

Supplementary Information

Formal [4+1] Annulation of Fluorinated Sulfonium Salt with Cyclic Unsaturated Imines to Access CF₃-Substituted Pyrroles

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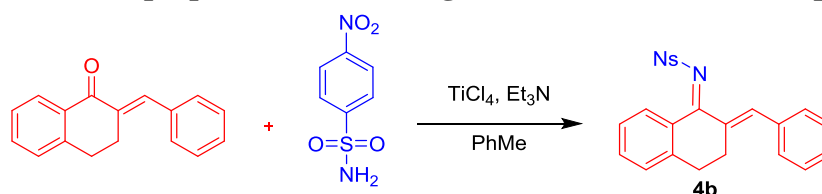
1. General Information

Commercially available materials were purchased from Alfa Aesar and Sigma-Aldrich. Toluene and DCM was dried over Pure Solv solvent purification system. THF was distilled over sodium. Other solvents were dried over 4Å molecular sieve prior use. Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (^1H NMR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker (400 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts were recorded in parts per million (ppm, δ) relative to tetramethylsilane (δ 0.00) or chloroform (δ = 7.26, singlet). ^1H NMR splitting patterns are designated as singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), dd (doublet of doublets), m (multiplets), and etc. All first-order splitting patterns were assigned on the basis of the appearance of the multiplet. Splitting patterns that could not be easily interpreted are designated as multiplet (m) or broad (br). Carbon nuclear magnetic resonance (^{13}C NMR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker (400 MHz) (100 MHz) spectrometer. ^{19}F NMR chemical shifts were determined relative to CFCl_3 as the external standard. High resolution mass spectral analysis (HRMS) was performed on a Waters Q-TOF Premier Spectrometer. Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was carried out on Merck 60 F254 pre-coated silica gel plate (0.2 mm thickness).

2. General procedure

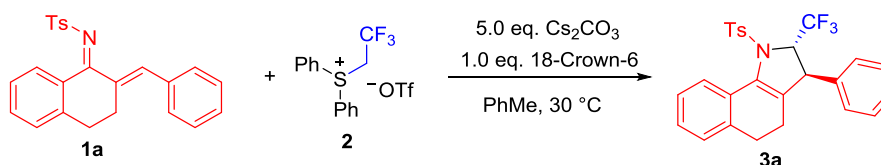
1a-b^[1] and **1e-f**^[2] were synthesized according to the literature. **1c-d**, **1g-o** and **4a-l** were synthesized according to the procedure a). The product **3a-o** or **5a-l** were synthesized according to the procedure b). Diphenyl(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)sulfonium triflate **2** were synthesized according to the literature.^[3]

a) Procedure for the preparation of **1c-d**, **1g-o** and **4a-l** (**4b** as an example).



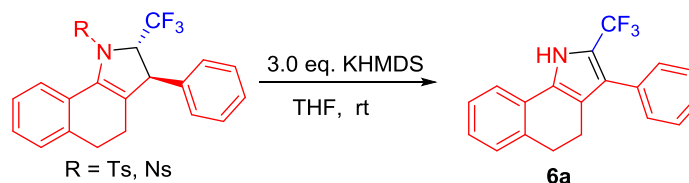
To the solution of chalcone (1.0 equiv. 3.0 mmol) and arylsulfonamide (1.5 equiv.) in dry PhMe (15 mL) was dropwise added TiCl_4 (1.5 equiv.) and Et_3N (2.0 equiv.) at 0 °C over 10 minutes. The reaction mixture was heated at reflux overnight. The solution was cooled to room temperature, quenched with water (20 mL), and extracted with DCM (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic phase was dried over MgSO_4 and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel column ($\text{EtOAc}/\text{hexane} = 1:10$ as eluent) to afford the substrate **4b** as a yellow solid up to 80% yield.

b) General procedure for the reactions of **1** or **4** with **2** to synthesize product **3** or **5** (**3a** as an example):



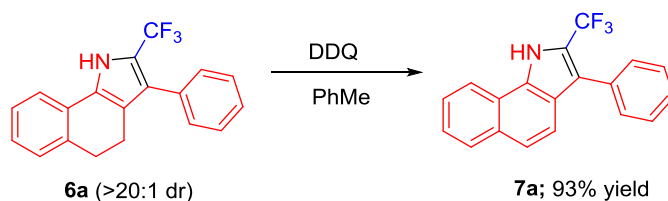
To a dried 10 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was added **1a** (0.10 mmol, 38.7 mg), **2** (0.15 mmol, 62.8 mg), Cs_2CO_3 (0.50 mmol, 163.0 mg), 18-Crown-6 (0.10 mmol, 26.5 mg) and 3.0 equiv. water. To this mixture was added PhMe (1.0 mL) by via a micro syringe, then the reaction mixture was stirred at 30 °C until **1a** disappeared (detected by TLC), the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (10% v/v EA in hexane) to afford **3a** as a white solid in 79% yield.

c) General procedure for the synthesis of product **6a - b** (**6a** as an example) and **7a**:



To a solution of **3a** (0.10 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL), 0.30 mmol KHMDS was

added dropwise at rt under nitrogen atmosphere. The mixture was stirred at rt until completed by TLC. The mixture was quenched by NH_4Cl until PH is about 7. Then the crude residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (20% v/v EA in hexane) to afford **6a** as a pale yellow solid in 85% yield.



To a solution of **6a** (0.10 mmol, 31.3 mg) in dry PhMe (2.0 mL), 0.30 mmol DDQ was added. The mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 12 h. After the reaction completed, then the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (25% v/v EA in hexane) to afford **7a** as a pale yellow solid in 93% yield.

d) Stereochemistry determination via X-ray crystallographic analysis of product **3c**.

Product **3c** was crystallized as a colorless crystal via vaporization of a hexane/ethyl acetate solution, and its absolute configuration was determined by x-ray structure analysis. **3c**: CDCC: 1997969 contains the supplementary crystallographic data that can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via <https://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/>.

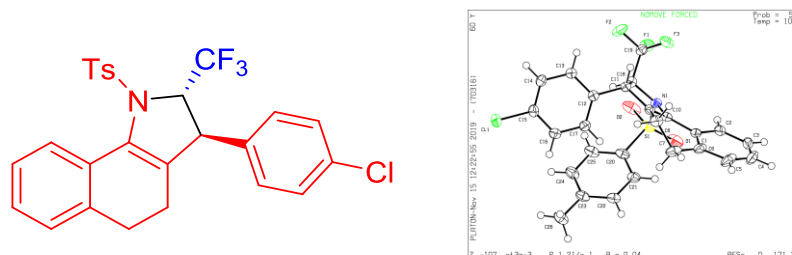
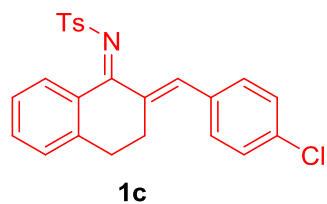


Fig 1. X-ray crystal structure of compound **3c**.

3. Characterizations of products, reference.

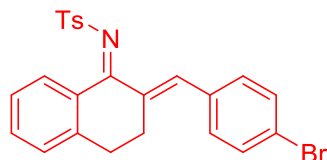
Structure of known compounds **1a-b** and **1e-f** were confirmed by NMR spectral comparison with literature data ^[1-3]. For compounds not reported before, ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and ¹⁹F NMR characterization and the corresponding spectra are provided.

a) Characterizations of compounds **1c-d**, **1g-o**, **4a-l** and Products **3a-o**, **5a-l**.



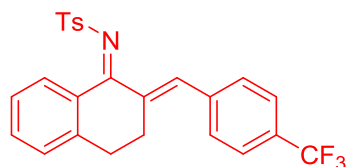
N-((Z)-2-((E)-4-chlorobenzylidene)-3,4-dihydro-1H-naphthalen-1(2H)-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (1c): 60% yield, yellow solid: mp 135.1-136.0 °C; ¹H NMR

(400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.15 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.45 (td, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39 - 7.32 (m, 6H), 7.29 - 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.01 - 2.96 (m, 4H), 2.44 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 174.6, 143.1, 142.9, 139.7, 137.3, 136.1, 134.5, 134.0, 133.7, 133.0, 130.9, 129.5, 128.9, 128.4, 127.1, 127.0, 30.8, 27.4, 21.7; HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₀ClNO₂S (M+H)⁺: 422.0976, Found: 422.0979.



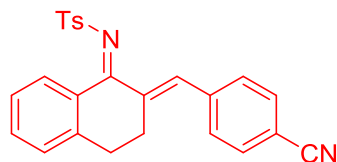
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1g

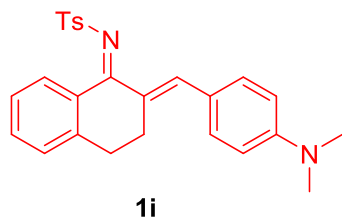
4-methyl-*N*-((*Z*)-2-((*E*)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzylidene)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2*H*)-ylidene)benzenesulfonamide (1g): 72% yield, yellow solid: mp 131.6-133.4 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.13 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.52 - 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.93 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 174.3, 143.3, 142.8, 140.3, 139.4, 138.2, 135.6, 133.9, 132.9, 132.4, 130.5, 129.6, 128.9, 128.3, 127.2, 127.1, 118.8, 111.8, 30.9, 27.5, 21.7; ¹⁹F NMR (376 Hz, CDCl₃) δ = -62.48 (s, 3F); HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₂₁F₃NO₂S (M+H)⁺: 456.1240, Found: 456.1238.



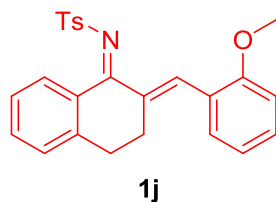
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***N*-((*Z*)-2-((*E*)-4-cyanobenzylidene)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2*H*)-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (1h):** 75% yield, yellow solid: mp 174.5-175.9 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.13 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.52 - 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.93 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H),

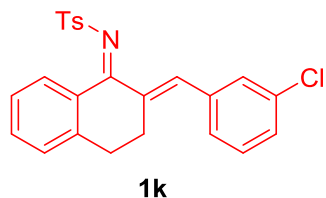
2.45 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 174.3, 143.3, 142.8, 140.3, 139.4, 138.2, 135.6, 133.9, 132.9, 132.4, 130.0, 129.6, 128.9, 128.3, 127.2, 127.0, 118.8, 111.8, 30.9, 27.5, 21.7; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 413.1318, Found: 413.1315.



***N*-((*Z*)-2-((*E*)-4-(dimethylamino)benzylidene)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2*H*)-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (1i):** 78% yield, red solid: mp 135.1-137.2 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.17 (dt, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.44 - 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.27 - 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.18 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.05 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.03 (s, 6H), 2.91 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 174.3, 150.9, 142.7, 142.5, 141.8, 140.5, 133.4, 133.1, 132.4, 130.7, 129.4, 128.9, 128.2, 126.9, 126.7, 123.5, 111.7, 40.3, 30.2, 27.6, 21.6; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 431.1788, Found: 431.1784.

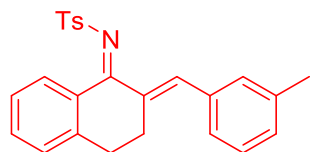


***N*-((*Z*)-2-((*E*)-2-methoxybenzylidene)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2*H*)-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (1j):** 67% yield, yellow solid: mp 163.0-163.5 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.16 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.96 - 7.94 (m, 3H), 7.43 (td, J = 8.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36 - 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.27 - 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.98 - 2.91 (m, 4H), 2.44 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 174.9, 158.3, 143.2, 142.7, 140.1, 136.3, 134.8, 133.5, 133.1, 130.7, 130.4, 129.4, 128.7, 128.4, 127.1, 126.8, 124.7, 120.3, 110.8, 55.6, 30.8, 28.0, 21.7; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 418.1471, Found: 418.1476.



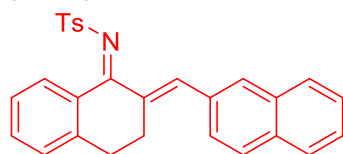
***N*-((*Z*)-2-((*E*)-3-chlorobenzylidene)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2*H*)-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (1k):** 69% yield, yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.15 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47 - 7.32 (m, 5H), 7.29 - 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.20 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.01 - 2.92 (m, 4H), 2.45 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 174.5, 143.1, 142.9, 139.6, 137.3, 136.7, 134.5, 133.8, 130.0, 129.9, 129.5, 129.3, 128.9, 128.5, 128.3, 127.7, 127.1,

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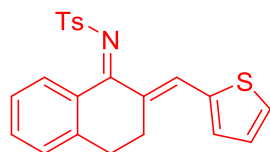
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4-methyl-N-((Z)-2-((E)-3-methylbenzylidene)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-ylidene)benzenesulfonamide (1l): 70% yield, yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33 - 7.25 (m, 5H), 7.22 - 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (s, 4H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 174.9, 143.1, 142.9, 139.9, 139.2, 138.2, 135.5, 135.2, 133.6, 133.1, 130.4, 129.5, 129.4, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4, 127.0, 126.9, 126.6, 30.8, 27.5, 21.7, 21.5; HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₂₄NO₂S (M+H)⁺: 402.1522, Found: 402.1526.



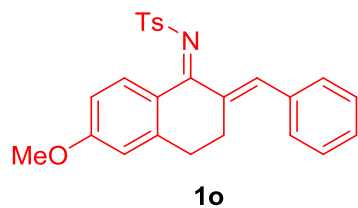
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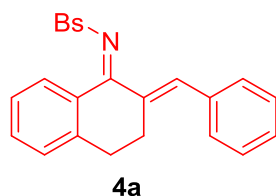


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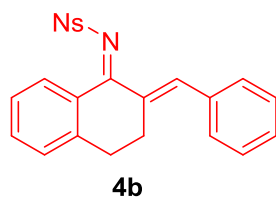
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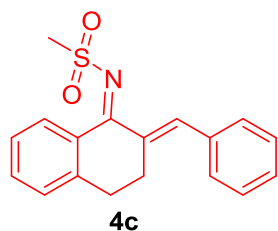
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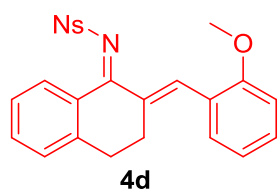
***N*-((*Z*)-2-((*E*)-benzylidene)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2*H*)-ylidene)benzenesulfonamide (**4a**):** 70% yield, yellow solid: mp 104.9-105.3 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.17 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.08 - 8.04 (m, 2H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.58 - 7.51 (m, 3H), 7.47 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 4H), 7.38 - 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.30 - 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (s, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 175.2, 143.1, 142.7, 139.1, 135.6, 135.5, 133.7, 133.1, 132.3, 129.6, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 128.5, 128.4, 127.0, 126.9, 30.8, 27.4; HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₂₀NO₂S (M+H)⁺: 374.1209, Found: 374.1205.



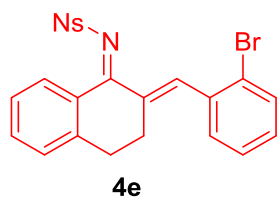
***N*-((*Z*)-2-((*E*)-benzylidene)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2*H*)-ylidene)-4-nitrobenzenesulfonamide (**4b**):** 80% yield, yellow solid: mp 161.4-162.7 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.39 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.25 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 - 7.41 (m, 4H), 7.40 - 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.07 - 2.99 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 176.7, 149.8, 148.4, 143.6, 140.2, 135.6, 135.3, 134.4, 132.6, 129.7, 129.0 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz), 128.7, 128.5, 128.2, 127.1, 124.2, 30.7, 27.6; HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₁₉N₂O₄S (M+H)⁺: 419.1060, Found: 419.1067.



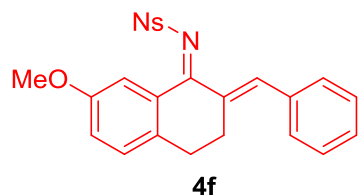
***N*-((*Z*)-2-((*E*)-benzylidene)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2*H*)-ylidene)methanesulfonamide (**4c**):** 78% yield, yellow solid: mp 137.7-138.6 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.25 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.48 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43 - 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.36 - 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (s, 3H), 2.99 (s, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 175.6, 143.1, 138.5, 135.6, 135.4, 133.6, 132.9, 129.6, 128.8, 128.6, 128.2, 126.9, 43.9, 30.8, 27.3; HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₈NO₂S (M+H)⁺: 312.1053, Found: 312.1052.



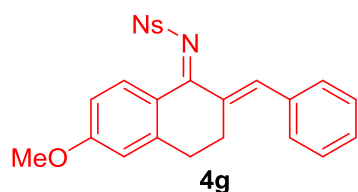
***N*-((*Z*)-2-((*E*)-2-methoxybenzylidene)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2*H*)-ylidene)-4-nitrobenzenesulfonamide (**4d**):** 73% yield, yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.38 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.25 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 - 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.03 - 2.95 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 176.7, 158.4, 149.7, 148.7, 143.7, 137.6, 135.0, 134.3, 132.5, 130.9, 130.7, 128.9, 128.5, 128.2, 127.1, 124.4, 124.2, 120.4, 110.9, 55.7, 30.7, 28.2; HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₁N₂O₅S (M+H)⁺: 449.1166, Found: 449.1169.



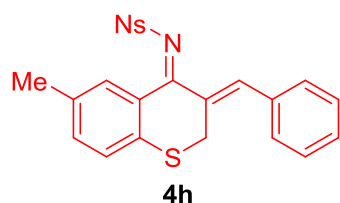
***N*-((*Z*)-2-((*E*)-2-bromobenzylidene)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2*H*)-ylidene)-4-nitrobenzenesulfonamide (**4e**):** 69% yield, yellow solid: mp 201.1-202.6 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.40 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.27 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.10 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44 - 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.31 - 7.21 (m, 3H), 2.99 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.89 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 176.3, 149.9, 148.4, 143.8, 138.9, 137.0, 136.0, 134.5, 133.0, 132.4, 131.0, 130.2, 129.1, 128.5, 128.2, 127.4, 127.2, 124.5, 124.2, 30.9, 28.2; HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₁₈BrN₂O₄S (M+H)⁺: 497.0165, Found: 497.0160.



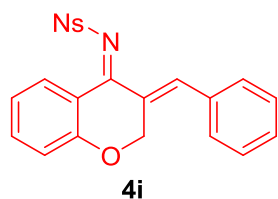
***N*-((*Z*)-2-((*E*)-benzylidene)-7-methoxy-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2*H*)-ylidene)-4-nitrobenzenesulfonamide (4f):** 72% yield, yellow solid: mp 155.2-155.6 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.39 - 8.36 (m, 2H), 8.26 - 8.23 (m, 2H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44 - 7.40 (m, 4H), 7.39 - 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.02 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.94 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 176.7, 158.4, 149.8, 148.4, 140.1, 136.3, 135.7, 135.3, 133.4, 130.1, 129.7, 129.0, 128.7, 128.2, 124.2, 121.9, 11.2, 55.6, 29.9, 27.9; HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₁N₂O₅S (M+H)⁺: 449.1166, Found: 449.1163.



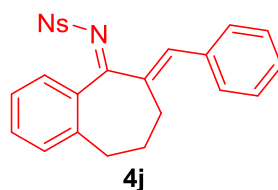
***N*-((*Z*)-2-((*E*)-benzylidene)-6-methoxy-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2*H*)-ylidene)-4-nitrobenzenesulfonamide (4g):** 75% yield, yellow solid: mp 119.2-120.0 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.37 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.10 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.43 - 7.34 (m, 5H), 6.82 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.02 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.95 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 175.3, 164.8, 149.6, 148.9, 146.5, 140.0, 135.6, 135.4, 131.5, 129.8, 128.9, 128.7, 128.0, 125.4, 124.2, 113.9, 112.9, 55.7, 31.2, 27.7; HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₁N₂O₅S (M+H)⁺: 449.1166, Found: 449.1172.



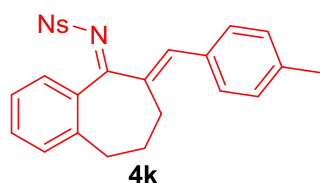
***N*-((*Z*)-3-((*E*)-benzylidene)-6-methylthiochroman-4-ylidene)-4-nitrobenzenesulfonamide (4h):** 72% yield, yellow solid: mp 144.8-145.5 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.40 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.25 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.50 - 7.44 (m, 4H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (s, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 174.9, 150.0, 147.9, 140.1, 139.0, 135.5, 135.2, 134.7, 130.6, 130.1, 129.6, 129.5, 129.0, 128.4, 127.7, 124.3, 27.6, 21.0; HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₁₉N₂O₄S₂ (M+H)⁺: 451.0781, Found: 451.0782.



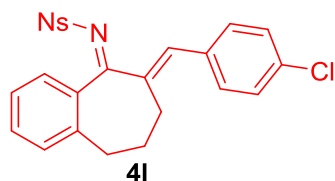
N-((Z)-3-((E)-benzylidene)chroman-4-ylidene)-4-nitrobenzenesulfonamide (4i): 75% yield, yellow solid: mp 185.7-186.1 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 9.07 - 9.04 (m, 1H), 8.26 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.77 - 7.70 (m, 3H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.24 - 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.97 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 163.5, 149.9, 149.3, 138.1, 137.9, 136.8, 133.0, 132.1, 129.1, 128.9, 128.2, 128.0, 127.4, 126.9, 126.7, 124.1, 40.0; HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₂₂H₁₆N₂O₅S (M+H)⁺: 421.0853, Found: 421.0850.



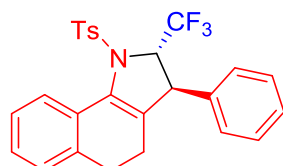
N-((Z)-6-((E)-benzylidene)-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-5H-benzo[7]annulen-5-ylidene)-4-nitrobenzenesulfonamide (4j): 77% yield, pale yellow solid : mp 140.5-142.6 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.33 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 - 7.34 (m, 6H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.53 (s, 2H), 1.98 - 1.91 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 183.4, 149.9, 147.6, 141.7, 139.0, 138.9 (q, *J* = 4.2 Hz), 137.4, 135.9, 135.5, 132.9, 129.9, 129.7, 129.2, 129.1, 128.7, 128.4, 126.7, 124.1, 31.8 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 27.1, 25.6; HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₁N₂O₄S (M+H)⁺: 433.1217, Found: 433.1213.



N-((Z)-6-((E)-4-methylbenzylidene)-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-5H-benzo[7]annulen-5-ylidene)-4-nitrobenzenesulfonamide (4k): 76% yield, yellow solid: mp 158.8-159.9 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.34 - 8.30 (m, 2H), 8.15 - 8.12 (m, 2H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (tt, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39 - 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 2.76 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (s, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.97 - 1.91 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 183.4, 149.8, 147.7, 139.7, 139.4, 136.4, 136.0, 132.8, 132.6, 129.9, 129.5, 128.4, 126.7, 124.1, 31.8, 27.1, 25.5, 21.5; HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₂₃N₂O₄S (M+H)⁺: 447.1373, Found: 447.1370.

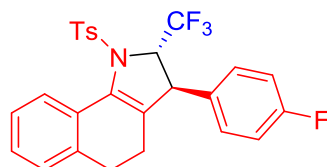


N-((Z)-6-((E)-4-chlorobenzylidene)-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-5H-benzo[7]annulen-5-ylidene)-4-nitrobenzenesulfonamide (4l): 70% yield, yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.34 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.15 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.49 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 - 7.33 (m, 5H), 7.20 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.52 (s, 2H), 1.96 - 1.89 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 174.5, 143.2, 143.0, 139.9, 137.9, 136.8, 136.4, 133.8, 132.9, 132.8, 131.1, 129.9, 129.5, 128.9, 128.3, 127.3, 127.0, 126.9, 124.5, 31.0, 28.1, 21.7; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 467.0827, Found: 467.0825.



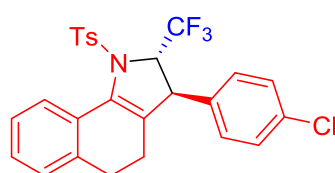
3a

3-phenyl-1-tosyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[g]indole (3a): white solid: mp 205.7-206.2 $^\circ\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.88 (dd, J = 7.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34 - 7.23 (m, 6H), 7.17 (tt, J = 6.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.12 - 7.04 (m, 4H), 6.49 - 6.46 (m, 2H), 4.50 (qd, J = 6.4, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (t, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.91 - 2.76 (m, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.24 - 2.02 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 144.6, 139.6, 139.1, 135.7, 132.3, 130.6, 129.9, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.1, 127.4, 127.3, 127.1, 126.5, 125.7, 124.7 (d, J = 279.0 Hz), 70.1 (q, J = 31.0 Hz), 49.3, 29.2, 22.9, 21.8; ^{19}F NMR (376 Hz, CDCl_3) δ = -78.17 (s, 3F); HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{23}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 470.1396, Found: 470.1403.



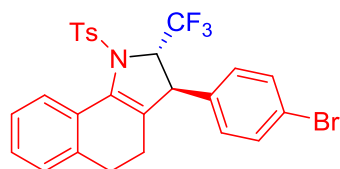
3b

3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-tosyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[g]indole (3b): white solid: mp 205.8-206.4 $^\circ\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.85 (dd, J = 6.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34 - 7.25 (m, 4H), 7.26 - 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.79 - 6.73 (m, 2H), 6.48 - 6.43 (m, 2H), 4.46 (qd, J = 7.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.90 - 2.77 (m, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.47 - 1.99 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 144.8, 139.7, 135.6, 134.9 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 132.3, 130.3, 129.9, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 127.4, 126.5, 126.0, 125.8, 124.6, 115.9, 115.6, 124.7 (d, J = 278.0 Hz), 70.0 (q, J = 30.0 Hz), 48.6, 29.2, 22.9, 21.7; ^{19}F NMR (376 Hz, CDCl_3) δ = -114.62 (s, 3F), -78.20 (s, 1F); HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_4\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 488.1302, Found: 488.1303.



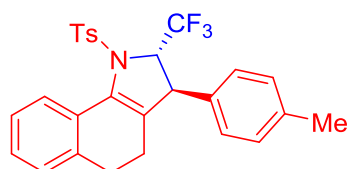
3c

3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-tosyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[g]indole (3c): white solid: mp 208.8-211.2 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.85 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33 - 7.26 (m, 4H), 7.26 - 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.06 - 7.03 (m, 2H), 6.46 - 6.43 (m, 2H), 4.46 (qd, *J* = 7.2, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (t, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.91 - 2.78 (m, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.26 - 2.01 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 144.9, 140.0, 137.6, 135.6, 133.1, 132.3, 129.9, 129.8, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 127.4, 126.5, 125.8, 124.6 (d, *J* = 278.0 Hz), 70.0 (q, *J* = 31.0 Hz), 48.6, 29.1, 22.9, 21.7; ¹⁹F NMR (376 Hz, CDCl₃) δ = -78.21 (s, 3F); HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₂₆H₂₂F₃ClNO₂S (M+H)⁺: 504.1006, Found: 504.1015.



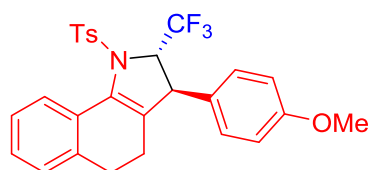
3d

3-(4-bromophenyl)-1-tosyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[g]indole (3d): white oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.84 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33 - 7.26 (m, 4H), 7.26 - 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.40 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.46 (qd, *J* = 7.2, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.91 - 2.78 (m, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.27 - 2.01 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 144.9, 140.0, 138.2, 135.6, 132.3, 132.0, 129.8, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 127.3, 126.5, 125.8, 124.5 (d, *J* = 279.0 Hz), 34.1 (q, *J* = 31.0 Hz), 48.6, 29.1, 23.0, 21.8; ¹⁹F NMR (376 Hz, CDCl₃) δ = -78.24 (s, 3F); HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₂₆H₂₂BrF₃NO₂S (M+H)⁺: 548.0501, Found: 548.0505.



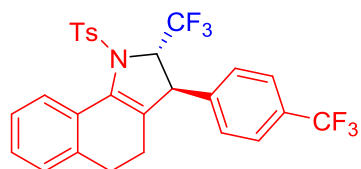
3e

3-(p-tolyl)-1-tosyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[g]indole (3e): white solid: mp 190.5-193.3 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.85 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33 - 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.27 - 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.37 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.48 (qd, *J* = 6.8, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.89 - 2.75 (m, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.23 - 2.01 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 144.6, 139.4, 136.8, 136.2, 135.7, 132.4, 130.9, 129.8, 129.5, 128.7, 128.2, 127.3, 127.2, 126.5, 125.7, 124.7 (d, *J* = 279.0 Hz), 70.2 (q, *J* = 31.0 Hz), 49.1, 29.2, 22.9, 21.8, 21.2; ¹⁹F NMR (376 Hz, CDCl₃) δ = -78.16 (s, 3F); HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₂₇H₂₅F₃NO₂S (M+H)⁺: 484.1553, Found: 484.1558.



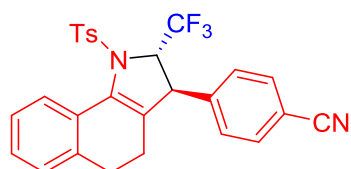
3f

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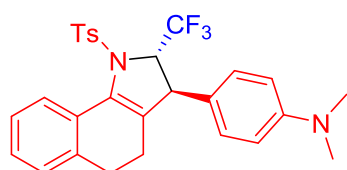
3g

1-tosyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[g]indole (3g): white oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.87 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 - 7.25 (m, 7H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.48 (qd, *J* = 6.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 1H), 2.96 - 2.82 (m, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.30 - 2.04 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 145.0, 143.1, 140.4, 135.6, 132.2, 129.9, 129.4, 129.3 (d, *J* = 35.2 Hz), 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 127.6, 127.4, 126.6, 125.9, 125.8 (q, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 124.0 (d, *J* = 271.0 Hz), 123.1, 69.9 (q, *J* = 31.0 Hz), 48.8, 29.1, 23.0, 21.6; ¹⁹F NMR (376 Hz, CDCl₃) δ = -78.26 (s, 3F), -62.52 (s, 3F); HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₂₇H₂₂F₆NO₂S (M+H)⁺: 538.1270, Found: 538.1275.



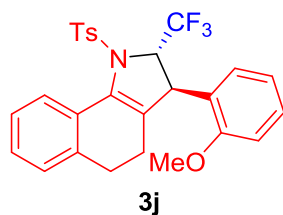
3h

1-tosyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[g]indol-3-yl)benzotrile (3h): white solid: mp 209.0-210.6 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.34 - 7.23 (m, 6H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (qd, *J* = 7.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 1H), 2.88 - 2.80 (m, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.24 - 2.02 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 145.0, 141.4, 140.2, 135.7, 132.2, 130.5 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz), 130.4, 129.9, 129.4, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 127.4, 126.5, 126.1, 125.8, 124.6 (d, *J* = 279.0 Hz), 123.1, 69.9 (q, *J* = 31.0 Hz), 48.8, 29.1, 22.9, 22.1; ¹⁹F NMR (376 Hz, CDCl₃) δ = -78.17 (s, 3F); HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₂₇H₂₂F₃N₂O₂S (M+H)⁺: 494.1276, Found: 494.1277.

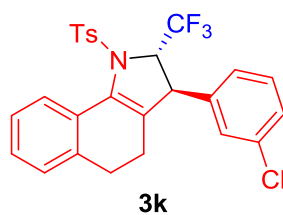


3i

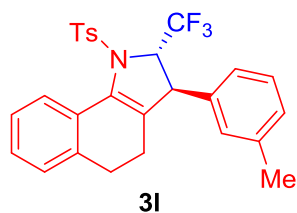
N,N-dimethyl-1-tosyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[g]indol-3-yl)aniline (3i): white oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.86 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 - 7.21 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.41 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.30 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.45 (qd, J = 7.2, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (t, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (s, 6H), 2.87 - 2.74 (m, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.21 - 2.01 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 144.3, 138.9, 135.7, 132.5, 131.6, 129.9, 128.8, 128.1, 127.9, 127.3, 126.4, 125.6, 124.8 (d, J = 279.0 Hz), 112.8, 70.3 (q, J = 30.0 Hz), 48.8, 40.7, 29.2, 22.9, 21.8; ^{19}F NMR (376 Hz, CDCl_3) δ = -78.09 (s, 3F); HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{28}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 513.1818, Found: 513.1818.



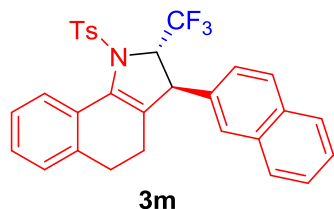
3-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1-tosyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[g]indole (3j): white solid: mp 174.4-175.6 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.84 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30 - 7.22 (m, 5H), 7.14 (td, J = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (qd, J = 6.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.95 - 2.77 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.27 - 2.05 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 156.8, 144.3, 139.4, 135.6, 133.2, 131.1, 129.7, 128.7, 128.3, 128.1, 127.9, 127.6, 127.3, 126.9, 126.5, 125.5, 124.8 (d, J = 276.0 Hz), 120.4, 110.0, 69.6 (q, J = 31.0 Hz), 55.2, 43.2, 29.1, 23.1, 21.7; ^{19}F NMR (376 Hz, CDCl_3) δ = -77.62 (s, 3F); HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{25}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 500.1502, Found: 500.1504.



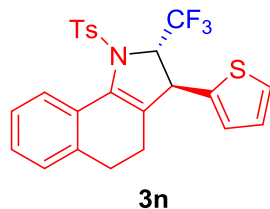
3-(3-chlorophenyl)-1-tosyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[g]indole (3k): white oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.89 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35 - 7.24 (m, 5H), 7.18 - 7.12 (m, 3H), 7.06 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (qd, J = 7.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (t, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.89 - 2.81 (m, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.25 - 2.02 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 145.1, 141.1, 140.2, 135.7, 134.8, 132.1, 130.2, 129.9, 129.4, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 127.6, 127.4, 127.3, 126.6, 125.8, 124.6 (d, J = 279.0 Hz), 69.9 (q, J = 30.0 Hz), 48.8, 29.1, 22.9, 22.0; ^{19}F NMR (376 Hz, CDCl_3) δ = -78.19 (s, 3F); HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_3\text{ClNO}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 504.1006, Found: 504.1014.



3-(m-tolyl)-1-tosyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[g]indole (3l): white solid: mp 185.3-186.0 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33 - 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.33 - 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 6.09 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (qd, *J* = 7.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (t, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.88 - 2.75 (m, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.22 - 2.02 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 144.5, 139.4, 139.0, 138.5, 135.7, 132.5, 130.7, 129.8, 128.8, 128.7, 128.4, 128.1, 128.0, 127.3, 126.5, 125.6, 124.7 (d, *J* = 278.0 Hz), 124.1, 123.4, 70.1 (q, *J* = 31.0 Hz), 49.3, 29.2, 22.9, 21.8, 21.6; ¹⁹F NMR (376 Hz, CDCl₃) δ = -78.12 (s, 3F); HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₂₇H₂₅F₃NO₂S (M+H)⁺: 484.1553, Found: 484.1550.

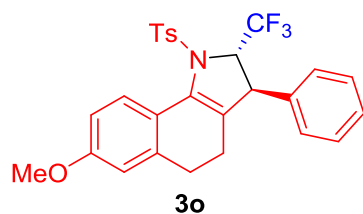


3-(naphthalen-2-yl)-1-tosyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[g]indole (3m): white solid: mp 222.5-224.1 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.50 - 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.36 - 7.24 (m, 5H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 6.81 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (qd, *J* = 7.2, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.00 - 2.82 (m, 2H), 2.26 - 2.16 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 144.7, 139.8, 136.6, 135.7, 133.1, 132.4, 130.4, 129.7, 128.9, 128.7, 128.2 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 127.7, 127.4, 126.6, 126.4, 126.3, 126.1, 125.8, 125.4, 124.7 (d, *J* = 279.0 Hz), 70.1 (q, *J* = 31.0 Hz), 49.3, 29.2, 23.1, 21.7; ¹⁹F NMR (376 Hz, CDCl₃) δ = -78.13 (s, 3F); HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₃₀H₂₅F₃NO₂S (M+H)⁺: 520.1553, Found: 520.1552.

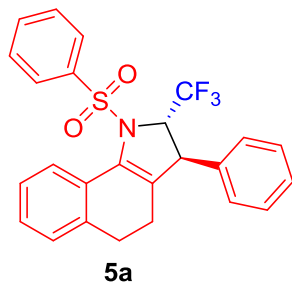


3-(thiophen-2-yl)-1-tosyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[g]indole (3n): white oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.85 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31 - 7.24 (m, 5H), 7.11 - 7.09 (m, 3H), 6.68 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (dt, *J* = 3.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (qd, *J* = 7.2, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.88 - 2.78 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.27 - 2.21 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 144.6, 142.3, 139.4, 135.8, 132.1, 130.0, 129.8, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 127.3, 126.9, 126.5, 125.9,

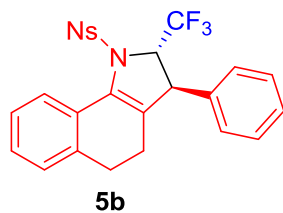
125.1, 124.7 (d, $J = 278.0$ Hz), 124.6, 70.5 (q, $J = 31.0$ Hz), 44.3, 29.2, 22.9, 21.7; ^{19}F NMR (376 Hz, CDCl_3) $\delta = -78.26$ (s, 3F); HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{S}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 476.0960, Found: 476.0960.



7-methoxy-3-phenyl-1-tosyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[g]indole (3o): white solid: mp 208.5-209.0 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 7.84$ (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 - 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.16 (tt, $J = 7.6, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.07 - 7.03 (m, 2H), 6.85 - 6.80 (m, 2H), 6.44 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.46 (qd, $J = 7.2, 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.83 (t, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.88 - 2.72 (m, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.22 - 2.00 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 159.5, 144.5, 139.3, 137.8, 132.2, 129.9, 128.8, 128.7, 127.6, 127.3, 127.2, 127.0, 124.7$ (d, $J = 279.0$ Hz), 121.6, 114.1, 110.5, 70.2 (q, $J = 31.0$ Hz), 55.4, 49.2, 29.6, 22.8, 21.8; ^{19}F NMR (376 Hz, CDCl_3) $\delta = -78.19$ (s, 3F); HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{25}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 500.1502, Found: 500.1500.

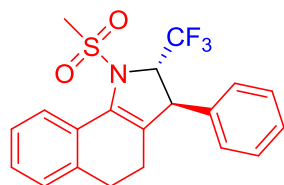


3-phenyl-1-(phenylsulfonyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[g]indole (5a): pale yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 7.86$ (dd, $J = 7.2, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (tt, $J = 7.6, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 - 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.37 - 7.23 (m, 5H), 7.16 (tt, $J = 7.2, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.10 - 7.06 (m, 2H), 6.47 - 6.44 (m, 2H), 4.53 (qd, $J = 7.2, 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.86 (t, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.88 - 2.76 (m, 2H), 2.24 - 2.01 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 139.5, 139.0, 135.7, 135.5, 133.7, 130.7, 129.3, 129.1, 128.8, 128.6, 128.2, 127.4, 127.3, 126.5, 125.6, 124.7$ (d, $J = 280.0$ Hz), 70.1 (q, $J = 31.0$ Hz), 49.4, 29.2, 22.9; ^{19}F NMR (376 Hz, CDCl_3) $\delta = -78.17$ (s, 3F); HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 456.1240, Found: 456.1242.



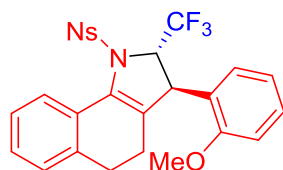
1-((4-nitrophenyl)sulfonyl)-3-phenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[g]indole (5b): pale yellow solid: mp 215.0-216.0 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 8.07 - 8.03$ (m, 2H), 7.85 - 7.82 (m, 1H), 7.56 - 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.36 - 7.27

(m, 3H), 7.17 (tt, $J = 7.2, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.06 - 7.02 (m, 2H), 6.54 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.57 (qd, $J = 6.8, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.90 (t, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.95 - 2.87 (m, 2H), 2.32 - 2.15 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 150.8, 140.5, 139.3, 138.8, 135.6, 131.4, 129.7, 129.1, 128.7, 127.0, 127.6, 127.5, 126.7, 125.6, 124.3$ (d, $J = 279.0$ Hz), 124.2, 70.8 (q, $J = 31.0$ Hz), 48.6, 29.1, 23.3; ^{19}F NMR (376 Hz, CDCl_3) $\delta = -78.35$ (s, 3F); HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 501.1090, Found: 501.1098.



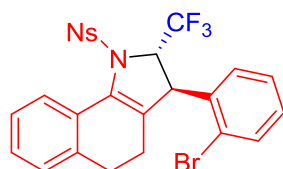
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1-(methylsulfonyl)-3-phenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[g]indole (5c): pale yellow solid: mp 221.3-224.1 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 7.56$ (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 - 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.37 - 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.29 - 7.24 (m, 3H), 4.81 (q, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.00 (s, 1H), 3.12 - 3.03 (m, 1H), 3.01 (s, 3H), 2.89 - 2.84 (m, 1H), 2.41 - 2.25 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 139.1, 139.0, 135.7, 130.1, 129.5, 128.7, 127.8, 127.7, 126.5, 124.9$ (d, $J = 279.0$ Hz), 124.3, 70.0 (q, $J = 31.0$ Hz), 49.9, 40.2, 29.0, 22.7; ^{19}F NMR (376 Hz, CDCl_3) $\delta = -78.48$ (s, 3F); HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 394.1083, Found: 394.1085.



5d

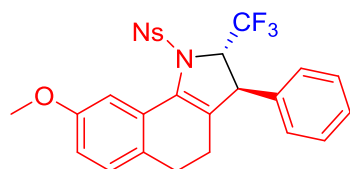
3-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1-((4-nitrophenyl)sulfonyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[g]indole (5d): pale yellow solid: mp 216.8-217.7 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 7.96$ (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.85 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.35 - 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.14 (t, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.28 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.96 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.68 (qd, $J = 6.8, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.84 - 3.00 (m, 2H), 2.34 - 2.16 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 156.8, 150.7, 141.4, 139.0, 135.6, 132.0, 129.2, 128.7, 128.5, 128.0, 127.6, 126.8, 126.7, 126.5, 125.4, 124.5$ (d, $J = 281.0$ Hz), 124.0, 120.1, 110.4, 69.8 (q, $J = 31.0$ Hz), 55.3, 43.6, 29.0, 23.4; ^{19}F NMR (376 Hz, CDCl_3) $\delta = -78.33$ (s, 3F); HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 531.1196, Found: 531.1196.



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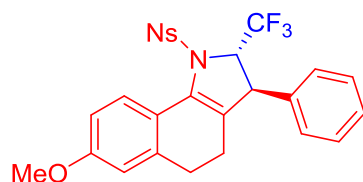
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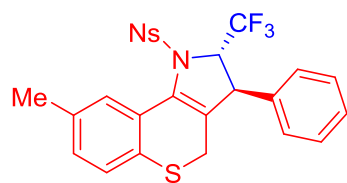
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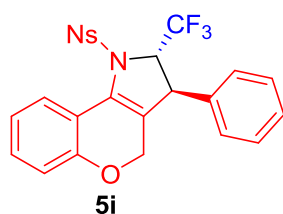
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7-methoxy-1-((4-nitrophenyl)sulfonyl)-3-phenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[g]indole (5g): pale yellow solid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 8.04$ (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.16 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 - 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.85 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.51 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 4.54 (qd, $J = 7.2, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 4H), 2.92 - 2.80 (m, 2H), 2.30 - 2.12 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 159.9, 150.7, 140.5, 139.0, 137.7, 129.7, 129.0, 128.2, 127.4, 127.1, 126.7, 124.3$ (d, $J = 279.0$ Hz), 124.1, 120.8, 114.4, 110.8, 70.9 (q, $J = 31.0$ Hz), 55.5, 48.4, 29.5, 23.1; ^{19}F NMR (376 Hz, CDCl_3) $\delta = -78.33$ (s, 3F); HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 531.1196, Found: 531.1199.

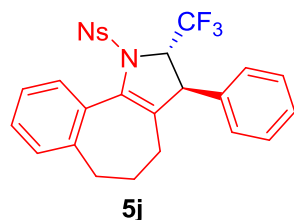


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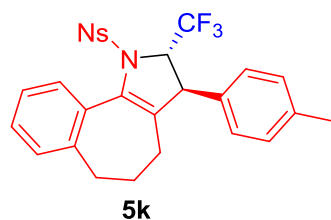
8-methyl-1-((4-nitrophenyl)sulfonyl)-3-phenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrothiochromeno[4,3-b]pyrrole (5h): pale yellow solid: mp 213.5-218.0 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20 - 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.60 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (s, 1H), 3.63 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 150.9, 140.4, 137.7, 135.9, 130.2, 129.8, 129.3, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.8, 127.7, 126.8, 124.3, 124.2 (d, *J* = 279.0 Hz), 70.6 (q, *J* = 31.0 Hz), 49.0, 25.8, 21.3; ¹⁹F NMR (376 Hz, CDCl₃) δ = -78.38 (s, 3F); HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₁₉NaF₃N₂O₄S₂ (M+Na)⁺: 555.0631, Found: 555.0639.



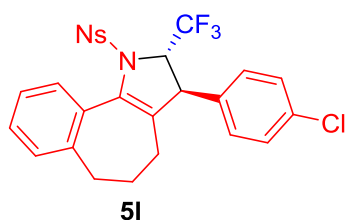
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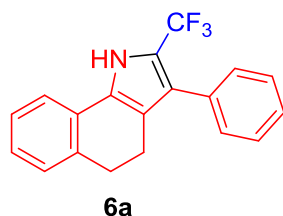
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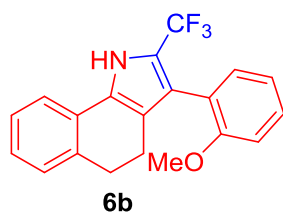
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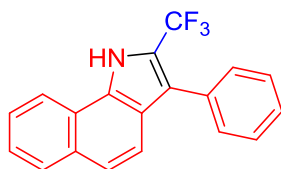
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3-phenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[g]indole (6a): pale yellow solid: mp 252.3-254.6 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 9.65 (s, 1H), 7.56 - 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.41 - 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.29 - 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.24 - 7.20 (m, 1H), 2.97 - 2.93 (m, 2H), 2.87 - 2.83 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 136.4, 133.9, 133.5, 132.4, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 127.8 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 127.3, 127.1, 120.5, 118.9, 116.2, 97.9, 29.6, 20.7; ¹⁹F NMR (376 Hz, CDCl₃) δ = -78.27 (s, 3F); HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₁₅F₃N (M+H)⁺: 314.1151, Found: 314.1149.



3-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-benzo[g]indole (6b): pale yellow solid: mp 222.7-223.2 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 9.36 (s, 1H), 7.50 - 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.35 - 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.29 - 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.23 - 7.21 (m, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.97 - 2.93 (m, 2H), 2.85 - 2.81 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 159.3, 136.4, 133.7, 129.6, 128.7, 127.8, 127.4, 127.0, 124.8, 120.4, 118.8, 116.3, 114.4, 97.7, 55.4, 29.6, 20.7; ¹⁹F NMR (376 Hz, CDCl₃) δ = -78.18 (s, 3F); HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₁₇F₃NO (M+H)⁺:344.1257, Found: 344.1259.



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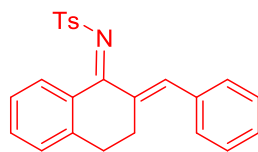
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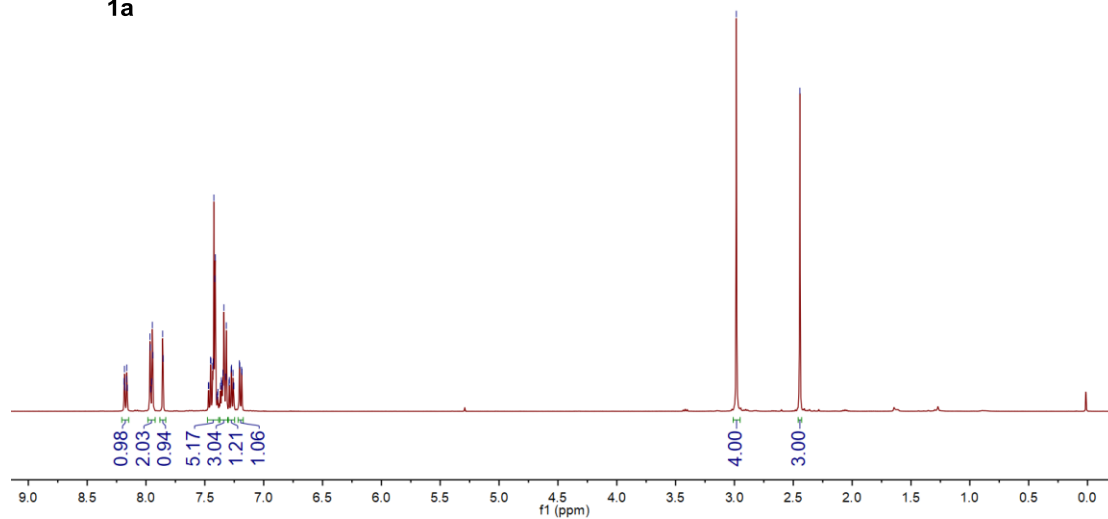
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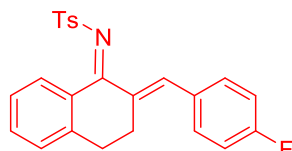
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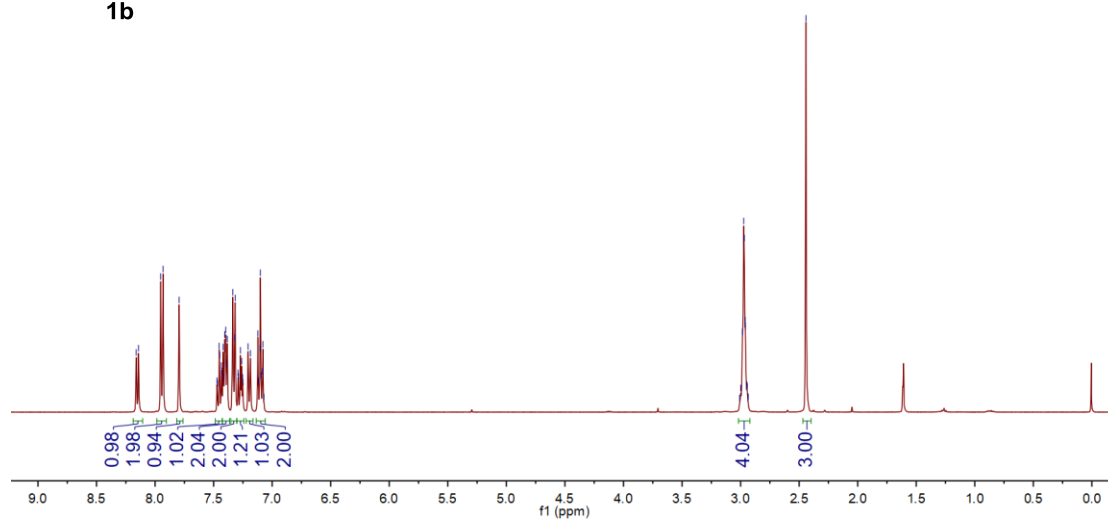
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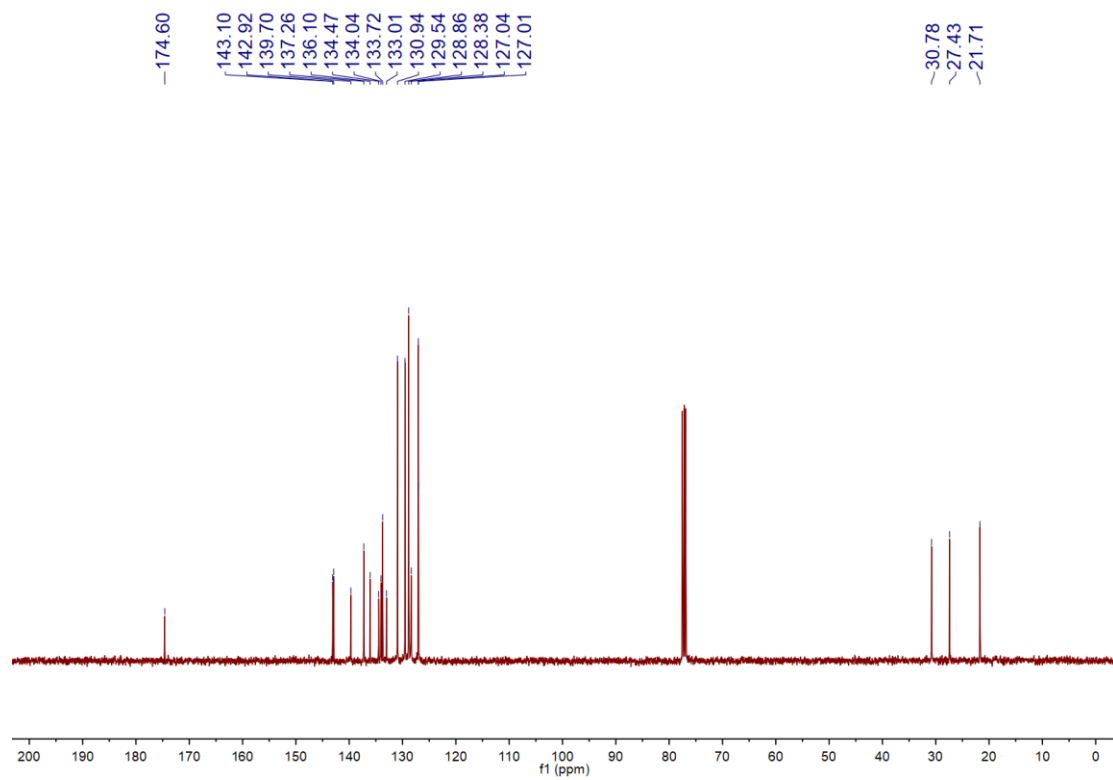
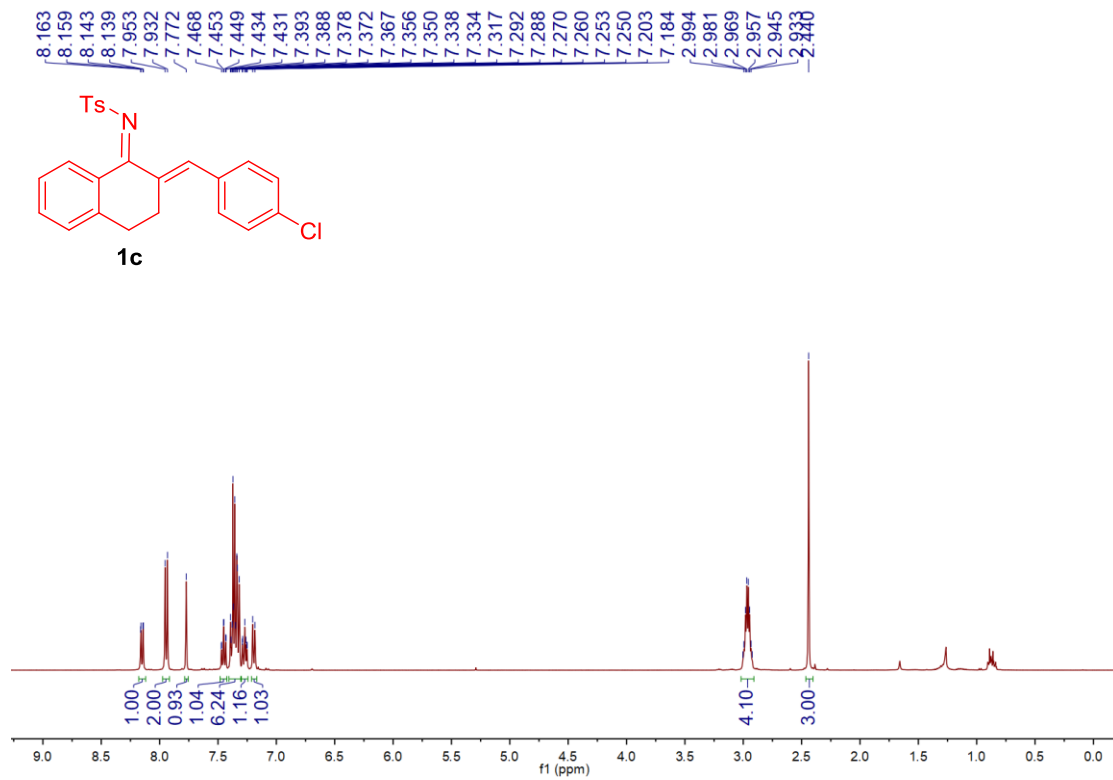


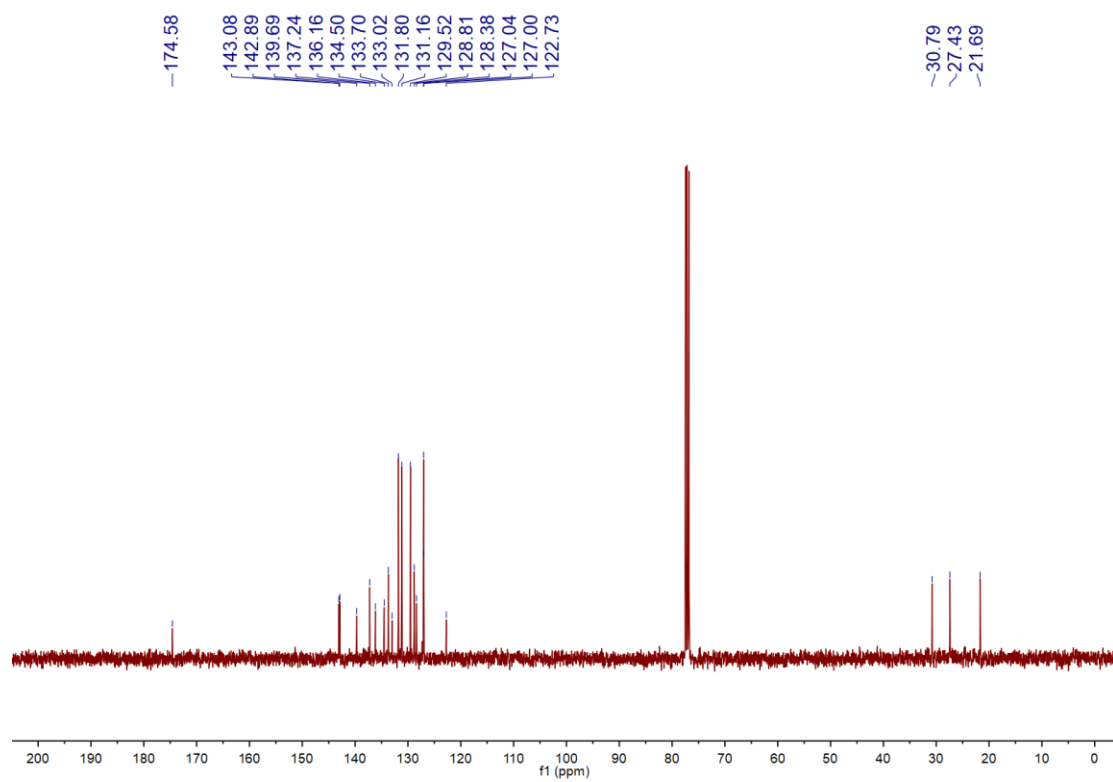
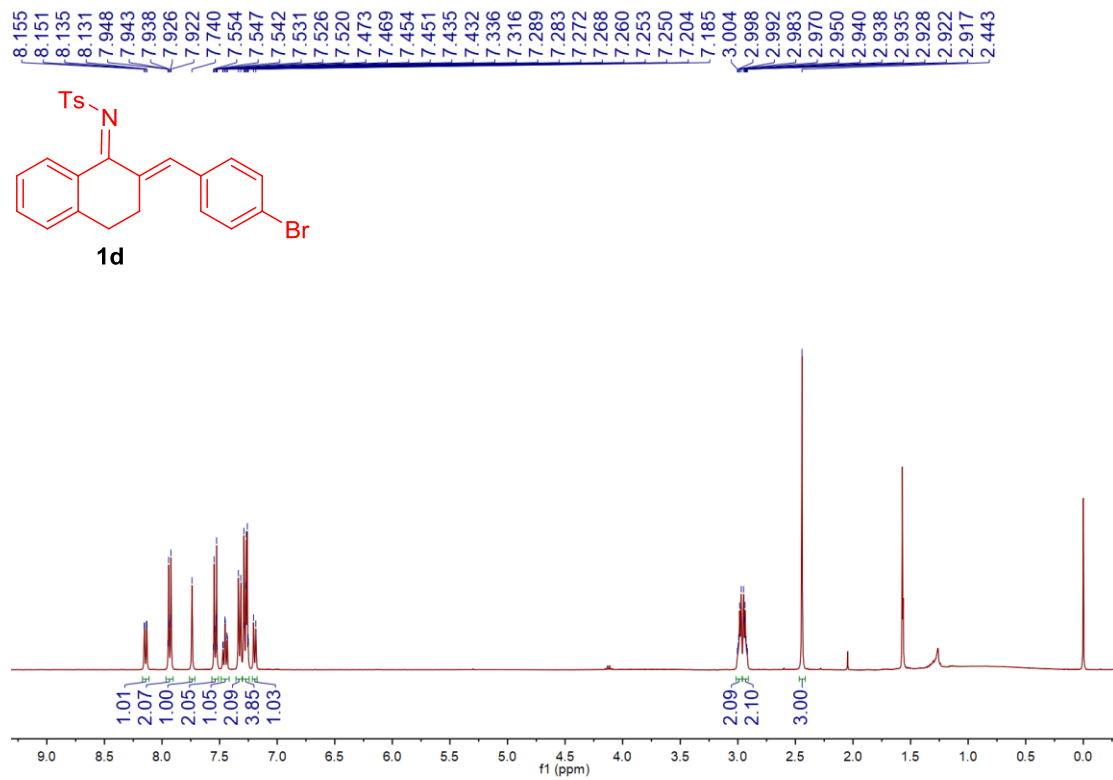
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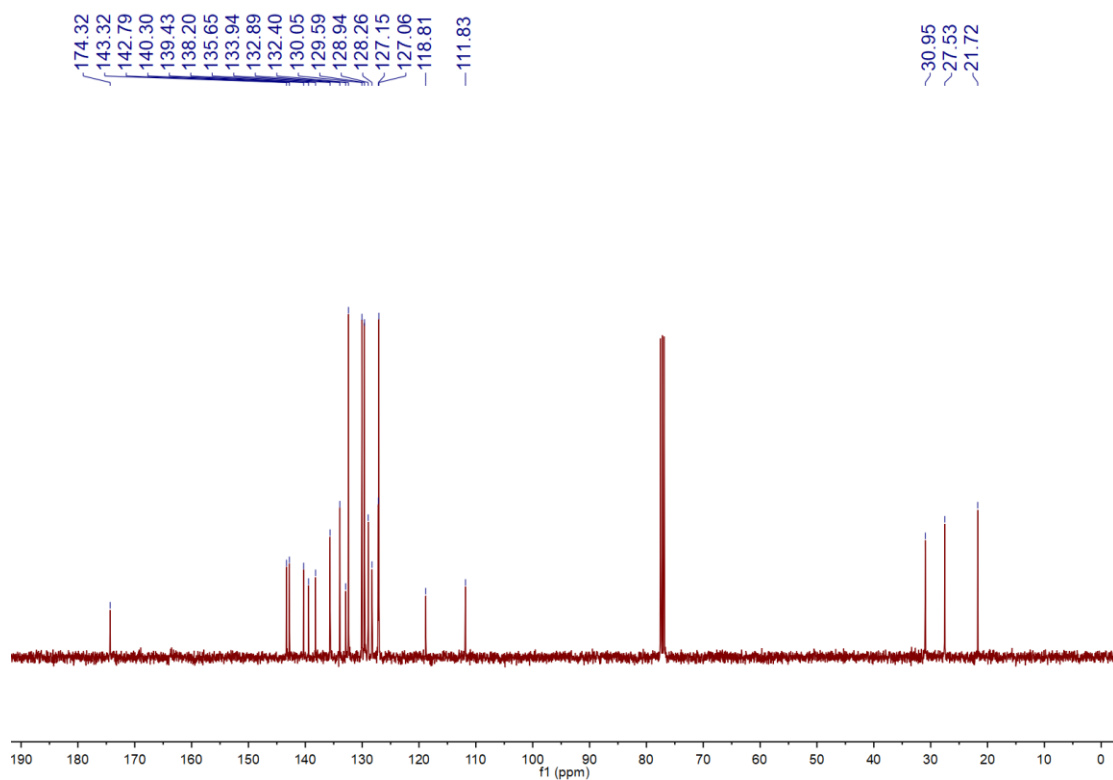
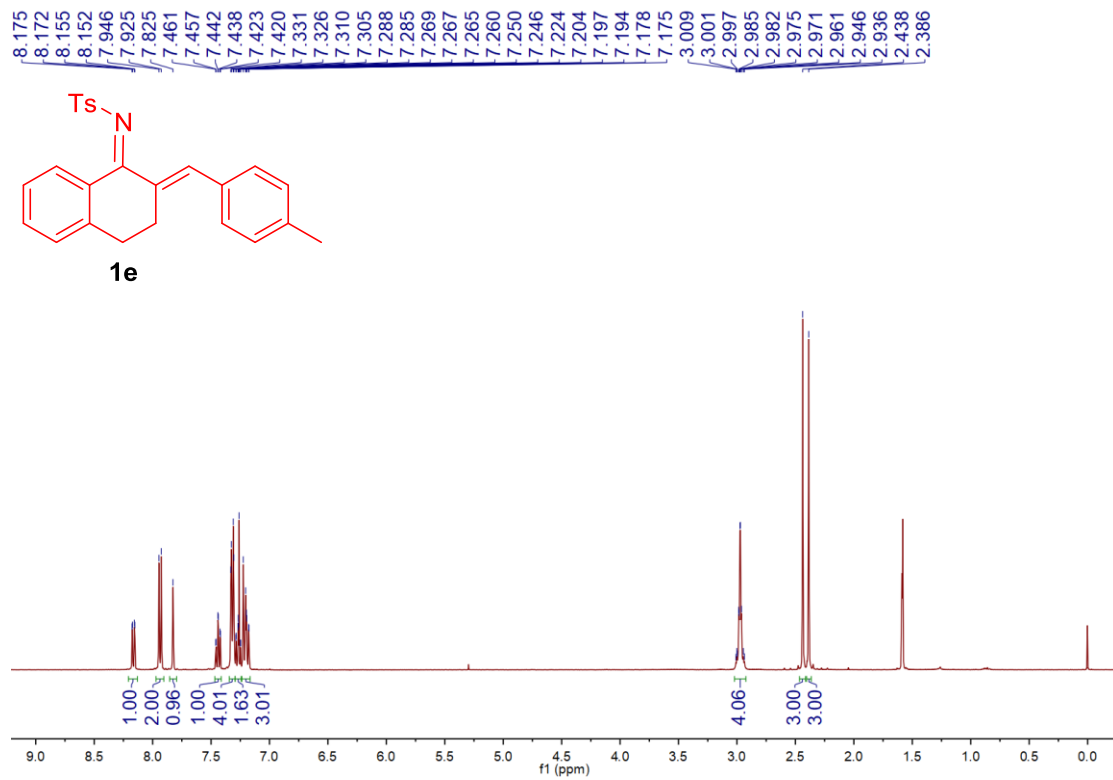


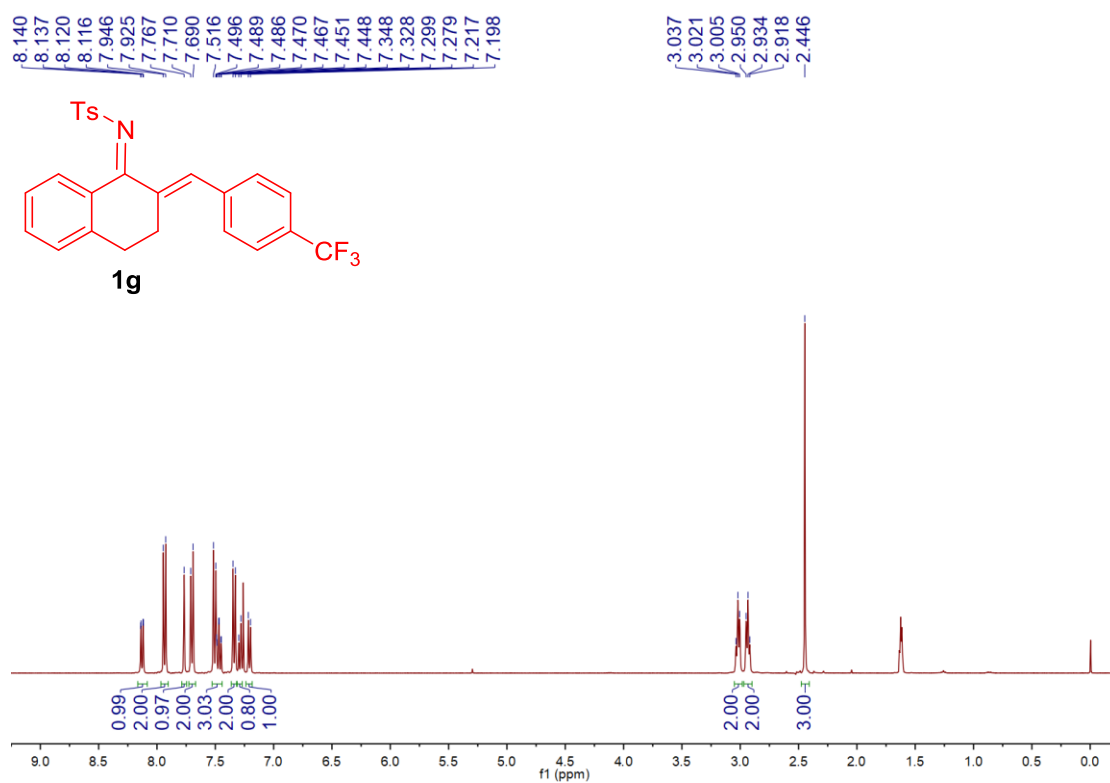
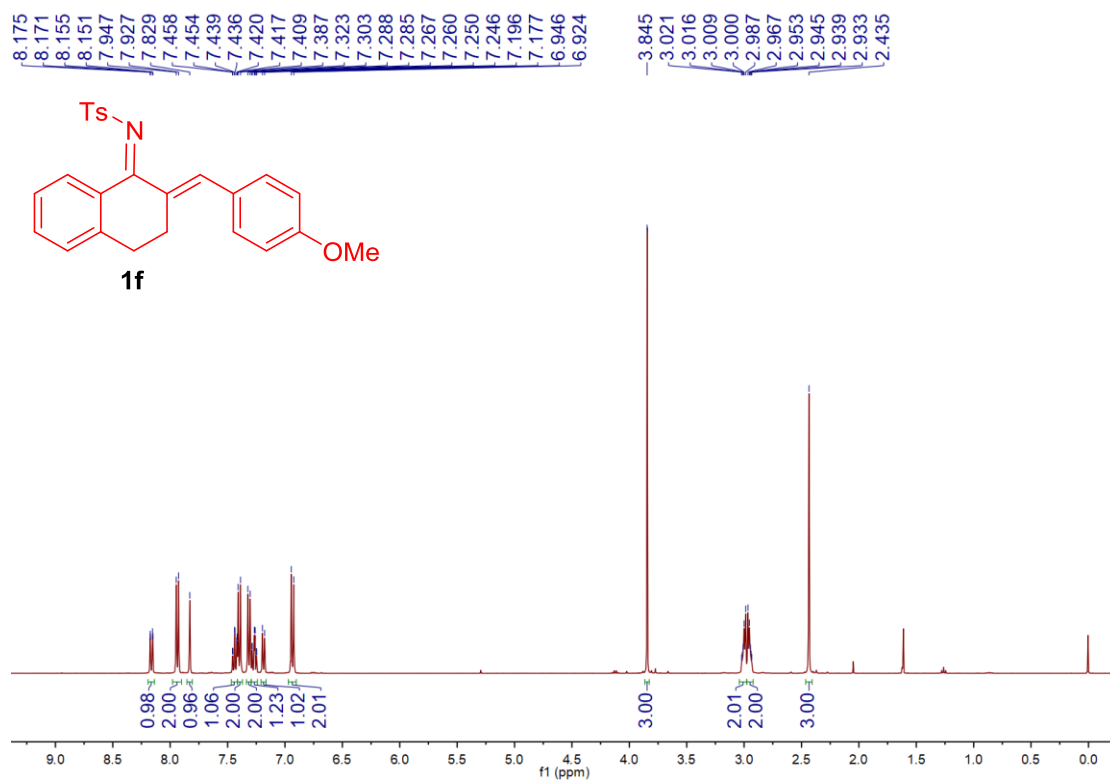
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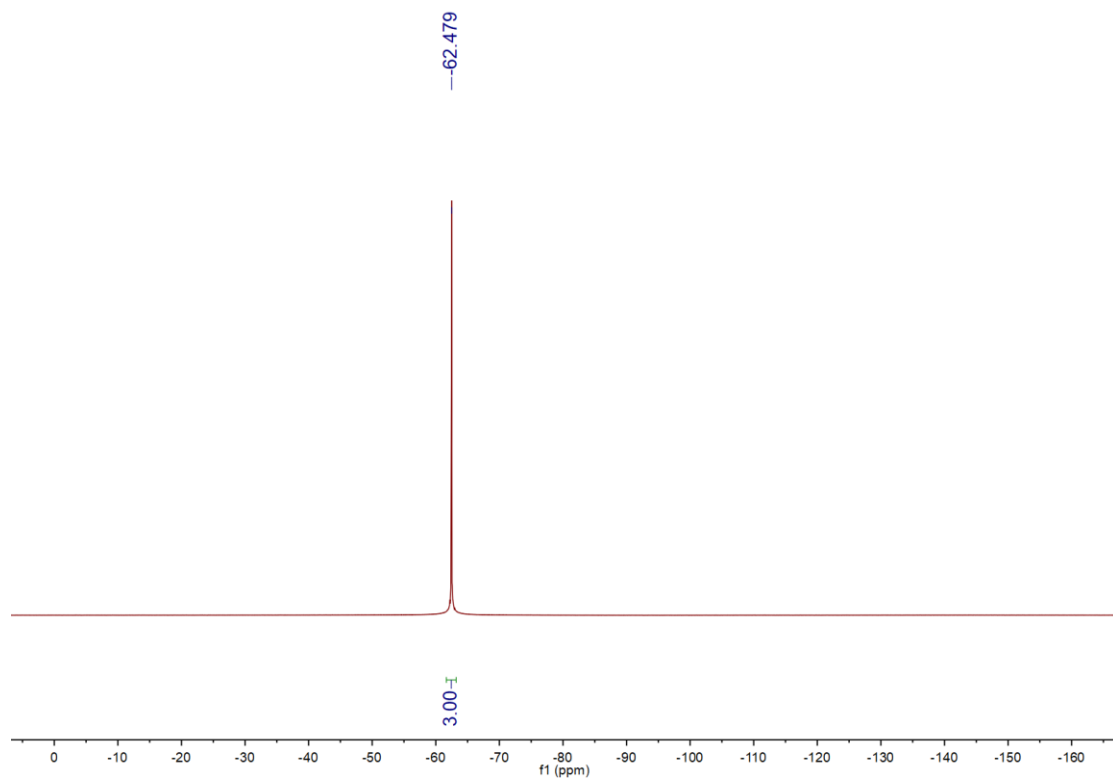
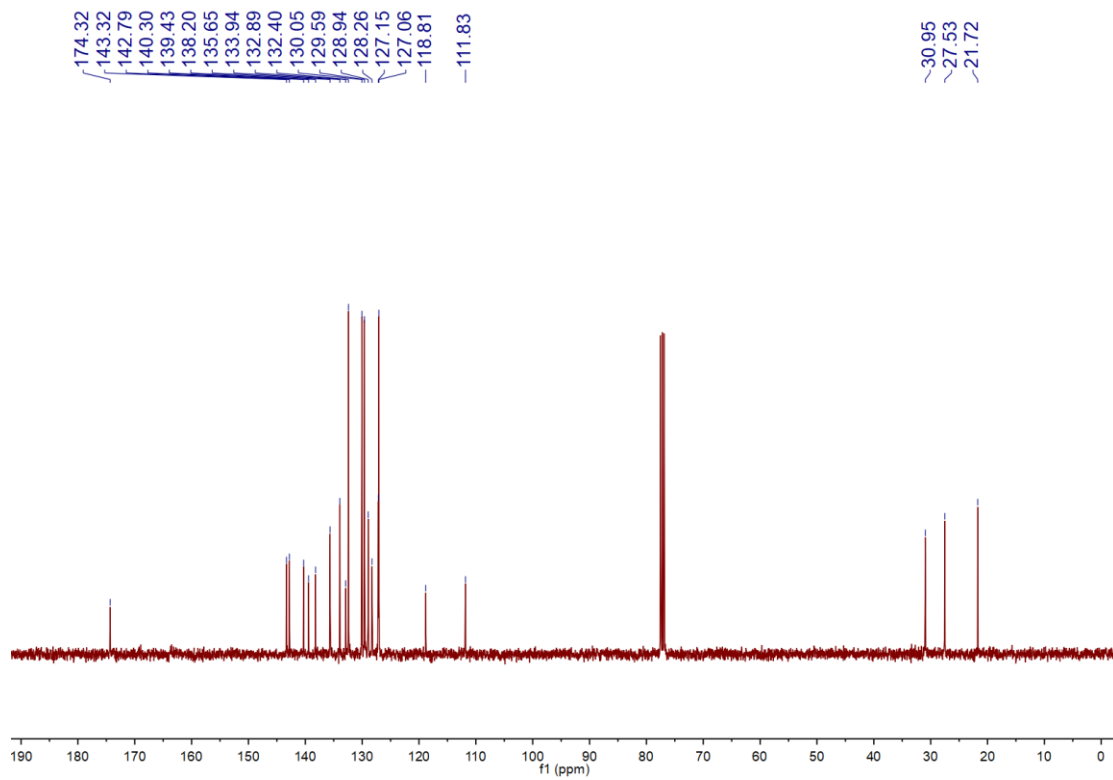


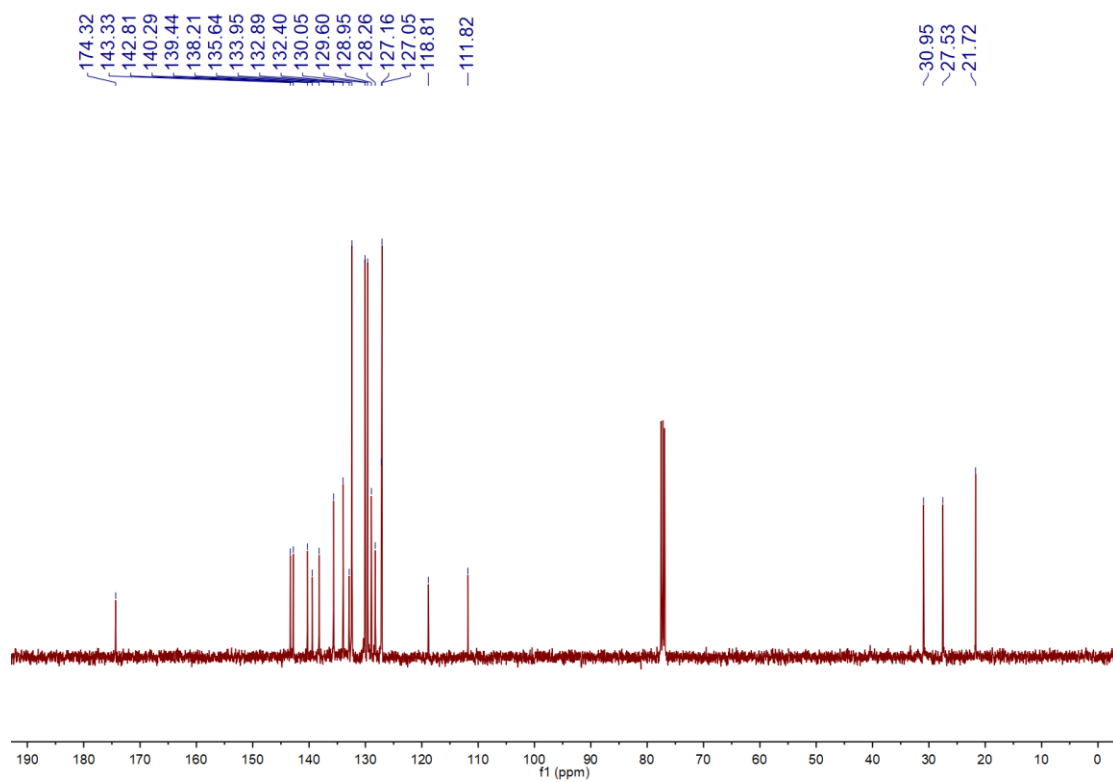
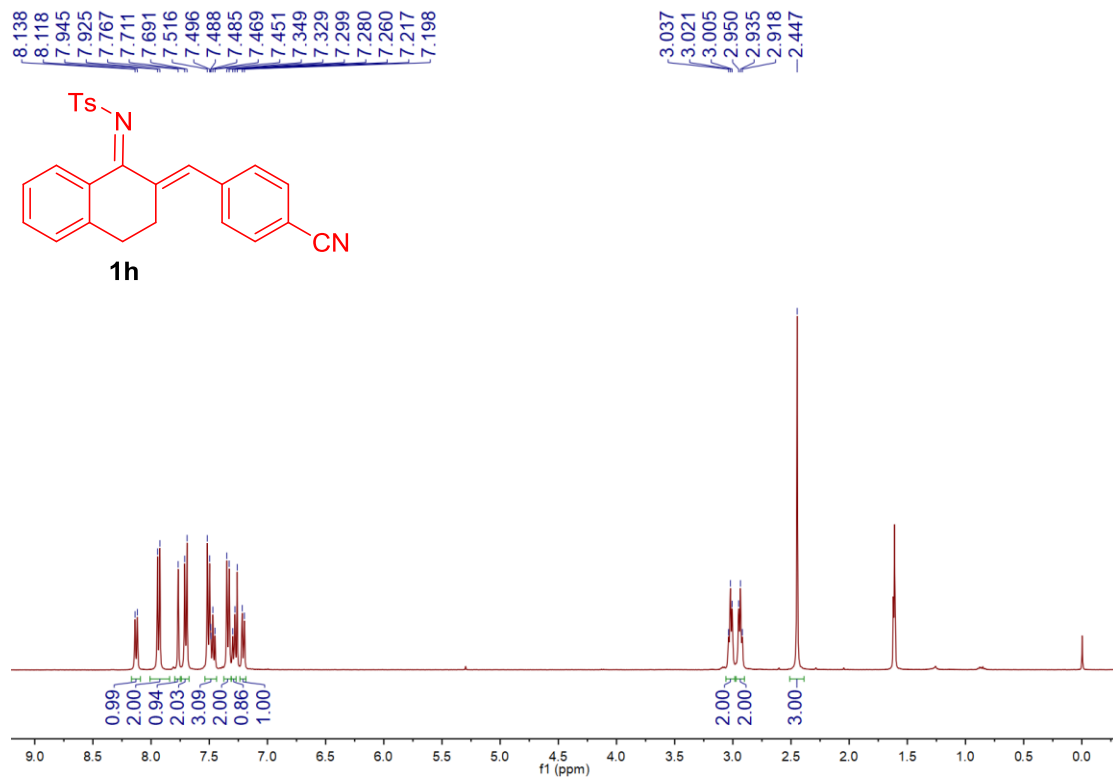


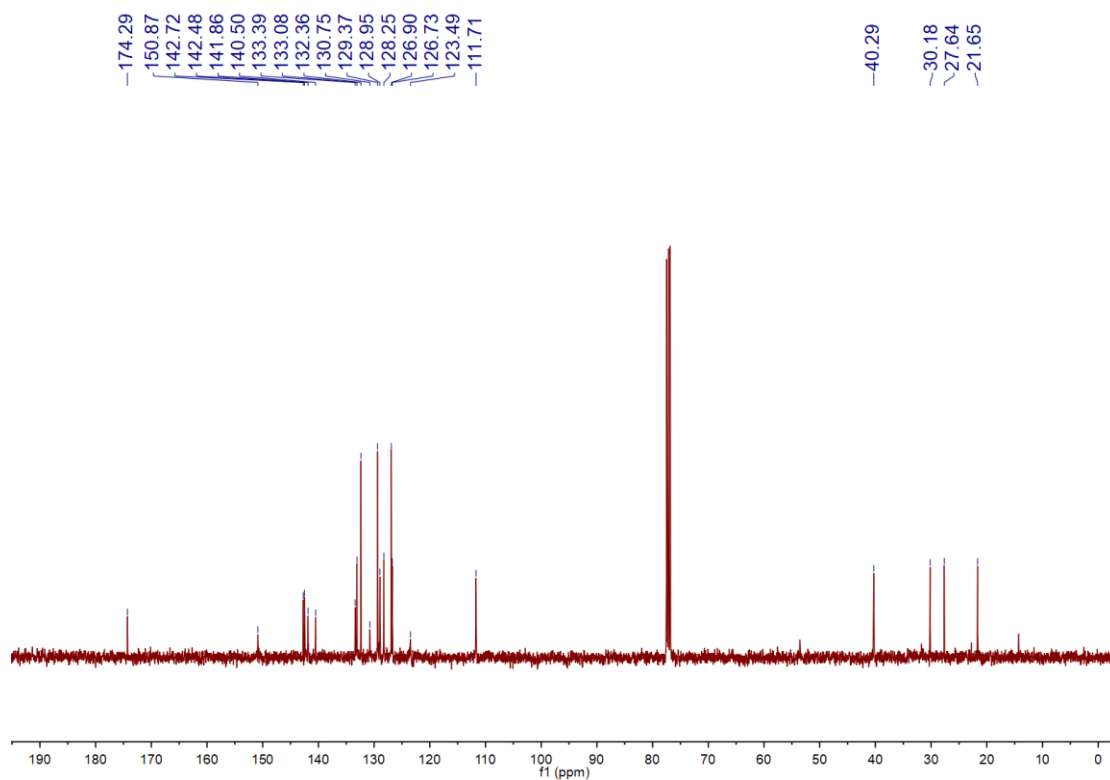
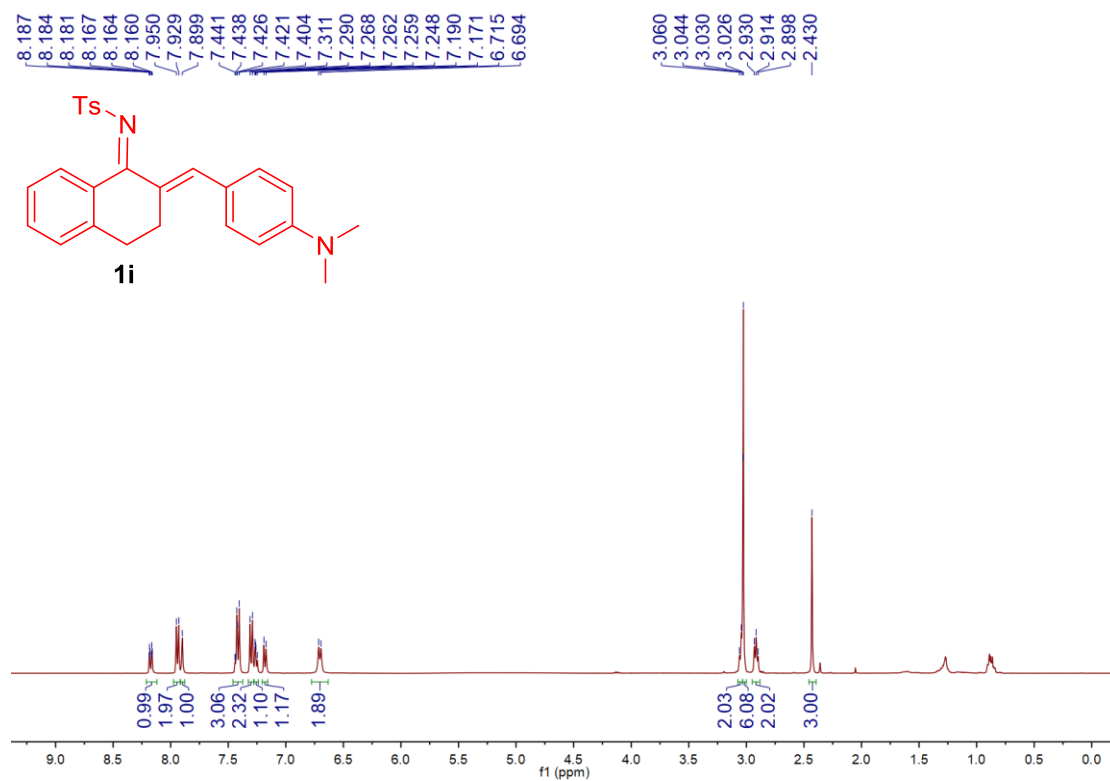


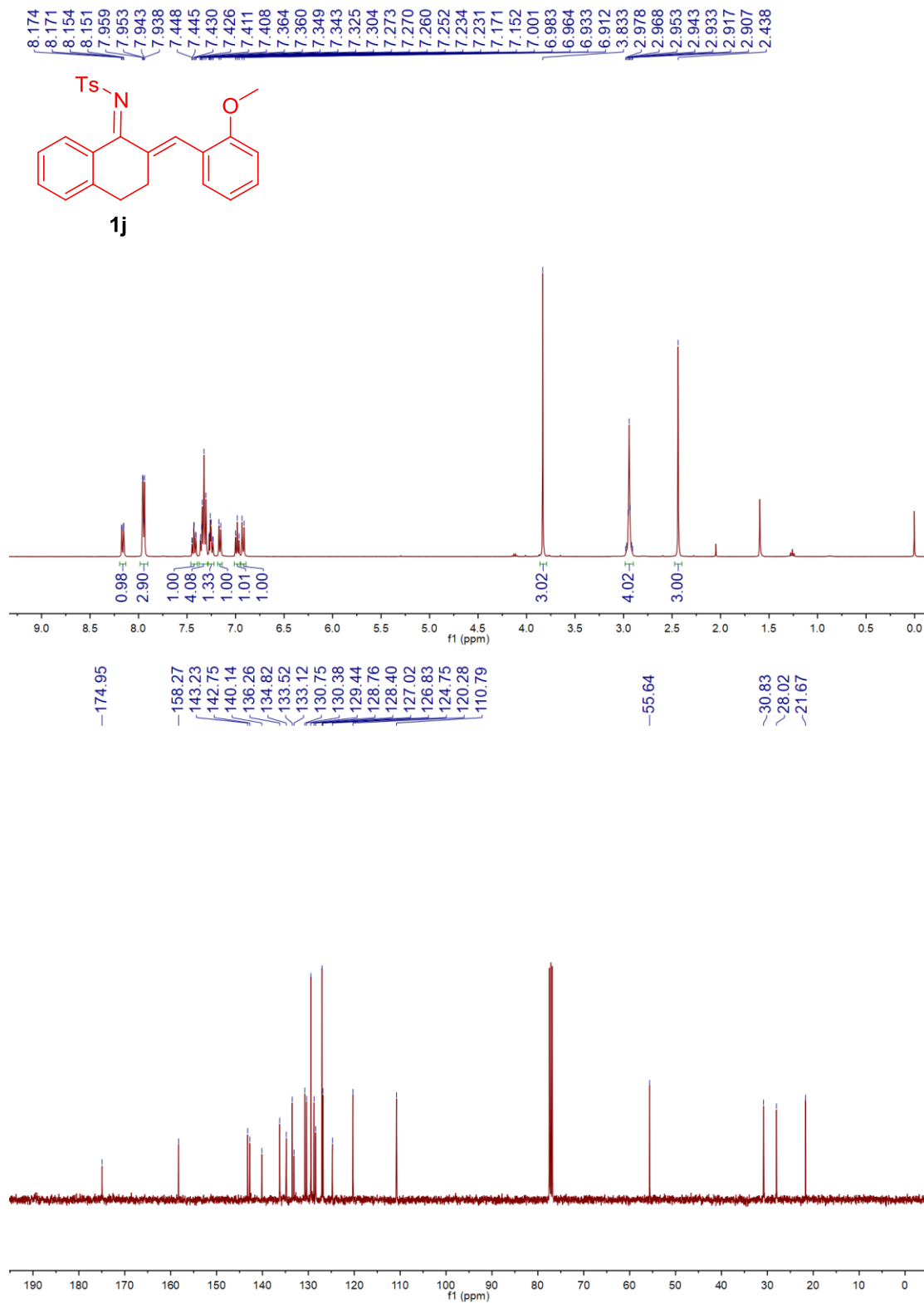


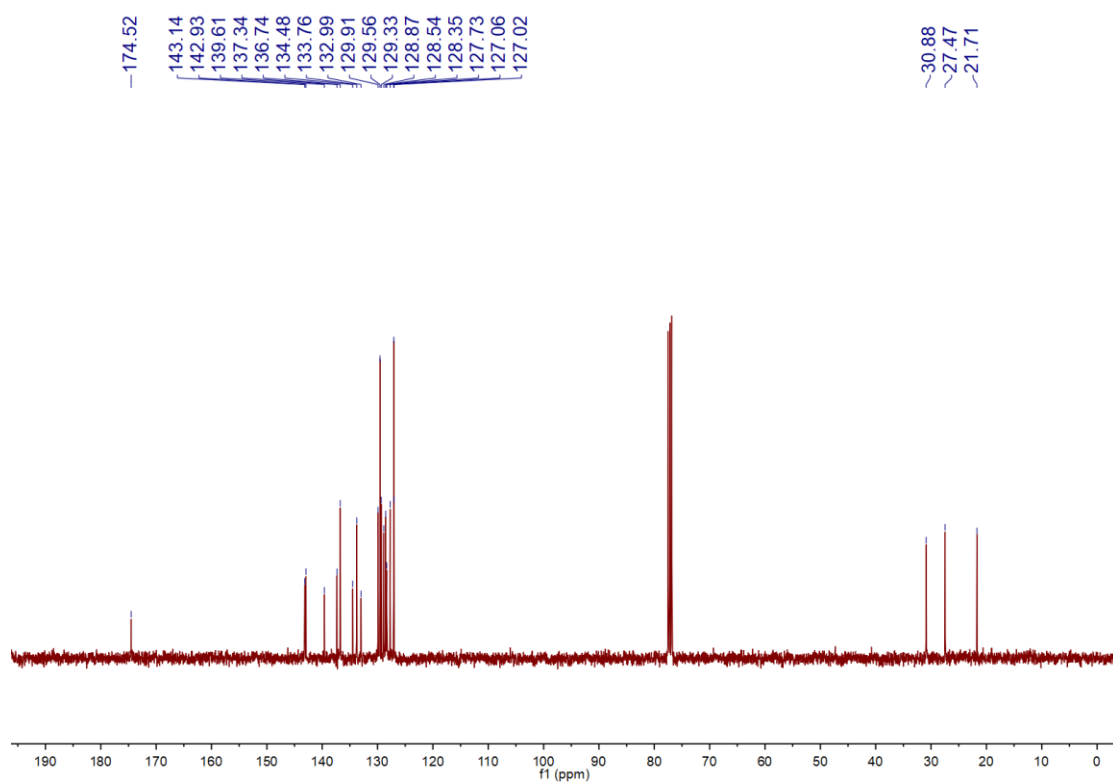
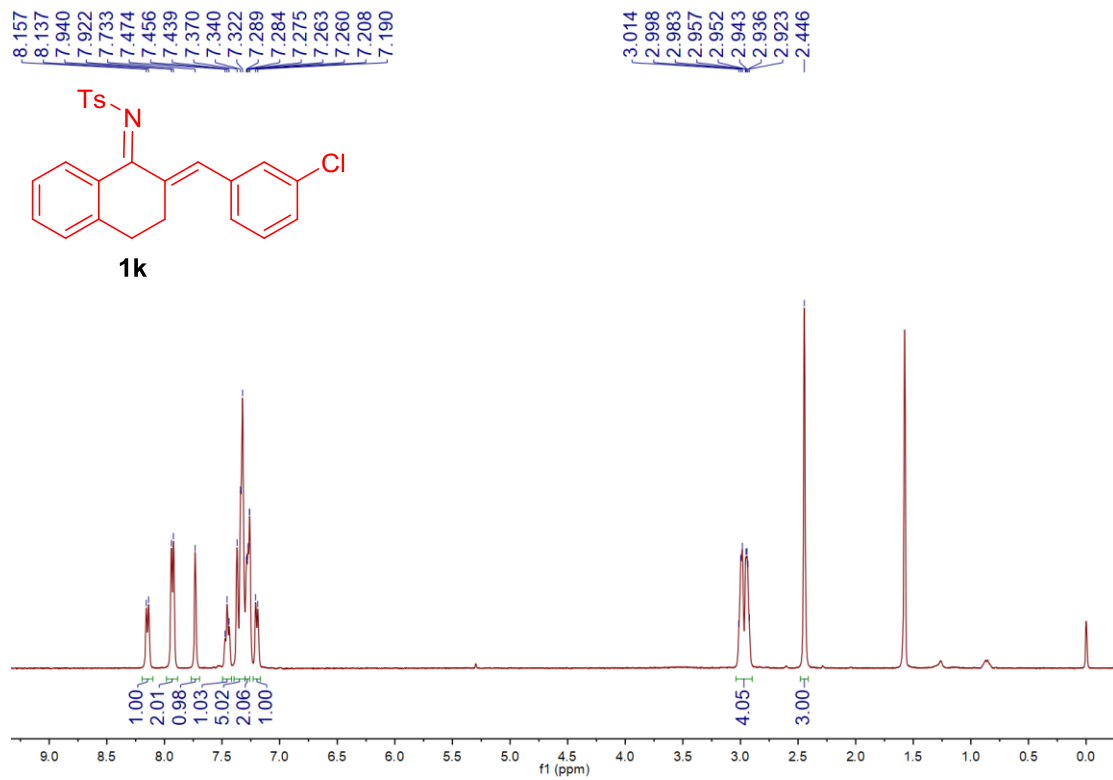


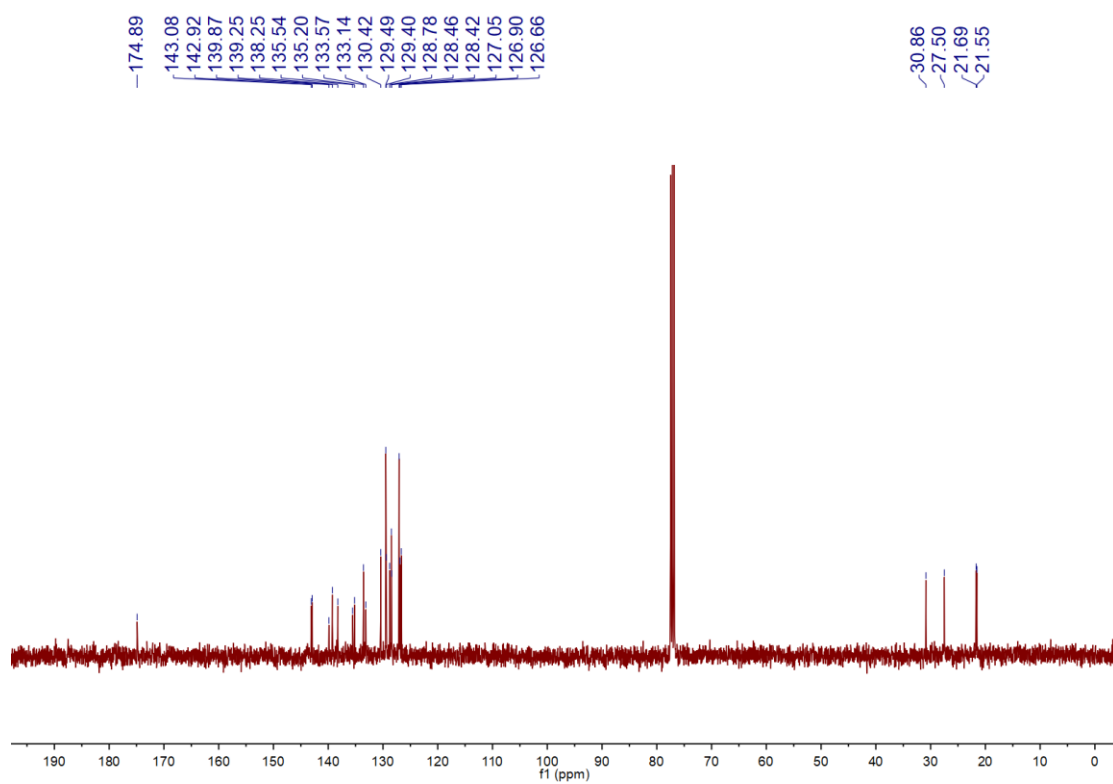
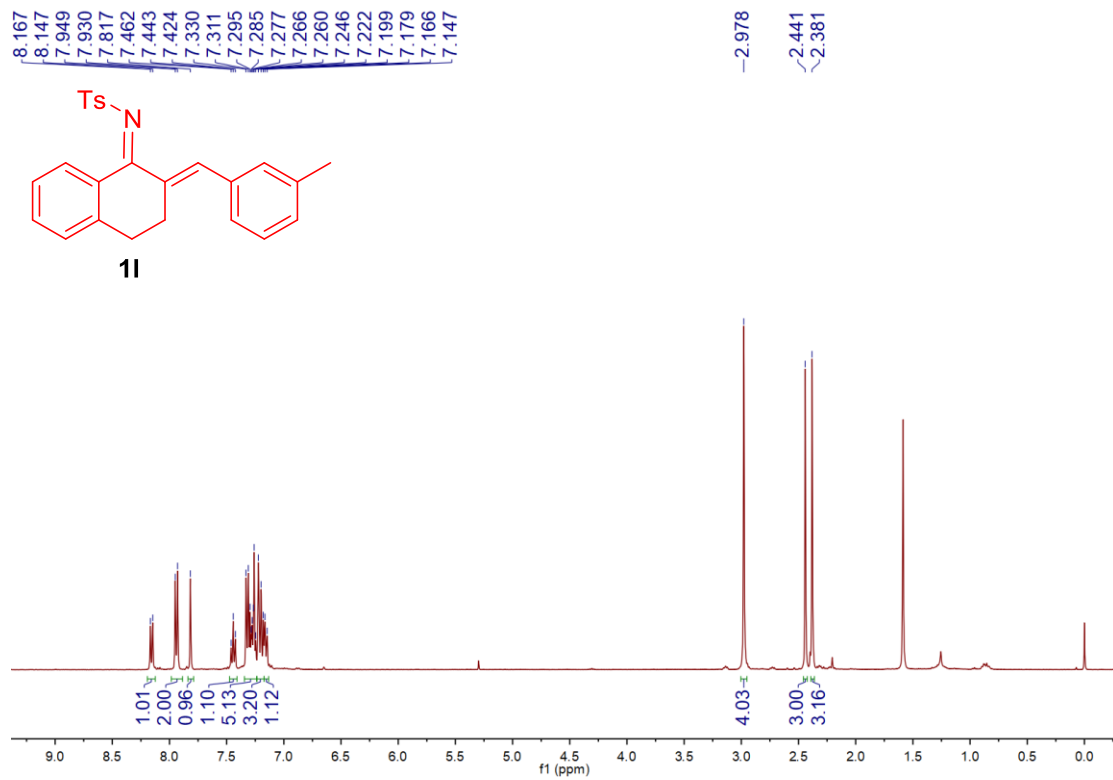


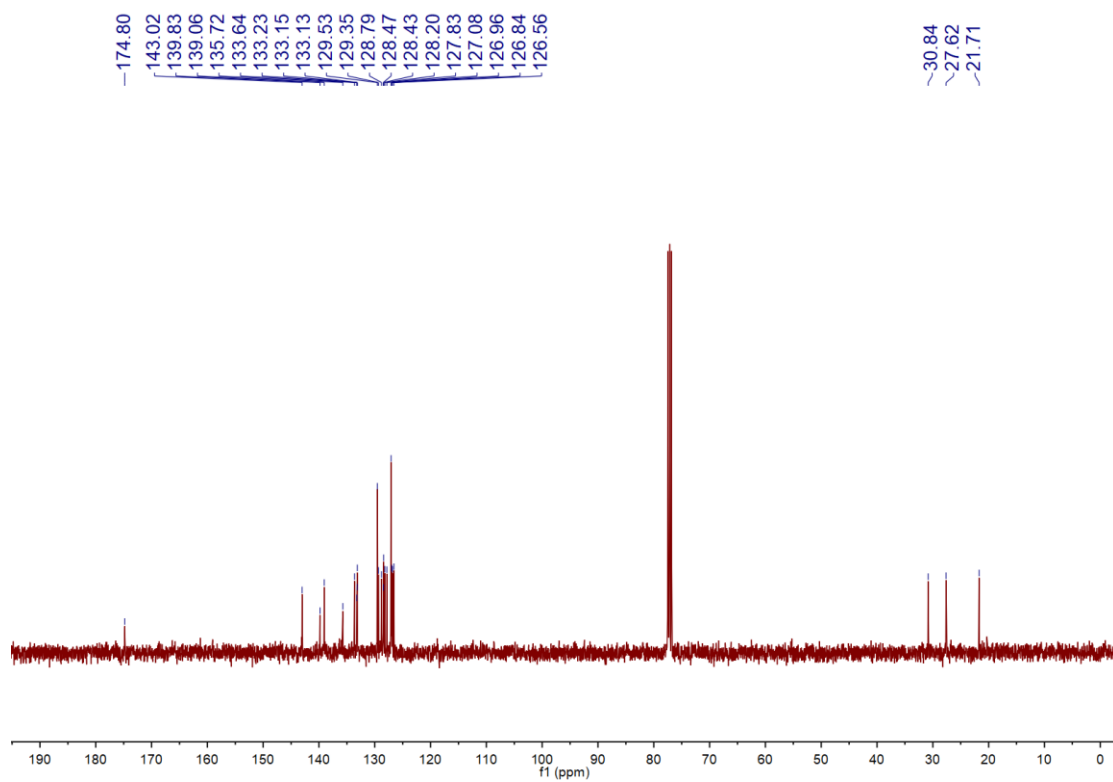
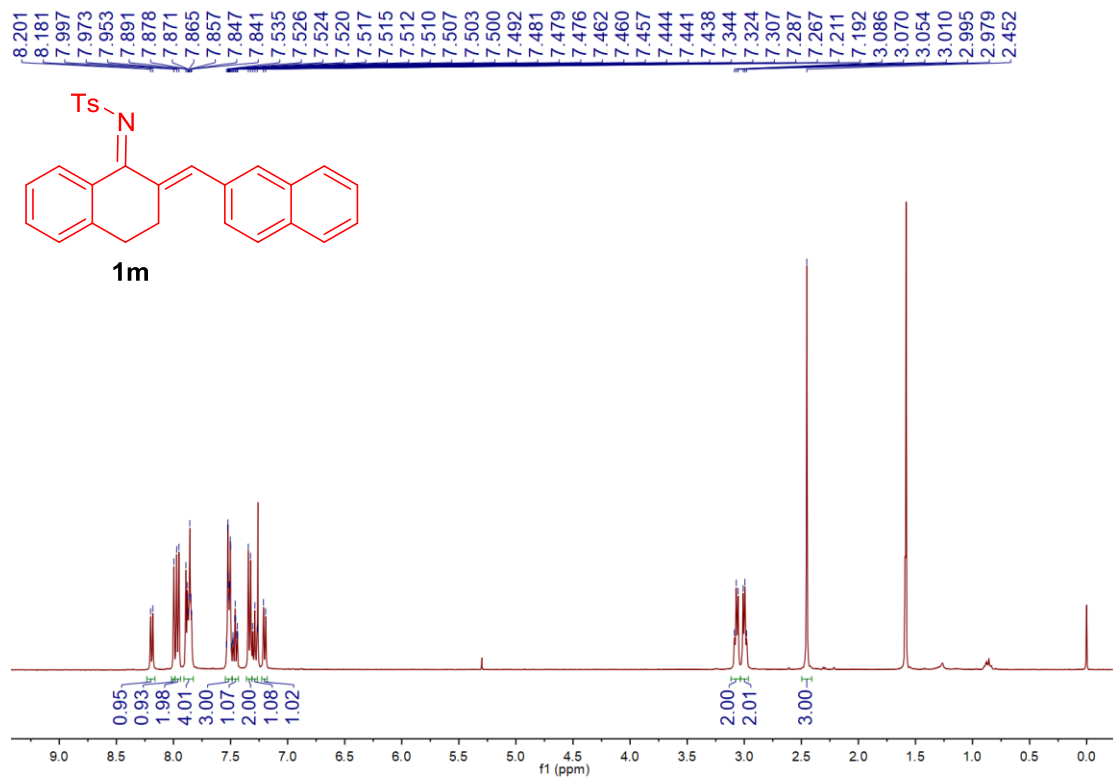


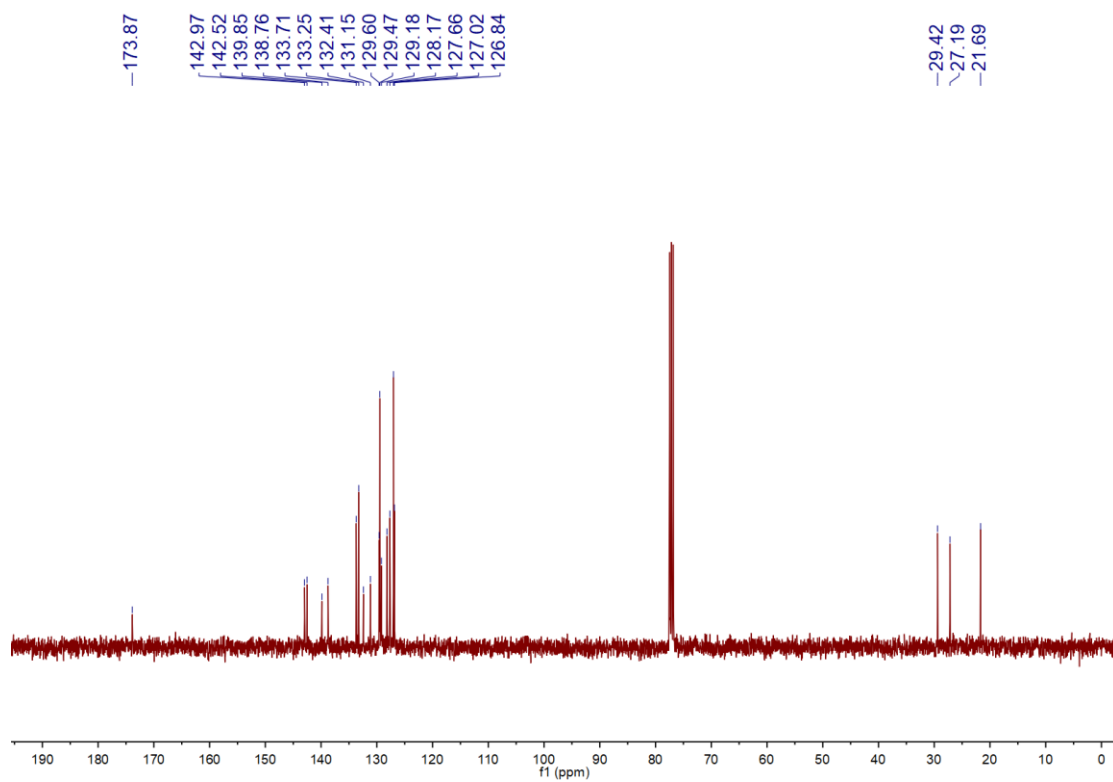
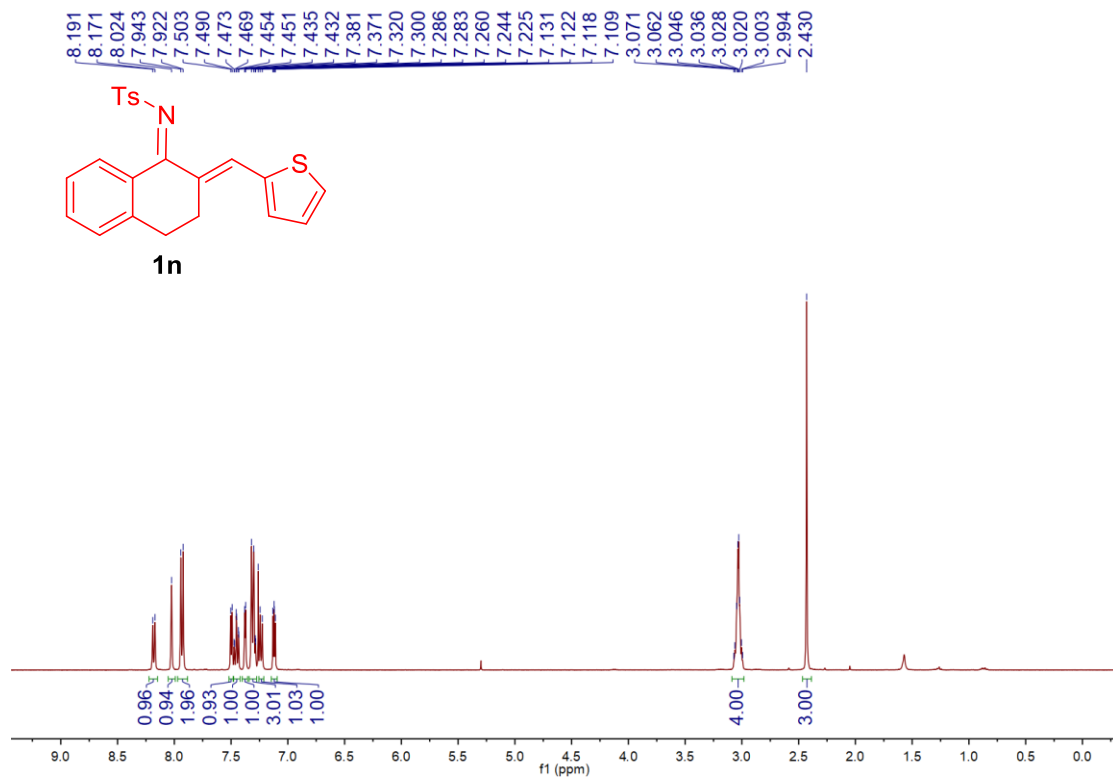


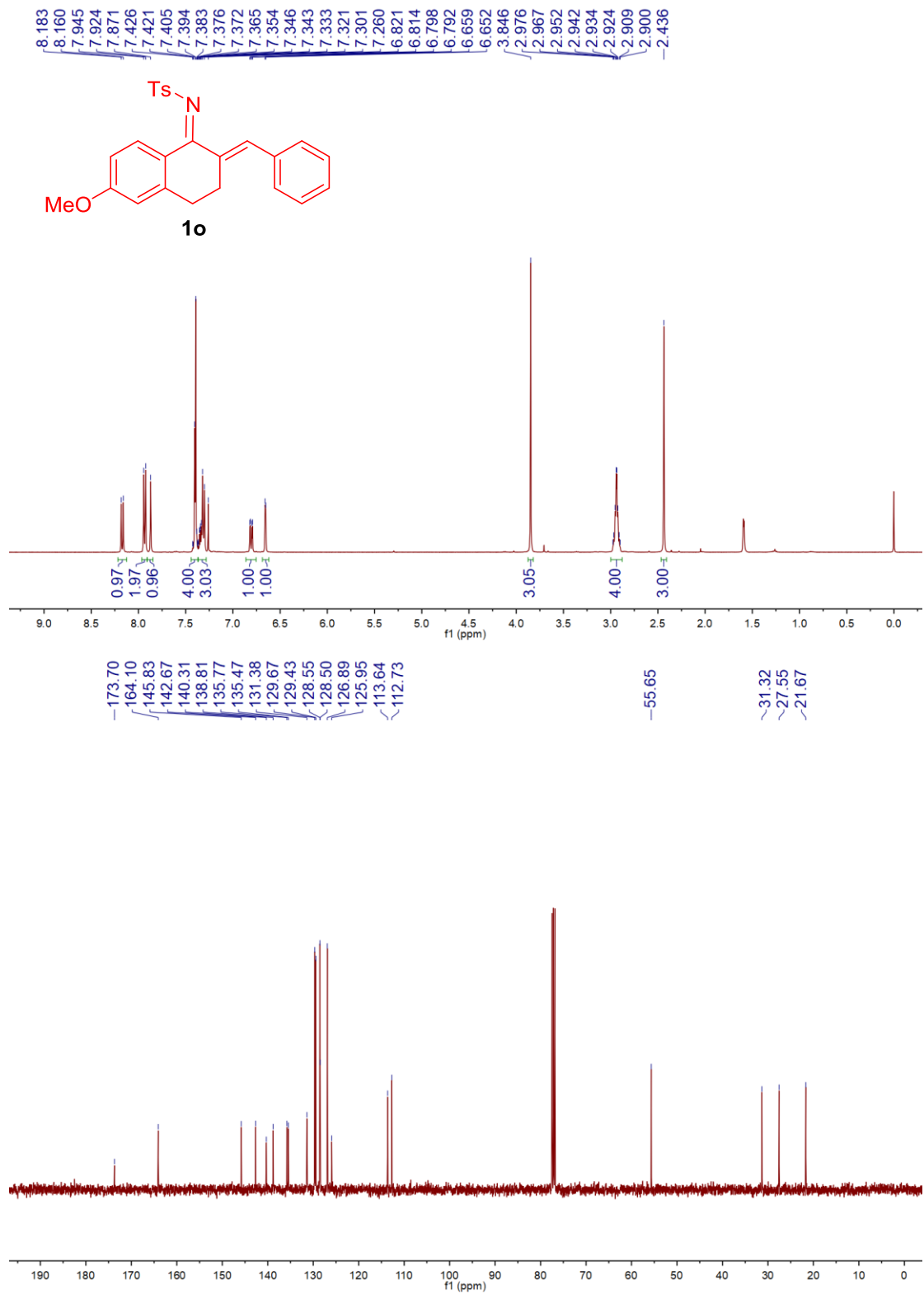


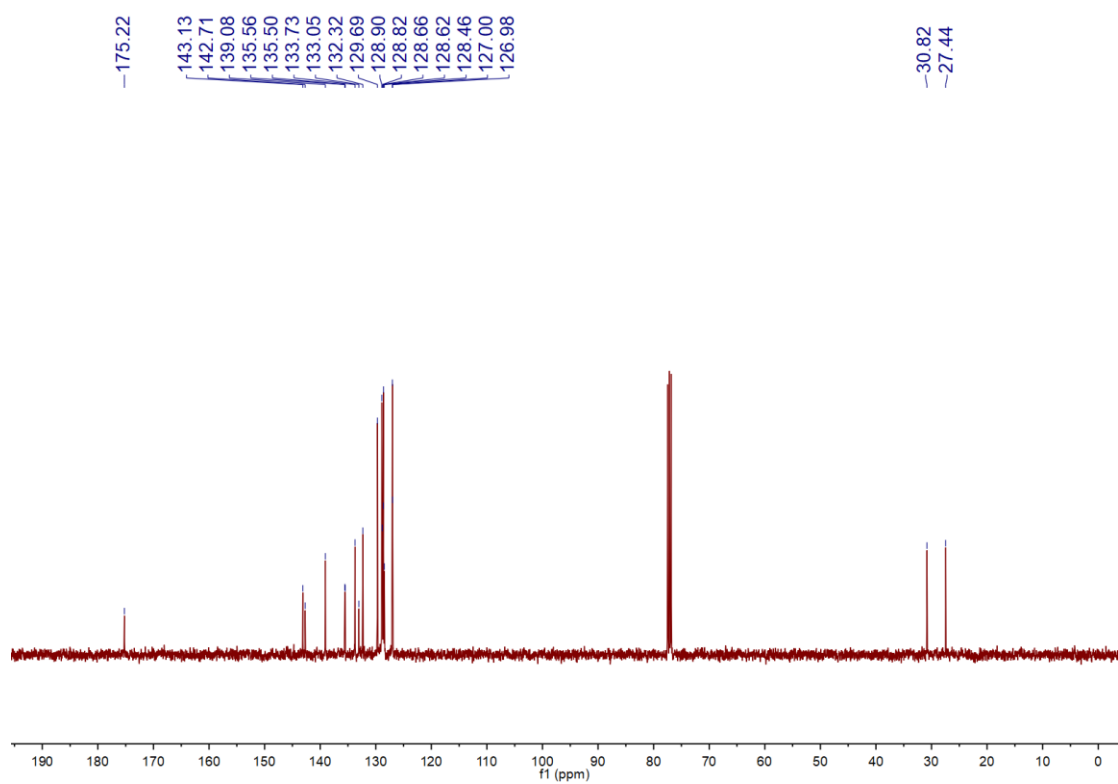
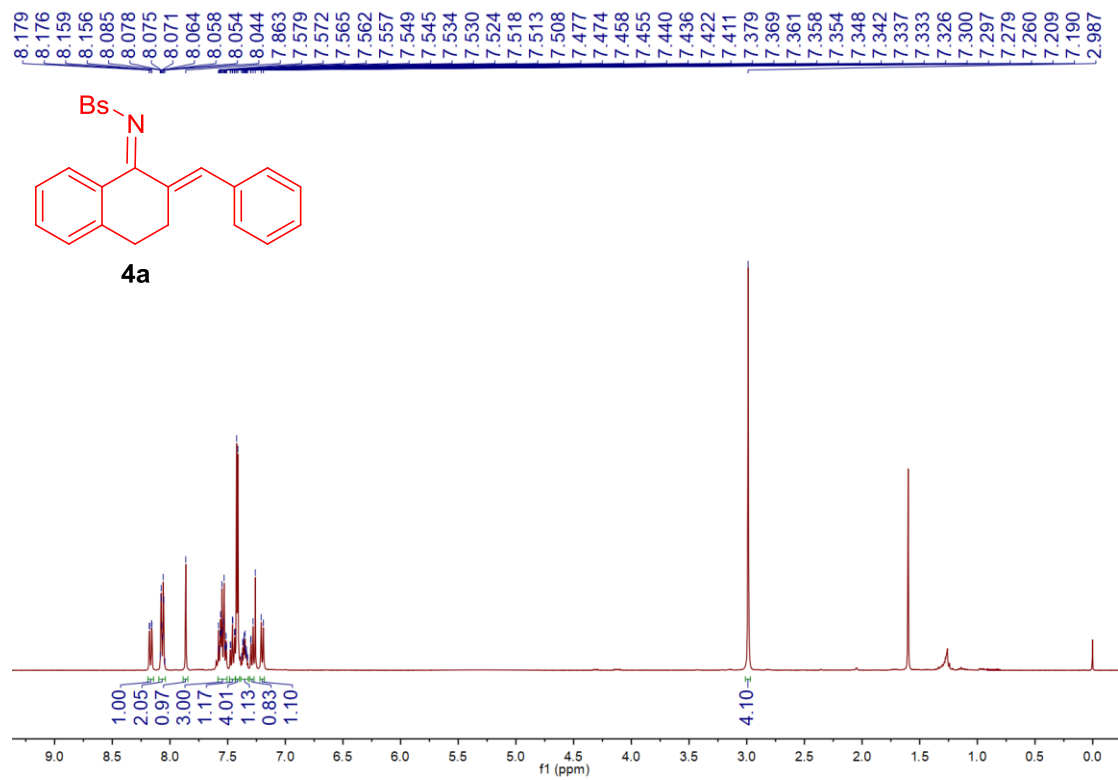


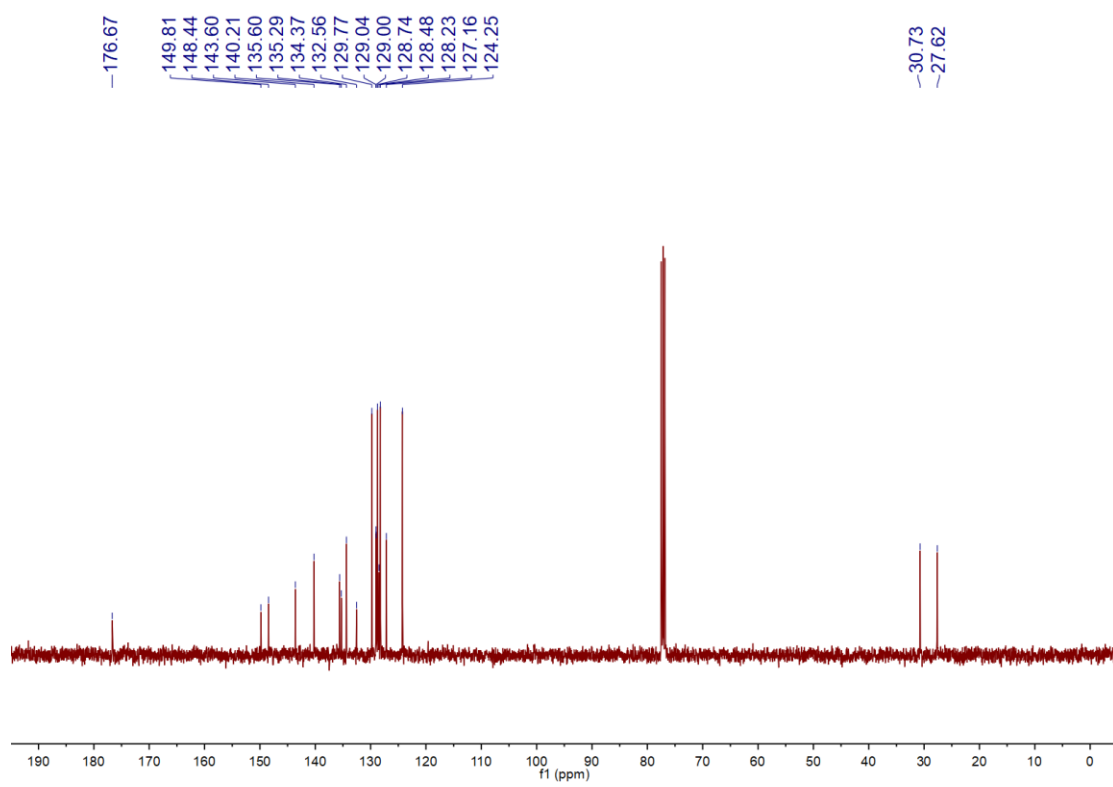
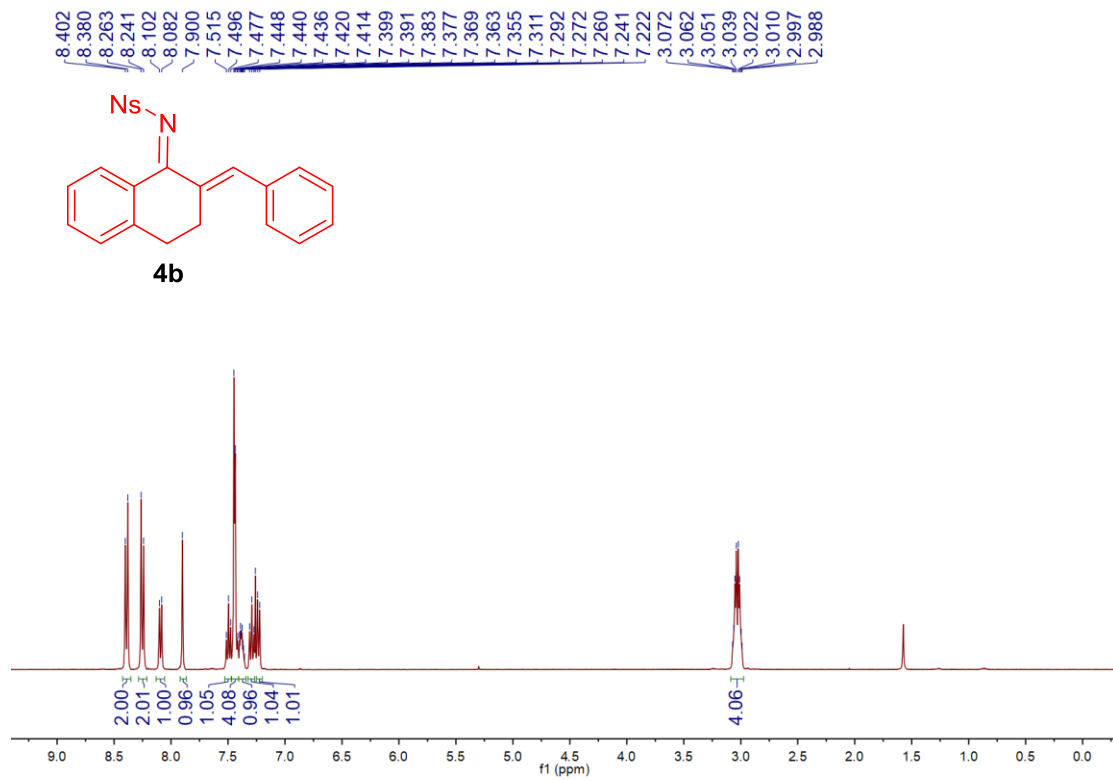


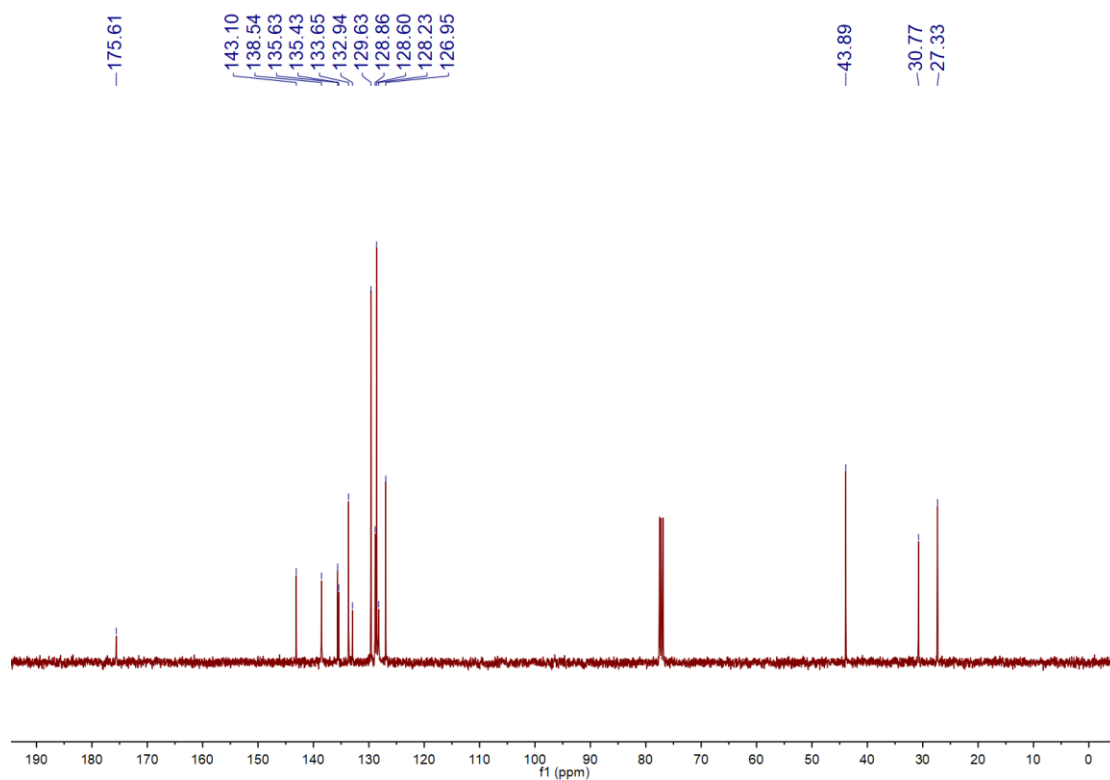
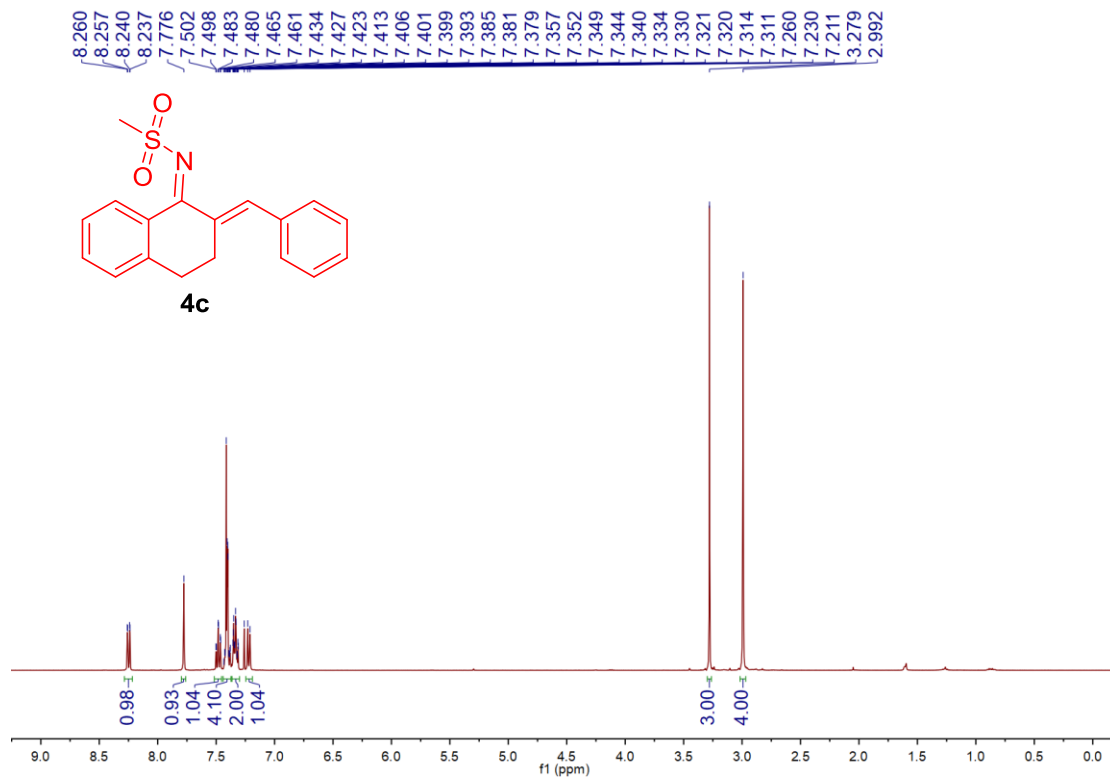


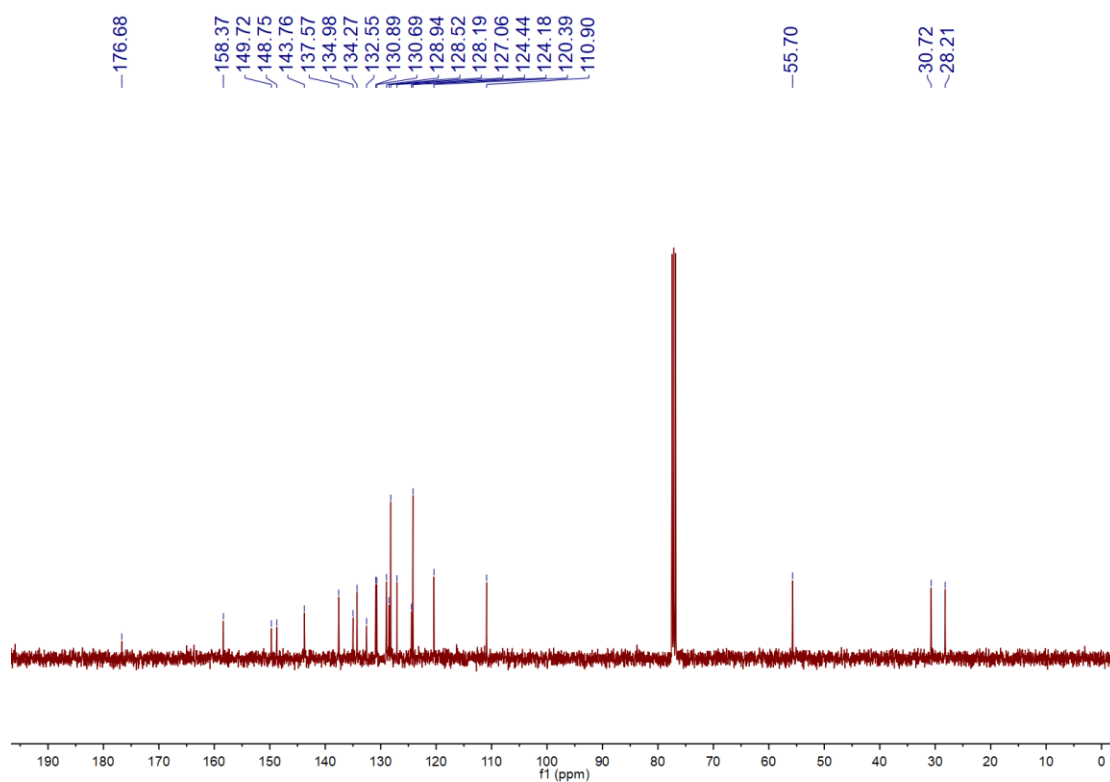
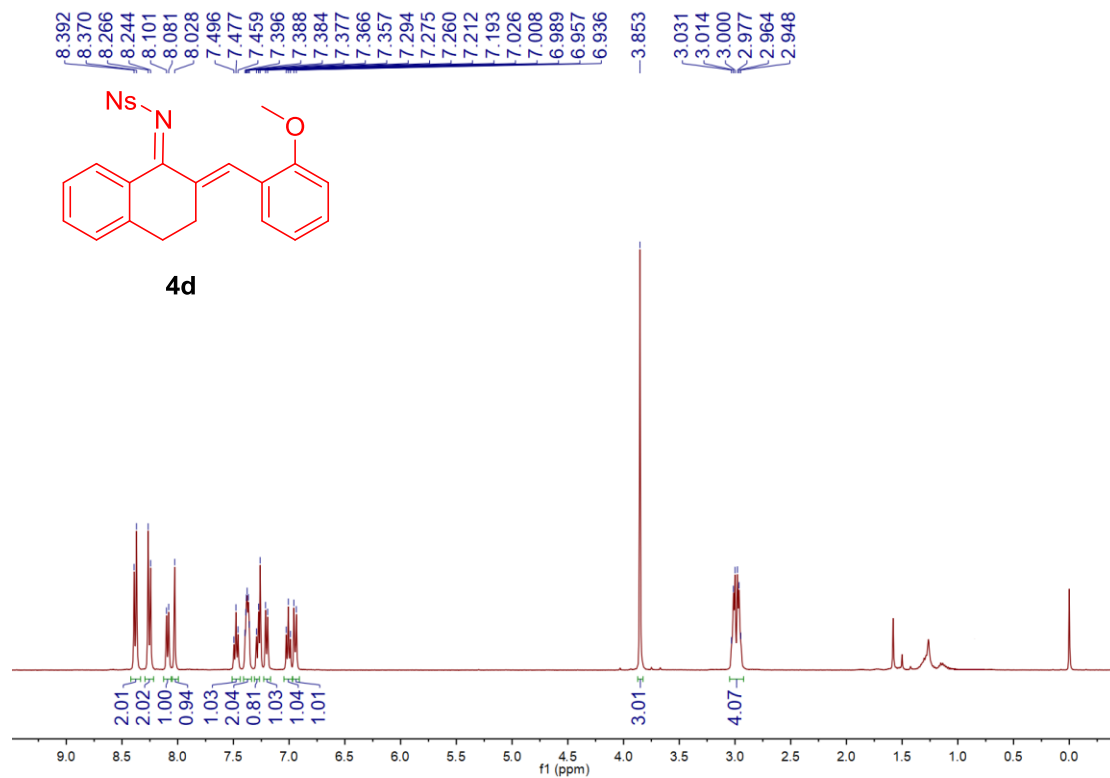


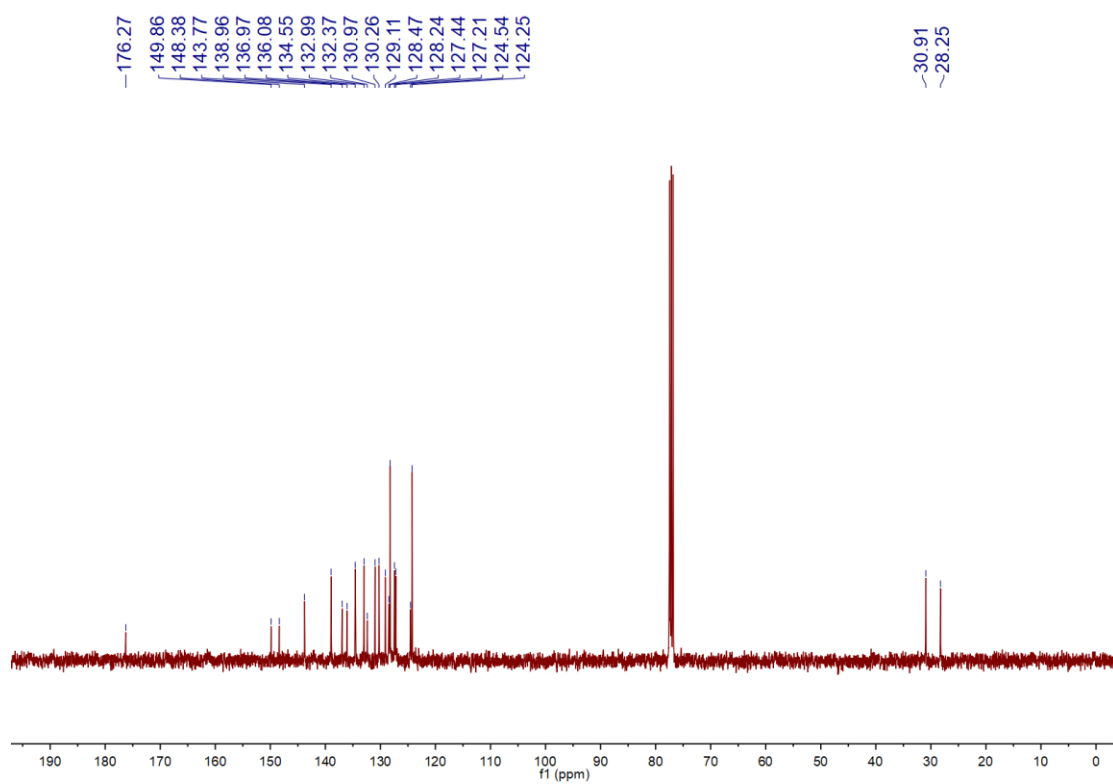
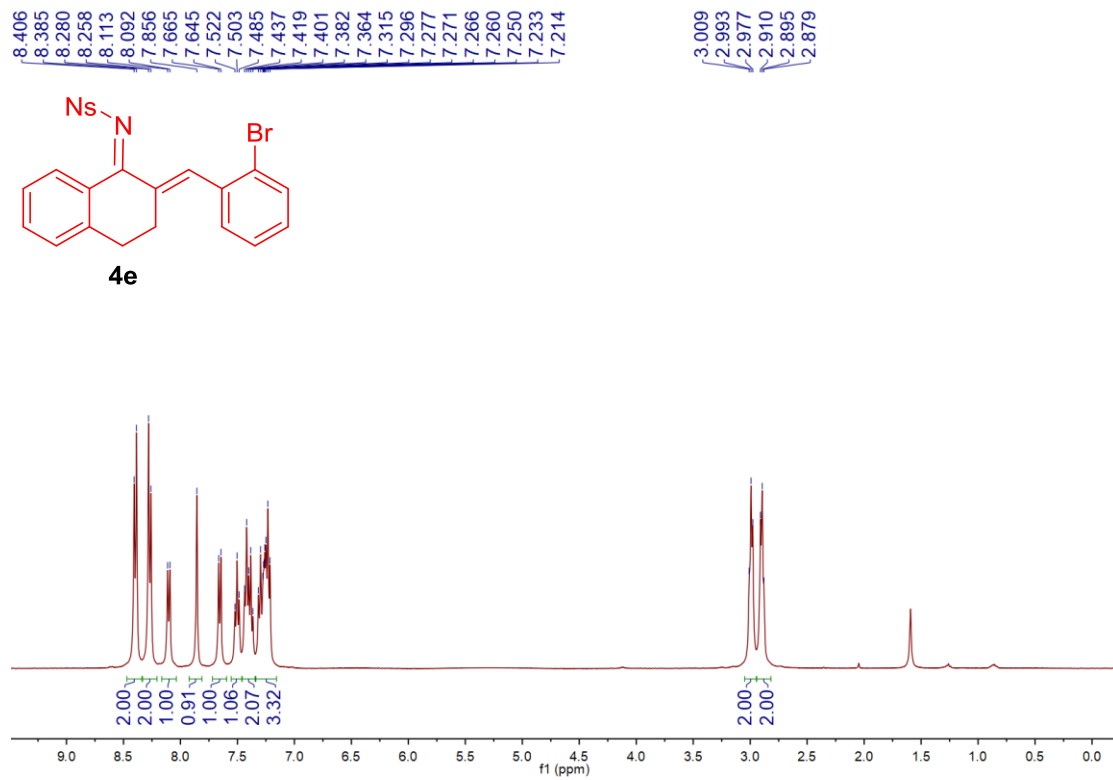


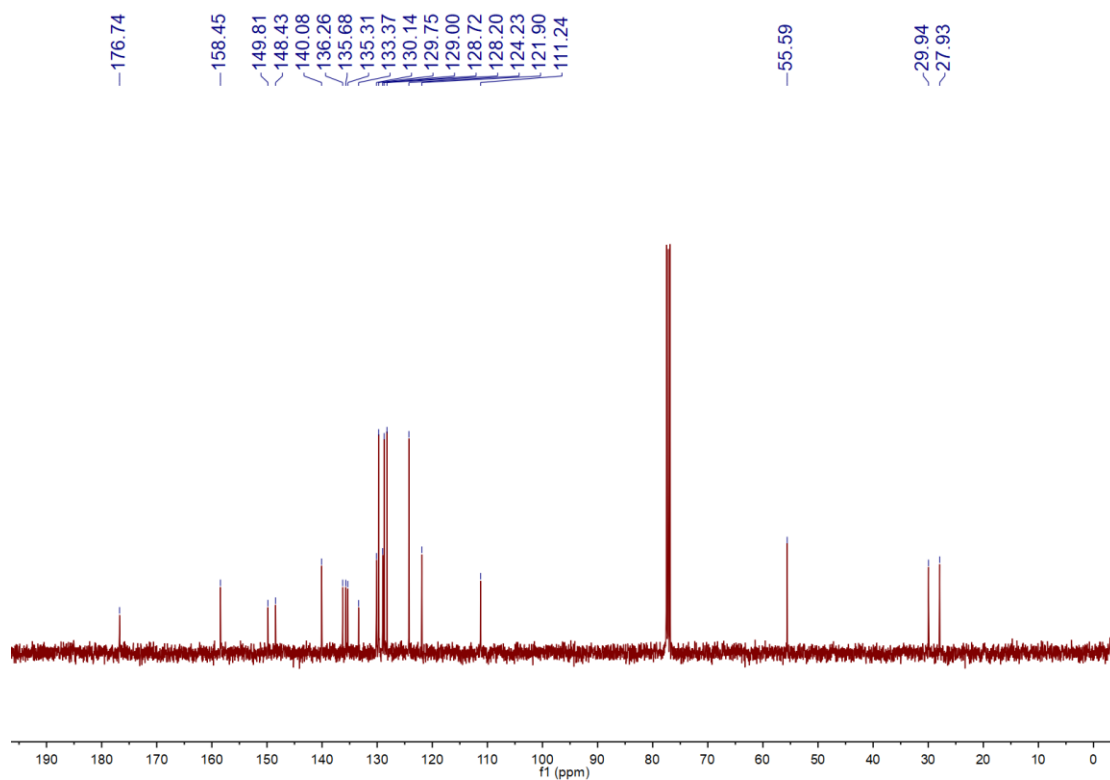
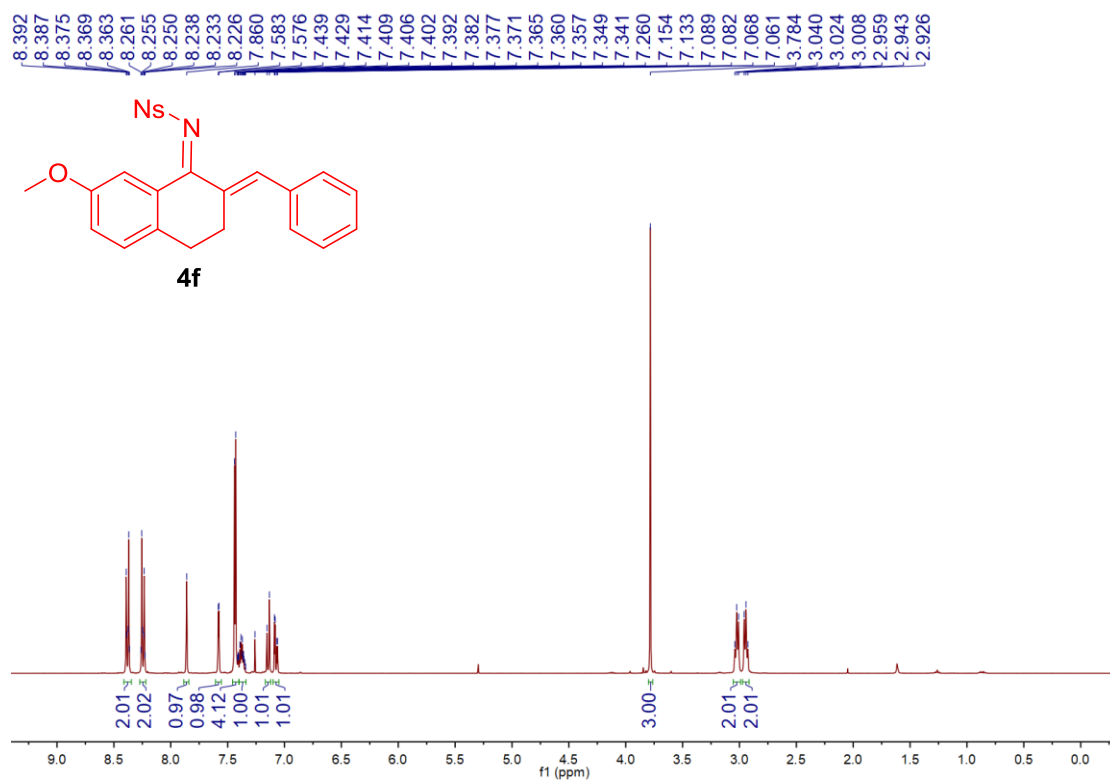


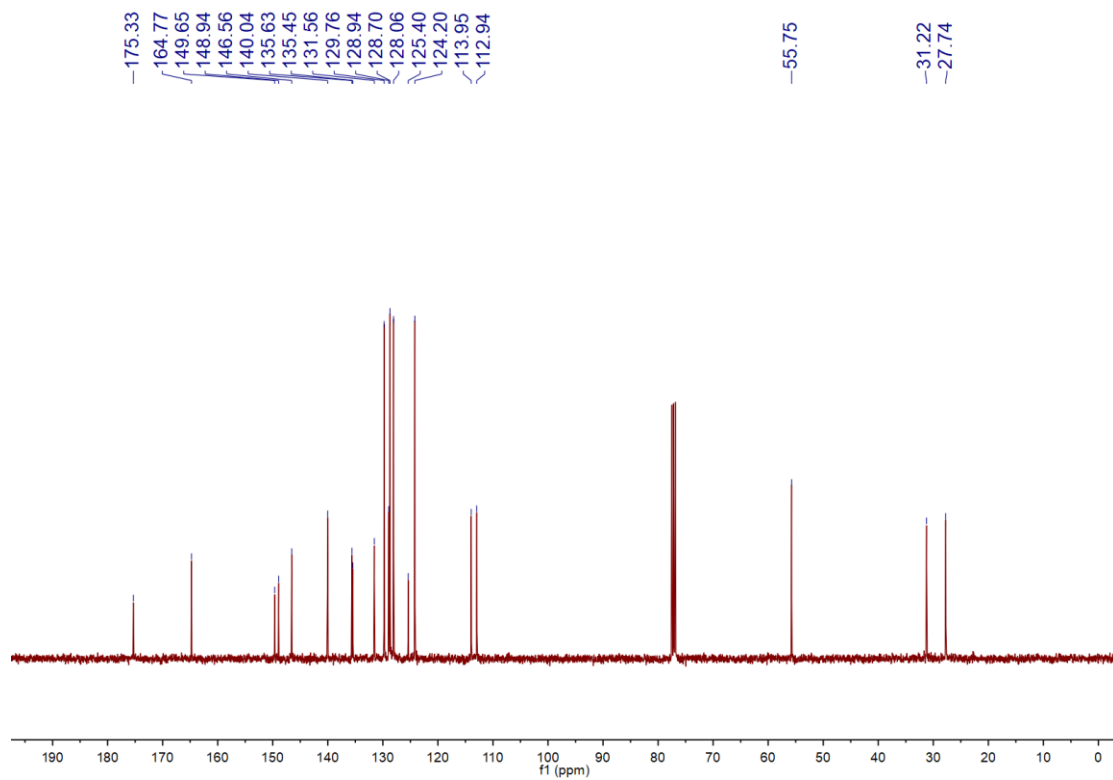
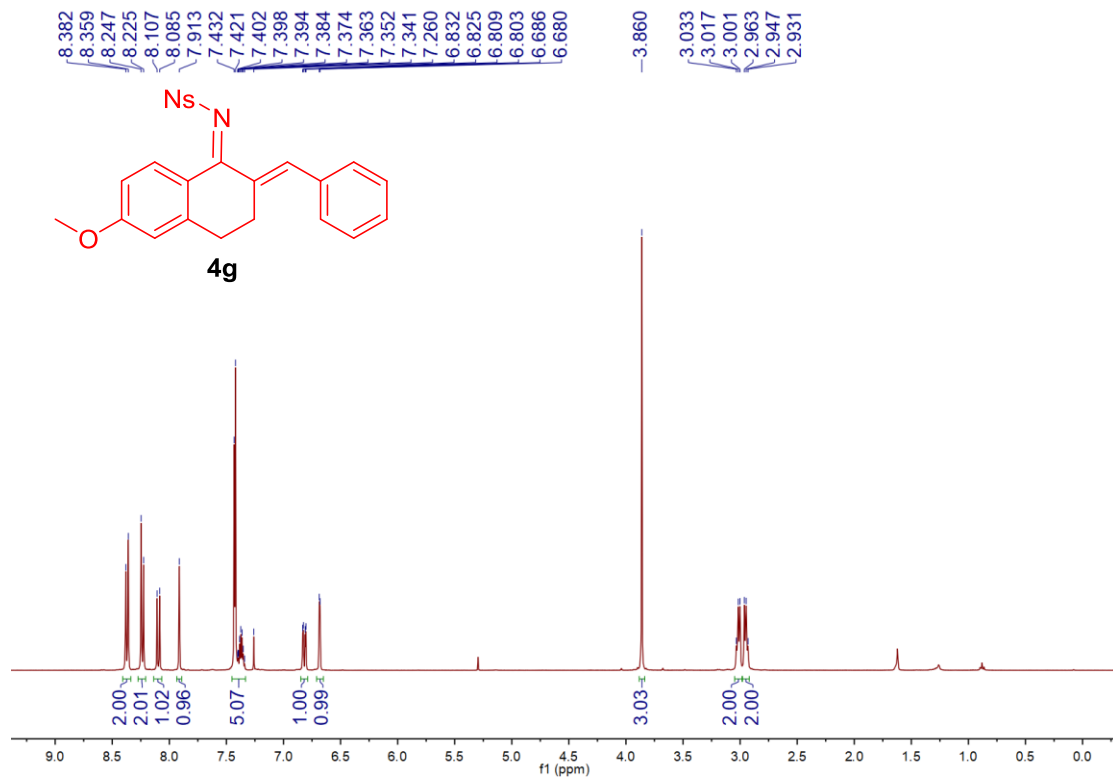


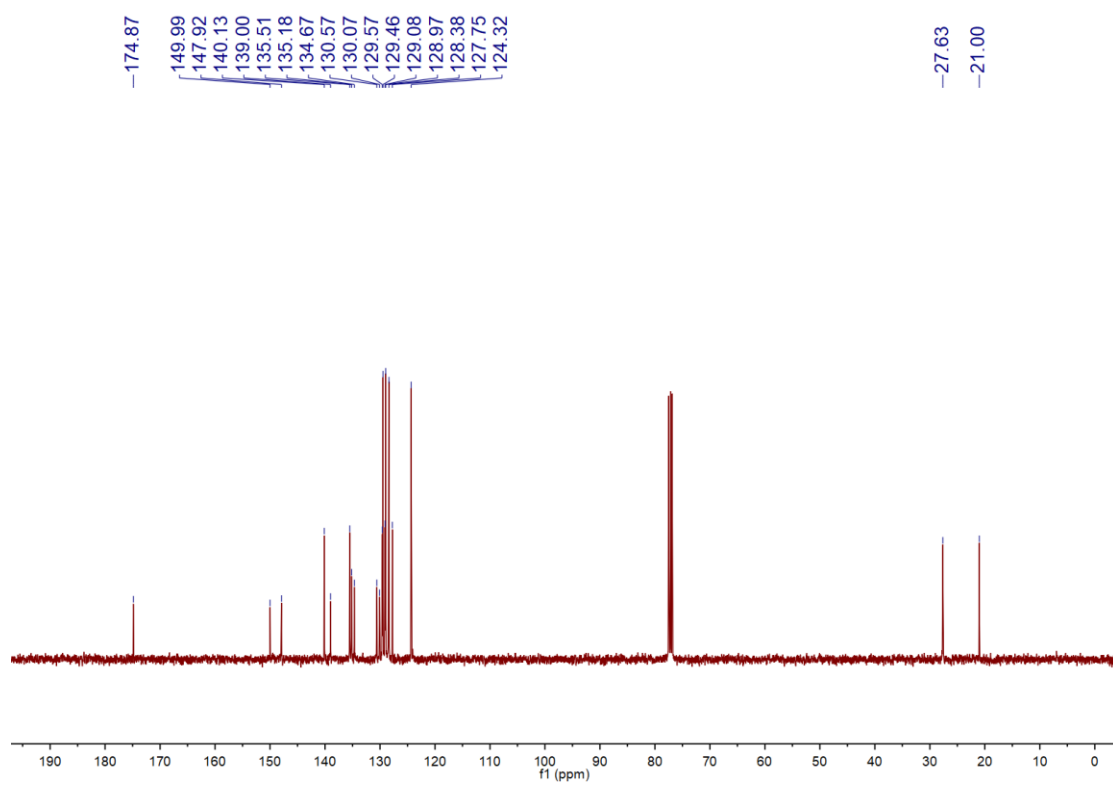
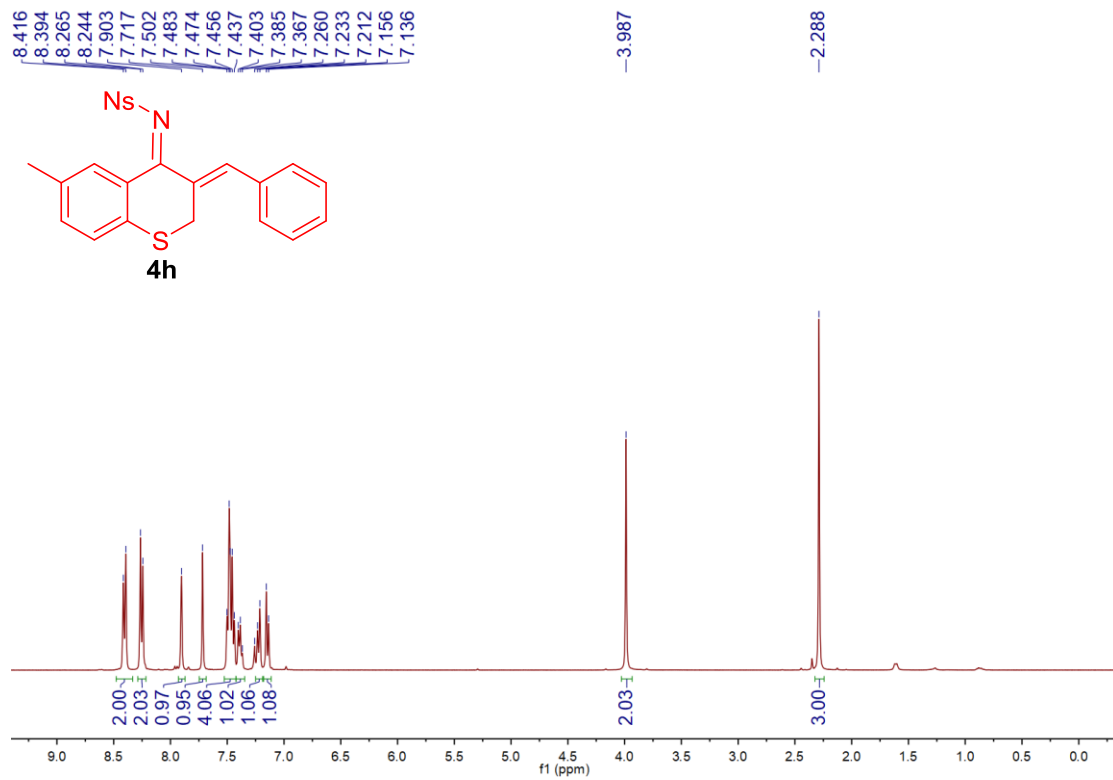


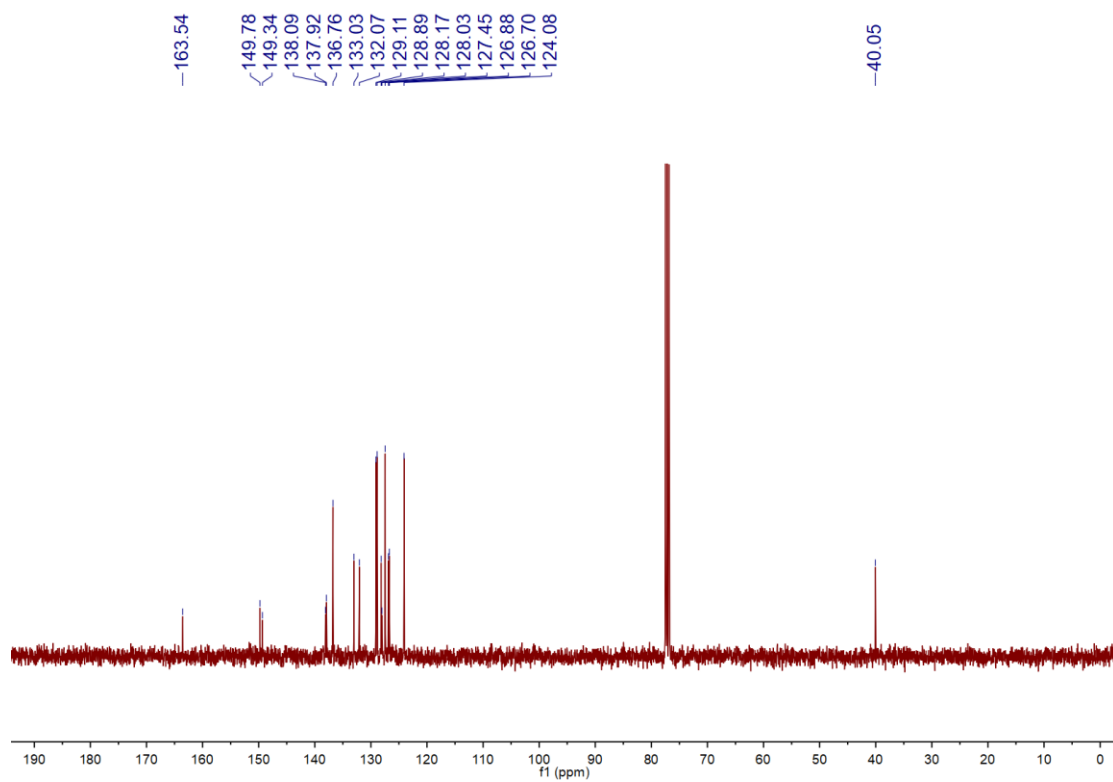
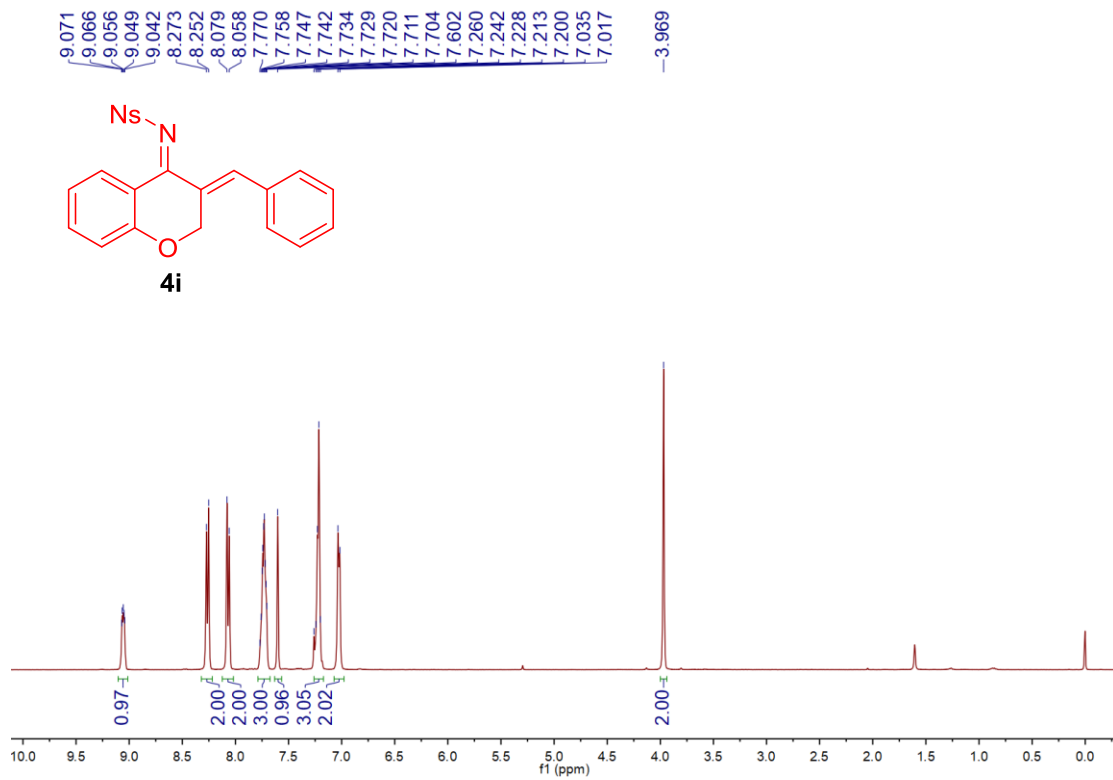


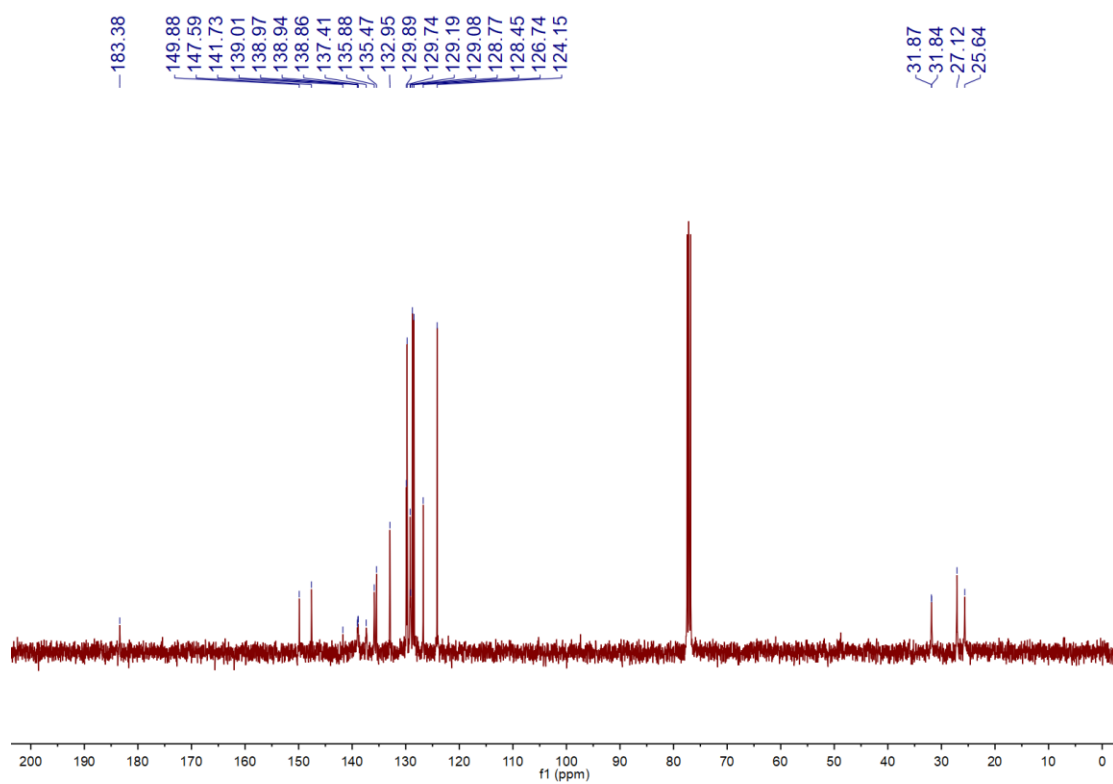
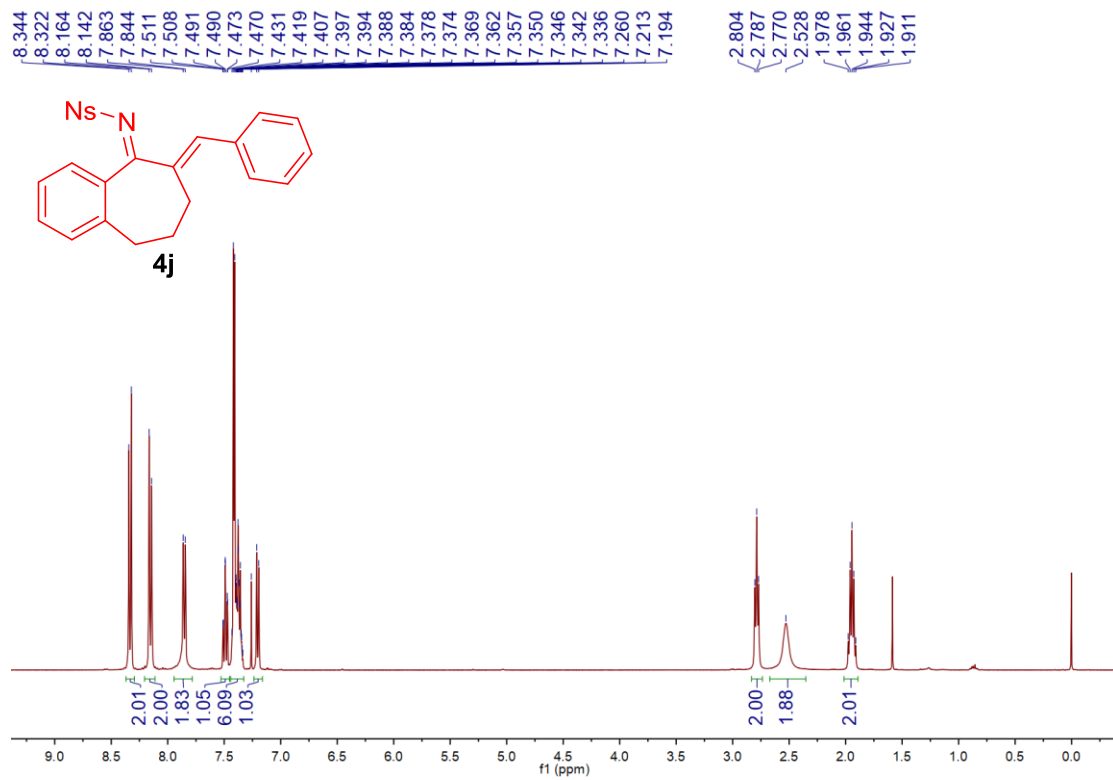


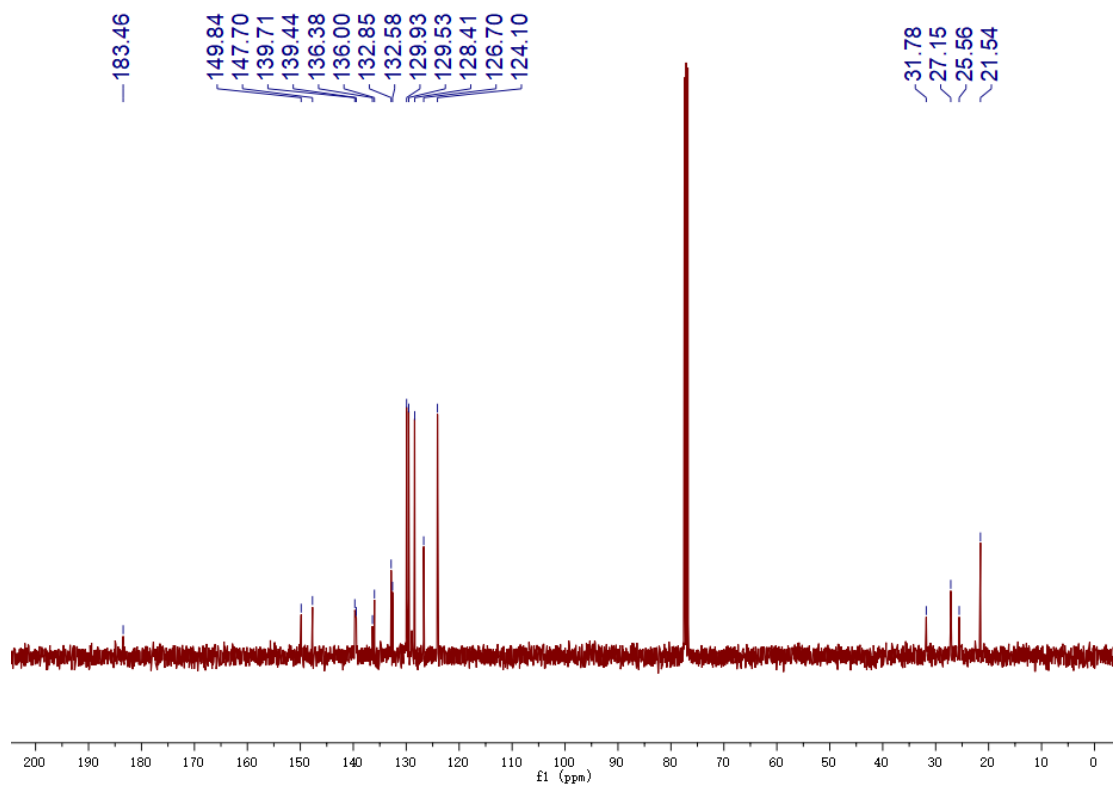
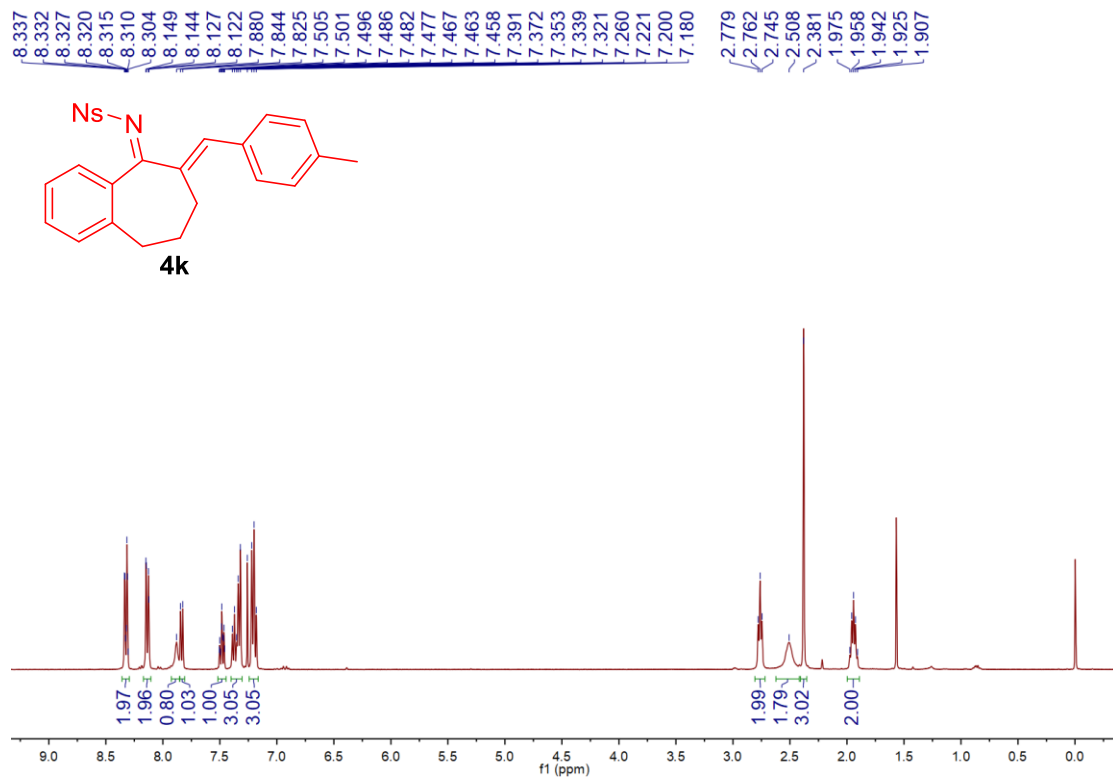


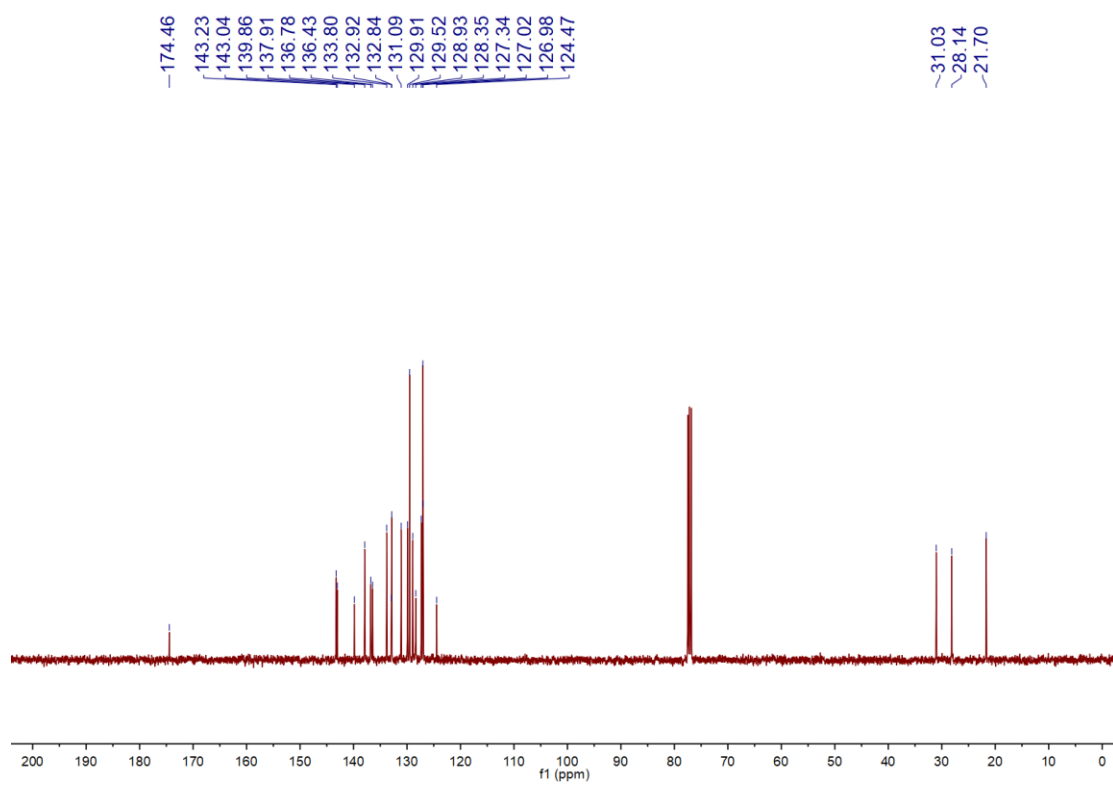
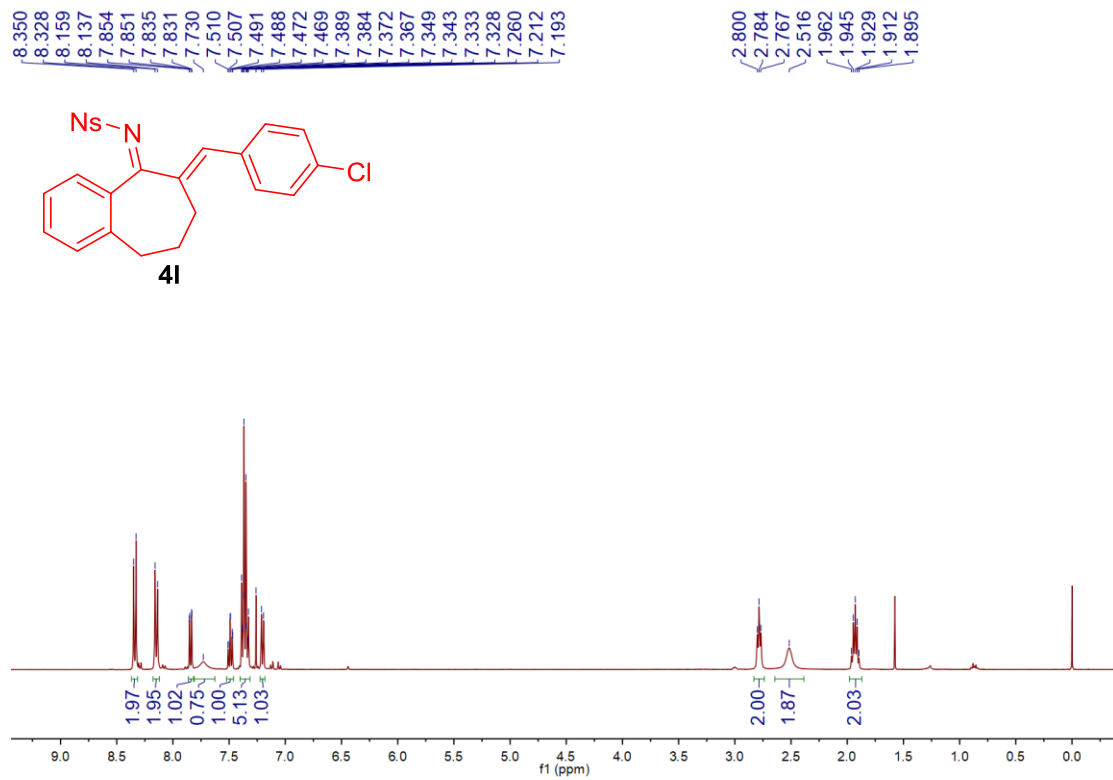


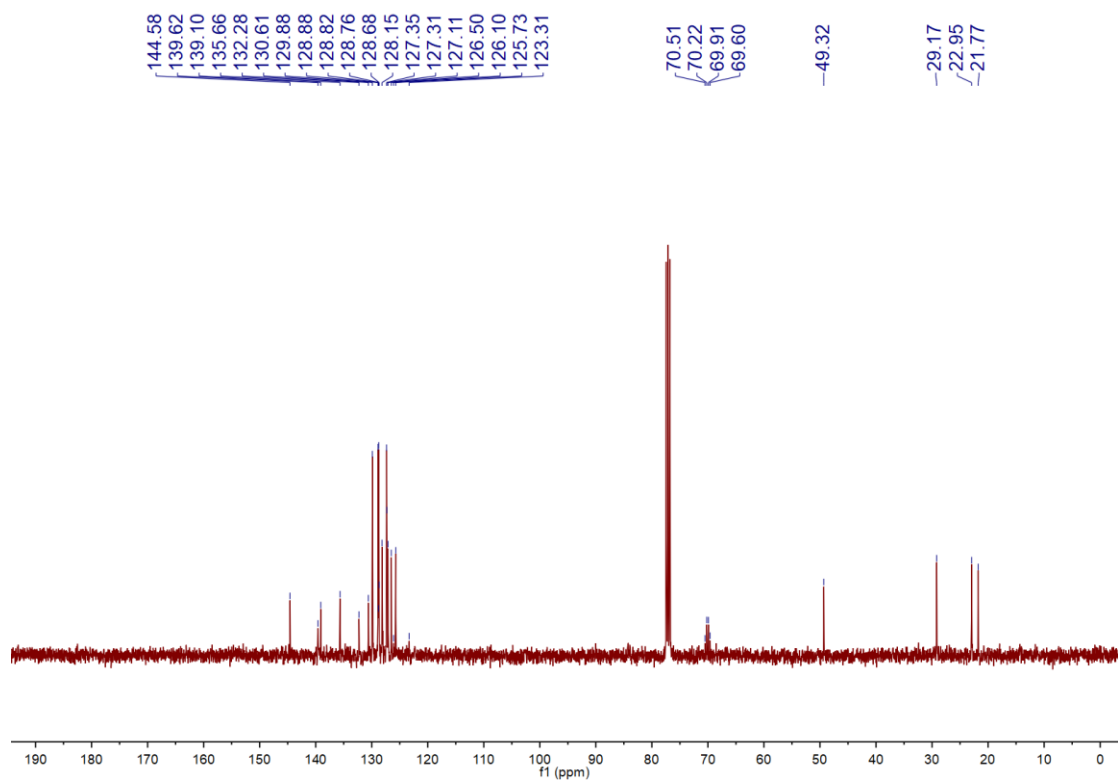
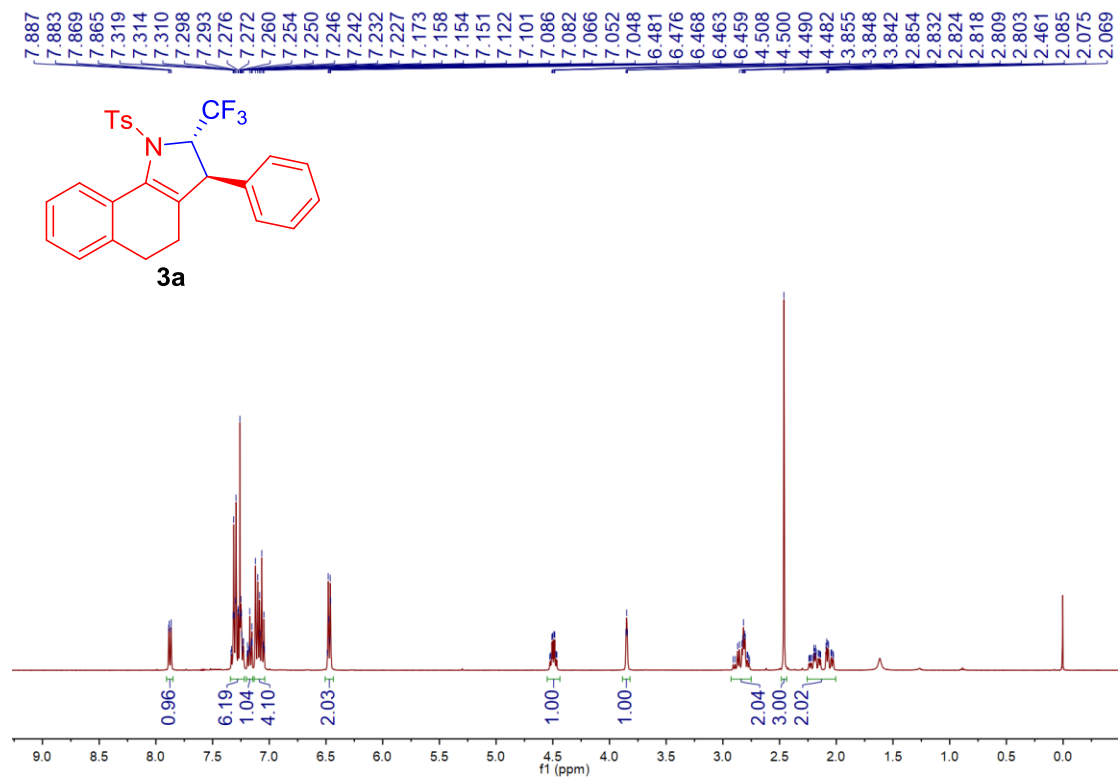


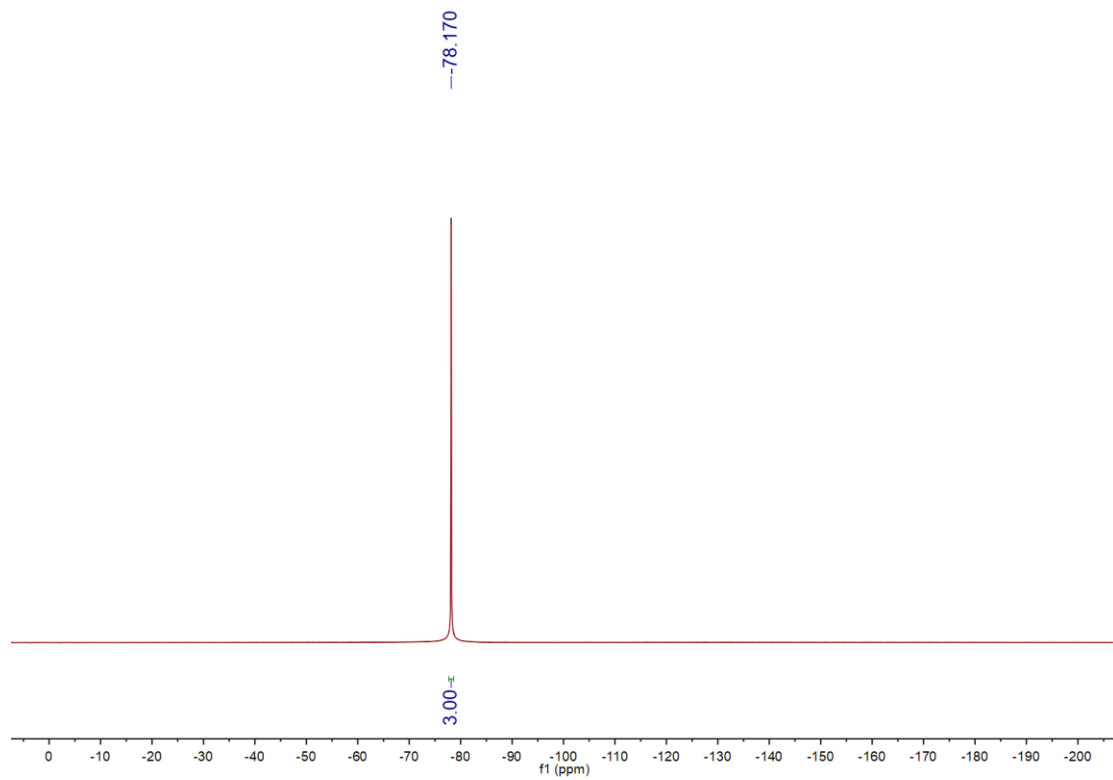




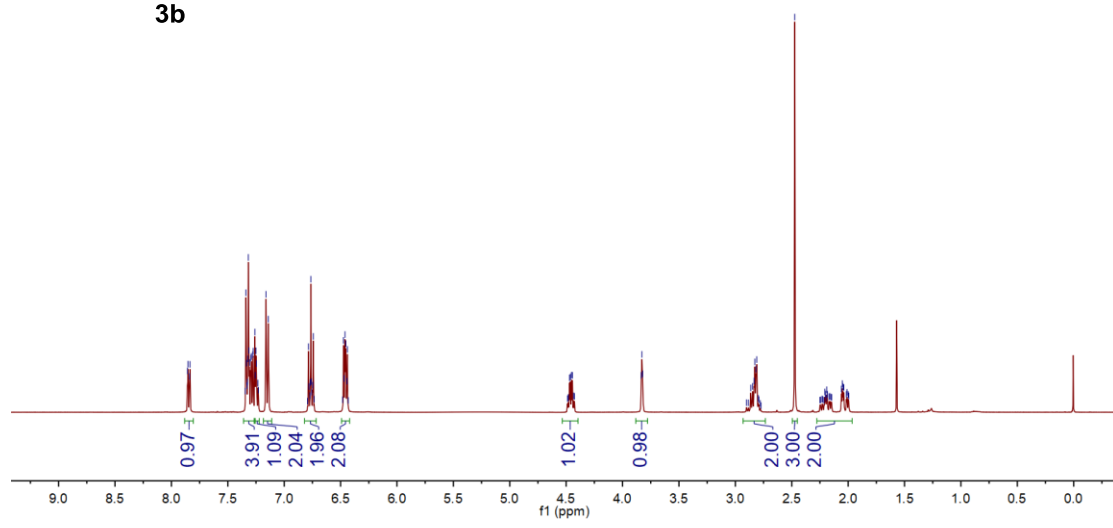
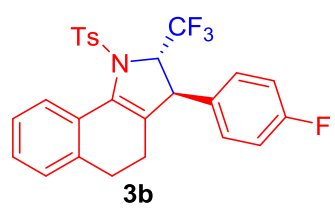


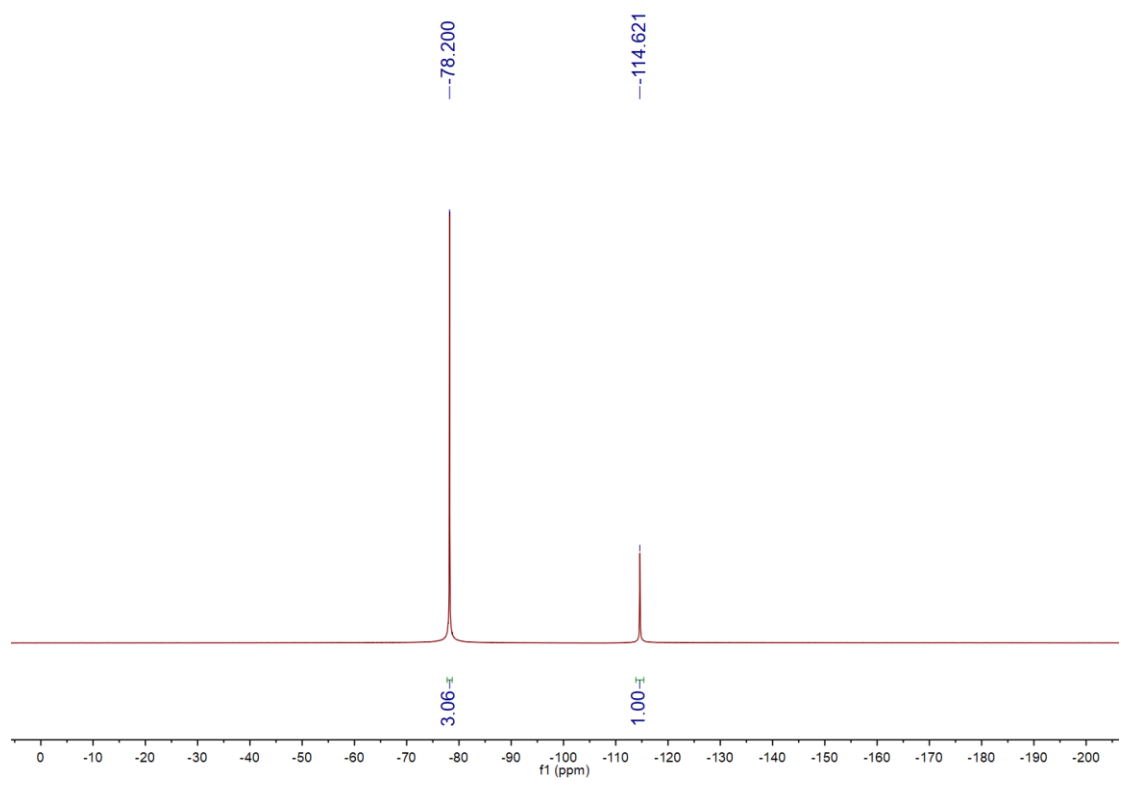
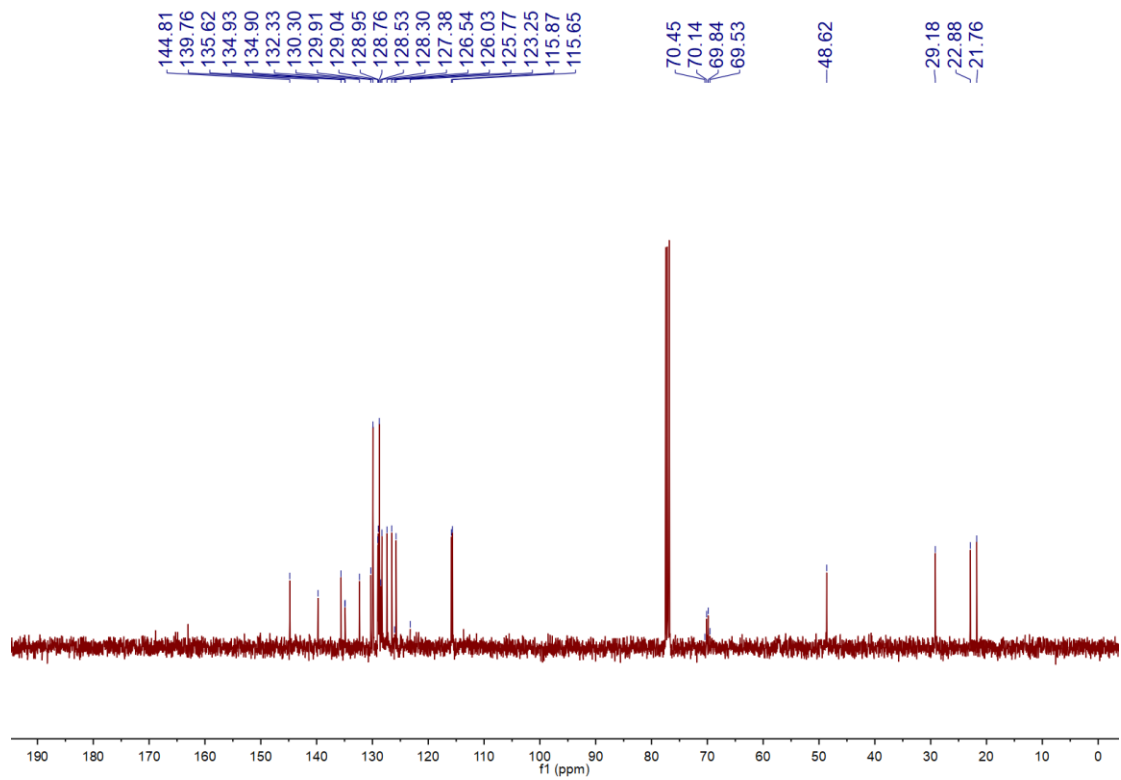


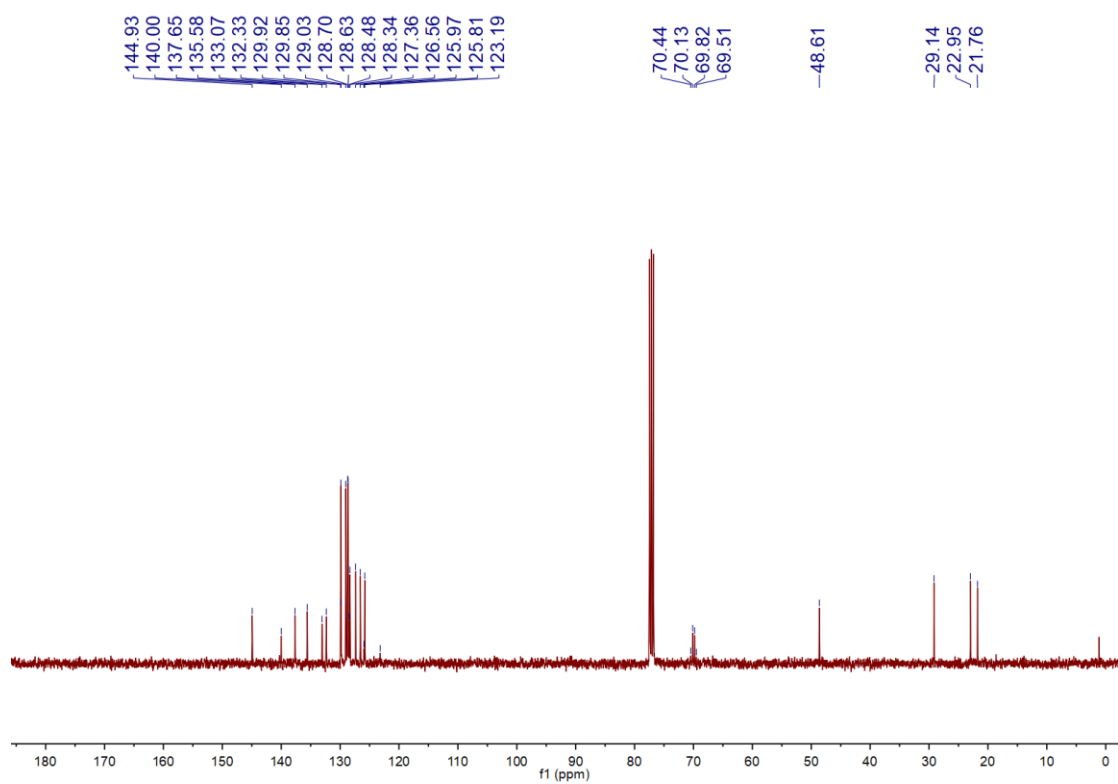
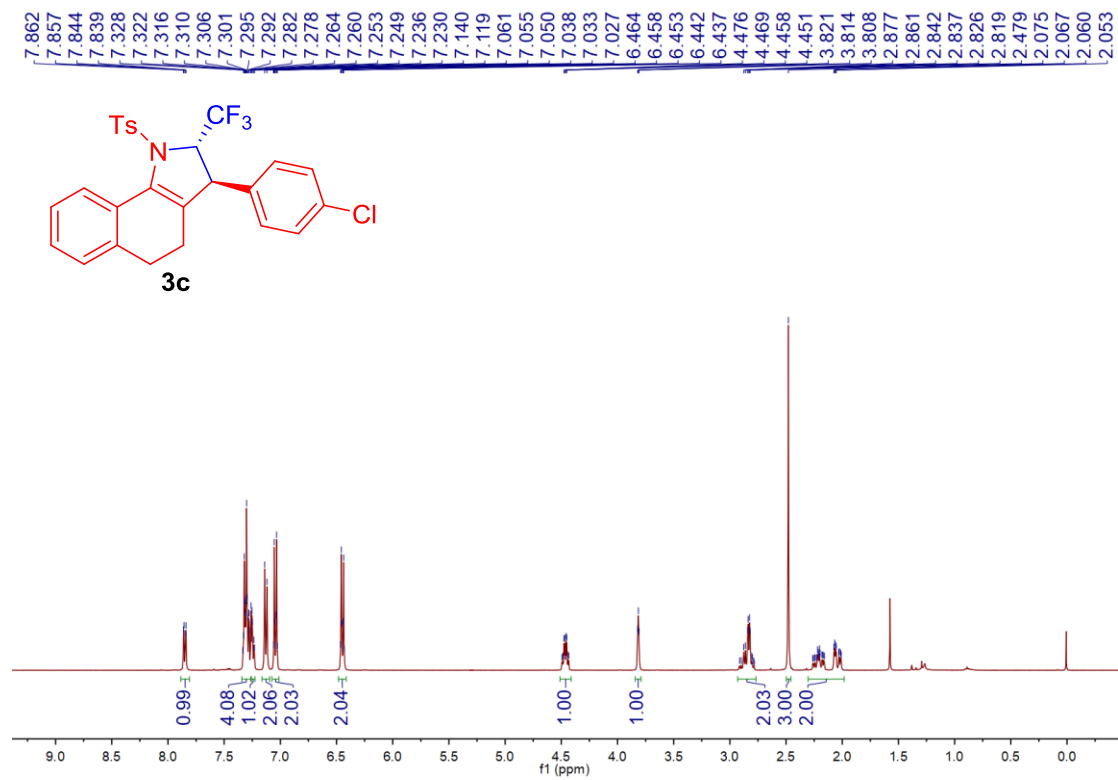


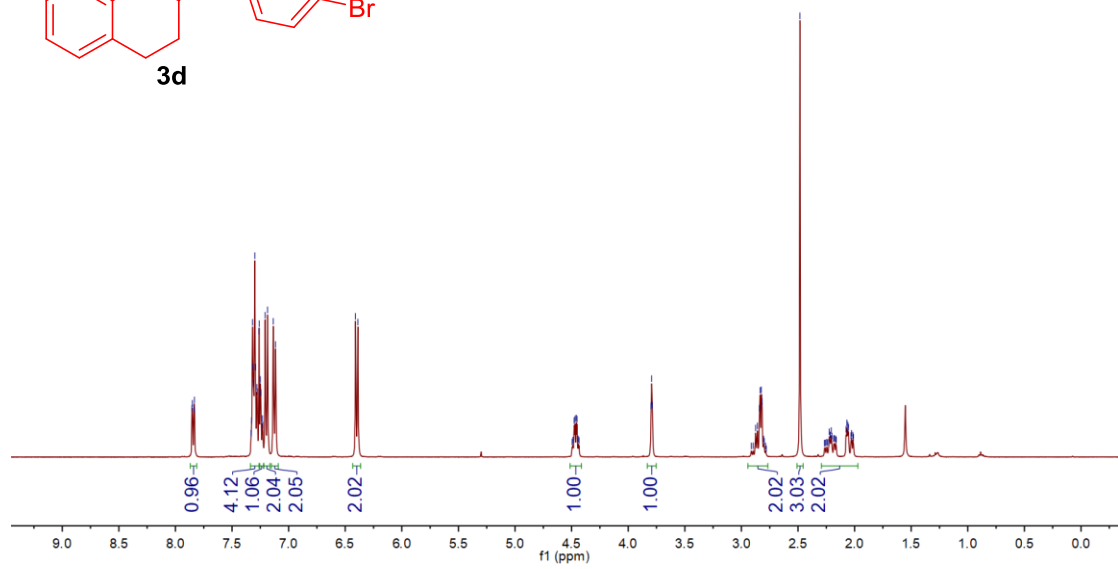
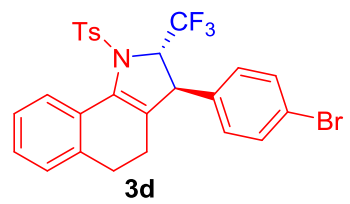
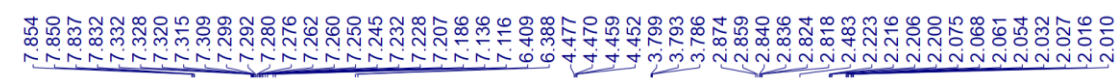
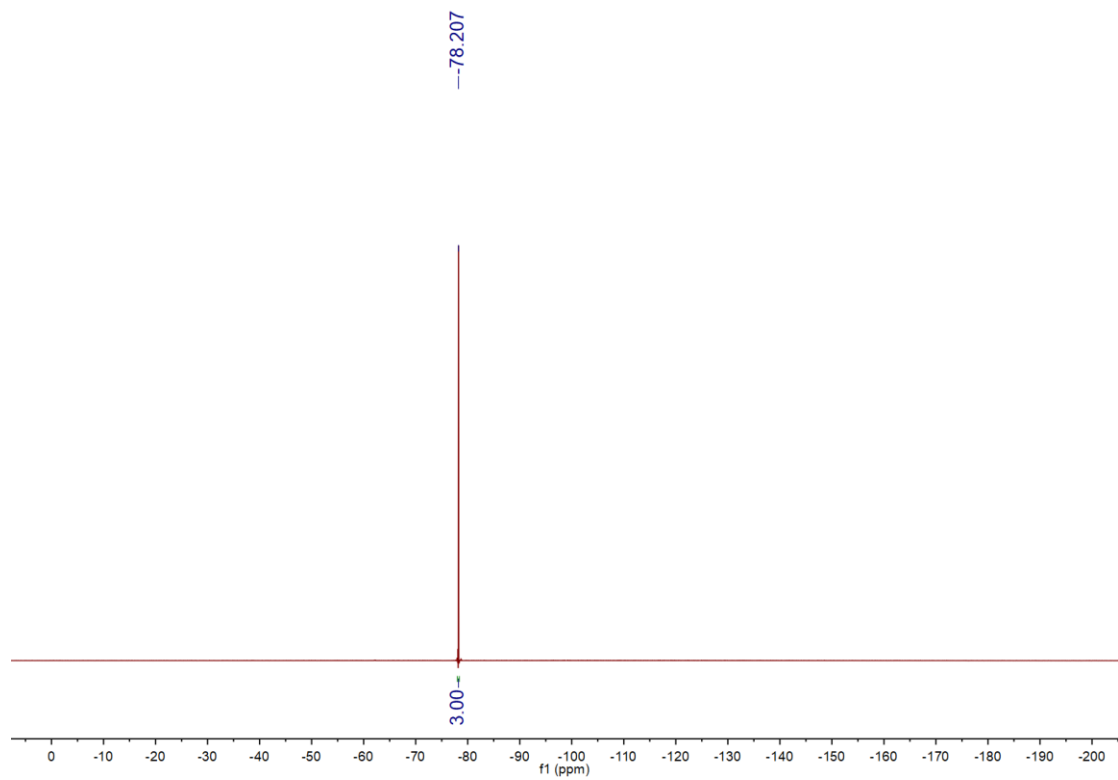


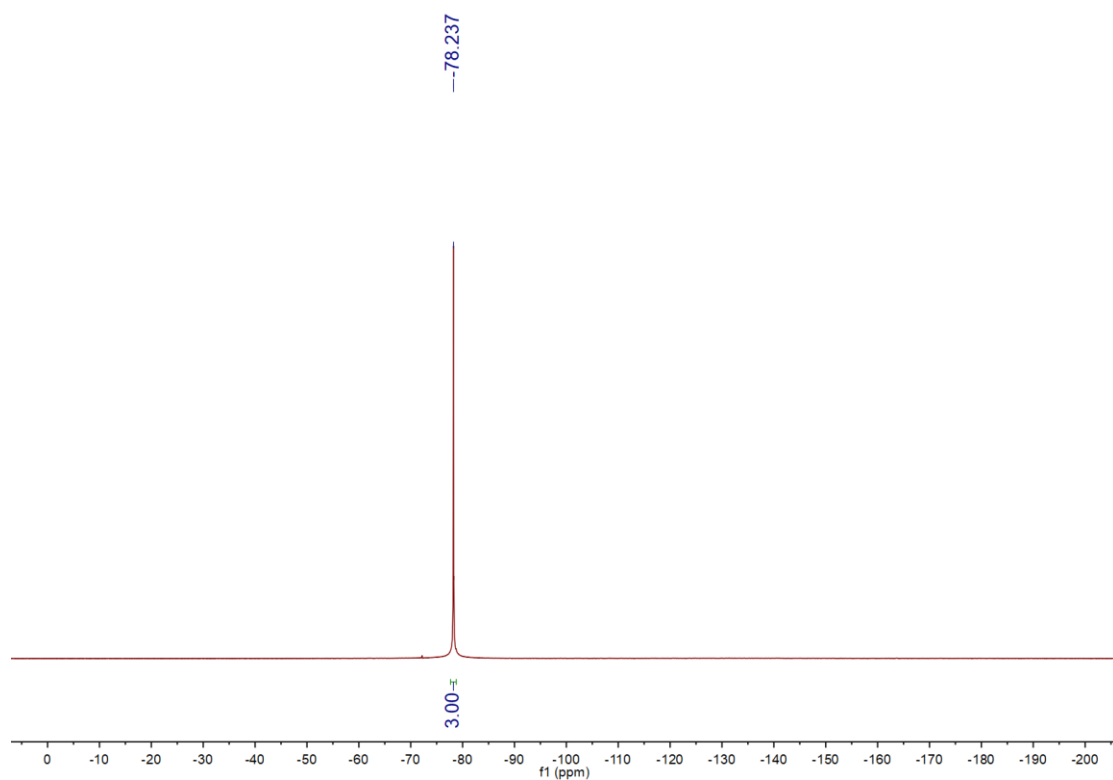
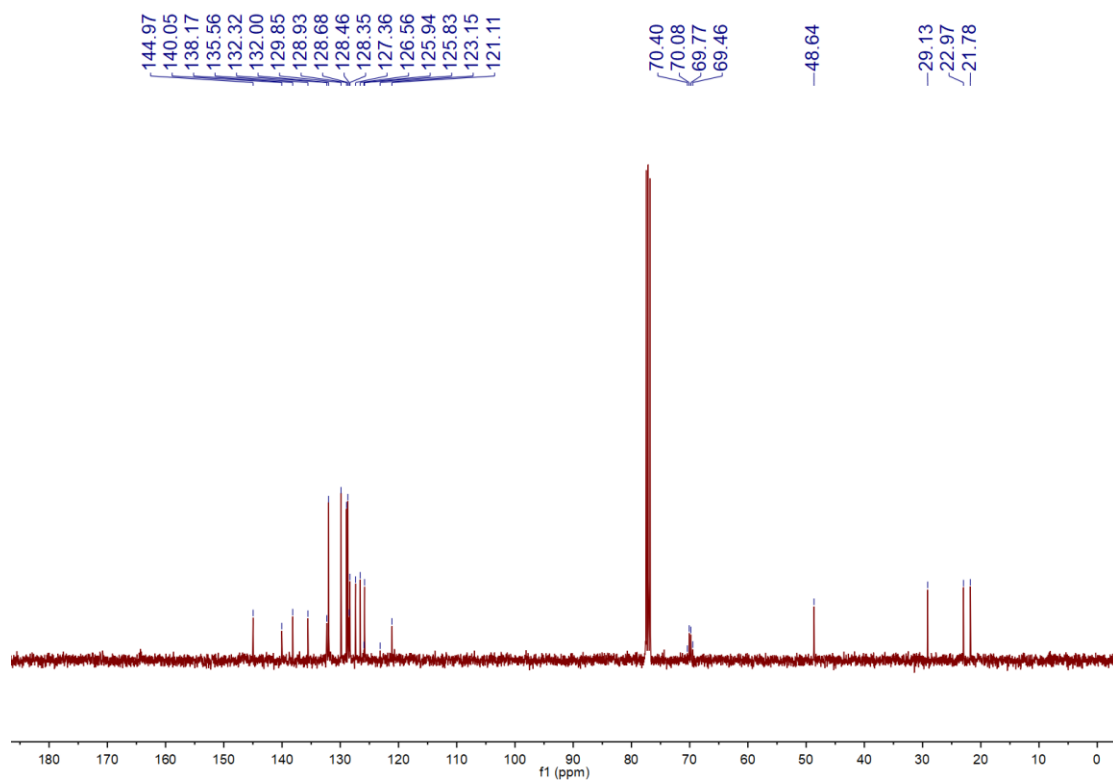
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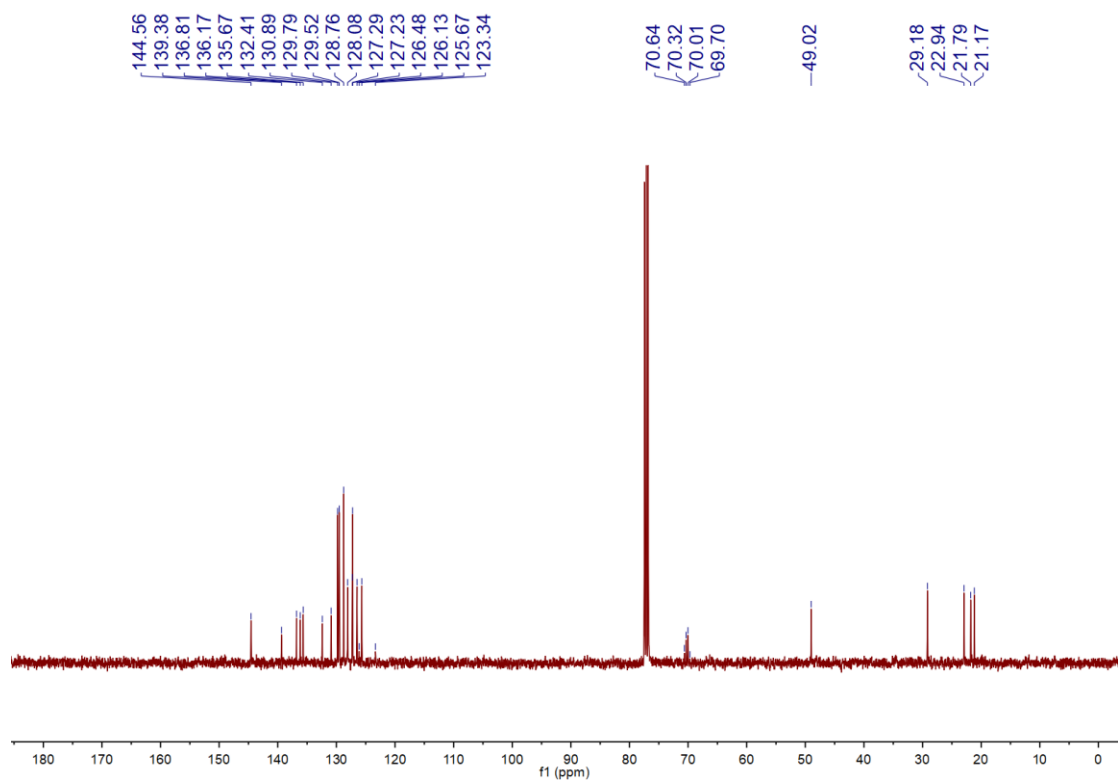
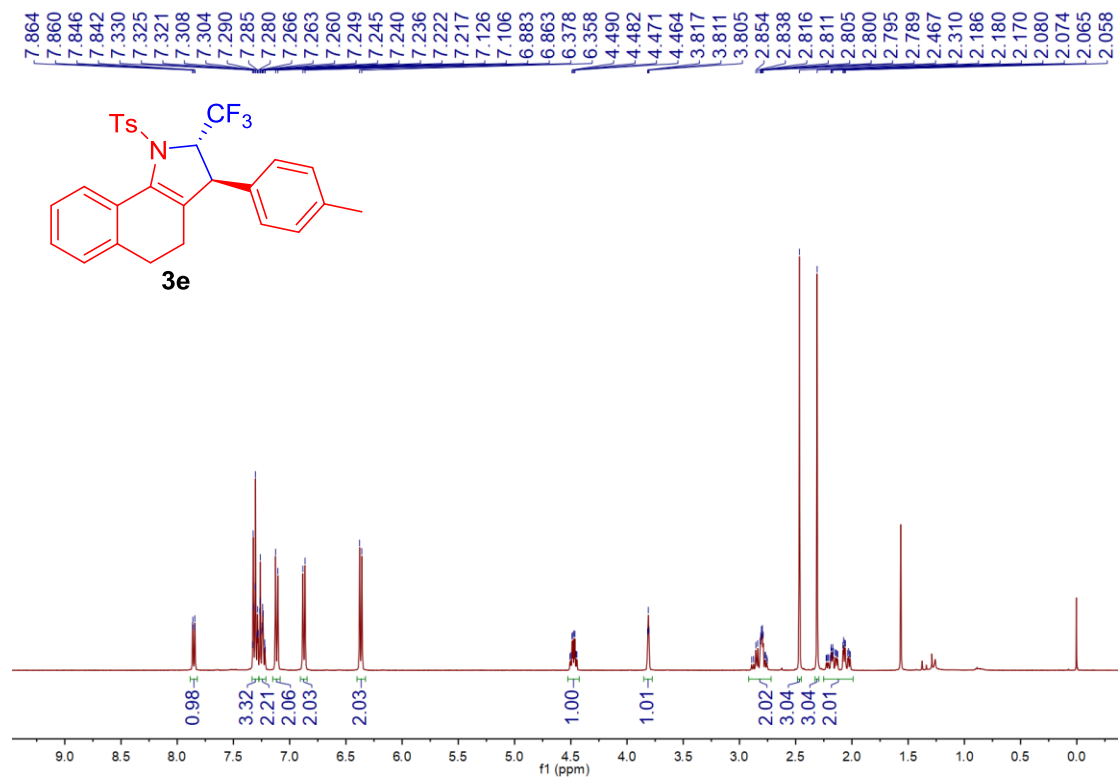


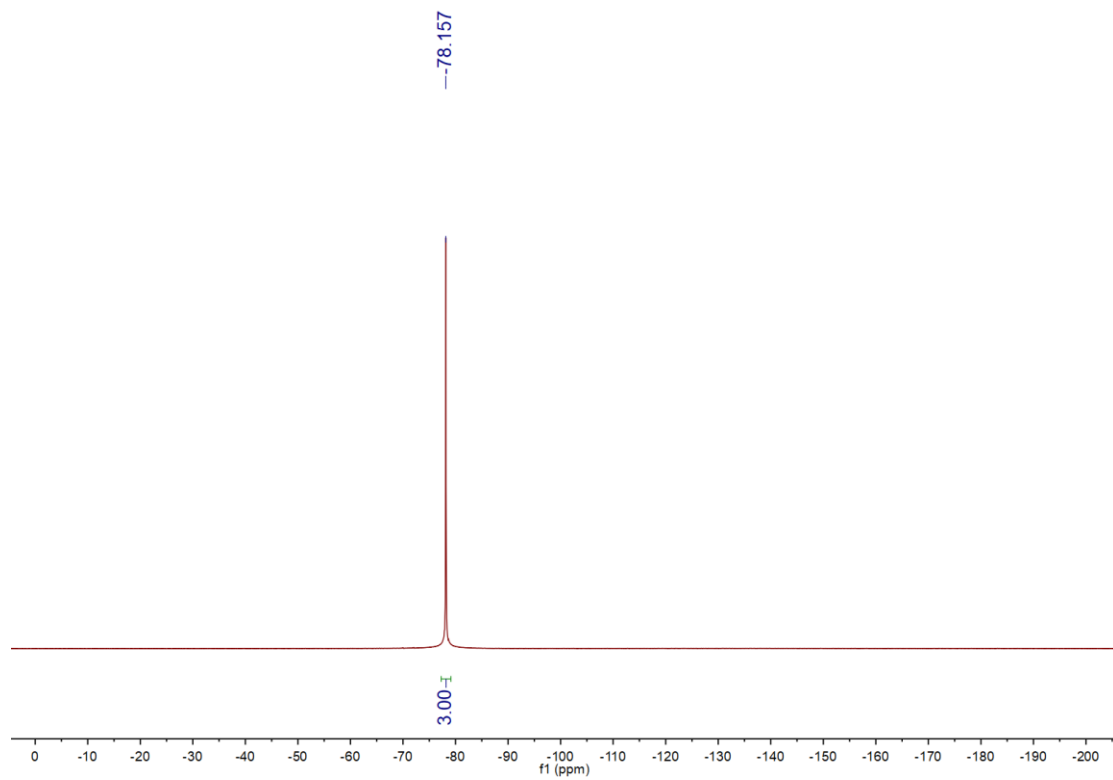




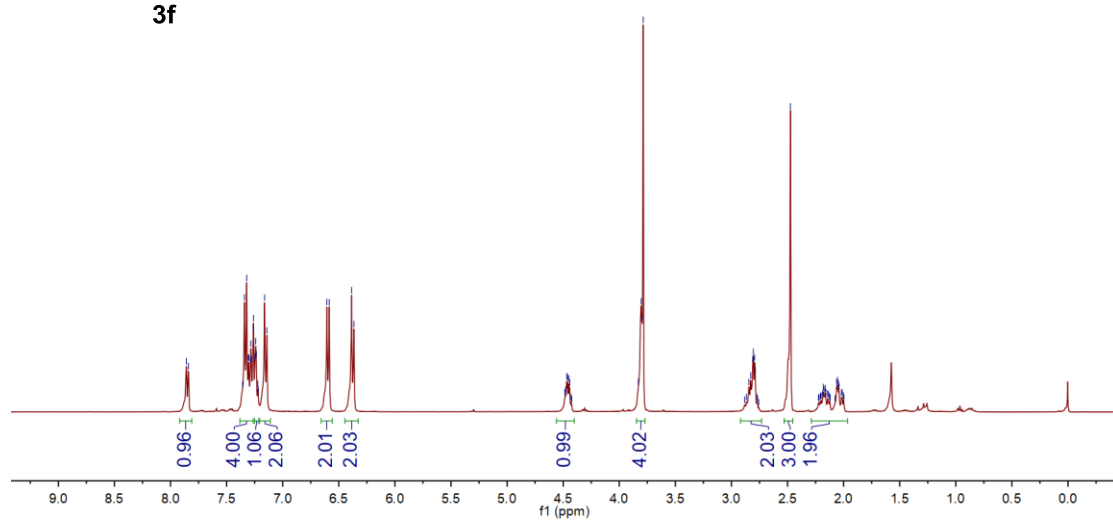
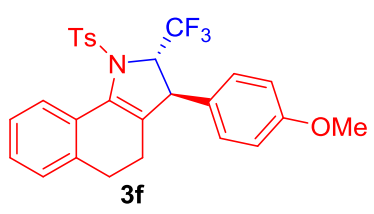


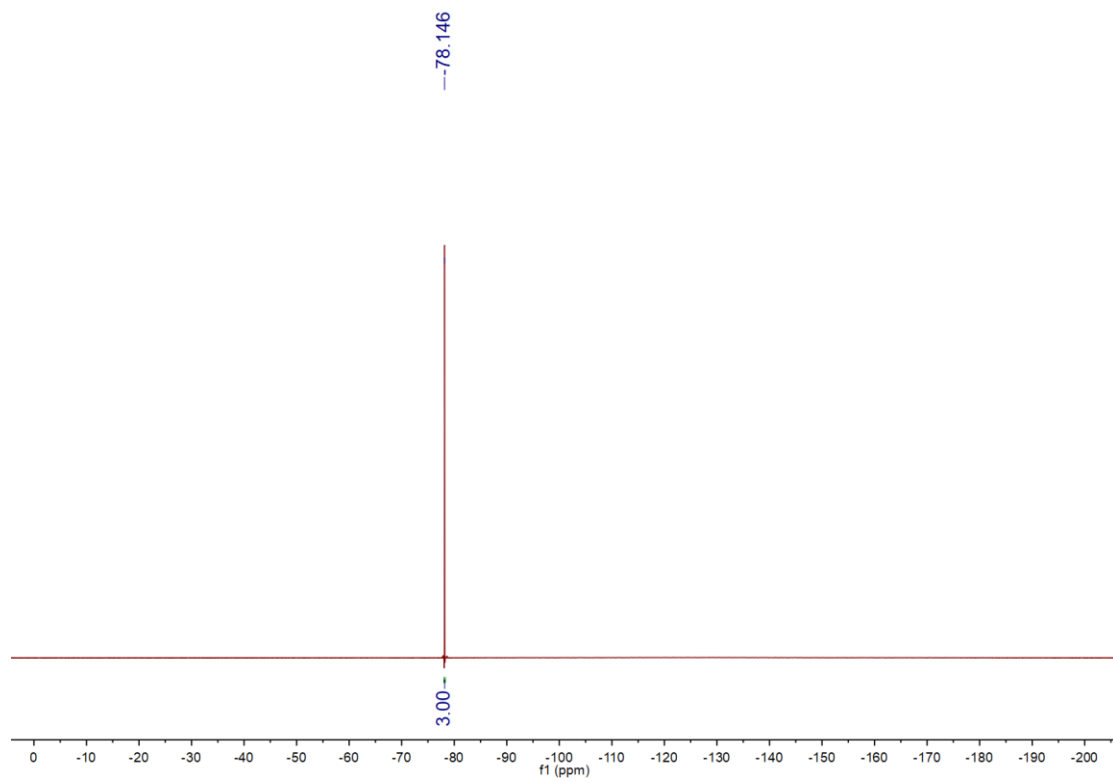
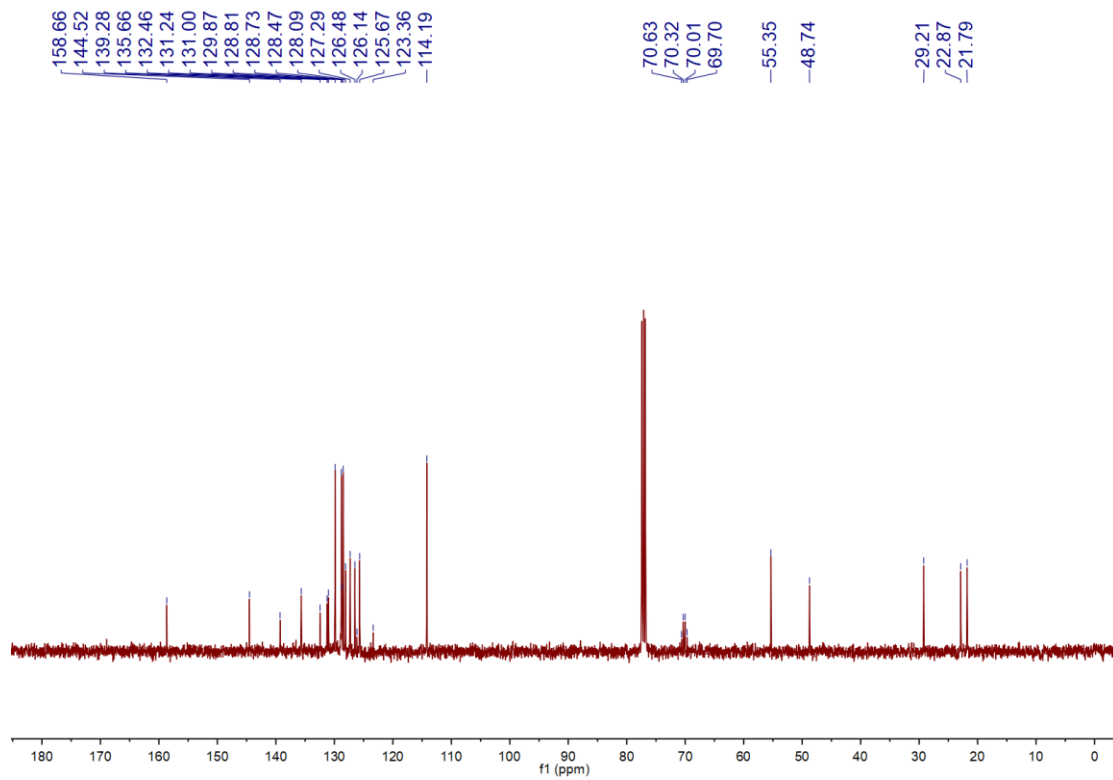


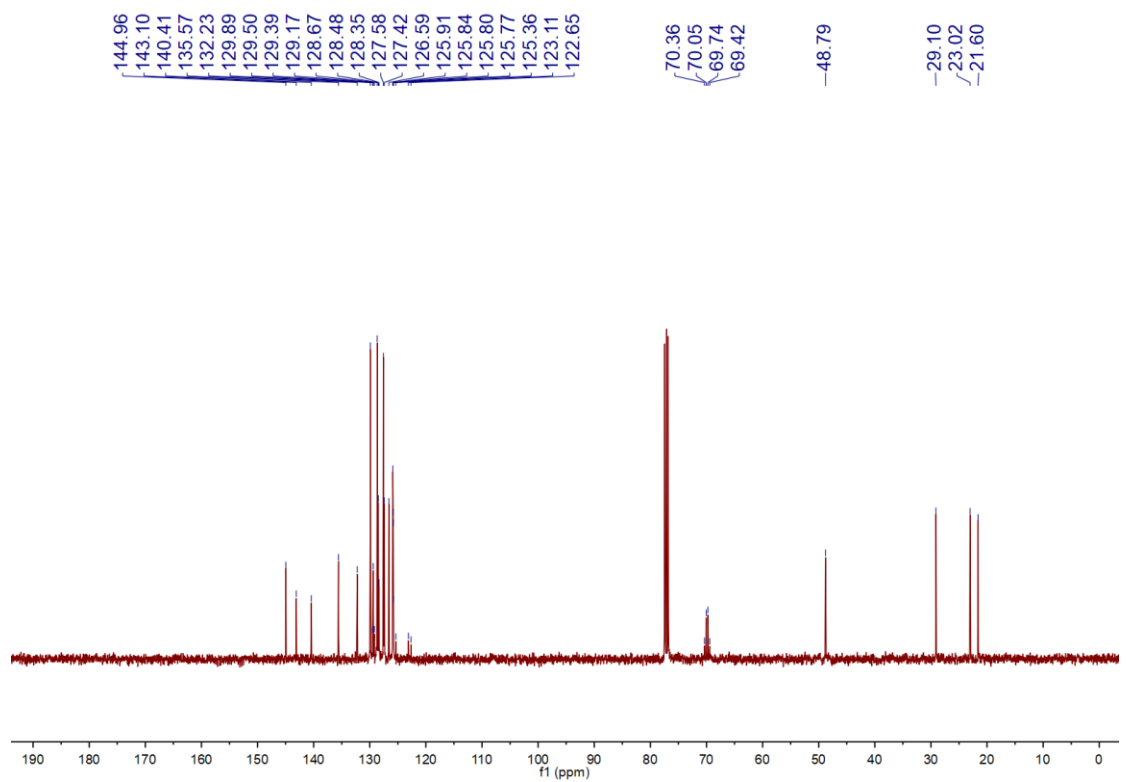
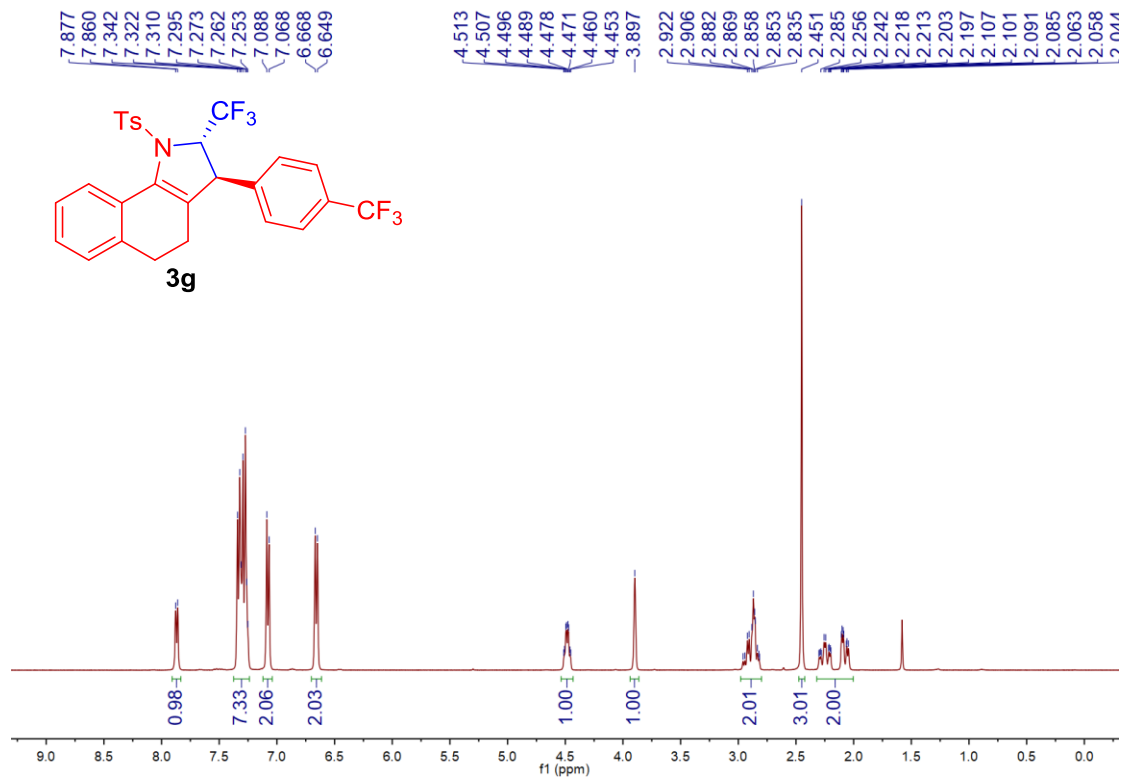


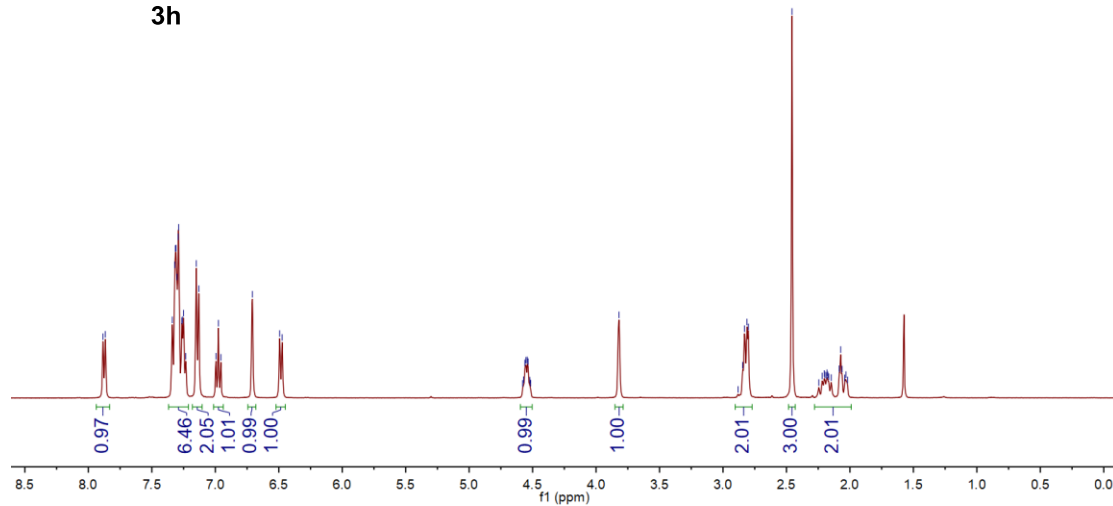
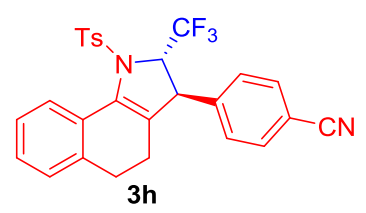
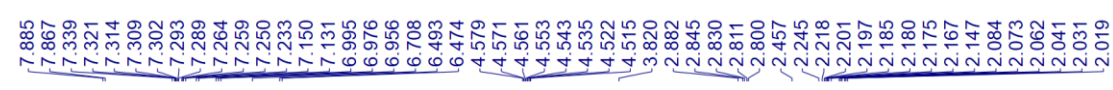
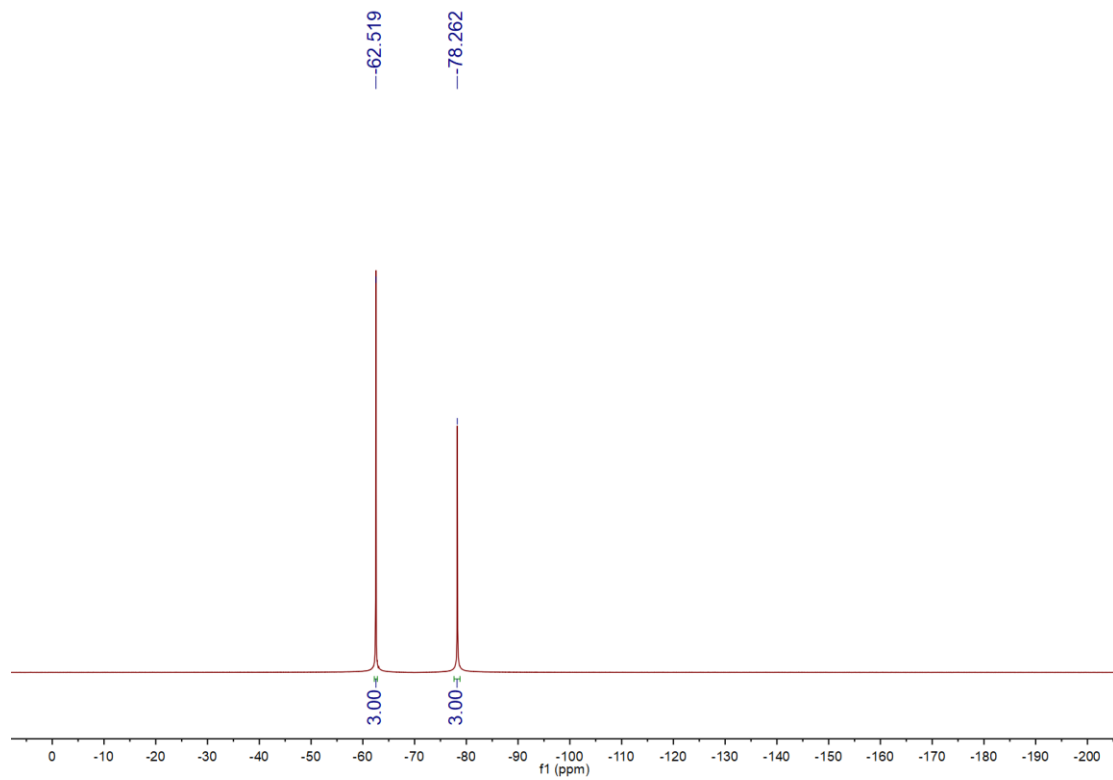


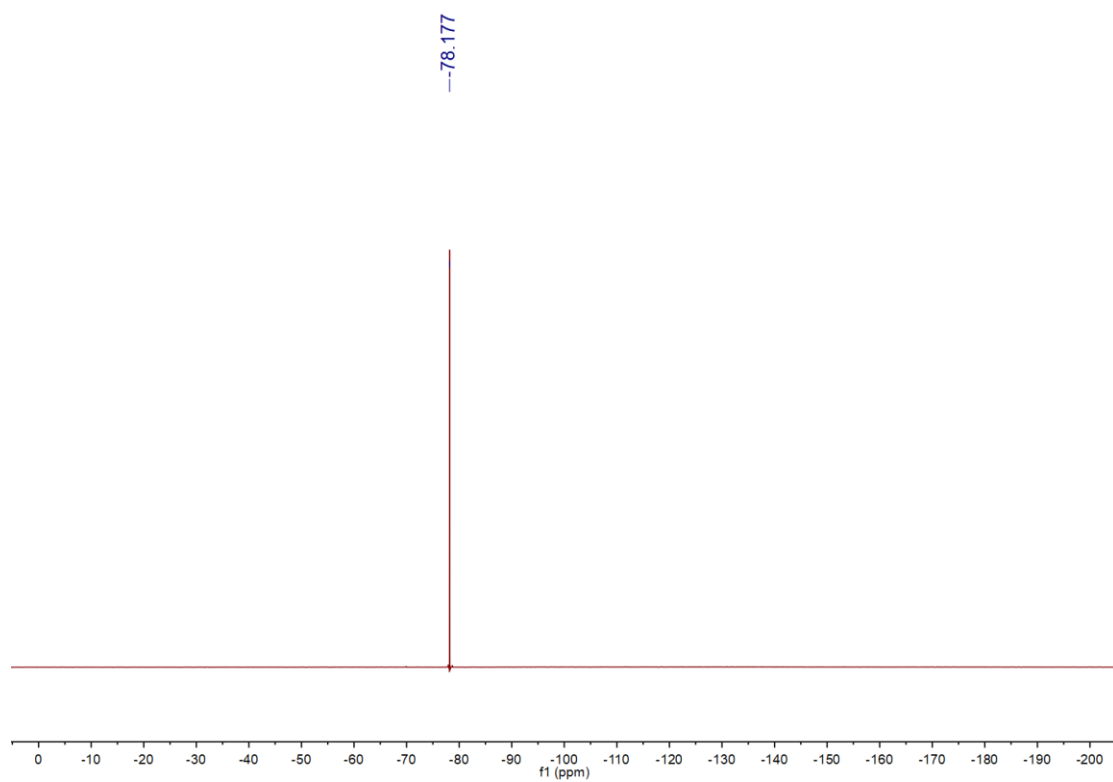
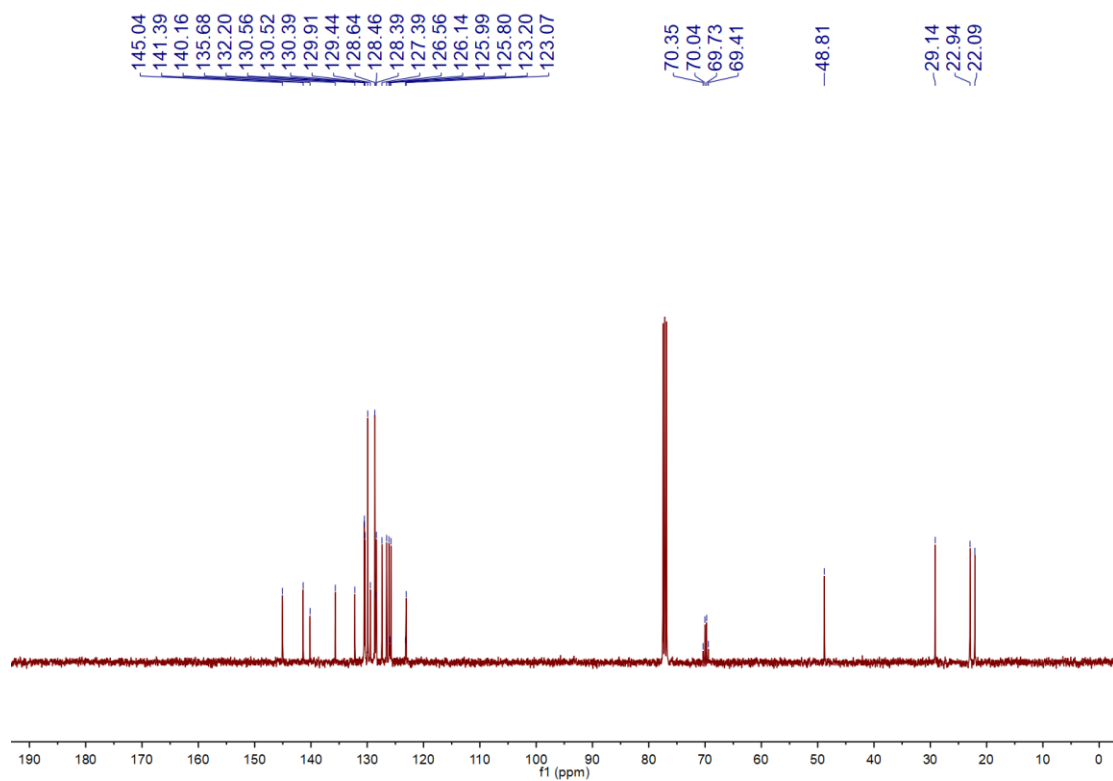
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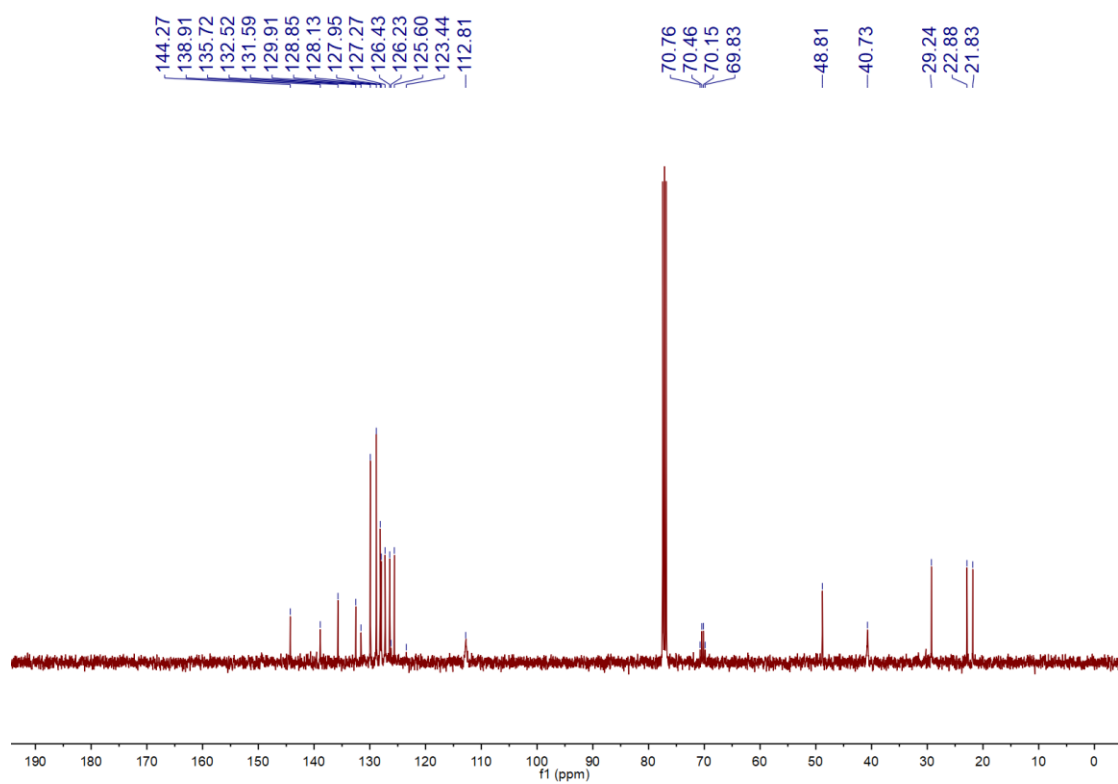
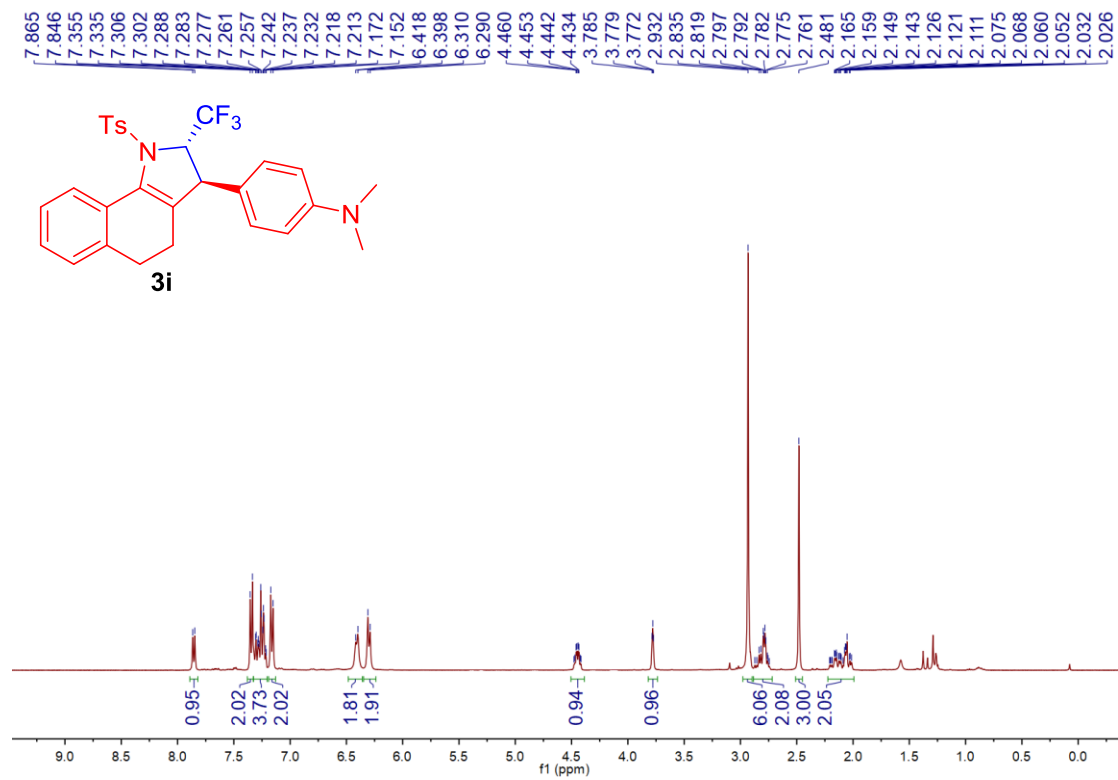


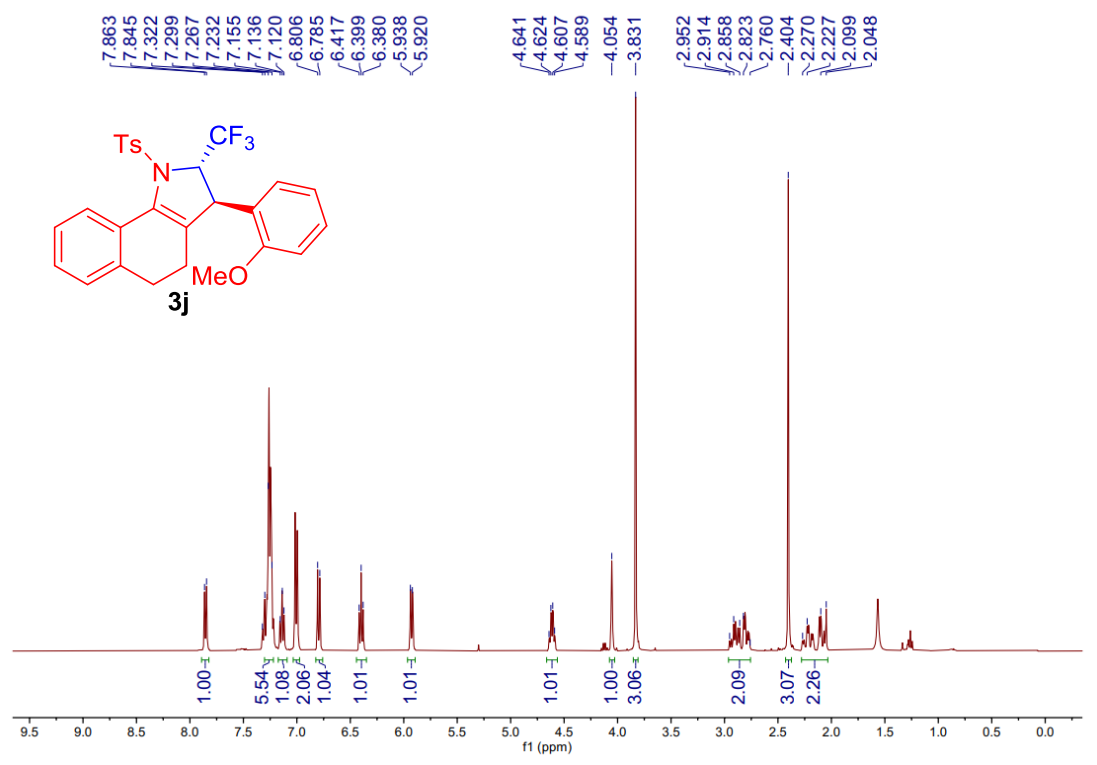
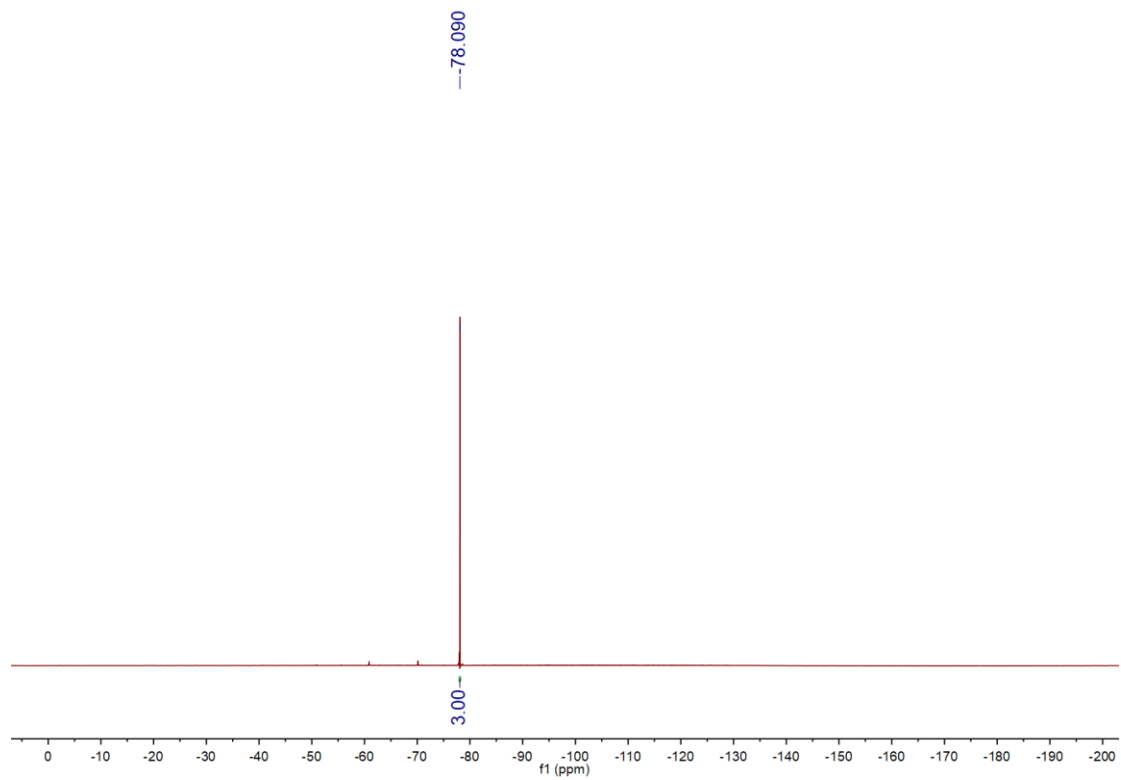


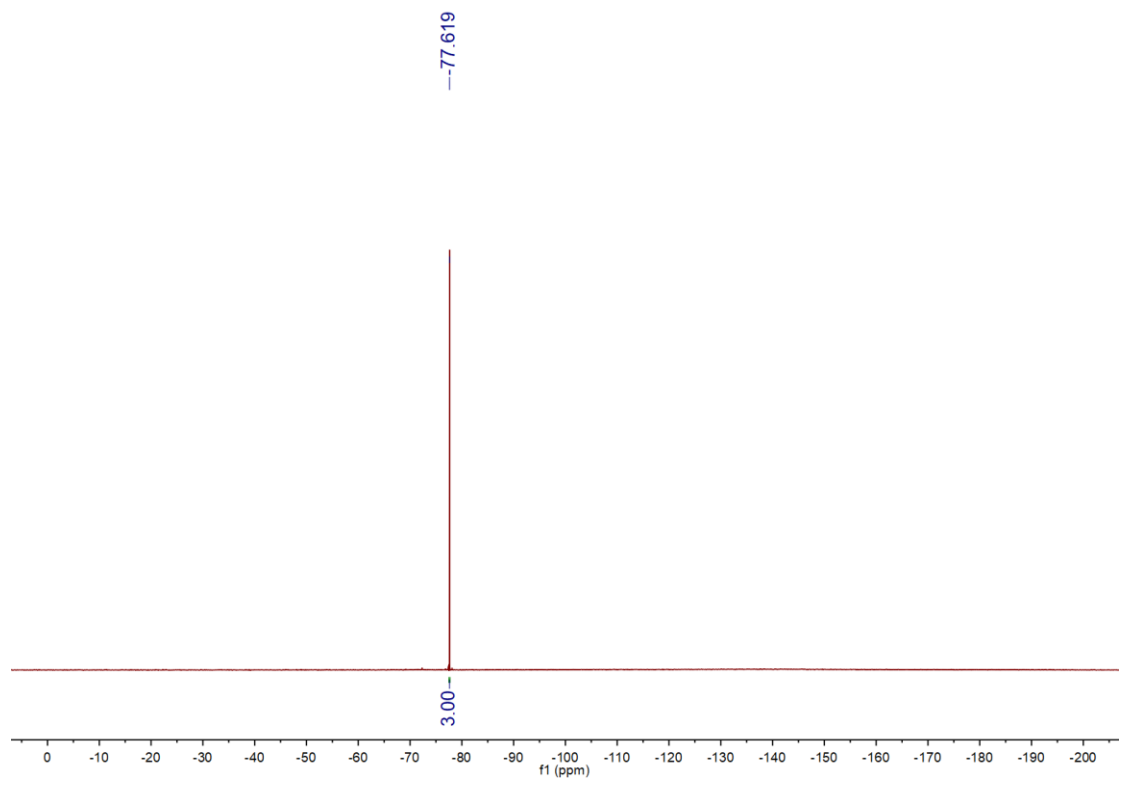
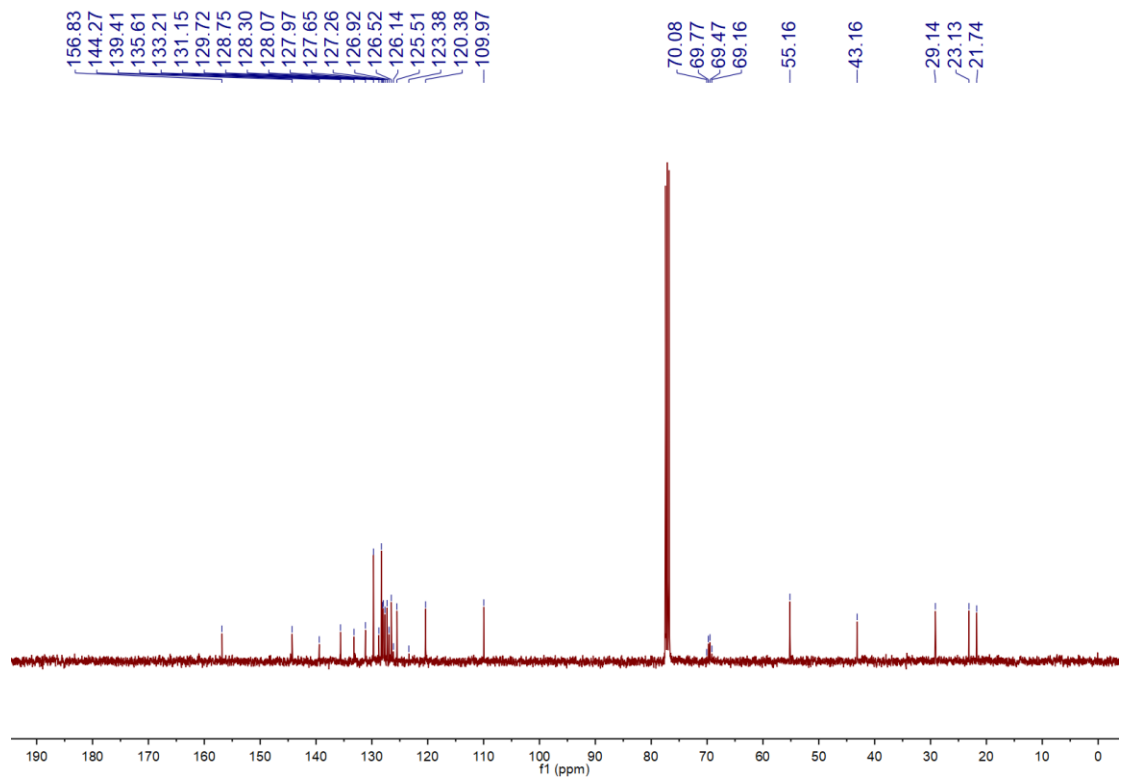


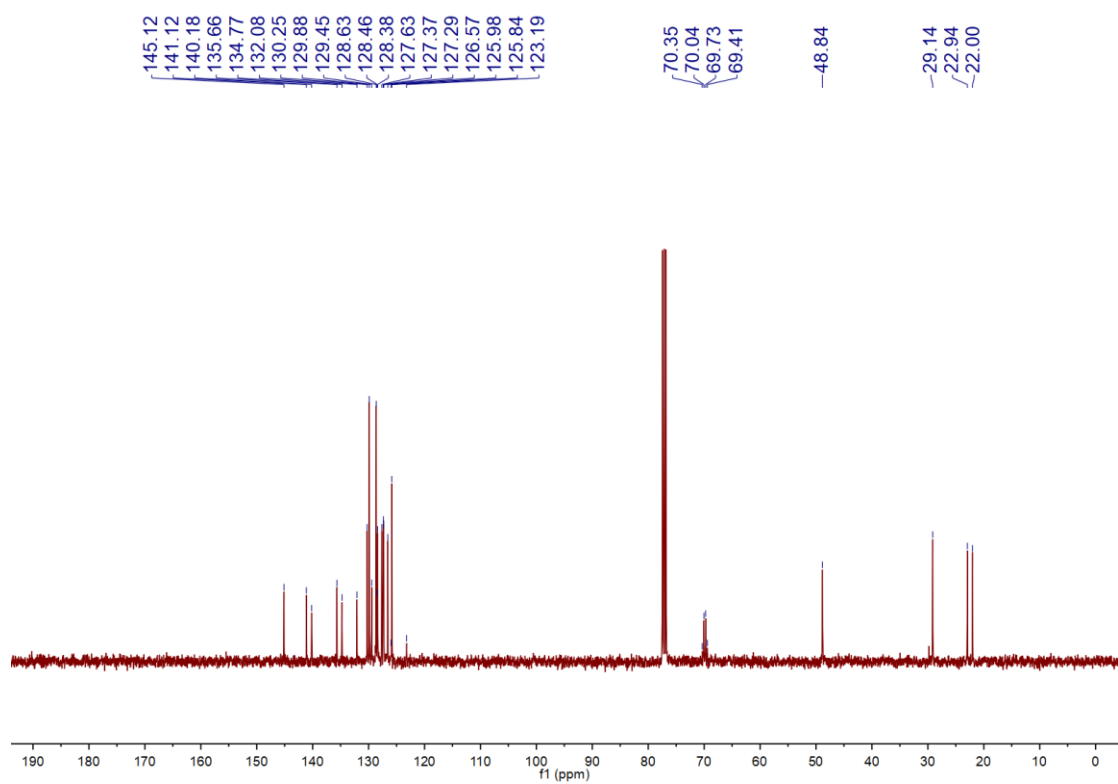
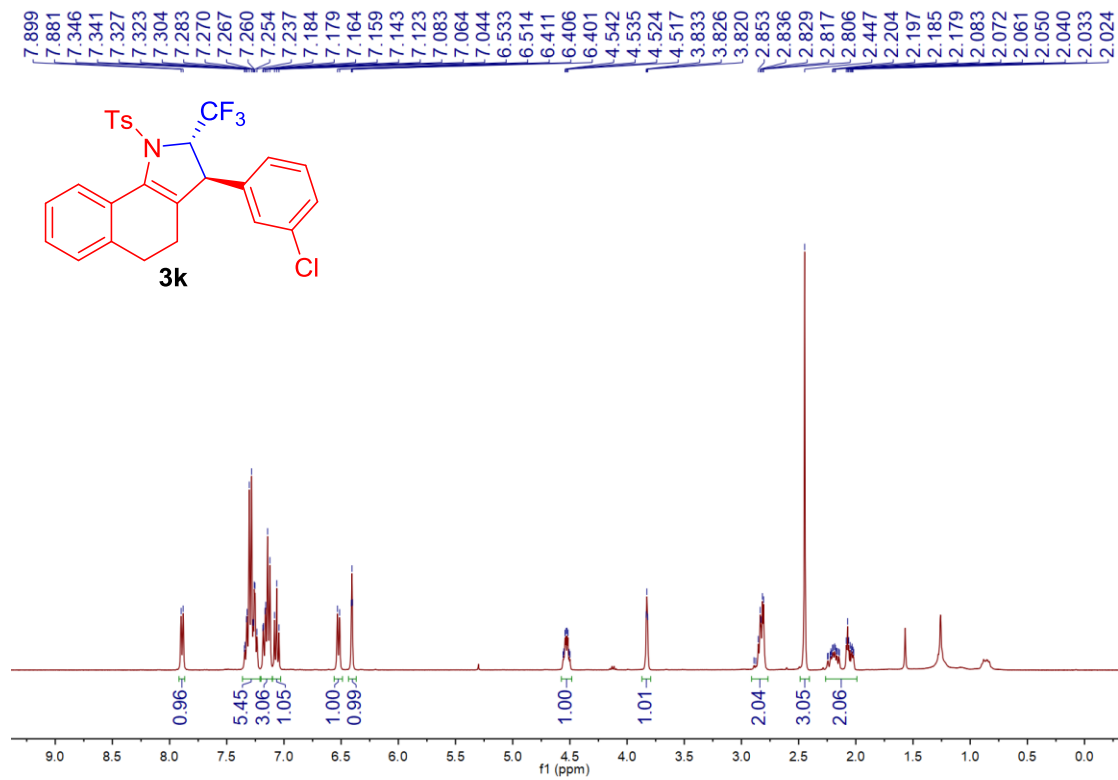


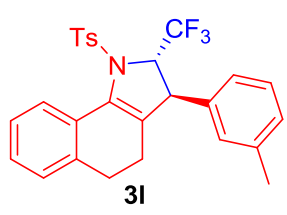
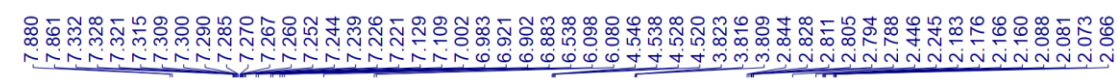
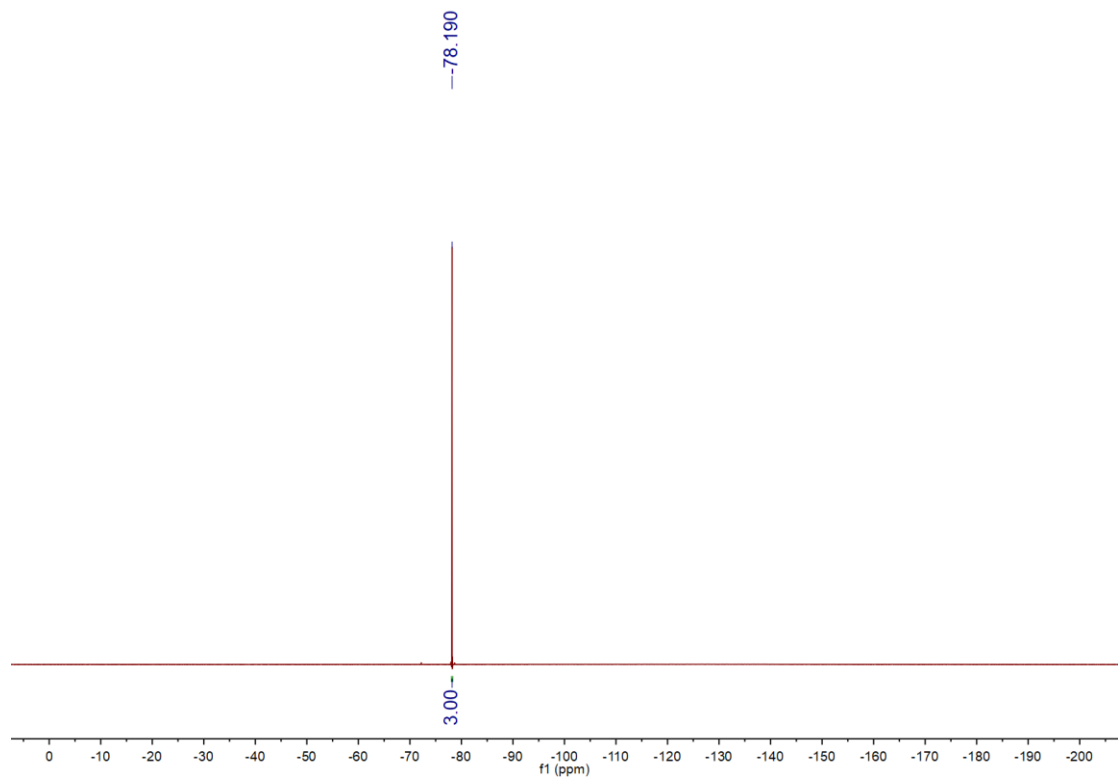


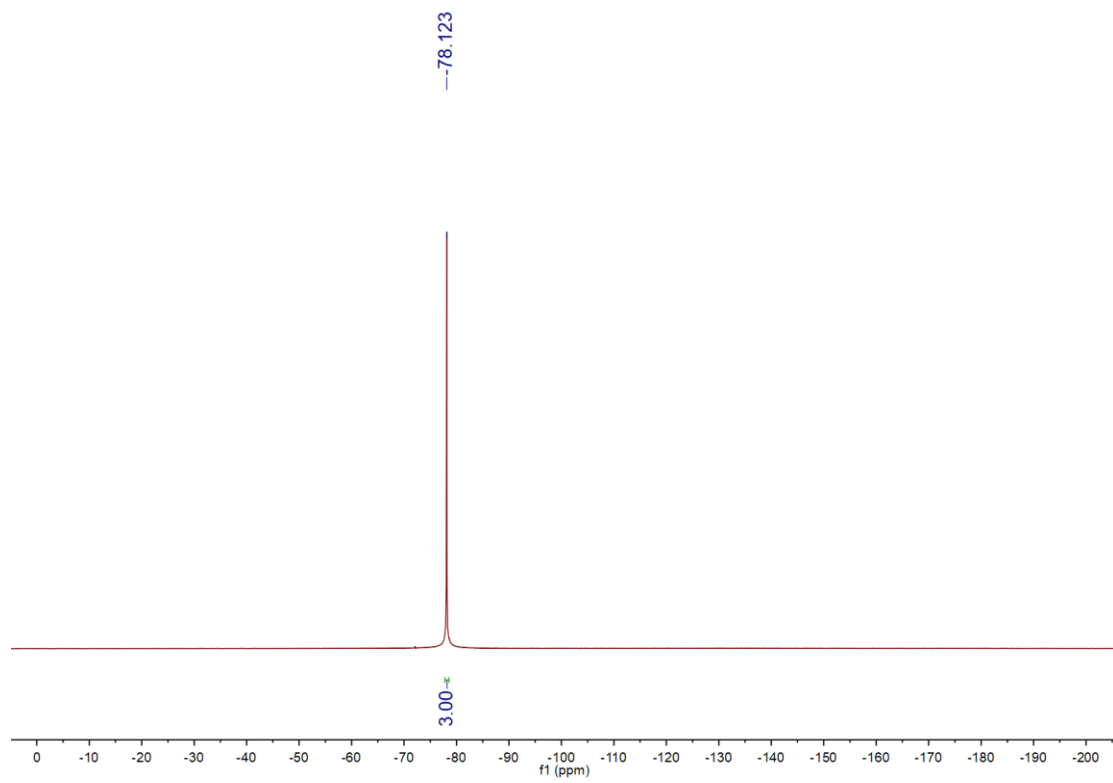
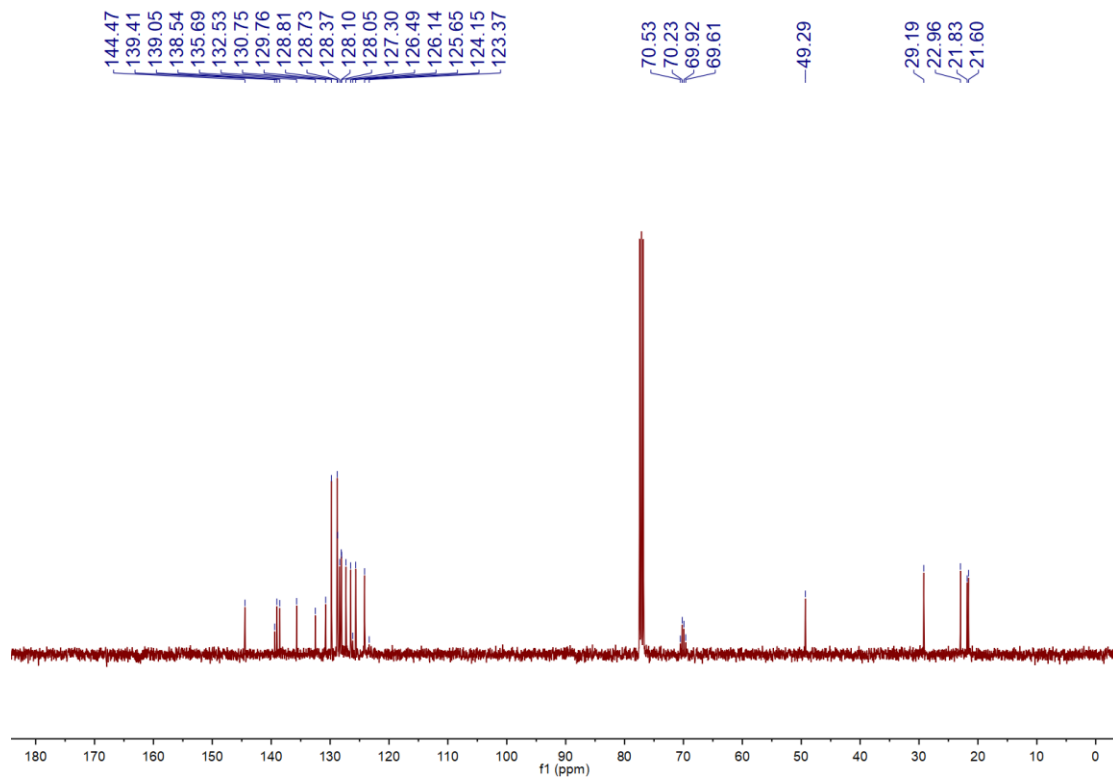


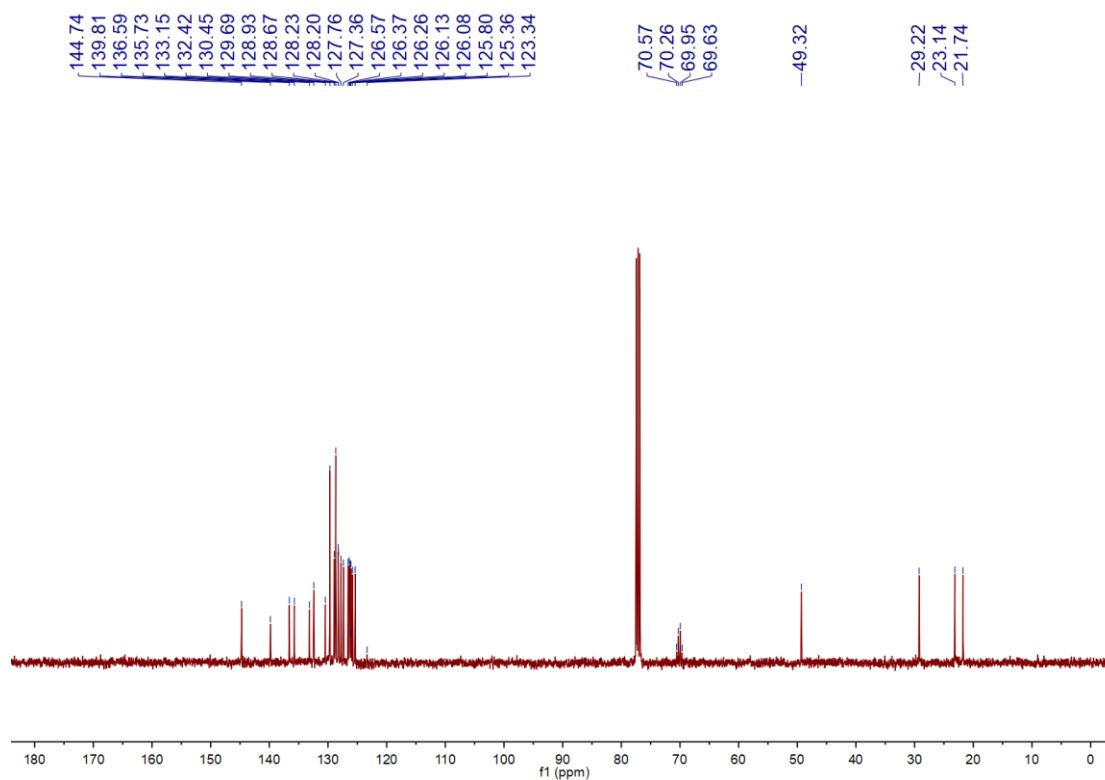
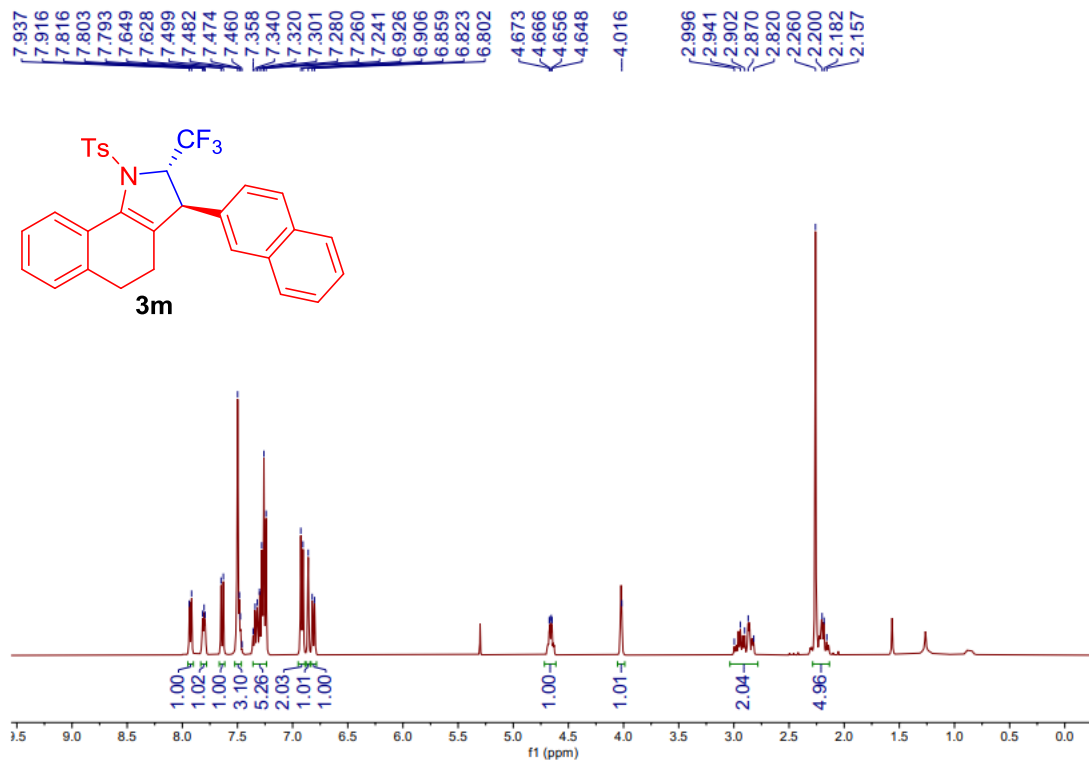


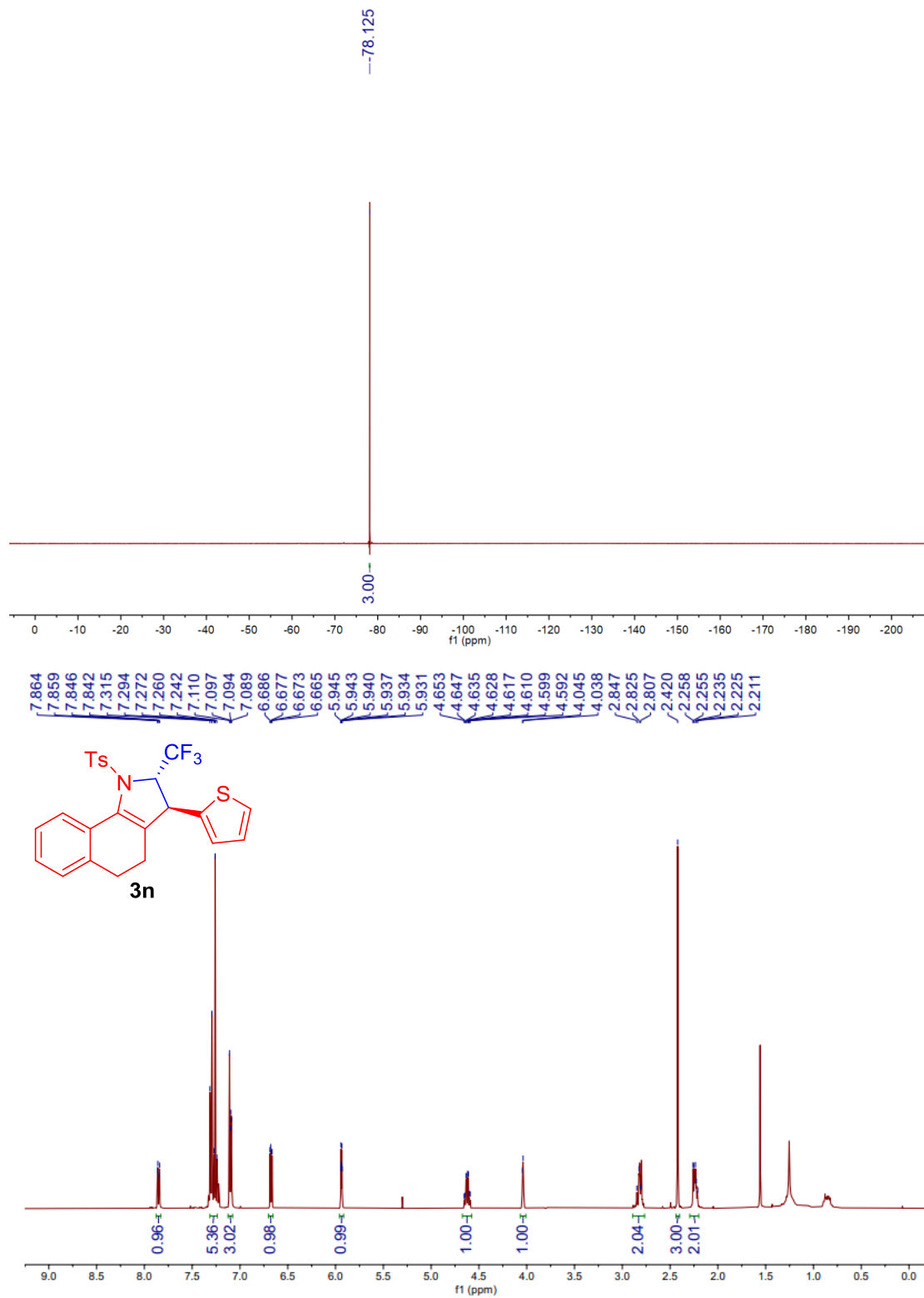


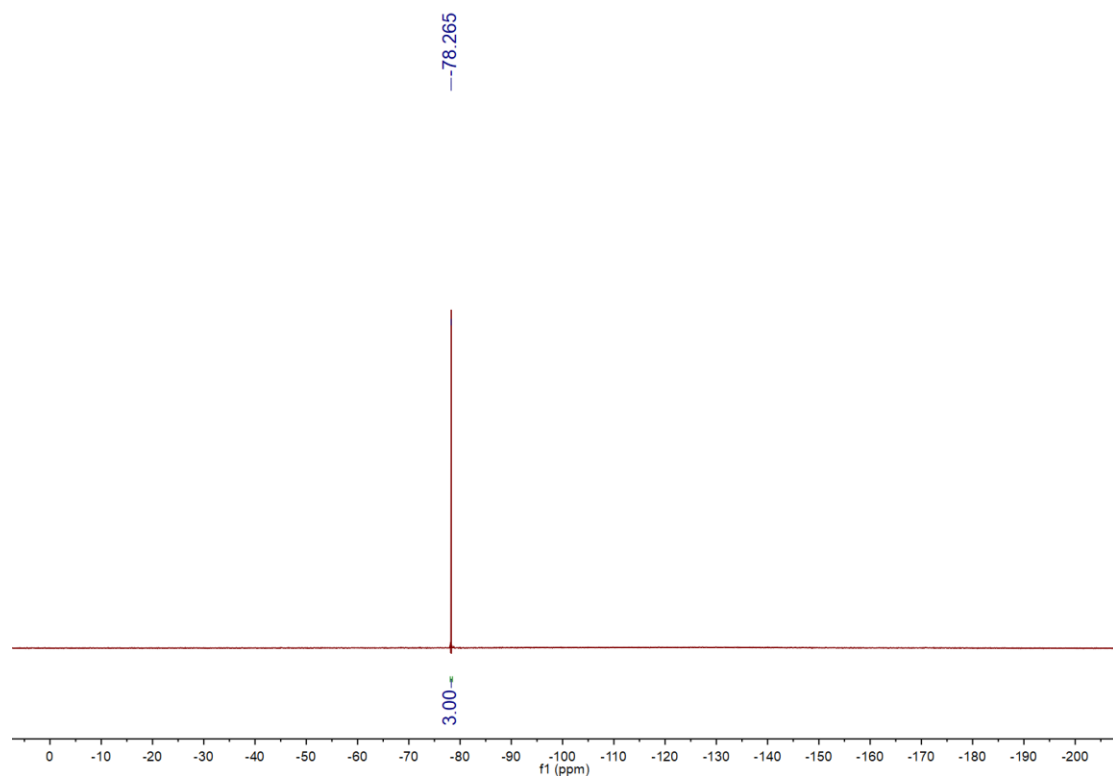
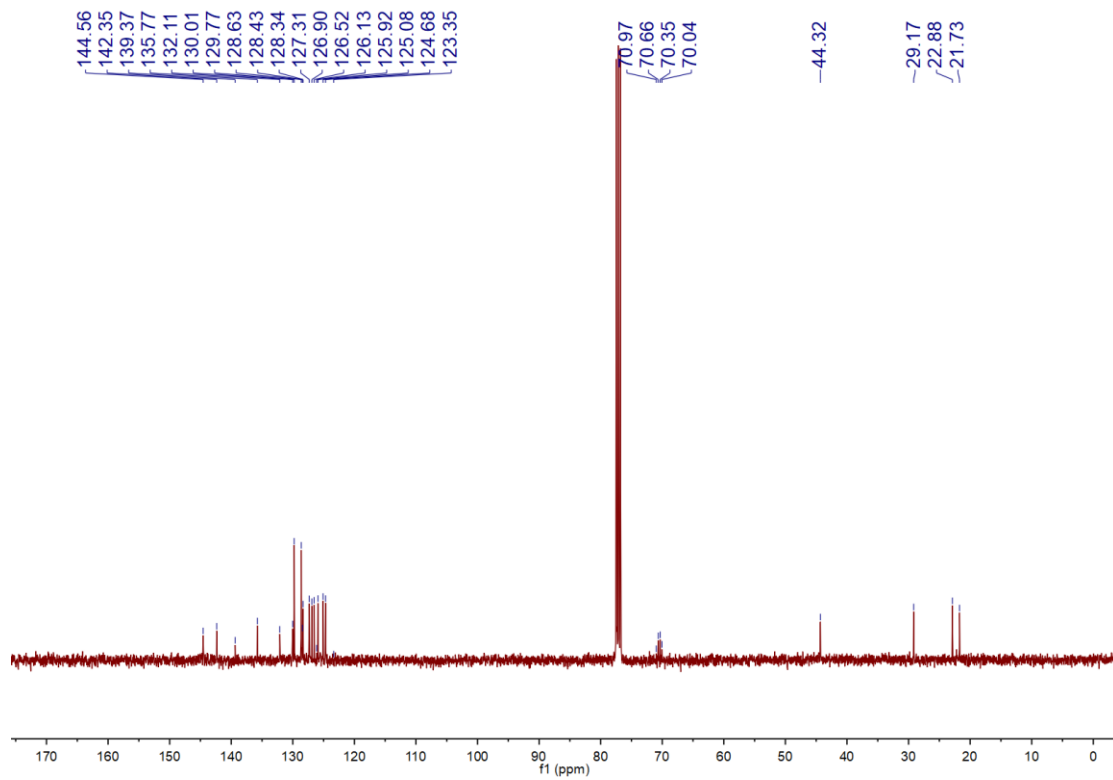


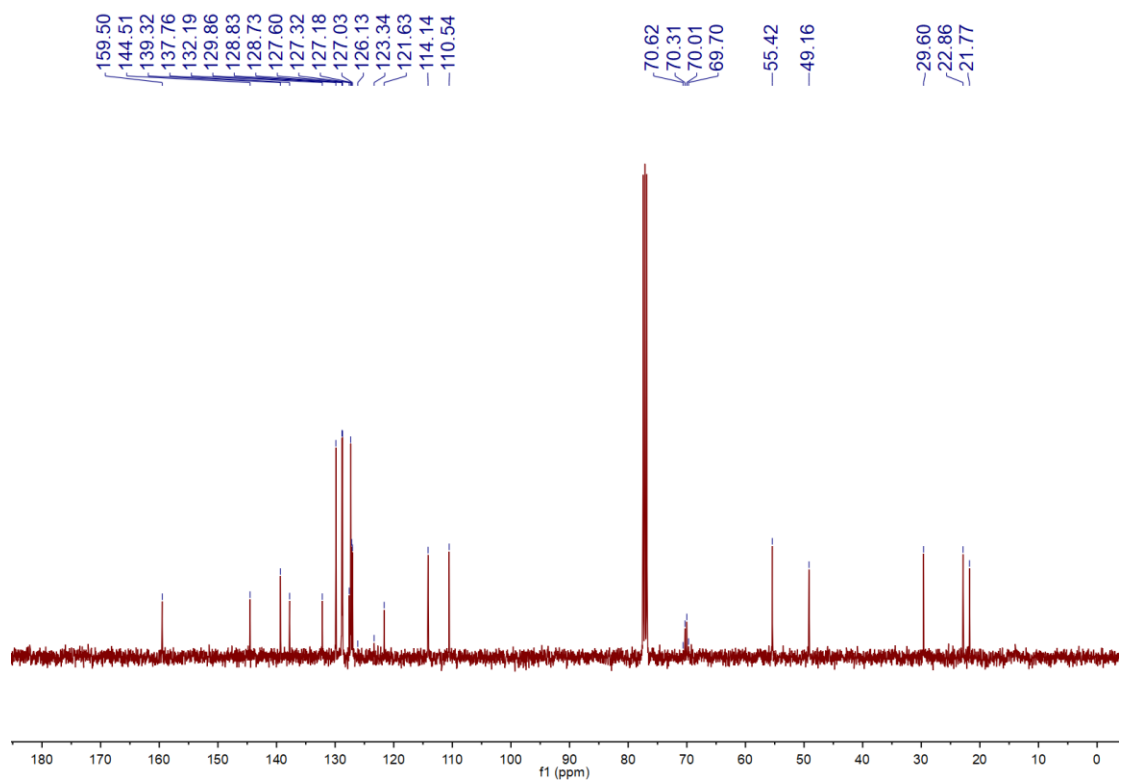
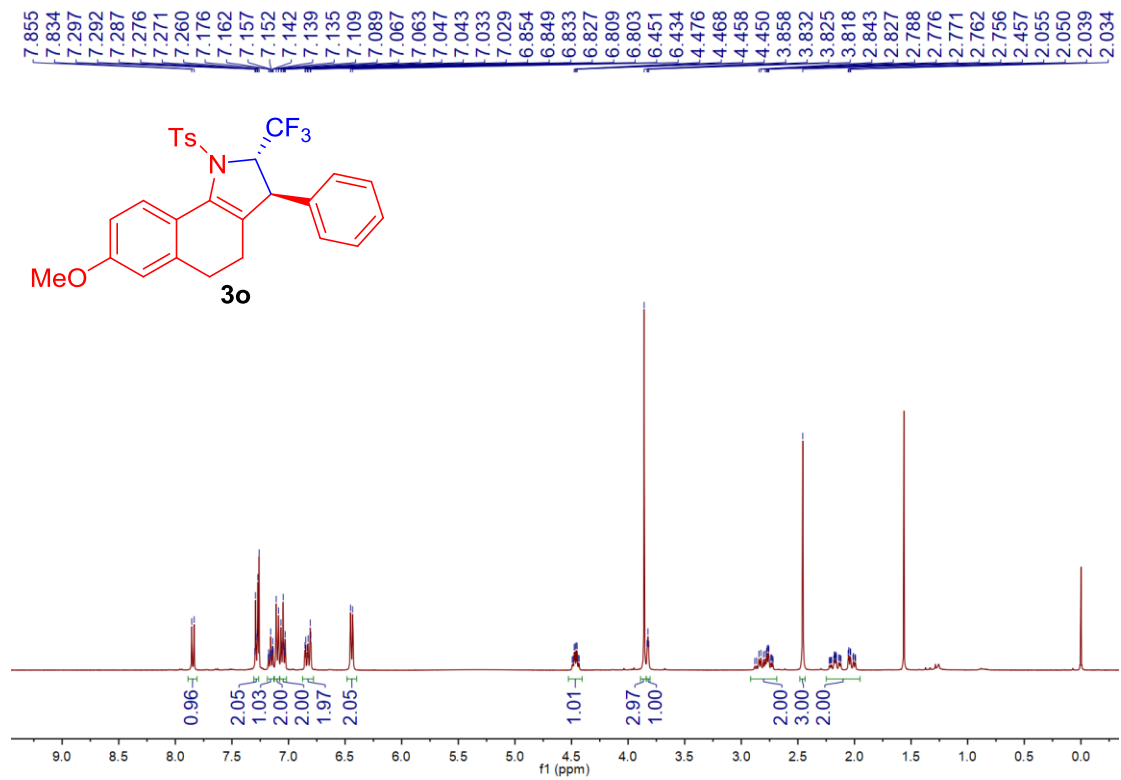


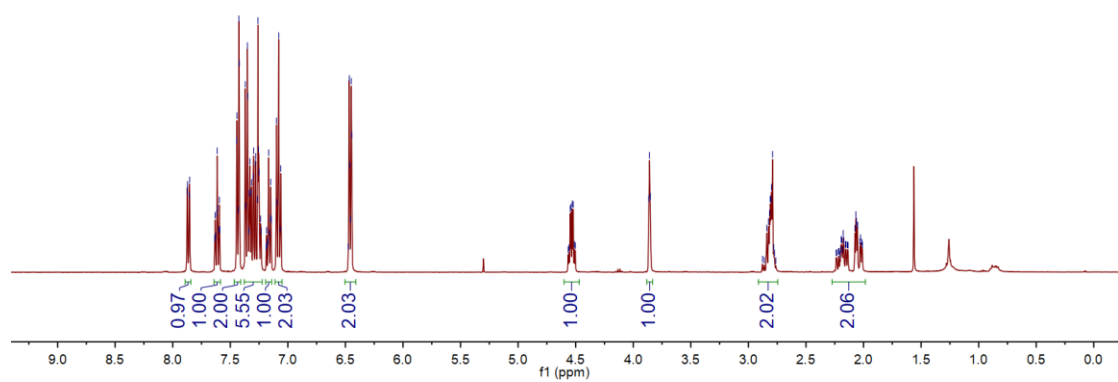
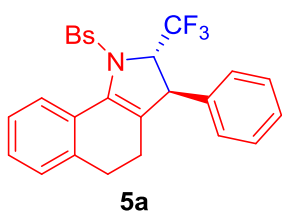
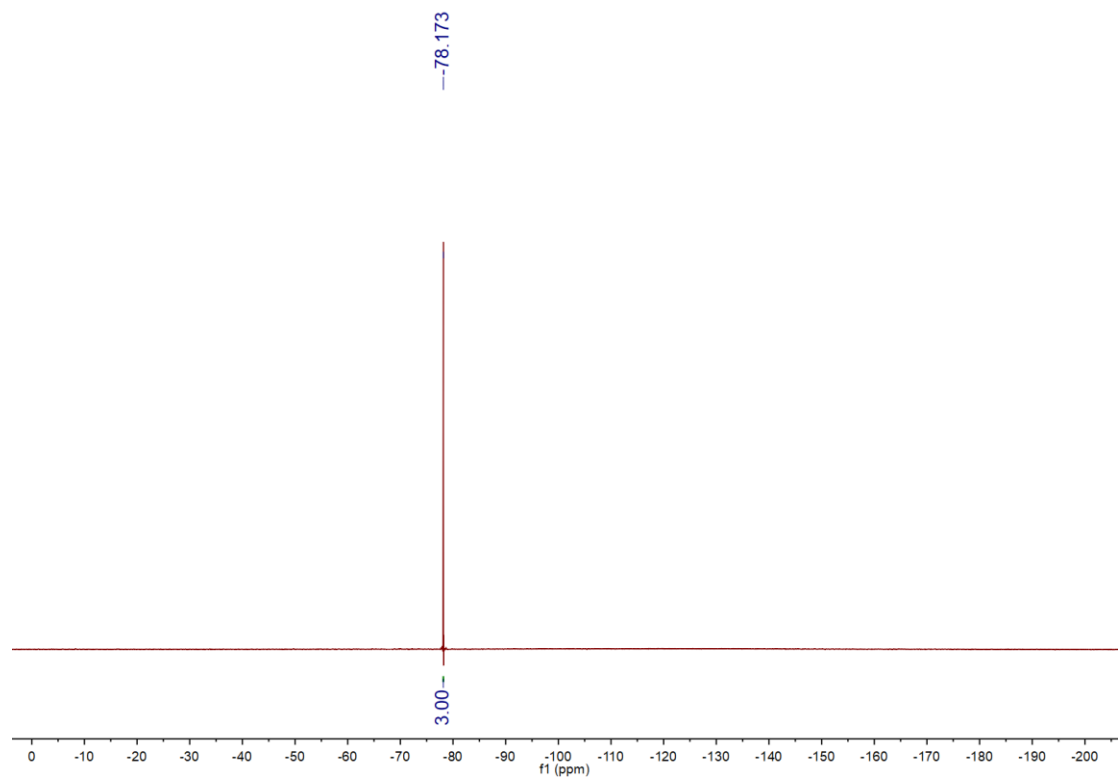


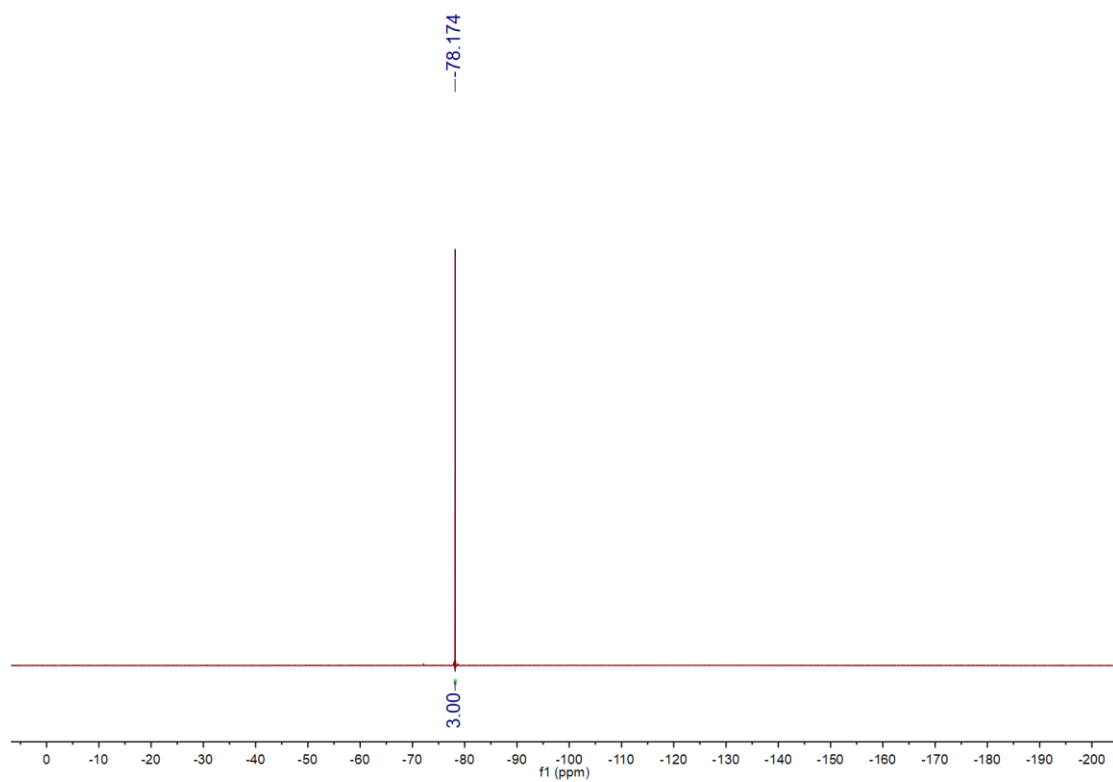
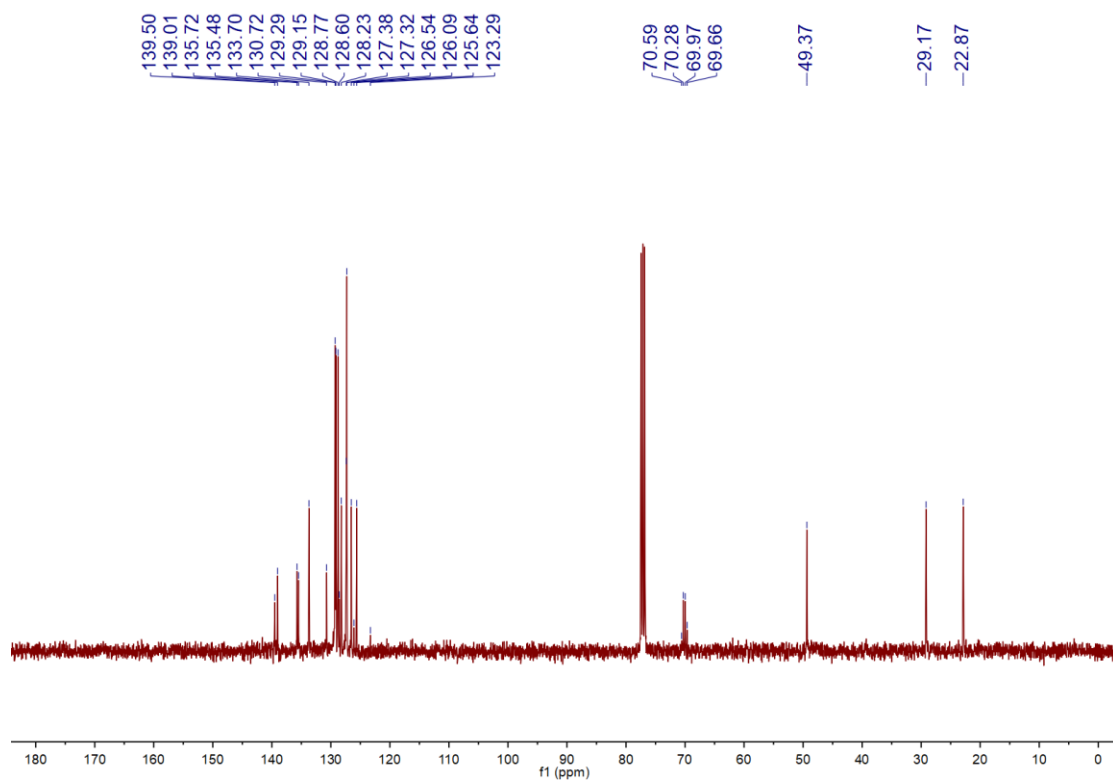




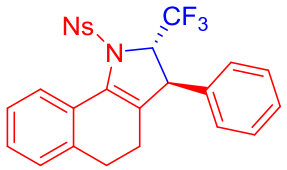




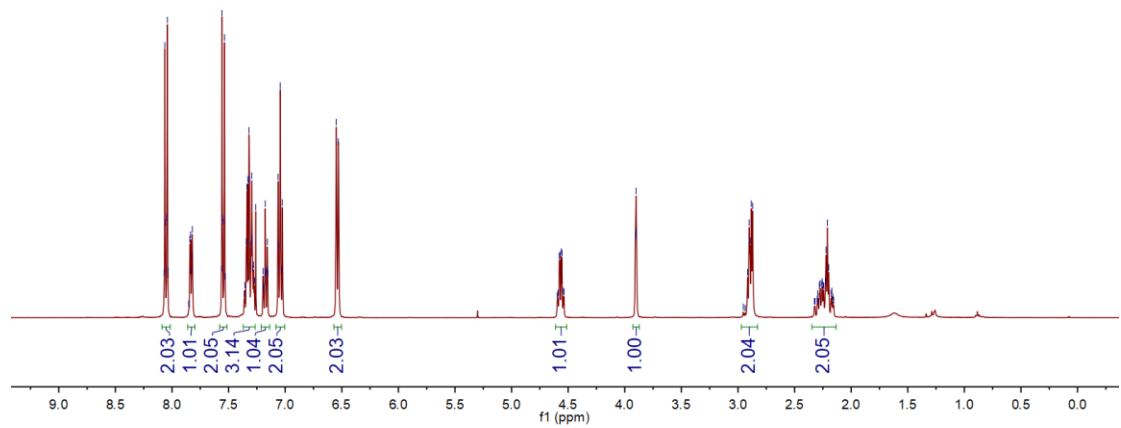




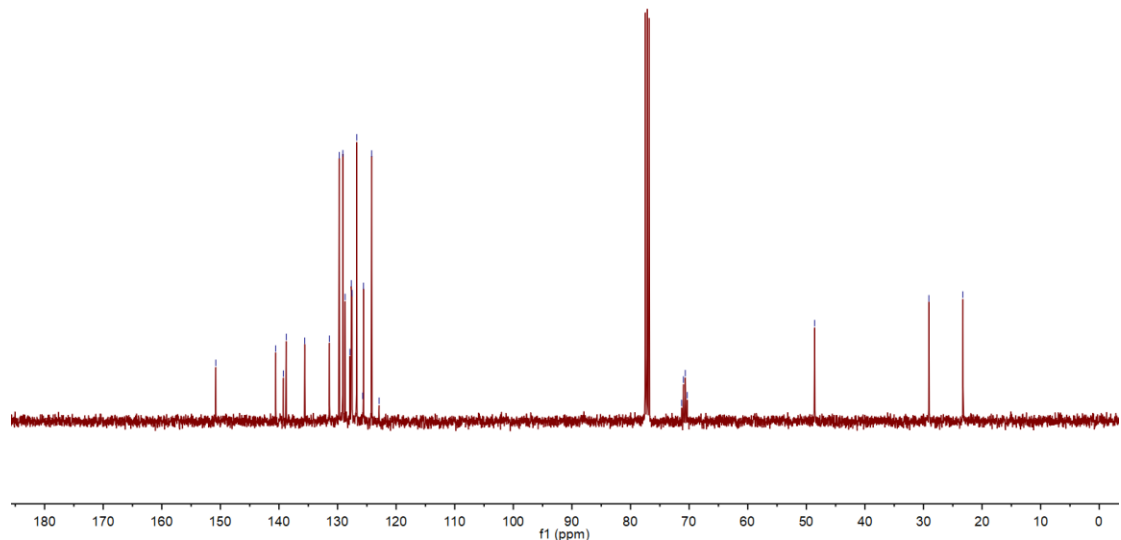
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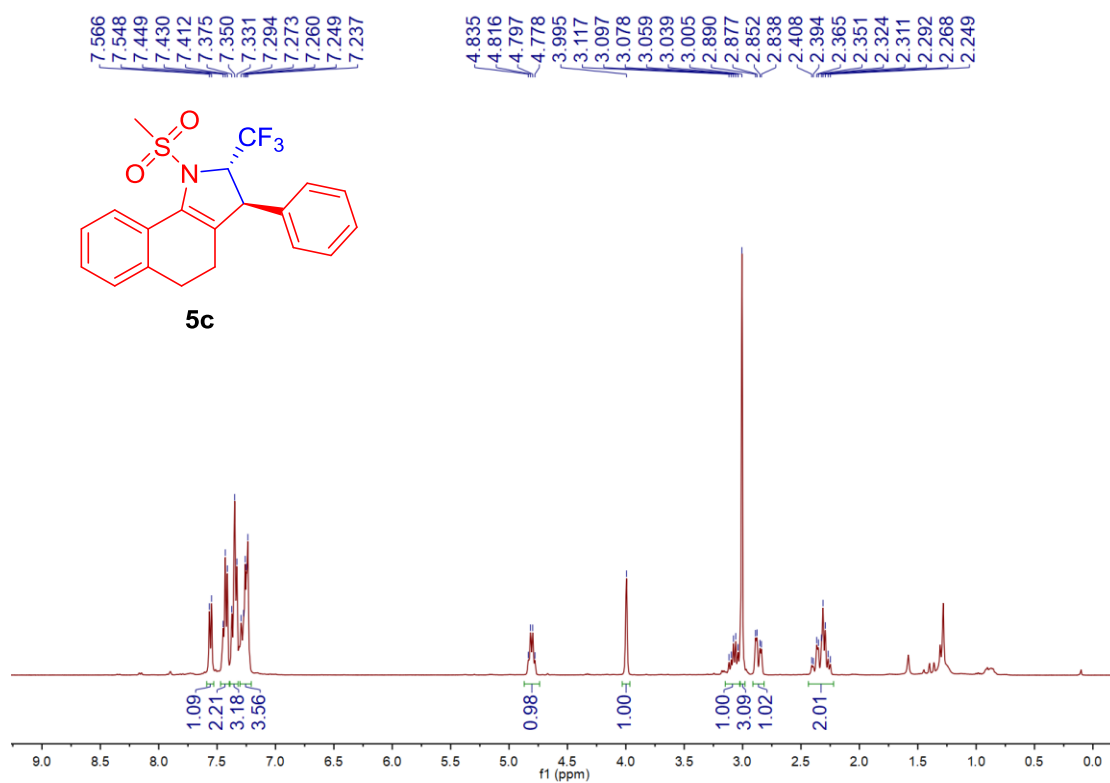
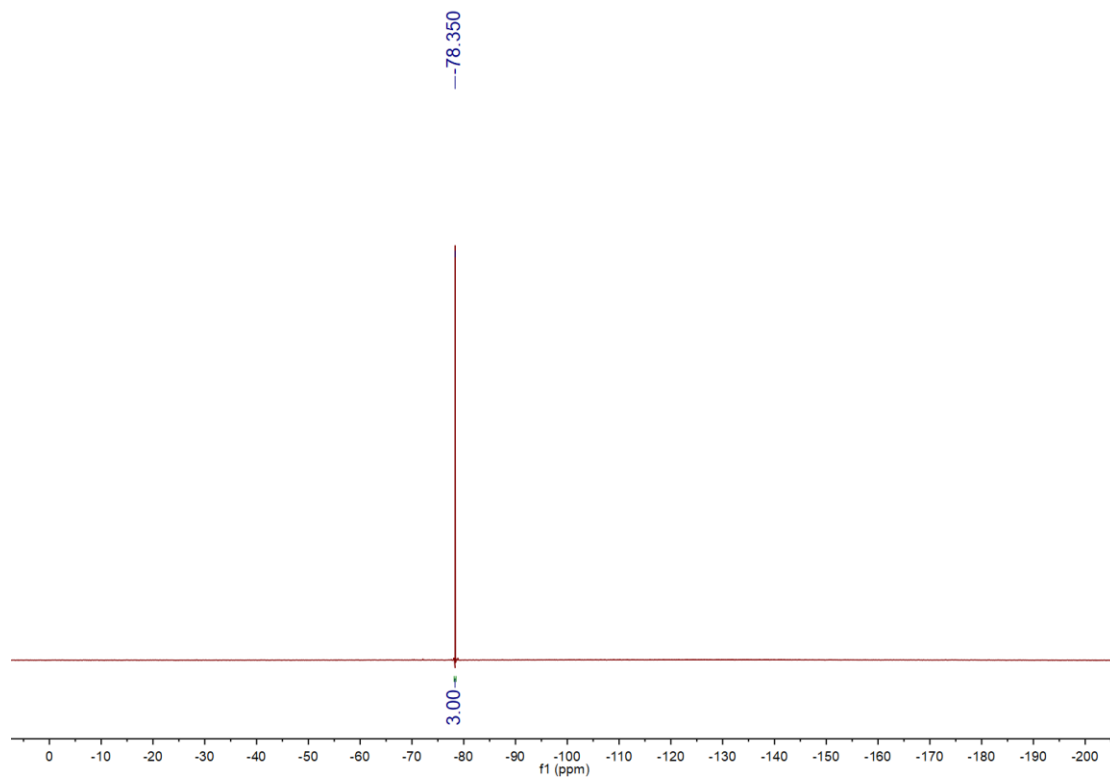


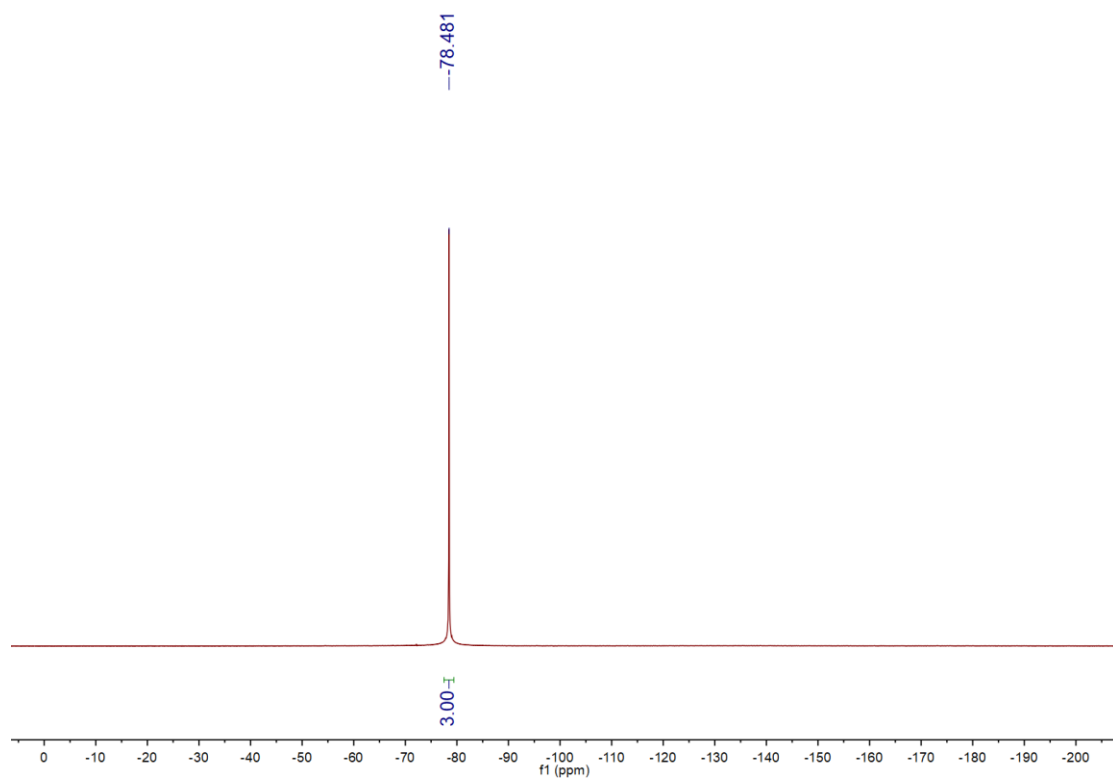
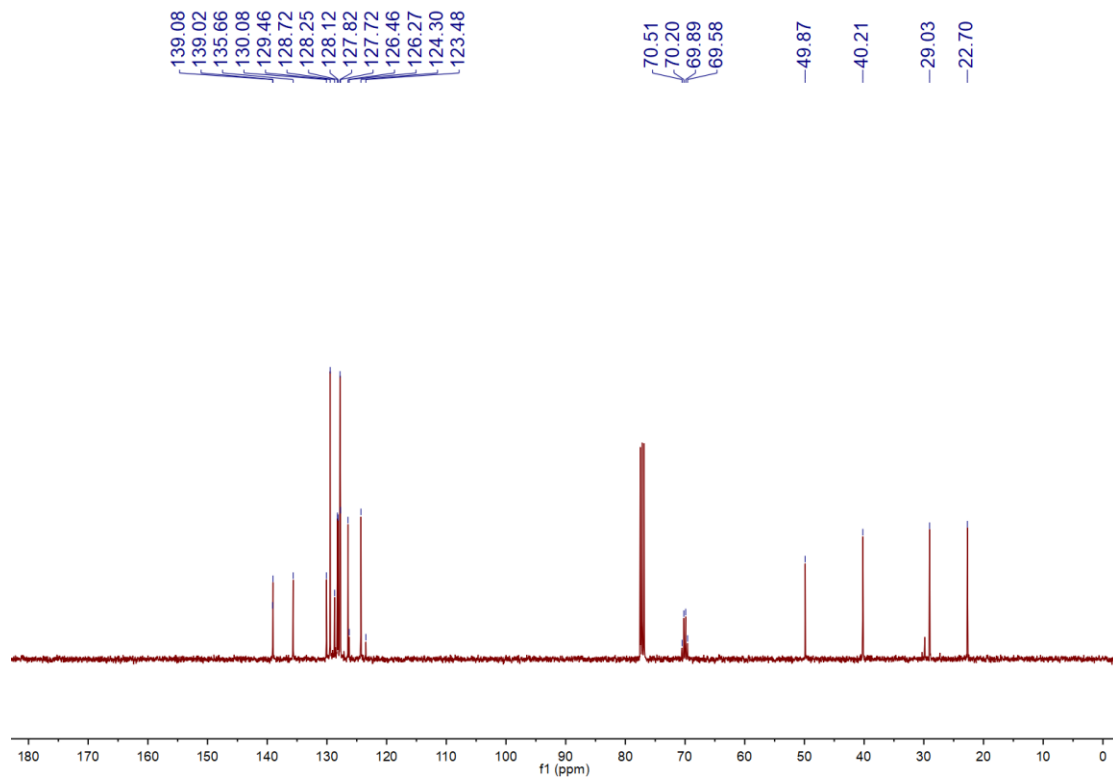
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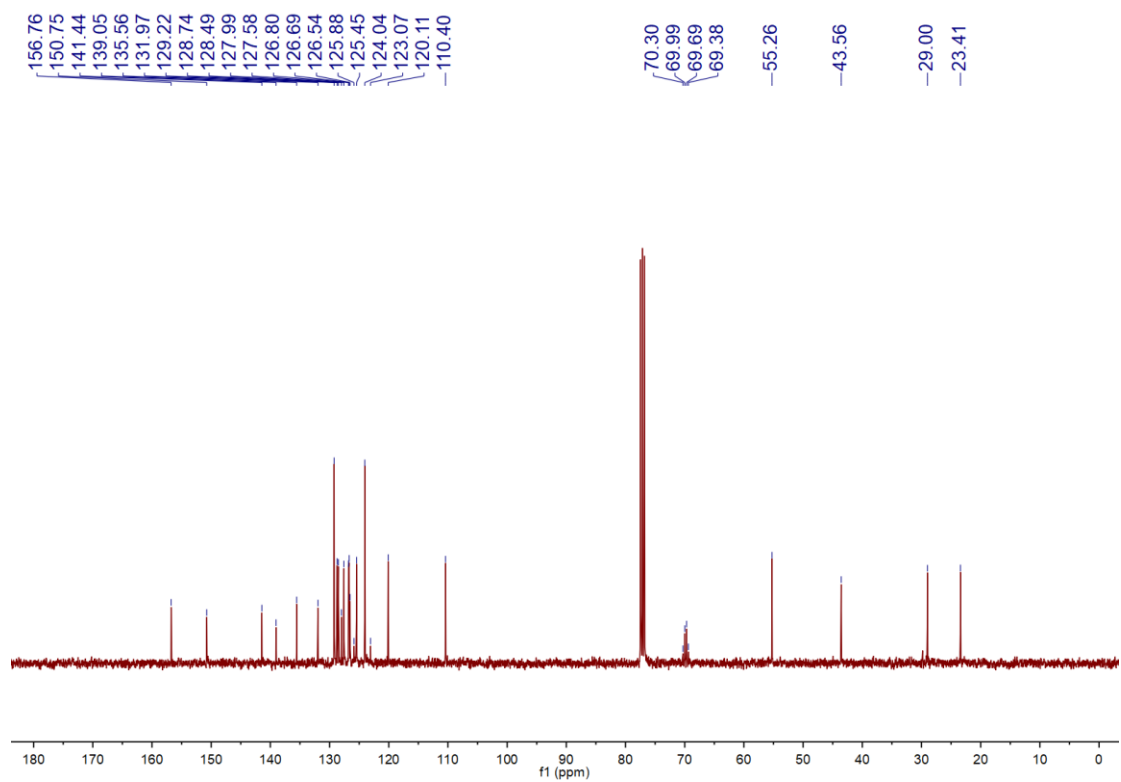
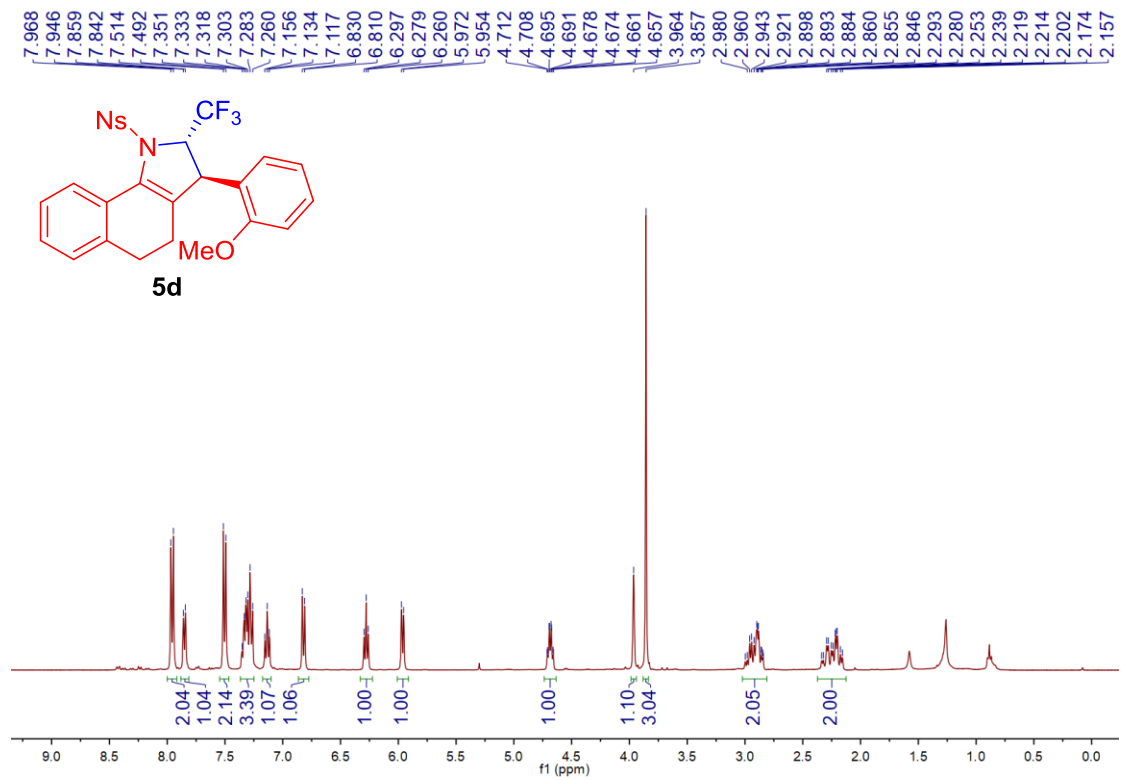


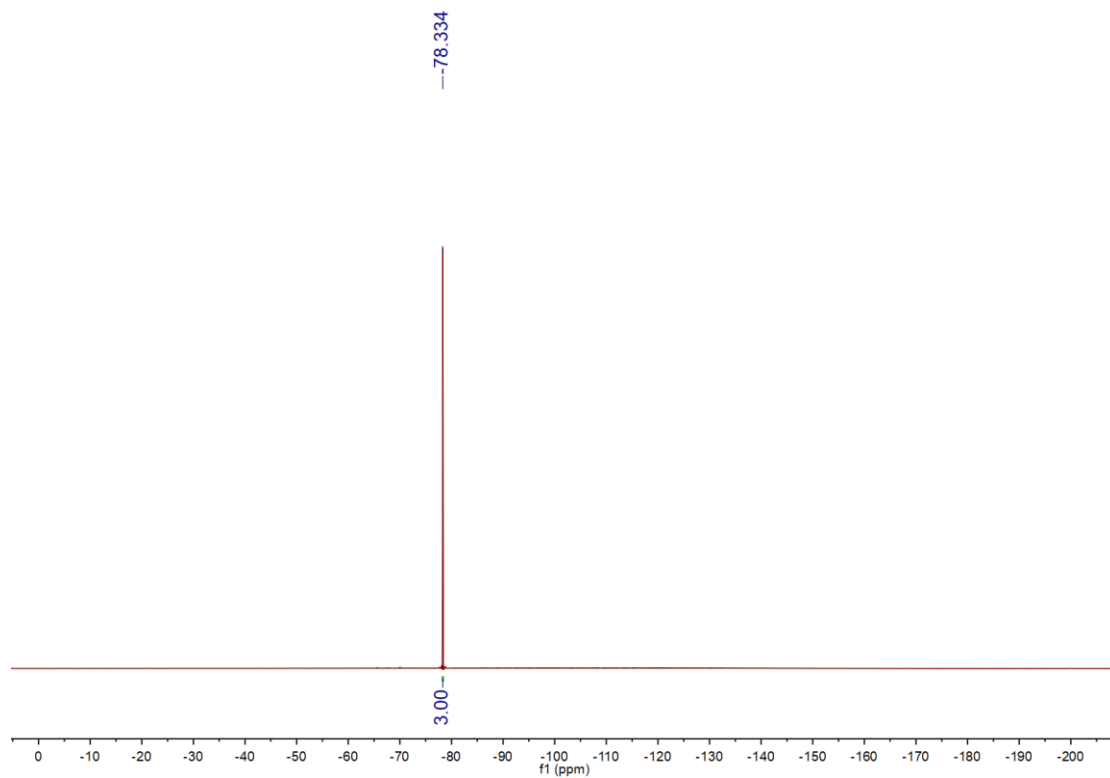
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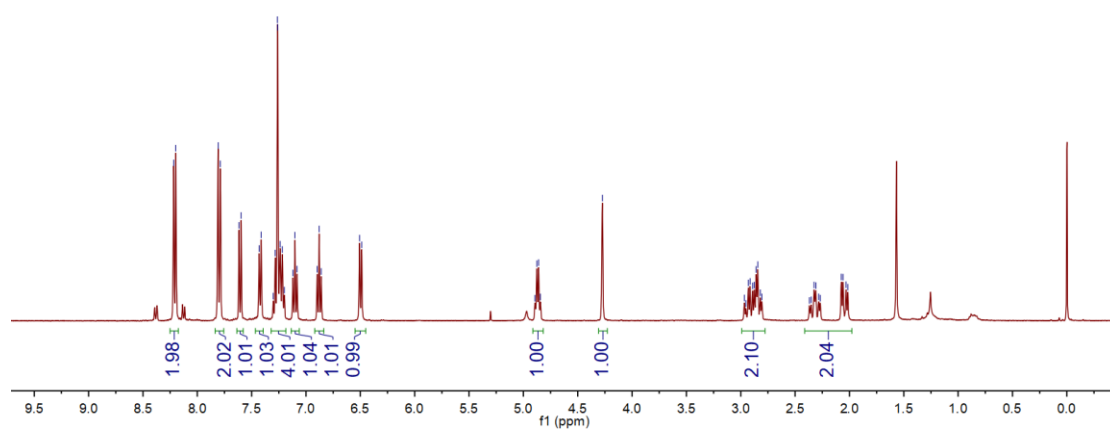
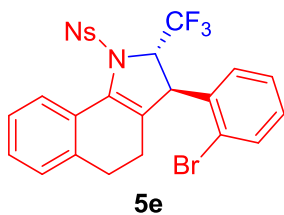


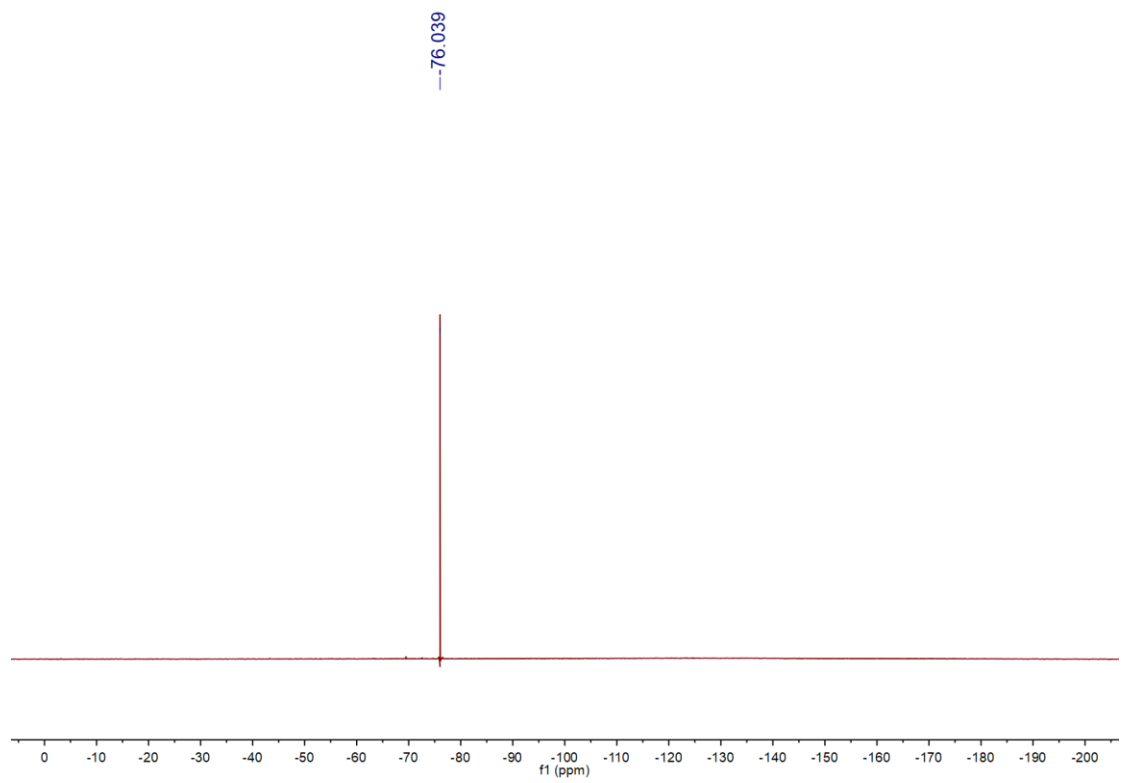
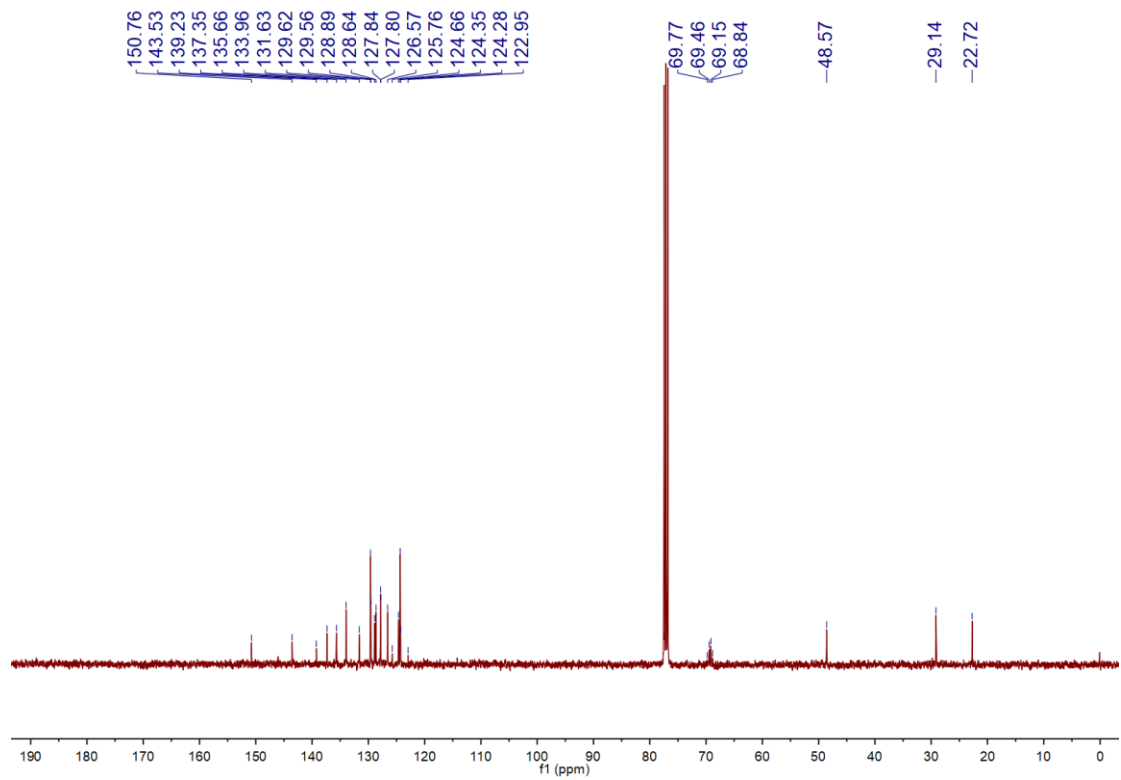


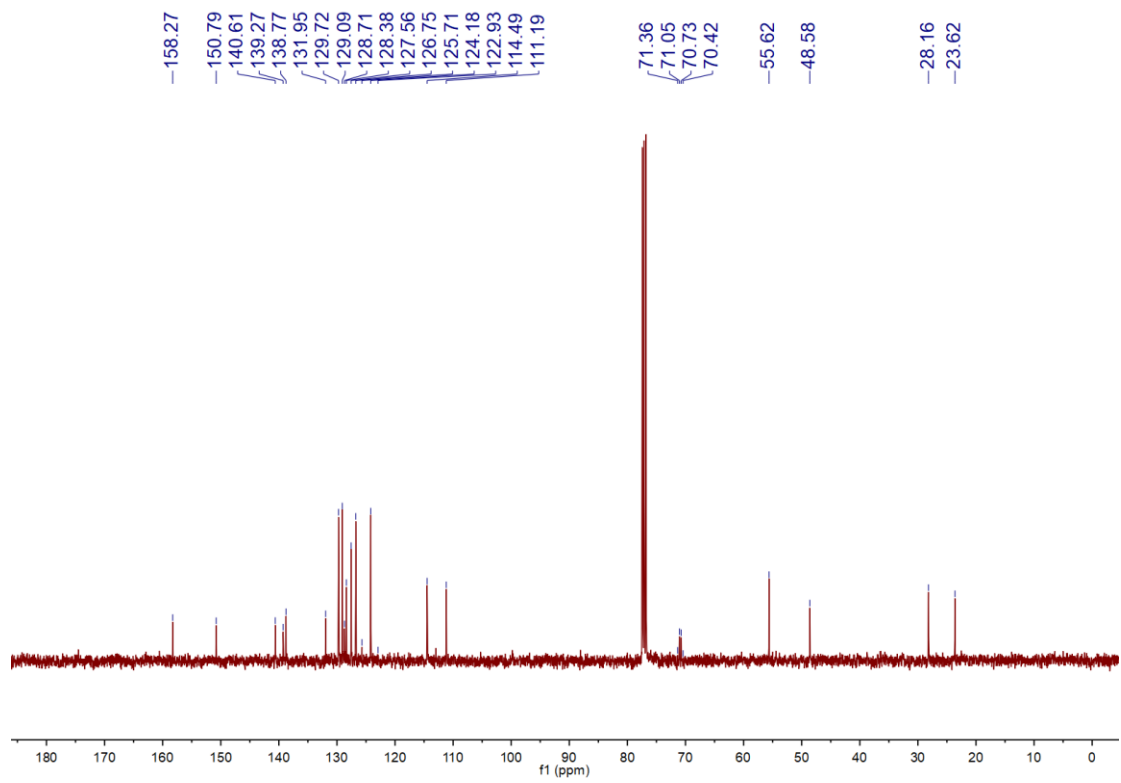
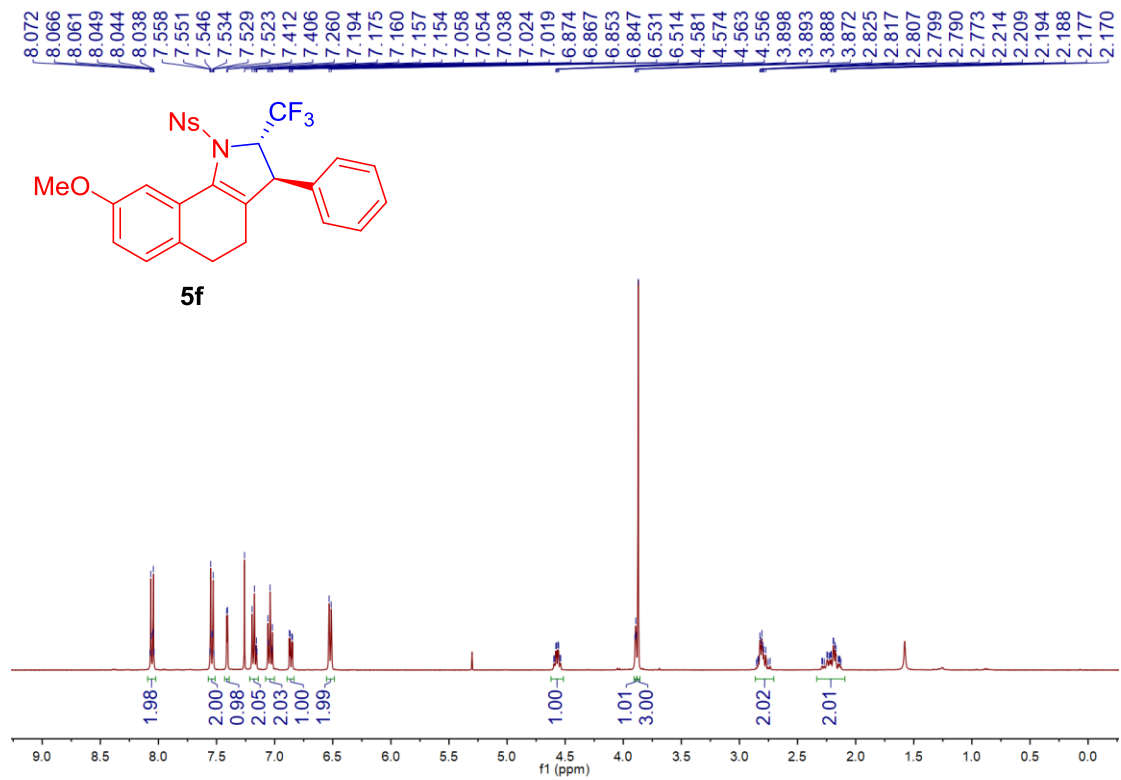


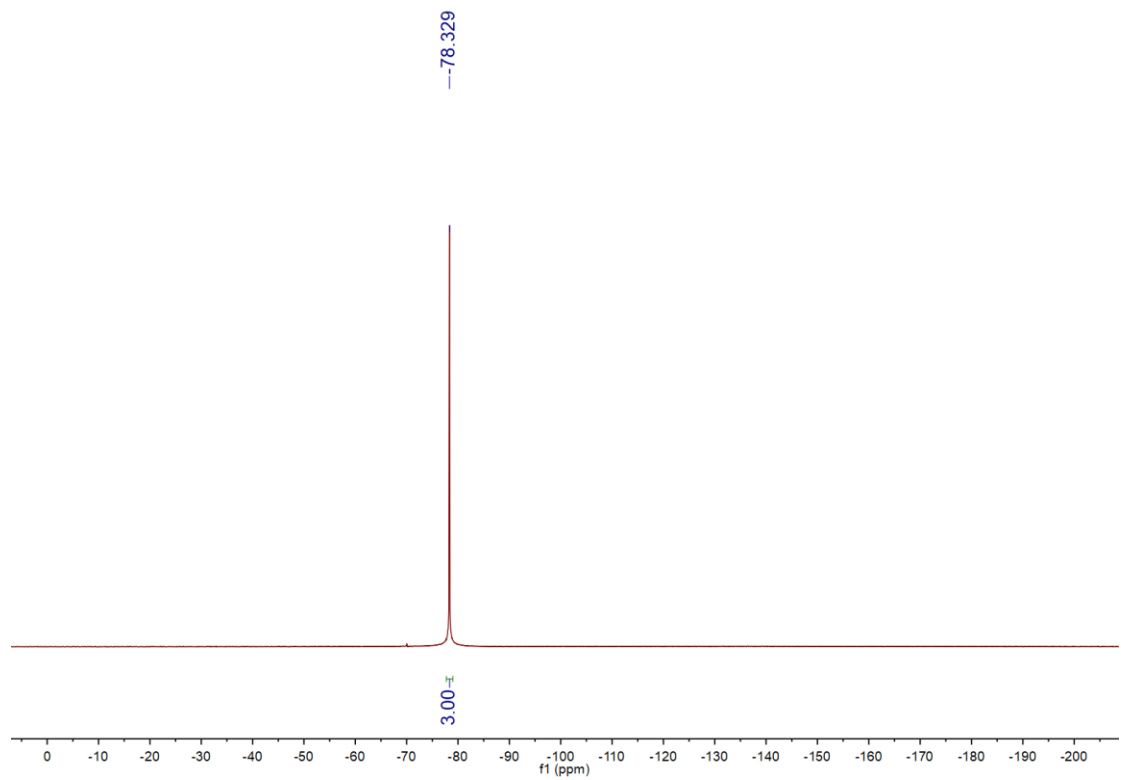


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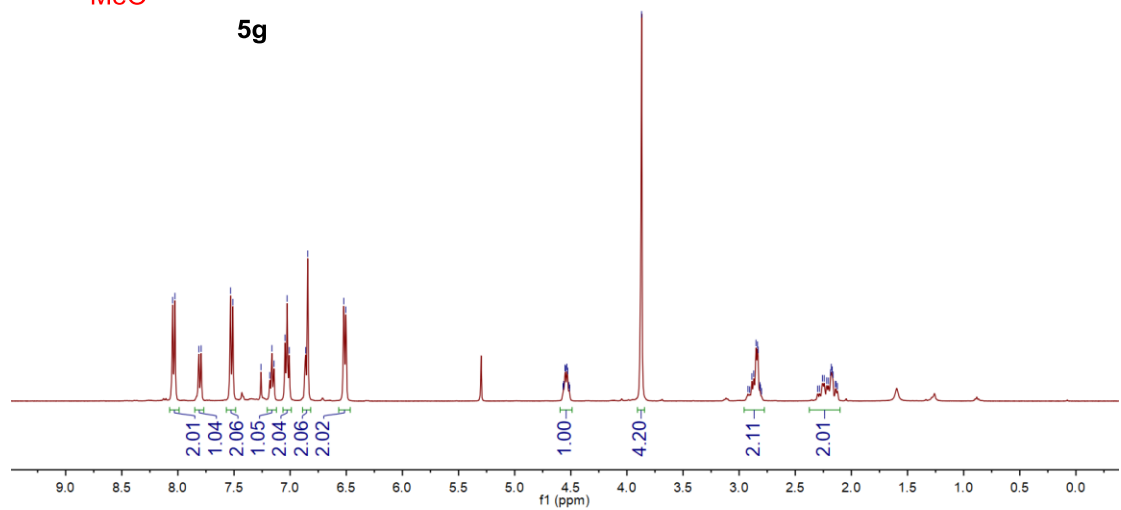
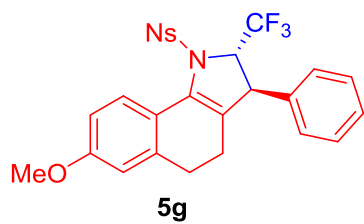


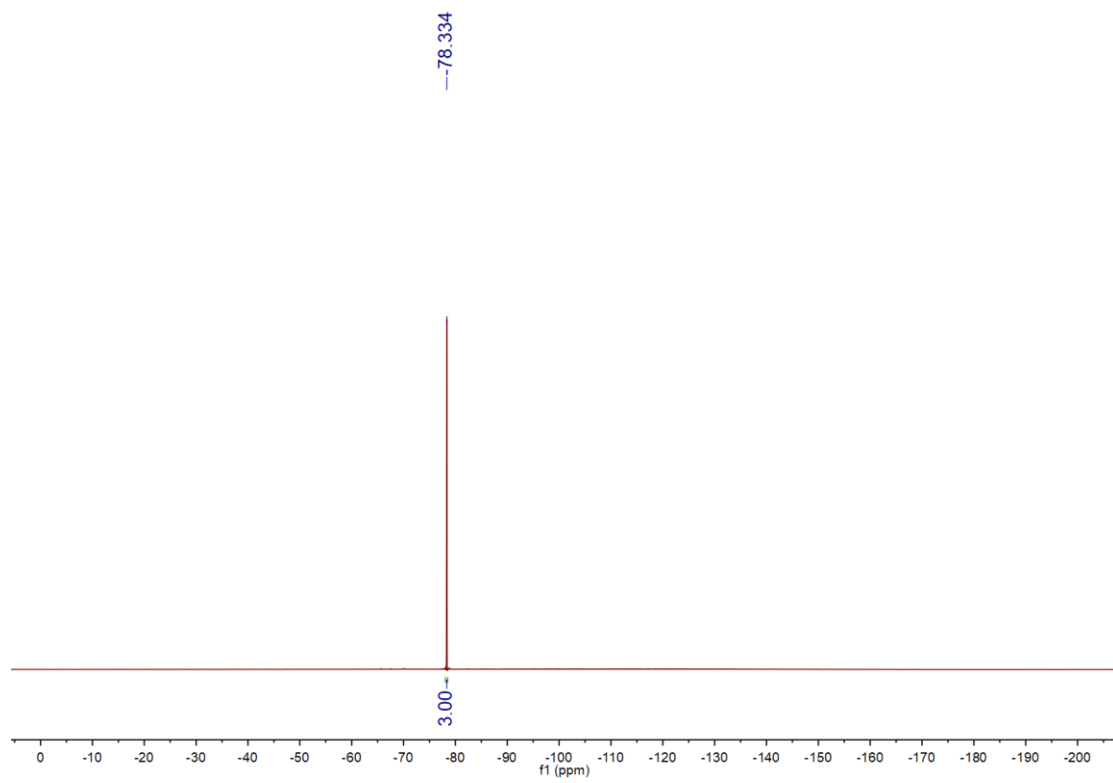
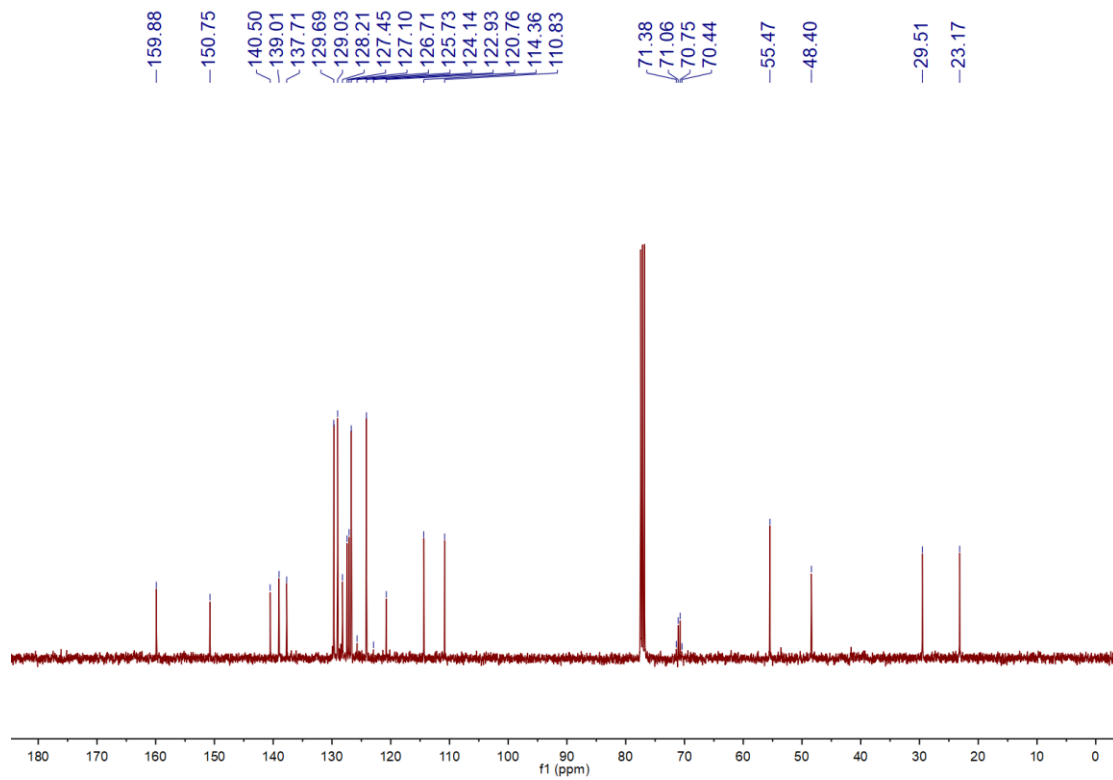


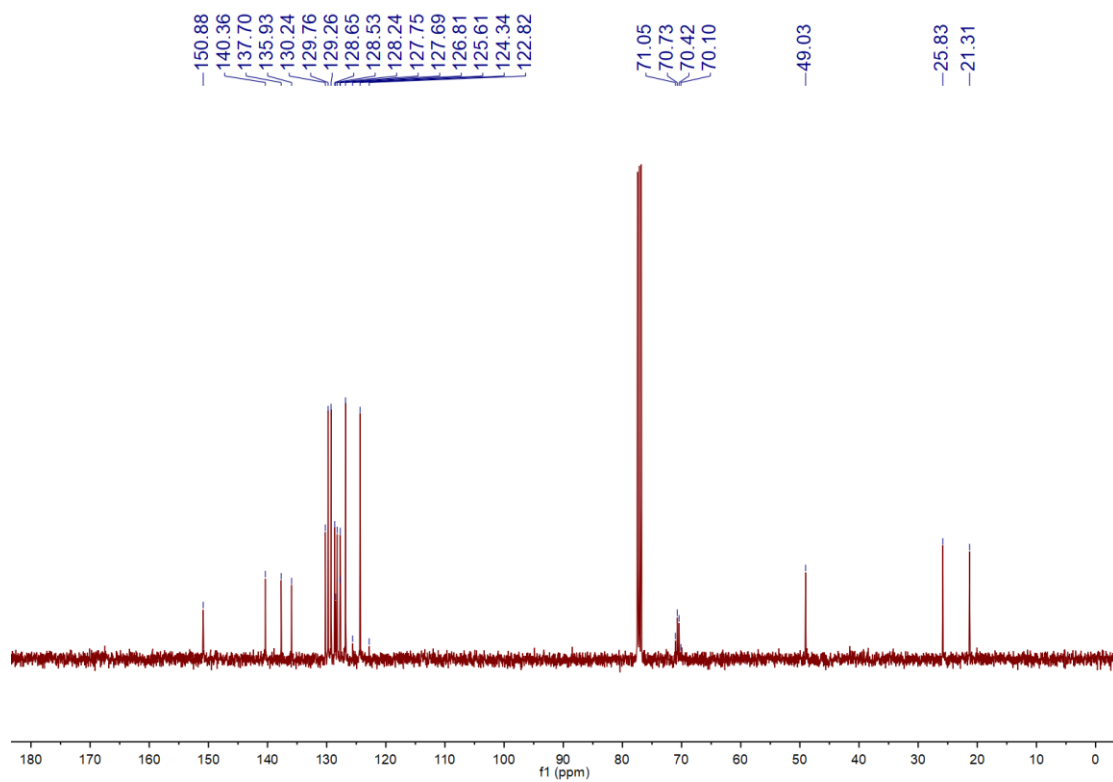
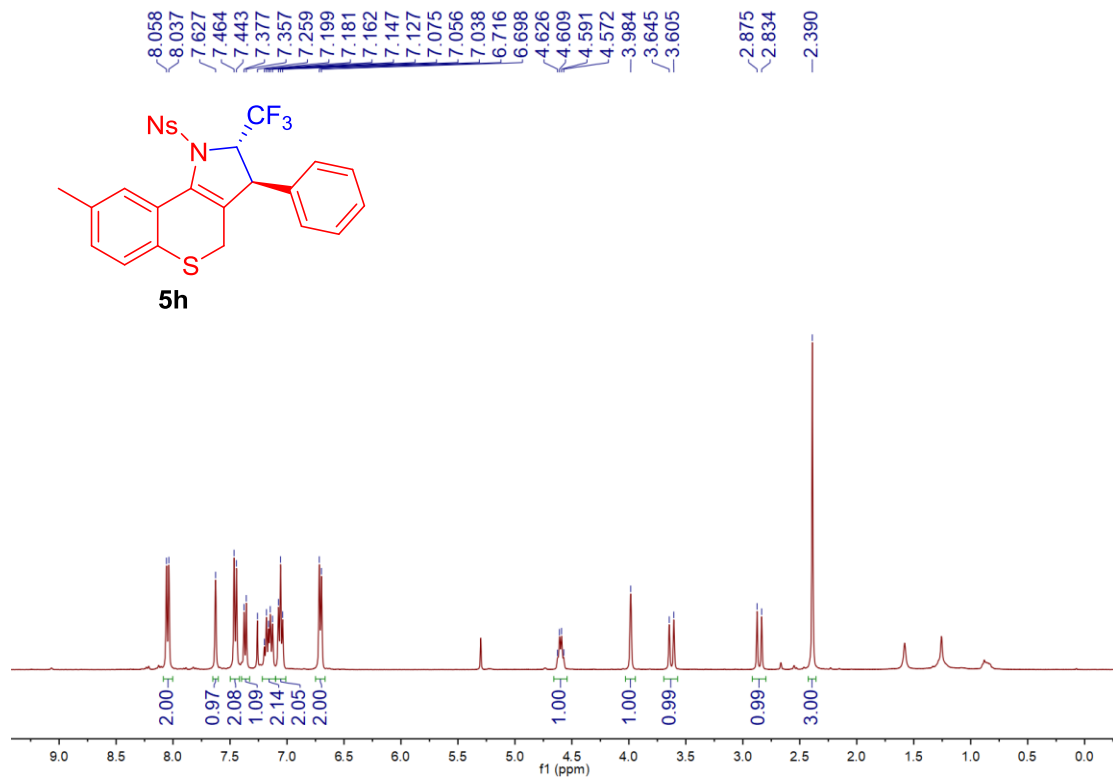


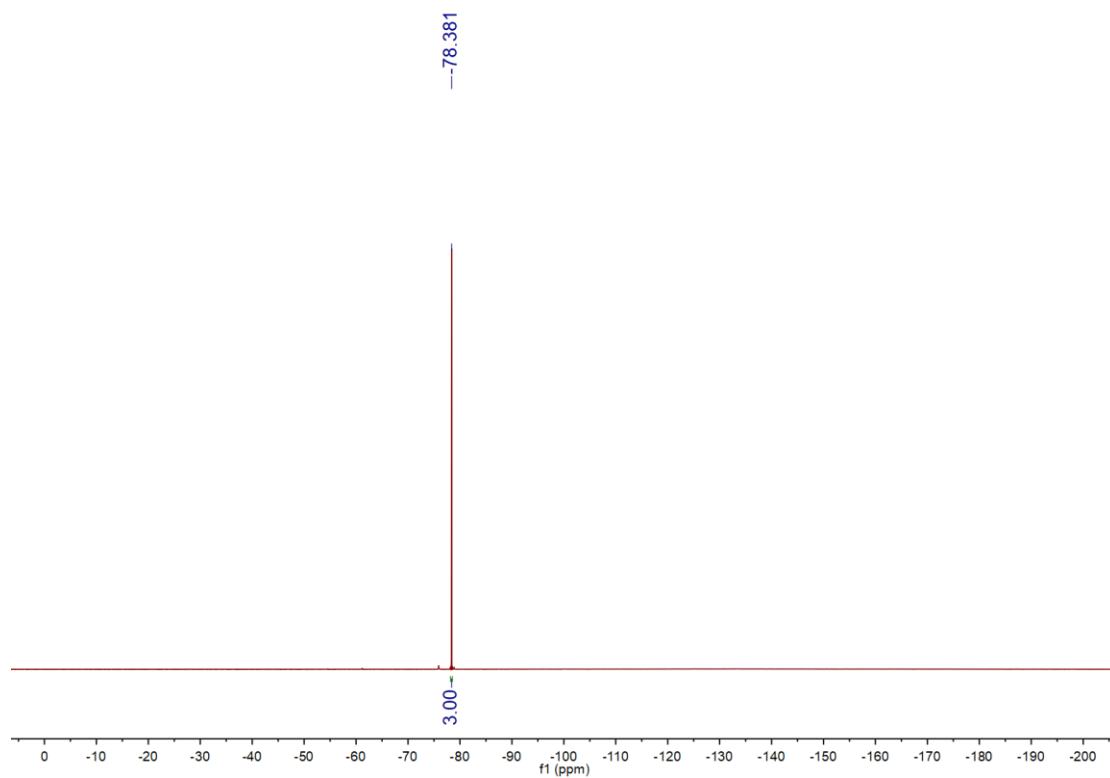


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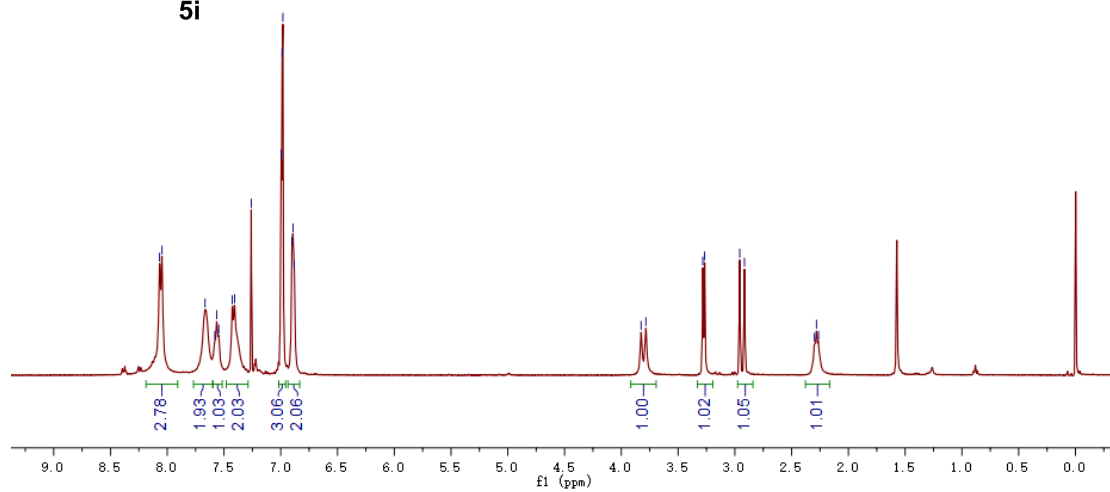
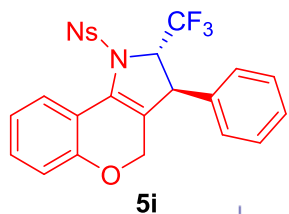


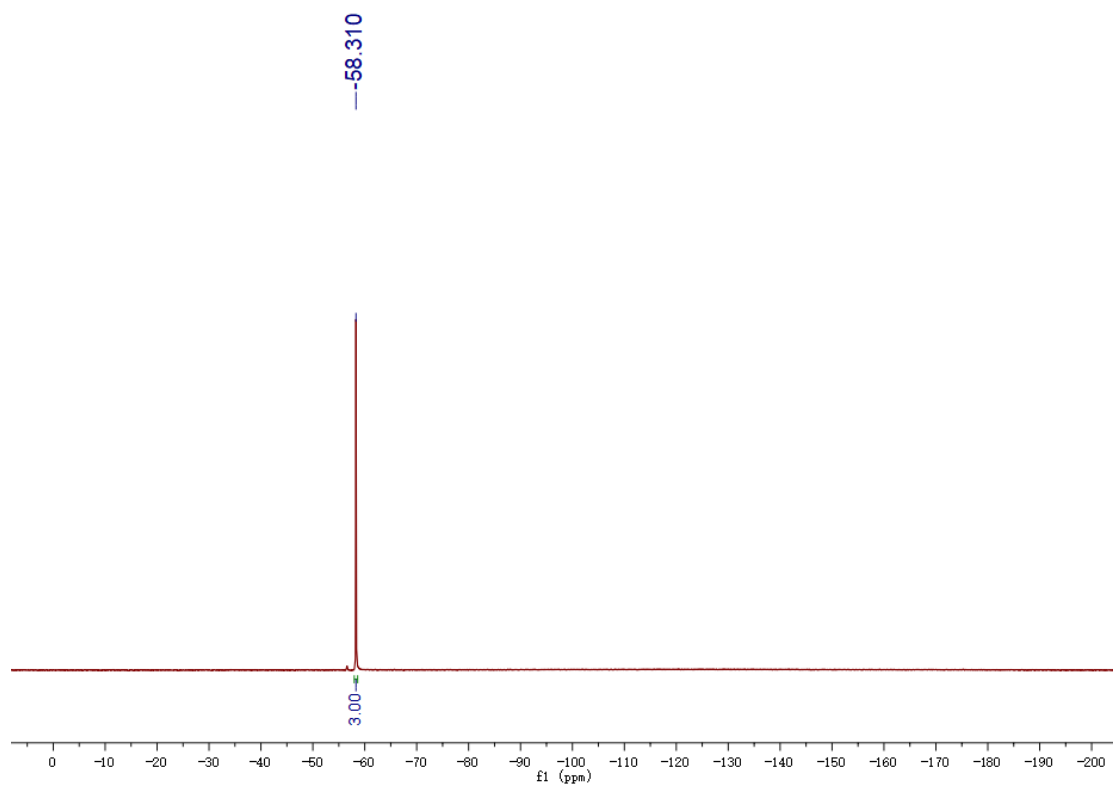
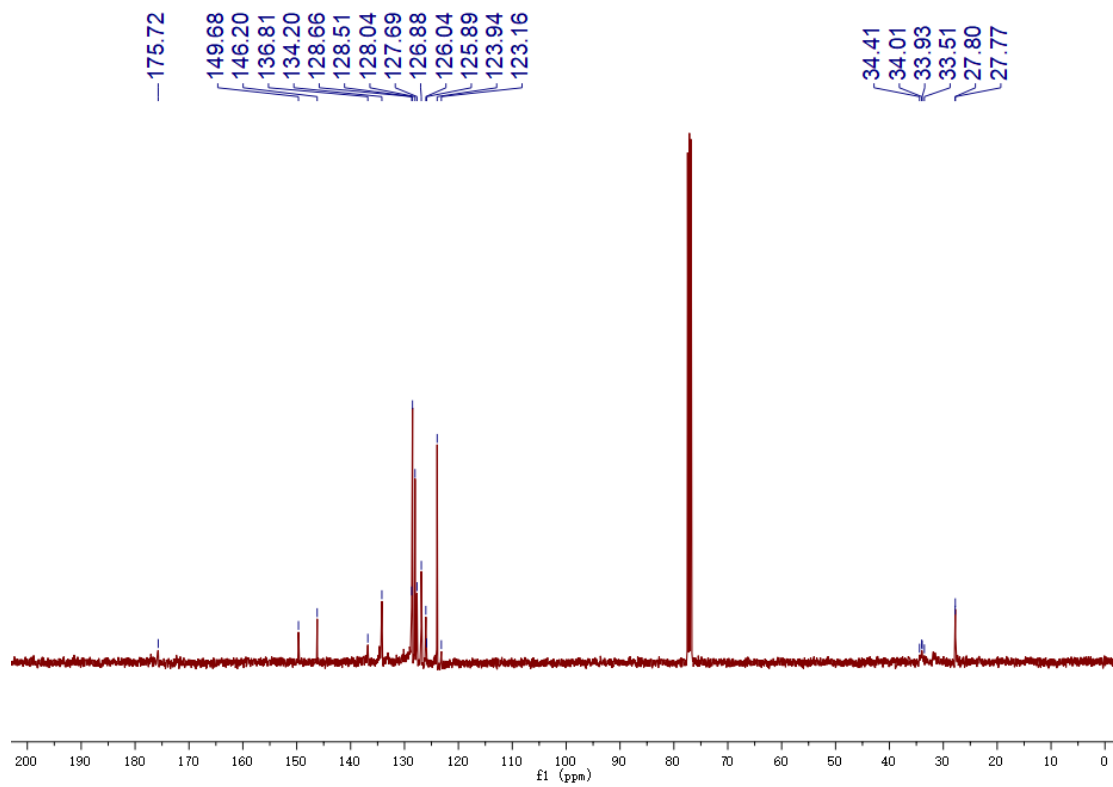


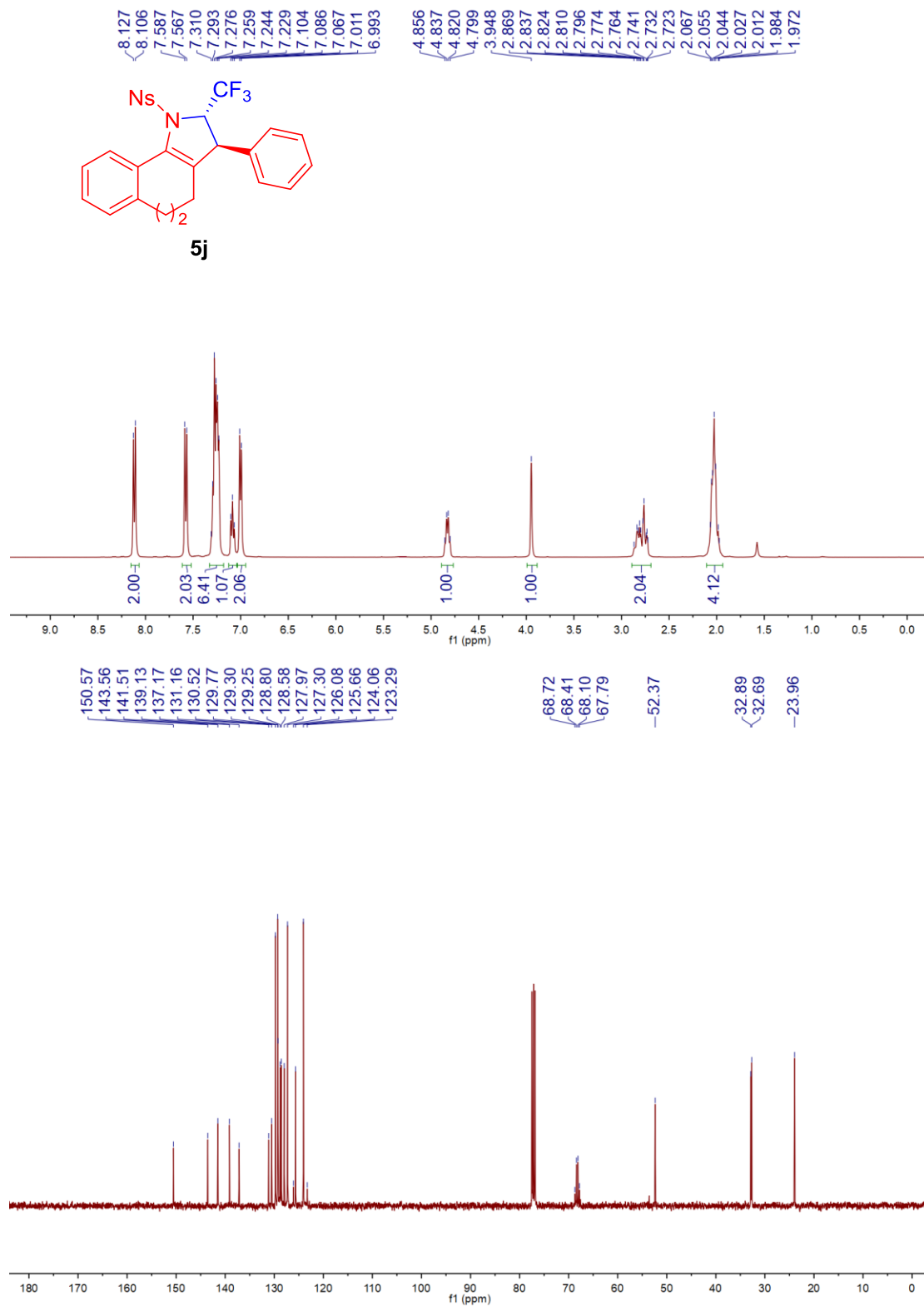


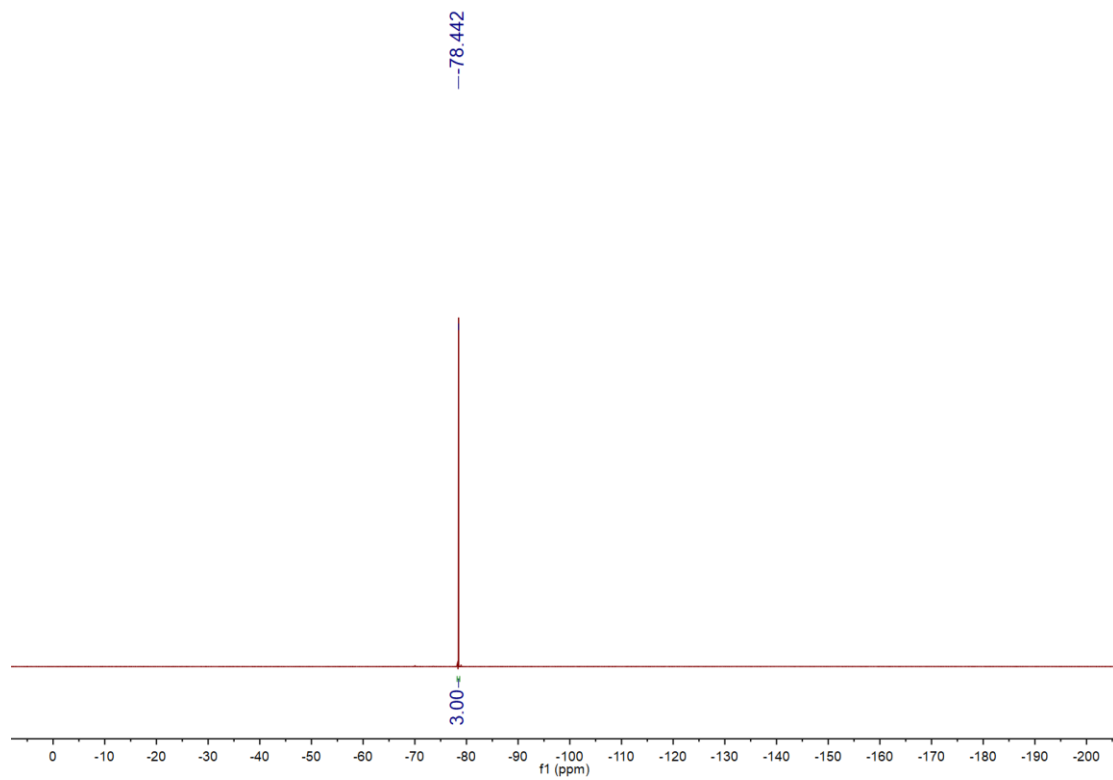
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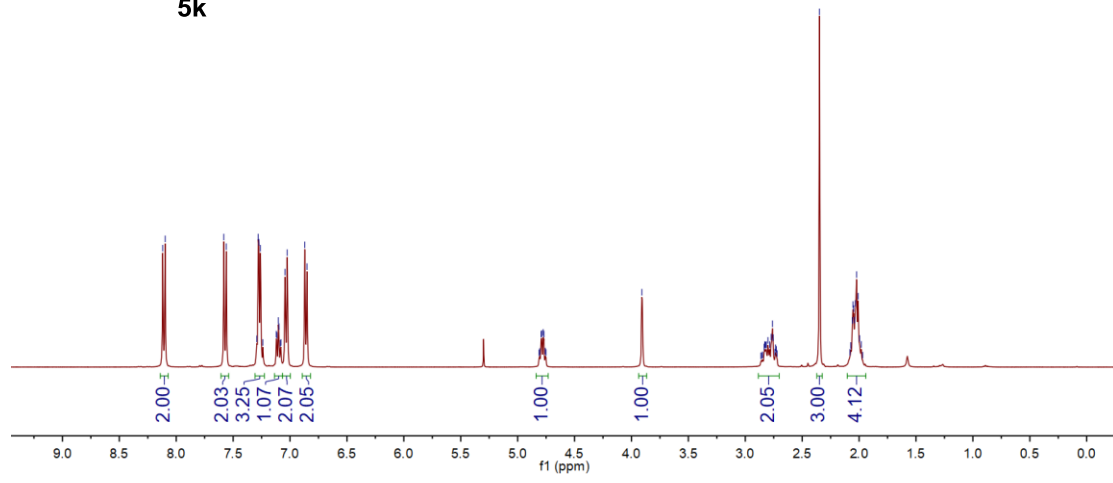
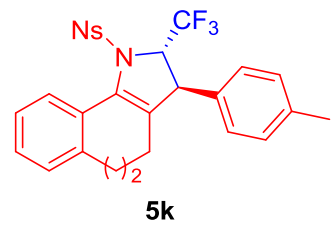


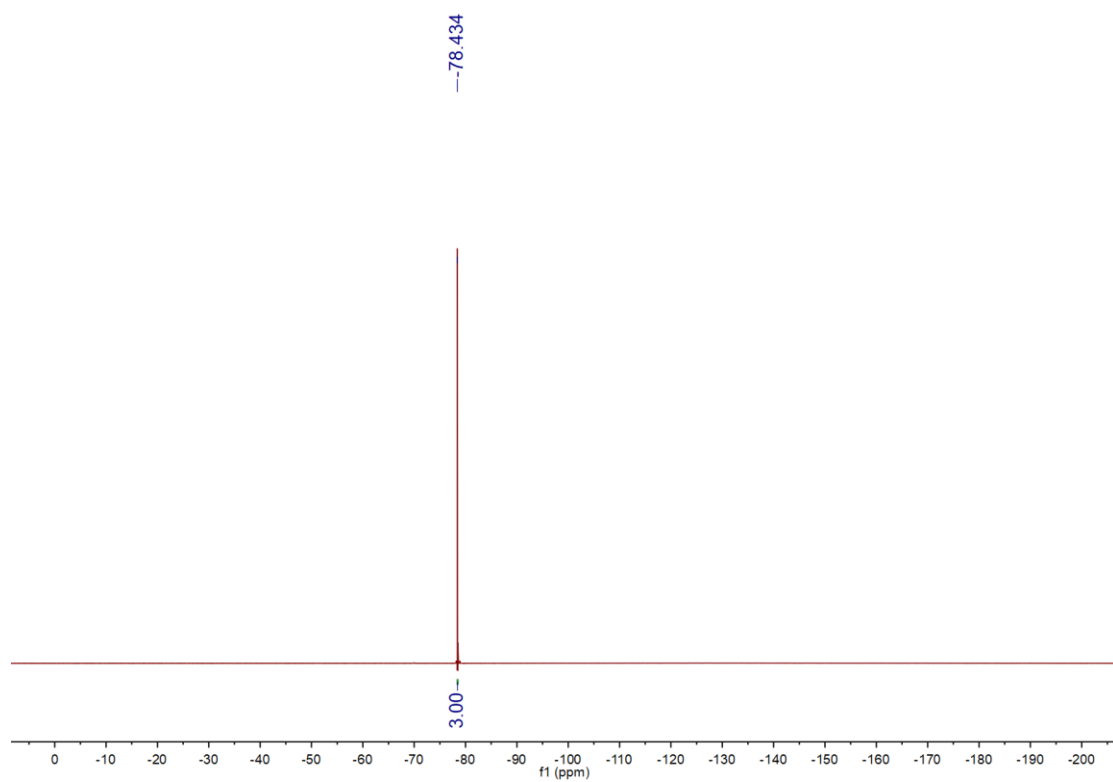
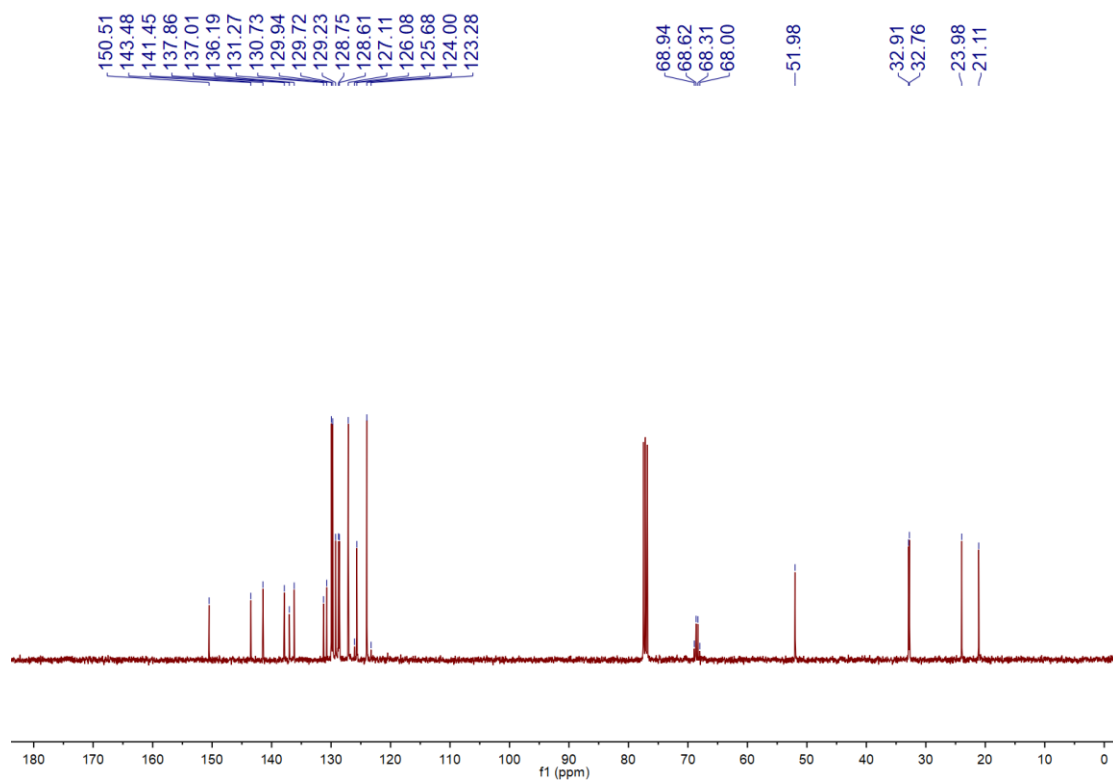




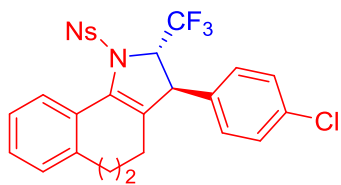


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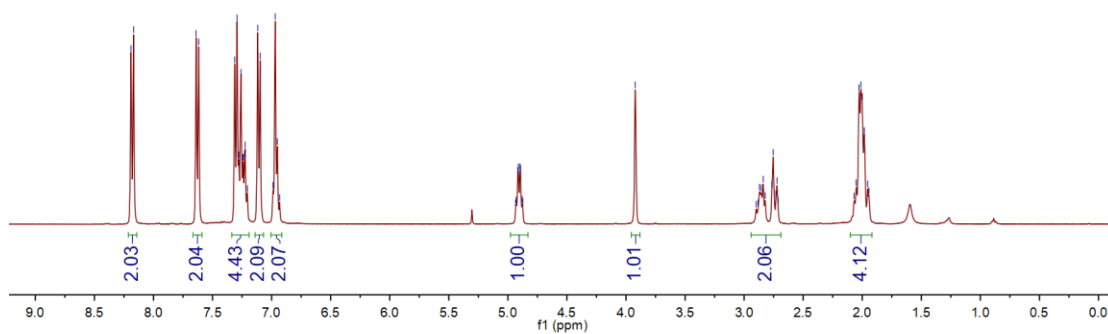




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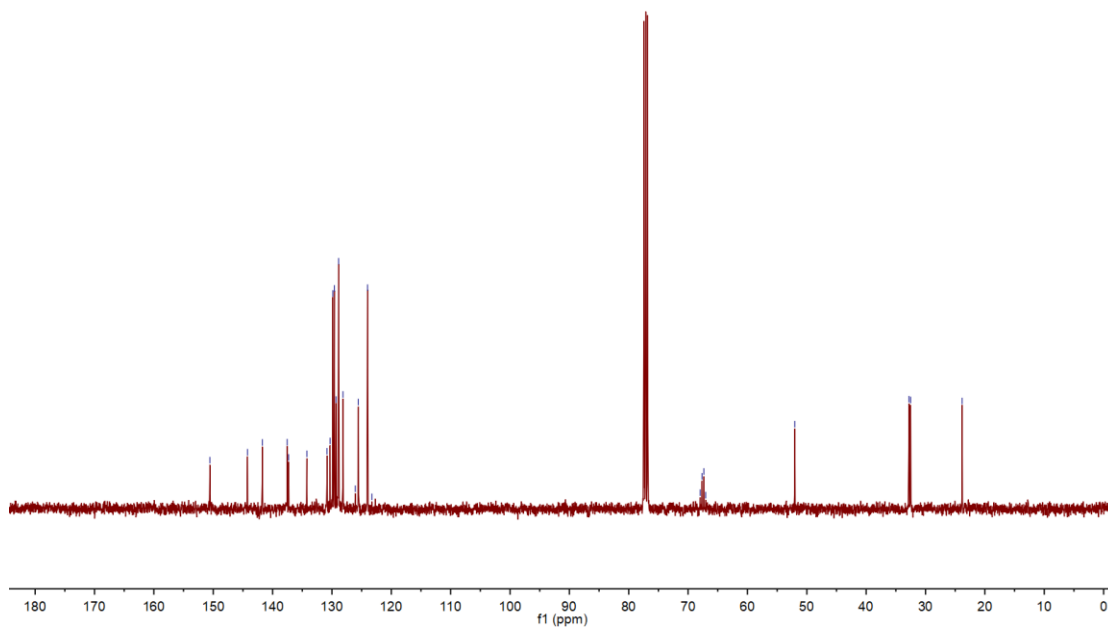


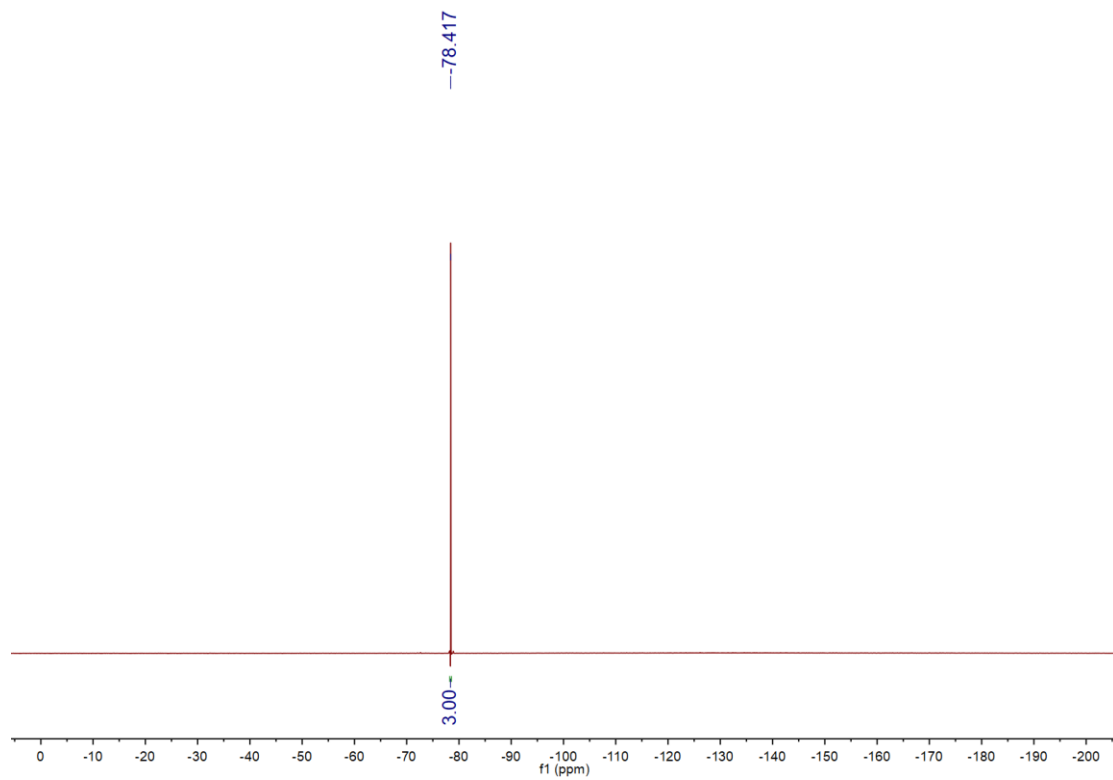
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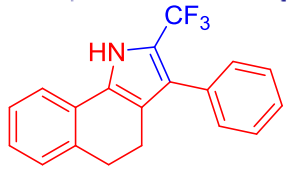
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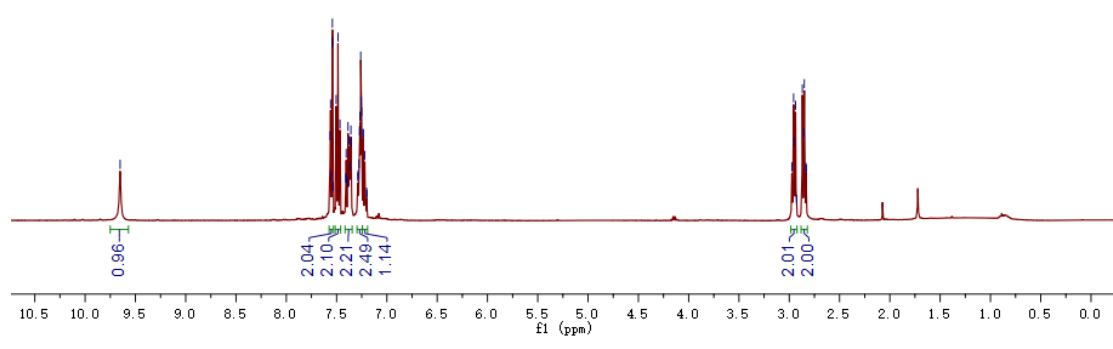


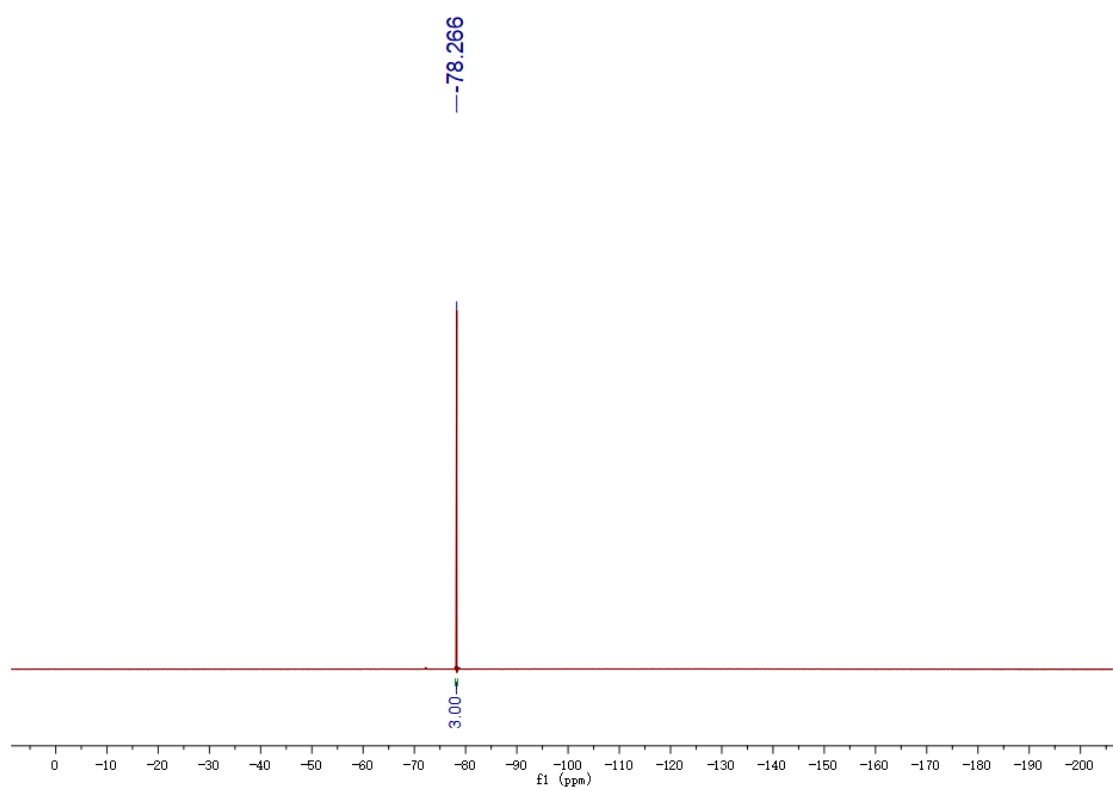
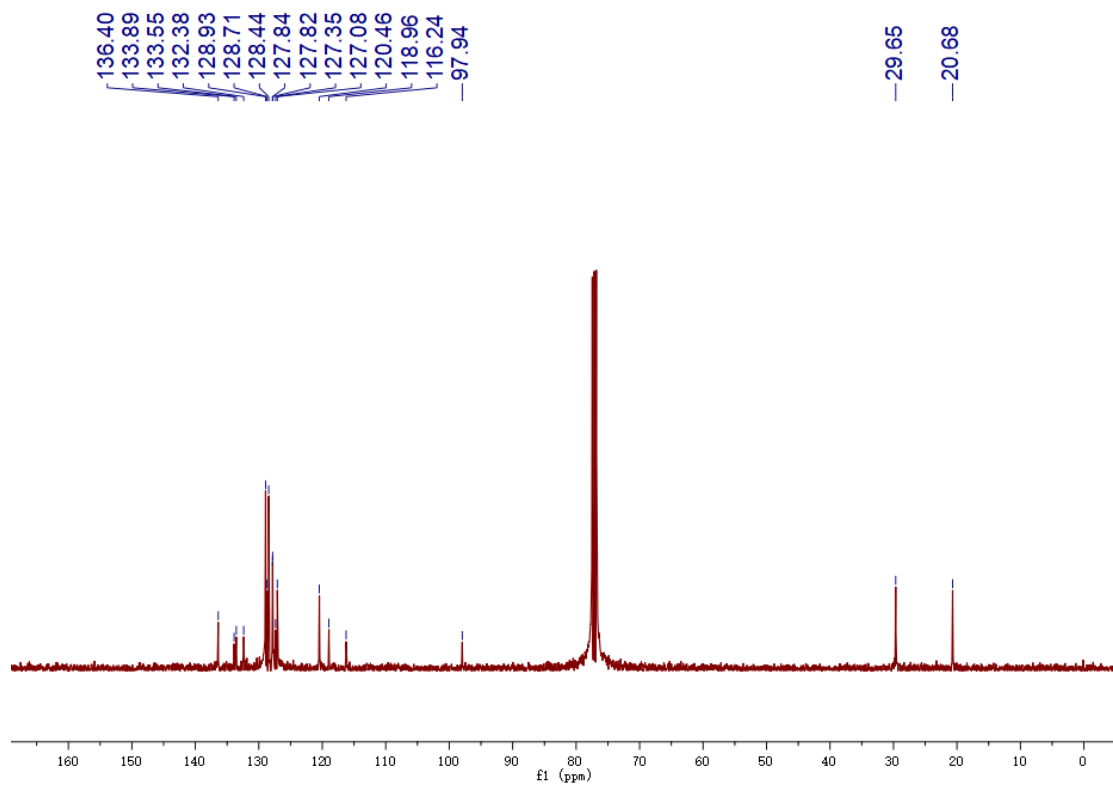


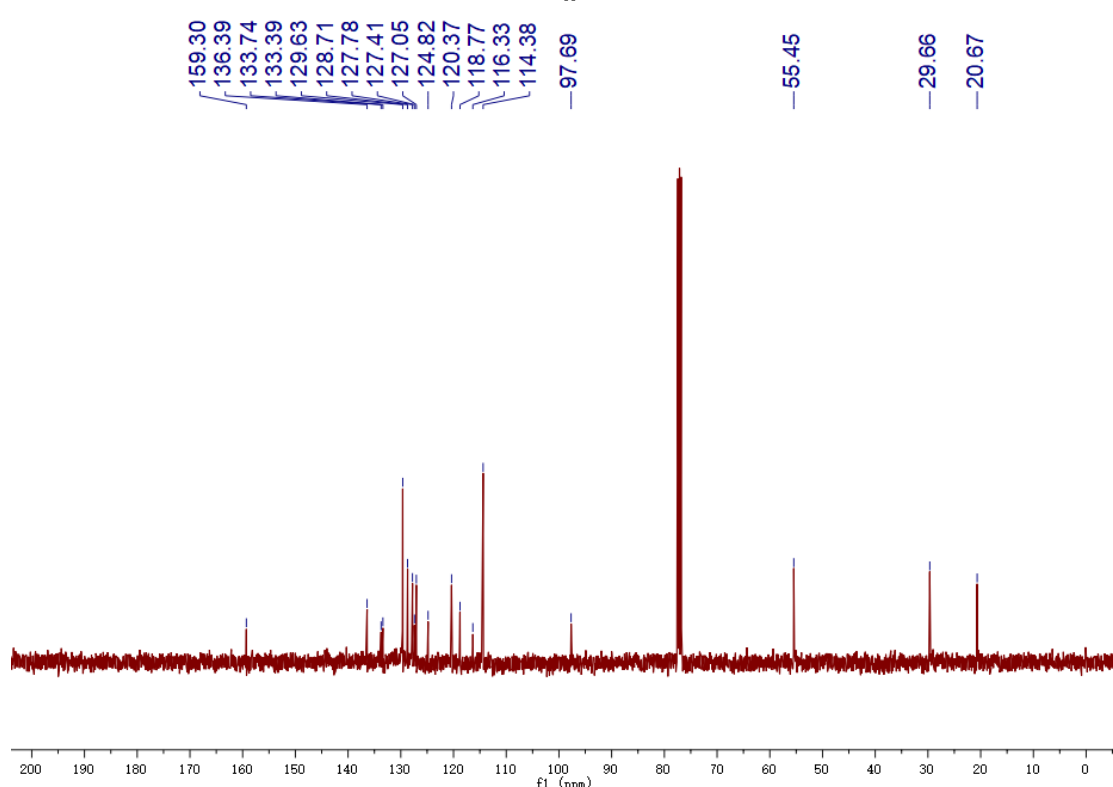
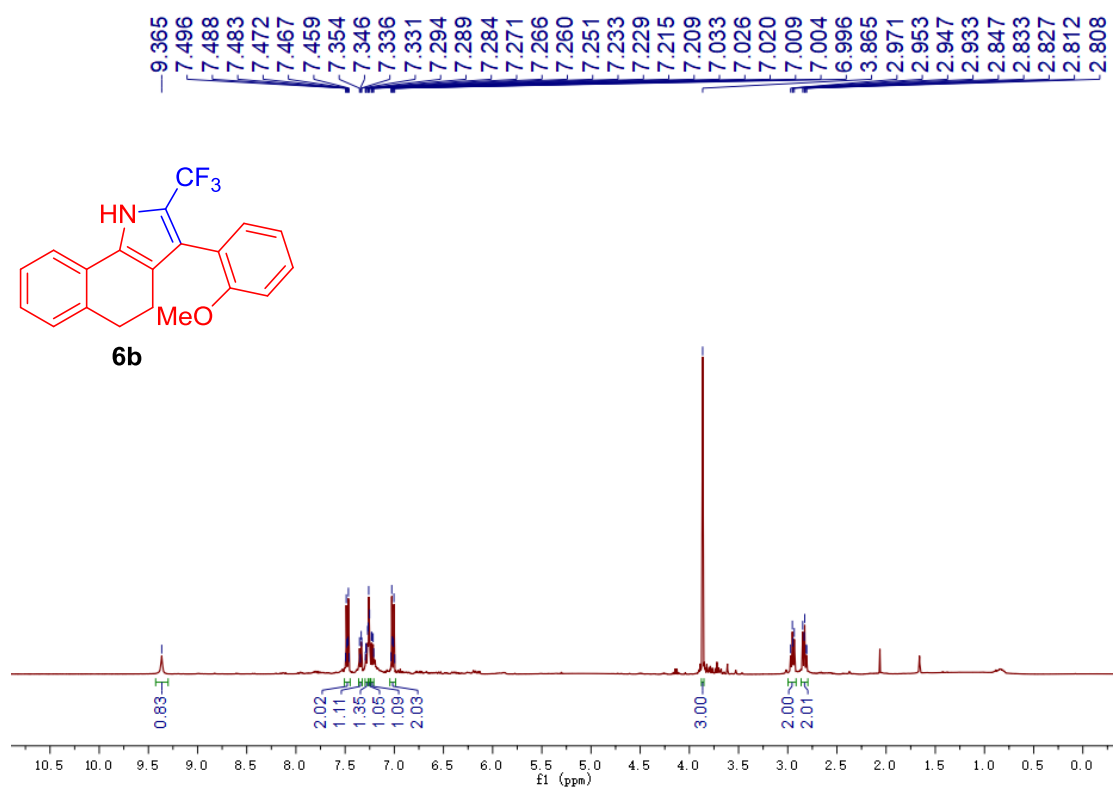
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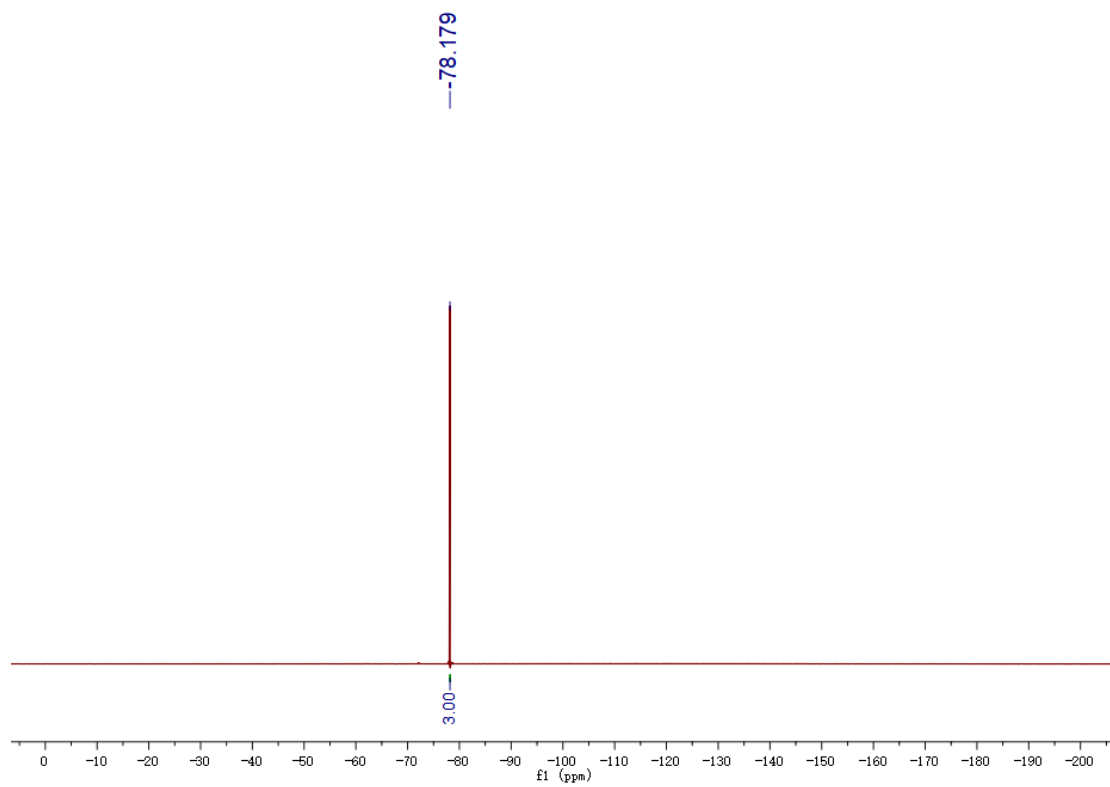


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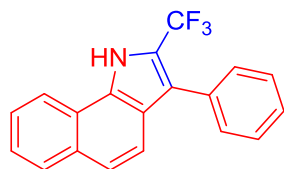








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