

Rhodium(III)-catalyzed C-H/C-F Activation

Sequence: Expedient and Divergent Synthesis of 2-Benzylated Indoles and 2,2'-Bis(indolyl)methanes

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1. General information

Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were carried out at room temperature under an atmosphere of nitrogen with flame-dried glassware. If reaction was not conducted at room temperature, reaction temperatures are reported as the temperature of the bath surrounding the vessel unless otherwise stated. The dry solvents used were purified by distillation over the drying agents indicated in parentheses and were transferred under nitrogen: THF (Na-benzophenone), 1,2-dichloroethane (CaH₂), dichloromethane (CaH₂). Anhydrous CF₃CH₂OH, CH₃CN, DMF and MeOH were purchased from Acros Organics and stored under nitrogen atmosphere. Commercially available chemicals were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification unless otherwise stated.

Proton NMR (¹H) were recorded at 400 MHz, and Carbon NMR (¹³C) at 101 MHz NMR spectrometer unless otherwise stated. The following abbreviations are used for the multiplicities: s: singlet, d: doublet, t: triplet, q: quartet, m: multiplet, br s: broad singlet for proton spectra. Coupling constants (*J*) are reported in Hertz (Hz).

High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a BRUKER VPEXII spectrometer with EI and ESI mode unless otherwise stated.

Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed on Polygram SIL G/UV₂₅₄ plates. Visualization was accomplished with short wave UV light, or KMnO₄ staining solutions followed by heating. Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel (200-300 mesh) with solvents distilled prior to use.

No attempts were made to optimize yields for substrate synthesis.

2. Synthesis of substrates 1, 2, 3, 4

The substrates of 9-isopropyl-6-phenyl-9*H*-purine **1**, 2-phenylpyridine **2**, *N,N*-dimethyl-1*H*-indole-1-carboxamide **3**, and (3,3-difluoro-2-methyleneindolin-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone **4** were prepared according to the previous procedure.^[1-4] All the characteristic data are consistent with the data reported before.^[1-4]

3. General procedure and characterization of products

General procedure A

In an oven-dried Schlenk tube under atmosphere of N₂, a mixture of the substrates **1** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), (3,3-difluoro-2-methyleneindolin-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone **4** (0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mmol%), AgSbF₆ (6.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10.0 mmol%), AgBF₄ (19.4 mg, 0.1 mmol, 0.5 equiv), AgF (12.6 mg, 0.1 mmol, 0.5 equiv), Ca(OH)₂ (14.8 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and DCE (1.0 mL) was stirred at 120 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was then diluted with DCM (10.0 mL) and washed with H₂O. The aqueous phase was extracted with DCM again. The organic layers were combined, washed with brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. The pure product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica with an appropriate solvent to afford the pure product **5**.

General procedure B

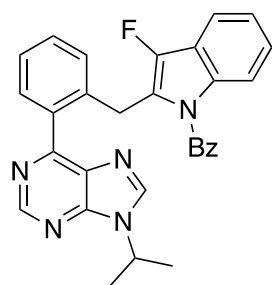
In an oven-dried Schlenk tube under atmosphere of N₂, a mixture of the substrates **2** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), (3,3-difluoro-2-methyleneindolin-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone **4a** (0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv), [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mmol%), AgBF₄ (38.9 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Ca(OH)₂ (14.8 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and DCE (1.0 mL) was stirred at 80 °C for 2 h. The reaction mixture was then diluted with DCM (10.0 mL) and washed with H₂O. The aqueous phase was extracted with DCM again. The organic layers were combined, washed with brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. The pure product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica with an appropriate solvent to afford the pure product **6**.

General procedure C

In an oven-dried Schlenk tube under atmosphere of N₂, a mixture of the substrates **3** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), (3,3-difluoro-2-methyleneindolin-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone **4a** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mmol%), AgSbF₆ (6.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10.0 mmol%), AgBF₄ (19.4 mg, 0.1 mmol, 0.5 equiv), AgF (12.6 mg, 0.1 mmol, 0.5 equiv), Ca(OH)₂ (29.6 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and toluene (2.0 mL) was stirred at 150 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was then diluted with DCM (10.0 mL) and washed with H₂O. The aqueous phase was extracted with DCM again. The organic layers were combined, washed with brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. The pure product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica with an appropriate solvent to afford the pure product **7**.

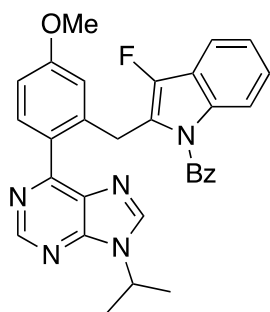
Characterization of products

(3-fluoro-2-(2-(9-isopropyl-9H-purin-6-yl)benzyl)-1H-indol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (**5a**)



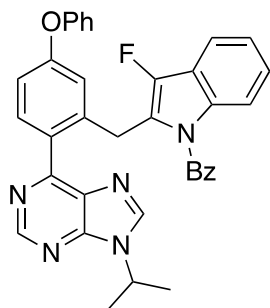
Following the general procedure A, the product **5a** was obtained in 89% yield (87.1 mg, 0.178 mmol) as a white solid after column chromatography (eluent = Petroleum ether/EtOAc 2:1 v/v). RF (Petroleum ether/EtOAc 2:1): 0.22. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.80 (s, 1H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.63 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 3H), 7.22 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (p, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (s, 2H), 1.65 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -167.51. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.0, 157.8, 151.7, 151.2, 147.4 (d, *J* = 251.7 Hz), 142.12, 137.0, 135.2, 135.0, 133.7, 133.7, 132.7, 132.3, 130.8, 129.8, 129.5, 128.6, 126.8, 124.3, 122.5, 121.7 (d, *J* = 23.4 Hz), 119.1 (d, *J* = 18.7 Hz), 116.2 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 114.0, 47.4, 29.5, 22.6. ESI-MS: calculated C₃₀H₂₅FN₅O [M+H]⁺ 490.2038; Found 490.2036.

3-fluoro-2-(2-(9-isopropyl-9H-purin-6-yl)-5-methoxybenzyl)-1H-indol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (**5b**)



Following the general procedure A, the product **5b** was obtained in 45% yield (46.7 mg, 0.09 mmol) as a brown solid after column chromatography (eluent = Petroleum ether/EtOAc 2:1 v/v). RF (Petroleum ether/EtOAc 2:1): 0.17. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.80 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 6.88 – 6.80 (m, 2H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 4.97 – 4.86 (m, 1H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 3.72 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 3H), 1.65 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 2.7 Hz, 6H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -167.58. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.0, 160.5, 157.5, 151.6, 151.1, 147.5 (d, *J* = 251.6 Hz), 141.8, 139.2, 135.0, 133.7 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz), 132.8, 132.6, 132.2, 129.8, 128.5, 127.5, 124.4, 122.6, 121.5 (d, *J* = 23.4 Hz), 119.2 (d, *J* = 18.5 Hz), 116.5, 116.3, 114.1, 111.7, 55.3, 47.3, 29.6, 22.64. ESI-MS: calculated C₃₁H₂₇FN₅O₂ [M+H]⁺ 520.2144; Found 520.2143.

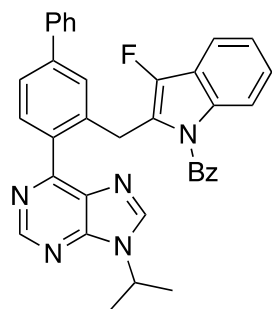
(3-fluoro-2-(2-(9-isopropyl-9H-purin-6-yl)-5-phenoxybenzyl)-1H-indol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (5c)



Following the general procedure A, the product **5c** was obtained in 61% yield (71.0 mg, 0.122 mmol) as a white solid after column chromatography (eluent = Petroleum ether/EtOAc 2:1 v/v). RF (Petroleum ether/EtOAc 2:1): 0.23. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.82 (s, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (dt, *J* = 14.8, 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.00 – 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.88 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dd, *J* = 3.1, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (dt, *J* = 13.6, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 1.66 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -167.43. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.9, 158.1, 157.2, 156.7, 151.8, 151.2, 147.5 (d, *J* = 251.9 Hz), 142.0, 139.6, 134.9, 133.7, 132.8, 132.6, 132.3, 130.2, 129.9, 129.7, 128.7, 124.4, 123.5, 122.6, 121.3 (d, *J* = 23.5 Hz), 121.2, 119.1, 119.1 (d, *J* = 18.6 Hz), 116.8, 116.3, 114.0, 47.4, 29.5, 22.6. ESI-MS: calculated C₃₆H₂₉FN₅O₂ [M+H]⁺ 582.2300; Found 582.2304.

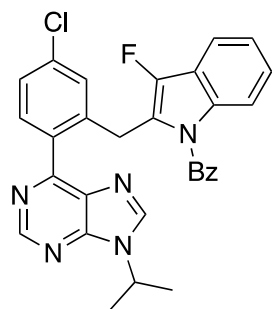
(3-fluoro-2-((4-(9-isopropyl-9H-purin-6-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)methyl)-1H-indol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (5d)

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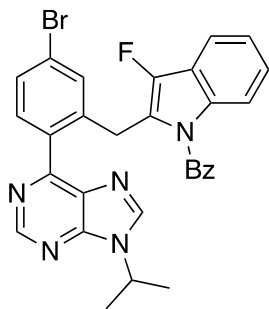
Following the general procedure A, the product **5d** was obtained in 46% yield (52.0 mg, 0.092 mmol) as a brown solid after column chromatography (eluent = Petroleum ether/EtOAc 4:1 v/v). RF (Petroleum ether/EtOAc 4:1): 0.22. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.83 (s, 1H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 3H), 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (dt, *J* = 13.5, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (s, 2H), 1.66 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -167.46. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.0, 157.5, 151.8, 151.2, 147.3 (d, *J* = 251.7 Hz), 142.3, 142.2, 140.7, 137.6, 134.9, 134.1, 133.7 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz), 132.9, 132.3, 131.3, 129.9, 129.7, 128.8, 128.6, 127.5, 127.3, 125.6, 124.3, 122.5, 121.7 (d, *J* = 23.3 Hz), 119.0 (d, *J* = 18.6 Hz), 116.3, 113.9, 47.4, 29.6, 22.6. ESI-MS: calculated C₃₆H₂₉FN₅O [M+H]⁺ 566.2351; Found 566.2352.

(2-(5-chloro-2-(9-isopropyl-9H-purin-6-yl)benzyl)-3-fluoro-1H-indol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (5e)



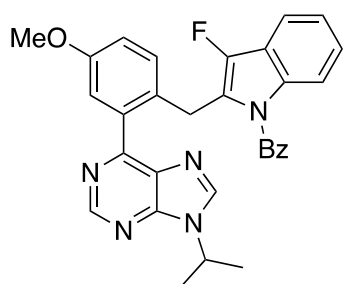
Following the general procedure A, the product **5e** was obtained in 54% yield (56.6 mg, 0.108 mmol) as a white solid after column chromatography (eluent = Petroleum ether/EtOAc 2:1 v/v). RF (Petroleum ether/EtOAc 2:1): 0.21. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.87 – 8.77 (m, 1H), 8.08 – 7.99 (m, 1H), 7.63 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.57 – 7.50 (m, 3H), 7.43 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.11 (s, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 4.90 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (s, 2H), 1.66 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 6.5 Hz, 6H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -167.10. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.8, 156.5, 151.7, 151.3, 147.6 (d, *J* = 252.0 Hz), 142.3, 139.3, 135.5, 134.8, 133.7, 133.6, 133.6, 133.0, 132.3, 130.4, 129.8, 128.7, 126.9, 124.6, 122.7, 120.8 (d, *J* = 23.2 Hz), 119.1 (d, *J* = 18.6 Hz), 116.4, 114.2, 47.5, 29.4, 22.6. ESI-MS: calculated C₃₀H₂₄ClFN₅O [M+H]⁺ 524.1648; Found 524.1647.

(2-(5-bromo-2-(9-isopropyl-9H-purin-6-yl)benzyl)-3-fluoro-1H-indol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (5f)



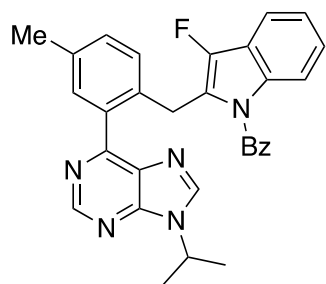
Following the general procedure A, the product **5f** was obtained in 66% yield (75.0 mg, 0.132 mmol) as a white solid after column chromatography (eluent = Petroleum ether/EtOAc 2:1 v/v). RF (Petroleum ether/EtOAc 2:1): 0.22. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.81 (s, 1H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.53 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.46 – 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (h, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (s, 2H), 1.64 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -167.05. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.7, 156.5, 151.7, 151.3, 147.6 (d, *J* = 252.3 Hz), 142.4, 139.4, 134.8, 134.1, 133.7, 133.6, 133.2, 133.0, 132.4, 132.2, 129.9 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 128.7, 124.6, 123.9, 122.7, 120.7 (d, *J* = 23.2 Hz), 119.0 (d, *J* = 18.4 Hz), 116.4, 114.1, 47.5, 29.4, 22.6. ESI-MS: calculated C₃₀H₂₄BrFN₅O [M+H]⁺ 569.1143; Found 568.1142.

(3-fluoro-2-(2-(9-isopropyl-9H-purin-6-yl)-4-methoxybenzyl)-1H-indol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (5g)



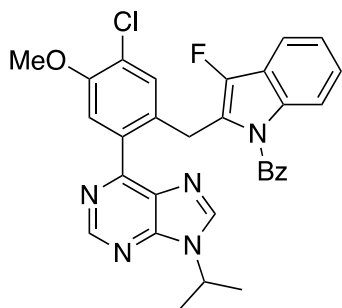
Following the general procedure A, the product **5g** was obtained in 51% yield (53.0 mg, 0.102 mmol) as a brown solid after column chromatography (eluent = Petroleum ether/EtOAc 2:1 v/v). RF (Petroleum ether/EtOAc 2:1): 0.21. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.75 (s, 1H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.59 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.95 – 4.81 (m, 1H), 4.40 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 1.64 (dd, *J* = 12.6, 6.8 Hz, 6H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -167.84. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.0, 158.1 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 157.5, 151.7, 151.2, 147.2 (d, *J* = 251.9 Hz), 142.1, 136.2, 135.1 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz), 133.7 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz), 132.7 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 132.2, 132.0, 129.9, 129.1, 128.6, 124.3, 122.5, 120.7 (d, *J* = 22.6 Hz), 119.0 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz), 116.2, 115.9, 115.3, 113.9, 55.4, 47.4, 28.8, 22.6. ESI-MS: calculated C₃₁H₂₇FN₅O₂ [M+H]⁺ 520.2144; Found 520.2142.

(3-fluoro-2-(2-(9-isopropyl-9H-purin-6-yl)-4-methylbenzyl)-1H-indol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (5h)



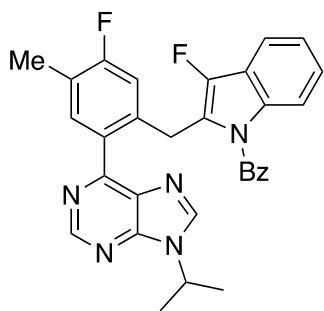
Following the general procedure A, the product **5h** was obtained in 23% yield (23.2 mg, 0.046 mmol) as a white solid after column chromatography (eluent = Petroleum ether/EtOAc 3:1 v/v). RF (Petroleum ether/EtOAc 3:1): 0.19. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.77 (s, 1H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.56 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.47 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.27 (s, 2H), 7.13 – 7.01 (m, 3H), 6.96 (td, $J = 7.7, 7.2, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.79 – 6.72 (m, 1H), 4.89 (p, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.42 (s, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.65 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 6H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -167.64. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.0, 158.0, 151.8, 151.1, 147.4 (d, $J = 251.8$ Hz), 142.0, 136.3, 135.1, 135.0, 133.9, 132.7, 132.3, 131.2, 130.7, 130.2, 129.9, 128.6, 124.3, 122.5, 120.7 (d, $J = 24.6$ Hz), 119.0 (d, $J = 17.9$ Hz), 116.2, 114.0, 100.1, 47.4, 29.2, 22.6, 21.0. ESI-MS: calculated $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{27}\text{FN}_5\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 504.2194; Found 504.2197.

(2-(5-chloro-2-(9-isopropyl-9H-purin-6-yl)-4-methoxybenzyl)-3-fluoro-1H-indol-1-yl)(phenyl) methanone (5i)



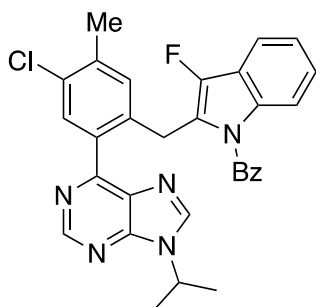
Following the general procedure A, the product **5i** was obtained in 97% yield (107.5 mg, 0.194 mmol) as a white solid after column chromatography (eluent = Petroleum ether/EtOAc 1:1 v/v). RF (Petroleum ether/EtOAc 1:1): 0.23. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.77 (s, 1H), 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H), 7.40 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 (s, 1H), 7.10 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 7.00 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.90 (dt, $J = 13.4, 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.40 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 1.66 (s, 6H). ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -167.37 (s). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.7, 156.5, 153.5, 151.8, 151.3, 147.4 (d, $J = 251.8$ Hz), 142.4, 134.9, 134.7, 133.7 (d, $J = 4.9$ Hz), 133.0, 132.2, 132.1, 130.3, 129.9, 128.7, 124.5, 123.5, 122.7, 121.2 (d, $J = 23.0$ Hz), 119.0 (d, $J = 18.6$ Hz), 116.3 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz), 114.5, 114.2, 56.3, 47.5, 28.8, 22.6. ESI-MS: calculated $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{26}\text{ClFN}_5\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 554.1754; Found 554.1762.

(3-fluoro-2-(5-fluoro-2-(9-isopropyl-9H-purin-6-yl)-4-methylbenzyl)-1H-indol-1-yl)(phenyl) methanone (5j)



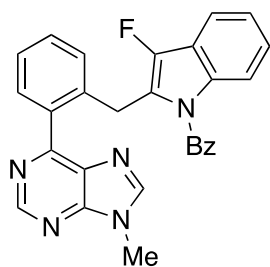
Following the general procedure A, the product **5j** was obtained in 51% yield (53.2 mg, 0.102 mmol) as a white solid after column chromatography (eluent = Petroleum ether/EtOAc 2:1 v/v). RF (Petroleum ether/EtOAc 2:1): 0.24. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.80 (s, 1H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.35 (dd, $J = 17.1, 8.1$ Hz, 3H), 7.10 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.79 (t, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.90 (dt, $J = 13.1, 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.46 (s, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.65 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 6H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -116.21, -167.39. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.8, 161.8 (d, $J = 247.9$ Hz), 157.0, 151.7, 151.2, 147.5 (d, $J = 251.9$ Hz), 142.2, 137.1 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz), 134.9, 134.1 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz), 133.7 (d, $J = 5.4$ Hz), 132.8, 132.3, 130.9 (d, $J = 3.5$ Hz), 129.8, 128.6, 124.5, 123.2 (d, $J = 17.7$ Hz), 122.7, 121.2 (d, $J = 23.1$ Hz), 119.1 (d, $J = 18.5$ Hz), 117.0 (d, $J = 23.4$ Hz), 116.3 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 114.2, 47.4, 29.1, 22.6, 14.2 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz). ESI-MS: calculated $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{26}\text{F}_2\text{N}_5\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 522.2100; Found 522.2102.

(2-(4-chloro-2-(9-isopropyl-9H-purin-6-yl)-5-methylbenzyl)-3-fluoro-1H-indol-1-yl)(phenyl) methanone (5k)



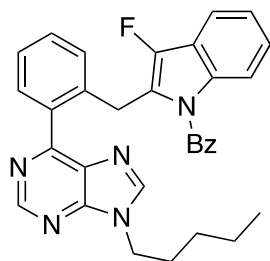
Following the general procedure A, the product **5k** was obtained in 38% yield (40.9 mg, 0.076 mmol) as a white solid after column chromatography (eluent = Petroleum ether/EtOAc 4:1 v/v). RF (Petroleum ether/EtOAc 4:1): 0.19. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.77 (s, 1H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.57 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.37 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.03 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 6.81 – 6.74 (m, 1H), 4.89 (p, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.45 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.65 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -167.42. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.9, 156.2, 151.7, 151.2, 147.3 (d, $J = 252.1$ Hz), 142.3, 137.2, 135.6, 134.9, 134.2, 133.7 (d, $J = 5.4$ Hz), 133.1, 132.9, 132.6, 132.2, 131.2, 129.9, 128.6, 124.4, 122.6, 121.3 (d, $J = 22.9$ Hz), 119.0 (d, $J = 18.8$ Hz), 116.3, 114.0, 47.4, 29.0, 22.5, 19.9. ESI-MS: calculated $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{26}\text{ClFN}_5\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 538.1805; Found 538.1807.

3-fluoro-2-(2-(9-methyl-9H-purin-6-yl)benzyl)-1H-indol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (5m)



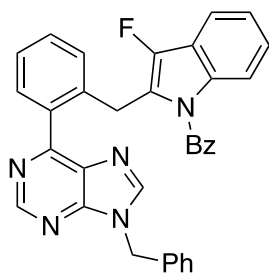
Following the general procedure A, the product **5m** was obtained in 97% yield (89.5 mg, 0.194 mmol) as a white solid after column chromatography (eluent = Petroleum ether/EtOAc 1:1 v/v). RF (Petroleum ether/EtOAc 1:1): 0.17. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.88 (s, 1H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.61 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.44 (m, 4H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 2.5 Hz, 3H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.79 – 6.72 (m, 1H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -167.10. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.9, 157.7, 152.1, 151.8, 147.3 (d, *J* = 251.7 Hz), 144.8, 137.0 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 134.9 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 133.6 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz), 132.7, 132.1, 132.0, 131.7, 130.6 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 129.7, 129.5, 128.5, 126.7, 124.2, 122.4, 121.6 (d, *J* = 23.4 Hz), 119.0 (d, *J* = 18.6 Hz), 116.2 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 113.9 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz), 29.7, 29.3. ESI-MS: calculated C₂₈H₂₁FN₅O [M+H]⁺ 462.1725; Found 462.1723.

(3-fluoro-2-(2-(9-pentyl-9H-purin-6-yl)benzyl)-1H-indol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (5n)



Following the general procedure A, the product **5n** was obtained in 91% yield (94.2 mg, 0.182 mmol) as a white solid after column chromatography (eluent = Petroleum ether/EtOAc 2:1 v/v). RF (Petroleum ether/EtOAc 2:1): 0.21. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.82 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.61 (dd, *J* = 6.3, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 3H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (s, 2H), 4.21 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.93 (p, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.40 (dq, *J* = 10.1, 6.0, 5.2 Hz, 4H), 0.98 – 0.90 (m, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -167.47. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.0, 157.7, 152.0, 151.6, 147.4 (d, *J* = 251.5 Hz), 144.4, 137.1 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 135.1, 135.0, 133.7 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz), 132.7, 131.9, 130.8, 130.7, 129.8, 129.5, 128.6, 126.7, 124.3, 122.5, 121.7 (d, *J* = 23.2 Hz), 119.1 (d, *J* = 18.6 Hz), 116.2 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 114.0, 44.0, 29.7, 29.4, 28.9, 22.3, 14.0. ESI-MS: calculated C₃₂H₂₉FN₅O [M+H]⁺ 518.2351; Found 518.2356.

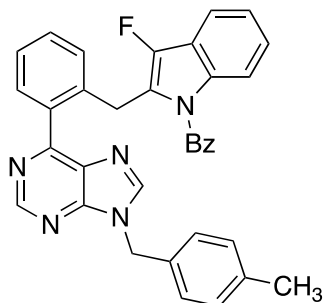
(2-(2-(9-benzyl-9H-purin-6-yl)benzyl)-3-fluoro-1H-indol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (5o)



Following the general procedure A, the product **5o** was obtained in 91% yield (97.8 mg, 0.182 mmol) as a white solid after column chromatography (eluent = Petroleum ether/EtOAc 2:1 v/v). RF (Petroleum ether/EtOAc 2:1): 0.23. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.86 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.64 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.51 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.34 (m, 5H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 4H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.21 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.02 – 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.75 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (s, 2H), 4.52 (s, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -167.53. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.0, 157.9, 152.3, 151.6, 147.3 (d, *J* = 251.7 Hz), 144.2, 137.1, 135.2, 134.9 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 133.7 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz), 132.7, 131.8, 130.8, 130.6, 129.8, 129.6, 129.2, 128.7, 128.5, 128.1, 126.7, 124.3, 122.5, 121.7 (d, *J* = 23.4 Hz), 119.1 (d, *J* = 18.6 Hz), 116.3 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 114.0, 47.3, 29.3. ESI-MS: calculated C₃₄H₂₅FN₅O [M+H]⁺ 538.2038; Found 538.2037.

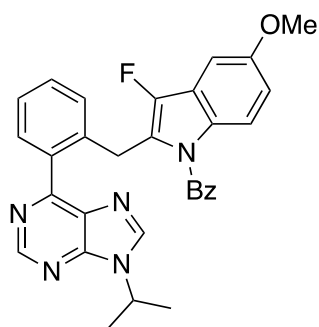
(3-fluoro-2-(2-(9-(4-methylbenzyl)-9H-purin-6-yl)benzyl)-1H-indol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone

(5p)

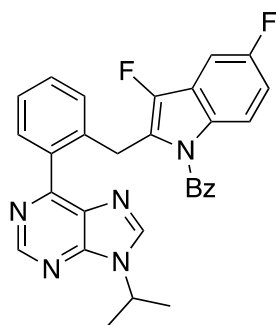


Following the general procedure A, the product **5p** was obtained in 59% yield (65.1 mg, 0.118 mmol) as a white solid after column chromatography (eluent = Petroleum ether/EtOAc 2:1 v/v). RF (Petroleum ether/EtOAc 2:1): 0.23. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.86 (s, 1H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.63 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.52 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 4H), 7.25 (s, 2H), 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (s, 2H), 4.51 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -167.52. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.0, 157.8, 152.2, 151.6, 147.4 (d, *J* = 251.6 Hz), 144.2, 138.6, 137.1, 134.9 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 133.7 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz), 132.7, 132.1, 131.8, 130.8, 130.6, 129.9, 129.8, 129.6, 128.5, 128.1, 126.7, 124.3, 122.5, 121.7 (d, *J* = 23.4 Hz), 119.1 (d, *J* = 18.7 Hz), 116.3 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 114.0, 47.2, 29.3, 21.2. ESI-MS: calculated C₃₅H₂₇FN₅O [M+H]⁺ 552.2194; Found 552.2190.

(3-fluoro-2-(2-(9-isopropyl-9H-purin-6-yl)benzyl)-5-methoxy-1H-indol-1-yl)(phenyl)methano

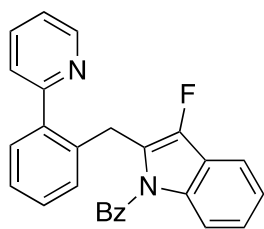
ne (5q)

Following the general procedure A, the product **5q** was obtained in 78% yield (81.0 mg, 0.156 mmol) as a white solid after column chromatography (eluent = Petroleum ether/EtOAc 2:1 v/v). RF (Petroleum ether/EtOAc 2:1): 0.17. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.83 (s, 1H), 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.65 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.93 – 4.85 (m, 1H), 4.48 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 1.65 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -167.00. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.8, 157.8, 155.7, 151.7, 151.2, 147.5 (d, *J* = 251.3 Hz), 142.1, 137.1 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 135.1, 135.0, 132.6, 132.2, 130.8, 130.6, 129.7, 129.5, 128.5, 128.5, 126.7, 122.3 (d, *J* = 23.1 Hz), 119.9 (d, *J* = 17.9 Hz), 115.2 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 113.6, 98.2 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 55.7, 47.4, 29.7, 22.5. ESI-MS: calculated C₃₁H₂₇FN₅O₂ [M+H]⁺ 520.2144; Found 520.2143.

(3,5-difluoro-2-(2-(9-isopropyl-9H-purin-6-yl)benzyl)-1H-indol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (5r)

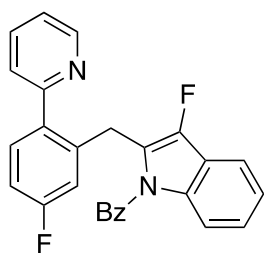
Following the general procedure A, the product **5r** was obtained in 95% yield (96.4 mg, 0.19 mmol) as a white solid after column chromatography (eluent = Petroleum ether/EtOAc 2:1 v/v). RF (Petroleum ether/EtOAc 2:1): 0.22. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.80 (s, 1H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.59 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 6.92 – 6.88 (m, 1H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 4.90 (p, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 2H), 1.65 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -119.28 – -120.60 (m), -166.89. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.7, 158.8 (d, *J* = 240.3 Hz), 157.7, 151.8, 151.2, 146.9 (d, *J* = 251.7 Hz), 142.1, 136.7, 135.2, 134.7, 132.9, 132.2, 130.8 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz), 130.0 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz), 129.8, 129.5, 128.6, 126.9, 123.6 (d, *J* = 22.8 Hz), 119.7 (d, *J* = 18.2 Hz), 115.2 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz), 112.3 (d, *J* = 25.3 Hz), 102.0 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 101.7 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 47.4, 29.7, 22.5. ESI-MS: calculated C₃₀H₂₄F₂N₅O [M+H]⁺ 508.1944; Found 508.1942.

(3-fluoro-2-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)benzyl)-1H-indol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (6a)



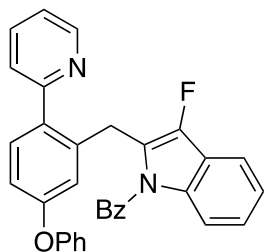
Following the general procedure B, the product **6a** was obtained in 88% yield (71.5 mg, 0.176 mmol) as a white solid after column chromatography (eluent = Petroleum ether/EtOAc 8:1 v/v). RF (Petroleum ether/EtOAc 8:1): 0.20. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.60 – 8.57 (m, 1H), 7.61 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.23 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.17 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.01 – 6.97 (m, 1H), 6.92 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -167.71. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.0, 159.4, 149.0, 147.7 (d, *J* = 251.3 Hz), 140.4, 136.2, 135.9 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 135.1, 133.8 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz), 132.9, 129.9, 129.7, 129.3, 128.6, 128.4, 126.7, 124.5, 123.9, 122.8, 121.8, 121.6 (d, *J* = 23.3 Hz), 119.7 (d, *J* = 18.6 Hz), 116.5 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 114.3 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 28.8. ESI-MS: calculated C₂₇H₂₀FN₂O [M+H]⁺ 407.1554; Found 407.1551.

(3-fluoro-2-(5-fluoro-2-(pyridin-2-yl)benzyl)-1H-indol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (6b)



Following the general procedure B, the product **6b** was obtained in 86% yield (73.0 mg, 0.172 mmol) as a white solid after column chromatography (eluent = Petroleum ether/EtOAc 16:1 v/v). RF (Petroleum ether/EtOAc 16:1): 0.16. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.63 – 8.58 (m, 1H), 7.64 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.57 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.52 – 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.17 (q, *J* = 6.8, 5.9 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 7.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (td, *J* = 8.3, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -113.89 (dt, *J* = 9.5, 4.7 Hz), -167.56. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.9, 162.7 (d, *J* = 247.1 Hz), 158.6, 149.1, 147.9 (d, *J* = 252.0 Hz), 138.8, 136.5, 136.4, 135.0, 133.7, 133.1, 131.6 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 129.6, 128.8, 124.6, 124.0, 122.9, 121.9, 120.8 (d, *J* = 23.4 Hz), 119.6 (d, *J* = 18.6 Hz), 116.6, 116.0 (d, *J* = 22.5 Hz), 114.5, 113.5 (d, *J* = 21.3 Hz), 28.8. ESI-MS: calculated C₂₇H₁₈F₂N₂ONa [M+Na]⁺ 447.1279; Found 447.1286.

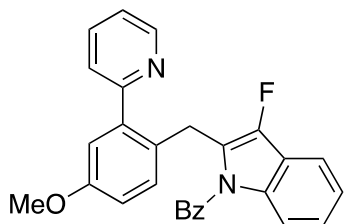
(3-fluoro-2-(5-phenoxy-2-(pyridin-2-yl)benzyl)-1H-indol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (6c)



Following the general procedure B, the product **6c** was obtained in 54% yield (53.8 mg, 0.108 mmol) as a white solid after column chromatography (eluent = Petroleum ether/EtOAc 10:1 v/v). RF (Petroleum ether/EtOAc 10:1): 0.19. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.61 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.5

Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 6.9 Hz, 3H), 7.19 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.04 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.90 – 6.81 (m, 4H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -167.56. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.9, 158.9, 157.1, 157.0, 149.0, 147.8 (d, *J* = 251.8 Hz), 138.2, 136.3, 135.7, 135.0, 133.7, 133.7, 133.0, 131.4, 129.7, 128.7, 124.4, 123.9, 123.2, 122.8, 121.7, 121.2 (d, *J* = 23.3 Hz), 120.0, 119.6 (d, *J* = 18.5 Hz), 118.7, 116.8, 116.5 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 114.3, 28.8. ESI-MS: calculated C₃₃H₂₄FN₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ 499.1817; Found 499.1815.

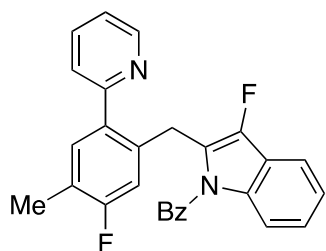
(3-fluoro-2-(2-methoxy-6-(pyridin-2-yl)benzyl)-1H-indol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (6d)



Following the general procedure B, the product **6d** was obtained in 66% yield (57.6 mg, 0.132 mmol) as a white solid after column chromatography (eluent = Petroleum ether/EtOAc 8:1 v/v). RF (Petroleum ether/EtOAc 8:1): 0.18. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

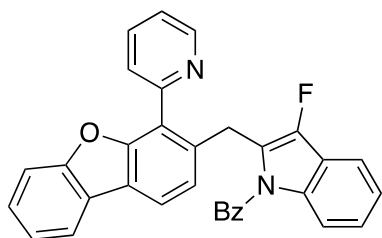
δ 8.57 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (q, *J* = 7.2, 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -167.79. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.0, 159.2, 158.1, 149.0, 147.5 (d, *J* = 251.0 Hz), 141.4, 136.2, 135.1, 133.8, 133.7, 132.9, 130.6, 129.7, 128.6, 127.9, 124.4, 123.8, 122.8, 121.9, 121.9 (d, *J* = 23.1 Hz), 119.7 (d, *J* = 18.6 Hz), 116.4 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 115.3, 114.3, 113.9, 28.1. ESI-MS: calculated C₂₈H₂₂FN₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ 437.1660; Found 437.1661.

(3-fluoro-2-(5-fluoro-4-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)benzyl)-1H-indol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (6e)



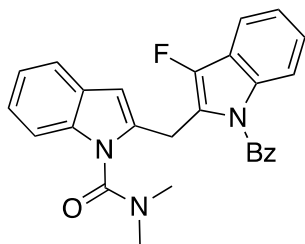
Following the general procedure B, the product **6e** was obtained in 75% yield (65.8 mg, 0.15 mmol) as a white solid after column chromatography (eluent = Petroleum ether/EtOAc 8:1 v/v). RF (Petroleum ether/EtOAc 8:1): 0.21. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.59 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.64 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.50 (dd, *J* = 13.3, 7.8 Hz, 3H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.21 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (s, 2H), 2.22 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -118.38 (t, *J* = 9.4 Hz), -167.73. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.9, 161.2 (d, *J* = 245.9 Hz), 158.7, 149.1, 147.8 (d, *J* = 251.8 Hz), 136.2, 136.1 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 135.7 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 135.6 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 135.0, 133.7 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz), 133.1 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz), 133.0, 129.7, 128.7, 124.5, 123.9, 122.9 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz), 121.8, 121.1 (d, *J* = 23.3 Hz), 119.6 (d, *J* = 18.4 Hz), 116.6 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 115.5 (d, *J* = 23.4 Hz), 114.4 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 28.4, 14.2 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz). ESI-MS: calculated C₂₈H₂₁F₂N₂O [M+H]⁺ 439.1617; Found 439.1616.

(3-fluoro-2-((4-(pyridin-2-yl)dibenzo[b,d]furan-3-yl)methyl)-1H-indol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (6h)



Following the general procedure B, the product **6h** was obtained in 59% yield (58.6 mg, 0.118 mmol) as a yellow solid after column chromatography (eluent = Petroleum ether/EtOAc 10:1 v/v). RF (Petroleum ether/EtOAc 10:1): 0.18. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.72 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.46 (m, 4H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (q, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 4H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.09 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.90 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -167.45. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.0, 156.5, 154.4, 154.1, 149.5, 147.7 (d, *J* = 251.6 Hz), 136.2, 135.9, 135.1, 133.8, 133.0, 129.7, 128.7, 127.0, 125.9, 124.7, 124.5, 124.1 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 123.2, 122.8 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 122.5, 121.6 (d, *J* = 23.1 Hz), 120.6, 120.2, 119.7 (d, *J* = 18.5 Hz), 116.5, 114.4, 111.8, 28.8. ESI-MS: calculated C₃₃H₂₂FN₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ 497.1660; Found 497.1662.

2-((1-benzoyl-3-fluoro-1H-indol-2-yl)methyl)-N,N-dimethyl-1H-indole-1-carboxamide (7a)

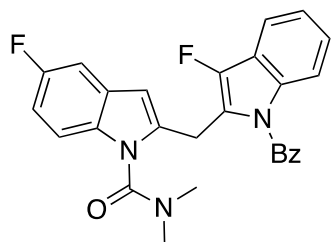


Following the general procedure C, the product **7a** was obtained in 53% yield (46.6 mg, 0.106 mmol) as a brown solid after column chromatography (eluent = Petroleum ether/EtOAc 2:1 v/v). RF

(Petroleum ether/EtOAc 2:1): 0.23. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ

7.60 (dd, $J = 8.1, 5.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.45 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H), 7.34 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, $J = 19.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.17 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 7.05 – 6.99 (m, 2H), 6.70 (dd, $J = 8.5, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.43 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.84 (s, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -167.53. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.5, 155.0, 146.8 (d, $J = 250.0$ Hz), 135.9, 135.0, 133.7 (d, $J = 5.4$ Hz), 133.2, 129.7, 128.8, 128.7, 124.5, 124.3, 123.8, 122.8, 121.9 (d, $J = 24.1$ Hz), 121.76, 119.7 (d, $J = 18.6$ Hz), 118.8 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz), 116.8 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz), 115.4 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz), 114.1 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz), 113.7, 38.2, 20.0. ESI-MS: calculated $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{22}\text{FN}_3\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 462.1588; Found 462.1585.

2-((1-benzoyl-3-fluoro-1H-indol-2-yl)methyl)-5-fluoro-N,N-dimethyl-1H-indole-1-carboxamide (7b)

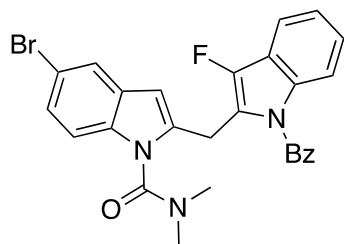


Following the general procedure C, the product **7b** was obtained in 74% yield (67.7 mg, 0.148 mmol) as a brown solid after column chromatography (eluent = Petroleum ether/EtOAc 3:1 v/v). RF

(Petroleum ether/EtOAc 3:1): 0.22. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ

7.63 – 7.51 (m, 3H), 7.46 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.35 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd, $J = 9.1, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.96 (td, $J = 9.1, 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.69 (dd, $J = 8.5, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.39 – 4.35 (m, 2H), 2.84 (s, 6H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -121.46 (td, $J = 9.3, 4.7$ Hz), -168.78. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.5, 158.8 (d, $J = 238.0$ Hz), 154.8, 146.9 (d, $J = 250.4$ Hz), 135.0, 133.8 (d, $J = 5.5$ Hz), 133.3 132.4, 129.7, 129.4 (d, $J = 9.7$ Hz), 128.9, 126.0, 124.5, 122.9, 121.5 (d, $J = 24.0$ Hz), 119.6 (d, $J = 18.6$ Hz), 117.0 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 115.3, 114.8 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz), 114.2 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz), 112.0 (d, $J = 25.7$ Hz), 104.2 (d, $J = 24.2$ Hz), 38.3, 20.0. ESI-MS: calculated $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_2\text{N}_3\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 480.1494; Found 480.1498.

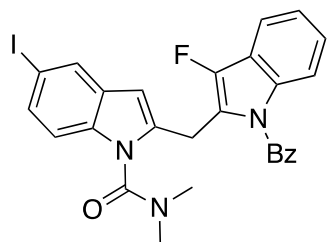
2-((1-benzoyl-3-fluoro-1H-indol-2-yl)methyl)-5-bromo-N,N-dimethyl-1H-indole-1-carboxamide (7c)



Following the general procedure C, the product **7c** was obtained in 76% yield (78.8 mg, 0.152 mmol) as a brown solid after column chromatography (eluent = Petroleum ether/EtOAc 4:1 v/v). RF (Petroleum ether/EtOAc 4:1): 0.17. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ

7.63 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.54 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.20 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 6.75 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.36 (s, 2H), 2.84 (s, 6H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -168.66. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.5, 154.5, 146.9 (d, $J = 247.0$ Hz), 134.9, 134.7, 133.8 (d, $J = 5.4$ Hz), 133.3, 130.4, 129.7, 128.9, 126.8, 125.6, 124.6, 123.0, 121.6 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz), 121.3 (d, $J = 24.0$ Hz), 119.7 (d, $J = 18.4$ Hz), 117.0 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 115.3, 115.1, 115.0 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz), 114.3 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz), 38.3, 19.9. ESI-MS: calculated $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{21}\text{BrFN}_3\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 540.0693; Found 540.0706.

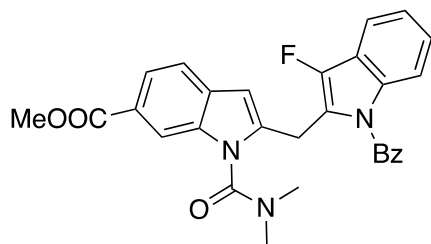
2-((1-benzoyl-3-fluoro-1H-indol-2-yl)methyl)-5-iodo-N,N-dimethyl-1H-indole-1-carboxamide (7d)



Following the general procedure C, the product **7d** was obtained in 39% yield (44.1 mg, 0.078 mmol) as a brown solid after column chromatography (eluent = Petroleum ether/EtOAc 4:1 v/v). RF (Petroleum ether/EtOAc 4:1): 0.16. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ

7.71 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.48 (ddd, $J = 16.1, 8.5, 1.6$ Hz, 3H), 7.42 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.21 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.05 (td, $J = 7.7, 7.0, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.78 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.34 (s, 2H), 2.84 (s, 6H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -168.67. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.5, 154.5, 146.9 (d, $J = 250.3$ Hz), 135.2, 134.9, 133.8 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz), 133.3, 132.3, 131.0, 129.7, 128.9, 127.8, 125.1, 124.6, 123.0, 121.3 (d, $J = 23.9$ Hz), 119.7 (d, $J = 18.8$ Hz), 117.0 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz), 115.7, 114.8 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz), 114.3 (d, $J = 0.9$ Hz), 85.6, 38.3, 19.9. ESI-MS: calculated $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{21}\text{FIN}_3\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 588.0554; Found 588.0563.

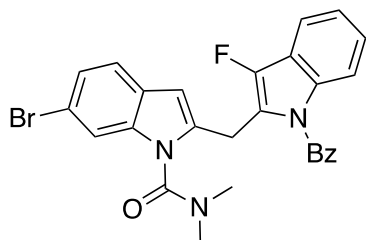
Methyl 2-((1-benzoyl-3-fluoro-1H-indol-2-yl)methyl)-1-(dimethylcarbamoyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylate (7f)



Following the general procedure C, the product **7f** was obtained in 76% yield (75.6 mg, 0.152 mmol) as a brown solid after column chromatography (eluent = Petroleum ether/EtOAc 3:1 v/v). RF (Petroleum ether/EtOAc 3:1):

0.24. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.28 (s, 1H), 7.82 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.33 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 7.02 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dd, $J = 8.5, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.44 (s, 2H), 3.90 (s, 43H), 2.86 (s, 6H). $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -168.71. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.4, 167.7, 154.3, 146.9 (d, $J = 250.4$ Hz), 135.2, 134.9, 133.7 (d, $J = 5.4$ Hz), 133.3, 132.2, 129.6, 128.9, 127.6, 125.6, 124.5, 122.9 (d, $J = 5.7$ Hz), 121.4 (d, $J = 24.0$ Hz), 119.6 (d, $J = 18.6$ Hz), 118.6, 116.9 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 115.5, 115.5 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz), 114.2 (d, $J = 1.3$ Hz), 100.0, 52.1, 38.2, 20.0. ESI-MS: calculated $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{24}\text{FN}_3\text{O}_4\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 520.1643; Found 520.1640.

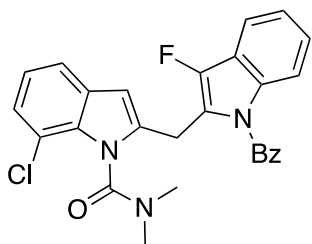
2-((1-benzoyl-3-fluoro-1H-indol-2-yl)methyl)-6-bromo-N,N-dimethyl-1H-indole-1-carboxamide (7g)



Following the general procedure C, the product **7g** was obtained in 54% yield (56.0 mg, 0.108 mmol) as a brown solid after column chromatography (eluent = Petroleum ether/EtOAc 4:1 v/v). RF (Petroleum ether/EtOAc 4:1): 0.22. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz,

CDCl_3) δ 7.81 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.41 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.36 (dd, $J = 7.5, 3.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 (dd, $J = 8.4, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.19 (td, $J = 7.4, 3.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 – 6.99 (m, 1H), 6.97 (d, $J = 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.40 (s, 2H), 2.83 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 6H). $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -168.84. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.4, 154.4, 146.9 (d, $J = 250.3$ Hz), 136.6, 134.9, 133.7 (d, $J = 5.5$ Hz), 133.3, 129.7, 128.9, 127.5, 125.1, 125.0, 124.5, 122.9, 121.5 (d, $J = 24.0$ Hz), 120.0 (d, $J = 1.3$ Hz), 119.6 (d, $J = 18.5$ Hz), 117.7, 116.9, 116.9, 115.4 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz), 114.2 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz), 38.2, 19.9. ESI-MS: calculated $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{21}\text{BrFN}_3\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 540.0693; Found 540.0699.

2-((1-benzoyl-3-fluoro-1H-indol-2-yl)methyl)-7-chloro-N,N-dimethyl-1H-indole-1-carboxamide (7h)

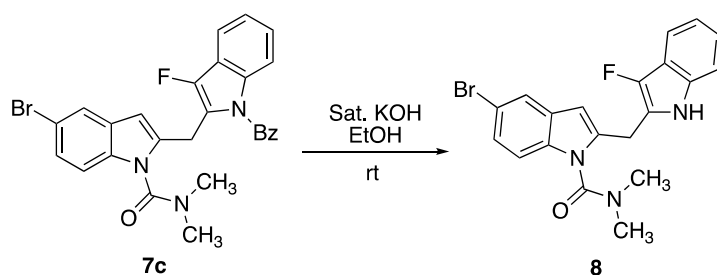


Following the general procedure C, the product **7h** was obtained in 73% yield (69.2 mg, 0.146 mmol) as a brown solid after column chromatography (eluent = Petroleum ether/EtOAc 4:1 v/v). RF (Petroleum ether/EtOAc 4:1): 0.23. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.57 (dd, $J = 18.8, 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.44 (s, 2H), 7.36 (q, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 3H), 7.19 (dt, $J = 7.6, 3.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.02 (q, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 6.68 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.43 (s, 2H), 3.05 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -168.95. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.3, 153.5, 146.8 (d, $J = 250.2$ Hz), 134.9, 133.7 (d, $J = 5.4$ Hz), 133.3, 131.9, 130.4, 129.8, 128.8, 125.5, 124.4, 124.3, 122.8, 122.0, 121.7 (d, $J = 23.9$ Hz), 119.6 (d, $J = 18.6$ Hz), 117.8 (d, $J = 1.0$ Hz), 117.5, 116.9 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz), 115.0 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz), 114.1 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz), 37.8, 36.7, 20.1. ESI-MS: calculated $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{21}\text{ClFN}_3\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 496.1198; Found 496.1198.

4. Synthetic application of the product

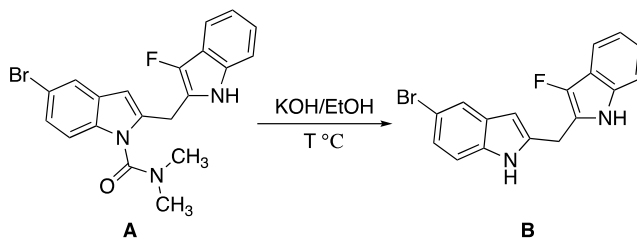
4.1 Gram- Scale Synthesis

In an oven-dried Schlenk tube under atmosphere of N₂, a mixture of the substrates **1a** (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), (3,3-difluoro-2-methyleneindolin-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone **4a** (325.2 mg, 1.2 mmol, 1.1 equiv), [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (15.5 mg, 0.025 mmol, 2.5 mmol%), AgSbF₆ (34.3 mg, 0.1 mmol, 10.0 mmol%), AgF (63.0 mg, 0.5 mmol, 0.5 equiv), AgBF₄ (98.0 mg, 0.5 mmol, 0.5 equiv), Ca(OH)₂ (74 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and DCE (5.0 mL) was stirred at 120 °C for 2 h. The reaction mixture was then diluted with DCM (30 mL) and washed with H₂O. The aqueous phase was extracted with DCM again. The organic layers were combined, washed with brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 2:1) to give **5a** (427.2 mg, 87%).

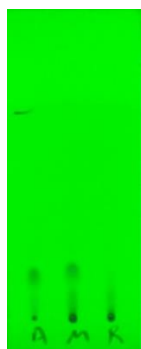


Preparation of a complex **8** was carried out according to the reported Li's procedure:^[6] Compound **7c** (0.2 mmol) was charged to an oven-dried Schlenk tube. To the vial was then added 5.6 mL of Ethanol (99%) and 1.8 mL of saturated aqueous KOH solution. The mixture stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. The solution was then diluted with NH₄Cl solution and DCM. The phases were separated and the aqueous phase was reextracted with DCM. The organic layers were combined, washed with brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. The pure product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 4:1) to afford the pure product **8** as a brown solid. (69.1 mg, 83%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.55 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.20 (s, 2H), 7.14 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 7.08 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 4.16 (s, 2H), 2.90 (s, 6H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -178.71 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.4, 135.2, 131.6 (d, J = 6.1 Hz), 128.8, 124.9, 124.1 (d, J = 16.6 Hz), 121.8, 121.1, 119.5, 119.3, 118.2 (d, J = 13.3 Hz), 117.6 (d, J = 16.2 Hz), 116.1 (d, J = 2.5 Hz), 112.8 (d, J = 5.0 Hz), 112.6, 111.5, 111.0, 49.3 (dp, J = 42.9, 21.4 Hz), 20.1. ESI-MS: calculated C₂₀H₁₇BrFN₃ONa [M+Na]⁺ 436.0437; Found 436.0483.

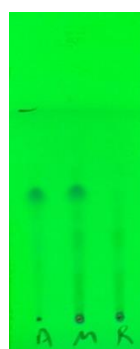
Note: we have also tried the removal of *N,N*-dimethyl-carboxamide substituent in **7c**. The results are shown in the table below, we repeated similar reaction conditions reported in the literature, unfortunately, the substituent of *N,N*-dimethyl-carboxamide in **7c** cannot be removed.



| Reaction conditions | | Mw (A) | mmol | m(mg) | V (Base) | T (°C) | results |
|---------------------|------------------------|--------|------|-------|----------|--------|---------|
| 1 | Sat. KOH/EtOH = 1/3 | 414.28 | 0.1 | 41.4 | 3.6 mL | 60 °C | fail |
| 2 | Sat. KOH/EtOH = 1/3 | 414.28 | 0.1 | 41.4 | 3.6 mL | 35 °C | fail |
| 3 | Sat. KOH/EtOH = 1/3 | 414.28 | 0.1 | 41.4 | 3.6 mL | 25 °C | fail |
| 4 | 1 mol/L KOH/EtOH = 1/3 | 414.28 | 0.1 | 41.4 | 3.6 mL | 35 °C | fail |

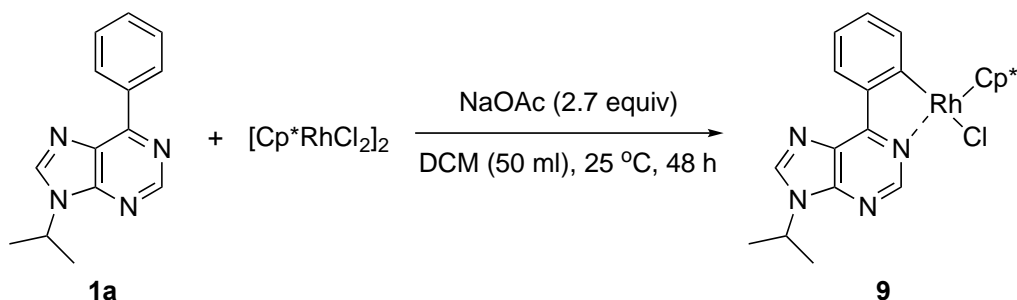


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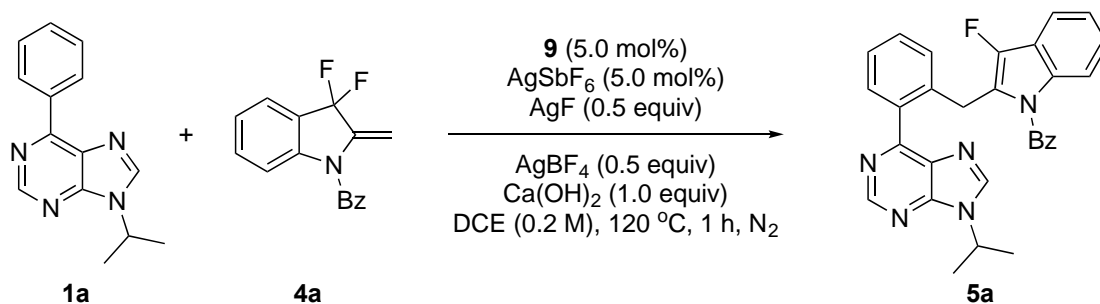


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5. Mechanistic experiments



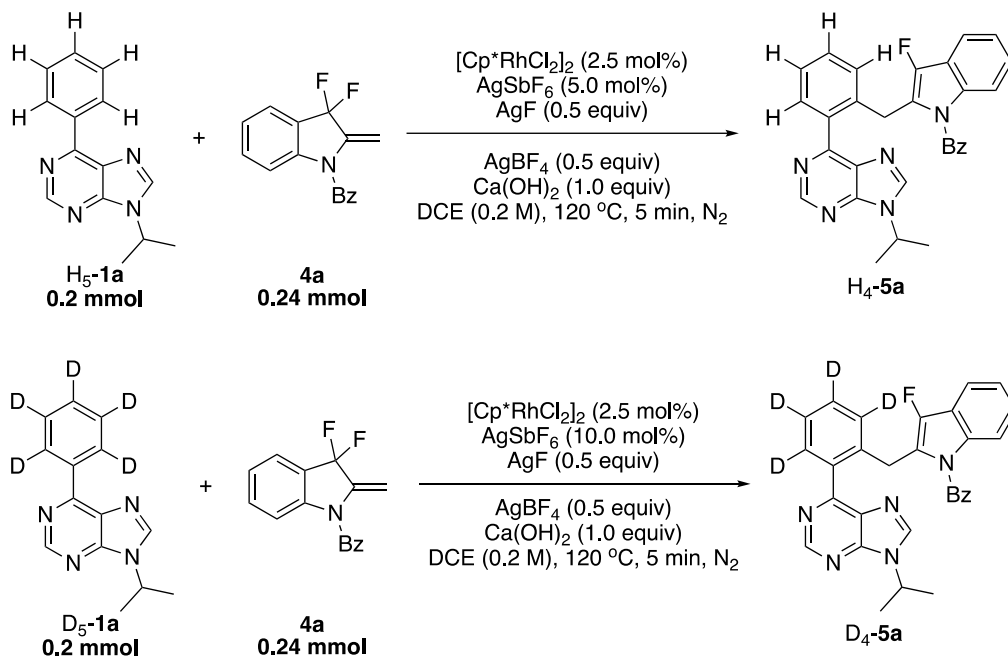
Preparation of a complex **9** was carried out according to the reported Kim's procedure:^[5] A solution of 6-arylpyrimine **1a** (47.6 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ (61.8 mg, 0.1 mmol, 0.5 equiv) and NaOAc (44.3 mg, 0.54 mmol, 2.7 equiv) in CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL) was stirred at room temperature under atmosphere of N_2 for 48 h. The crude mixture was filtered through a pad of celite washing with CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL x 2) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 4:1) to give the desired product (51.4 mg, 69% yield).



In an oven-dried Schlenk tube under atmosphere of N_2 , a mixture of the substrates **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), (3,3-difluoro-2-methyleneindolin-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone **4a** (59.6 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1.2 equiv), rhodium complex **9** (3.8 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5.0 mmol%), AgSbF_6 (3.43 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5.0 mmol%), AgBF_4 (19.4 mg, 0.1 mmol, 0.5 equiv), AgF (12.6 mg, 0.1 mmol, 0.5 equiv), $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$ (14.8 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and DCE (1.0 mL) was stirred at 120 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was then diluted with DCM (10.0 mL) and washed with H_2O . The aqueous phase was extracted with DCM again. The organic layers were combined, washed with brine and dried

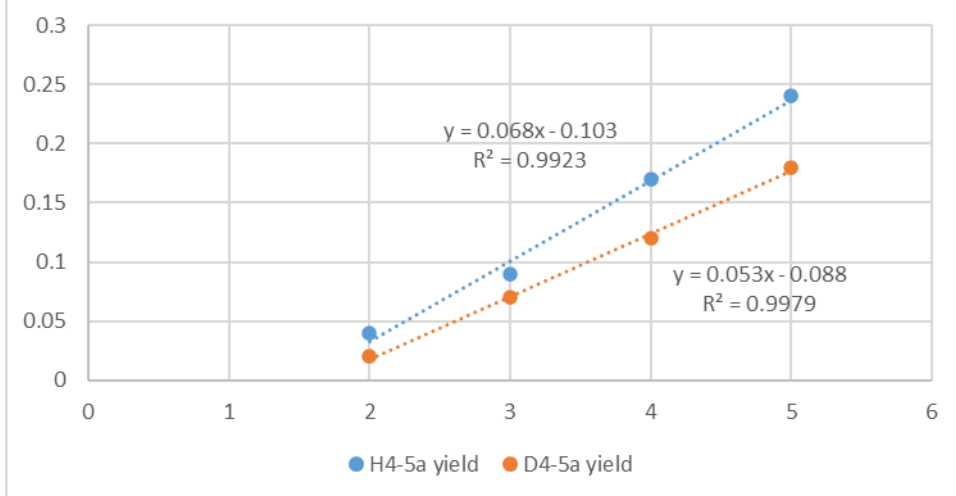
over Na₂SO₄. The pure product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 2:1) to afford the pure product **5a** (55.8 mg, 57%).

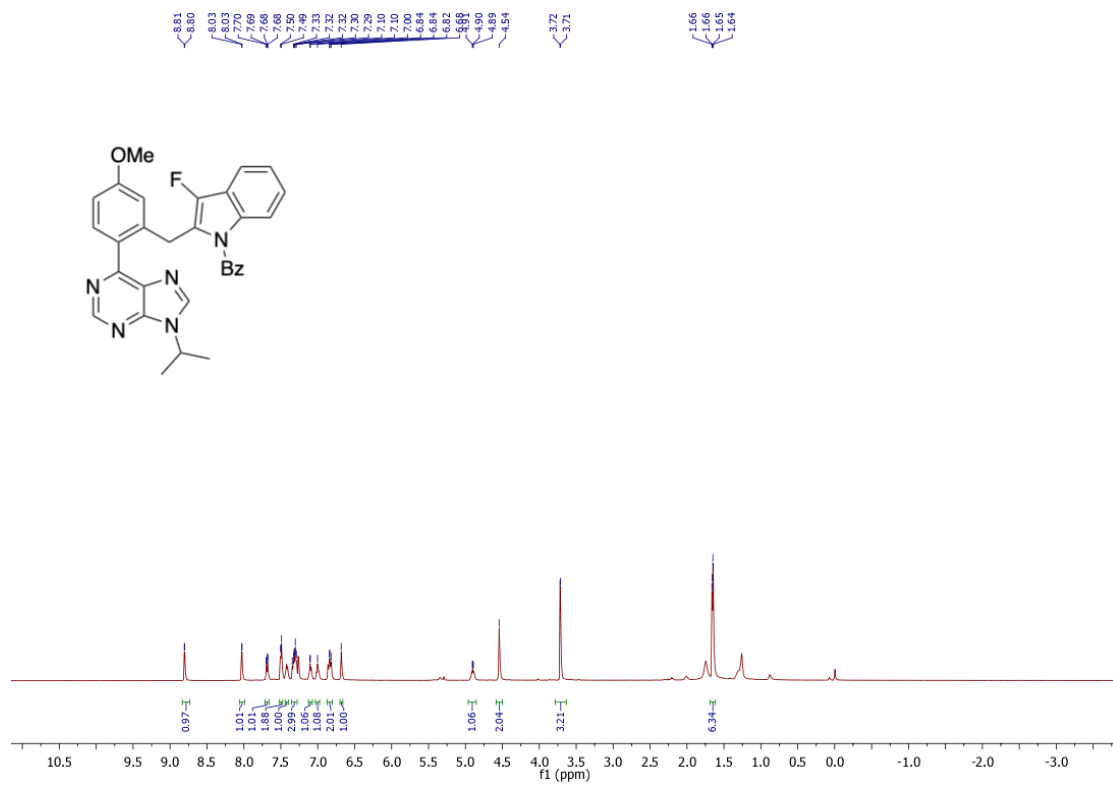
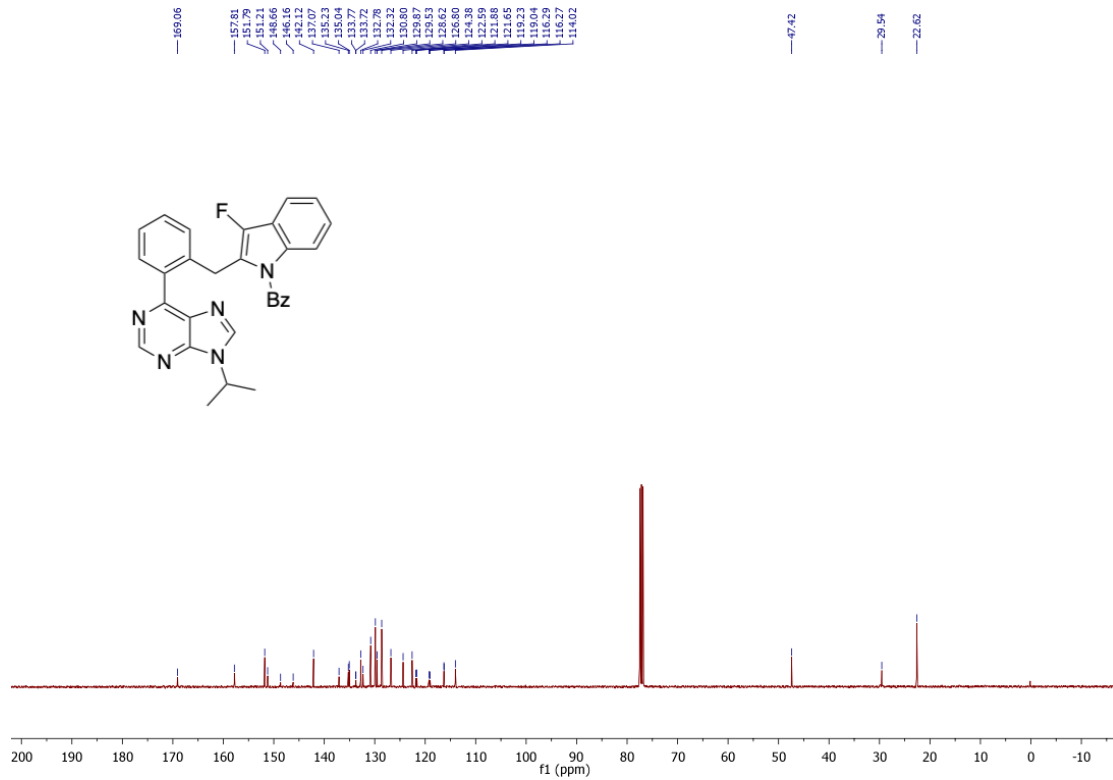
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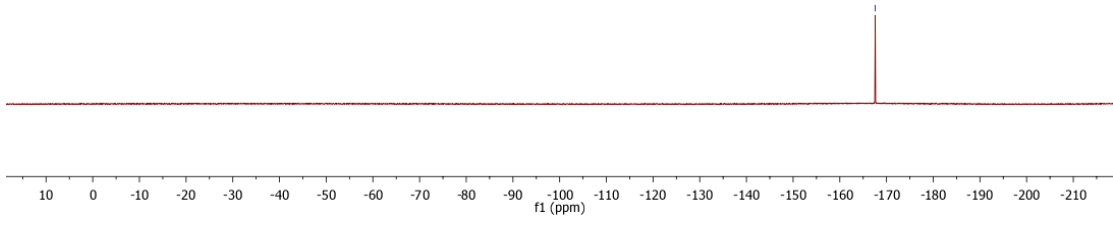
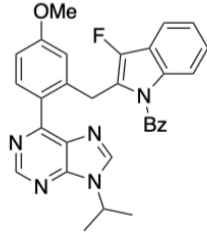
Following general procedure A, to a 15 mL-schlenk tube charged with a stirring bar under atmosphere of N₂, were added 6-arylpyrine **1a** (47.6 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), (3,3-difluoro-2-methyleneindolin-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone **4a** (65.0 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), [Cp^{*}RhCl₂]₂ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (6.86 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10.0 mmol%), AgBF₄ (19.4 mg, 0.1 mmol, 0.5 equiv), AgF (12.6 mg, 0.1 mmol, 0.5 equiv), Ca(OH)₂ (14.8 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and DCE (1.0 mL). In another reaction vessel, (D₅)-**1a** (48.6 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was used instead of **1a**. The two reactions were allowed to stir at 120 °C. An aliquot of each reaction mixture was taken at the time of 2 min, 3 min, 4 min, and 5 min. The corresponding yield of each product was determined by ¹H NMR. A kinetic isotope effect value $K^H/K^D = 0.068/0.053 = 1.3$ was obtained

KIE experiment





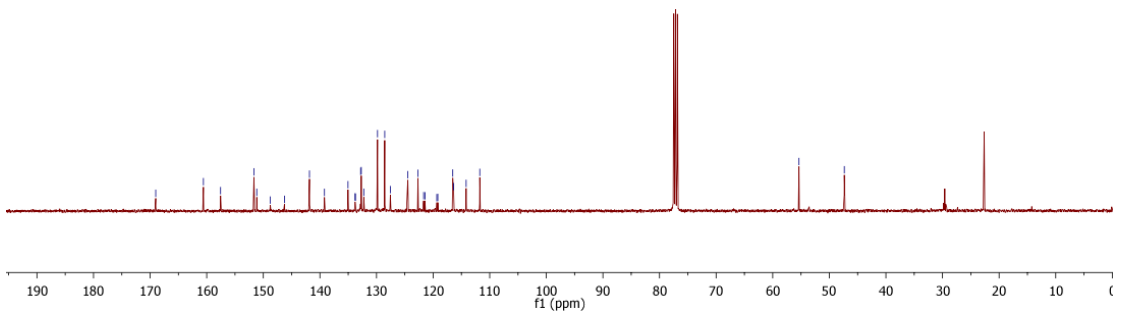
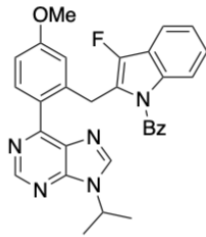
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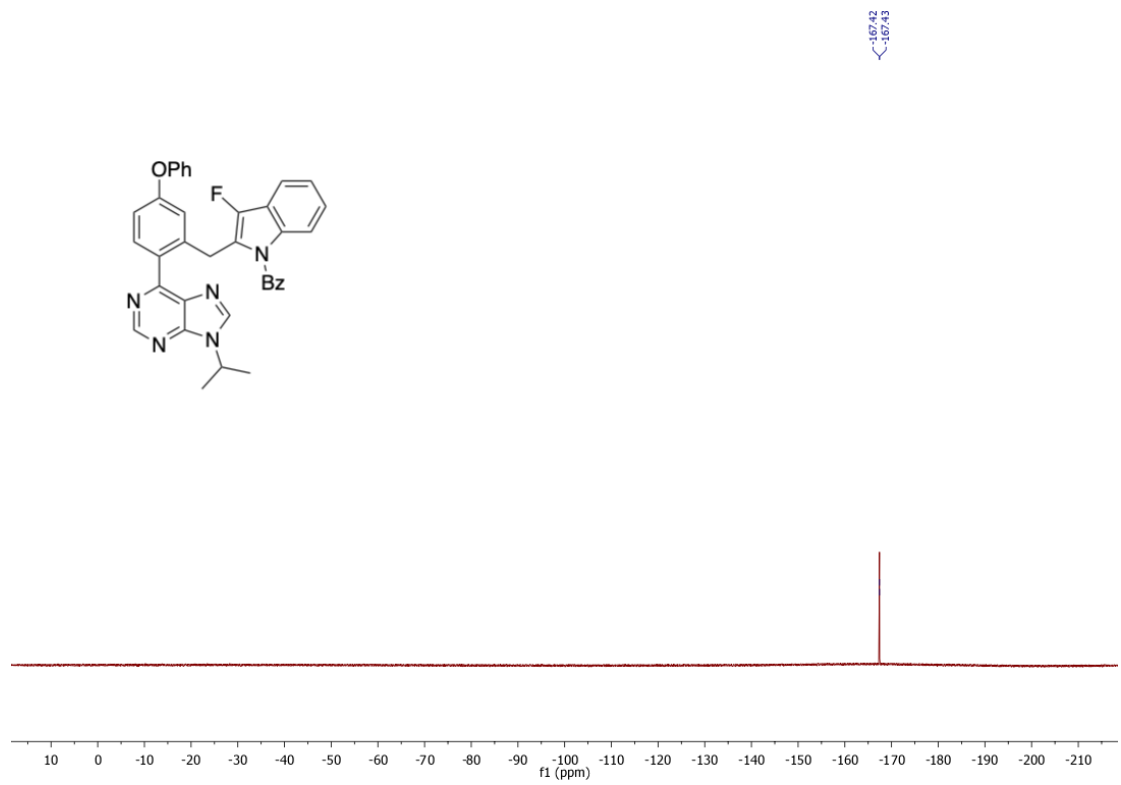
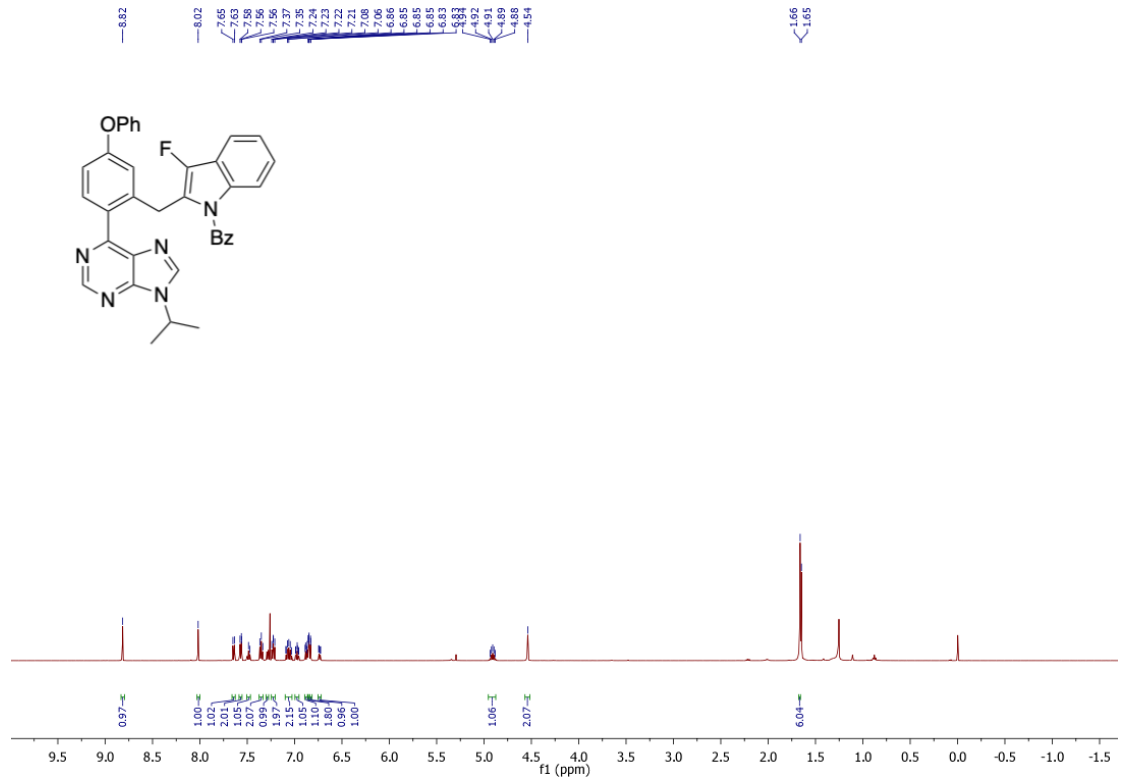
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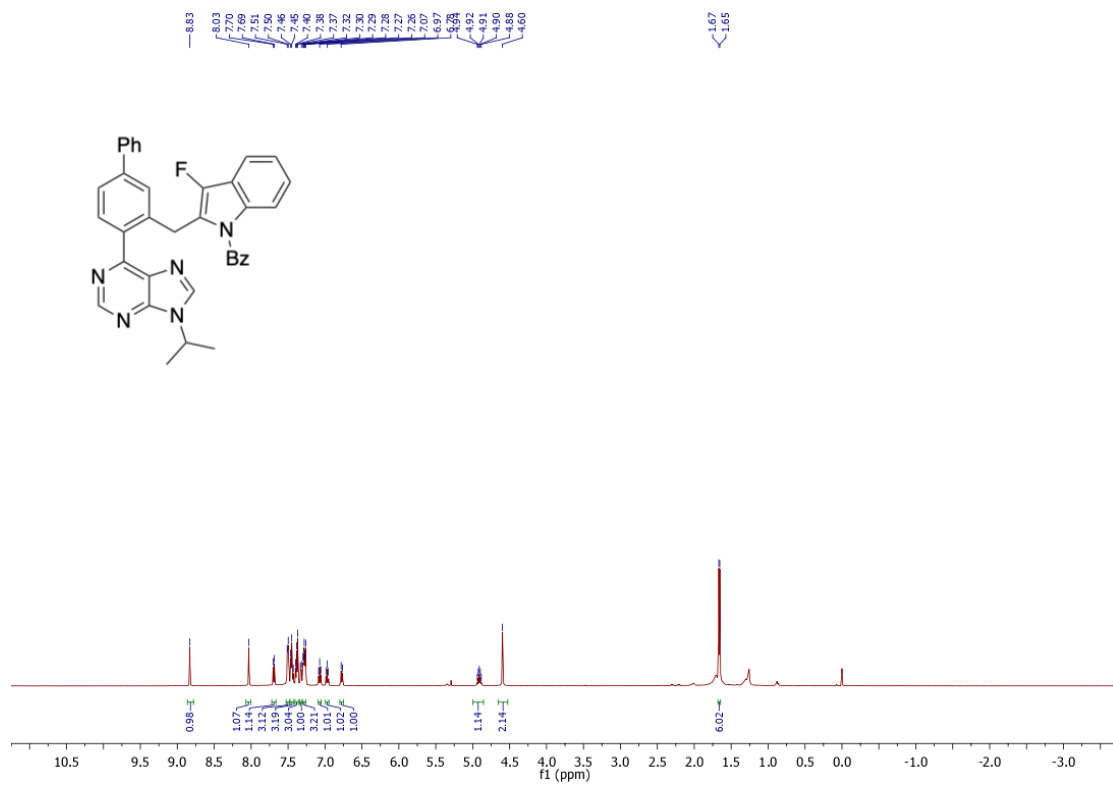
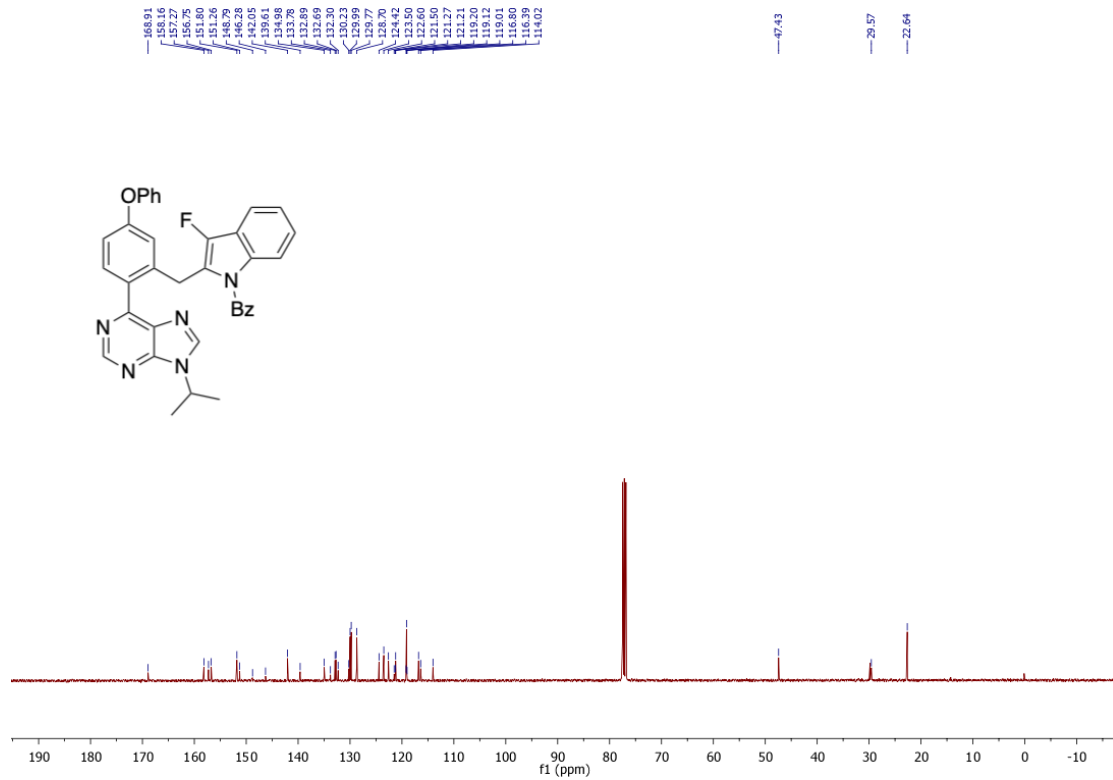
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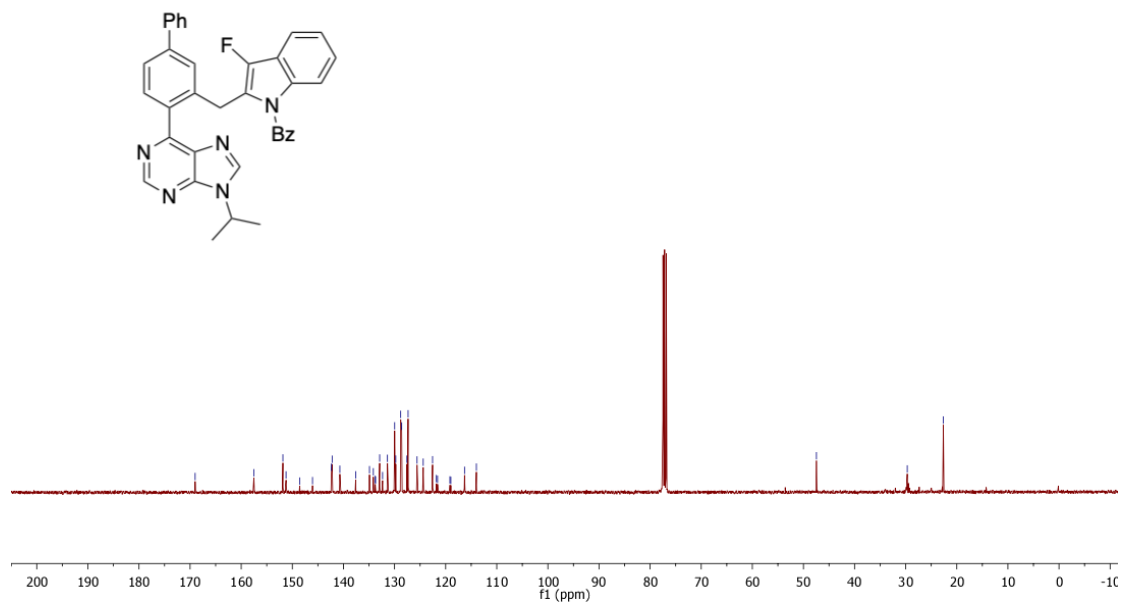
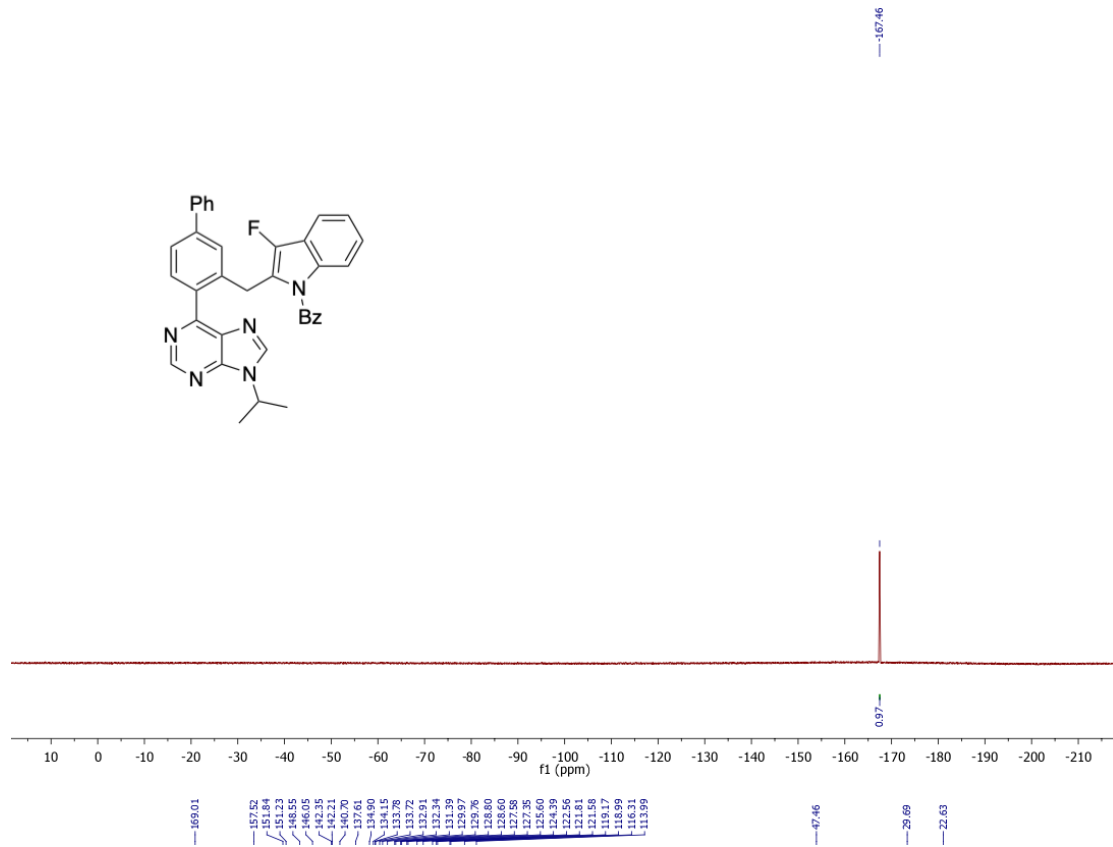
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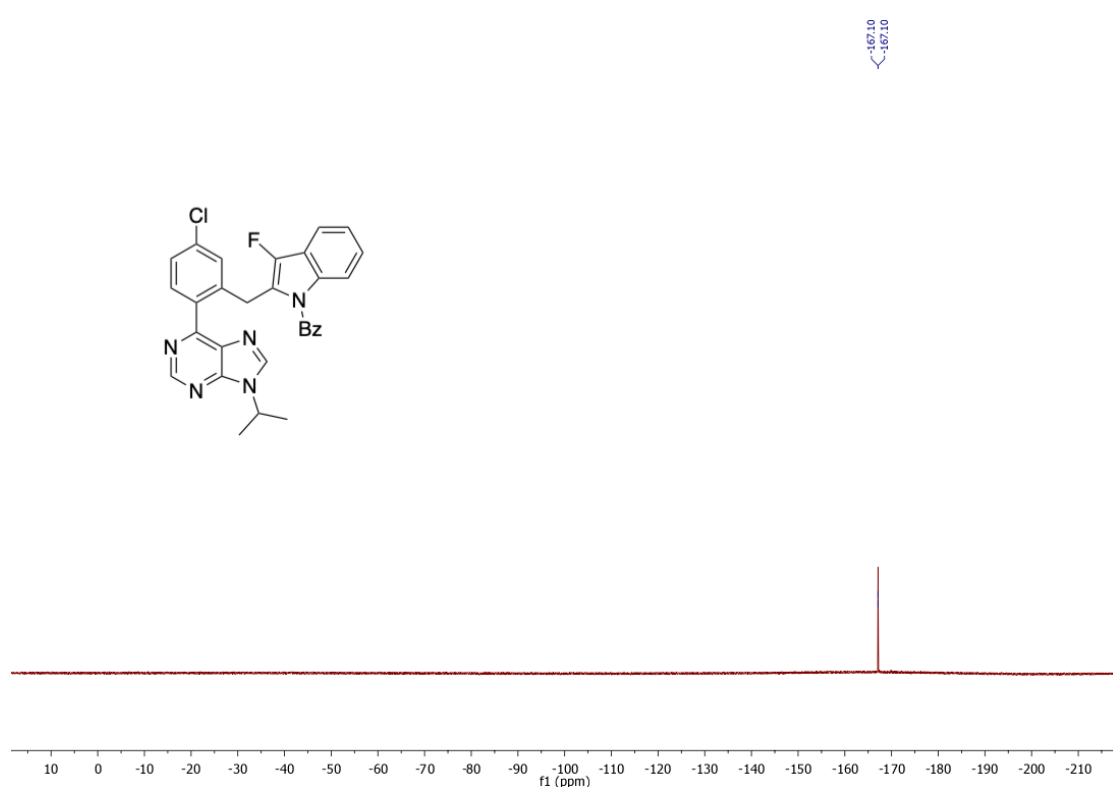
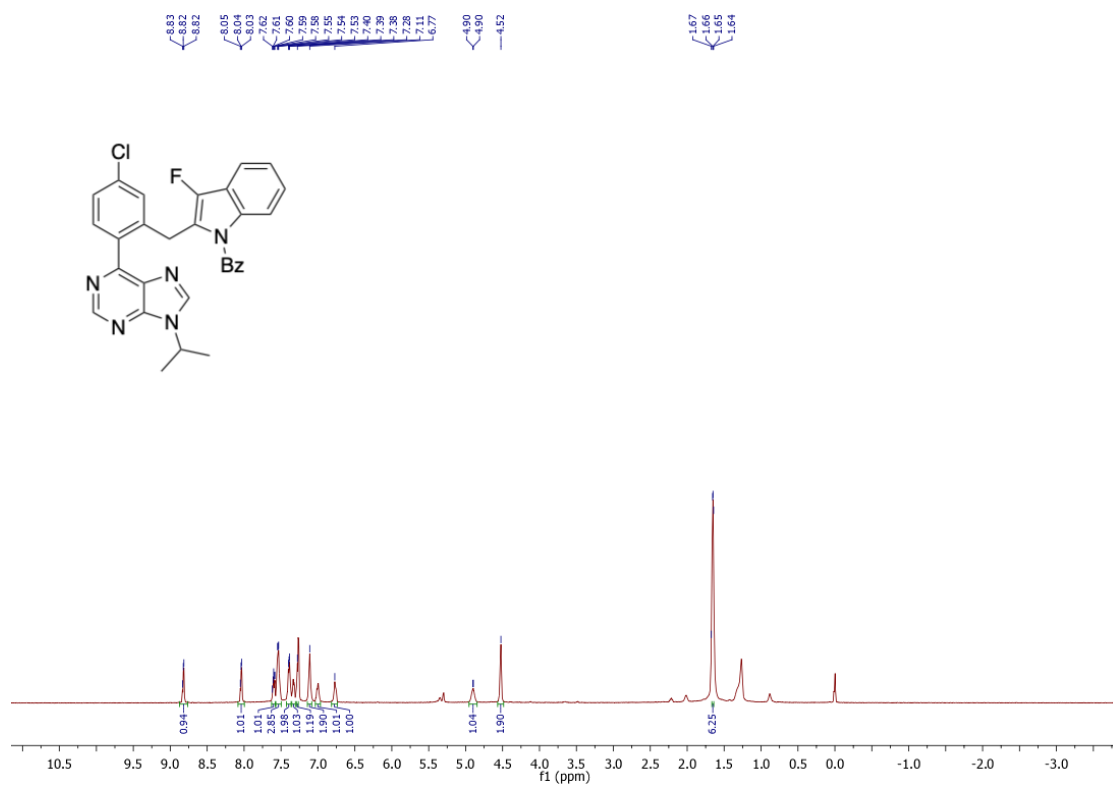


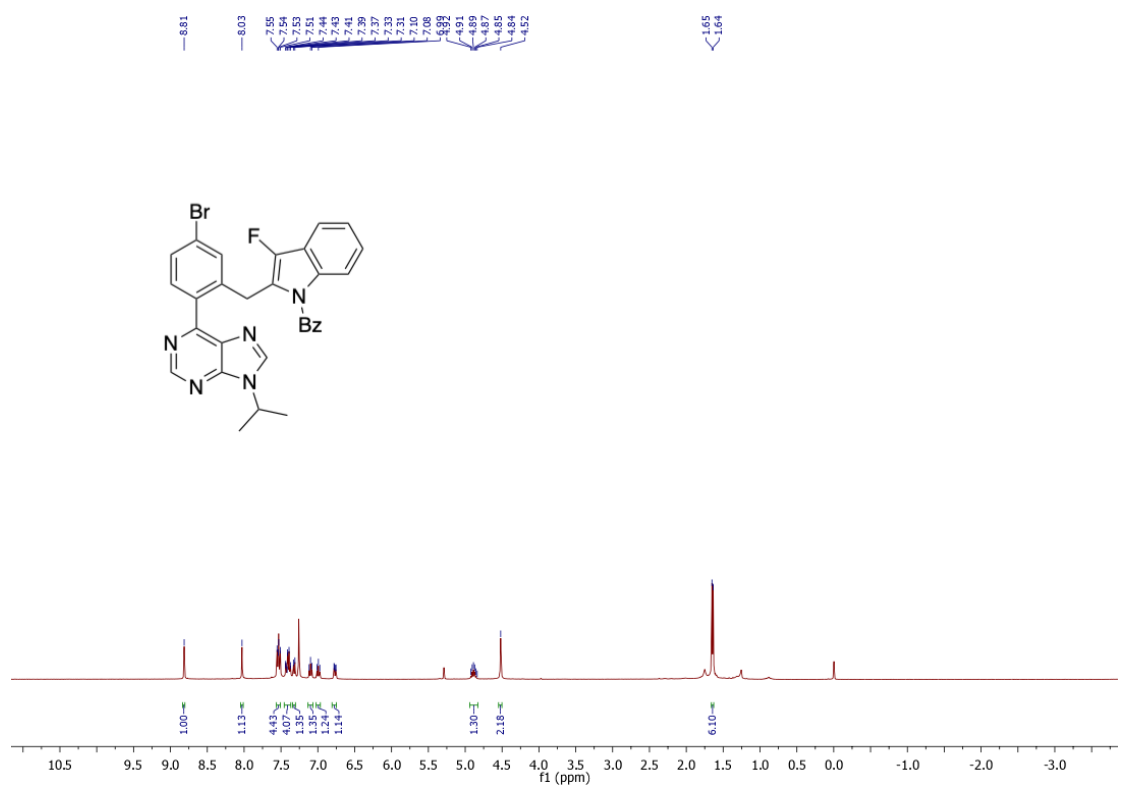
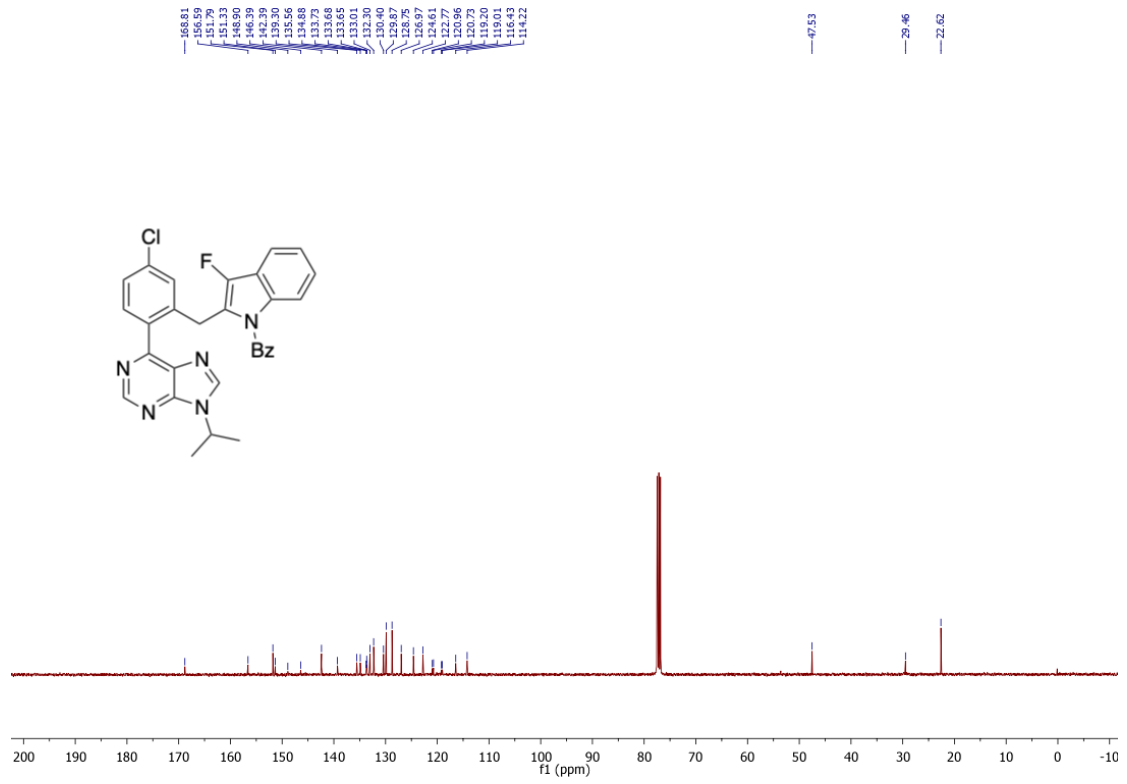
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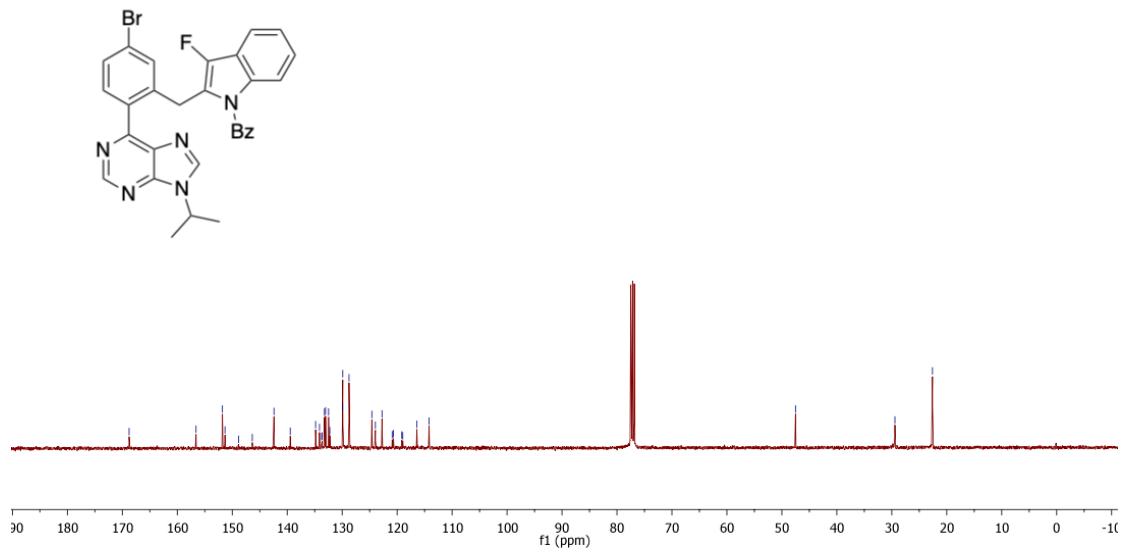
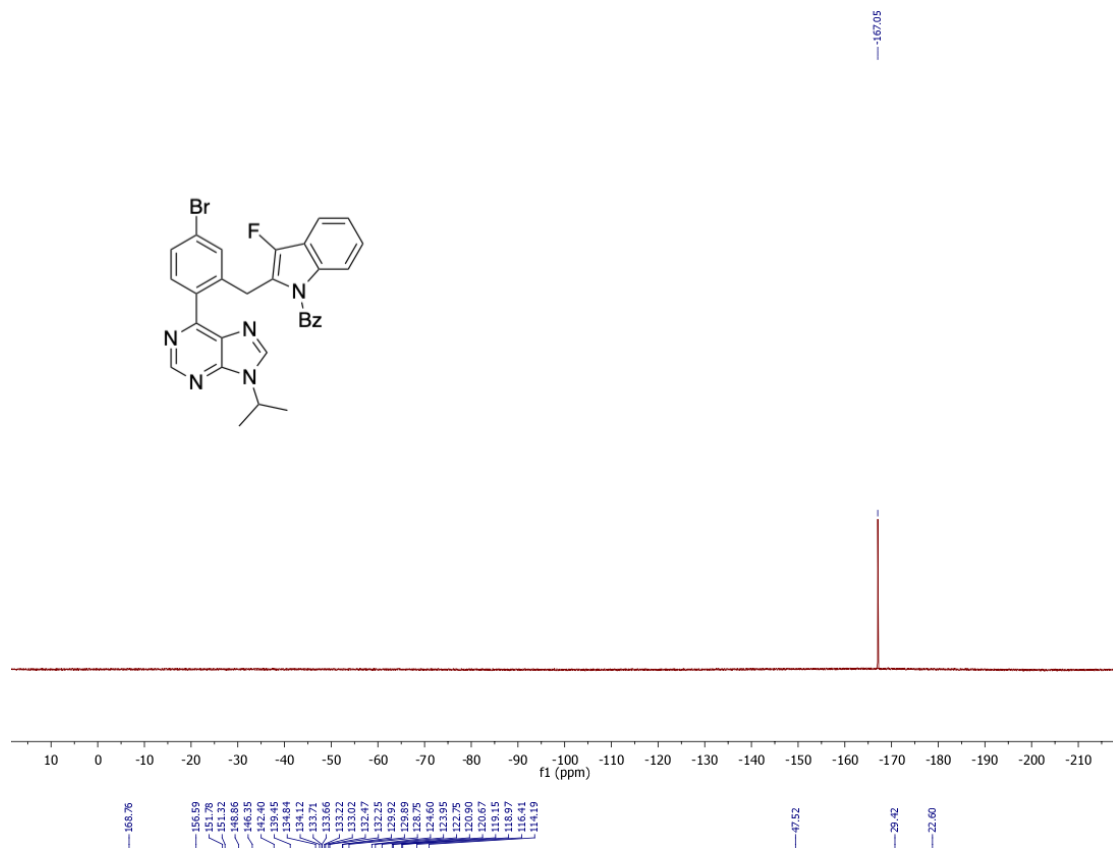




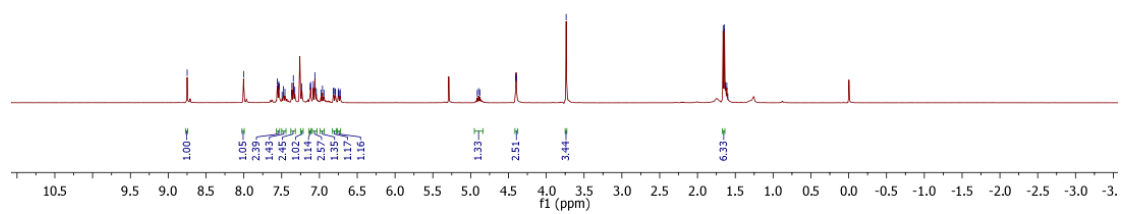
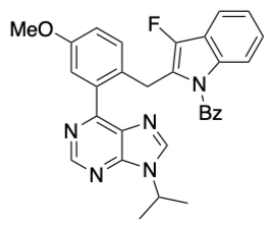




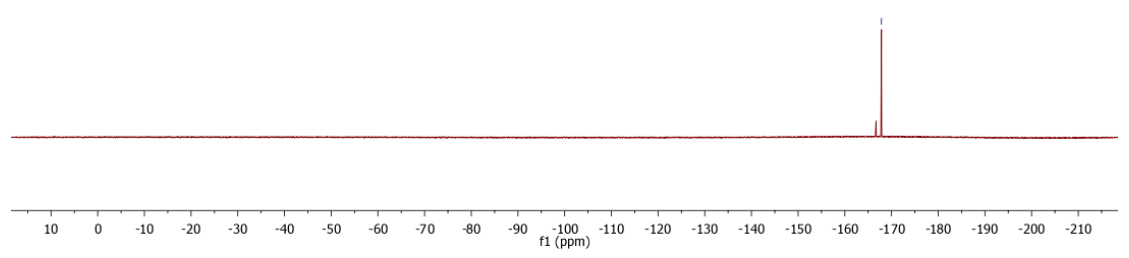
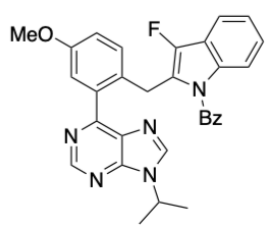


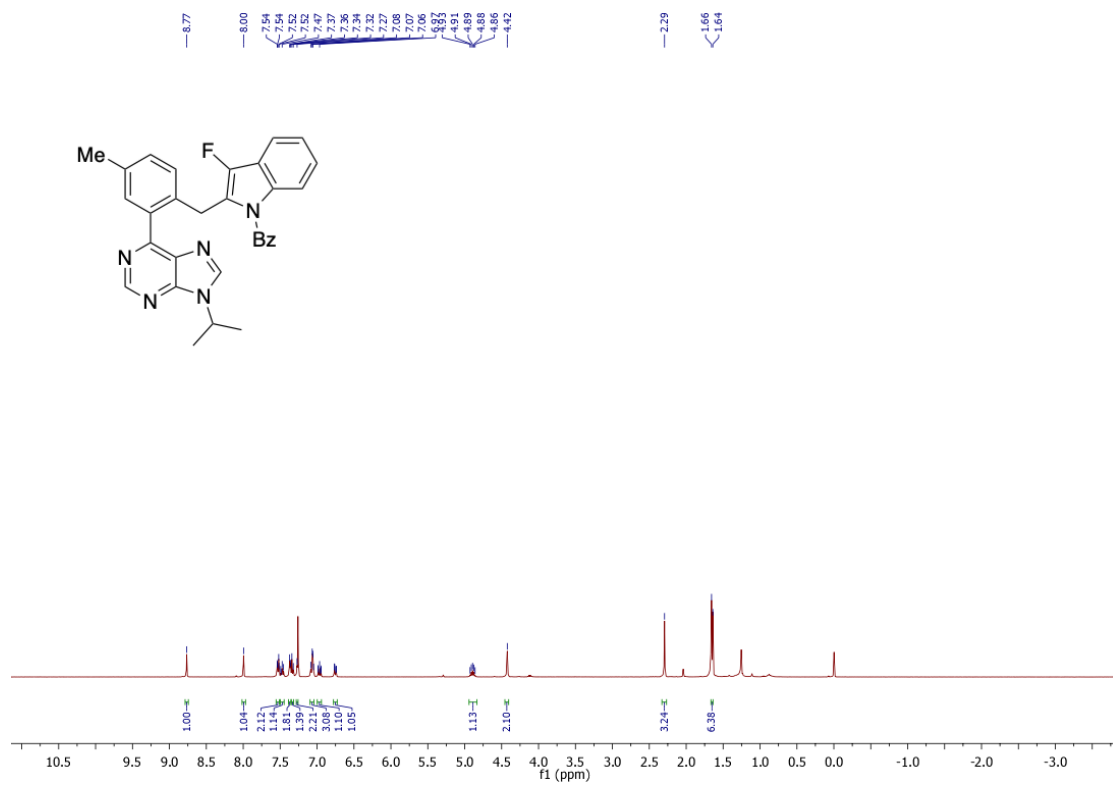
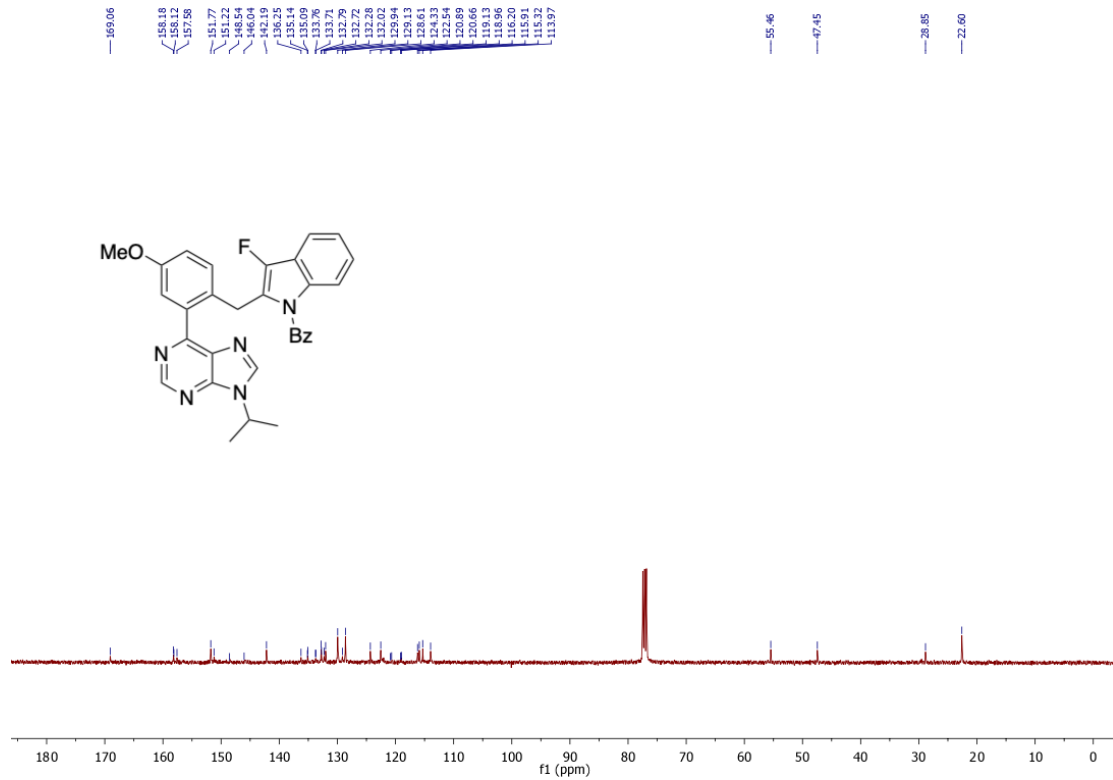


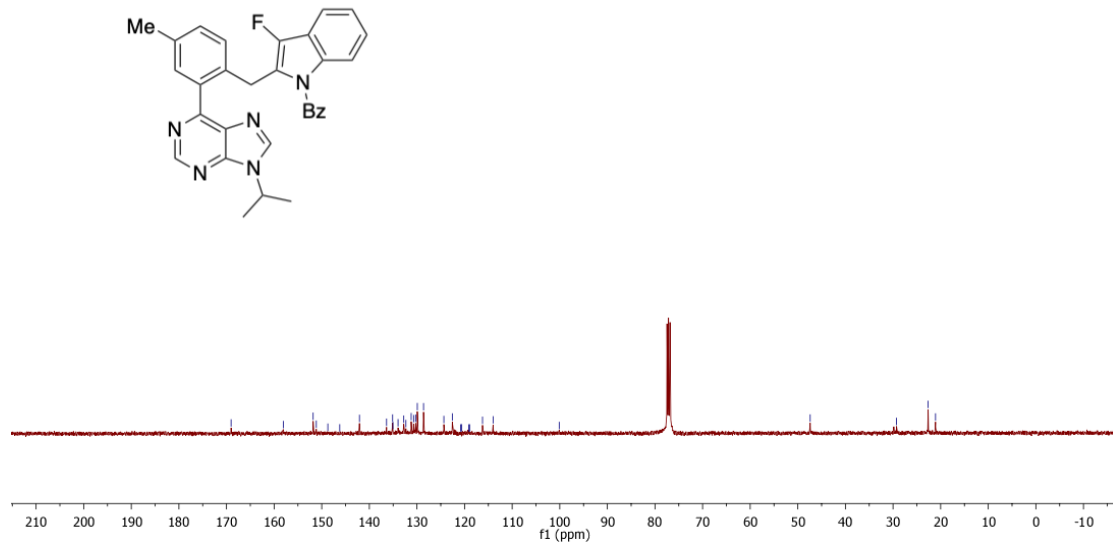
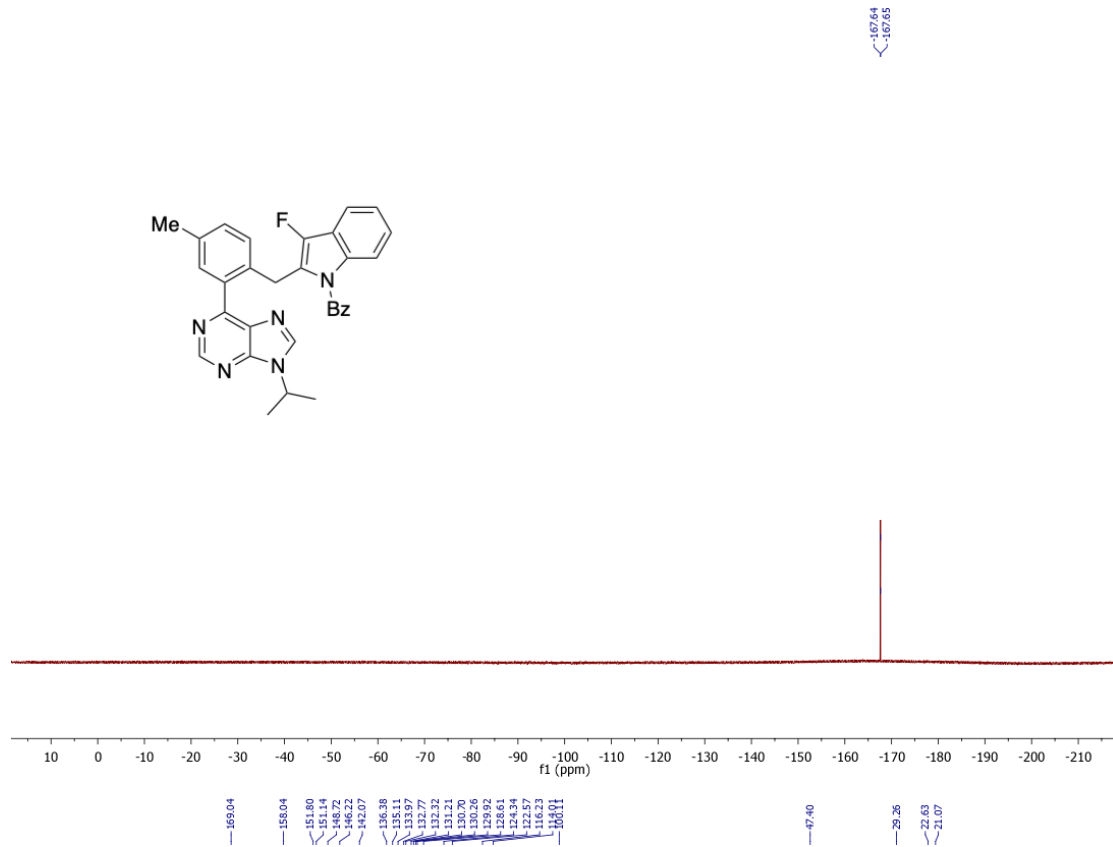
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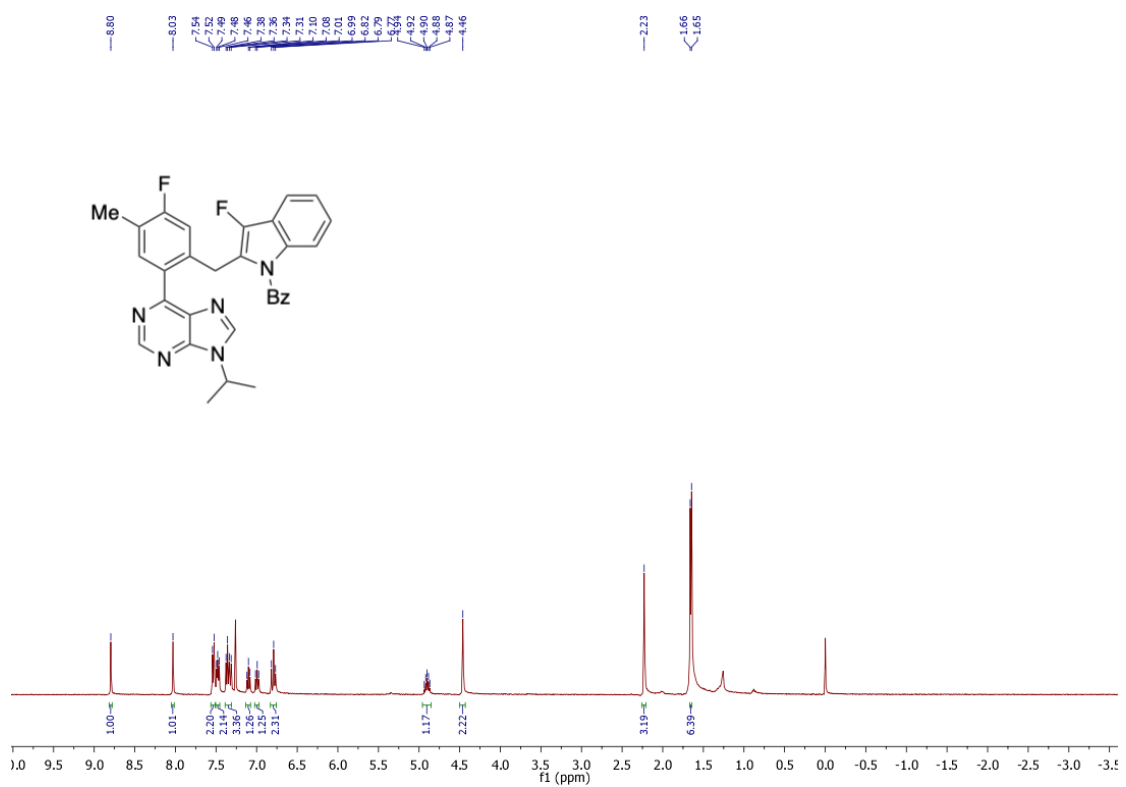
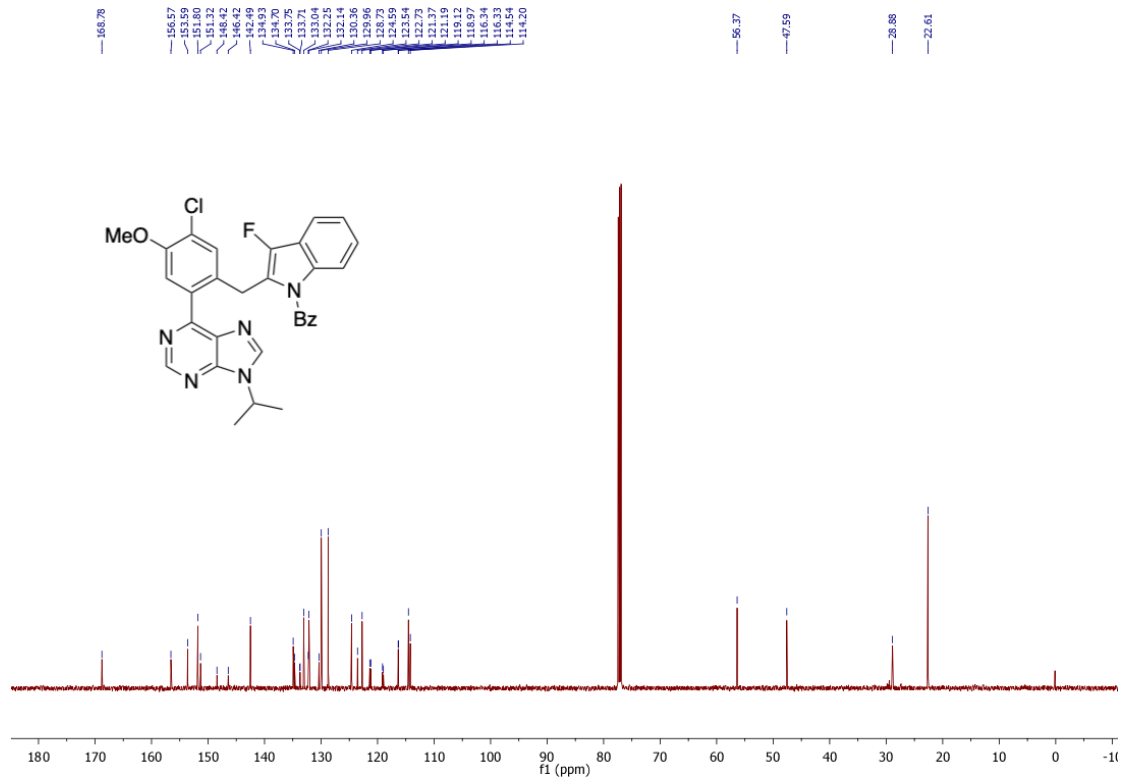


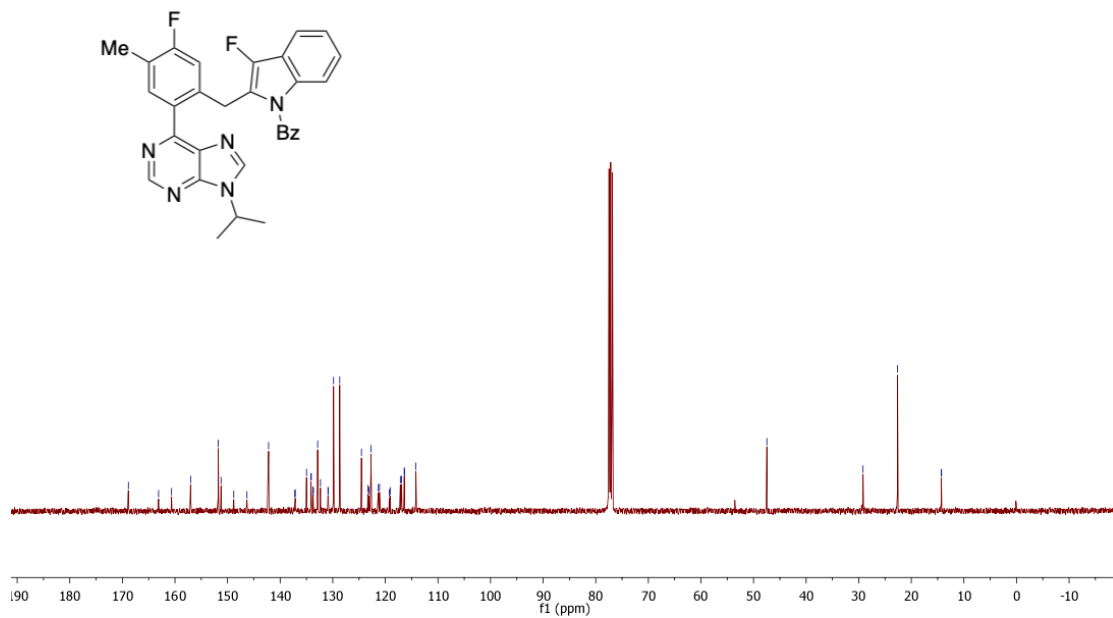
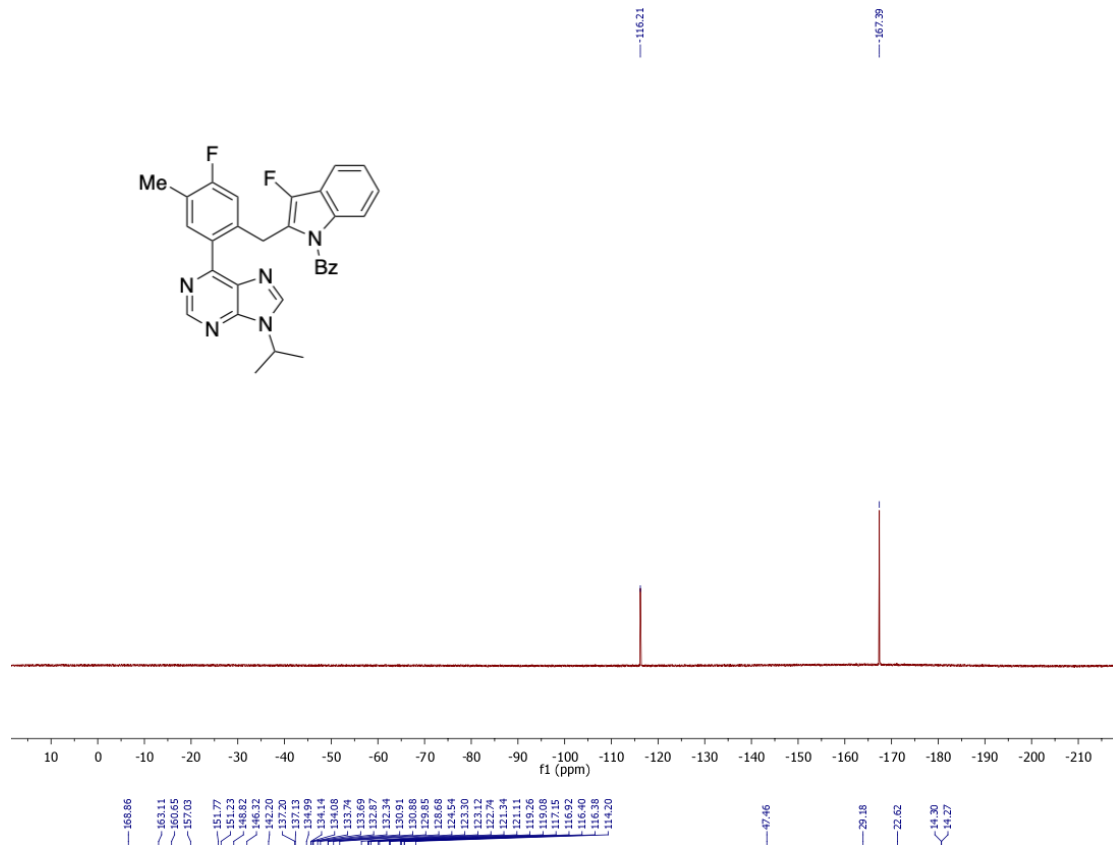
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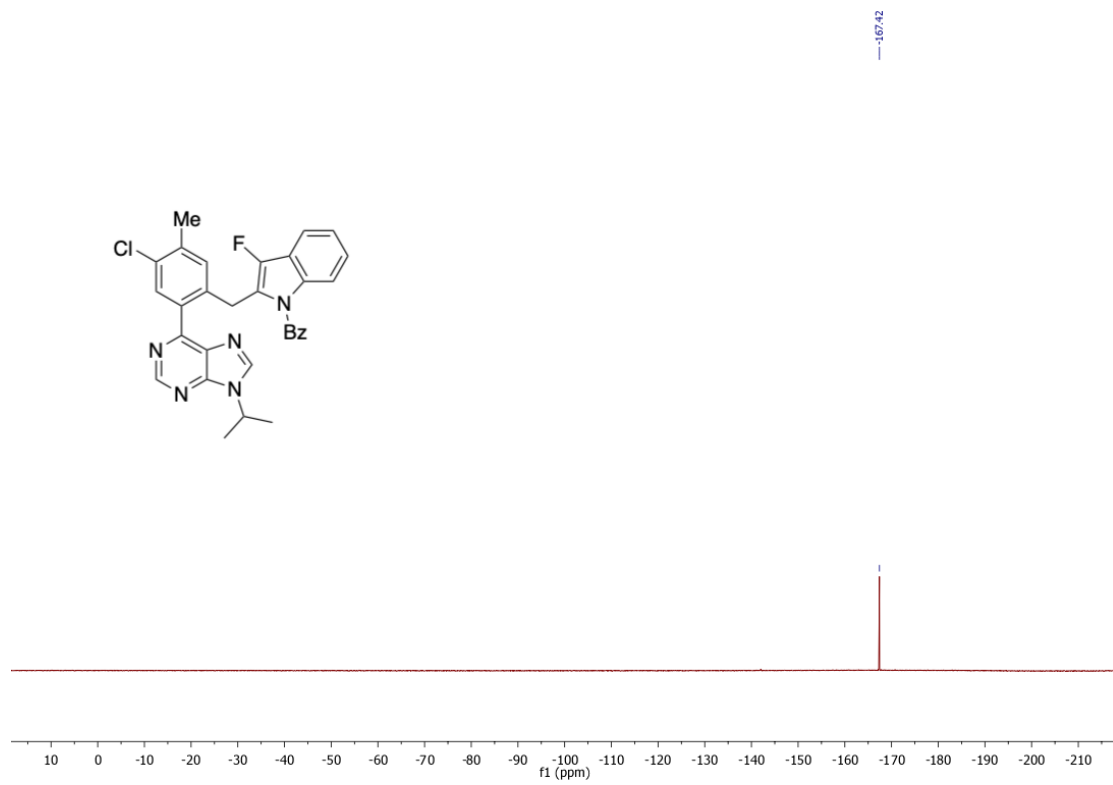
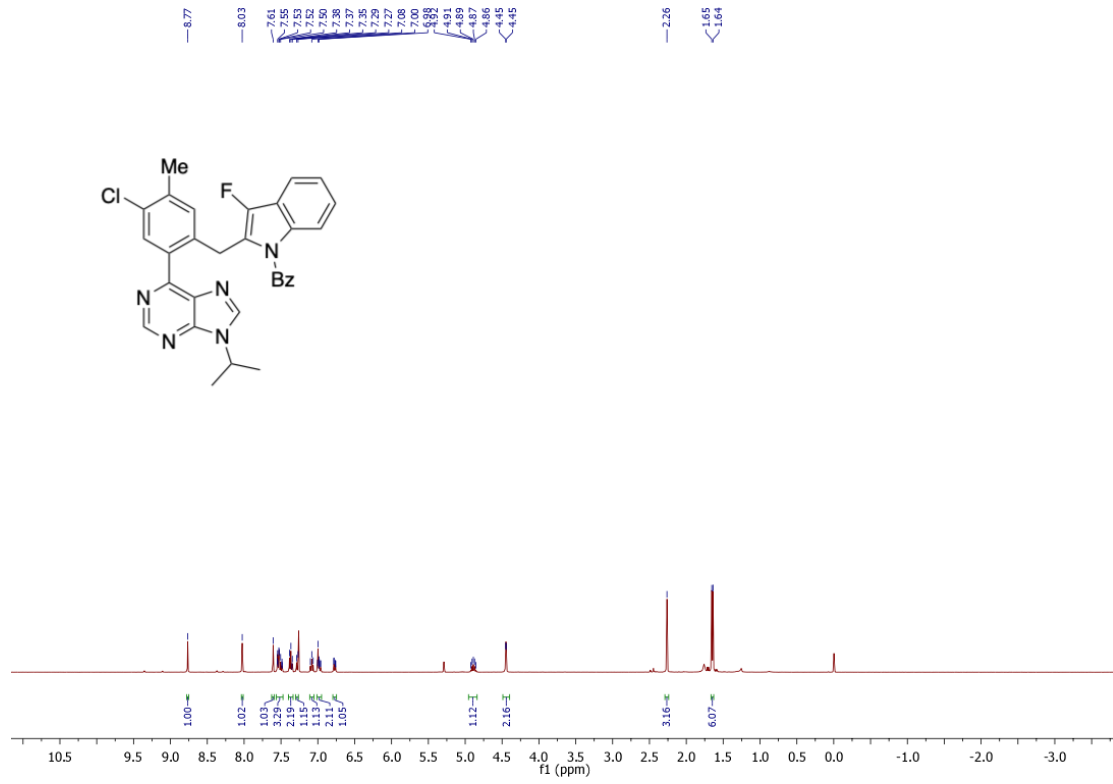


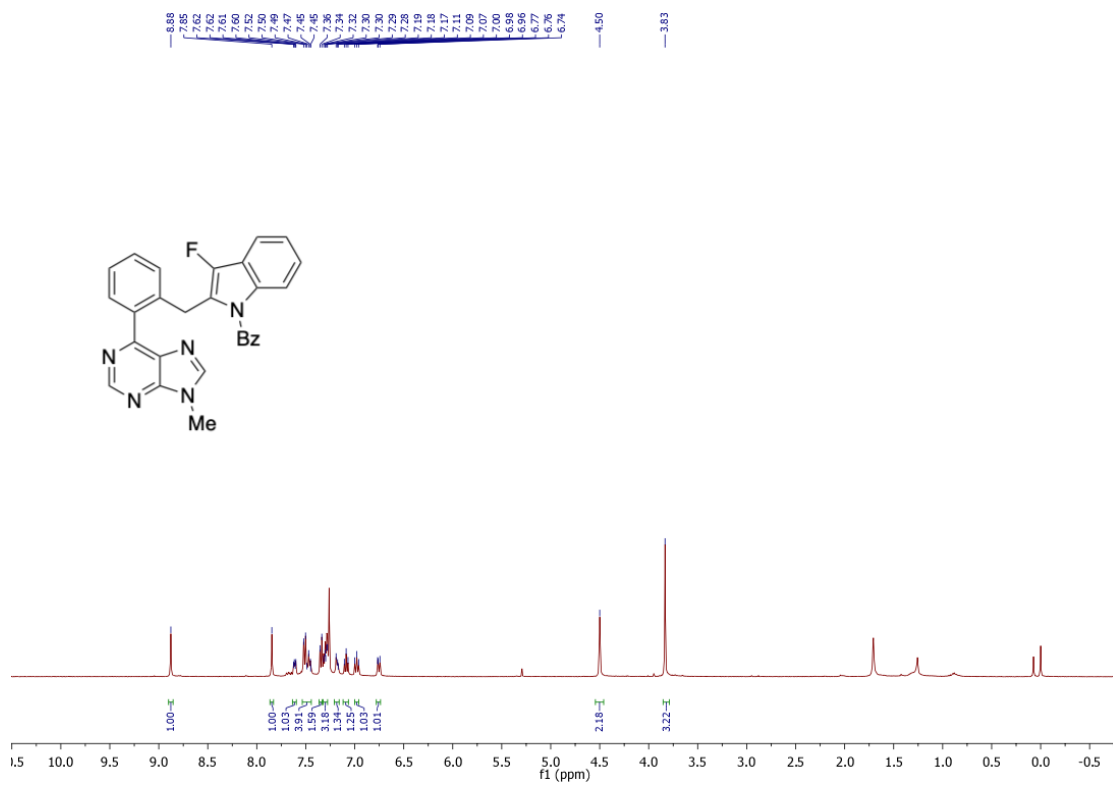
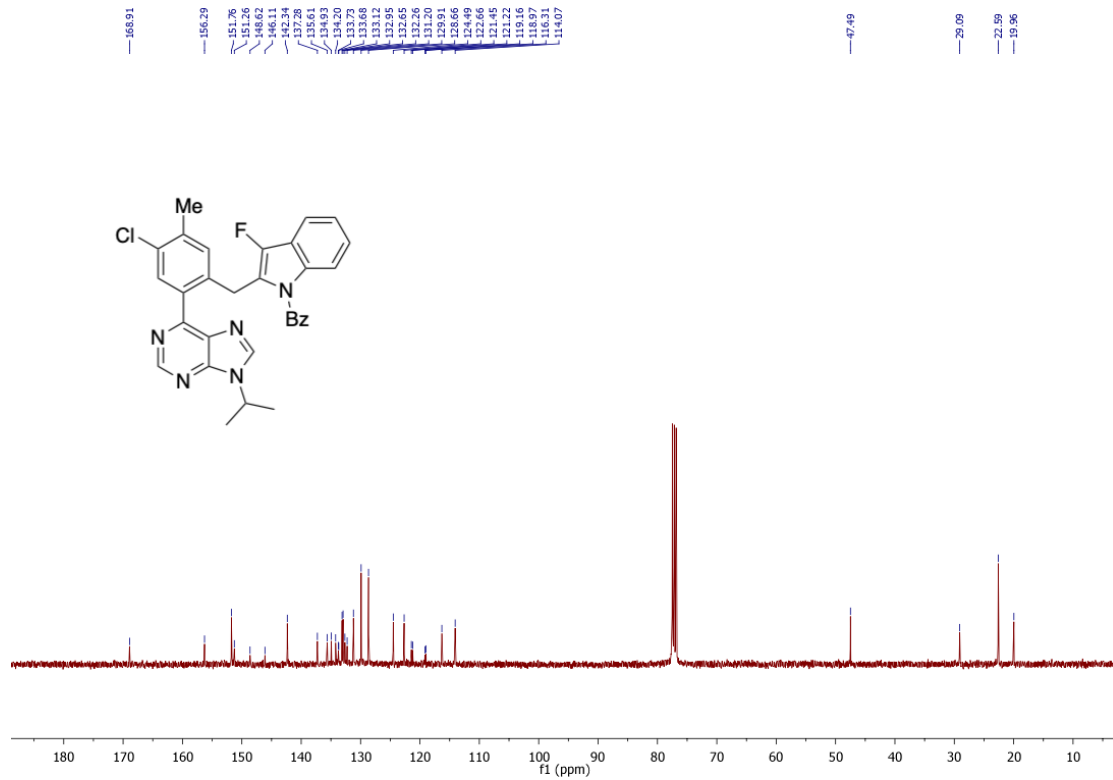


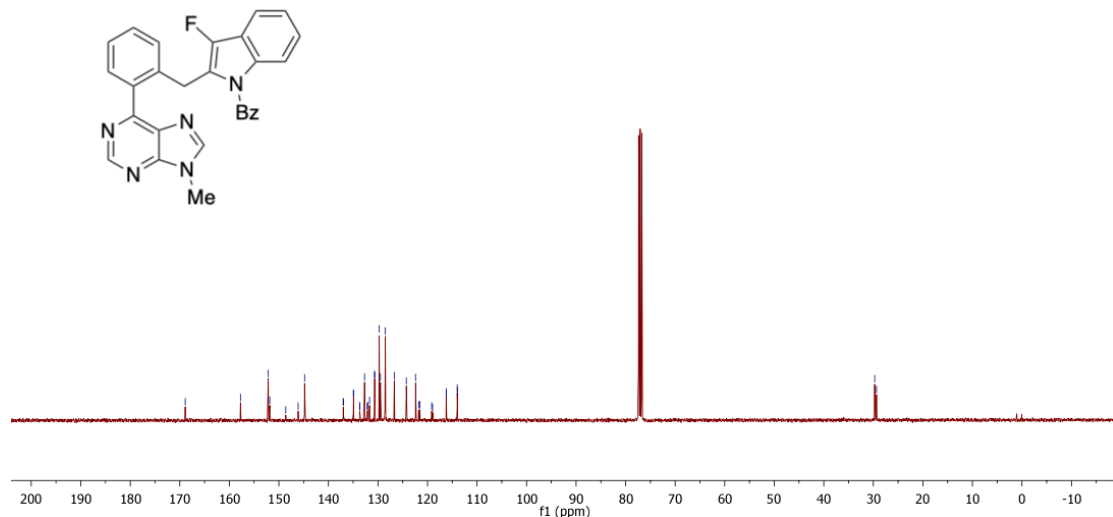
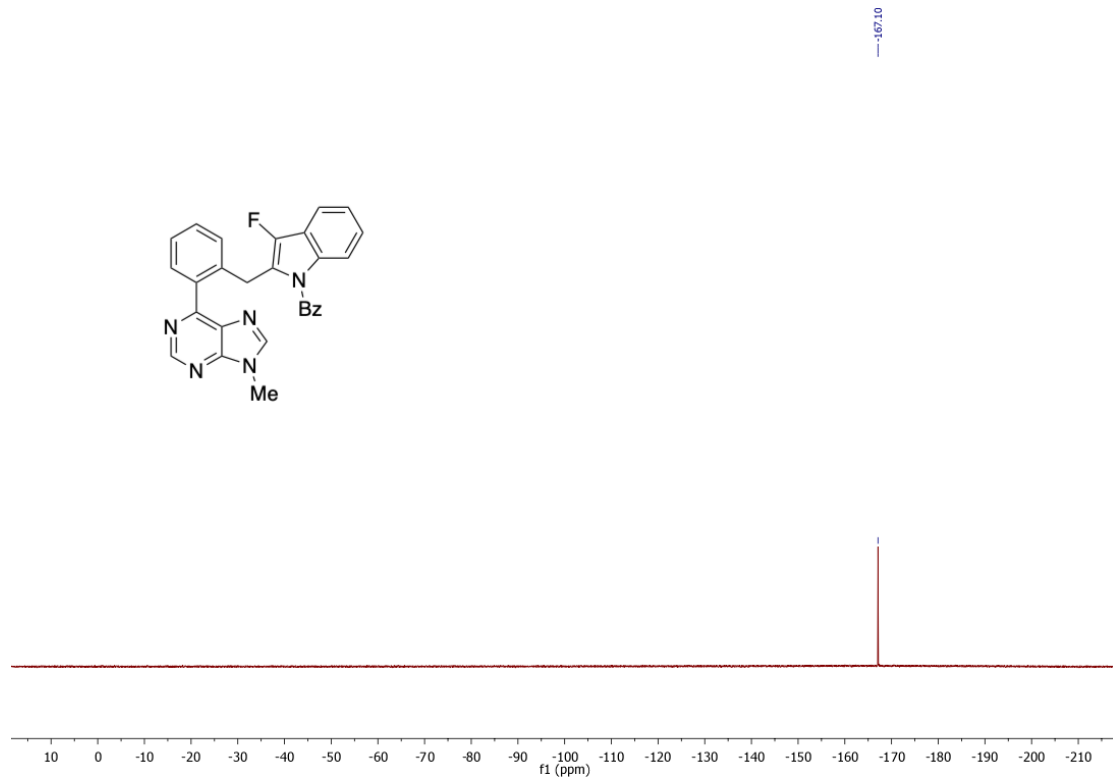


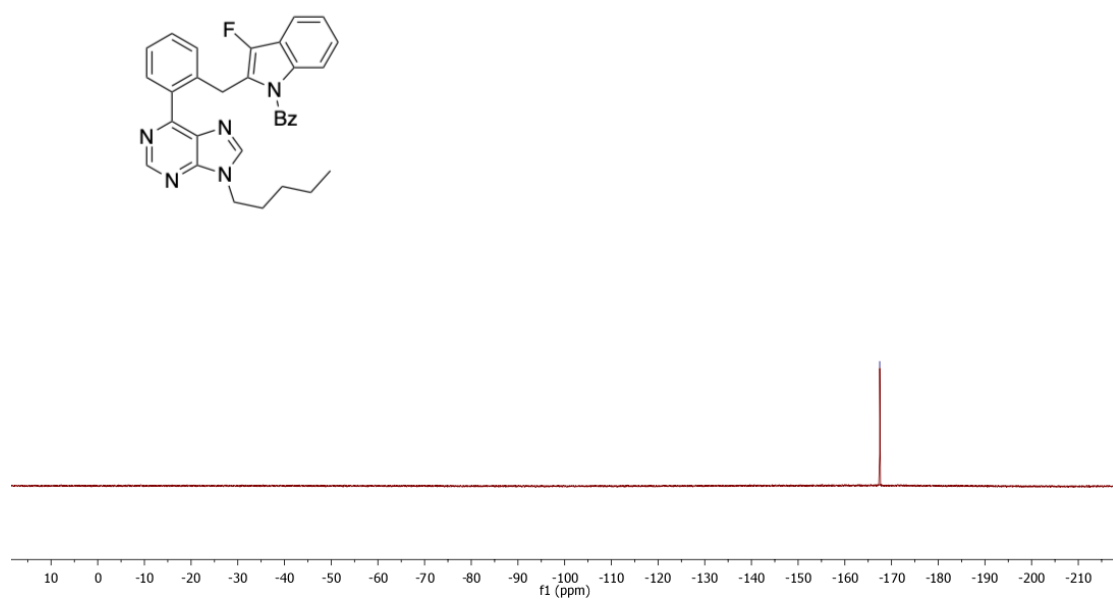
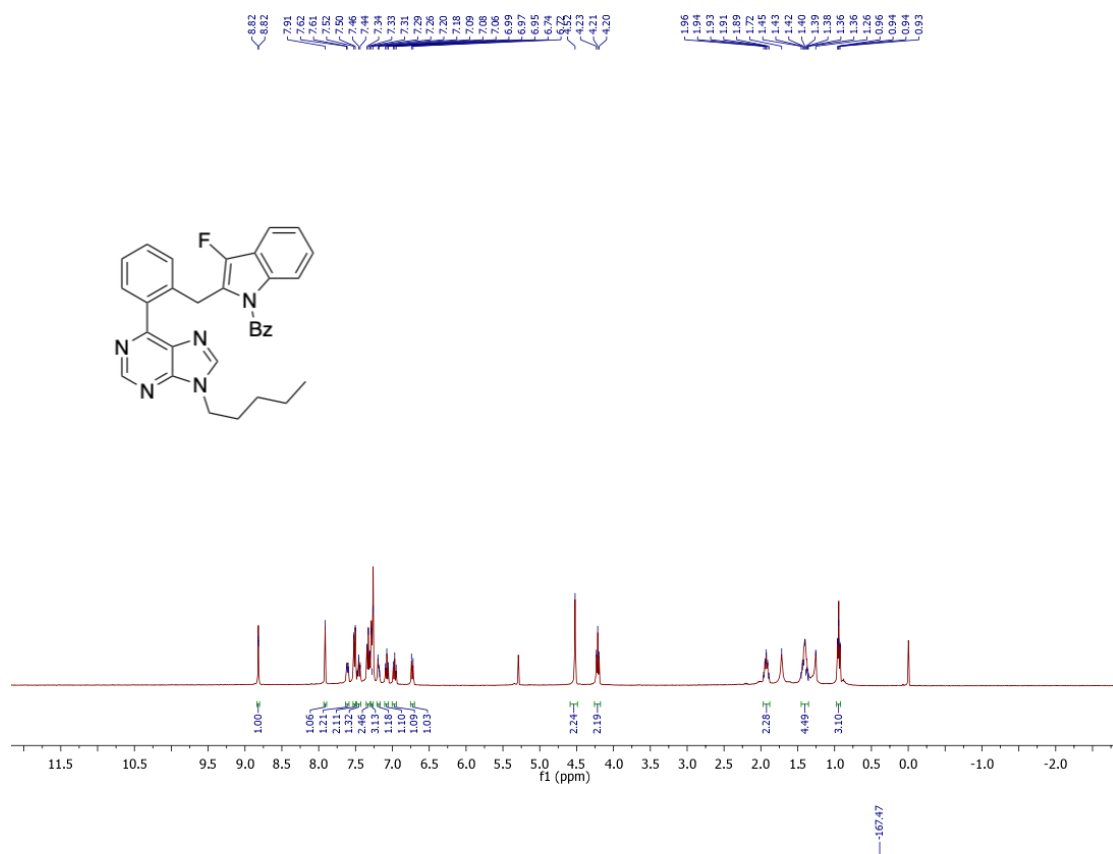


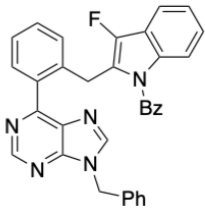
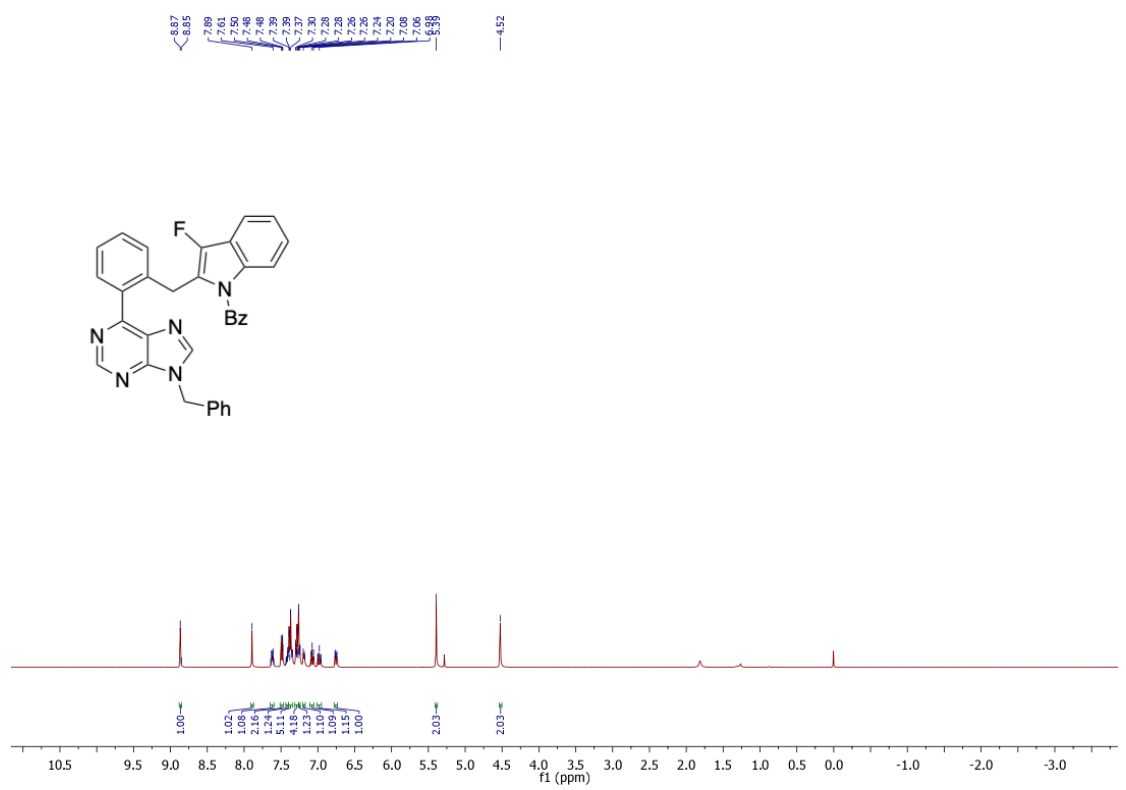
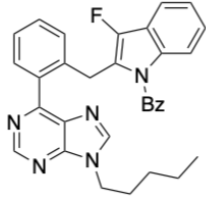
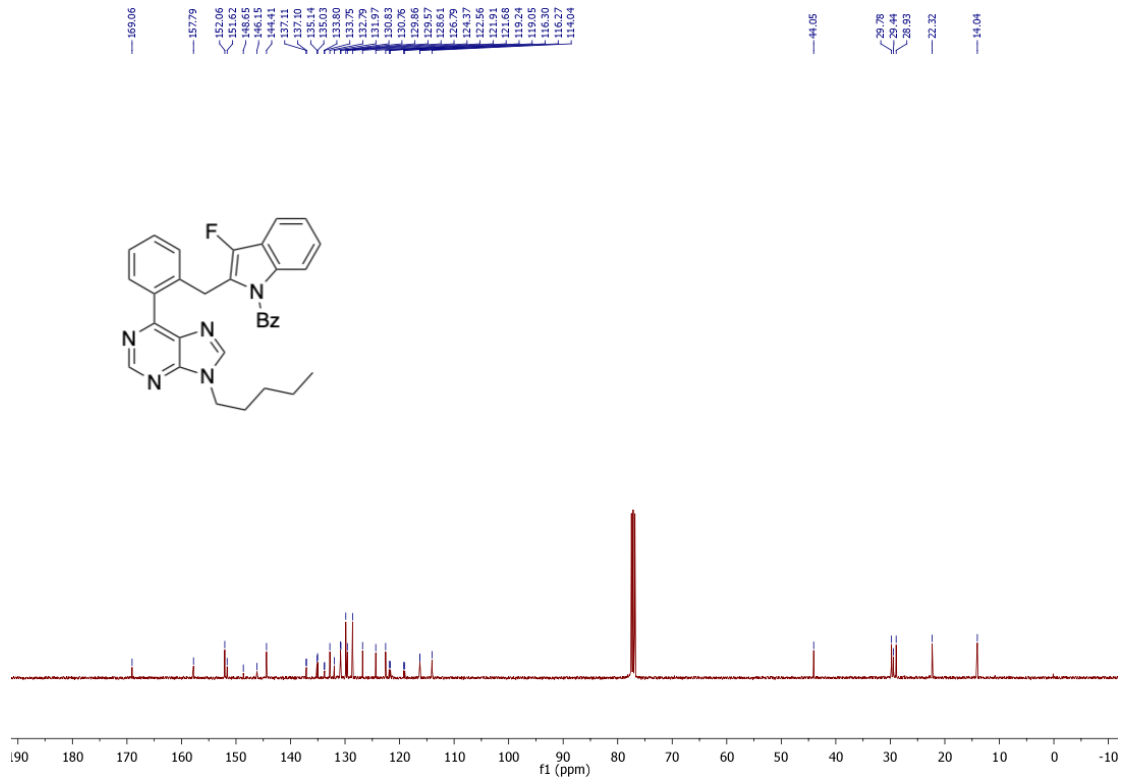


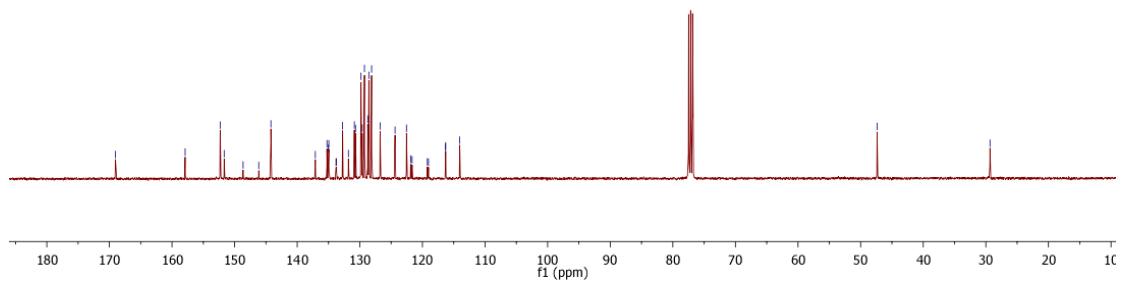
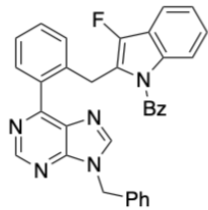
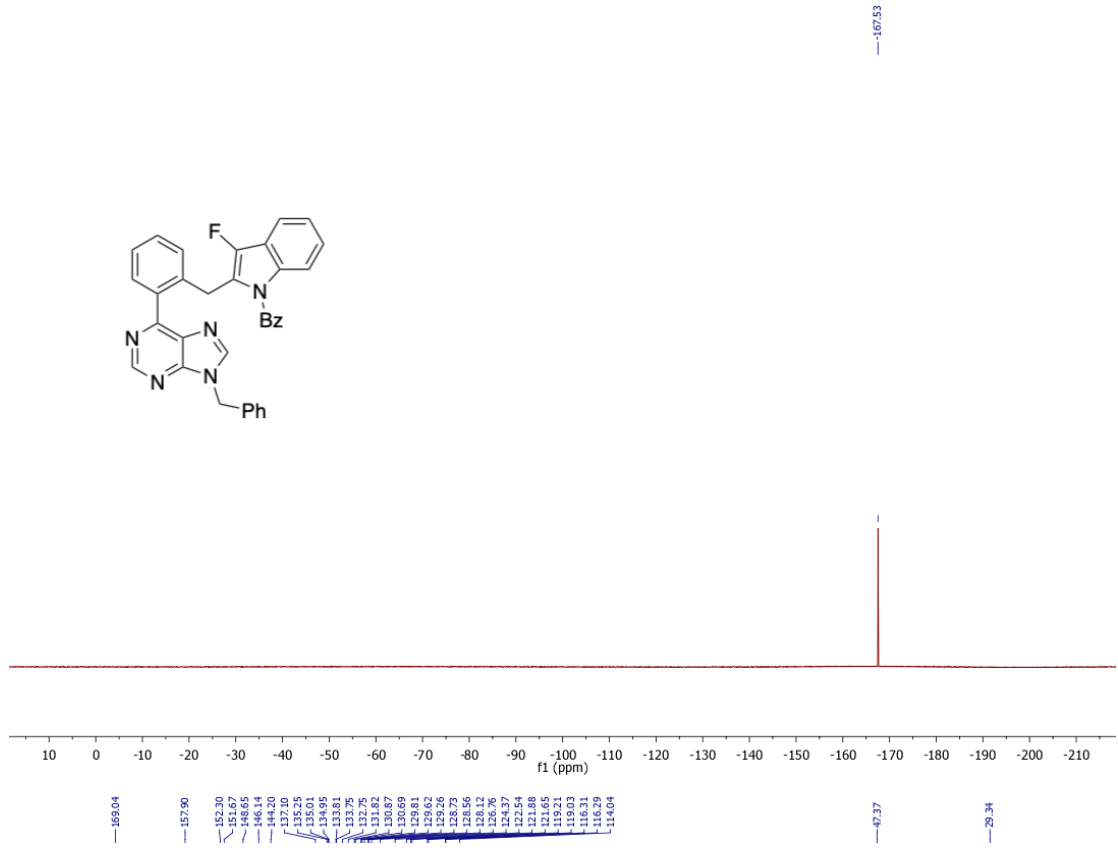
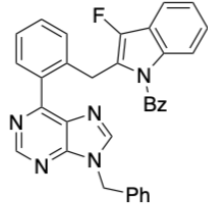


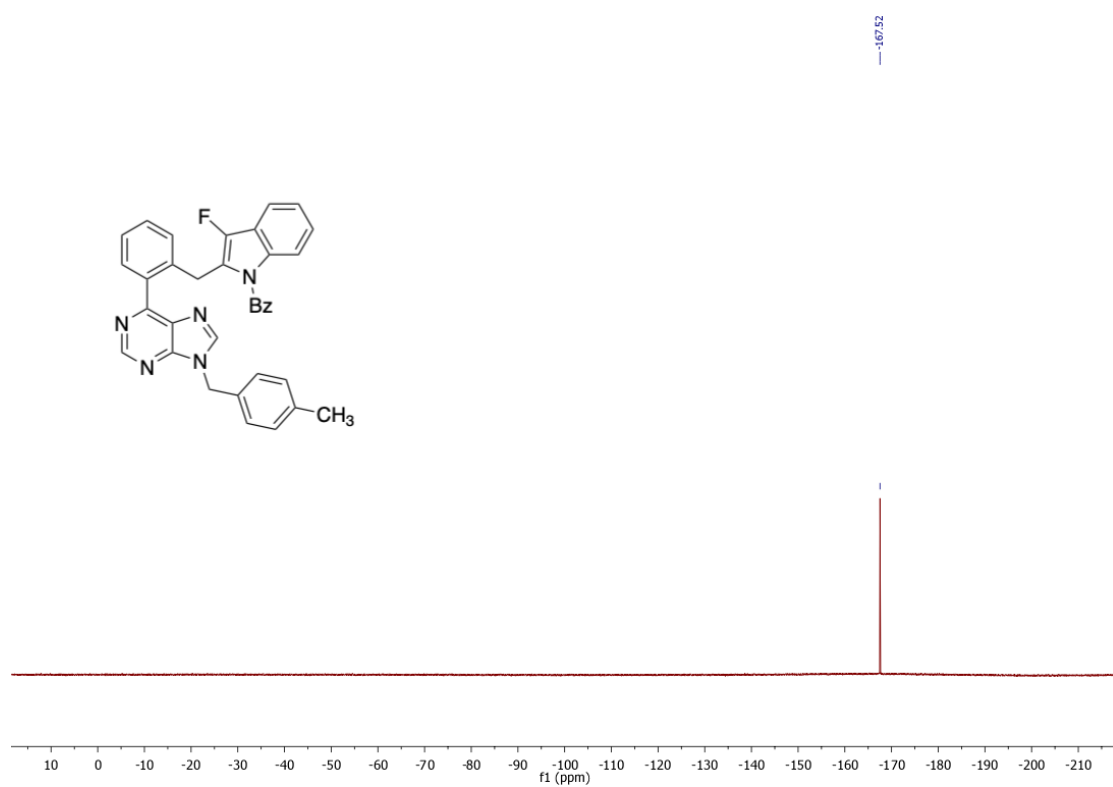
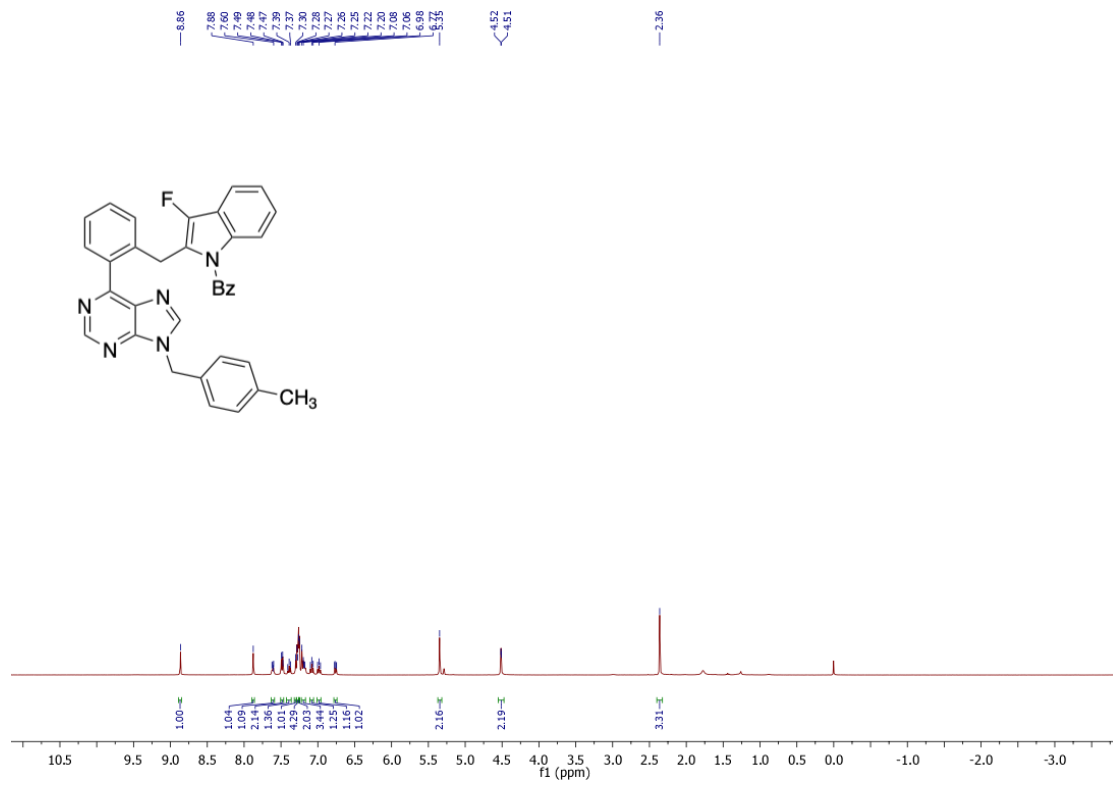


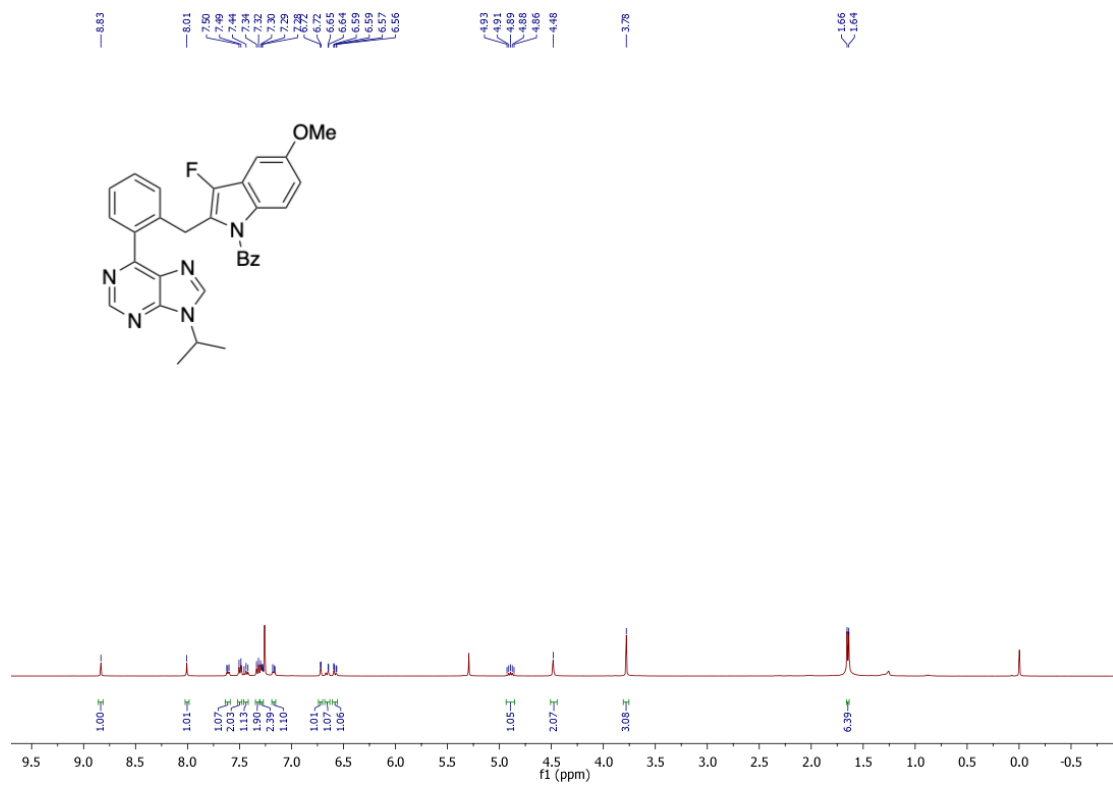
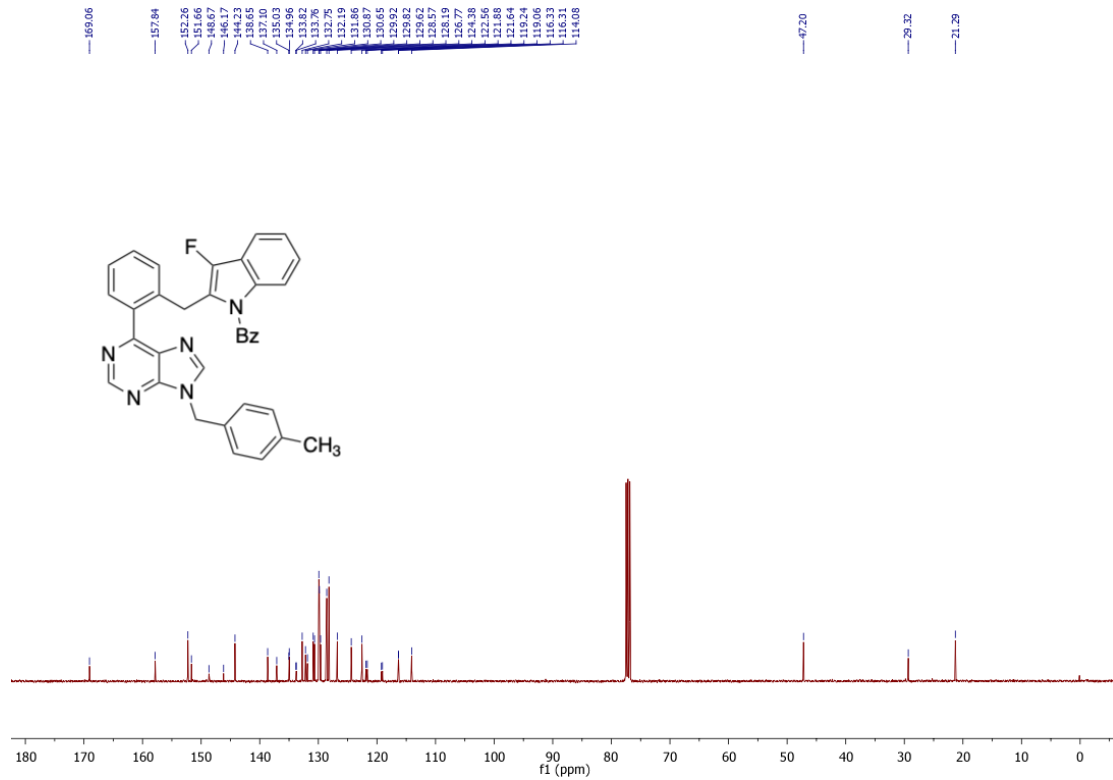


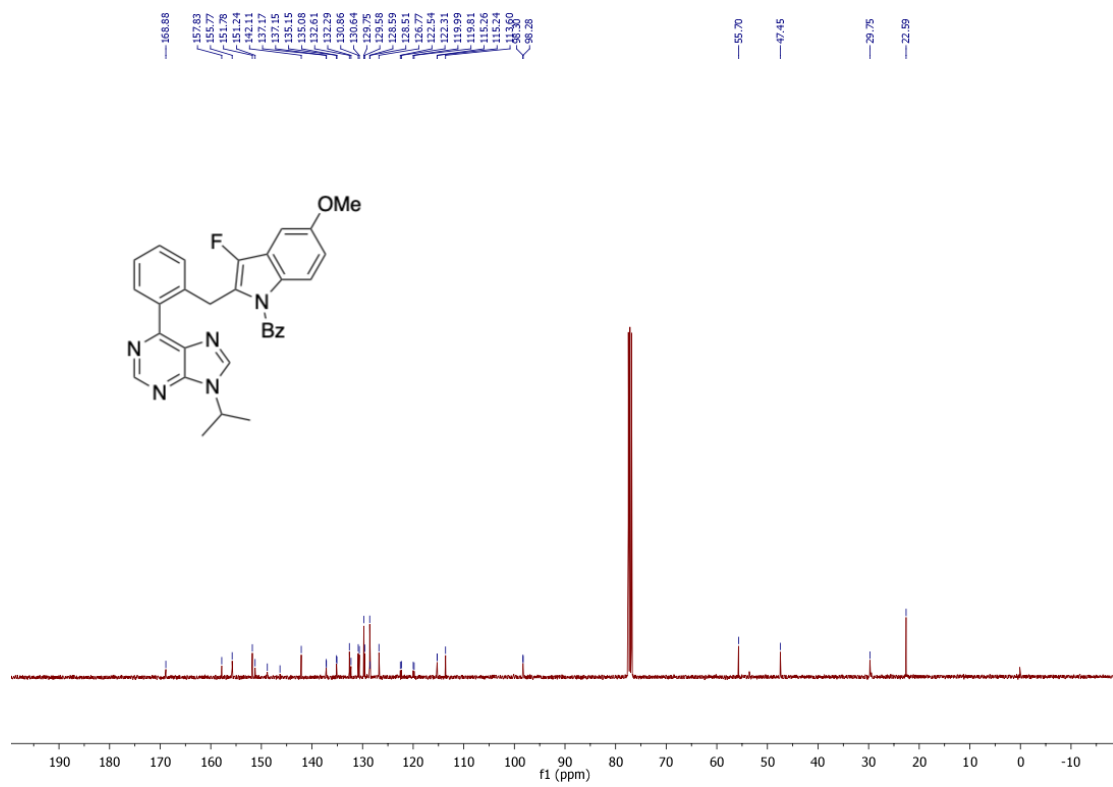
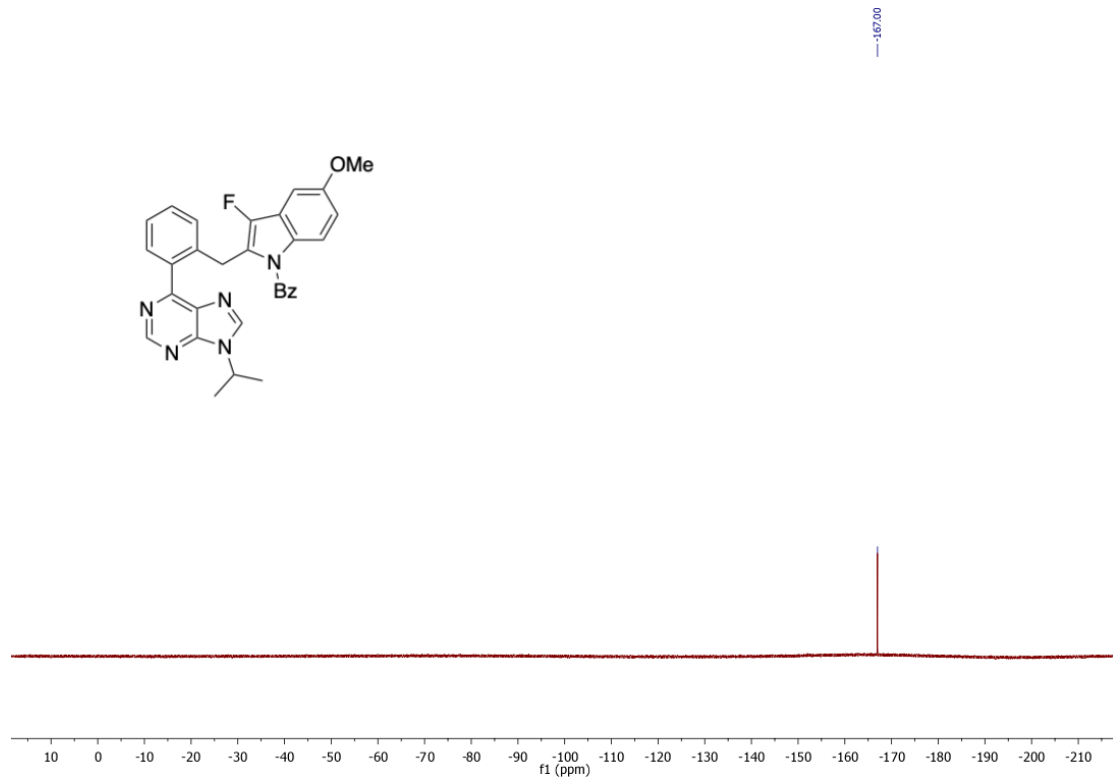


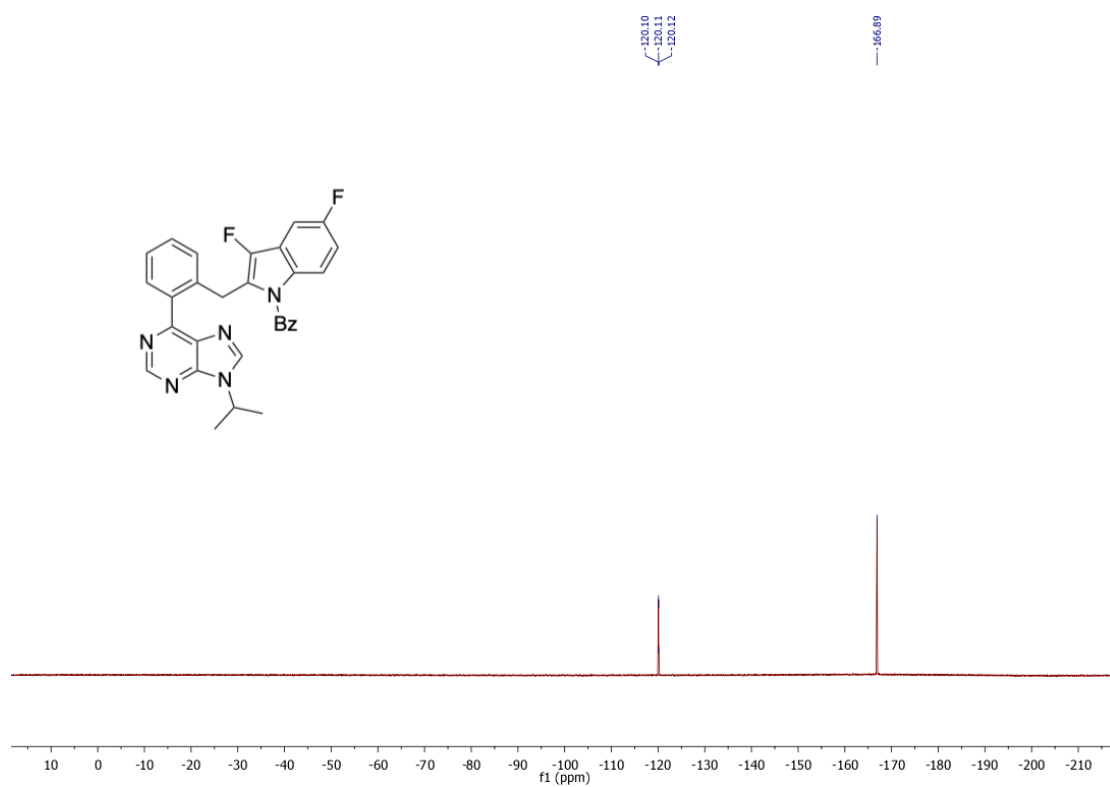
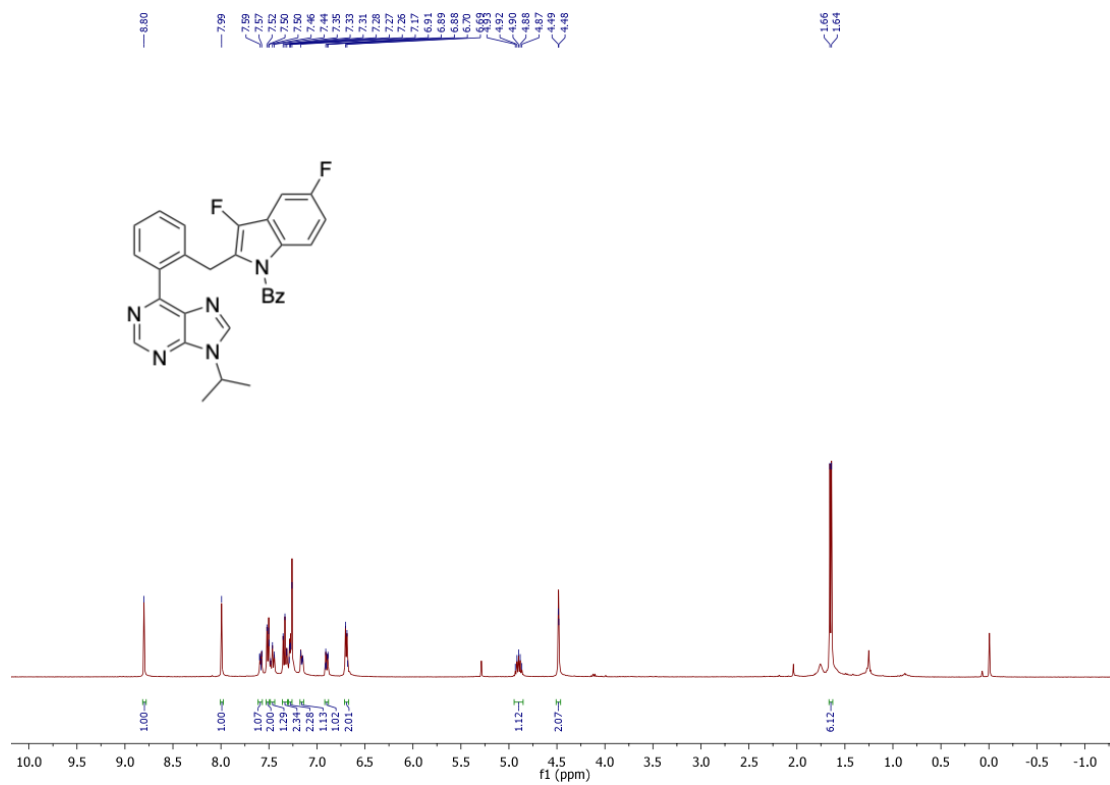


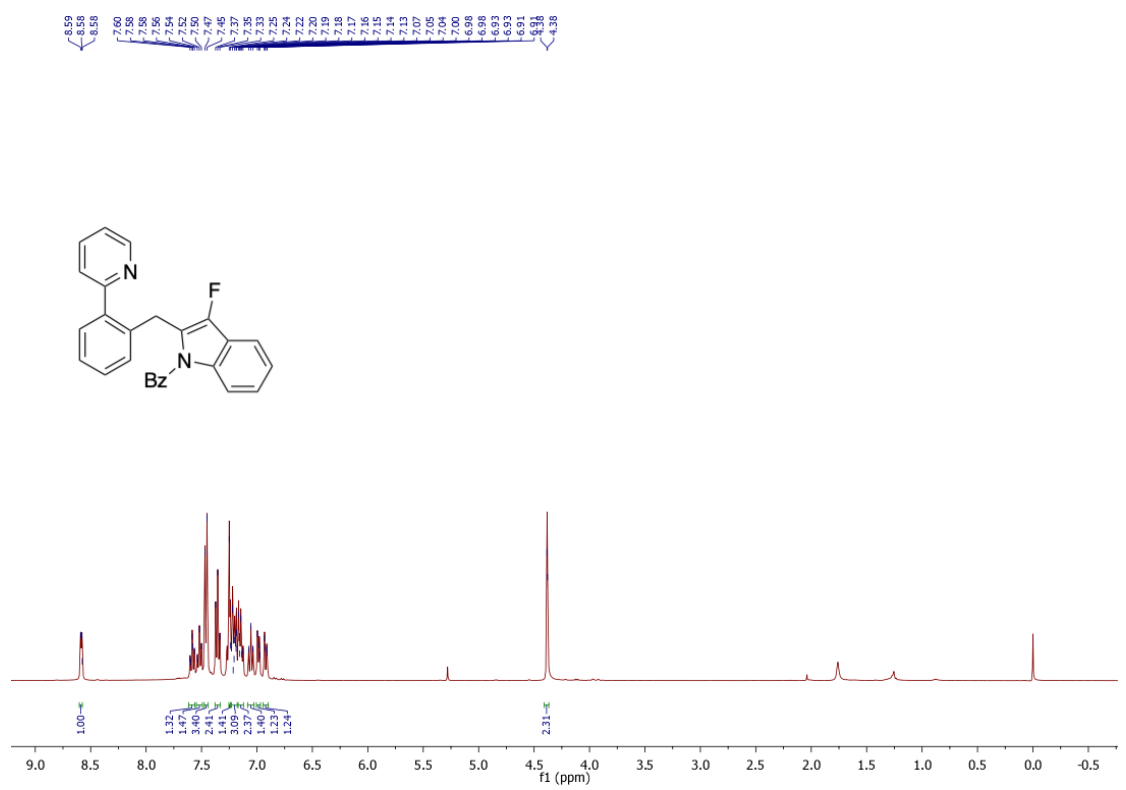
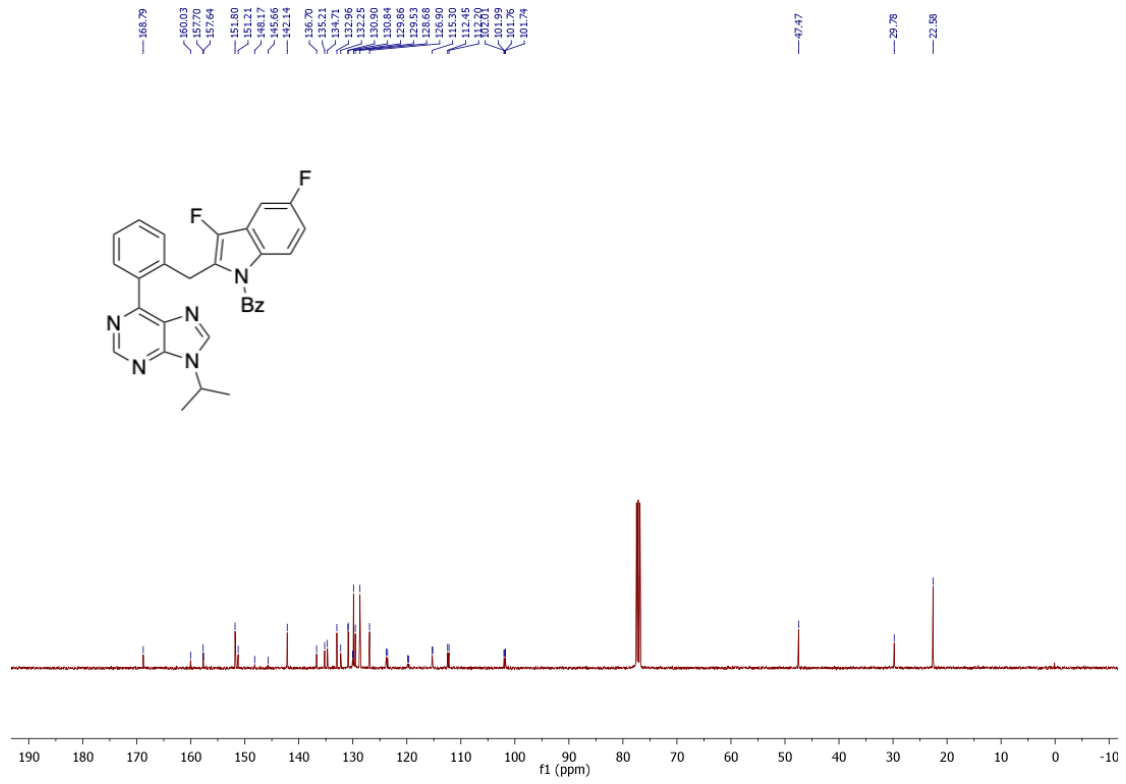


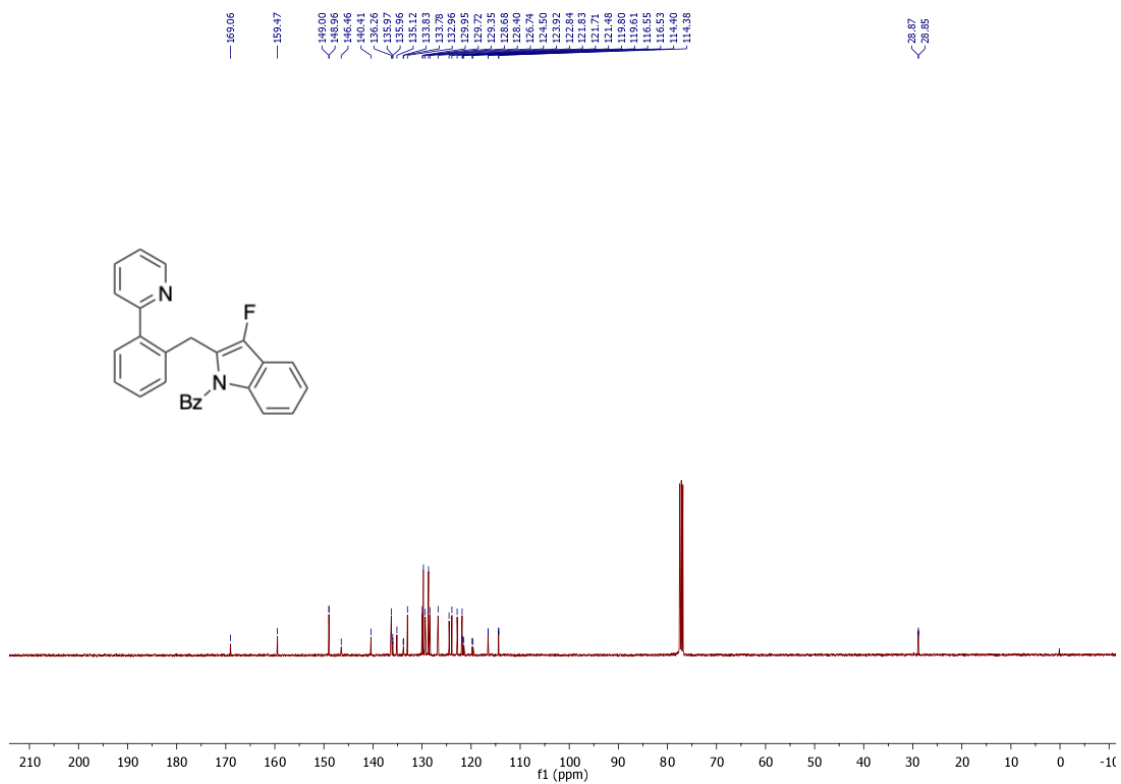
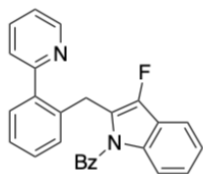
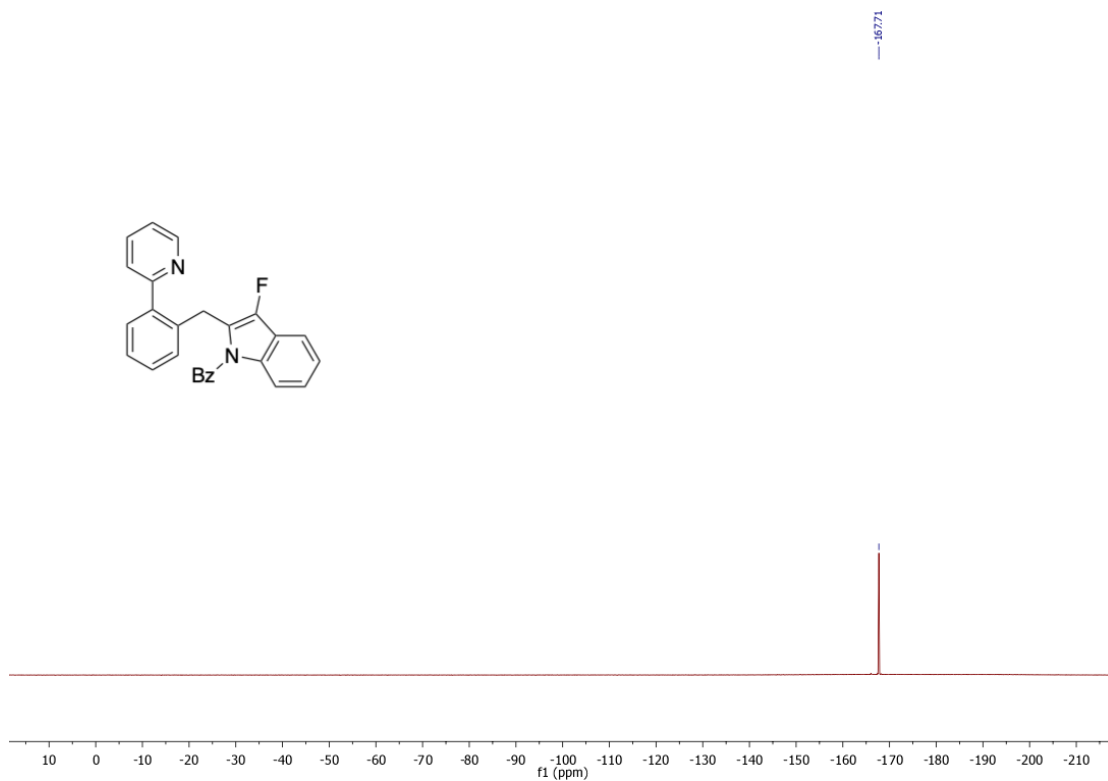
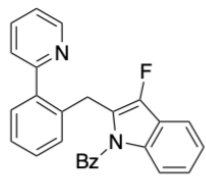




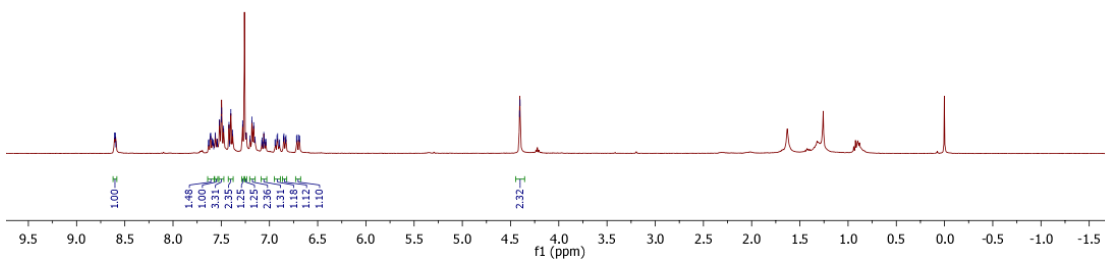
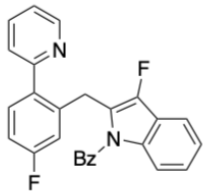






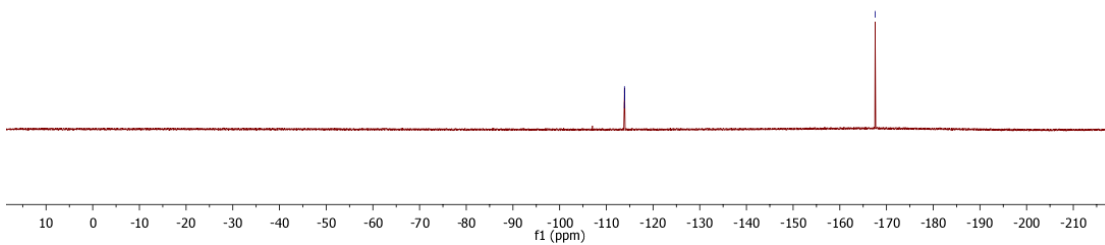
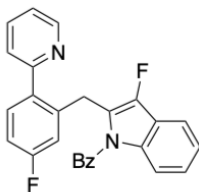


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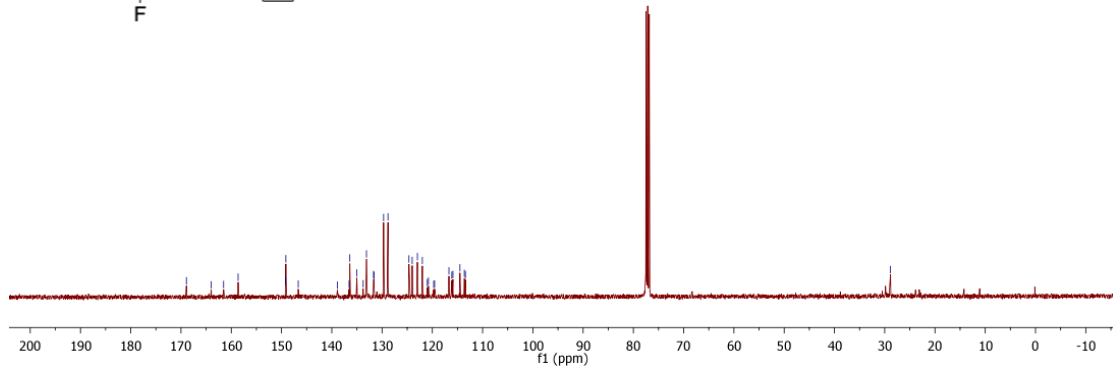
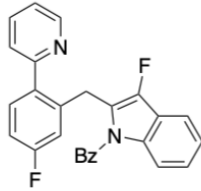
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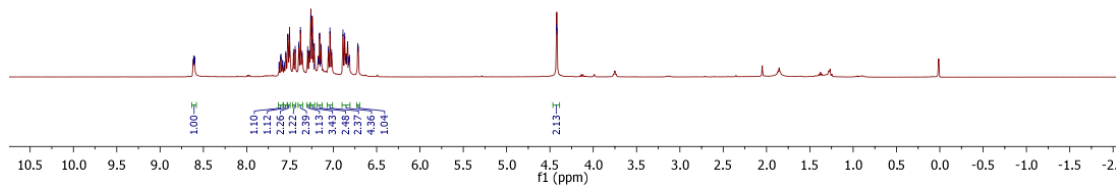
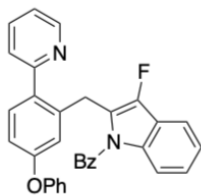


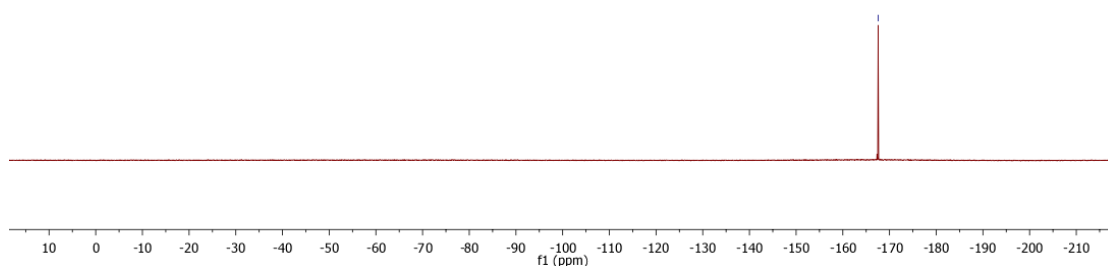
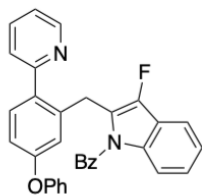
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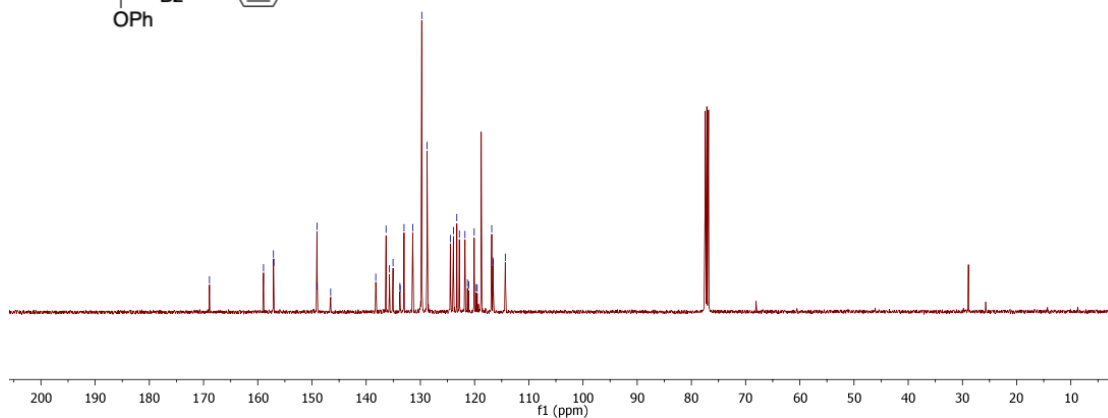
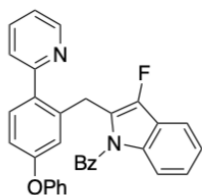
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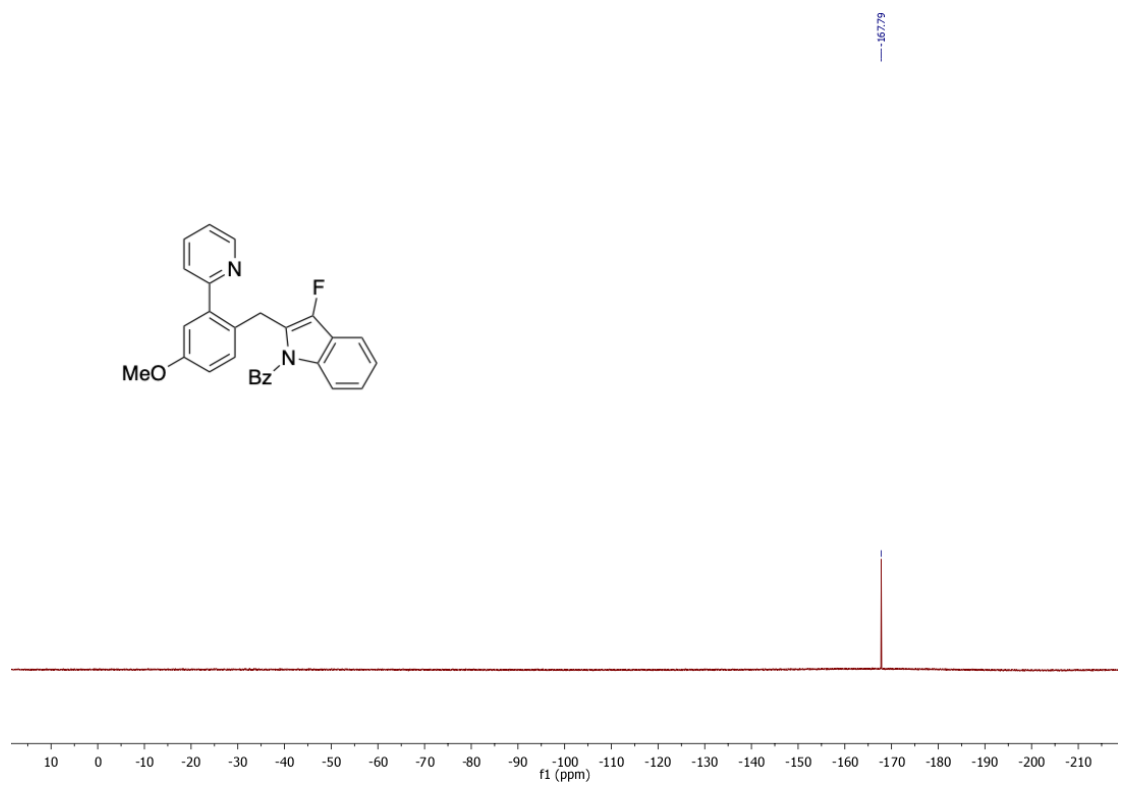
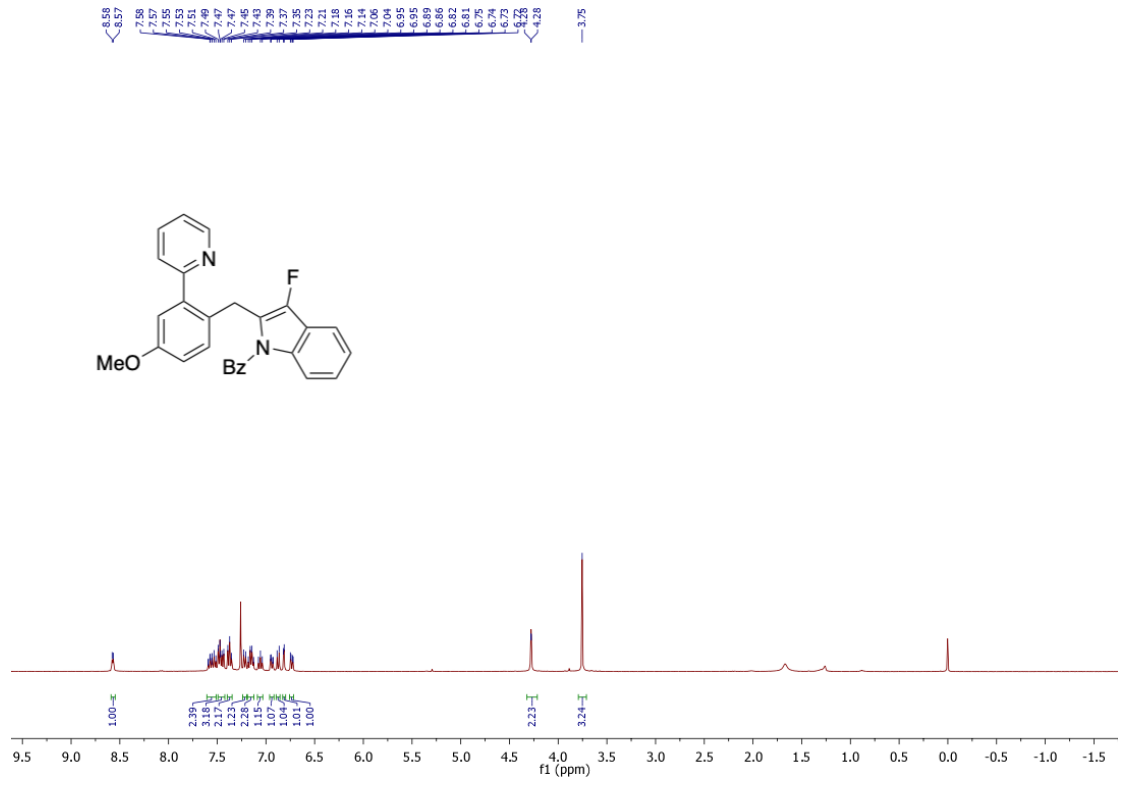


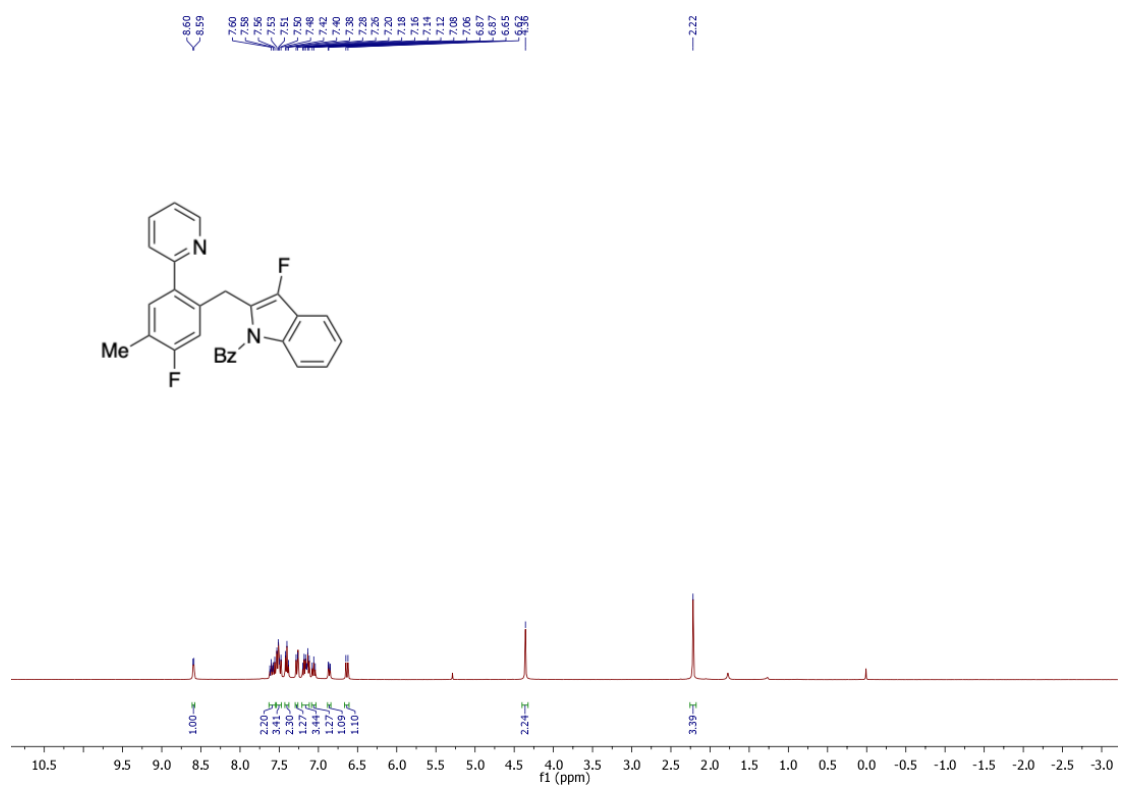
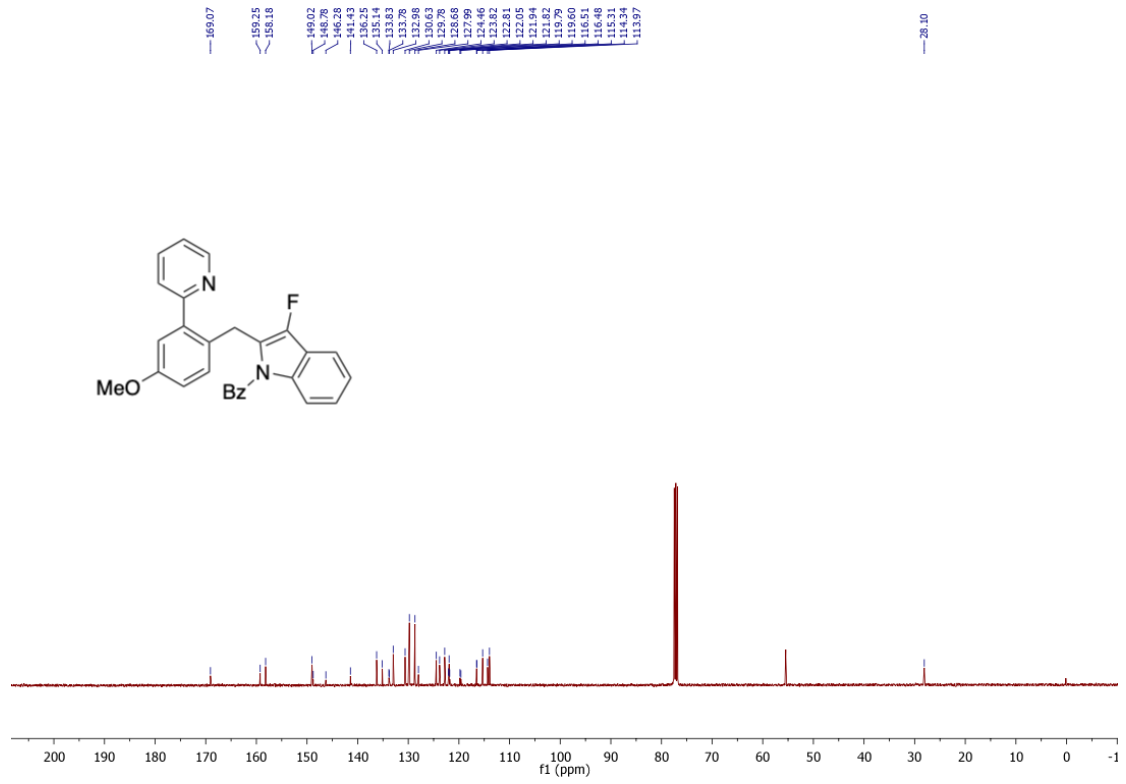


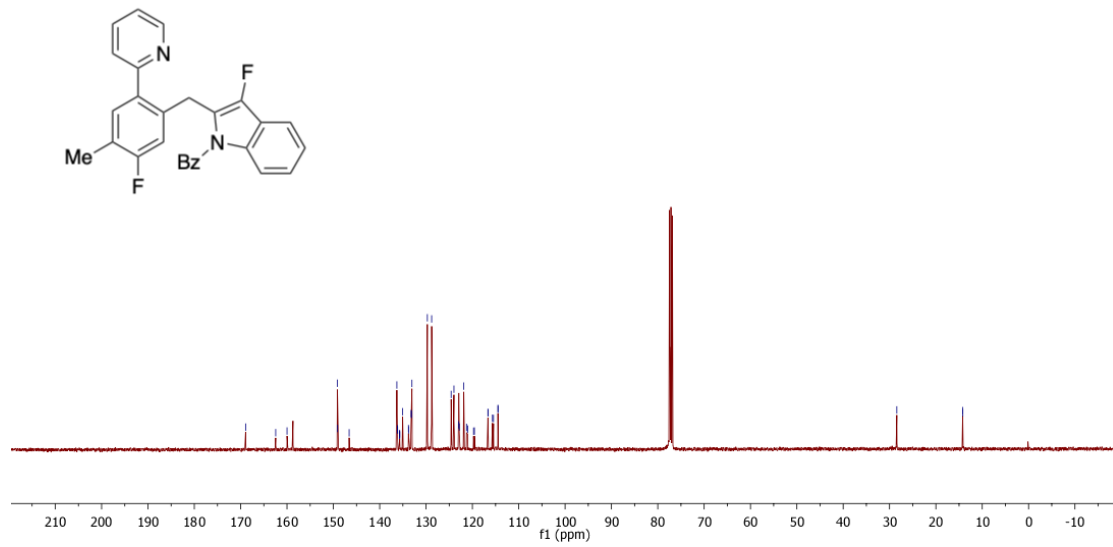
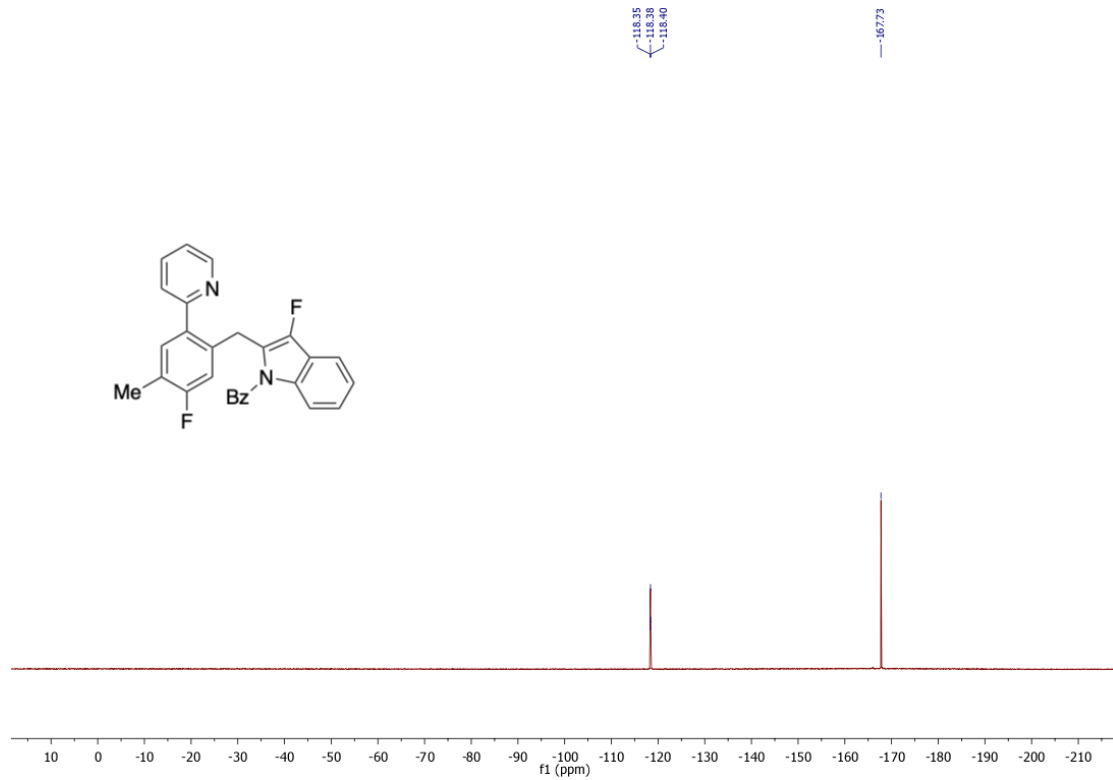
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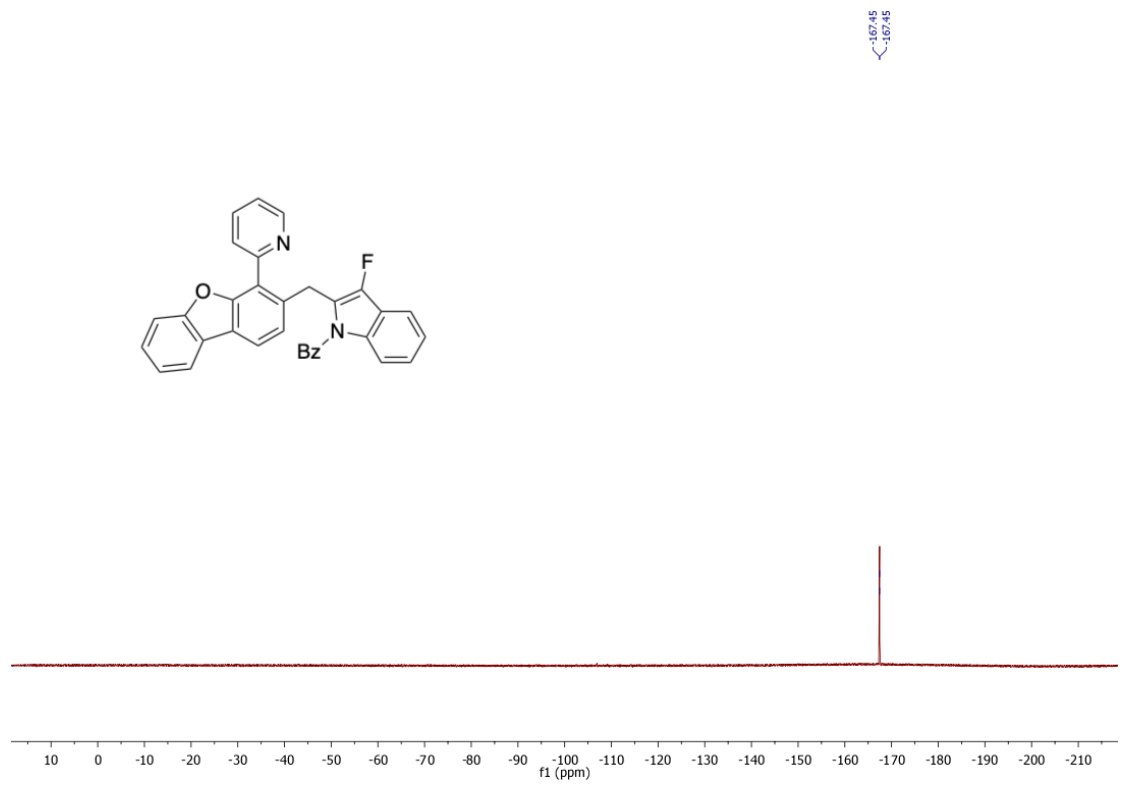
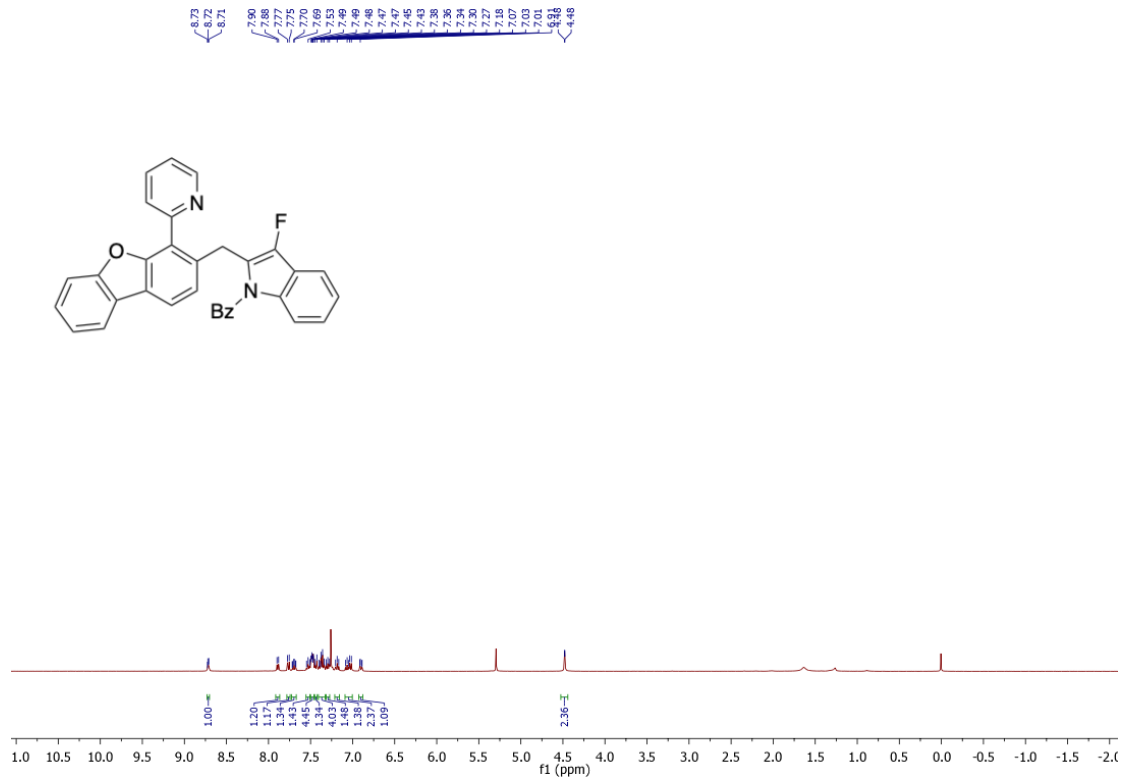
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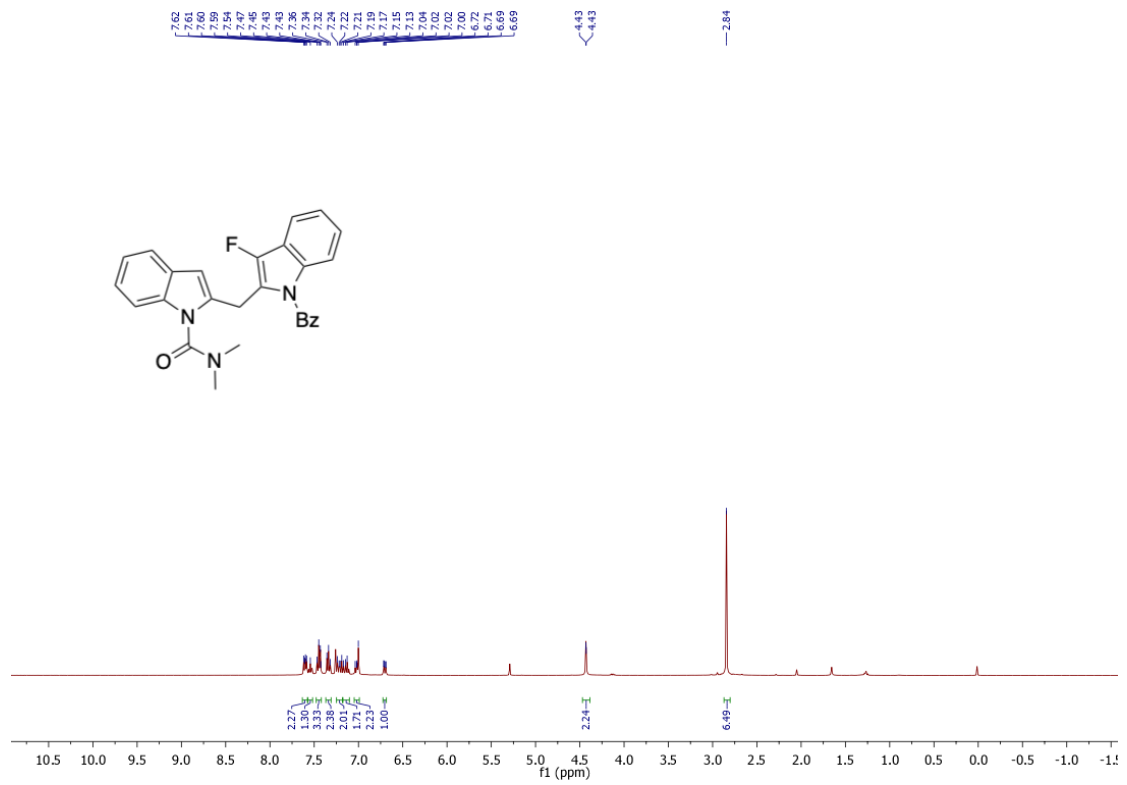
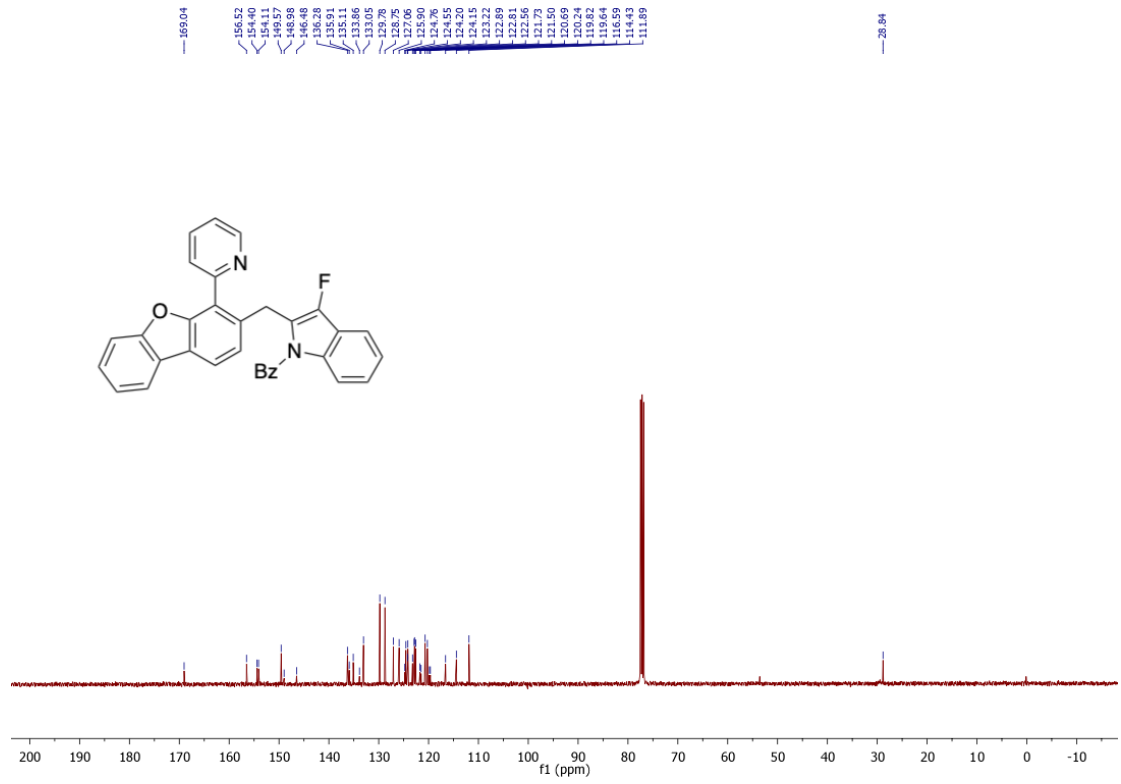


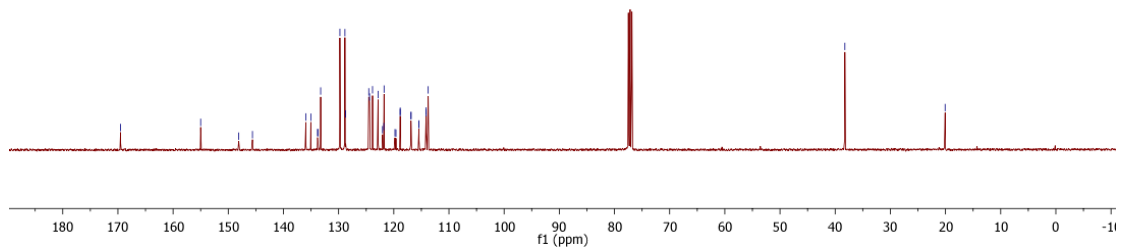
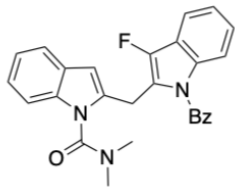
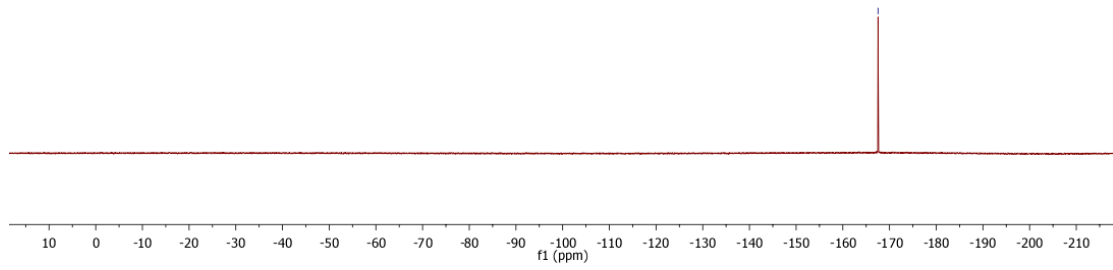
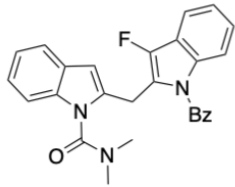


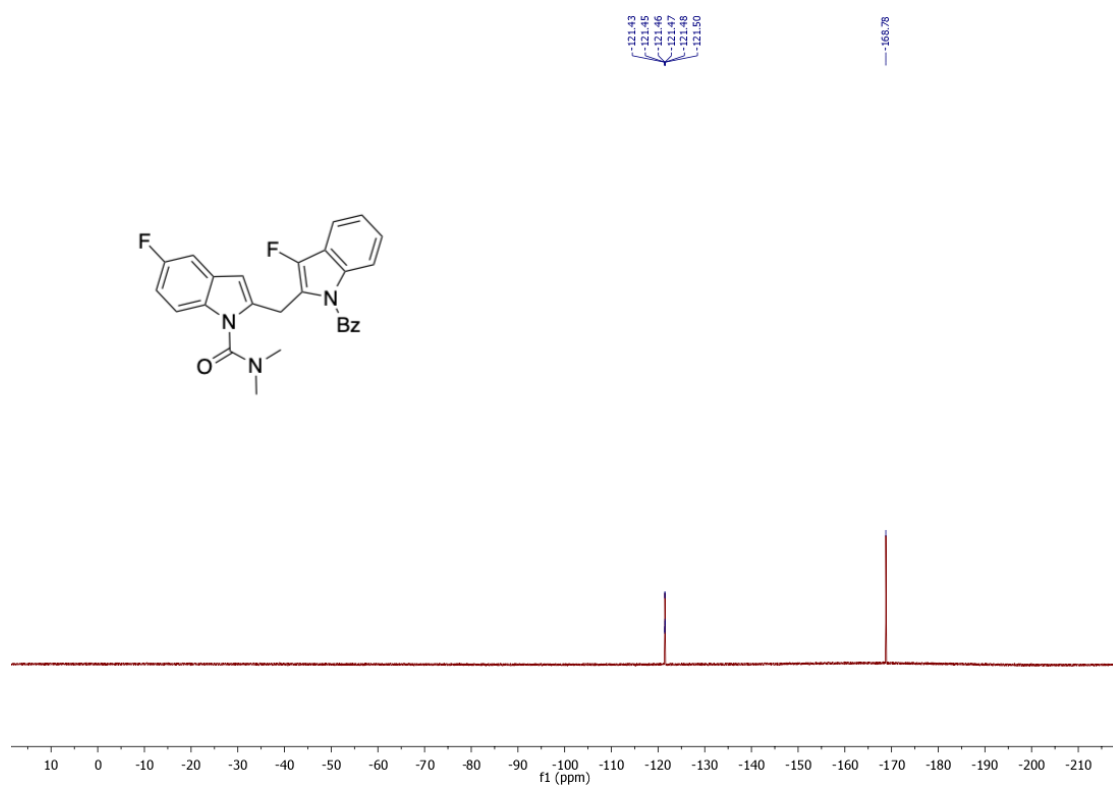
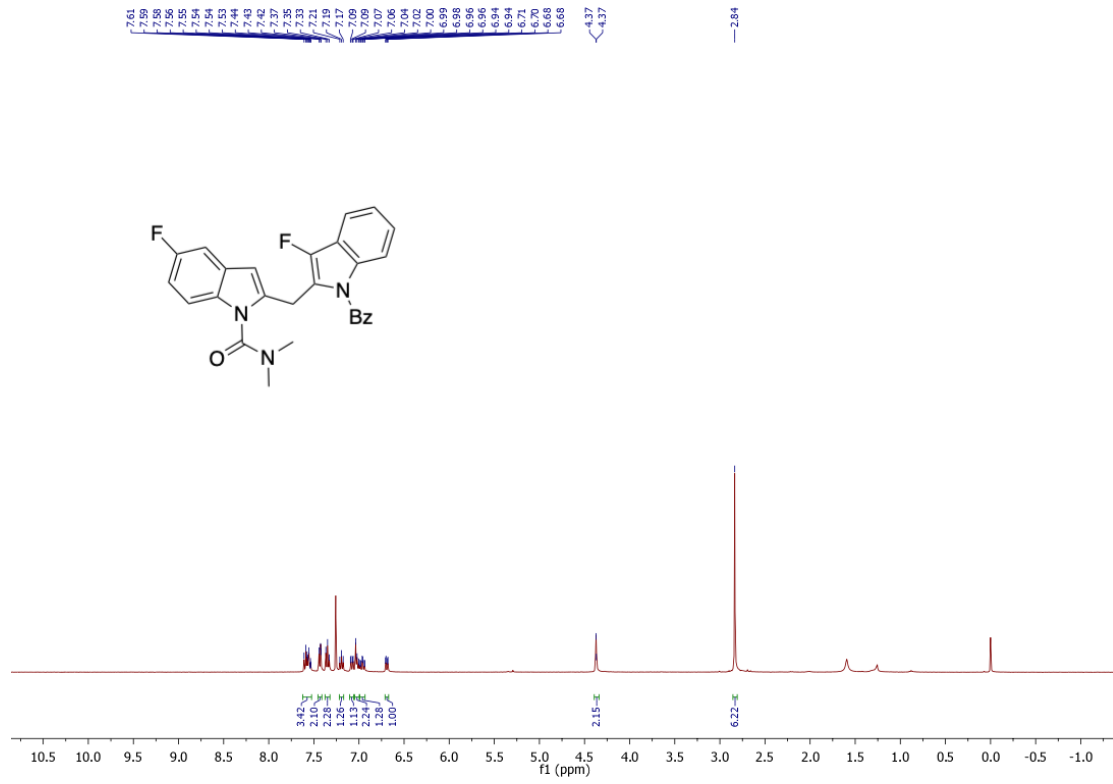


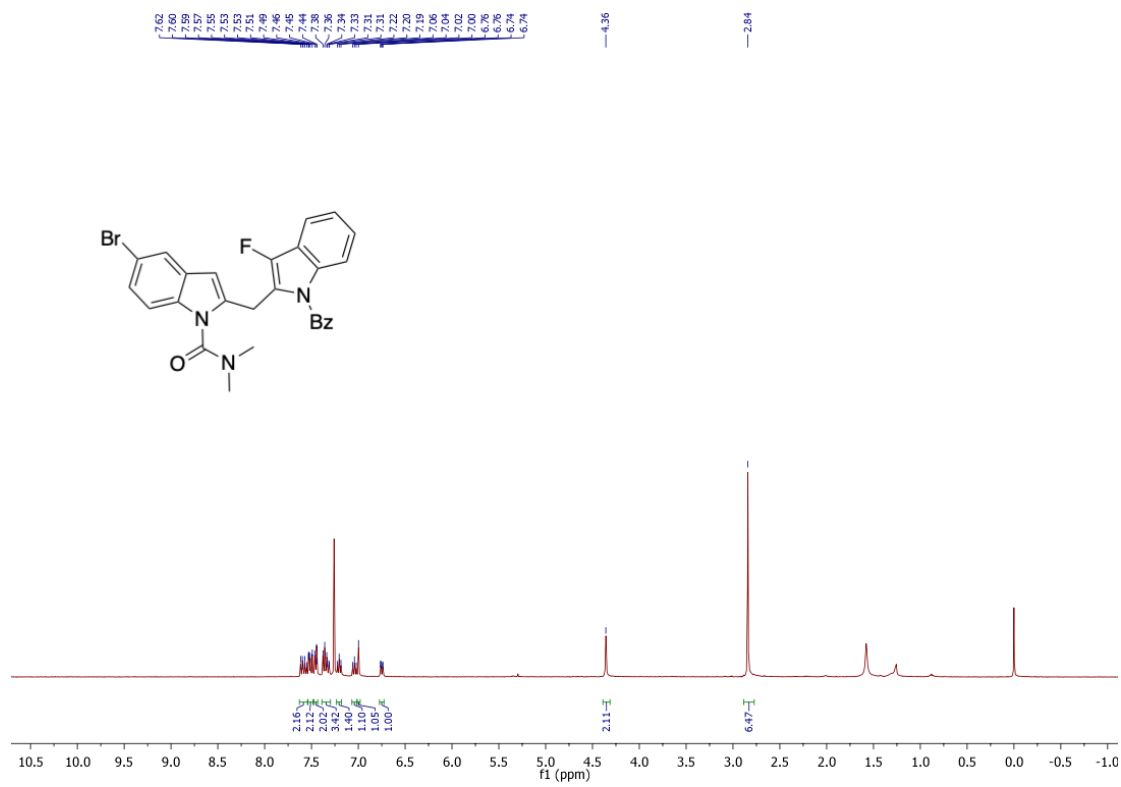
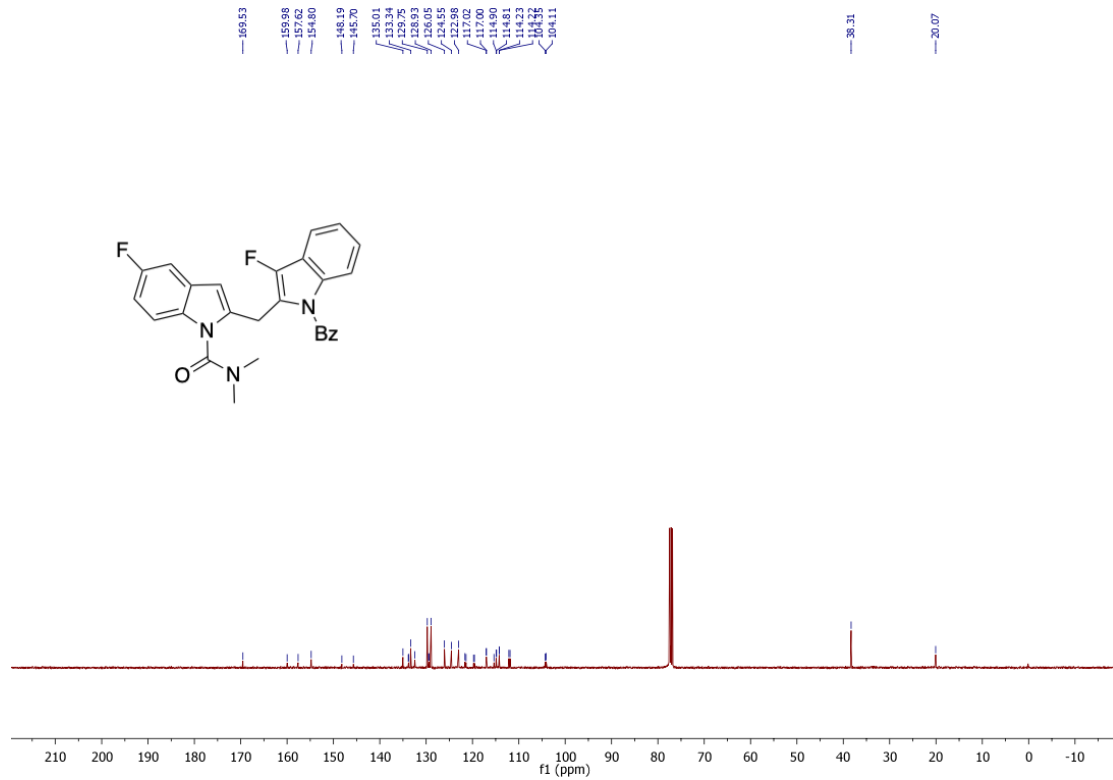


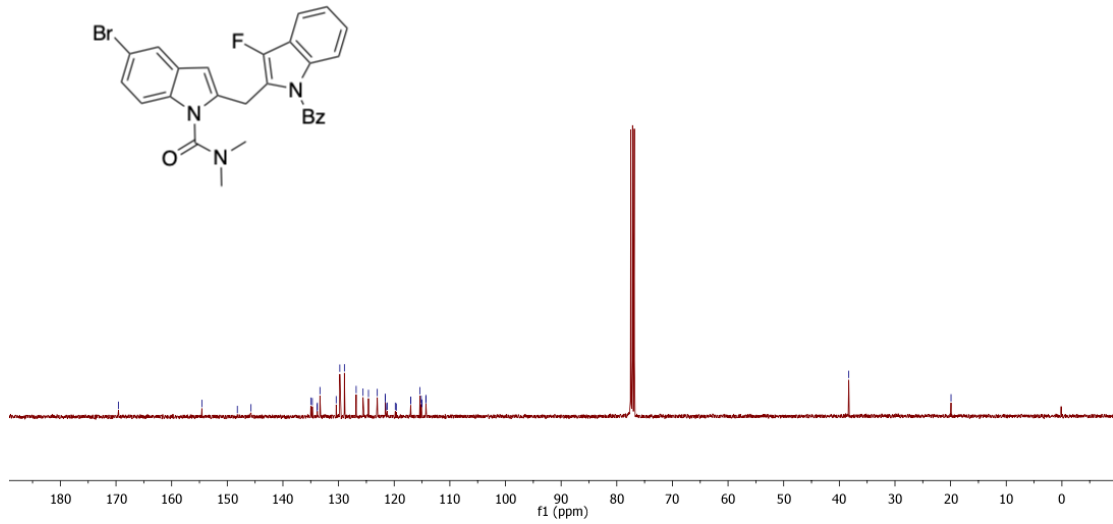
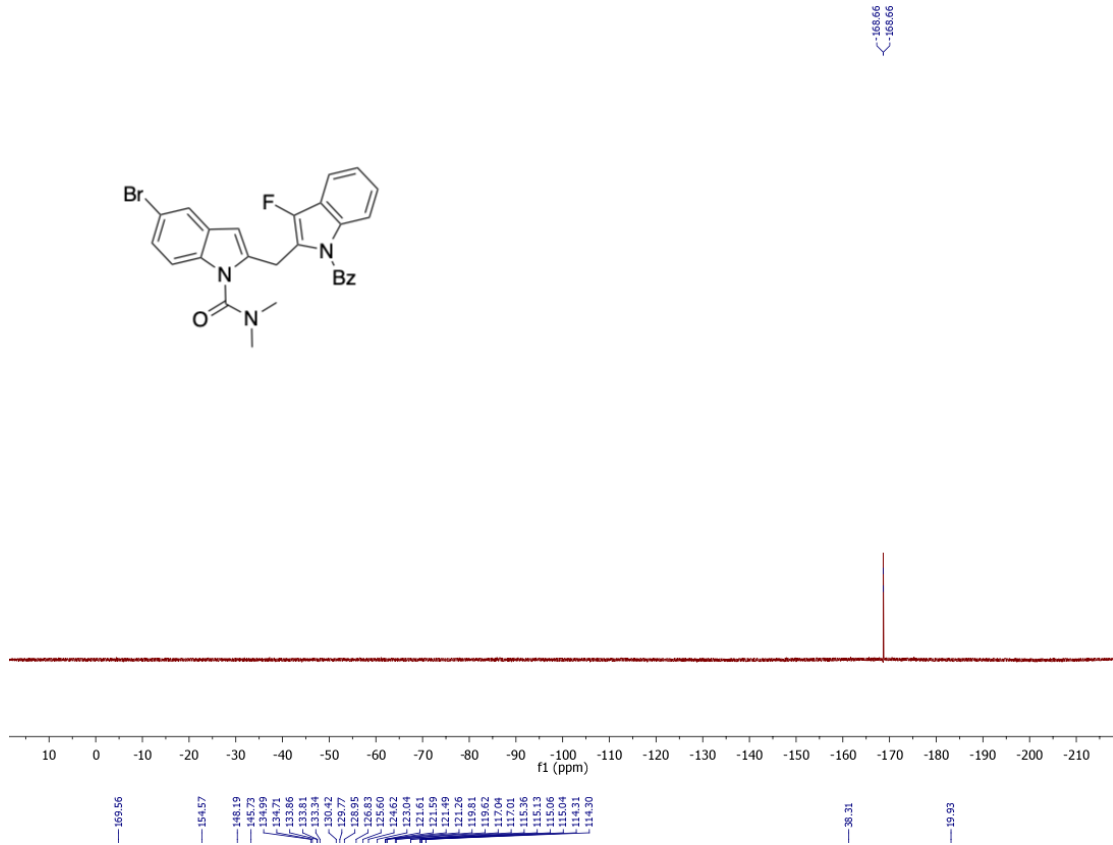
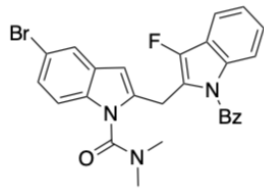


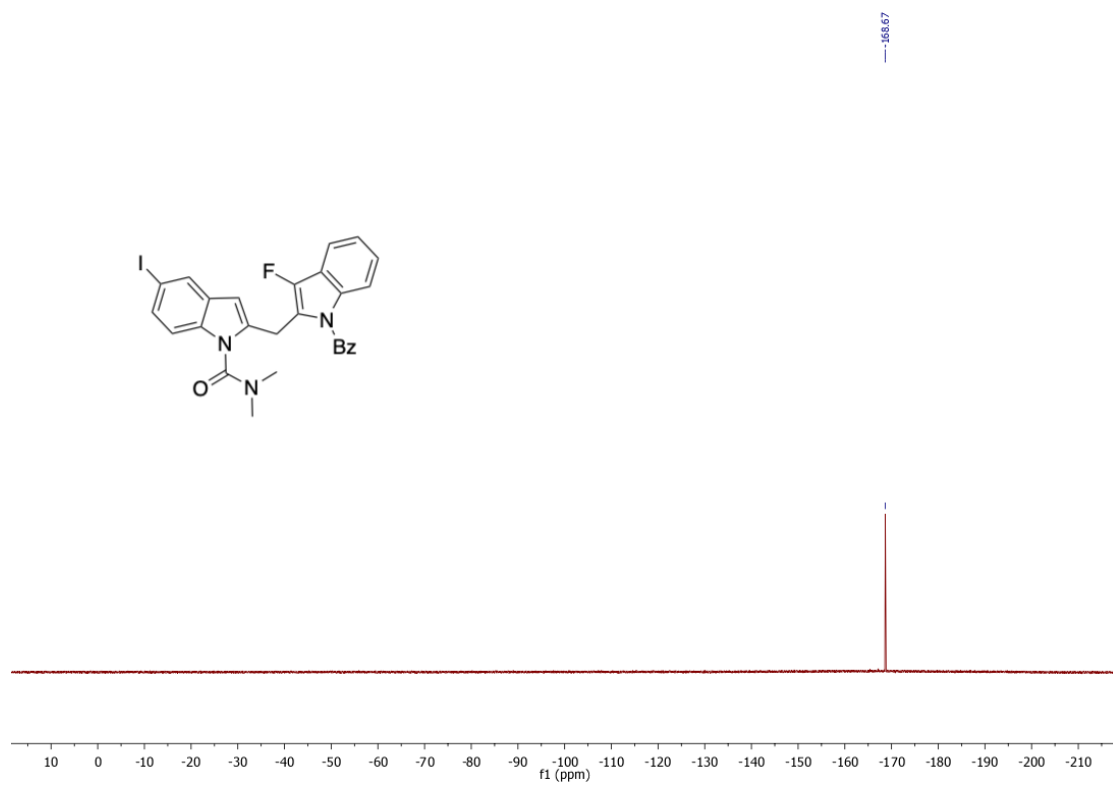
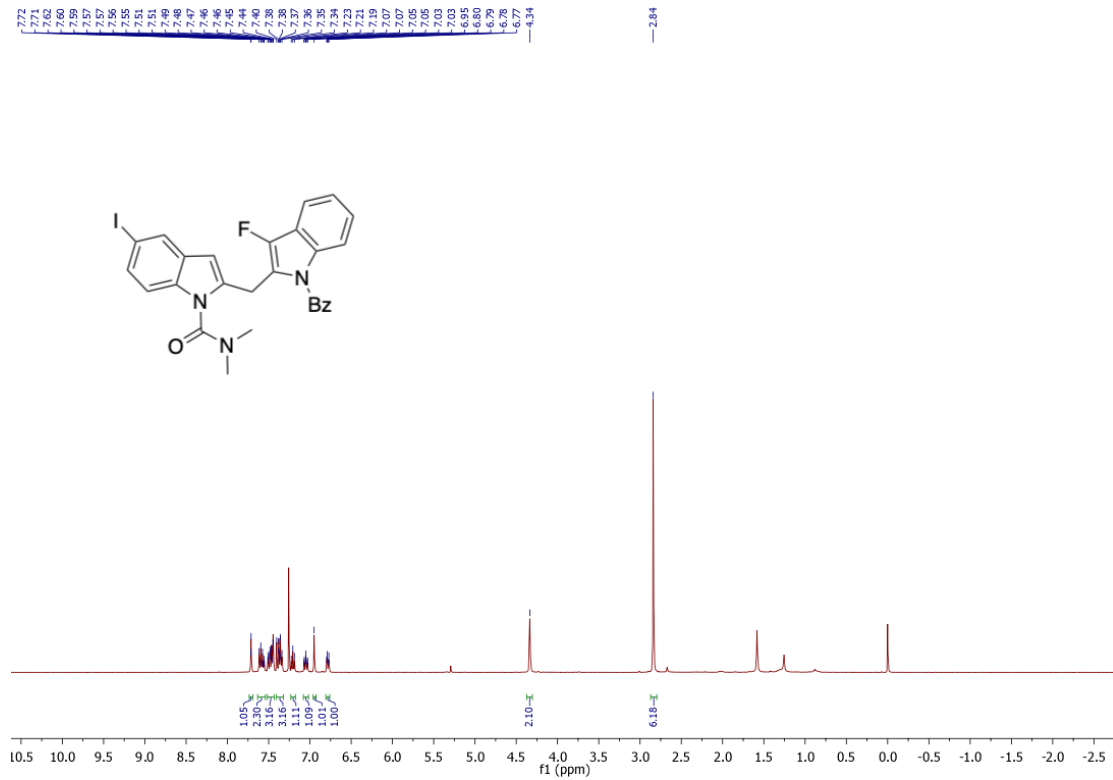


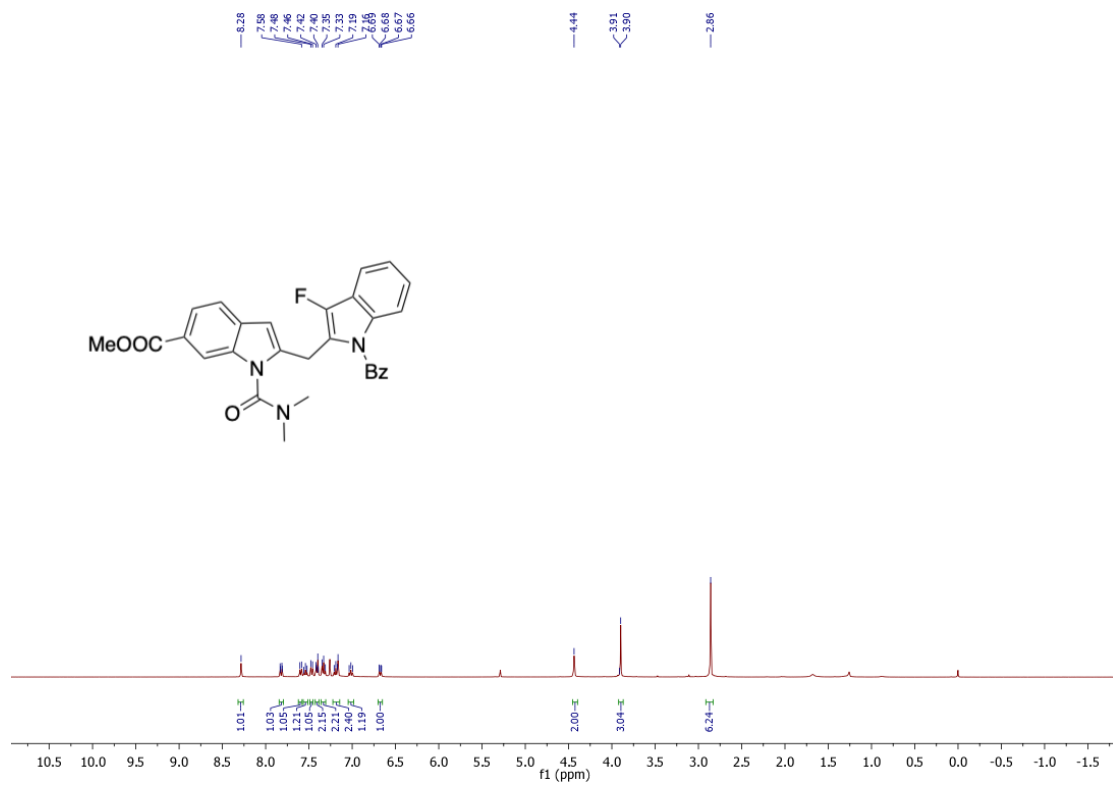
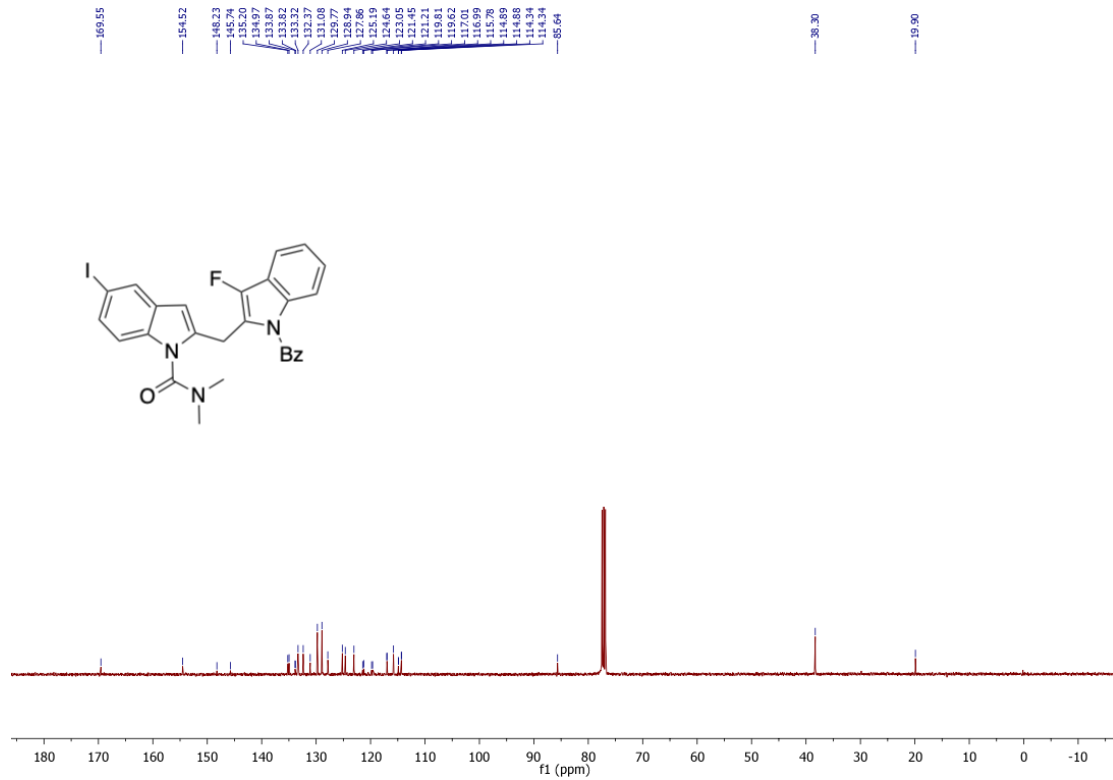


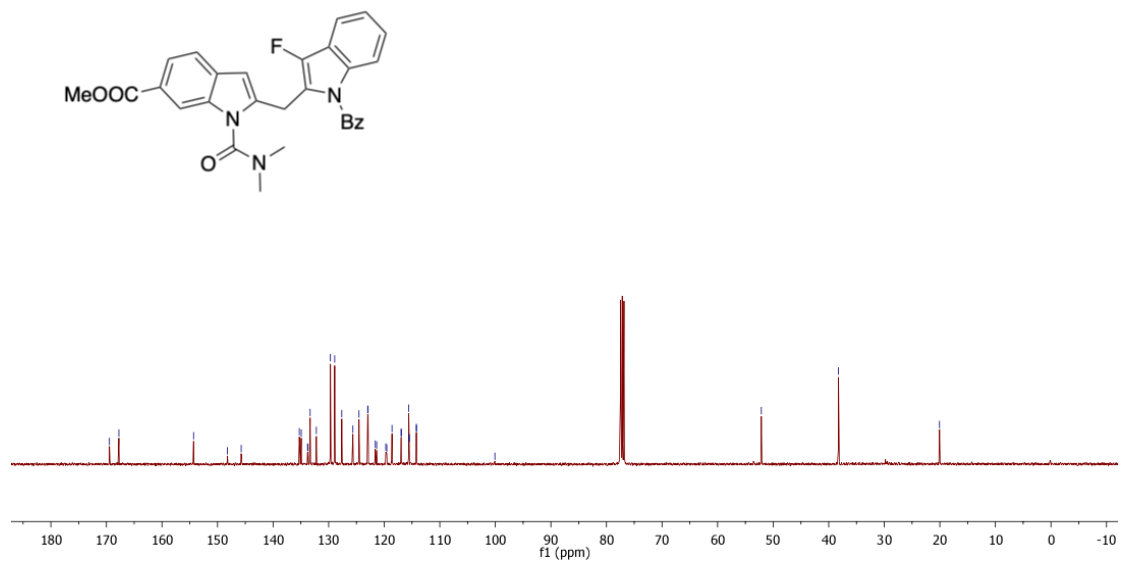
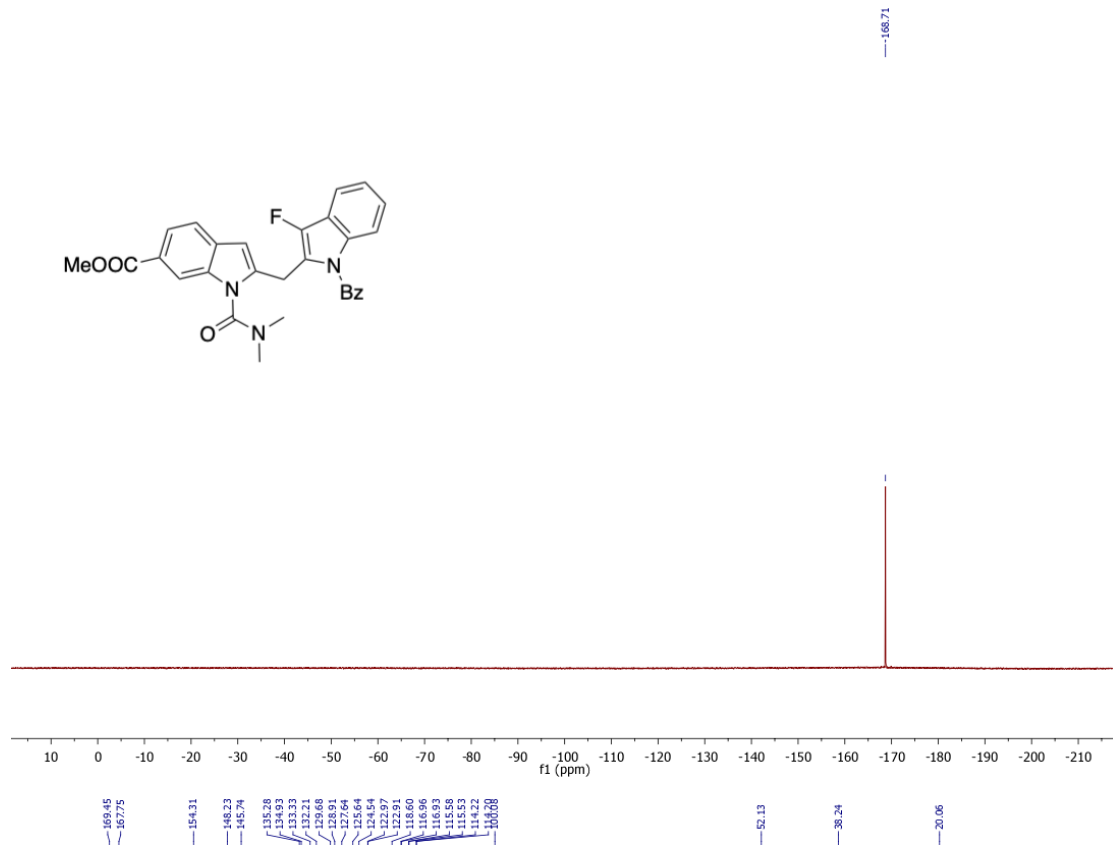


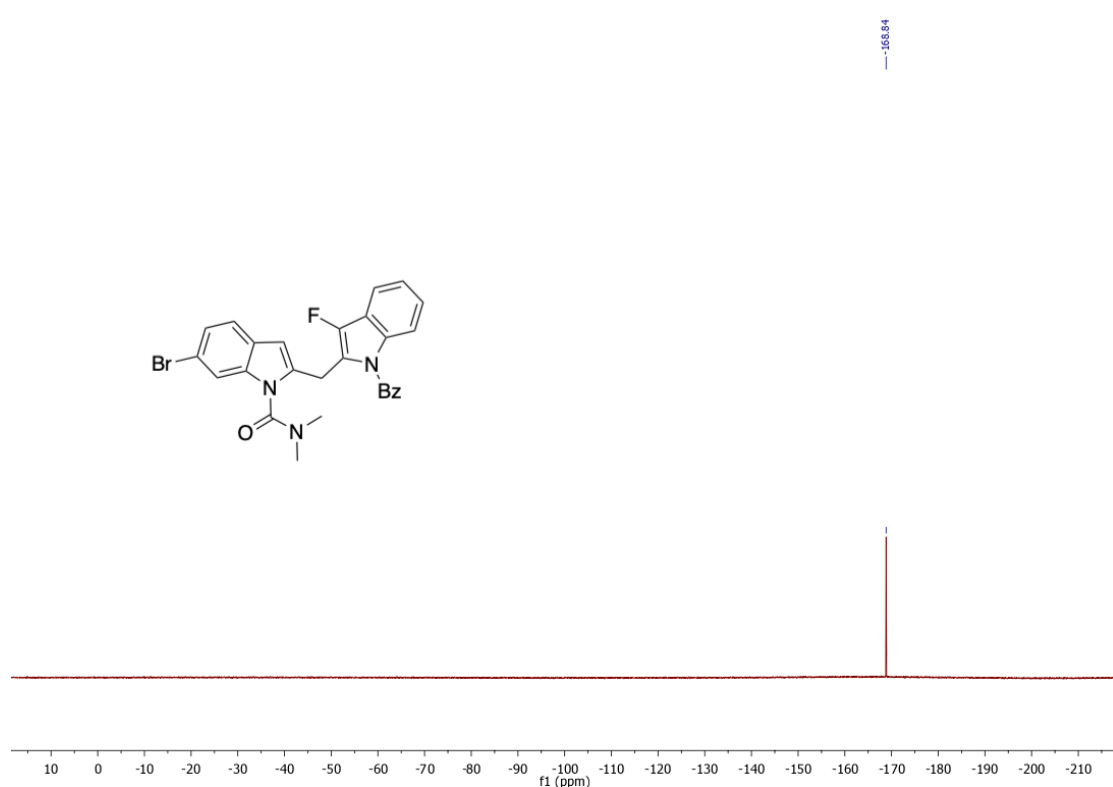
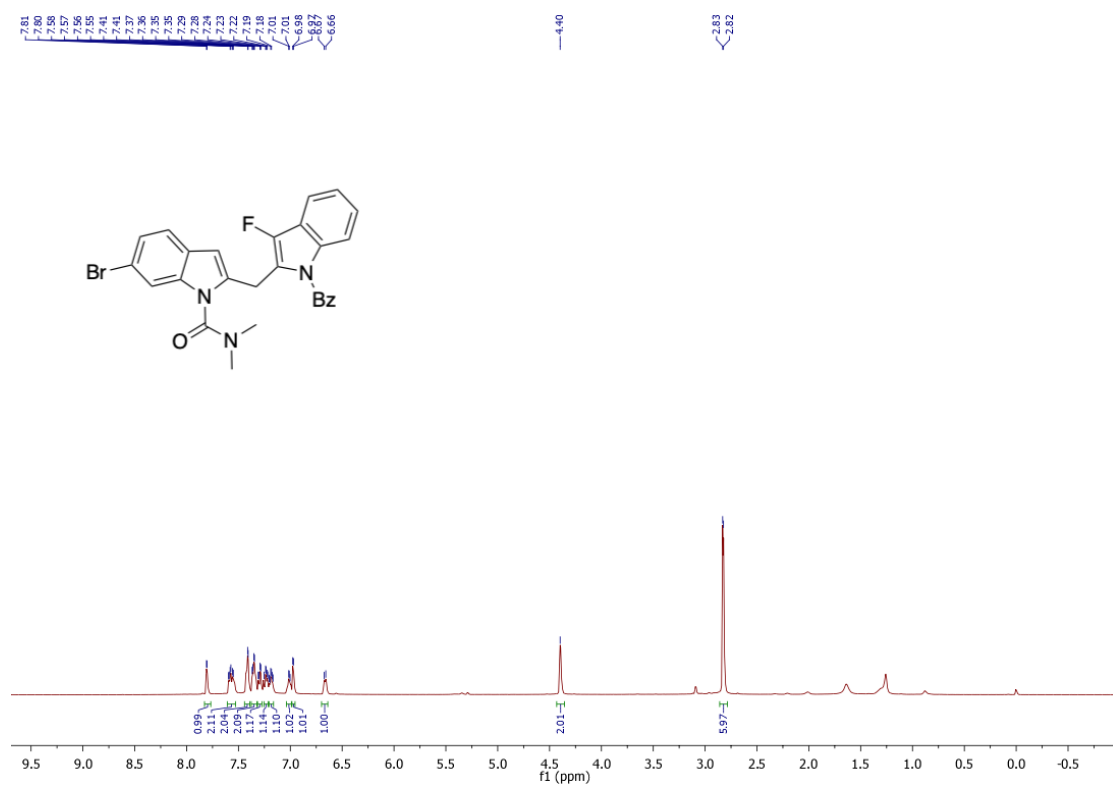


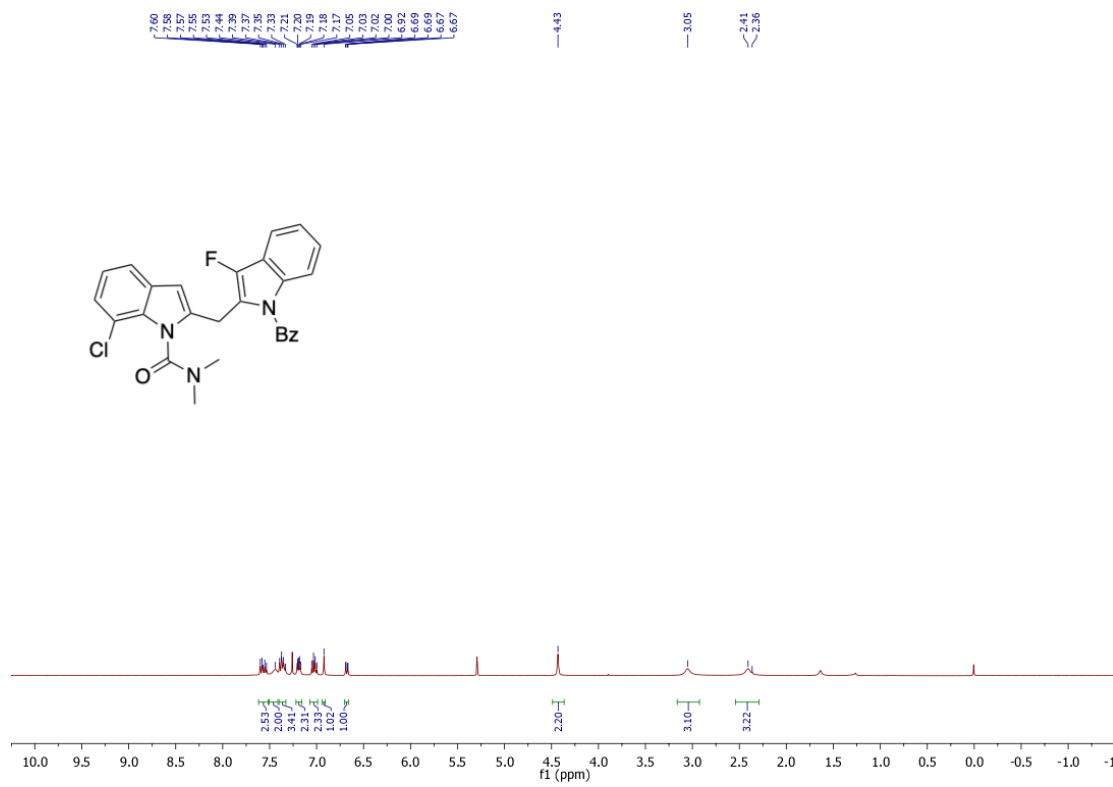
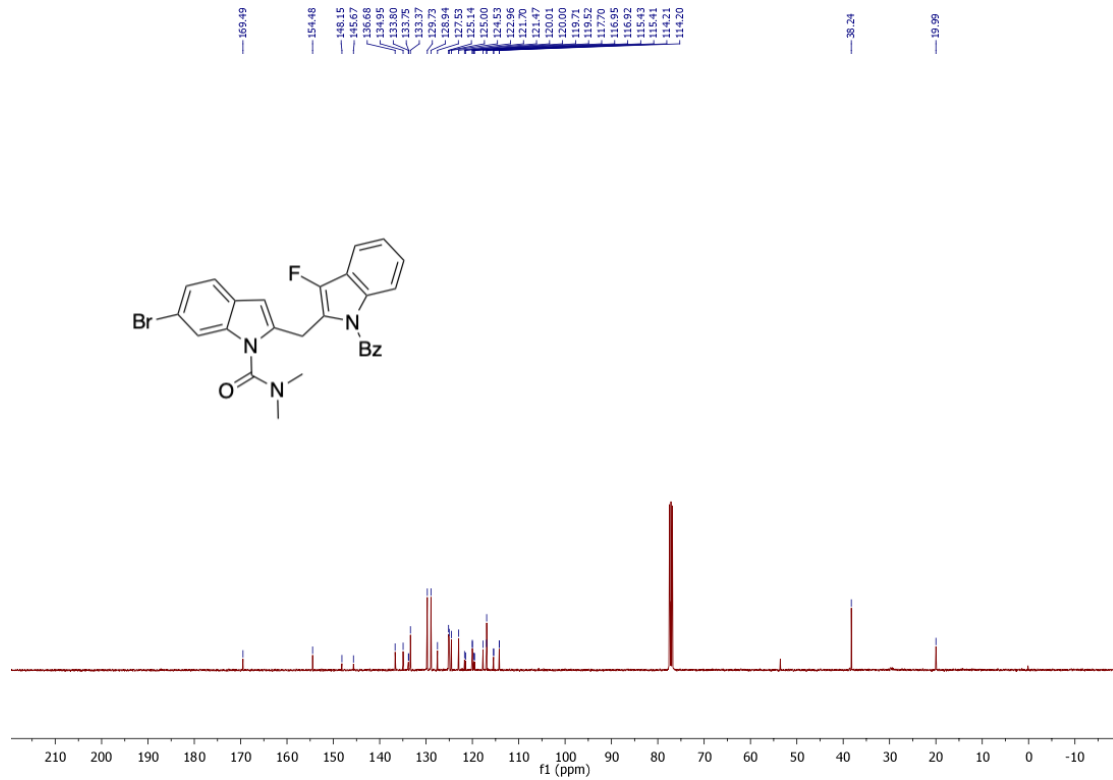


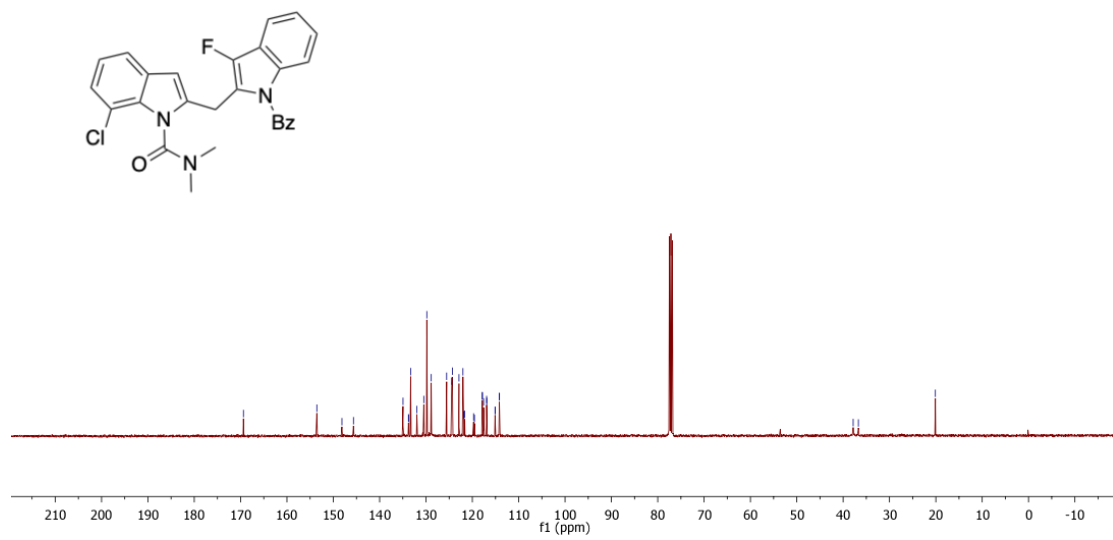
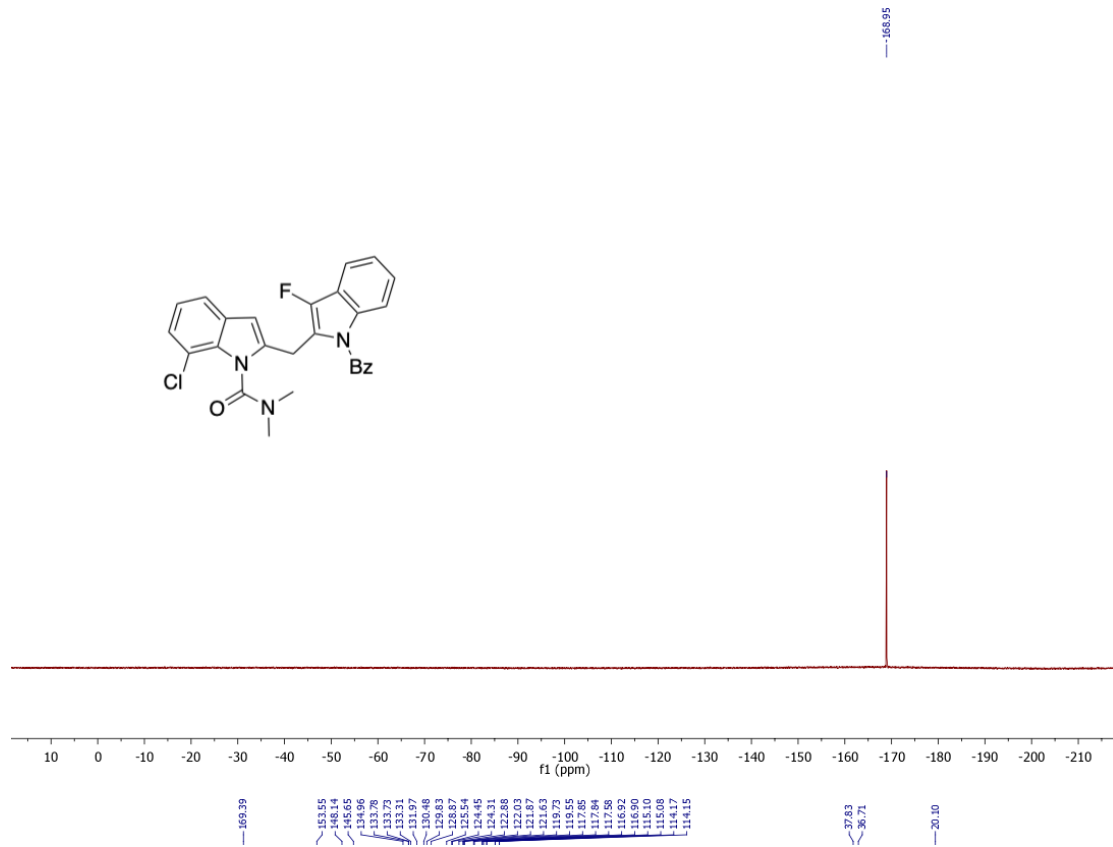


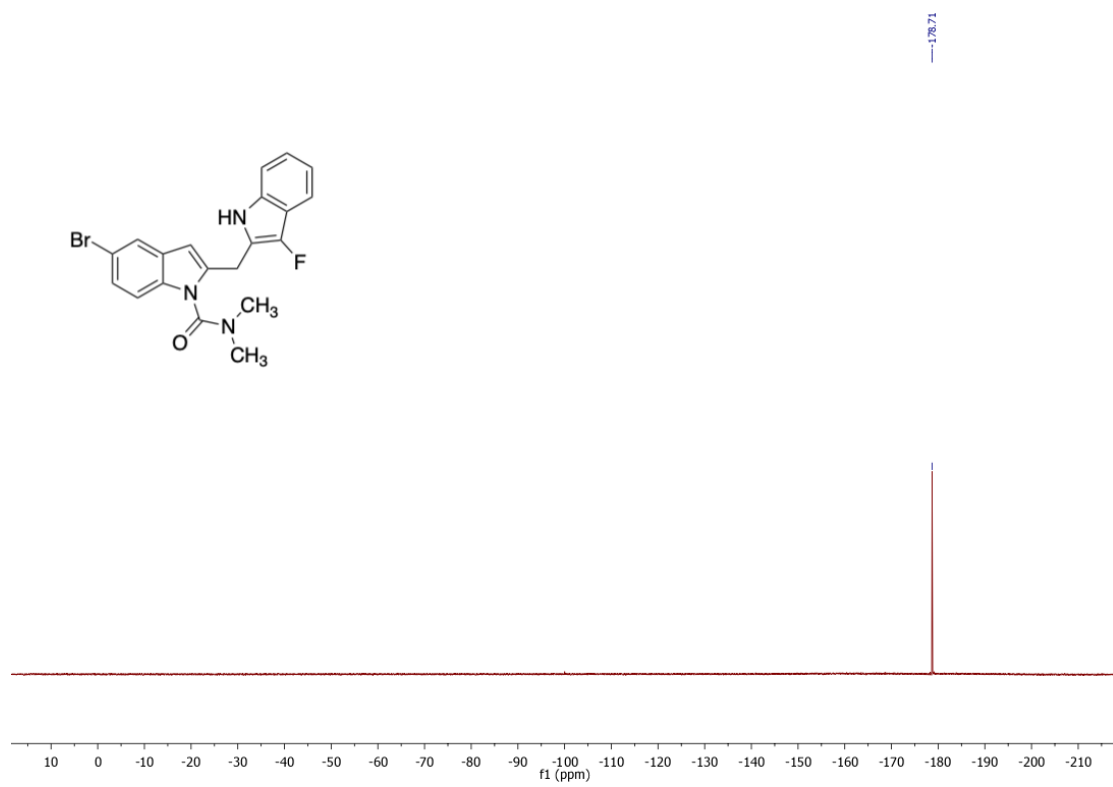
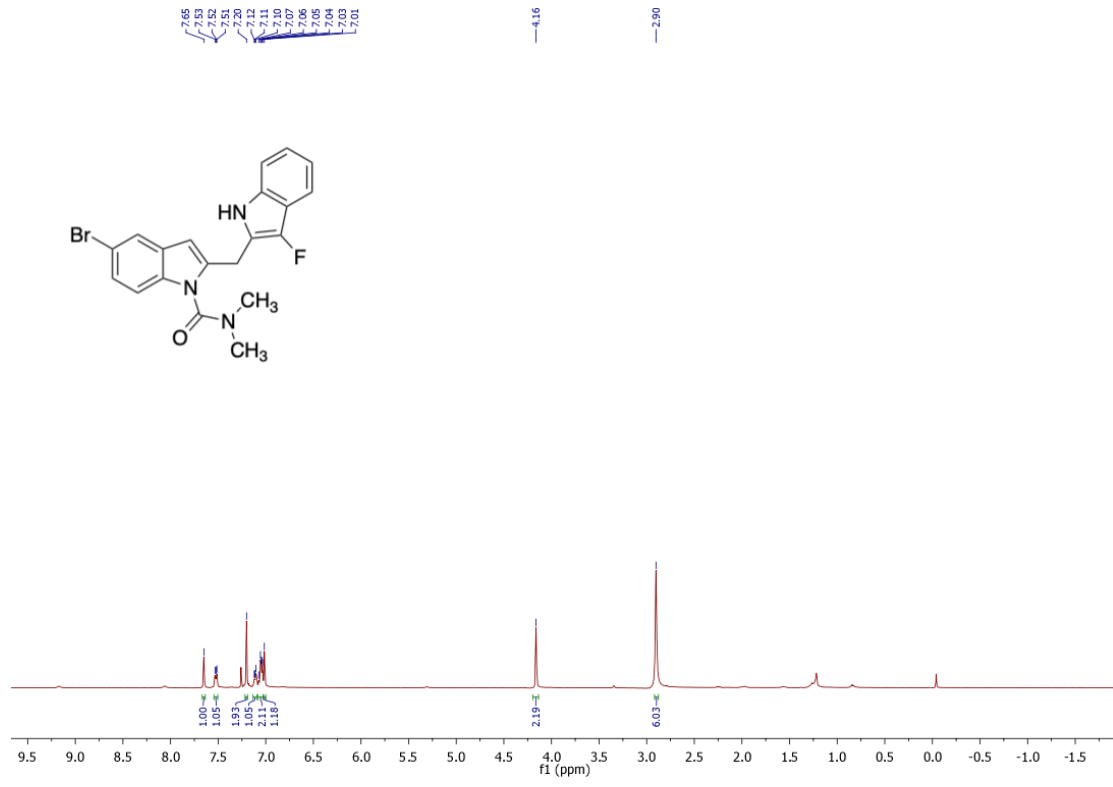


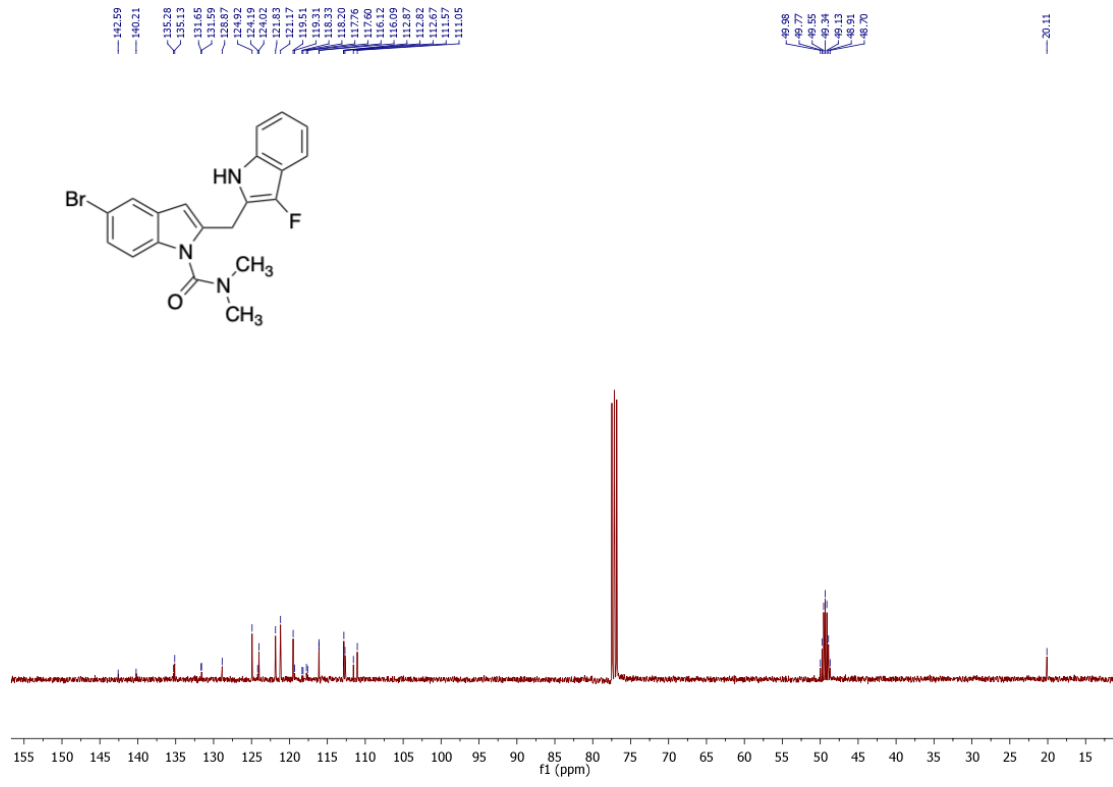












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