#### **Supplementary Material**

# Design, synthesis, and biological evaluation of novel multifunctional Rolipram-Tranilast hybrids as potential treatment for traumatic brain injury

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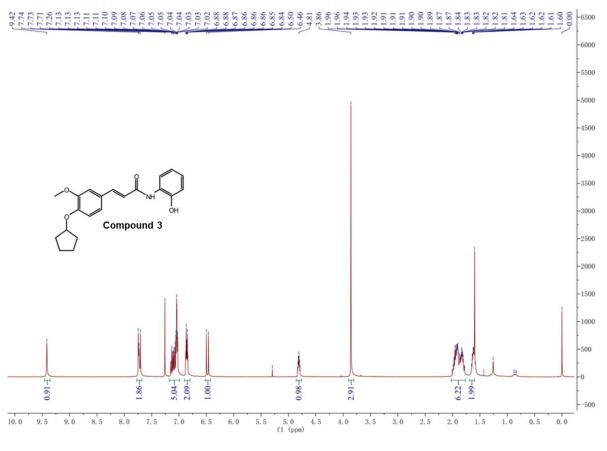
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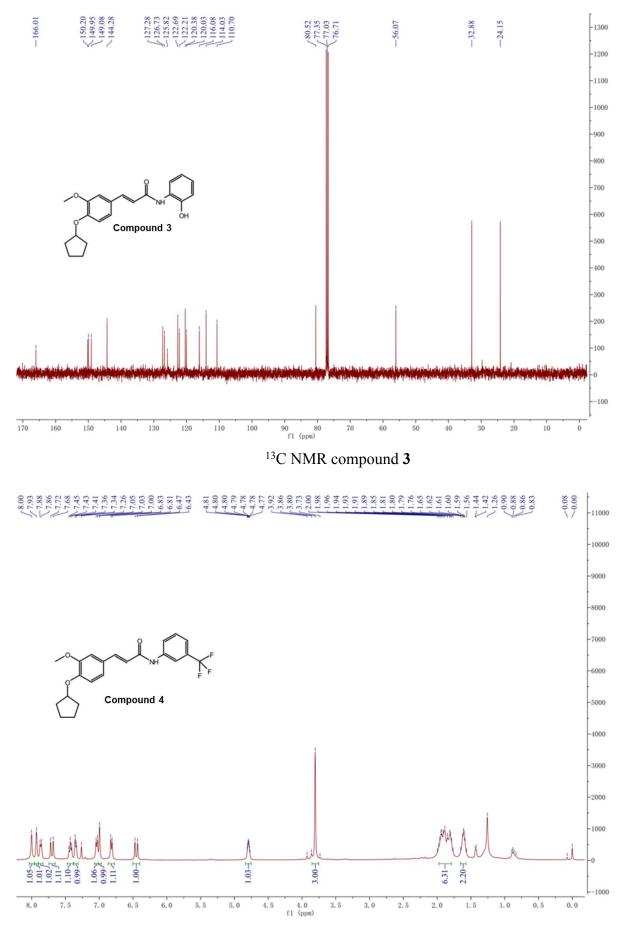
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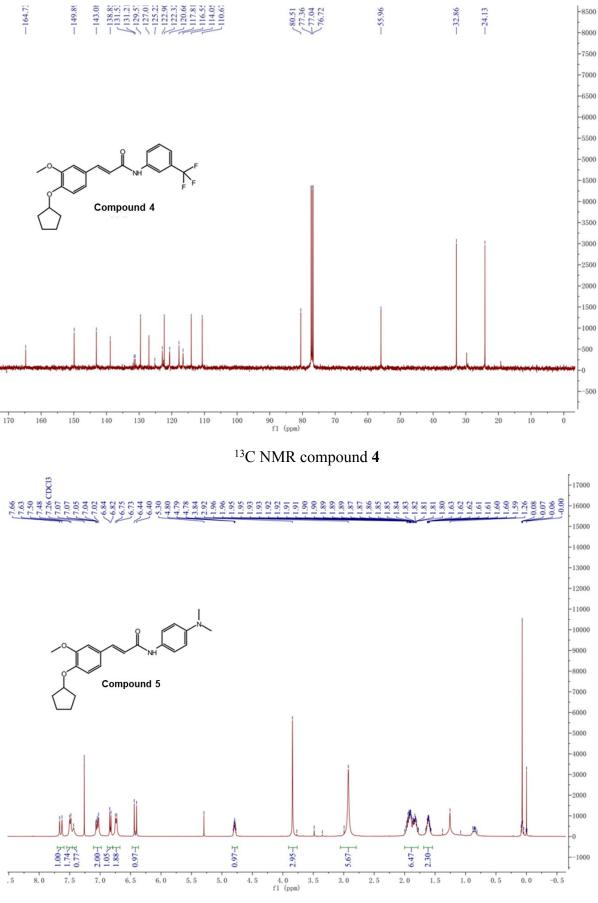
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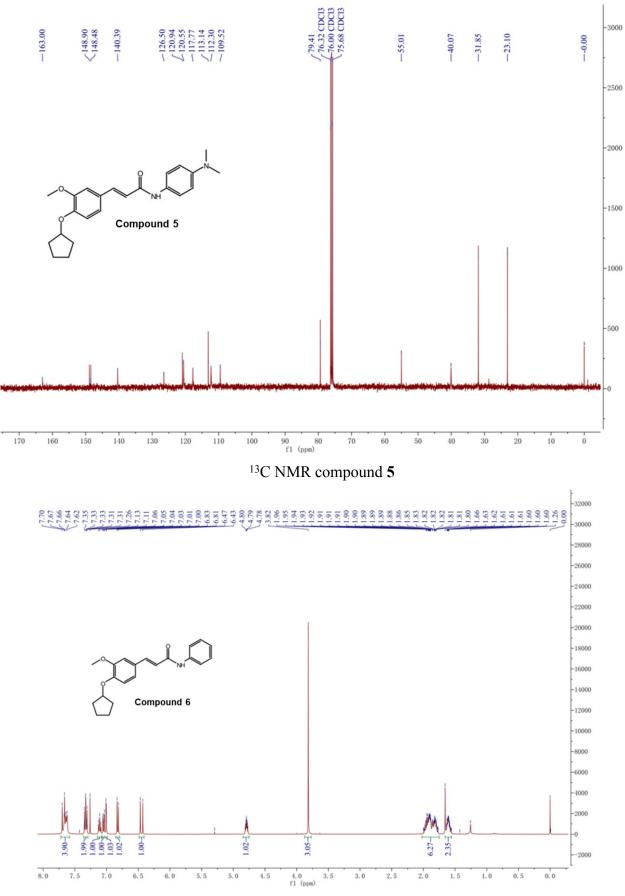


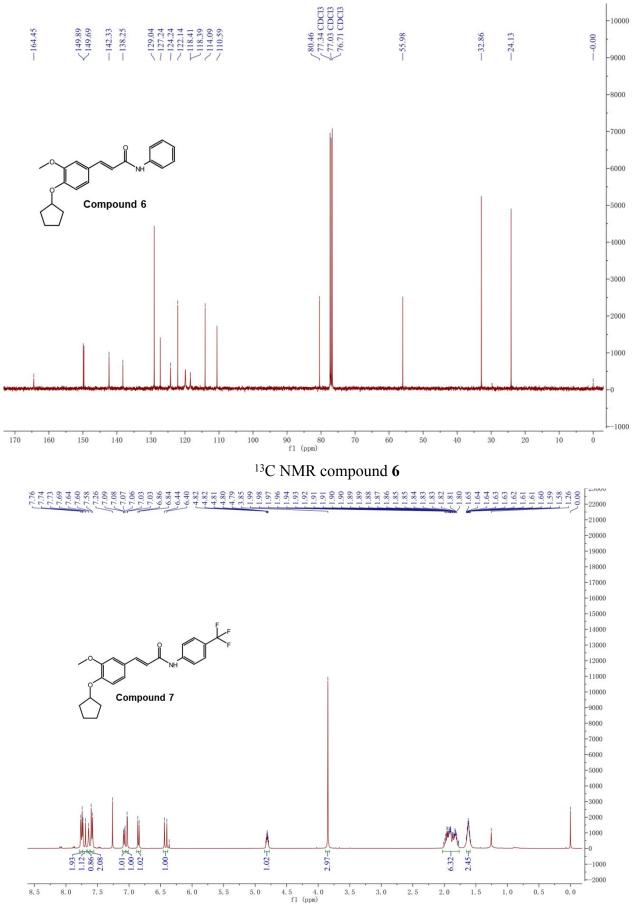


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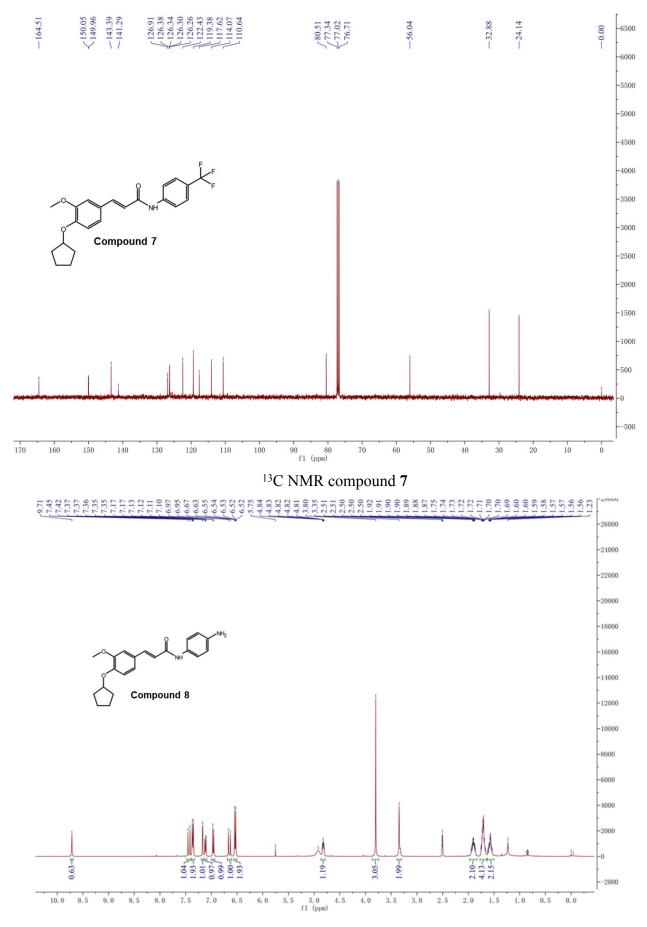


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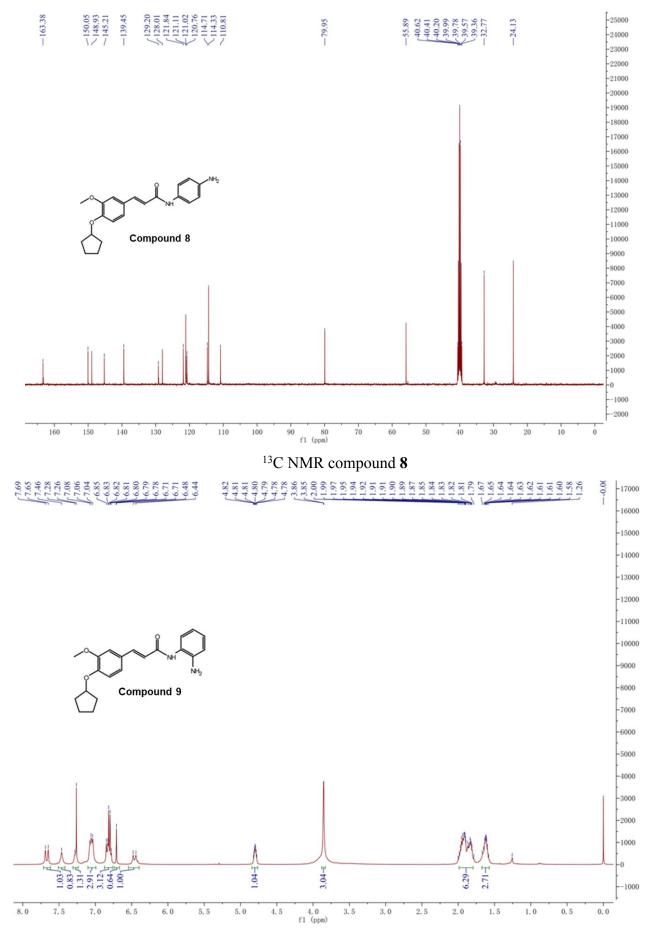


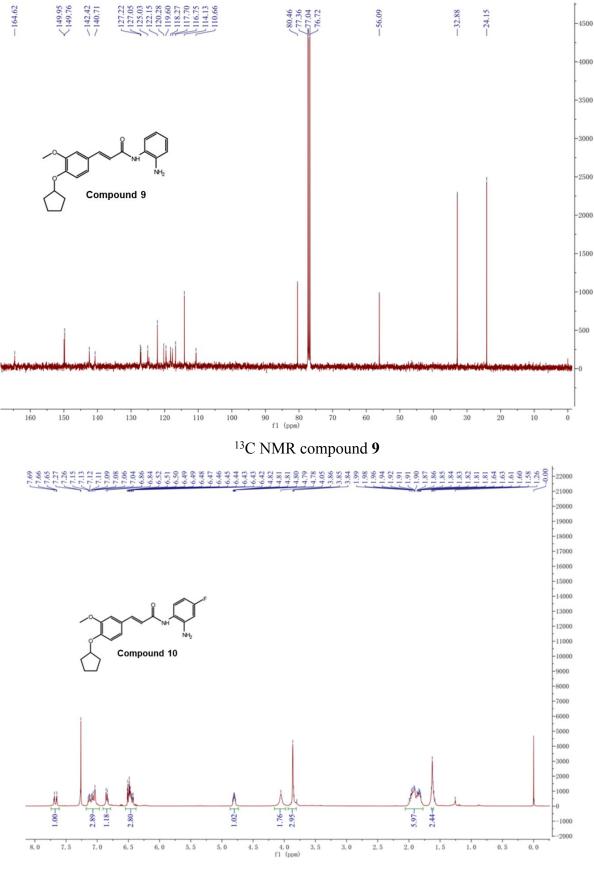


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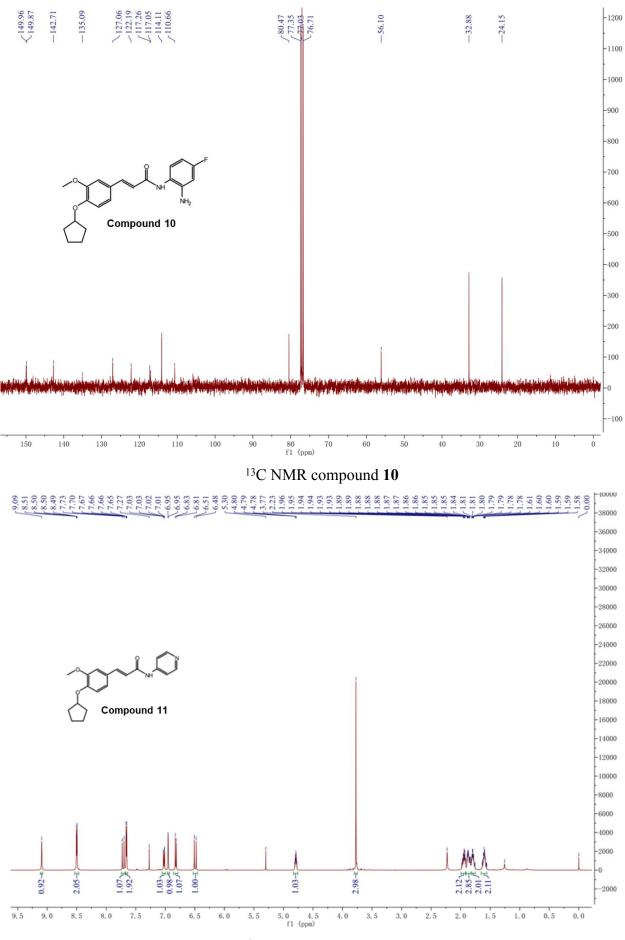


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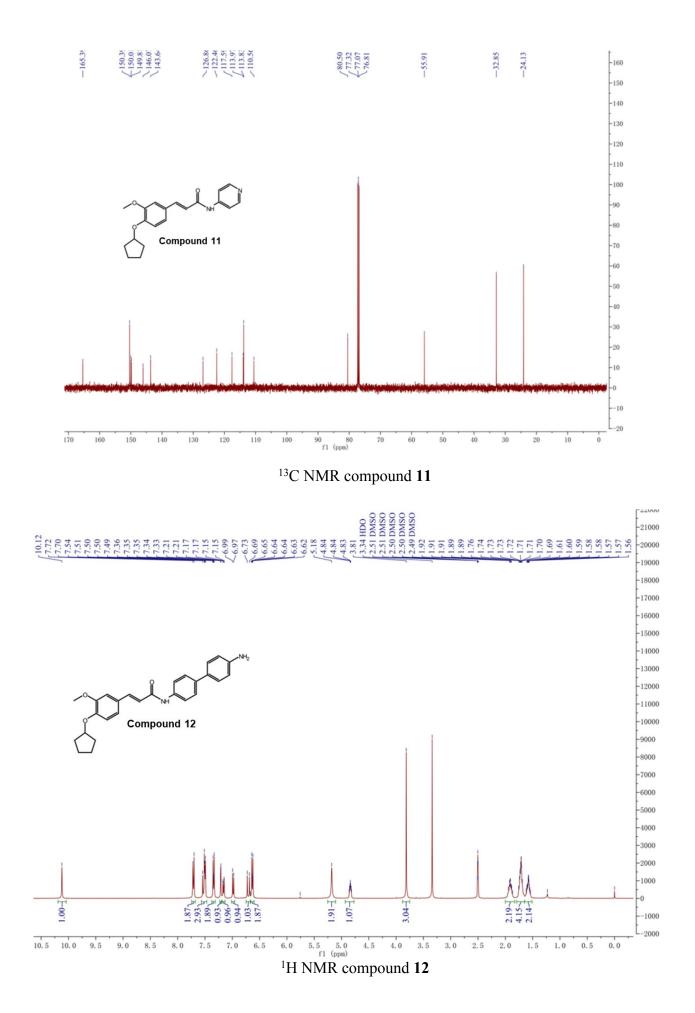


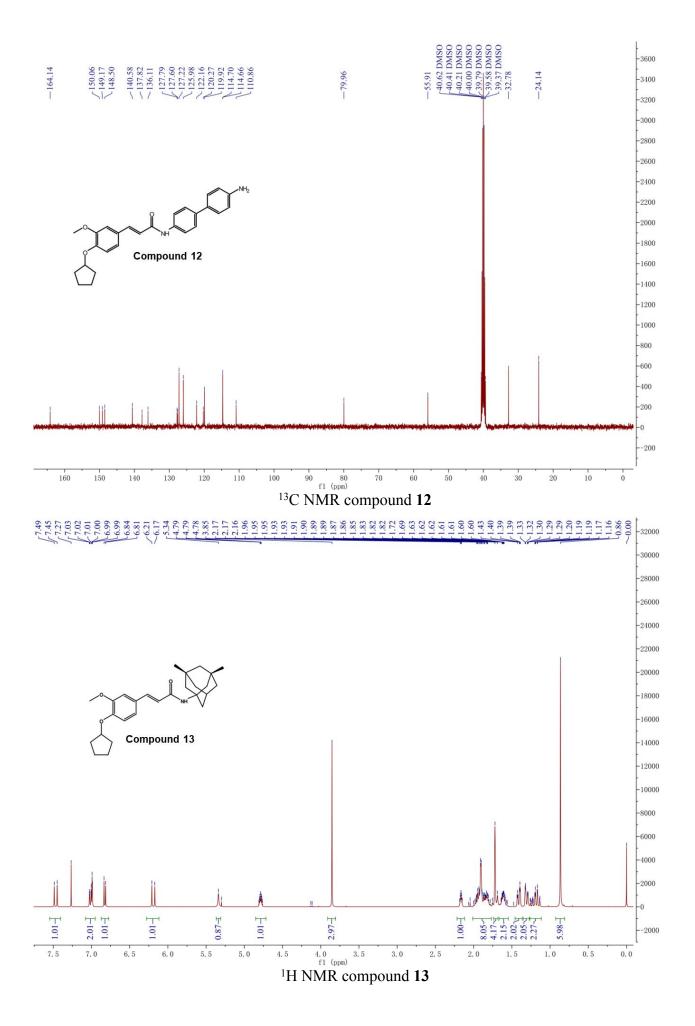


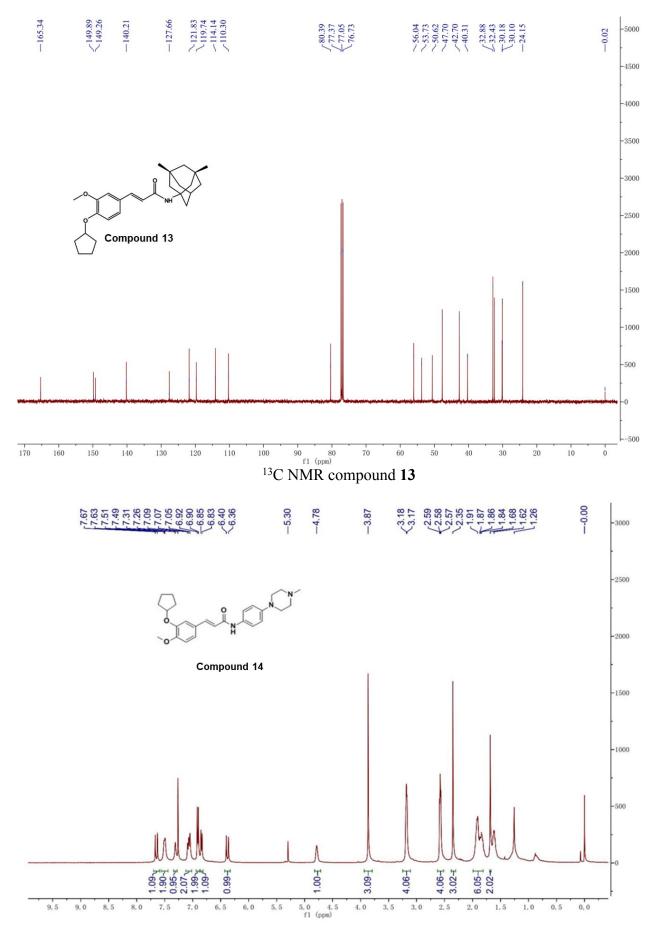
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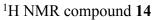


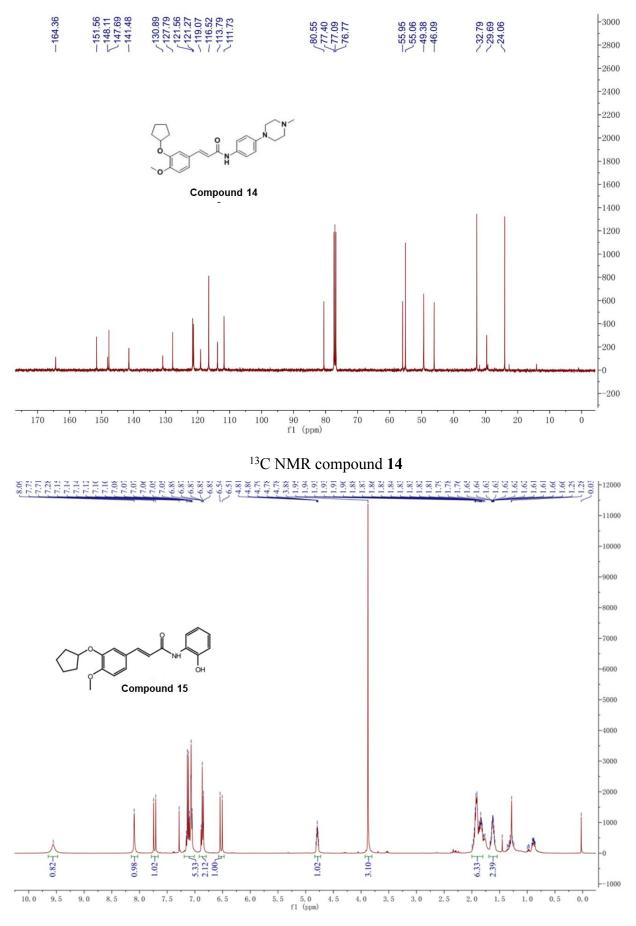
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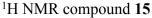


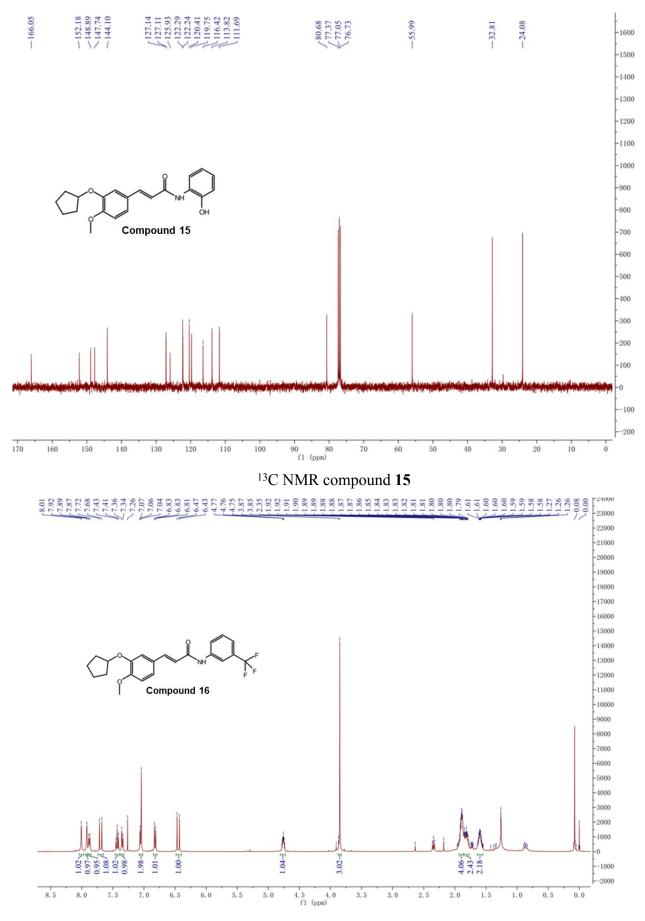




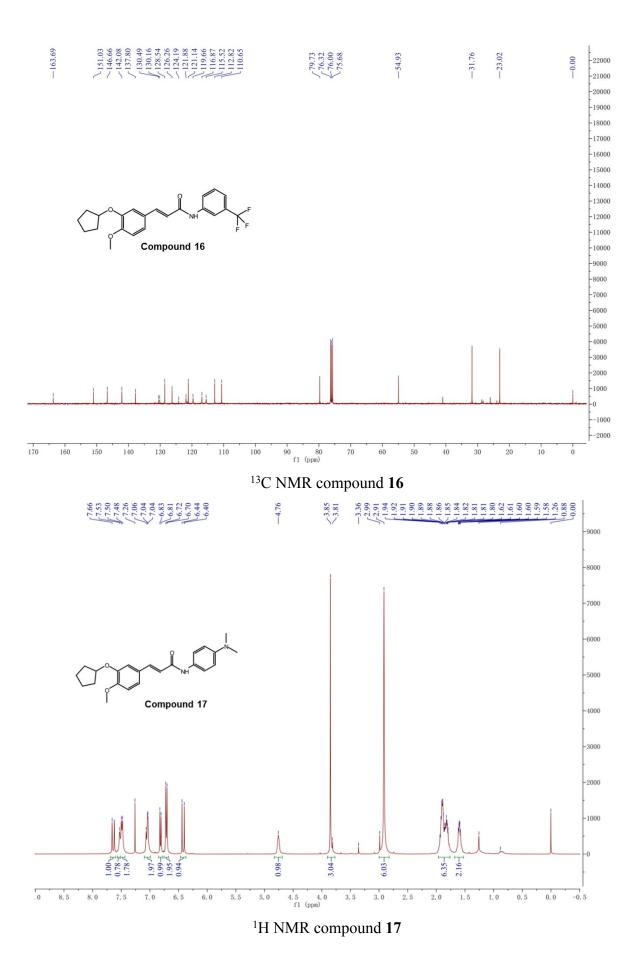


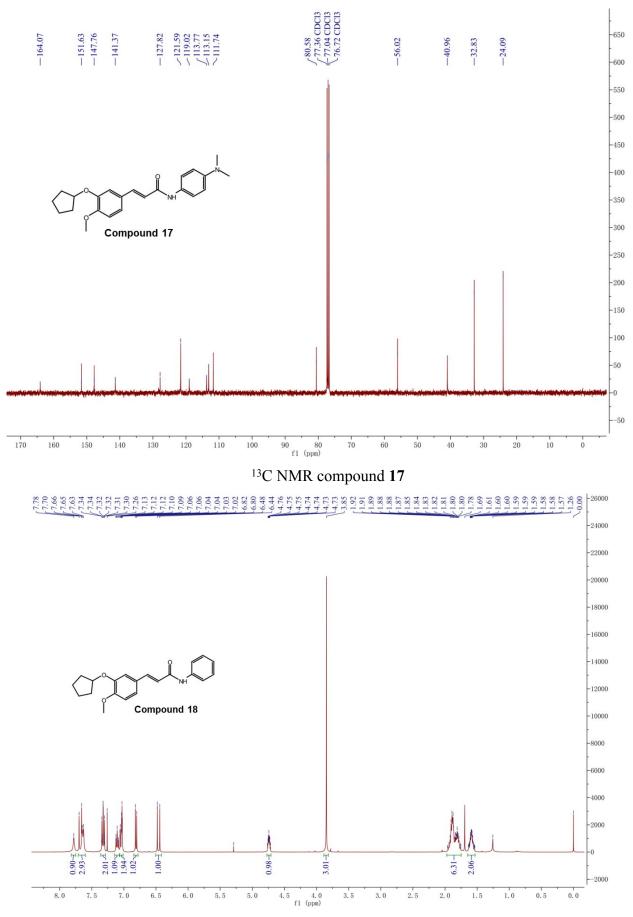




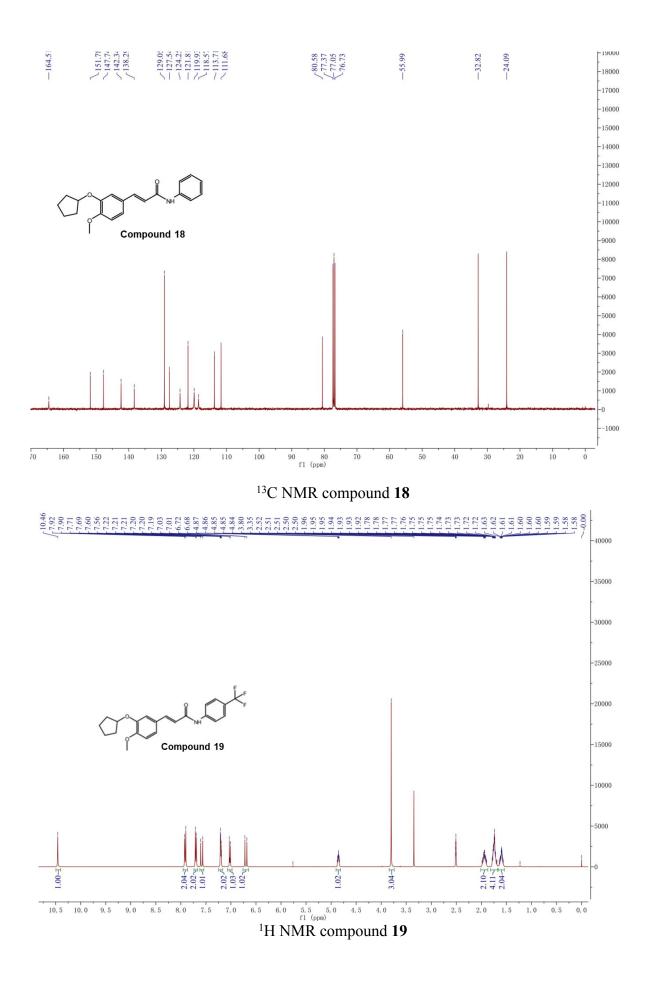


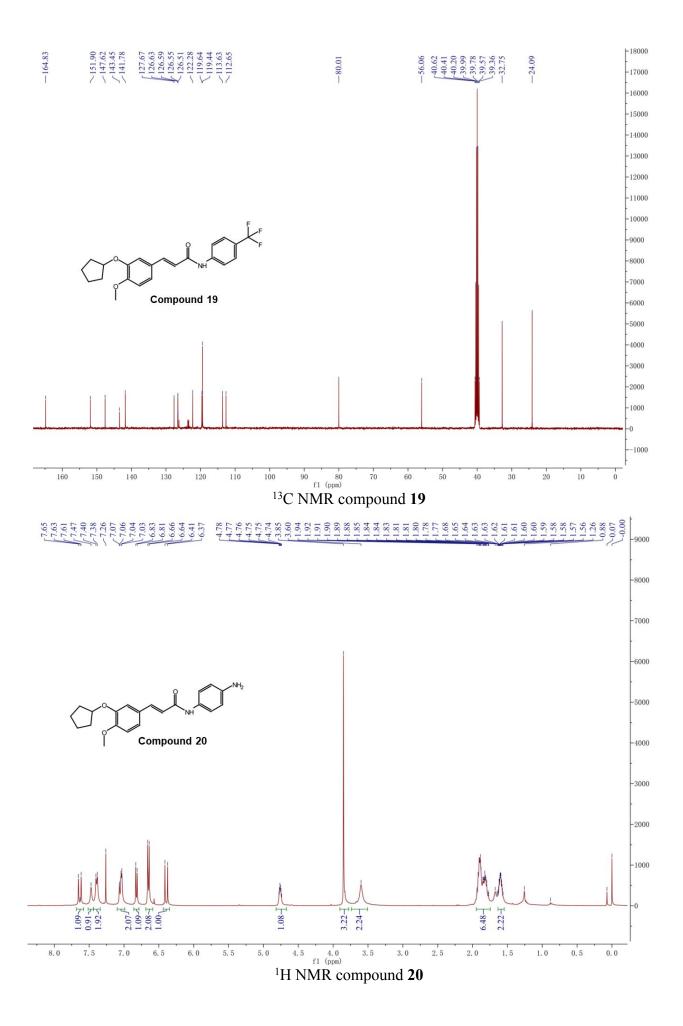
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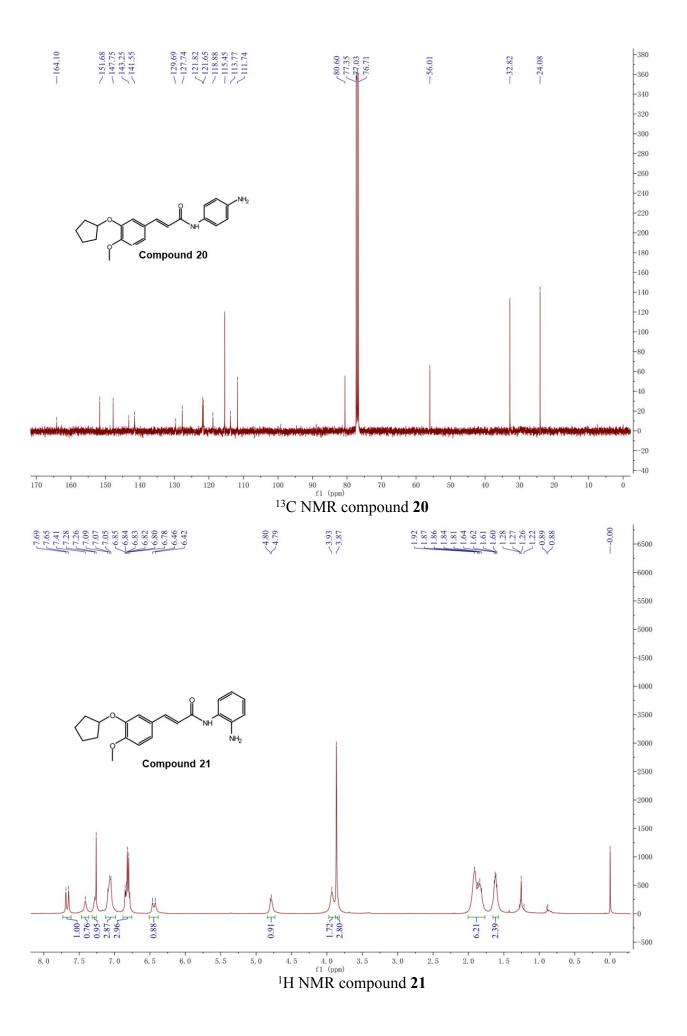


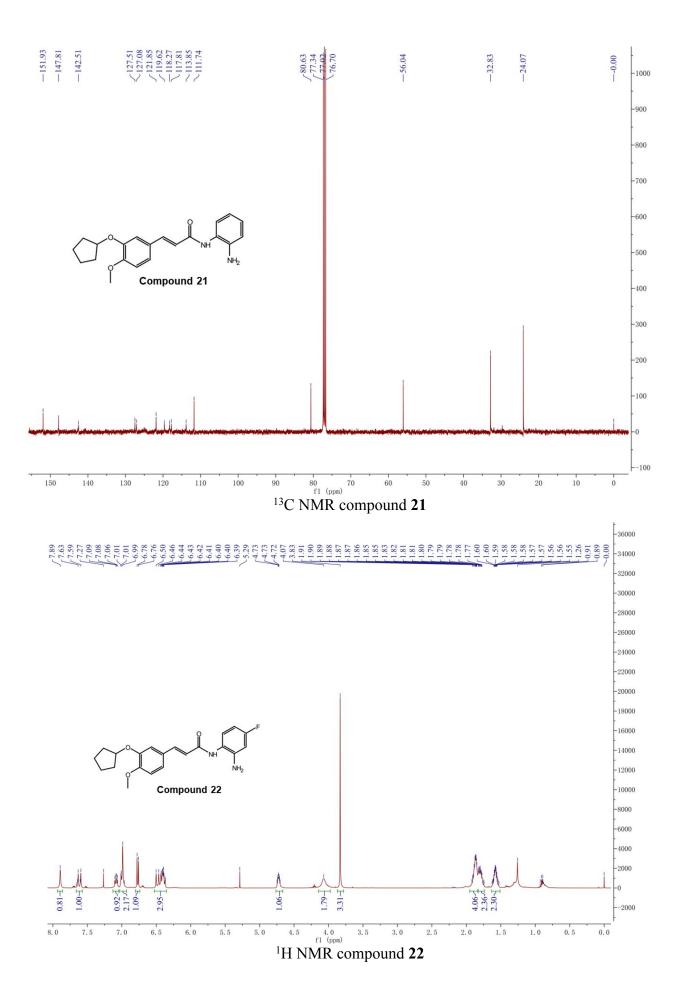


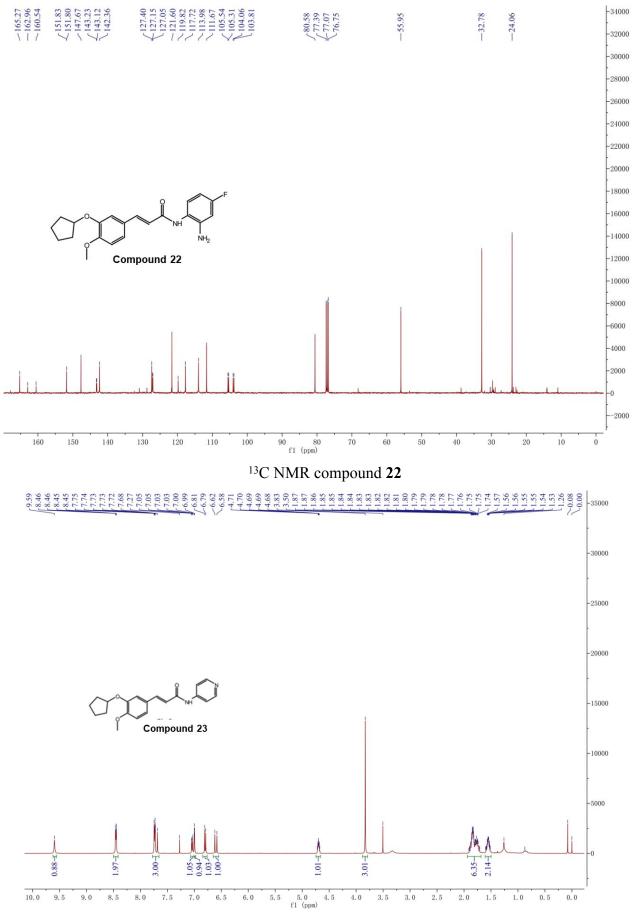
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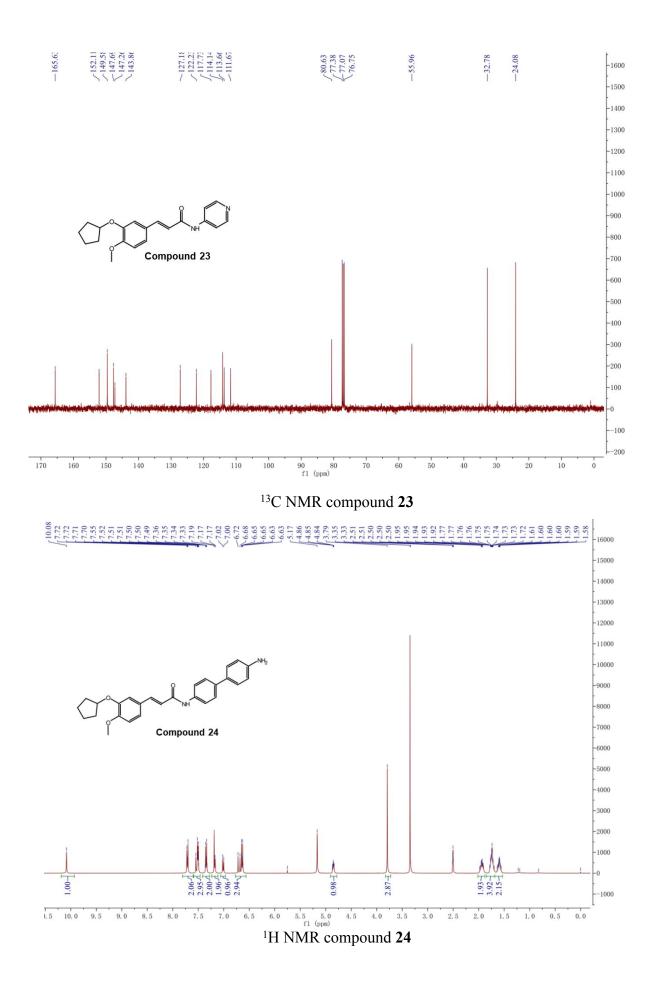


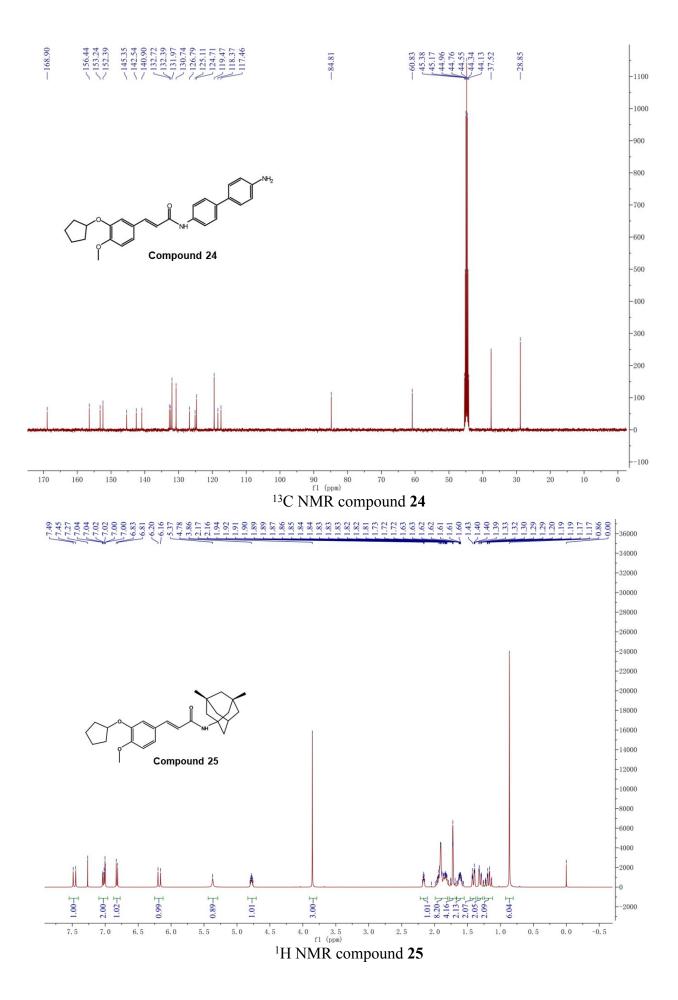


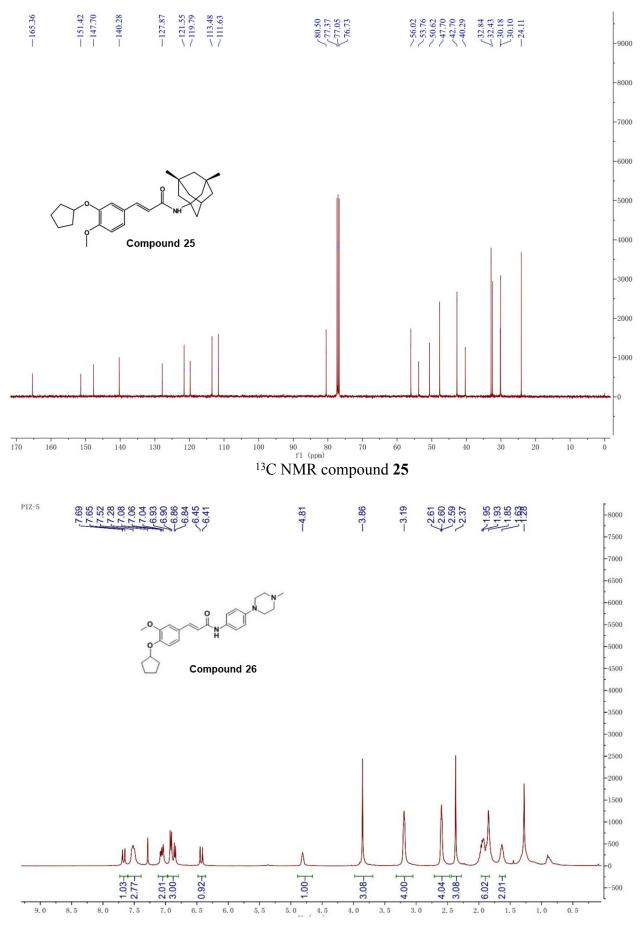


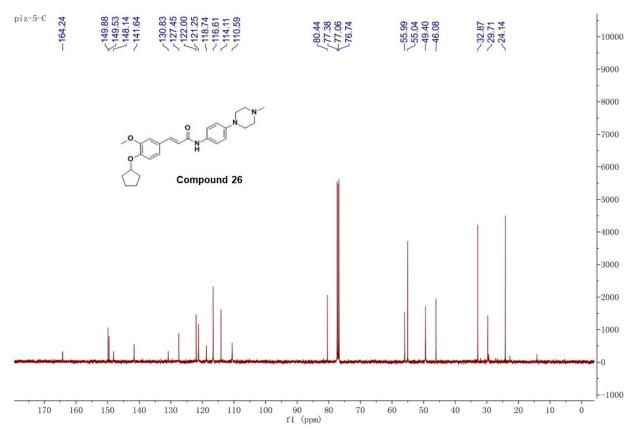


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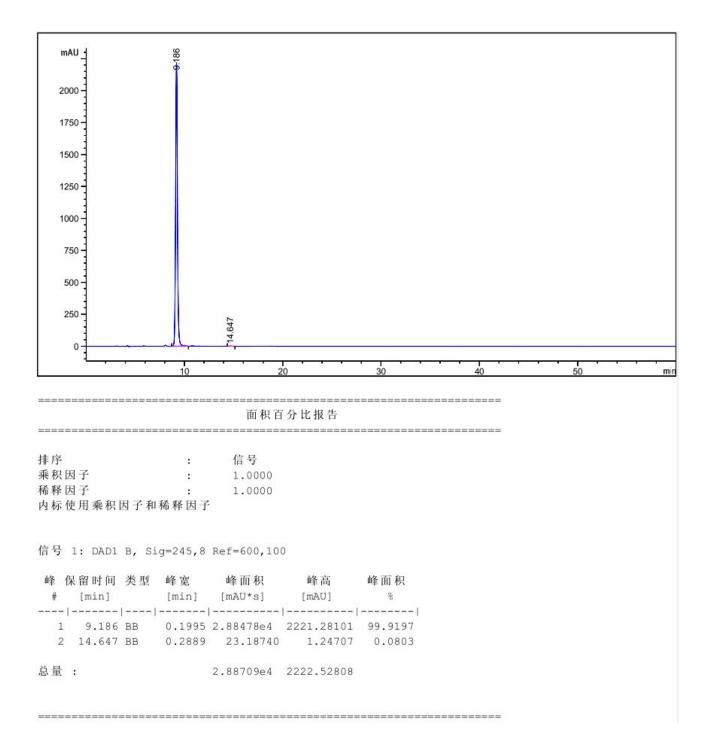


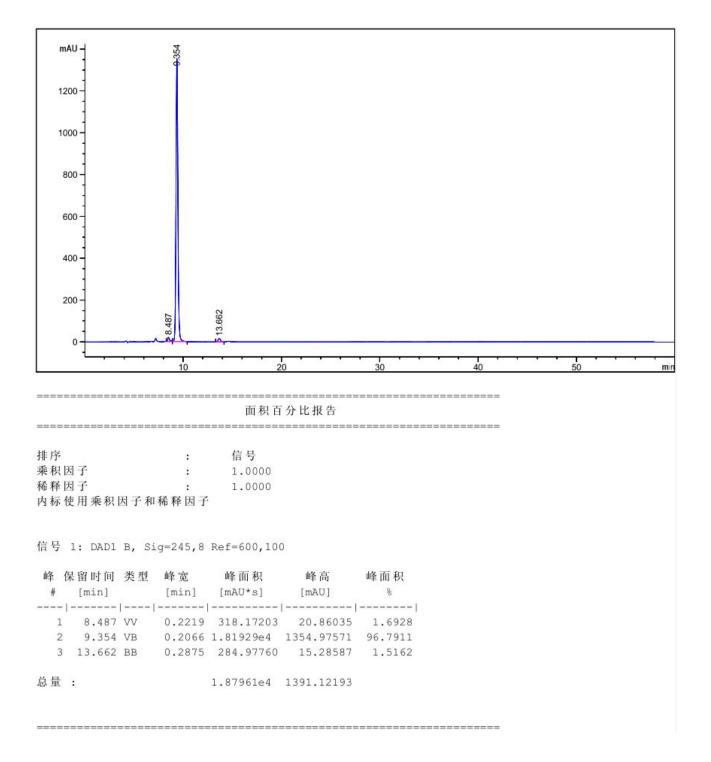


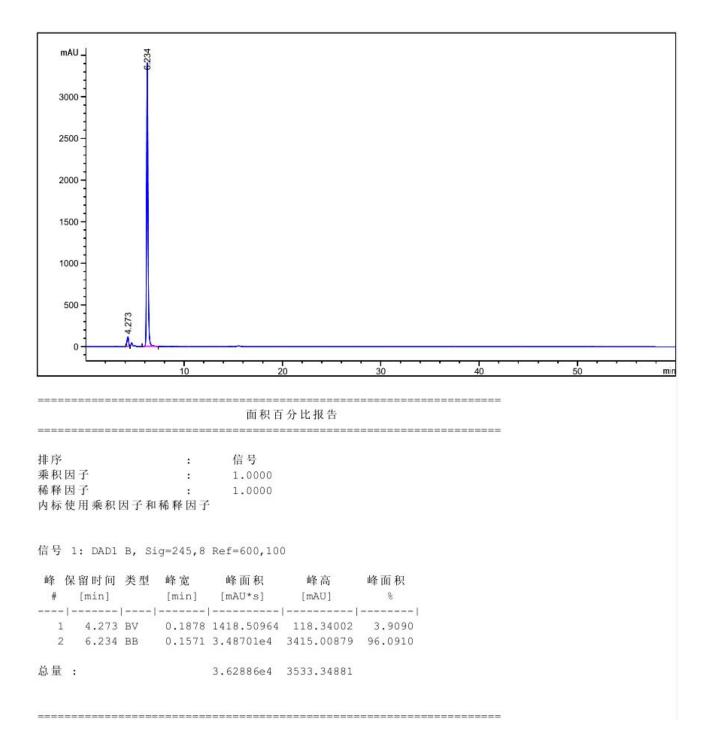


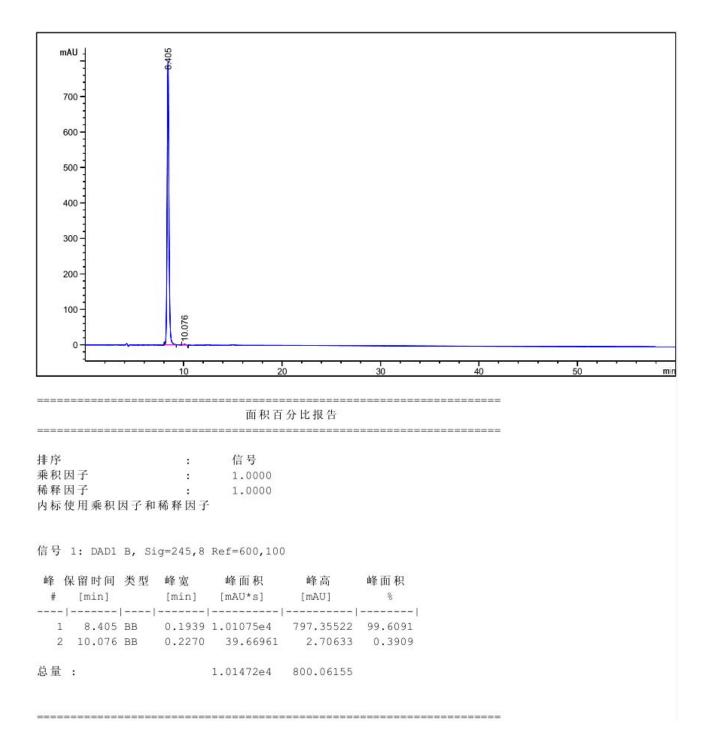


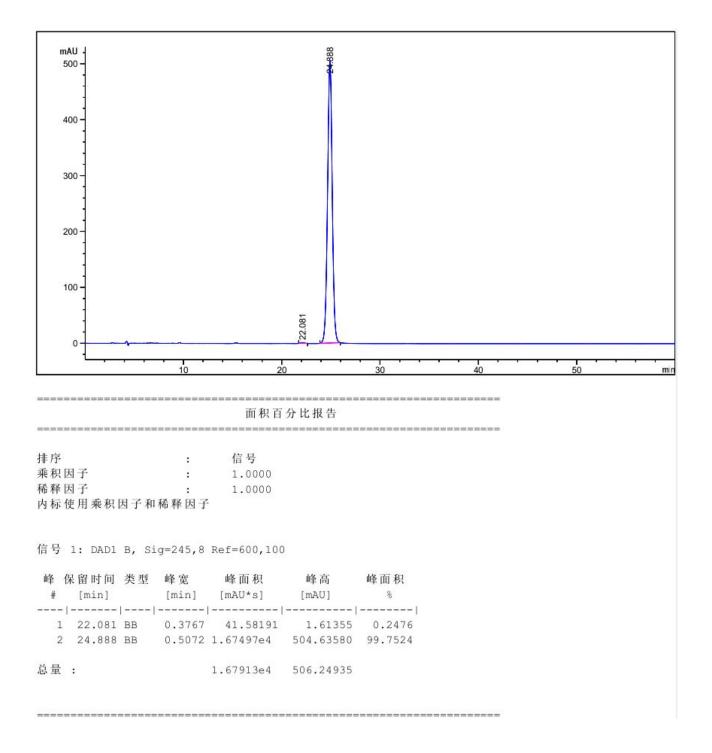
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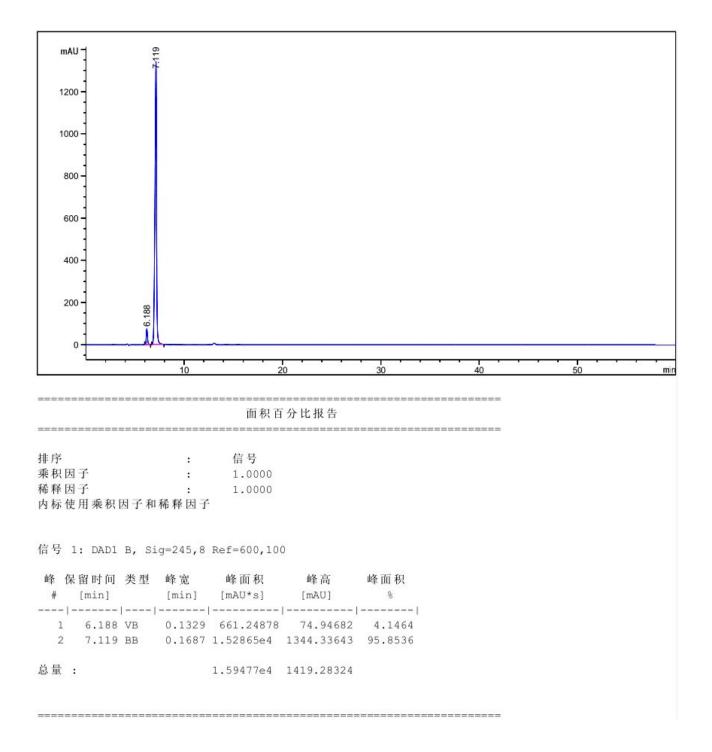


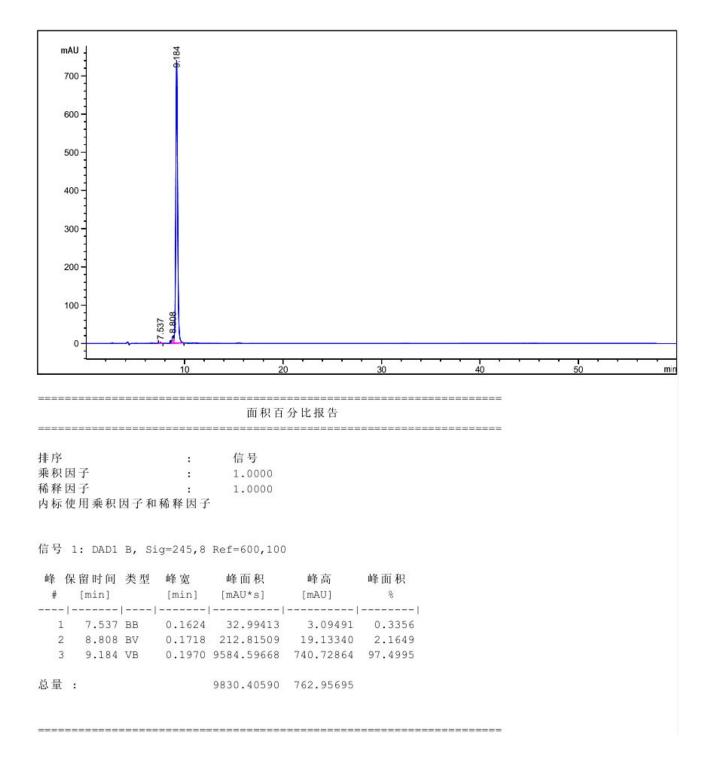


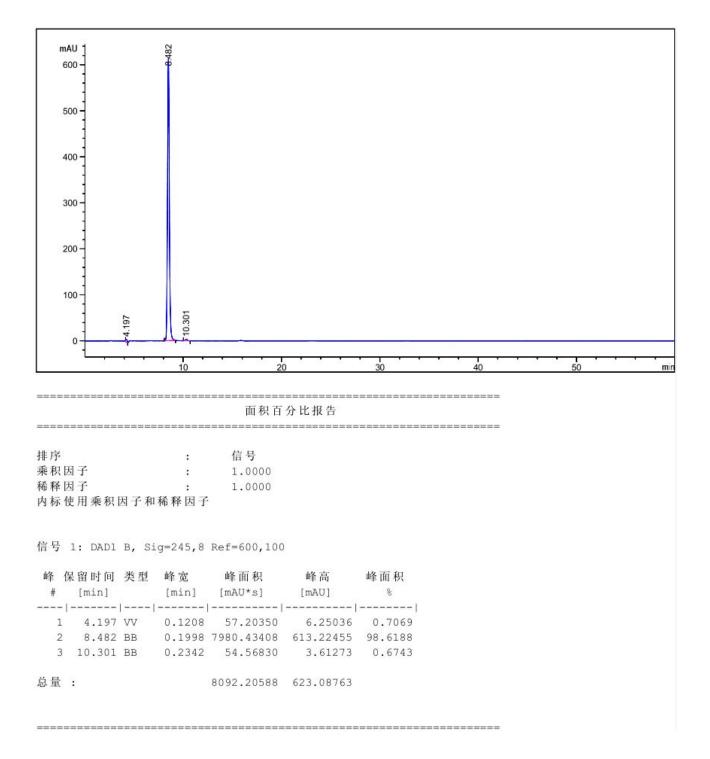








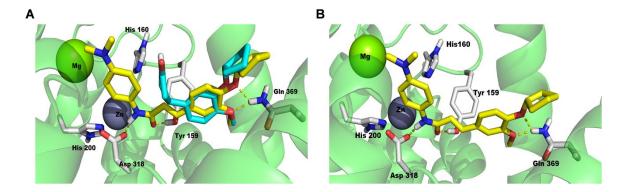




#### **Molecular modeling**

Most of the PDE4 inhibitors described to date, including Rolipram and the FDA-approved roflumilast, inhibit all four subfamilies of PDE4. To further understand the binding mode of these Rolipram-Tanilast hybrids, the most active compound **5**, was selected and docked into the PDE4D catalytic pocket (PDB code: 1xoq)<sup>1</sup> using the molecular docking approach glide SP mode.<sup>2, 3</sup>

As shown in Figure 1, the scaffold 4-(cyclopentyloxy)-3-methoxyphenyl group of compound **5** and Rolipram shared similar binding conformations (Figure1A), these interactions were similar to those of Rolipram (Figure 1B) and were considered as the essential interactions for PDE4 inhibitors.<sup>4</sup> While, comparing to Rolipram, compound **5** formed additional two hydrogen bonds with Asp 318 and Tyr 159 (Figure 1A, B), which might explain its higher potency than that of Rolipram. This model was generally congruent with the above-summarized SARs. The formation of 2H-pyran ring D enhanced the H-bond interactions with the protein residues (Try 159 and Asp 318) and thus generated good activity, while the lack of free phenolic hydroxyls at C-5 or C-4' would disturb their hydrogen bond interactions with Gln 369, His 160 or Asp 318, which accounted for a dramatic decrease of the activity.



**Figure S1. Binding modes of ligands with PDE4D catalytic pocket (PDB code: 1xoq) derived from docking simulations (yellow dashed lines for hydrogen bond).** Interactions are displayed by yellow dotted lines. Key residues that could form interactions with compound **5** are shown. (A) Comparing binding mode of compound **5** (yellow) and Rolipram (cyans). (B) Binding mode of compound **5**.

#### Kinase activity assay

Theses assays were carried out as described previously.<sup>5</sup> All of the enzymatic reactions were conducted at 25°C for 60 mins. The  $50\mu$ L reaction mixture contains 40 mM MOPS, pH 7.5, 0.5 mM EDTA, 15 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.15 mg/mL BSA, 1 mM DTT, 0.05% Proclin 200, 15 ng/mL PDE4 CAT and 100 nM FAM-Cyclic-3', 5' -AMP. The compounds were diluted in 10% DMSO and  $5\mu$ L of the dilution was added to a  $50\mu$ L reaction so that the final concentration of DMSO is 1% in all of reactions. The reaction mixture was incubated at 25°C for 1 h. Then add 100 L diluted binding agent to each well and incubate at 25°C for 1 h with slow shaking. Read the fluorescence polarization of the sample used an excitation filter of 360 nm and an emission filter of 480 nm. The IC<sub>50</sub> values were calculated using nonlinear regression with normalized dose–response fit using Prism GraphPad sofeware.

#### Table S1. PDE4B2 and PDE4D7 kinase activity assay of compound 5.

Kinase target	PDE4B2	PDE4D7
Inhibition (%)	0	6

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