1 H, m, H4) 2.04 - 2.15 (1 H, m, H7a) 2.24 - 2.39 (1 H, m, H3) 2.65 - 2.78 (1

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***N*-(3-bromobenzyl)cinchoninium bromide (CN-(mBr))**. White solid. Yield: 53% (recrystallized from acetonitrile/diethyl ether). m.p. 227.9-229.1 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{24} = +117^\circ$  (*c* 0.1, MeOH); IR(cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3139 (O-H), 3454 (C-H<sub>Ar</sub>), 1509 (C=N), 1060 (C-N); Anal. Calc. for [C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>28</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O]: C, 62.47; H, 5.65; N, 5.60 found C, 62.50; H, 5.63; N, 5.57; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ ppm 1.00 - 1.13 (1 H, m, H7b) 1.69 - 1.82 (2 H, m, H5) 1.88 (1 H, m, H4) 2.30 (1 H, t,  $J=11.7$  Hz, H7a) 2.60 - 2.74 (1 H, m, H3) 2.92 - 3.07 (1 H, m, H2b) 3.50 (1 H, t,  $J=11.3$  Hz, H6b) 3.83 - 4.03 (2 H, m, H8, H2a) 4.24 (1 H, t,  $J=9.6$  Hz, H6a) 4.94 (1 H, d,  $J=12.4$  Hz, H11a) 5.12 (1 H, d,  $J=12.4$  Hz, H11b) 5.19 - 5.29 (2 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>) 6.01 (1 H, ddd,  $J=17.5, 10.2, 7.0$  Hz, H10) 6.49 (1 H, s, H9) 6.77 (1 H, d,  $J=3.8$  Hz, OH) 7.49 - 7.60 (1 H, m, H3') 7.70 - 7.90 (5 H, m, H Ar'', H7') 8.04 - 8.16 (2 H, m, H, H5', H6') 8.34 (1 H, d,  $J=8.3$  Hz, H8') 8.99 (1 H, d,  $J=4.5$  Hz, H2'); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ ppm 21.1 (C7) 23.5 (C5) 26.8 (C4) 37.1 (C3) 54.5 (C6) 56.5 (C2) 61.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>) 65.2 (C8) 67.9 (C9) 117.5 (C11) 120.5 (C3') 122.5 (C9') 124.2 (C5') 124.8 (C3'') 127.7 (C6') 129.9 (C7') 130.3 (C8') 131.0 (C1'') 131.5 (C6'') 133.4 (C5'') 133.5 (C4'') 136.6 (C2'') 137.6 (C10) 145.4 (C10') 148.1 (C4') 150.6 (C2').

***N*-(3-chlorobenzyl)cinchoninium chloride (CN-(mCl))**. White solid. Yield: 30% (recrystallized from acetonitrile/diethyl ether). m.p. 240.5-241.5°C;  $[\alpha]_D^{24} = +223^\circ$  (*c* 0.1, MeOH); IR(cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3417 (O-H), 3085 (C-H<sub>Ar</sub>), 1511 (C=N), 1100 (C-N); Anal. Calc. for [C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>28</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O]: C, 68.57; H, 6.20; N, 6.15 found C, 68.55; H, 6.21; N, 6.17, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ ppm 1.00 - 1.13 (1 H, m, H7b) 1.69 - 1.82 (2 H, m, H5) 1.88 (1 H, m, H4) 2.30 (1 H, t,  $J=11.7$  Hz, H7a) 2.60 - 2.74 (1 H, m, H3) 2.92 - 3.07 (1 H, m, H2b) 3.50 (1 H, t,  $J=11.3$  Hz, H6b) 3.83 - 4.03 (2 H, m, H8, H2a) 4.24 (1 H, t,  $J=9.6$  Hz, H6a) 4.94 (1 H, d,  $J=12.4$  Hz, H11a) 5.12 (1 H, d,  $J=12.4$  Hz, H11b) 5.19 - 5.29 (2 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>) 6.01 (1 H, ddd,  $J=17.5, 10.2, 7.0$  Hz, H10) 6.49 (1 H, s, H9) 6.77 (1 H, d,  $J=3.8$  Hz, OH) 7.49 - 7.60 (1 H, m, H3') 7.70 - 7.90 (5 H, m, H Ar'', H7') 8.04 - 8.16 (2 H, m, H, H5', H6') 8.34 (1 H, d,  $J=8.3$  Hz, H8') 8.99 (1 H, d,  $J=4.5$  Hz, H2'); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ ppm 21.1 (C7) 23.5 (C5) 26.8 (C4) 37.1 (C3) 54.5 (C6) 56.5 (C2) 61.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>) 65.2 (C8) 67.9 (C9) 117.5 (C11) 120.5 (C3') 122.5 (C9') 124.2 (C5') 124.8 (C3'') 127.7 (C6') 129.9 (C7') 130.3 (C8') 131.0 (C1'') 131.5 (C6'') 133.4 (C5'') 133.5 (C4'') 136.6 (C2'') 137.6 (C10) 145.4 (C10') 148.1 (C4') 150.6 (C2').

***N*-(3-nitrobenzyl)cinchoninium bromide (CN-(mNO<sub>2</sub>)).** White solid. Yield: 67% (recrystallized from acetonitrile/diethyl ether). m.p. 248.2-249.6 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{24} = +176^\circ$  (*c* 0.1, MeOH); IR(cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3417 (O-H), 3176 (C-H<sub>Ar</sub>), 1527 (N-O), 1509 (C=N), 1346 (N-O), 1062 (C-N); Anal. Calc. for [C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>28</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>]: C, 61.18; H, 5.53; N, 8.23 found C, 61.19; H, 5.51; N, 8.25; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ ppm 1.00 - 1.14 (1 H, m, H7b) 1.71 - 1.85 (2 H, m, H5) 1.90 (1 H, m, H4) 2.28 - 2.39 (1 H, m, H7a) 2.61 (1 H, d, *J*=8.1 Hz, H3) 2.99 (1 H, d, *J*=9.5 Hz, H2b) 3.53 (1 H, t, *J*=11.4 Hz, H6b) 3.88 - 4.06 (2 H, m, H2a, H8) 4.28 (1 H, t, *J*=9.2 Hz, H6a) 5.10 (1 H, d, *J*=12.5 Hz, H11b) 5.20 - 5.35 (3 H, m, H11a, CH<sub>2</sub>) 6.01 (1 H, ddd, *J*=17.1, 10.5, 7.0 Hz, H10) 6.53 (1 H, s, H9) 6.80 (1 H, d, *J*=3.7 Hz, OH) 7.78 (1 H, t, *J*=7.3 Hz, H3') 7.81 - 7.92 (3 H, m, H6', H5'', H6'') 8.13 (1 H, d, *J*=8.1 Hz, H7') 8.24 (1 H, d, *J*=7.3 Hz, H5') 8.36 (1 H, d, *J*=8.0 Hz, H8') 8.43 (1 H, dd, *J*=8.0, 1.5 Hz, H4'') 8.70 (1 H, m, H2'') 9.00 (1 H, d, *J*=4.4 Hz, H2'); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ ppm 20.6 (C7) 23.0 (C5) 26.3 (C4) 36.7 (C3) 39.1 (C6) 54.1 (C6) 56.0 (C2) 61.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>) 64.7 (C9) 67.6 (C8) 117.0 (C11) 120.0 (C3') 123.7 (C5') 124.3 (C9') 124.9 (C6') 127.2 (C7') 128.4 (C5'') 129.4 (C6'') 129.8 (C8') 129.9 (C1'') 130.5 (C4'') 137.0 (C2'') 140.2 (C10) 144.8 (C10') 147.6 (C3'') 148.0 (C4') 150.2 (C2').

## S2. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of prepared compounds

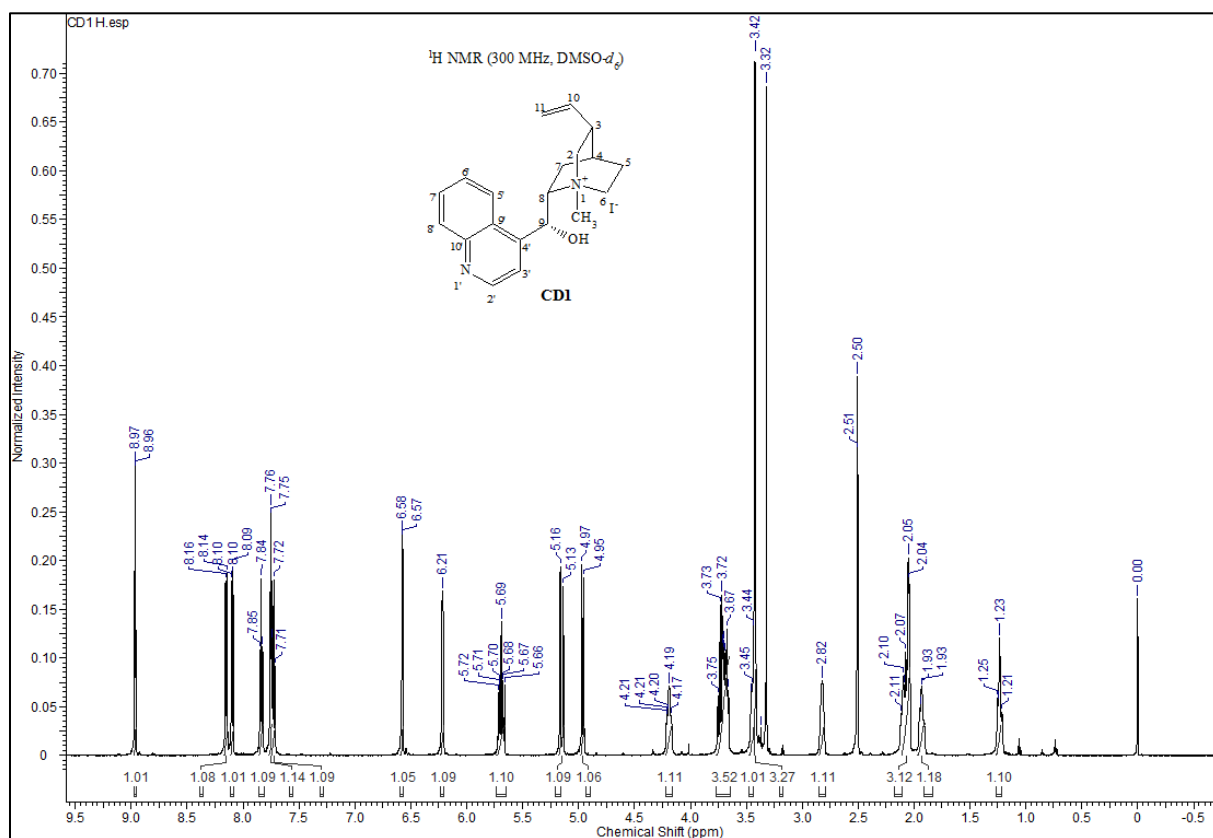


Figure 1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of CD-Met

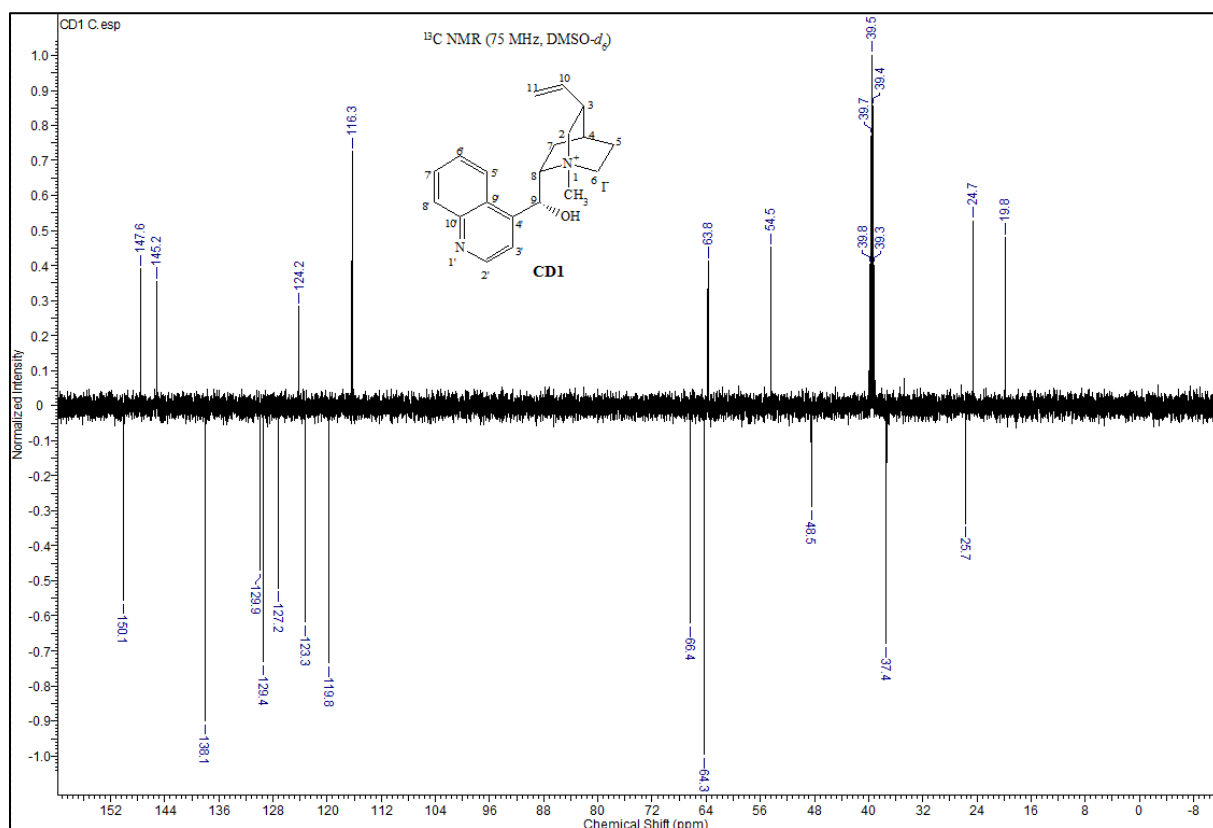


Figure 2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of CD-Met



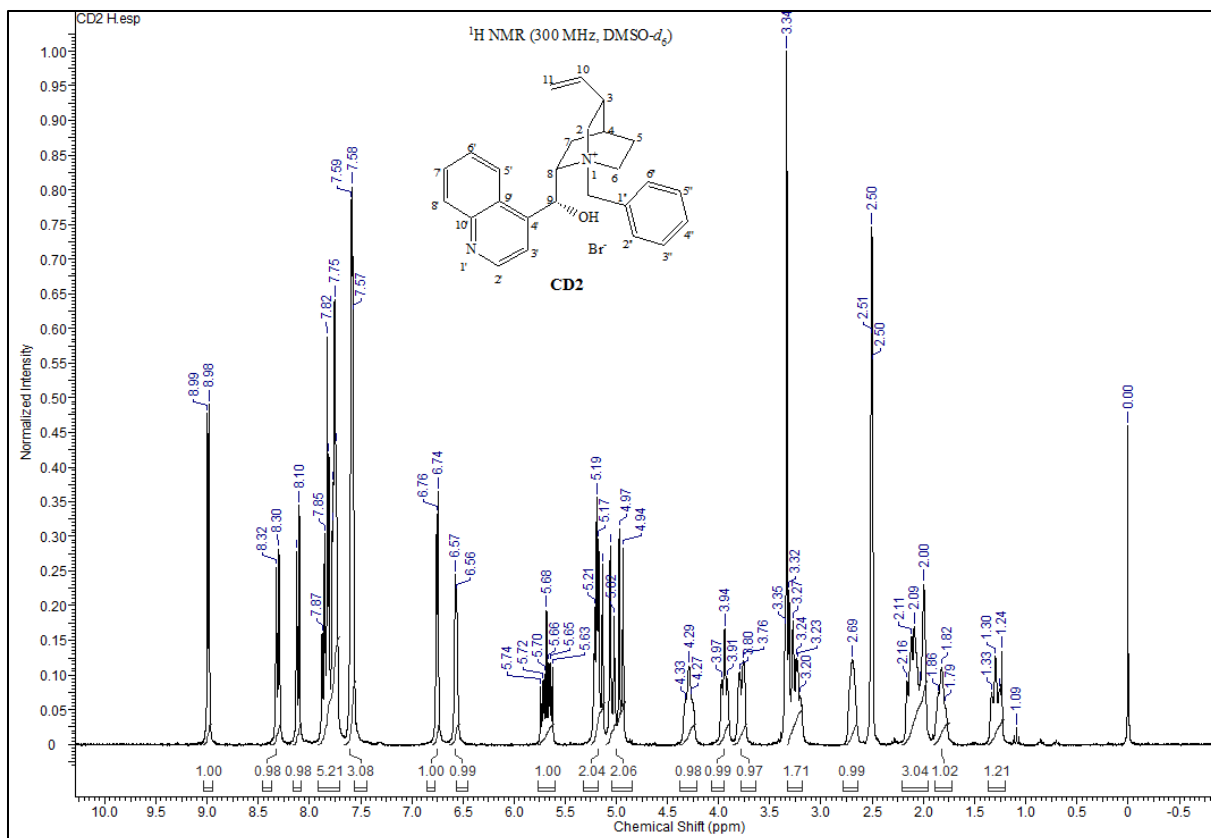


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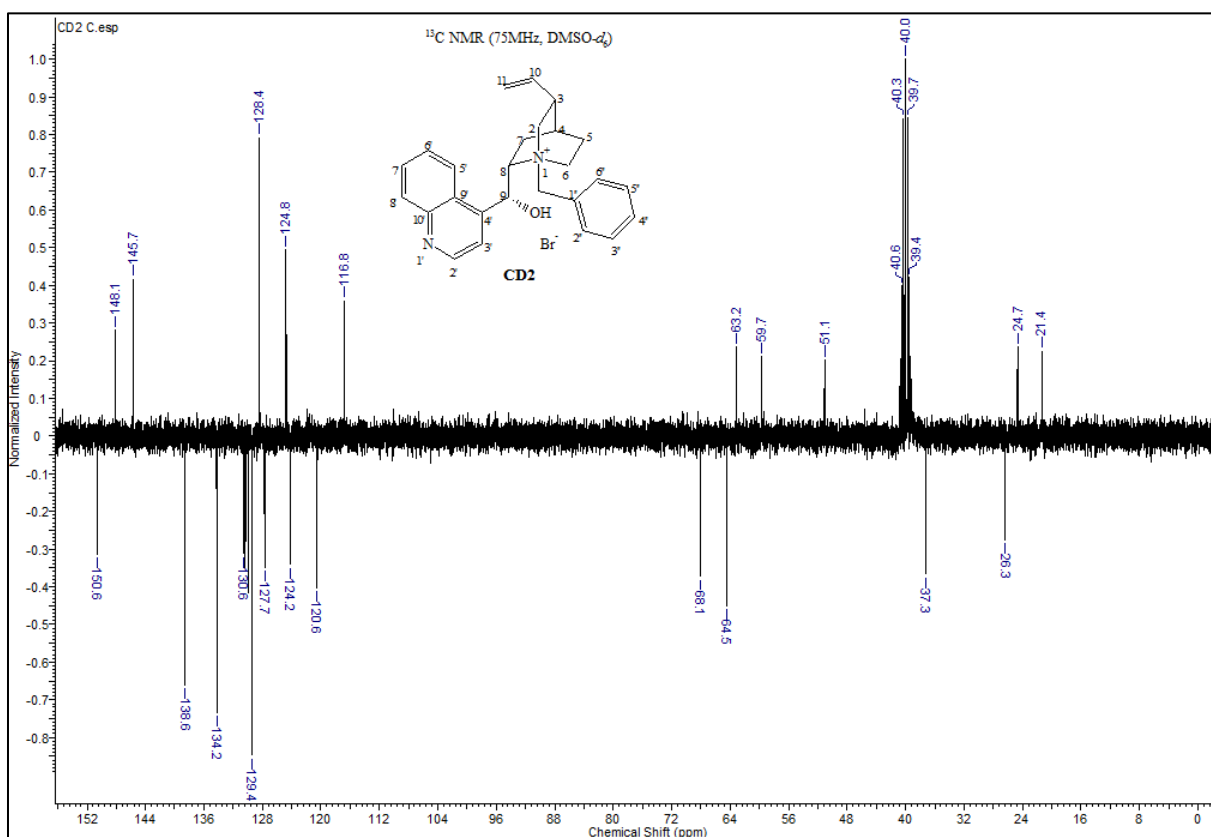


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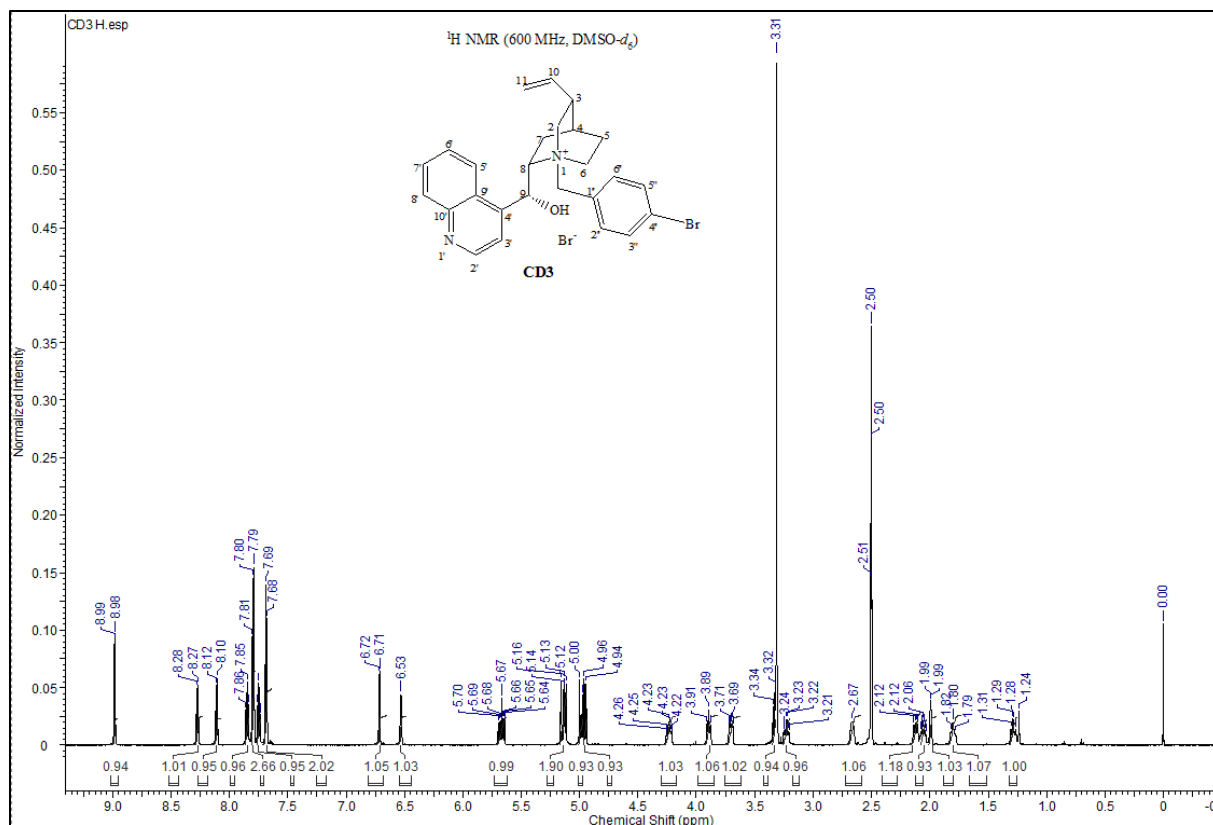


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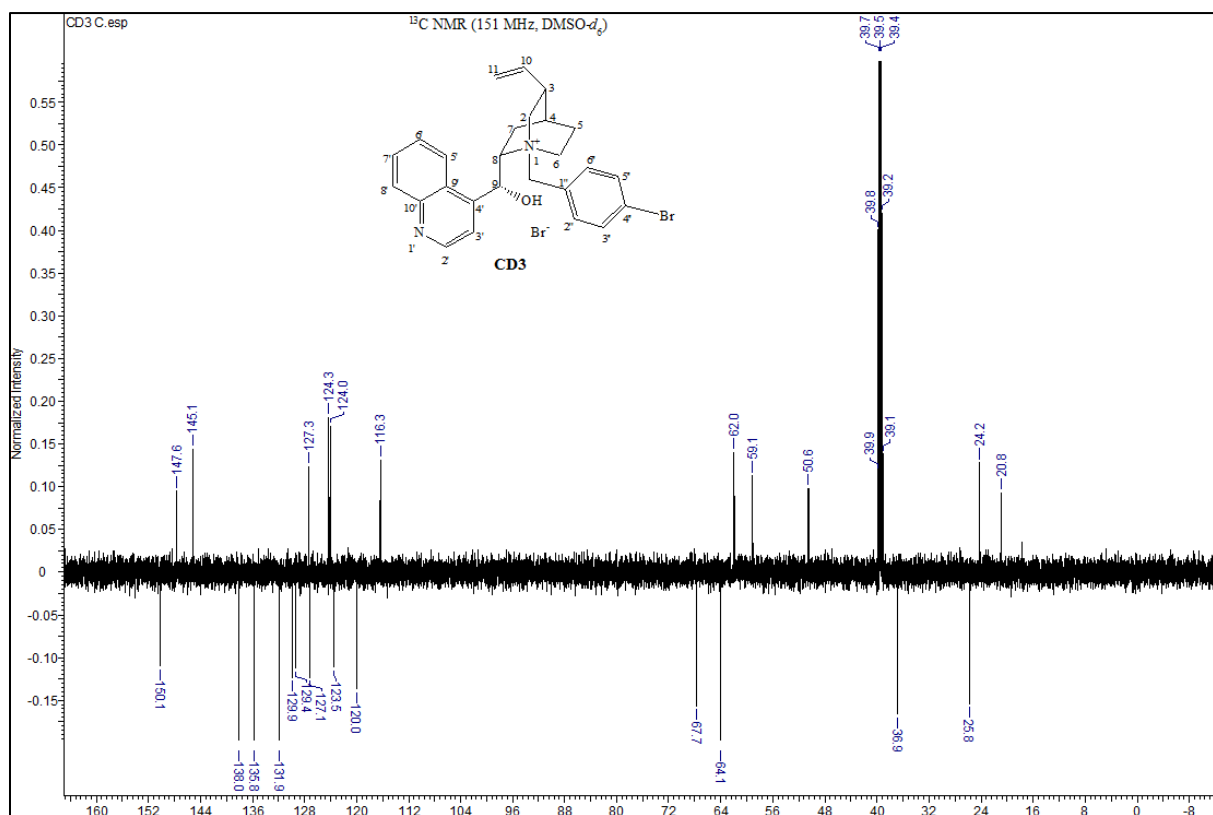


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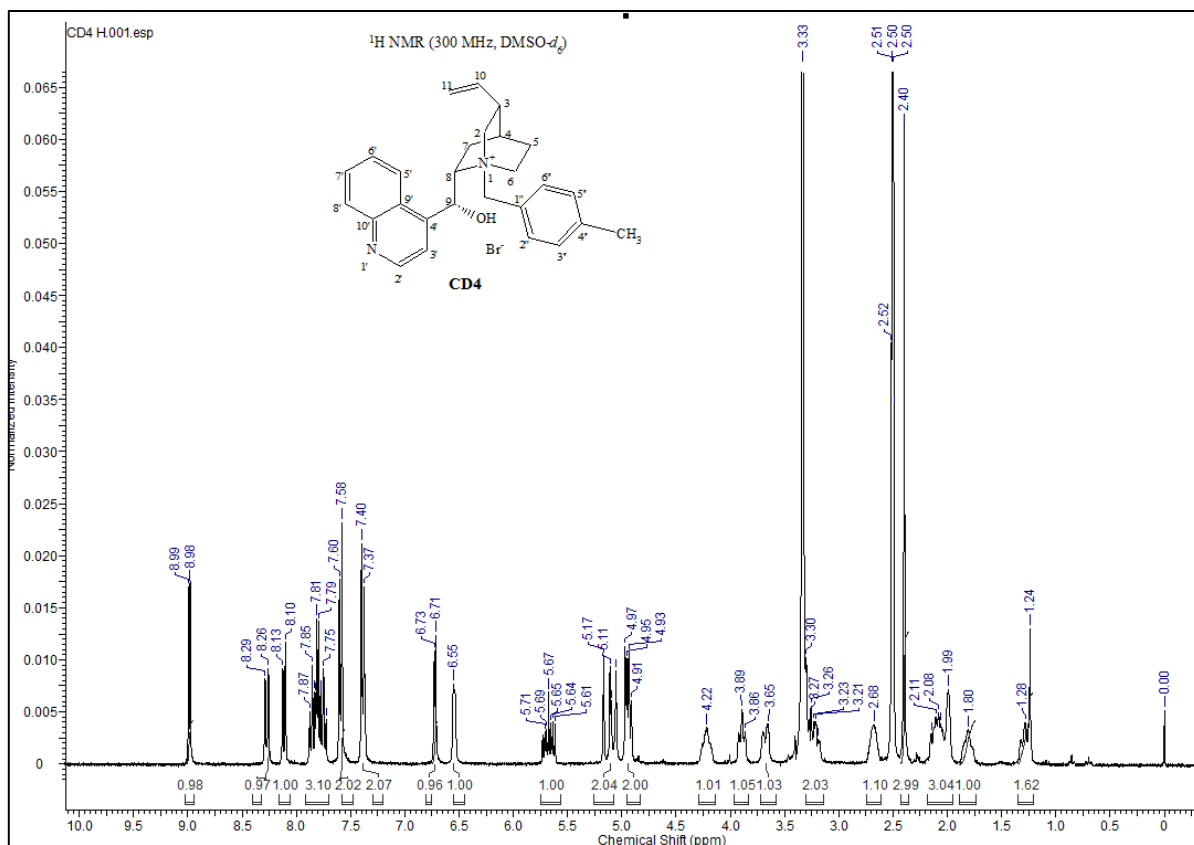


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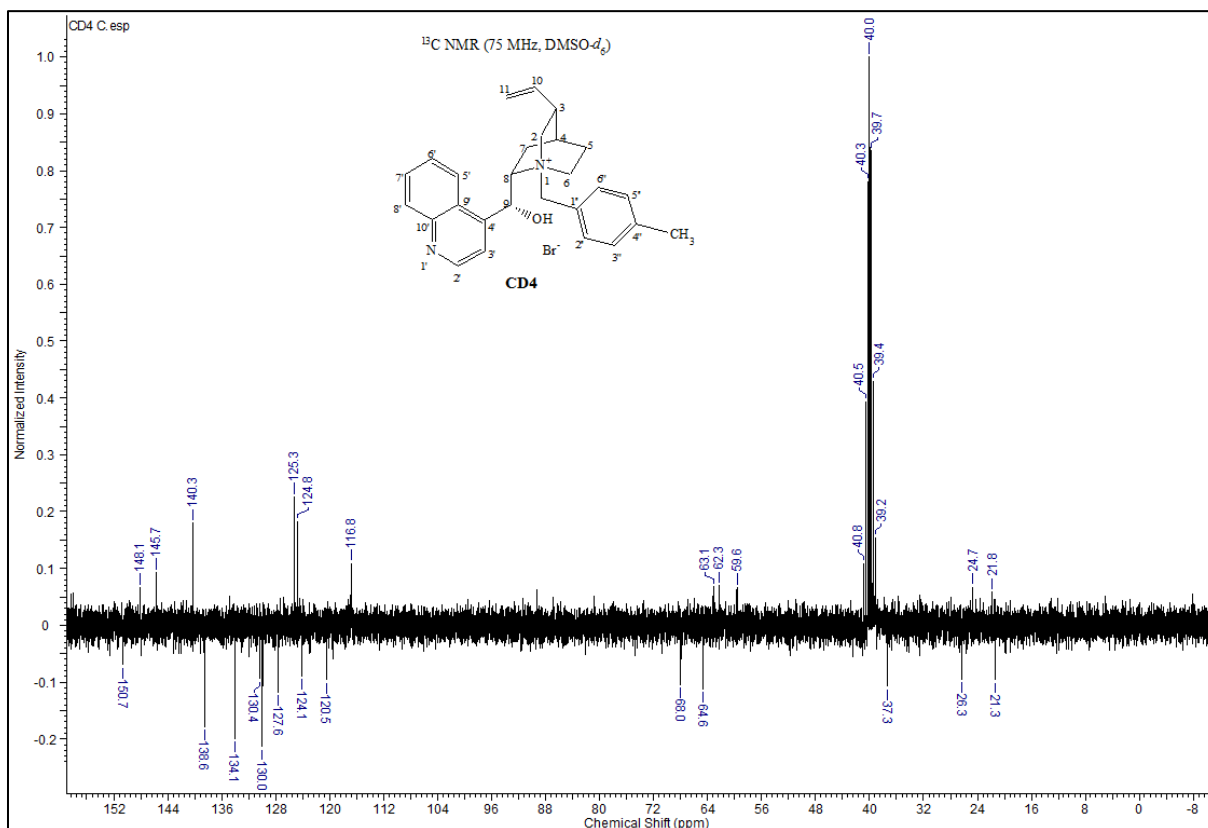


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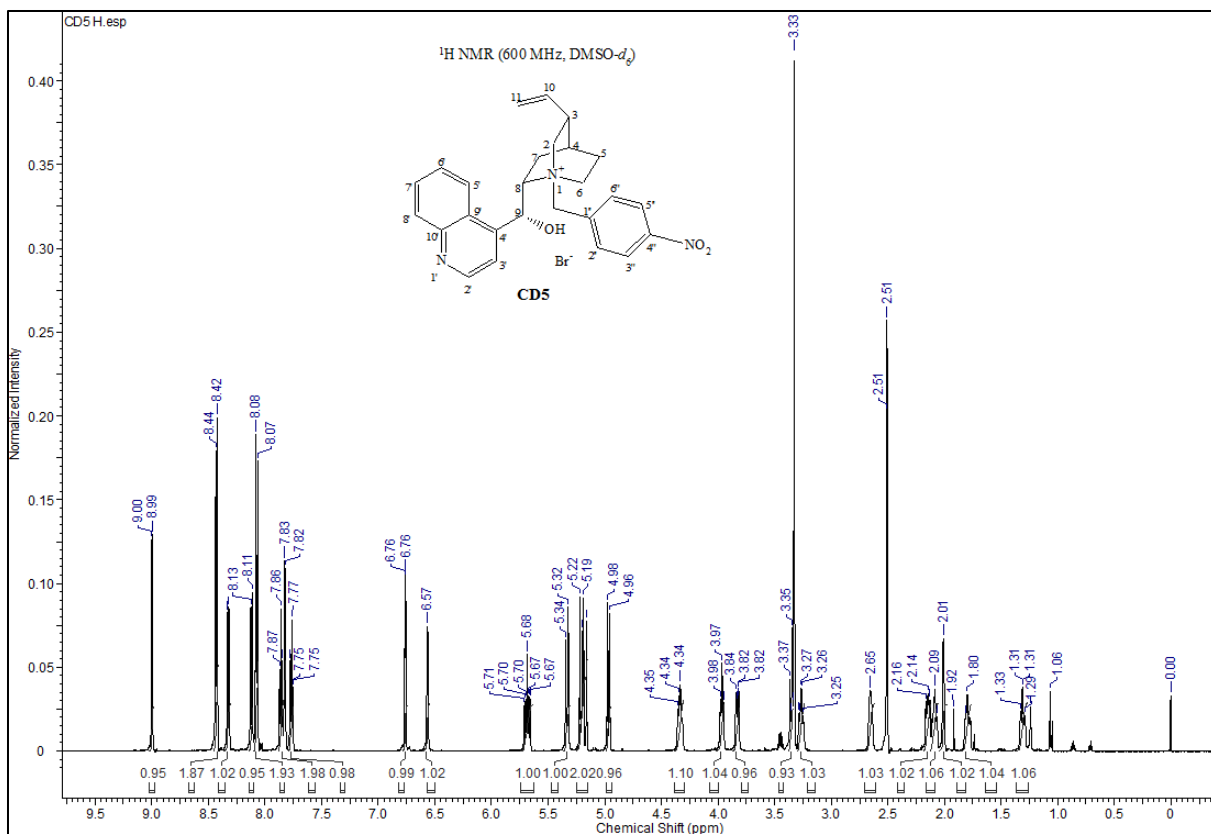


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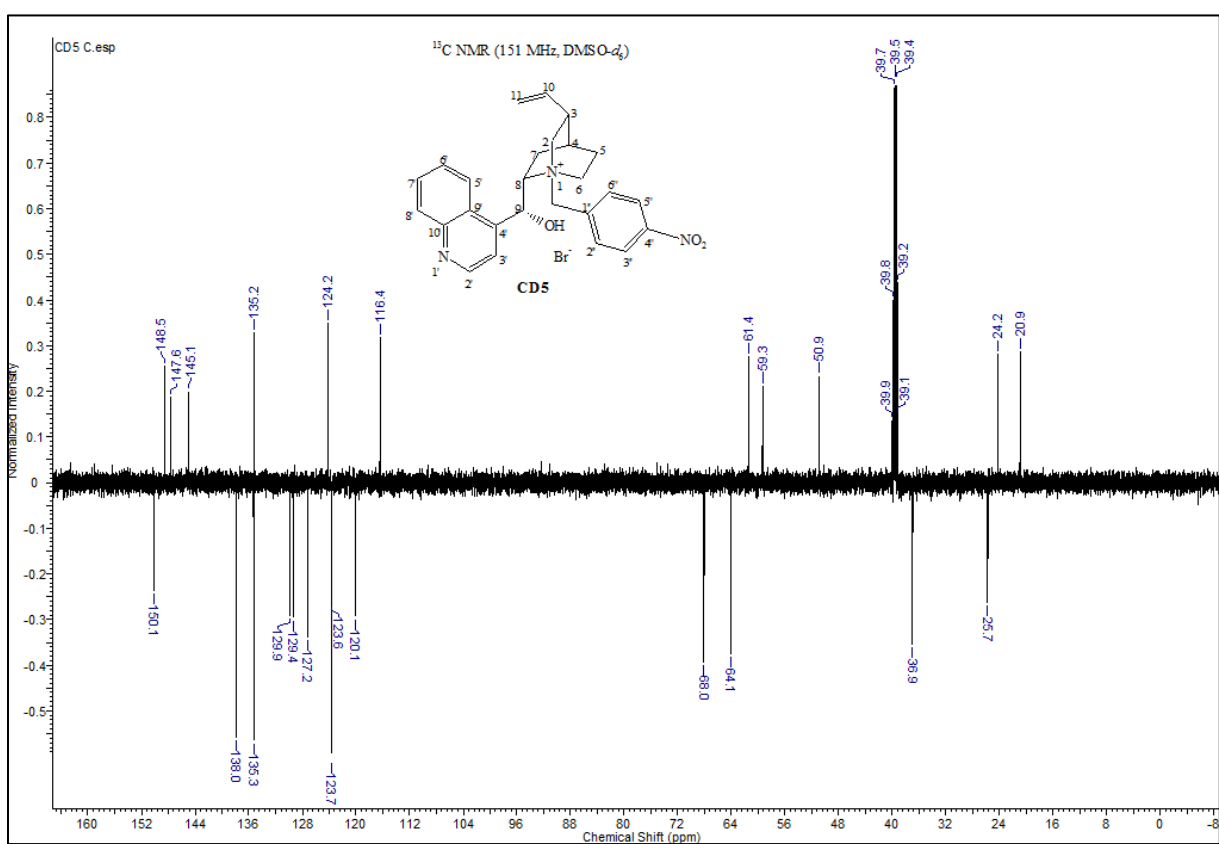


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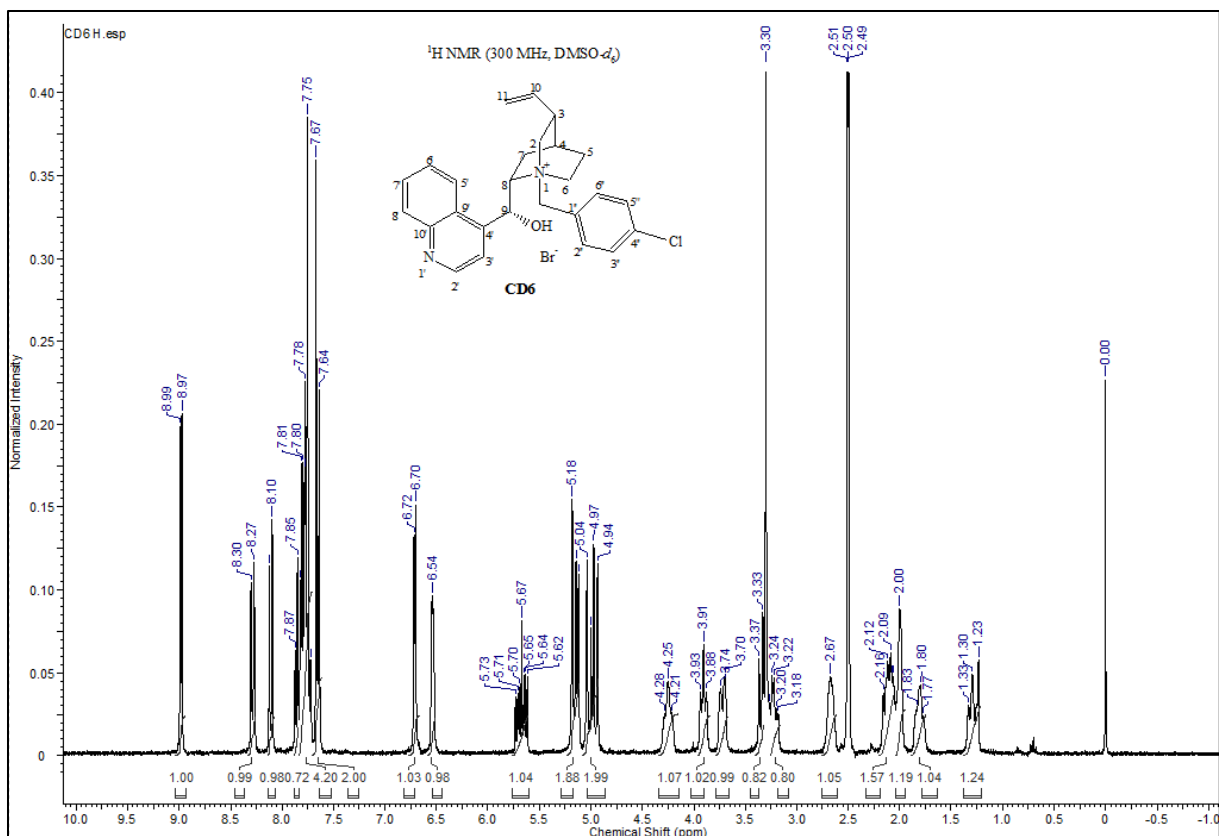


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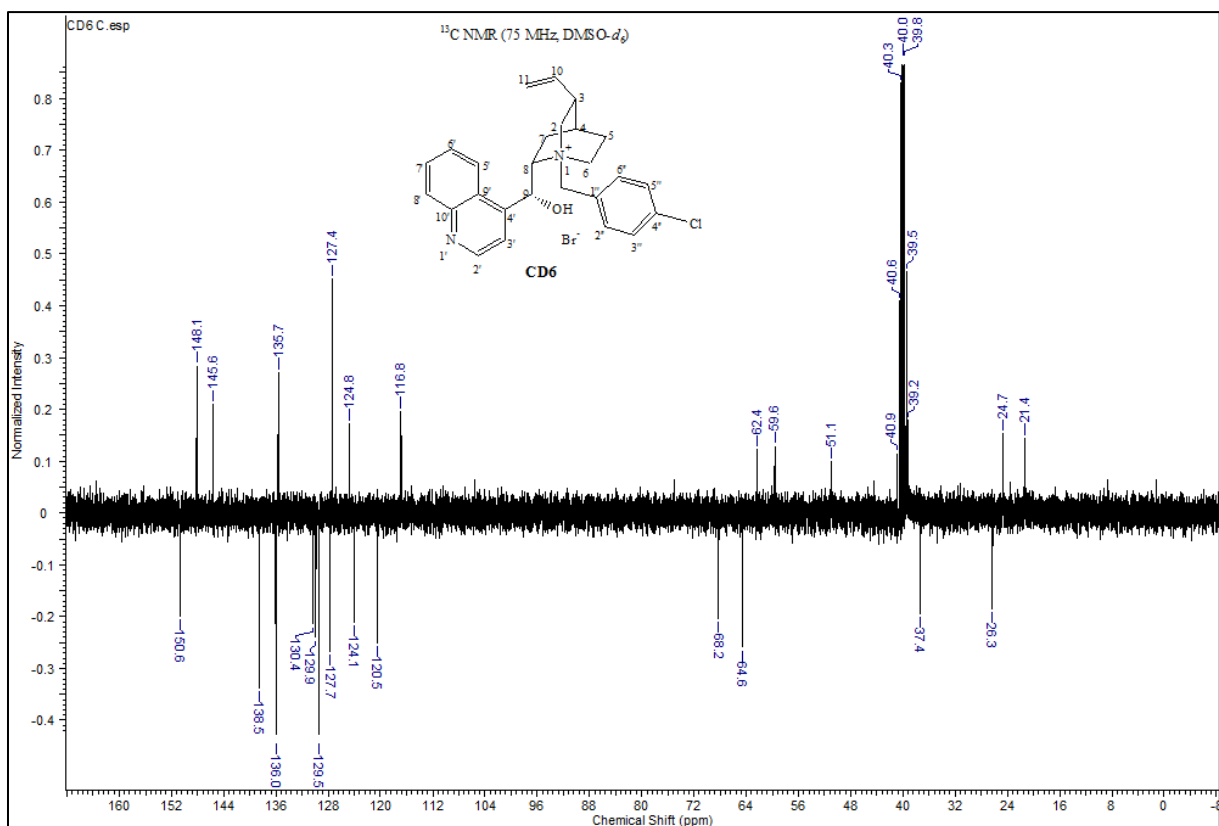


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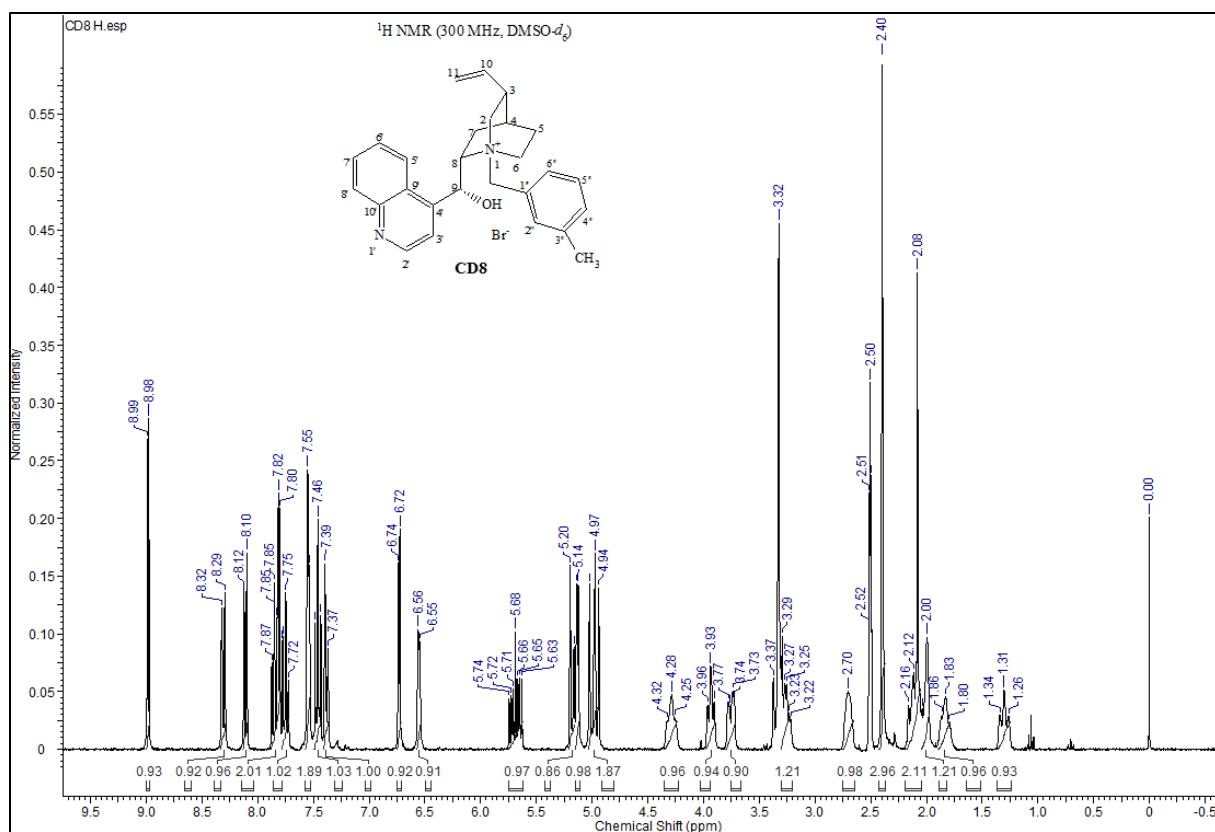


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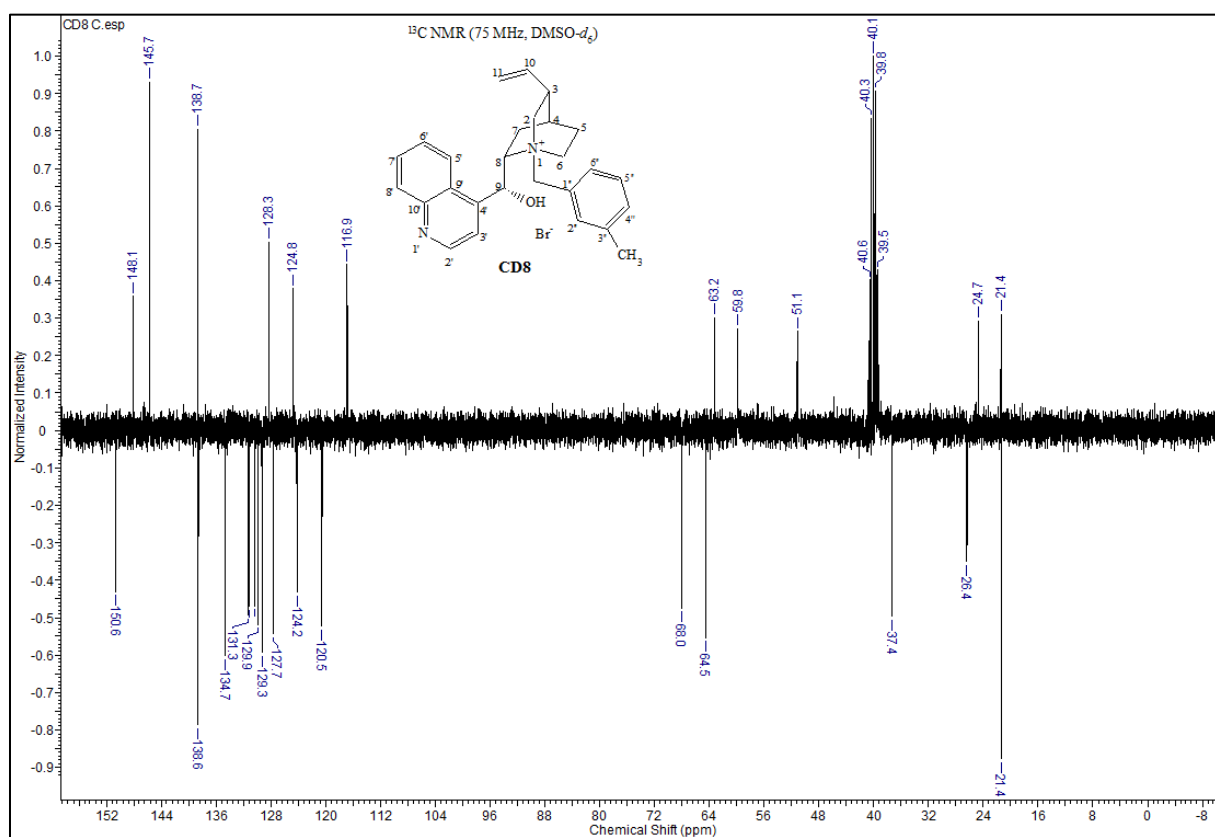


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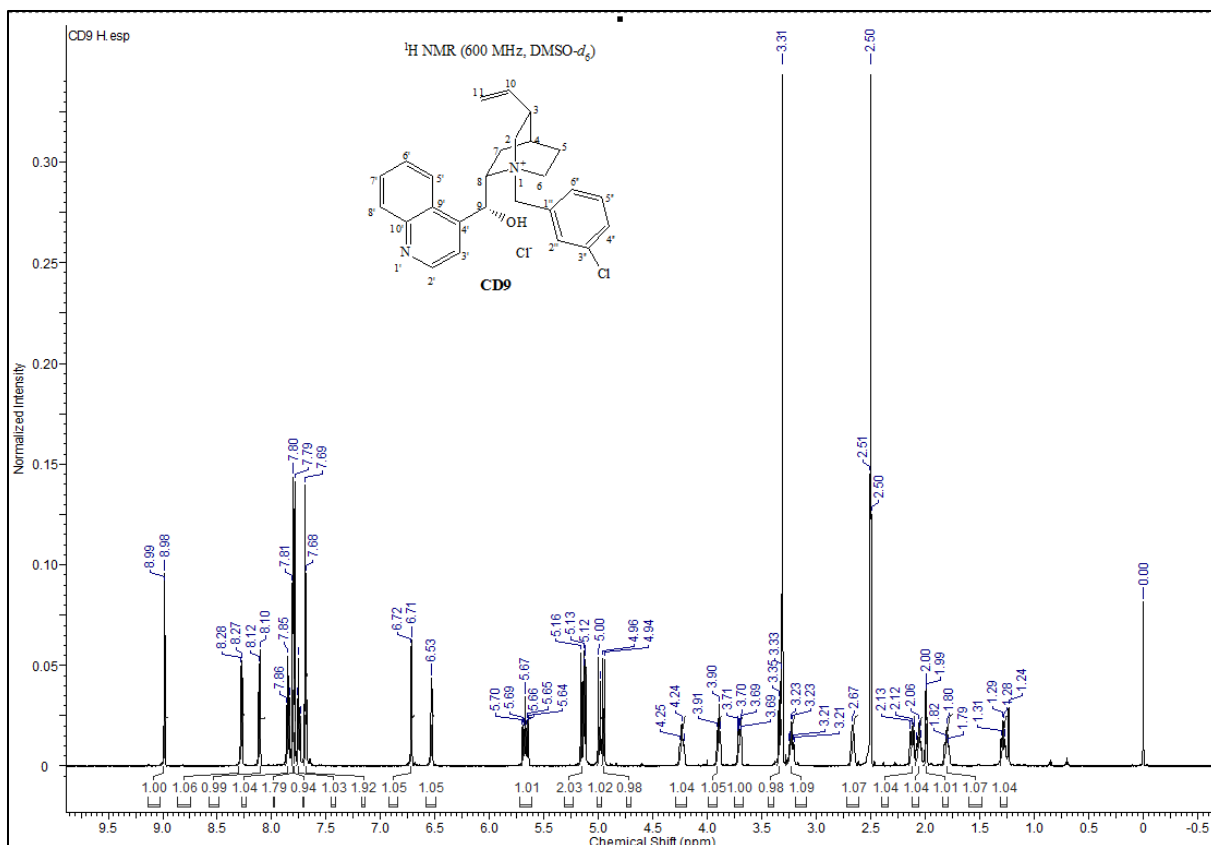


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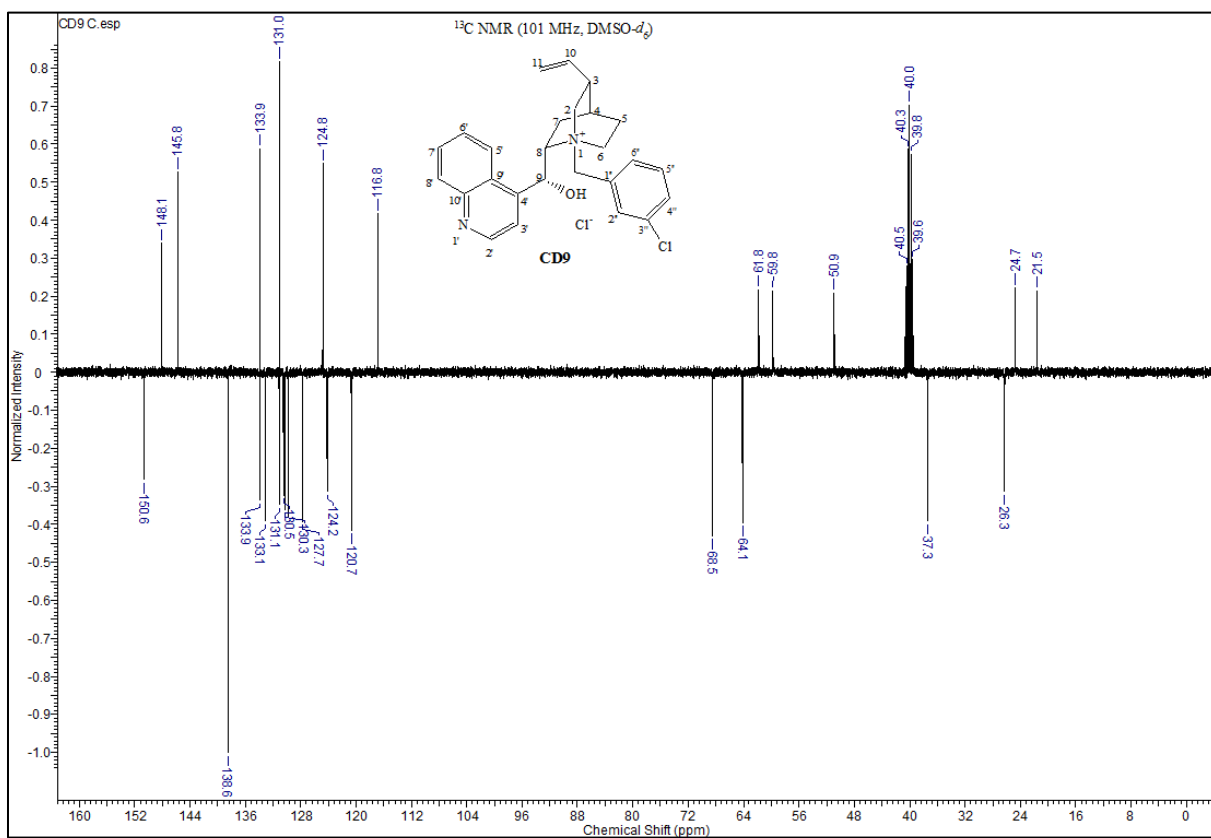


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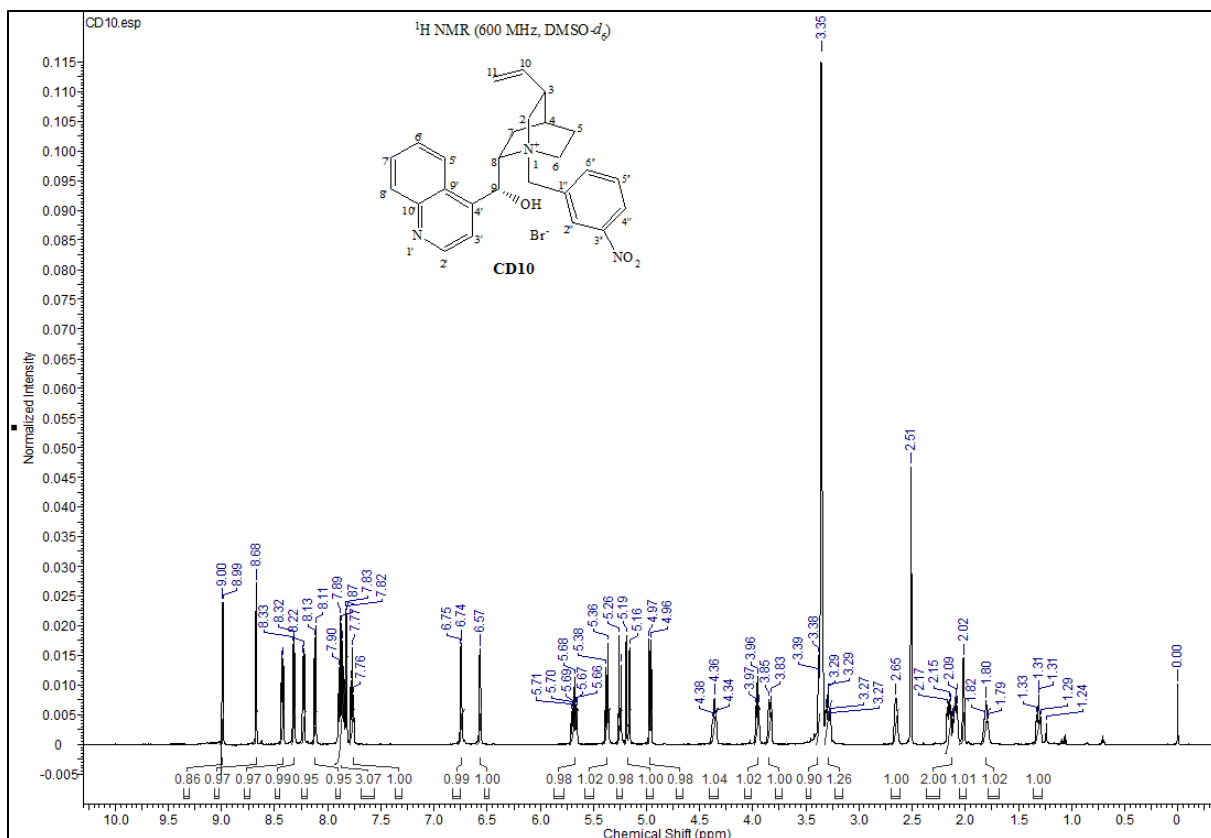


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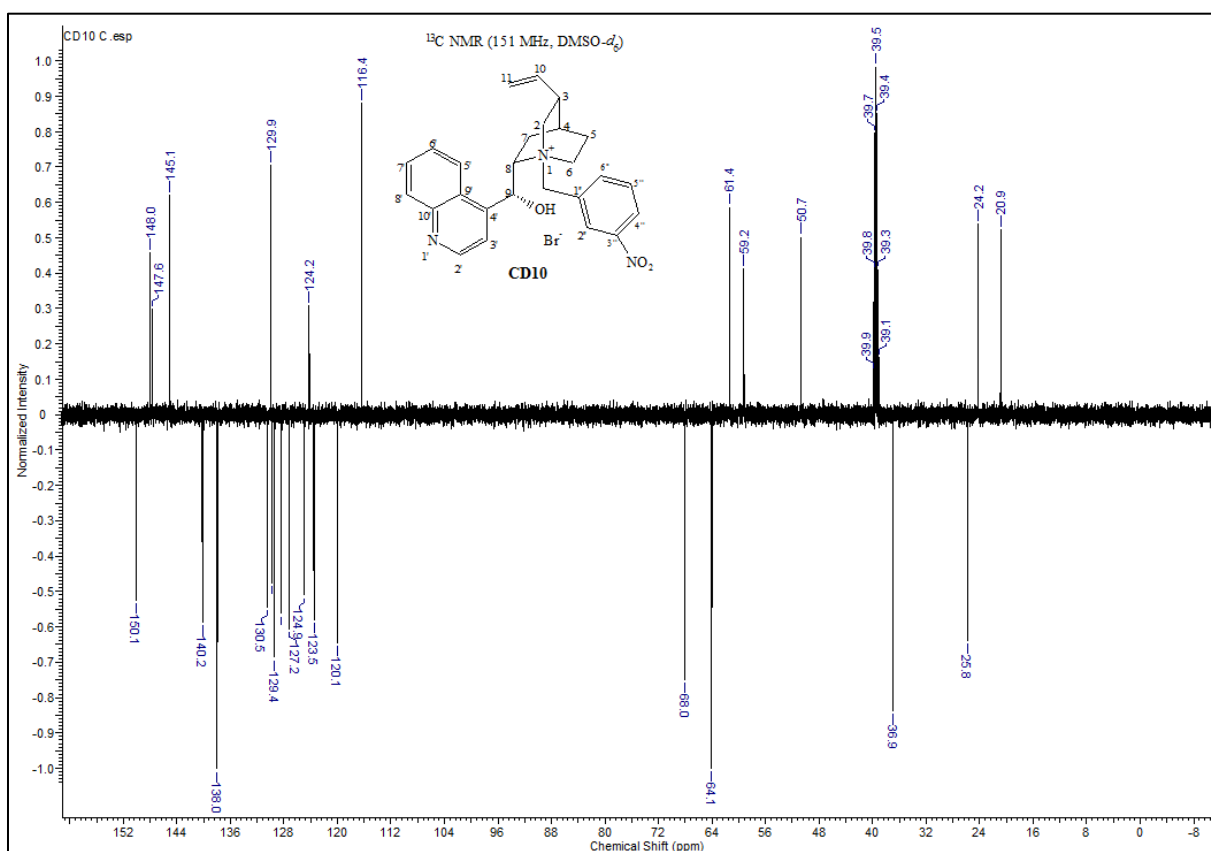


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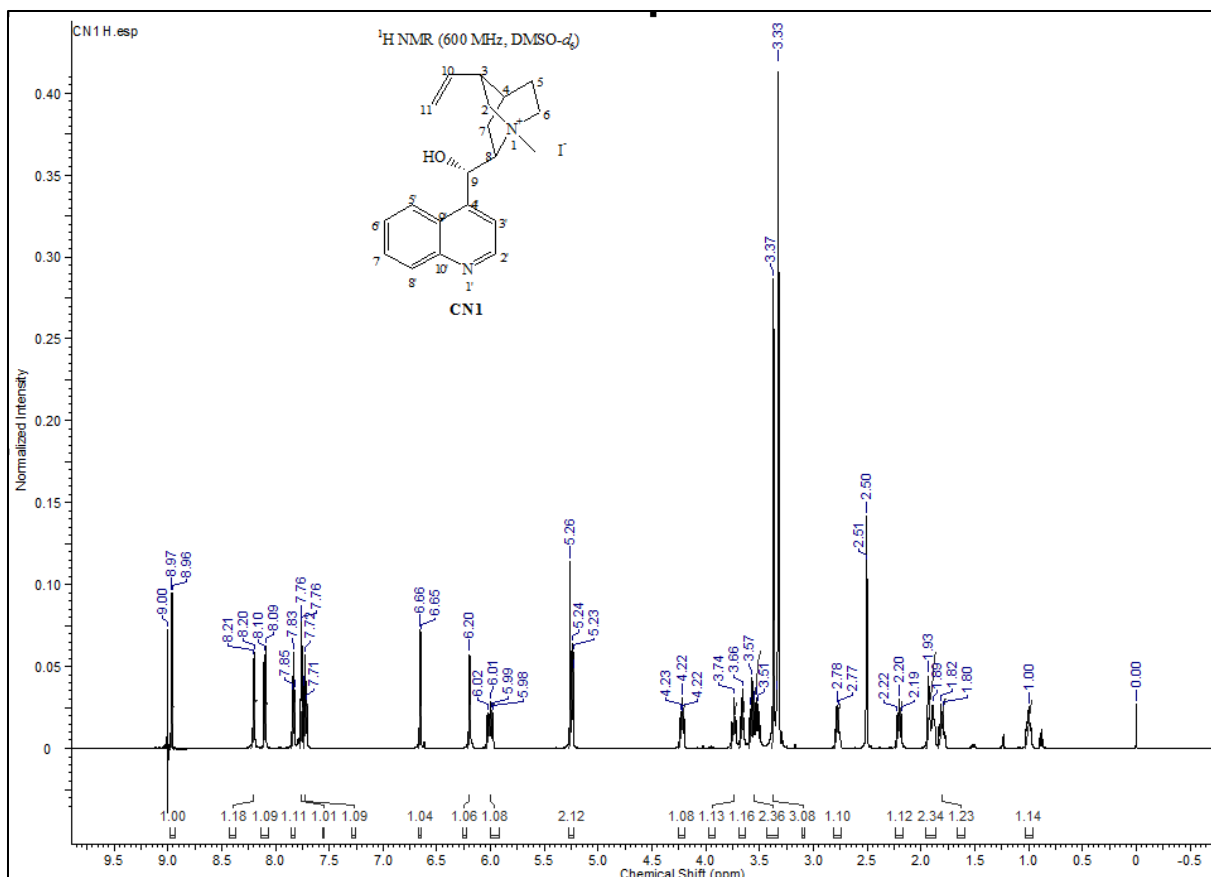


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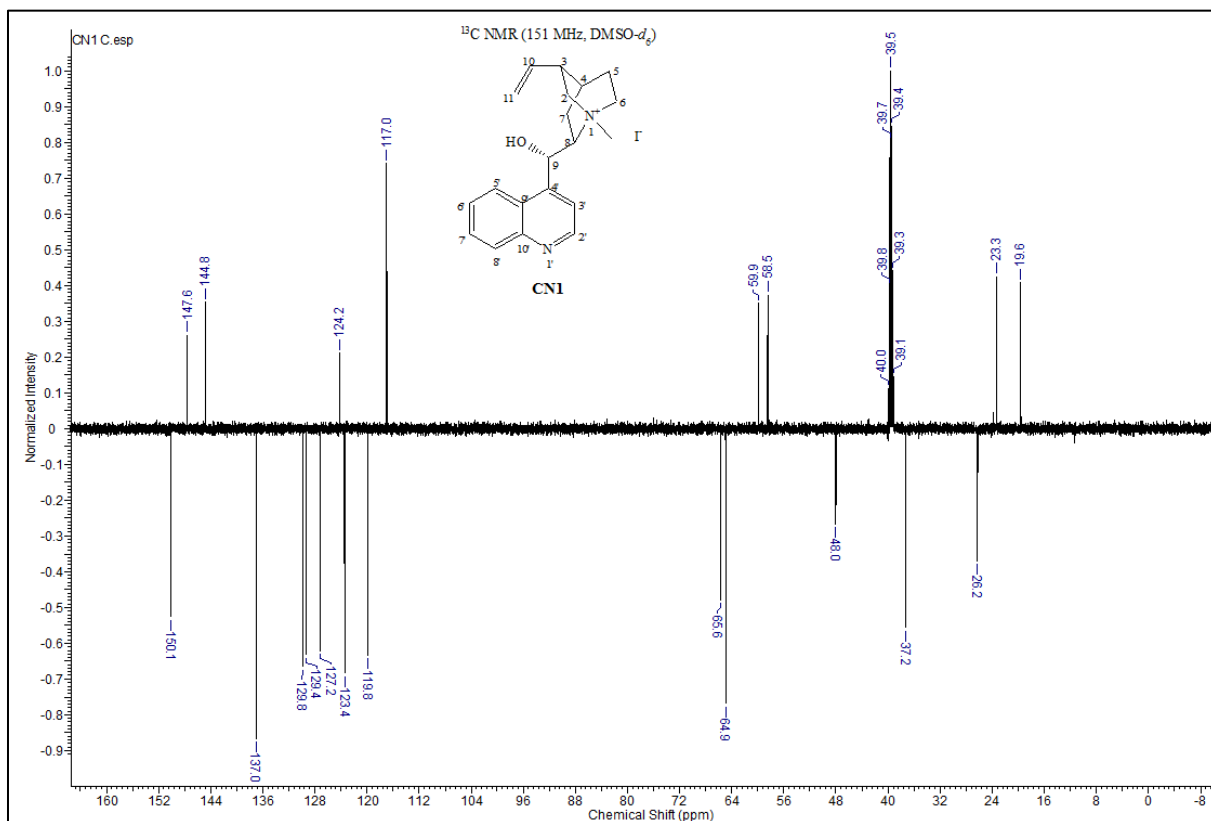


Figure 22. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of CN-Met

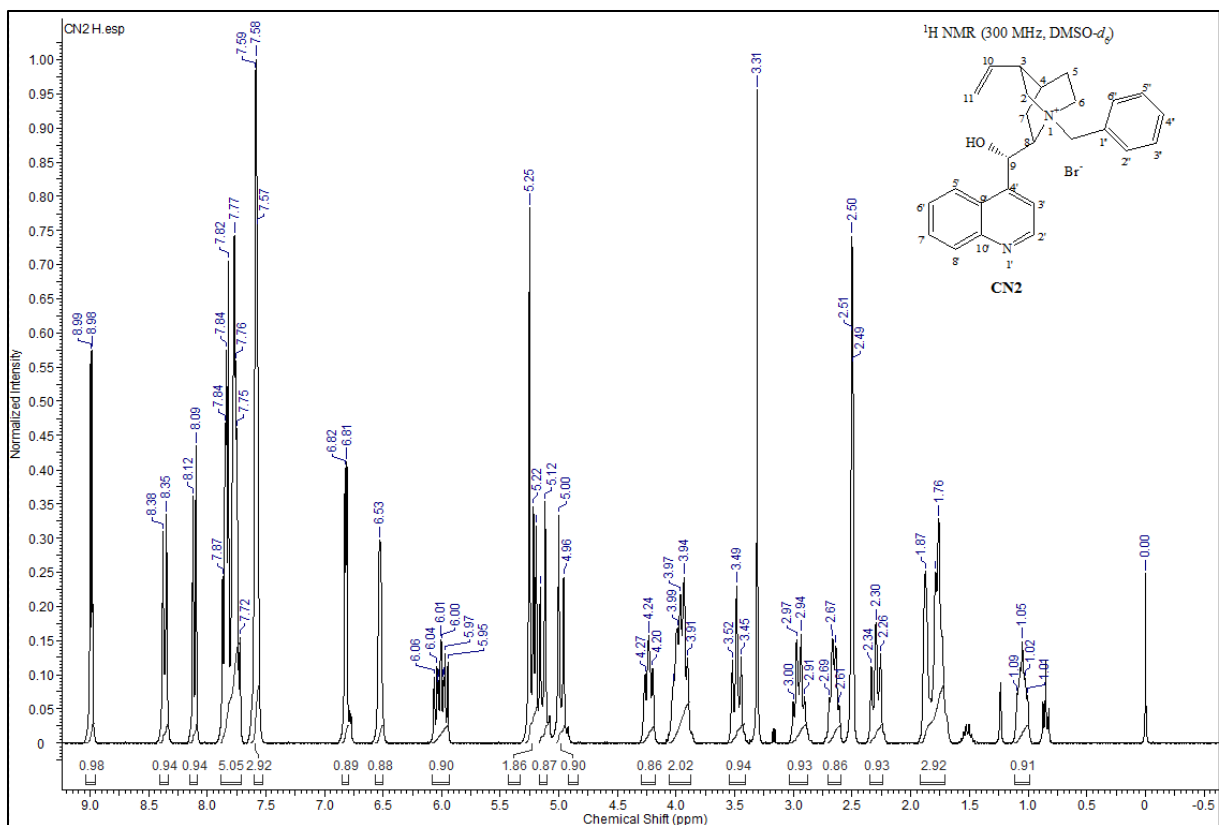


Figure 23. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of CN-Bzl

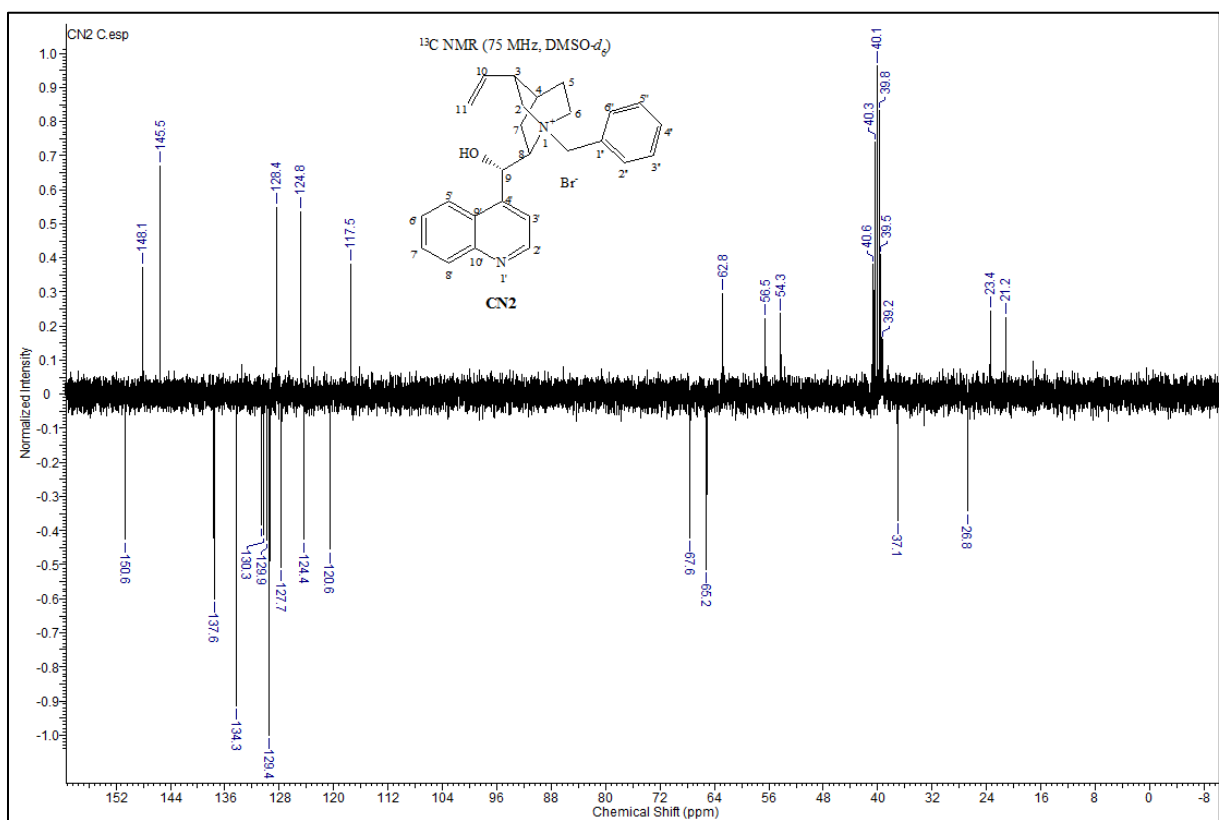


Figure 24. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of CN-Bzl

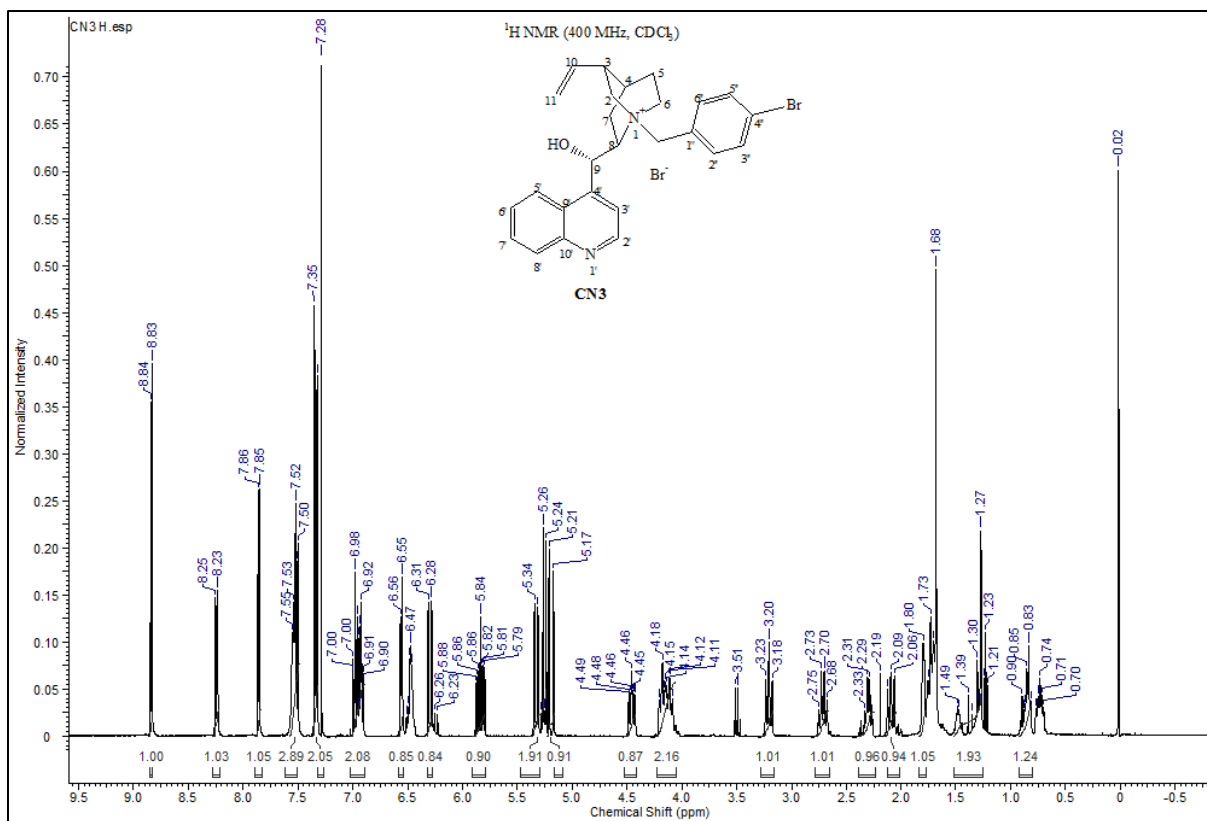


Figure 25. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of CN-(pBr)

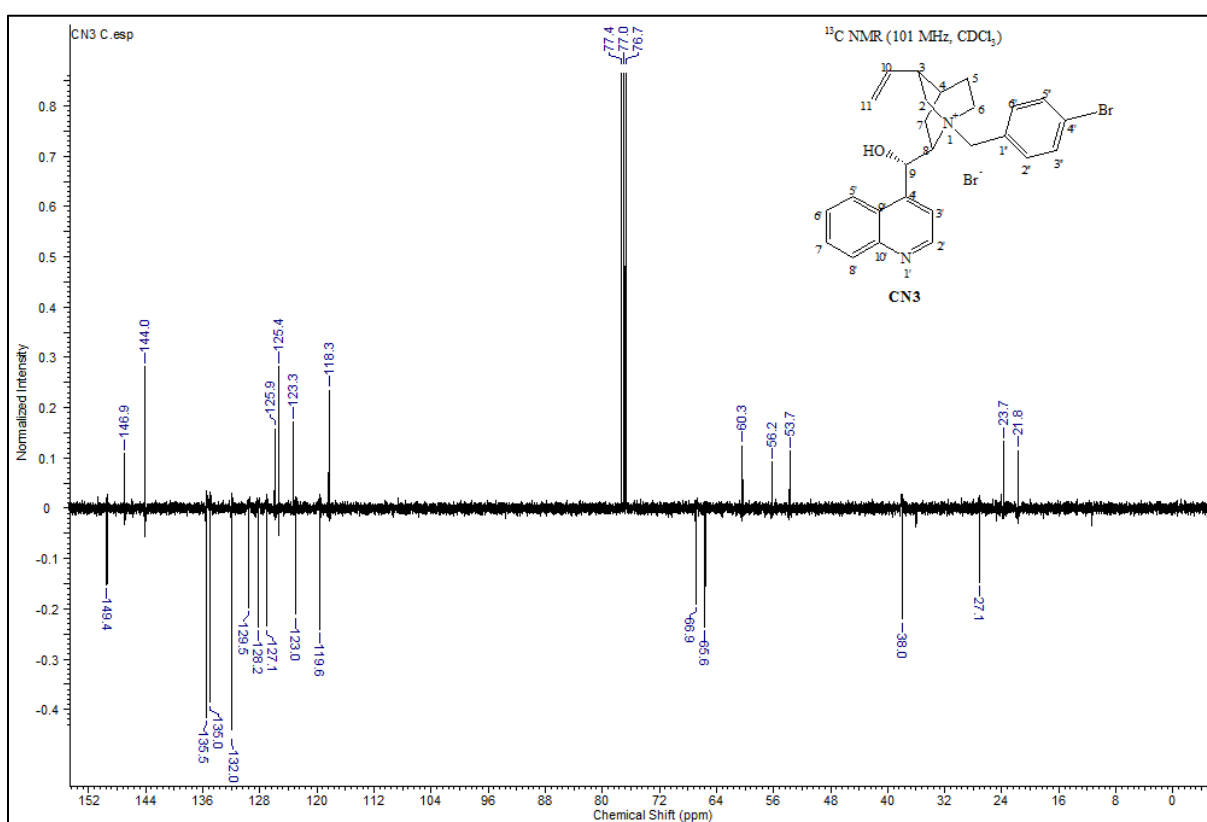


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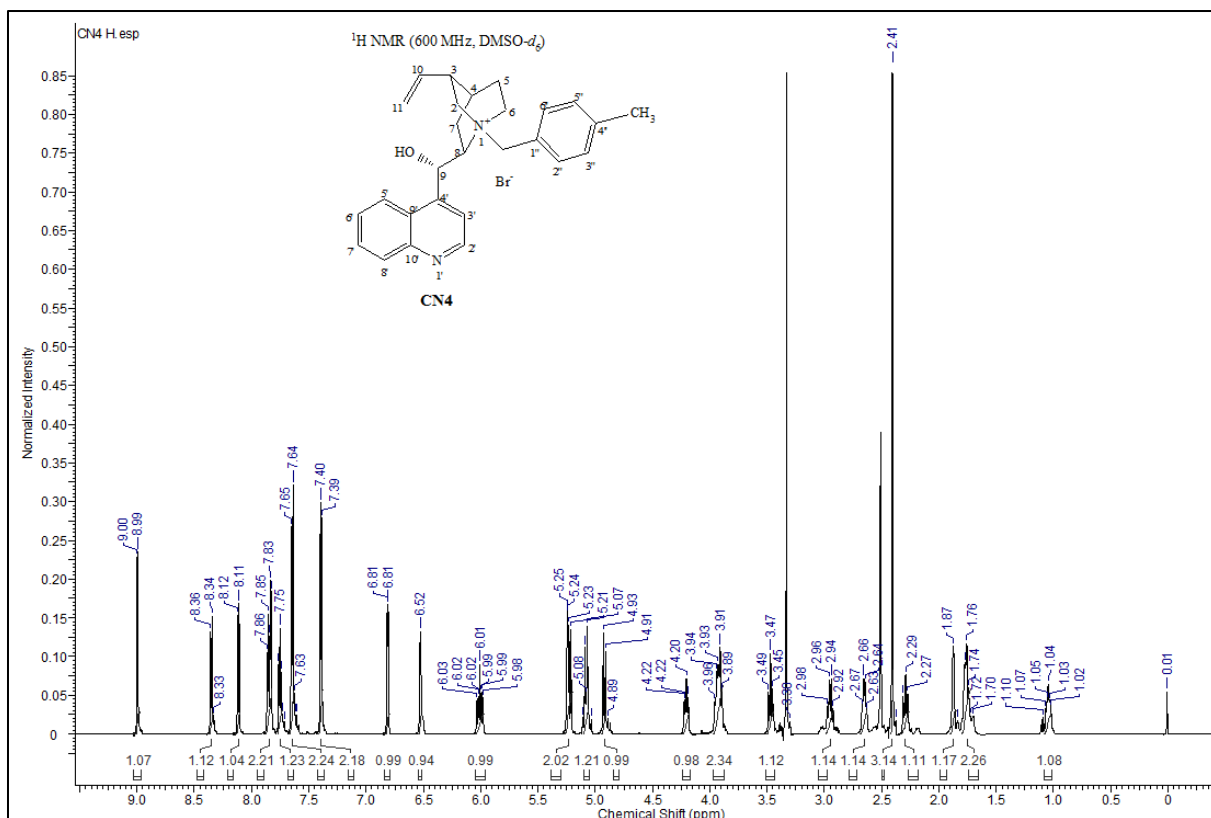


Figure 27. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of CN-(pMet)

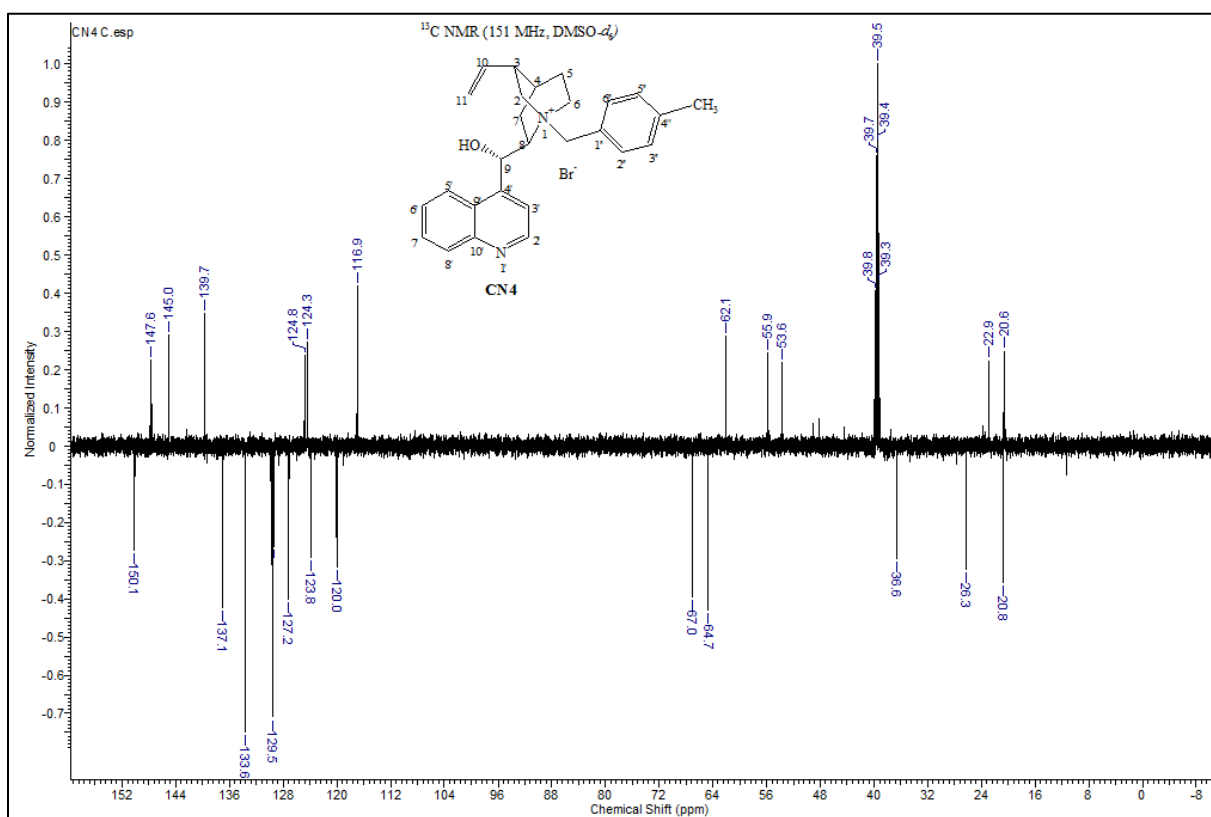


Figure 28. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of CN-(pMet)

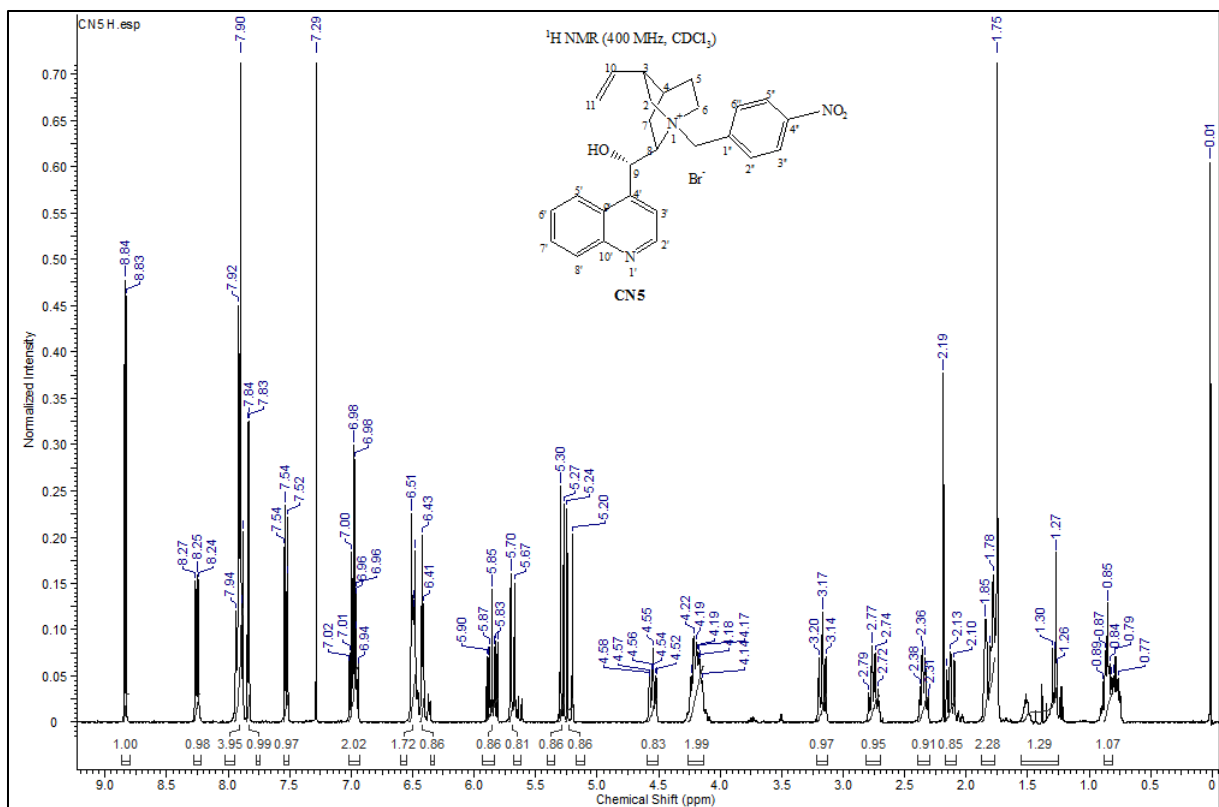
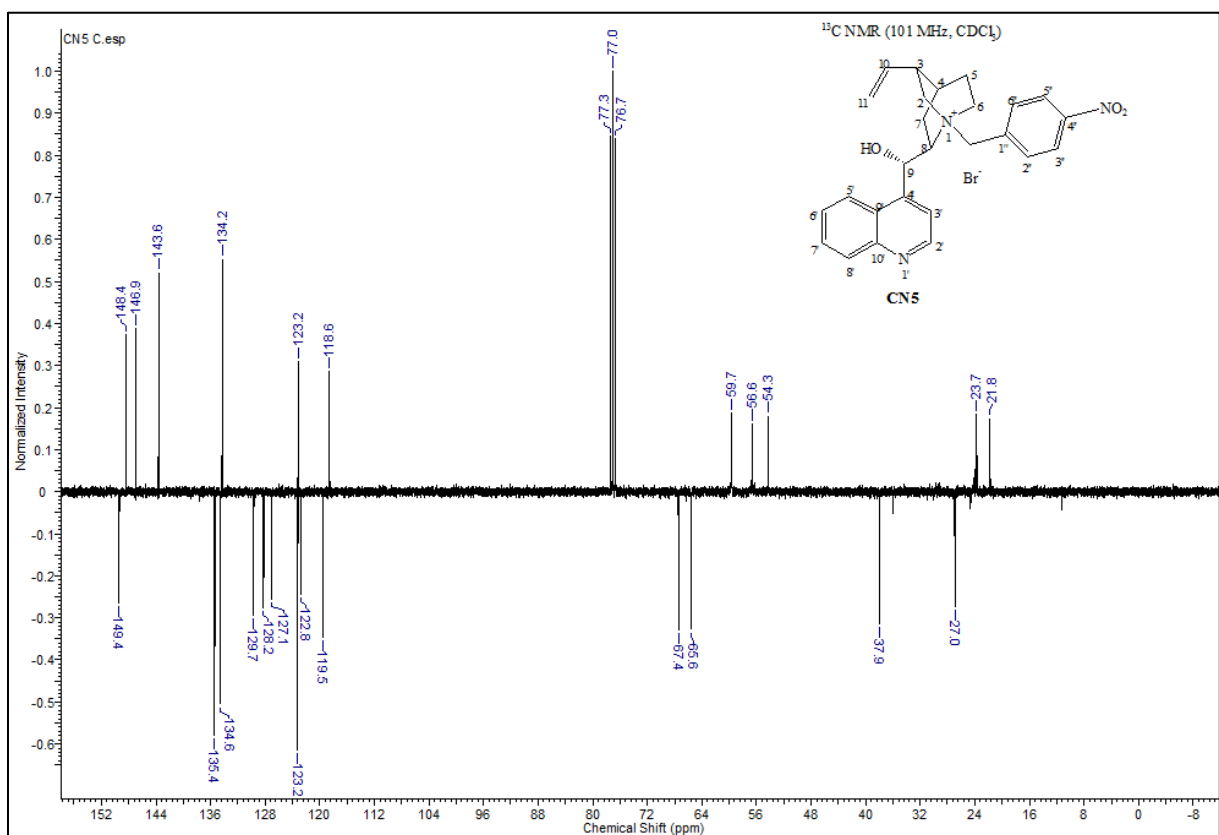


Figure 29. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of CN-(pNO<sub>2</sub>)



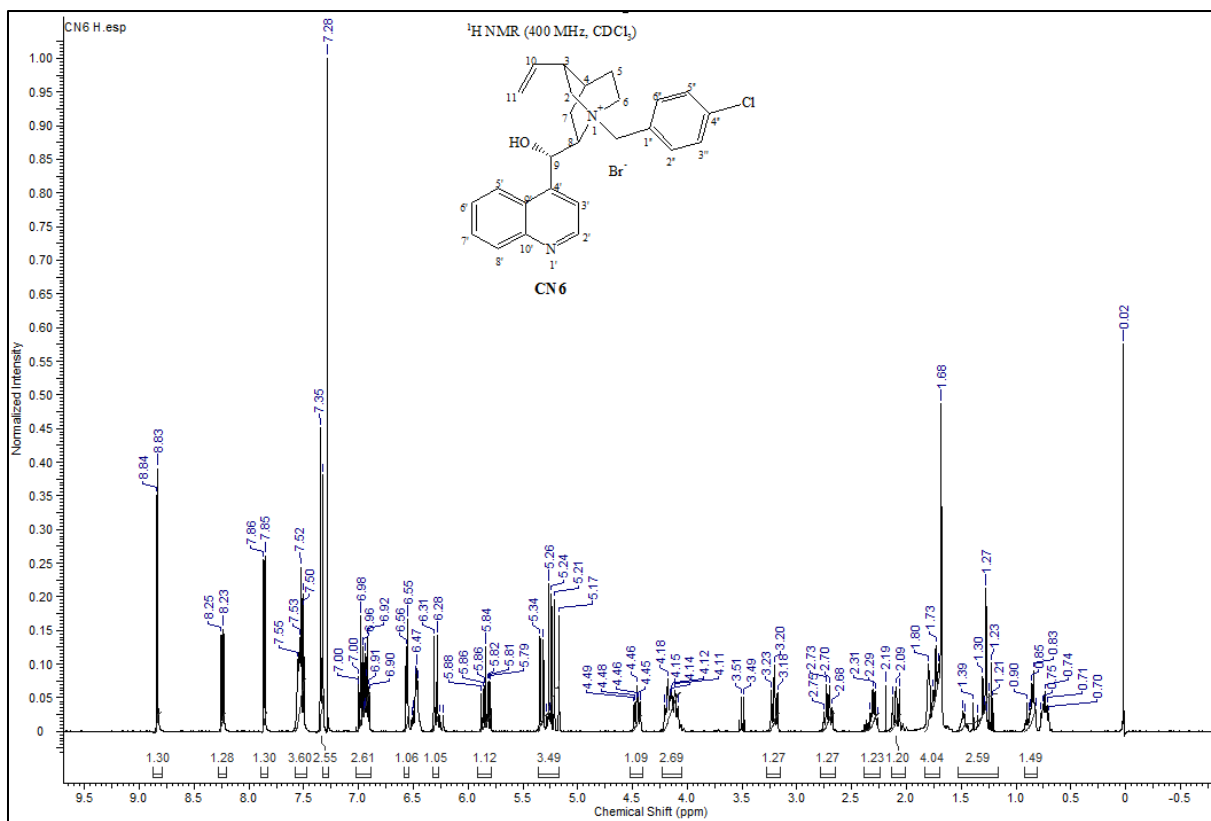


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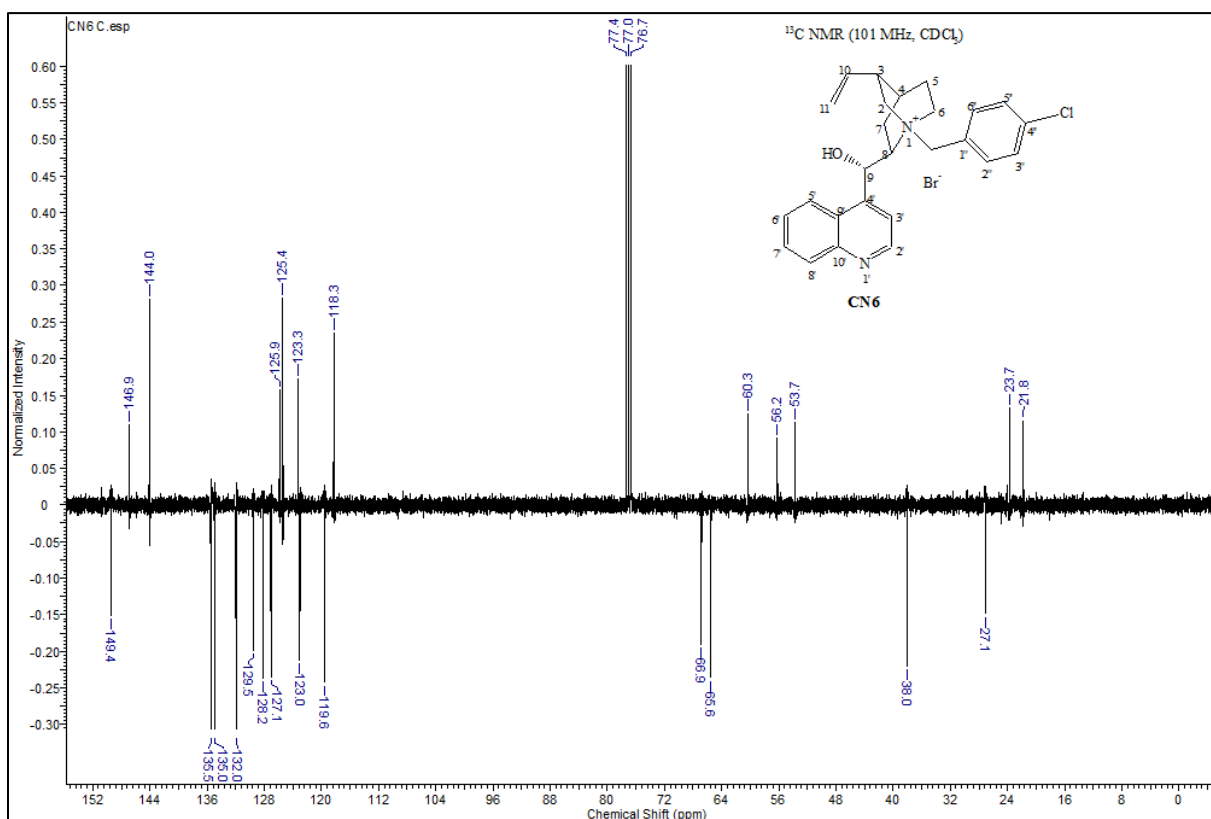


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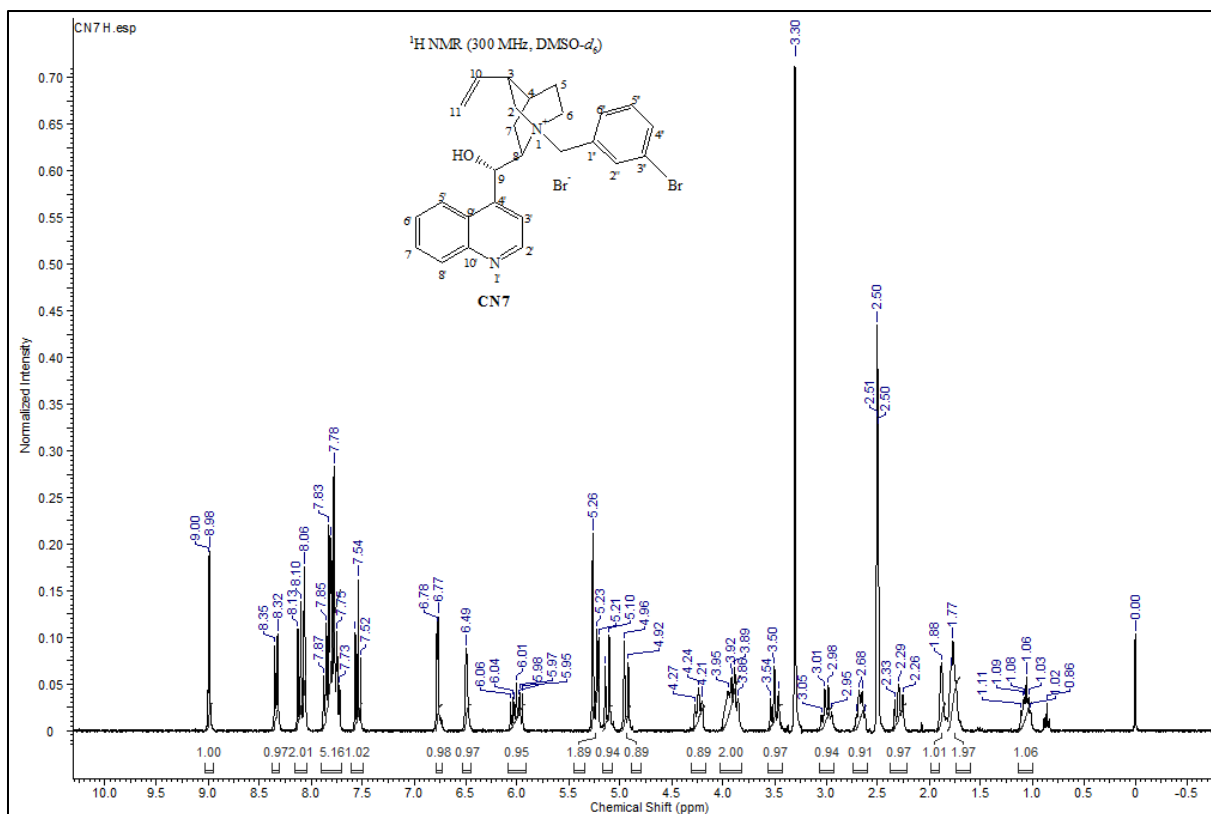


Figure 33. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of CN-(mBr)

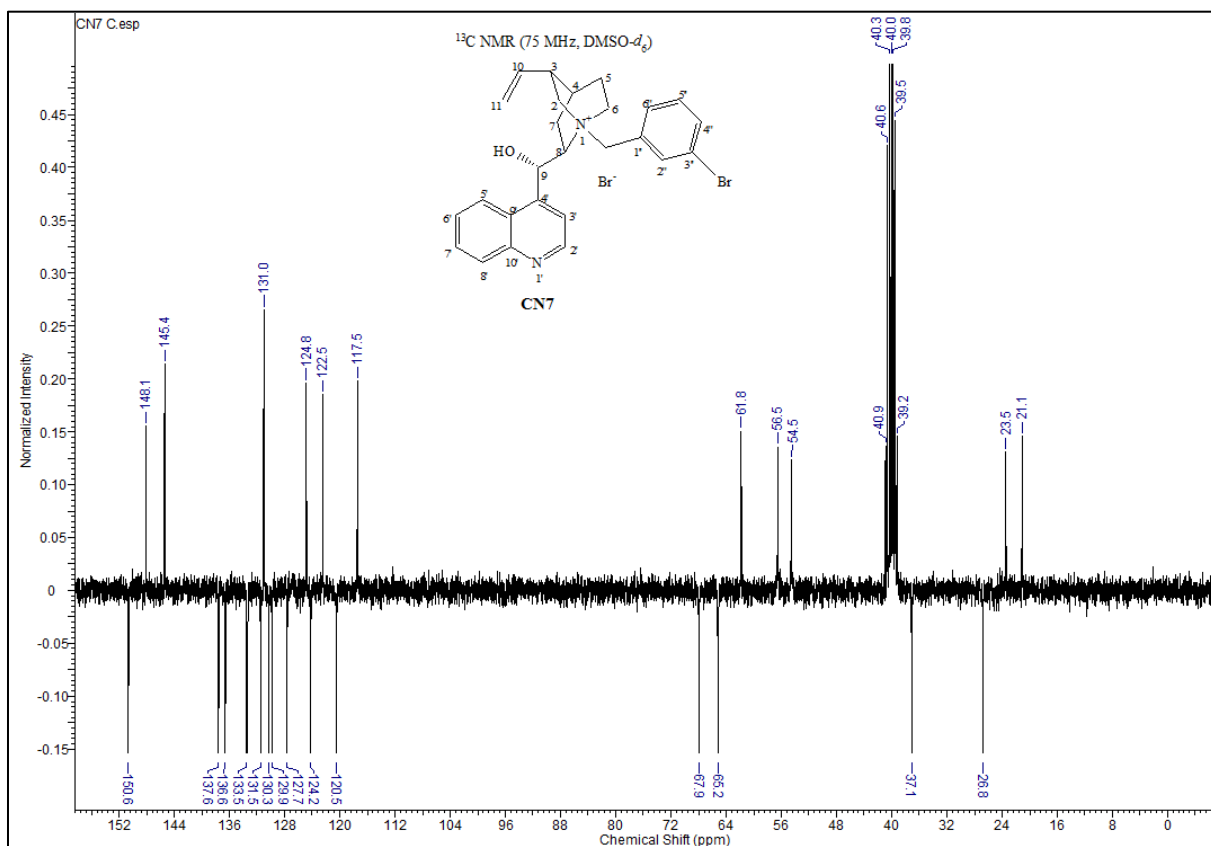


Figure 34. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of CN-(mBr)



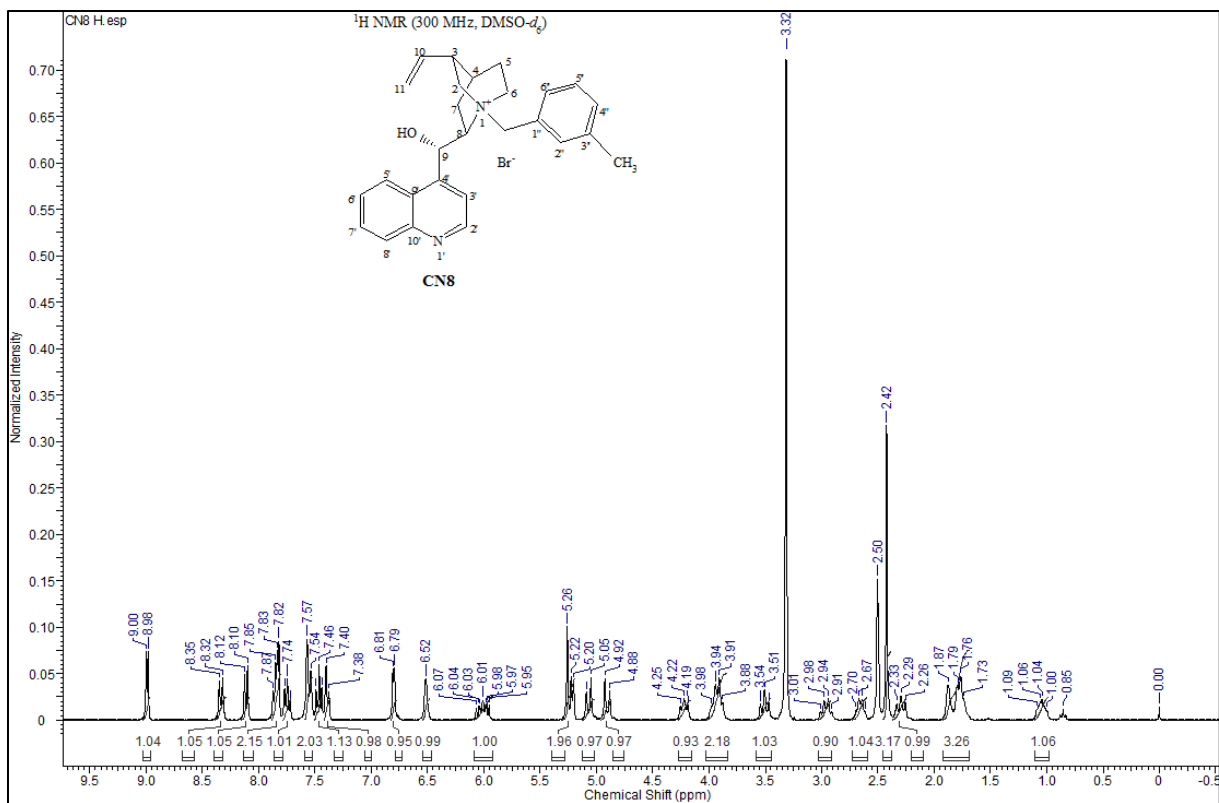


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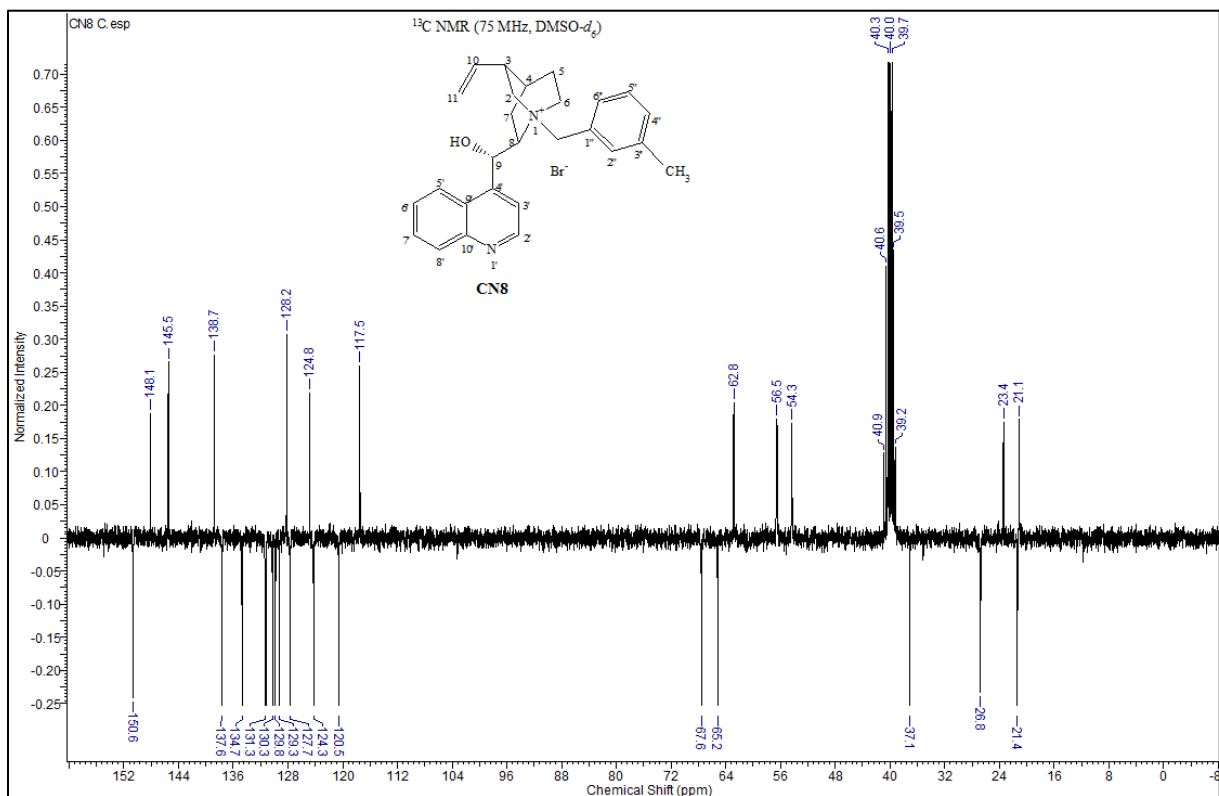


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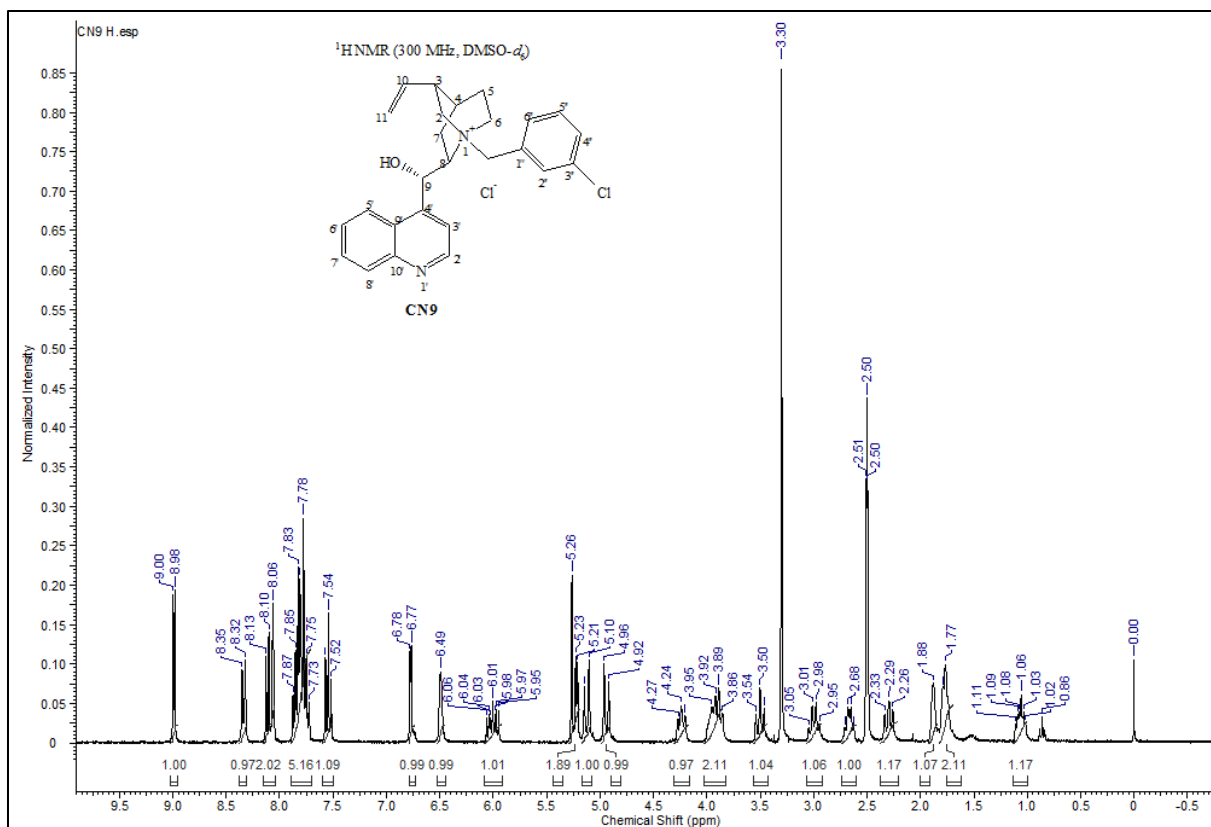


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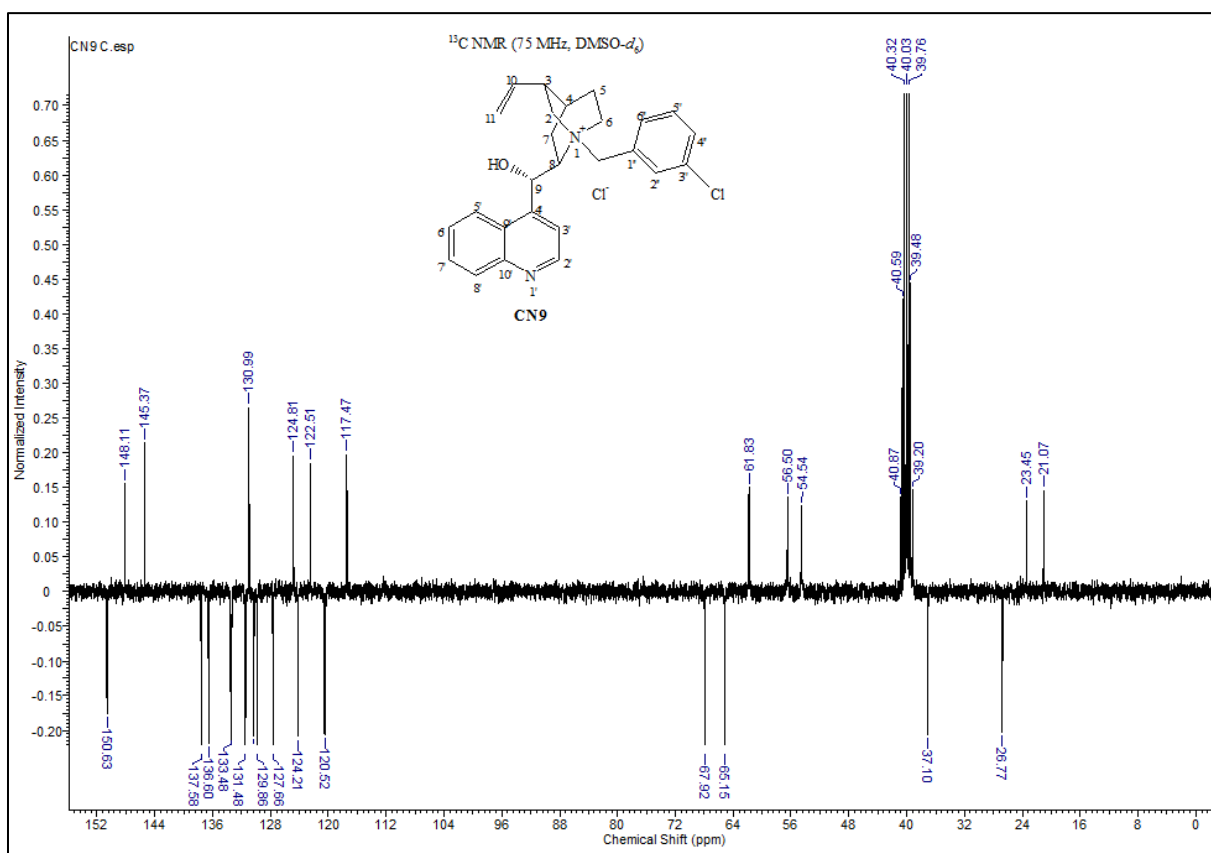


Figure 38. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of CN-(mCl)

