

Supporting Information

Access to the Benzene-modified 2nd generation Strigolactam and GR24 Analogues by Merging of C–H Olefination with Decarboxylative Giese Cyclization

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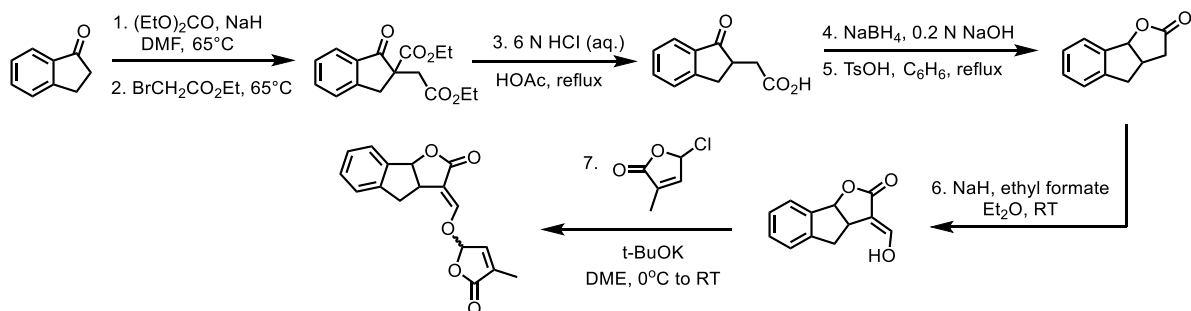
1. General Information

All the chemicals were purchased commercially and used without further purification. General reagents were obtained from Adamas, Leyan, Innochem and Bidepharm. Anhydrous solvents were obtained from J&K. Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed on 0.25 mm silica gel 60-F254. Visualization was carried out with UV light and Vogel's permanganate. ^1H NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker-400 MHz and Bruker-500 MHz instruments. When the ^1H NMR solvent was CDCl_3 , chemical shifts were quoted in parts per million (ppm) referenced to 7.26 ppm for solvent CDCl_3 ; When the ^1H NMR solvent was $\text{DMSO-}d_6$, chemical shifts were quoted in parts per million (ppm) referenced to 2.50 ppm for solvent $\text{DMSO-}d_6$. When the ^1H NMR solvent was $\text{Methanol-}d_4$, chemical shifts were quoted in parts per million (ppm) referenced to 3.31 ppm for solvent $\text{Methanol-}d_4$. The following abbreviations (or combinations thereof) were used to explain multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiple, br = broad. Coupling constants, J , were reported in Hertz unit (Hz). ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker-400 instrument (100 MHz) and Bruker-500 instrument (125 MHz), and were fully decoupled by broad band proton decoupling. When the ^{13}C NMR solvent was CDCl_3 , chemical shifts were reported in ppm referenced to 77.00 ppm for CDCl_3 ; When the ^{13}C NMR solvent was $\text{DMSO-}d_6$, chemical shifts were quoted in parts per million (ppm) referenced to 39.52 ppm for solvent $\text{DMSO-}d_6$. When the ^{13}C NMR solvent was $\text{Methanol-}d_4$, chemical shifts were quoted in parts per million (ppm) referenced to 49.00 ppm for solvent $\text{Methanol-}d_4$. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on an Agilent Mass spectrometer using ESI-TOF (electrospray ionization-time of flight). Optical rotations were measured on an Anton Paar MCP100 automatic polarimeter using a 100 mm path-length cell at 589 nm. Melting points were measured with microscope WRX-4 (Shanghai Yice).

Scheme S1-1. Previous synthetic route of strigolactone analogues [1]

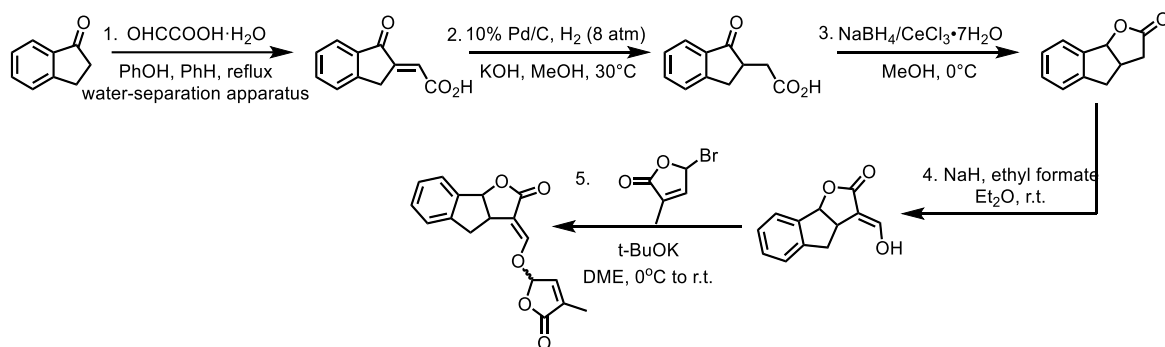
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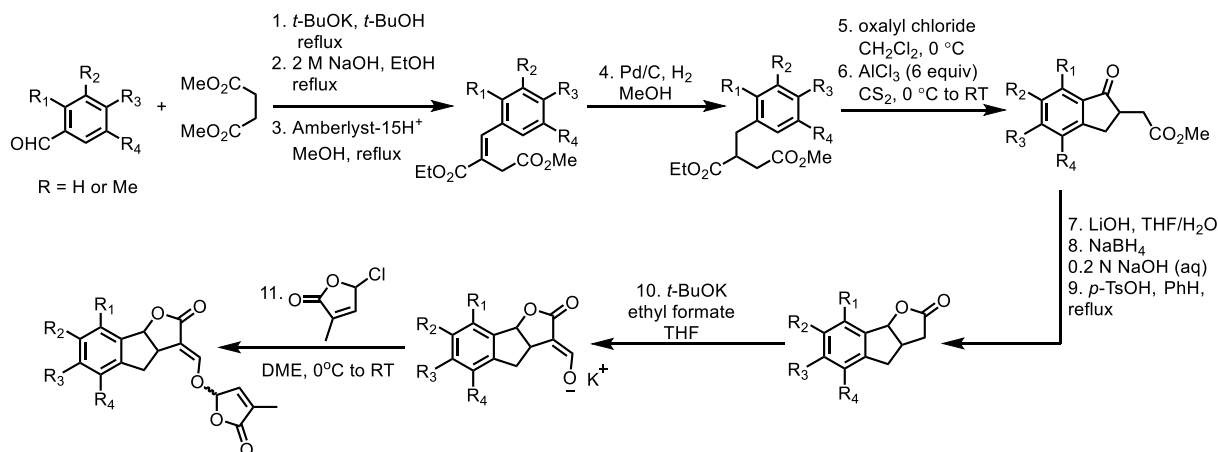
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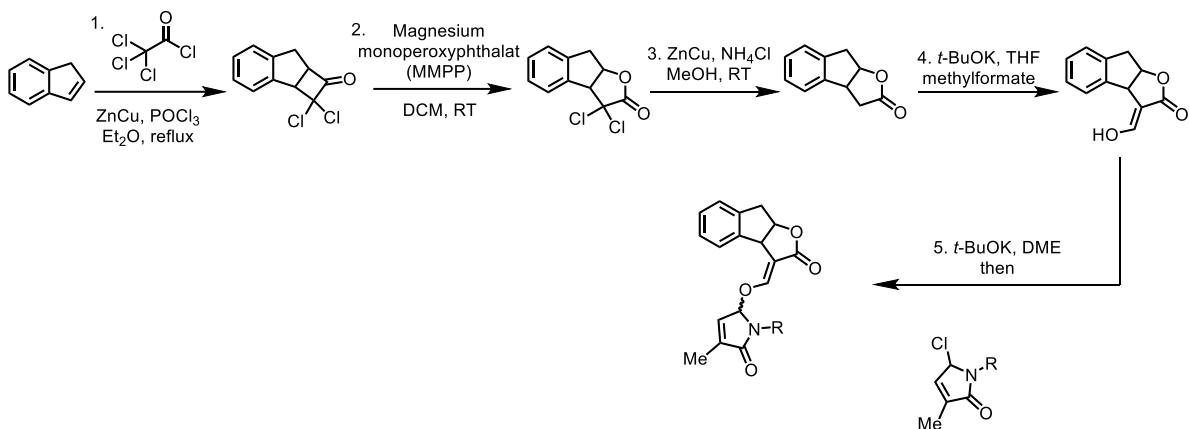
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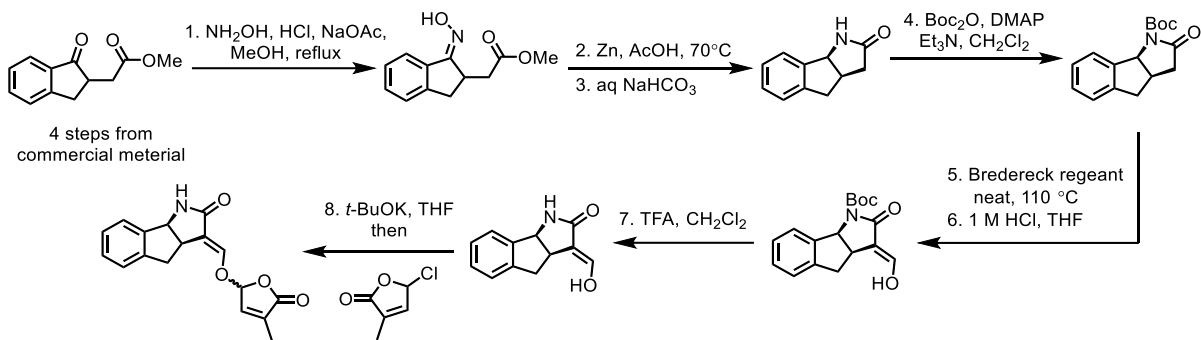
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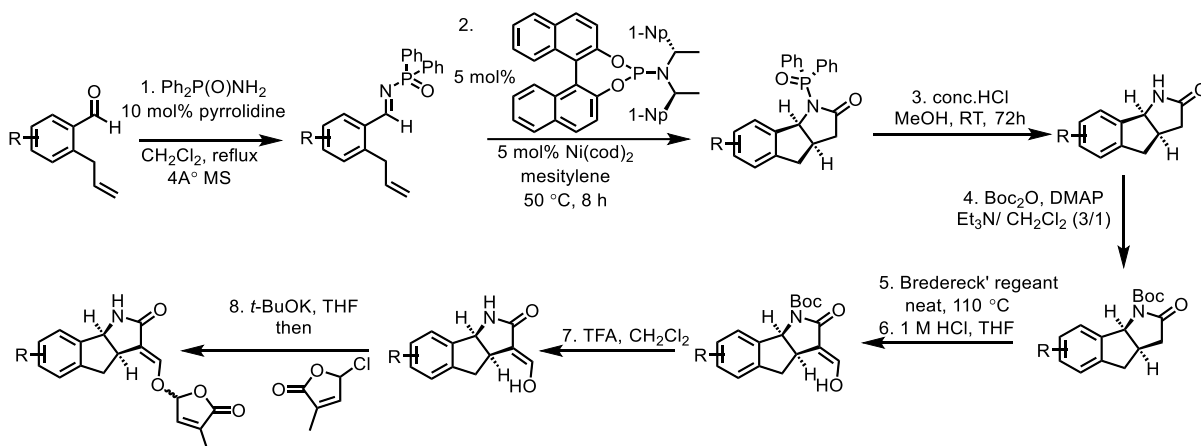
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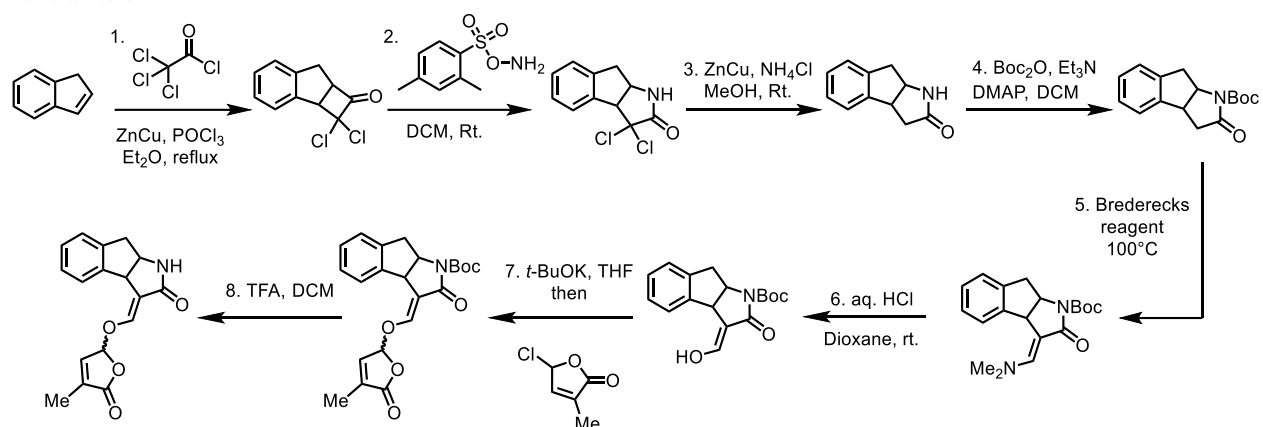
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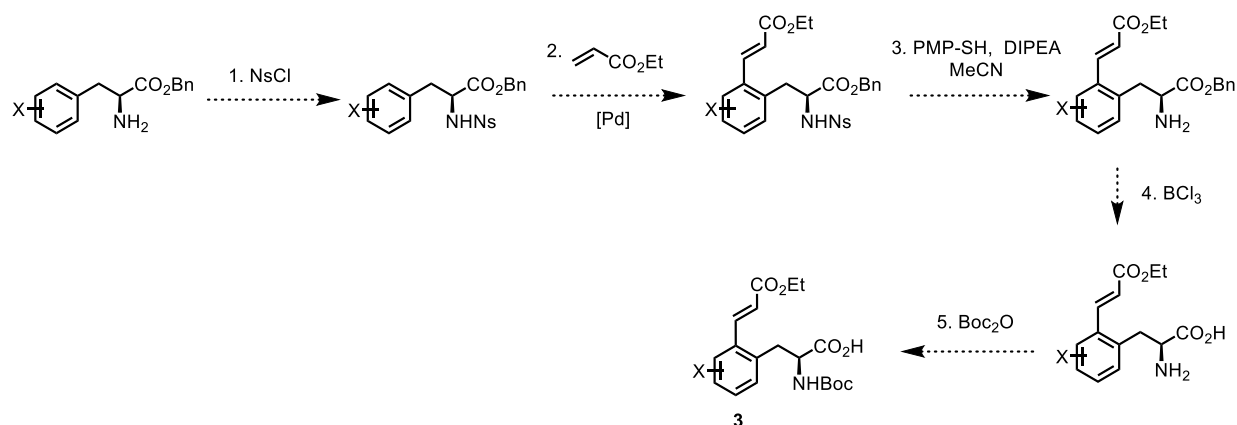
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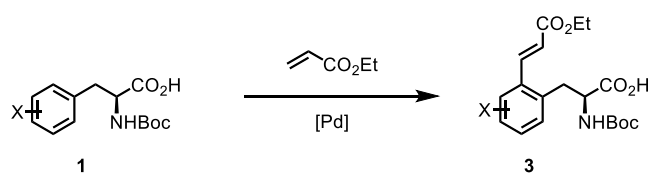


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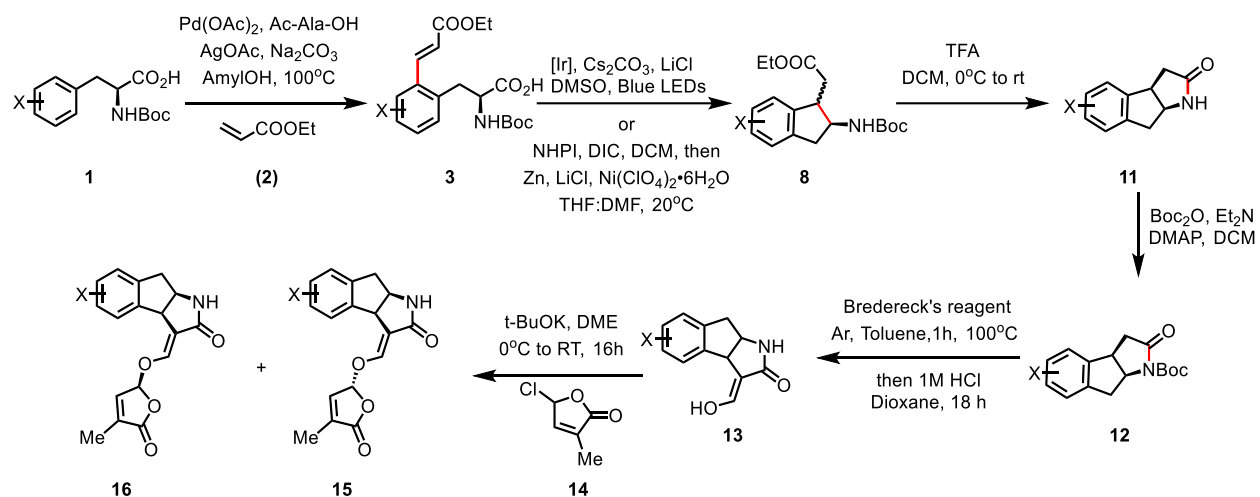
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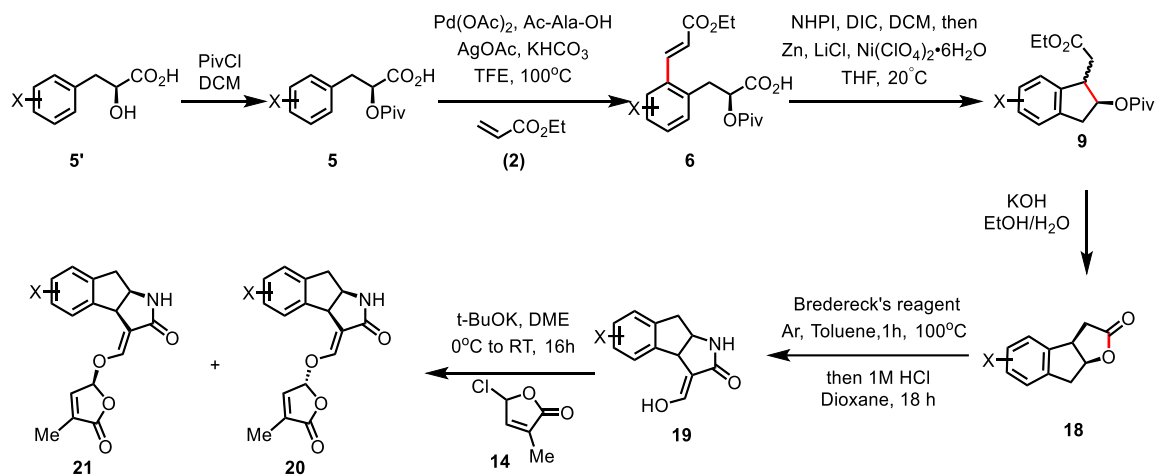
1-step synthetic route using $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ as a directing group (this work):



Scheme S2. Our synthetic route of 2nd generation strigolactams



Scheme S3. Our synthetic route of 2nd generation GR24



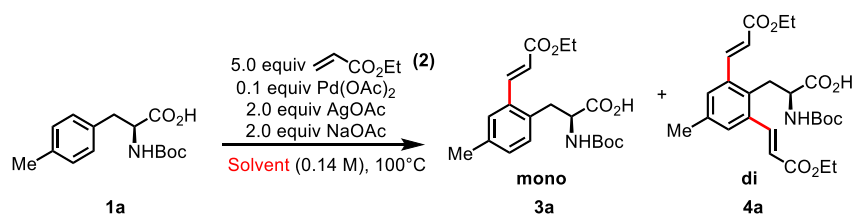
2. Experimental Procedure and Spectroscopic Data

2.1 C–H Olefination of N-Boc L-phenylalanine and O-Piv L-phenyllactic acid

All L-phenylalanine analogues in this work are commercially available.

Table S1. Optimization of C–H olefination of N-Boc L-phenylalanine [2]

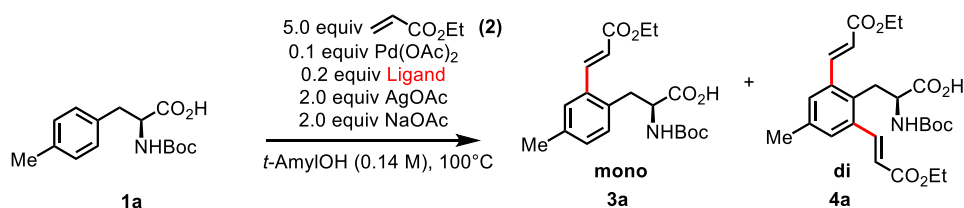
Solvent screening^a:



| Entry | Solvent | Yield | mono:di |
|-------|------------------|-------|---------|
| 1 | DCE | 11% | 10:1 |
| 2 | Toluene | 11% | 3:1 |
| 3 | EtOAc | 0% | / |
| 4 | THF | 11% | 10:1 |
| 5 | MeCN | 5% | 1:0 |
| 6 | <i>t</i> -AmylOH | 34% | 16:1 |
| 7 | DMSO | N. D. | / |

^a Reaction conditions: Boc-L-4-Me-Phe-OH (0.1 mmol), Ethyl acrylate (0.5 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.01 mmol), AgOAc (0.2 mmol), NaOAc (0.2 mmol), Solvent (0.7 mL), 100 °C, 12 h; The yields were determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude product using 1,3,5-Trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard. DCE = 1,2-Dichloroethane; *t*-AmylOH = 2-Methyl-2-butanol; HFIP = 1,1,1,3,3,3-Hexafluoro-2-propanol; THF = Tetrahydrofuran.

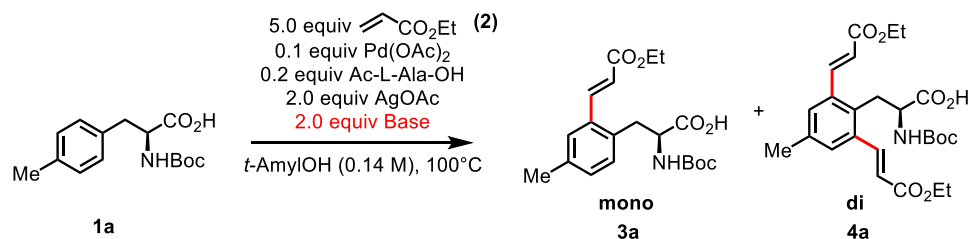
Ligand screening using *t*-AmylOH as solvent^a:



| Entry | Ligand | Yield | mono:di |
|-------|-----------------------------|-------|---------|
| 1 | Ac-L-Ala-OH | 37% | >20:1 |
| 2 | Ac-L-Leu-OH | 32% | 15:1 |
| 3 | Ac-L-Phe-OH | 31% | >20:1 |
| 4 | Ac-L-Val-OH | 25% | 12:1 |
| 5 | Ac-L-Gly-OH | 34% | 16:1 |
| 6 | Fmoc-L-Ala-OH | 25% | >20:1 |
| 7 | Boc-L-Ala-OH | 27% | 17:1 |
| 8 | Pyridine | 10% | 6:1 |
| 9 | 2-Picoline | 20% | 9:1 |
| 10 | 4-(Trifluoromethyl)pyridine | 25% | 9:1 |
| 11 | 4-Methoxypyridine | N.D. | / |

^a Reaction conditions: Boc-L-4-Me-Phe-OH (0.1 mmol), Ethyl acrylate (0.5 mmol), $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (0.01 mmol), Ligand (0.02 mmol), AgOAc (0.2 mmol), NaOAc (0.2 mmol), AmylOH (0.7 mL), 100 °C, 12 h; The yields were determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude product using 1,3,5-Trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard.

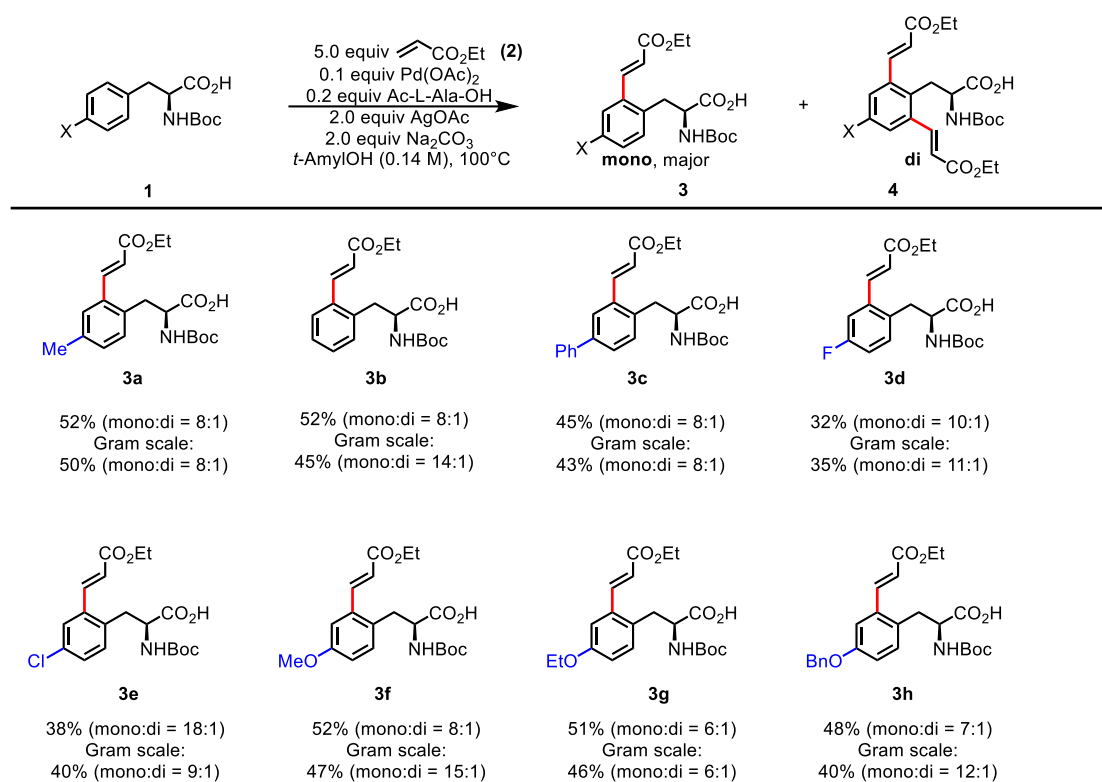
Base screening using Ac-L-Ala-OH as a ligand^a:



| Entry | Base | Yield | mono:di | Entry | Base | Yield | mono:di |
|-------|--------------------------|-------|---------|-------|--------------------------------------|-------|---------|
| 1 | NaOMe | 33% | 11:1 | 8 | KHCO_3 | 51% | 7:1 |
| 2 | NaOH | 32% | 11:1 | 9 | KF | 30% | 20:1 |
| 3 | Na_2CO_3 | 51% | 10:1 | 10 | KOAc | 30% | 10:1 |
| 4 | NaHCO_3 | 30% | 10:1 | 11 | KTFA | 51% | 7:1 |
| 5 | NaOAc | 38% | 7:1 | 12 | KH_2PO_4 | 33% | 10:1 |
| 6 | KOH | 25% | 8:1 | 13 | Cs_2CO_3 | 17% | > 20:1 |
| 7 | K_2CO_3 | 38% | 19:1 | 14 | $\text{LiOH}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ | 10% | > 20:1 |

^a Reaction conditions: Boc-L-4-Me-Phe-OH (0.1 mmol), Ethyl acrylate (0.5 mmol), $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (0.01 mmol), Ac-L-Ala-OH (0.02 mmol), AgOAc (0.2 mmol), Base (0.2 mmol), *t*-AmylOH (0.7 mL), 100 °C, 12 h; The yields were determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude product using 1,3,5-Trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard.

Table S2. Substrate scope of C–H olefination of N-Boc L-phenylalanine



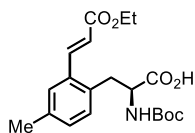
Reaction conditions: Substrate (0.1 mmol), Ethyl acrylate (0.5 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.01 mmol), Ac-L-Ala-OH (0.02 mmol), AgOAc (0.2 mmol), Na₂CO₃ (0.2 mmol), *t*-AmylOH (0.14 M), 100 °C, 12 h.

General procedure A (0.1 mmol scale): Substrate **1a-h** (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Pd(OAc)₂ (2.3 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.1 equiv), Ac-L-Ala-OH (2.6 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.2 equiv), AgOAc (33.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 2 equiv), Na₂CO₃ (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 2 equiv) and Ethyl acrylate (54 μL, 0.5 mmol, 5.0 equiv) were dissolved in 0.7 mL *t*-AmylOH. The tube was sealed and the reaction mixture was then placed to a pre-heated oil bath maintaining at 100 °C for 12h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature, and was filtered through celite. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by PTLC (hexane:EtOAc = 75:25 with 0.2% HOAc.) to give the pure products **3a-h**.

General procedure B (gram scale): Substrate **1a-h** (1.0 equiv), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.1 equiv), Ac-L-Ala-OH (0.2 equiv), AgOAc (2.0 equiv), Na₂CO₃ (2 equiv) and Ethyl acrylate (5.0 equiv) were dissolved in *t*-AmylOH (0.14 M). The tube was sealed and then placed to a pre-heated oil bath maintaining at 100 °C for 12 h. the reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C (oil bath) for 12h. *Caution: The tube was carefully capped and covered with safety shield.* The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature, and was filtered through celite. The filtrate was

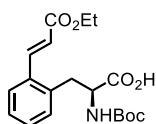
concentrated under vacuum and the residue was purified by column chromatography (C18 Spherical silica) using H₂O/MeOH as the eluent to give the products **3a-h**.

(*S,E*)-2-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-(2-(3-ethoxy-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)-4-methylphenyl)propanoic acid (3a**)**



Substrate **1a** was olefinated following the general procedure **A** on 0.1 mmol scale (17.3 mg, 46%, mono:di = 20:1) and the general procedure **B** on gram scale (6.0 mmol scale; mono: 1.012 g, 44%; di: 0.155 g, 6%) to provide compound **3a**. Yellow solid, mp 120.8-121.4 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25} +74.50$ (c 0.4, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, a mixture of rotational isomers 1.5:1) δ 8.69 (br s, 1H), 8.10–7.96 (m, 1H), 7.44–7.35 (m, 1H), 7.13 (s, 2H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 0.4H), 6.42–6.30 (m, 1H), 5.08 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 0.6H), 4.62–4.31 (m, 1H), 4.26 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.53–3.27 (m, 1H), 3.18–2.88 (m, 1H), 2.33 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 3H), 1.38–1.26 (m, 9H), 1.13 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.4, 175.1 (minor), 167.3, 166.9 (minor), 156.2 (minor), 155.2, 142.1, 141.5 (minor), 137.1, 133.8 (minor), 133.7, 133.6 (minor), 133.0, 131.5, 131.0, 127.3, 127.2 (minor), 119.9 (minor), 119.8, 81.2 (minor), 80.0, 60.7, 60.6 (minor), 55.6 (minor), 54.2, 36.9 (minor), 34.7, 28.2, 27.7 (minor), 21.0, 14.2. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₂₀H₂₇NNaO₆ [M+Na]⁺: 400.1731; found 400.1731.

(*S,E*)-2-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-(2-(3-ethoxy-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)phenyl)propanoic acid (3b**)**



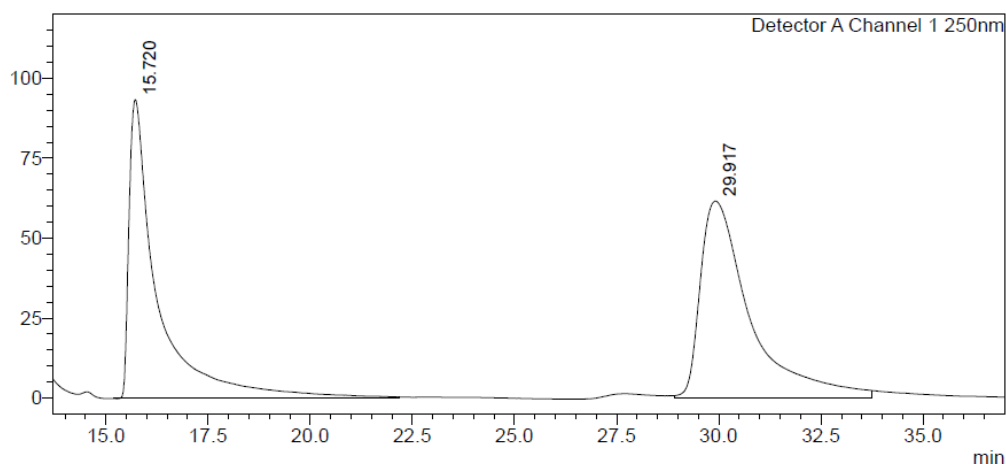
Substrate **1b** was olefinated following the general procedure **A** on 0.1 mmol scale (mono: 16.8mg, 46%; di: 2.9 mg, 6%) and the general procedure **B** on gram scale (10.0 mmol scale; mono: 1.510 g, 42%; di: 0.121g, 3%) to provide compound **3b**. Yellow solid, mp 61.5-62.8 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25} +73.00$ (c 0.4, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, a mixture of rotational isomers 1.2:1) δ 8.14–8.00 (m, 1H), 7.82 (br s, 1H), 7.61–7.56 (m, 1H), 7.37–7.21 (m, 3H), 6.84–6.66 (m, 0.45H), 6.43–6.31 (m, 1H), 5.11 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 0.55H), 4.62–4.37 (m, 1H), 4.26 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.53–3.31 (m, 1H), 3.20–2.85 (m, 1H), 1.38–1.22 (m, 9H), 1.11 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.1, 167.3, 166.9 (minor), 156.3 (minor), 155.2, 142.0, 141.4 (minor), 136.9 (minor), 136.1, 134.0, 133.9 (minor), 131.6 (minor), 131.1, 130.1, 127.6, 126.9, 126.8 (minor), 120.3 (minor), 120.2, 81.3 (minor), 80.1, 60.8, 60.7 (minor), 55.6 (minor), 54.2, 37.5 (minor), 35.2, 28.2, 27.8 (minor), 14.3. >99% ee as determined by HPLC (Chiralpak ADH, 85:15 hexane/*i*-PrOH, 0.5 mL/min, 25 °C, λ = 250 nm), tr (minor) = 16.5 min, tr (major) = 30.2 min. HRMS-ESI m/z Calcd for C₁₉H₂₅NNaO₆ [M+Na]⁺: 386.1574; found 386.1573.

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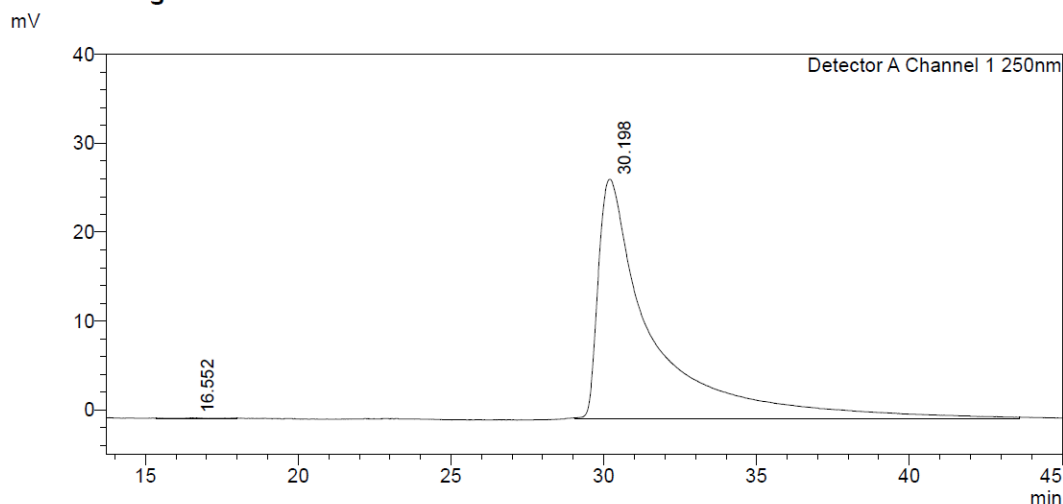
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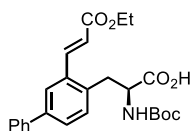


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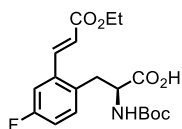
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(*S,E*)-2-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-(3-(3-ethoxy-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)propanoic acid (3c)



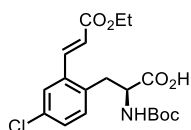
Substrate **1c** was olefinated following the general procedure **A** on 0.1 mmol scale (mono: 17.6 mg, 40%; di: 2.6 mg, 5%) and the general procedure **B** on gram scale (12.0 mmol scale; mono: 2.003 g, 38%; di: 0.306 g, 5%) to provide compound **3c**. Yellow solid, mp 81.2-83.7 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25} +66.00$ (c 0.4, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, a mixture of rotational isomers 1.5:1) δ 8.16–8.07(m, 1H), 7.83–7.74 (m, 1H), 7.59–7.49 (m, 3H), 7.49–7.40 (m, 2H), 7.40–7.27 (m, 2H), 6.86 (s, 0.4H), 6.54–6.42 (m, 1H), 5.70 (br s, 1H), 5.14 (s, 0.6H), 4.76–4.41 (m, 1H), 4.28 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 3.64–3.38 (m, 1H), 3.35–3.02 (m, 1H), 1.42–1.23 (m, 9H), 1.11 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.0, 166.8, 156.3, 155.2, 142.1, 141.4, 140.5, 140.1, 135.8, 134.9, 134.3, 132.1, 131.6, 128.8, 128.7, 127.6, 127.0, 125.4, 120.4, 81.3, 80.1, 60.9, 60.7, 55.5, 54.2, 37.3, 34.8, 28.2, 27.7, 14.2. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₂₅H₂₉NNaO₆ [M+Na]⁺: 462.1887; found 462.1885.

(*S,E*)-2-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-(2-(3-ethoxy-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)-4-fluorophenyl)propanoic acid (3d)



Substrate **1d** was olefinated following the general procedure **A** on 0.1 mmol scale (11.1 mg, 29%; di: 1.2 mg, 3%) and the general procedure **B** on gram scale (16.0 mmol scale; mono: 1.951 g, 32%; di: 0.240 g, 3%) to provide compound **3d**. Yellow solid, mp 83.6-84.5 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25} +76.50$ (c 0.4, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, a mixture of rotational isomers 1.5:1) δ 8.05–7.93 (m, 1H), 7.31–7.18 (m, 2H), 7.07–6.99 (m, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 0.4H), 6.40–6.29 (m, 1H), 5.13 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 0.6H), 4.61–4.32 (m, 1H), 4.27 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.48–3.32 (m, 1H), 3.20–2.87 (m, 1H), 1.38–1.29 (m, 9H), 1.15 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, a mixture of rotational isomers) δ 174.9, 174.7 (minor), 167.0, 166.5 (minor), 161.9 (d, *J* = 246.5 Hz), 156.3 (minor), 155.2, 140.9, 140.2 (minor), 135.7, 133.20 (minor), 132.8, 131.9, 121.5 (minor), 121.2, 117.0 (d, *J* = 21.4 Hz), 113.2 (d, *J* = 22.2 Hz), 81.5 (minor), 80.2, 60.9, 60.8 (minor), 55.5 (minor), 54.1, 36.7 (minor), 34.6, 28.2, 27.8 (minor), 14.2. ¹⁹F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -114.7, -115.0. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₁₉H₂₄FNNaO₆ [M+Na]⁺: 404.1480; found 404.1483.

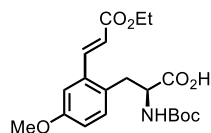
(*S,E*)-2-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-(4-chloro-2-(3-ethoxy-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)phenyl)propanoic acid (3e**)**



Substrate **1e** was olefinated following the general procedure **A** on 0.1 mmol scale (mono: 14.4 mg, 36%; di: 3.2 mg, 2%) and the general procedure **B** on gram scale (15.0 mmol scale; mono: 2.144 g, 36%; di: 0.262 g, 4%) to provide compound **3e**. Yellow solid, mp 118.5-120.2 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25} +62.75$ (c 0.4, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, a mixture of rotational isomers 1.5:1) δ 8.23 (br s, 1H), 8.03–7.93 (m, 1H), 7.60–7.52 (m, 1H), 7.33–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.22–7.16 (m, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 0.4H), 6.43–6.30 (m, 1H), 5.15 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 0.6H), 4.63–4.32 (m, 1H), 4.27 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.50–3.29 (m, 1H), 3.18–2.87 (m, 1H), 1.46–1.25 (m, 9H), 1.15 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.9, 174.6 (minor), 166.9, 166.4 (minor), 156.4 (minor), 155.2, 140.7, 140.0 (minor), 135.6, 135.6 (minor), 135.2 (minor), 134.5, 133.4, 132.8 (minor), 132.4, 129.8, 126.7, 126.5 (minor), 121.6 (minor), 121.4, 81.7 (minor), 80.2, 60.9,

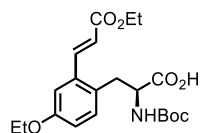
60.8 (minor), 55.3 (minor), 53.9, 36.9 (minor), 34.7, 28.2, 27.7 (minor), 14.2. HRMS-ESI m/z Calcd for $C_{19}H_{24}ClNNaO_6$ $[M+Na]^+$: 420.1184; found 420.1190.

(*S,E*)-2-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-(2-(3-ethoxy-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)-4-methoxyphenyl)propanoic acid (3f**)**



Substrate **1f** was olefinated following the general procedure **A** on 0.1 mmol scale (mono: 18.0 mg, 46%; di: 2.7 mg, 6%) and the general procedure **F** on gram scale (10.0 mmol scale; mono: 1.730 g, 44%; di: 0.134 g, 3%) to provide compound **3f**. Yellow solid, mp 90.5-91.9 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25} +74.50$ (c 0.4, $CHCl_3$); 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$, a mixture of rotational isomers 2.3:1) δ 8.00 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.18–7.11 (m, 1H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 6.92–6.85 (m, 1H), 6.35 (d, $J = 15.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.02–5.85 (m, 0.3H), 5.08 (s, 0.7H), 4.49–4.28(m, 1H), 4.26 (q, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 4.34–3.25 (m, 1H), 3.19–2.80 (m, 1H), 1.39–1.29 (m, 9H), 1.26–1.22 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 174.0, 167.5, 158.6, 155.4, 142.3, 134.7, 132.5, 129.1, 119.8, 116.3, 111.2, 79.7, 60.8, 55.3, 47.6, 34.7, 28.3, 28.0 (minor), 14.3. HRMS-ESI m/z Calcd for $C_{20}H_{27}NNaO_7$ $[M+Na]^+$: 416.1680; found 416.1680.

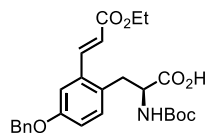
(*S,E*)-2-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-(4-ethoxy-2-(3-ethoxy-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)phenyl)propanoic acid (3g**)**



Substrate **1g** was olefinated following the general procedure **A** on 0.1 mmol scale (mono: 18.1 mg, 44%; di: 3.5 mg, 7%) and the general procedure **B** on gram scale (12.0 mmol scale; mono: 1.905 g, 39%; di: 0.391 g, 7%) to provide compound **3g**. Yellow solid, mp 113.0-116.2 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25} +76.75$ (c 0.4, $CHCl_3$); 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$, a mixture of rotational isomers 2.3:1) δ 8.00 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.17–7.03 (m, 2H), 6.89–6.80 (m, 1H), 6.33 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.05–5.89 (m, 0.3H), 5.68 (br s, 1H), 5.13–5.07 (m, 0.7H), 4.55–4.39 (m, 1H), 4.24 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.07–3.93 (m, 2H), 3.41–3.21 (m, 1H), 3.19–2.83 (m, 1H), 1.45–1.35 (m, 9H), 1.32 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.27–1.19 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 175.5, 167.6, 158.0,

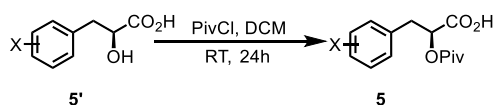
155.2, 142.3, 134.7, 132.5, 128.5, 119.6, 116.8, 111.8, 79.8, 63.5, 60.8, 54.7, 34.5, 28.3, 14.8, 14.2. HRMS-ESI m/z Calcd for $C_{21}H_{29}NNaO_7$ $[M+Na]^+$: 430.1836; found 430.1836.

(*S,E*)-3-(4-(benzyloxy)-2-(3-ethoxy-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)phenyl)-2-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)propanoic acid (3h)



Substrate **1h** was olefinated following the general procedure **A** on 0.1 mmol scale (mono: 19.7 mg, 42%; di: 3.5mg, 6%) and the general procedure **B** on gram scale (12.0 mmol scale; mono: 2.080 g, 37%; di: 0.208 g, 3%) to provide compound **3h**. Yellow solid, mp 80.7-86.5 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25} +56.750$ (c 0.4, $CHCl_3$); 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$, a mixture of rotational isomers 2.3:1) δ 7.08–7.95 (m, 1H), 7.49–7.30 (m, 5H), 7.20–7.12 (m, 2H), 6.99–6.92 (m, 1H), 6.69 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 0.3H), 6.38–6.29 (m, 1H), 5.17–5.09 (m, 0.7H), 5.09–5.00 (m, 2H), 4.61–4.30 (m, 1H), 4.26 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.44–3.26 (m, 1H), 3.21–2.83 (m, 1H), 1.43–1.25 (m, 9H), 1.16 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 175.0, 167.2, 158.0, 155.2, 141.8, 136.6, 135.0, 132.3, 128.6, 128.1, 127.5, 127.4, 120.3, 117.0, 112.5, 80.1, 70.1, 60.8, 54.2, 34.3, 28.2, 27.8 (minor), 14.2. HRMS-ESI m/z Calcd for $C_{26}H_{31}NNaO_7$ $[M+Na]^+$: 492.1993; found 492.1993.

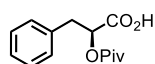
Synthesis of O-Piv-L-phenyllactic acid analogues: ^[3]



General Procedure C

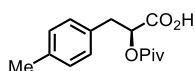
The phenyllactic acid substrate (1 equiv) and pivaloyl chloride (1.5 equiv) were stirred in DCM (1M) at RT for 24 h. The reaction mixture was then concentrated in vacuum and the resulting residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 75:25 with 0.2% HOAc).

(*S*)-3-phenyl-2-(pivaloyloxy)propanoic acid (5a)



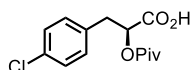
Substrate **5a** was obtained following general procedure **C** from L-phenyllactic acid (commercial available, 20.0 mmol, 3.3 g). After purification by column chromatography, **5a** was obtained as a colorless oil (4.2g, 84%), colorless oil; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -13.50 (c 0.4, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.10 (br s, 1H), 7.35–7.22 (m, 5H), 5.21 (dd, *J* = 9.4, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 9.4 Hz, 1H), 1.16 (s, 9H). HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₁₄H₁₈NaO₄ [M+Na]⁺: 273.1097; found 273.1086.

(S)-2-(pivaloyloxy)-3-(*p*-tolyl)propanoic acid (5b)



Substrate **5b** was obtained following general procedure **C** from 4-Methyl-L-phenyllactic acid (commercial available, 12.6 mmol, 2.3 g). After purification by column chromatography, **5b** was obtained as a white solid (2.3 g, 70%), white solid, mp 86.0-86.6 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -11.25 (c 0.4, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.15–7.08 (m, 4H), 5.18 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.17 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.8, 174.7, 136.6, 132.7, 129.3, 129.1, 72.3, 38.6, 36.8, 26.9, 21.1. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₁₅H₂₀NaO₄ [M+Na]⁺: 287.1254; found 287.1250.

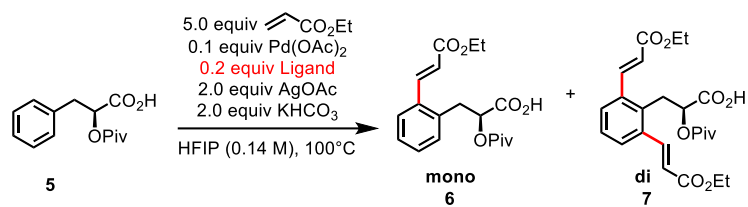
(S)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(pivaloyloxy)propanoic acid (5c)



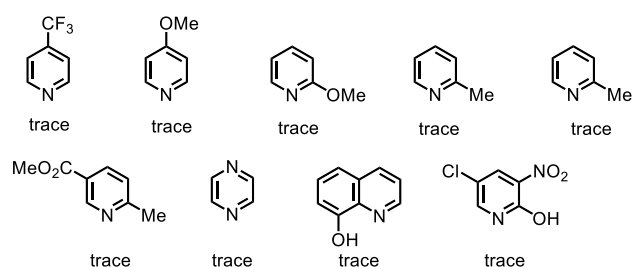
Substrate **5c** was obtained following general procedure **C** from 4-chloro-L-phenyllactic acid (commercial available, 16.0 mmol, 3.2 g). After purification by column chromatography, **5c** was obtained as a white solid (2.7 g, 59%), mp 110.6-113.9 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -13.50 (c 0.4, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.53 (br s, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.18 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 1.16 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.7, 174.9, 134.2, 133.1, 130.7, 128.6, 71.8, 38.6, 36.5, 26.9. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₁₄H₁₇NaClO₄ [M+Na]⁺: 307.0708; found 307.0716.

Table S3. Optimization of C–H olefination of O-Piv L-phenyllactic acid [2]

Ligand screening

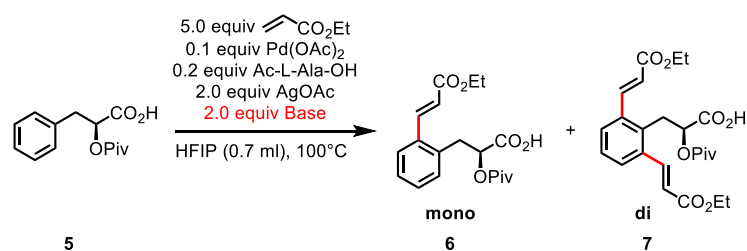


| Entry | Ligand | Yield | mono:di |
|-------|---------------|-------|---------|
| 1 | Ac-L-Ala-OH | 51% | 19:1 |
| 2 | Fmoc-L-Ala-OH | 24% | N.D. |
| 3 | Bz-L-Ala-OH | 21% | N.D. |
| 4 | Ac-L-Leu-OH | 40% | >20:1 |
| 5 | Ac-L-Phe-OH | 43% | >20:1 |
| 6 | Ac-L-Val-OH | 27% | >20:1 |
| 7 | Ac-L-Gly-OH | 47% | >20:1 |
| 8 | Ac-L-Cys-OH | trace | N.D. |



^a Reaction conditions: O-Piv L-phenyllactic acid (0.1 mmol), Ethyl acrylate (0.5 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.01 mmol), Ligand (0.02 mmol), AgOAc (0.2 mmol), KHCO₃ (0.2 mmol), HFIP (0.7 mL), 100 °C, 12 h; The yields were determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude product using 1,3,5-Trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard.

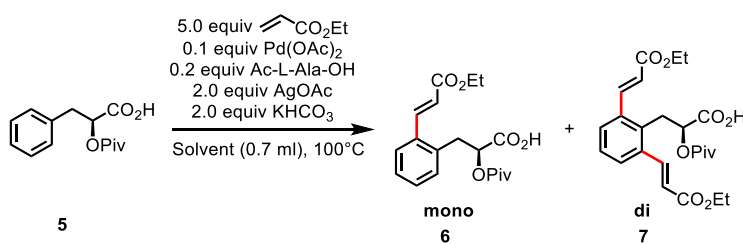
Base screening



| Entry | Base | Yield | mono:di |
|-------|---------------------------------|-------|---------|
| 1 | KHCO ₃ | 51% | 19:1 |
| 2 | K ₂ CO ₃ | 25% | N.D. |
| 3 | KOAc | 35% | >20:1 |
| 4 | K ₂ HPO ₄ | 27% | >20:1 |
| 5 | KH ₂ PO ₄ | 42% | 20:1 |
| 6 | Na ₂ CO ₃ | 40% | >20:1 |
| 7 | Li ₂ CO ₃ | 46% | >20:1 |
| 8 | Cs ₂ CO ₃ | 32% | >20:1 |
| 9 | NaHCO ₃ | 45% | >20:1 |

^a Reaction conditions: O-Piv L-phenyllactic acid (0.1 mmol), Ethyl acrylate (0.5 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.01 mmol), Ac-L-Ala-OH (0.02 mmol), AgOAc (0.2 mmol), Base (0.2 mmol), HFIP (0.7 mL), 100 °C, 12 h; The yields were determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude product using 1,3,5-Trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard.

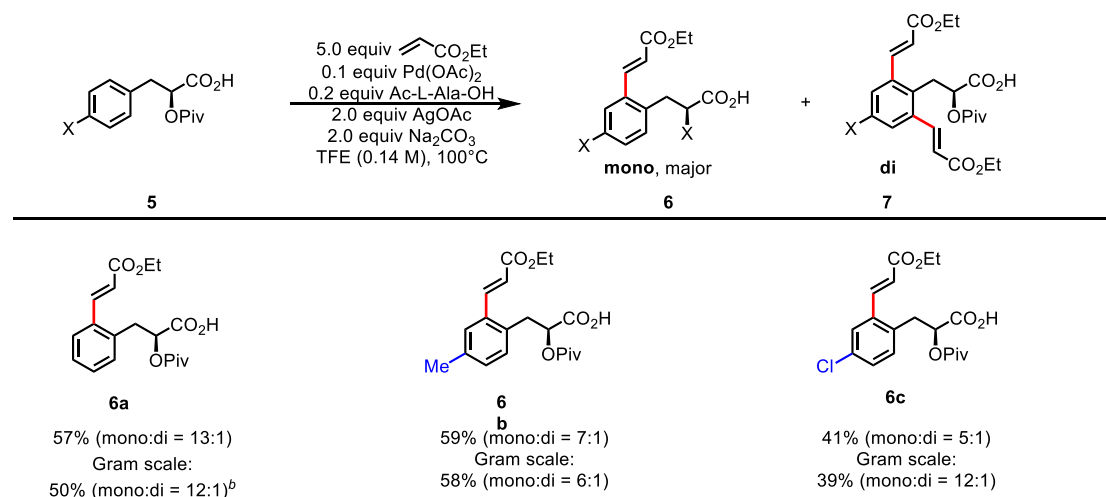
Solvent screening



| Entry | Solvent | Yield | mono:di |
|-------|---------|------------|---------|
| 1 | HFIP | 51% | 19:1 |
| 2 | TFE | 57% | 15:1 |
| 3 | Toluene | 15% | 9:1 |
| 4 | DCE | 14% | 13:1 |
| 5 | Dioxane | trace | N.D. |
| 6 | AmylOH | 35% | >20:1 |
| 7 | AcOH | decomposed | N.D. |

^a Reaction conditions: O-Piv L-phenyllactic acid (0.1 mmol), Ethyl acrylate (0.5 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.01 mmol), Ac-L-Ala-OH (0.02 mmol), AgOAc (0.2 mmol), KHCO₃ (0.2 mmol), Solvent (0.7 mL), 100 °C, 12 h; The yields were determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude product using 1,3,5-Trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard. TFE = 2,2,2-Trifluoroethanol; HFIP = 1,1,1,3,3,3-Hexafluoro-2-propanol.

Table S4. Substrate scope of C–H olefination of O-Piv L-phenyllactic acid



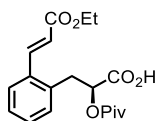
^a Reaction conditions: Substrate (0.1 mmol), Ethyl acrylate (0.5 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.01 mmol), Ac-L-Ala-OH (0.02 mmol), AgOAc (0.2 mmol), KHCO₃ (0.2 mmol), TFE (2,2,2-Trifluoroethanol, 0.7 mL), 100 °C, 12 h; ^b using HFIP instead of TFE

General procedure D (0.1 mmol scale): Substrate **5a-c** (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Pd(OAc)₂ (2.3 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.1 equiv), Ac-L-Ala-OH (2.6mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.2 equiv), AgOAc (33.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 2 equiv), KHCO₃ (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and Ethyl acrylate (54 μL, 0.5 mmol, 5.0 equiv) were dissolved in 0.7 mL TFE. The tube was sealed and the reaction mixture was then placed to a pre-heated oil bath maintaining at 100 °C for 12 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature, and was filtered through celite. The filtrate was

concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by PTLC (hexane:EtOAc:HOAc = 75:25 with 0.2% HOAc) to give the pure products **6a-c**.

General procedure E (gram scale): Substrate **5a-c** (1.0 equiv), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.1 equiv), Ac-L-Ala-OH (0.2 equiv), AgOAc (2.0 equiv), KHCO₃ (2 equiv) and Ethyl acrylate (5.0 equiv) were dissolved in TFE (0.14 M). The tube was sealed and then placed to a pre-heated oil bath maintaining at 100 °C for 12 h. (*Caution: The tube was carefully capped and covered with safety shield.*) The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature, and was filtered through celite. The filtrate was concentrated under vacuum and the residue was purified by column chromatography (C18 Spherical silica) using H₂O/MeOH as the eluent to give the products **6a-c**.

(*S,E*)-3-(2-(3-ethoxy-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)phenyl)-2-(pivaloyloxy)propanoic acid (6a)

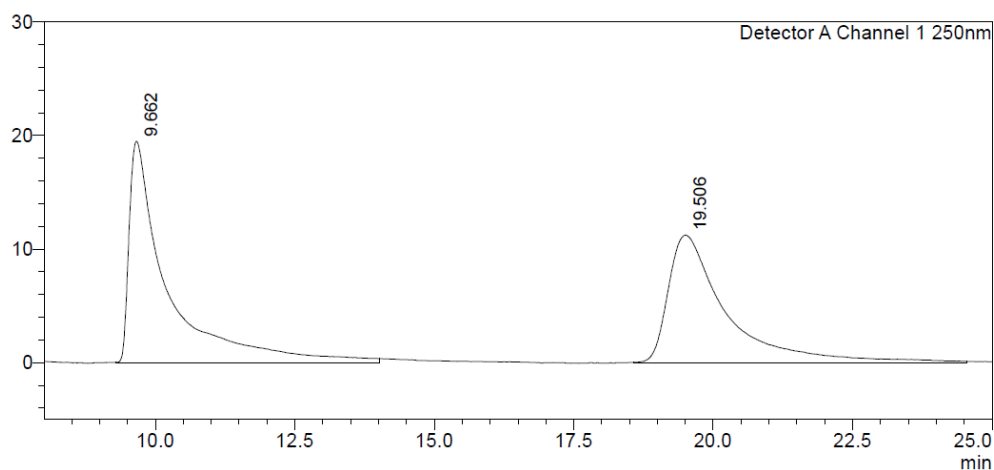


Substrate **5a** was olefinated following the general procedure **D** on 0.1 mmol scale (mono: 18.4 mg, 53%; di: 2.8 mg, 4%) and the general procedure **E** on gram scale (using HFIP instead of TFE; 20.0 mmol scale; mono: 3.123 g, 46%; di: 0.340 g, 4%) to provide compound **6a**. Colourless oil; $[\alpha]_D^{25} +56.75$ (c 0.4, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 7.62–7.57 (m, 1H), 7.38–7.25 (m, 3H), 6.40 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (br s, 1H), 5.15 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.44 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 9.8 Hz, 1H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.12 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.8, 173.8, 166.8, 141.6, 135.5, 133.9, 131.0, 130.0, 127.7, 126.7, 120.6, 72.2, 60.7, 38.5, 33.9, 26.8, 14.3. >99% ee as determined by HPLC (Chiralpak ADH, 85:15 hexane/*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, λ = 250 nm), tr (major) = 9.4 min, tr (minor) = 18.5 min. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₁₉H₂₄NaO₆ [M+H]⁺: 371.1465; found 371.1474.

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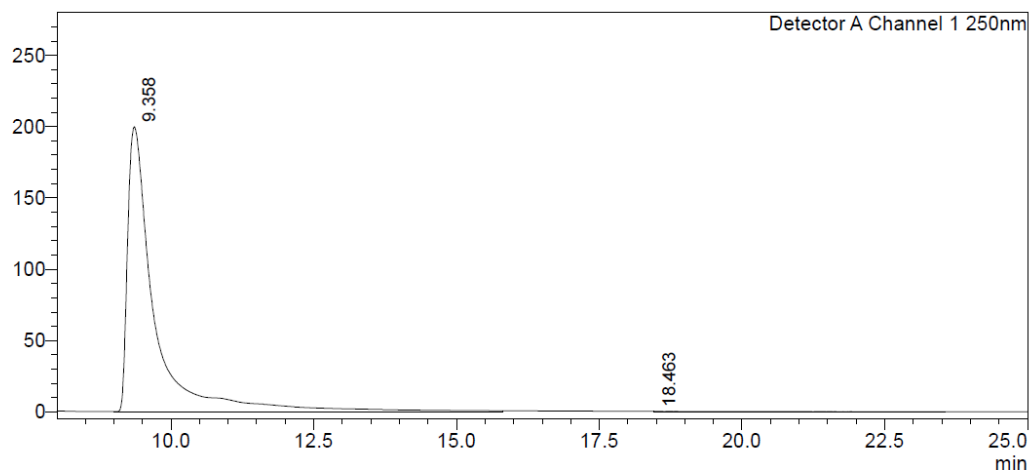
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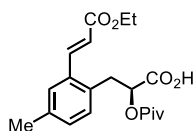


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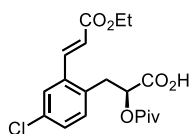
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(*S,E*)-3-(2-(3-ethoxy-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)-4-methylphenyl)-2-(pivaloyloxy)propanoic acid (6b)



Substrate **5b** was olefinated following the general procedure **D** on 0.1 mmol scale (mono: 18.8 mg, 52%; di: 3.0 mg, 7%) and the general procedure **E** on gram scale (8 mmol scale; mono: 1.448 g, 50% ;di: 0.284 g, 8%) to provide compound **6b**. Yellow oil; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} +14.75$ (c 0.4, CHCl_3); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.07 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.71 (br s, 1H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.20–7.10 (m, 2H), 6.39 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.11 (dd, $J = 9.5, 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.27 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.38 (dd, $J = 14.6, 3.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.26 (dd, $J = 14.6, 9.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.33 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.12 (s, 9H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.9, 174.3, 167.0, 141.8, 137.2, 133.5, 132.7, 130.9, 130.9, 127.2, 120.0, 72.4, 60.6, 38.5, 33.5, 26.8, 21.0, 14.2. HRMS-ESI m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{26}\text{NaO}_6$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 385.1622; found 385.1614.

(*S,E*)-3-(4-chloro-2-(3-ethoxy-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)phenyl)-2-(pivaloyloxy)propanoic acid (6c)

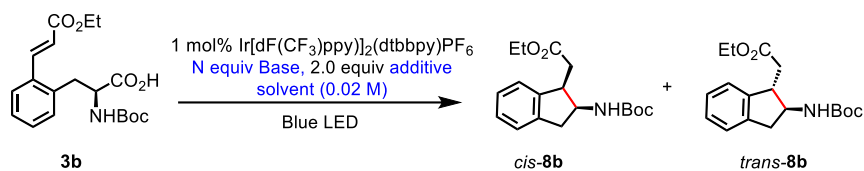


Substrate **5c** was olefinated following the general procedure **D** on 0.1 mmol scale (mono:12.8 mg, 34%;di: 3.3 mg, 7%) and the general procedure **E** on gram scale (9.6 mmolscale;mono:1.310 g, 36%; di: 0.147 g, 3%) to provide compound **6c**. Yellow oil; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} +12.25$ (c 0.4, CHCl_3); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.12 (d, $J = 16.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.24–7.13 (m, 2H), 6.33 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.86 (d, $J=9.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.18–4.07 (m, 2H), 3.43 (d, $J = 14.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.10 (t, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.23 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.01 (s, 9H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 179.5, 176.0, 167.2, 141.7, 137.2, 135.0, 132.6, 132.5, 129.7, 125.9, 120.2, 60.8, 38.6, 34.1, 29.7, 26.9, 14.1. HRMS-ESI m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{24}\text{ClO}_6$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 383.1256; found 383.1264.

2.2 B-Ring formation *via* decarboxylative giese cyclization

Table S5. Optimization of Ir-catalyzed photo-redox decarboxylative coupling ^[4]

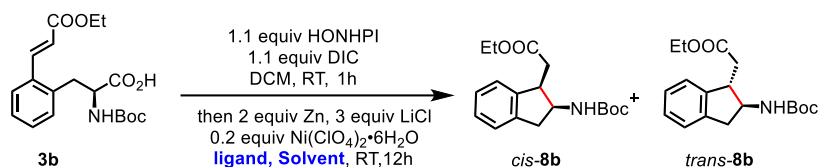
Screening of bases and solvents ^a:



| Entry | Solvent | N equiv | Base | Additive | Yield | cis- : trans ^c |
|-------|---------|---------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | DMSO | 2 | DBU | / | 0% | / |
| 2 | DMSO | 2 | DIPEA | / | 25% ^b | / |
| 3 | DMSO | 2 | DMAP | / | 0% | / |
| 4 | DMSO | 2 | DABCO | / | 19% ^b | / |
| 5 | DMSO | 1 | Li ₂ CO ₃ | / | 90% | 1:1 |
| 6 | DMSO | 1 | LiOH•H ₂ O | / | 90% | 1:1 |
| 7 | DMSO | 1 | Cs ₂ CO ₃ | / | 90% | 1:1 |
| 8 | DMSO | 1 | Cs ₂ CO ₃ | MgBr ₂ •OEt ₂ | 0% | / |
| 9 | DMSO | 1 | Cs ₂ CO ₃ | LiCl | 95% (90% ^b) | 1:1 |
| 10 | DMSO | 2 | Cs ₂ CO ₃ | LiCl | 90% | 1:1 |
| 11 | DMF | 1 | Cs ₂ CO ₃ | LiCl | 65% ^b | 1:0.9 |
| 12 | MeCN | 1 | Cs ₂ CO ₃ | LiCl | 24% | 1:1 |
| 13 | THF | 1 | Cs ₂ CO ₃ | LiCl | 17% | / |
| 14 | NMP | 1 | Cs ₂ CO ₃ | LiCl | 16% | / |

^a Conditions: [Ir(dF(CF₃)ppy)₂(dtbbpy)]PF₆ (0.001 mmol, 0.01 equiv), substrate (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Base (0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and 5 mL of DMSO (0.02 M). The yield was determined by ¹H NMR using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard. ^b isolated yield. ^c The dr value was determined by ¹H NMR. DBU = 1,8-Diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene.

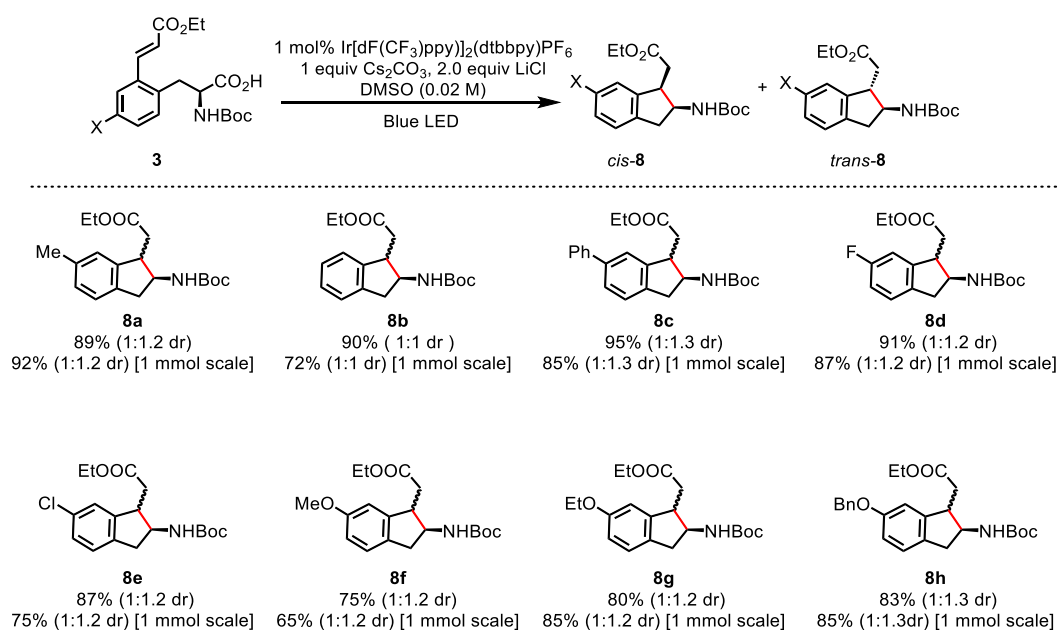
Table S6. Optimization of Ni-catalyzed decarboxylative coupling *via* RAEs [5]



| Entry | Ligand | Solvent | Yield ^b | cis : trans ^c |
|-----------------|--------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | / | MeCN | 73% | 1:1.7 |
| 2 | / | DMF | 70% | 1:2.3 |
| 3 | / | DMA | 60% | 1:1.9 |
| 4 | / | NMP | 77% | 1:2.3 |
| 5 | / | DMSO | 62% | 1:2.4 |
| 6 | / | THF | 72% | 1:1.5 |
| 7 | / | 1,4 - Dioxane | 53% | 1:1.1 |
| 8 | / | THF:DMF = 2:1 | 86% | 1:1.5 |
| 9 | / | DMI | 80% | 1:2.5 |
| 10 ^d | / | DMI | 80% | 1:2.9 |
| 11 | Dtbbpy | DMI | 68% | 1:2.5 |
| 12 | Bphen | DMI | 74% | 1:2.9 |
| 13 | Tpy | DMI | 72% | 1:3.2 |

^a Reaction conditions: Substrate **3b** (0.1 mmol), DIC (0.11 mmol), NHPI (0.11 mmol), DCM (0.5 mL), solvent removed after 2 h, then Ni(ClO₄)₂·6H₂O (0.02 mmol), Zn (0.2 mmol), LiCl (0.3 mmol), ligand (0.2 equiv), solvent (0.5 mL), 20 °C, 12 h. ^b Isolated yields. ^c *dr* value determined by ¹H NMR. ^d The reaction was performed at 0 °C. DMF = N,N-Dimethylformamide, DMA = N,N-Dimethylacetamide, NMP = N-Methyl-2-pyrrolidinone, DMSO = Methyl sulfoxide, THF = Tetrahydrofuran, DMI = 1,3-Dimethyl-2-imidazolidinone. Dtbbpy = 4,4'-Di-tert-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine, Bphen = 4,7-Diphenyl-1,10-phenanthroline, Tpy = 2"-Terpyridine

Table S7. Decarboxylative cyclization reaction of substrates 3a-h

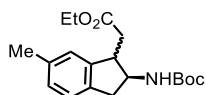


^a Reaction conditions: Substrate (0.1 mmol), Ir (1 mol%), Cs₂CO₃ (0.1 mmol), LiCl (0.2 mmol), DMSO (0.02 M), Blue LED, RT. ^b Isolated yields. ^c *dr* value determined by ¹H NMR; *dr* ration refers to cis versus trans.

General procedure F (0.1 mmol scale): An oven-dried 25 mL Schlenck-type tube with a magnetic stir bar was charged with Ir[dF(CF₃)ppy]₂(dtbbpy)PF₆ (1.1 mg, 0.001 mmol, 0.01 equiv), substrate **3a-h** (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Cs₂CO₃ (32.6 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0equiv), LiCl (8.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv) as additive and DMSO (5 mL). The reaction mixture was cooled to -78 °C under vacuum for 5 min and then back filled with nitrogen while being allowed to rt. This process was repeated 3 times, then the reaction mixture was irradiated with blue LEDs (2 cm away from two 20W blue LED strips). After 12 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with saturated aqueous 1 M HCl solution, extracted with EtOAc (4 × 50 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with water and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography or PTLC (hexane:EtOAc = 90:10) to yield pure compound, and the dr value was determined by ¹H NMR.

General procedure G (1.0 mmol scale): An oven-dried 100 mL Schlenck-type tube with a magnetic stir bar was charged with Ir[dF(CF₃)ppy]₂(dtbbpy)PF₆ (11 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.01 equiv), substrate **3a-h** (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Cs₂CO₃ (325.8mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0equiv), LiCl (84 mg, 2.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) as additive and DMSO (50 mL). The reaction mixture was cooled to -78 °C under vacuum for 5 min and then backfilled with nitrogen while being allowed to rt. This process was repeated 3 times, then the reaction mixture was irradiated with blue LEDs (2 cm away from two 20W blue LED strips). After 24 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with saturated aqueous 1 M HCl solution, extracted with EtOAc (4 × 100 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with water and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexane:EtOAc = 90:10) to furnish the desired product.

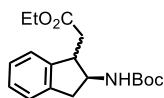
Ethyl 2-((2S)-2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-6-methyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl)acetate (8a**)**



Substrate **3a** was cyclized following the general procedure **F** on 0.1 mmol scale (29.6 mg, 89%, 1:1.2 d.r.) and the general procedure **G** on 1 mmol scale (0.307 g, 92%, 1:1.2 d.r.) to provide compound **8a**. Yellow oil, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 1:1.2 d.r.) δ 7.11–7.06 (m, 1H), 7.03–6.93 (m, 2H), 4.90–4.62 (m, 1H), 4.28–4.00 (m, 2H), 3.71 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 0.45H), 3.39 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 0.55H), 3.30 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 7.6 Hz, 0.55H), 3.15 (dd, *J* = 16.6, 6.7 Hz, 0.45H), 2.78–2.64 (m, 2H), 2.67–2.57 (m, 1H), 2.31 (m, 3H), 1.45–1.38 (m, 9H), 1.31–1.23 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.5, 155.6, 155.5, 143.4, 143.0, 137.4, 137.2, 136.6, 136.5, 128.1,

127.9, 124.7, 124.5, 124.5, 124.3, 79.3, 79.2, 60.6, 60.5, 58.2, 54.6, 47.4, 44.2, 38.4, 38.4, 37.9, 34.0, 28.4, 28.3, 21.4, 21.3, 14.2, 14.2. HRMS-ESI m/z Calcd for $C_{19}H_{27}NNaO_4$ $[M+Na]^+$: 356.1832; found 356.1830.

Ethyl 2-((2*S*)-2-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-yl)acetate (8b**)**

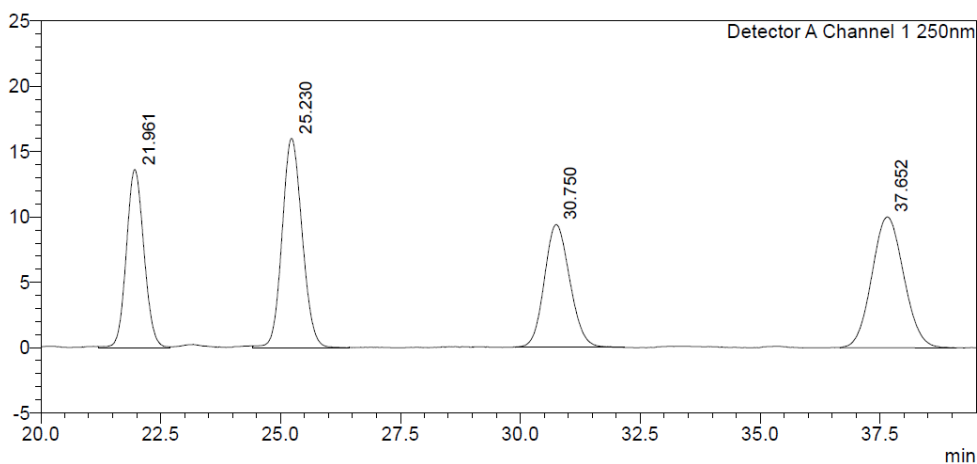


Substrate **3b** was cyclized following the general procedure **F** on 0.1 mmol scale (28.7 mg, 90%, 1:1 d.r.) and the general procedure **G** on 1 mmol scale (0.229 g, 72%, 1:1 d.r.) to provide compound **8b**. Colorless oil, 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$, 1:1 d.r.) δ 7.25–7.10 (m, 4H), 4.91–4.65 (m, 1H), 4.25–4.07 (m, 2H), 3.75 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 0.5H), 3.44 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 0.5H), 3.35 (dd, $J = 15.7, 7.4$ Hz, 0.5H), 3.20 (dd, $J = 16.0, 6.9$ Hz, 0.5H), 2.83–2.67 (m, 2H), 2.66–2.61 (m, 1H), 1.45–1.43 (m, 9H), 1.30–1.22 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 172.5, 155.6, 155.5, 143.3, 142.9, 140.5, 140.3, 127.3, 127.2, 126.9, 126.9, 124.8, 124.7, 124.1, 123.6, 79.3, 60.7, 60.6, 58.0, 54.4, 47.5, 44.3, 38.8, 37.8, 34.0, 31.4, 28.4, 28.3, 14.2, 14.1. <5% ee as determined by HPLC (Chiralcel OZH, 85:15 hexane/*i*-PrOH, 0.5 mL/min, 25 °C, $\lambda = 250$ nm), $t_r = 22.0$ min, $t_r = 25.2$ min, $t_r = 30.7$ min, $t_r = 37.3$ min. HRMS-ESI m/z Calcd for $C_{18}H_{25}NNaO_4$ $[M+Na]^+$: 342.1676; found 342.1683.

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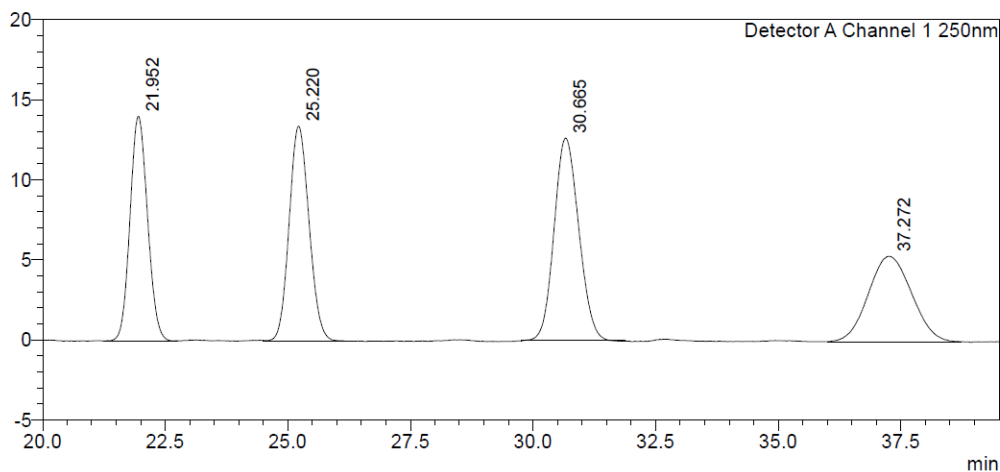
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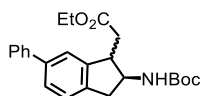


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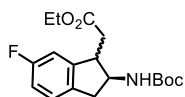
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| 3 | 30.665 | 12653 | 443789 | 29.529 |
| 4 | 37.272 | 5337 | 327590 | 21.797 |
| Total | | 45448 | 1502910 | 100.000 |

Ethyl 2-((2S)-2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-6-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl)acetate (8c)



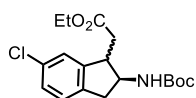
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Ethyl 2-((2S)-2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-6-fluoro-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl)acetate (8d)



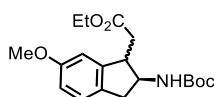
Substrate **3d** was cyclized following the general procedure **F** on 0.1 mmol scale (30.7 mg, 91%, 1:1.2 d.r.) and the general procedure **G** on 1 mmol scale (0.293 g, 87%, 1:1.2 d.r.) to provide compound **8d**. Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 1:1.2 d.r.) δ 7.16–7.10 (m, 1H), 6.90–6.83 (m, 2H), 4.97–4.57 (m, 1H), 4.27–4.07 (m, 2H), 3.73 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 0.44H), 3.41 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 0.56H), 3.29 (dd, $J = 15.9, 7.6$ Hz, 0.56H), 3.15 (dd, $J = 16.1, 7.5$ Hz, 0.44H), 2.81–2.47 (m, 3H), 1.49–1.42 (m, 9H), 1.30–1.22 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.3, 162.2 (d, $J = 244.0$ Hz), 155.5, 155.4 (minor), 145.5, 145.0 (minor), 135.7 (minor), 135.6, 125.7, 114.20 (d, $J = 22.4$ Hz), 110.0 (d, $J = 22.5$ Hz), 79.5, 60.8, 60.7 (minor), 58.3, 54.8 (minor), 47.6, 44.4 (minor), 38.0, 37.9 (minor), 37.6, 33.9 (minor), 28.4, 28.3 (minor), 14.2, 14.1 (minor). ^{19}F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -115.8, -115.9. HRMS-ESI m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{24}\text{FNNaO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 360.1586; found 360.1578.

Ethyl 2-((2S)-2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-6-chloro-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl)acetate (8e)



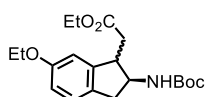
Substrate **3e** was cyclized following the general procedure **F** on 0.1 mmol scale (30.7 mg, 87%, 1:1.2 d.r.) and the general procedure **G** on 1 mmol scale (0.253 g, 75%, 1:1.2 d.r.) to provide compound **8e**. Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 1:1.2 d.r.) δ 7.20–7.11 (m, 3H), 5.03–4.61 (m, 1H), 4.30–4.08 (m, 2H), 3.74 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 0.45H), 3.44 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 0.55H), 3.31 (dd, $J = 15.9, 7.4$ Hz, 0.55H), 3.18 (dd, $J = 16.0, 6.9$ Hz, 0.45H), 2.86–2.47 (m, 3H), 1.46–1.44 (m, 9H), 1.33–1.24 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.2, 155.5, 155.4, 145.3, 144.9, 138.9, 138.7, 132.6, 132.6, 127.5, 127.3, 125.9, 125.8, 124.5, 124.1, 79.5, 60.8, 60.7, 58.1, 54.5, 47.4, 44.3, 38.2, 37.6, 33.8, 28.4, 28.3, 14.2, 14.1. HRMS-ESI m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{24}\text{ClNNaO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 376.1286; found 376.1286.

Ethyl 2-((2S)-2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-6-methoxy-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl)acetate (8f)



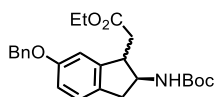
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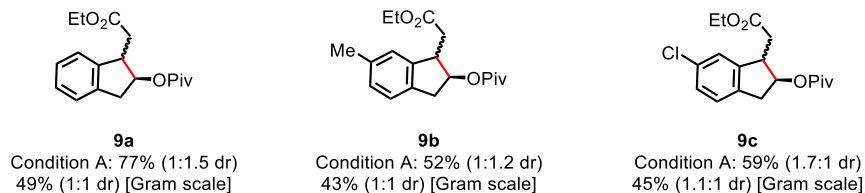
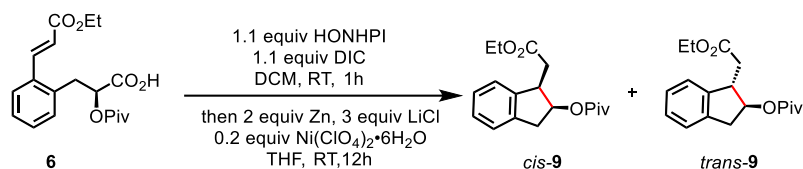
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Ethyl 2-((2S)-6-(benzyloxy)-2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl)acetate (8h)



Substrate **3h** was cyclized following the general procedure **F** on 0.1 mmol scale (35.3 mg, 83%, 1:1.25 d.r.) and the general procedure **G** on 1 mmol scale (0.361 g, 85%, 1:1.2 d.r.) to provide compound **8h**. Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 1:1.2 d.r.) δ 7.50–7.26 (m, 5H), 7.12–7.07 (m, 1H), 6.85–6.77 (m, 2H), 5.02 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.93–4.63 (m, 1H), 4.26–4.07 (m, 2H), 3.72 (q, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 0.45H), 3.40 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 0.55H), 3.27 (dd, $J = 15.5, 7.4$ Hz, 0.55H), 3.14 (dd, $J = 15.6, 6.9$ Hz, 0.45H), 2.80–2.50 (m, 3H), 1.51–1.43 (m, 9H), 1.30–1.21 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.4, 158.3, 158.3, 155.6, 155.4, 144.9, 144.4, 137.0, 132.6, 132.5, 128.5, 127.9, 127.4, 125.4, 125.3, 113.9, 113.7, 110.9, 110.5, 79.3, 70.2, 60.7, 60.6, 58.3, 54.8, 47.7, 44.5, 38.0, 37.9, 37.8, 34.0, 28.4, 28.3, 14.2, 14.1. HRMS-ESI m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{31}\text{NNaO}_5$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 448.2094; found 448.2090.

Table S8. Decarboxylative cyclization reactions of substrates 6a-c



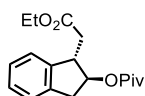
^a Reaction conditions: Substrate **6a-c** (0.1 mmol), DIC (0.11 mmol), NHPI (0.11 mmol), DCM (0.5 mL), solvent removed after 2 h, then Ni(ClO₄)₂·6H₂O (0.02 mmol), Zn (0.2 mmol), LiCl (0.3 mmol), THF (0.5 mL), 20 °C, 12 h. ^b dr ration refers to cis versus trans.

General procedure H (Condition B, 0.1 mmol scale): A culture tube was charged with substrate **6a-c** (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and NHPI (0.11 mmol, 1.1 equiv). DCM (0.5 mL, anhydrous, 0.2 M) was added, and DIC (0.11 mmol, 17 μL) was added drop wise. The reactions were monitored by TLC (typical time was 1 h). After consumption of all starting material, the solvent was removed on a rotary evaporator at 40 °C under reduced pressure and dried on a high-vacuum line for at least 5 minutes to remove residue of DCM. Then, the culture tube was charged with LiCl (12.7 mg, 0.3 mmol, 3.0 equiv), Zn powder (13.1 mg, 0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and Ni(ClO₄)₂·6H₂O (7.4 mg, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv), and the culture tube was evacuated and backfilled with argon from a balloon. To the reaction mixture was added THF (0.2 M), and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. After 12 hours, sat. aq. NH₄Cl solution was added. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc three times, and the organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄. The crude product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography or PTLC (hexane:EtOAc = 90:10) to yield pure compound, and the dr value was determined by ¹H NMR.

General procedure I (Condition B, 1.0 mmol scale): A culture tube was charged with substrate **6a-c** (1.0 equiv) and NHPI (1.1 equiv). DCM (0.2 M) was added, and DIC (1.1 mmol) was added drop wise. The reactions were monitored by TLC (typical time was 1 h). After consumption of all starting material, the solvent was removed on a rotary evaporator at 40 °C under reduced pressure and dried on a high-vacuum line for at least 5 minutes to remove residue of DCM. Then, the culture tube was charged with LiCl (12.7 mg, 0.3 mmol, 3.0 equiv), Zn powder (13.1 mg, 0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and Ni(ClO₄)₂·6H₂O (7.4 mg, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv), and the culture tube was evacuated and backfilled with argon from a balloon. To the reaction mixture was added THF (0.2 M), and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature.

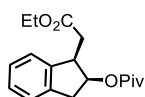
After 12 hours, sat. aq. NH₄Cl solution were added. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc three times, and the organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄. The crude product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 90:10) to yield pure compound, and the dr value was determined by ¹H NMR.

(1*S*,2*S*)-1-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl pivalate (*trans*-9a)



Substrate **6a** as cyclized following the general procedure **H** on 0.1 mmol scale (20.3 mg, 67%, cis:trans = 1:1.6) and the general procedure **I** on gram scale (gram scale: 4.35 mmol, 0.404 g, 42%, cis:trans = 1:1.1) to provide compound **9a**. The trans isomer *trans*-**9a** was separated by PTLC (preparative TLC) (Hexane: EtOAc = 9:1). Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.21–7.19 (m, 4H), 5.24 (dt, *J* = 6.9, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.23–4.09 (m, 2H), 3.66 (td, *J* = 7.0, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.18 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.5, 171.8, 142.5, 139.9, 127.4, 127.0, 124.7, 123.9, 79.5, 60.6, 47.4, 38.6, 38.0, 38.0, 27.1, 14.2. <5% ee as determined by HPLC (Chiralcel OZH, 95:5 hexane/*i*-PrOH, 0.5 mL/min, 25 °C, λ = 250 nm), tr = 8.7 min, tr = 9.4 min, tr = 9.8 min, tr = 11.0 min. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₁₈H₂₄NaO₄ [M+Na]⁺: 327.1567; found 327.1570.

(1*R*,2*S*)-1-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl pivalate (*cis*-9a)

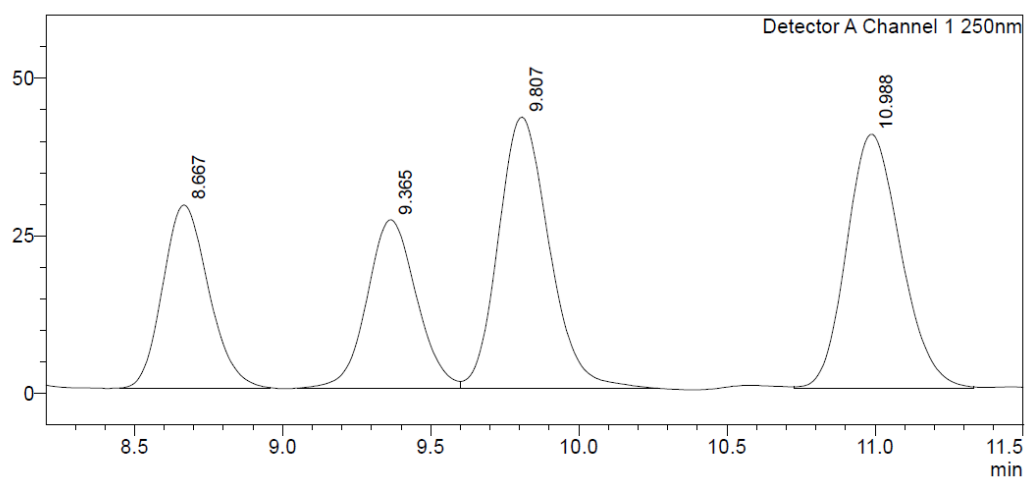


The cis isomer *cis*-**9a** was separated by PTLC (preparative TLC) (Hexane: EtOAc = 9:1). Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24–7.15 (m, 4H), 5.61 (td, *J* = 5.9, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.25–4.11 (m, 2H), 3.83 (dt, *J* = 8.5, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.81–2.68 (m, 2H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.14 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.9, 172.2, 142.8, 140.2, 127.2, 126.8, 124.7, 123.4, 75.9, 60.6, 44.2, 38.9, 38.7, 33.4, 27.0, 14.2. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₁₈H₂₄NaO₄ [M+H]⁺: 327.1567; found 327.1572.

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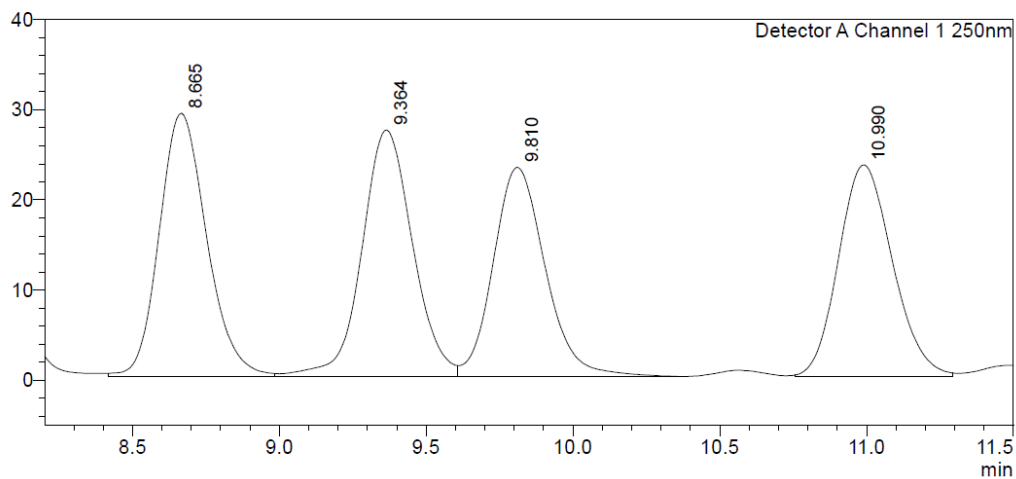
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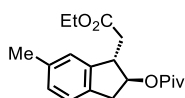


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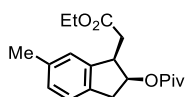
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(1*S*,2*S*)-1-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-6-methyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl pivalate (*trans*-9b)



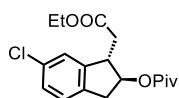
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(1*R*,2*S*)-1-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-6-methyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl pivalate (*cis*-9b**)**



The cis isomer *cis*-**9b** was separated by PTLC (preparative TLC) (Hexane: EtOAc = 9:1). Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.12–7.07 (m, 1H), 7.07–6.95 (m, 2H), 5.60 (td, *J* = 6.0, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 4.26–4.10 (m, 2H), 3.79 (q, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.27–3.18 (m, 1H), 2.87–2.79 (m, 1H), 2.78–2.68 (m, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.14 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.9, 172.3, 142.9, 137.1, 136.5, 128.0, 124.4, 124.1, 76.1, 60.6, 44.1, 38.9, 38.3, 33.5, 27.0, 21.4, 14.2. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₁₉H₂₆NaO₄ [M+Na]⁺: 341.1723; found 341.1717.

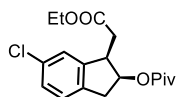
(1*S*,2*S*)-6-chloro-1-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl pivalate (*trans*-9c**)**



Substrate **6c** as cyclized following the general procedure **H** on 0.1 mmol scale (23.8 mg, 59%, cis:trans = 1.7:1) and the general procedure **I** on gram scale (gram scale: 3.43 mmol, 0.480 g, 45%, cis:trans = 1.1:1) to provide compound **9c**. The trans isomer *trans*-**9c** was separated by PTLC (preparative TLC) (Hexane: EtOAc = 9:1). Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.17–7.10 (m, 3H), 5.24–5.21 (m, 1H), 4.21–4.10 (m, 2H), 3.61 (td, *J* = 7.0, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (dd, *J* = 16.9, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.69–2.57 (m, 2H), 1.24 (t, *J*

= 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.16 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 178.3, 171.4, 144.6, 138.4, 132.6, 127.6, 125.8, 124.4, 79.4, 60.7, 47.4, 38.5, 37.6, 37.4, 27.0, 14.1. HRMS-ESI m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{24}\text{ClO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 339.1358; found 339.1352.

(1*R*,2*S*)-6-chloro-1-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl pivalate (*cis*-9c)

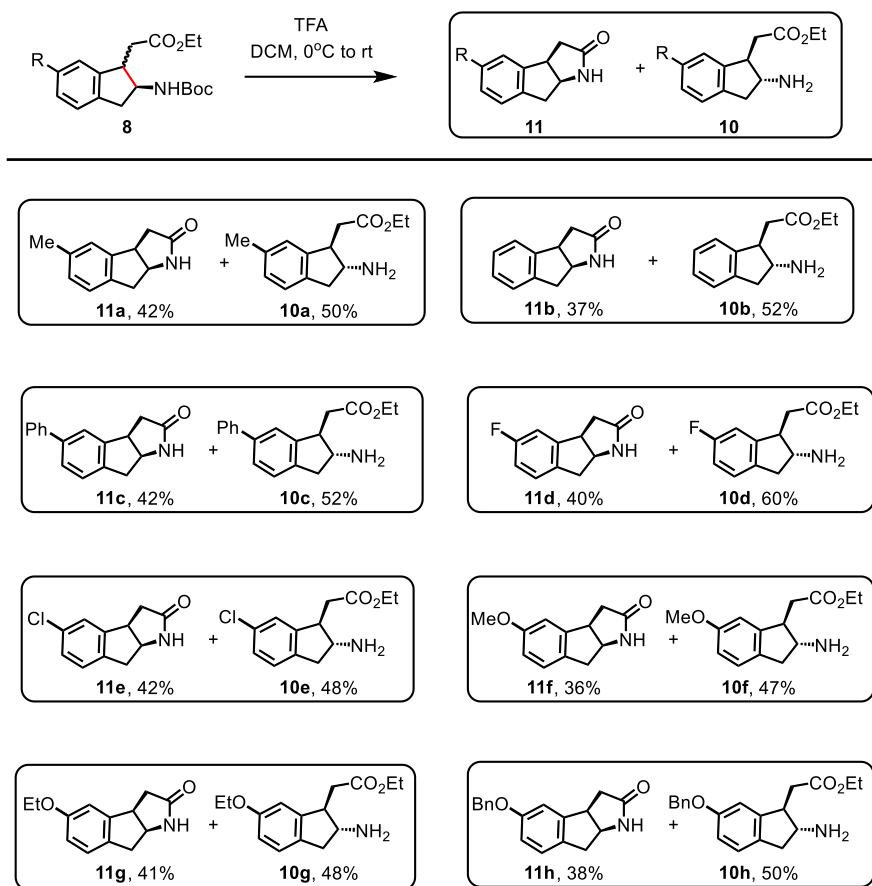


The *cis* isomer ***trans*-9c** was separated by PTLC (preparative TLC) (Hexane: EtOAc = 9:1). Yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.18-7.12 (m, 3H), 5.59 (td, $J = 5.8, 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.24-4.12 (m, 2H), 3.79 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.22 (dd, $J = 17.1, 5.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dd, $J = 17.1, 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.72 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.27 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.12 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.8, 171.9, 144.9, 138.7, 132.6, 127.4, 125.8, 123.8, 76.0, 60.7, 44.2, 38.9, 38.2, 33.1, 27.0, 14.2. HRMS-ESI m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{24}\text{ClO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 339.1358; found 339.1366.

2.3 C-Ring formation *via* intramolecular cyclization

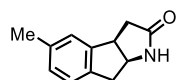
2.3.1 Synthetic route of compounds 11 from 8a-h (NHBoc series)

Table S9. C-Ring formation from substrates 8a-h



General Procedure J: To a stirred solution of substrate **8a-h** (1.0 equiv) in DCM (10 mL/mmol) was added TFA (10.0 equiv) at 0°C. When the addition was complete, the reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature (RT) and stirred for an additional 2h. The mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ followed by the addition of EtOAc. The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous phase was further extracted with EtOAc (2 times). The combined organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄. After removal of the solvent *in vacuo*, the residue was stirred with silica gel (400 mesh, RT, 6 h) in DCM immediately before purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give the products **10a-h** and **11a-h**.

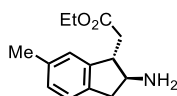
(3*a*R,8*a*S)-5-methyl-3,3*a*,8,8*a*-tetrahydroindeno[2,1-*b*]pyrrol-2(1*H*)-one (11*a*)



Compound **11a** was obtained following general procedure **J** from **8a** (0.922 mmol, 0.307g). After purification by column chromatography using DCM:MeOH (1/0 to 40/1 to 20/1) as the eluent, **11a** was obtained as a white solid (0.072 g, 42%); mp 202.3-203.1 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.12–7.01 (m, 3H), 5.96 (s, 1H), 4.48 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz,

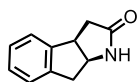
1H), 3.18 (dd, $J = 16.7, 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.94–2.79 (m, 2H), 2.49 (dd, $J = 17.1, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.0, 144.1, 137.2, 137.1, 128.7, 125.2, 124.9, 58.1, 44.8, 39.2, 36.9, 21.2. HRMS-ESI m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{NNaO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 210.0889; found 210.0886.

Ethyl 2-((1*S*,2*S*)-2-amino-6-methyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-yl)acetate (**10a**)



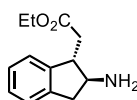
Compound **10a** was obtained following general procedure **J** from **8a** (0.922 mmol, 0.307 g). After purification by column chromatography using $\text{DCM}:\text{MeOH}$ (1/0 to 40/1 to 20/1) as the eluent, **10a** was obtained as a colorless oil (0.107 g, 50%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.11–6.94 (m, 3H), 4.20 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.43 (br s, 2H), 3.24–3.14 (m, 2H), 2.73–2.50 (m, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.29 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.0, 144.0, 137.9, 136.3, 127.9, 124.6, 124.5, 60.6, 59.8, 50.9, 41.1, 38.3, 21.4, 14.3. HRMS-ESI m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 234.1489; found 234.1490.

(3*aR*,8*aS*)-3,3*a*,8,8*a*-tetrahydroindeno[2,1-*b*]pyrrol-2(1*H*)-one (**11b**)



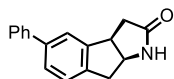
Compound **11b** was obtained following general procedure **J** from **8b** (2.187 mmol, 0.698 g). After purification by column chromatography using $\text{DCM}:\text{MeOH}$ (1/0 to 40/1 to 20/1) as the eluent, **11b** was obtained as a white solid (0.155 g, 41%); mp 177.2–178.5 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.25–7.16 (m, 4H), 6.99 (br s, 1H), 4.47 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.91 (dd, $J = 9.0, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.19 (dd, $J = 16.9, 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.96 (d, $J = 16.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.86 (dd, $J = 17.1, 9.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.48 (dd, $J = 17.1, 1.7$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.3, 144.0, 140.3, 127.7, 127.3, 125.2, 124.6, 58.0, 44.8, 39.5, 37.1. HRMS-ESI m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{NNaO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 196.0733; found 196.0736.

Ethyl 2-((1*S*,2*S*)-2-amino-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-yl)acetate (**10b**)



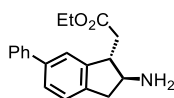
Compound **11b** was obtained following general procedure **J** from **8b** (2.187 mmol, 0.698g). After purification by column chromatography using DCM:MeOH (1/0 to 40/1 to 20/1) as the eluent, **11b** was obtained as a yellow oil (0.280 g, 58%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.21–7.12 (m, 4H), 4.19 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.54–3.46 (m, 1H), 3.37–3.22 (m, 2H), 2.95 (br s, 2H), 2.76 (td, *J* = 16.2, 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.0, 143.4, 140.7, 127.2, 126.8, 124.8, 123.8, 60.7, 59.2, 49.9, 40.6, 38.2, 14.2. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₁₃H₁₇NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺: 242.1151; found 242.1147.

(3*aR*,8*aS*)-5-phenyl-3,3*a*,8,8*a*-tetrahydroindeno[2,1-*b*]pyrrol-2(1*H*)-one (11c)



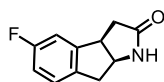
Compound **11c** was obtained following general procedure **J** from **8c** (2.199 mmol, 0.871 g). After purification by column chromatography using DCM:MeOH (1/0 to 40/1 to 20/1) as the eluent, **11c** was obtained as a white solid (0.231g, 42%); mp 182.2–183.0 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58–7.53 (m, 2H), 7.48–7.40 (m, 4H), 7.37–7.31 (m, 1H), 7.30–7.26 (m, 1H), 6.27 (br s, 1H), 4.54 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (d, *J* = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.9, 144.7, 141.1, 140.9, 139.4, 128.8, 127.2, 127.1, 127.1, 125.5, 123.4, 58.1, 45.0, 39.3, 37.0. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₁₇H₁₅NNaO [M+Na]⁺: 272.1046; found 272.1086.

Ethyl 2-((1*S*,2*S*)-2-amino-6-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-yl)acetate (10c)



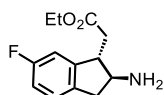
Compound **10c** was obtained following general procedure **J** from **8c** (2.199 mmol, 0.871 g). After purification by column chromatography using DCM:MeOH (1/0 to 40/1 to 20/1) as the eluent, **10c** was obtained as a colorless oil (0.378g, 58%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.45–7.39 (m, 3H), 7.38–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.28–7.24 (m, 1H), 4.29 (br s, 2H), 4.25–4.13 (m, 2H), 3.64 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.52–3.44 (m, 1H), 3.34 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.96–2.85 (m, 2H), 2.63 (dd, *J* = 16.4, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.3, 143.4, 141.2, 140.4, 139.3, 128.7, 127.1, 127.1, 126.6, 125.1, 122.6, 61.0, 59.0, 48.6, 39.3, 38.3, 14.1. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₁₉H₂₂NO₂ [M+H]⁺: 296.1645; found 296.1644.

(3a*R*,8a*S*)-5-fluoro-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydroindeno[2,1-*b*]pyrrol-2(1*H*)-one (11d)



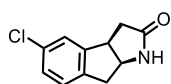
Compound **11d** was obtained following general procedure **J** from **8d** (1.792 mmol, 0.604 g). After purification by column chromatography using DCM:MeOH (1/0 to 40/1 to 20/1) as the eluent, **11d** was obtained as a white solid (0.140g, 41%); mp 193.8-194.5 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.17–7.10 (m, 1H), 6.96–6.87 (m, 2H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 4.51 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.22–3.11 (m, 1H), 2.95–2.80 (m, 2H), 2.45 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 2.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.7, 162.7 (d, *J* = 244.1 Hz), 146.2 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 135.6 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 126.3 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 115.0 (d, *J* = 22.4 Hz), 111.5 (d, *J* = 21.9 Hz), 58.4, 45.0 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 38.9, 36.8. ¹⁹F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -115.7. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₁₁H₁₀FNNaO [M+Na]⁺: 214.0639; found 214.0640.

Ethyl 2-((1*S*,2*S*)-2-amino-6-fluoro-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-yl)acetate (10d)



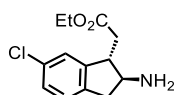
Compound **10d** was obtained following general procedure **J** from **8d** (1.792 mmol, 0.604 g). After purification by column chromatography using DCM:MeOH (1/0 to 40/1 to 20/1) as the eluent, **10d** was obtained as a colourless oil (0.247 g, 58%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.15–7.07 (m, 1H), 6.91–6.80 (m, 2H), 4.19 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.48 (q, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.28–3.13 (m, 2H), 2.77–2.53 (m, 3H), 1.86 (br s, 2H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.6, 162.2 (d, *J* = 243.2 Hz), 145.9 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 136.2 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 125.7 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 114.0 (d, *J* = 21.9 Hz), 111.1 (d, *J* = 22.4 Hz), 60.7, 59.8, 50.7, 40.5, 37.9, 14.2. ¹⁹F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -116.3. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₁₃H₁₆FNNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺: 238.1238; found 238.1235.

(3a*R*,8a*S*)-5-chloro-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydroindeno[2,1-*b*]pyrrol-2(1*H*)-one (11e)



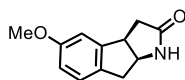
Compound **11e** was obtained following general procedure **J** from **8e** (2.078 mmol, 0.734 g). After purification by column chromatography using DCM:MeOH (1/0 to 40/1 to 20/1) as the eluent, **11e** was obtained as a white solid (0.181g, 42%); mp 192.1-193.4 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.20–7.18 (m, 2H), 7.15–7.10 (m, 1H), 6.32 (br s, 1H), 4.50 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.96–2.80 (m, 2H), 2.46 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.6, 146.0, 138.7, 133.1, 128.1, 126.4, 124.9, 58.1, 44.9, 39.1, 36.7. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₁₁H₁₀ClNNaO [M+Na]⁺: 230.0343; found 230.0339.

Ethyl 2-((1*S*,2*S*)-2-amino-5-chloro-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-yl)acetate (**10e**)



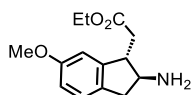
Compound **10e** was obtained following general procedure **J** from **8e** (2.078 mmol, 0.734 g). After purification by column chromatography using DCM:MeOH (1/0 to 40/1 to 20/1) as the eluent, **10e** was obtained as a colorless oil (0.252g, 48%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.18–7.07 (m, 3H), 4.24–4.14 (m, 2H), 3.50 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (br s, 2H), 2.68 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.6, 145.5, 139.2, 132.4, 127.4, 125.9, 124.3, 60.8, 59.4, 50.1, 40.3, 37.9, 14.2. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₁₃H₁₇ClNO₂ [M+H]⁺: 254.0942; found 254.0932.

(3*aR*,8*aS*)-5-methoxy-3,3*a*,8,8*a*-tetrahydroindeno[2,1-*b*]pyrrol-2(1*H*)-one (**11f**)



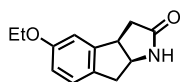
Compound **11f** was obtained following general procedure **J** from **8f** (1.449 mmol, 0.506 g). After purification by column chromatography using DCM:MeOH (1/0 to 40/1 to 20/1) as the eluent, **11f** was obtained as a white solid (0.106g, 36%); mp 188.9-190.0 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.12–7.07 (m, 1H), 6.82–6.72 (m, 2H), 6.27 (br s, 1H), 4.49 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.16 (dd, *J* = 16.5, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.92–2.79 (m, 2H), 2.48 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.9, 159.5, 145.5, 132.0, 125.8, 114.0, 109.7, 58.4, 55.5, 45.1, 38.8, 36.9. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₁₂H₁₃NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺: 226.0838; found 226.0829.

Ethyl 2-((1*S*,2*S*)-2-amino-6-methoxy-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-yl)acetate (**10f**)



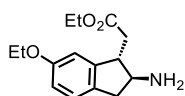
Compound **11f** was obtained following general procedure **J** from **8f** (1.449 mmol, 0.506 g). After purification by column chromatography using DCM:MeOH (1/0 to 40/1 to 20/1) as the eluent, **11f** was obtained as a colorless oil (0.169g, 47%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.13–7.02 (m, 1H), 6.82–6.62 (m, 2H), 6.22 (br s, 2H), 4.25–4.10 (m, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.71–3.64 (m, 1H), 3.60–3.47 (m, 1H), 3.28–3.26 (m, 1H), 3.03–2.85 (m, 2H), 2.61–2.52 (m, 1H), 1.28 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.6, 159.3, 143.1, 131.3, 125.4, 113.6, 109.3, 61.3, 58.6, 55.4, 46.8, 38.2, 37.2, 14.1. HRMS-ESI m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}\text{NNaO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 272.1257; found 272.1258.

(3*aR*,8*aS*)-5-ethoxy-3,3*a*,8,8*a*-tetrahydroindeno[2,1-*b*]pyrrol-2(1*H*)-one (**11g**)



Compound **11g** was obtained following general procedure **J** from **8g** (1.826 mmol, 0.663 g). After purification by column chromatography using DCM:MeOH (1/0 to 40/1 to 20/1) as the eluent, **11g** was obtained as a white solid (0.162g, 41%); mp 201.2–201.6 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.11–7.05 (m, 1H), 6.80–6.72 (m, 2H), 6.34–6.10 (m, 1H), 4.48 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.01 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.89 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.15 (dd, $J = 16.6, 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.91–2.78 (m, 2H), 2.47 (dd, $J = 17.1, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.40 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.9, 158.9, 145.5, 131.9, 125.8, 114.6, 110.4, 63.7, 58.4, 45.1, 38.8, 36.8, 14.9. HRMS-ESI m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{NNaO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 240.0995; found 240.0995.

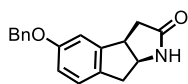
Ethyl 2-((1*S*,2*S*)-2-amino-6-ethoxy-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-yl)acetate (**10g**)



Compound **10g** was obtained following general procedure **J** from **8g** (1.826 mmol, 0.663 g). After purification by column chromatography using DCM:MeOH (1/0 to 40/1 to 20/1) as the eluent, **10g** was obtained as a colorless oil (0.226g, 48%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.11–7.03 (m, 1H), 6.77–6.67 (m, 2H), 4.19 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.98 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.48 (q, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.31–3.23 (m, 1H), 3.18 (dd, $J = 15.6, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.91 (br s, 2H), 2.94–2.63

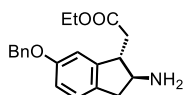
(m, 2H), 2.55 (dd, $J = 16.0, 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.38 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 1.28 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.0, 158.4, 144.8, 132.4, 125.4, 113.7, 110.3, 63.6, 60.8, 59.6, 50.2, 39.9, 38.2, 14.9, 14.2. HRMS-ESI m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{NNaO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 286.1414; found 286.1411.

(3a*R*,8a*S*)-5-(benzyloxy)-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydroindeno[2,1-*b*]pyrrol-2(1*H*)-one (11h)



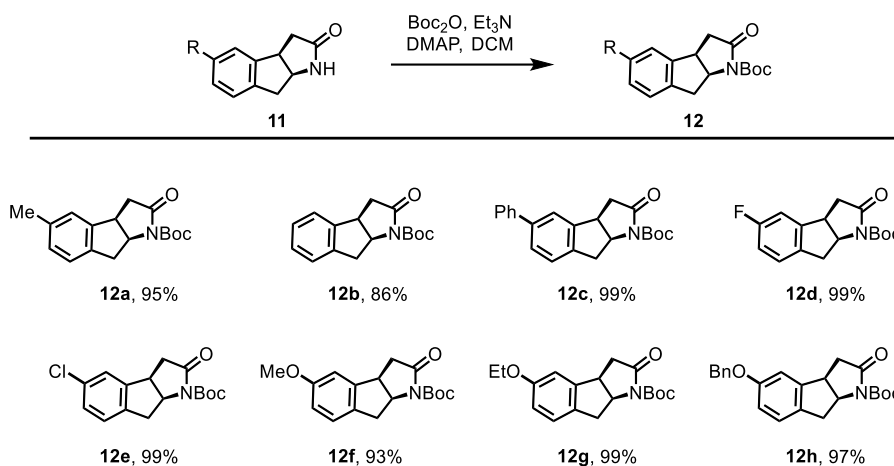
Compound **11h** was obtained following general procedure **J** from **8h** (1.598 mmol, 0.679 g). After purification by column chromatography using DCM:MeOH (1/0 to 40/1 to 20/1) as the eluent, **11h** was obtained as a white solid (0.169g, 38%); mp 177.4-178.2 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.48–7.29 (m, 5H), 7.10 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.89–6.80 (m, 2H), 6.27 (br s, 1H), 5.04 (s, 2H), 4.48 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.89 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.15 (dd, $J = 16.6, 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.92–2.78 (m, 2H), 2.46 (dd, $J = 17.1, 1.8$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.9, 158.7, 145.5, 137.0, 132.4, 128.6, 127.9, 127.4, 125.8, 114.9, 110.9, 70.3, 58.4, 45.1, 38.8, 36.8. HRMS-ESI m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{NNaO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 302.1151; found 302.1147.

Ethyl 2-((1*S*,2*S*)-2-amino-6-(benzyloxy)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-yl)acetate (10h)



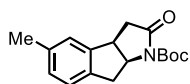
Compound **10h** was obtained following general procedure **J** from **8h** (1.598 mmol, 0.679 g). After purification by column chromatography using DCM:MeOH (1/0 to 40/1 to 20/1) as the eluent, **10h** was obtained as a colorless oil (0.249g, 48%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.44–7.29 (m, 5H), 7.08 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.89–6.75 (m, 2H), 5.01 (s, 2H), 4.23–4.14 (m, 2H), 4.11 (br s, 2H), 3.57 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.44–3.34 (m, 1H), 3.23 (dd, $J = 15.7, 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.87–2.75 (m, 2H), 2.56 (dd, $J = 16.6, 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.28 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.3, 158.4, 144.1, 137.0, 132.3, 128.5, 127.9, 127.4, 125.4, 114.2, 110.5, 70.2, 61.1, 59.1, 48.6, 38.6, 38.2, 14.1. HRMS-ESI m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{NNaO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 348.1570; found 348.1563.

Table S10. Boc-protection of substrates 11a-h



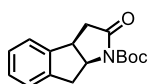
General Procedure K: To a solution of **11a-h** (1.0 equiv), NEt_3 (3.0 equiv) and DMAP (0.5 equiv) in DCM (10 mL/1 mmol) was added $(\text{Boc})_2\text{O}$ (3.0 equiv) at RT, and the resultant mixture was stirred for 16 h. After dilution with EtOAc, the organic phase was washed successively with 1M HCl, saturated NaHCO_3 and brine. After drying over Na_2SO_4 , and removing all volatiles, a crude mixture was obtained, which was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to quantitatively afford **12a-h**.

Tert-butyl (3a*S*,8a*R*)-5-methyl-2-oxo-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydroindeno[2,1-*b*]pyrrole-1(2*H*)-carboxylate (12a)



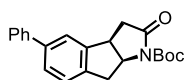
Compound **12a** was obtained following general procedure **K** from **11a** (0.76 mmol, 0.142 g). After purification by column chromatography using DCM:MeOH (1/0 to 40/1 to 20/1) as the eluent, **12a** was obtained as a colorless oil (0.207g,95%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.10–6.99 (m, 3H), 4.86 (td, $J = 7.5, 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.83–3.74 (m, 1H), 3.39 (dd, $J = 17.5, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.12 (dd, $J = 17.4, 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.01 (dd, $J = 17.9, 10.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.65 (dd, $J = 17.9, 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.56 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.7, 150.1, 143.4, 137.3, 137.2, 128.8, 124.9, 124.7, 83.1, 62.3, 39.8, 39.7, 38.9, 28.1, 21.2. HRMS-ESI m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{21}\text{NNaO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 310.1414; found 310.1418.

Tert-butyl (3a*S*,8a*R*)-2-oxo-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydroindeno[2,1-*b*]pyrrole-1(2*H*)-carboxylate (12b)



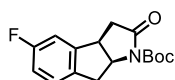
Compound **12b** was obtained following general procedure **K** from **11b** (0.86 mmol, 0.148 g). After purification by column chromatography using DCM:MeOH (1/0 to 40/1 to 20/1) as the eluent, **12b** was obtained as a colorless oil (0.199g, 86%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27–7.16 (m, 4H), 4.87 (td, *J* = 7.4, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.87–3.79 (m, 1H), 3.44 (dd, *J* = 17.7, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (dd, *J* = 17.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (dd, *J* = 17.9, 10.1 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (dd, *J* = 17.9, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 1.56 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.4, 149.8, 143.0, 140.1, 127.7, 127.2, 124.7, 124.1, 82.9, 61.8, 39.7, 39.6, 38.6, 27.8. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₁₆H₁₉NNaO₃ [M+Na]⁺: 296.1257; found 296.1264.

Tert-butyl (3aR,8aS)-2-oxo-5-phenyl-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydroindeno[2,1-b]pyrrole-1(2H)-carboxylate (12c)



Compound **12c** was obtained following general procedure **K** from **11c** (0.963 mmol, 0.241 g). After purification by column chromatography using DCM:MeOH (1/0 to 40/1 to 20/1) as the eluent, **12c** was obtained as a colorless oil (0.334 g, 99%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58–7.51 (m, 2H), 7.50–7.40 (m, 4H), 7.38–7.32 (m, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.92 (td, *J* = 7.3, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.93–3.85 (m, 1H), 3.48 (dd, *J* = 18.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (dd, *J* = 17.8, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (dd, *J* = 17.9, 10.1 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 1.58 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.5, 150.1, 144.0, 141.1, 141.1, 139.5, 128.8, 127.3, 127.2, 127.1, 125.3, 123.1, 83.2, 62.3, 40.0, 39.8, 38.9, 28.1. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₂₂H₂₃NNaO₃ [M+Na]⁺: 372.1570; found 372.1561.

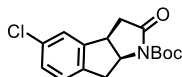
Tert-butyl (3aR,8aS)-5-fluoro-2-oxo-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydroindeno[2,1-b]pyrrole-1(2H)-carboxylate (12d)



Compound **12d** was obtained following general procedure **K** from **11d** (0.710 mmol, 0.135 g). After purification by column chromatography using DCM:MeOH (1/0 to 40/1 to 20/1) as the eluent, **12d** was obtained as a colorless oil (0.690g, 97%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.14 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 6.99–6.85 (m, 2H), 4.90 (td, *J* = 7.3, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (ddd, *J* = 11.0, 7.6, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.86–3.77 (m, 1H), 3.18–3.08 (m, 1H), 3.03 (dd, *J* = 17.9, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (dd, *J* = 17.9, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 1.56 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.1, 162.6 (d, *J* =

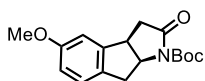
244.6 Hz), 145.0, 145.3 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz), 135.7 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 126.1 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 115.2 (d, $J = 22.4$ Hz), 111.2 (d, $J = 22.4$ Hz), 83.3, 62.5, 40.0 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 39.3, 38.6, 28.1. ^{19}F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -115.4. HRMS-ESI m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{FNNaO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 314.1163; found 314.1157.

***Tert*-butyl (3*aR*,8*aS*)-5-chloro-2-oxo-3,3*a*,8,8*a*-tetrahydroindeno[2,1-*b*]pyrrole-1(2*H*)-carboxylate (12e)**



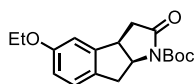
Compound **12e** was obtained following general procedure **K** from **11e** (0.804 mmol, 0.166 g). After purification by column chromatography using $\text{DCM}:\text{MeOH}$ (1/0 to 40/1 to 20/1) as the eluent, **12e** was obtained as a colorless oil (0.244 g, 99%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.24–7.10 (m, 3H), 4.88 (td, $J = 7.4, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.86–3.77 (m, 1H), 3.40 (dd, $J = 17.8, 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.14 (dd, $J = 17.8, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.03 (dd, $J = 17.9, 10.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.63 (dd, $J = 17.9, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.55 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.1, 149.9, 145.2, 138.8, 133.2, 128.2, 126.1, 124.6, 83.4, 62.2, 39.9, 39.5, 38.6, 28.1. HRMS-ESI m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClNaO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 330.0867; found 330.0862.

***Tert*-butyl (3*aR*,8*aS*)-5-methoxy-2-oxo-3,3*a*,8,8*a*-tetrahydroindeno[2,1-*b*]pyrrole-1(2*H*)-carboxylate (12f)**



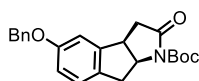
Compound **12f** was obtained following general procedure **K** from **11f** (0.492 mmol, 0.092 g). After purification by column chromatography using $\text{DCM}:\text{MeOH}$ (1/0 to 40/1 to 20/1) as the eluent, **12f** was obtained as a colorless oil (0.131g, 93%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.10 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.78 (dd, $J = 8.3, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.87 (td, $J = 7.5, 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.82–3.77 (m, 4H), 3.38 (dd, $J = 17.2, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.09 (dd, $J = 17.2, 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.01 (dd, $J = 17.9, 10.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.65 (dd, $J = 17.9, 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.56 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.6, 159.6, 150.0, 144.7, 132.2, 125.6, 114.2, 109.4, 83.1, 62.6, 55.5, 40.1, 39.3, 38.8, 28.1. HRMS-ESI m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{21}\text{NNaO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 326.1363; found 326.1366.

Tert-butyl (3a*S*,8a*R*)-5-ethoxy-2-oxo-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydroindeno[2,1-*b*]pyrrole-1(2*H*)-carboxylate (12g)



Compound **12g** was obtained following general procedure **K** from **11g** (0.700 mmol, 0.152 g). After purification by column chromatography using DCM:MeOH (1/0 to 40/1 to 20/1) as the eluent, **12g** was obtained as a colorless oil (0.220g, 99%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (td, *J* = 7.3, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.83–3.74 (m, 1H), 3.37 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 7.2, 1H), 3.08 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (dd, *J* = 17.9, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (dd, *J* = 17.9, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (s, 9H), 1.40 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.3, 158.6, 149.8, 144.4, 131.7, 125.3, 114.5, 109.9, 82.8, 63.4, 62.3, 39.8, 39.0, 38.5, 27.8, 14.6. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₁₈H₂₃NNaO₄ [M+Na]⁺: 340.1519; found 340.1515.

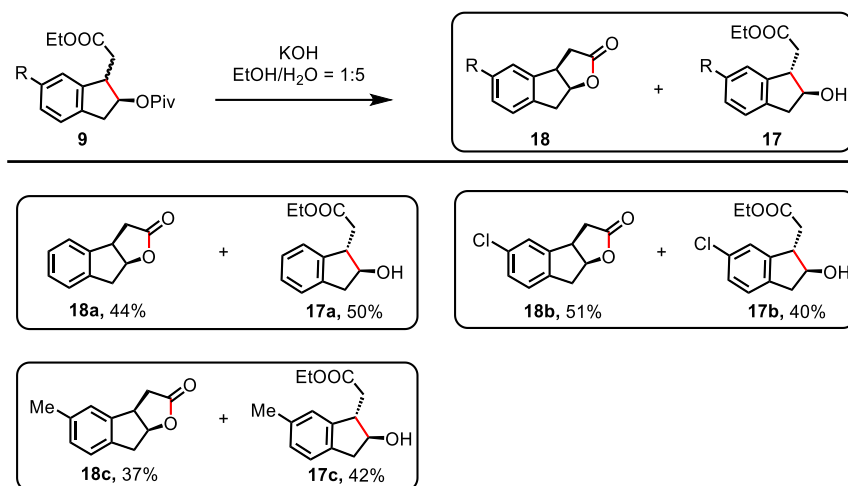
Tert-butyl (3a*R*,8a*S*)-5-(benzyloxy)-2-oxo-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydroindeno[2,1-*b*]pyrrole-1(2*H*)-carboxylate (12h)



Compound **12h** was obtained following general procedure **K** from **11h** (0.541 mmol, 0.151 g). After purification by column chromatography using DCM:MeOH (1/0 to 40/1 to 20/1) as the eluent, **12h** was obtained as a colorless oil (0.198g, 97%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45–7.28 (m, 5H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (s, 2H), 4.87 (td, *J* = 7.5, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (ddd, *J* = 11.0, 7.8, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (dd, *J* = 17.9, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (dd, *J* = 17.9, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 1.56 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.5, 158.7, 150.0, 144.7, 136.9, 132.5, 128.6, 128.0, 127.4, 125.6, 115.1, 110.6, 83.1, 70.3, 62.5, 40.1, 39.3, 38.8, 28.1. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₂₃H₂₅NNaO₄ [M+Na]⁺: 402.1676; found 402.1677.

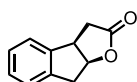
2.3.2 Synthetic route from compound 9a-c (O-Piv series)

Table S11. C-Ring formation from substrates 9a-c



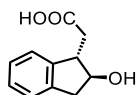
General Procedure L: To solution of **9a-c** (1.0 equiv) in EtOH (5 mL/1 mmol) was added 10% aqueous KOH (5 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature and was monitored by TLC (typical time was 12 h). After consumption of all starting material, 1 M aqueous HCl solution was used to carefully adjust the pH to ~ 4. Then the mixture was extracted with EtOAc three times, and the organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄. The crude product was placed under 40°C (neat) over night before purified by silica gel flash column chromatography to afford compound **18a-c** and **17a-c**.

(3aR,8aS)-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-indeno[2,1-b]furan-2-one (18a)



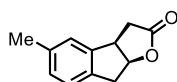
Compound **18a** was obtained following general procedure **L** from **9a** (1.073 mmol, 0.326 g). After purification by column chromatography using DCM:MeOH (1/0 to 40/1 to 20/1) as the eluent, **18a** was obtained as a white solid (0.080g, 43%). mp 67.3-70.0 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28–7.25 (m, 3H), 7.23–7.21 (m, 1H), 5.30 (dt, *J* = 6.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 2H), 3.04 (dd, *J* = 17.8, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (dd, *J* = 17.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.3, 142.0, 140.0, 128.3, 127.7, 125.3, 124.6, 84.3, 45.4, 38.9, 35.3. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₁₁H₁₀NaO₂ [M+Na]⁺: 197.0573; found 197.0574.

2-((1R,2R)-2-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl)acetic acid (17a)



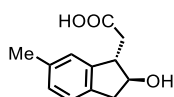
Compound **17a** was obtained following general procedure **L** from **9a** (1.073 mmol, 0.326 g). After purification by column chromatography using DCM:MeOH (1/0 to 40/1 to 20/1) as the eluent, **17a** was obtained as a white solid (0.091 g, 44%). mp 128.6-132.4 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.25-7.10 (m, 4H), 4.25 (q, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 176.5, 144.7, 141.5, 128.2, 127.8, 125.7, 125.0, 79.1, 50.8, 40.9, 38.4. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₁₁H₁₂NaO₃ [M+Na]⁺: 215.0679; found 215.0684.

(3a*R*,8a*S*)-5-methyl-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydro-2*H*-indeno[2,1-*b*]furan-2-one (18b)



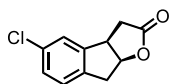
Compound **18b** was obtained following general procedure **L** from **9b** (1.198 mmol, 0.381 g). After purification by column chromatography using DCM:MeOH (1/0 to 40/1 to 20/1) as the eluent, **18b** was obtained as a white solid (0.091g, 37%). mp 95.8-97.0 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 5.29 (dt, *J* = 6.0, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 2H), 3.02 (dd, *J* = 17.7, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (dd, *J* = 17.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.4, 142.1, 137.5, 136.9, 129.2, 125.2, 124.9, 84.6, 45.3, 38.5, 35.3, 21.2. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₁₂H₁₂NaO₂ [M+Na]⁺: 211.0730; found 211.0735.

2-((1*S*,2*S*)-2-hydroxy-6-methyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-yl)acetic acid (17b)



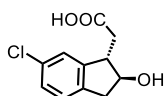
Compound **17b** was obtained following general procedure **L** from **9b** (1.198 mmol, 0.381 g). After purification by column chromatography using DCM:MeOH (1/0 to 40/1 to 20/1) as the eluent, **17b** was obtained as a white solid (0.110g, 42%). mp °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 5.52–5.38 (m, 3H), 2.67 (q, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 1.59 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.20 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 1.10–0.94 (m, 2H), 0.73 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 178.8, 145.8, 139.2, 138.2, 129.7, 126.4, 126.3, 80.6, 51.7, 41.3, 40.4, 22.3. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₁₂H₁₄NaO₃ [M+Na]⁺: 229.0835; found 229.0830.

(3a*R*,8a*S*)-5-chloro-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydro-2*H*-indeno[2,1-*b*]furan-2-one (18c)



Compound **18c** was obtained following general procedure **L** from **9c** (1.120 mmol, 0.379 g). After purification by column chromatography using DCM:MeOH (1/0 to 40/1 to 20/1) as the eluent, **18c** was obtained as a yellow solid (0.119 g, 51%). mp 123.1-125.2 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26- 7.18 (m, 3H), 5.31-5.28 (m, 1H), 4.00 (dd, *J* = 9.4, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (s, 2H), 3.04 (dd, *J* = 17.9, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (d, *J* = 17.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.7, 144.0, 138.5, 133.4, 128.6, 126.4, 124.9, 84.2, 45.4, 38.4, 35.0. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₁₁H₉ClO₂ [M+Na]⁺: 231.0183; found 231.0192.

2-((1S,2S)-6-chloro-2-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl)acetic acid (**17c**)

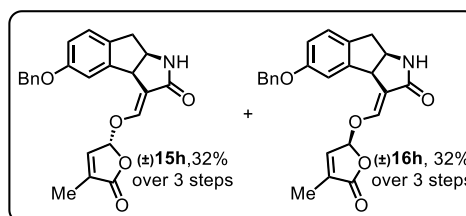
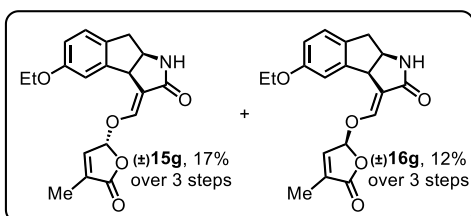
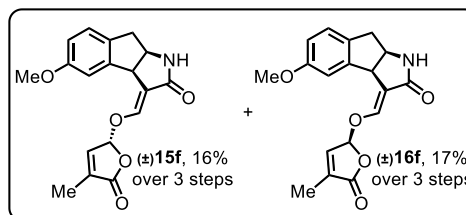
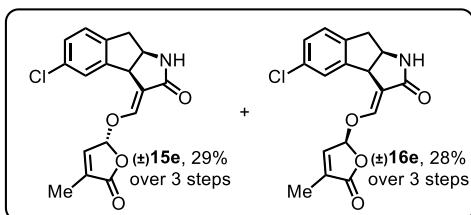
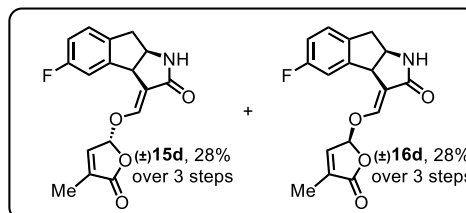
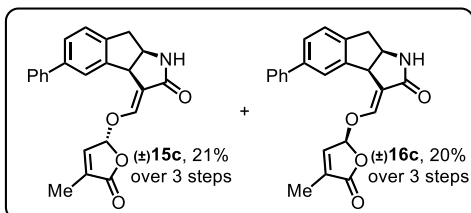
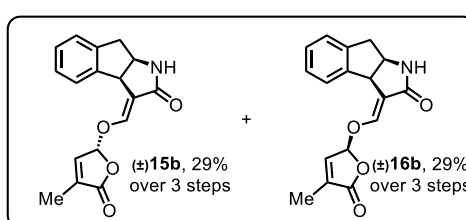
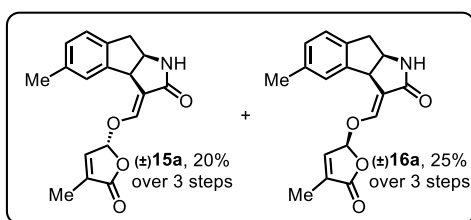
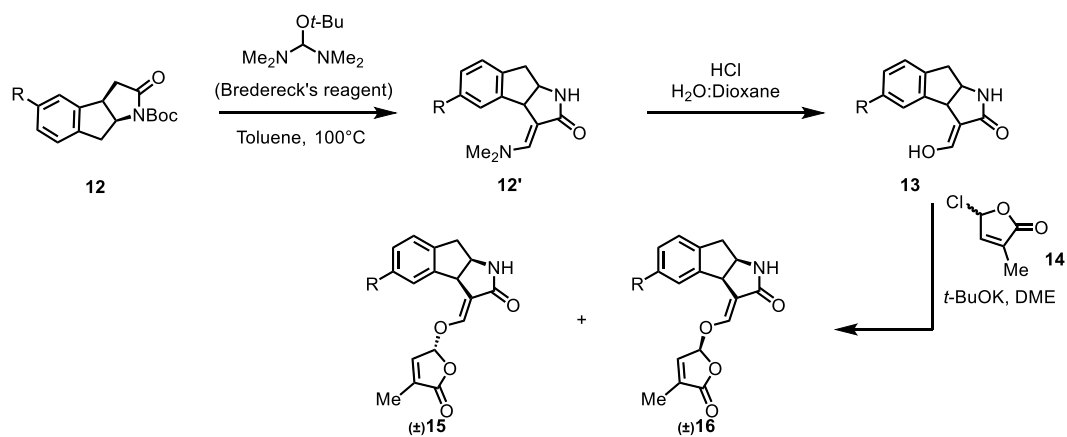


Compound **17c** was obtained following general procedure **L** from **9c** (1.120 mmol, 0.379 g). After purification by column chromatography using DCM:MeOH (1/0 to 40/1 to 20/1) as the eluent, **17c** was obtained as a white solid (0.081 g, 40%). mp 150.1-151.8 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.21 (s, 1H), 7.18 (s, 2H), 4.27 (q, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.4–3.3 (m, 1H), 3.18 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 7.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 176.1, 147.1, 140.4, 133.4, 128.2, 127.2, 125.4, 79.0, 50.9, 40.4, 38.0. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₁₁H₁₁NaClO₃ [M+Na]⁺: 249.0289; found 249.0287.

2.4 Final synthetic route of 2nd generation strigolactams and GR24

2.4.1 Synthesis of (±)-Strigolactams and (±)-Epi-Strigolactams ^[6]

Table S12. Final synthetic route of 2nd generation strigolactams

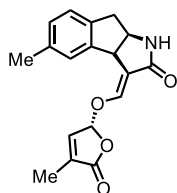


General Procedure M: To a solution of **12a-h** (1.0 equiv) in toluene (10 mL/1 mmol) was added Brederick's reagent (5.0 equiv) at RT and the solution was refluxed and was monitored by TLC (typical time was 8 h). It was then cooled to rt and diluted with EtOAc. The solution was washed with water. After drying over Na₂SO₄, and removing all volatiles, enamine was obtained as a crude product.

The obtained enamine was dissolved in dioxane (20 mL/1 mmol) and 1M HCl (20 mL/1 mmol), and the resultant mixture was stirred at rt for 12 h. The solution was neutralized with saturated NaHCO₃ and then diluted with EtOAc, further washed with water followed by brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. After removal of volatiles under reduced pressure, the crude product was obtained.

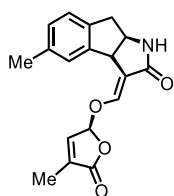
The obtained enamine was then dissolved in dioxane (5 mL/1 mmol) was added KO^tBu (1.5 equiv) at 0 °C. After 10 min, a solution of chlorobutenolidine (1.5 equiv) in DME was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was then allowed to warm slowly to rt and stirred for 16 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc and washed with water and brine, and then dried over Na₂SO₄. After removal of volatiles under reduced pressure, the mixture of **15a-h** and **16a-h** was obtained. These compounds were separated by flash chromatography on silica gel.

(3a*S*,8a*R*,*E*)-5-methyl-3-(((*R*)-4-methyl-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)oxy)methylene)-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydroindeno[2,1-*b*]pyrrol-2(1*H*)-one (±15a**)**



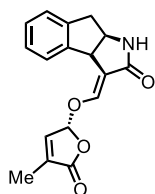
Compound **15a** was obtained following general procedure **M** from **12a** (0.697 mmol, 0.200 g). After purification by column chromatography using hexane:EtOAc (1/0 to 4/1 to 1/1) as the eluent, **15a** was obtained as a white solid (43.5 mg, 20%). mp 138.8-140.4 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 7.10–6.98 (m, 3H), 6.66 (br s, 1H), 6.26–6.21 (m, 1H), 4.61 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (dd, *J* = 16.9, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (d, *J* = 16.9 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.07–2.03 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.7, 170.6, 145.6, 142.8, 141.2, 136.9, 136.9, 135.8, 128.7, 126.1, 124.9, 117.3, 100.7, 56.1, 47.3, 39.0, 21.4, 10.8. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₁₈H₁₇NNaO₄ [M+Na]⁺: 334.1050; found 334.1059.

(3a*S*,8a*R*,*E*)-5-methyl-3-(((*S*)-4-methyl-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)oxy)methylene)-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydroindeno[2,1-*b*]pyrrol-2(1*H*)-one (±16a**)**



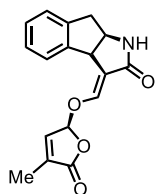
Compound **16a** was obtained following general procedure **M** from **12a** (0.697 mmol, 0.200 g). After purification by column chromatography using hexane:EtOAc (1/0 to 4/1 to 1/1) as the eluent, **16a** was obtained as a white solid (54.0 mg, 25%). mp 270.5-271.2 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 7.09–6.98 (m, 3H), 6.26 (br s, 1H), 6.24–6.20 (m, 1H), 4.62 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (dd, *J* = 16.9, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (d, *J* = 16.9 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.07–2.03 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.5, 170.5, 145.4, 142.7, 141.4, 137.2, 136.6, 135.8, 128.8, 126.2, 124.8, 117.3, 100.7, 56.1, 47.2, 39.0, 21.3, 10.8. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₁₈H₁₇NNaO₄ [M+Na]⁺: 334.1050; found 334.1054.

(3aS,8aR,E)-3-(((R)-4-methyl-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)oxy)methylene)-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydroindeno[2,1-b]pyrrol-2(1H)-one (±15b)



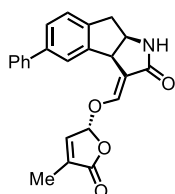
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(3aS,8aR,E)-3-(((S)-4-methyl-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)oxy)methylene)-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydroindeno[2,1-b]pyrrol-2(1H)-one (±16b)



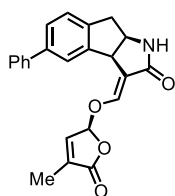
Compound **16b** was obtained following general procedure **M** from **12b** (0.502 mmol, 0.137 g). After purification by column chromatography using hexane:EtOAc (1/0 to 4/1 to 1/1) as the eluent, **16b** was obtained as a white solid (43.0 mg, 29%). mp 260.1-262.2 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41–7.31 (m, 2H), 7.27–7.16 (m, 3H), 7.02 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (br s, 1H), 6.27–6.22 (m, 1H), 4.69 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (d, *J* = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 2.08 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.6, 170.5, 145.3, 142.6, 141.4, 139.7, 135.8, 127.8, 127.4, 125.7, 125.1, 117.1, 100.6, 55.8, 47.3, 39.4, 10.8. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₁₇H₁₅NNaO₄ [M+Na]⁺: 320.0893; found 320.089.

(3*aR*,8*aR*,*E*)-3-(((*R*)-4-methyl-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)oxy)methylene)-5-phenyl-3,3*a*,8,8*a*-tetrahydroindeno[2,1-*b*]pyrrol-2(1*H*)-one (±15c**)**



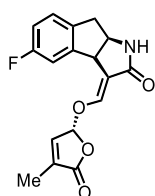
Compound **15c** was obtained following general procedure **M** from **12c** (0.700 mmol, 0.245 g). After purification by column chromatography using hexane:EtOAc (1/0 to 4/1 to 1/1) as the eluent, **15c** was obtained as a white solid (55.2 mg, 21%). mp 107.3-108.9 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.53–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.37 (m, 4H), 7.37–7.31 (m, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.98–6.80 (m, 2H), 6.20 (br s, 1H), 4.62 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (s, 1H), 3.27 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (d, *J* = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.8, 170.4, 146.8, 143.1, 141.1, 141.0, 140.4, 138.9, 135.2, 128.5, 126.9, 126.7, 126.7, 125.2, 124.2, 116.2, 100.7, 56.1, 47.1, 38.8, 10.4. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₂₃H₁₉NNaO₄ [M+Na]⁺: 396.1206; found 396.1208.

(3*aR*,8*aR*,*E*)-3-(((*S*)-4-methyl-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)oxy)methylene)-5-phenyl-3,3*a*,8,8*a*-tetrahydroindeno[2,1-*b*]pyrrol-2(1*H*)-one (±16c**)**



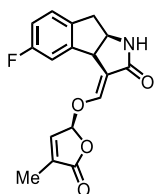
Compound **16c** was obtained following general procedure **M** from **12c** (0.697 mmol, 0.200 g). After purification by column chromatography using hexane:EtOAc (1/0 to 4/1 to 1/1) as the eluent, **16c** was obtained as a white solid (52.1 mg, 20%). mp 216.7-217.4 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 7.40–7.36 (m, 1H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 6.55 (br s, 1H), 6.23 (s, 1H), 4.72 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (d, *J* = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.3, 170.0, 145.8, 143.1, 140.9, 140.7, 140.5, 138.6, 135.5, 128.6, 126.9, 126.7, 126.6, 125.1, 124.2, 116.5, 100.6, 55.7, 47.0, 39.0, 10.5. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₂₃H₁₉NNaO₄ [M+Na]⁺: 396.1206; found 396.1209.

(3aS,8aR,E)-5-fluoro-3-(((R)-4-methyl-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)oxy)methylene)-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydroindeno[2,1-b]pyrrol-2(1H)-one (±15d)



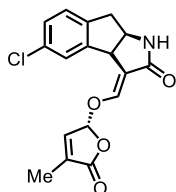
Compound **15d** was obtained following general procedure **M** from **12d** (0.660 mmol, 0.193 g). After purification by column chromatography using hexane:EtOAc (1/0 to 4/1 to 1/1) as the eluent, **15d** was obtained as a white solid (60.3 mg, 29%). mp 178.0-179.2 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 7.10 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.08–6.97 (m, 2H), 6.89 (td, *J* = 8.6, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.25–6.20 (m, 1H), 4.61 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (d, *J* = 16.9 Hz, 1H), 2.07–2.01 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.7, 170.5, 162.4 (d, *J* = 243.7 Hz), 146.2, 144.7, 141.2, 135.7, 135.4 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 126.2 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 116.6, 114.9 (d, *J* = 22.9 Hz), 112.4 (d, *J* = 22.9 Hz), 100.7, 56.5, 47.3 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 38.7, 10.7. ¹⁹F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -115.9. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₁₇H₁₄FNNaO₄ [M+Na]⁺: 338.0799; found 338.0798.

(3aS,8aR,E)-5-fluoro-3-(((S)-4-methyl-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)oxy)methylene)-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydroindeno[2,1-b]pyrrol-2(1H)-one (±16d)



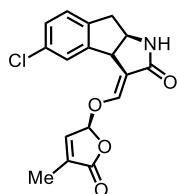
Compound **16d** was obtained following general procedure **M** from **12d** (0.660 mmol, 0.193 g). After purification by column chromatography using hexane:EtOAc (1/0 to 4/1 to 1/1) as the eluent, **16d** was obtained as a white solid (58.9 mg, 28%). mp 232.7-233.9 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.08–6.99 (m, 2H), 6.90 (td, *J* = 8.6, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 6.23 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (dd, *J* = 16.2, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (d, *J* = 16.9 Hz, 1H), 2.06–2.03 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.4, 170.2, 162.5 (d, *J* = 244.6 Hz), 145.3, 144.5 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 141.2, 136.2, 135.1, 126.1 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 116.4, 115.1 (d, *J* = 22.9 Hz), 112.6 (d, *J* = 22.9 Hz), 100.3, 56.4, 47.4, 38.8, 10.8. ¹⁹F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -115.4. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₁₇H₁₄FNNaO₄ [M+Na]⁺: 338.0799; found 338.0799.

(3aS,8aR,E)-5-chloro-3-(((R)-4-methyl-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)oxy)methylene)-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydroindeno[2,1-b]pyrrol-2(1H)-one (±15e)

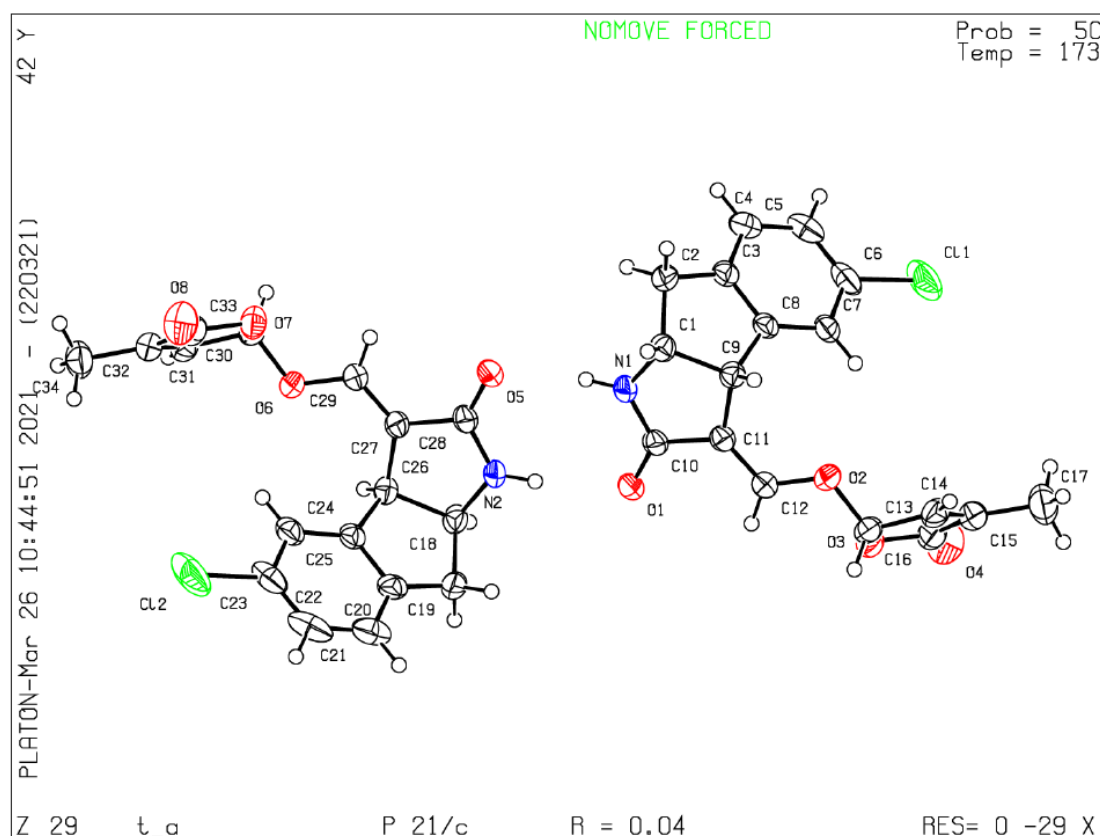


Compound **15e** was obtained following general procedure **M** from **12e** (0.766 mmol, 0.235 g). After purification by column chromatography using hexane:EtOAc (1/0 to 4/1 to 1/1) as the eluent, **15e** was obtained as a white solid (79.9 mg, 31%). mp 190.1-191.2 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.33–7.30 (m, 1H), 7.18 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.08–7.04 (m, 1H), 6.78 (br s, 1H), 6.23 (t, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 2.08–2.04 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.7, 170.5, 146.7, 144.5, 141.1, 138.4, 135.8, 132.8, 128.1, 126.3, 125.9, 116.2, 100.8, 56.2, 47.3, 39.0, 10.7. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₁₇H₁₄ClNNaO₄ [M+Na]⁺: 354.0504; found 354.0497.

(3aS,8aR,E)-5-chloro-3-(((S)-4-methyl-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)oxy)methylene)-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydroindeno[2,1-b]pyrrol-2(1H)-one (±16e)



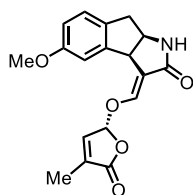
Compound **16e** was obtained following general procedure **M** from **12e** (0.766 mmol, 0.235 g). After purification by column chromatography using hexane:EtOAc (1/0 to 4/1 to 1/1) as the eluent, **16e** was obtained as a white solid (57.4 mg, 23%). mp 257.6-258.1 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35–7.32 (m, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 1.9, 1H), 7.18 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.03-7.00 (m, 1H), 6.39 (br s, 1H), 6.27–6.22 (m, 1H), 4.65 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 2.09–2.04 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.6, 170.2, 145.5, 144.4, 141.1, 138.2, 136.2, 133.1, 128.2, 126.2, 126.0, 116.3, 100.4, 56.2, 47.2, 39.0, 10.9. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₁₇H₁₄ClNNaO₄ [M+Na]⁺: 354.0504; found 354.0510.



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| Independent reflections | 5696 |
| No. of parameters | 417 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.051 |
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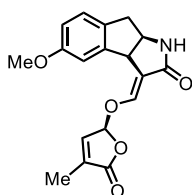
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Compound **15f** was obtained following general procedure **M** from **12f** (0.405 mmol, 0.123 g). After purification by column chromatography using hexane:EtOAc (1/0 to 4/1 to 1/1) as the

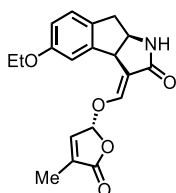
eluent, **15f** was obtained as a white solid (20.6 mg, 16%). mp 155.6-157.1 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.05–6.99 (m, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (br s, 1H), 6.26–6.20 (m, 1H), 4.63 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.21 (dd, *J* = 16.7, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (d, *J* = 16.7 Hz, 1H), 2.07–2.02 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.5, 170.5, 159.4, 145.7, 144.2, 141.1, 135.9, 131.8, 125.7, 117.0, 113.6, 111.2, 100.6, 56.4, 55.4, 47.5, 38.7, 10.8. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₁₈H₁₇NNaO₅ [M+Na]⁺: 350.0999; found 350.1003.

(3*aS*,8*aR*,*E*)-5-methoxy-3-((((*S*)-4-methyl-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)oxy)methylene)-3,3*a*,8,8*a*-tetrahydroindeno[2,1-*b*]pyrrol-2(1*H*)-one (±16f**)**



Compound **16f** was obtained following general procedure **M** from **12f** (0.405 mmol, 0.123 g). After purification by column chromatography using hexane:EtOAc (1/0 to 4/1 to 1/1) as the eluent, **16f** was obtained as a white solid (16.9 mg, 17%). mp 250.4-251.7 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.02–6.98 (m, 1H), 6.94–6.89 (m, 1H), 6.77 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.25–6.20 (m, 1H), 6.17 (br s, 1H), 4.64 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.22 (dd, *J* = 16.6, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 2.07–2.02 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.5, 170.4, 159.5, 145.8, 143.9, 141.4 135.7, 131.4, 125.6, 116.9, 115.0, 109.1, 100.9, 56.4, 55.4, 47.5, 38.6, 10.8. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₁₈H₁₇NNaO₅ [M+Na]⁺: 350.0999; found 350.0992.

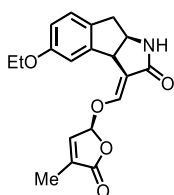
(3*aR*,8*aR*,*E*)-5-ethoxy-3-((((*R*)-4-methyl-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)oxy)methylene)-3,3*a*,8,8*a*-tetrahydroindeno[2,1-*b*]pyrrol-2(1*H*)-one (±15g**)**



Compound **15g** was obtained following general procedure **M** from **12g** (0.611 mmol, 0.208 g). After purification by column chromatography using hexane:EtOAc (1/0 to 4/1 to 1/1) as the eluent, **15g** was obtained as a white solid (35.3 mg, 17%). mp 144.8-146.2 °C; ¹H NMR (400

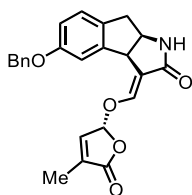
MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.03–6.99 (m, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (br s, 1H), 6.26–6.20 (t, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.20 (dd, J = 16.7, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (d, J = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.40 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.7, 170.5, 158.7, 145.7, 144.1, 141.2, 135.8, 131.7, 125.7, 117.1, 114.2, 111.8, 100.6, 63.6, 56.5, 47.5, 38.6, 14.9, 10.7. HRMS-ESI m/z Calcd for C₁₉H₁₉NNaO₅ [M+Na]⁺: 364.1155; found 364.1153.

(3a*S*,8a*R*,*E*)-5-ethoxy-3-(((*S*)-4-methyl-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)oxy)methylene)-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydroindeno[2,1-*b*]pyrrol-2(1*H*)-one (\pm 16g)



Compound **16g** was obtained following general procedure **M** from **12g** (0.611 mmol, 0.208 g). After purification by column chromatography using hexane:EtOAc (1/0 to 4/1 to 1/1) as the eluent, **16g** was obtained as a white solid (24.3 mg, 12%). mp 214.7–215.4 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (br s, 1H), 6.22 (s, 1H), 4.61 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.96–3.87 (m, 1H), 3.20 (dd, J = 16.6, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (d, J = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 2.07–2.01 (m, 3H), 1.38 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.6, 170.4, 158.8, 145.8, 143.9, 141.4, 135.6, 131.2, 125.6, 117.0, 115.6, 110.4, 101.0, 63.6, 56.4, 47.4, 38.6, 14.8, 10.7. HRMS-ESI m/z Calcd for C₁₉H₁₉NNaO₅ [M+Na]⁺: 364.1155; found 364.1152.

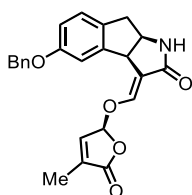
(3a*R*,8a*R*,*E*)-5-(benzyloxy)-3-(((*R*)-4-methyl-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)oxy)methylene)-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydroindeno[2,1-*b*]pyrrol-2(1*H*)-one (\pm 15h)



Compound **15h** was obtained following general procedure **M** from **12h** (0.474 mmol, 0.180 g). After purification by column chromatography using hexane:EtOAc (1/0 to 4/1 to 1/1) as the

eluent, **15h** was obtained as a white solid (60.1 mg, 32%). mp 107.3-108.9 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47–7.29 (m, 6H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.95–6.81 (m, 2H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 6.17 (s, 1H), 5.10–5.02 (m, 2H), 4.62 (s, 1H), 4.54–4.39 (m, 1H), 3.30–3.16 (m, 1H), 2.90 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 2.08–1.97 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.5, 170.4, 158.7, 145.7, 144.2, 141.2, 137.2, 135.8, 132.1, 128.6, 127.9, 127.4, 125.7, 117.0, 114.7, 112.1, 100.6, 70.3, 56.4, 47.6, 38.7, 10.7. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₂₄H₂₁NNaO₅ [M+Na]⁺: 426.1312; found 426.1307.

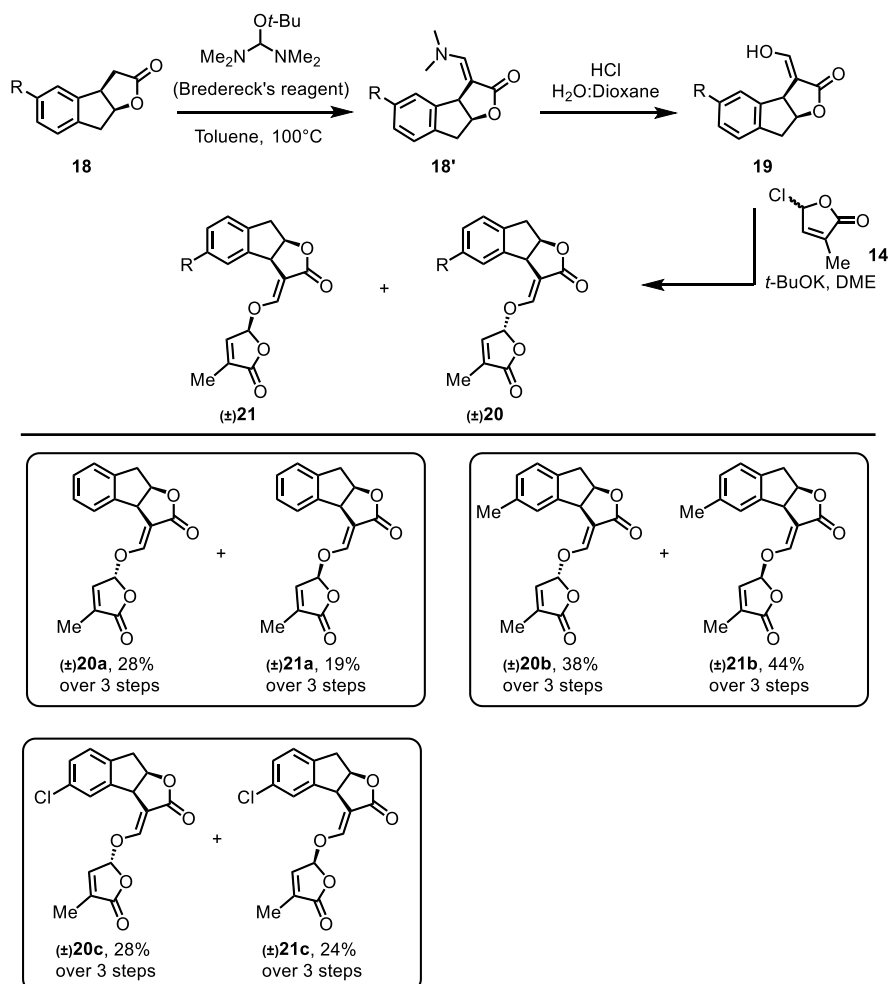
(3*aR*,8*aR*,*E*)-5-(benzyloxy)-3-(((*S*)-4-methyl-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)oxy)methylene)-3,3*a*,8,8*a*-tetrahydroindeno[2,1-*b*]pyrrol-2(1*H*)-one (±16h**)**



Compound **16h** was obtained following general procedure **M** from **12h** (0.474 mmol, 0.180 g). After purification by column chromatography using hexane:EtOAc (1/0 to 4/1 to 1/1) as the eluent, **16h** was obtained as a white solid (60.5 mg, 32%). mp 216.7-217.4 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.35–7.28 (m, 2H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.03–6.99 (m, 1H), 6.97–6.93 (m, 1H), 6.88–6.81 (m, 1H), 6.38 (s, 1H), 6.20 (s, 1H), 4.98 (s, 2H), 4.64 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (dd, *J* = 16.6, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 2.01–1.98 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.5, 170.3, 158.7, 145.3, 144.0, 141.4, 137.1, 135.8, 131.8, 128.5, 127.8, 127.5, 125.7, 117.0, 115.6, 111.1, 100.7, 70.0, 56.4, 47.5, 38.7, 10.8. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₂₄H₂₁NNaO₅ [M+Na]⁺: 426.1312; found 426.1320.

2.4.2 Synthesis of (±)-Strigolactones and (±)-*Epi*-Strigolactones

Table S13. Final synthetic route of 2nd generation GR24



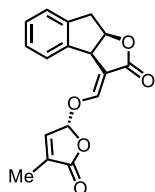
General Procedure N: To a solution of **18a-c** (1.0 equiv) in toluene (10 mL/1 mmol) was added Brederick's reagent (5.0 equiv) at rt and the solution was refluxed and was monitored by TLC (typical time was 8 h). It was then cooled to rt and diluted with EtOAc. The solution was washed with water. After drying over Na₂SO₄, and removing all volatiles, enamine was obtained as a crude product.

The obtained enamine was then dissolved in dioxane (20 mL/1 mmol) and 1M HCl (20 mL/1 mmol), and the resultant mixture was stirred at rt for 12 h. The solution was neutralized with saturated NaHCO₃ and then diluted with EtOAc, washed with water and brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. After removal of volatiles under reduced pressure, the crude product was obtained.

The obtained enamine was then dissolved in dioxane (5 mL/1 mmol) was added KO^tBu ((1.5 equiv) at 0 °C. After 10 min, a solution of chlorobutenolidine (1.5 equiv) in DME was added drop wise. The reaction mixture was then allowed to warm slowly to rt and stirred for 16 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc and washed with water and brine, and then dried

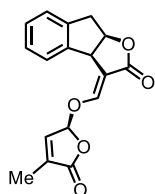
over Na₂SO₄. After removal of volatiles under reduced pressure, the mixture of **20a-c** and **21a-c** was obtained. These compounds were separated by flash chromatography on silica gel.

(3aR,8aR,E)-3-(((R)-4-methyl-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)oxy)methylene)-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-indeno[2,1-b]furan-2-one (\pm 20a)



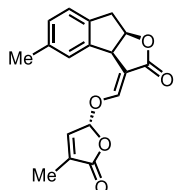
Compound **20a** was obtained following general procedure **N** from **18a** (0.382 mmol, 0.066 g). After purification by column chromatography using hexane:EtOAc (1/0 to 4/1 to 1/1) as the eluent, **20a** was obtained as a white solid (31.4 mg, 28%). mp 133.6-136.5 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 6.26 (s, 1H), 5.26 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (d, *J* = 17.9 Hz, 1H), 2.07 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.9, 170.2, 150.3, 141.4, 140.7, 139.6, 136.2, 128.3, 127.6, 125.4, 125.2, 112.2, 100.7, 82.0, 47.9, 38.9, 10.8. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₁₇H₁₄NaO₅ [M+Na]⁺: 321.0733; found 321.0730.

(3aR,8aR,E)-3-(((S)-4-methyl-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)oxy)methylene)-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-indeno[2,1-b]furan-2-one (\pm 21a)



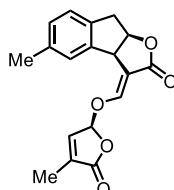
Compound **21a** was obtained following general procedure **N** from **18a** (0.382 mmol, 0.066 g). After purification by column chromatography using hexane:EtOAc (1/0 to 4/1 to 1/1) as the eluent, **21a** was obtained as a white solid (21.2 mg, 19%). mp 209.5-212.5 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.18 (m, 3H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 6.25 (s, 1H), 5.25 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.08 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.9, 170.1, 149.8, 141.3, 140.9, 139.5, 136.2, 128.3, 127.8, 125.5, 125.1, 112.3, 100.6, 82.1, 47.8, 38.9, 10.8. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₁₇H₁₄NaO₅ [M+Na]⁺: 321.0733; found 321.0736.

(3*aR*,8*aR*,*E*)-5-methyl-3-(((*R*)-4-methyl-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)oxy)methylene)-3,3*a*,8,8*a*-tetrahydro-2*H*-indeno[2,1-*b*]furan-2-one (\pm 20*b*)



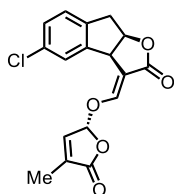
Compound **20b** was obtained following general procedure **N** from **18b** (0.397 mmol, 0.075 g). After purification by column chromatography using hexane:EtOAc (1/0 to 4/1 to 1/1) as the eluent, **20b** was obtained as a white solid (47.2 mg, 38%). mp 116.7–118.7 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.13–7.11 (m, 2H), 7.08–7.03 (m, 2H), 6.30–6.24 (m, 1H), 5.25 (td, *J* = 6.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (dd, *J* = 6.3, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.42–3.20 (m, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.07 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.9, 170.2, 150.1, 141.5, 140.8, 137.3, 136.6, 136.2, 129.2, 125.9, 124.9, 112.4, 100.7, 82.4, 47.8, 38.5, 21.4, 10.8. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₁₈H₁₆NaO₅ [M+Na]⁺: 335.0890; found 335.0892.

(3*aR*,8*aR*,*E*)-5-methyl-3-(((*S*)-4-methyl-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)oxy)methylene)-3,3*a*,8,8*a*-tetrahydro-2*H*-indeno[2,1-*b*]furan-2-one (\pm 21*b*)



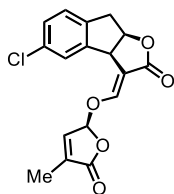
Compound **21b** was obtained following general procedure **N** from **18b** (0.397 mmol, 0.075 g). After purification by column chromatography using hexane:EtOAc (1/0 to 4/1 to 1/1) as the eluent, **21b** was obtained as a white solid (54.4 mg, 44%). mp 225.5–227.0 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.12–7.09 (m, 2H), 7.06–6.98 (m, 2H), 6.27–6.26 (m, 1H), 5.24 (td, *J* = 6.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.69–4.63 (m, 1H), 3.40–3.18 (m, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.08 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.9, 170.1, 149.8, 141.4, 141.0, 137.5, 136.4, 136.1, 129.2, 126.0, 124.8, 112.6, 100.7, 82.4, 47.7, 38.5, 21.3, 10.8. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₁₈H₁₆NaO₅ [M+Na]⁺: 335.0890; found 335.0884.

(3*aR*,8*aR*,*E*)-5-chloro-3-(((*R*)-4-methyl-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)oxy)methylene)-3,3*a*,8,8*a*-tetrahydro-2*H*-indeno[2,1-*b*]furan-2-one (\pm 20*c*)

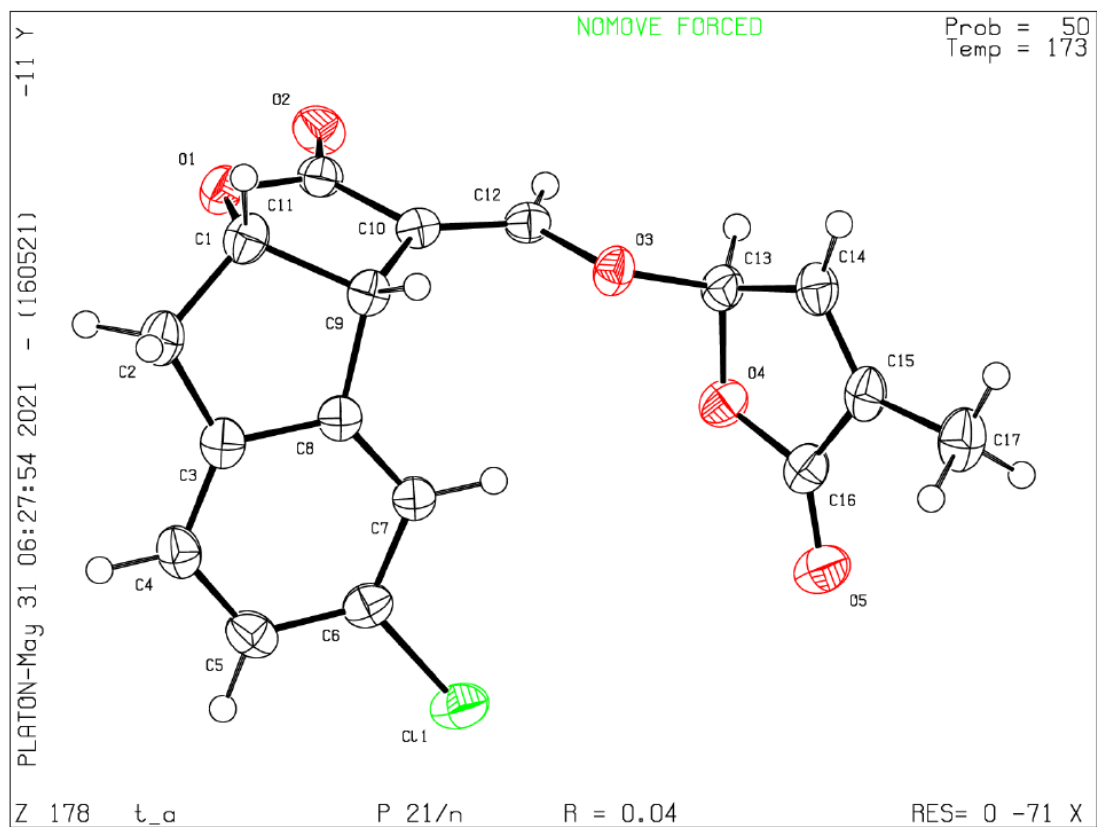


Compound **20c** was obtained following general procedure **N** from **18c** (0.389 mmol, 0.081 g). After purification by column chromatography using hexane:EtOAc (1/0 to 4/1 to 1/1) as the eluent, **20c** was obtained as a white solid (36.1 mg, 28%). mp 165.6-169.1 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 6.26 (s, 1H), 5.27 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.4 (dd, *J* = 18.1, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.3 (d, *J* = 18.1 Hz, 1H), 2.08 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.4, 170.1, 151.0, 143.3, 140.7, 138.2, 136.2, 133.1, 128.5, 126.3, 125.7, 111.4, 100.8, 82.0, 47.8, 38.5, 10.8. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₁₇H₁₃NaClO₅ [M+Na]⁺: 355.0344; found 355.0347.

(3aR,8aR,E)-5-chloro-3-(((S)-4-methyl-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)oxy)methylene)-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-indeno[2,1-b]furan-2-one (±21c)



Compound **21c** was obtained following general procedure **N** from **18c** (0.389 mmol, 0.081 g). After purification by column chromatography using hexane:EtOAc (1/0 to 4/1 to 1/1) as the eluent, **21c** was obtained as a white solid (30.6 mg, 24%). mp 218.3-221.4 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 6.29 (s, 1H), 5.27 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.4 (dd, *J* = 18.1, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.3 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.08 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.5, 169.8, 149.8, 143.1, 140.8, 138.0, 136.5, 133.3, 128.5, 126.2, 125.7, 111.6, 100.3, 82.0, 47.6, 38.5, 10.8. HRMS-ESI *m/z* Calcd for C₁₇H₁₃NaClO₅ [M+Na]⁺: 355.0344; found 355.0351.

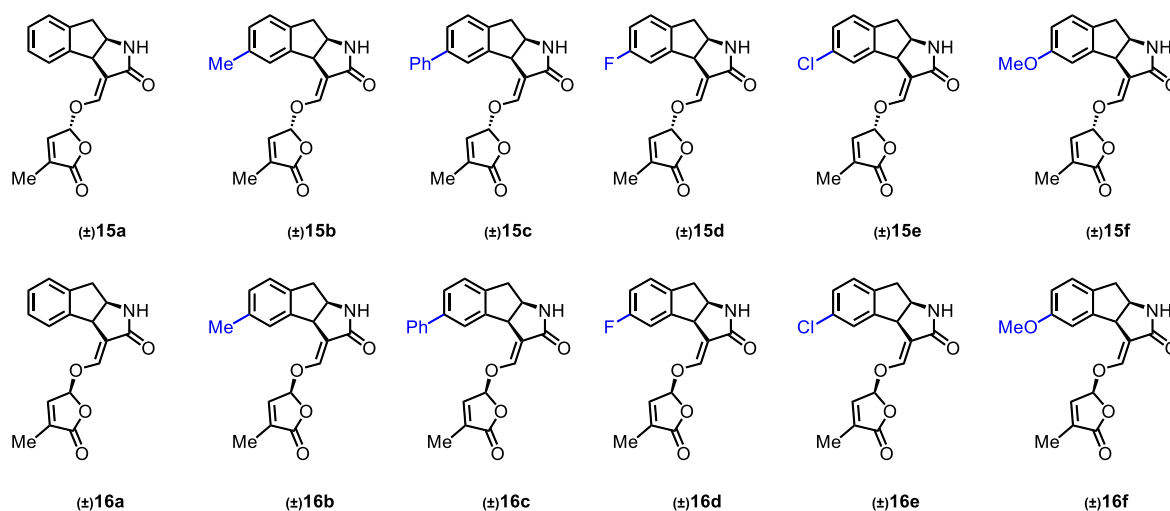


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| Crystal system | Monoclinic |
| Space group | P2(1)/n |
| Z | 4 |
| a/ Å | 12.588(3) |
| b/ Å | 7.415(2) |
| c/ Å | 16.351(4) |
| α/° | 90 deg |
| β/° | 100.998(18) deg |
| γ/° | 90 deg |
| V/Å ³ | 3105.2(9) |
| Density/Mg/m ³ | 11.475 |
| F(000) | 688 |
| Absorption coefficient/mm ⁻¹ | Semi-empirical from equivalents |

| | |
|--|----------------------------------|
| Theta range for data collection/° | 4.915 to 68.215 deg |
| Reflections collected | 10523 |
| Independent reflections | 2735 |
| No. of parameters | 209 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F^2 | 1.036 |
| Largest diff. peak and hole/e/Å ³ | 0.276 and -0.235 |
| R_1 , $wR_2(I > 2\sigma(I))$ | $R_1 = 0.0359$, $wR_2 = 0.0950$ |
| R_1 , $wR_2(\text{all data})$ | $R_1 = 0.0422$, $wR_2 = 0.1000$ |

2.5 The germination efficacy assay of strigolactams and strigolactones [7]

The *Orobanchae aegyptiaca* seeds used in this study were kindly provided by Prof. Yong-Qing Ma from College of Forestry, Northwest A & F University. The strigolactone analogues were dissolved in DMSO at the concentration of 10 mM and used as a stock solution. First, soak the seeds in 1% NaClO for 3 min. and wash with autoclaved distilled water and then soak in 75% alcohol for 2 min. and then thoroughly wash with autoclaved distilled water and air-dried in a clean bench. The seeds were conditioned in the dark at room temperature for 1 week. The conditioned seeds suspended in milliQ water were aliquoted in 96-well plates at the volume of 100 μL , to which 1 μL of the diluted stock solution was added to the final concentration indicated in the text. The number of germinated seeds were counted and divided by the total number of seeds to indicate germination rate. The experiments were repeated three times and averages with standard deviations were presented.



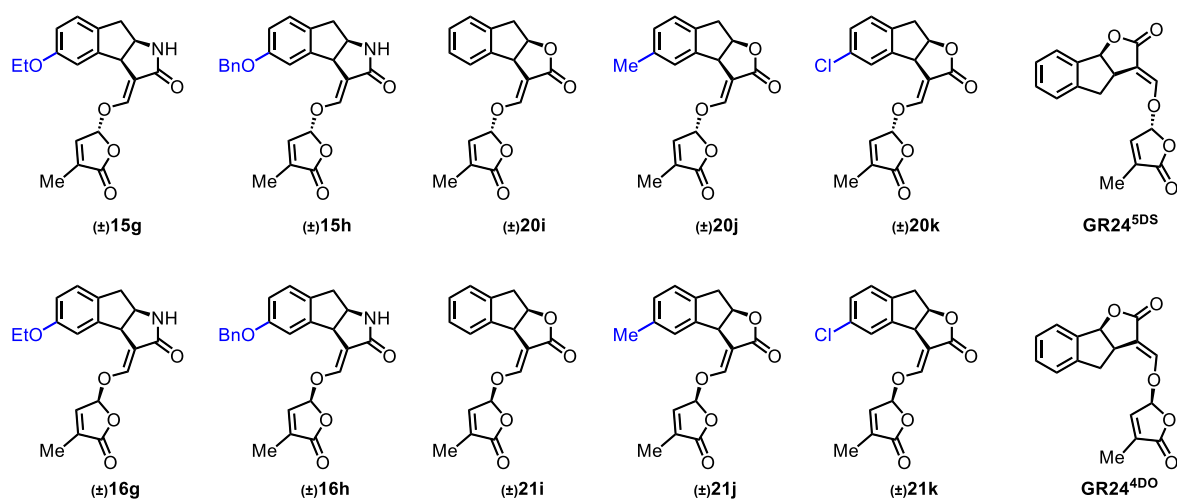
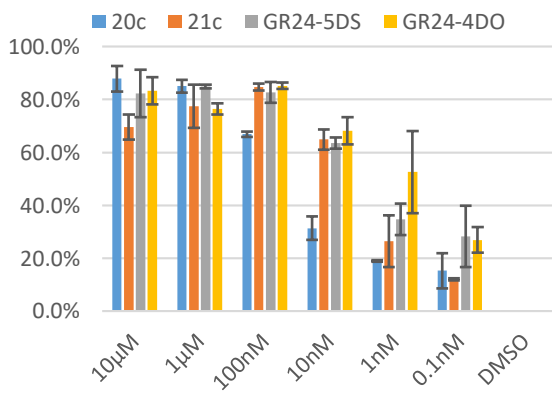
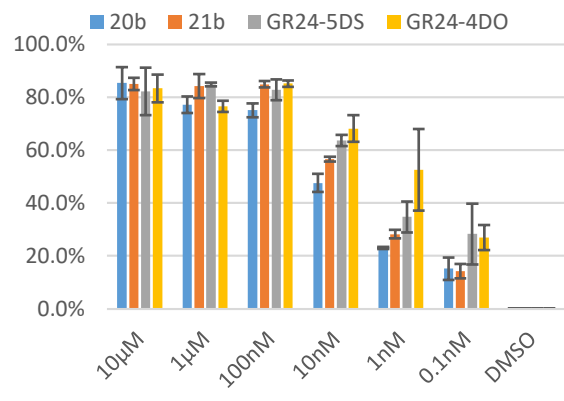
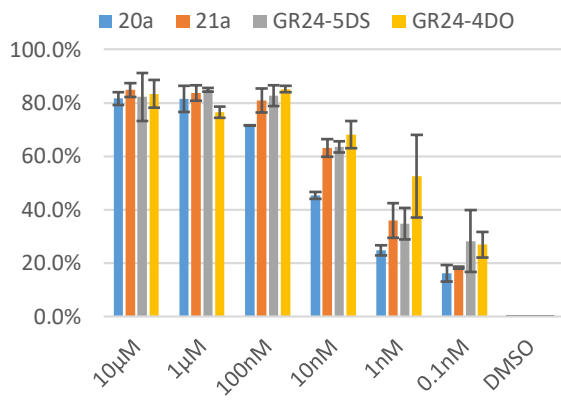
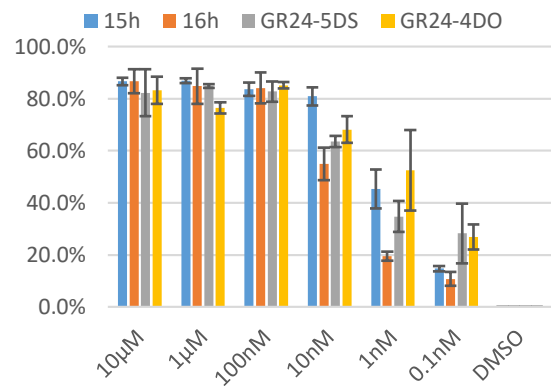
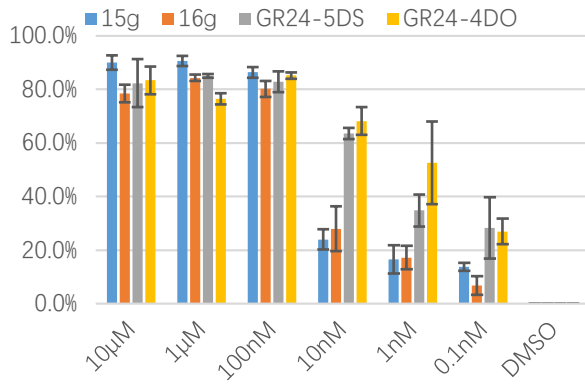


Table S14. Numeric data for the assay

| Orobanche aegyptiaca germination | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| | 10μM | 1μM | 100nM | 10nM | 1nM | 0.1nM | DMSO |
| (±)15a | 87.8% ± 0.0% | 85.0% ± 2.1% | 90% ± 1.3% | 58.5% ± 1.1% | 46.7% ± 2.3% | 22.9% ± 5.7% | 0.0% ± 0.0% |
| (±)16a | 78.5% ± 0.6% | 85.0% ± 5.5% | 85.9% ± 1.1% | 70.4% ± 1.5% | 46.7% ± 3.3% | 21.7% ± 2.8% | 0.0% ± 0.0% |
| (±)15b | 87.9% ± 1.1% | 89.5% ± 2.6% | 89.4% ± 1.1% | 73.4% ± 3.9% | 33.9% ± 4.3% | 20.3% ± 2.0% | 0.0% ± 0.0% |
| (±)16b | 83.9% ± 0.6% | 87.4% ± 0.8% | 90.5% ± 1.1% | 71.8% ± 4.9% | 53.1% ± 7.3% | 34.0% ± 1.5% | 0.0% ± 0.0% |
| (±)15c | 90% ± 0.9% | 90.5% ± 2.0% | 86.3% ± 1.3% | 24.0% ± 0.6% | 16.5% ± 2.0% | 13.7% ± 3.0% | 0.0% ± 0.0% |
| (±)16c | 78.4% ± 2.6% | 84.2% ± 2.9% | 80.1% ± 0.5% | 27.9% ± 2.7% | 17.2% ± 8.1% | 6.8% ± 0.8% | 0.0% ± 0.0% |
| (±)15d | 86.6% ± 5.8% | 86.0% ± 4.6% | 75.1% ± 13.1% | 54.5% ± 6.4% | 32.5% ± 2.3% | 17.2% ± 3.2% | 0.0% ± 0.0% |
| (±)16d | 86.6% ± 3.9% | 84.4% ± 2.0% | 81.7% ± 4.5% | 66.6% ± 5.2% | 33.7% ± 10.8% | 13.5% ± 1.0% | 0.0% ± 0.0% |
| (±)15e | 84.9% ± 1.4% | 81.2% ± 5.3% | 84.3% ± 4.4% | 51.7% ± 3.3% | 24.2% ± 2.3% | 18.8% ± 2.2% | 0.0% ± 0.0% |
| (±)16e | 83.8% ± 5.2% | 86.8% ± 1.7% | 82.0% ± 5.2% | 49.4% ± 7.4% | 18.6% ± 0.5% | 8.4% ± 1.2% | 0.0% ± 0.0% |
| (±)15f | 83.1% ± 3.3% | 88.6% ± 3.2% | 87.8% ± 1.5% | 75.5% ± 5.3% | 73.4% ± 7.8% | 28.5% ± 1.6% | 0.0% ± 0.0% |
| (±)16f | 85.2% ± 4.0% | 81.7% ± 4.6% | 87.7% ± 3.3% | 73.6% ± 5.0% | 41.6% ± 1.6% | 16.8% ± 1.1% | 0.0% ± 0.0% |
| (±)15g | 88.5% ± 2.7% | 83.5% ± 1.9% | 86.4% ± 1.9% | 76.0% ± 3.8% | 50.2% ± 5.2% | 15.9% ± 1.4% | 0.0% ± 0.0% |
| (±)16g | 83.7% ± 3.2% | 87.3% ± 1.2% | 88.6% ± 3.0% | 77.7% ± 8.3% | 22.6% ± 4.4% | 15.8% ± 3.4% | 0.0% ± 0.0% |
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| (±)21a | 84.8% ± 2.6% | 83.7% ± 2.9% | 81.0% ± 4.5% | 63.0% ± 3.3% | 36.0% ± 6.5% | 18.2% ± 0.4% | 0.0% ± 0.0% |
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| (±)20c | 87.9% ± 4.9% | 85.0% ± 2.4% | 66.9% ± 1.0% | 31.3% ± 4.4% | 19.0% ± 0.3% | 15.3% ± 6.7% | 0.0% ± 0.0% |
| (±)21c | 69.6% ± 4.7% | 77.5% ± 8.1% | 84.8% ± 1.3% | 64.9% ± 3.8% | 26.4% ± 9.7% | 11.9% ± 0.4% | 0.0% ± 0.0% |
| GR24 ^{SDS} | 82.3% ± 9.0% | 84.9% ± 0.7% | 82.8% ± 3.9% | 63.6% ± 2.1% | 34.7% ± 5.9% | 28.3% ± 11.5% | 0.0% ± 0.0% |
| GR24 ^{DDO} | 83.3% ± 5.2% | 76.5% ± 2.1% | 85.1% ± 1.2% | 68.2% ± 5.1% | 52.6% ± 15.5% | 26.9% ± 4.8% | 0.0% ± 0.0% |

Figure S1. *Orobanche aegyptiaca* seeds germination

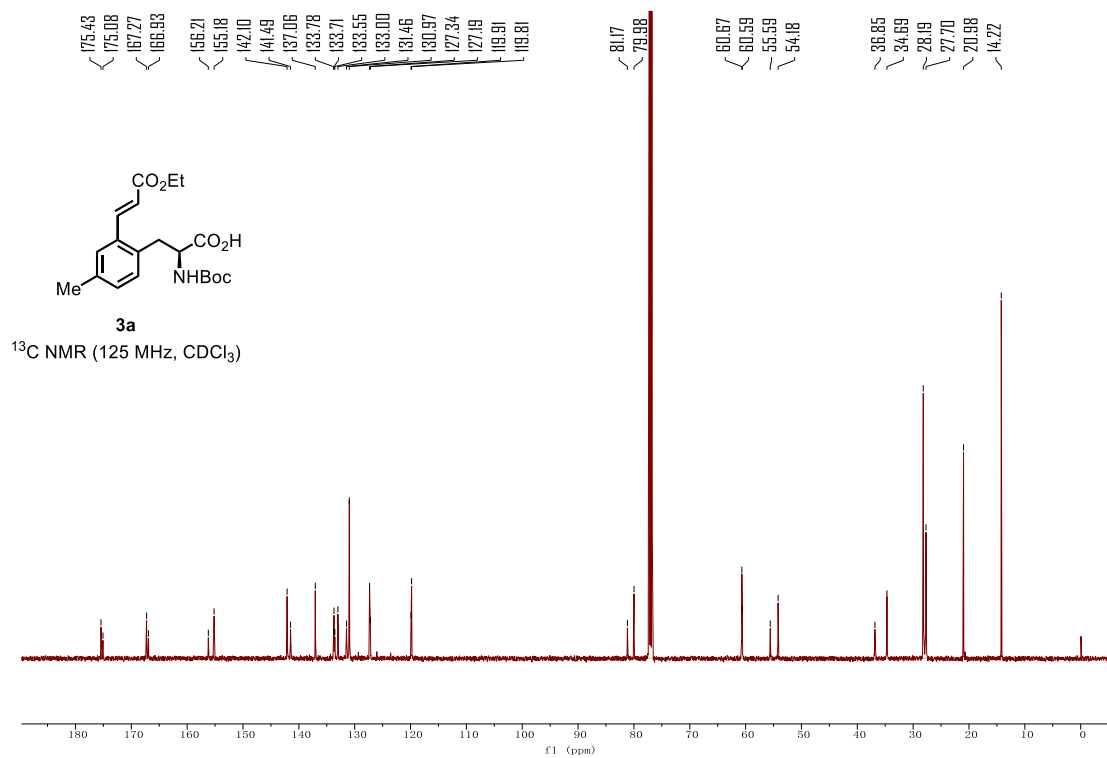
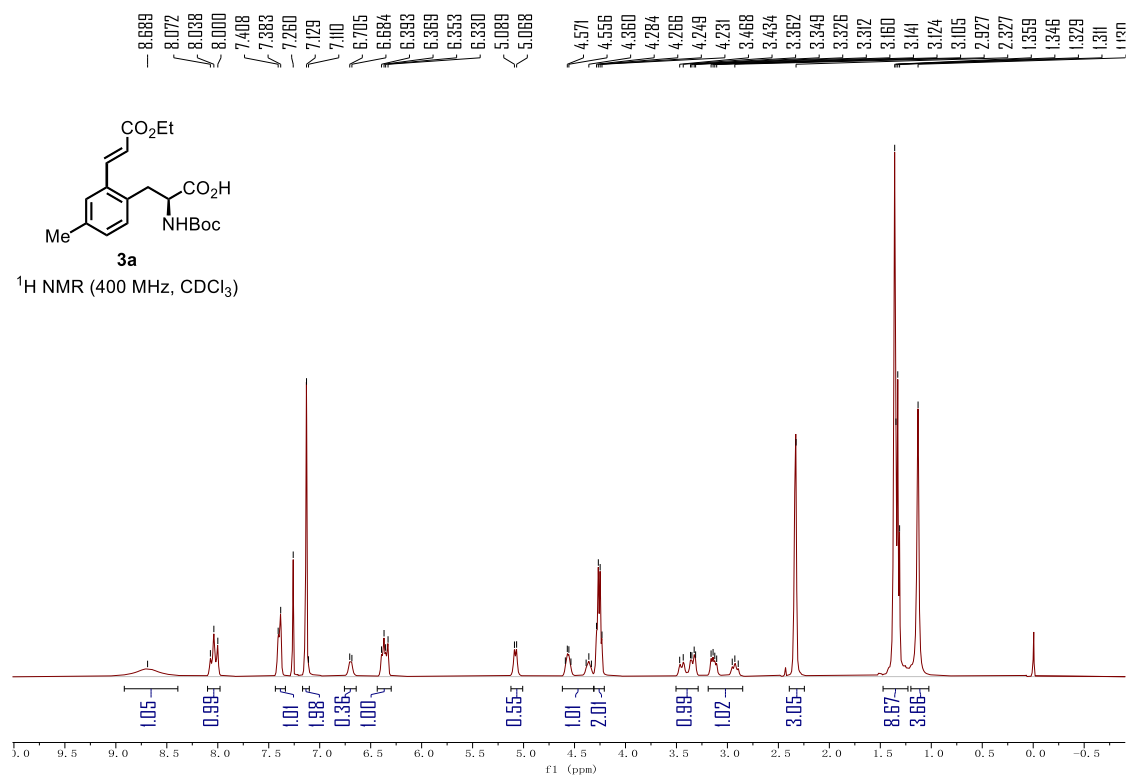


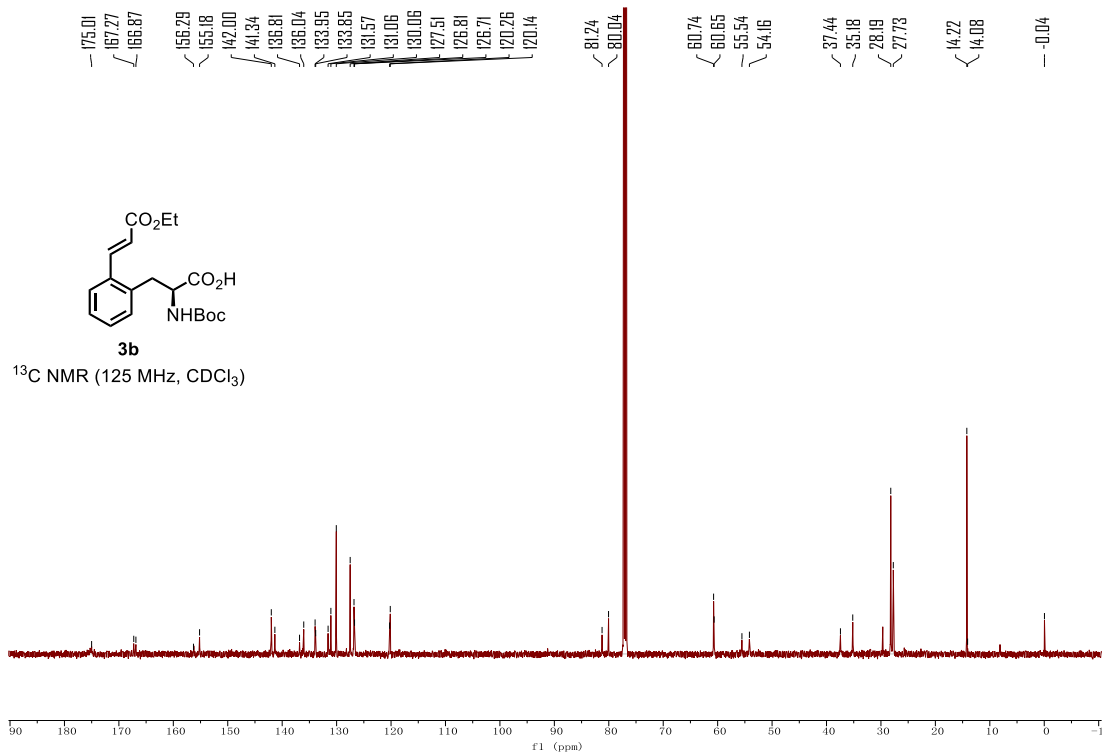
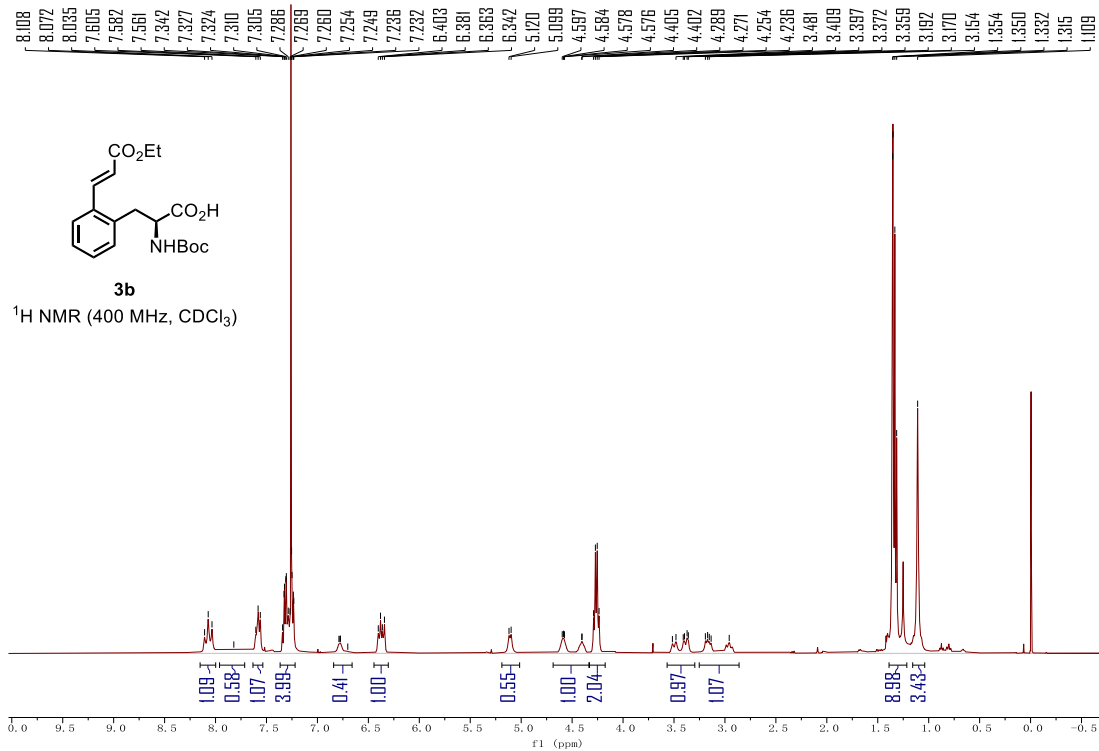


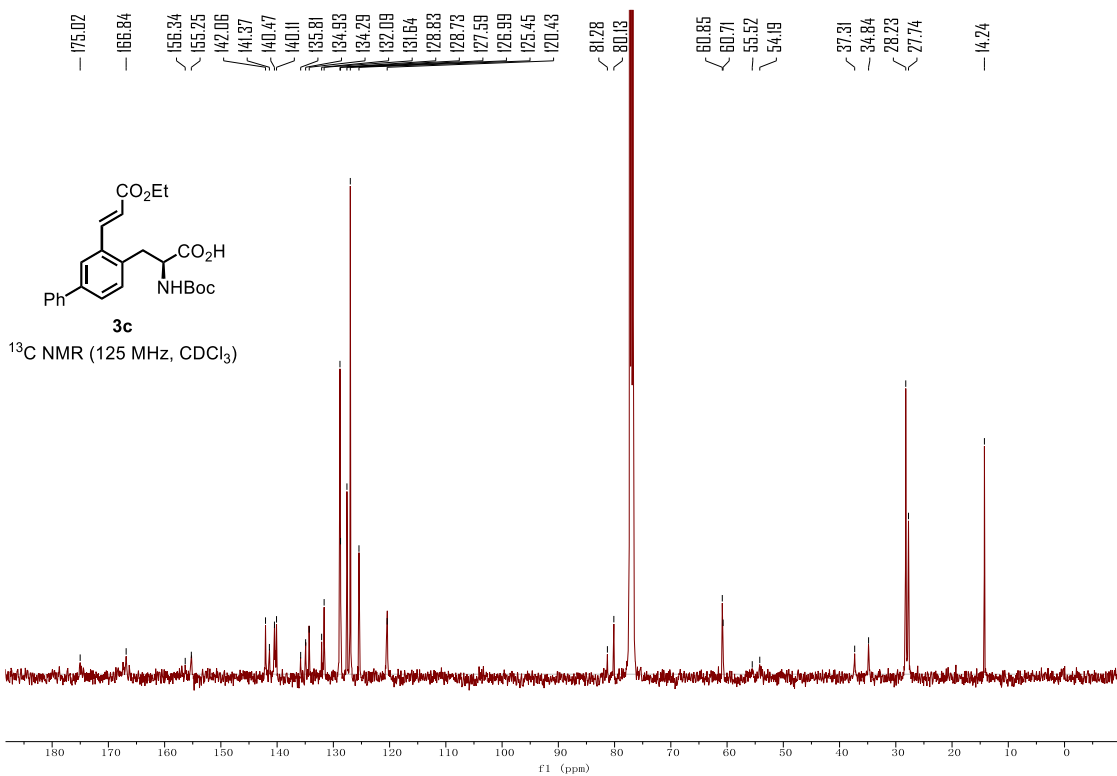
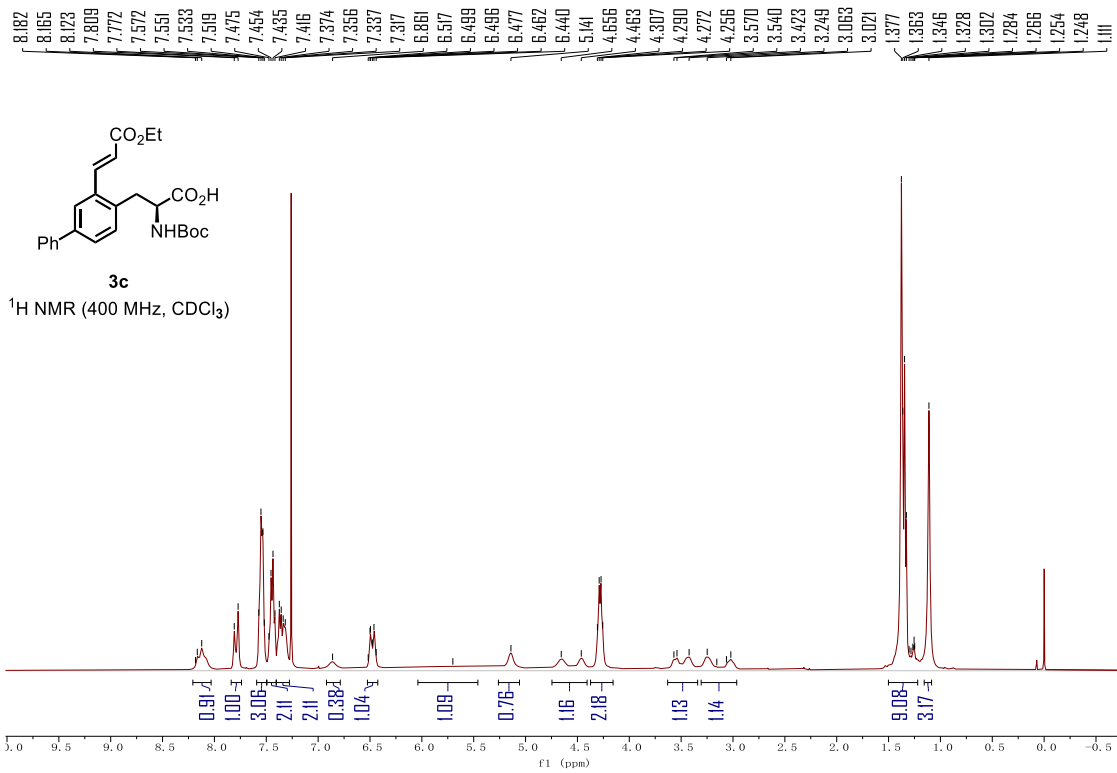
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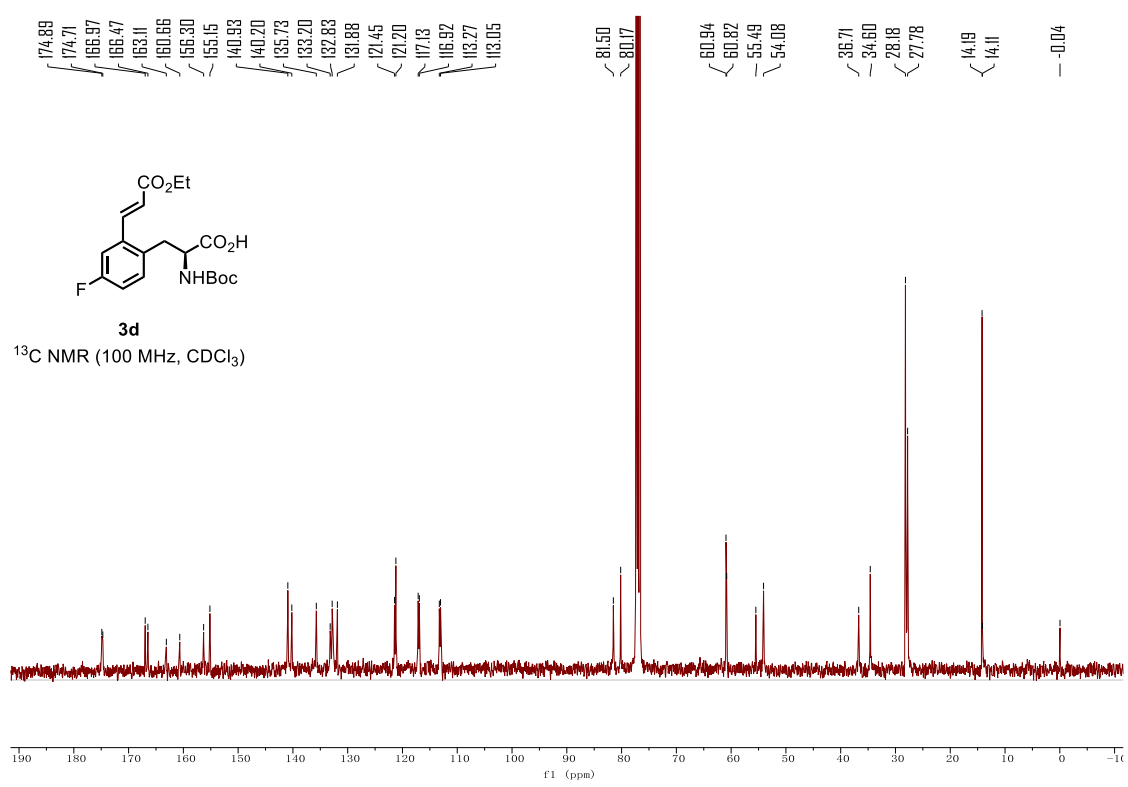
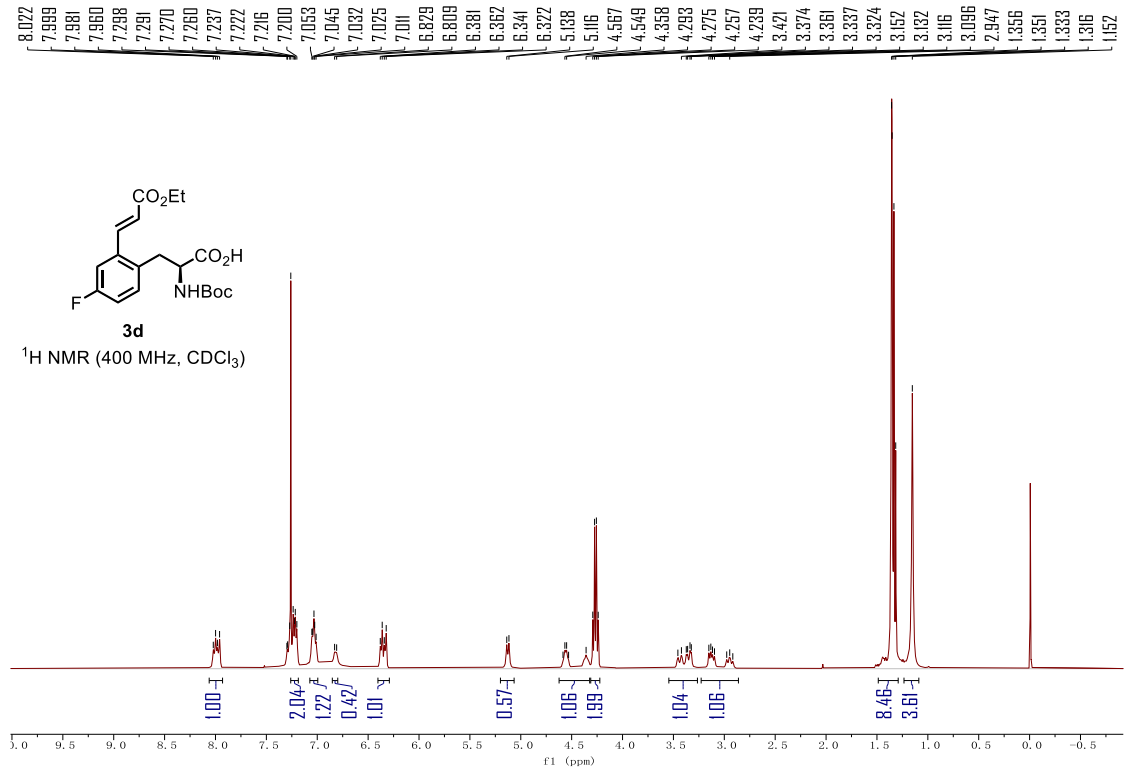
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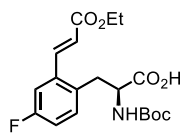
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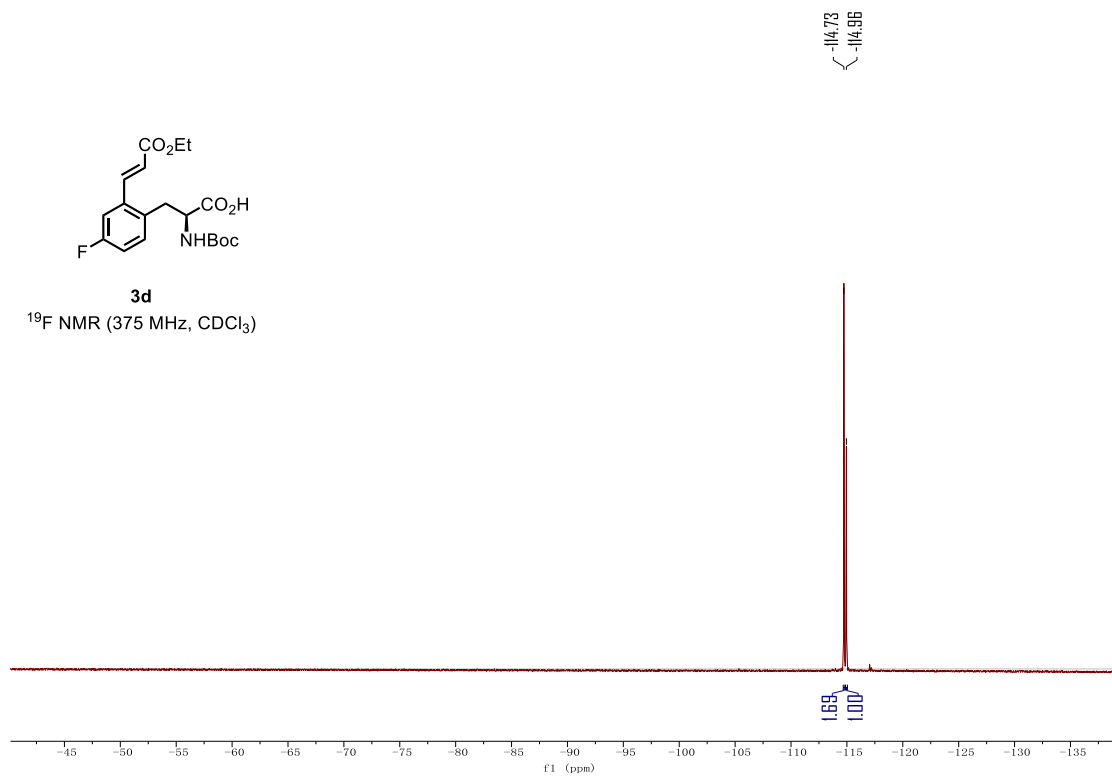


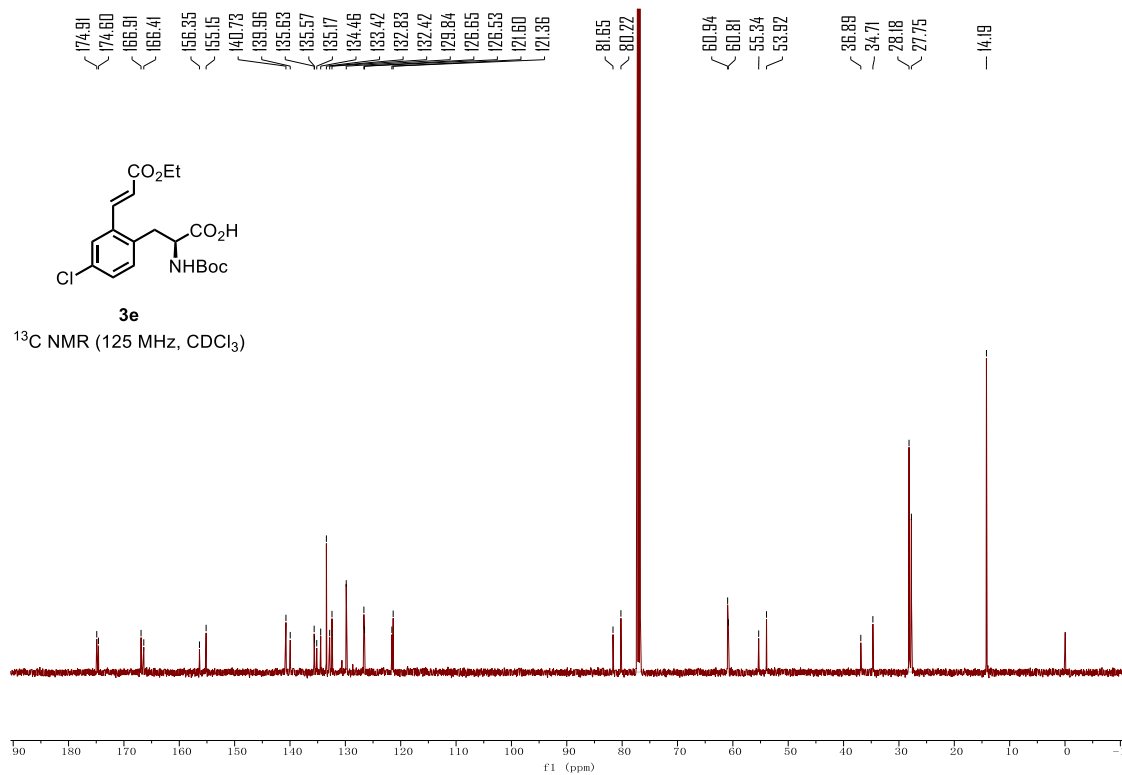
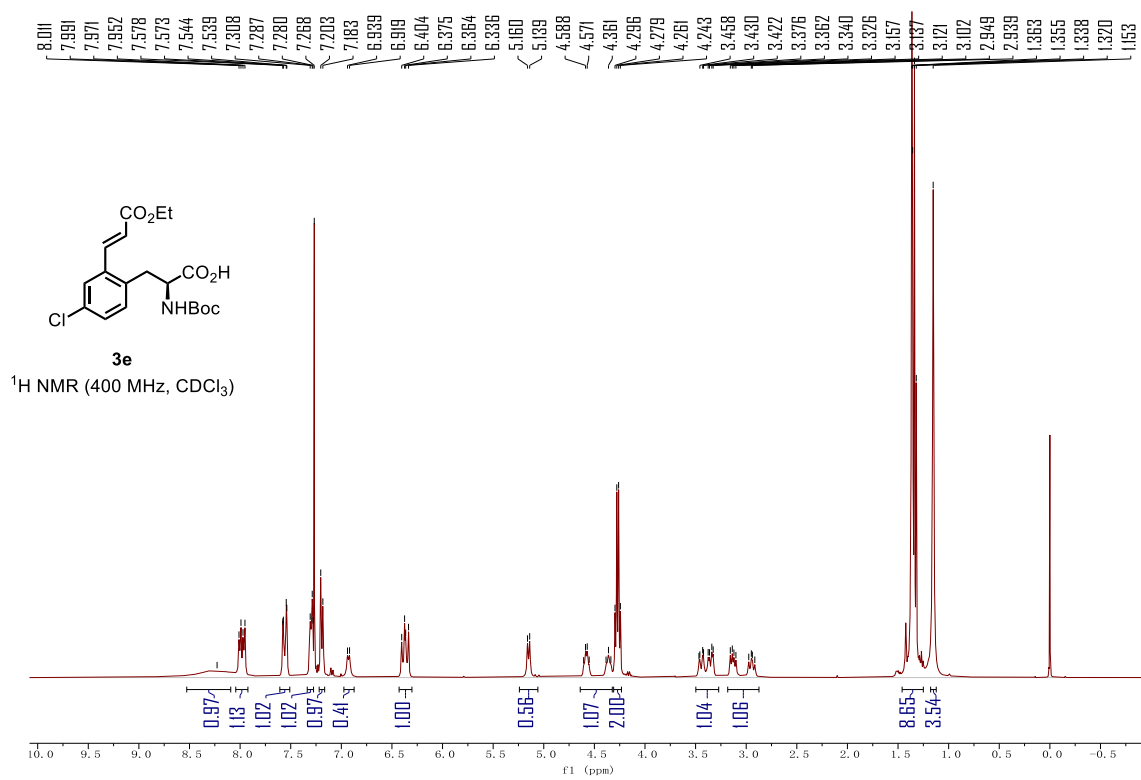


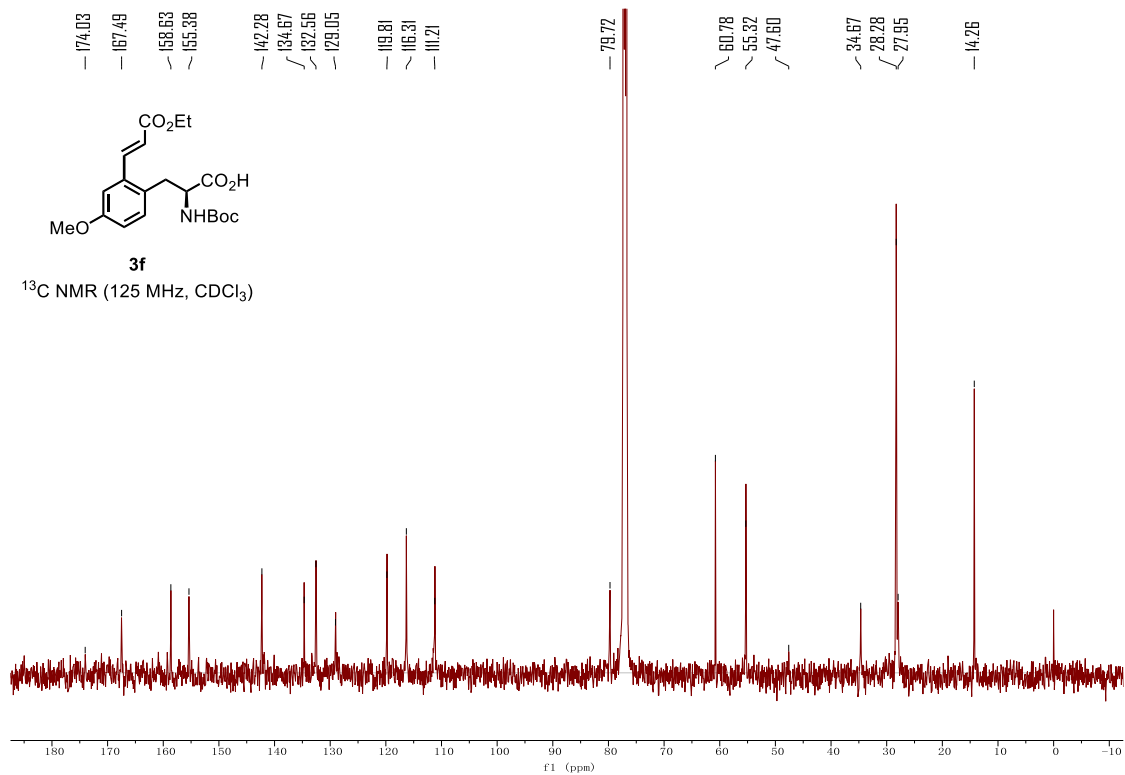
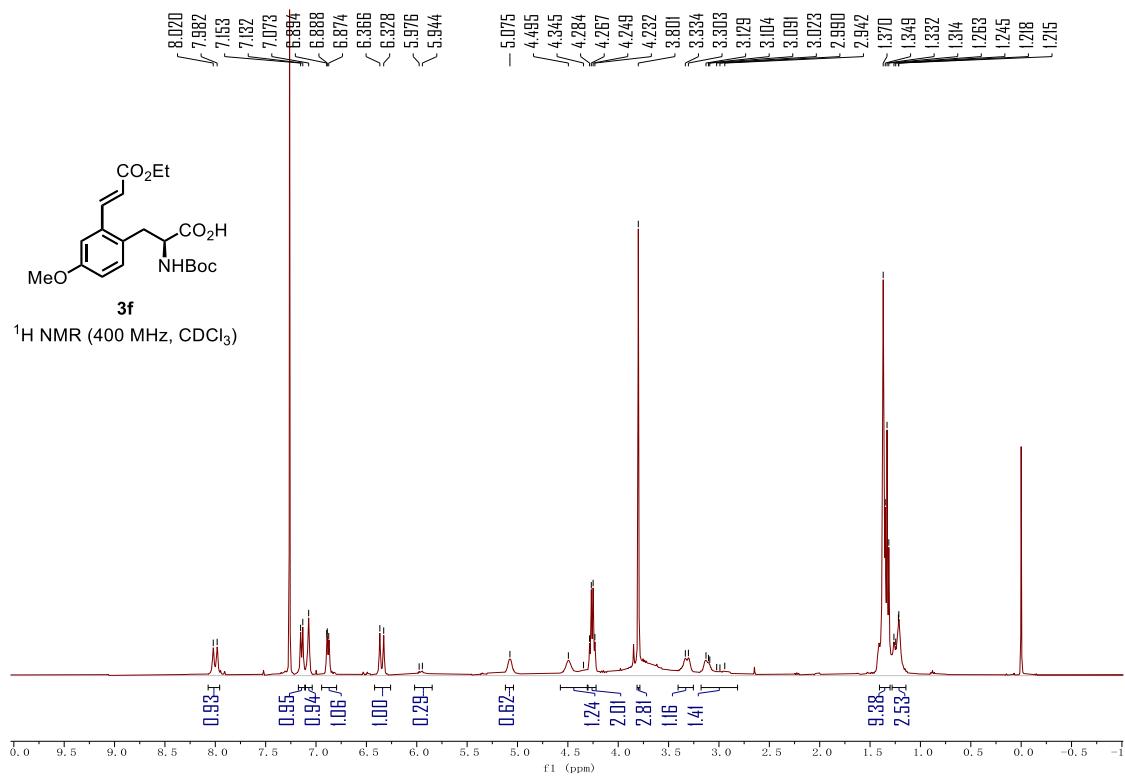


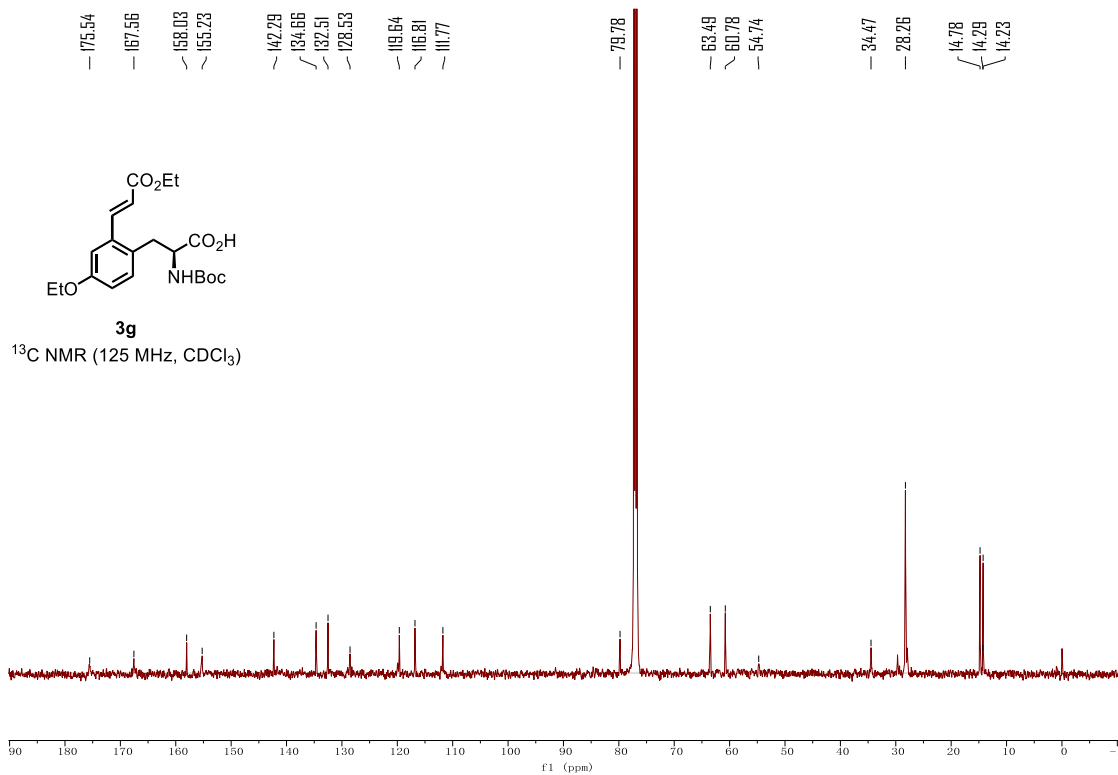
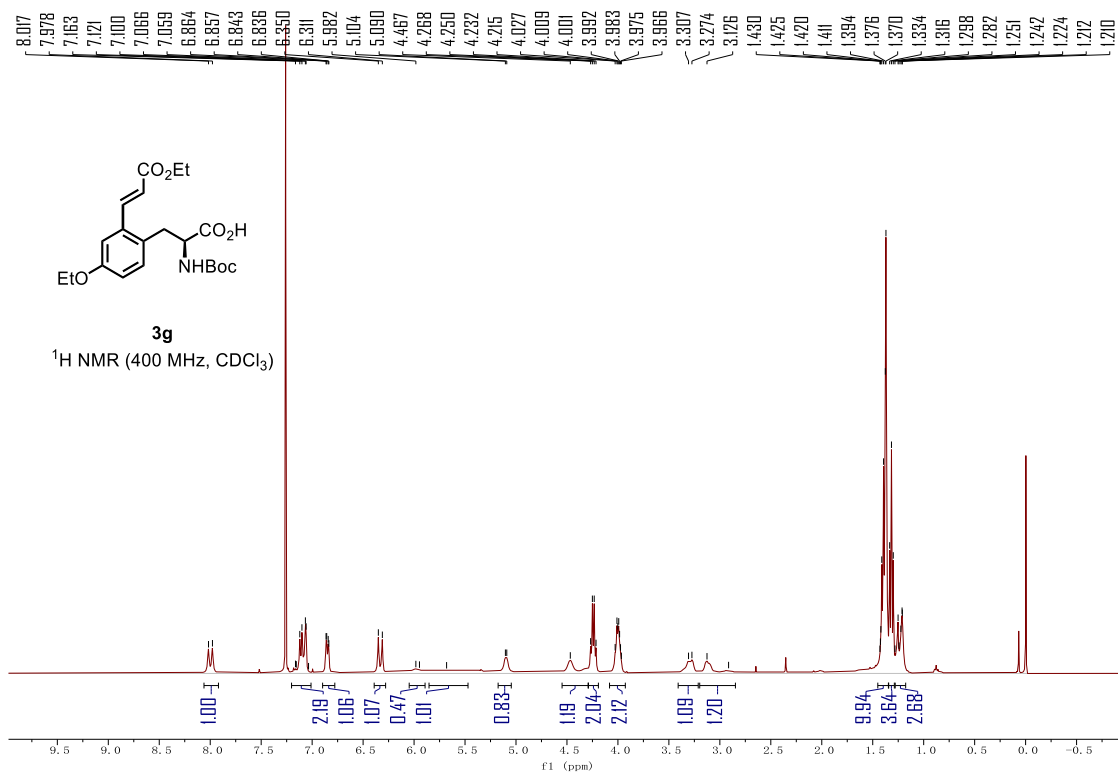


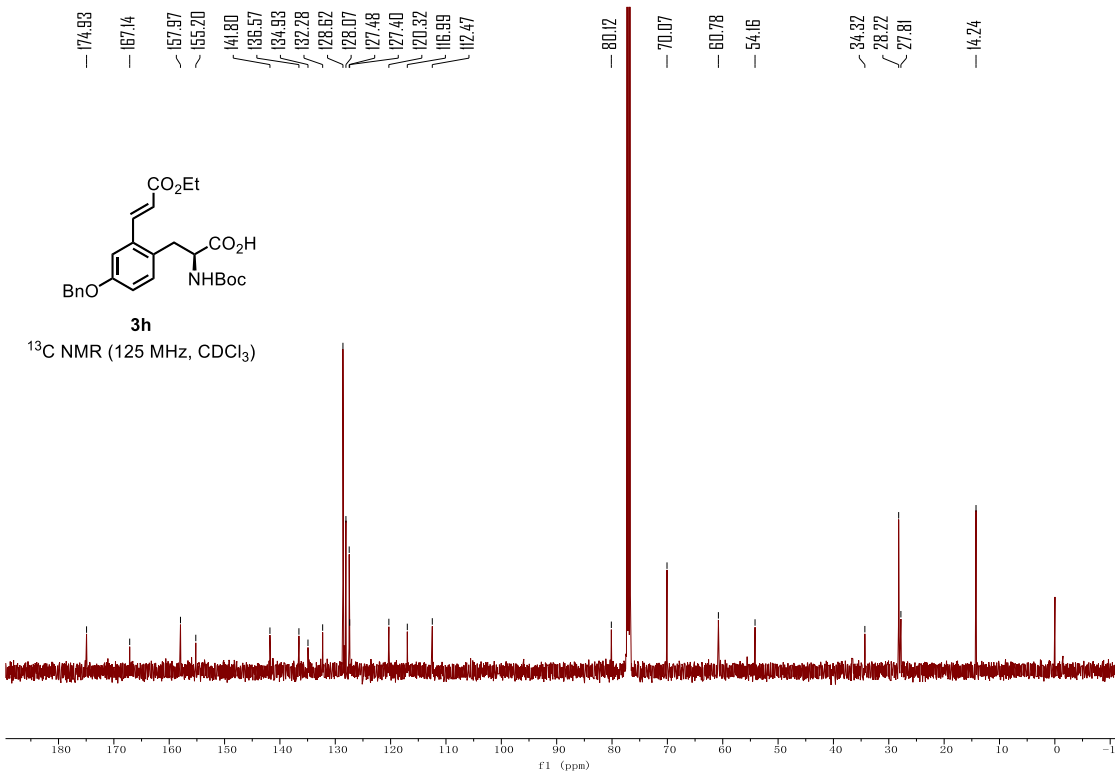
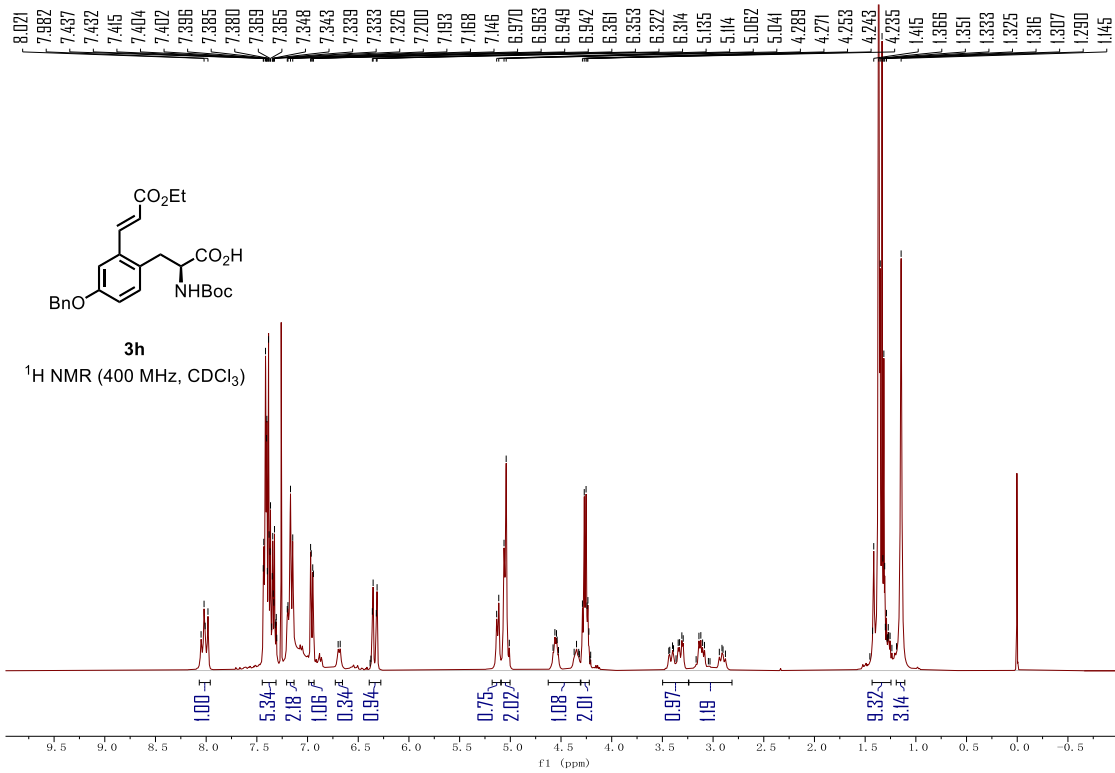
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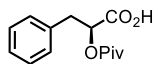






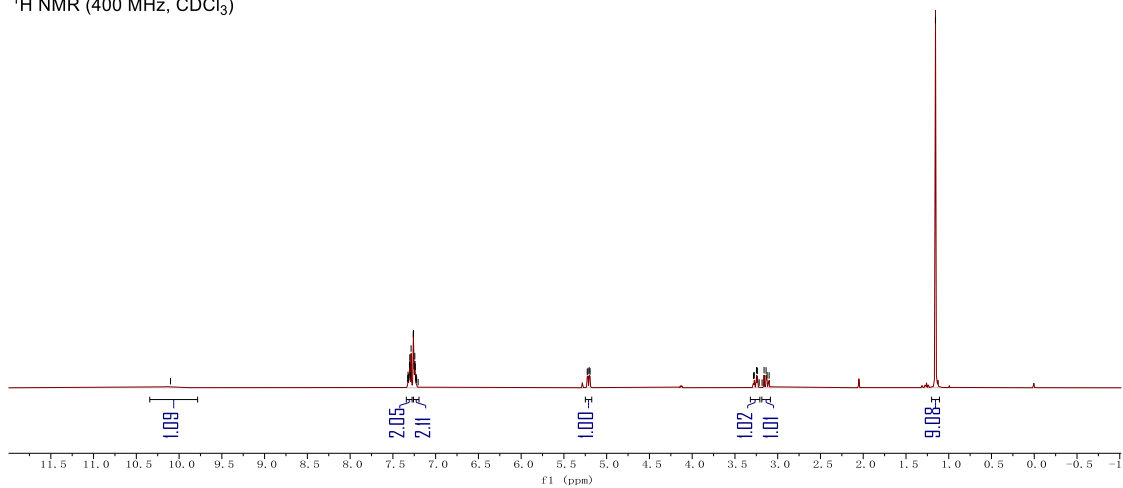
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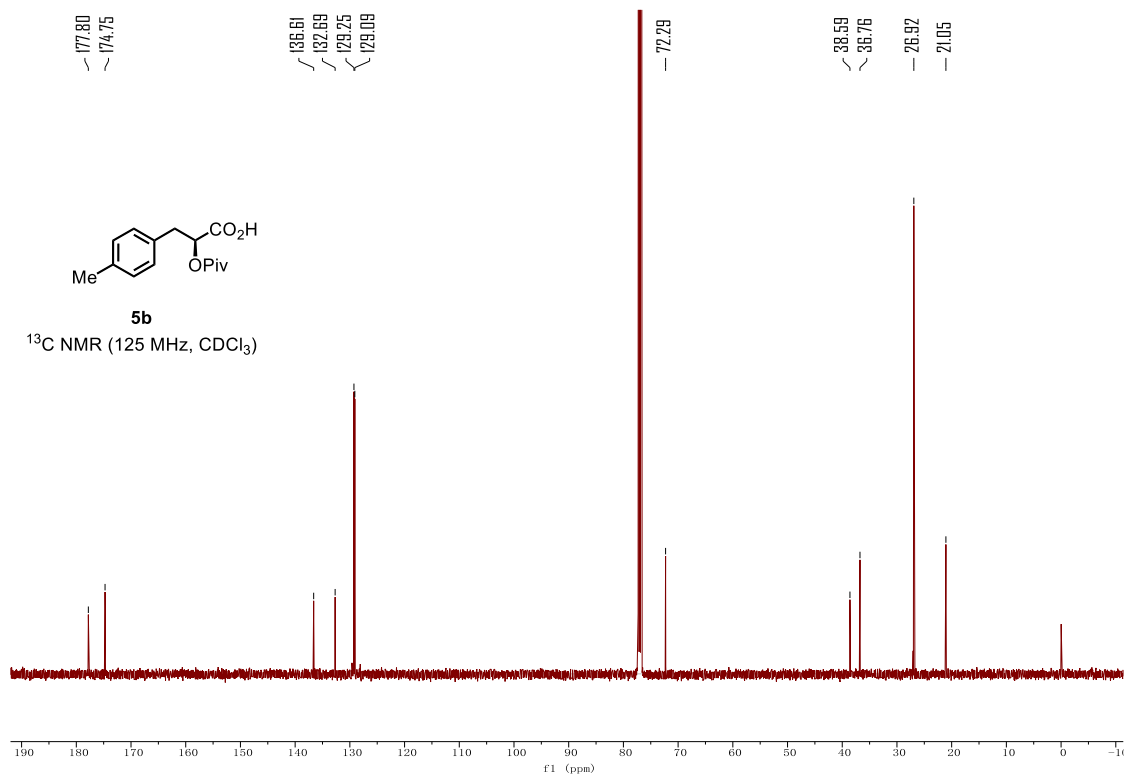
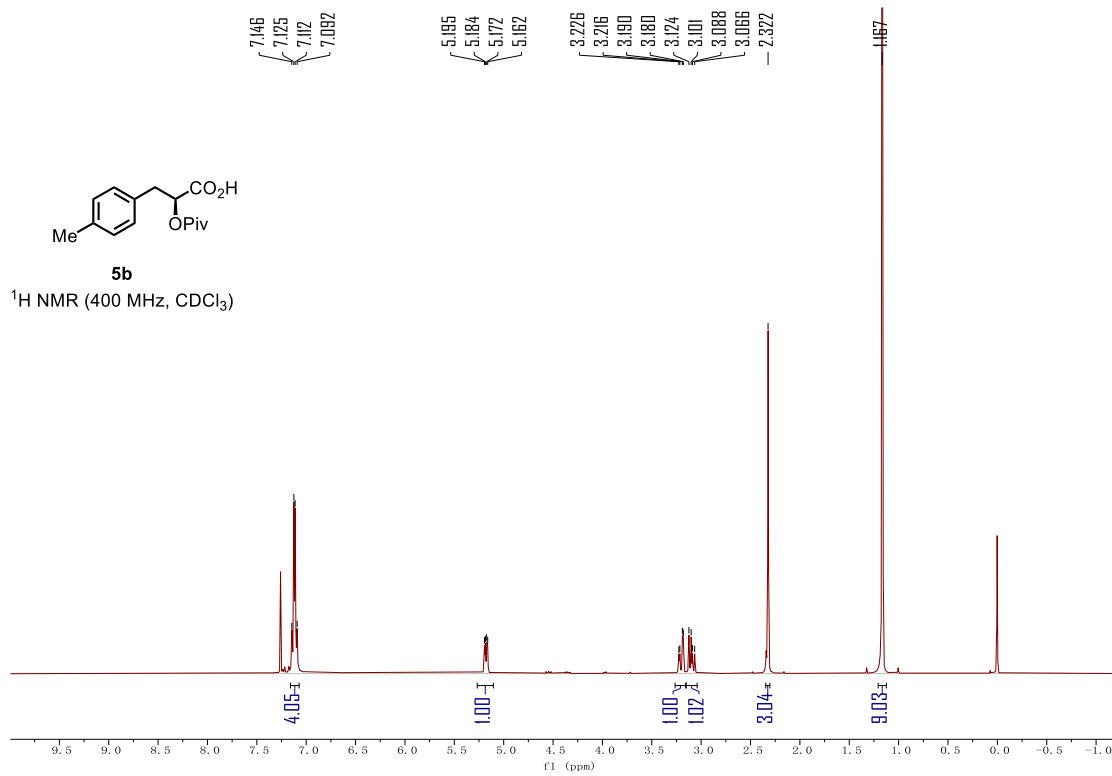
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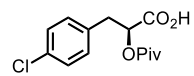


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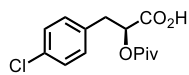
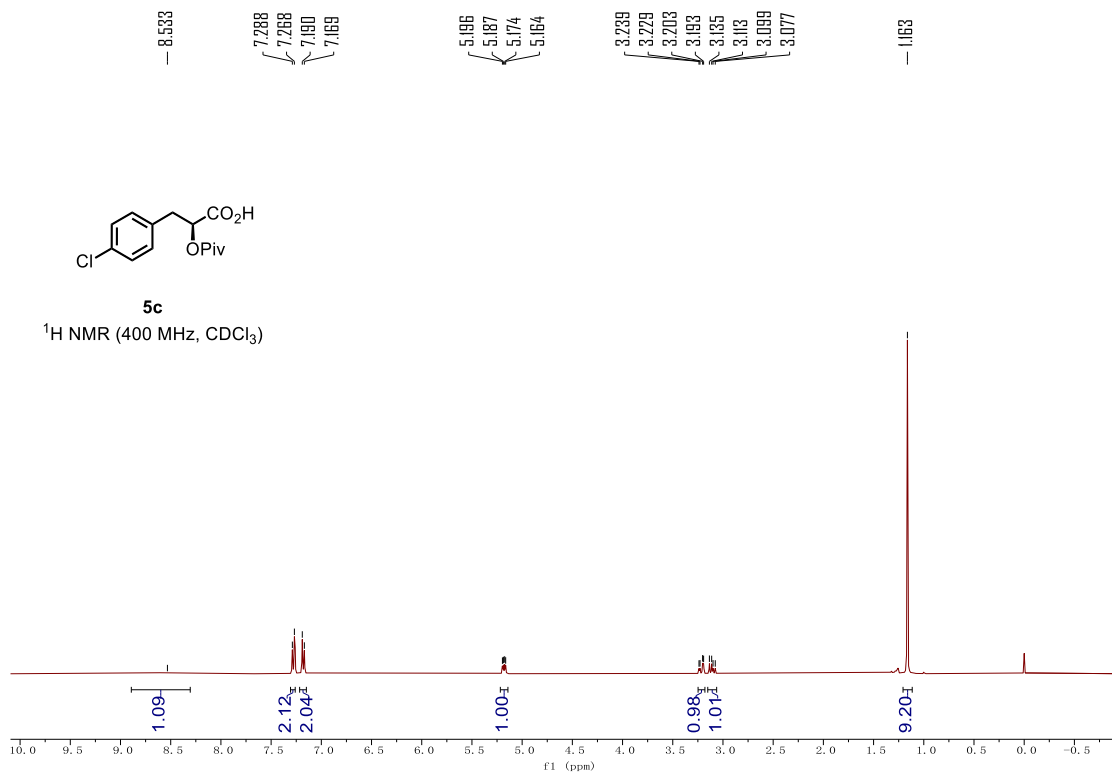






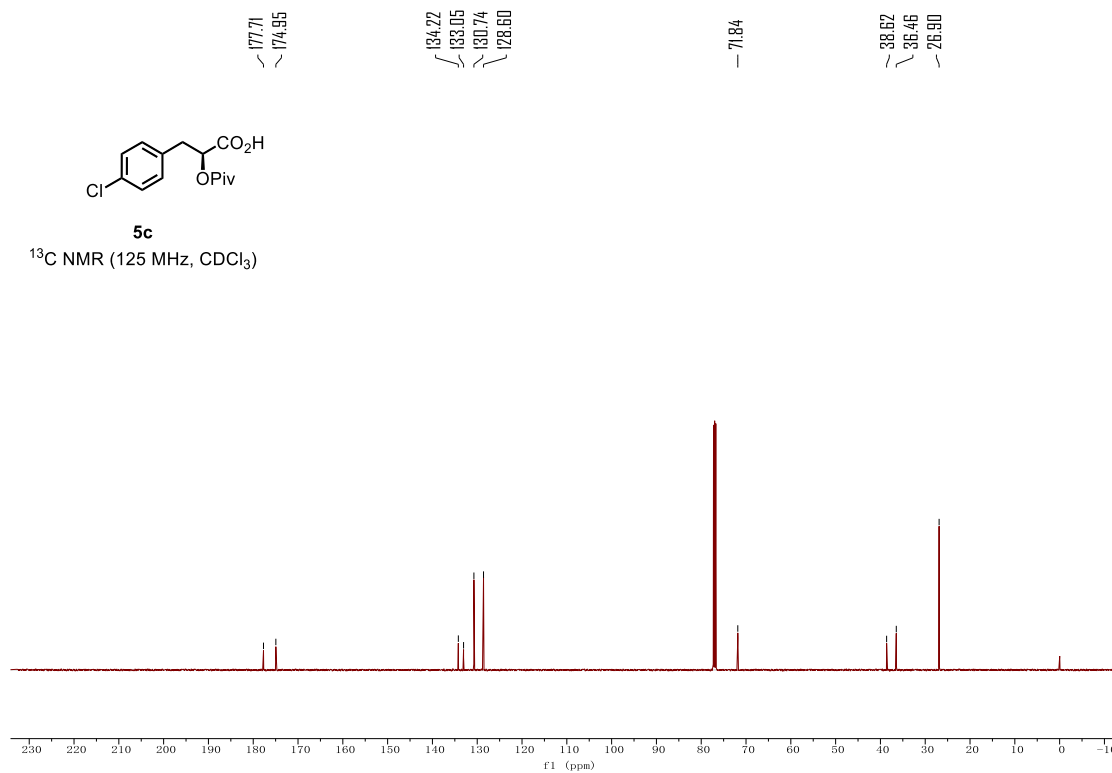
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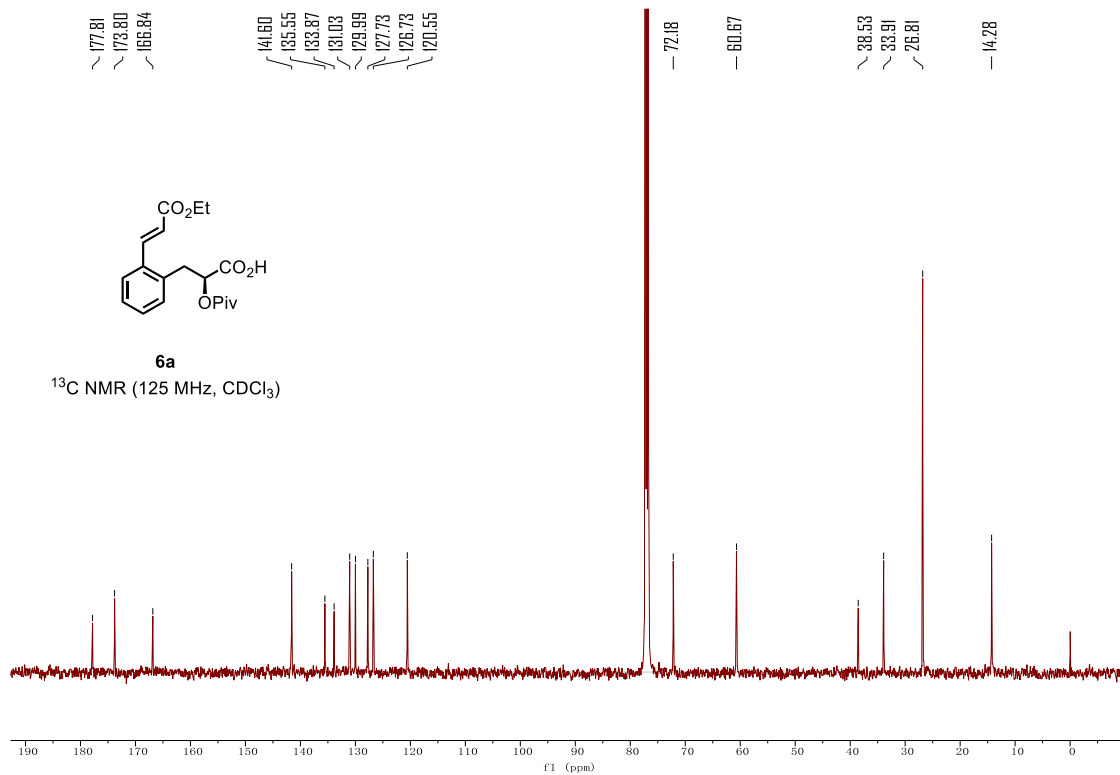
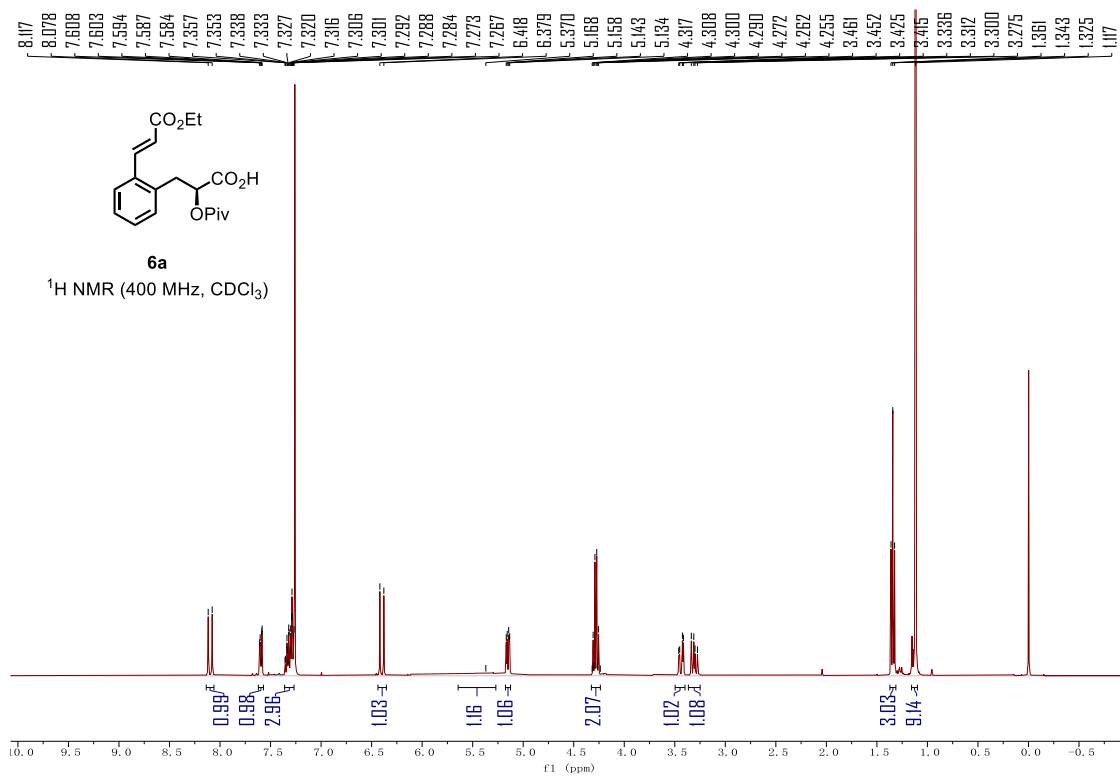
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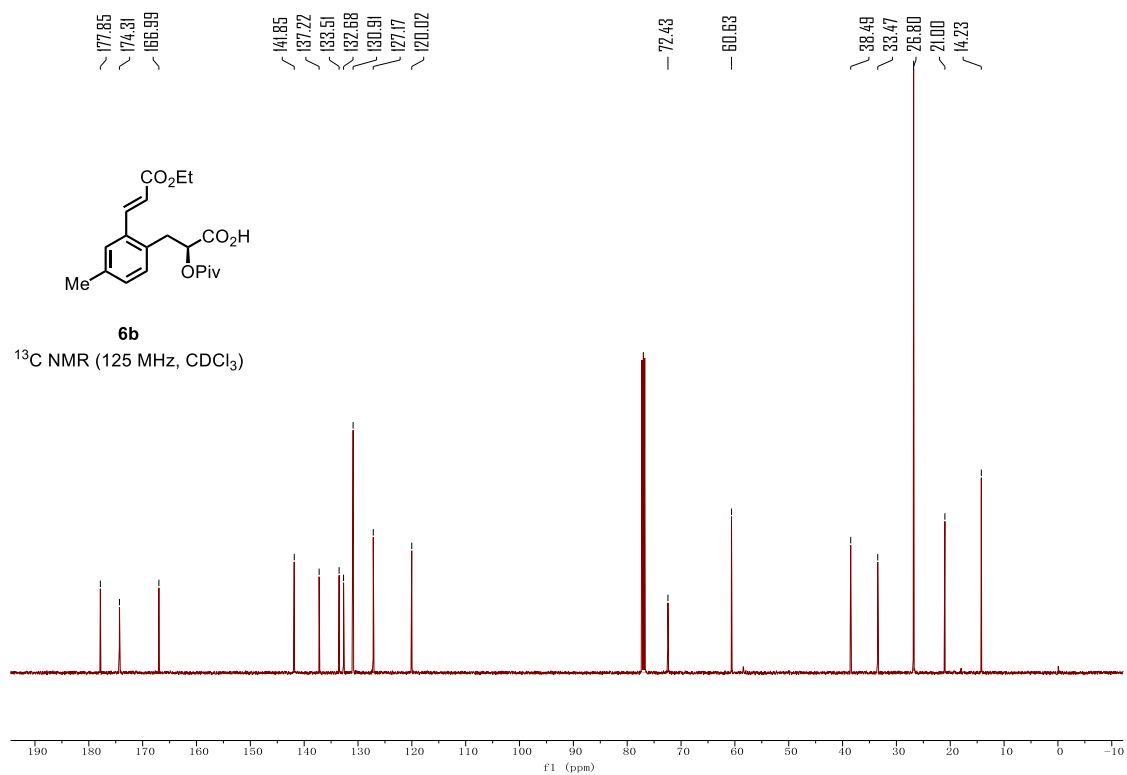
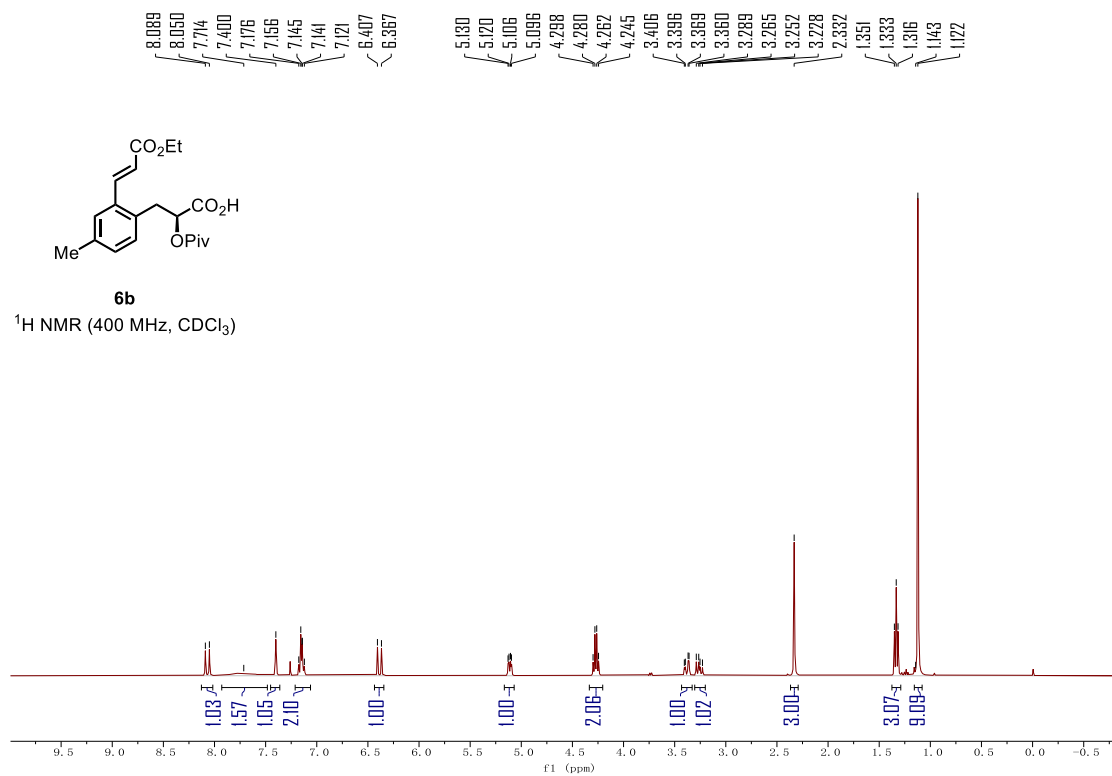


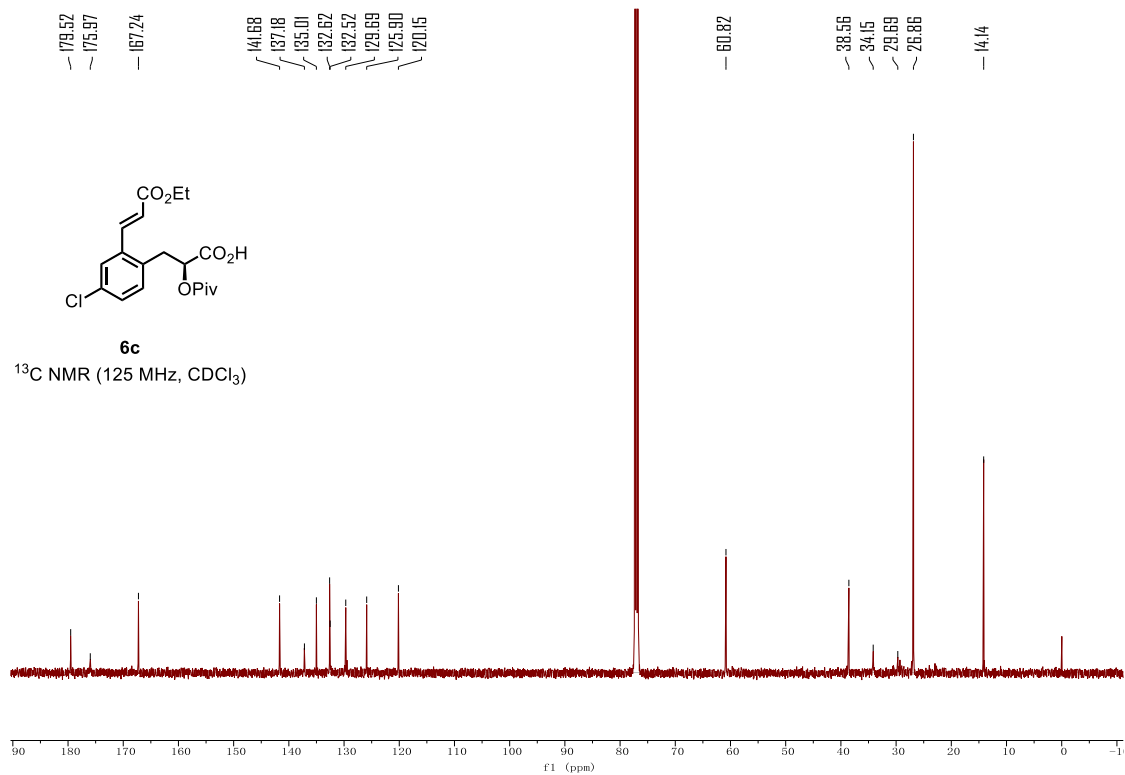
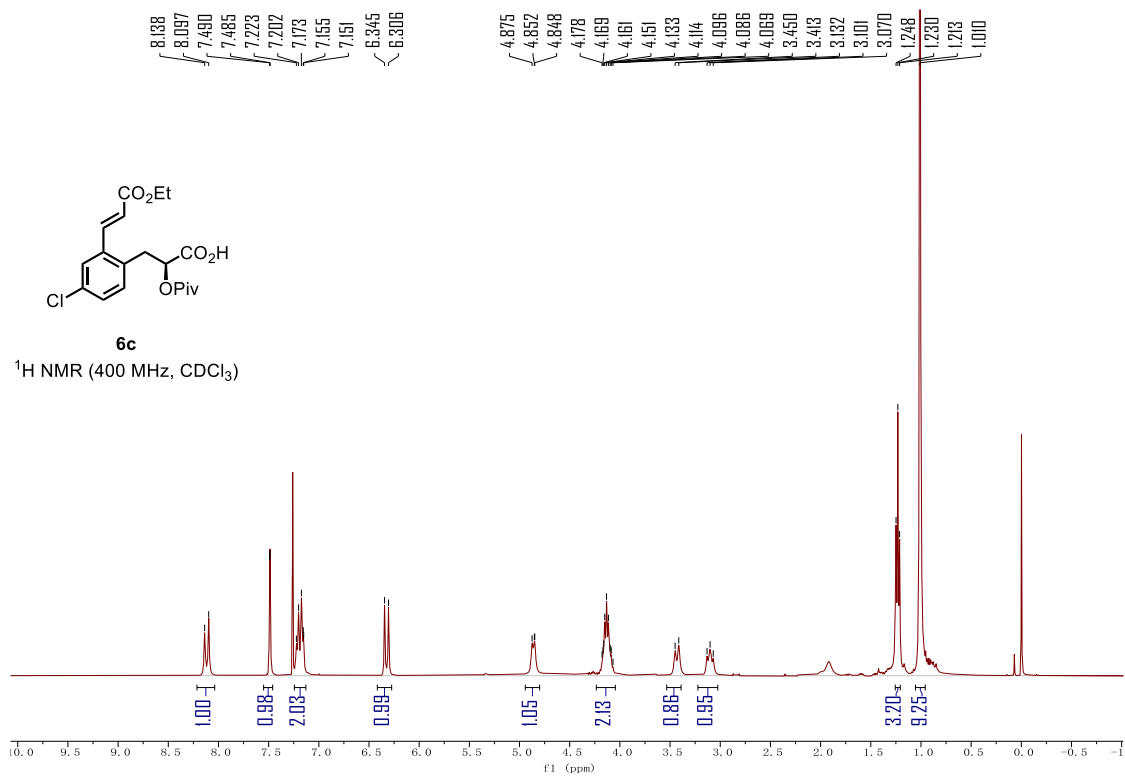
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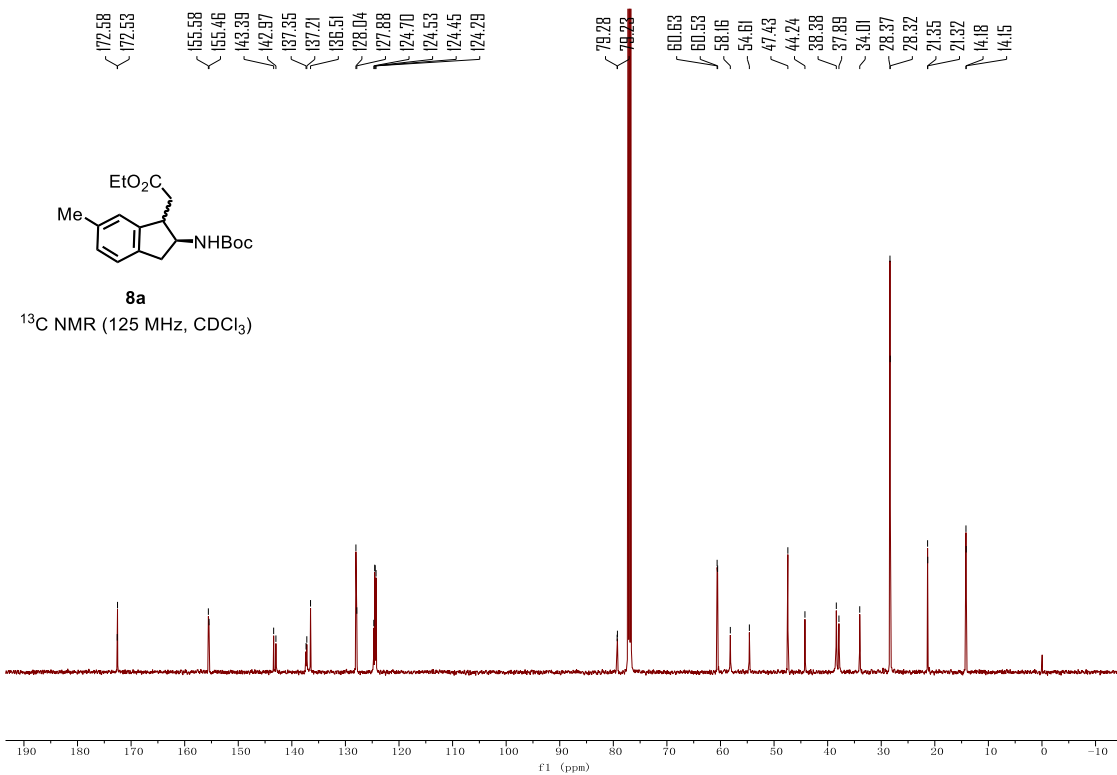
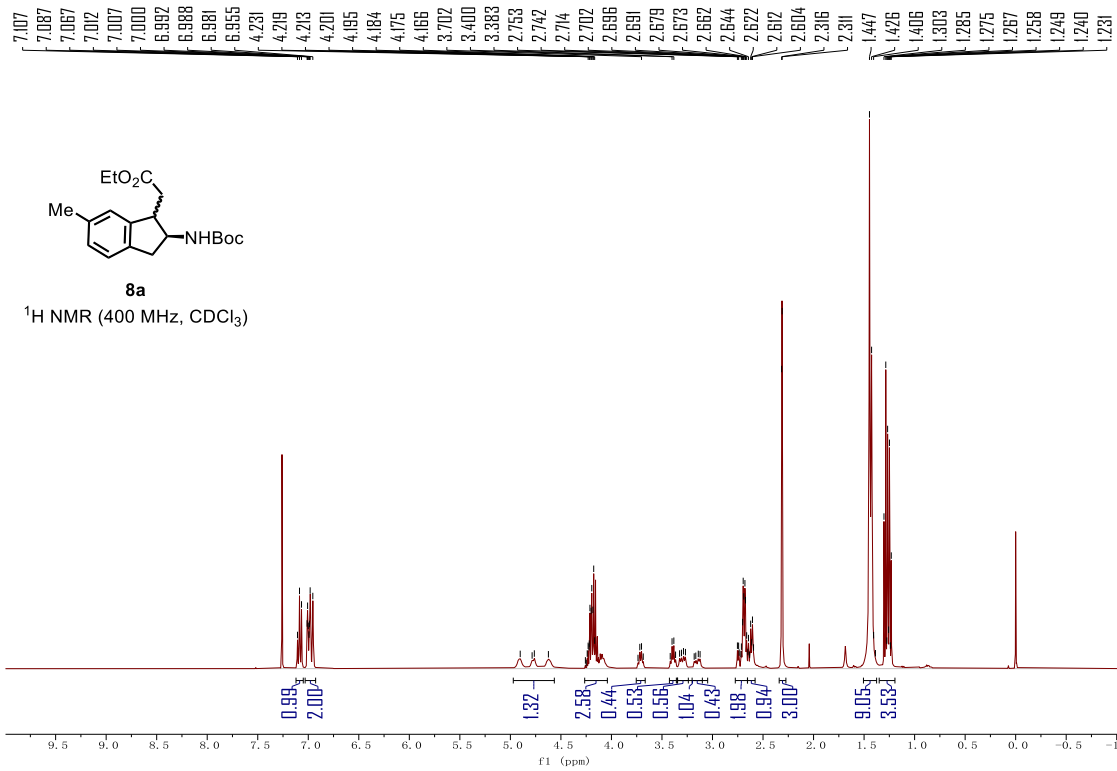
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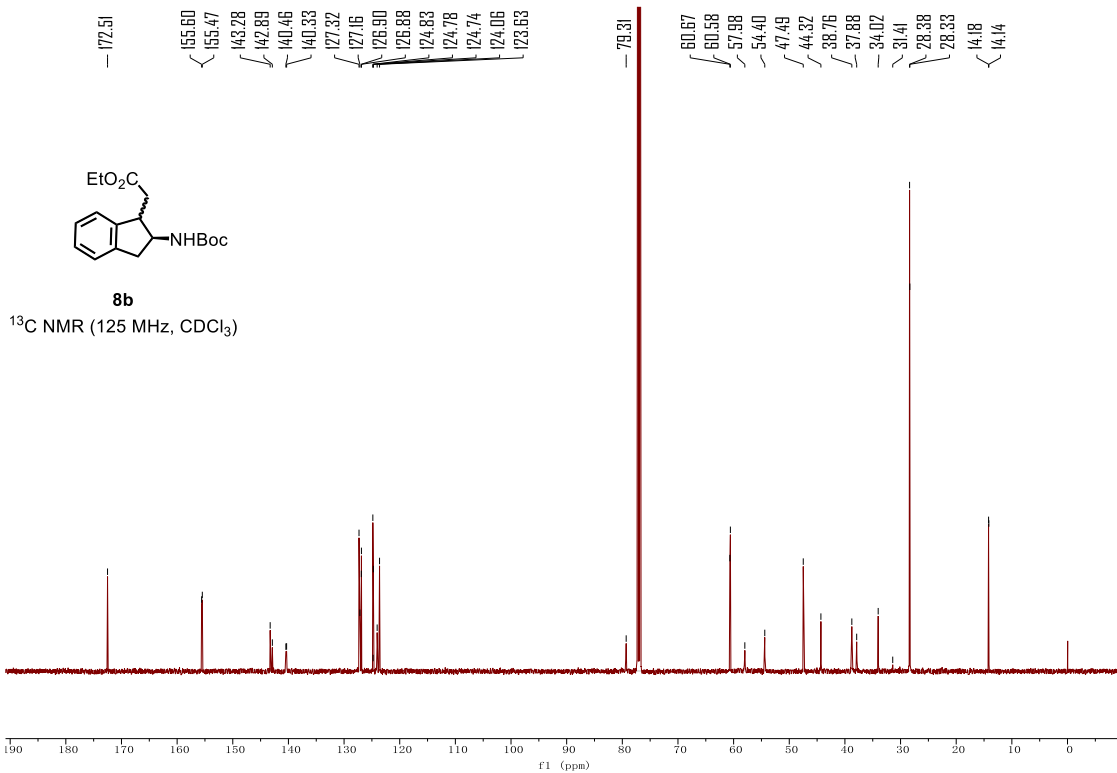
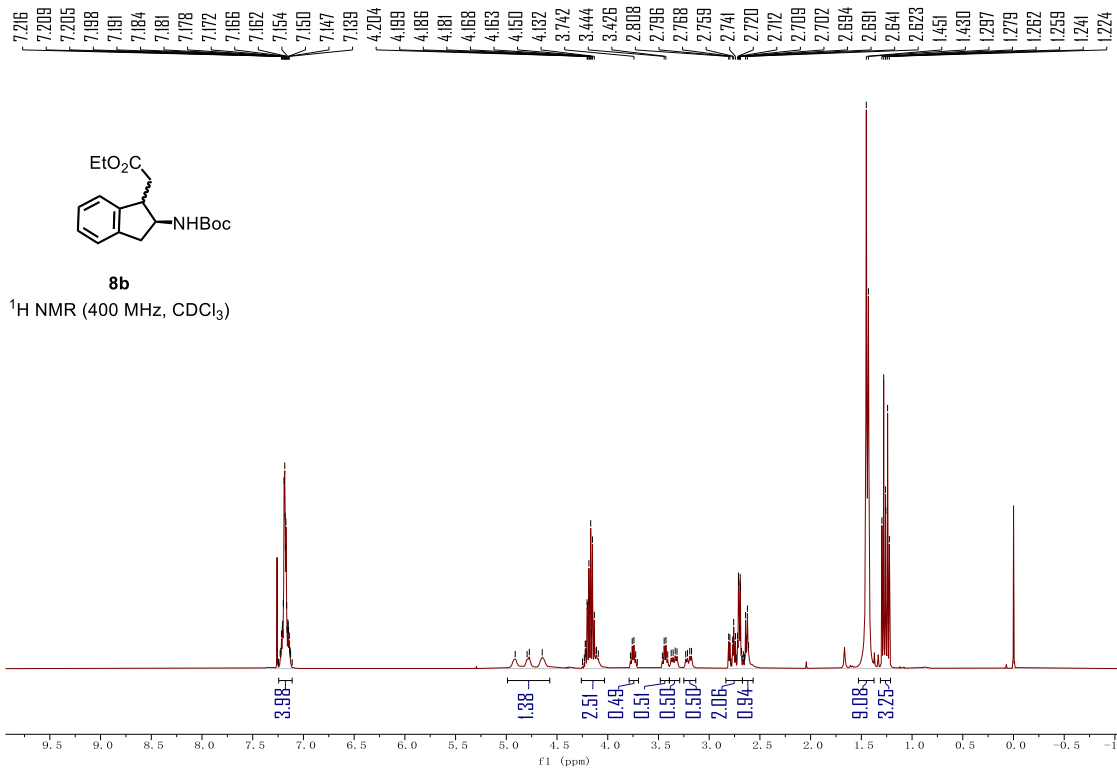


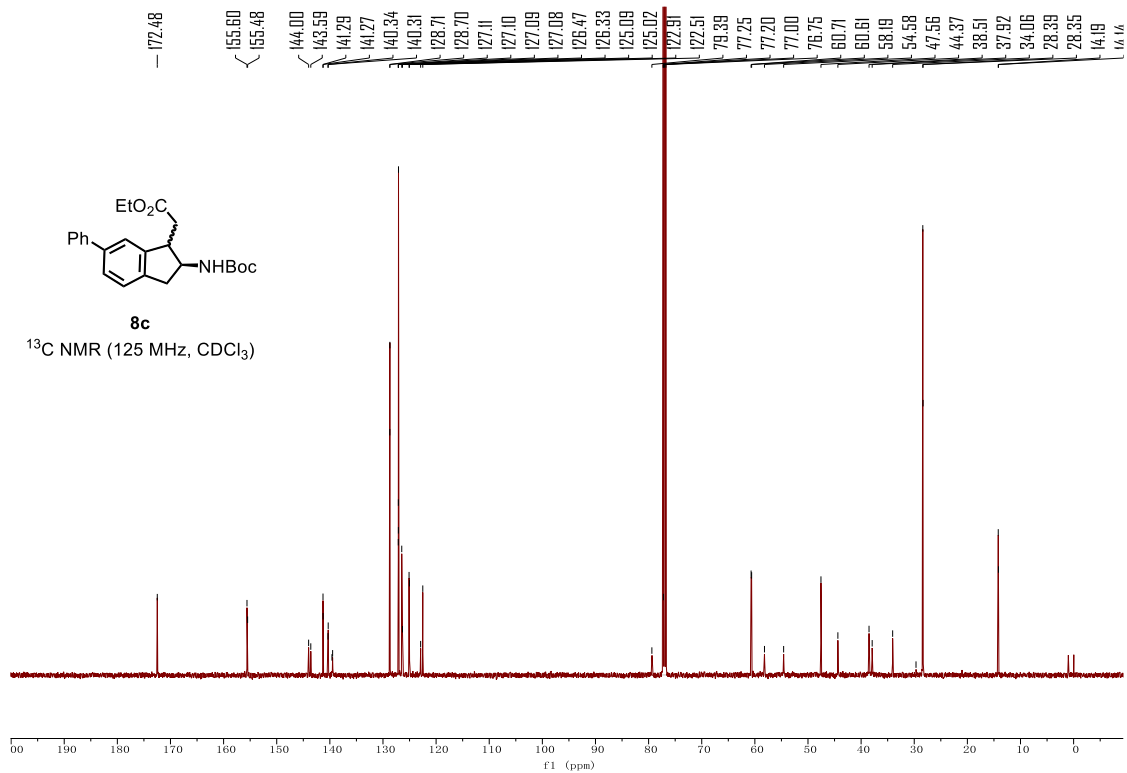
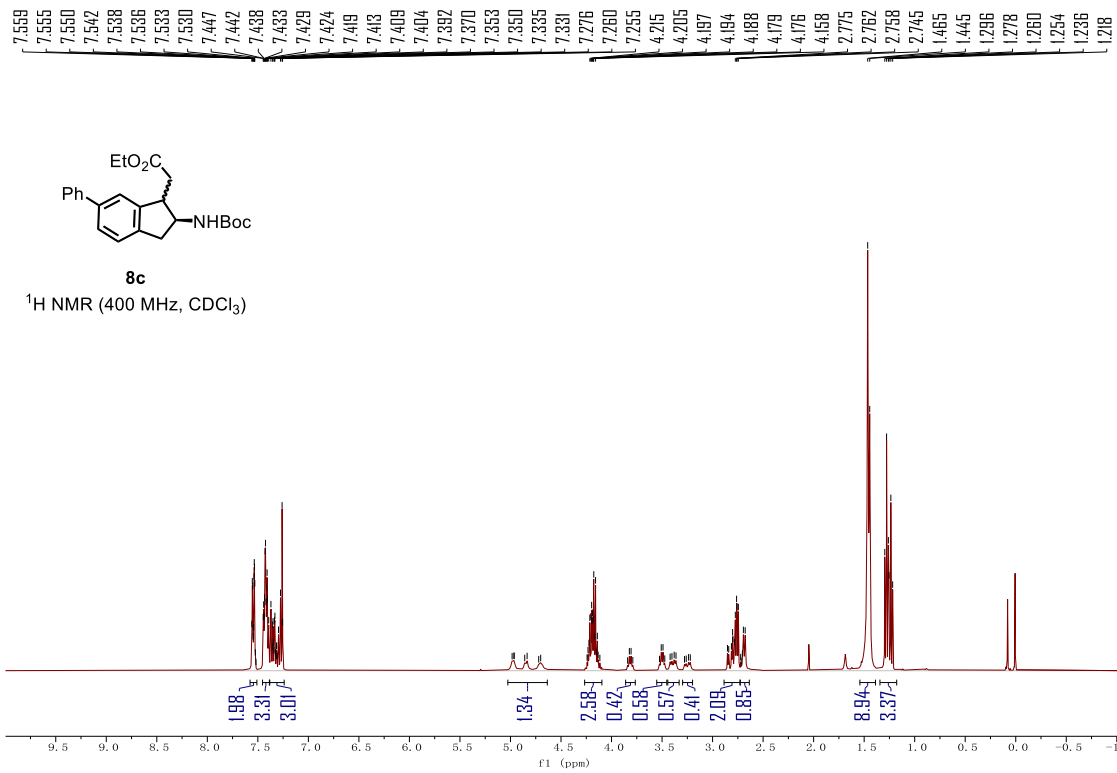


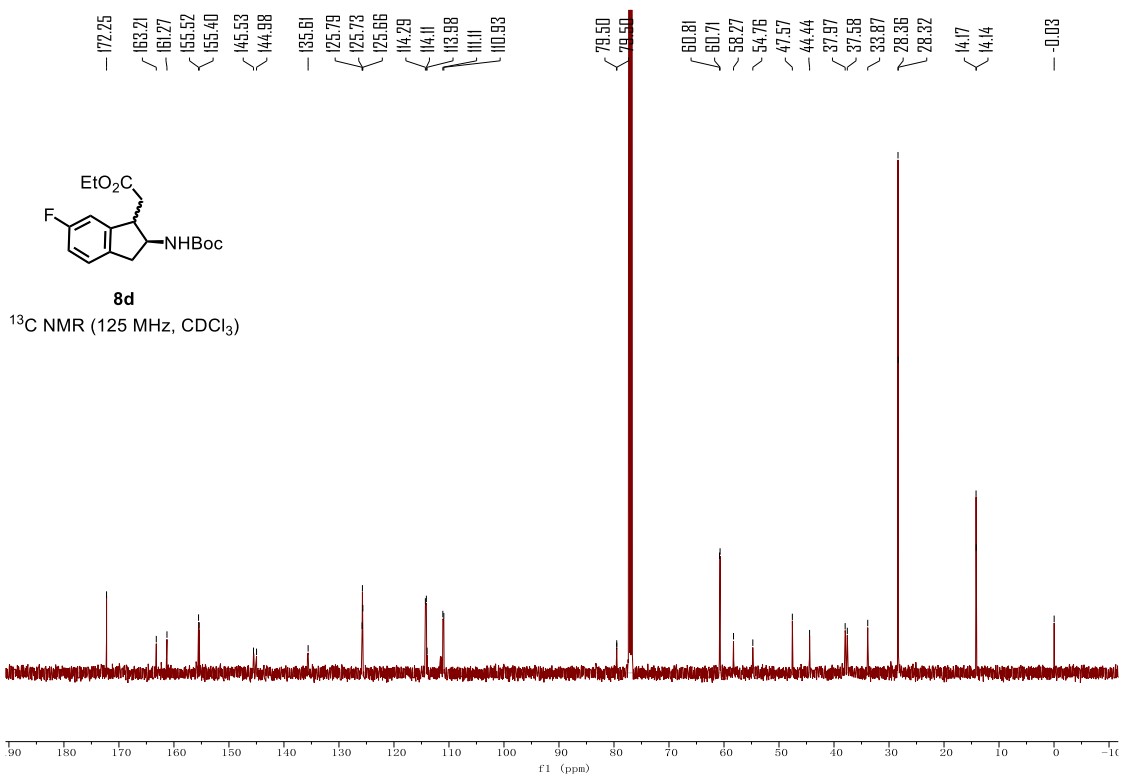
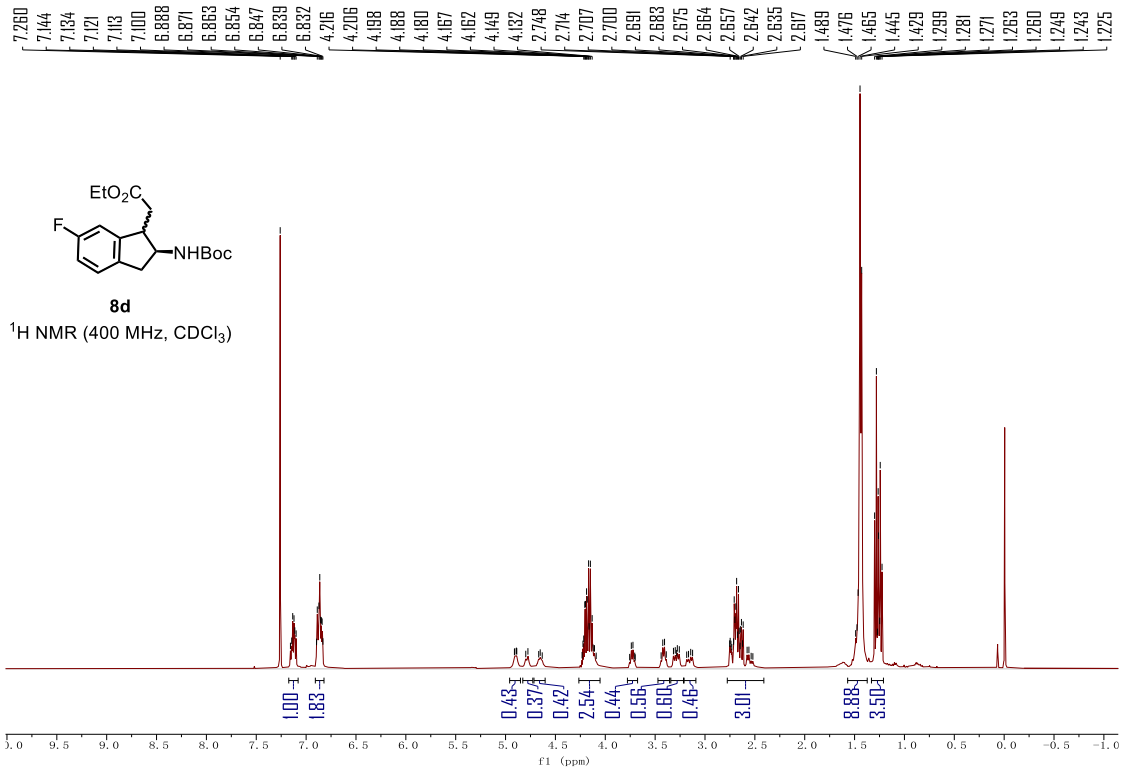


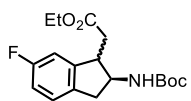






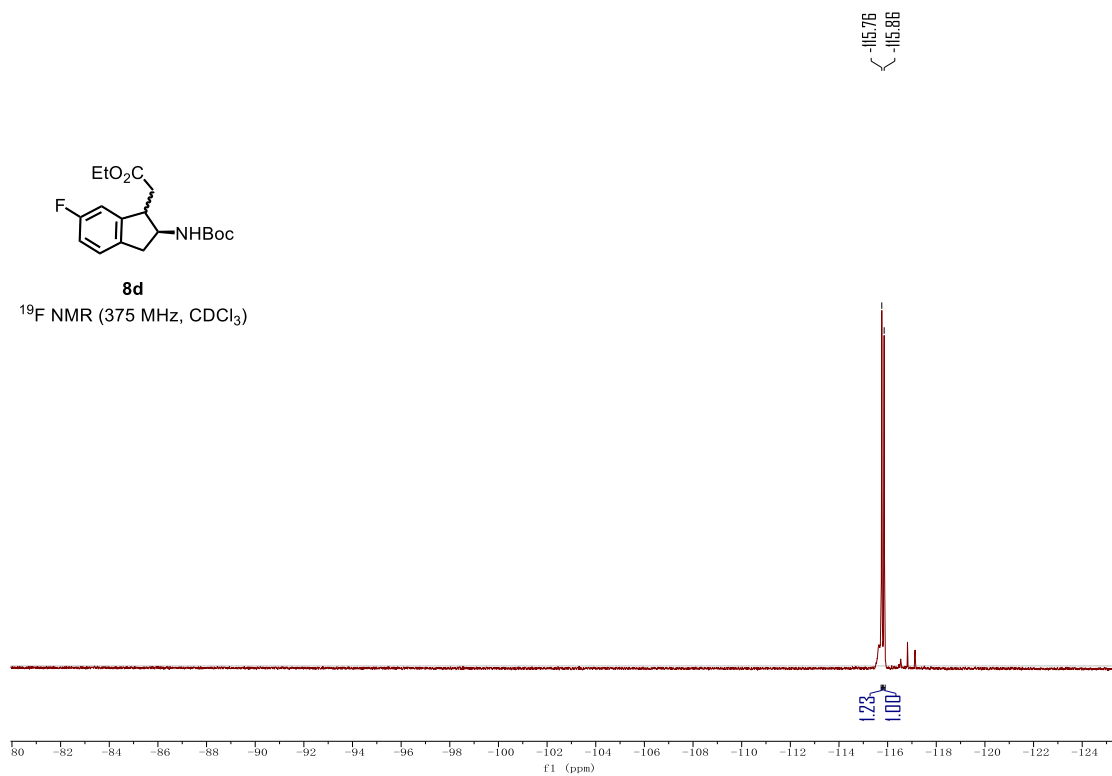


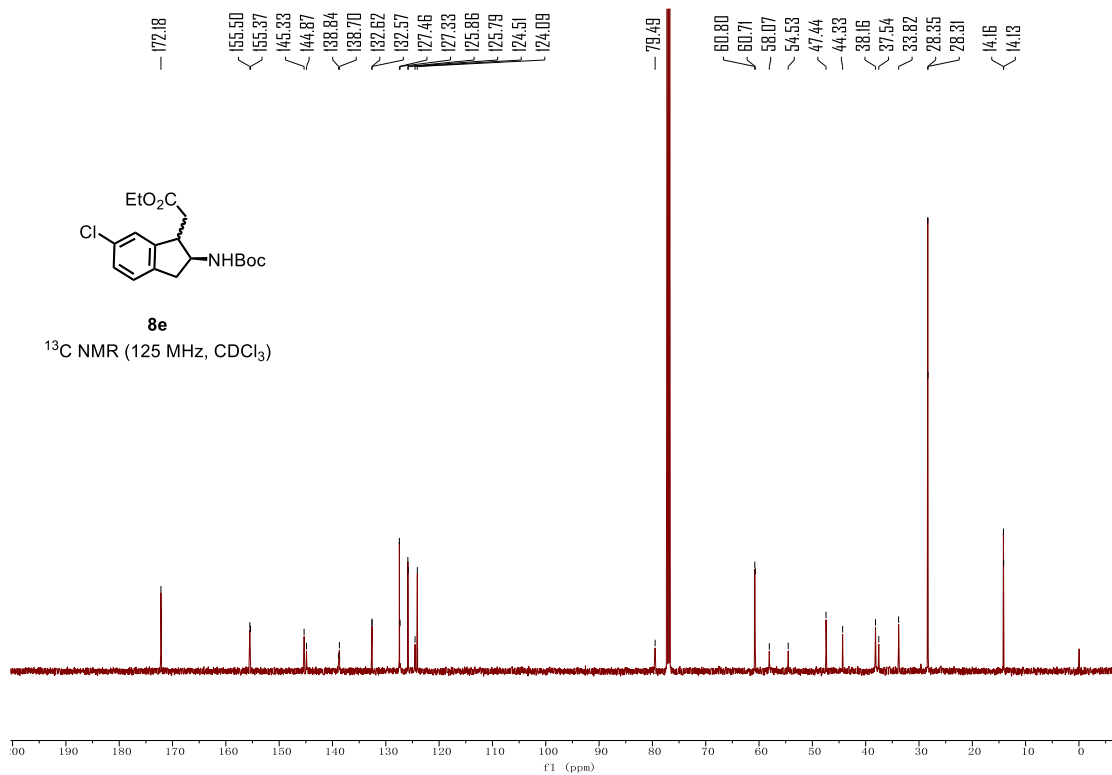
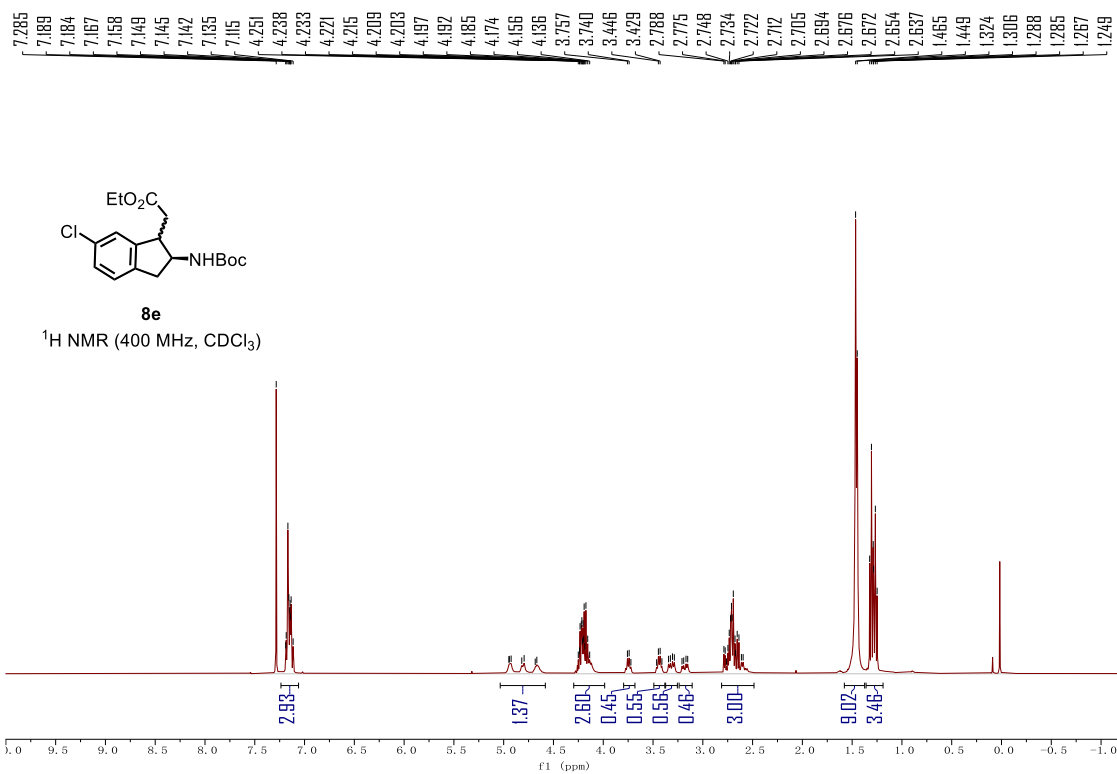


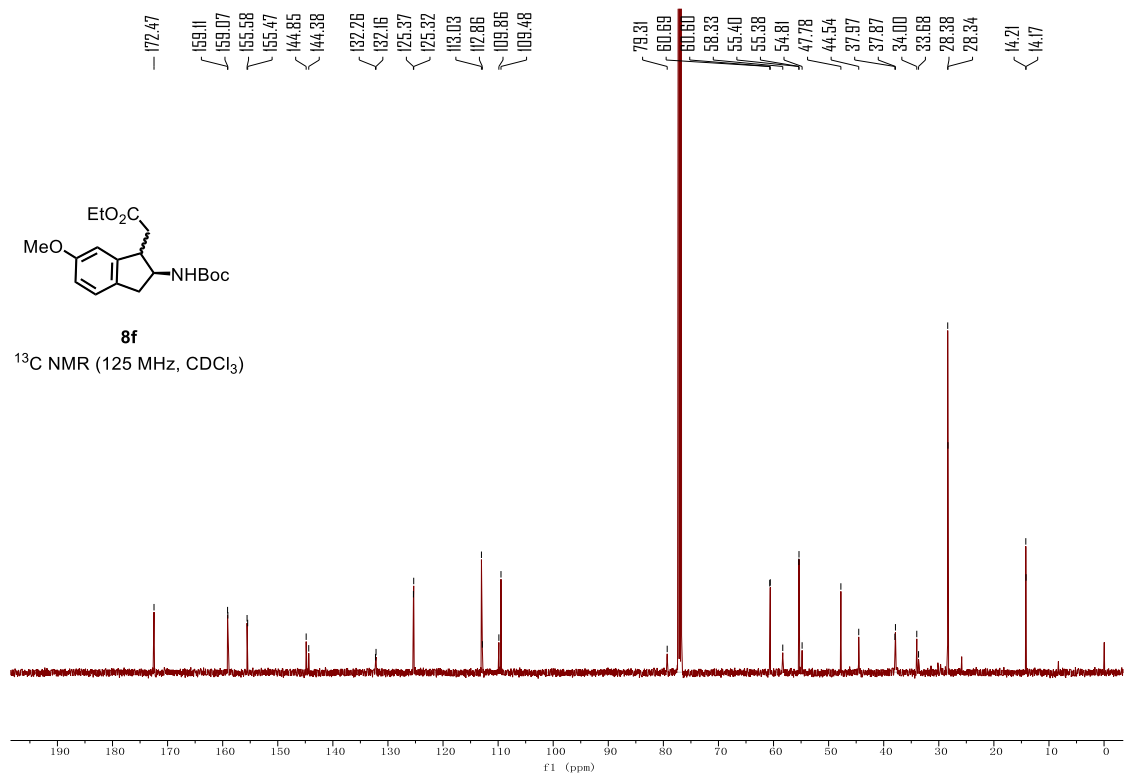
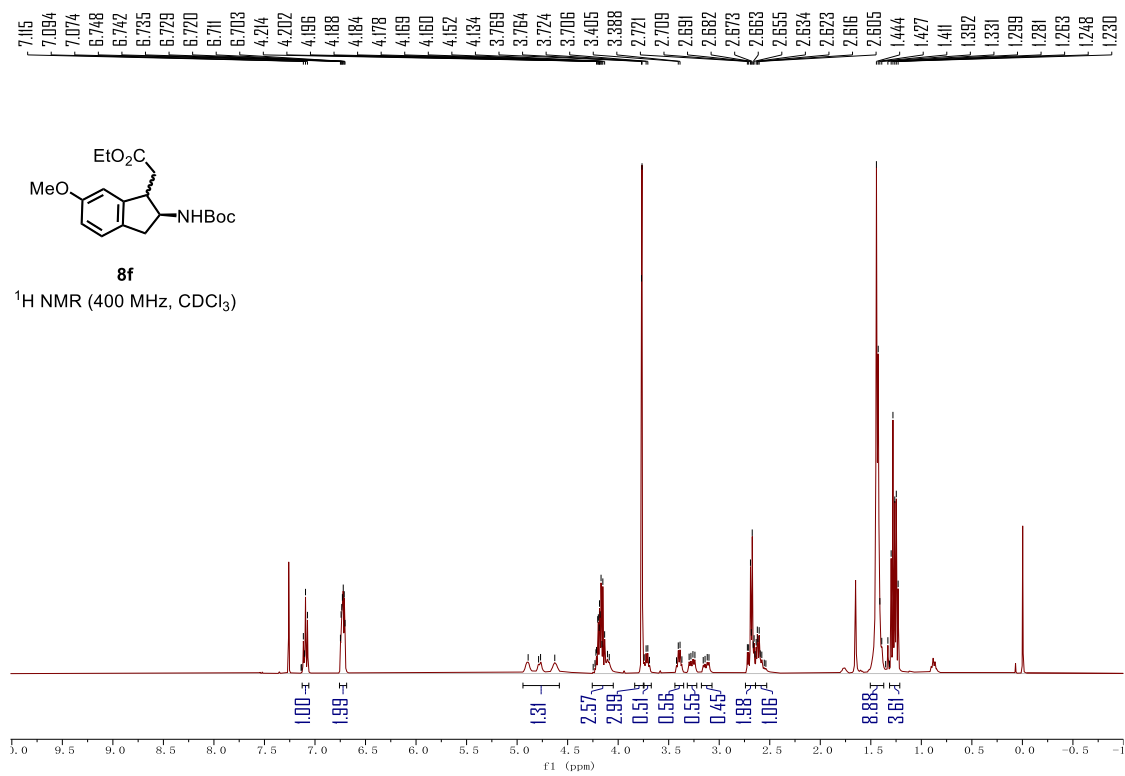


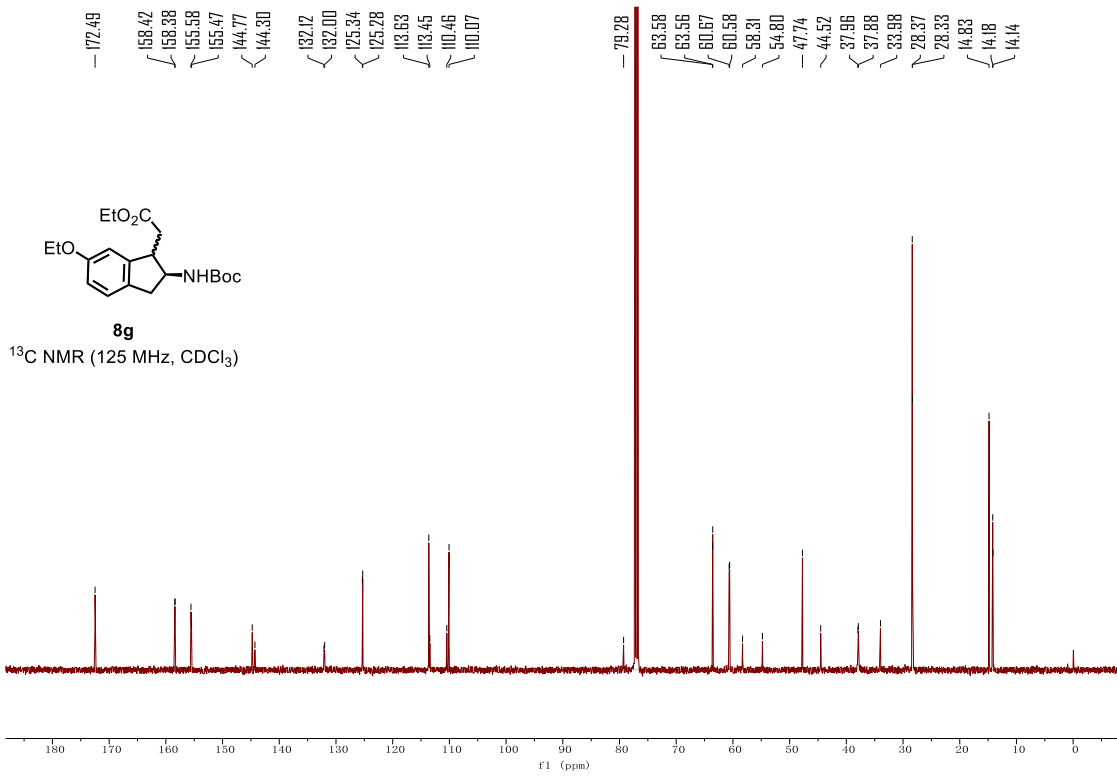
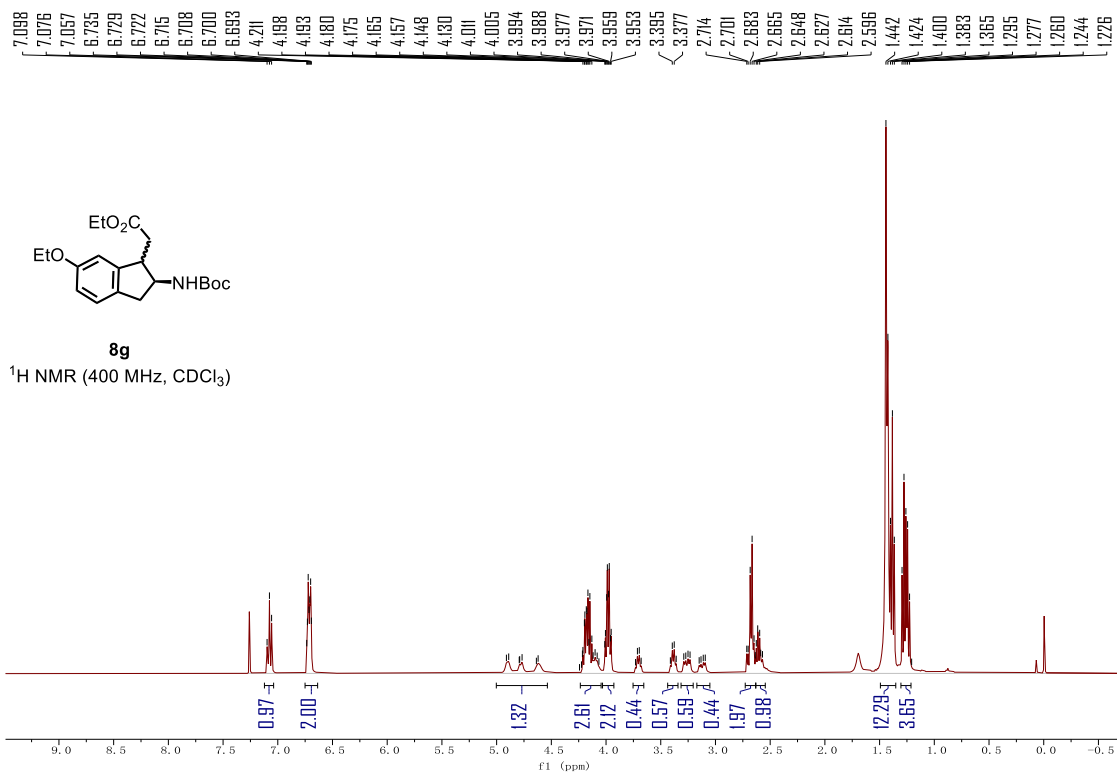
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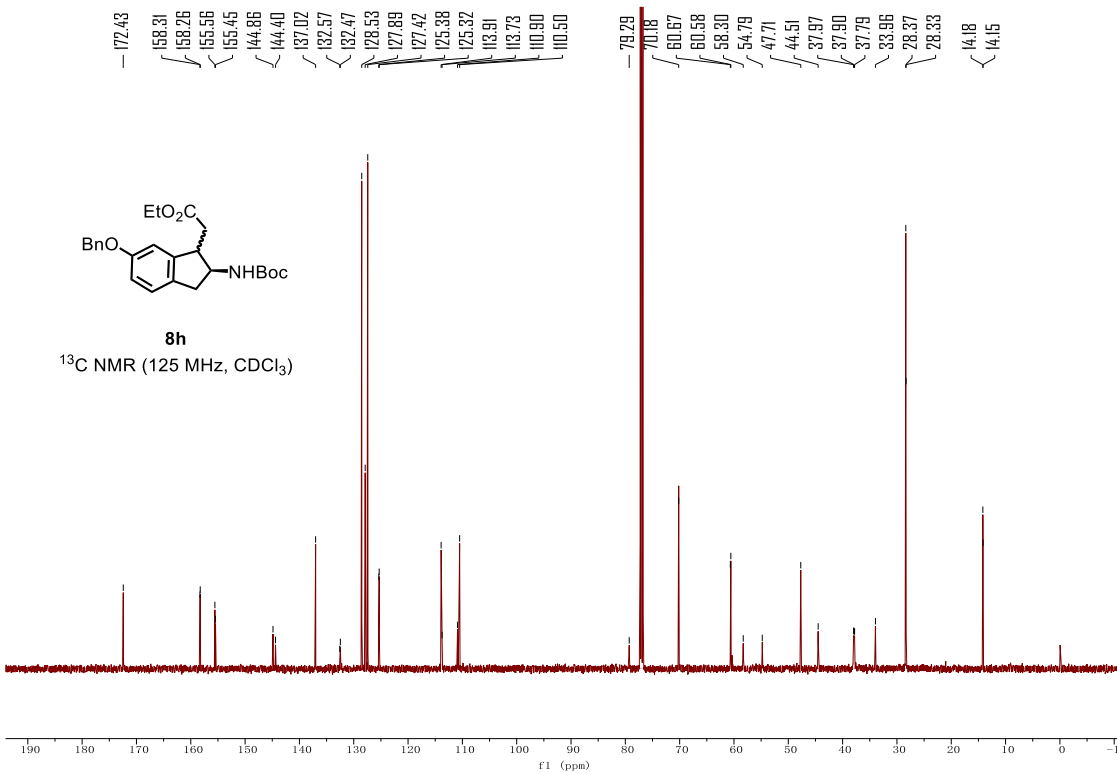
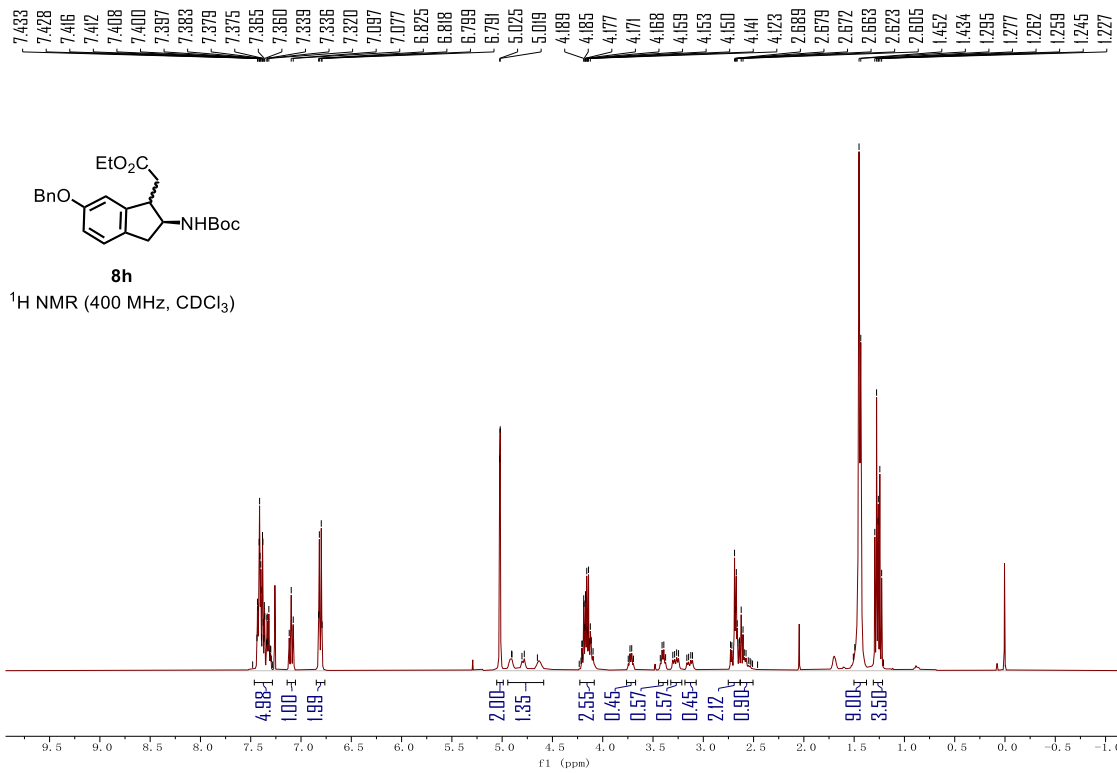
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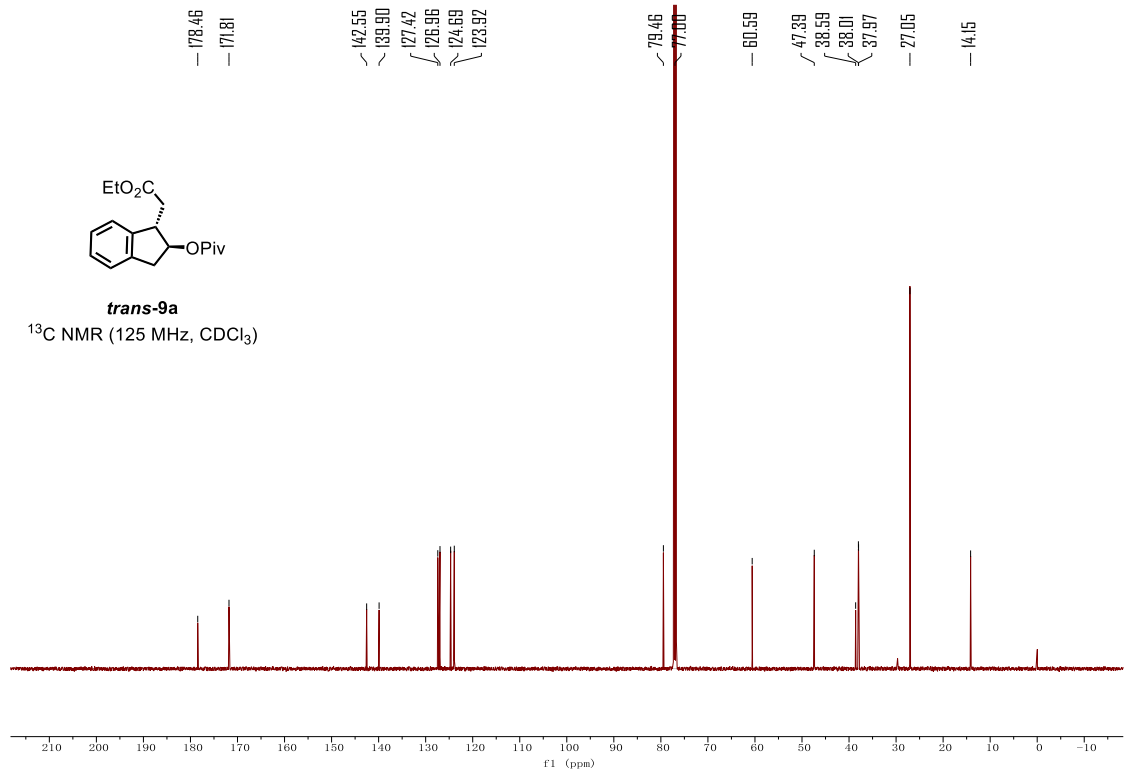
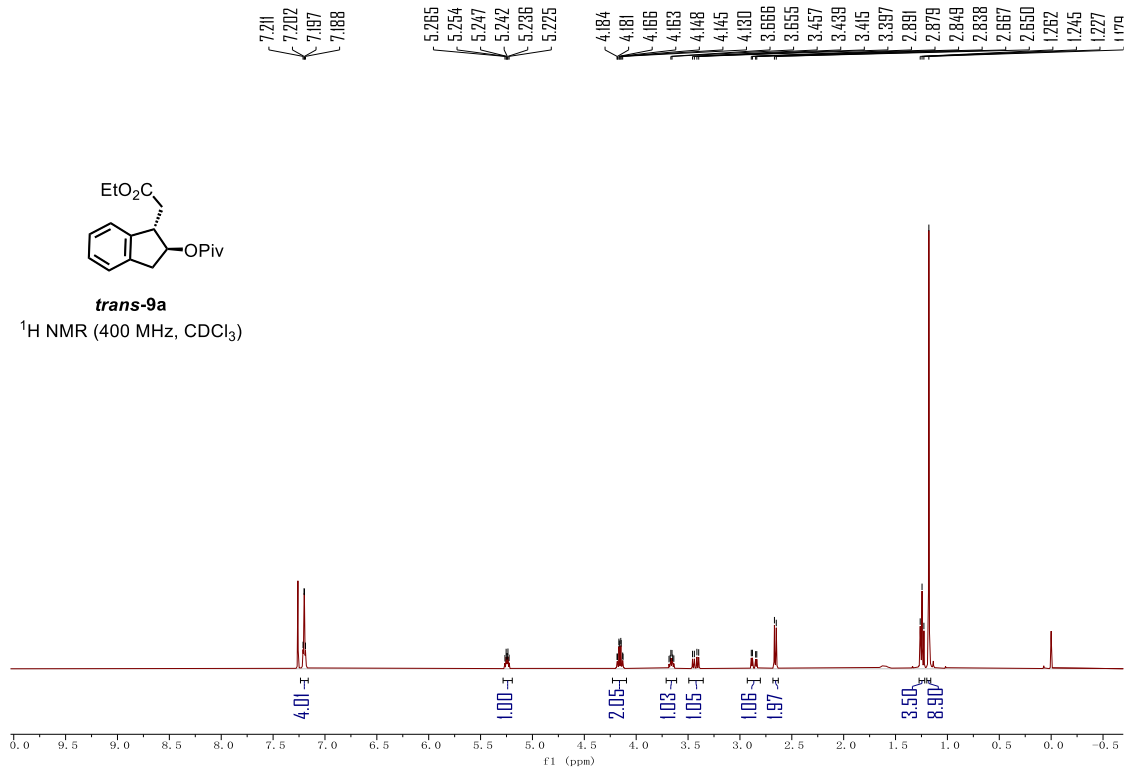


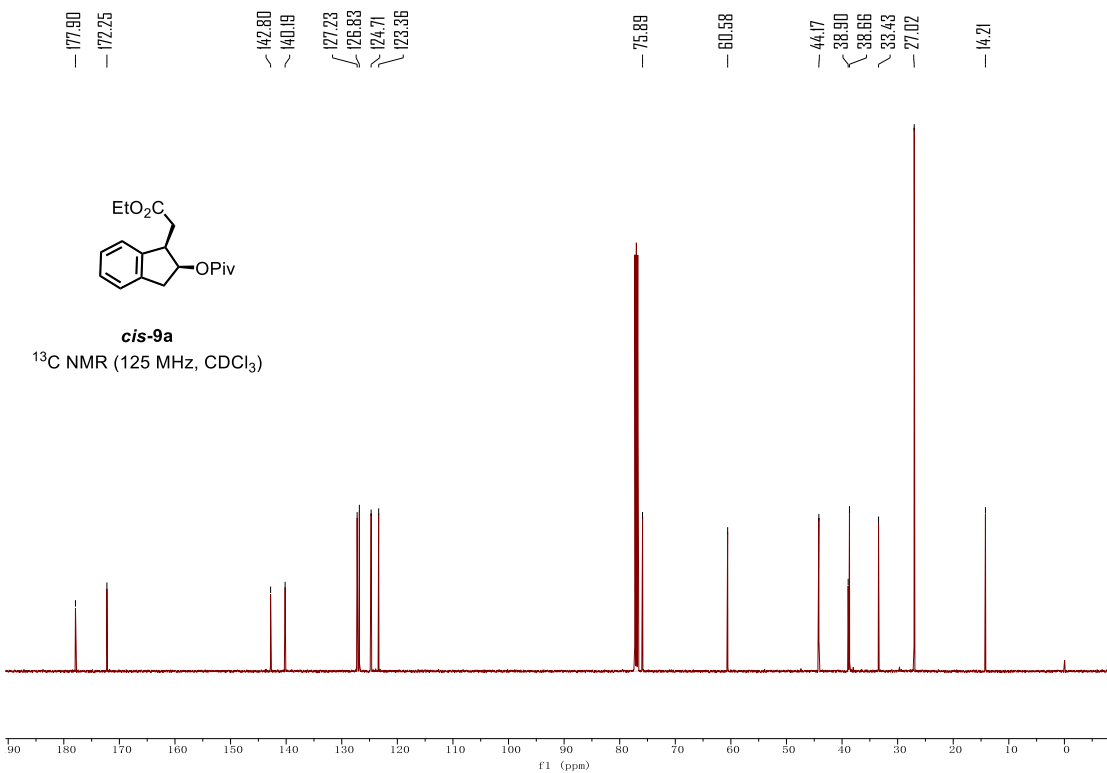
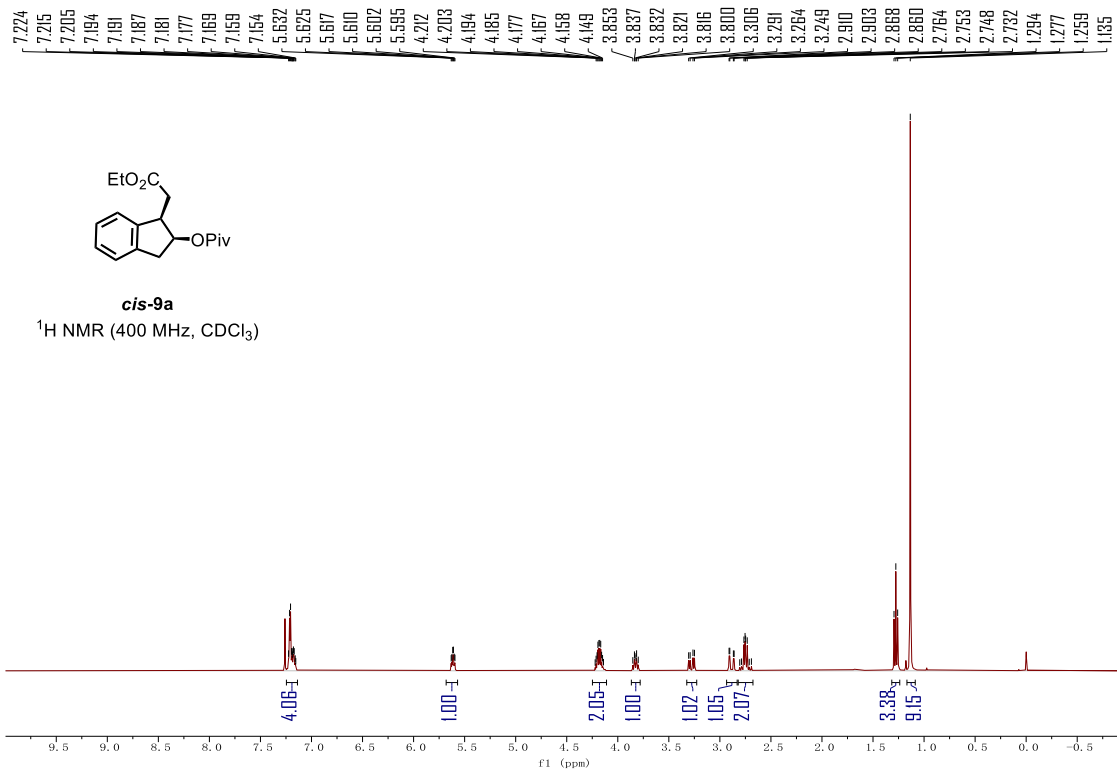


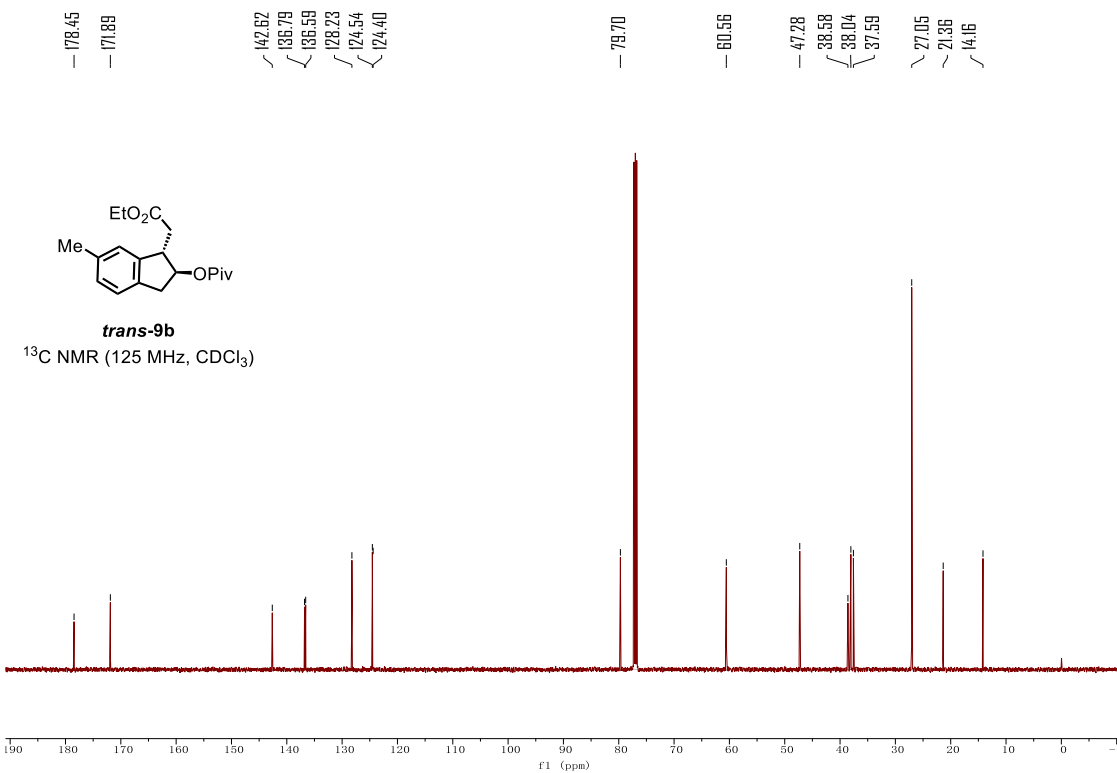
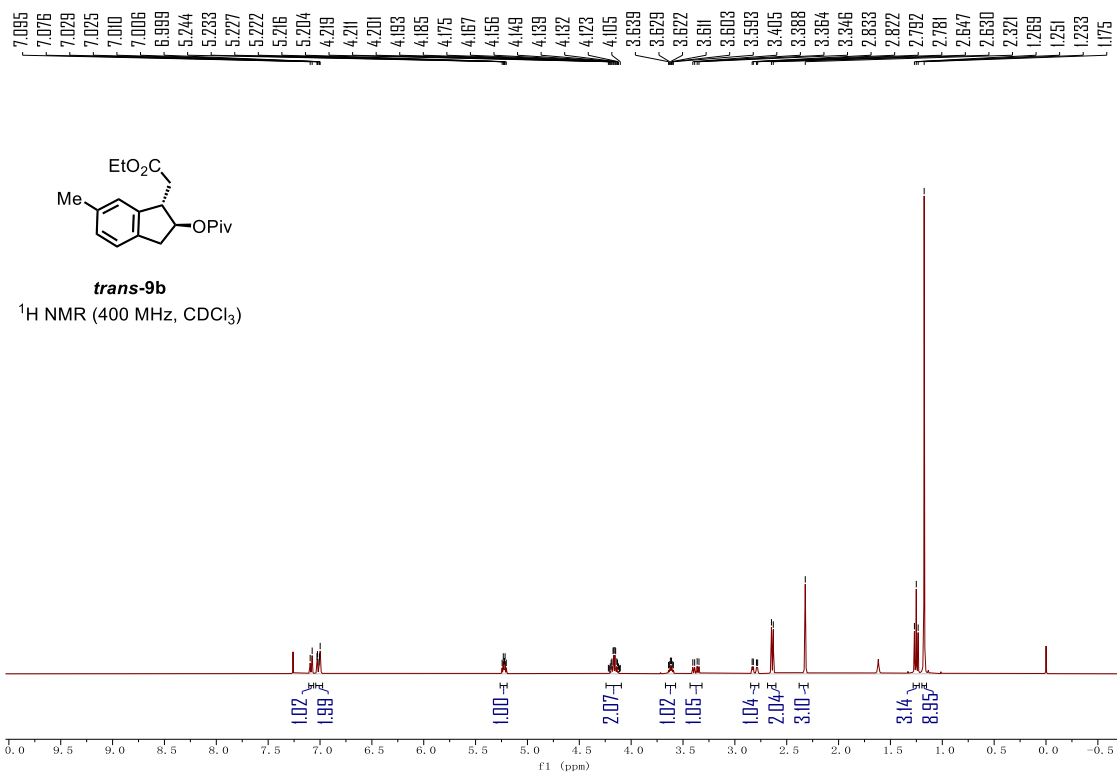


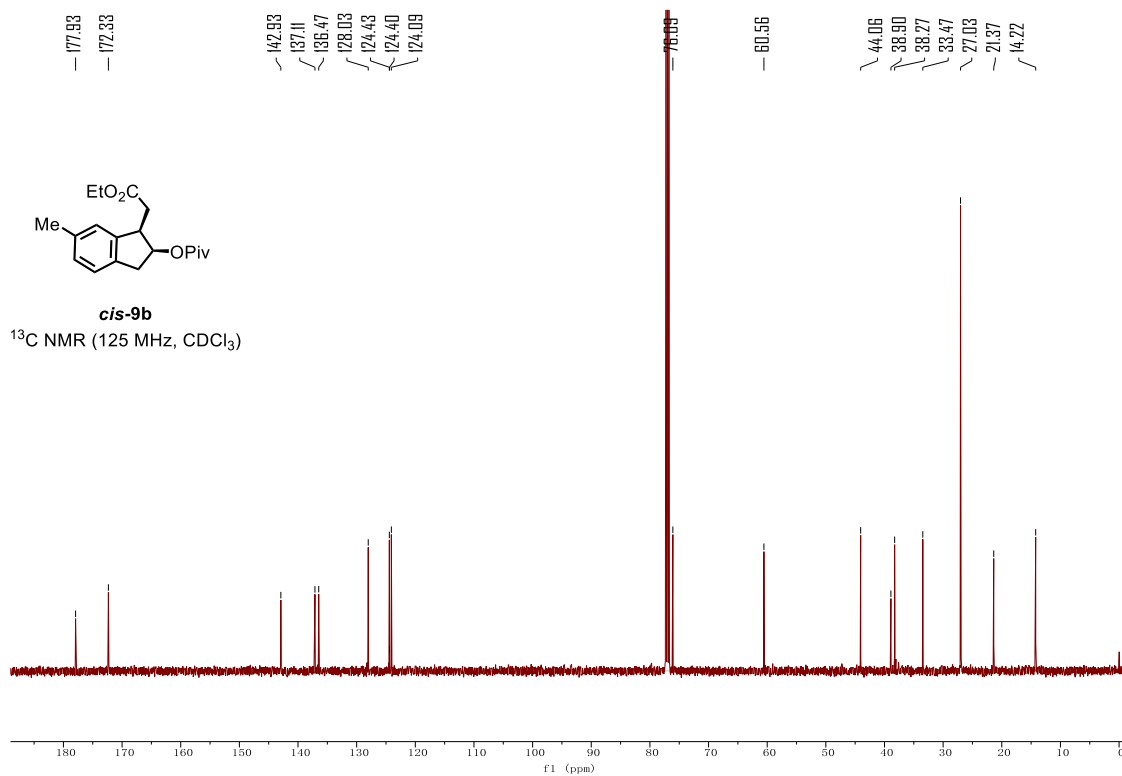
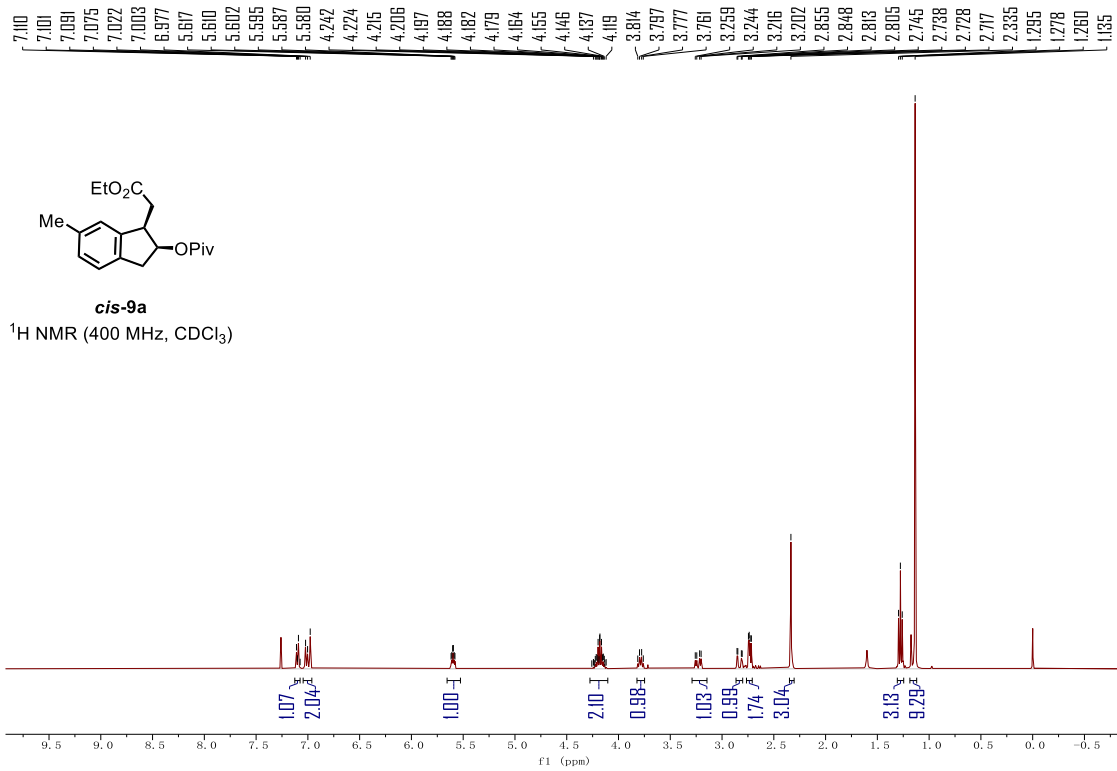


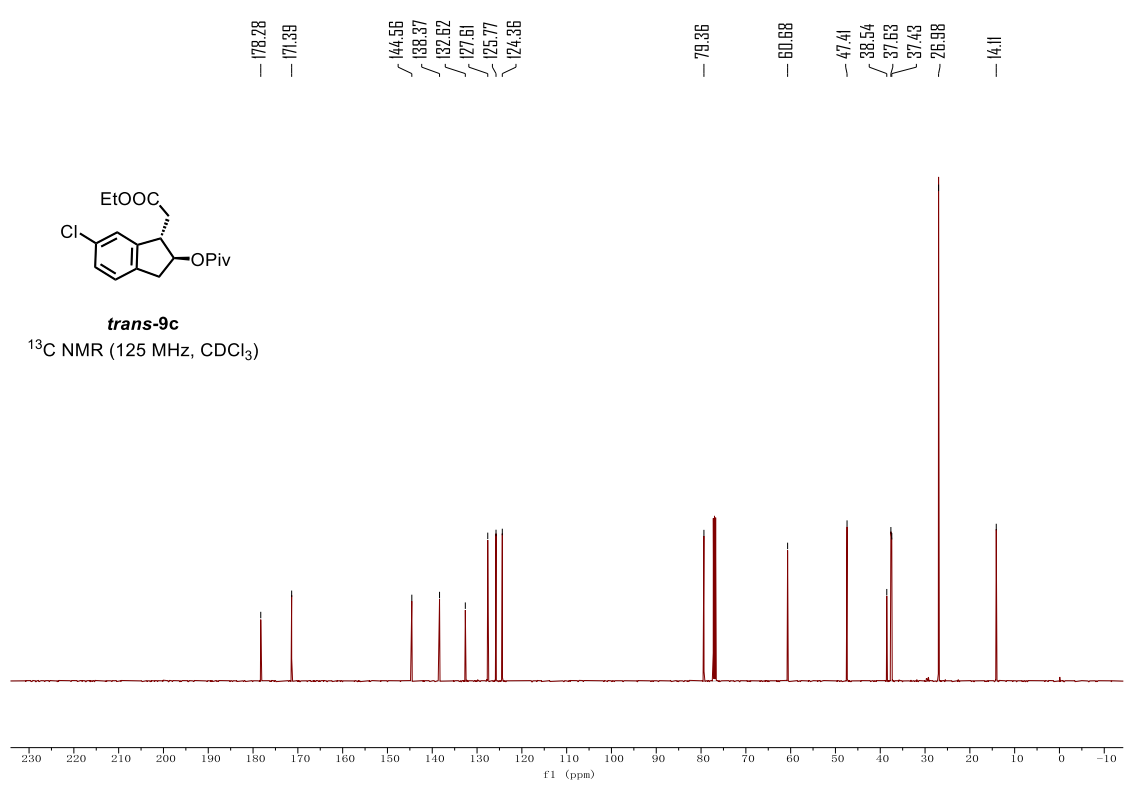
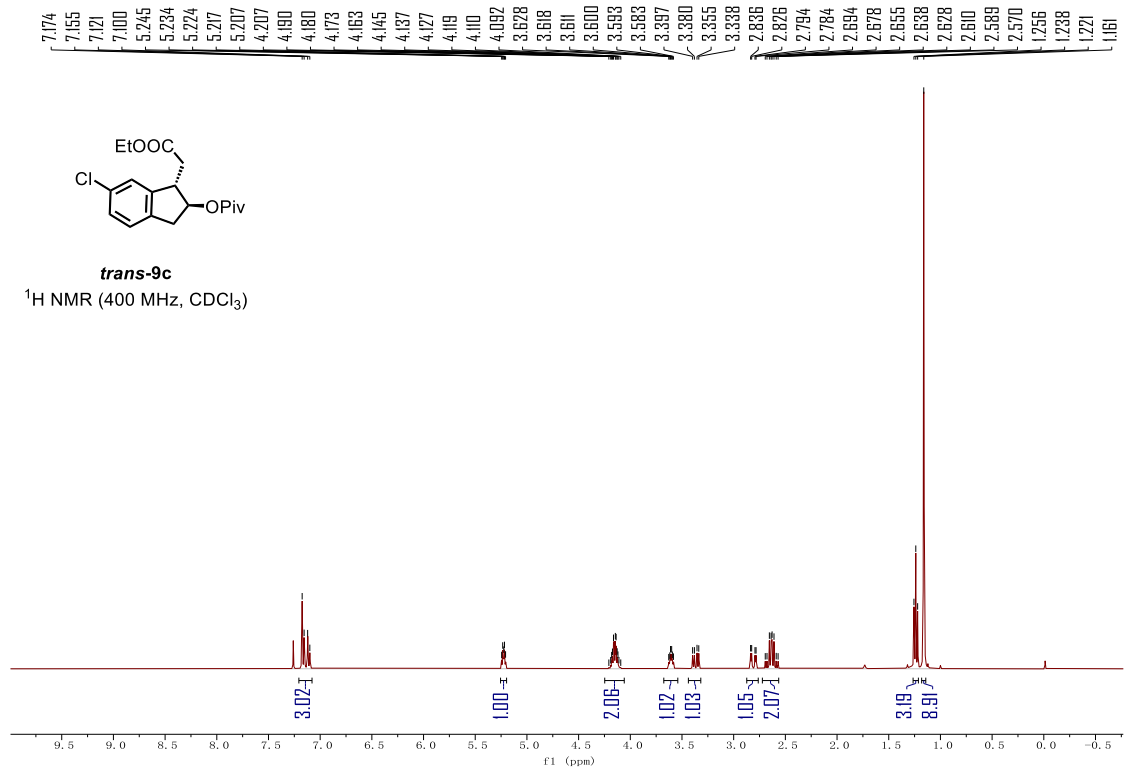


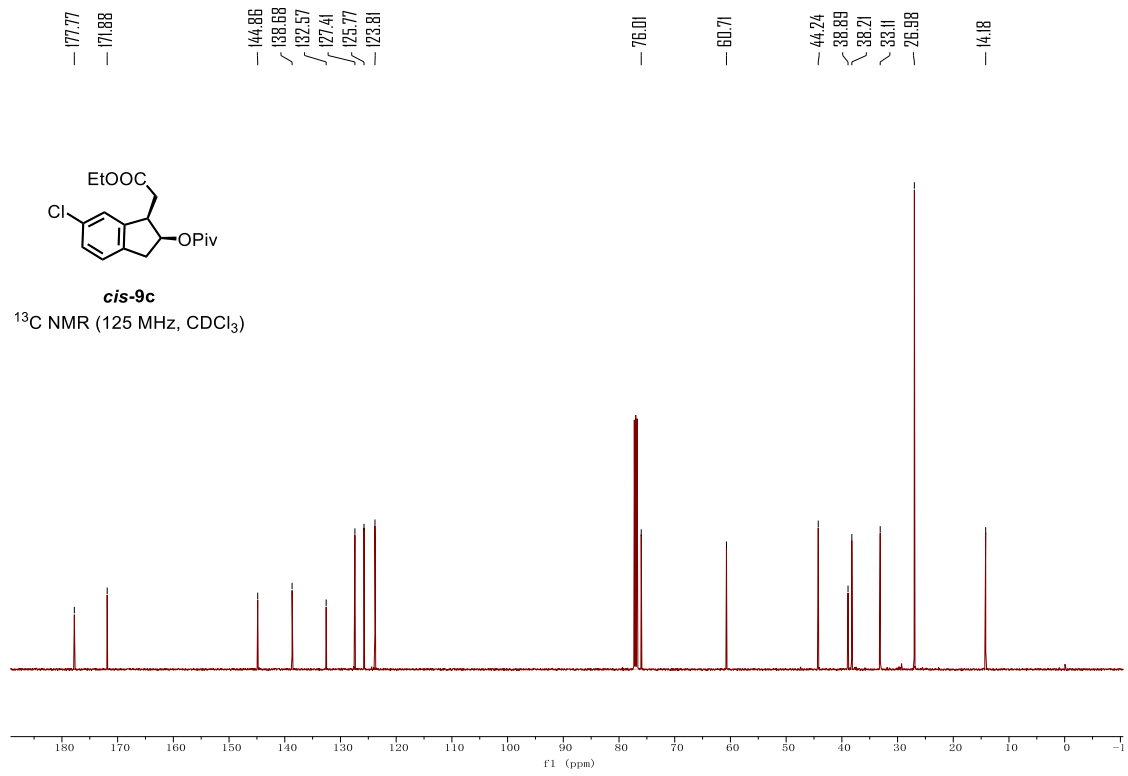
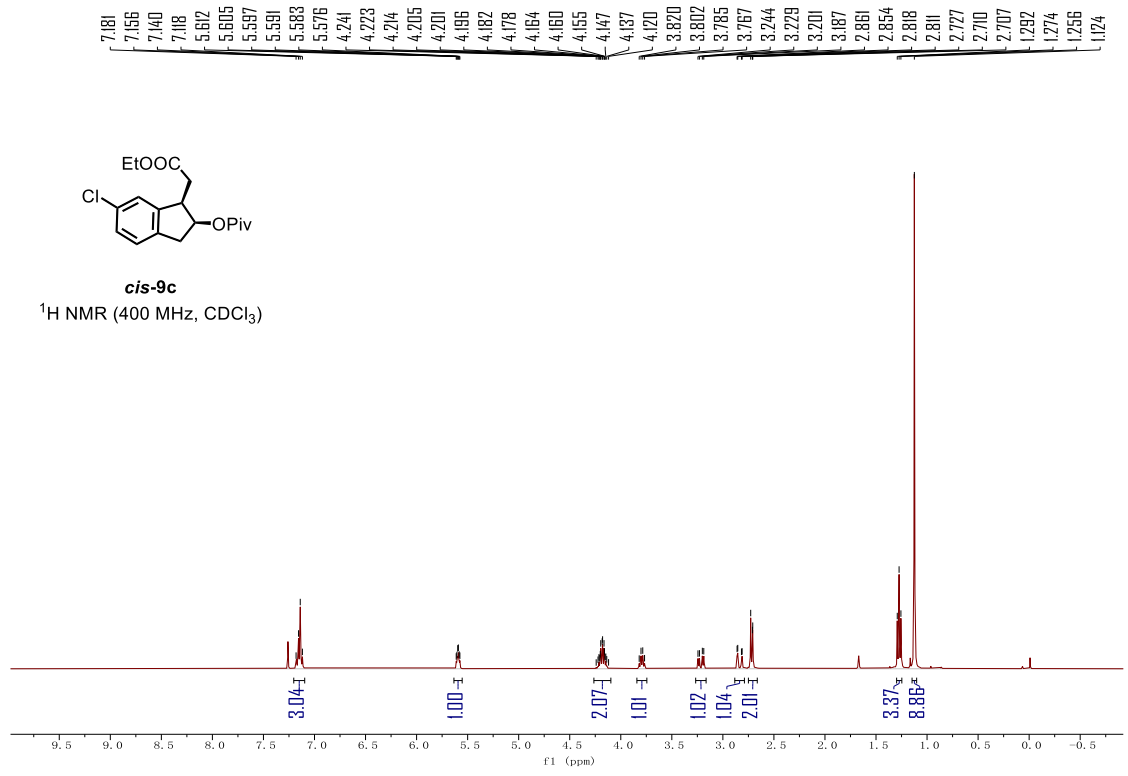


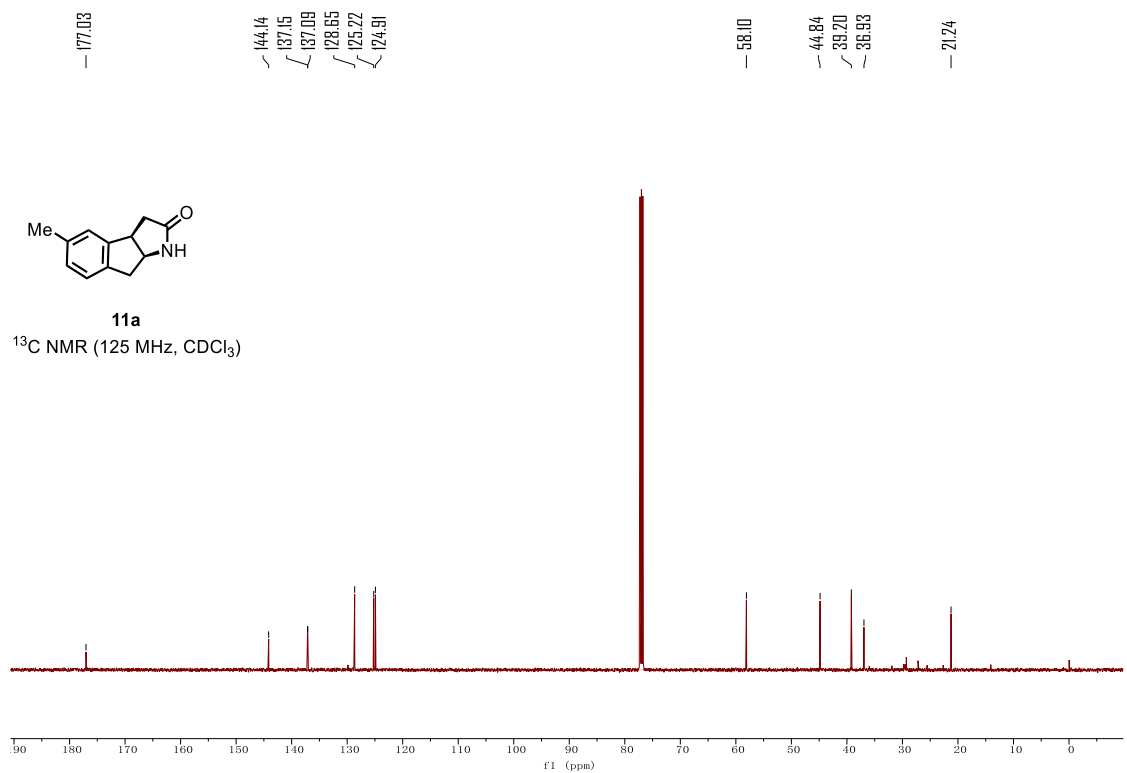
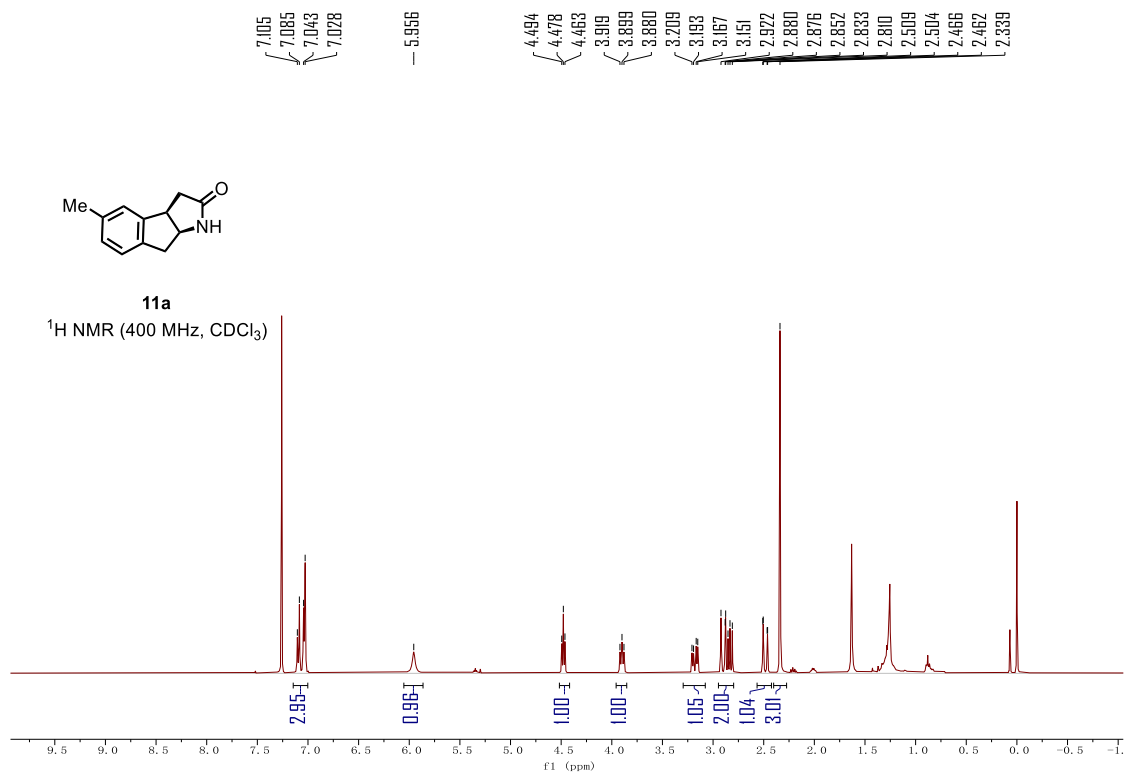




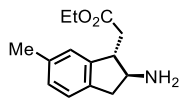






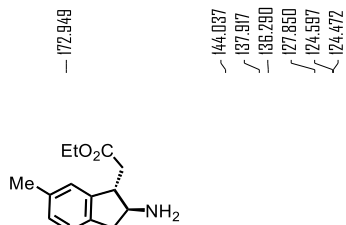
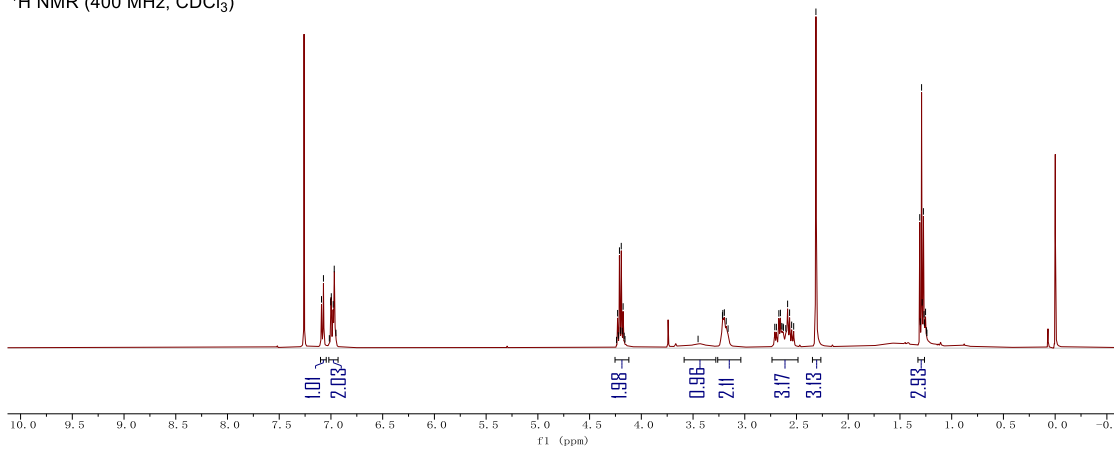


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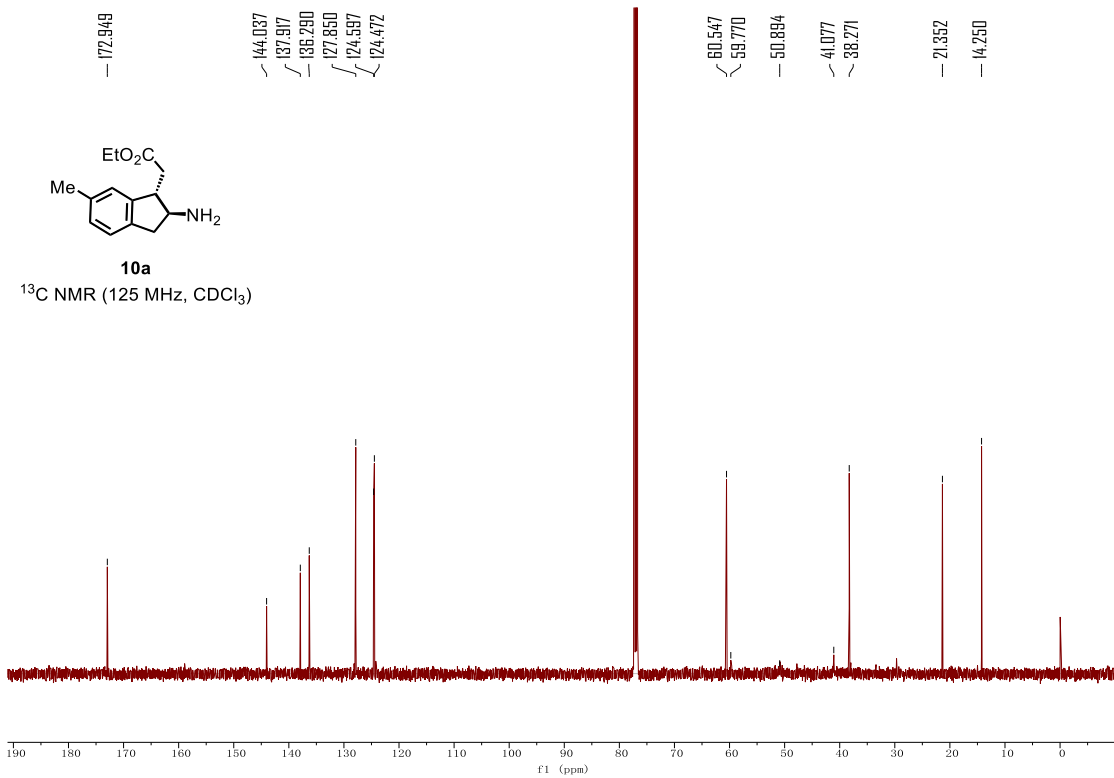
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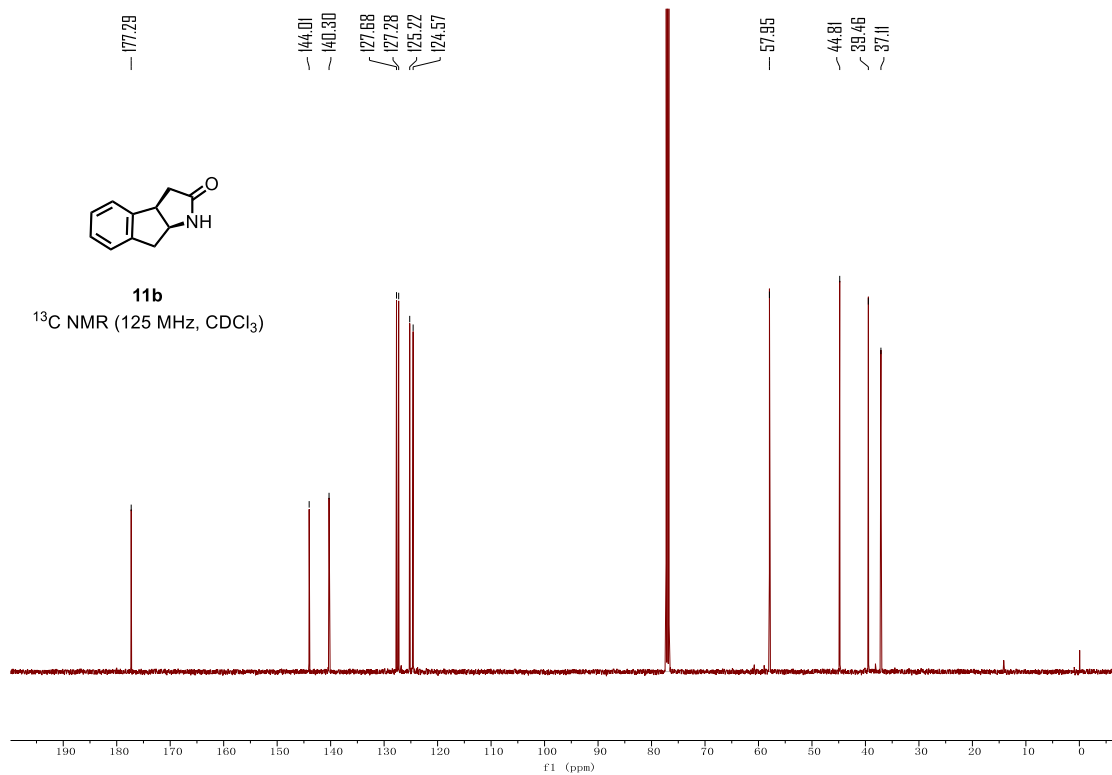
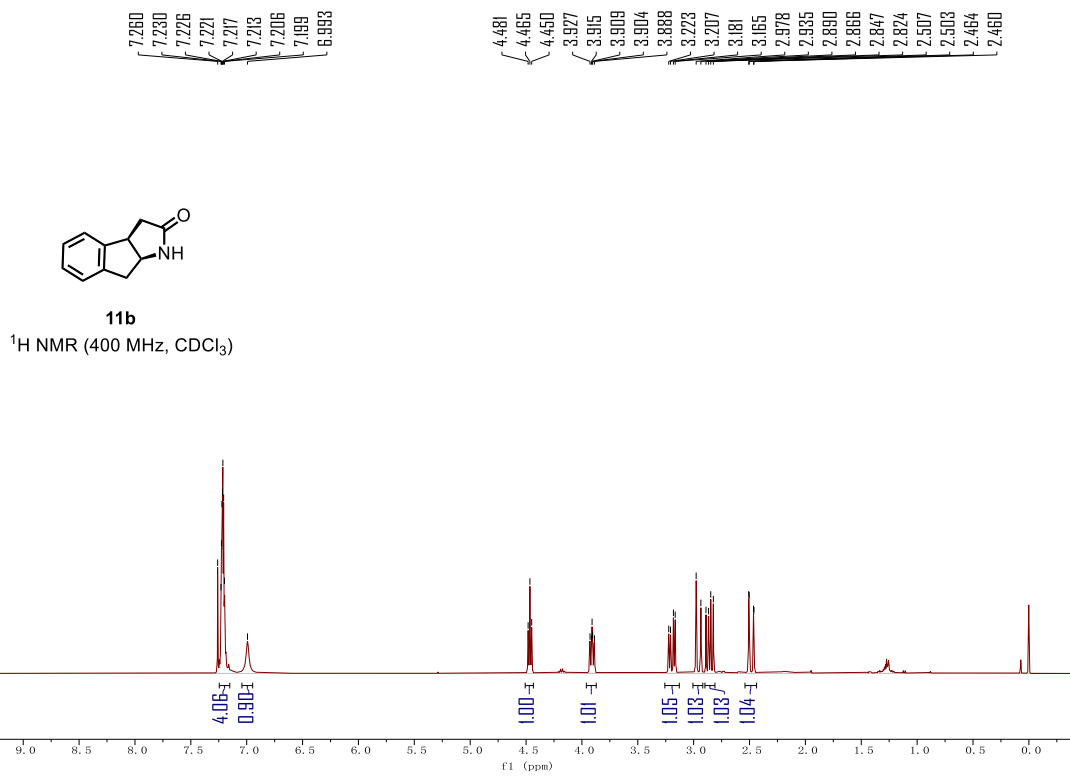
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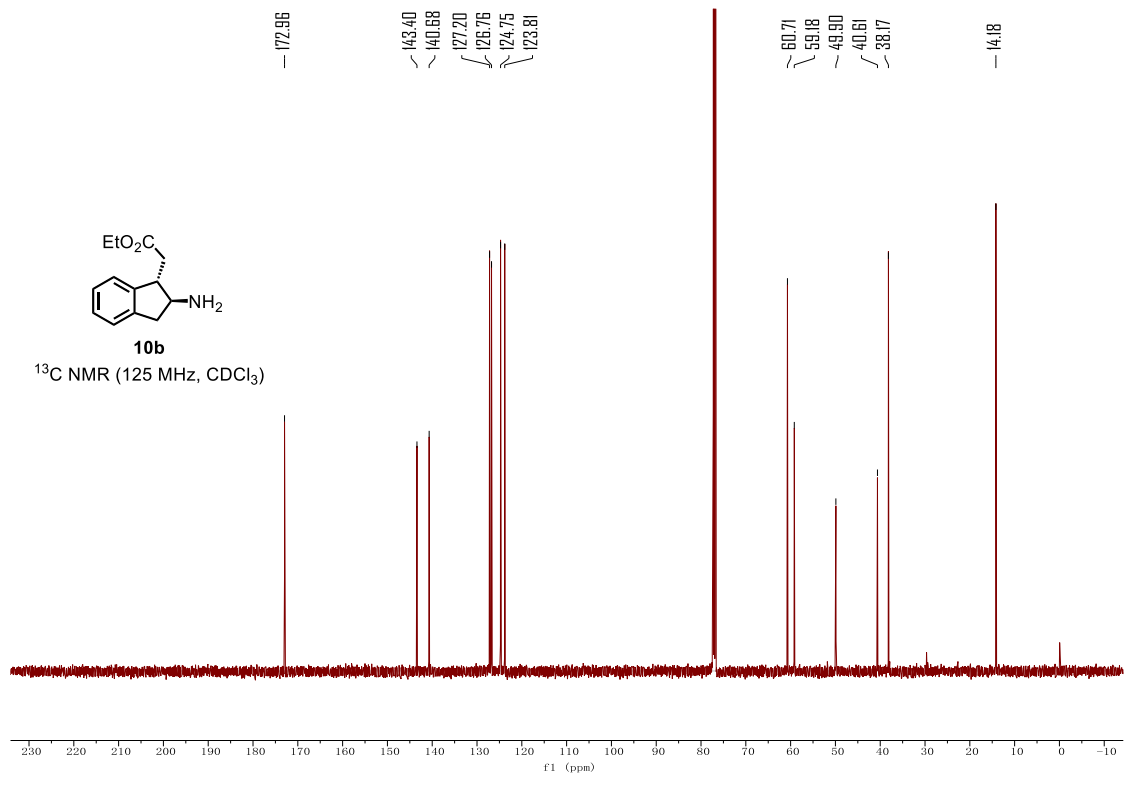
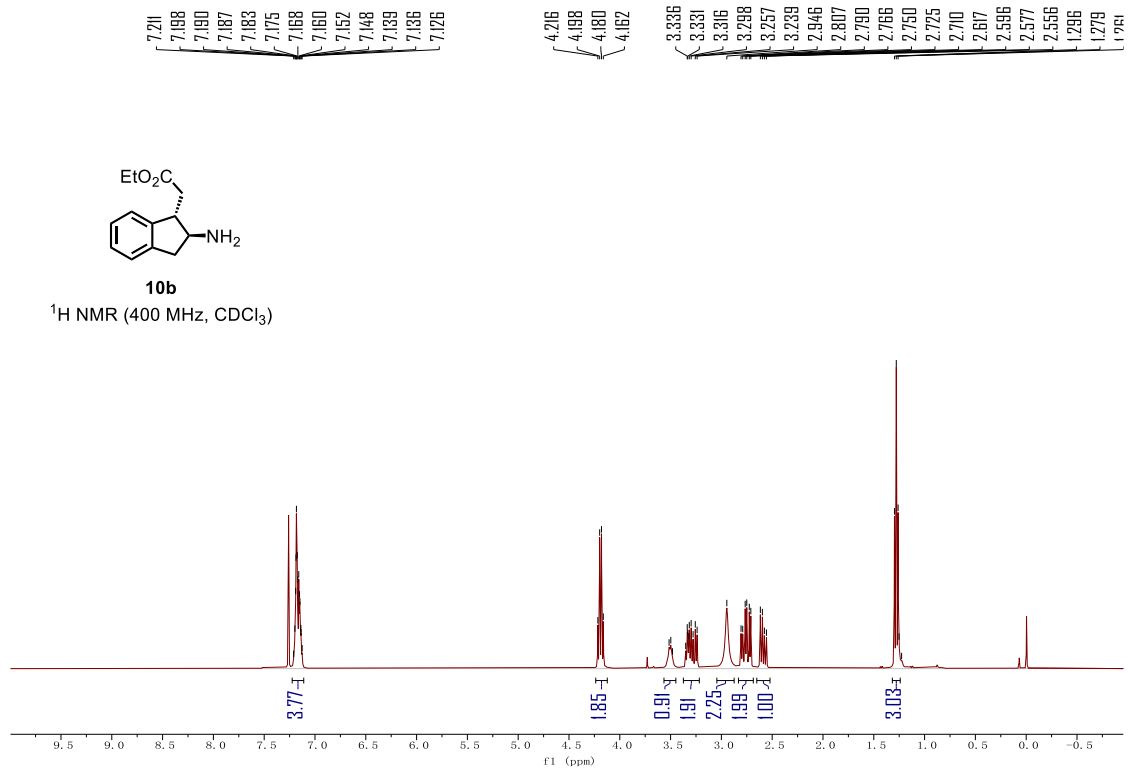


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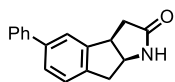






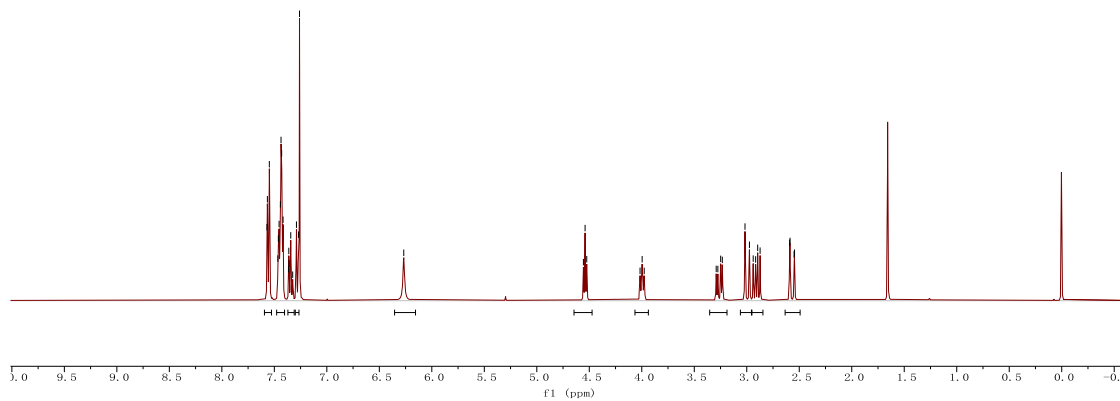
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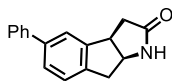


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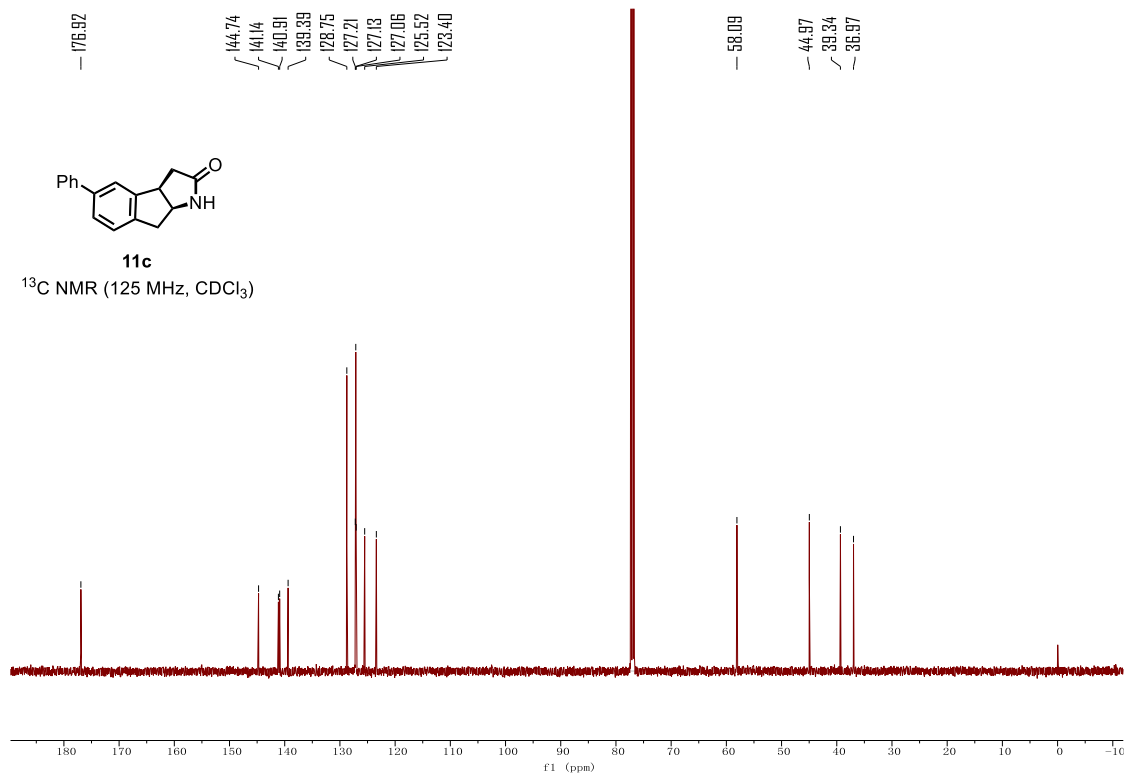


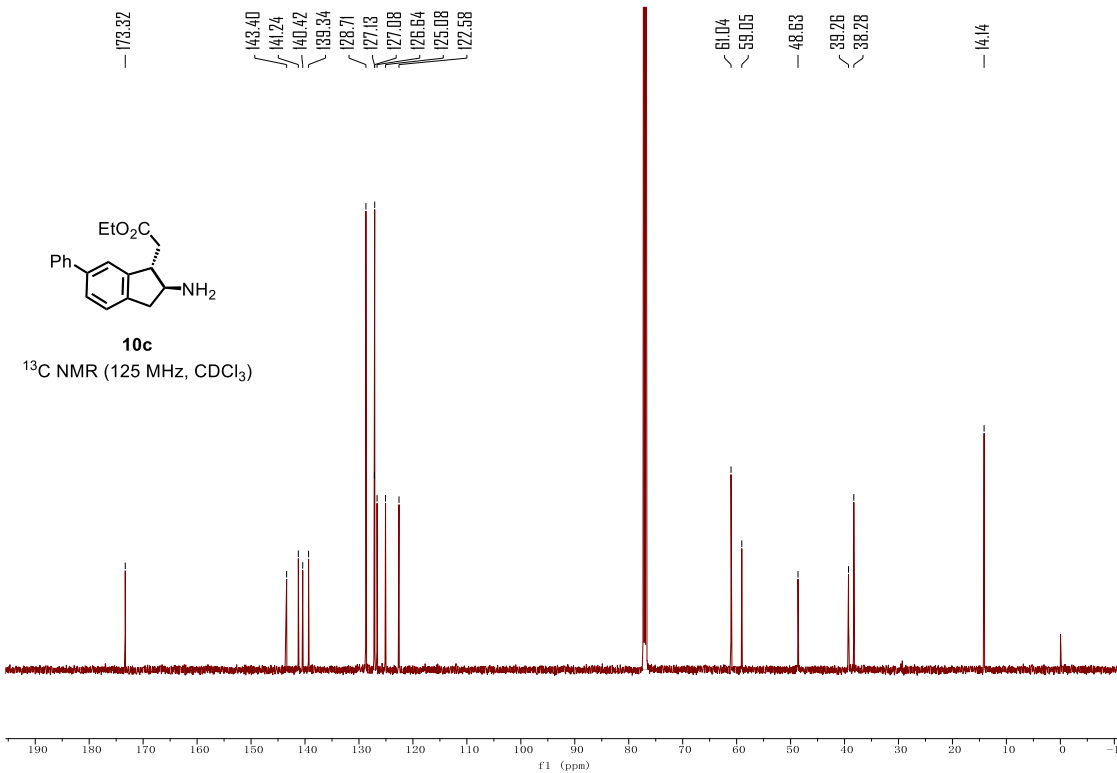
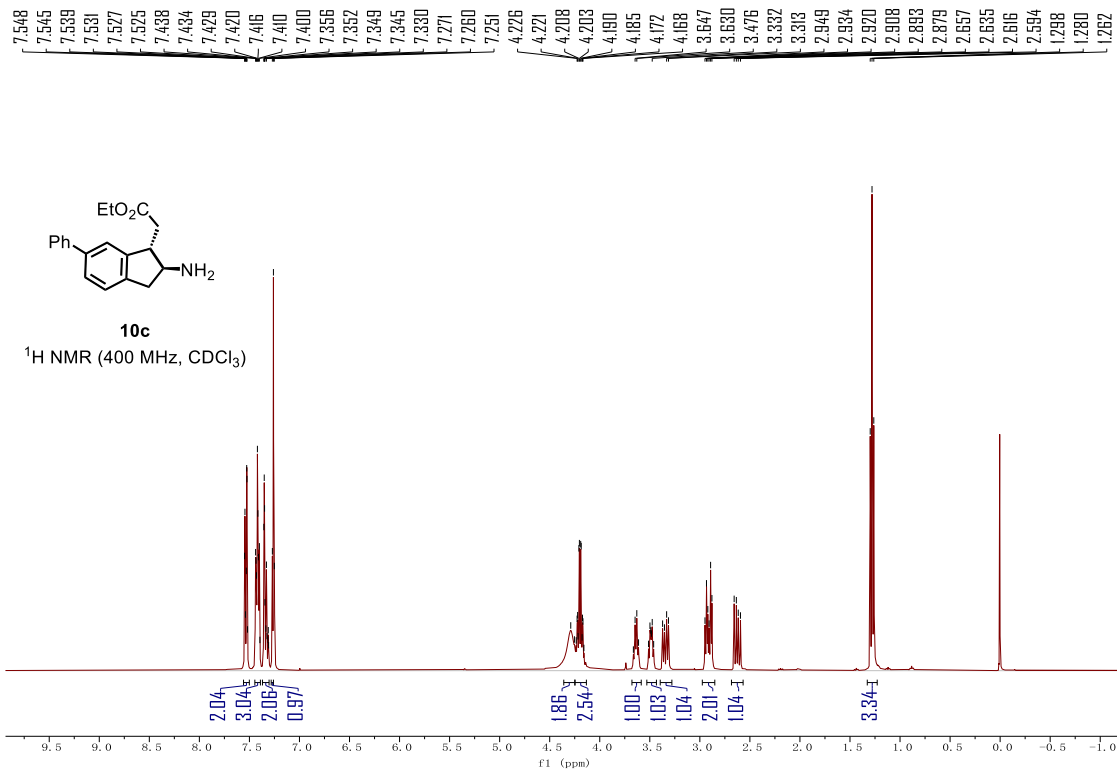
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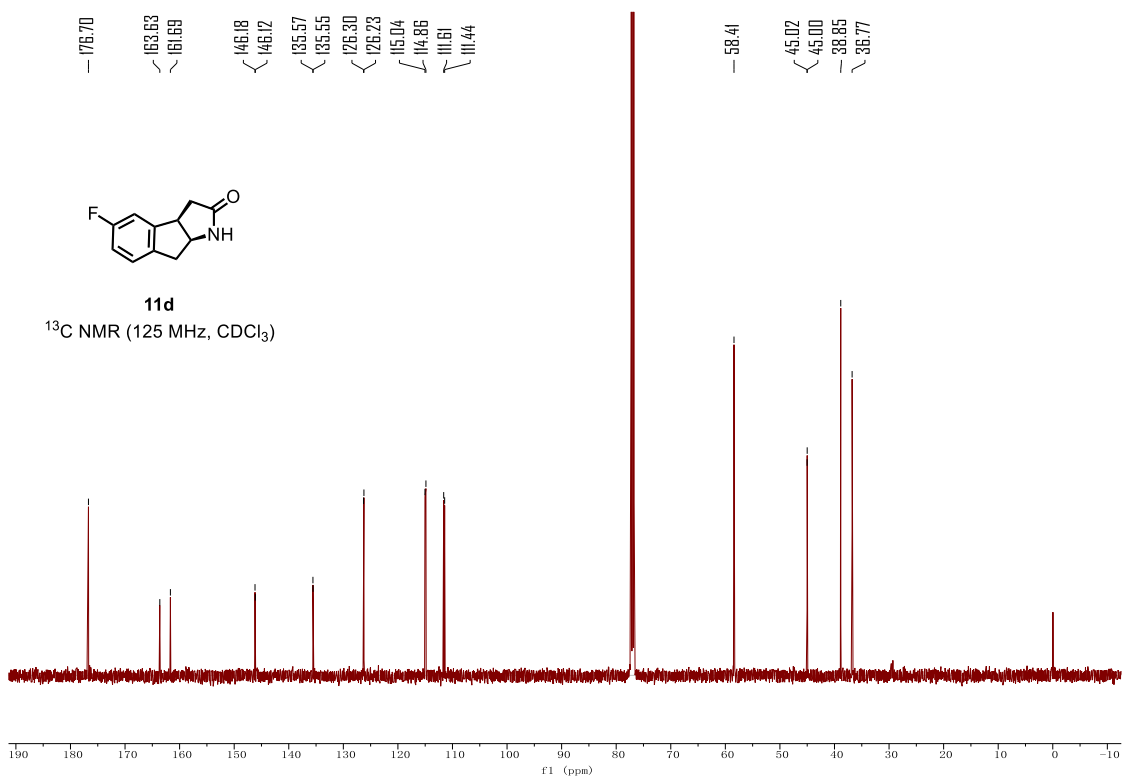
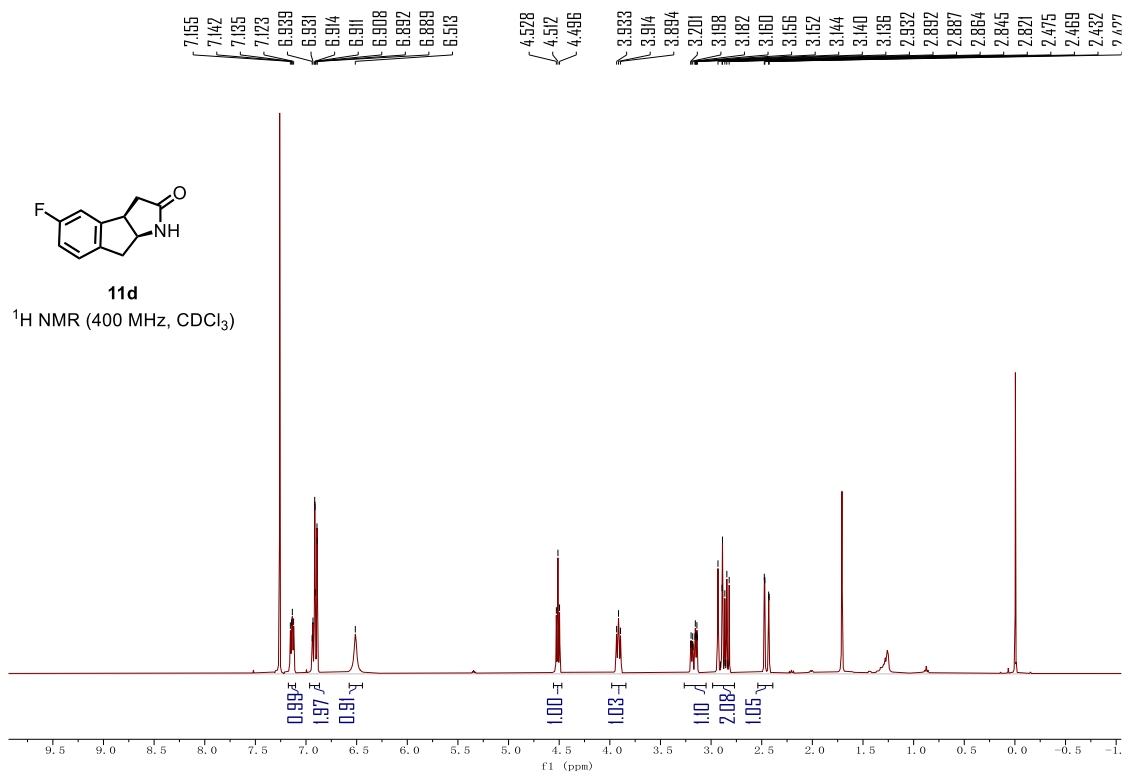


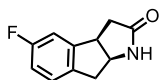
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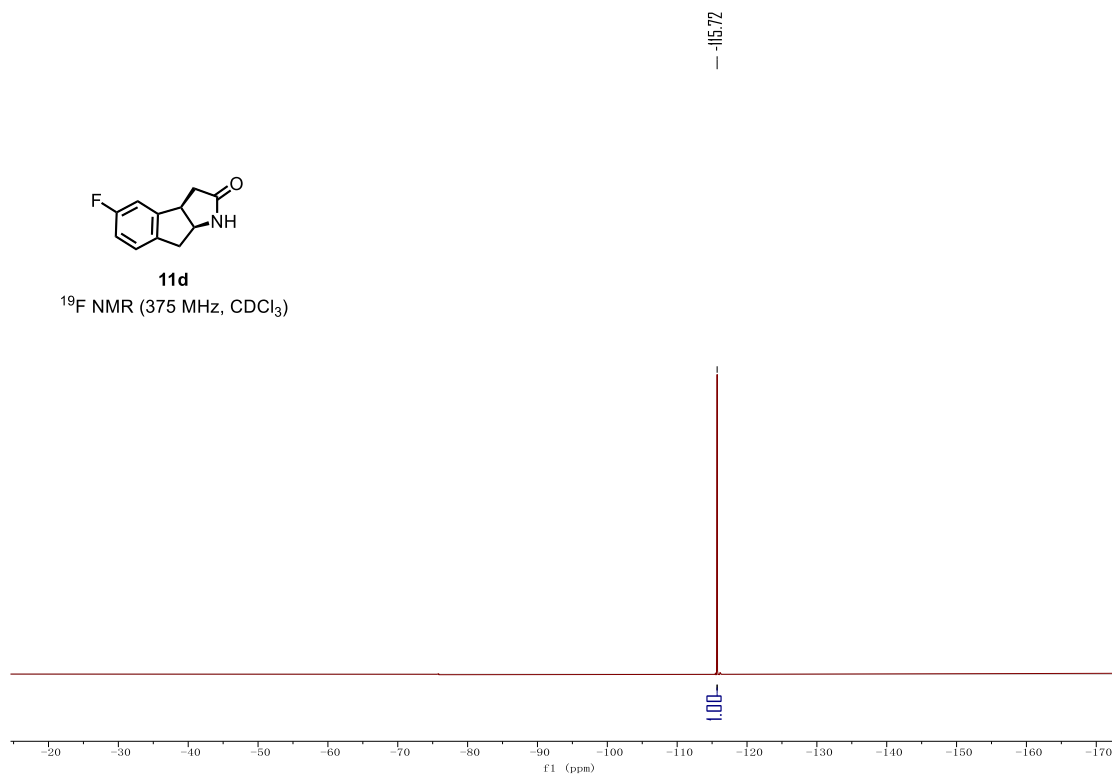


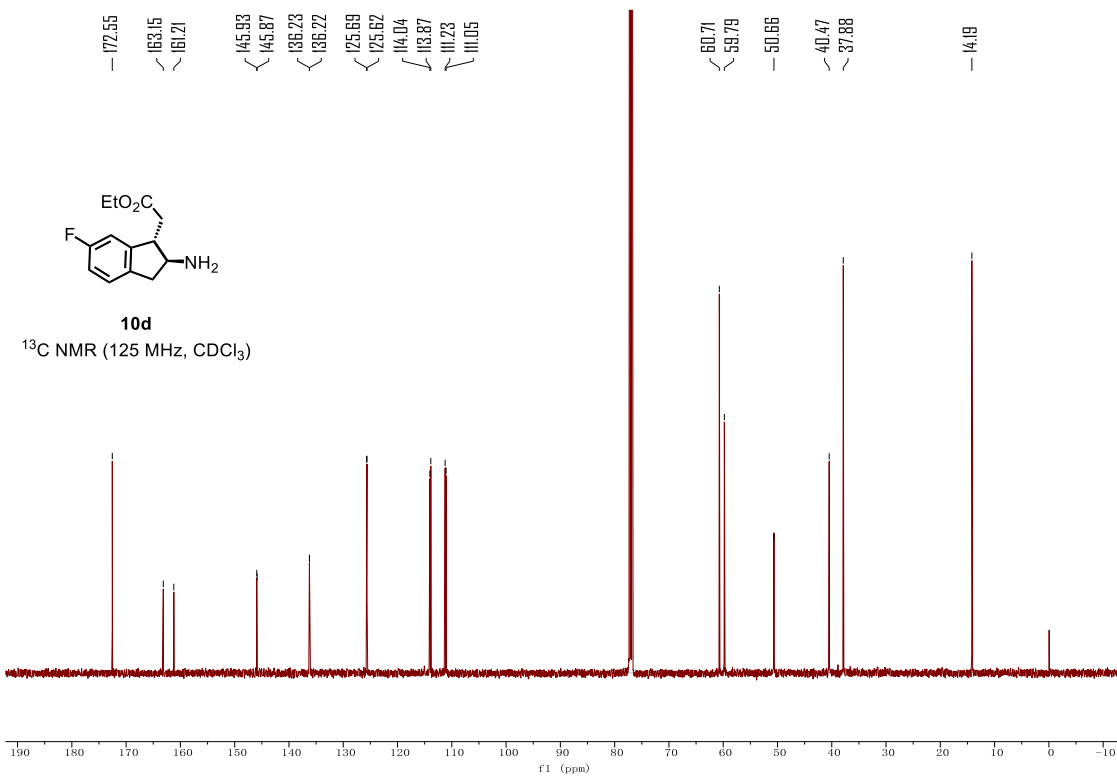
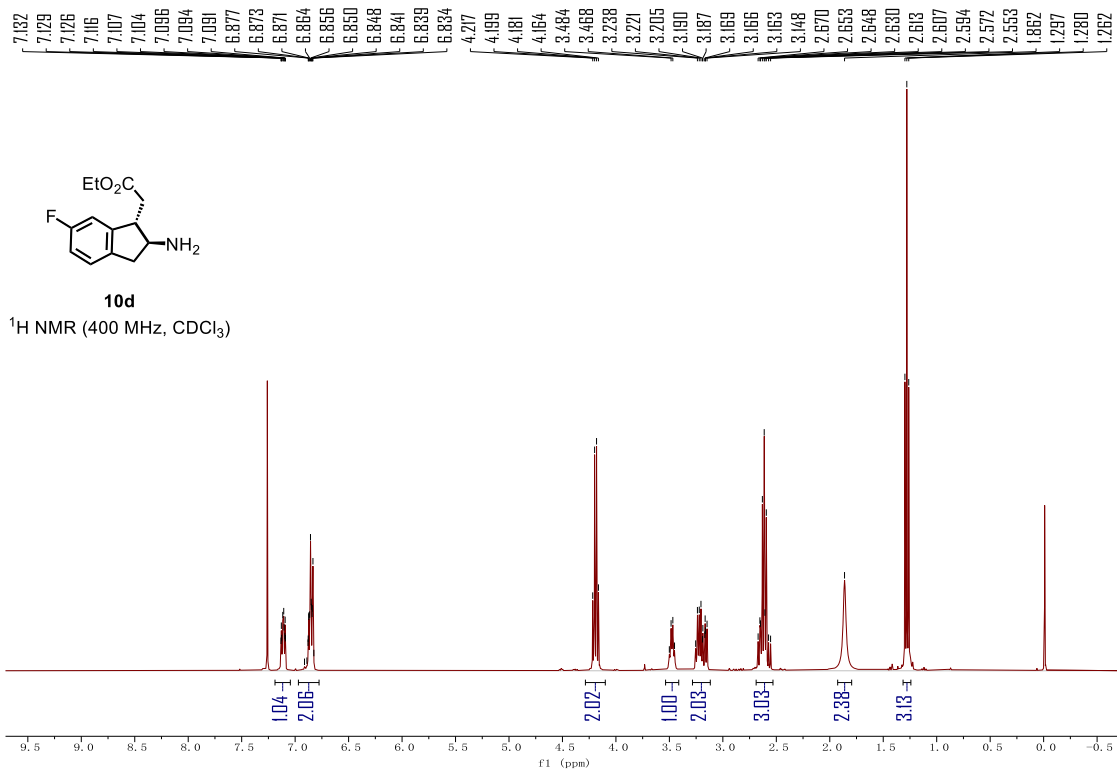


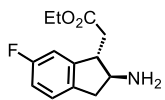


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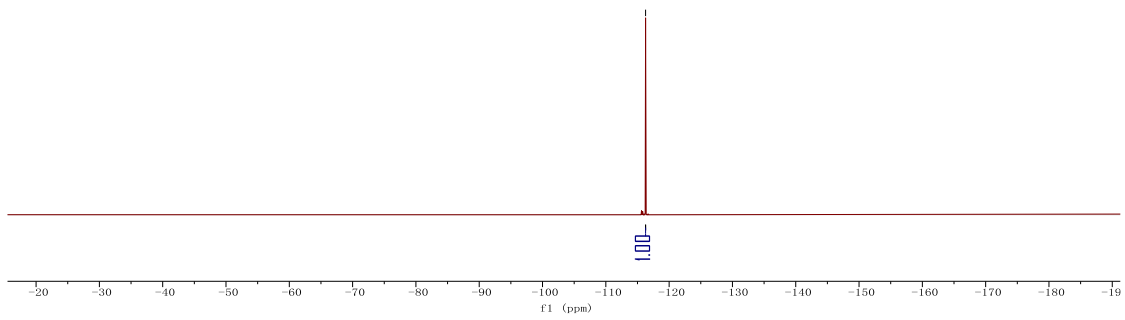


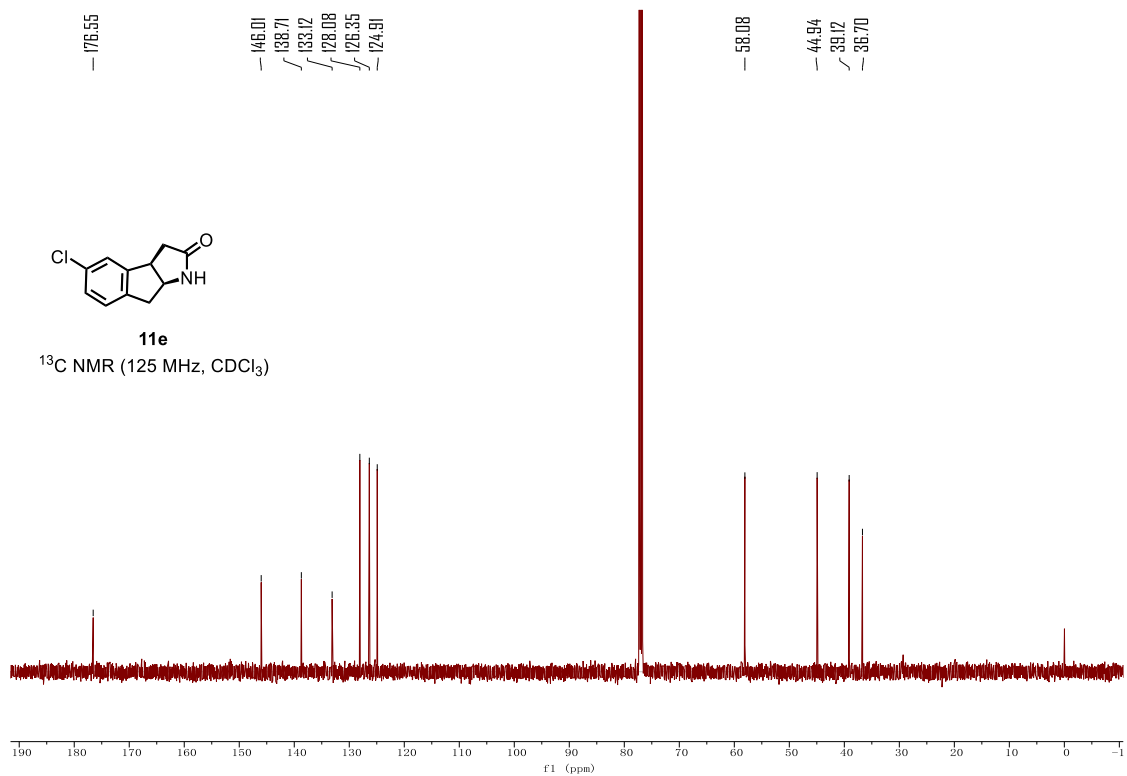
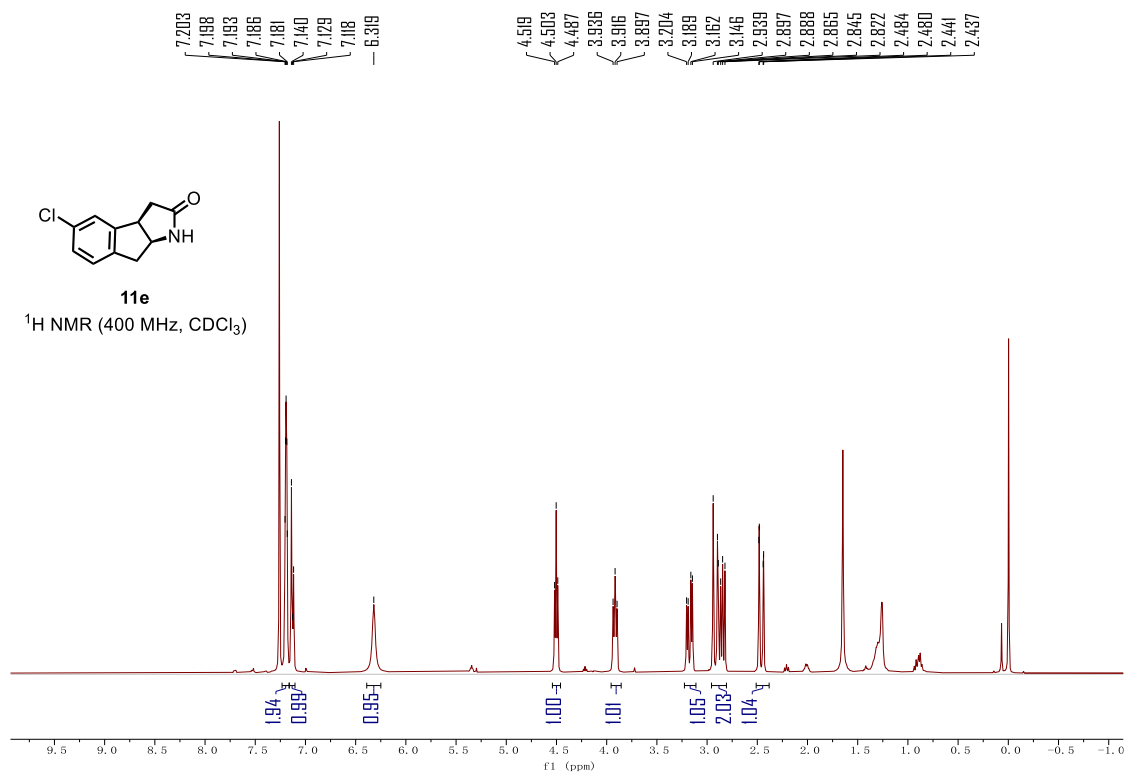


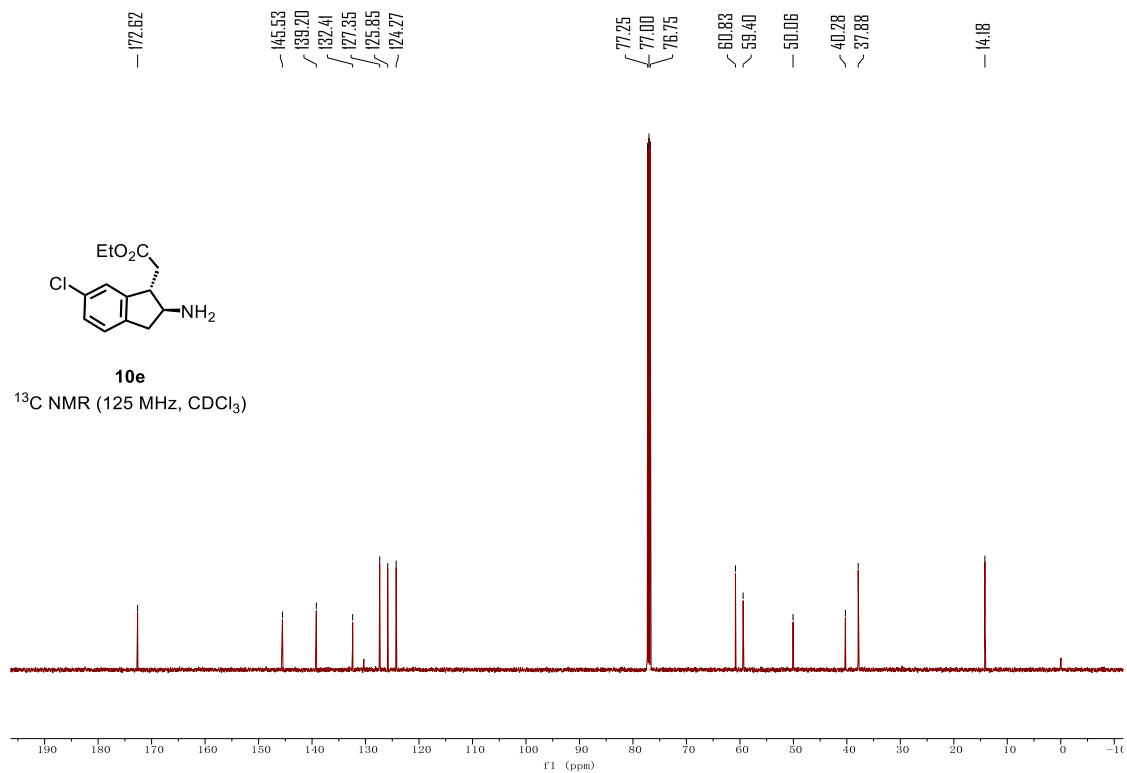
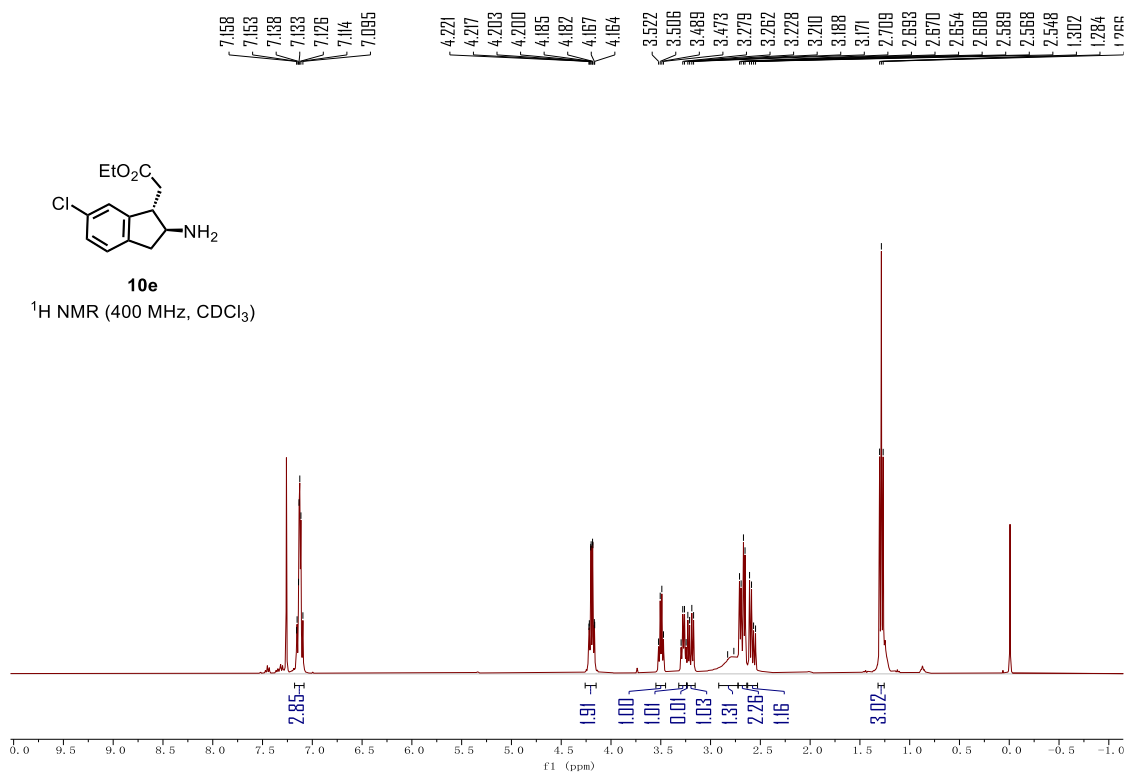


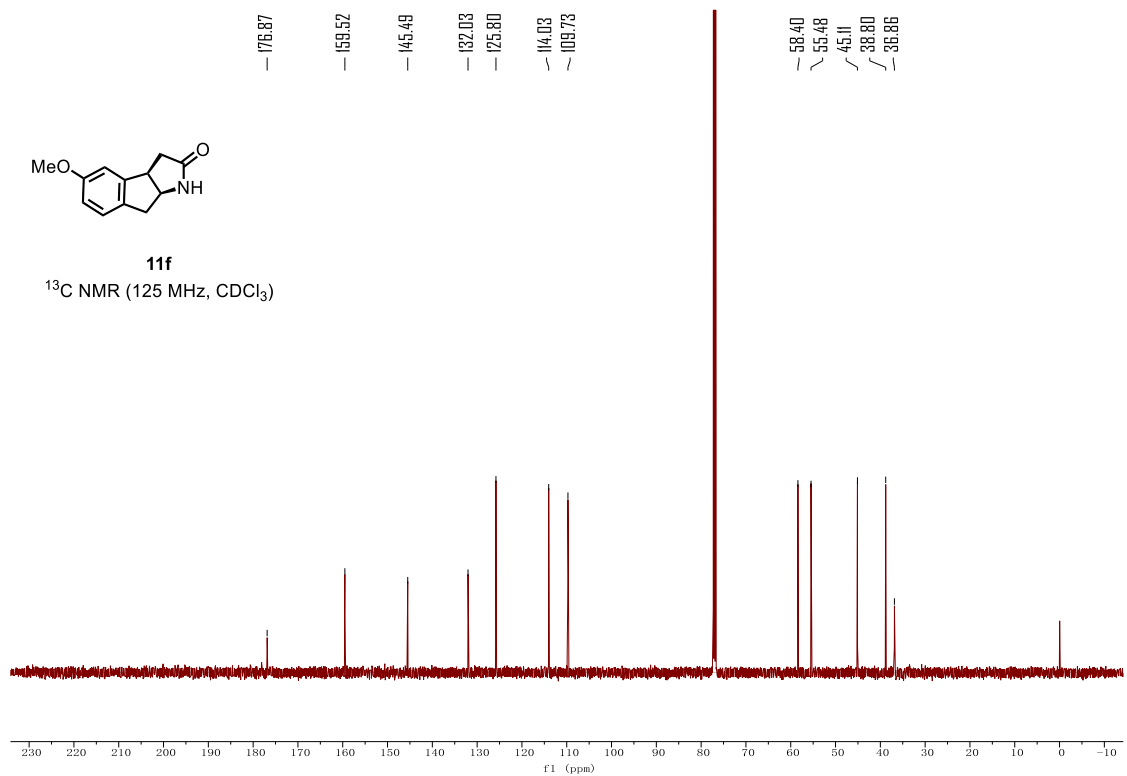
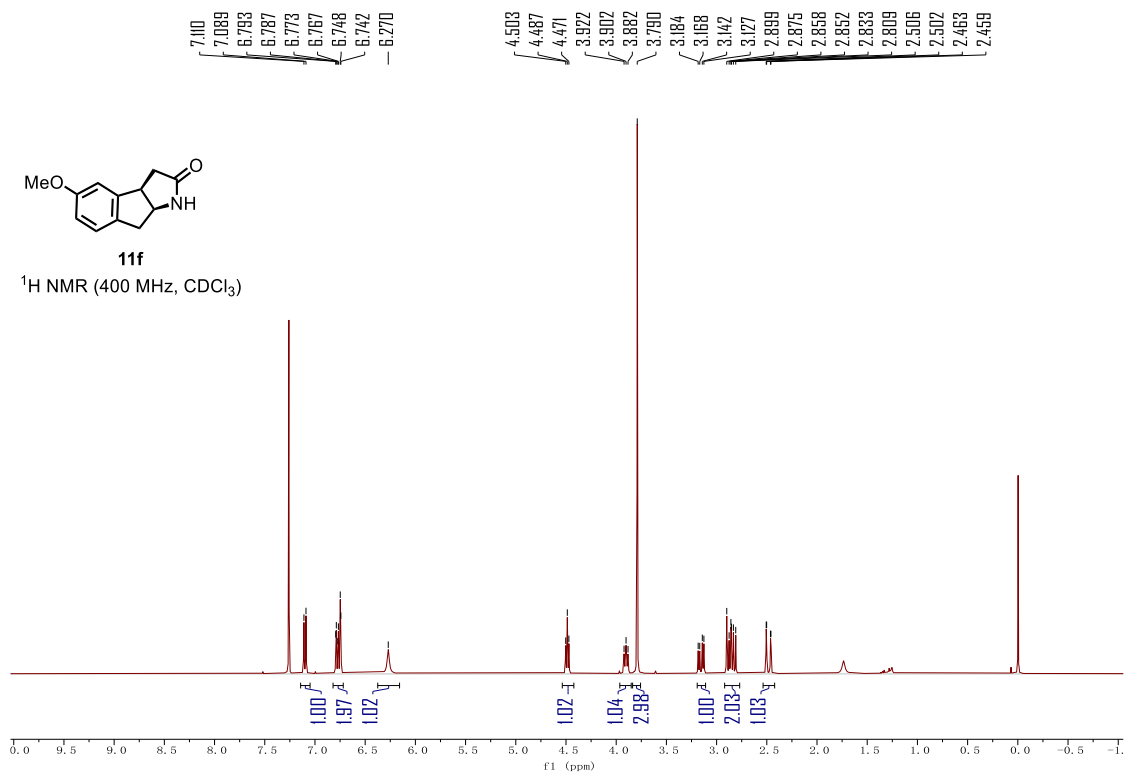
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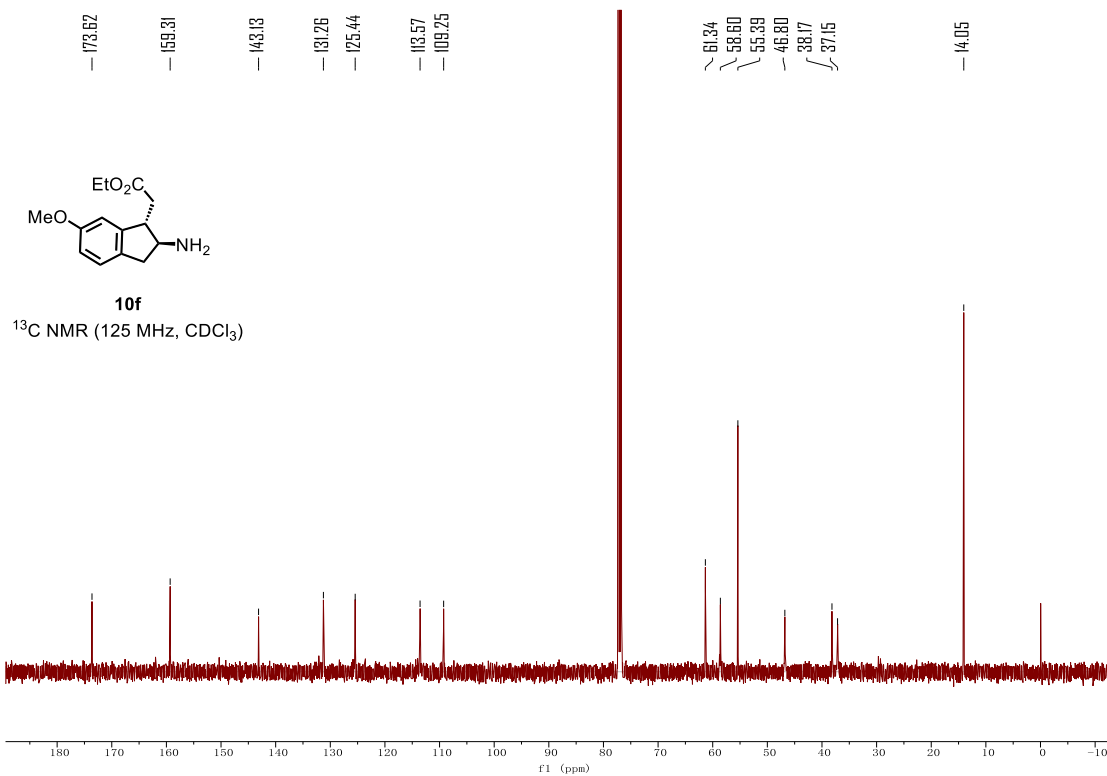
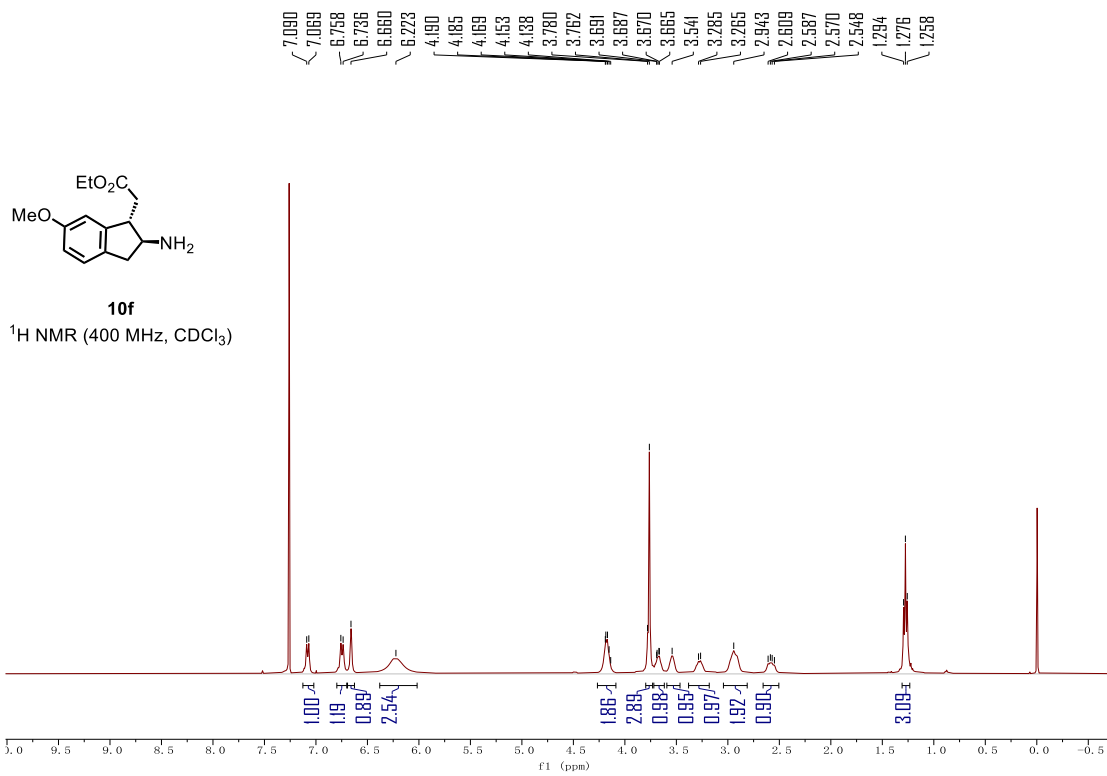
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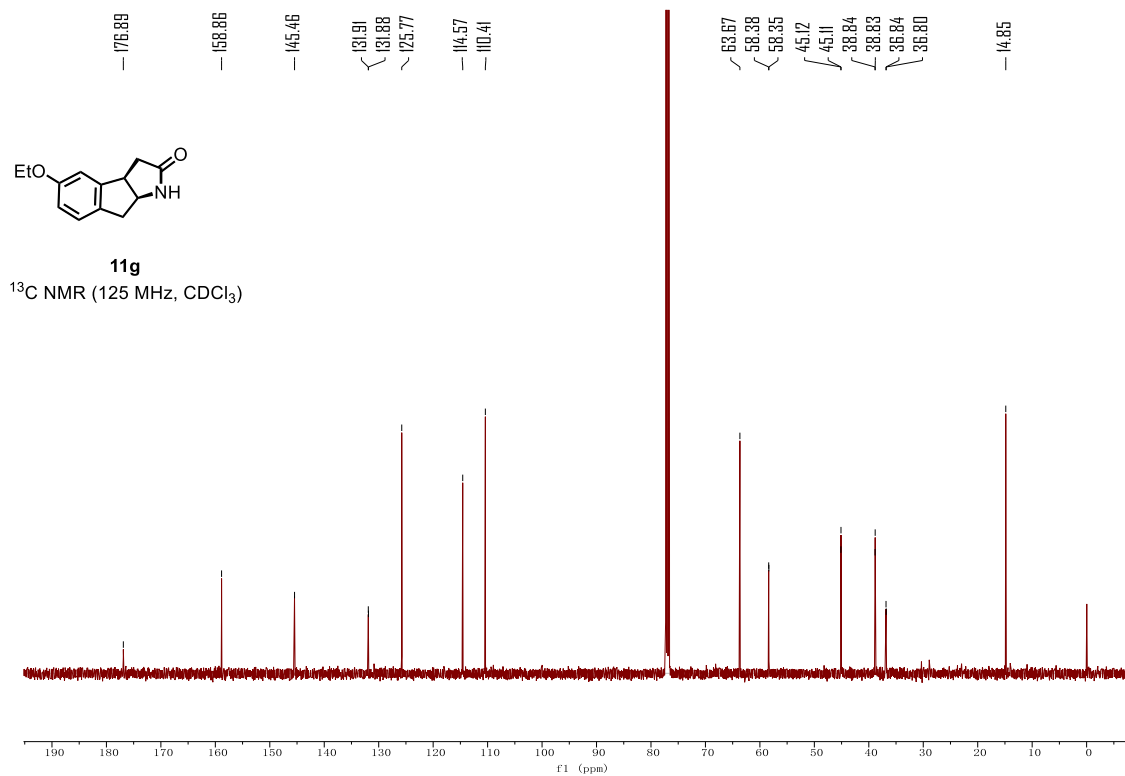
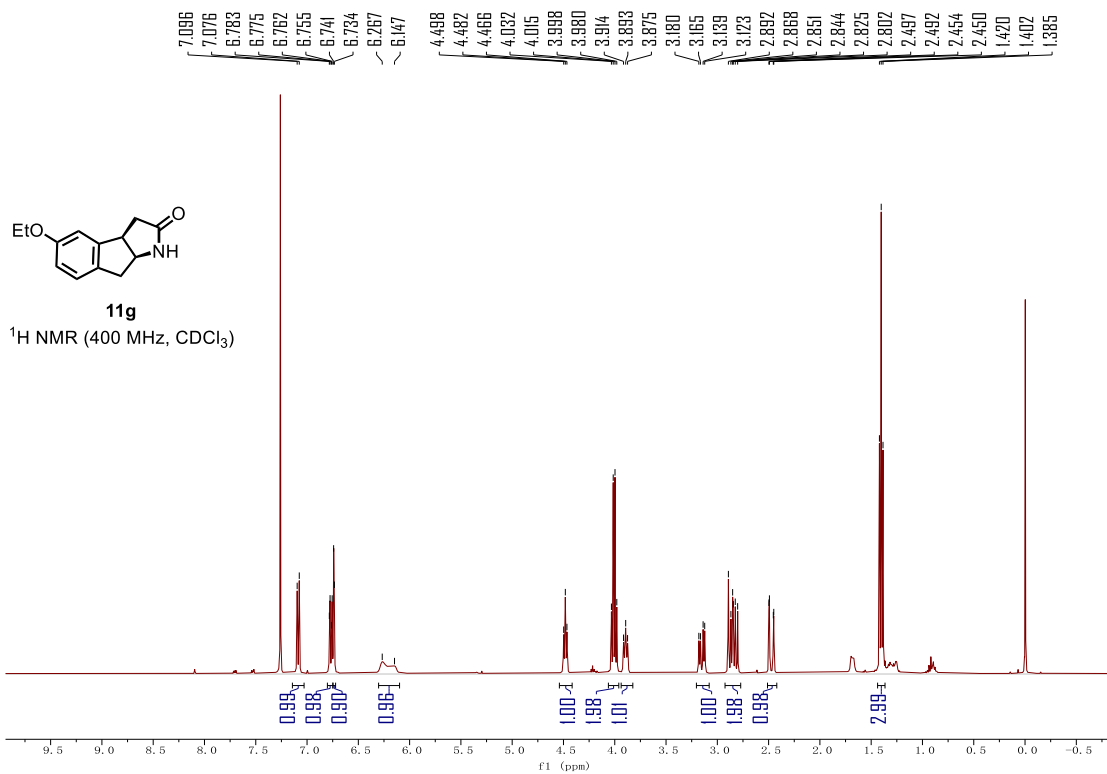




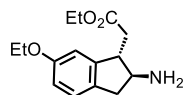






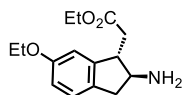
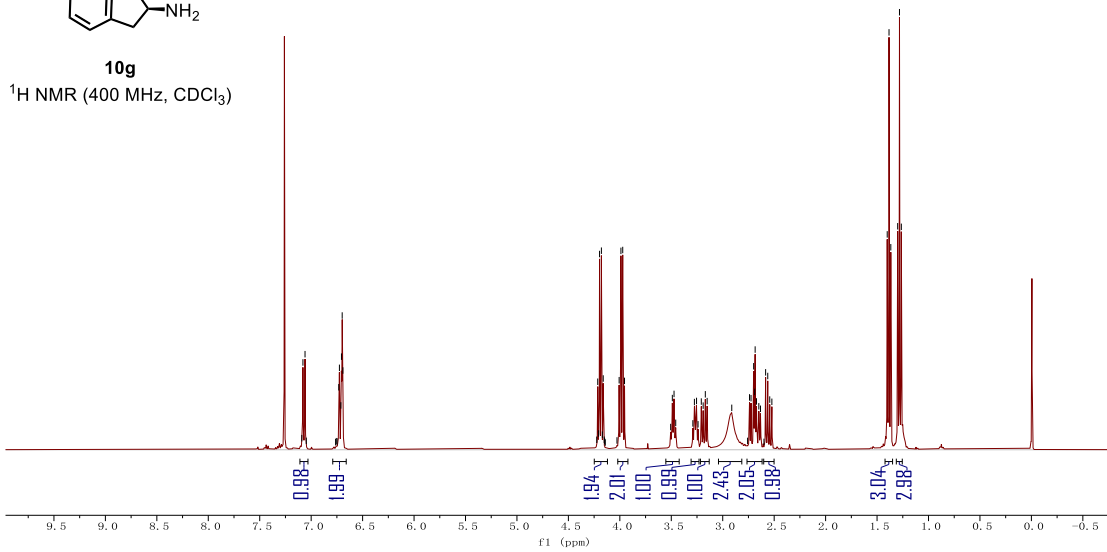


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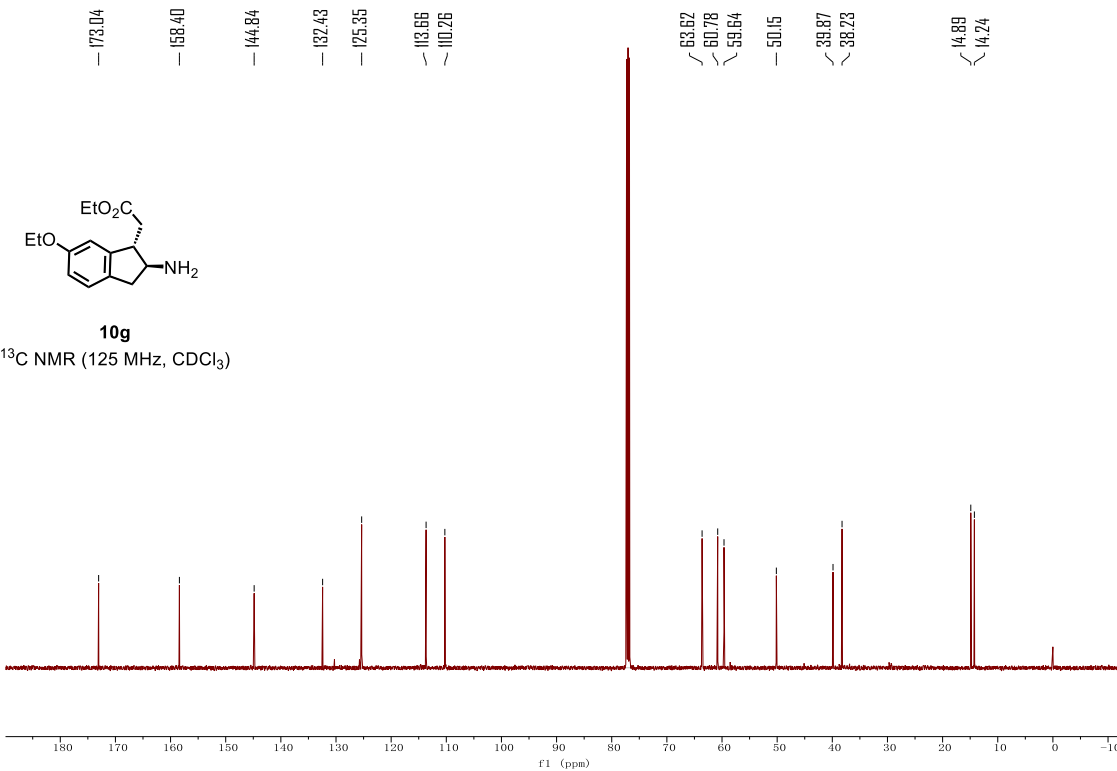
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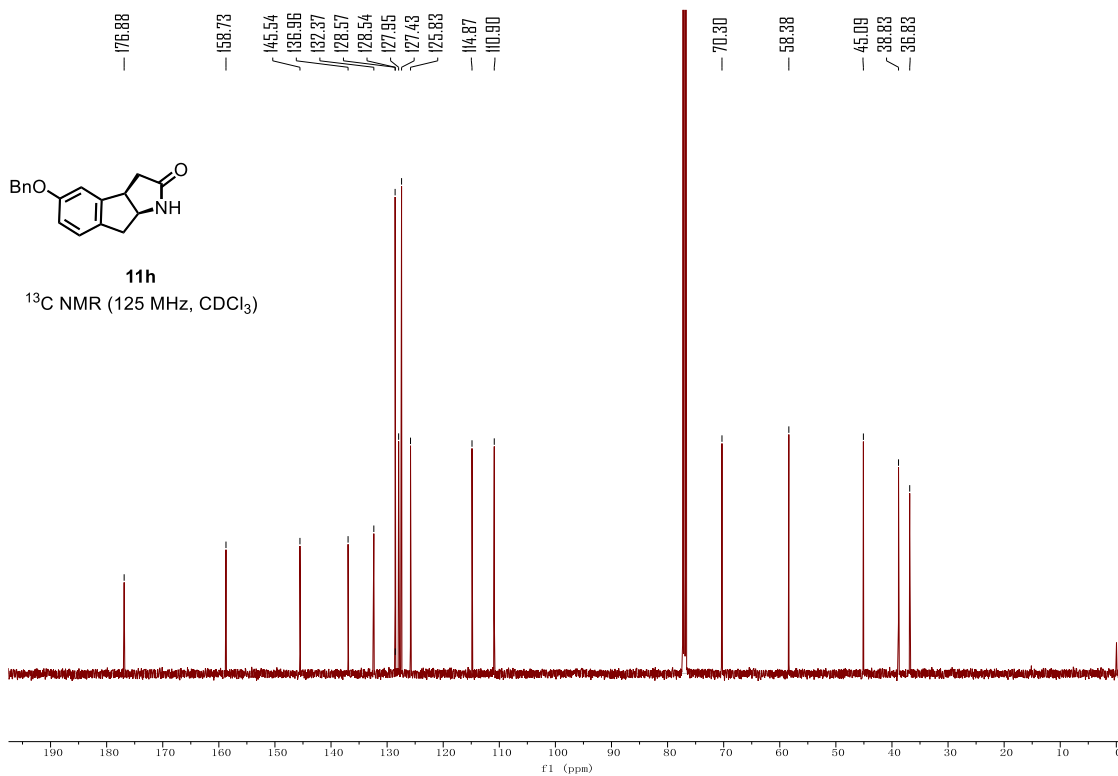
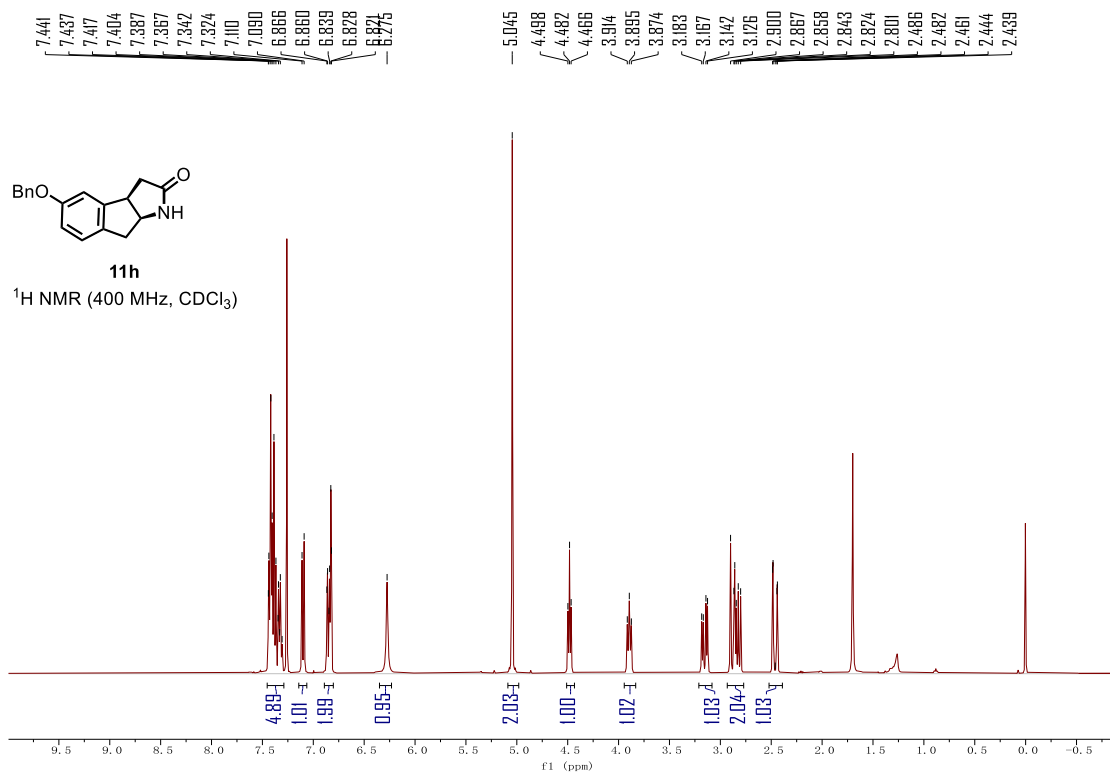
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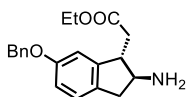
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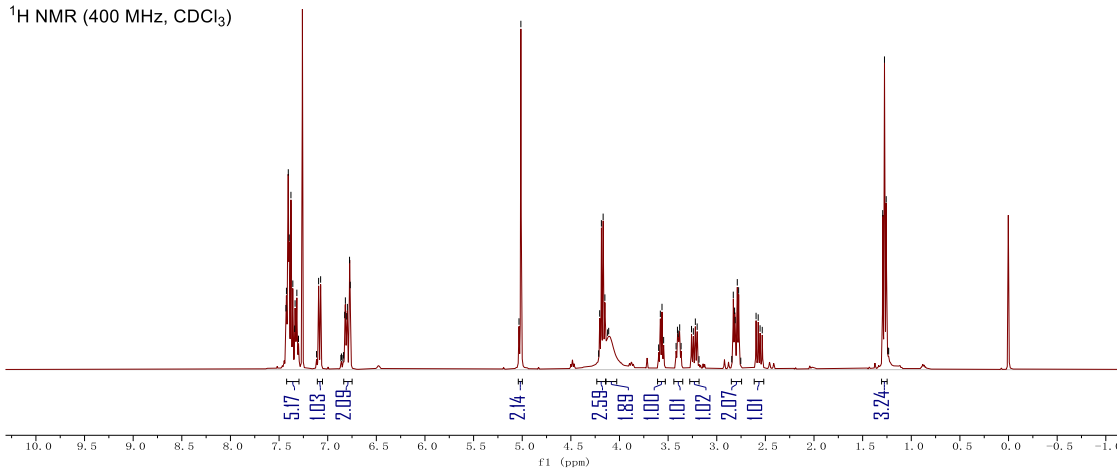


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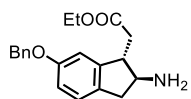


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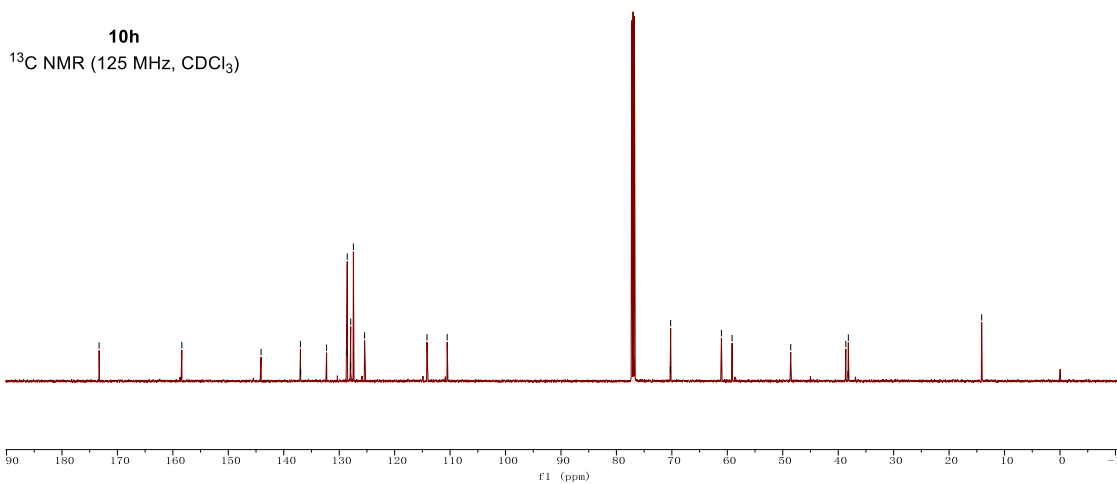


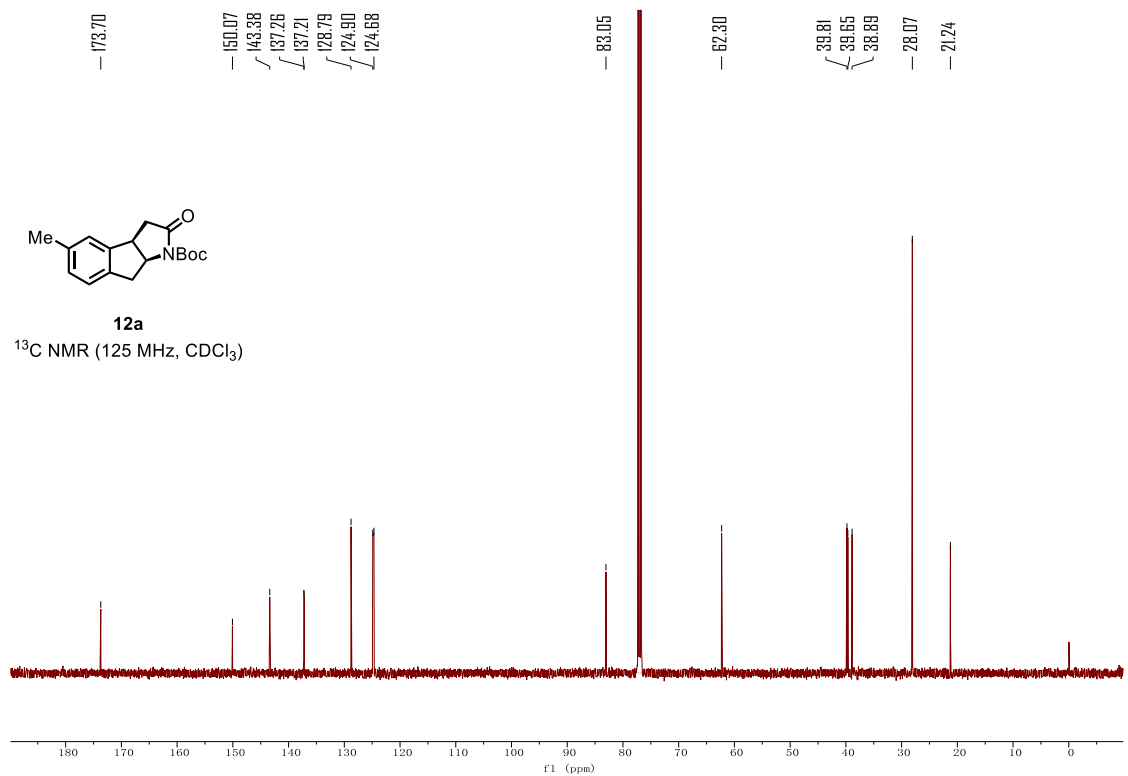
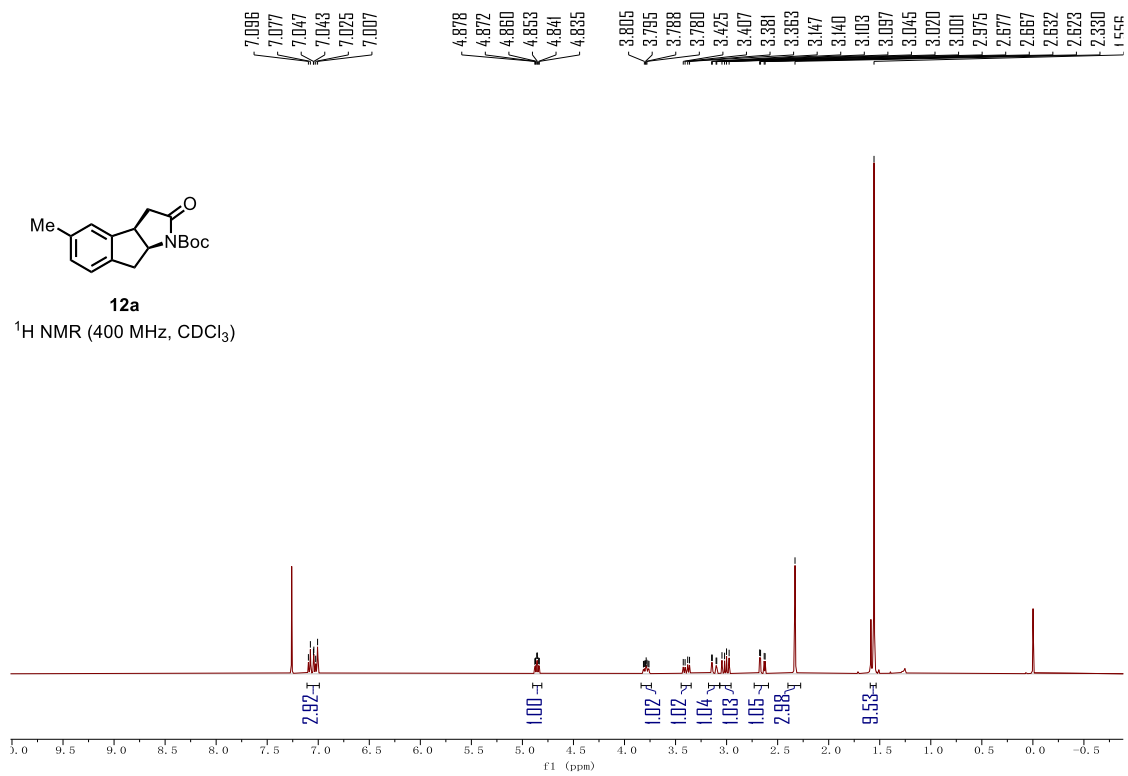
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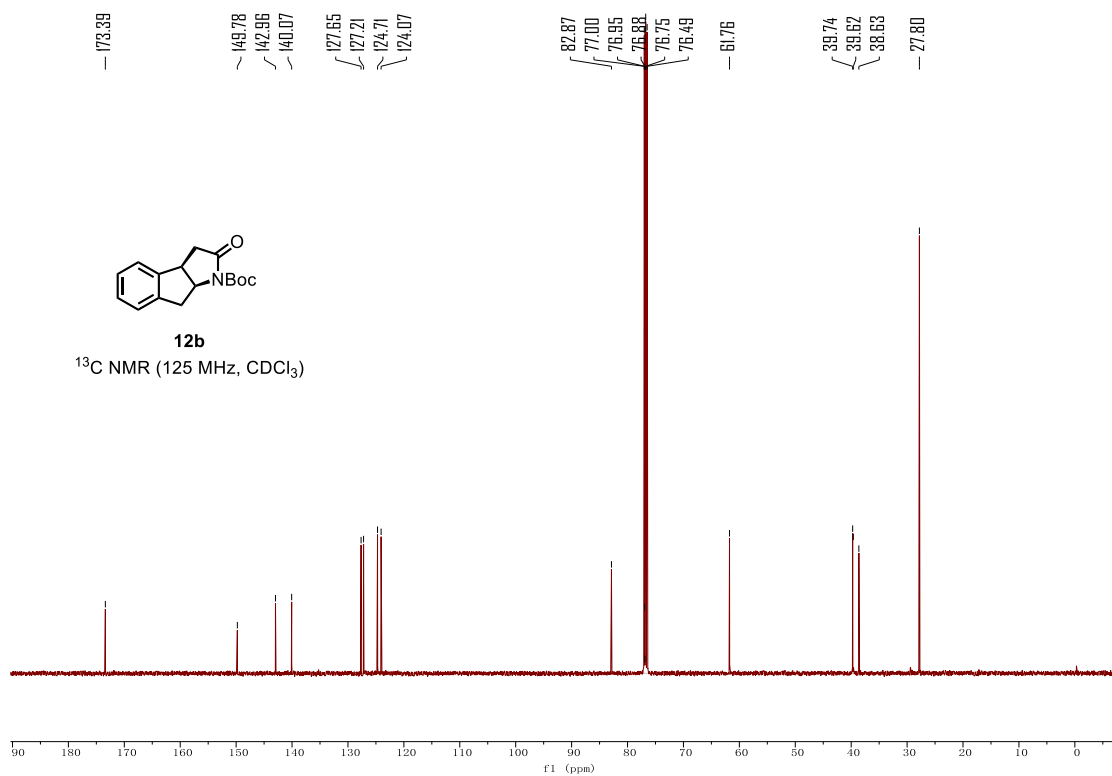
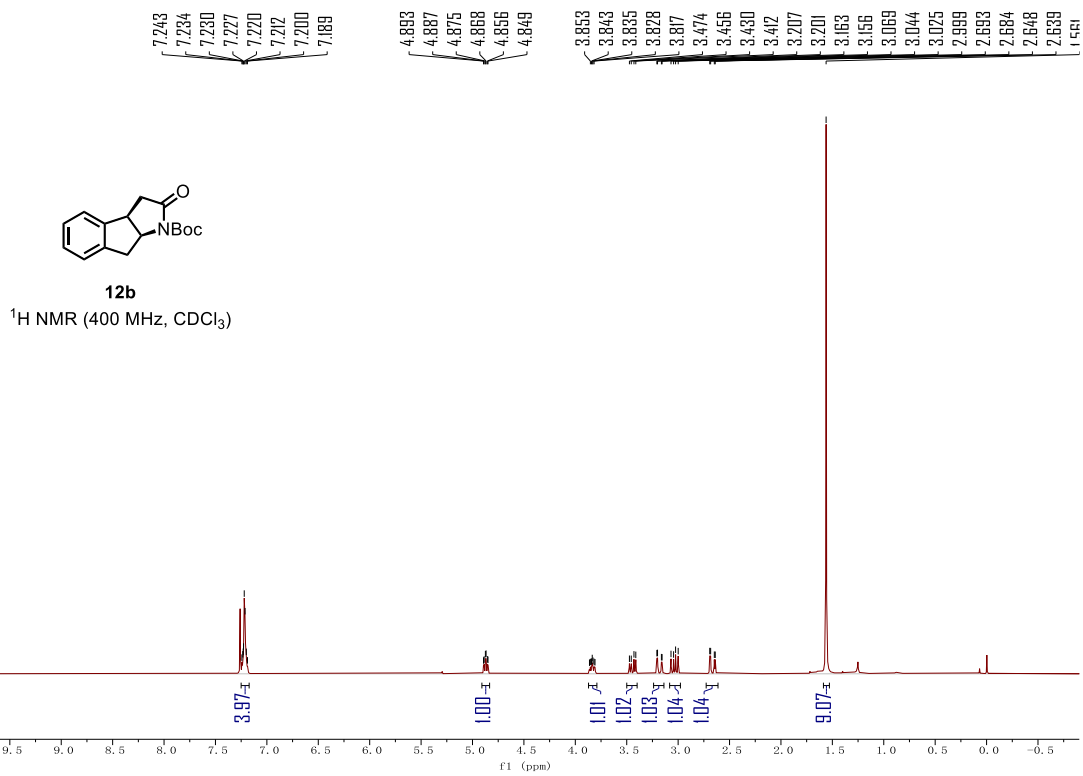


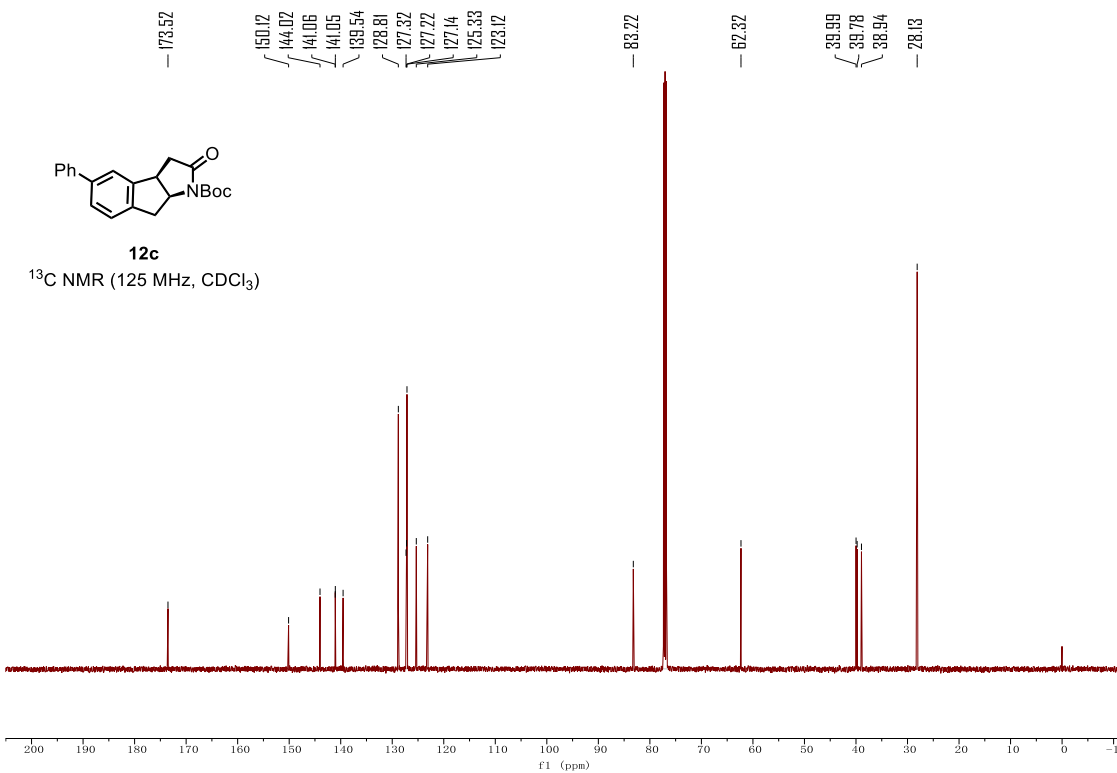
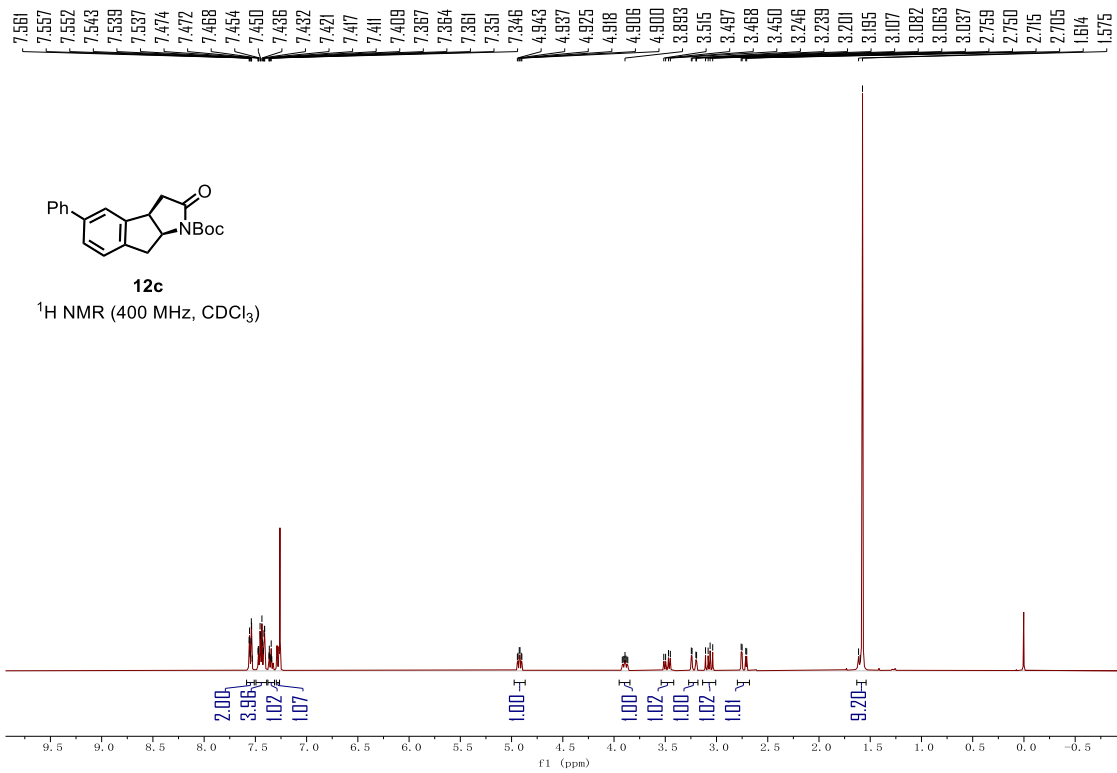
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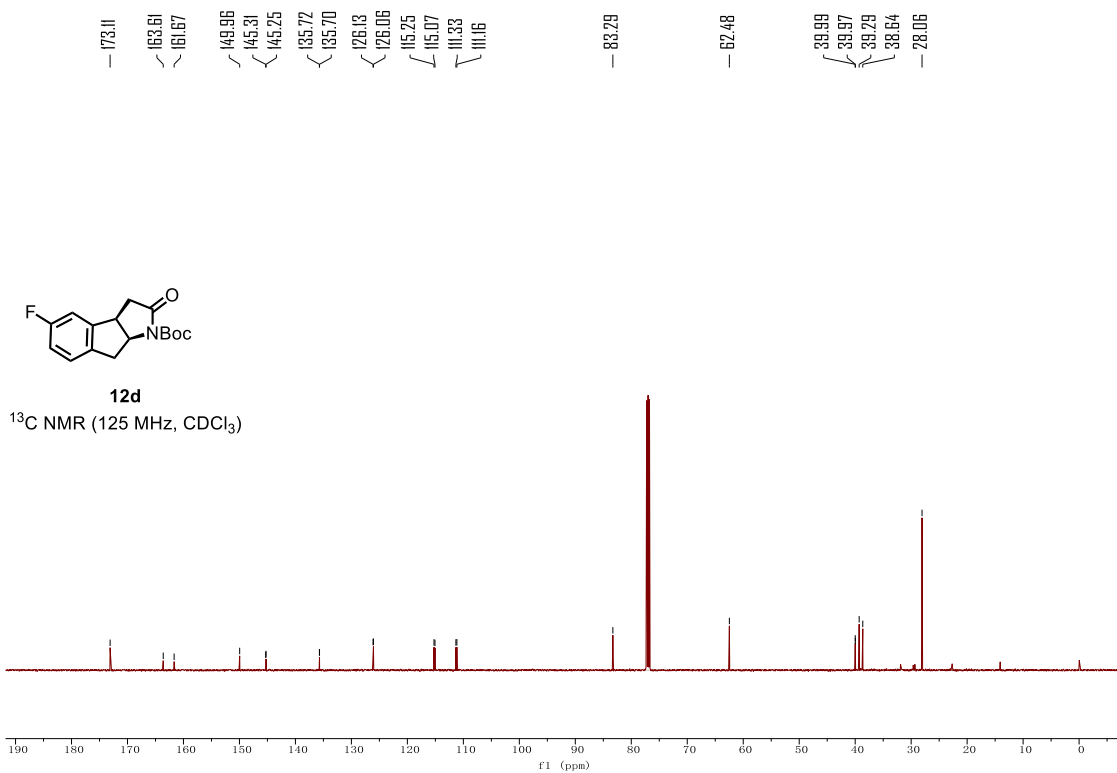
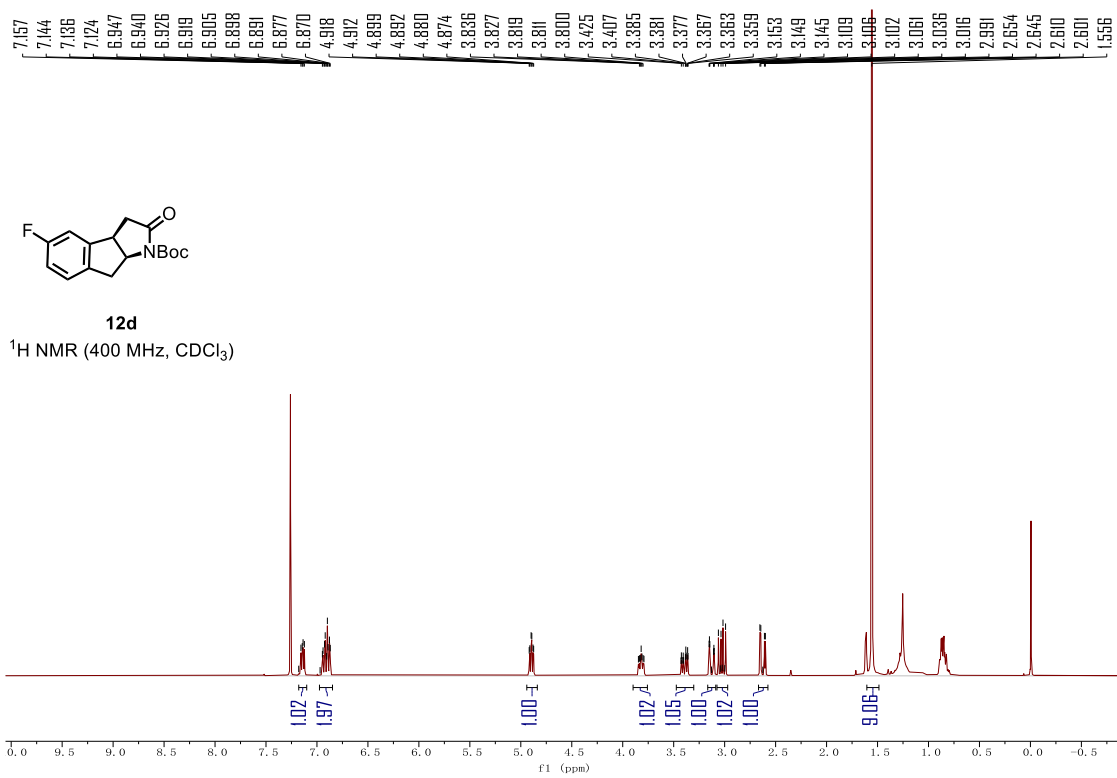
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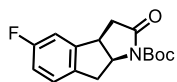






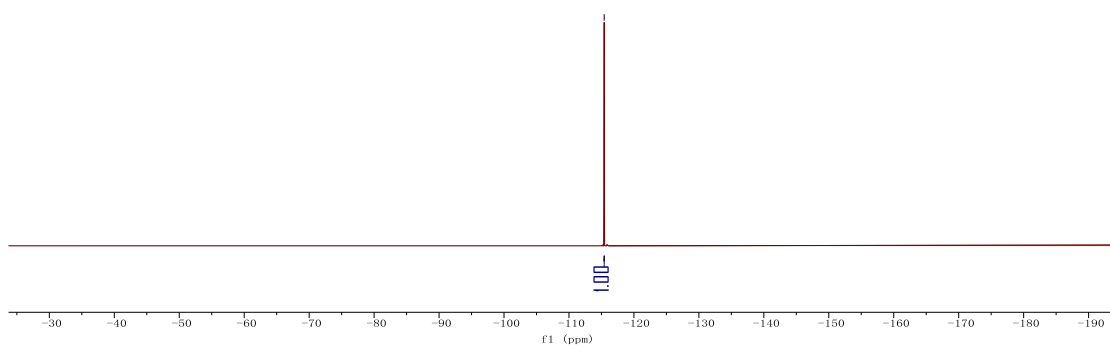






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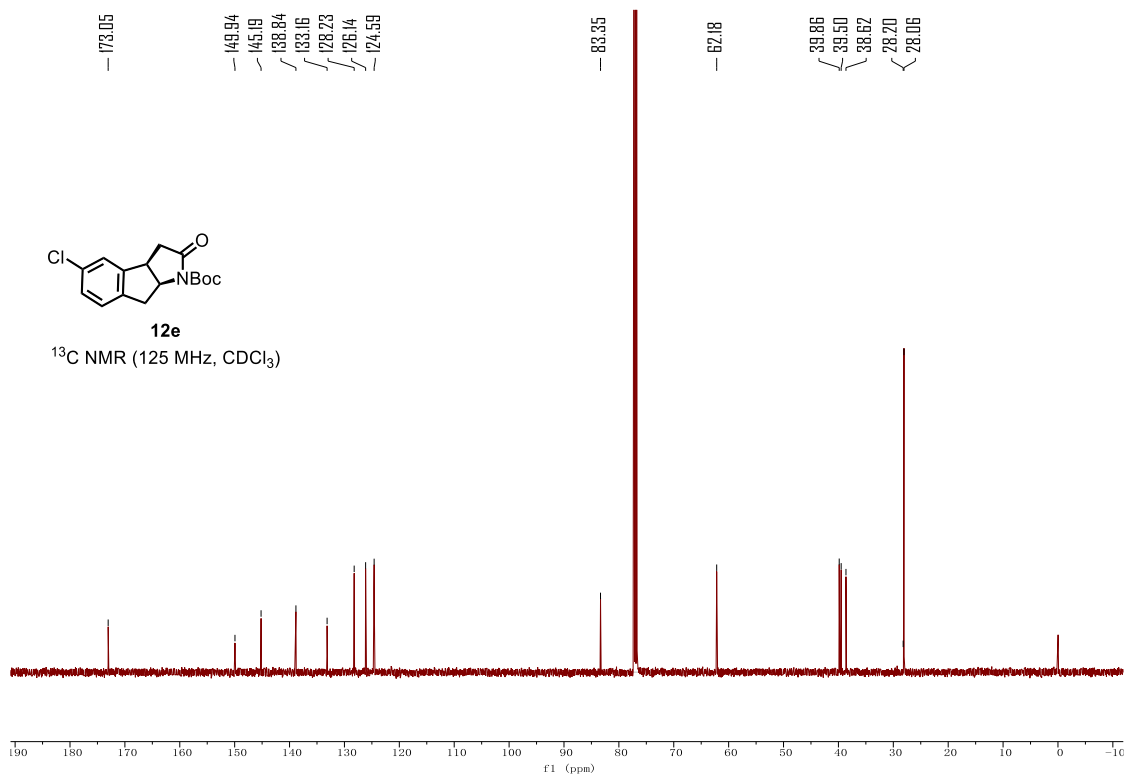
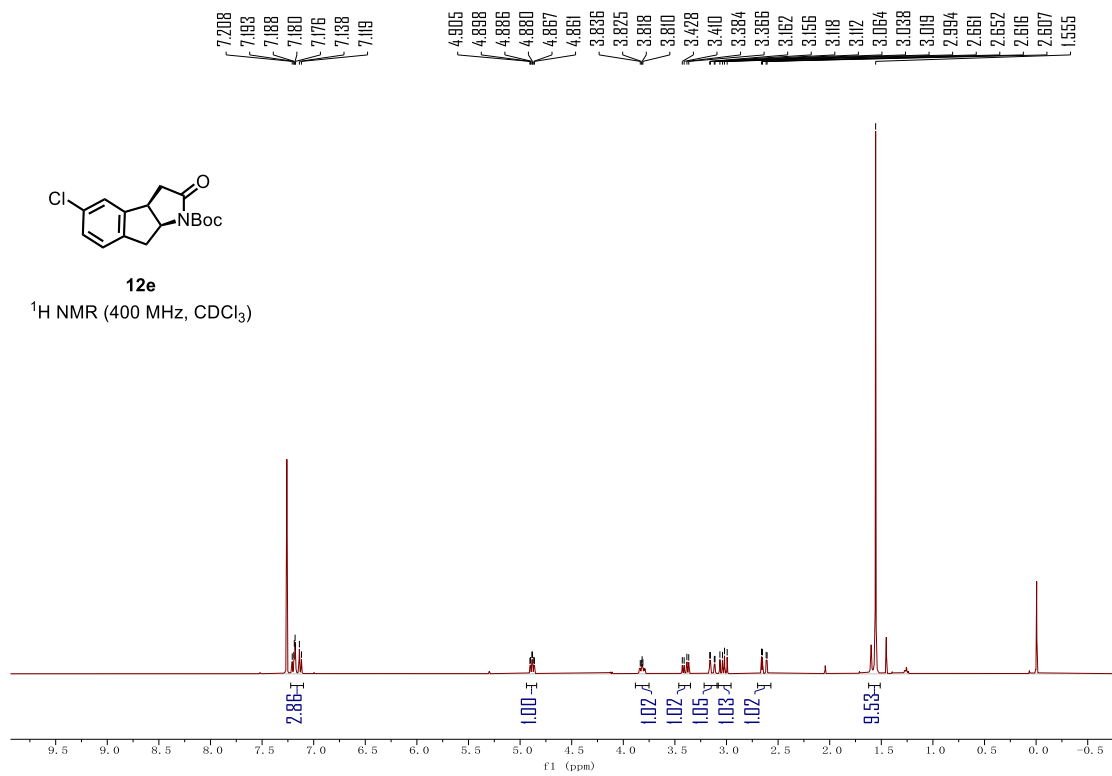
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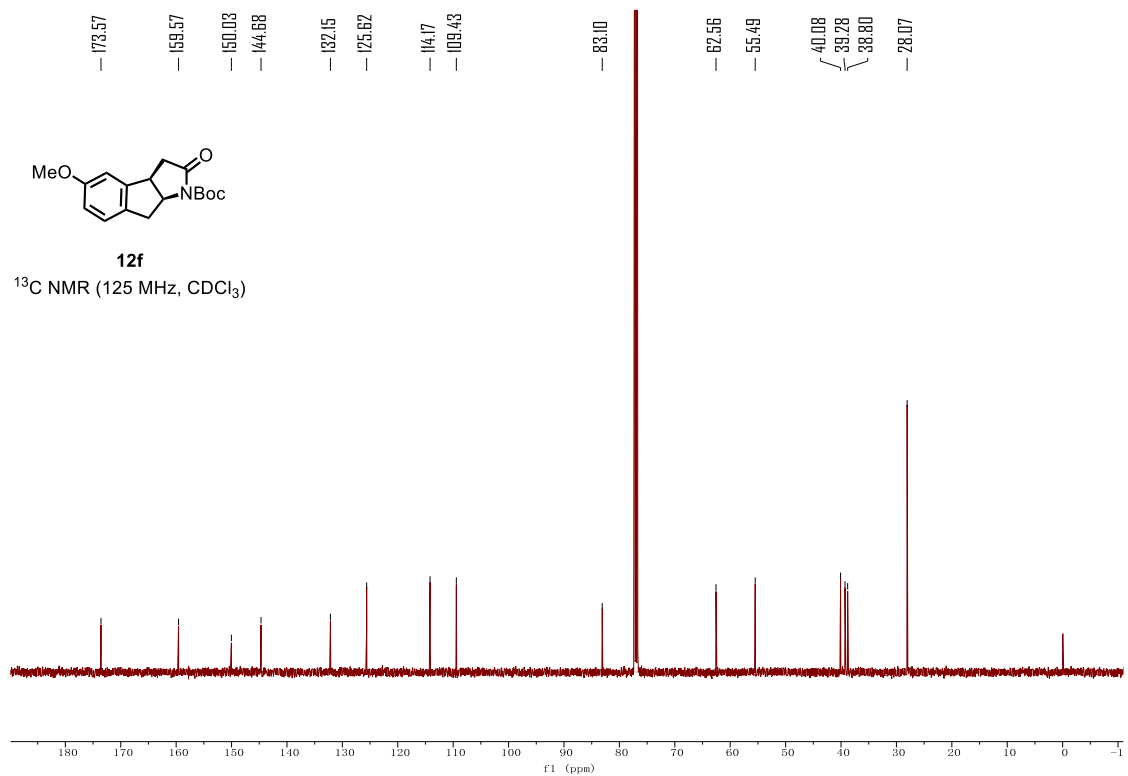
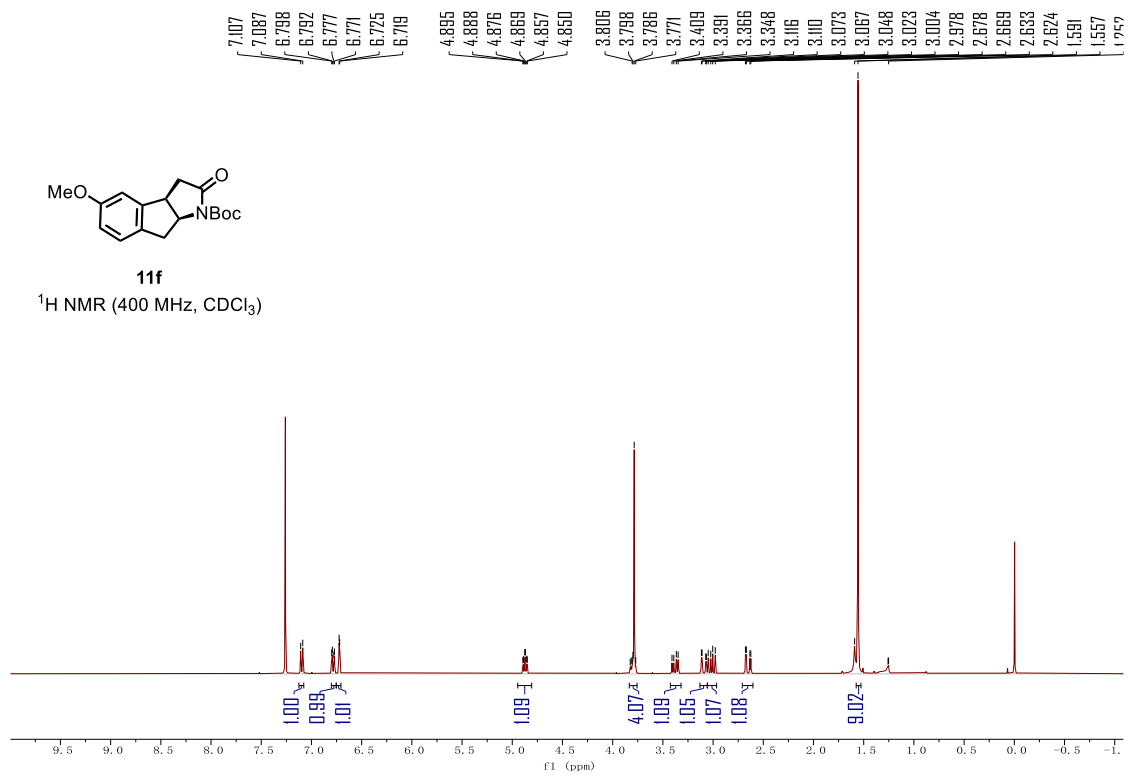


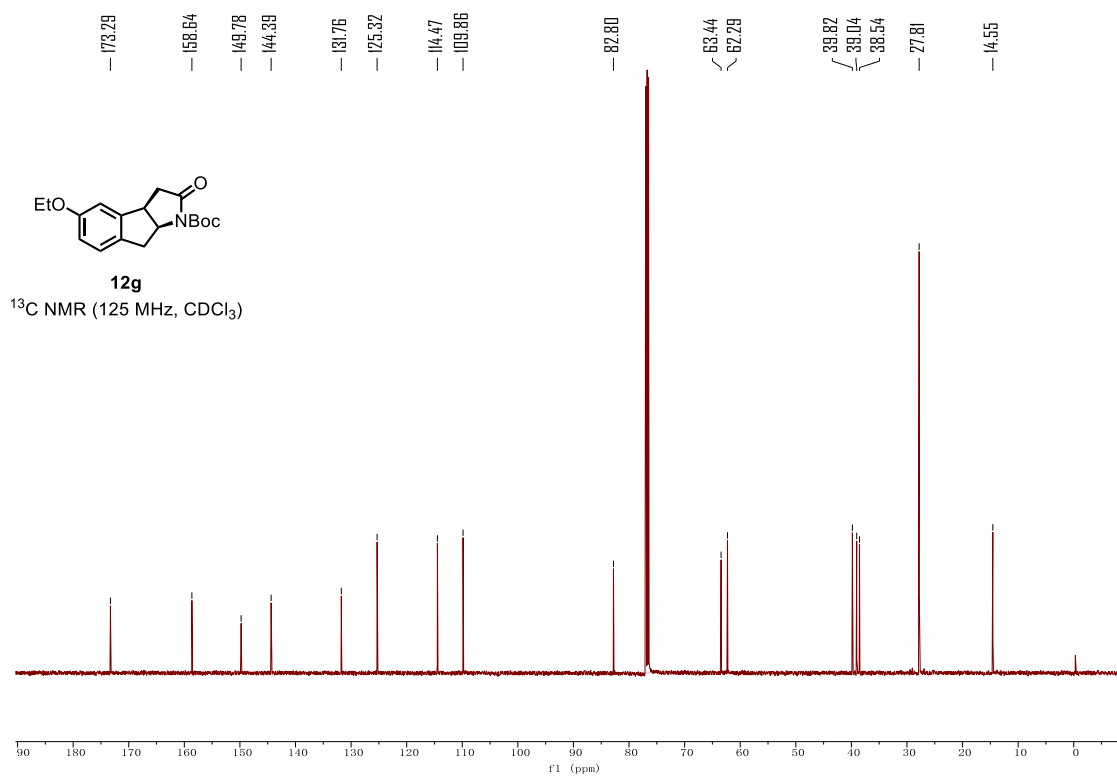
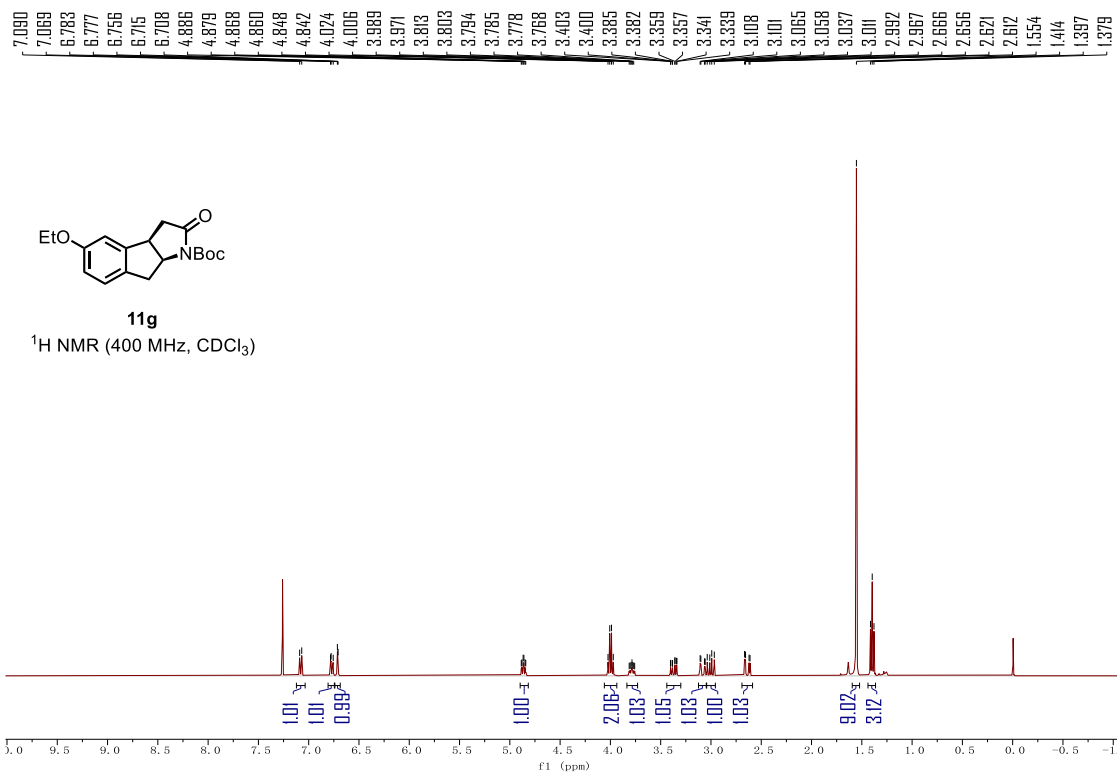
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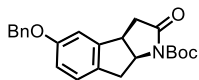
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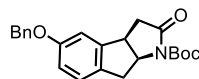
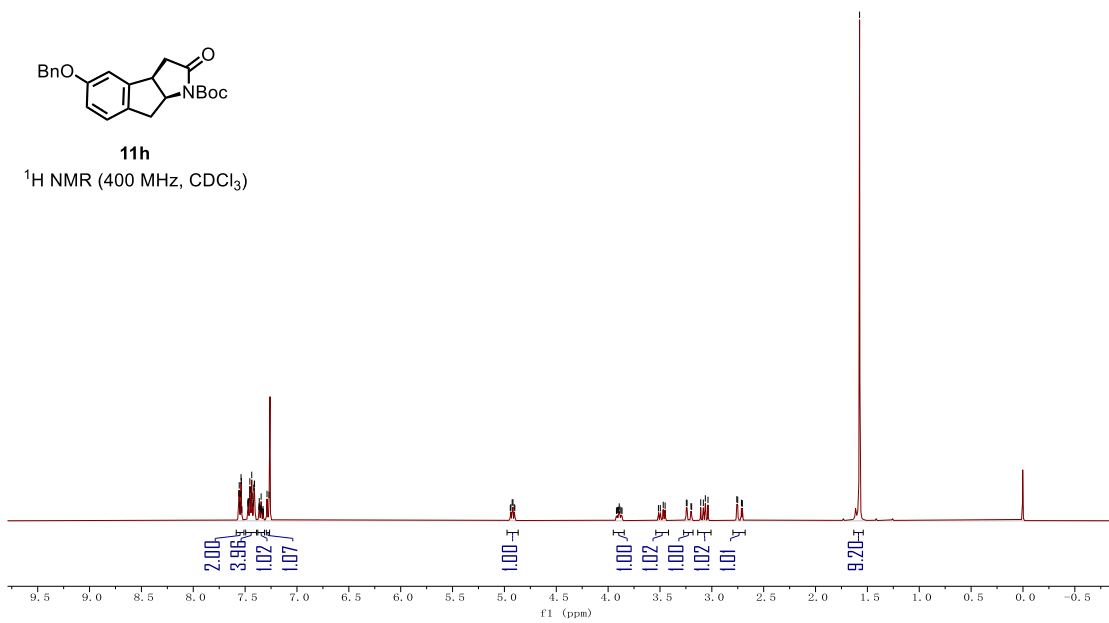


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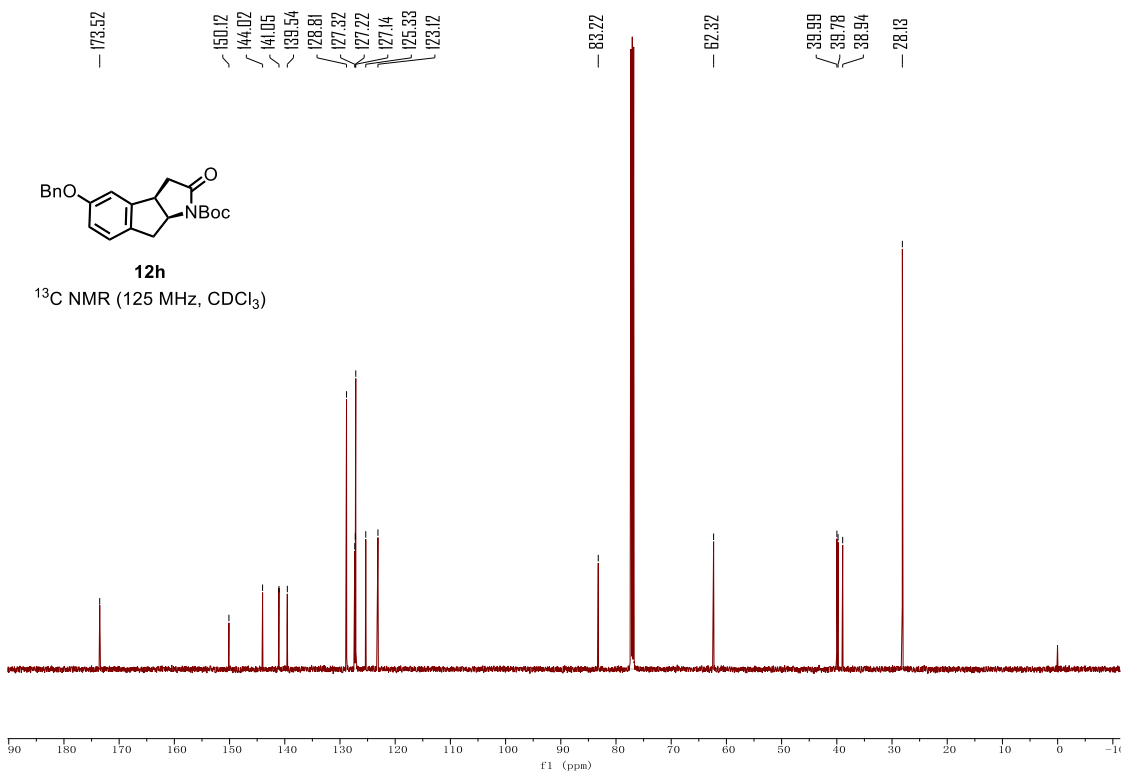
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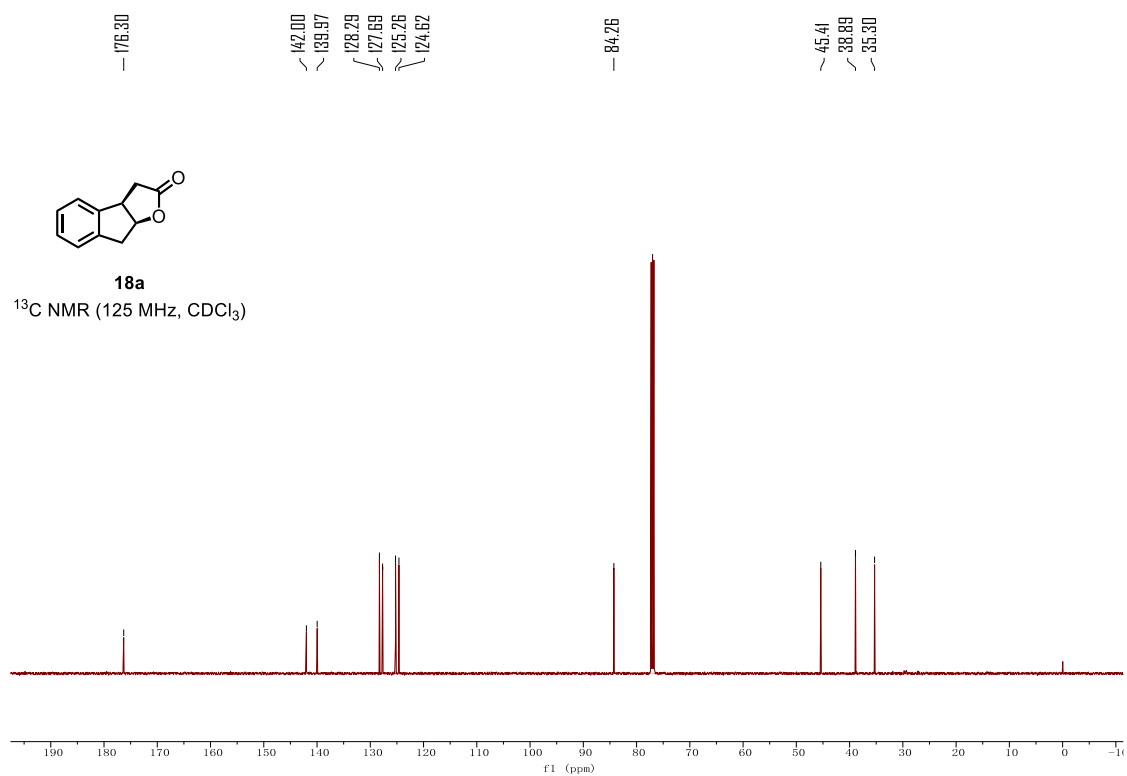
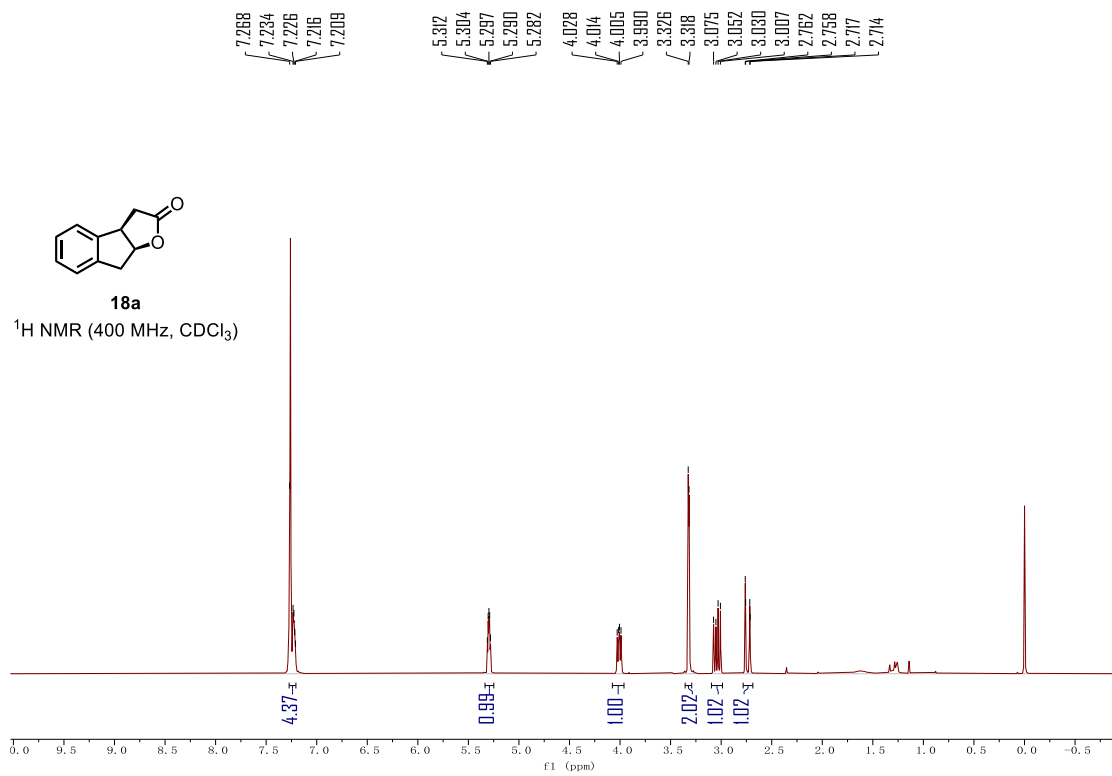
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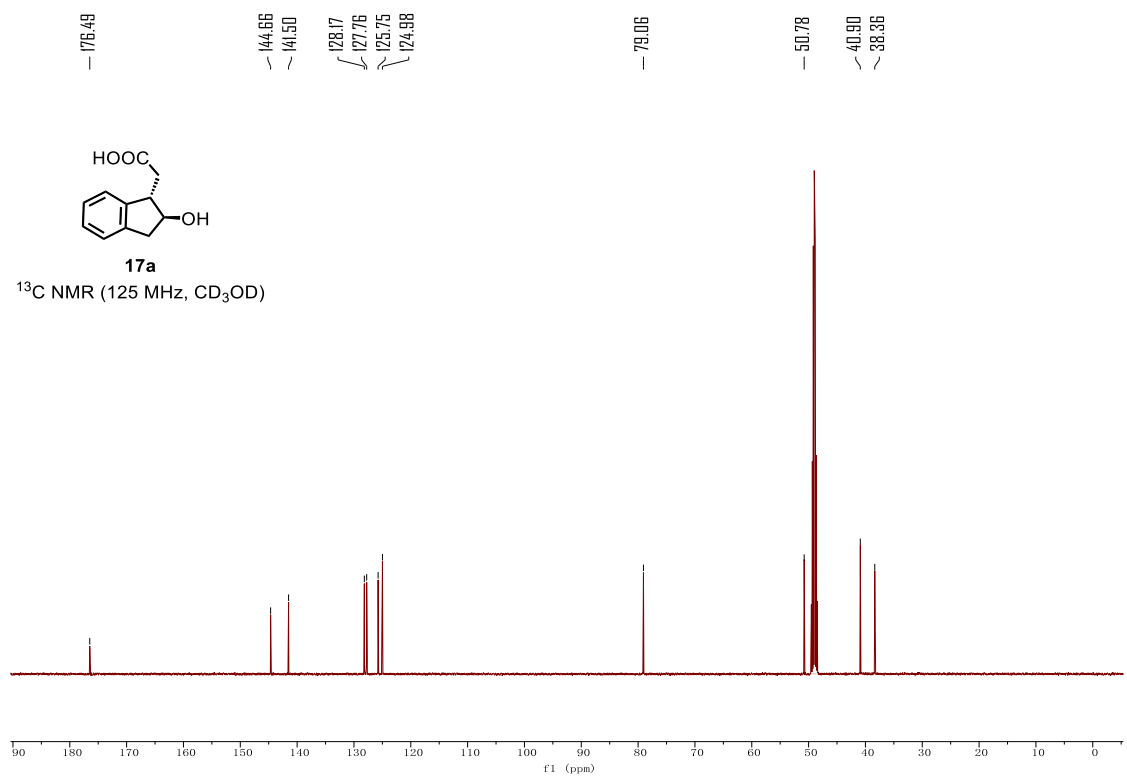
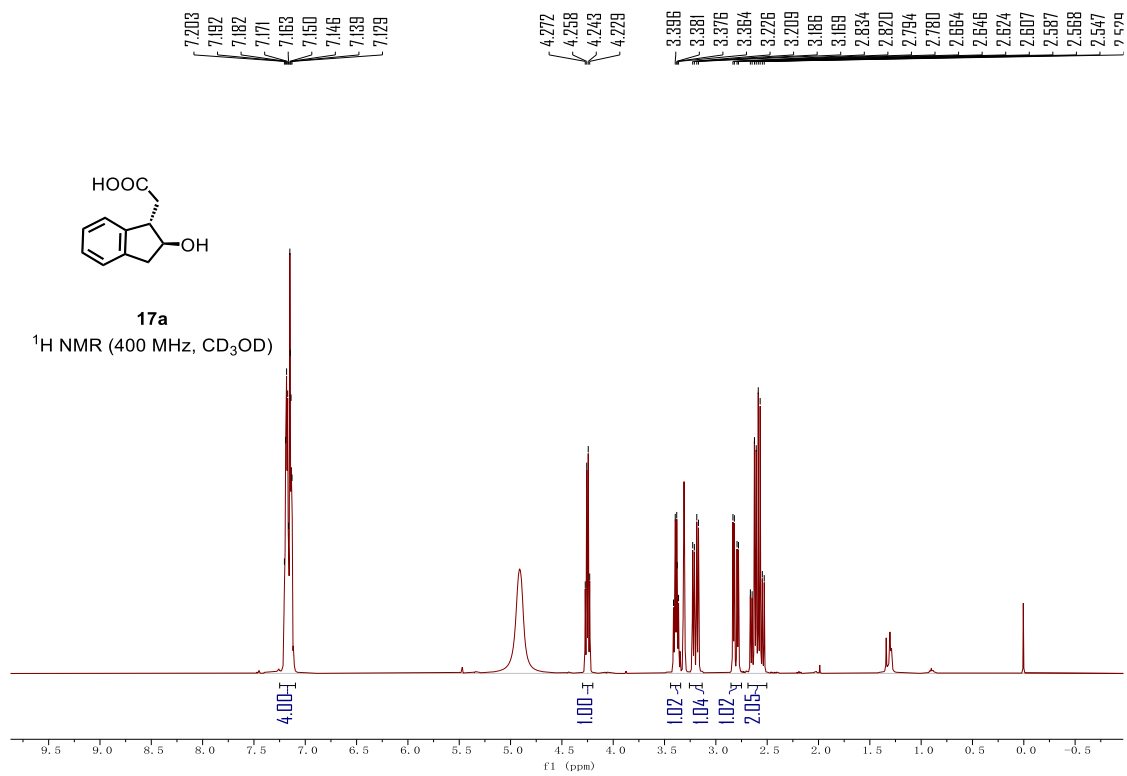


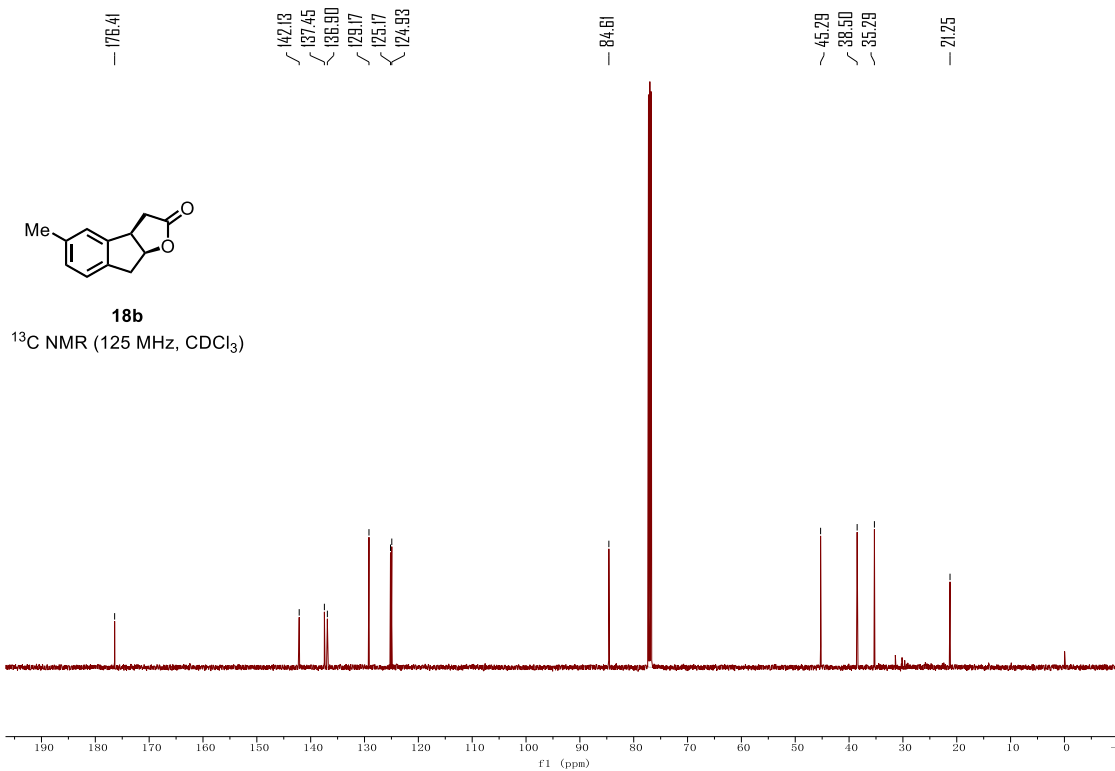
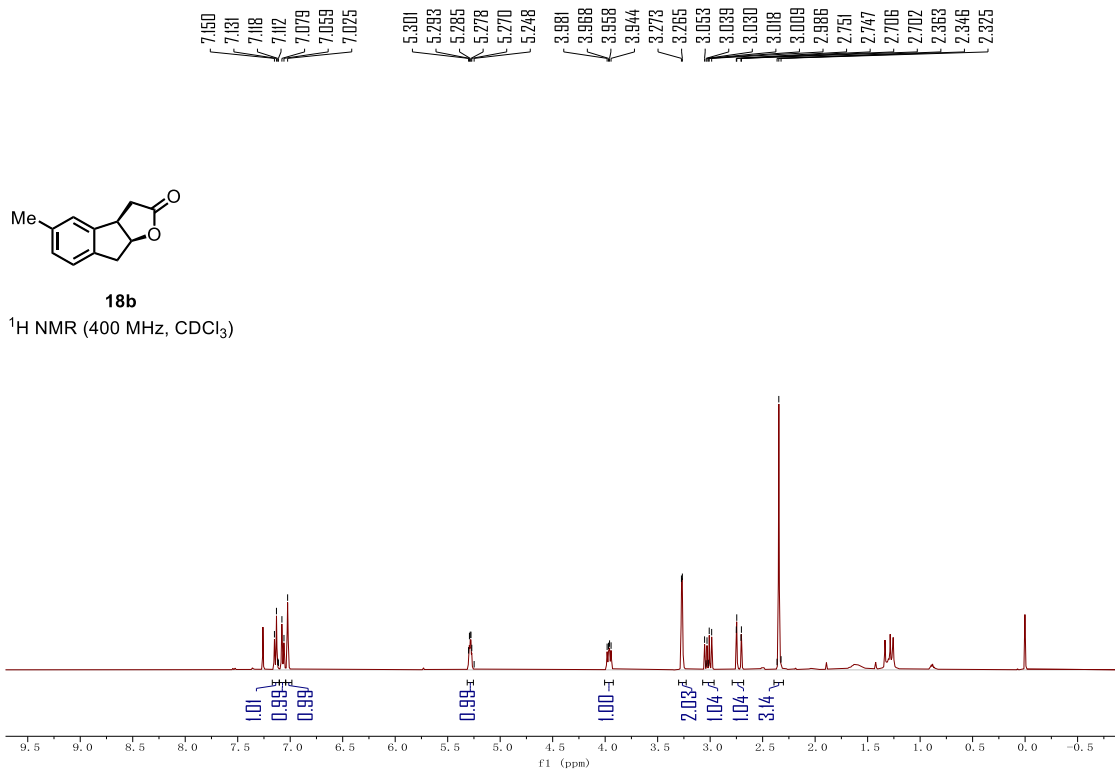
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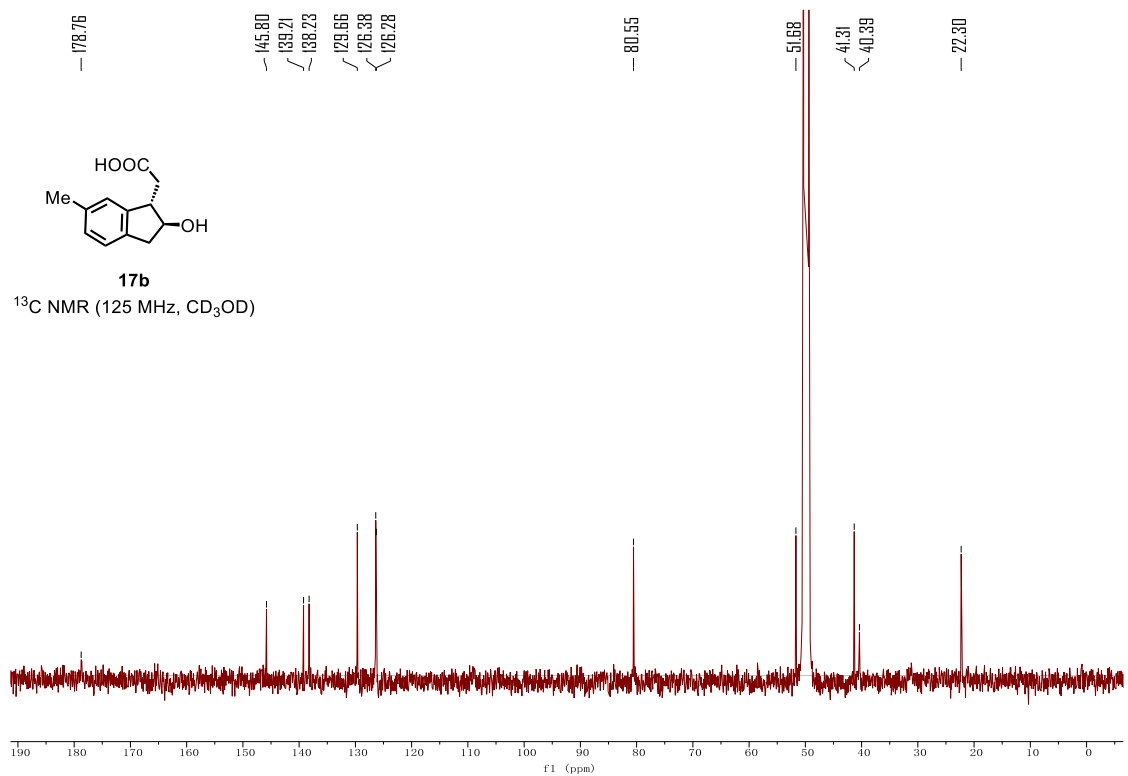
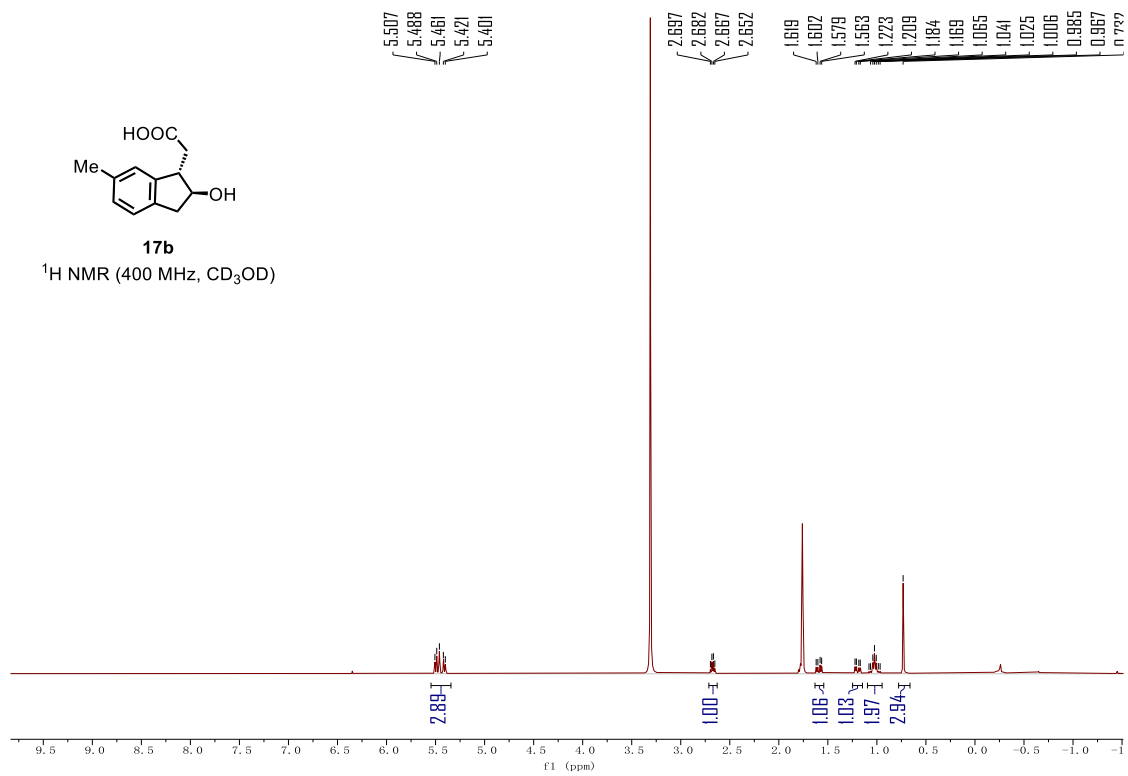
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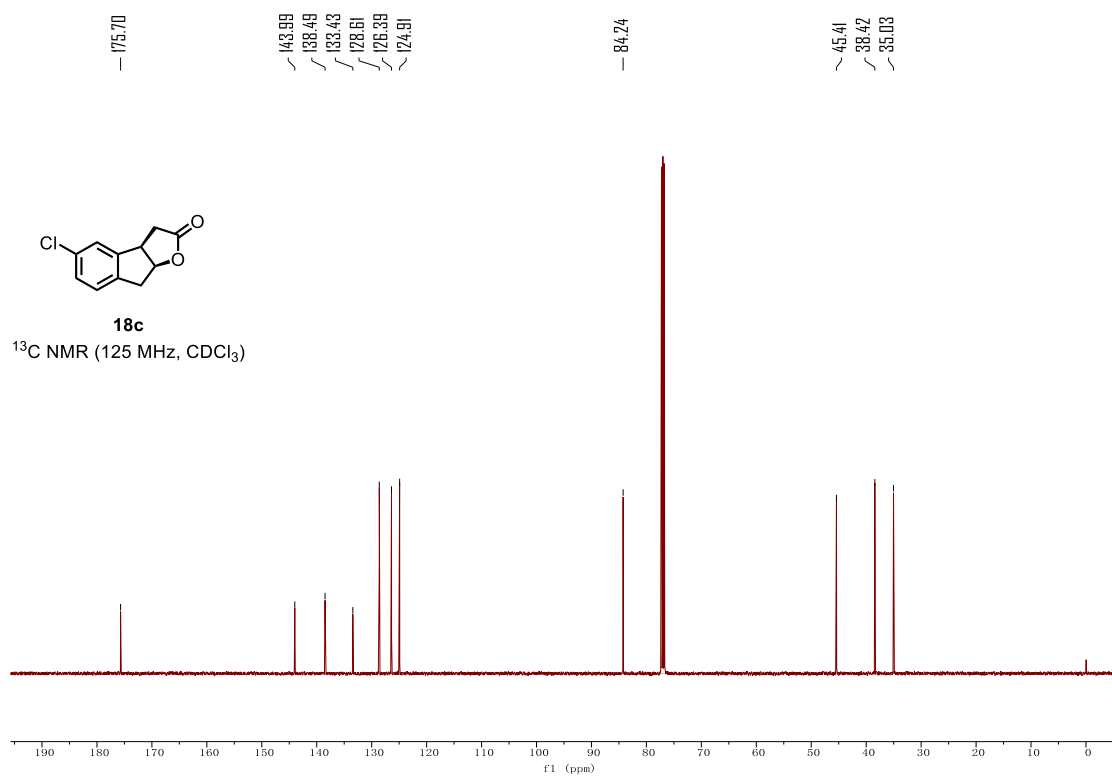
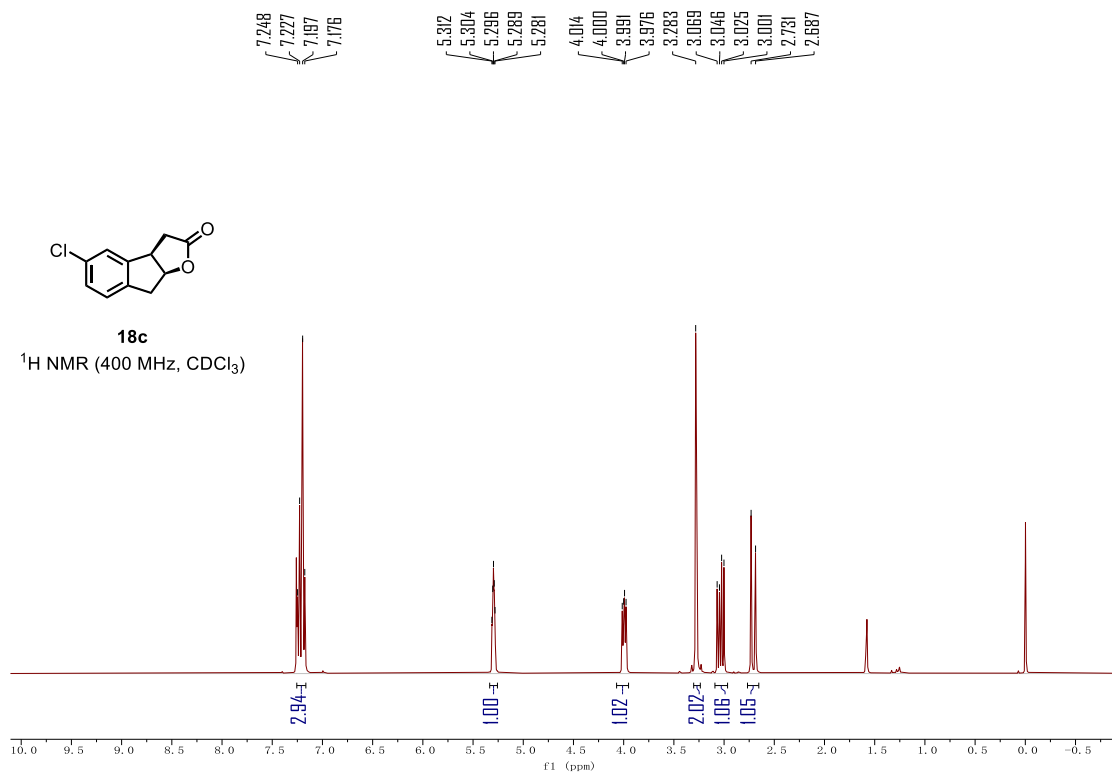


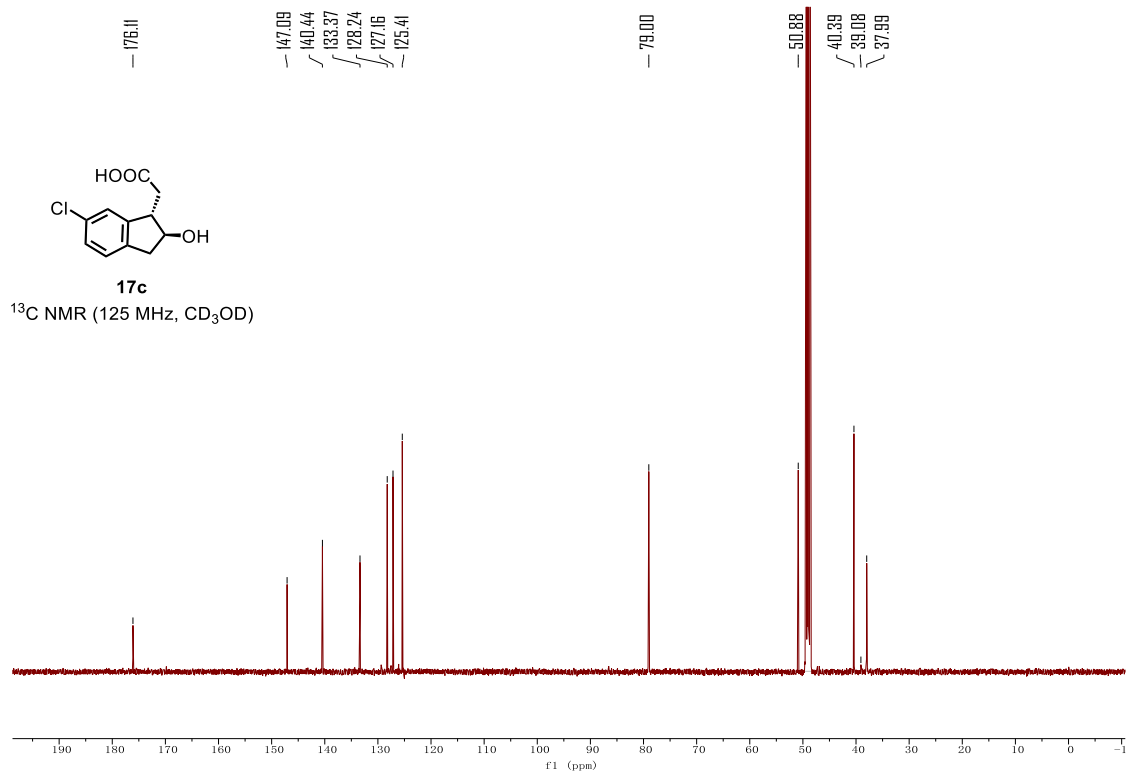
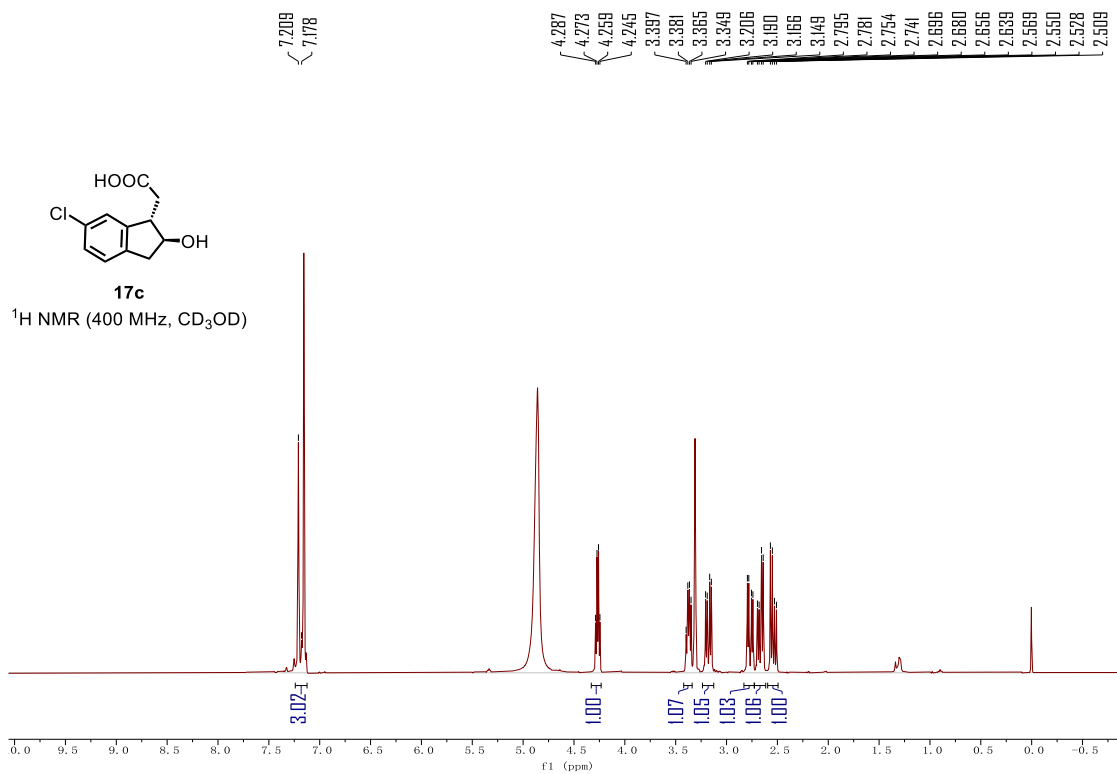


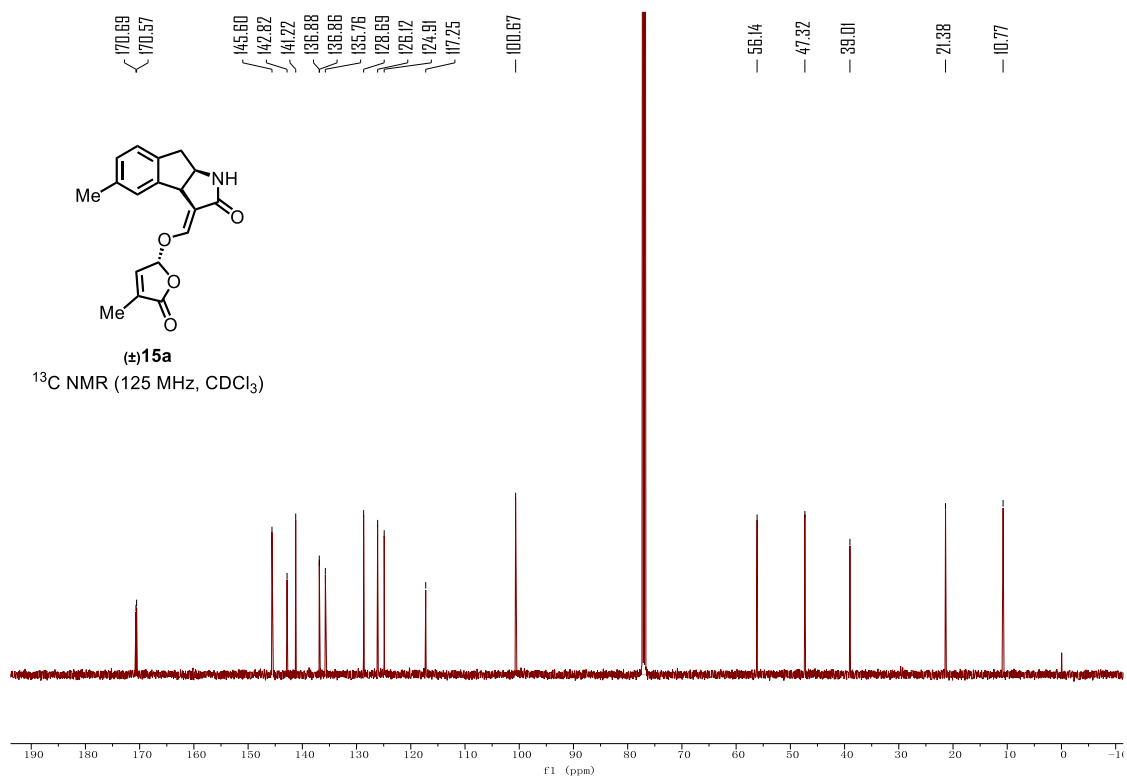
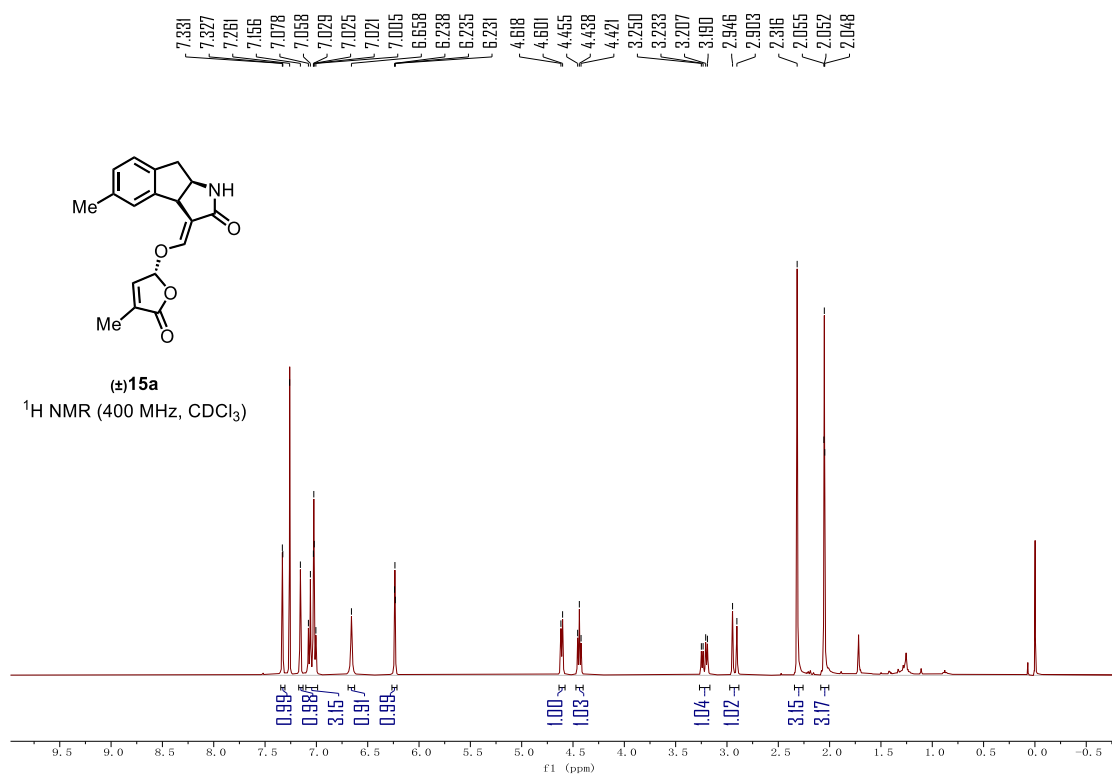


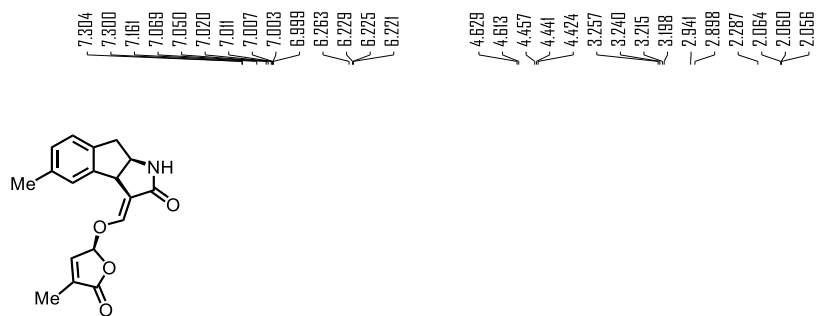






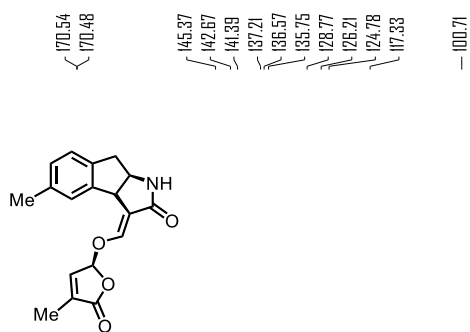
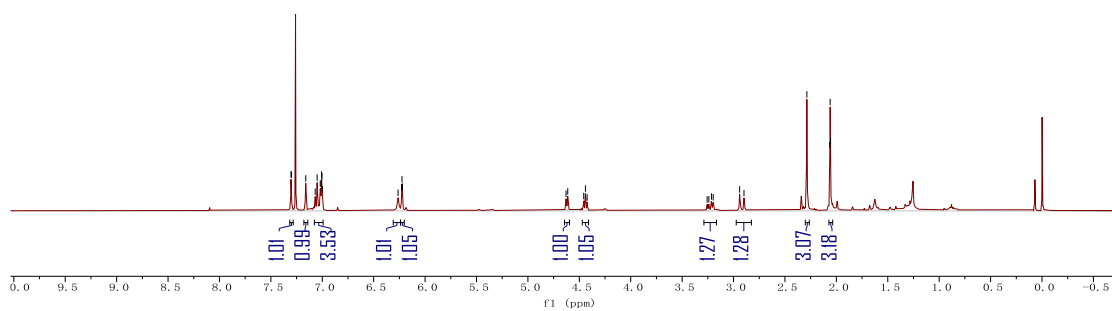






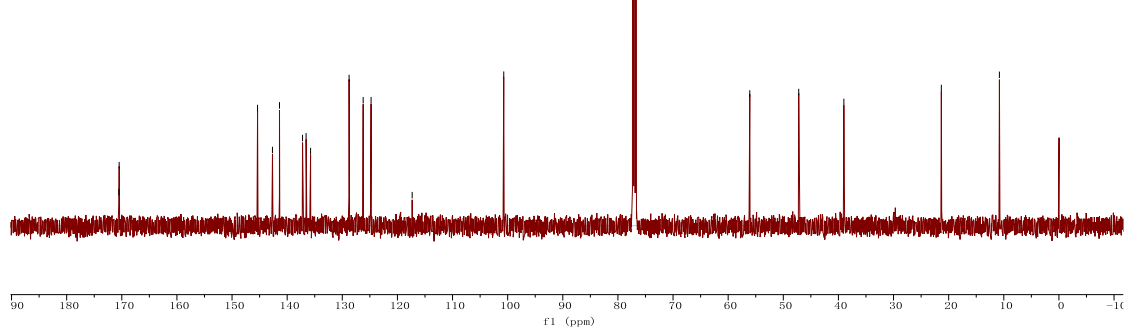
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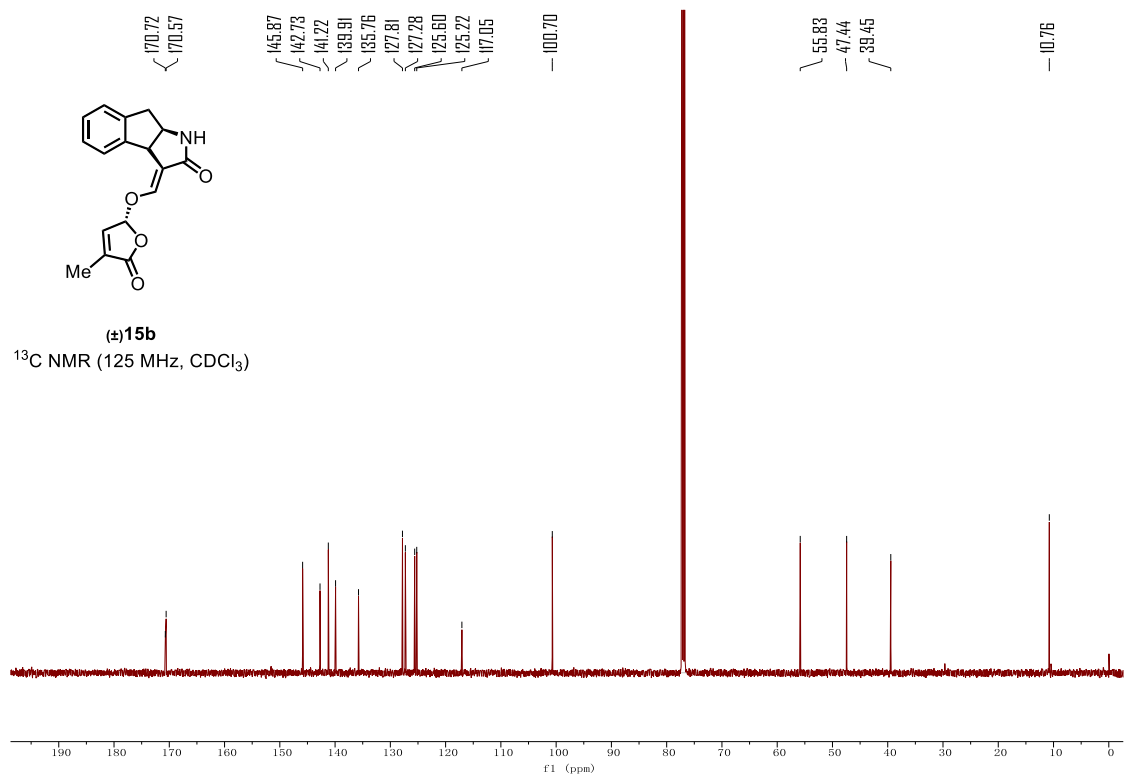
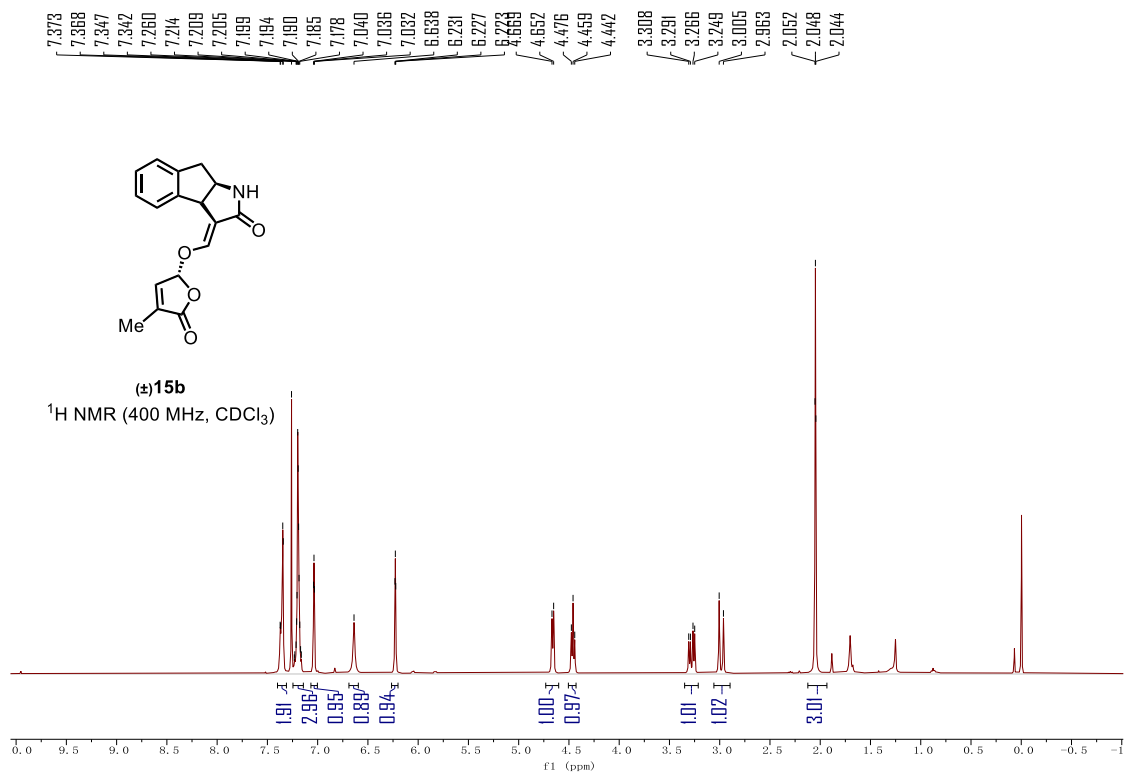
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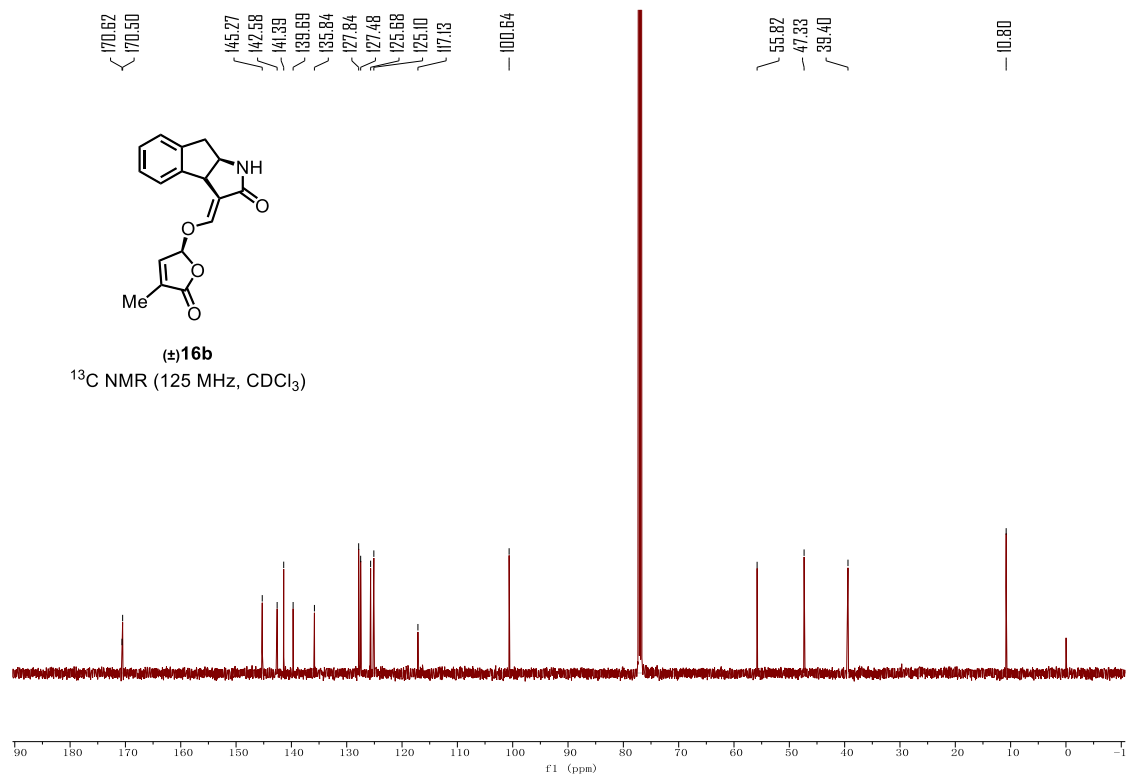
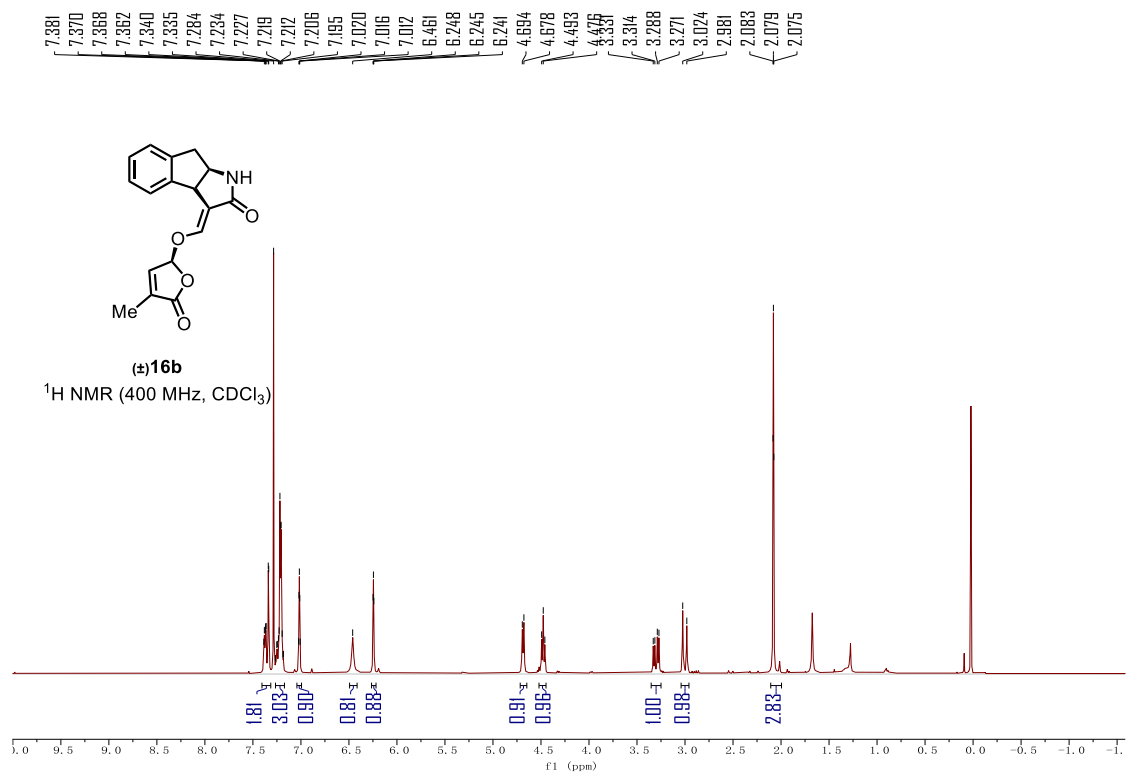


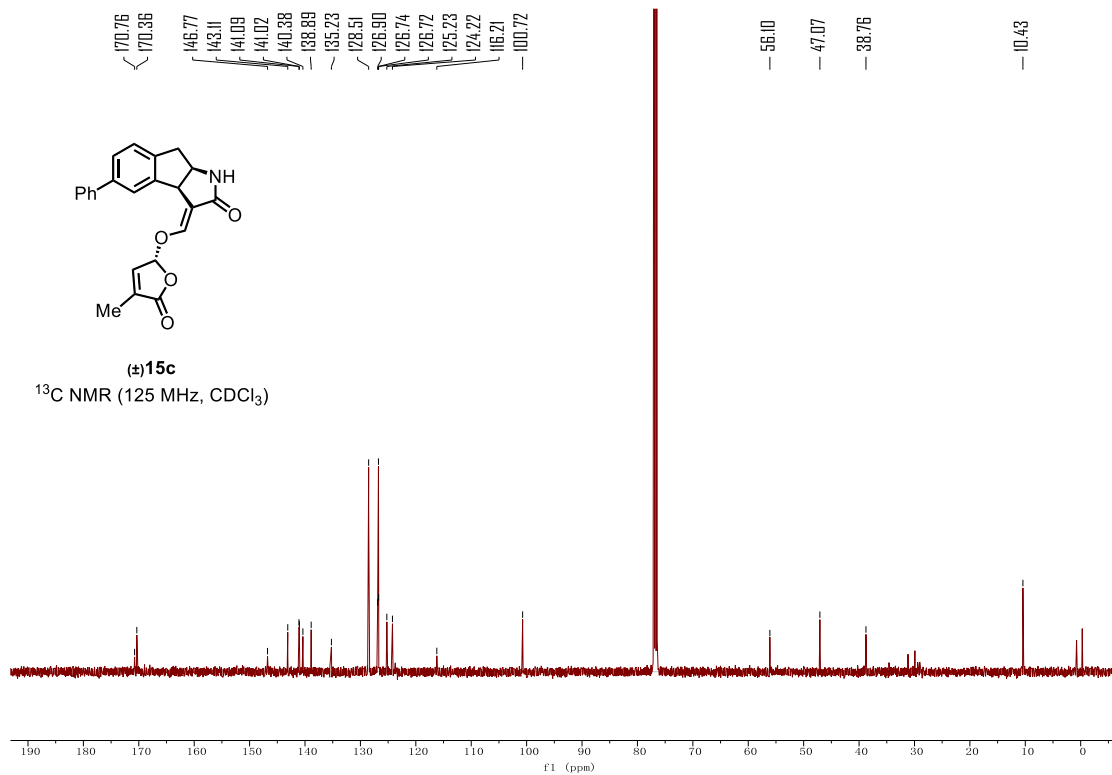
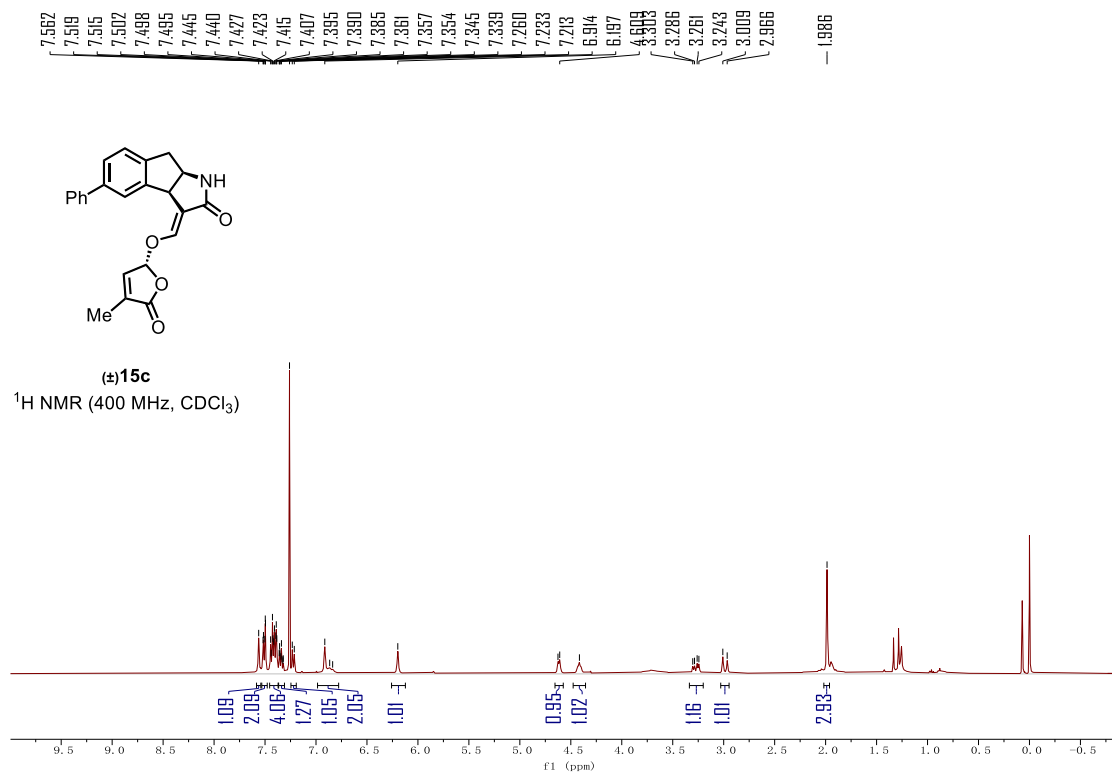
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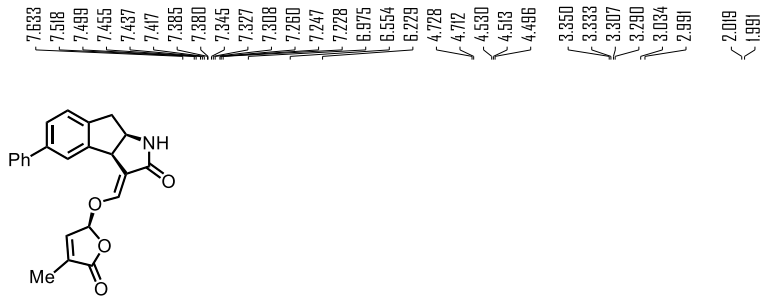
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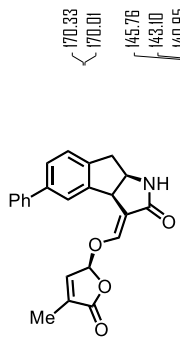
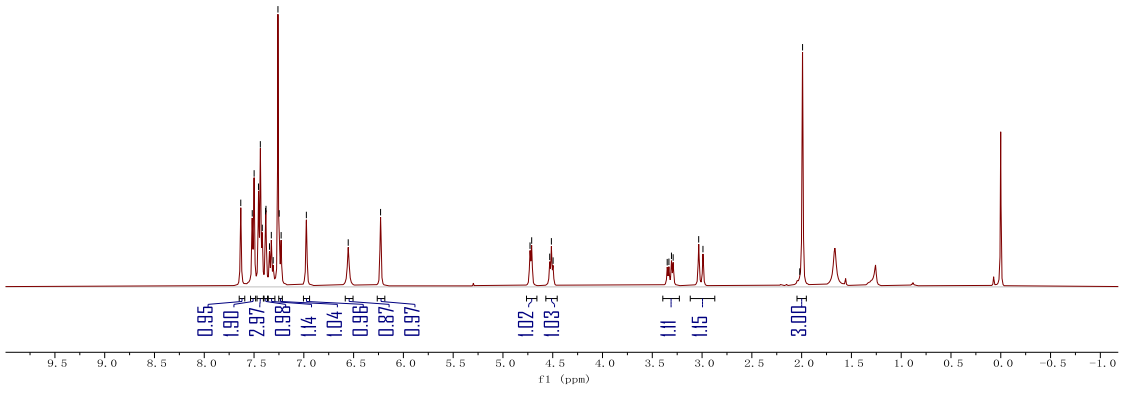






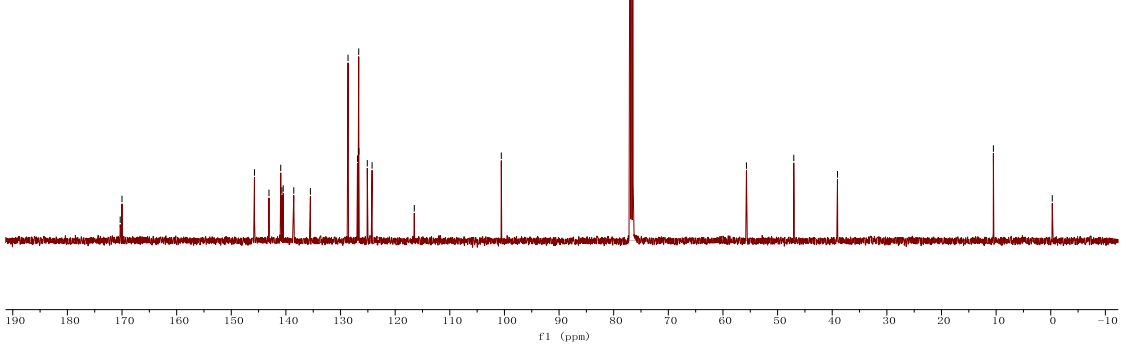
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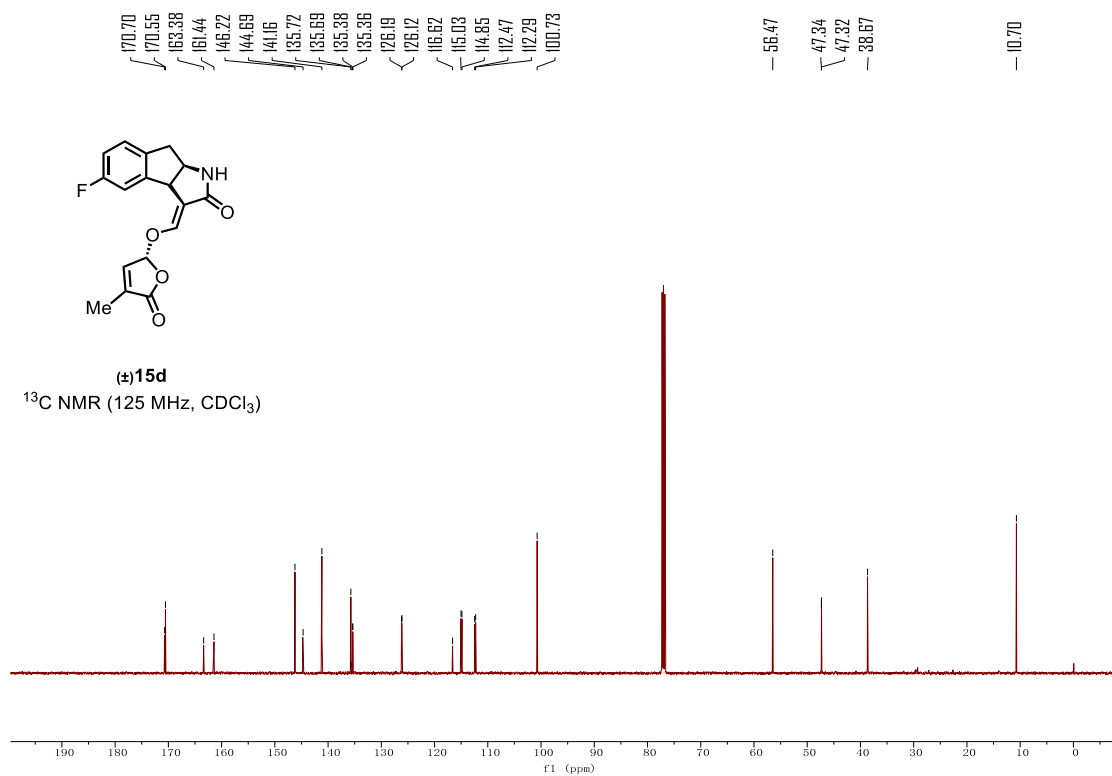
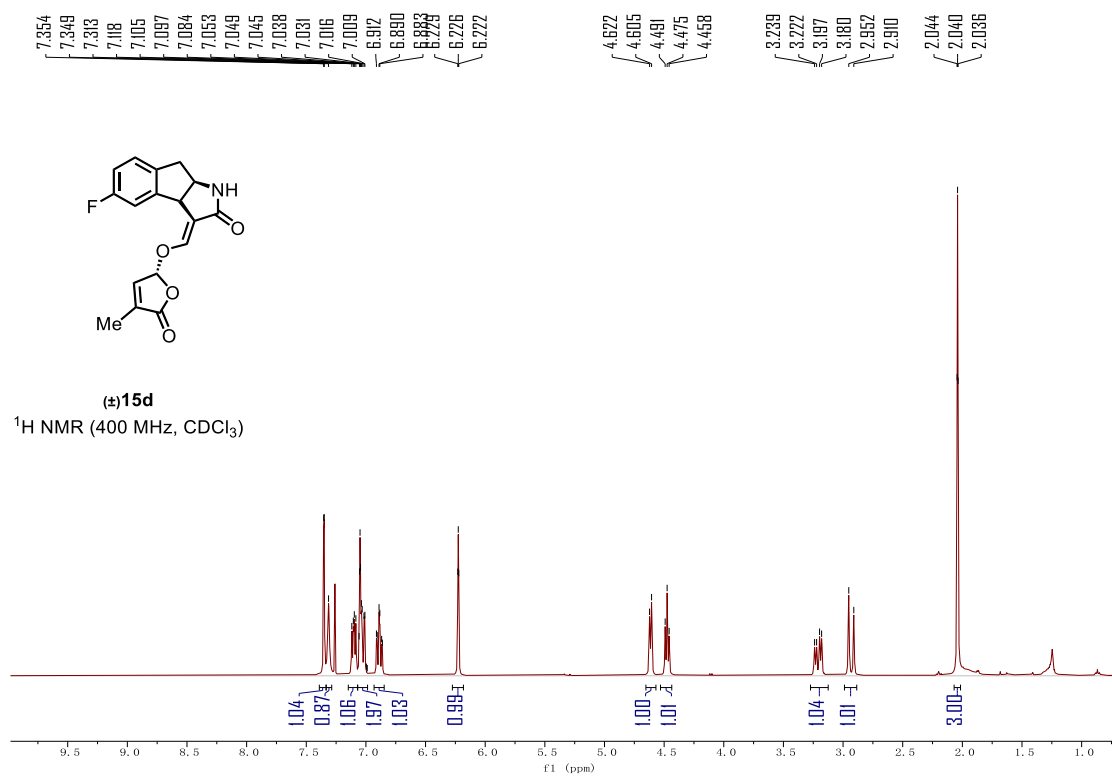
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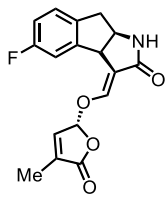


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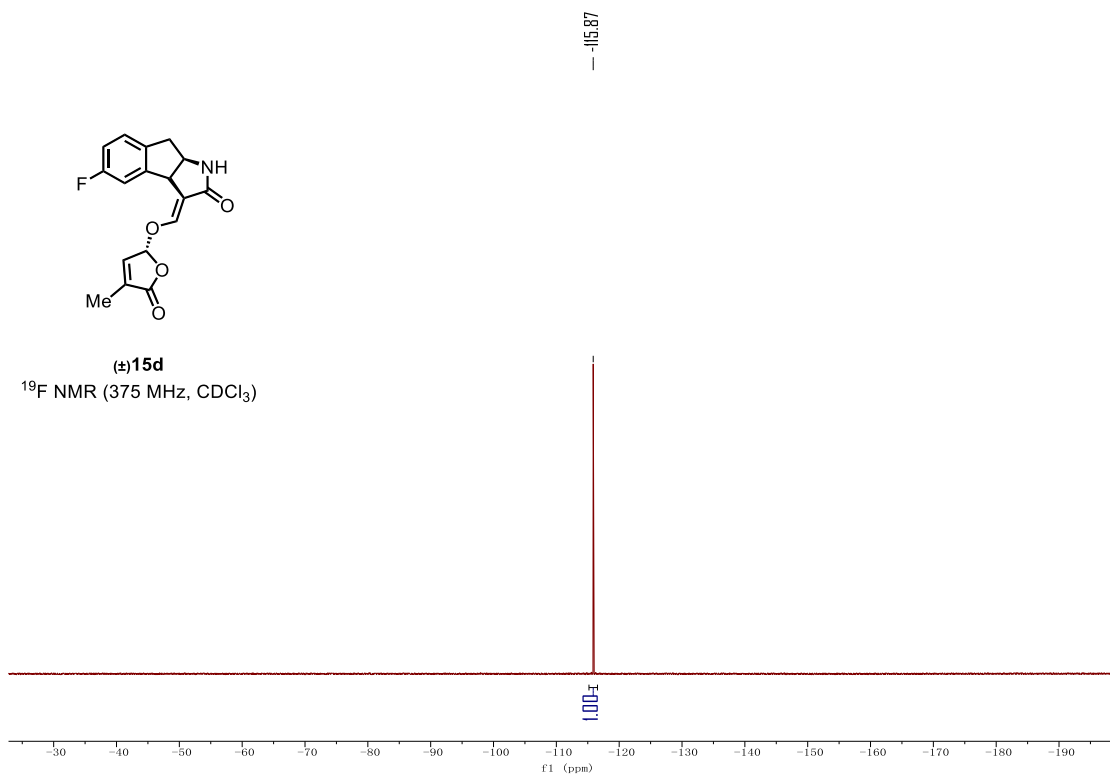
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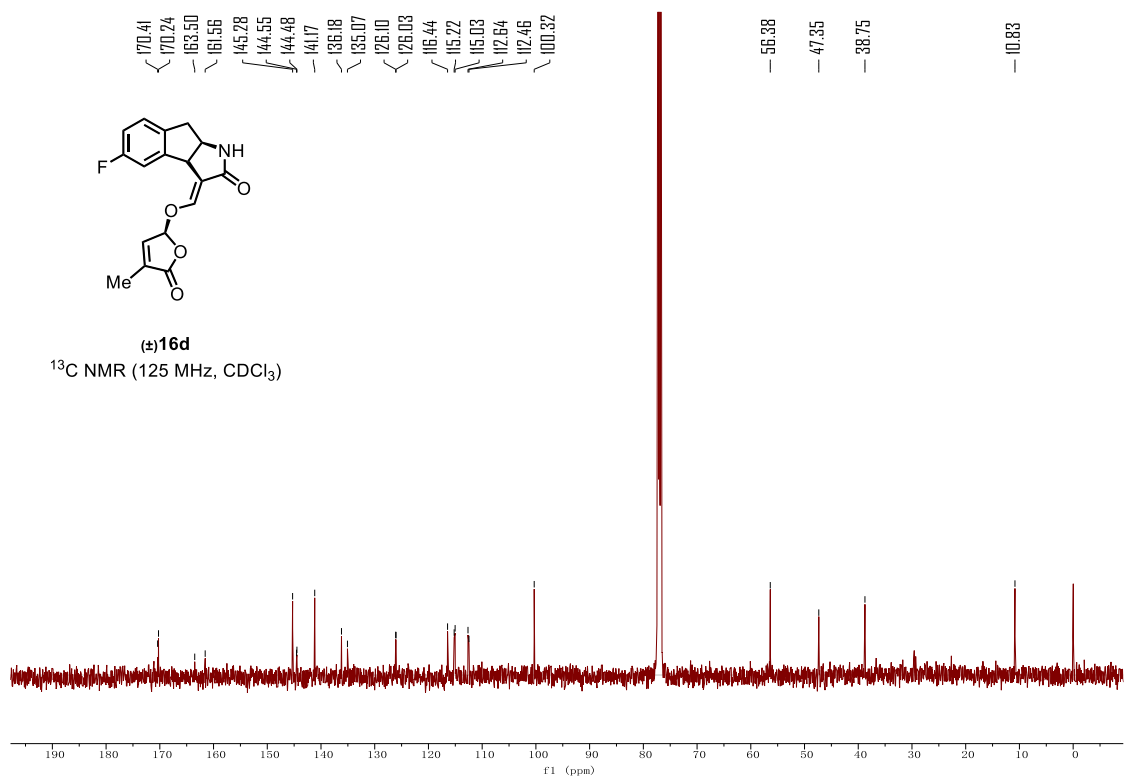
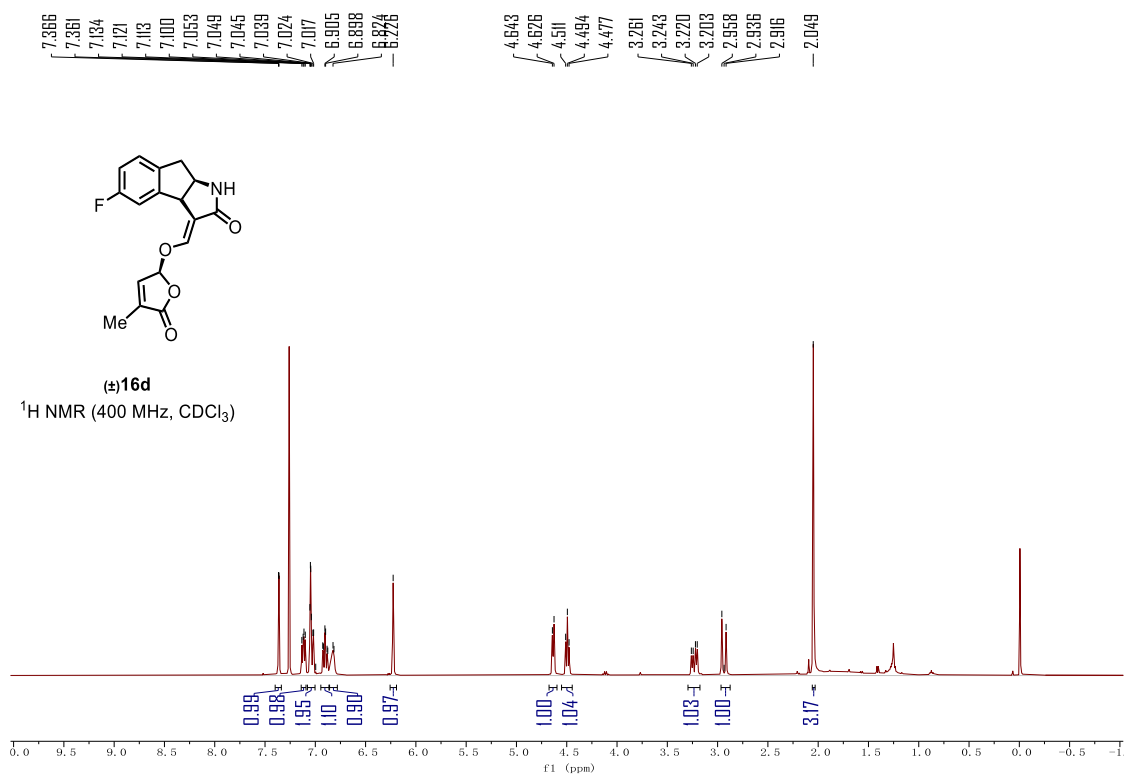


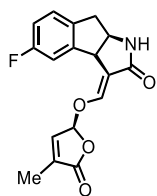




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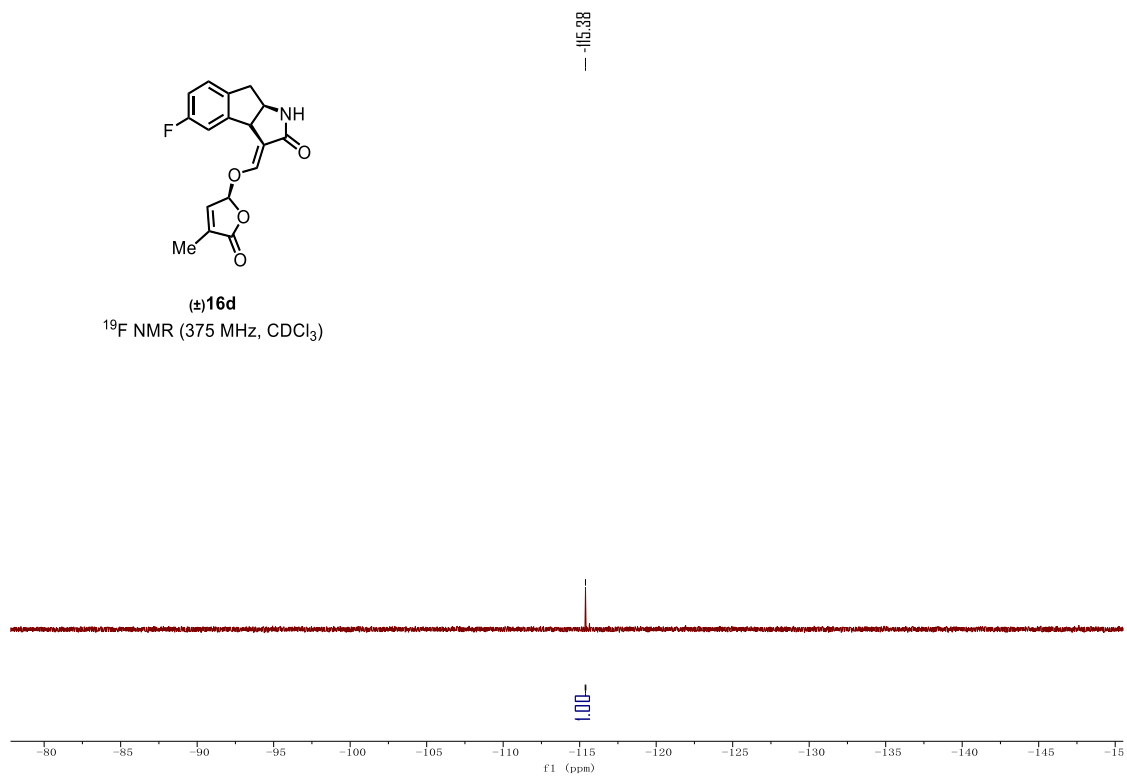




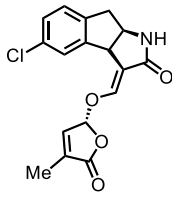


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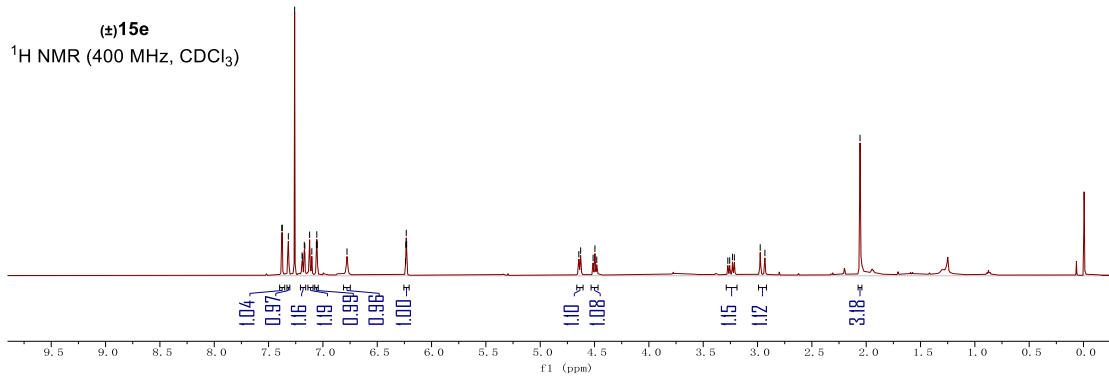
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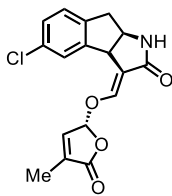
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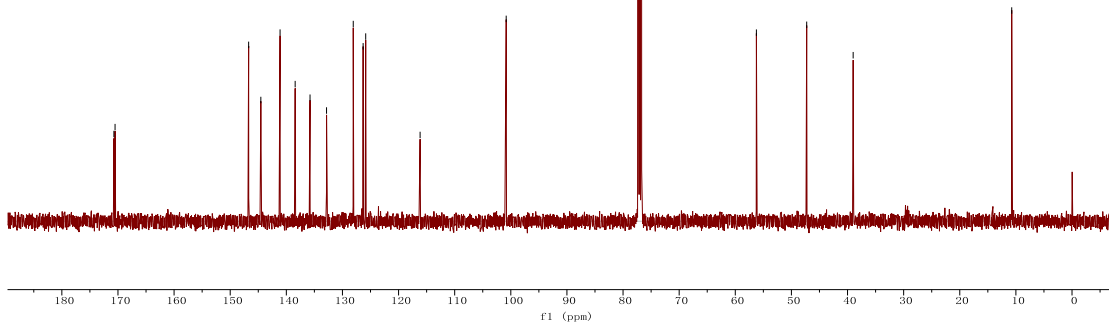
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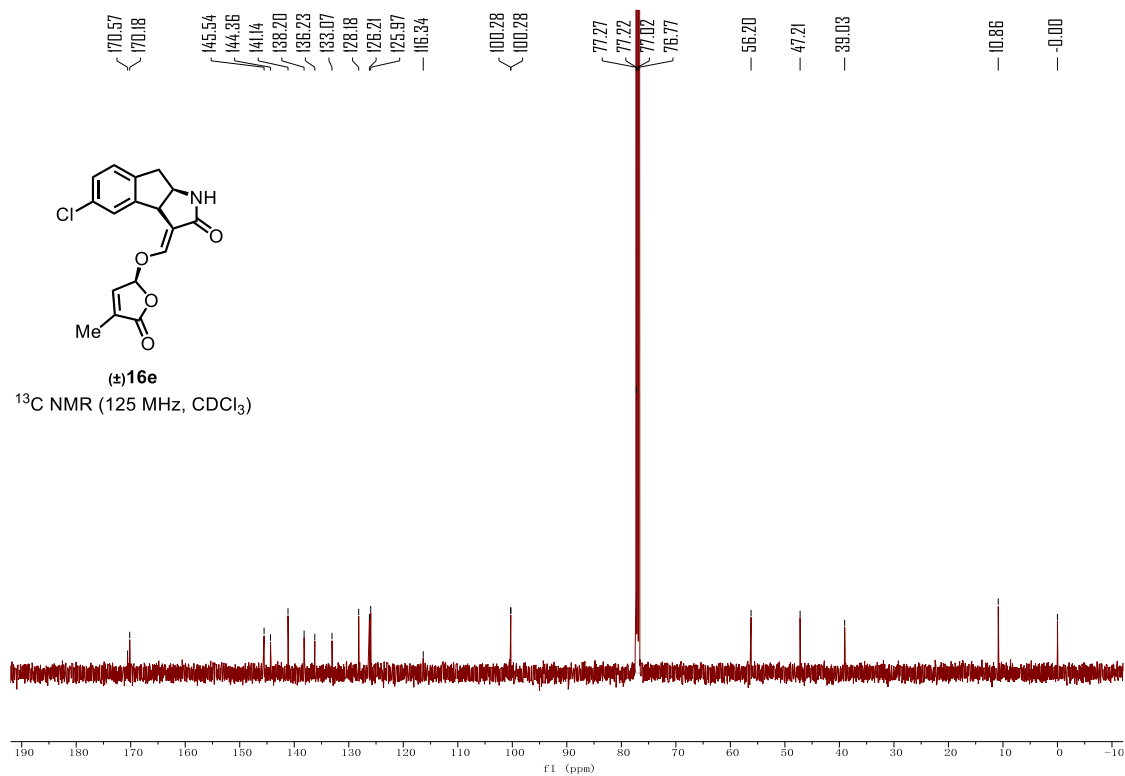
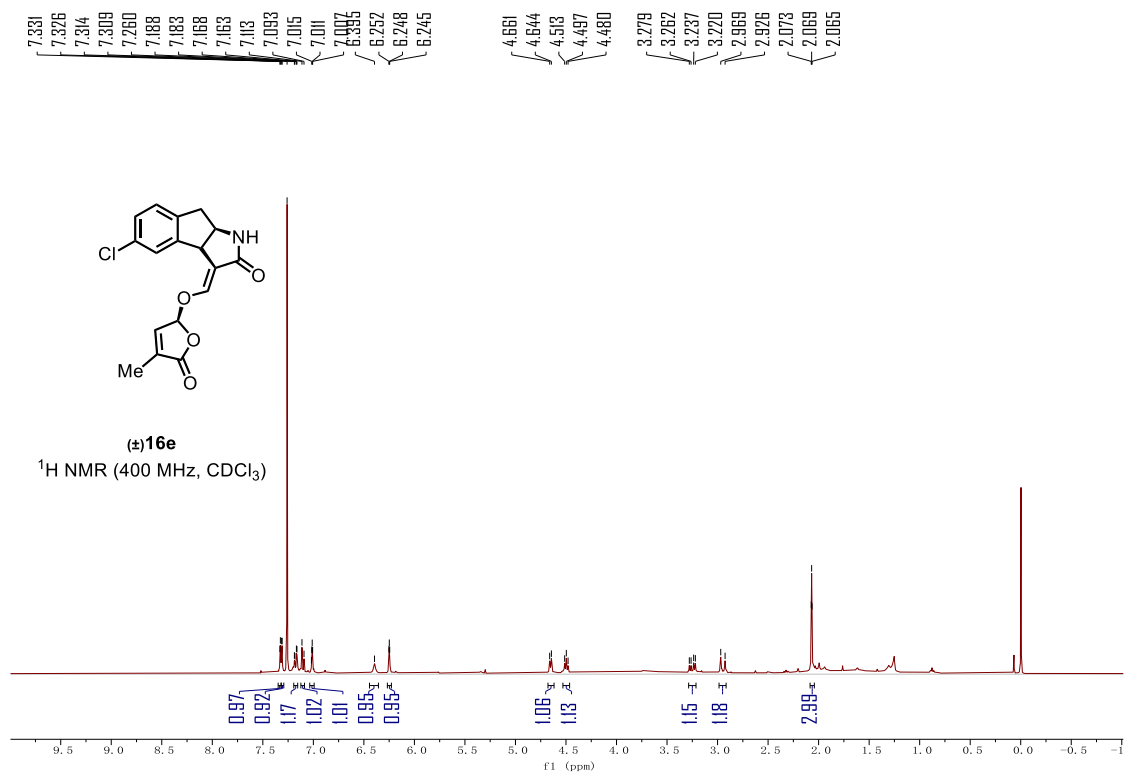


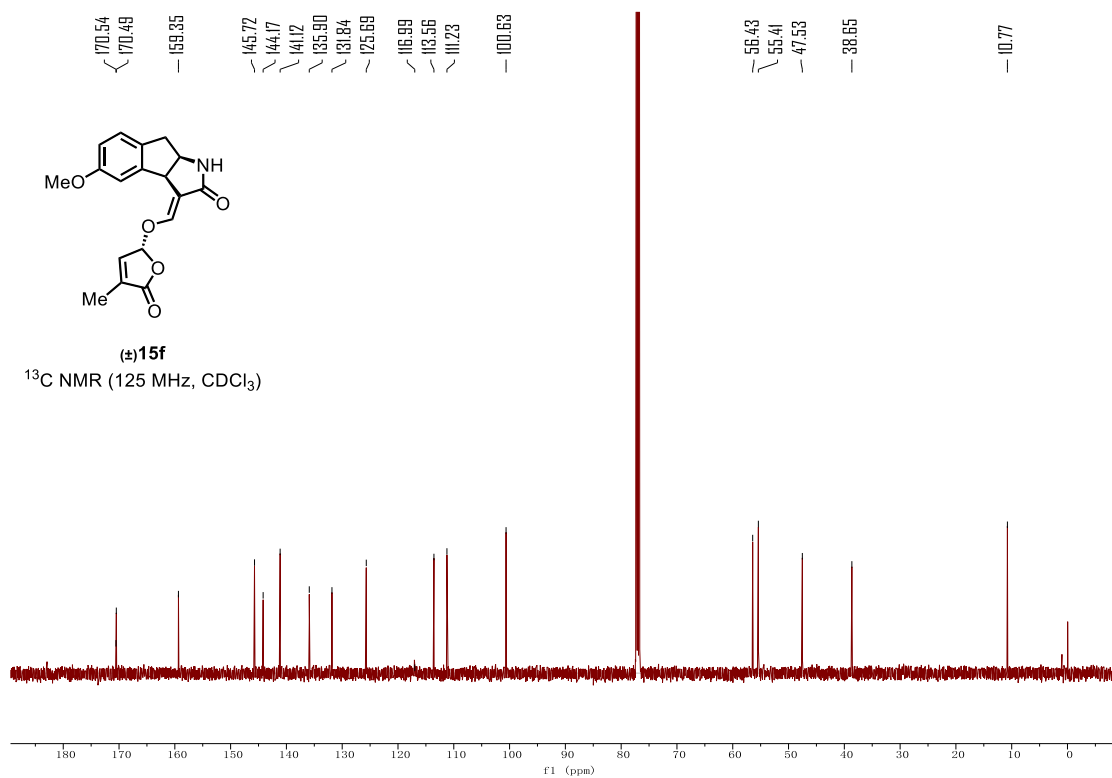
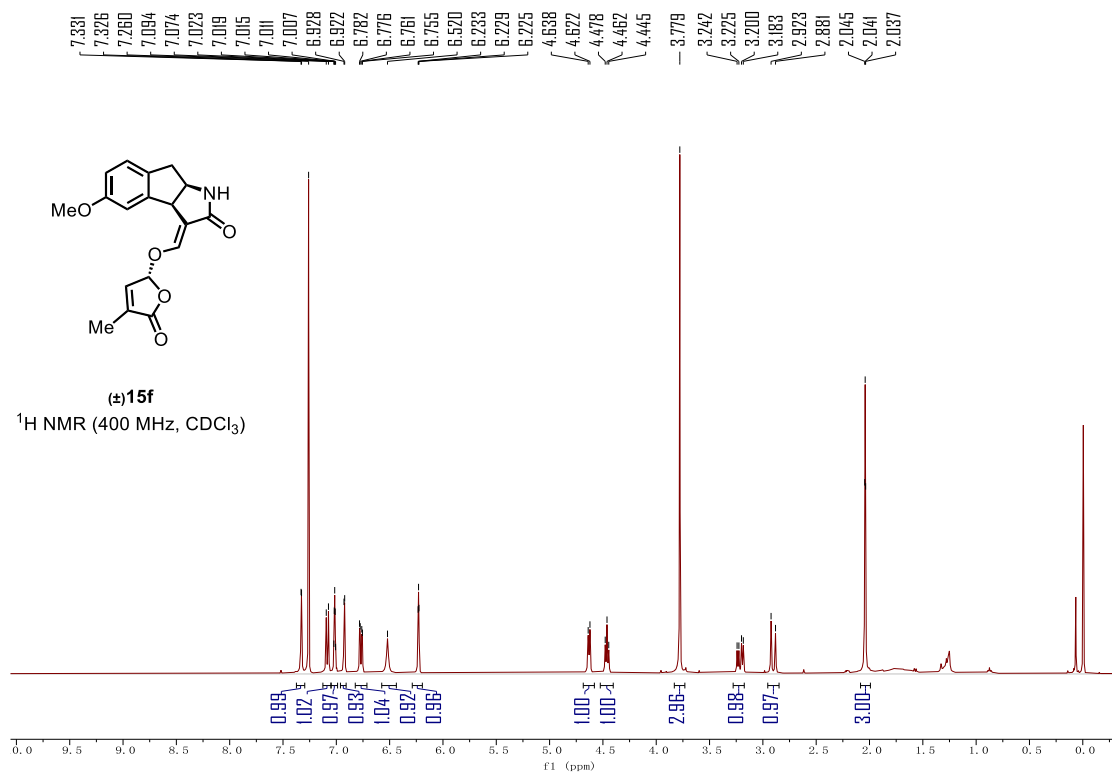
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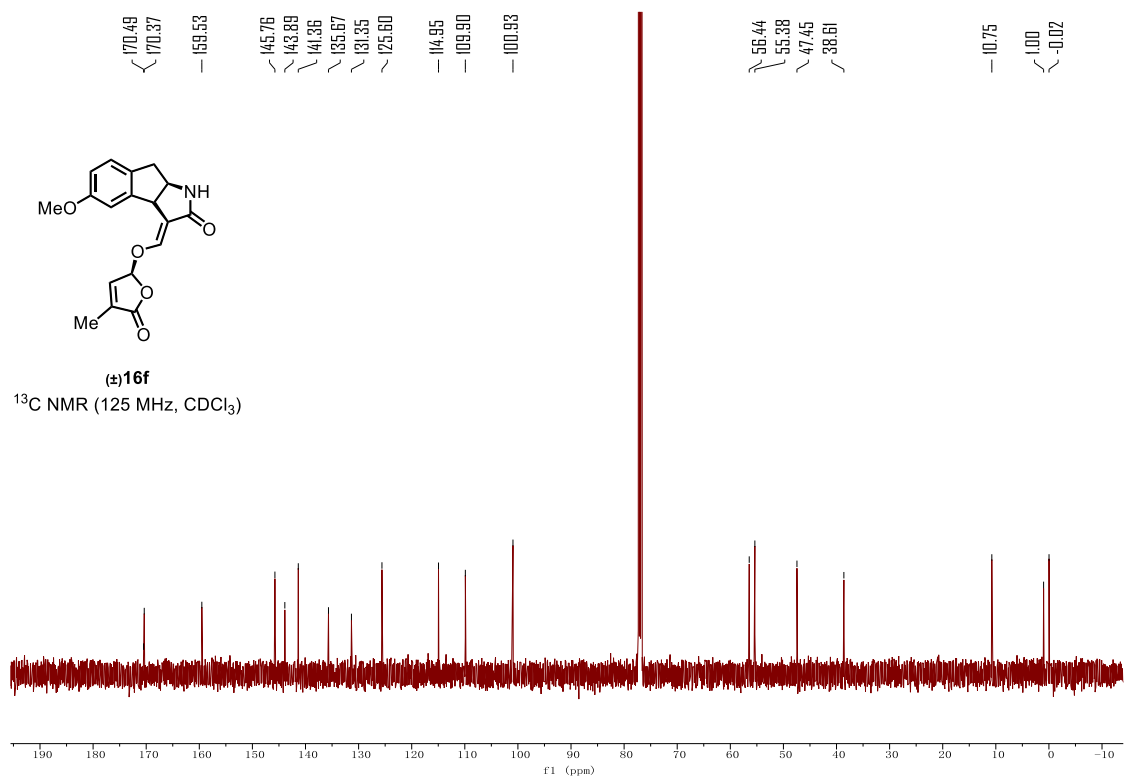
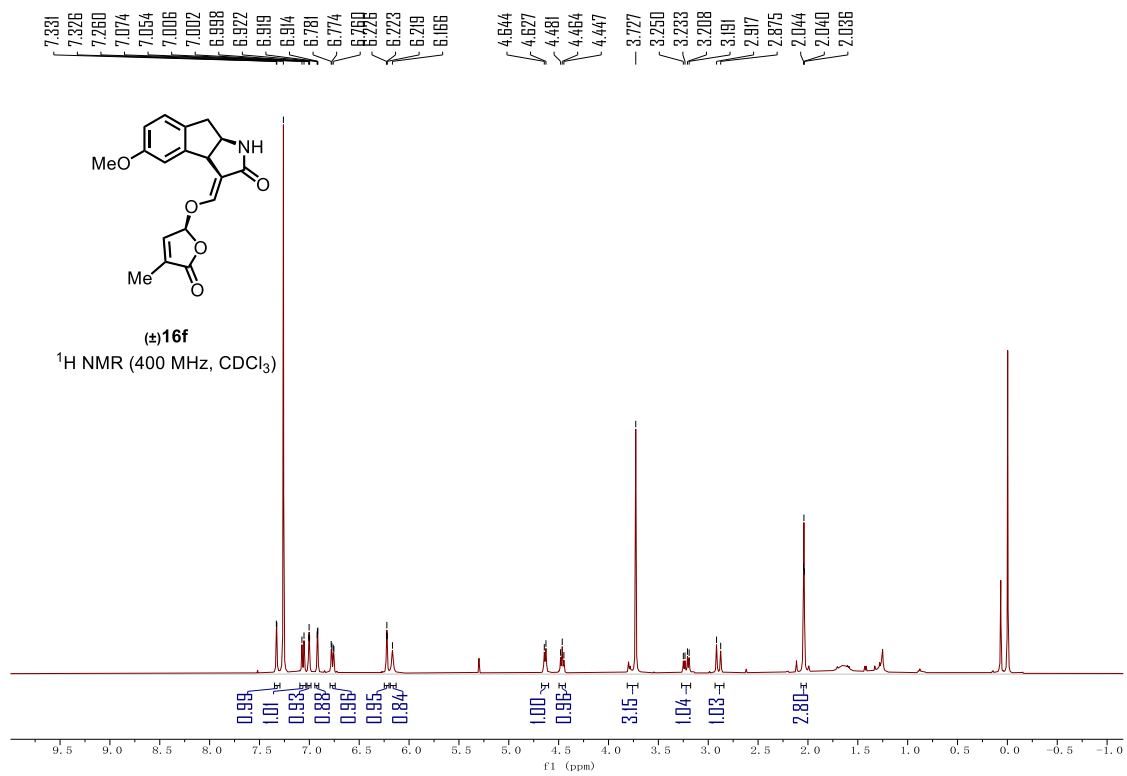


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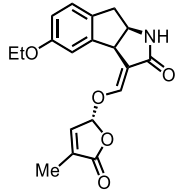






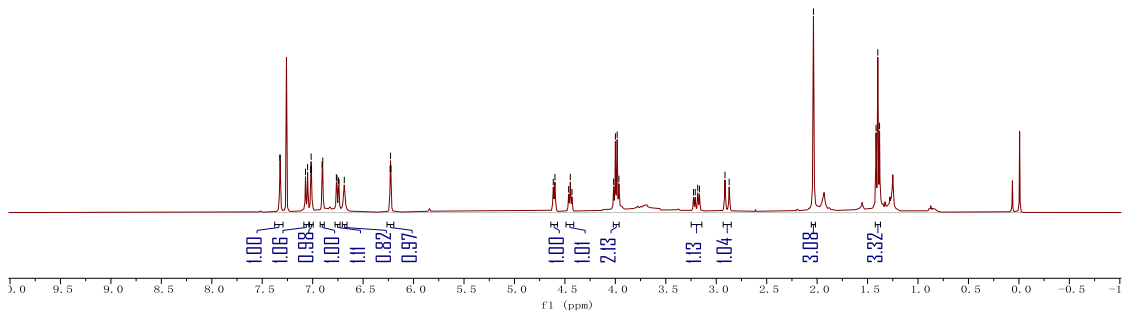


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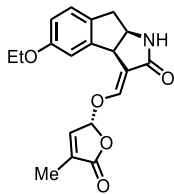


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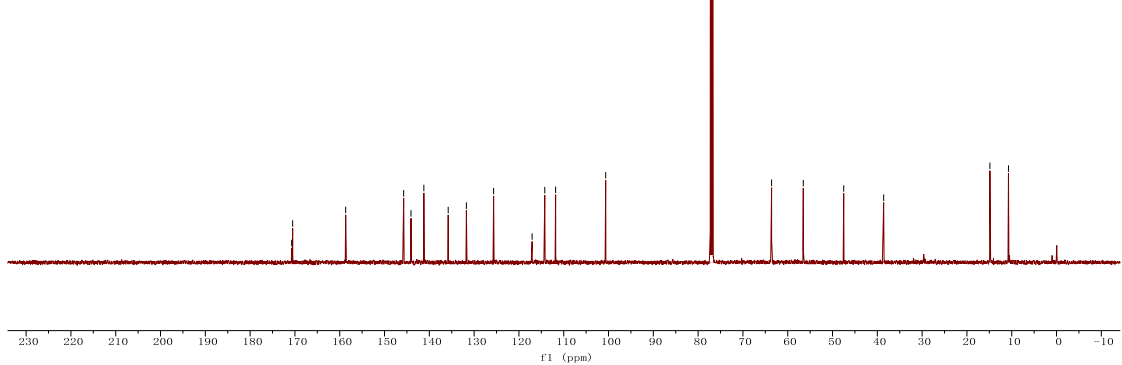


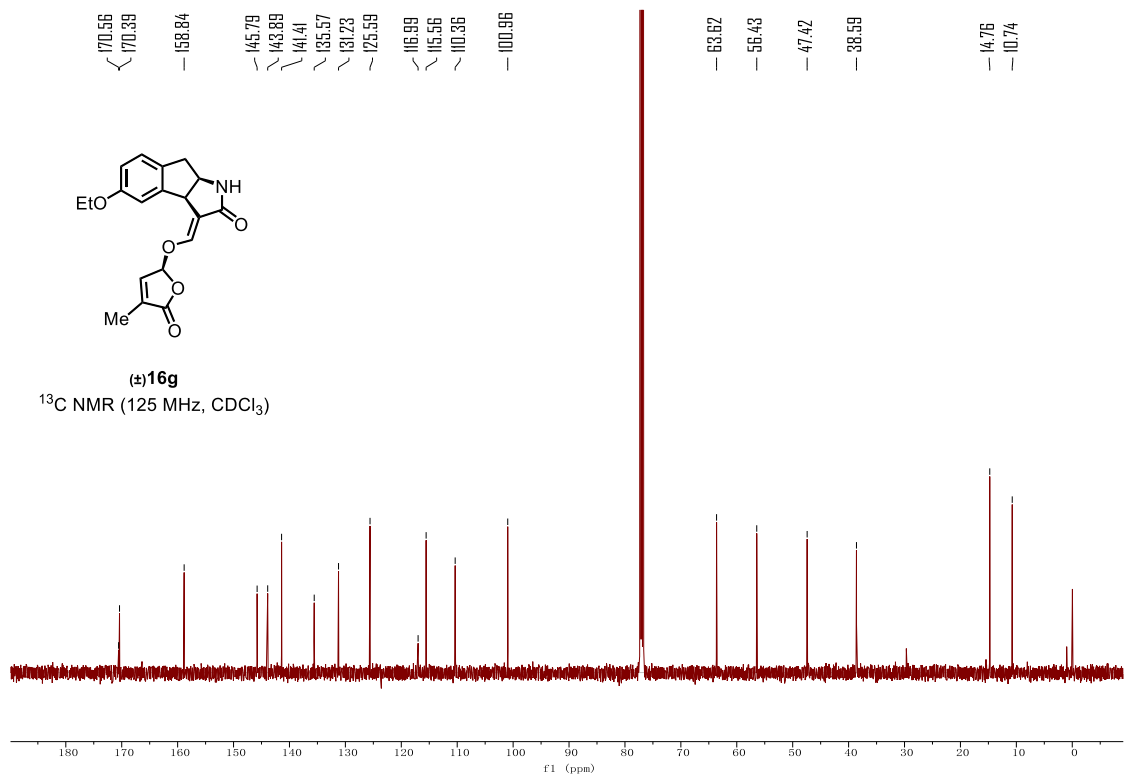
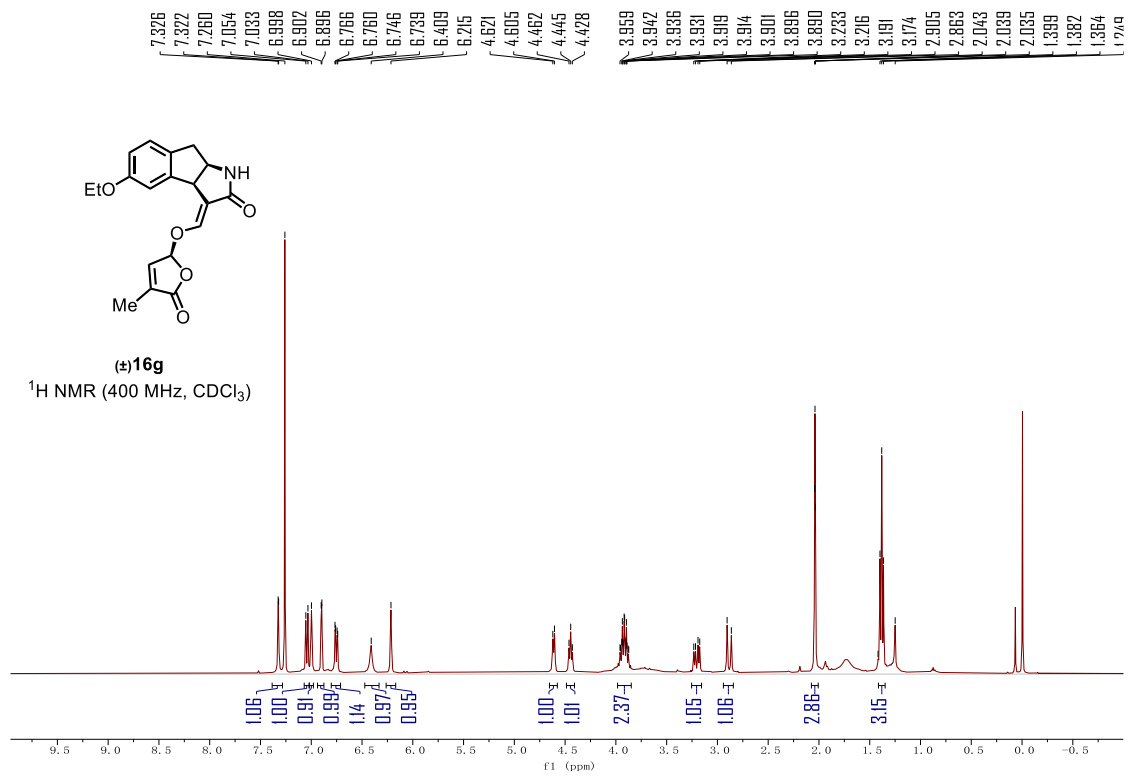
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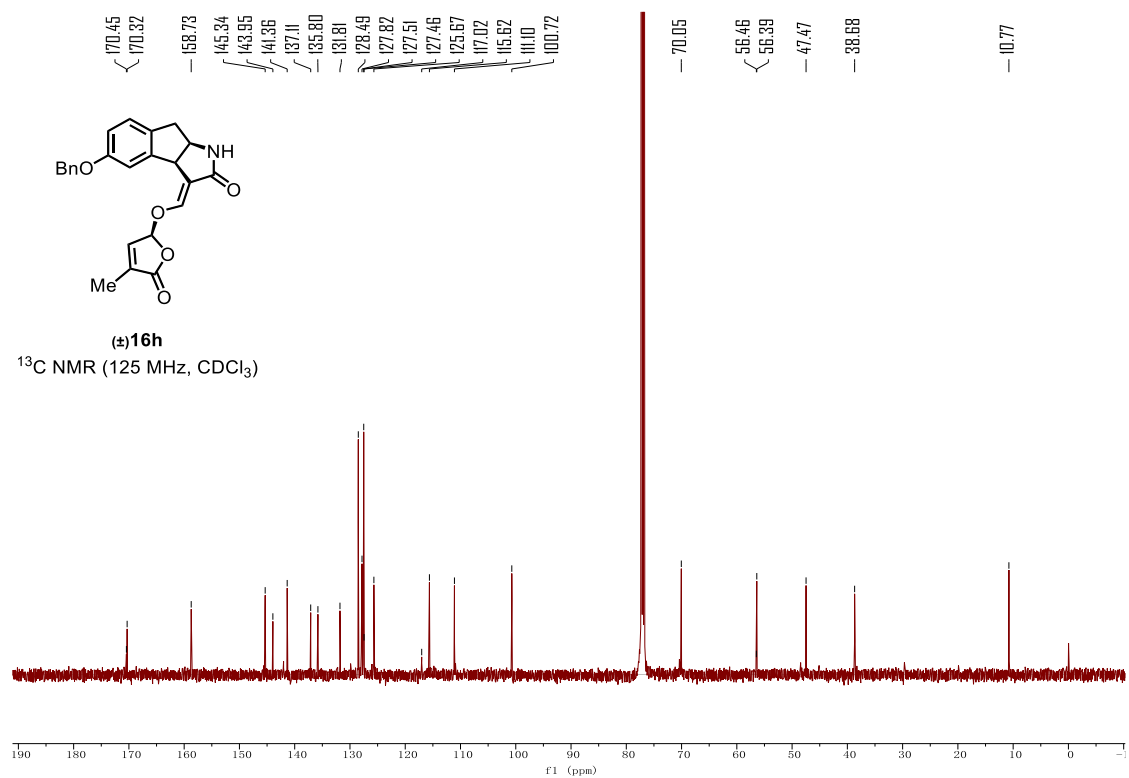
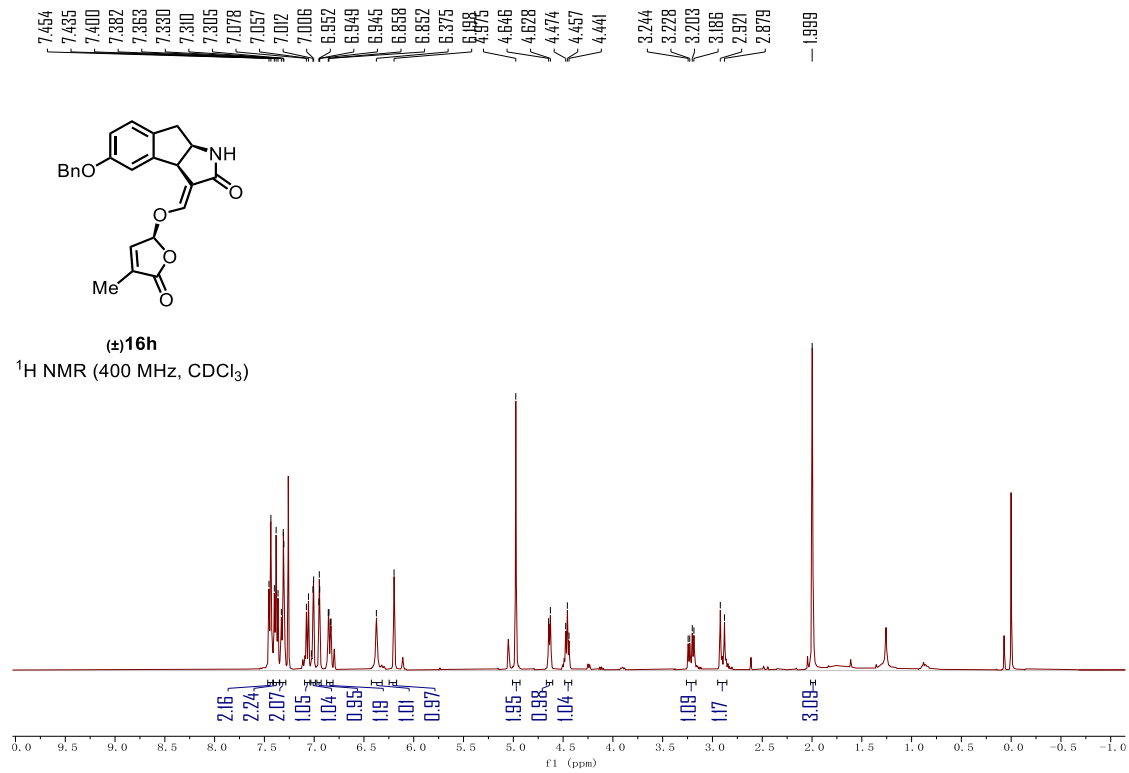


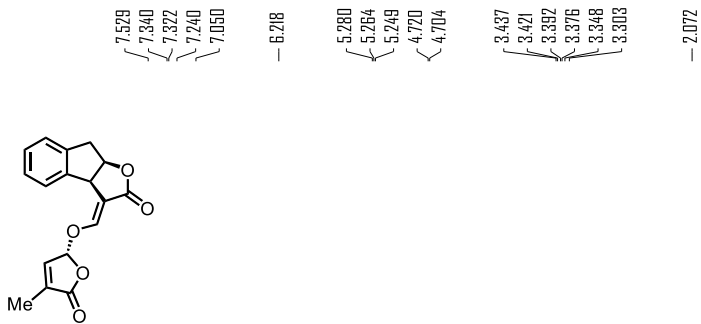
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¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)



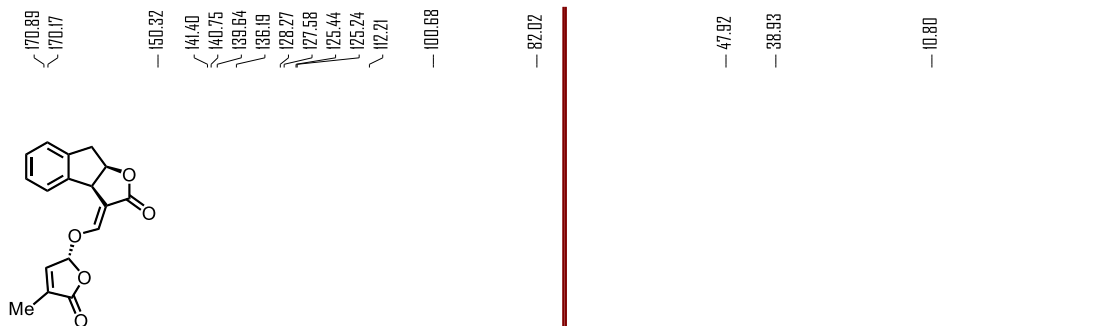
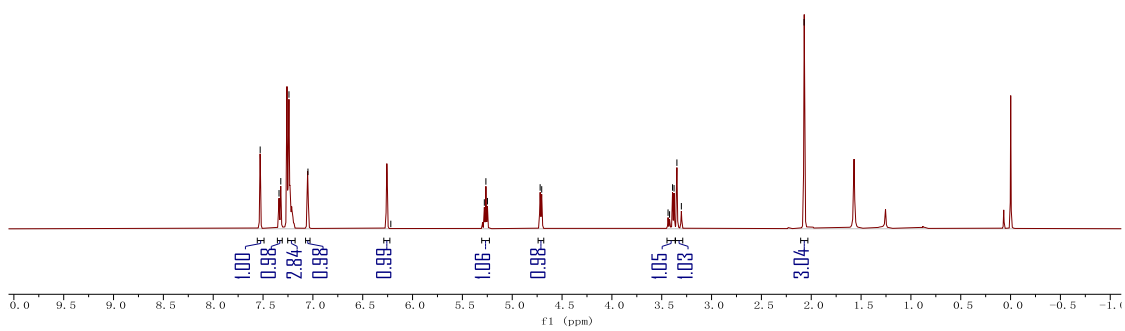






(±)20a

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



(±)20a

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)

