

## Supplementary Material

### Gold catalyzed synthesis of tetrahydropyrimidines and octahydroquinazolines under ball milling conditions and evaluation of anticonvulsant potency

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## Materials, methods and instruments

All commercially available solvents and reagents were used without further purification. Melting points were determined in capillary tubes and are uncorrected. Mechanochemical reactions were accomplished in a Fritsch “Pulverisette 7 classic line” (Fritsch GmbH, Idar-Oberstein, Germany) planetary ball mill using 45 mL grinding beakers (agate) and milling balls (6 X 15 mm; agate). All reaction vessels were cleaned with aqua regia prior to use to avoid any contamination or memory effects. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer FTIR spectrophotometer as neat samples.  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were obtained in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  on a Bruker spectrometer at 500 and 125 MHz, respectively. Proton chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS,  $\delta = 0.00$ ) as internal standard and expressed in parts per million. Spin multiplicities are given as s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet) and m (multiplet). Coupling constants (J) are given in hertz. Mass spectra were recorded on a PE-SCIEX API 300 mass spectrometer. HRMS data were collected on a maxis 10138 mass spectrometer. Elemental analyses were recorded using a ThermoFinnigan FLASH EA 1112CHN analyzer. All the compounds gave C, H and N analysis within  $\pm 0.5\%$  of the theoretical values. Analytical TLC was performed on precoated plastic sheets of silica gel G/UV-254 of 0.2 mm thickness (Macherey-Nagel, Germany) using analytical grade solvents and visualized with iodine spray (10% (w/w)  $\text{I}_2$  in silica gel) or UV light ( $\lambda = 254$  and 365 nm).

### *Experimental procedure for the synthesis of 1,3-symmetrically substituted tetrahydropyrimidines 3a-g:*

The grinding beakers (45 mL; agate) were equipped with 6 milling balls of the same material ( $d = 15$  mm). Alkyl but-2-ynedioate **1** (1 mmol), amine **2** (2 mmol),  $\text{NaAuCl}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1 mol%) and formaldehyde (2 mmol) were added in the given order. Ball-milling was carried out at 400 rpm for 5 min. Then the residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate (20 mL) and extracted with water (3 X 15 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and removed the solvent under reduced pressure to afford the crude product, which was purified by flash column chromatography using ethyl acetate: petroleum ether (10:90) as eluent to obtain tetrahydropyrimidines **3a-g**.

### *Diethyl 1,3-diphenyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyrimidine-4,5-dicarboxylate (3a)*

Viscous yellowish liquid; IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ : 2984, 1740, 1693, 1597, 1495, 1274, 1167, 1109, 1042.  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  0.98 (t, 3H,  $J = 6.8$  Hz), 1.27 (t, 3H,  $J = 6.8$  Hz), 4.02 (q, 2H,  $J = 6.8$  Hz), 4.18 (q, 2H,  $J = 6.8$  Hz), 4.26 (s, 2H), 4.90 (s, 2H), 6.85-6.93 (m, 3H), 7.01 (d, 2H,  $J = 7.6$  Hz), 7.14-7.29 (m, 5H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  13.6, 14.4, 47.6, 60.3, 61.7, 68.7, 100.8, 117.7, 121.1, 125.3, 126.5, 129.3, 129.4, 143.7, 146.5, 148.3, 164.0, 165.7; MS:  $m/z = 381$  ( $\text{M}+1$ ) $^+$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ : C, 69.46; H, 6.36; N, 7.36%. Found: C, 69.51; H, 6.28; N, 7.43%.

*Diethyl 1,3-dibenzyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyrimidine-4,5-dicarboxylate (3b)*

Viscous yellow liquid; IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ : 3350, 2979, 1731, 1684, 1585, 1448, 1366, 1279, 1261, 1111, 1036, 1042, 745  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  1.22 (t, 3H,  $J = 7.6$  Hz), 1.30 (t, 3H,  $J = 6.8$  Hz), 3.57 (s, 2H), 3.61 (s, 2H), 3.83 (s, 2H), 4.12 (q, 2H,  $J = 6.8$  Hz), 4.17 (s, 2H), 4.35 (q, 2H,  $J = 7.6$  Hz), 7.16-7.31 (m, 10H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  13.9, 14.5, 48.6, 54.1, 57.1, 59.7, 62.1, 66.1, 92.5, 127.3, 128.0, 128.1, 128.3, 128.4, 128.7, 136.4, 138.1, 148.2, 165.2, 166.4; MS:  $m/z = 409$  ( $\text{M}^+ + 1$ )<sup>+</sup>. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ : C, 70.57; H, 6.91; N, 6.86%. Found: C, 70.62; H, 6.95; N, 6.78%.

*Dimethyl 1,3-di-tert-butyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyrimidine-4,5-dicarboxylate (3c)*

Viscous yellowish liquid; IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ : 2982, 1741, 1694, 1631, 1585, 1372, 1284, 1110, 1031, 765  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  1.09 (s, 9H), 1.28 (s, 9H), 3.32 (s, 2H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  26.0, 29.8, 45.4, 51.2, 52.6, 53.1, 61.6, 67.6, 108.1, 147.8, 166.8, 168.5; MS:  $m/z = 313$  ( $\text{M}^+ + 1$ ). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ : C, 61.51; H, 9.03; N, 8.97%. Found: C, 61.57; H, 9.07; N, 8.90%.

*Dimethyl 1,3-dibenzyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyrimidine-4,5-dicarboxylate (3d)*

Viscous yellow liquid; IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ : 3062, 2983, 1736, 1679, 1587, 1497, 1392, 1287, 1259, 1076, 1042  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  3.55 (s, 2H), 3.60 (s, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 4.16 (s, 2H), 7.15-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.34 (m, 8H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  48.3, 51.2, 53.0, 54.3, 57.0, 66.0, 92.0, 127.4, 128.0, 128.3, 128.4, 128.8(2C), 136.2, 138.0, 148.2, 165.7, 167; MS:  $m/z = 381$  ( $\text{M}^+ + 1$ ). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ : C, 69.46; H, 6.36; N, 7.36%. Found: C, 69.51; H, 6.28; N, 7.43%.

*Diethyl 1,3-bis(2-chlorophenyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyrimidine-4,5-dicarboxylate (3e)*

Viscous yellow liquid; IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ : 2966, 1738, 1695, 1590, 1476, 1271, 1109, 1033, 857, 752  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  0.92 (t, 3H,  $J = 6.9$  Hz), 1.26 (t, 3H,  $J = 6.9$  Hz), 3.92-4.01 (m, 2H), 4.19-4.23 (m, 4H), 4.74 (d, 1H,  $J = 12.2$  Hz), 4.88 (d, 1H,  $J = 12.2$  Hz), 6.66-6.76 (m, 2H), 6.80 (d, 1H,  $J = 9.2$  Hz), 6.99 (t, 2H,  $J = 7.6$  Hz), 7.09-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.36 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  13.5, 14.3, 48.7, 60.4, 61.6, 68.8, 112.0, 122.7, 124.9, 127.1, 127.6, 127.9, 128.6, 129.5, 129.9, 130.2, 130.7, 140.3, 145.7, 146.7, 163.4, 165.6; MS:  $m/z = 449$  ( $\text{M}^+ + 1$ ), 451 ( $\text{M}^+ + 3$ ), 453 ( $\text{M}^+ + 5$ ). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ : C, 58.51; H, 4.94; N, 6.23%. Found: C, 58.87; H, 4.86; N, 6.29%.

*Dimethyl 1,3-diphenyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyrimidine-4,5-dicarboxylate (3f)*

Viscous yellow liquid; IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ : 2982, 1739, 1695, 1583, 1484, 1267, 1158, 1109, 1042  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  3.57 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 4.26 (s, 2H), 4.91 (s, 2H), 6.86-6.93 (m, 3H), 6.97-7.01 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.29 (m, 5H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  47.5, 51.6, 52.6, 68.8, 100.5, 117.8, 121.2, 124.9, 126.5, 129.3, 143.6, 146.6, 148.2, 164.6, 166.2.; MS:  $m/z$  = 353 ( $\text{M}^+ + 1$ ). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ : C, 68.17; H, 5.72; N, 7.95%. Found: C, 68.23; H, 5.66; N, 7.97%.

*Diethyl 1,3-di-tert-butyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyrimidine-4,5-dicarboxylate (3g)*

Viscous yellow liquid; IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ : 2976, 2918, 1738, 1695, 1628, 1585, 1366, 1280, 1109, 1031, 764  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  1.09 (s, 9H), 1.21 (t, 3H,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz), 1.28-1.33 (m, 12H), 3.33 (s, 2H), 3.70 (s, 2H), 4.09 (q, 2H,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz), 4.21 (q, 2H,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  13.7, 14.4, 26.6, 29.9, 45.5, 53.5, 59.1, 60.0, 61.6(2C), 108.9, 147.7, 166.5, 168.; MS:  $m/z$  = 341 ( $\text{M}^+ + 1$ ). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ : C, 63.50; H, 9.47; N, 8.23%. Found: C, 63.45; H, 9.54; N, 8.28%.

*Experimental procedure for the synthesis of 1,3-unsymmetrically substituted tetrahydropyrimidines 5a-e:*

The grinding beakers (45 mL; agate) were equipped with 6 milling balls of the same material ( $d$  = 15 mm). Alkyl but-2-ynedioate **1** (1 mmol), amine **2** (1 mmol),  $\text{NaAuCl}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1 mol%) were added in the given order and ball-milled quickly for 1 min at 400 rpm. Then to this mixture was added another amine **2** (1 mmol) and formaldehyde (2 mmol) and ball-milled for 5 min at 400 rpm. The residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate (20 mL) and extracted with water (3 X 15 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give the crude product, which was purified by flash column chromatography using ethyl acetate: petroleum ether (10:90) as eluent to afford tetrahydropyrimidines **5a-e**.

*Diethyl 1-benzyl-3-phenyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyrimidine-4,5-dicarboxylate (5a)*

Viscous yellow liquid; IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ : 2926, 2851, 1741, 1694, 1586, 1496, 1253, 1107, 1056, 761, 699  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  1.02 (t, 3H,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz), 1.22 (t, 3H,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz), 3.71(s, 2H), 3.81(s, 2H), 4.05 (q, 2H,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz), 4.13 (q, 2H,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz), 4.33 (s, 2H), 7.12-7.32 (m, 10H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  13.6, 14.4, 49.1, 56.8, 60.0, 61.6, 69.7, 98.0, 125.2, 126.2, 127.4, 128.4, 129.0, 129.2, 137.9, 143.9, 145.8, 164.2, 166.3.; MS:  $m/z$  = 395 ( $\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$ ). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ : C, 70.03; H, 6.64; N, 7.10%. Found: C, 70.08; H, 6.72; N, 7.17%.

*Diethyl 3-benzyl-1-phenyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyrimidine-4,5-dicarboxylate (5b)*

Viscous yellow liquid; IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ : 2987, 2918, 1728, 1685, 1590, 1447, 1361, 1258, 1157, 1104, 1028, 747, 695  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  1.25-1.32 (m, 6H), 4.10 (s, 2H), 4.19(q, 2H,  $J = 6.9$  Hz), 4.22 (s, 2H), 4.31 (q, 2H,  $J = 6.8$  Hz), 4.40 (s, 2H), 6.79 (d, 2H,  $J = 8.4$  Hz), 6.88 (t, 1H,  $J = 6.9$  Hz), 7.17-7.31(m, 7H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  13.9, 14.5, 46.5, 54.3, 60.0, 62.1, 65.4, 95.5, 117.7, 121.0, 127.9, 128.0, 128.8, 129.3, 136.1, 148.4, 148.8, 165.0, 165.8; MS:  $m/z = 395$  ( $\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$ ). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ : C, 70.03; H, 6.64; N, 7.10%. Found: C, 70.09; H, 6.69; N, 7.06%.

*Diethyl 1-(tert-butyl)-3-phenyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyrimidine-4,5-dicarboxylate (5c)*

Viscous yellow liquid; IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ : 3052, 2980, 2918, 1738, 1685, 1587, 1499, 1386, 1221, 1039, 946, 783  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  0.99 (t, 3H,  $J = 6.9$  Hz), 1.09 (s, 9H), 1.22 (t, 3H,  $J = 6.9$  Hz), 3.62 (s, 2H), 4.02 (q, 2H,  $J = 6.9$  Hz), 4.14 (q, 2H,  $J = 6.9$  Hz), 4.30 (s, 2H), 7.01-7.08 (m, 3H), 7.21-7.26 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  13.6, 14.3, 27.1, 44.1, 53.7, 60.1, 61.5, 66.5, 103.7, 124.6, 125.8, 129.1, 143.9, 145.9, 164.6, 166.; MS  $m/z = 361$  ( $\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$ ). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ : C, 66.64; H, 7.83; N, 7.77%. Found: C, 66.70; H, 7.78; N, 7.84%.

*Diethyl 1-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-phenyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyrimidine-4,5-dicarboxylate (5d)*

Viscous yellow liquid; IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ : 3375, 2980, 1738, 1694, 1588, 1495, 1671, 1258, 1109, 861, 757  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  0.97 (t, 3H,  $J = 7.6$  Hz), 1.25 (t, 3H,  $J = 6.9$  Hz), 4.03 (q, 2H,  $J = 7.6$  Hz), 4.18-4.12 (m, 4H), 4.84 (s, 2H), 6.89 (d, 2H, 7.6 Hz), 6.97 (t, 1H,  $J = 7.6$  Hz), 7.10 (t, 1H,  $J = 7.6$  Hz), 7.15-7.28 (m, 5H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  13.6, 14.3, 48.9, 60.3, 61.7, 69.1, 100.0, 122.6, 124.9, 125.4, 126.4, 127.7, 128.7, 129.1, 130.7, 143.3, 145.9, 146.8, 163.9, 165.7; MS:  $m/z = 415$  ( $\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$ ), 417 ( $\text{M}^{++} + \text{H}$ ). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_4$ : C, 63.69; H, 5.59; N, 6.75%. Found: C, 63.56; H, 5.69; N, 6.89%.

*Diethyl 3-(2-chlorophenyl)-1-phenyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyrimidine-4,5-dicarboxylate (5e)*

Viscous yellow liquid; IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ : 3382, 3052, 2981, 1733, 1694, 1593, 1109, 1038, 861, 757  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  0.98 (t, 3H,  $J = 7.6$  Hz), 1.27 (t, 3H,  $J = 6.8$  Hz), 4.02 (q, 2H,  $J = 7.6$  Hz), 4.20 (q, 2H,  $J = 6.8$  Hz), 4.26 (s, 2H), 4.90 (s, 2H), 6.85-6.92 (m, 3H), 7.00 (d, 2H,  $J = 7.6$  Hz), 7.15-7.29 (m, 4H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  13.6, 14.4, 47.6, 60.3, 61.6, 68.7, 100.8, 117.7, 121.1, 125.3, 125.4, 126.4, 126.5, 129.2, 129.3, 143.7, 146.5, 148.3, 164.0, 165.7; MS:  $m/z = 415$  ( $\text{M}^+ + 1$ ) and 417 ( $\text{M}^{++} + 1$ ). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_4$ : C, 63.69; H, 5.59; N, 6.75%. Found: C, 63.75; H, 5.52; N, 6.81%.

*Experimental procedure for the synthesis of 5-oxo-octahydroquinazolines 8a-k:*

The grinding beakers (45 mL; agate) were equipped with 6 milling balls of the same material ( $d = 15$  mm). Dimedone **6** (1 mmol), amine **2a** (1 mol) and NaAuCl<sub>4</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O (1 mol%) was ball-milled for 30 min at 400 rpm. Then to this mixture was added amine **2a** (1 mmol) and formaldehyde (2 mmol) and ball-milled for further 30 min at 400 rpm. Afterwards, the residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate (20 mL) and extracted with water (3 X 15 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give crude product, which was purified by flash column chromatography using ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (20:80) as eluent to obtain 5-oxo-octahydroquinazolines **8a-k**.

*7,7-dimethyl-1,3-diphenyl-1,2,3,4,7,8-hexahydroquinazolin-5(6H)-one (8a)*

Yellow viscous oil; IR (neat)  $\nu_{\max}$ : 3056, 2953, 2873, 1647, 1573, 1495, 1396, 1290, 1154, 757, 697 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  0.93 (6H, s), 2.00 (2H, s), 2.22 (2H, s), 4.31 (2H, s), 4.94 (2H, s), 6.89 (1H, t,  $J = 6.9$  Hz), 6.97 (4H, t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz), 7.24 (2H, t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz), 7.30 (1H, t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz), 7.37 (2H, t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  28.4, 32.7, 41.1, 45.6, 50.1, 70.2, 104.9, 117.7, 120.9, 127.3, 127.5, 129.3, 129.8, 142.8, 148.4, 157.4, 194.2; MS:  $m/z = 333$  (M<sup>+</sup>+H<sup>+</sup>); Anal. Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O: C, 79.48; H, 7.28; N 8.43%; Found: C, 79.37; H, 7.34; N, 8.49%.

*3-(4-bromophenyl)-7,7-dimethyl-1-phenyl-1,2,3,4,7,8-hexahydroquinazolin-5(6H)-one (8b)*

Yellow viscous oil; IR (neat)  $\nu_{\max}$ : 3055, 2943, 1666, 1562, 1509, 1392, 1274, 1036, 819, 697 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  0.92 (6H, s), 1.99 (2H, s), 2.21 (2H, s), 4.28 (2H, s), 4.90 (2H, s), 6.81 (2H, d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz), 6.97 (2H, d,  $J = 9.1$  Hz), 7.31 (3H, d,  $J = 9.2$ ), 7.38 (2H, t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  28.4, 32.7, 41.1, 45.5, 50.0, 69.9, 104.5, 113.1, 119.4, 127.3, 127.6, 129.9, 132.1, 142.6, 147.5, 157.4, 194.2; MS:  $m/z = 411$  (M<sup>+</sup>+H<sup>+</sup>), 413 (M<sup>++</sup>+H<sup>+</sup>); Anal. Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O: C, 64.24; H, 5.64; N 6.81%; Found: C, 64.32; H, 5.61; N, 6.76%.

*3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-7,7-dimethyl-1-phenyl-1,2,3,4,7,8-hexahydroquinazolin-5(6H)-one (8c)*

Yellow viscous oil; IR (neat)  $\nu_{\max}$ : 3049, 2949, 1672, 1568, 1505, 1399, 1289, 1252, 1036, 829, 701 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  0.92 (6H, s), 1.98 (2H, s), 2.21 (2H, s), 3.74 (3H, s), 4.23 (2H, s), 4.84 (2H, s), 6.78 (2H, d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz), 6.92 (4H, t,  $J = 6.1$  Hz), 7.27 (1H, t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz), 7.34 (2H, t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  28.4, 32.7, 41.1, 46.0, 50.1, 55.5, 71.4, 104.5, 114.5, 119.7, 127.4, 127.5, 129.7, 142.3, 142.8, 154.3, 157.5, 194.2; MS  $m/z = 363$  (M<sup>+</sup>+H<sup>+</sup>); Anal. Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 76.21; H, 7.23; N 7.73%; Found: C, 76.14; H, 7.28; N, 7.80%.

**3-(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-7,7-dimethyl-1-phenyl-1,2,3,4,7,8-hexahydroquinazolin-5(6H)-one (8d)**

Yellow viscous oil; IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ : 2938, 2227, 1638, 1564, 1495, 1394, 1289, 1204, 911, 821, 731  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  1.00 (6H, s), 2.09 (2H, s), 2.21 (3H, s), 2.25 (4H, s), 4.09 (2H, s), 4.60 (2H, s), 6.89 (4H, m), 7.00 (1H, d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz), 7.25 (2H, t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz), 7.33 (2H, t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  18.2, 20.7, 28.5, 32.7, 41.3, 47.6, 50.2, 71.2, 105.9, 117, 120.4, 127.0, 127.2, 127.3, 129.7, 122.0, 133.2, 143.4, 146.1, 157.3, 194.0; MS:  $m/z = 361$  ( $\text{M}^+ + \text{H}^+$ ); Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ : C, 79.96; H, 7.83; N, 7.77%; Found: C, 79.87; H, 7.89; N, 7.70%.

**3-(2-methoxyphenyl)-7,7-dimethyl-1-phenyl-1,2,3,4,7,8-hexahydroquinazolin-5(6H)-one (8e)**

Yellow viscous oil; IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ : 3042, 2947, 1681, 1564, 1505, 1493, 1289, 1242, 1105, 1024, 750, 702  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  0.93 (6H, s), 2.00 (2H, s), 2.20 (2H, s), 3.70 (3H, s), 4.22 (2H, s), 4.85 (2H, s), 6.77-6.85 (4H, m), 6.94-7.00 (2H, m), 7.20 (1H, t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz), 7.26 (2H, t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  28.4, 32.7, 41.1, 46.7, 50.2, 55.5, 70.0, 104.9, 114.4, 120.1, 121.0, 123.7, 127.2, 127.3, 129.6, 137.5, 143.0, 152.0, 157.0, 194.2; MS:  $m/z = 363$  ( $\text{M}^+ + \text{H}^+$ ); Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ : C, 76.21; H, 7.23; N 7.73%; Found: C, 76.14; H, 7.28; N, 7.80%.

**3-(2-chlorophenyl)-7,7-dimethyl-1-phenyl-1,2,3,4,7,8-hexahydroquinazolin-5(6H)-one (8f)**

Yellow viscous oil; IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ : 3071, 2957, 2350, 1659, 1569, 1505, 1484, 1422, 1394, 1289, 1209, 1039, 750, 698  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  0.98 (6H, s), 2.05 (2H, s), 2.25 (2H, s), 4.23 (2H, s), 4.85 (2H, s), 6.83 (2H, d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz), 6.96 (1H, t,  $J = 8.1$  Hz), 7.12-7.18 (2H, m), 7.23 (1H, d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz), 7.29 (3H, t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  28.5, 32.6, 41.1, 47.3, 50.1, 70.2, 104.9, 122.0, 124.5, 127.3, 127.4, 127.6, 128.2, 129.7, 130.8, 142.6, 146.0, 157.4, 194.2; MS:  $m/z = 367$  ( $\text{M}^+ + \text{H}^+$ ), 369 ( $\text{M}^{++} + \text{H}^+$ ); Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$ : C, 72.02; H, 6.32; N 7.73%; Found: C, 71.4; H, 6.26; N, 7.72%.

**3-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-7,7-dimethyl-1-phenyl-1,2,3,4,7,8-hexahydroquinazolin-5(6H)-one (8g)**

Yellow viscous oil; IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ : 3058, 2956, 1674, 1571, 1482, 1392, 1293, 1209, 1038, 821, 699  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  0.97 (6H, s), 2.05 (2H, s), 2.24 (2H, s), 4.19 (2H, s), 4.81 (2H, s), 6.82 - 6.86 (2H, m), 7.10 - 7.15 (1H, m), (7.03 - 7.08 (1H, m), 7.22-7.27 (1H, m), 7.28 - 7.34 (3H, m);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  28.5, 32.6, 41.6, 47.3, 50.1, 70.0, 104.7, 127.2, 127.5, 127.6, 128.9 (2C), 130.5, 142.4, 144.9, 157.4, 194.0; MS:  $m/z = 401$  ( $\text{M}^+ + \text{H}^+$ ), 403 ( $\text{M}^{++} + \text{H}^+$ ), 405 ( $\text{M}^{+++} + \text{H}^+$ ); Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}$ : C, 65.84; H, 5.53; N 6.98%; Found: C, 65.72; H, 5.59; N, 6.92%.

**3-benzyl-7,7-dimethyl-1-phenyl-1,2,3,4,7,8-hexahydroquinazolin-5(6H)-one (8h)**

Yellow viscous oil; IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ : 2953, 2848, 1680, 1568, 1495, 1426, 1395, 1285, 1113, 742, 702  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  1.01 (6H, s), 2.10 (2H, s), 2.23 (2H, s), 3.74 (2H, s), 3.80 (2H, s), 4.30 (2H, s), 7.08 (2H, d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz), 7.32 (1H, t,  $J = 6.9$  Hz), 7.26 – 7.33 (5H, m), 7.37 (2H, t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  28.5, 32.8, 41.2, 47.5, 50.2, 57.2, 71.2, 103.5, 127.2, 127.3, 127.4, 128.5, 129.0, 129.7, 137.9, 142.9, 156.4, 194.5; MS:  $m/z = 347$  ( $\text{M}^+ + \text{H}^+$ ); Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ : C, 79.73; H, 7.56; N 8.09%; Found: C, 79.63; H, 7.51; N, 8.15%.

**3-(tert-butyl)-7,7-dimethyl-1-phenyl-1,2,3,4,7,8-hexahydroquinazolin-5(6H)-one (8i)**

Yellow viscous oil; IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ : 2957, 1666, 1573, 1493, 1394, 1285, 1204, 1119, 764, 702  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  0.93 (6H, s), 1.11 (9H, s), 2.03 (2H, s), 2.17 (2H, s), 3.62 (2H, s), 4.23 (2H, s), 7.11 (2H, d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz), 7.26 (1H, t,  $J = 6.6$  Hz), 7.36 (2H, t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  26.8, 28.5, 32.6, 41.0, 42.4, 50.1, 53.9, 67.4, 107.4, 126.9, 127.1, 129.6, 143.2, 157.0, 194.1; MS:  $m/z = 313$  ( $\text{M}^+ + \text{H}^+$ ); Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ : C, 76.88; H, 9.03; N 8.97%; Found: C, 76.98; H, 9.08; N, 8.91%.

**1,3-bis(4-bromophenyl)-7,7-dimethyl-1,2,3,4,7,8-hexahydroquinazolin-5(6H)-one (8j)**

Yellow viscous oil; IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ : 3055, 2949, 2882, 2238, 1655, 1573, 1403, 1287, 1209, 1080, 918, 825, 731  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  0.91 (6H, s), 1.96 (2H, s), 2.19 (2H, s), 4.22 (2H, s), 4.84 (2H, s), 6.76 (2H, d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz), 6.83 (2H, d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz), 7.28 (2H, d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz), 7.87 (2H, d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  28.3, 32.8, 41.1, 45.5, 50.0, 69.9, 105.4, 113.2, 119.3, 121.2, 128.8, 132.2, 133.0, 141.7, 147.4, 156.9, 194.4; MS:  $m/z = 489$  ( $\text{M}^+ + \text{H}^+$ ), 491 ( $\text{M}^+ + \text{H}^+$ ), 493 ( $\text{M}^+ + \text{H}^+$ ); Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{Br}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}$ : C, 53.90; H, 4.52. N 5.71%; Found: C, 53.76; H, 4.59; N, 5.87%.

**1,3-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-7,7-dimethyl-1,2,3,4,7,8-hexahydroquinazolin-5(6H)-one (8k)**

Yellow viscous oil; IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ : 3049, 2953, 1647, 1566, 1510, 1397, 1282, 1257, 1035, 833, 732  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  0.86 (6H, s), 1.89 (2H, s), 2.14 (2H, s), 3.67 (3H, s), 3.72 (3H, s), 4.17 (2H, s), 4.75 (2H, s), 6.73 (2H, d,  $J = 9.1$  Hz), 6.77-6.81 (4H, m), 6.86 (2H, d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  28.4, 32.5, 41.0, 45.8, 49.9, 55.5(2C), 71.6, 103.7, 114.4, 114.8, 119.6, 128.6, 135.3, 142.3, 154.3, 158.2, 158.9, 193.8; MS:  $m/z = 393$  ( $\text{M}^+ + \text{H}^+$ ); Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ : C, 73.44; H, 7.19. N 7.14%; Found: C, 73.32; H, 7.28; N, 7.02%.

**Table S1** The effect of compounds **3a-i**, **5a-e** and **8a-k** on seizures induced by MES in mice<sup>a</sup>

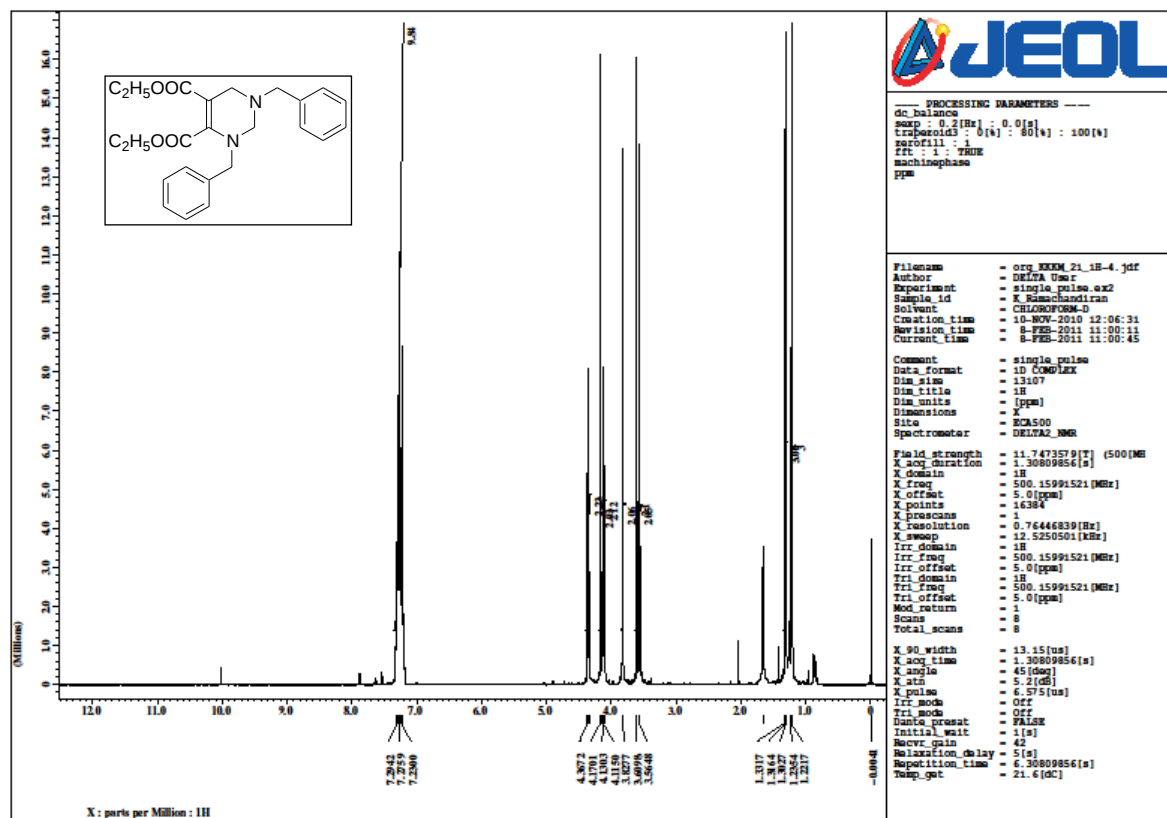
| Entry | Treatment group         | Dose level             | Time (s) in various phases of convulsion (mean $\pm$ SEM) <sup>b</sup> |                                    |                 |
|-------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
|       |                         |                        | Flexion                                                                | Extensor                           | Clonus          |
| 1     | <b>3a</b> <sup>ns</sup> | 15 mg.kg <sup>-1</sup> | 4.80 $\pm$ 0.30                                                        | 49.00 $\pm$ 0.20                   | 3.20 $\pm$ 0.30 |
| 2     | <b>3b</b> <sup>ns</sup> | 15 mg.kg <sup>-1</sup> | 5.00 $\pm$ 0.20                                                        | 50.00 $\pm$ 0.40                   | 3.60 $\pm$ 0.10 |
| 3     | <b>3c</b> <sup>ns</sup> | 15 mg.kg <sup>-1</sup> | 5.60 $\pm$ 0.20                                                        | 49.20 $\pm$ 0.30                   | 3.10 $\pm$ 0.40 |
| 4     | <b>3d</b> <sup>ns</sup> | 15 mg.kg <sup>-1</sup> | 5.10 $\pm$ 0.10                                                        | 48.50 $\pm$ 0.40                   | 3.30 $\pm$ 0.50 |
| 5     | <b>3e</b> <sup>ns</sup> | 15 mg.kg <sup>-1</sup> | 5.20 $\pm$ 0.40                                                        | 51.50 $\pm$ 0.10                   | 3.60 $\pm$ 0.50 |
| 6     | <b>3f</b> <sup>ns</sup> | 15 mg.kg <sup>-1</sup> | 4.90 $\pm$ 0.60                                                        | 49.10 $\pm$ 0.40                   | 2.90 $\pm$ 0.60 |
| 7     | <b>3g</b> <sup>ns</sup> | 15 mg.kg <sup>-1</sup> | 5.10 $\pm$ 0.50                                                        | 48.50 $\pm$ 0.10                   | 3.40 $\pm$ 0.10 |
| 8     | <b>3h</b> <sup>ns</sup> | 15 mg.kg <sup>-1</sup> | 5.40 $\pm$ 0.50                                                        | 44.10 $\pm$ 0.50                   | 3.00 $\pm$ 0.40 |
| 9     | <b>3i</b> <sup>ns</sup> | 15 mg.kg <sup>-1</sup> | 5.50 $\pm$ 0.40                                                        | 44.30 $\pm$ 0.20                   | 3.30 $\pm$ 0.20 |
| 10    | <b>5a</b> <sup>*</sup>  | 15 mg.kg <sup>-1</sup> | 5.20 $\pm$ 0.30                                                        | 43.30 $\pm$ 0.20                   | 3.10 $\pm$ 0.30 |
| 11    | <b>5b</b> <sup>*</sup>  | 15 mg.kg <sup>-1</sup> | 5.00 $\pm$ 0.20                                                        | 42.10 $\pm$ 0.30                   | 2.90 $\pm$ 0.50 |
| 12    | <b>5c</b> <sup>*</sup>  | 15 mg.kg <sup>-1</sup> | 5.10 $\pm$ 0.30                                                        | 41.50 $\pm$ 0.10                   | 3.60 $\pm$ 0.10 |
| 13    | <b>5d</b> <sup>*</sup>  | 15 mg.kg <sup>-1</sup> | 5.00 $\pm$ 0.60                                                        | 40.20 $\pm$ 0.50                   | 3.50 $\pm$ 0.50 |
| 14    | <b>5e</b> <sup>*</sup>  | 15 mg.kg <sup>-1</sup> | 4.90 $\pm$ 0.60                                                        | 40.50 $\pm$ 0.30                   | 3.10 $\pm$ 0.60 |
| 15    | <b>8a</b> <sup>**</sup> | 15 mg.kg <sup>-1</sup> | 4.80 $\pm$ 0.50                                                        | <b>36.20 <math>\pm</math> 0.10</b> | 3.40 $\pm$ 0.40 |
| 16    | <b>8b</b> <sup>**</sup> | 15 mg.kg <sup>-1</sup> | 5.60 $\pm$ 0.50                                                        | <b>37.40 <math>\pm</math> 0.10</b> | 3.30 $\pm$ 0.40 |
| 17    | <b>8c</b> <sup>**</sup> | 15 mg.kg <sup>-1</sup> | 5.50 $\pm$ 0.40                                                        | <b>34.50 <math>\pm</math> 0.10</b> | 3.10 $\pm$ 0.50 |
| 18    | <b>8d</b> <sup>**</sup> | 15 mg.kg <sup>-1</sup> | 5.40 $\pm$ 0.30                                                        | <b>35.40 <math>\pm</math> 0.10</b> | 3.00 $\pm$ 0.10 |
| 19    | <b>8e</b> <sup>**</sup> | 15 mg.kg <sup>-1</sup> | 5.10 $\pm$ 0.20                                                        | <b>38.10 <math>\pm</math> 0.10</b> | 3.60 $\pm$ 0.30 |
| 20    | <b>8f</b> <sup>**</sup> | 15 mg.kg <sup>-1</sup> | 5.20 $\pm$ 0.10                                                        | <b>36.10 <math>\pm</math> 0.10</b> | 3.40 $\pm$ 0.20 |
| 21    | <b>8g</b> <sup>**</sup> | 15 mg.kg <sup>-1</sup> | 5.30 $\pm$ 0.10                                                        | <b>38.30 <math>\pm</math> 0.10</b> | 3.20 $\pm$ 0.20 |
| 22    | <b>8h</b> <sup>**</sup> | 15 mg.kg <sup>-1</sup> | 5.00 $\pm$ 0.40                                                        | <b>35.40 <math>\pm</math> 0.10</b> | 3.10 $\pm$ 0.40 |
| 23    | <b>8i</b> <sup>**</sup> | 15 mg.kg <sup>-1</sup> | 5.50 $\pm$ 0.40                                                        | <b>34.50 <math>\pm</math> 0.10</b> | 3.30 $\pm$ 0.60 |
| 24    | <b>8j</b> <sup>**</sup> | 15 mg.kg <sup>-1</sup> | 5.50 $\pm$ 0.50                                                        | <b>39.21 <math>\pm</math> 0.10</b> | 3.40 $\pm$ 0.50 |
| 25    | <b>8k</b> <sup>**</sup> | 15 mg.kg <sup>-1</sup> | 5.10 $\pm$ 0.10                                                        | <b>35.20 <math>\pm</math> 0.10</b> | 3.30 $\pm$ 0.50 |
| 26    | Phenytoin <sup>c</sup>  | 15 mg.kg <sup>-1</sup> | 5.70 $\pm$ 0.30                                                        | 45.00 $\pm$ 0.20                   | 3.50 $\pm$ 0.30 |
| 27    | Tween 80 <sup>d</sup>   | 0.5% W/V               | 11.10 $\pm$ 0.50                                                       | 54.90 $\pm$ 0.50                   | 7.50 $\pm$ 0.20 |

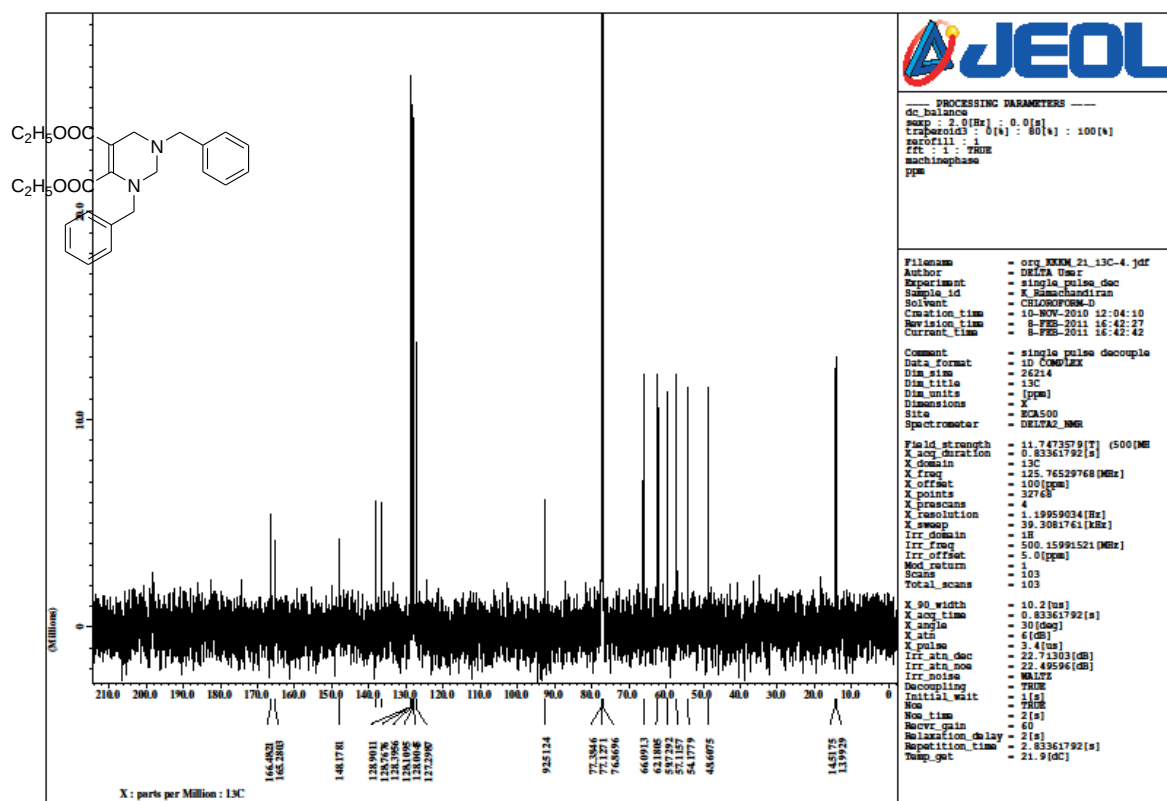
<sup>a</sup>Mortality = recovery<sup>b</sup>Data were analyzed by one way ANNOVA followed by Dunnet's test; ns: not significant, P value >0.05;

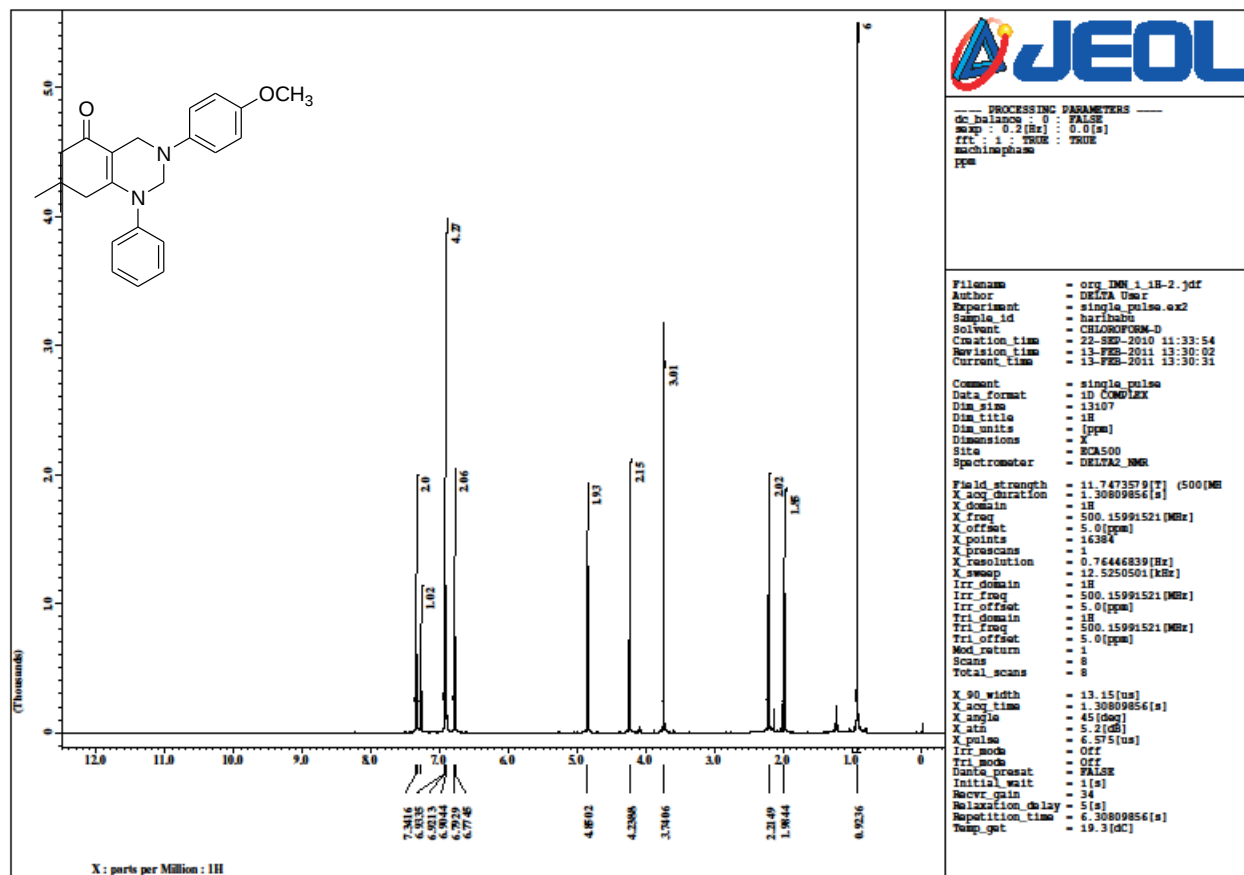
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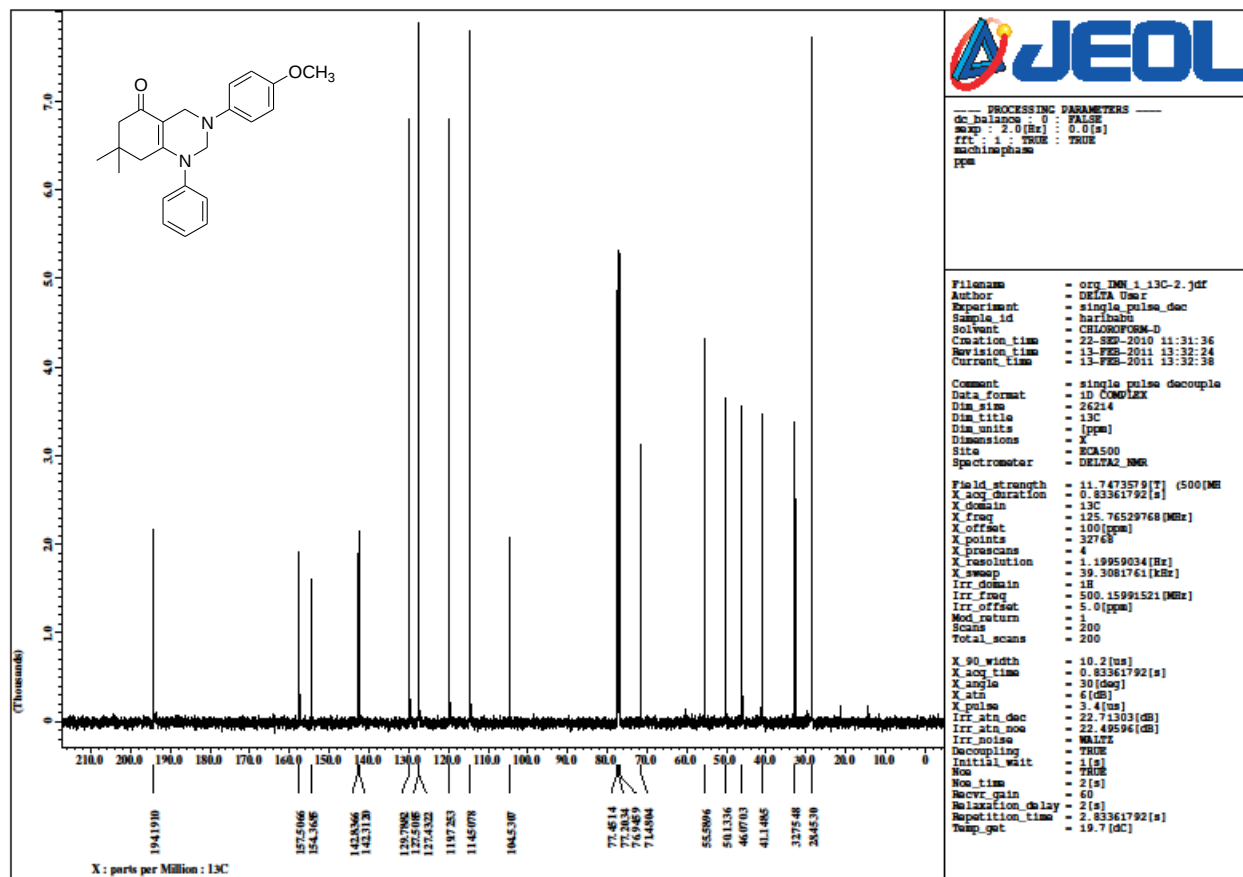
Bold values indicate the superior activity compared to the standard and other compounds

<sup>c</sup>Standard; <sup>d</sup>Control

$^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of selected compounds $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of tetrahydropyrimidine **3b**

<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of tetrahydropyrimidine 3b

<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of tetrahydropyrimidine **8c**

<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of tetrahydropyrimidine **8c**