

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Antimalarial Benzimidazole Derivatives Incorporating Phenolic Mannich Base Side Chains inhibit Microtubule and Hemozoin formation: Structure-Activity Relationship and In Vivo Oral Efficacy Studies

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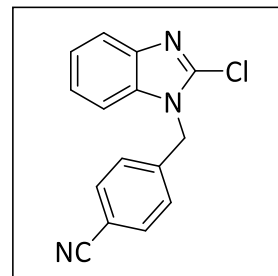
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Experimental results of representative intermediates

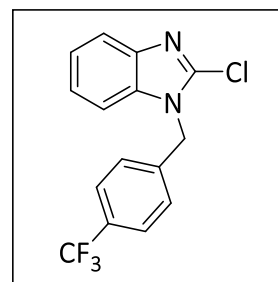
2-chloro-1-(4-cyanobenzyl)benzo[d]imidazole (2)

White solid (0.174 g, 99%); *Rf* 0.7 (5% MeOH-DCM); mp. 149-151°C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄) δ 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.65-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 2H), 5.62 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄) δ 142.4, 142.3, 142.0, 136.3, 133.9 (2C), 128.8 (2C), 125.1, 124.6, 119.7, 119.3, 113.1, 111.5 and 48.2; LC-MS (ESI): *m/z* 268.0 [M+H]⁺; purity (LC-MS): 98% (*t_R* = 2.62 min.)



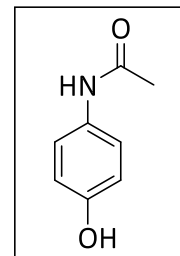
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White solid (0.200 g, 98%); *Rf* 0.7 (5% MeOH-DCM); mp. 96-98°C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄) δ 7.64-7.59 (m, 3H), 7.43-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.29 (m, 2H), 5.59 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄) δ 142.3, 142.0, 141.3, 136.3, 131.3, 128.5 (2C), 126.9 (2C), 125.4, 125.1, 124.5, 119.7, 111.5 and 48.2; LC-MS (ESI): *m/z* 311.0 [M+H]⁺; purity (LC-MS): 98% (*t_R* = 2.85 min.)



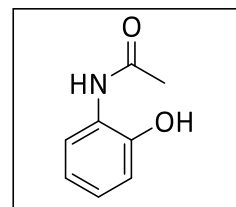
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Light pink solid (1.3 g, 94%); *Rf* 0.3 (7% MeOH-DCM); mp. 168-170 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄) δ 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 2.06 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄) δ 171.2, 155.2, 131.5, 123.2 (2C), 116.0 (2C) and 23.3; LC-MS (ESI): *m/z* 152.0 [M+H]⁺; purity (LC-MS): 98% (*t_R* = 0.19 min.)



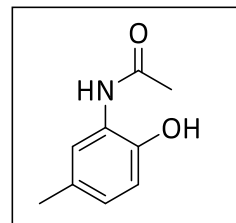
N-(2-hydroxyphenyl)acetamide (9c)

White solid (1.3 g, 94%); *Rf* 0.5 (7% MeOH-DCM); mp. 198-200°C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄) δ 7.56 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dd, *J* = 1.4, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄) δ 172.2, 149.7, 127.1, 126.8, 124.0, 120.6, 117.3 and 23.4; LC-MS (ESI): *m/z* 152.0 [M+H]⁺; purity (LC-MS): 98% (*t_R* = 0.23 min.)



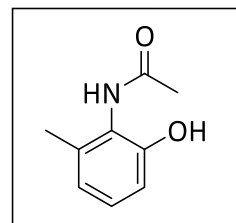
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White solid (1.2 g, 95%); *R*_f 0.5 (7% MeOH-DCM); mp. 197-199°C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄) δ 7.35 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (dd, *J* = 2.2, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄) δ 172.2, 147.4, 130.1, 127.3, 126.8, 124.3, 117.3, 23.4, and 20.7; LC-MS (ESI): *m/z* 166.0 [M+H]⁺; purity (LC-MS): 98% (*t*_R = 0.64 min.)



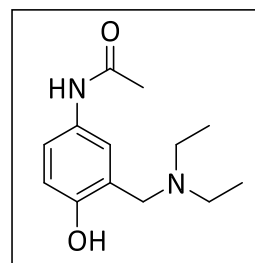
***N*-(2-hydroxy-6-methylphenyl)acetamide (9e)**

Yellow solid (1.2 g, 95%); *R*_f 0.4 (7% MeOH-DCM); mp. 164-166°C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄) δ 7.00 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (m, 2H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄) δ 172.9, 153.9, 137.6, 128.8, 124.4, 122.3, 115.0, 22.6 and 18.2; LC-MS (ESI): *m/z* 166.0 [M+H]⁺; purity (LC-MS): 98% (*t*_R = 0.26 min.)



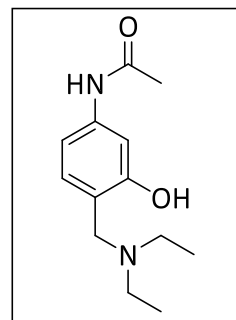
***N*-(3-((*N,N*-diethylamino)methyl)-4-hydroxyphenyl)acetamide (10a)**

Yellow oil (0.500 g, 64%); *R*_f 0.2 (7% MeOH-DCM); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.66 (br s, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd, *J* = 2.6, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 2H), 2.58 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 1.03 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 167.6, 153.1, 130.8, 122.0, 120.4, 119.7, 115.1, 54.8, 45.9 (2C), 23.7 and 10.9 (2C); LC-MS (ESI): *m/z* 237.1 [M+H]⁺; purity (LC-MS): 98% (*t*_R = 0.12 min.)



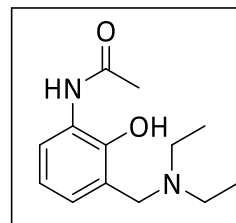
***N*-(4-((*N,N*-diethylamino)methyl)-3-hydroxyphenyl)acetamide (10b)**

Yellow oil (0.473 g, 61%); *R*_f 0.2 (7% MeOH-DCM); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄) δ 6.98 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.92-6.90 (m, 2H), 3.73 (s, 2H), 2.61 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 1.09 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄) δ 171.5, 159.7, 140.2, 129.7, 119.5, 111.9, 108.9, 57.1, 47.4 (2C), 23.8 and 11.5 (2C); LC-MS (ESI): *m/z* 237.1 [M+H]⁺; purity (LC-MS): 98% (*t*_R = 0.13 min.)



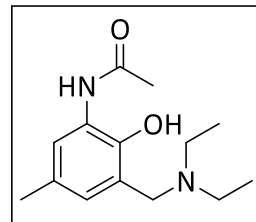
***N*-(3-((*N,N*-diethylamino)methyl)-2-hydroxyphenyl)acetamide (10c)**

Yellow oil (0.616 g, 79%); *R*_f 0.3 (7% MeOH-DCM); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄) δ 7.82 (dd, *J* = 1.7, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (s, 2H), 2.55 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 1.08 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄) δ 171.6, 150.7, 128.4, 127.2, 126.9, 123.0, 122.7, 57.9, 47.3 (2C), 23.8 and 11.4 (2C); LC-MS (ESI): *m/z* 237.1 [M+H]⁺; purity (LC-MS): 98% (*t*_R = 0.13 min.)



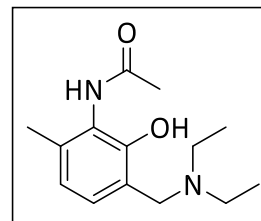
***N*-3-((*N,N*-diethylamino)methyl)-2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)acetamide (10d)**

Yellow oil (0.510 g, 67%); *R*_f 0.3 (7% MeOH-DCM); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄) δ 7.61 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 2H), 2.64 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.11 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄) δ 171.6, 148.0, 128.5, 126.7, 125.9, 122.9, 122.8, 57.6, 47.4 (2C), 23.8, 20.9 and 11.5 (2C); LC-MS (ESI): *m/z* 251.1 [M+H]⁺; purity (LC-MS): 98% (*t*_R = 0.15 min.)



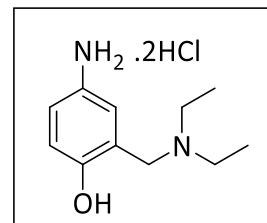
***N*-3-((*N,N*-diethylamino)methyl)-2-hydroxy-6-methylphenyl)acetamide (10e)**

Yellow oil (0.500 g, 66%); *R*_f 0.2 (7% MeOH-DCM); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄) δ 6.84 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 2H), 2.63 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.10 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄) δ 172.6, 155.2, 137.0, 128.1, 124.2, 121.5, 120.9, 57.4, 47.4 (2C), 22.6, 18.2 and 11.5 (2C); LC-MS (ESI): *m/z* 251.1 [M+H]⁺; purity (LC-MS): 98% (*t*_R = 0.18 min.)



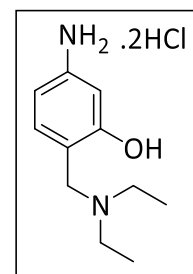
4-Amino-2-((*N,N*-diethylamino)methyl)phenol (11a)

Brown viscous oil (0.360 g, 88%); *R*_f 0.2 (20% MeOH-DCM); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄) δ 7.56 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 2.7, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (s, 2H), 3.06 (m, 4H), 1.38 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄) δ 158.4, 128.5, 127.4, 123.5, 119.2, 117.8, 51.9, 48.9 (2C) and 9.2 (2C); LC-MS (ESI): *m/z* 195.1 [M+H]⁺; purity (LC-MS): 98% (*t*_R = 0.12 min.)



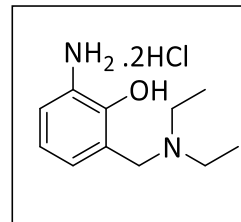
5-Amino-2-((*N,N*-diethylamino)methyl)phenol (11b)

Brown viscous oil (0.330 g, 75%); *R*_f 0.2 (20% MeOH-DCM); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄) δ 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd, *J* = 2.1, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (s, 2H), 3.23 (m, 4H), 1.37 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄) δ 159.1, 135.4, 134.6, 118.9, 115.5, 111.6, 51.8, 48.8 (2C), 9.2 (2C); LC-MS (ESI): *m/z* 195.1 [M+H]⁺; purity (LC-MS): 98% (*t*_R = 0.12 min.)



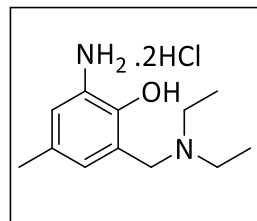
6-Amino-2-((*N,N*-diethylamino)methyl)phenol (11c)

Brown viscous oil (0.362 g, 88%); *R*_f 0.6 (20% MeOH-DCM); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄) δ 7.61 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (s, 2H), 3.25 (m, 4H), 1.38 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄) δ 151.2, 134.7, 127.3, 123.2, 123.0, 122.2, 52.0, 48.5 (2C) and 9.1 (2C); LC-MS (ESI): *m/z* 195.1 [M+H]⁺; purity (LC-MS): 98% (*t*_R = 0.13 min.)



6-Amino-2-((*N,N*-diethylamino)methyl)-4-methylphenol (11d)

Brown viscous oil (0.430 g, 86%); *R*_f 0.6 (20% MeOH-DCM); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄) δ 7.44 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (s, 2H), 3.24 (m, 4H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.37 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄) δ 148.6, 134.9, 133.6, 127.6, 122.7, 122.1, 52.1, 48.5 (2C), 20.4 and 9.2 (2C); LC-MS (ESI): *m/z* 209.1 [M+H]⁺; purity (LC-MS): 98% (*t*_R = 0.14 min.)



6-Amino-2-((*N,N*-diethylamino)methyl)-5-methylphenol (11e)

Brown viscous oil (0.400 g, 80%); *R*_f 0.6 (20% MeOH-DCM); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄) δ 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (s, 2H), 3.24 (m, 4H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.37 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄) δ 150.8, 137.0, 133.8, 125.4, 122.4, 119.6, 52.1, 48.3 (2C), 17.6 and 9.1 (2C); LC-MS (ESI): *m/z* 209.1 [M+H]⁺; purity (LC-MS): 98% (*t*_R = 0.15 min.)

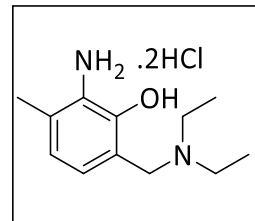
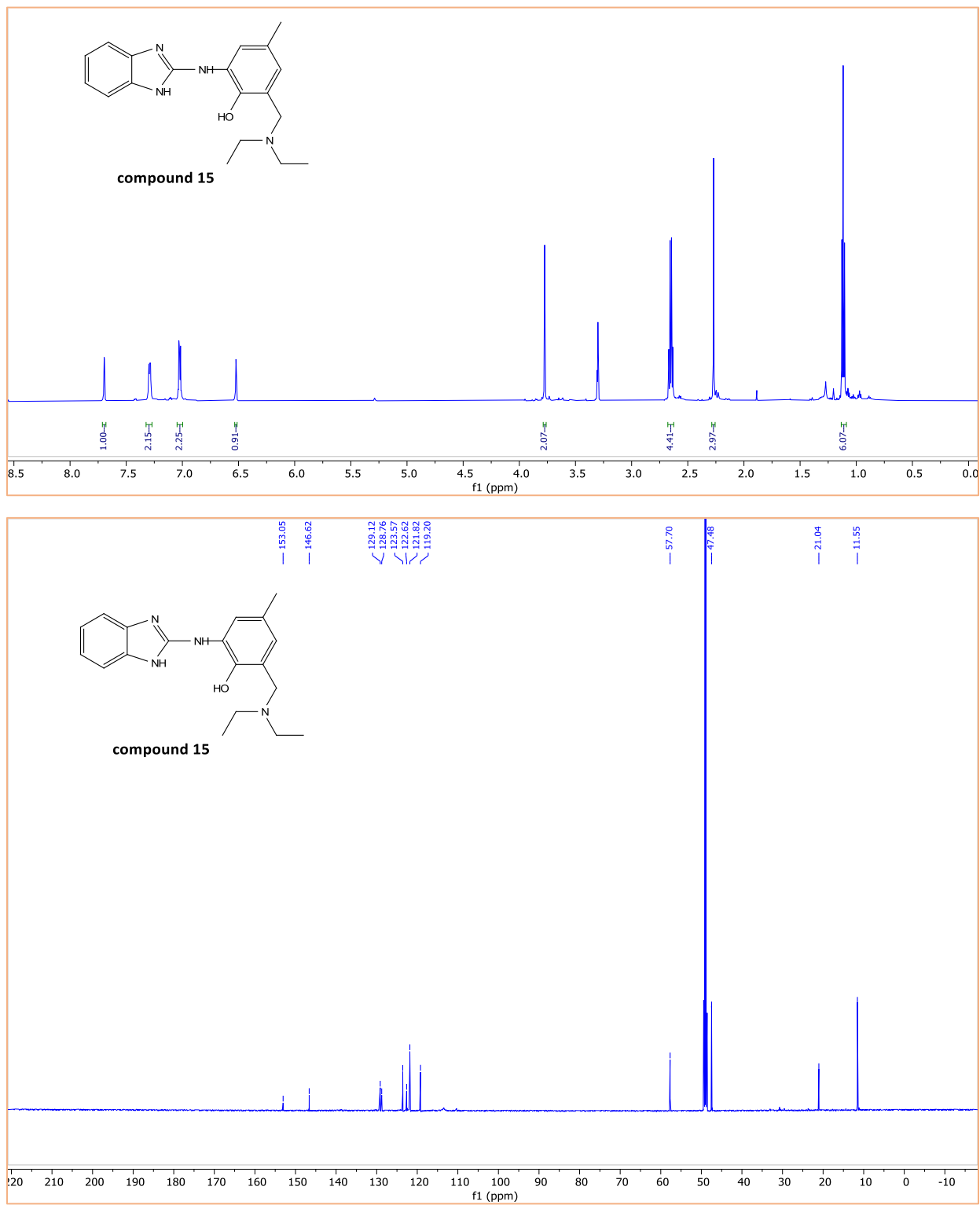
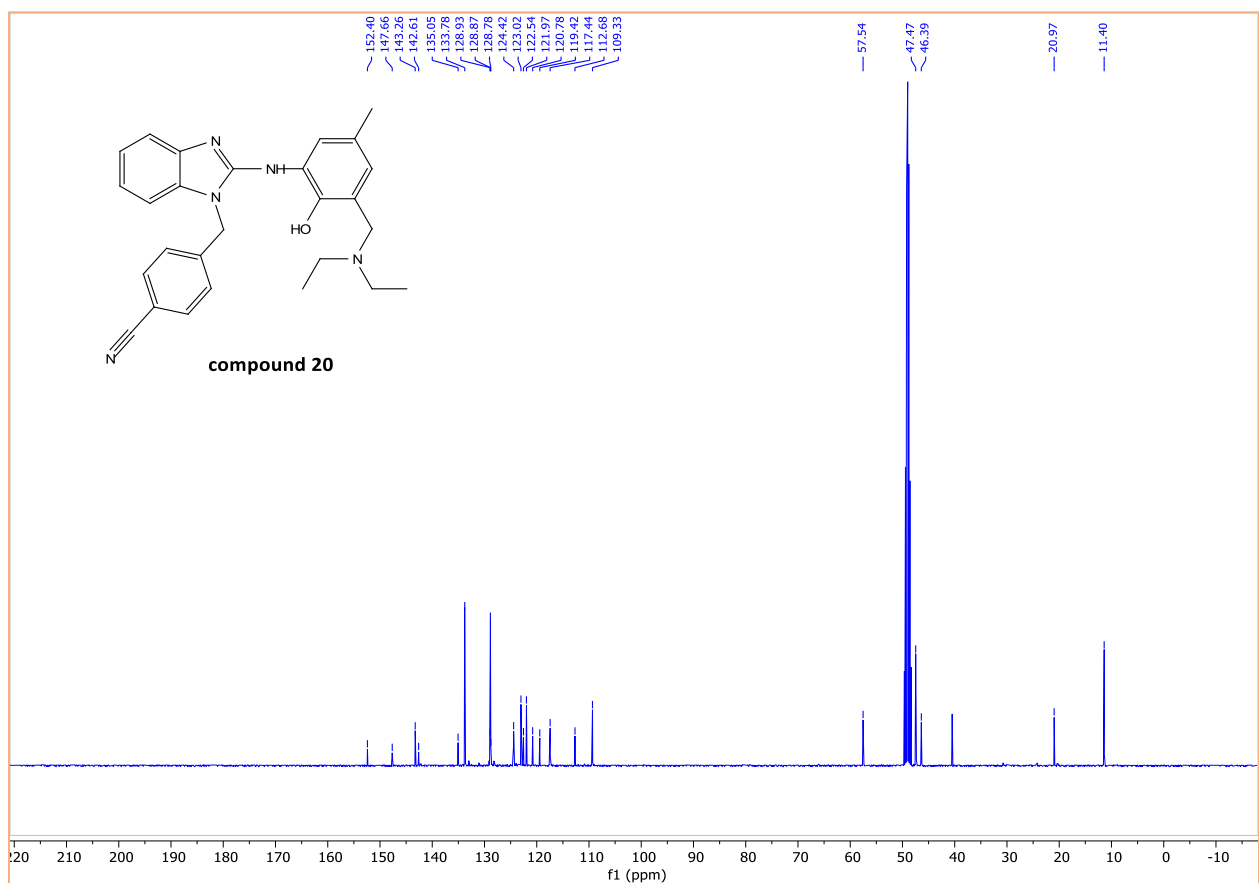
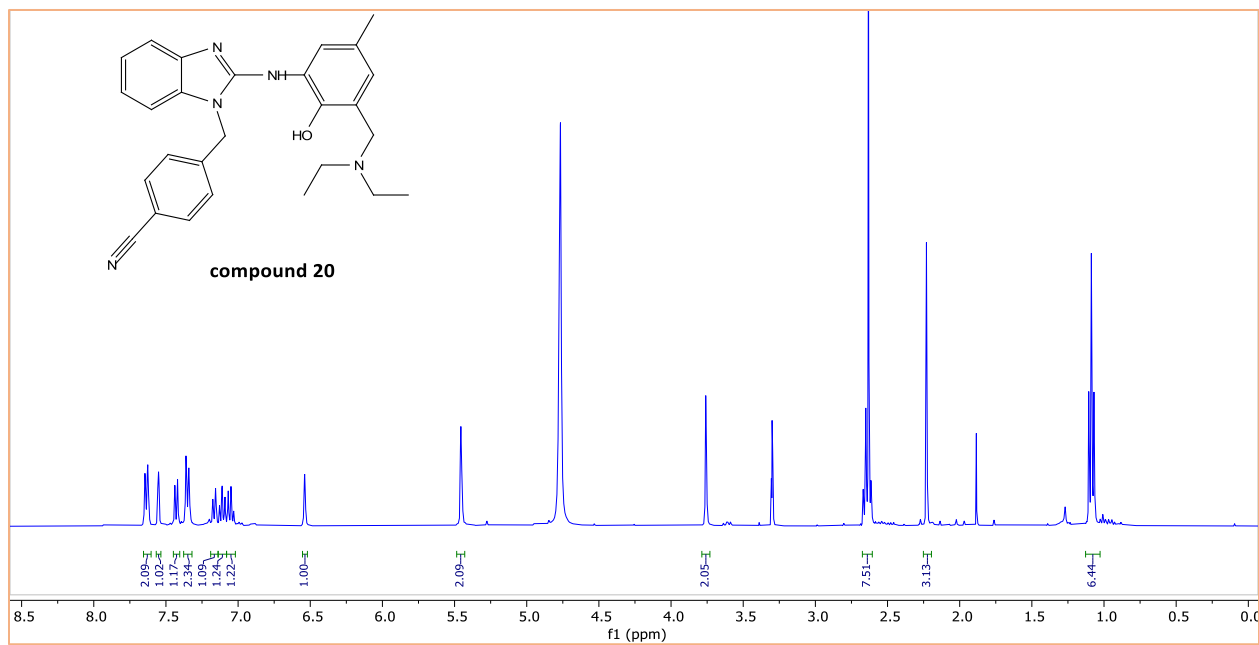
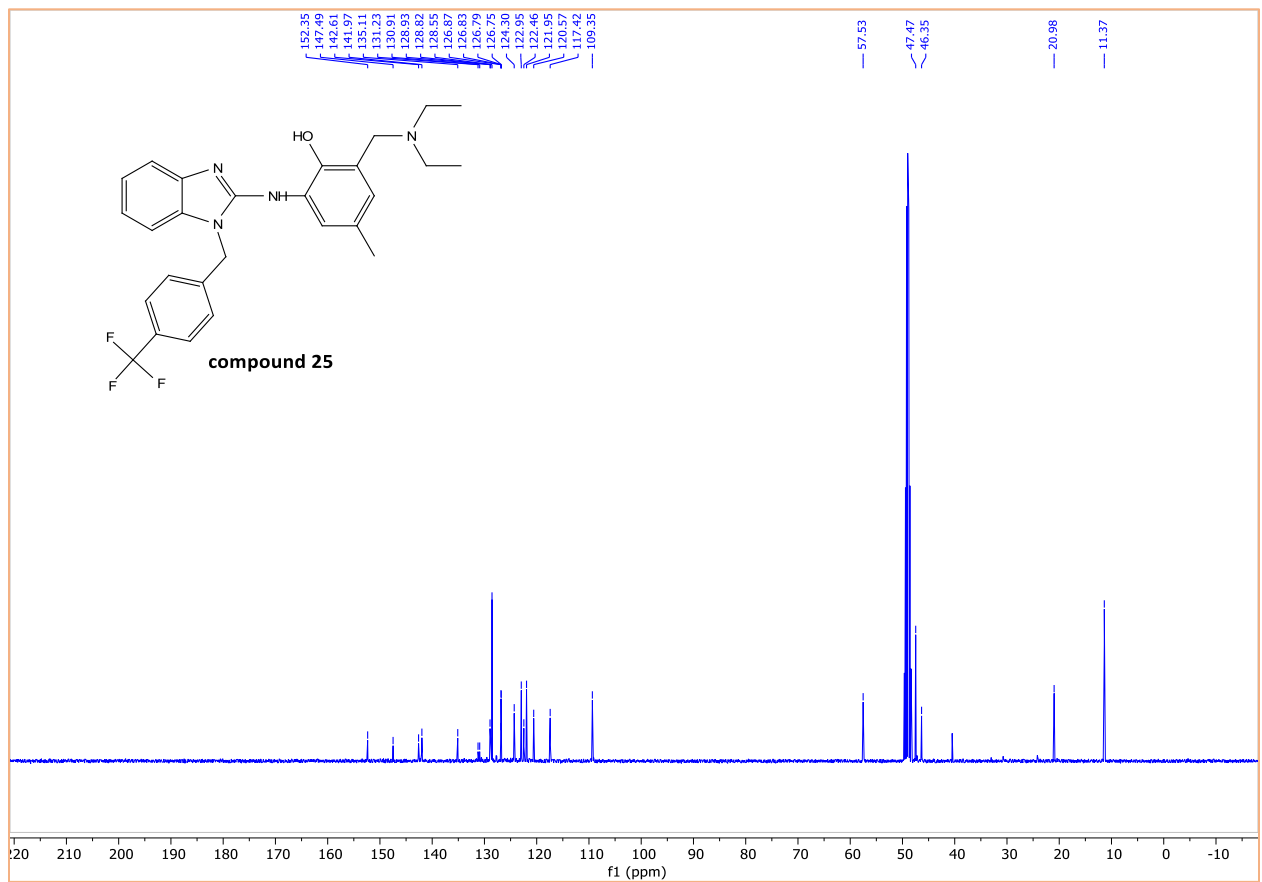
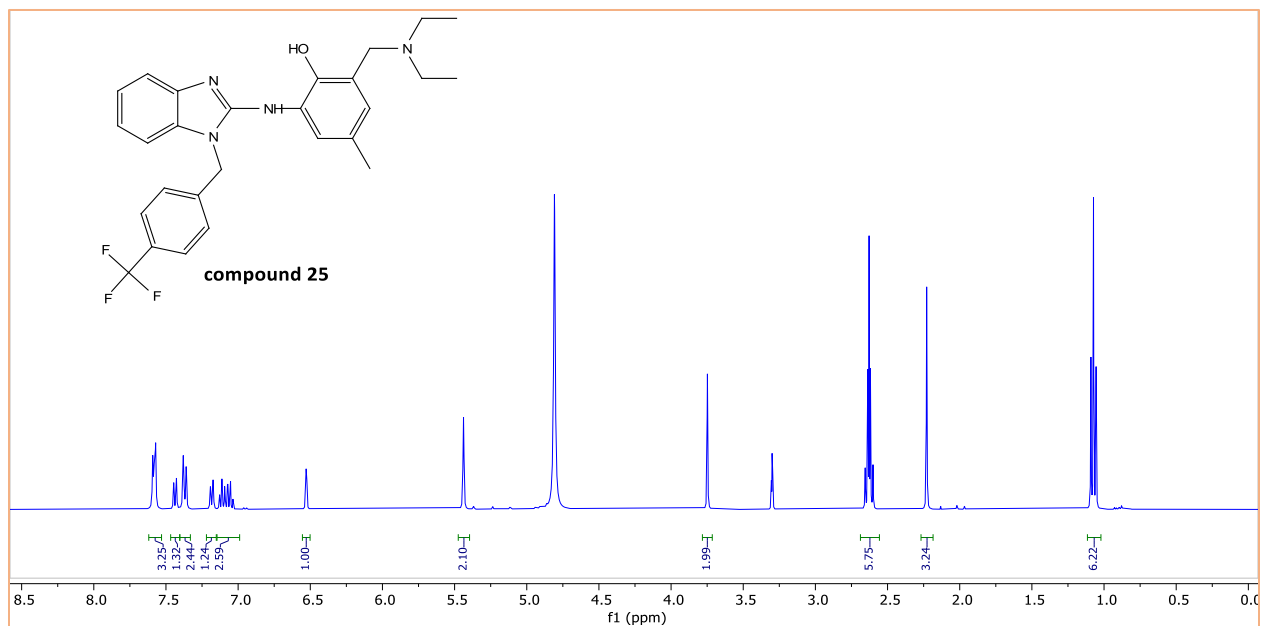
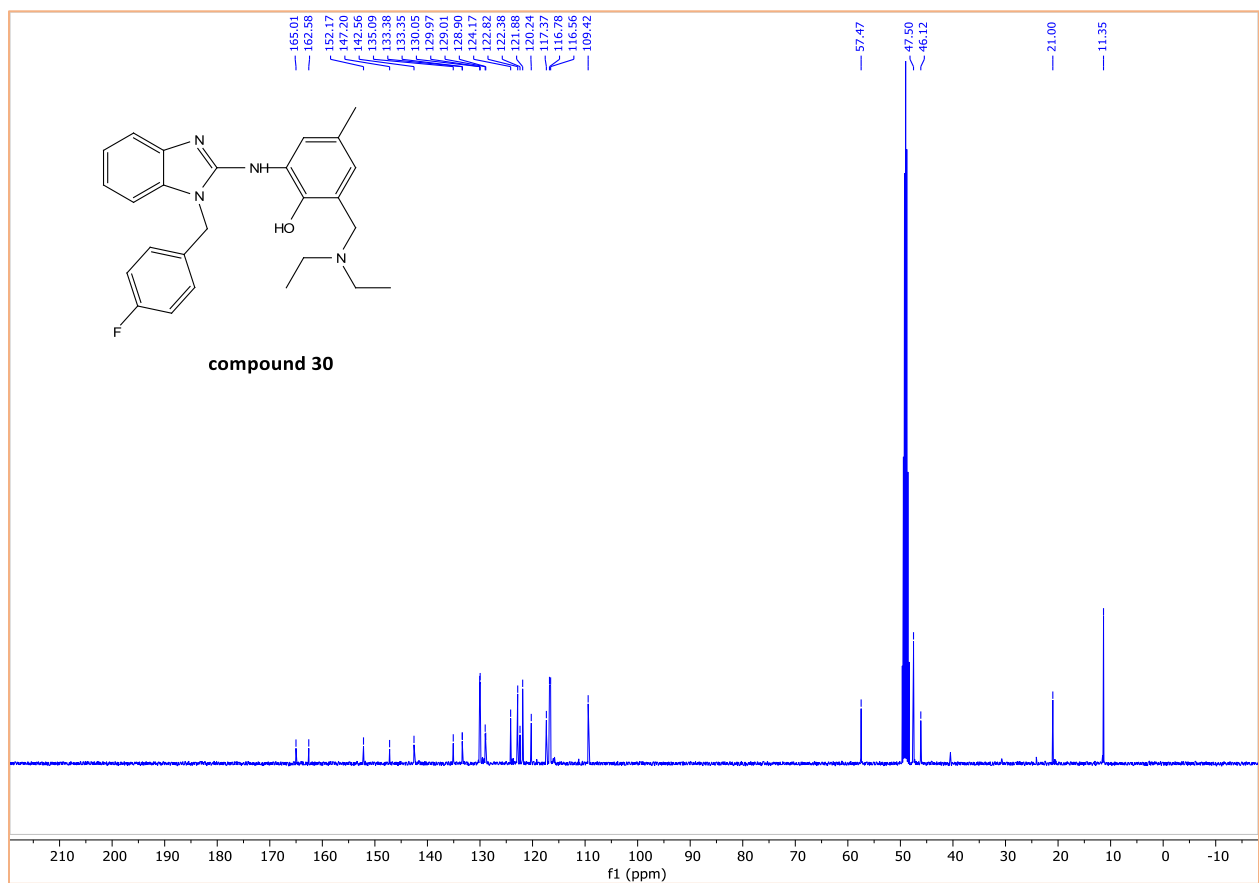
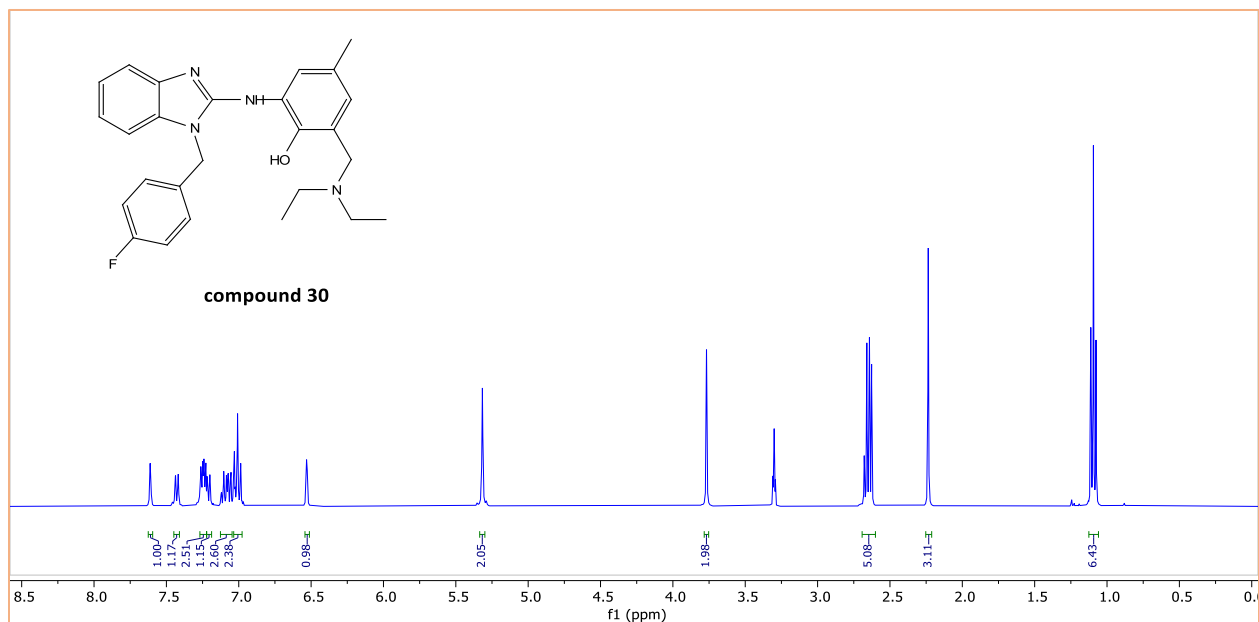


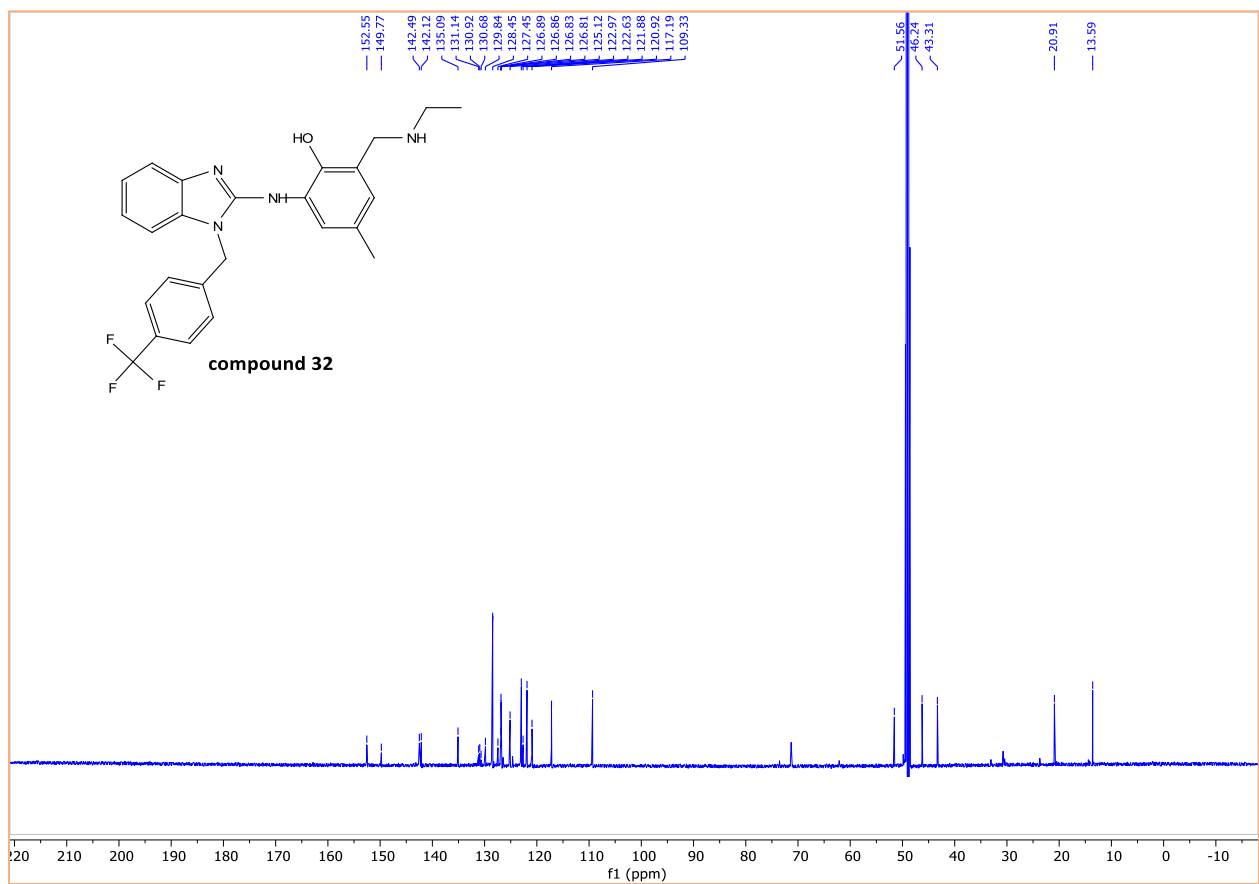
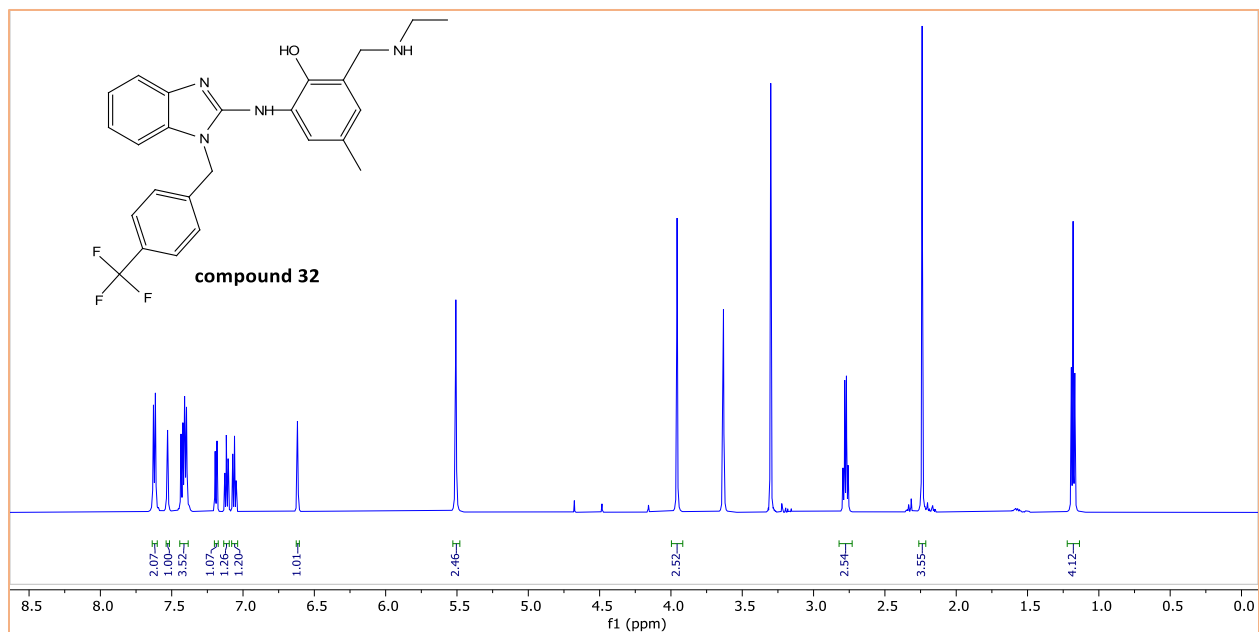
Figure S1: 1D-NMR and corresponding HPLC-MS spectra of representative target compounds

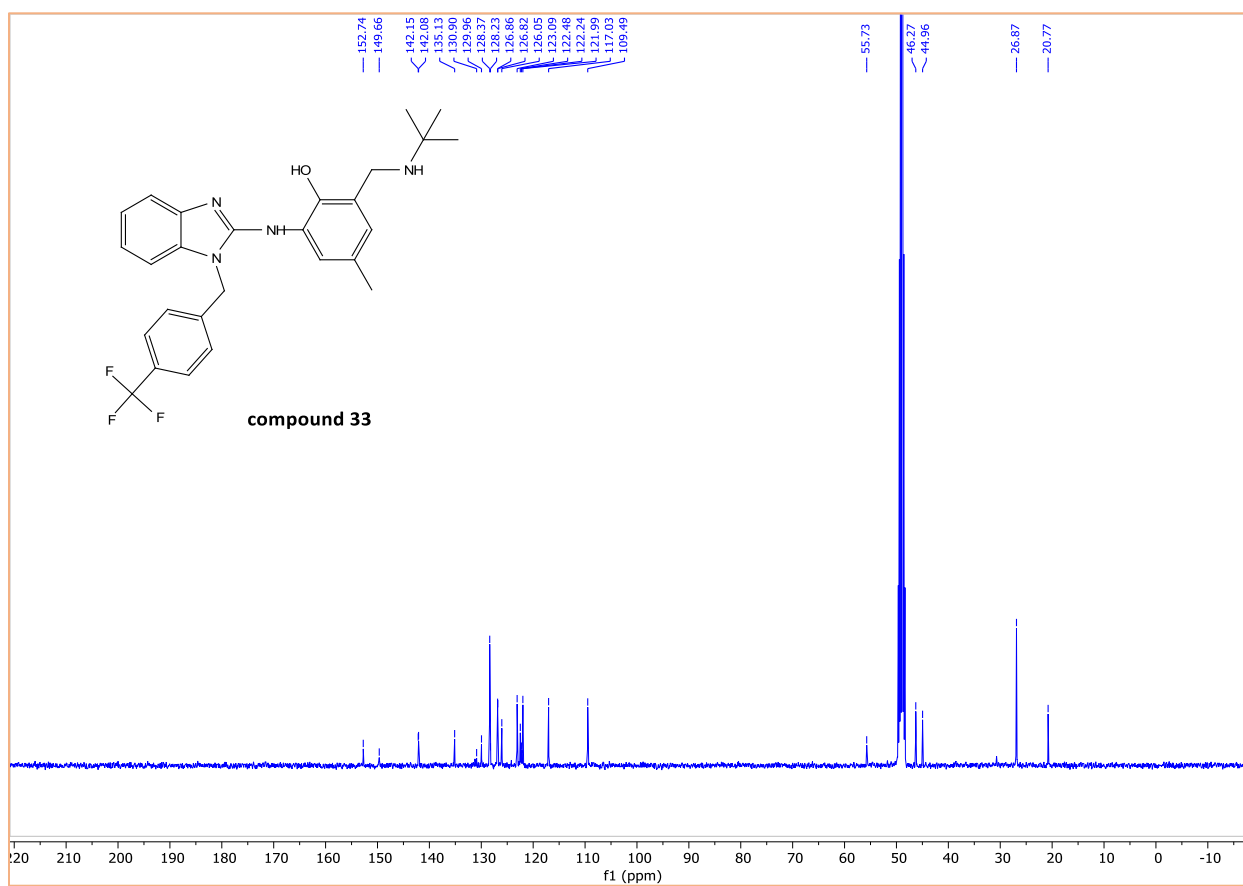
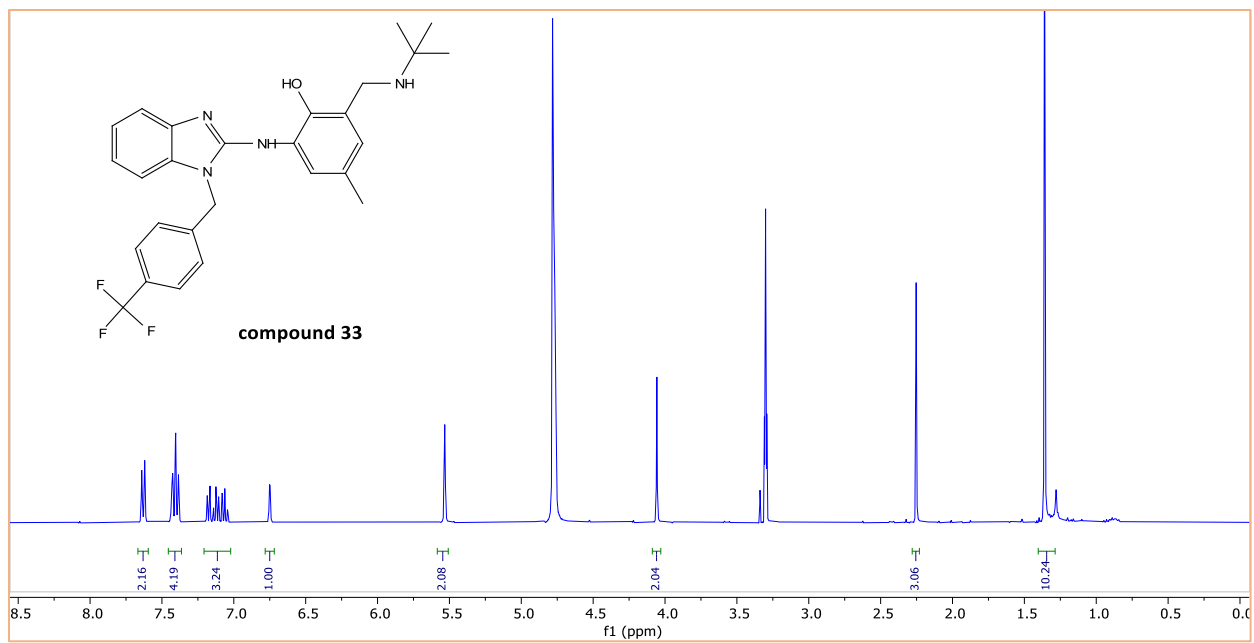


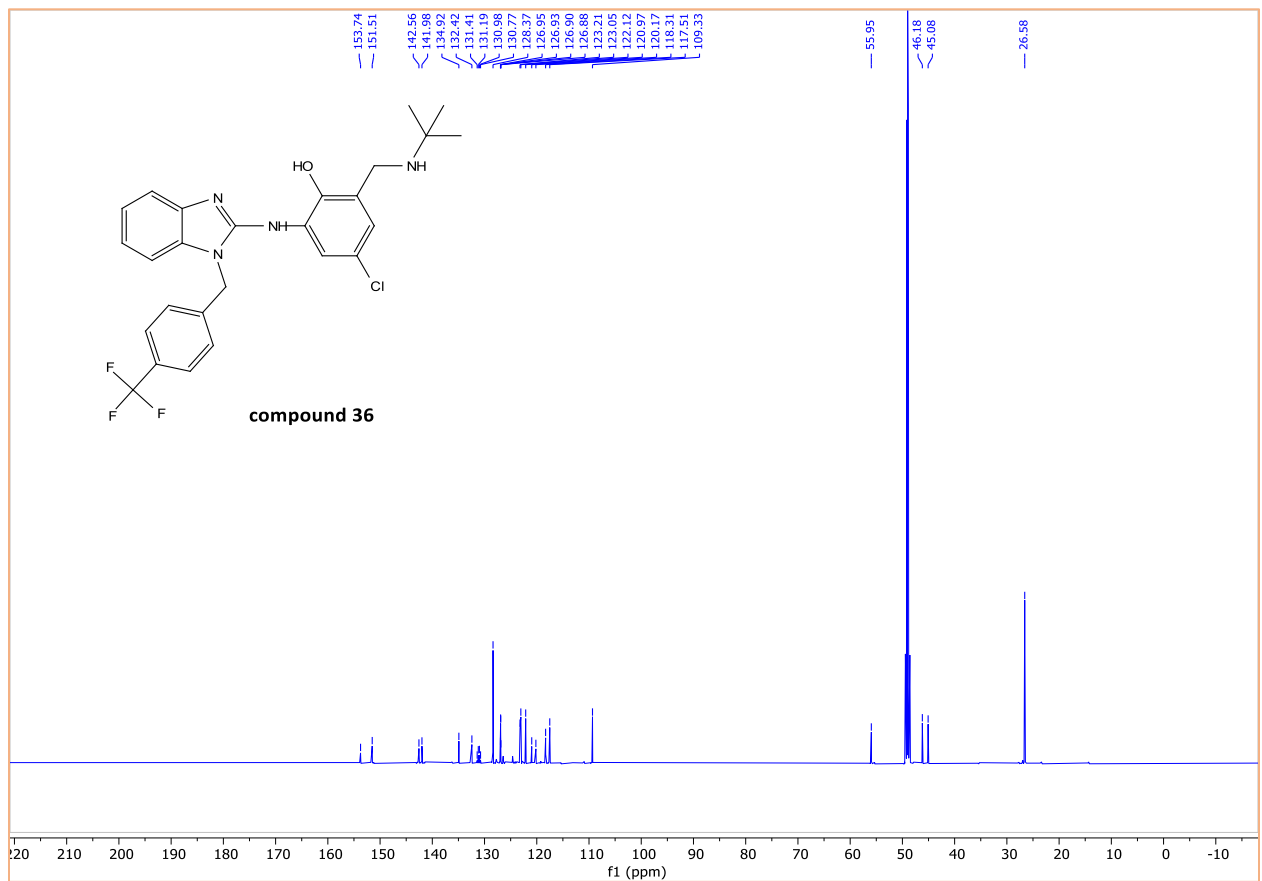
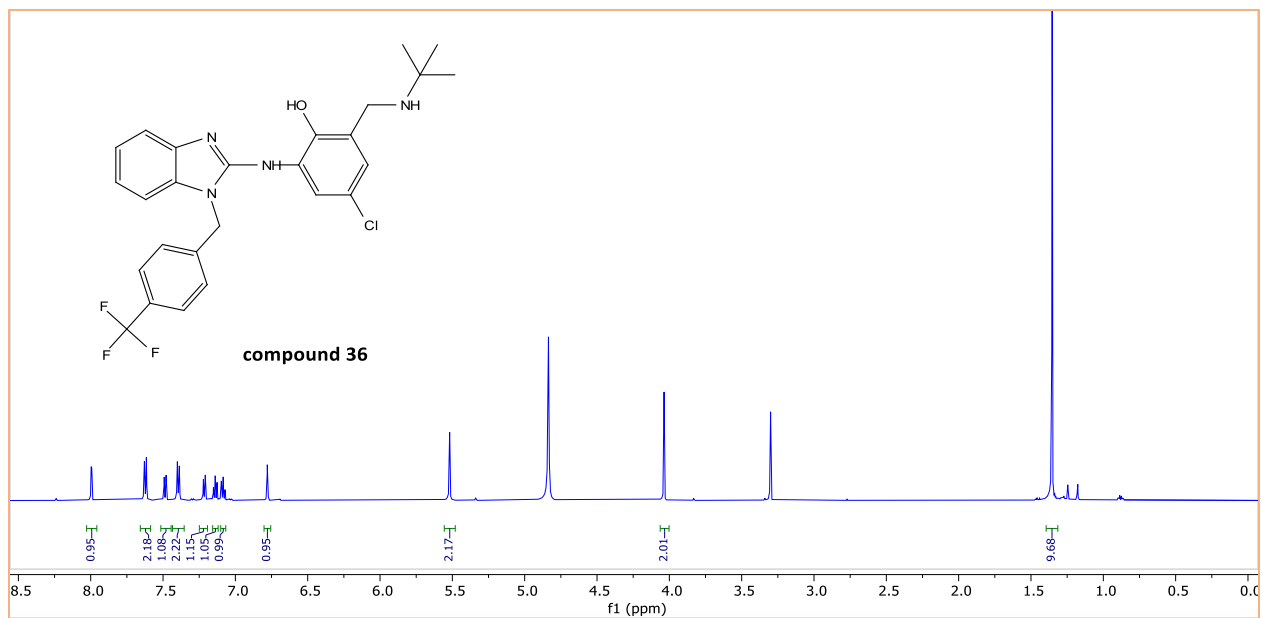


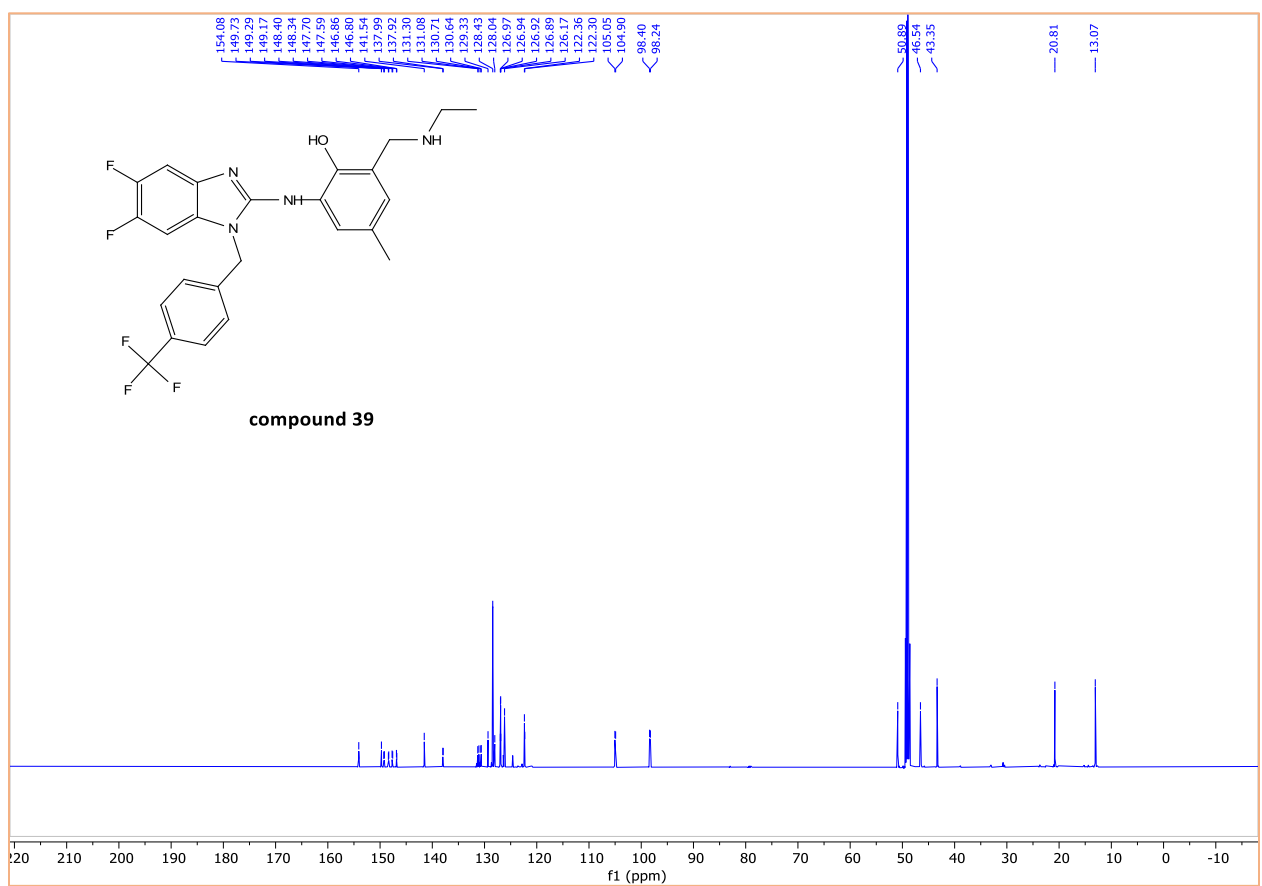
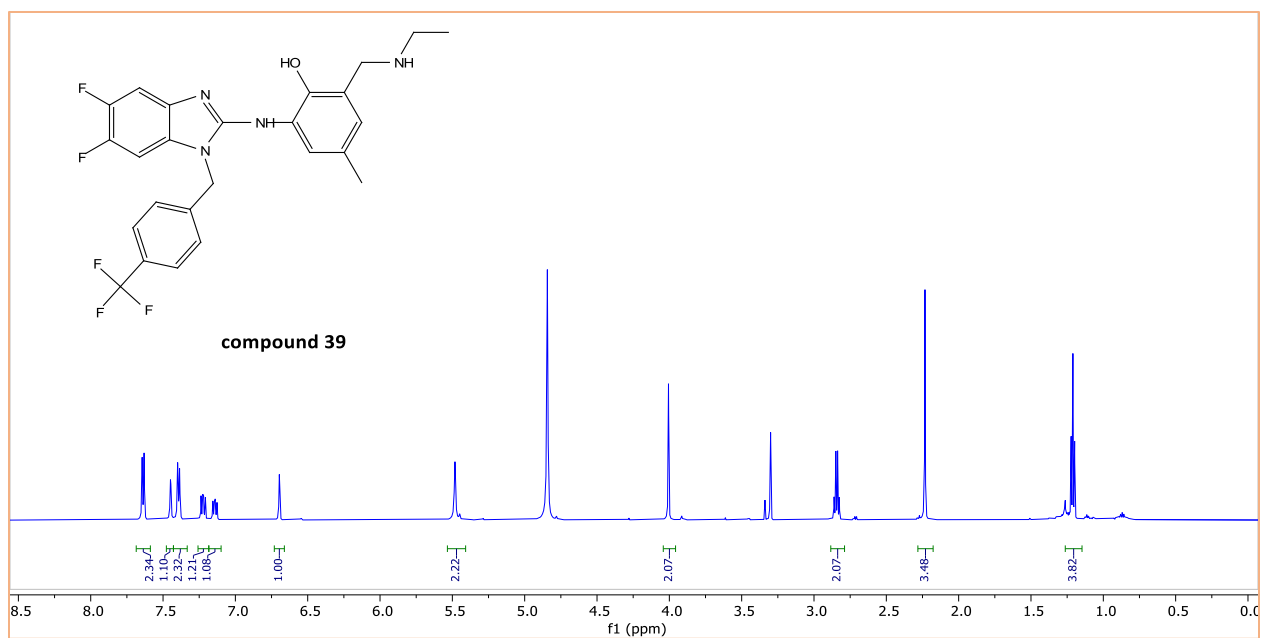


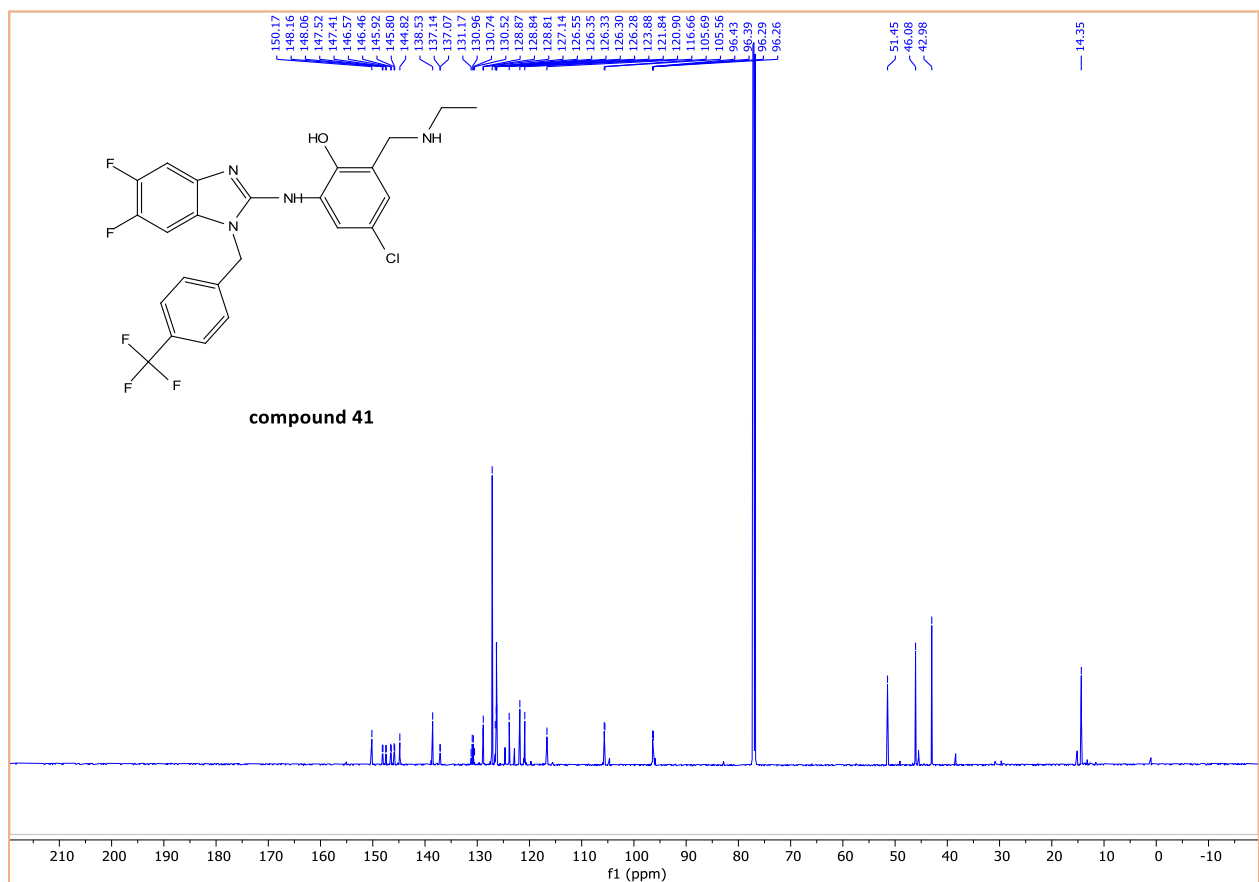
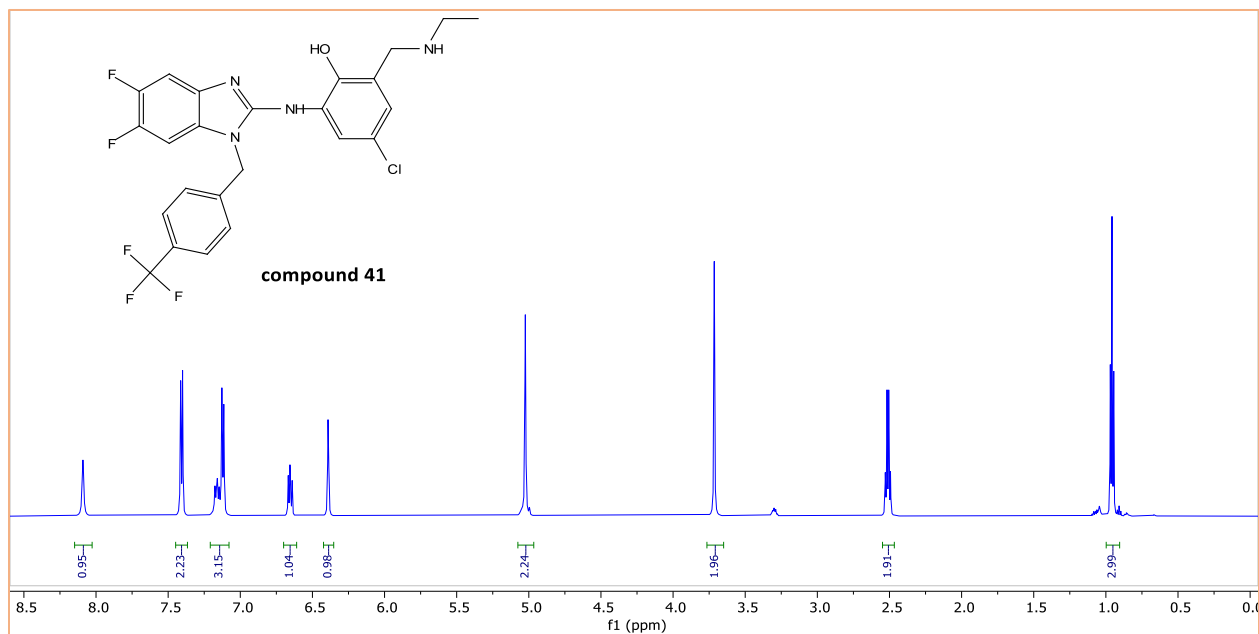


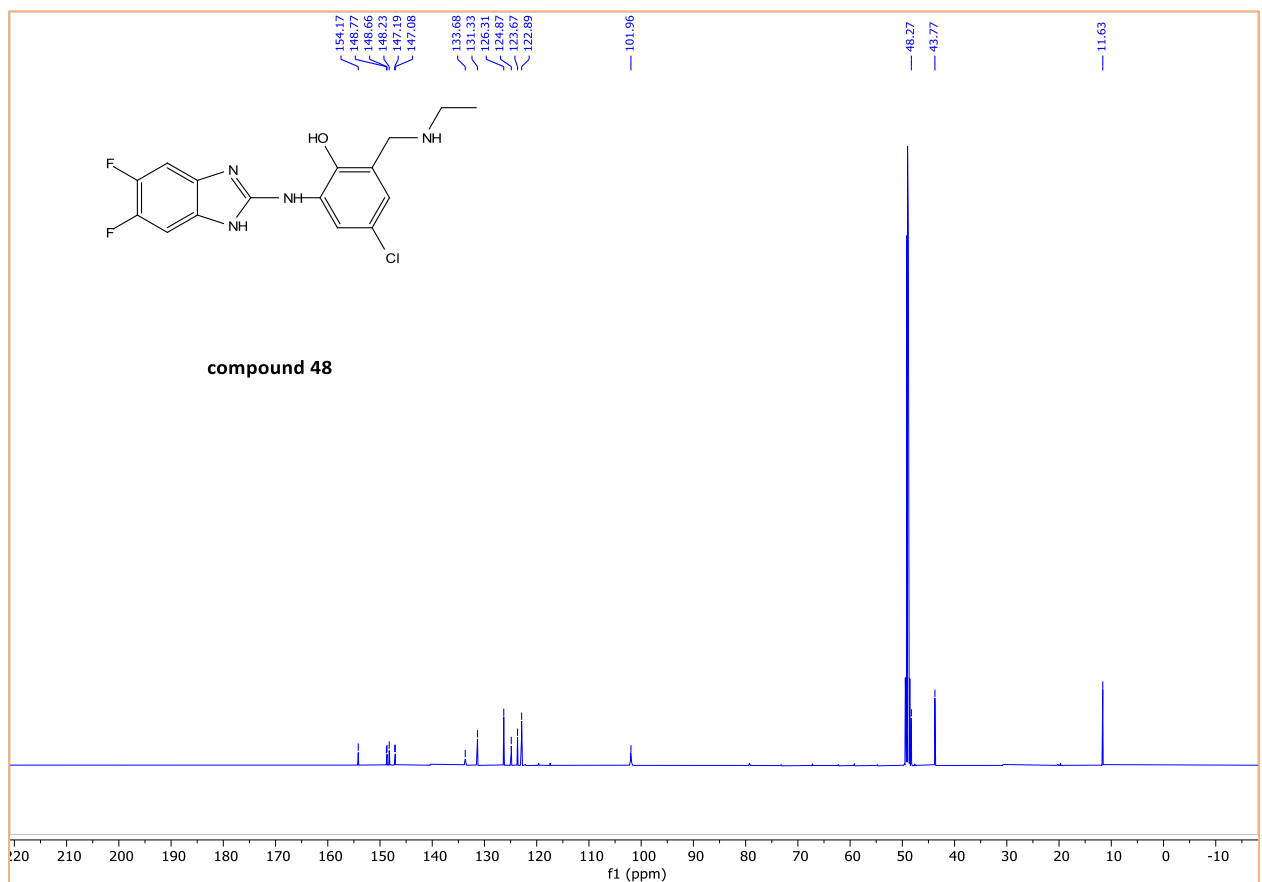
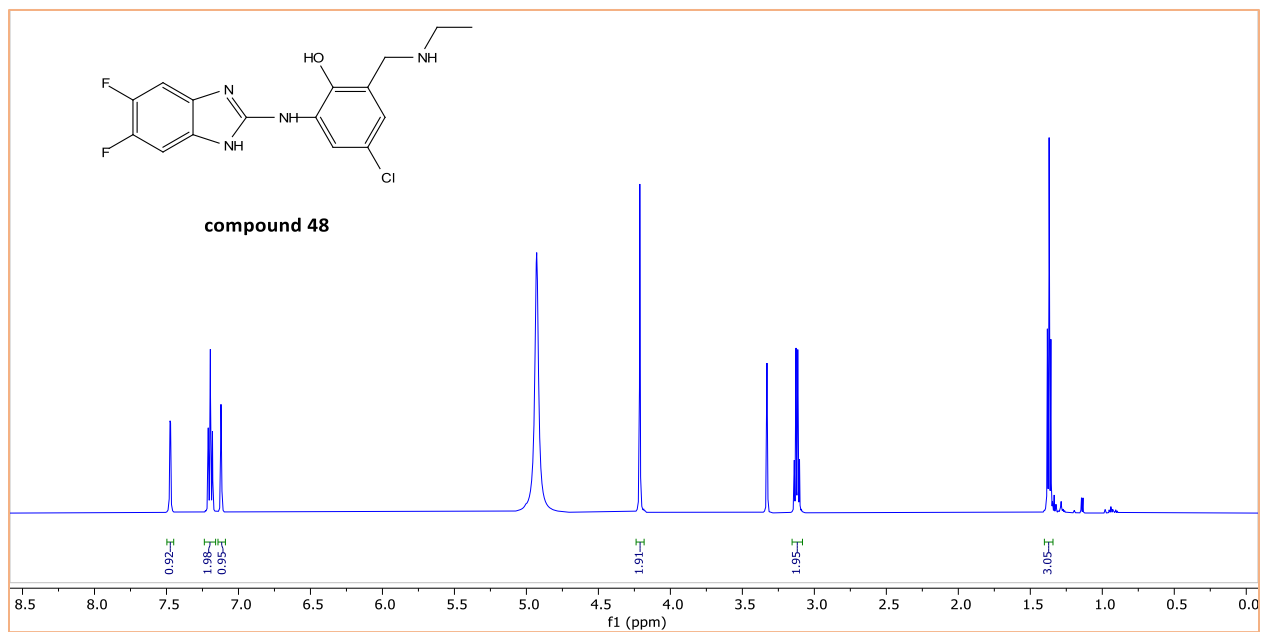




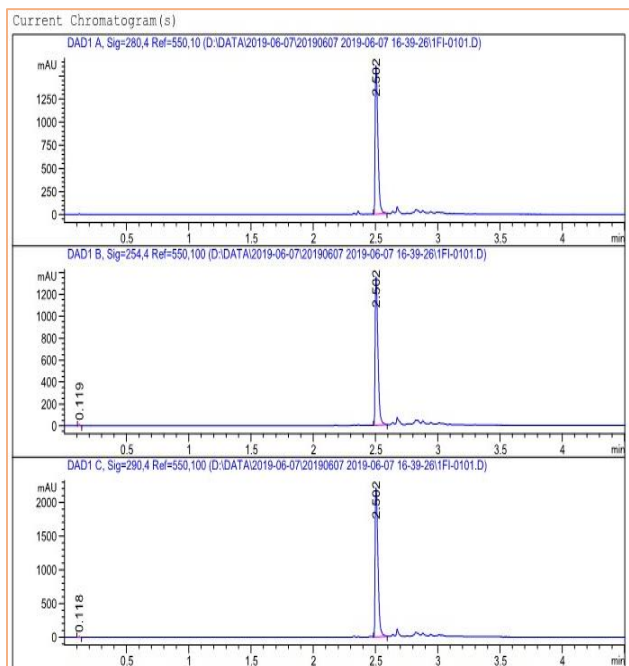




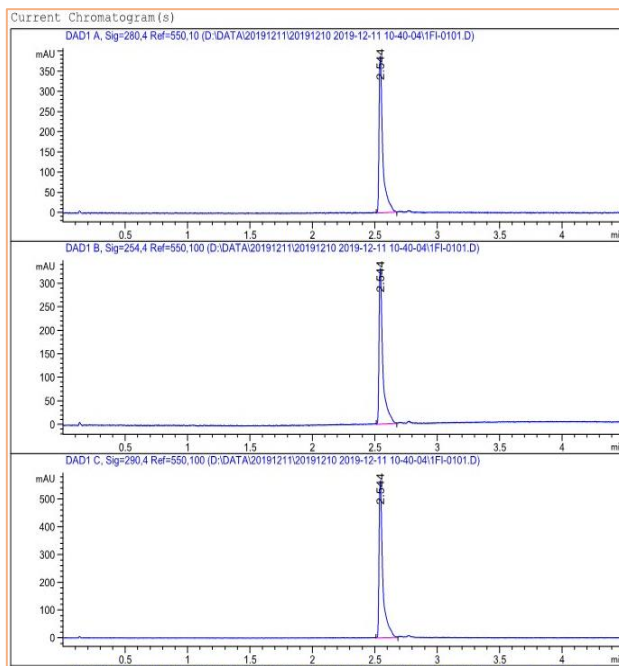




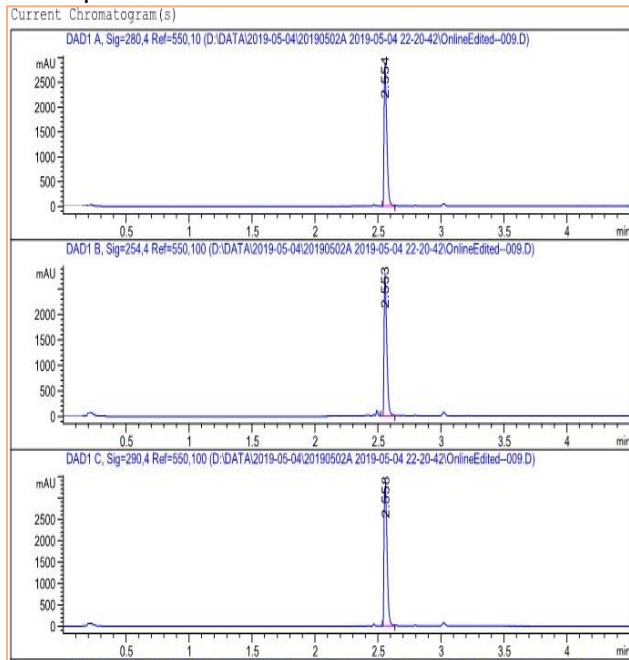
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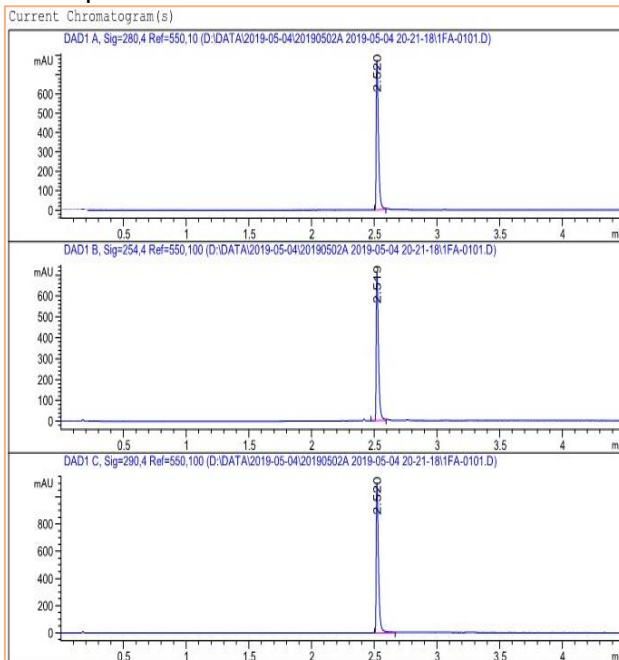
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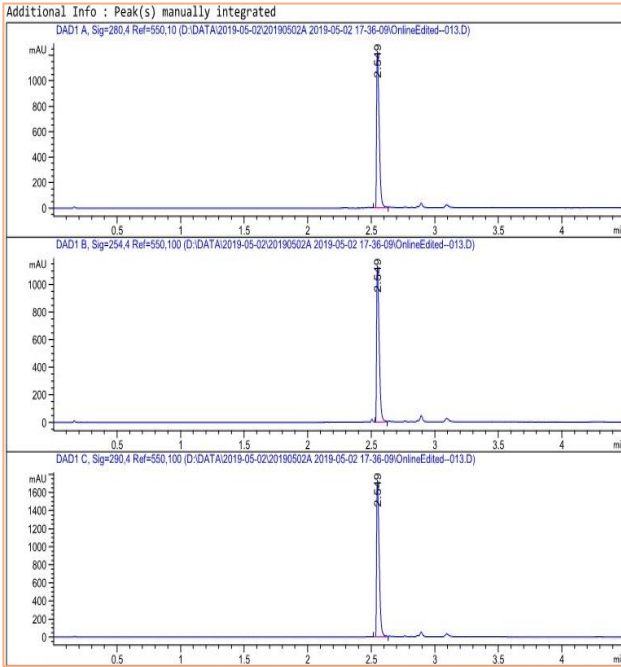
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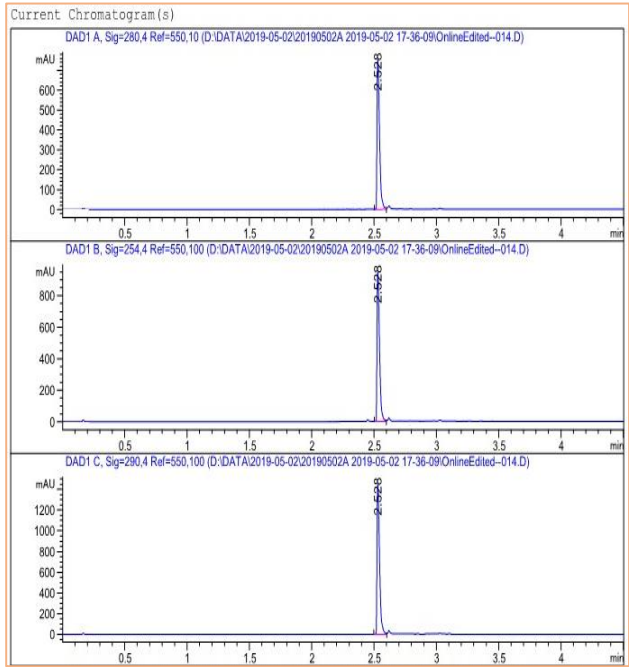
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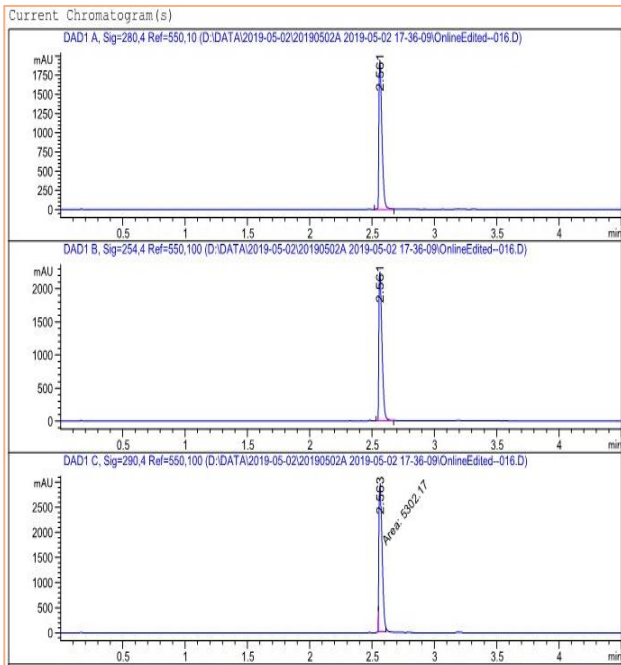
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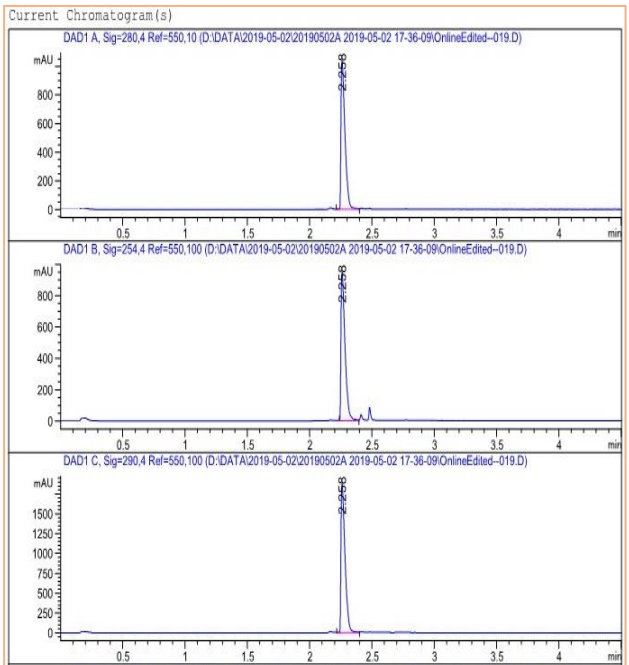


Table S1: β -hematin inhibition activity (β HIA) and cytotoxicity (HepG2) and of the selected compounds

Compound	β HIA (IC ₅₀ , μ M)	HepG2 (EC ₅₀ , μ M) ^a	Compound	β HIA (IC ₅₀ , μ M)	HepG2 (EC ₅₀ , μ M) ^a
12	631.6		32	137.8	27.36
13	486.2		33	96.7	1.09
14	74.6		34	21.1	35.47
15	39.5		35	33.3	14.01
16	159.3		36	32.4	8.21
17	1079		37	34.5	20.74
18	131.8		38	79.3	25.0
19	159.4		39	30.7	1.00
20	126.6		40	16.3	49.14
21	133.9		41	18.1	6.88
22	140.0		42	16.3	22.65
23	90.9		43	17.3	
24	236.9		44	12.7	
25	65.3	1.26	45	8.13	
26	91.4		46	8.45	
27	399.2		47	8.11	
28	148.5		48	7.15	
29	250.4		49	11.5	
30	123.2		50	10.3	
31	142.3		51	12.6	
Amodiaquine	13.16		Amodiaquine	13.16	
Emetine		4.45	Emetine		4.45

^aEmetine was used as control and showed 94.7% toxicity at 2 μ M

Blank spaces = Not tested

Table S2: LC-MS/MS analytical conditions for PK analysis

Instrument	AB SCIEX 5500 QTRAP equipped with a Turbo V™ ion source coupled to an Agilent 1260 HPLC
Detection	Positive electrospray ionization under MRM scans
Column	Kinetex C18, 50x2.1mm, 2.6µm
LC Conditions	Gradient 0.4mL/min, 7 min run, injection volume 5µL, column temperature 40°C, sample tray temperature 8°C
Mobile Phase	A: 0.1% formic acid; B 0.1% formic acid in acetonitrile
Software	Analyst 1.6.3 software for instrument control, data acquisition and analysis

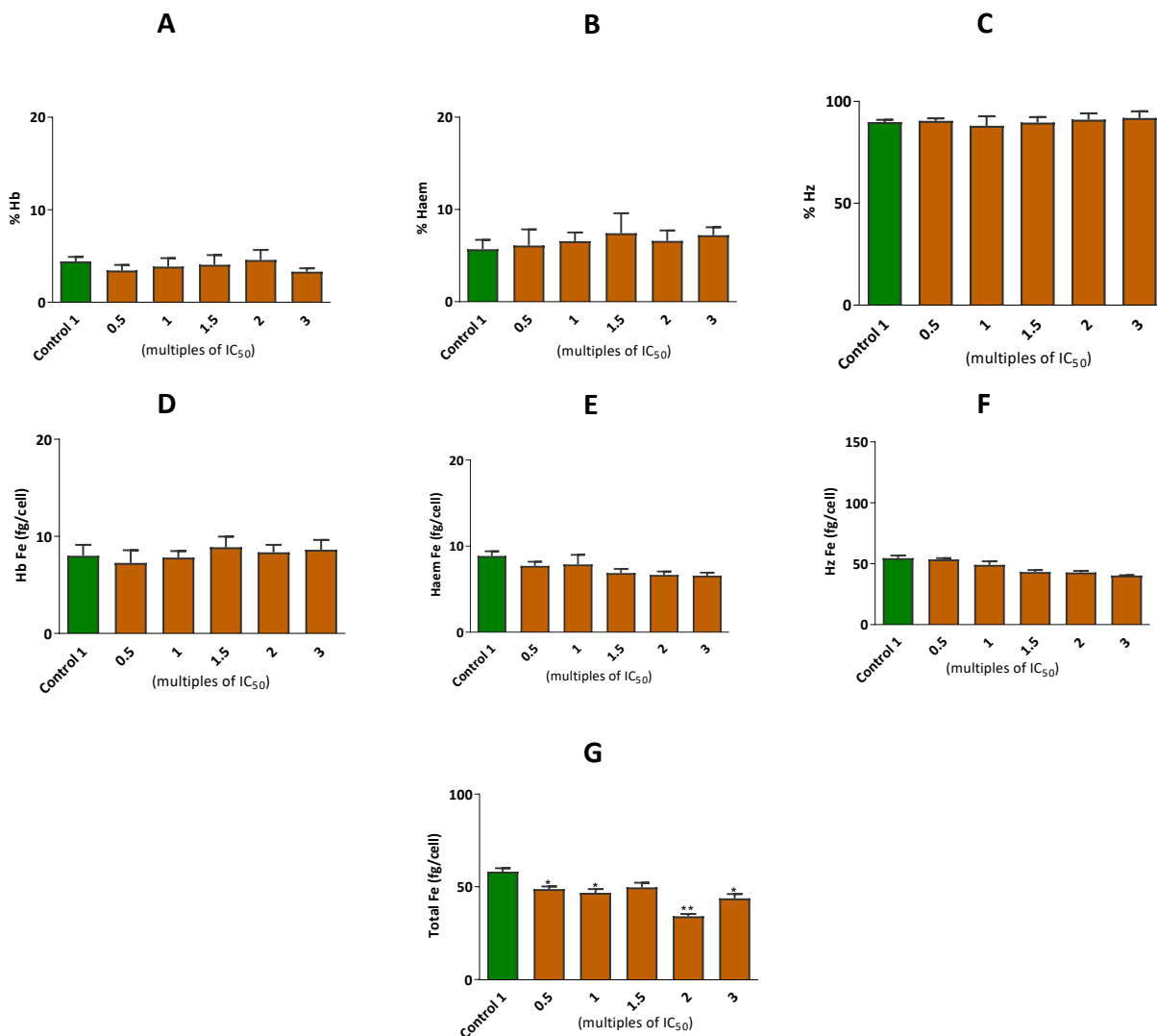


Figure S2: Heme species in synchronized control and compound **35** treated *PfNF54* parasites. Heme fractionation profile of **35** showing percent hemoglobin (A), haem (B) and hemozoin (C) at multiples of its IC₅₀. The absolute amount of hemoglobin (Hb) Fe, “free” heme Fe and hemozoin (Hz) Fe are depicted in (D), (E) and (F) at multiples of its IC₅₀. Plot G represents total Fe at multiples of its IC₅₀. Significance levels are shown with asterisks, where $p < 0.05$ (*), $p < 0.01$ (**), and $p < 0.001$ (***)).

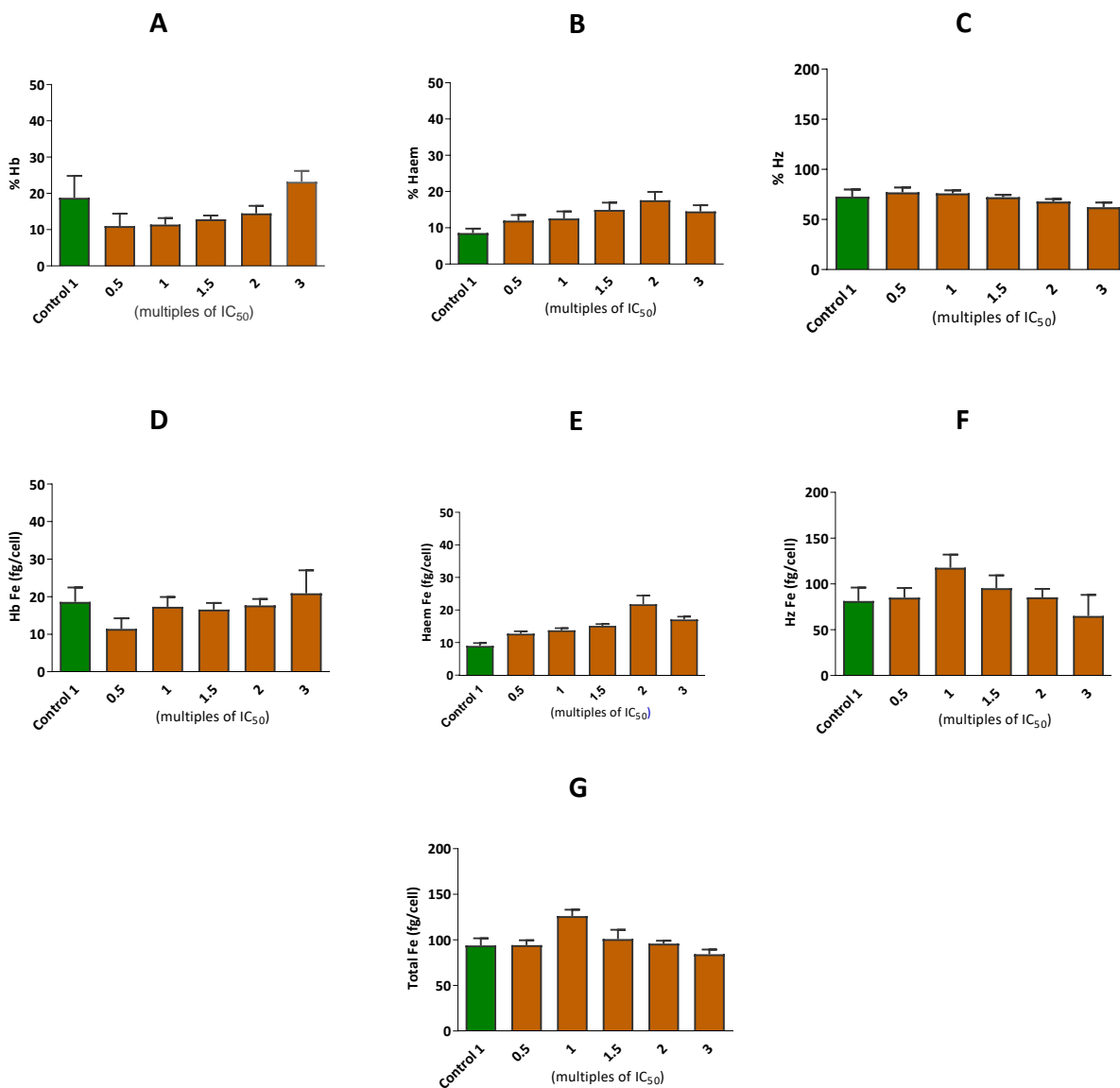


Figure S3: Heme species in synchronized control and compound **41** treated *PfNF54* parasites. Heme fractionation profile of **41** showing percent hemoglobin (A), haem (B) and hemozoin (C) at multiples of its IC_{50} . The absolute amount of hemoglobin (Hb) Fe, “free” heme Fe and hemozoin (Hz) Fe are depicted in (D), (E) and (F) at multiples of its IC_{50} . Plot G represents total Fe at multiples of its IC_{50} . Significance levels are shown with asterisks, where $p < 0.05$ (*), $p < 0.01$ (**), and $p < 0.001$ (***)).

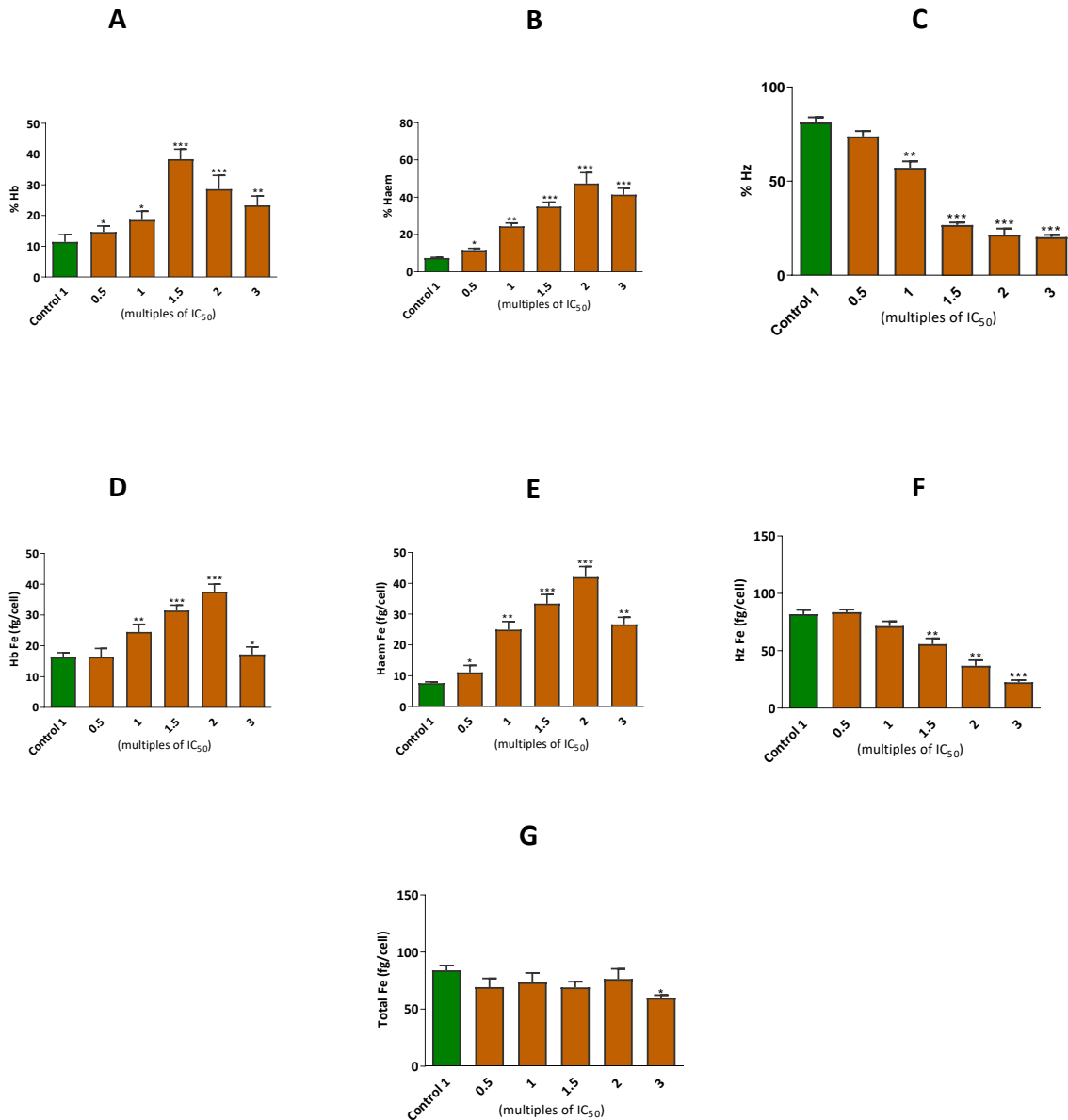


Figure S4: Heme species in synchronized control and compound **44** treated *Pf*NF54 parasites. Heme fractionation profile of **44** showing percent hemoglobin (A), haem (B) and hemozoin (C) at multiples of its IC₅₀. The absolute amount of hemoglobin (Hb) Fe, “free” heme Fe and hemozoin (Hz) Fe are depicted in (D), (E) and (F) at multiples of its IC₅₀. Plot G represents total Fe at multiples of its IC₅₀. Significance levels are shown with asterisks, where $p < 0.05$ (*), $p < 0.01$ (**), and $p < 0.001$ (***)

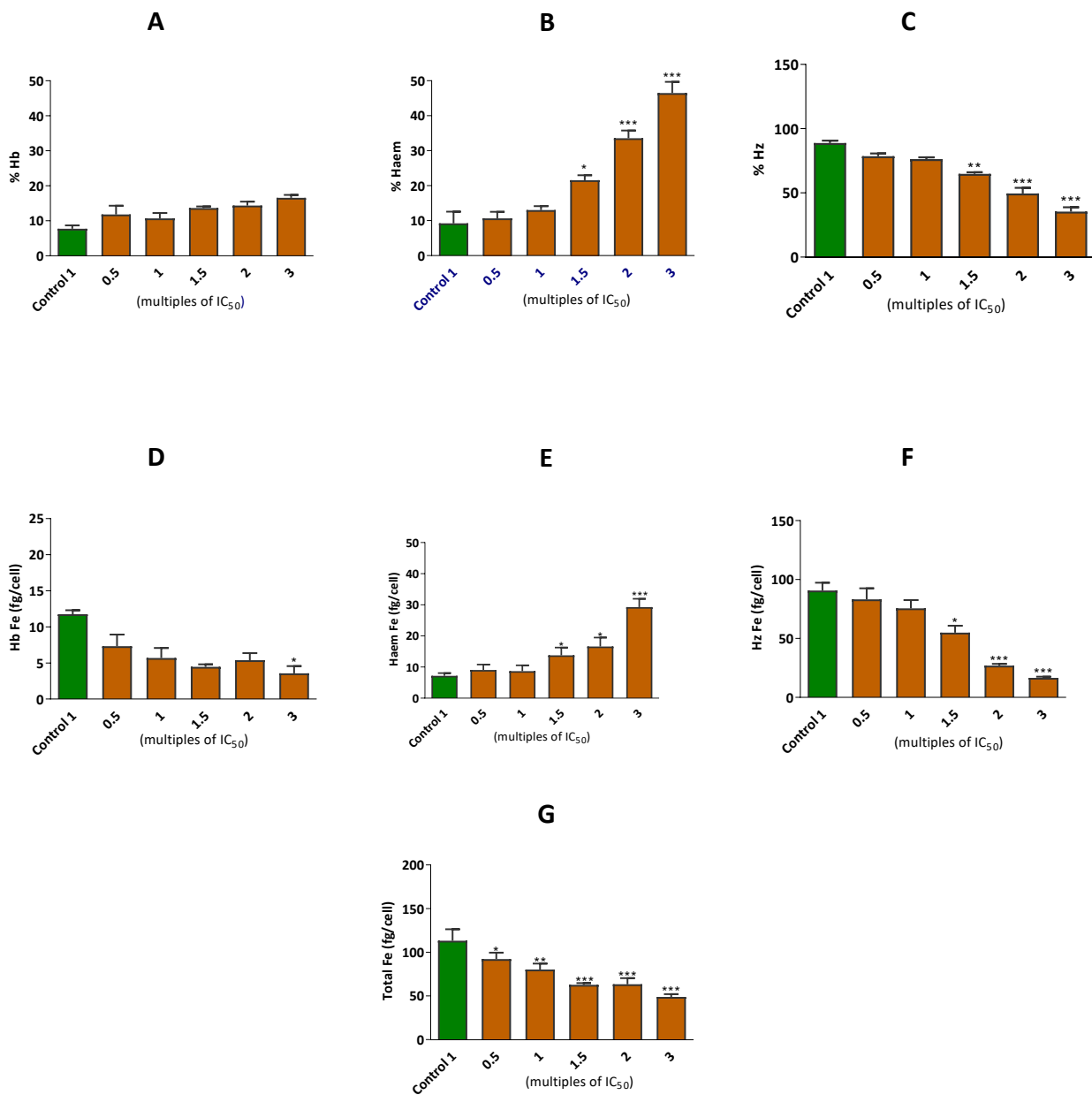


Figure S5: Heme species in synchronized control and compound **48** treated *PfNF54* parasites. Heme fractionation profile of **48** showing percent hemoglobin (A), haem (B) and hemozoin (C) at multiples of its IC₅₀. The absolute amount of hemoglobin (Hb) Fe, “free” heme Fe and hemozoin (Hz) Fe are depicted in (D), (E) and (F) at multiples of its IC₅₀. Plot G represents total Fe at multiples of its IC₅₀. Significance levels are shown with asterisks, where $p < 0.05$ (*), $p < 0.01$ (**), and $p < 0.001$ (***)

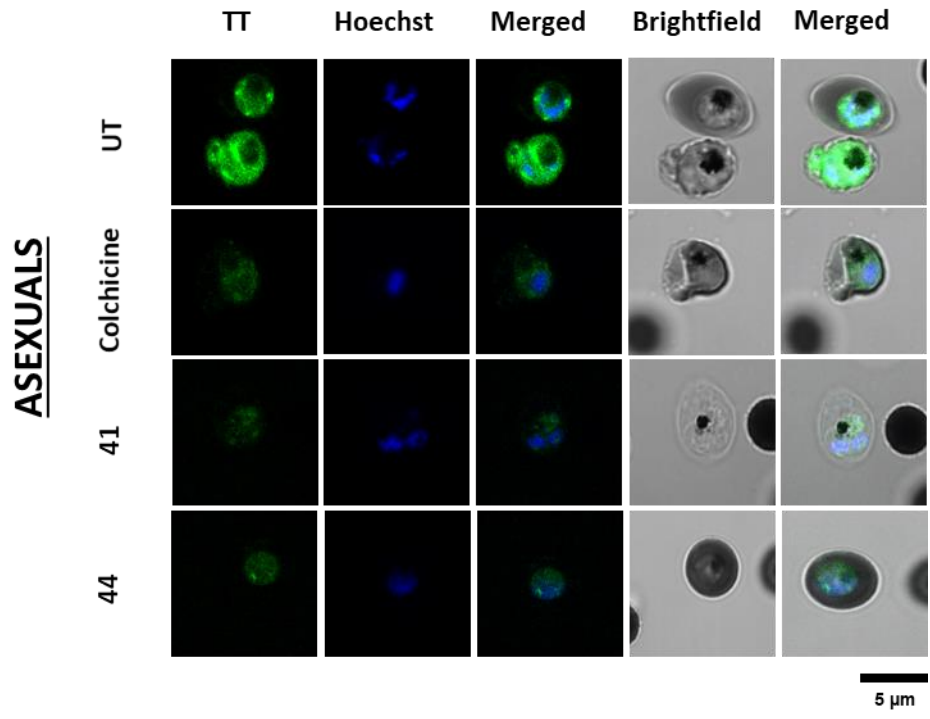


Figure S6: Live cell confocal imaging of asexual trophozoites of *Plasmodium falciparum*. Cells are labelled with Tubulin Tracker® (TT, green) and Hoescht 3324 nuclear stain (blue). Brightfield images are shown on right side of each image. UT = Untreated. Scale represents 5 μm.

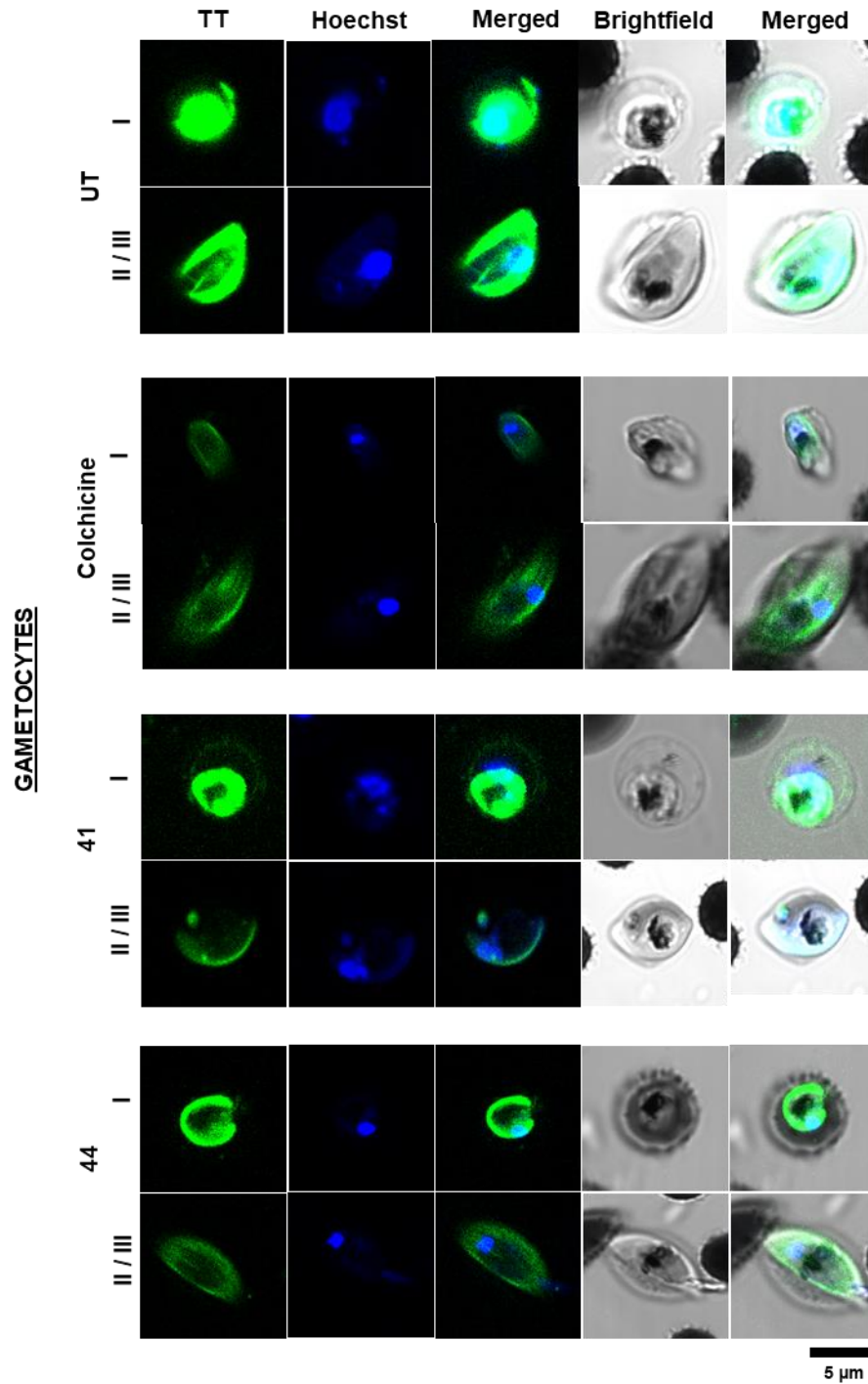


Figure S7: Live cell confocal imaging of stage I-III gametocytes of *Plasmodium falciparum*. Cells are labelled with Tubulin Tracker® (TT, green) and Hoescht 3324 nuclear stain (blue). Brightfield images are shown on right side of each image. UT = Untreated. Scale represents 5 μm.