

Access and Modulation of Substituted 1-Methyl-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-*c*]pyrazole

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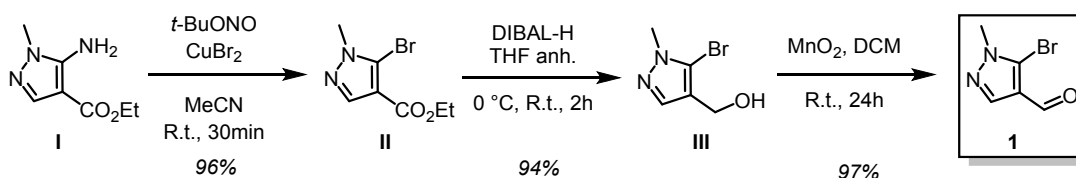
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General Methods

All reagents and organic solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers and were used without further purification. Microwave assisted reactions were carried out in a Biotage Initiator microwave synthesis instrument and temperatures were measured by an IR sensor. Solvents mentioned as dry were purified with a dry station GT S100 immediately prior to use. The reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) analysis using 0.2 mm precoated Kieselgel 60 F254 (Merck) silica gel plates visualized with a MACHEREY NAGEL UV₂₅₄ lamp. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel 60 (230-400 mesh, 40 – 63 μm). Solvent ratios for chromatography and are reported as v/v ratios and are indicated for each compound. Melting points (mp [°C]) were taken on samples in open capillary tubes and are uncorrected on an IA9200 Thermo Scientific Electrothermal Melting Point apparatus/instrument. Infrared analyses were determined on a Thermo Scientific ATR Nicolet iS10 and interpreted using OMNIC software. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded either on a Bruker ULTRASHIELD® PLUS 400MHz spectrometer (¹³C, 100 MHz) or on a Bruker AVANCE 250MHz (¹³C, 62.9 MHz) spectrometer, as solutions in deuterated solvents. Unless otherwise indicated, chemical shifts (δ) are reported in parts per million (ppm) values, and coupling constants (*J*) are reported in Hertz. Peak multiplicities are designated by the following abbreviations: s = singlet; d = doublet; t = triplet; q = quartet; m = multiplet; dd = double doublet, br = broadened. High-resolution mass spectrometry analyses (HRMS) were performed on a Maxis Bruker 4G Spectrometer. X-ray diffraction data were collected on Xcalibur CCD area detector diffractometer equipped with monochromatized Mo-Kα radiation (0.71073 Å) at 296 K. The data collection, unit cell refinement, and data reduction were performed using the CrysAlis Pro,¹ Oxford Diffraction Ltd. software package. Analytical numeric absorption correction using a multifaceted crystal model based on expressions derived was carried.² The positions of non-H atoms were determined and refinement by SHELXS-2014 program. Non-hydrogen atoms were first refined isotropically followed by anisotropic refinement by full matrix least-squares calculations based on F² using SHELXL-2014 program.

Compounds Described by the Literature

Starting material compound **1** was prepared as previously described in the literature and as follows:



Synthesis of Ethyl 5-bromo-1-methyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylate³ (II)

¹ A. T. CrysAlisPro, Version 1.171.37.35 (release 13-08-2014 CrysAlis171 .NET)(compiled Aug 13 2014, 18:06:01).

² R. C. Clark, J. S. Reid, *Acta Crystallogr. Sect. A* **1995**, *51*, 887-897.

Copper^(II) bromide (6.3 g, 0.0283 moles) and *tert*-butyl nitrite (4.2 mL, 0.0354 moles) were combined in acetonitrile (50 mL). Commercial ethyl 5-amino-1-methyl-1*H*-pyrazole-4-carboxylate (**I**) (4.0 g, 0.0236 moles) was slowly added portionwise, and the reaction was maintained left at room temperature for 30 minutes. The mixture was cooled to room temperature, poured into aqueous hydrochloric acid (6 N, 160 mL), diluted with dichloromethane (150 mL), and stirred for 10 min. The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (3x100 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude obtained needed no further purification and was engaged in the next step. **Yield:** 96% (5.33 g). Light yellow solid. **M.p.:** 38 – 39 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):** δ 7.79 (s, 1H), 4.19 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):** δ 161.4 (C=O), 141.6 (CH), 117.7 (C), 113.6 (C), 60.1 (CH₂), 37.8 (N-CH₃), 14.1 (CH₃). **IR ν (cm⁻¹):** 2995, 2974, 2931, 2871, 1709, 1528, 1470, 1389, 1214, 1173, 1214, 1173, 1040, 770. **HRMS (ESI):** (*m/z*) [M+H]⁺ calculated for [C₇H₁₀⁷⁹BrN₂O₂]⁺ 232.9920; found 232.9917, calculated for [C₇H₁₀⁸¹BrN₂O₂]⁺ 234.9900; found 234.9897.

Synthesis of (5-bromo-1-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl)methanol⁴ (**III**)

A solution of ethyl 5-bromo-1-methyl-1*H*-pyrazole-4-carboxylate (**II**) (5.33 g, 0.0228 moles) in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (75 mL) at 0°C was treated with diisobutylaluminum hydride (1 M solution in tetrahydrofuran, 58 mL, 0.0571 moles), and the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stir for 2 hours. A cold saturated aqueous sodium potassium tartrate solution was added, and stirring was continued for 4 hours. The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane, and the combined organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulted crude mixture needed no further purification and was engaged in the next step. **Yield:** 94% (4.14 g). Colorless solid. **M.p.:** 55 – 56 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):** δ 7.48 (s, 1H), 4.46 (s, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.53 (s, 1H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):** δ 139.3 (CH), 120.9 (C), 113.7 (C), 55.6 (CH₂), 37.6 (N-CH₃). **IR ν (cm⁻¹):** 3255, 2947, 2896, 2848, 2741, 1554, 1413, 1398, 1322, 1189, 1012, 995, 880. **HRMS (ESI):** (*m/z*) [M+H]⁺ calculated for [C₅H₈⁷⁹BrN₂O]⁺ 190.9815; found 190.9815, calculated for [C₅H₈⁸¹BrN₂O]⁺ 192.9794, found 192.9796.

Synthesis of 5-bromo-1-methyl-1*H*-pyrazole-4-carbaldehyde (**1**)

A solution of (5-bromo-1-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl)methanol (**III**) (4.14 g, 0.0216 moles) in dichloromethane (25 mL) was treated with activated manganese^(IV) oxide (18.8 g, 0.216 moles) and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 hours. Afterwards, the reaction mixture was filtered on Celite[®] and the filter pad washed with dichloromethane. The recovered filtrates were then concentrated under reduced pressure to yield the crude compound that required no further purification. **Yield:** 97% (4.01 g). Light yellow solid. **M.p.:** 75 – 76 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz,**

³ P. Gillespie, R. A. Goodnow, Q. Zhang, *US20060223852A1* **2006**, *Chem. Abstr.* **2006**, 145, 397512.

⁴ C. J. Helal, T. A. Chappie, J. M. Humphrey, *WO2012168817A1* **2012**, *Chem. Abstr.* **2012**, 158, 56278.

Chloroform-*d*: δ 9.78 (s, 1H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ 183.4 (C=O), 141.0 (CH), 121.7 (C), 119.7 (C), 37.6 (N-CH₃). **IR ν (cm⁻¹)**: 2953, 2920, 2852, 1655, 1524, 1501, 1454, 1419, 1388, 1368, 1190, 1094, 763. **HRMS (ESI)**: (*m/z*) [M+H]⁺ calculated for [C₅H₆⁷⁹BrN₂O]⁺ 188.9658; found 188.9653, calculated for [C₅H₆⁸¹BrN₂O]⁺ 190.9638, found 190.9634.

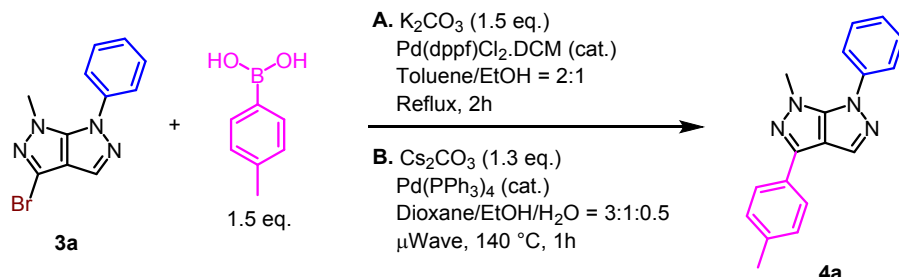
Optimization for the Suzuki-Miyaura Cross-Coupling Reaction

The first optimization conditions make use of a palladium^(II) catalyst, a mixture of two solvents and conventional heating (Conditions A).⁵ The second approach relies on palladium⁽⁰⁾ catalyst, three solvents

and microwave irradiation (Conditions B).⁶ In order to discriminate the best option for our substrate (3-bromo-1-methyl-6-phenyl-pyrazolo[3,4-*c*]pyrazole **3a**), comparative trials were performed, targeting the amount of catalyst loading (Table 1).

Initial results indicated that Conditions B are slightly superior to the Conditions A (Table 1, entry 1). The same pattern was noticed with catalyst amount ranging from 5 mol% to 2.5 mol% (Table 1, entries 2 and 3). The decisive result came when the palladium charge diminished again by half (1.25 mol%) as total conversion was only seen when applying Conditions B (Table 1, entry 5). The latter became obviously the most adapted choice for performing this transformation.

Table 1. Optimization for the Suzuki-Miyaura Cross-Coupling Reaction



Entry	Method	Catalyst (mol%)	Yield (%) ^a	SM (%)
1	A	10	69	0
	B	10	84	0
2	A	5	72	0
	B	5	81	0
3	A	2.5	72	0
	B	2.5	79	0
4	A	1.25	77	Traces
	B	1.25	83	0
5	B	0	0	83 ^a

^a Isolated yield after silica gel chromatography purification

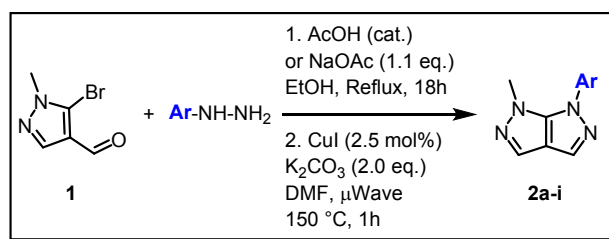
General Procedures

A) Synthesis of 1-methyl-6-arylpyrazolo[3,4-*c*]pyrazoles 2a-i

⁵ M. Naas, Ph.D. Dissertation, Université d'Orléans, 2016.

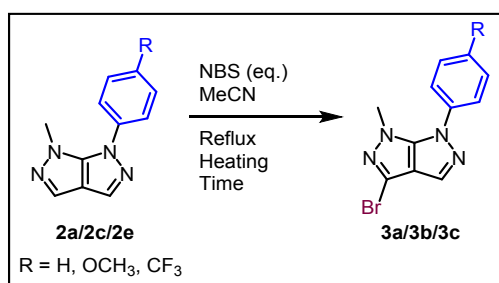
⁶ S. Grosse, C. Pillard, F. Himbert, S. Massip, J. M. Léger, C. Jarry, P. Bernard, G. Guillaumet, *Eur. J. Org. Chem.* **2013**, 4146-4155.

To a stirred solution of 5-bromo-1-methyl-1*H*-pyrazole-4-carbaldehyde **1** (100 mg, 0.529 mmoles, 1.0 eq.) in ethanol (2 mL) a few drops of glacial acetic acid and the desired hydrazine (1.1 eq., 0.58 mmoles) were added. If the hydrazine is found under its hydrochloric form salt, a stoichiometric amount of sodium acetate (1.1 eq., 0.58 mmoles) is added to the mixture instead of the glacial acetic acid. This mixture was refluxed for 18 h and afterwards concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude was solubilized in DMF (3 mL), transferred to a dry tube and then potassium carbonate (146 mg, 1.06 mmoles, 2.0 eq.) and copper iodide (2.5 mg, 0.013 mmoles, 2.5 mol%) were added to the mixture. The tube was evacuated, backfilled with dry argon three times and then sealed. The reaction mixture was then heated at 150 °C for 1 hour under microwave irradiation. Solvent removal and purification by silica gel column chromatography using appropriate solvents afforded the expected bicyclic compound.



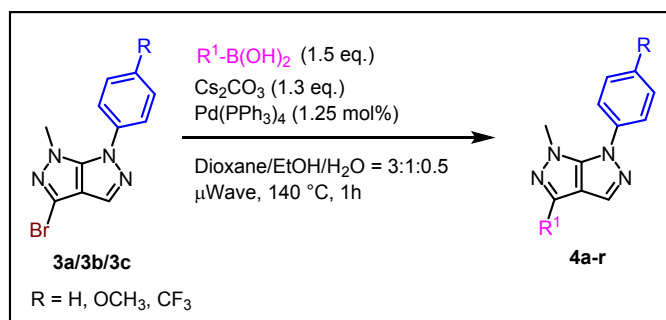
B) Synthesis of 3-bromo-1-methyl-6-arylpyrazolo[3,4-*c*]pyrazoles **3a**, **3b** and **3c**

To a stirred solution of 1-methyl-6-arylpyrazolo[3,4-*c*]pyrazole (**2a**, **2c**, or **2e**) (100 mg, 1.0 eq.) in acetonitrile (2 mL) the correspondent amount of NBS is added. Depending on the nature of the substituent, the mixture is left under stirring at reflux or under microwave irradiation (sealed tube) for the given time. The reaction mixture is afterwards extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 10 mL) and water. The organic layers collected were washed with a saturated solution of Na₂S₂O₃, dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography using appropriate solvents.



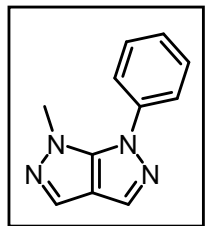
C) Synthesis of 1-methyl-3-aryl-6-arylpyrazolo[3,4-*c*]pyrazoles **4a-r**

To a stirred solution of 3-bromo-1-methyl-6-arylpyrazolo[3,4-*c*]pyrazoles (**3a**, **3b** or **3c**) (100 mg, 1.0 eq.) and corresponding boronic acid (1.5 eq.) in a mixture (3 mL) of dioxane, ethanol and water (3:1:0.5), a solution of cesium carbonate (1.3 eq.) in 0.5 mL of water was added. The tube was argon flushed three times and then Pd(PPh₃)₄ (1.25 mol%) was added. The tube was again argon flushed, sealed and microwave irradiated at 140 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was then filtrated on Celite®, rinsed and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The organic layers collected were washed, dried on MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated. The crude obtained was purified by silica gel column chromatography using appropriate solvents, affording the desired compound.



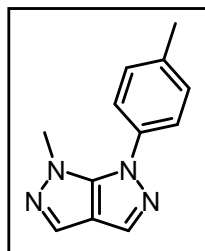
Characterization Data for the Newly Synthesized Compounds

1-Methyl-6-phenyl-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-*c*]pyrazole (**2a**)



Prepared as described in the general procedure **A** (phenylhydrazine: 63 mg, 57 μL , 0.58 mmol, CuI: 2.5 mg, 0.013 mmol; K₂CO₃: 146 mg, 1.06 mmol). **Yield**: 76% (80 mg). Orange oil. **Column chromatography eluents**: PE/EtOAc = 8/2. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆)**: δ 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆)**: δ 149.1 (C), 139.8 (C), 130.2 (2xCH), 130.0 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 124.1 (2XCH), 121.0 (C), 37.7 (N-CH₃). **IR ν (cm⁻¹)**: 3056, 2942, 1682, 1595, 1508, 1457, 1436, 1372, 1189, 1112, 1034, 1004, 990, 969, 844, 759, 715, 696. **HRMS (ESI)**: (*m/z*) [M+H]⁺ calculated for [C₁₁H₁₁N₄]⁺ 199.0978; found 199.0978.

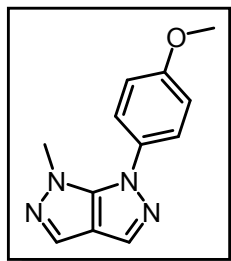
1-Methyl-6-(*p*-tolyl)-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-*c*]pyrazole (**2b**)



Prepared as described in the general procedure **A** (4-methylphenylhydrazine hydrochloride: 92 mg, 0.58 mmol; NaOAc: 48 mg, 0.58 mmol; CuI: 2.5 mg, 0.013 mmol; K₂CO₃: 146 mg, 1.06 mmol). **Yield**: 64% (72 mg). Beige solid. **Column chromatography eluents**: PE/EtOAc = 8/2. **M.p.**: 88 – 89 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆)**: δ 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆)**: δ 149.1 (C), 137.9 (C), 137.4 (C), 130.6 (2xCH), 129.6 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 124.2 (2xCH), 120.8 (C), 37.5

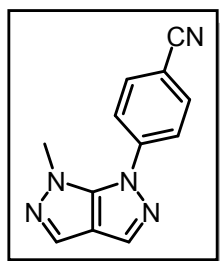
(N-CH₃), 21.0 (CH₃). **IR** ν (cm⁻¹): 3108, 3041, 2918, 2854, 1711, 1604, 1583, 1515, 1436, 1416, 1376, 1365, 1216, 1198, 1108, 1036, 999, 977, 843, 819, 720. **HRMS (ESI)**: (*m/z*) [M+H]⁺ calculated for [C₁₂H₁₃N₄]⁺ 213.1134; found 213.1136.

1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-6-methyl-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-*c*]pyrazole (2c)



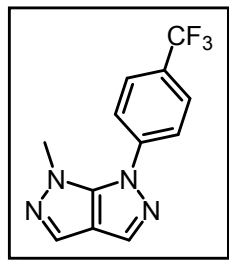
Prepared as described in the general procedure A (4-methoxyphenylhydrazine hydrochloride: 102 mg, 0.58 mmol; NaOAc: 48 mg, 0.58 mmol; CuI: 2.5 mg, 0.013 mmol; K₂CO₃: 146 mg, 1.06 mmol). **Yield**: 46% (56 mg). Light orange oil. **Column chromatography eluents**: PE/EtOAc = 8/2. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ 159.3 (C), 148.7 (C), 131.6 (C), 129.1 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 125.7 (2xCH), 119.4 (C), 114.6 (2xCH), 55.7 (O-CH₃), 36.9 (N-CH₃). **IR** ν (cm⁻¹): 3001, 2935, 2837, 1600, 1585, 1514, 1444, 1421, 1370, 1299, 1246, 1182, 1137, 1109, 1035, 1013, 994, 969, 832, 718, 704. **HRMS (ESI)**: (*m/z*) [M+H]⁺ calculated for [C₁₂H₁₃N₄O]⁺ 229.1083; found 229.1085.

4-(6-Methylpyrazolo[3,4-*c*]pyrazol-1(6*H*)-yl)benzotrile (2d)



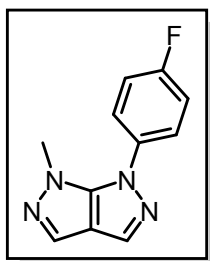
Prepared as described in the general procedure A (4-cyanophenylhydrazine hydrochloride: 99 mg, 0.58 mmol; NaOAc: 48 mg, 0.58 mmol; CuI: 2.5 mg, 0.013 mmol; K₂CO₃: 146 mg, 1.06 mmol). **Yield**: 76% (90 mg). Light brown solid. **Column chromatography eluents**: PE/EtOAc = 7/3. **M.p.**: 154 – 155 °C. **¹H NMR (250 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.72 – 7.67 (m, 3H), 7.52 (s, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (63 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ 148.1 (C), 142.1 (C), 133.7 (2xCH), 131.6 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 122.8 (2xCH), 121.0 (C), 118.2 (CN), 110.6 (C), 38.1 (N-CH₃). **IR** ν (cm⁻¹): 3133, 3104, 2924, 2853, 2224, 1605, 1591, 1512, 1438, 1411, 1378, 1344, 1287, 1185, 1172, 1110, 1032, 996, 967, 837, 711, 704. **HRMS (ESI)**: (*m/z*) [M+H]⁺ calculated for [C₁₂H₁₀N₅]⁺ 224.0930; found 224.0930.

1-Methyl-6-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-*c*]pyrazole (2e)



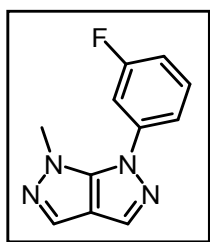
Prepared as described in the general procedure A (4-(trifluoromethyl)phenylhydrazine: 103 mg, 0.58 mmol; CuI: 2.5 mg, 0.013 mmol; K₂CO₃: 146 mg, 1.06 mmol). **Yield**: 54% (77 mg). Light yellow solid. **Column chromatography eluents**: DCM/EtOAc = 95/5. **M.p.**: 89 – 90 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.50 (s, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ 148.2 (C), 141.4 (C), 130.9 (CH), 129.2 (q, ²*J*_{C-F} = 33.0 Hz, C), 128.1 (CH), 126.8 (q, ³*J*_{C-F} = 3.8 Hz, 2xCH), 123.8 (q, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 272.1 Hz, CF₃), 122.9 (2xCH), 120.6 (C), 37.8 (N-CH₃). **¹⁹F NMR (235 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ -62.4. **IR** ν (cm⁻¹): 3106, 2923, 2854, 1616, 1597, 1523, 1507, 1143, 1318, 1193, 1180, 1157, 1118, 1107, 1065, 1031, 999, 970, 872, 839, 823, 714, 690. **HRMS (ESI)**: (*m/z*) [M+H]⁺ calculated for [C₁₂H₁₀F₃N₄]⁺ 267.0852; found 267.0852.

1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-6-methyl-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-c]pyrazole (2f)



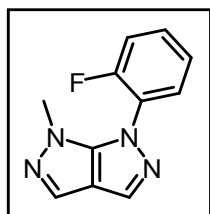
Prepared as described in the general procedure A (4-fluorophenylhydrazine hydrochloride: 95 mg, 0.58 mmol; NaOAc: 48 mg, 0.58 mmol; CuI: 2.5 mg, 0.013 mmol; K₂CO₃: 146 mg, 1.06 mmol). **Yield:** 62% (71 mg). Colorless oil. **Column chromatography eluents:** PE/EtOAc = 8/2. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):** δ 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.51 (dd, $J = 8.9, 4.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.24 – 7.16 (dd, $J = 8.9, 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):** δ 161.9 (d, $^1J_{C-F} = 248.0$ Hz, C), 148.5 (C), 134.7 (d, $^4J_{C-F} = 3.1$ Hz, C), 129.8 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 125.7 (d, $^3J_{C-F} = 8.6$ Hz, 2xCH), 119.8 (C), 116.5 (d, $^2J_{C-F} = 23.1$ Hz, 2xCH), 37.1 (N-CH₃). **IR ν (cm⁻¹):** 3111, 3066, 2943, 1701, 607, 1594, 1513, 1443, 1417, 1371, 1218, 1190, 1152, 1033, 999, 969, 838, 815, 718, 701. **HRMS (ESI):** (m/z) [M+H]⁺ calculated for [C₁₁H₁₀FN₄]⁺ 217.0884; found 217.0884.

1-(3-Fluorophenyl)-6-methyl-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-c]pyrazole (2g)



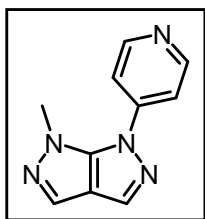
Prepared as described in the general procedure A (3-fluorophenylhydrazine hydrochloride: 95 mg, 0.58 mmol; NaOAc: 48 mg, 0.58 mmol; CuI: 2.5 mg, 0.013 mmol; K₂CO₃: 146 mg, 1.06 mmol). **Yield:** 85% (98 mg). Colorless solid. **Column chromatography eluents:** PE/EtOAc = 8/2. **M.p.:** 103 – 104 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):** δ 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.51 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.09 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):** δ 163.0 (d, $^1J_{C-F} = 248.4$ Hz, C), 148.2 (C), 140.0 (d, $^3J_{C-F} = 10.2$ Hz, CH), 130.7 (d, $^3J_{C-F} = 9.2$ Hz, C), 130.2 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 120.2 (C), 118.6 (d, $^4J_{C-F} = 3.2$ Hz, CH), 114.4 (d, $^2J_{C-F} = 21.1$ Hz, CH), 110.9 (d, $^2J_{C-F} = 24.7$ Hz, CH), 37.5 (N-CH₃). **IR ν (cm⁻¹):** 3091, 2992, 2934, 2853, 1161, 1595, 1509, 1464, 1429, 1414, 1379, 1199, 1171, 1148, 1113, 1081, 1030, 970, 869, 784, 712. **HRMS (ESI):** (m/z) [M+H]⁺ calculated for [C₁₁H₁₀FN₄]⁺ 217.0884; found 217.0883.

1-(2-Fluorophenyl)-6-methyl-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-c]pyrazole (2h)



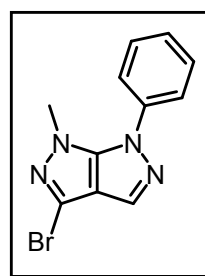
Prepared as described in the general procedure A (2-fluorophenylhydrazine hydrochloride: 95 mg, 0.58 mmol; NaOAc: 48 mg, 0.58 mmol; CuI: 2.5 mg, 0.013 mmol; K₂CO₃: 146 mg, 1.06 mmol). **Yield:** 46% (53 mg). Light brown solid. **Column chromatography eluents:** PE/EtOAc = 8/2. **M.p.:** 57 – 58 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆):** δ 7.72 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.61 – 7.53 (ddd, $J = 8.2, 8.1, 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆):** δ 157.1 (d, $^1J_{C-F} = 248.7$ Hz, C), 150.1 (C), 131.0 (d, $^3J_{C-F} = 7.8$ Hz, CH), 130.8 (CH), 129.2 (C), 127.6 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 126.1 (d, $^3J_{C-F} = 3.9$ Hz, CH), 120.1 (C), 117.4 (d, $^2J_{C-F} = 19.5$ Hz, CH), 36.2 (s, N-CH₃). **IR ν (cm⁻¹):** 3113, 3075, 2924, 2852, 1607, 1515, 1494, 1479, 1463, 1445, 1432, 1417, 1370, 1260, 1216, 1187, 1103, 1025, 1000, 972, 846, 836, 755, 725, 717, 704. **HRMS (ESI):** (m/z) [M+H]⁺ calculated for [C₁₁H₁₀FN₄]⁺ 217.0884; found 217.0882.

1-Methyl-6-(pyridin-4-yl)-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-*c*]pyrazole (2i)



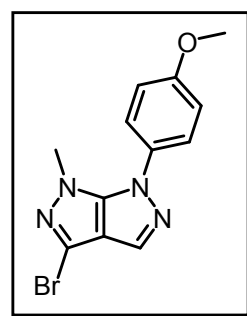
Prepared as described in the general procedure **A** (4-hydrazinopyridine: 64 mg, 0.58 mmoles; CuI: 2.5 mg, 0.013 mmoles; K₂CO₃: 146 mg, 1.06 mmoles). **Yield**: 46% (49 mg). White yellow solid. **Column chromatography eluents**: EtOAc/MeOH = 95/5. **M.p.**: 105 – 106 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ 8.75 (br s, 2H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.53 (br s, 2H), 7.50 (s, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ 151.2 (2xCH), 147.9 (C), 145.3 (C), 131.8 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 121.2 (C), 116.1 (2xCH), 38.5 (N-CH₃). **IR ν (cm⁻¹)**: 3088, 3036, 2943, 1682, 1647, 1587, 1569, 1508, 1440, 1417, 1381, 1191, 1115, 1030, 1009, 993, 696, 842, 820, 715. **HRMS (ESI)**: (*m/z*) [M+H]⁺ calculated for [C₁₀H₁₀N₅]⁺ 200.0930; found 200.0930.

3-Bromo-1-methyl-6-phenyl-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-*c*]pyrazole (3a)



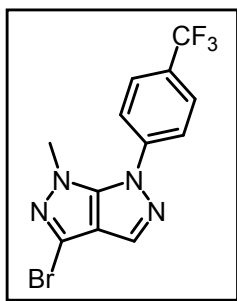
Prepared as described in the general procedure **B** (1-methyl-6-phenyl-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-*c*]pyrazole **2a**: 100 mg, 0.5 mmoles; NBS: 1.5 eq, 135 mg, 0.75 mmoles; MeCN: 2 mL; microwave irradiation at 100 °C for 2h). **Yield**: 77% (108 mg). Light orange oil. **Column chromatography eluents**: PE/EtOAc = 95/5. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.55 – 7.50 (m, 4H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ 148.8 (C), 138.1 (C), 129.6 (2xCH), 129.1 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 123.8 (2xCH), 119.9 (C), 113.1 (C-Br), 37.6 (N-CH₃). **IR ν (cm⁻¹)**: 3066, 2928, 1726, 1594, 1506, 1457, 1431, 1367, 1238, 1148, 1079, 1038, 1008, 983, 905, 840, 759, 715, 696. **HRMS (ESI)**: (*m/z*) [M+H]⁺ calculated for [C₁₁H₁₀⁷⁹BrN₄]⁺ 277.0083; found 277.0084, calculated for [C₁₁H₁₀⁸¹BrN₄]⁺ 279.0064, found 279.0065.

3-Bromo-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-*c*]pyrazole (3b)



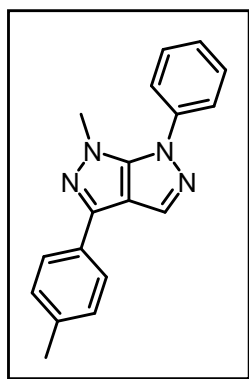
Prepared as described in the general procedure **B** (1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-methyl-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-*c*]pyrazole **2c**: 100 mg, 0.43 mmoles; NBS: 78 mg, 0.43 mmoles, 1.0 eq.; MeCN: 2 mL; conventional heating at reflux for 4h). **Yield**: 55% (74 mg). Colorless oil. **Column chromatography eluents**: PE/EtOAc = 9/1. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ 159.5 (C), 149.0 (C), 131.0 (C), 128.5 (CH), 125.8 (2xCH), 119.4 (C), 114.7 (2xCH), 112.8 (C-Br), 55.7 (O-CH₃), 37.2 (N-CH₃). **IR ν (cm⁻¹)**: 3107, 2936, 2836, 1600, 1585, 1514, 1462, 1366, 1299, 1246, 1150, 1040, 904, 832, 716. **HRMS (ESI)**: (*m/z*) [M+H]⁺ calculated for [C₁₂H₁₂⁷⁹BrN₄O]⁺ 307.0189; found 307.0189, calculated for [C₁₂H₁₂⁸¹BrN₄O]⁺ 309.0169, found 309.0168.

3-Bromo-1-methyl-6-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-*c*]pyrazole (3c)



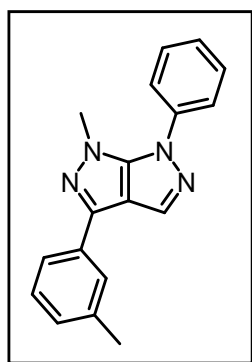
Prepared as described in the general procedure **B** (1-methyl-6-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-*c*]pyrazole **2e**: 100 mg, 0.37 mmol; NBS: 101 mg, 0.56 mmol, 1.5 eq.; MeCN: 2 mL; microwave irradiation at 100 °C for 4h). **Yield**: 92% (120 mg). Colorless solid. **Column chromatography eluents**: PE/EtOAc = 7/3. **M.p.**: 132 – 133 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ 7.79 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ 148.5 (C), 140.9 (C), 130.2 (CH), 129.7 (q, $^2J_{C-F}$ = 33.2 Hz, C), 126.9 (q, $^3J_{C-F}$ = 3.7 Hz, 2xCH), 123.7 (q, $^1J_{C-F}$ = 272.2 Hz, CF₃), 123.1 (2xCH), 120.6 (C), 113.4 (C-Br), 38.1 (N-CH₃). **¹⁹F NMR (235 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: -62.5. **IR ν (cm⁻¹)**: 3108, 2924, 2853, 1613, 1596, 1583, 1523, 1500, 1438, 1416, 1320, 1249, 1151, 1107, 1065, 1034, 1009, 904, 838. **HRMS (ESI)**: (m/z) [M+H]⁺ calculated for [C₁₂H₉⁷⁹BrF₃N₄]⁺ 344.9957; found 344.9958, calculated for [C₁₂H₉⁸¹BrF₃N₄]⁺ 346.9937, found 346.9938.

1-Methyl-6-phenyl-3-(*p*-tolyl)-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-*c*]pyrazole (4a)



Prepared as described in the general procedure **C** (3-bromo-1-methyl-6-phenyl-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-*c*]pyrazole **3a**: 100 mg, 0.36 mmol; 4-methylphenylboronic acid: 74 mg, 0.54 mmol, 1.5 eq.; Cs₂CO₃: 153 mg, 0.47 mmol, 1.3 eq.; Pd(PPh₃)₄: 5.5 mg, 0.004 mmol, 1.25 mol%). **Yield**: 83% (87 mg). Light brown solid. **Column chromatography eluents**: PE/EtOAc = 9/1. **M.p.**: 126 – 127 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆)**: δ 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆)**: δ 150.1 (C), 139.6 (C), 139.3 (C), 138.5 (C), 131.0 (C), 130.6 (CH), 130.3 (2xCH), 130.2 (2xCH), 128.1 (CH), 126.6 (2xCH), 124.3 (2xCH), 118.0 (C), 37.8 (N-CH₃), 21.3 (CH₃). **IR ν (cm⁻¹)**: 3013, 2919, 1854, 1596, 1510, 1496, 1459, 1416, 1310, 1295, 1278, 1206, 1087, 1040, 1017, 1002, 990, 909, 820, 766, 753, 724, 696. **HRMS (ESI)**: (m/z) [M+H]⁺ calculated for [C₁₈H₁₇N₄]⁺ 289.1447; found 289.1446.

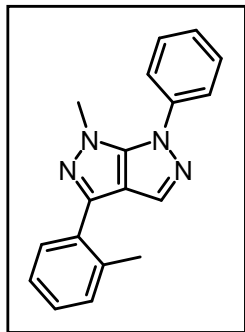
1-Methyl-6-phenyl-3-(*m*-tolyl)-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-*c*]pyrazole (4b)



Prepared as described in the general procedure **C** (3-bromo-1-methyl-6-phenyl-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-*c*]pyrazole **3a**: 100 mg, 0.36 mmol; 3-methylphenylboronic acid: 74 mg, 0.54 mmol, 1.5 eq.; Cs₂CO₃: 153 mg, 0.47 mmol, 1.3 eq.; Pd(PPh₃)₄: 5.5 mg, 0.004 mmol, 1.25 mol%). **Yield**: 89% (93 mg). White yellow solid. **Column chromatography eluents**: PE/EtOAc = 9/1. **M.p.**: 137 – 138 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ 149.4 (C), 139.9 (C), 138.6 (C), 138.5 (C), 132.5 (C), 130.3 (CH), 129.6 (2xCH), 129.2 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 126.6

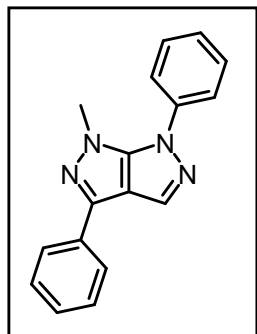
(CH), 123.8 (2xCH), 123.5 (CH), 117.4 (C), 37.5 (N-CH₃), 21.6 (CH₃). **IR** ν (cm⁻¹): 3059, 2920, 2851, 1596, 1579, 1505, 1456, 1417, 1315, 1196, 1172, 1081, 1039, 1025, 1014, 939, 825, 838, 796, 762. **HRMS (ESI)**: (*m/z*) [M+H]⁺ calculated for [C₁₈H₁₇N₄]⁺ 289.1447; found 289.1447.

1-Methyl-6-phenyl-3-(*o*-tolyl)-1,6-dihydropyrazolopyrazolo[3,4-*c*]pyrazole (4c)



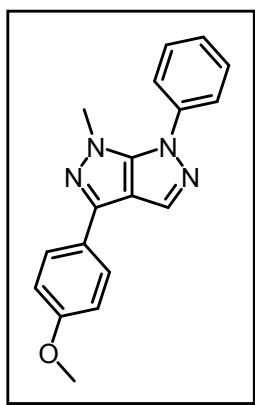
Prepared as described in the general procedure C (3-bromo-1-methyl-6-phenyl-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-*c*]pyrazole **3a**: 100 mg, 0.36 mmol; 2-methylphenylboronic acid: 74 mg, 0.54 mmol, 1.5 eq.; Cs₂CO₃: 153 mg, 0.47 mmol, 1.3 eq.; Pd(PPh₃)₄: 5.5 mg, 0.004 mmol, 1.25 mol%). **Yield**: 86% (90 mg). Colorless solid. **Column chromatography eluents**: PE/EtOAc = 8/2. **M.p.**: 134 – 135 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ 7.71 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.61 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ 149.1 (C), 140.6 (C), 138.9 (C), 136.7 (C), 132.2 (C), 131.5 (CH), 131.0 (CH), 129.9 (CH), 129.8 (2xCH), 128.5 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 126.3 (CH), 124.1 (2xCH), 119.5 (C), 37.8 (N-CH₃), 21.7 (CH₃). **IR** ν (cm⁻¹): 3059, 3039, 2953, 2923, 1597, 1526, 1507, 1457, 1414, 1379, 1302, 1270, 1206, 1074, 1041, 1010, 989, 908, 846, 760. **HRMS (ESI)**: (*m/z*) [M+H]⁺ calculated for [C₁₈H₁₇N₄]⁺ 289.1447; found 289.1447.

1-Methyl-3,6-diphenyl-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-*c*]pyrazole (4d)



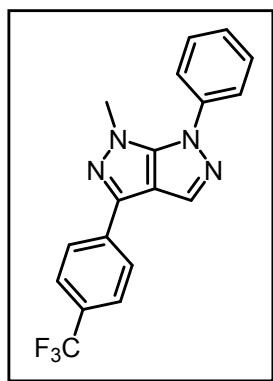
Prepared as described in the general procedure C (3-bromo-1-methyl-6-phenyl-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-*c*]pyrazole **3a**: 100 mg, 0.36 mmol; phenylboronic acid: 66 mg, 0.54 mmol, 1.5 eq.; Cs₂CO₃: 153 mg, 0.47 mmol, 1.3 eq.; Pd(PPh₃)₄: 5.5 mg, 0.004 mmol, 1.25 mol%). **Yield**: 92% (91 mg). Colorless solid. **Column chromatography eluents**: PE/EtOAc = 9/1. **M.p.**: 133 – 135 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ 149.3 (C), 139.6 (C), 138.4 (C), 132.5 (C), 130.1 (CH), 129.5 (2xCH), 128.8 (2xCH), 128.3 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 126.1 (2xCH), 123.7 (2xCH), 117.3 (C), 37.4 (N-CH₃). **IR** ν (cm⁻¹): 3089, 3056, 2923, 2852, 1595, 1504, 1455, 1418, 1208, 1081, 1016, 988, 907, 758, 694. **HRMS (ESI)**: (*m/z*) [M+H]⁺ calculated for [C₁₇H₁₅N₄]⁺ 275.1291; found 275.1289.

3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-6-phenyl-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-*c*]pyrazole (4e)



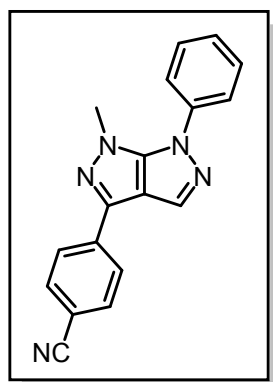
Prepared as described in the general procedure C (3-bromo-1-methyl-6-phenyl-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-*c*]pyrazole **3a**: 100 mg, 0.36 mmol; 4-methoxyphenylboronic acid: 83 mg, 0.54 mmoles, 1.5 eq.; Cs₂CO₃: 153 mg, 0.47 mmoles, 1.3 eq.; Pd(PPh₃)₄: 5.5 mg, 0.004 mmoles, 1.25 mol%). **Yield**: 90% (99 mg). Light brown solid. **Column chromatography eluents**: PE/EtOAc = 8/2. **M.p.**: 108 – 109 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.0, 2H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 8.0, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ 159.9 (C), 149.4 (C), 139.6 (C), 138.5 (C), 130.2 (CH), 129.5 (2xCH), 127.7(CH), 127.5 (2xCH), 125.4 (C), 123.7 (2xCH), 117.1 (C), 114.3 (2xCH), 55.4 (O-CH₃), 37.4 (N-CH₃). **IR ν (cm⁻¹)**: 3052, 2999, 2941, 2837, 1596, 1538, 1506, 1458, 1439, 1417, 1245, 1173, 1109, 1087, 1024, 1011, 989, 908, 827, 841, 792. **HRMS (ESI)**: (*m/z*) [M+H]⁺ calculated for [C₁₈H₁₇N₄O]⁺ 305.1396; found 305.1396.

1-Methyl-6-phenyl-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-*c*]pyrazole (4f)



Prepared as described in the general procedure C (3-bromo-1-methyl-6-phenyl-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-*c*]pyrazole **3a**: 100 mg, 0.36 mmoles; 4-trifluoromethylphenylboronic acid: 103 mg, 0.54 mmoles, 1.5 eq.; Cs₂CO₃: 153 mg, 0.47 mmoles, 1.3 eq.; Pd(PPh₃)₄: 5.5 mg, 0.004 mmoles, 1.25 mol%). **Yield**: 86% (107 mg). Colorless solid. **Column chromatography eluents**: PE/EtOAc = 8/2. **M.p.**: 136 – 137 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.61 – 7.51 (m, 4H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ 149.4 (C), 138.3 (C), 138.0 (C), 136.0 (C), 130.3 (q, ²*J*_{C-F} = 32.5 Hz, C), 129.8 (CH), 129.6 (2xCH), 128.0 (CH), 126.2 (2xCH), 125.9 (q, ³*J*_{C-F} = 3.8 Hz, 2xCH), 124.3 (q, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 272.0 Hz, CF₃), 123.9 (2xCH), 117.4 (C), 37.6 (N-CH₃). **¹⁹F NMR (235 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ -62.5; **IR ν (cm⁻¹)**: 3113, 3063, 2950, 1616, 1590, 1590, 1575, 1540, 1495, 1169, 1110, 1082, 1041, 1010, 990, 955, 854, 845. **HRMS (ESI)**: (*m/z*) [M+H]⁺ calculated for [C₁₈H₁₄F₃N₄]⁺ 343.1165; found 343.1166.

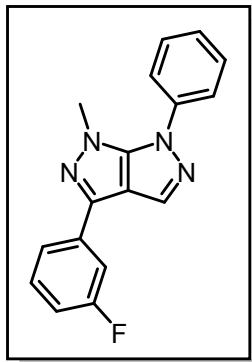
4-(1-Methyl-6-phenyl-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-*c*]pyrazol-3-yl)benzonitrile (4g)



Prepared as described in the general procedure C (3-bromo-1-methyl-6-phenyl-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-*c*]pyrazole **3a**: 100 mg, 0.36 mmol; 4-cyanophenylboronic acid: 80 mg, 0.54 mmoles, 1.5 eq.; Cs₂CO₃: 153 mg, 0.47 mmoles, 1.3 eq.; Pd(PPh₃)₄: 5.5 mg, 0.004 mmoles, 1.25 mol%). **Yield**: 72% (78 mg). Colorless solid. **Column chromatography eluents**: PE/EtOAc = 7/3. **M.p.**: 203 – 204 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.61 – 7.52 (m, 4H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ 149.5 (C), 138.2 (C),

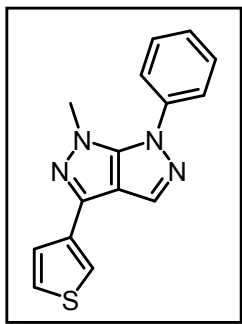
137.4 (C), 137.0 (C), 132.8 (2xCH), 129.7 (2xCH), 129.7 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 126.5 (2xCH), 124.0 (2xCH), 119.0 (CN), 117.4 (C), 111.5 (C), 37.7 (N-CH₃). **IR ν (cm⁻¹):** 3056, 2943, 2226, 1592, 1581, 1502, 1435, 1417, 1296, 1281, 1206, 1081, 1041, 1019, 990, 908, 844. **HRMS (ESI):** (*m/z*) [M+H]⁺ calculated for [C₁₈H₁₄N₅]⁺ 300.1243; found 300.1244.

3-(3-Fluorophenyl)-1-methyl-6-phenyl-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-*c*]pyrazole (4h)



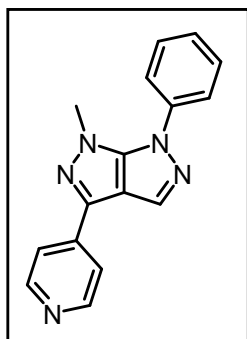
Prepared as described in the general procedure C (3-bromo-1-methyl-6-phenyl-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-*c*]pyrazole **3a**: 100 mg, 0.36 mmol; 3-fluorophenylboronic acid: 76 mg, 0.54 mmol, 1.5 eq.; Cs₂CO₃: 153 mg, 0.47 mmol, 1.3 eq.; Pd(PPh₃)₄: 5.5 mg, 0.004 mmol, 1.25 mol%). **Yield:** 90% (95 mg). Beige solid. **Column chromatography eluents:** PE/EtOAc = 8/2. **M.p.:** 97 – 98 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):** δ 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.50 (m, 4H), 7.45 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.04 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):** δ 163.3 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 245.5 Hz, C), 149.4 (C), 138.4 (C), 138.3 (C), 134.8 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 8.3 Hz, C), 130.4 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 8.4 Hz, CH), 129.9 (CH), 129.6 (2xCH), 127.9 (CH), 123.8 (2xCH), 121.9 (d, ⁴*J*_{C-F} = 2.8 Hz, CH), 117.3 (C), 115.1 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 21.3 Hz, CH), 112.8 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 22.8 Hz, CH), 37.5 (N-CH₃). **¹⁹F NMR (235 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):** δ -112.9. **IR ν (cm⁻¹):** 3054, 2931, 2850, 1595, 1580, 1507, 1481, 1449, 1411, 1297, 1183, 1082, 1018, 990, 881, 831. **HRMS (ESI):** (*m/z*) [M+H]⁺ calculated for [C₁₇H₁₄FN₄]⁺ 293.1197; found 293.1197.

1-Methyl-6-phenyl-3-(thiophen-3-yl)-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-*c*]pyrazole (4i)



Prepared as described in the general procedure C (3-bromo-1-methyl-6-phenyl-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-*c*]pyrazole **3a**: 100 mg, 0.36 mmol; 3-thienylboronic acid: 70 mg, 0.54 mmol, 1.5 eq.; Cs₂CO₃: 153 mg, 0.47 mmol, 1.3 eq.; Pd(PPh₃)₄: 5.5 mg, 0.004 mmol, 1.25 mol%). **Yield:** 85% (86 mg). Light brown solid. **Column chromatography eluents:** PE/EtOAc = 8/2. **M.p.:** 100 – 101 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):** δ 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.61 – 7.50 (m, 5H), 7.43 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):** δ 149.1 (C), 138.5 (C), 136.0 (C), 134.2 (C), 129.8 (CH), 129.5 (2xCH), 127.7 (CH), 126.4 (CH), 125.9 (CH), 123.7 (2xCH), 122.0 (CH), 117.4 (C), 37.3 (N-CH₃). **IR ν (cm⁻¹):** 3095, 3061, 2947, 1596, 1510, 1460, 1413, 1282, 1211, 1188, 1038, 1013, 1001, 951, 870, 793, 779. **HRMS (ESI):** (*m/z*) [M+H]⁺ calculated for [C₁₅H₁₃N₄S]⁺ 281.0855; found 281.0858.

1-Methyl-6-phenyl-3-(pyridin-4-yl)-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-c]pyrazole (4j)



Prepared as described in the general procedure C (3-bromo-1-methyl-6-phenyl-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-c]pyrazole **3a**: 100 mg, 0.36 mmoles; 4-pyridinylboronic acid: 67 mg, 0.54 mmoles, 1.5 eq.; Cs₂CO₃: 153 mg, 0.47 mmoles, 1.3 eq.; Pd(PPh₃)₄: 5.5 mg, 0.004 mmoles, 1.25 mol%). **Yield**: 78% (78 mg). Beige solid.

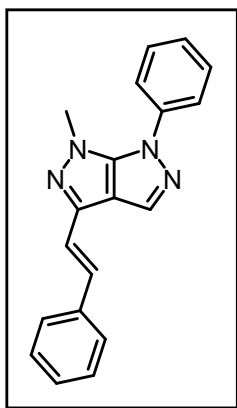
Column chromatography eluents: PE/EtOAc = 1/9. **M.p.**: 158 – 159 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 8.68 (br s, 2H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.75 (br s, 2H), 7.58 – 7.47 (m, 4H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 150.3 (2xCH), 149.3 (C), 139.8 (C), 138.1

(C), 136.7 (C), 129.6 (2xCH), 129.5 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 123.8 (2xCH), 120.3 (2xCH), 117.5 (C), 37.7 (N-CH₃). **IR ν (cm⁻¹)**: 3034, 2925, 1609, 1594, 1556, 1506, 1432, 1407, 1388, 1323, 1291, 1204, 1094, 1019, 1002, 992, 917, 826. **HRMS (ESI)**: (*m/z*) [M+H]⁺ calculated for [C₁₆H₁₄N₅]⁺ 276.1243; found 276.1244.

(*E*)-1-Methyl-6-phenyl-3-styryl-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-c]pyrazole (4k)



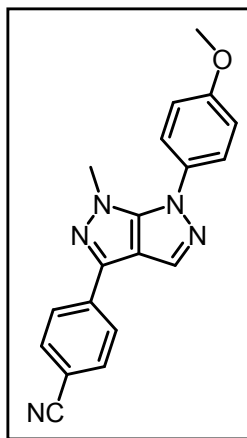
Prepared as described in the general procedure C (3-bromo-1-methyl-6-phenyl-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-c]pyrazole **3a**: 100 mg, 0.36 mmoles; *trans*-2-phenylvinylboronic acid: 81 mg, 0.54 mmoles, 1.5 eq.; Cs₂CO₃: 153 mg, 0.47 mmoles, 1.3 eq.; Pd(PPh₃)₄: 5.5 mg, 0.004 mmoles, 1.25 mol%). **Yield**: 64% (70 mg). Light brown solid. **Column chromatography eluents**: PE/EtOAc = 8/2.

M.p.: 140 – 141 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.60 – 7.47 (m, 6H), 7.37 (q, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 18.5 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 18.5 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 149.0 (C), 139.9 (C), 138.3 (C), 136.7 (C), 132.8 (CH), 130.0 (CH), 129.5 (2xCH), 128.8 (2xCH), 128.1 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 126.6

(2xCH), 123.7 (2xCH), 120.2 (CH), 116.6 (C), 37.3 (N-CH₃). **IR ν (cm⁻¹)**: 3100, 3061, 3030, 2946, 1591, 1580, 1505, 1494, 1429, 1304, 1261, 1201, 1046, 1013, 1001, 989, 961, 906, 874, 852, 744. **HRMS (ESI)**: (*m/z*) [M+H]⁺ calculated for [C₁₉H₁₇N₄]⁺ 301.1447; found 301.1449.

4-(6-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-c]pyrazol-3-yl)benzonitrile (4l)



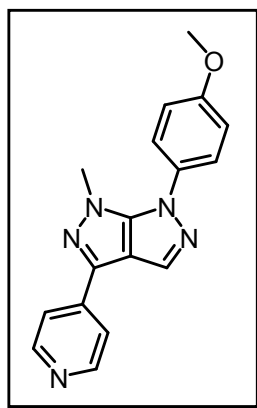
Prepared as described in the general procedure C (3-bromo-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-c]pyrazole **3b**: 100 mg, 0.32 mmoles; 4-cyanophenylboronic acid: 72 mg, 0.48 mmoles, 1.5 eq.; Cs₂CO₃: 138 mg, 0.42 mmoles, 1.3 eq.; Pd(PPh₃)₄: 5 mg, 0.004 mmoles, 1.25 mol%). **Yield**: 75% (81 mg). Colorless solid. **Column chromatography eluents**: PE/EtOAc = 7/3.

M.p.: 186 – 187 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 159.6 (C), 149.7 (C), 137.3 (C), 137.1 (C), 132.7 (2xCH), 131.1 (C), 129.1 (CH), 126.4 (2xCH), 126.0 (2xCH), 119.0 (CN), 116.9 (C), 114.7 (2xCH), 111.3 (C), 55.7 (O-CH₃), 37.3 (N-CH₃). **IR ν (cm⁻¹)**

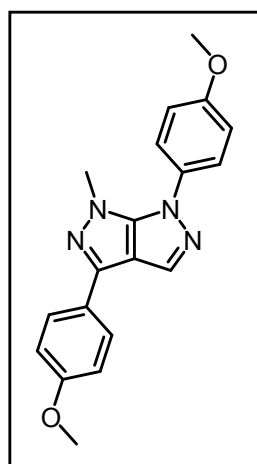
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6-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-3-(pyridin-4-yl)-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-c]pyrazole (4m)



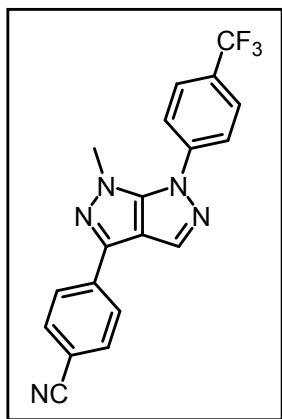
Prepared as described in the general procedure C (3-bromo-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-c]pyrazole **3b**: 100 mg, 0.32 mmol; 4-pyridinylboronic acid: 61 mg, 0.48 mmoles, 1.5 eq.; Cs_2CO_3 : 138 mg, 0.42 mmoles, 1.3 eq.; $Pd(PPh_3)_4$: 5 mg, 0.004 mmoles, 1.25 mol%). **Yield:** 76% (76 mg). Colorless solid. **Column chromatography eluents:** DCM/EtOAc = 5/5. **M.p.:** 198 – 199 °C. **1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):** δ 8.68 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):** δ 159.6 (C), 150.5 (2xCH), 149.7 (C), 140.0 (C), 136.7 (C), 131.1 (C), 129.1 (CH), 126.0 (2xCH), 120.3 (2xCH), 117.0 (C), 114.7 (2xCH), 55.7 (O-CH₃), 37.3 (N-CH₃). **IR ν (cm⁻¹):** 3067, 2951, 2847, 1593, 1556, 1518, 1455, 1438, 1409, 1298, 1255, 1208, 1166, 1108, 1094, 1017, 991, 917, 821. **HRMS (ESI):** (m/z) $[M+H]^+$ calculated for $[C_{17}H_{16}N_5O]^+$ 306.1349; found 306.1349.

3,6-Bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-c]pyrazole (4n)



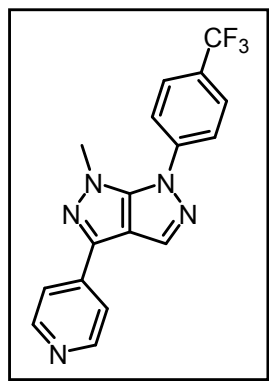
Prepared as described in the general procedure C (3-bromo-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-c]pyrazole **3b**: 100 mg, 0.32 mmoles; 4-methoxyphenylboronic acid: 75 mg, 0.48 mmoles, 1.5 eq.; Cs_2CO_3 : 138 mg, 0.42 mmoles, 1.3 eq.; $Pd(PPh_3)_4$: 5 mg, 0.004 mmoles, 1.25 mol%). **Yield:** 80% (88 mg). Colorless solid. **Column chromatography eluent:** DCM. **M.p.:** 212 – 213 °C. **1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):** δ 7.84 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):** δ 160.1 (C), 159.6 (C), 150.0 (C), 139.8 (C), 131.8 (C), 129.9 (CH), 127.7 (2xCH), 126.1 (2xCH), 125.8 (C), 116.9 (C), 114.9 (2xCH), 114.6 (2xCH), 56.0 (O-CH₃), 55.7 (O-CH₃), 37.2 (N-CH₃). **IR ν (cm⁻¹):** 3105, 3002, 2974, 2941, 1840, 1596, 1537, 1513, 1500, 1452, 1438, 1302, 1244, 1168, 1106, 1043, 1024, 1013, 907, 839, 824. **HRMS (ESI):** (m/z) $[M+H]^+$ calculated for $[C_{19}H_{19}N_4O_2]^+$ 335.1502; found 335.1505.

4-(1-Methyl-6-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-c]pyrazol-3-yl)benzonitrile (4o)



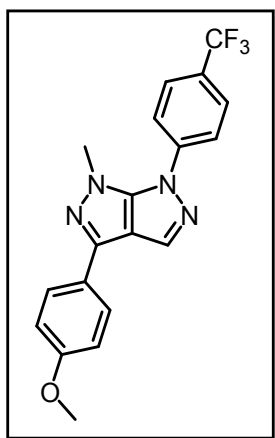
Prepared as described in the general procedure C (3-bromo-1-methyl-6-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-c]pyrazole **3c**: 100 mg, 0.28 mmoles; 4-cyanophenylboronic acid: 64 mg, 0.43 mmoles, 1.5 eq.; Cs₂CO₃: 123 mg, 0.37 mmoles, 1.3 eq.; Pd(PPh₃)₄: 4.5 mg, 0.003 mmoles, 1.25 mol%). **Yield**: 68% (73 mg). Colorless solid. **Column chromatography eluents**: PE/EtOAc = 9/1. **M.p.**: 226 – 227 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.76 – 7.69 (m, 4H), 3.96 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ 149.2 (C), 141.0 (C), 137.7 (C), 136.6 (C), 132.7 (2xCH), 130.7 (CH), 129.7 (q, ²*J*_{C-F} = 33.1 Hz, C), 126.9 (q, ³*J*_{C-F} = 3.7 Hz, 2xCH), 126.5 (2xCH), 123.8 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 272.2 Hz, CF₃), 123.3 (2xCH), 118.9 (CN), 118.0 (C), 111.7 (C), 38.2 (N-CH₃). **IR ν (cm⁻¹)**: 3343, 2923, 1852, 2225, 1616, 1579, 1522, 1541, 1421, 1384, 1315, 1168, 1103, 1038, 1013, 989, 955, 909, 839. **¹⁹F NMR (235 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ -62.5; **HRMS (ESI)**: (*m/z*) [M+H]⁺ calculated for [C₁₉H₁₃F₃N₅]⁺ 368.1117; found 368.1116.

1-Methyl-3-(pyridin-4-yl)-6-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-c]pyrazole (4p)



Prepared as described in the general procedure C (3-bromo-1-methyl-6-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyrazole **3e**: 100 mg, 0.28 mmoles; 4-pyridinylboronic acid: 54 mg, 0.43 mmoles, 1.5 eq.; Cs₂CO₃: 123 mg, 0.37 mmoles, 1.3 eq.; Pd(PPh₃)₄: 4.5 mg, 0.003 mmoles, 1.25 mol%). **Yield**: 79% (79 mg). Colorless solid. **Column chromatography eluents**: PE/EtOAc = 5/5. **M.p.**: 196 – 197 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ 8.69 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.96 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ 150.5 (2xCH), 149.2 (C), 141.0 (C), 139.5 (C), 137.2 (C), 130.7 (CH), 129.7 (q, ²*J*_{C-F} = 33.1 Hz, C), 127.0 (q, ³*J*_{C-F} = 3.7 Hz, 2xCH), 123.8 (q, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 272.2 Hz, CF₃), 123.3 (2xCH), 120.3 (2xCH), 118.2 (C), 38.2 (N-CH₃). **¹⁹F NMR (235 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ -62.5; **IR ν (cm⁻¹)**: 3067, 2952, 1614, 1581, 1556, 1526, 1420, 1324, 1219, 1184, 1113, 1094, 1016, 992, 917, 846, 739. **HRMS (ESI)**: (*m/z*) [M+H]⁺ calculated for [C₁₇H₁₃F₃N₅]⁺ 344.1117; found 344.1118.

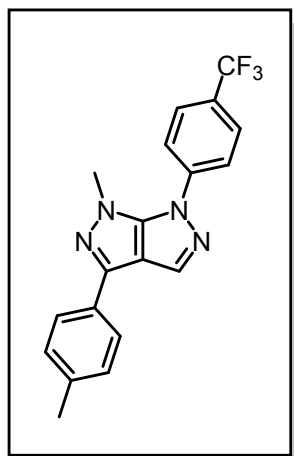
3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-6-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-c]pyrazole (4q)



Prepared as described in the general procedure C (3-bromo-1-methyl-6-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-c]pyrazole **3c**: 100 mg, 0.28 mmoles; 4-methoxyphenylboronic acid: 67 mg, 0.43 mmoles, 1.5 eq.; Cs₂CO₃: 123 mg, 0.37 mmoles, 1.3 eq.; Pd(PPh₃)₄: 4.5 mg, 0.003 mmoles, 1.25 mol%). **Yield**: 94% (102 mg). Colorless solid. **Column chromatography eluents**: PE/EtOAc = 9/1. **M.p.**: 205 – 206 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz,**

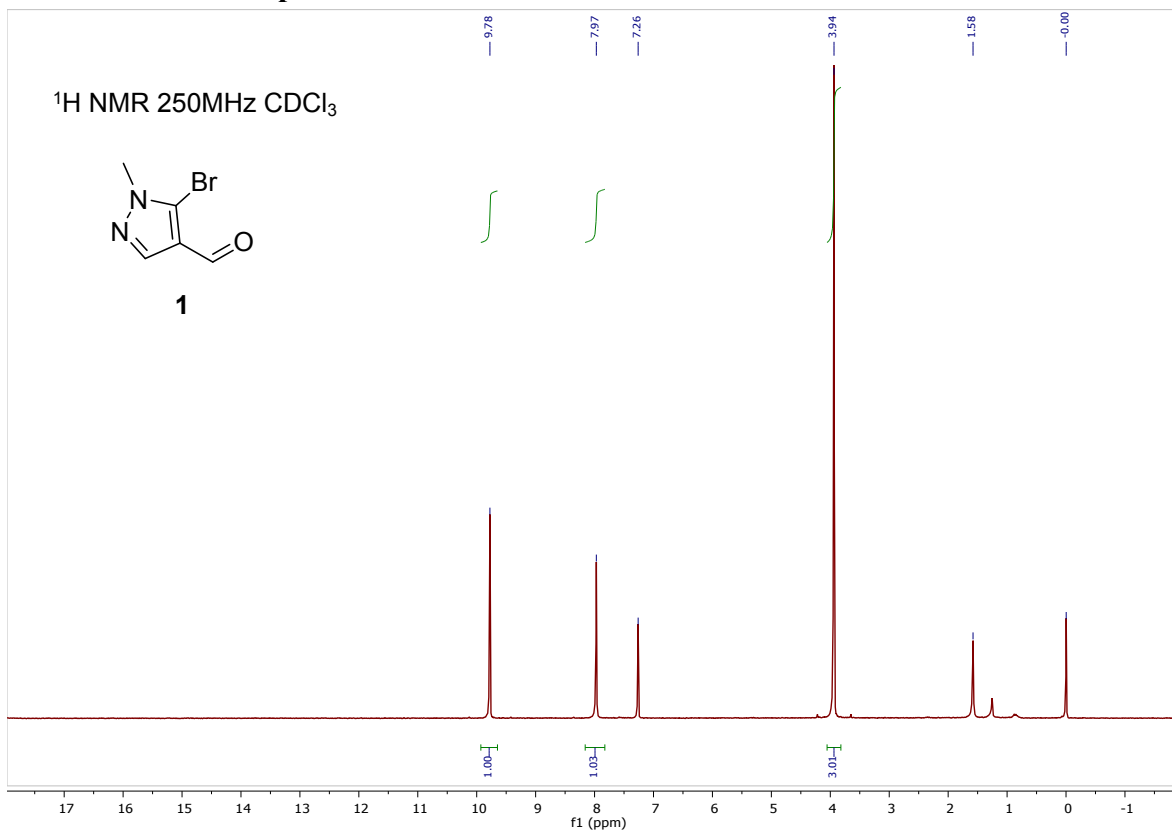
Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.88 – 7.77 (m, 5H), 7.71 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ 160.0 (C), 149.2 (C), 141.4 (C), 140.0 (C), 131.4 (CH), 129.3 (q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 33.1$ Hz, C), 127.5 (2xCH), 126.8 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.7$ Hz, 2xCH), 125.0 (C), 123.0 (2xCH), 121.2 (d, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 272.1$ Hz, CF_3), 117.8 (C), 114.4 (2xCH), 55.4 (O- CH_3), 37.8 (N- CH_3). **^{19}F NMR (235 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ -62.4; **IR ν (cm^{-1})**: 3338, 3057, 2937, 2845, 1596, 1614, 1540, 1425, 1323, 1251, 1107, 1088, 1031, 1007, 858, 832, 721, 715. **HRMS (ESI)**: (m/z) [$\text{M}+\text{H}$] $^+$ calculated for $[\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{N}_4\text{O}]^+$ 373.1270; found 373.1268.

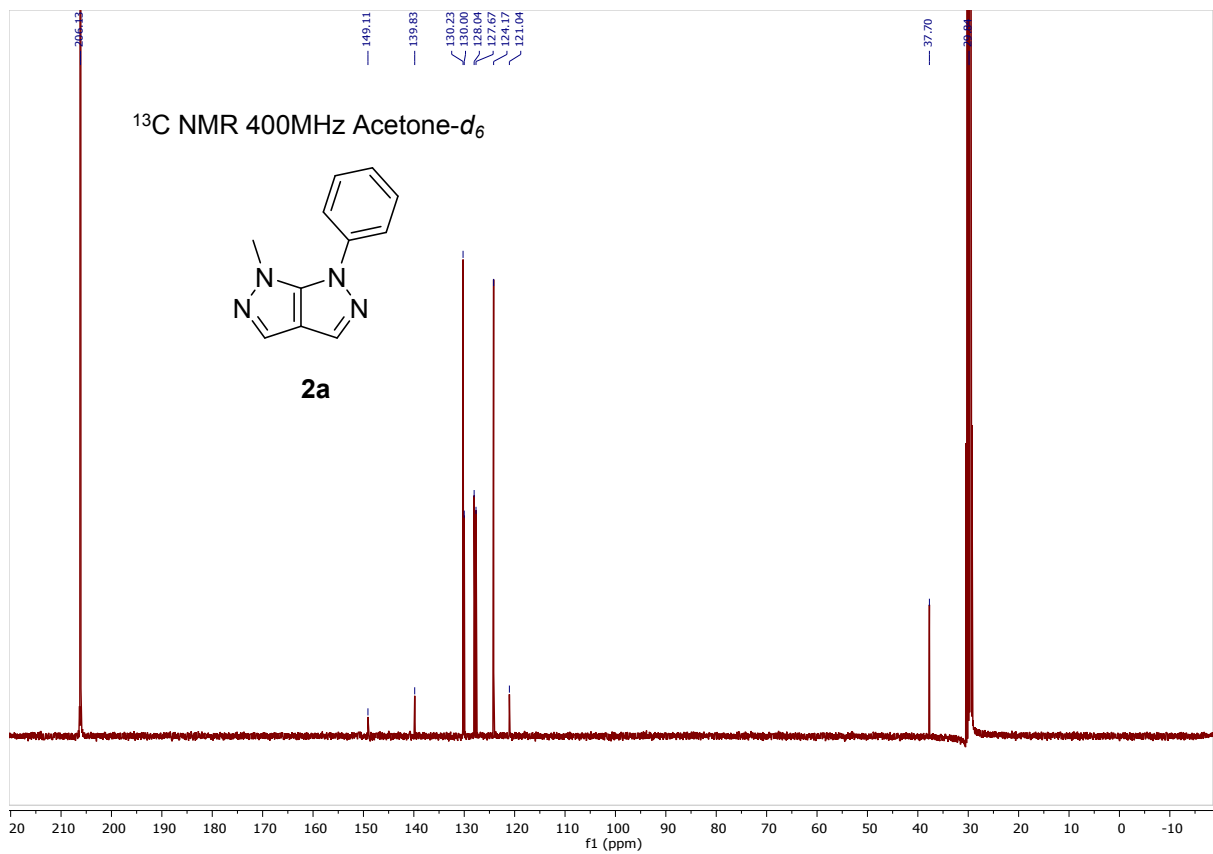
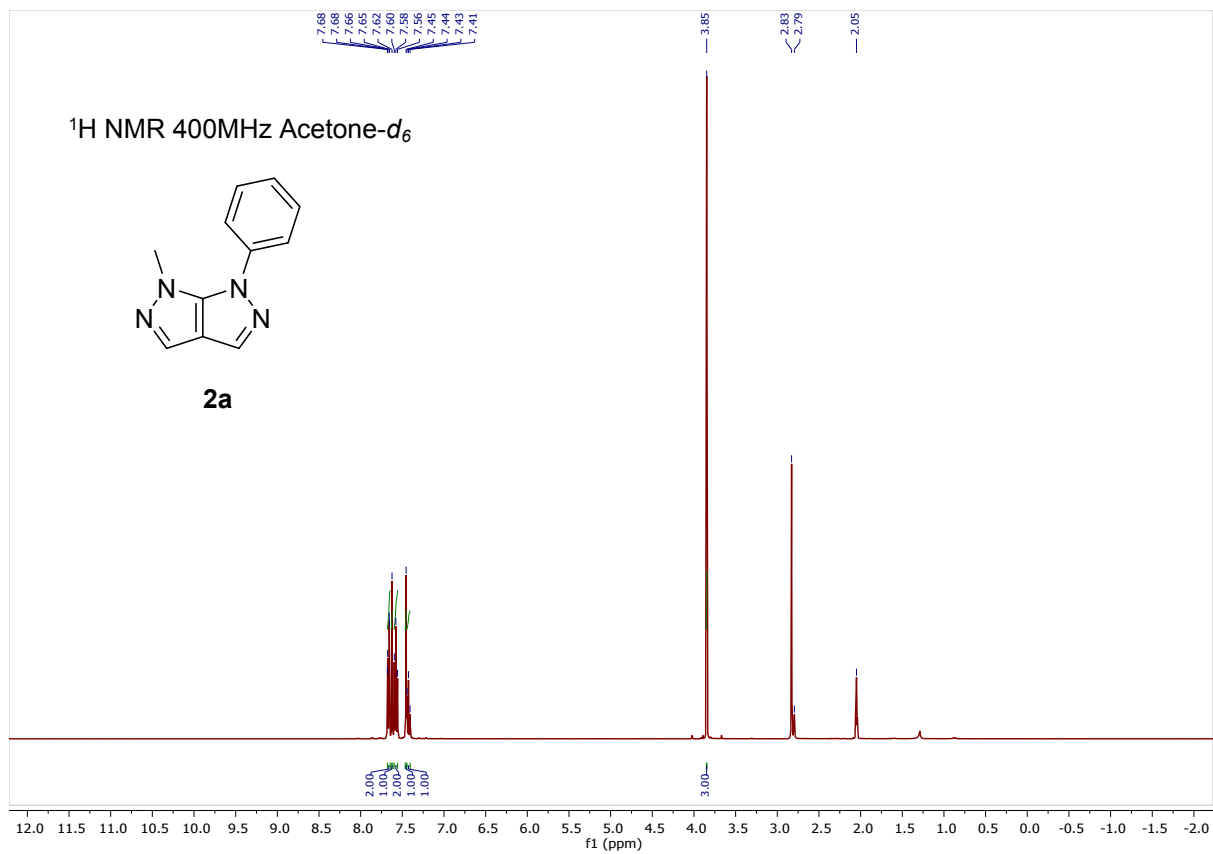
1-Methyl-3-(*p*-tolyl)-6-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-*c*]pyrazole (4r)

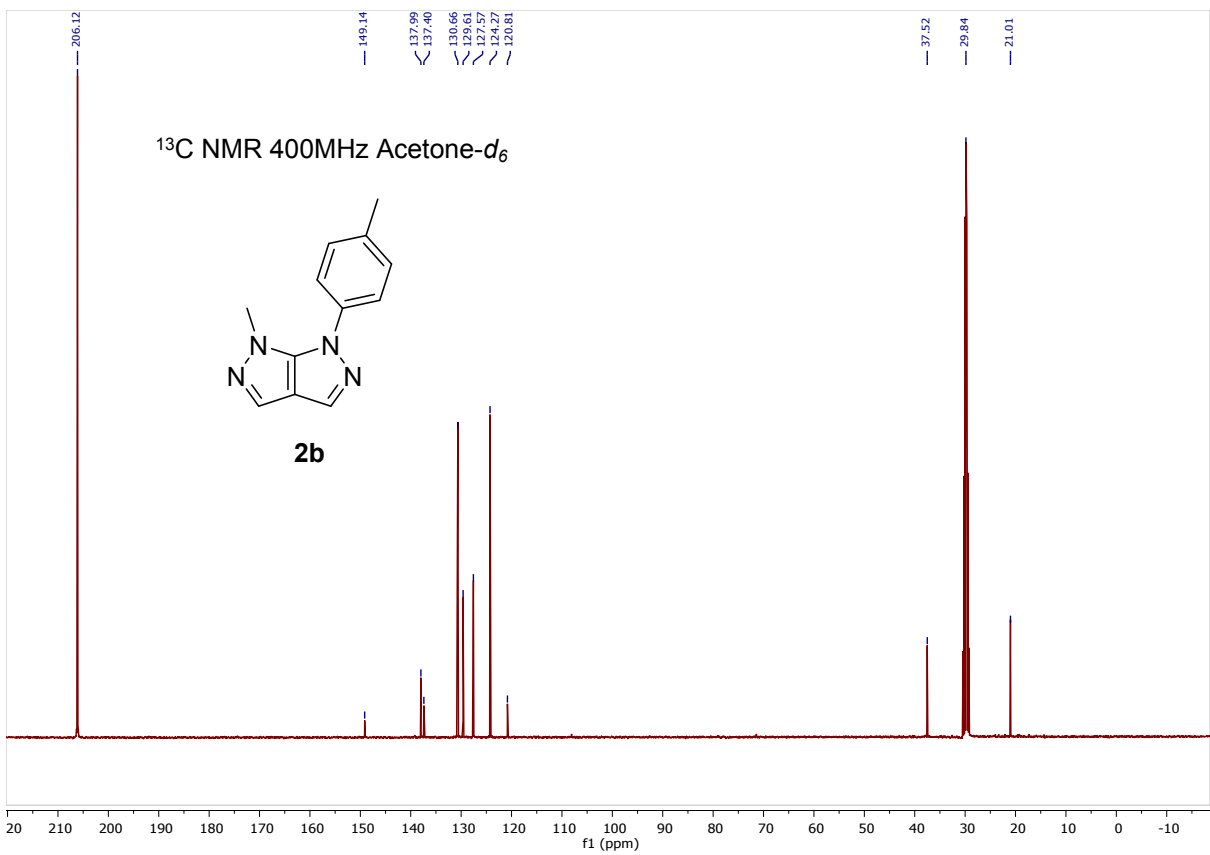
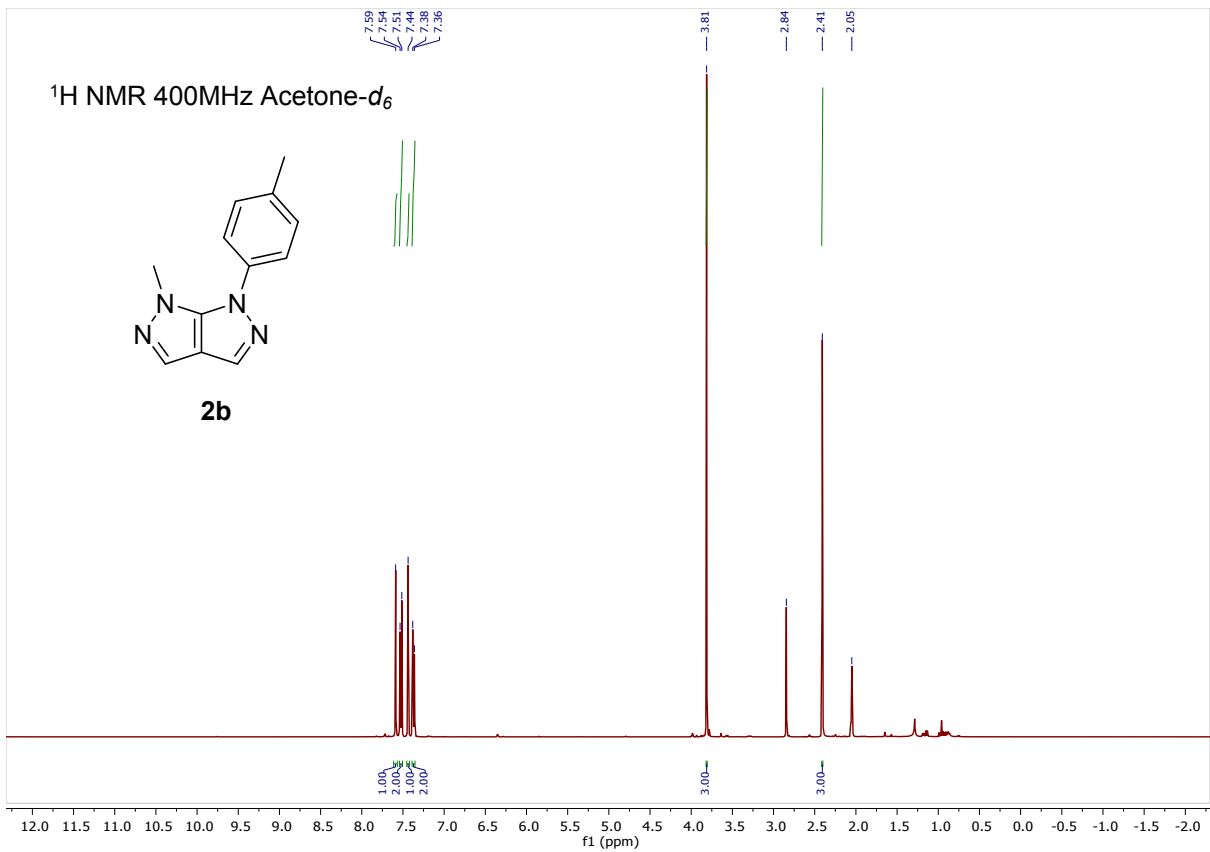


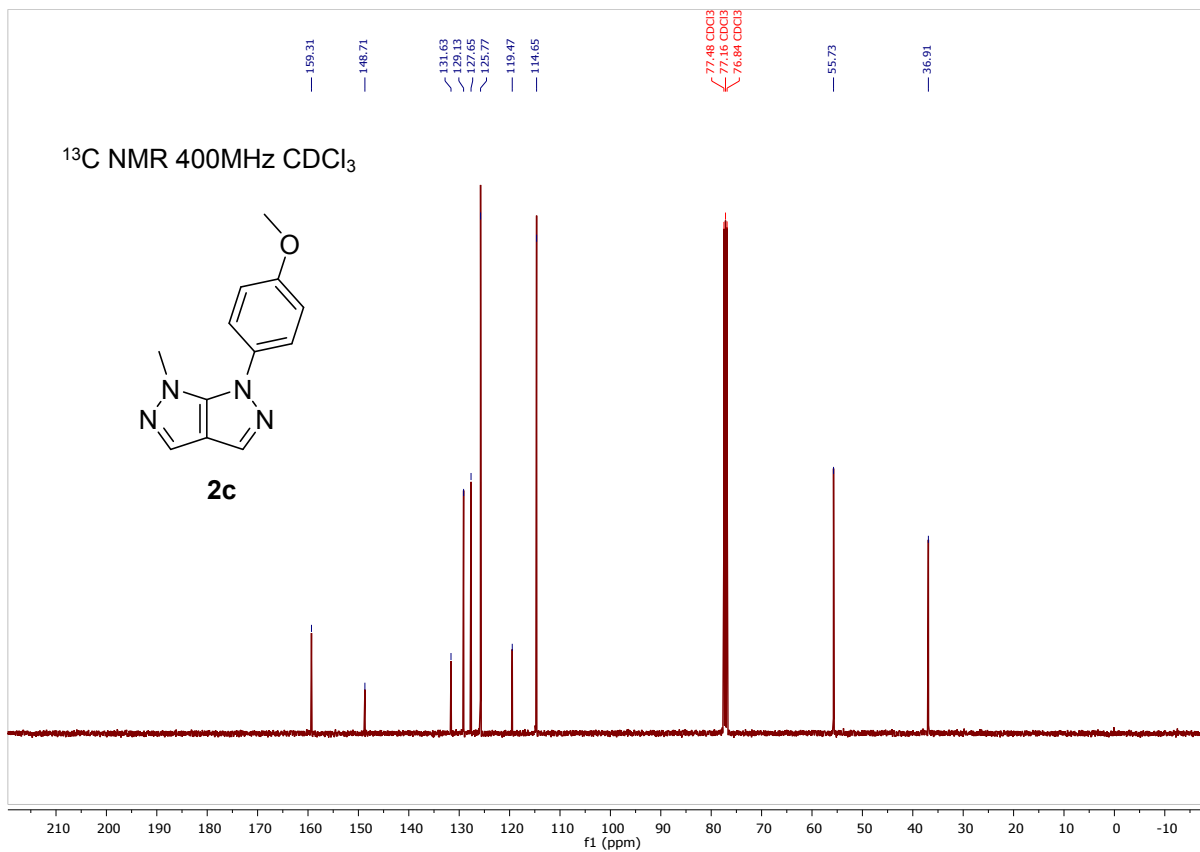
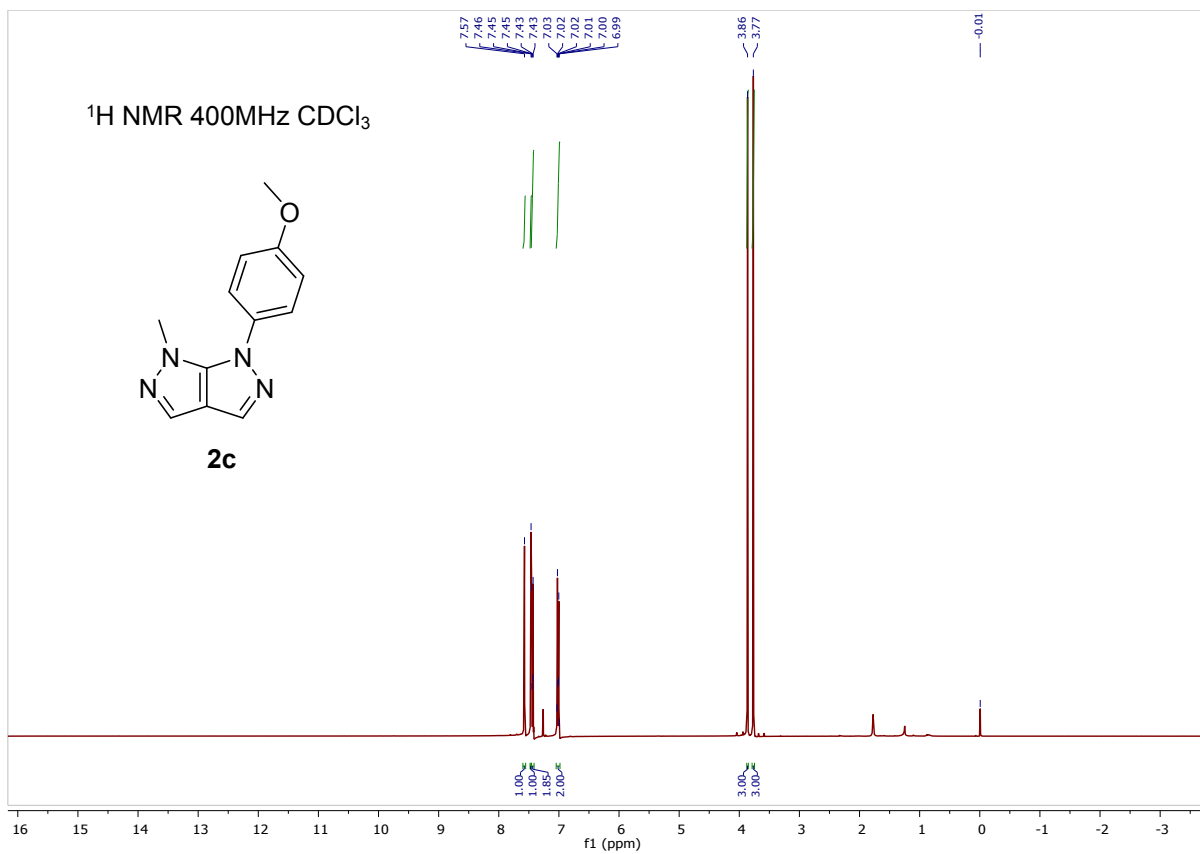
Prepared as described in the general procedure C (3-bromo-1-methyl-6-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,6-dihydropyrazolo[3,4-*c*]pyrazole **3c**: 100 mg, 0.28 mmoles; 4-methylphenylboronic acid: 60 mg, 0.43 mmoles, 1.5 eq.; Cs_2CO_3 : 123 mg, 0.37 mmoles, 1.3 eq.; $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$: 4.5 mg, 0.003 mmoles, 1.25 mol%). **Yield**: 86% (89 mg). Colorless solid. **Column chromatography eluents**: PE/EtOAc = 9/1. **M.p.**: 204 – 205 °C. **^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.79 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 4H), 7.70 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ 149.2 (C), 141.4 (C), 140.2 (C), 138.6 (C), 131.4 (CH), 129.6 (2xCH), 129.5 (C), 129.3 (q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 33.0$ Hz, C), 126.9 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.7$ Hz, 2xCH), 126.1 (2xCH), 123.9 (q, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 272.1$ Hz, CF_3), 123.1 (2xCH), 118.0 (C), 37.9 (N- CH_3), 21.5 (CH_3). **^{19}F NMR (235 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)**: δ -62.4; **IR ν (cm^{-1})**: 2926, 1614, 1594, 1582, 1522, 1504, 1424, 1317, 1162, 1110, 1085, 1066, 1039, 1014, 990, 965, 952, 909, 842, 825, 737. **HRMS (ESI)**: (m/z) [$\text{M}+\text{H}$] $^+$ calculated for $[\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{N}_4]^+$ 357.1249; found 357.1247.

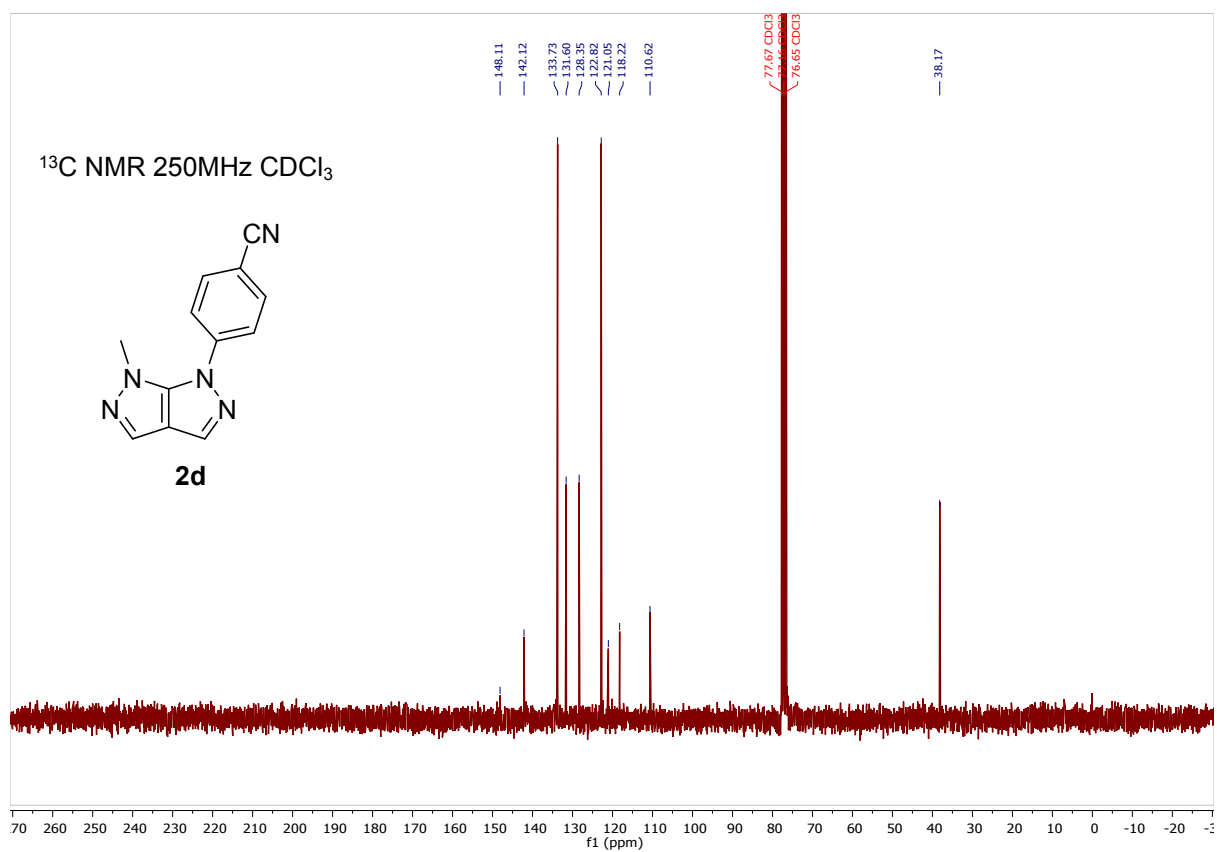
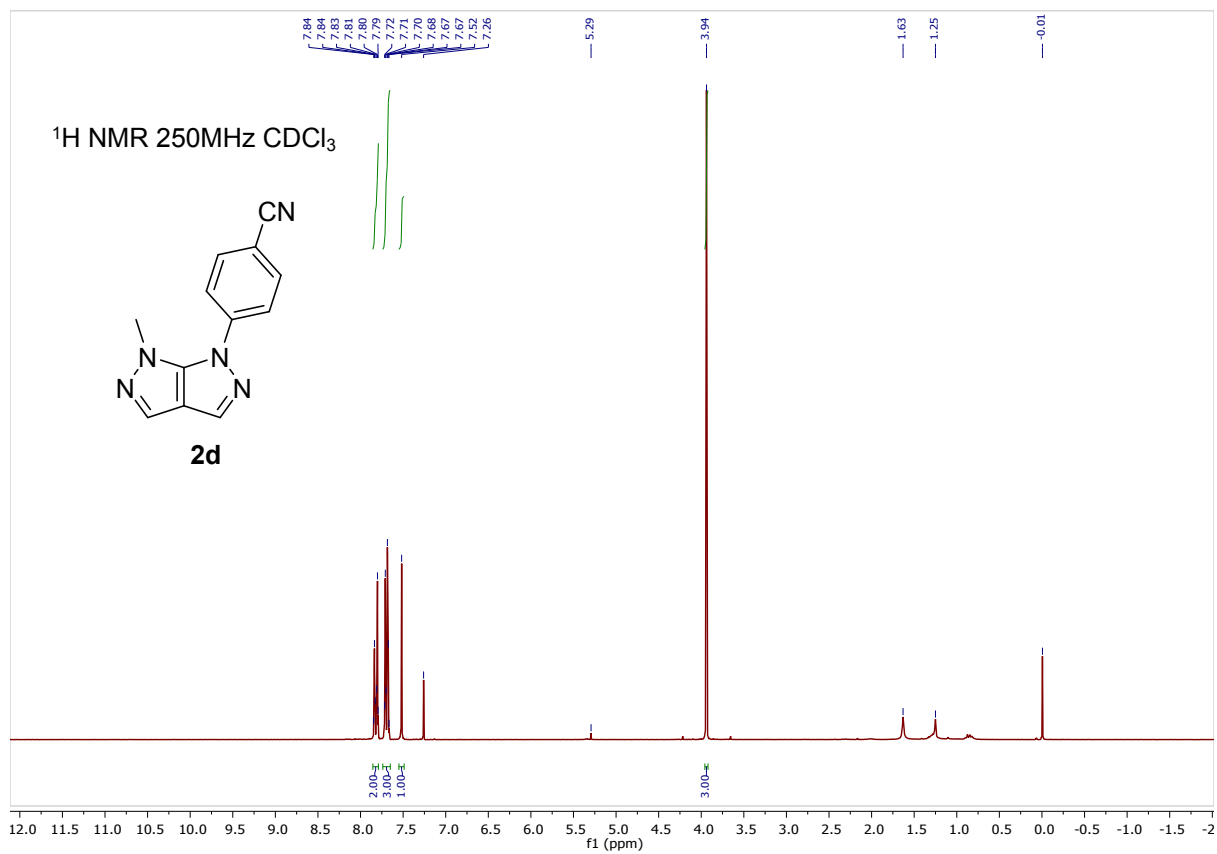
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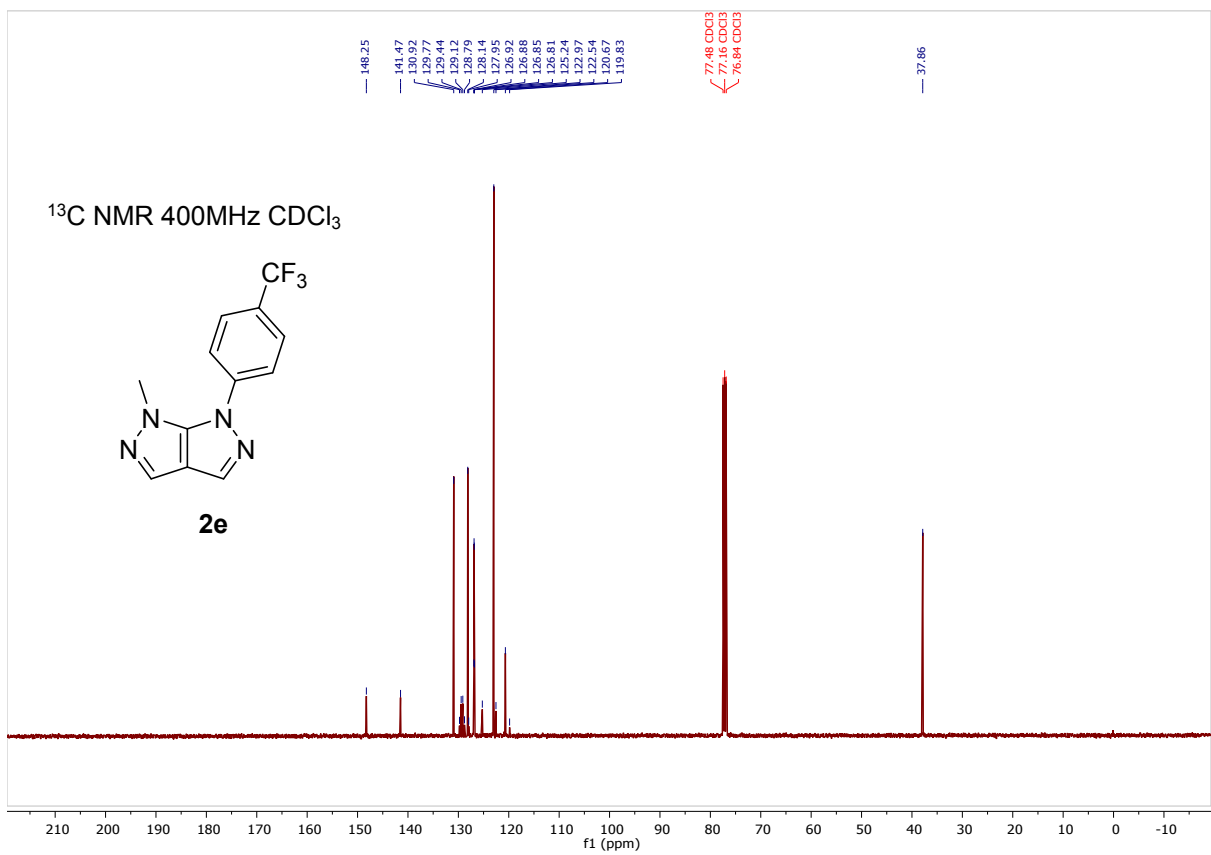
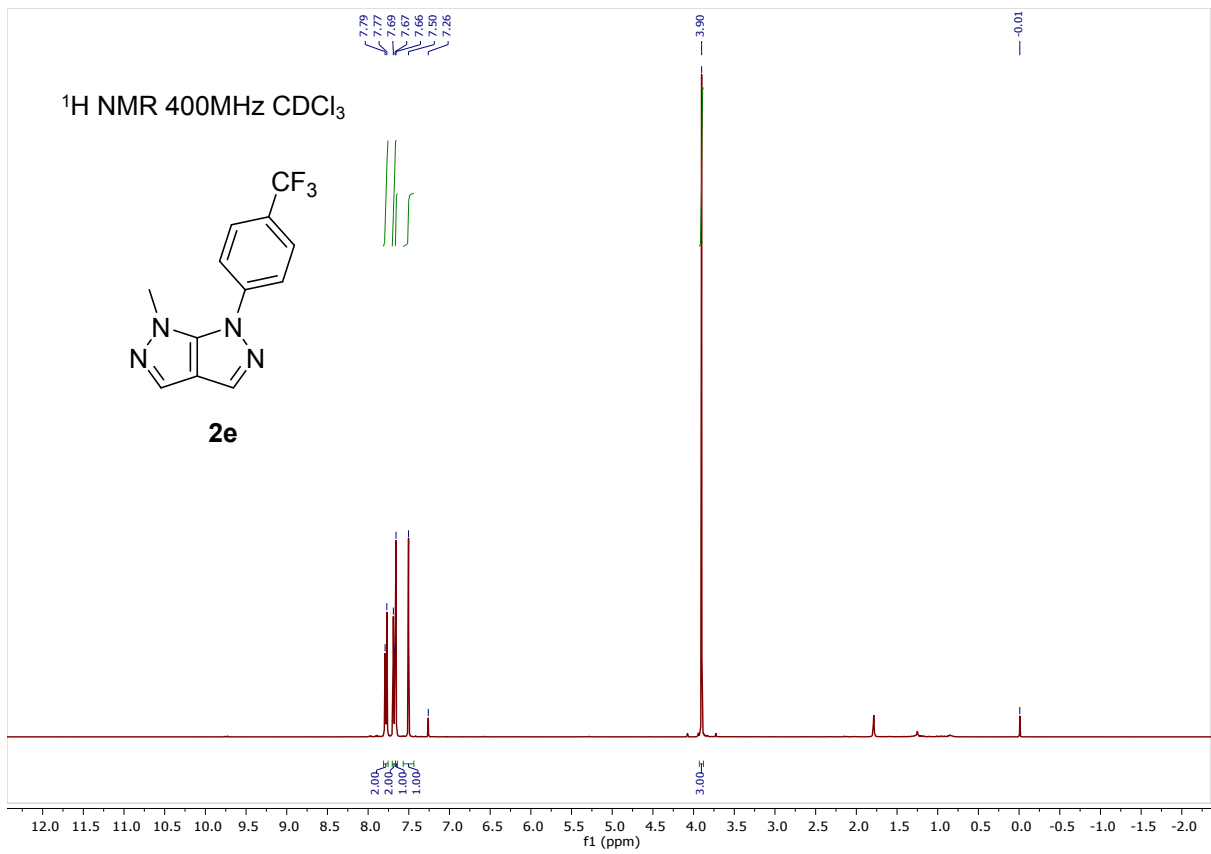


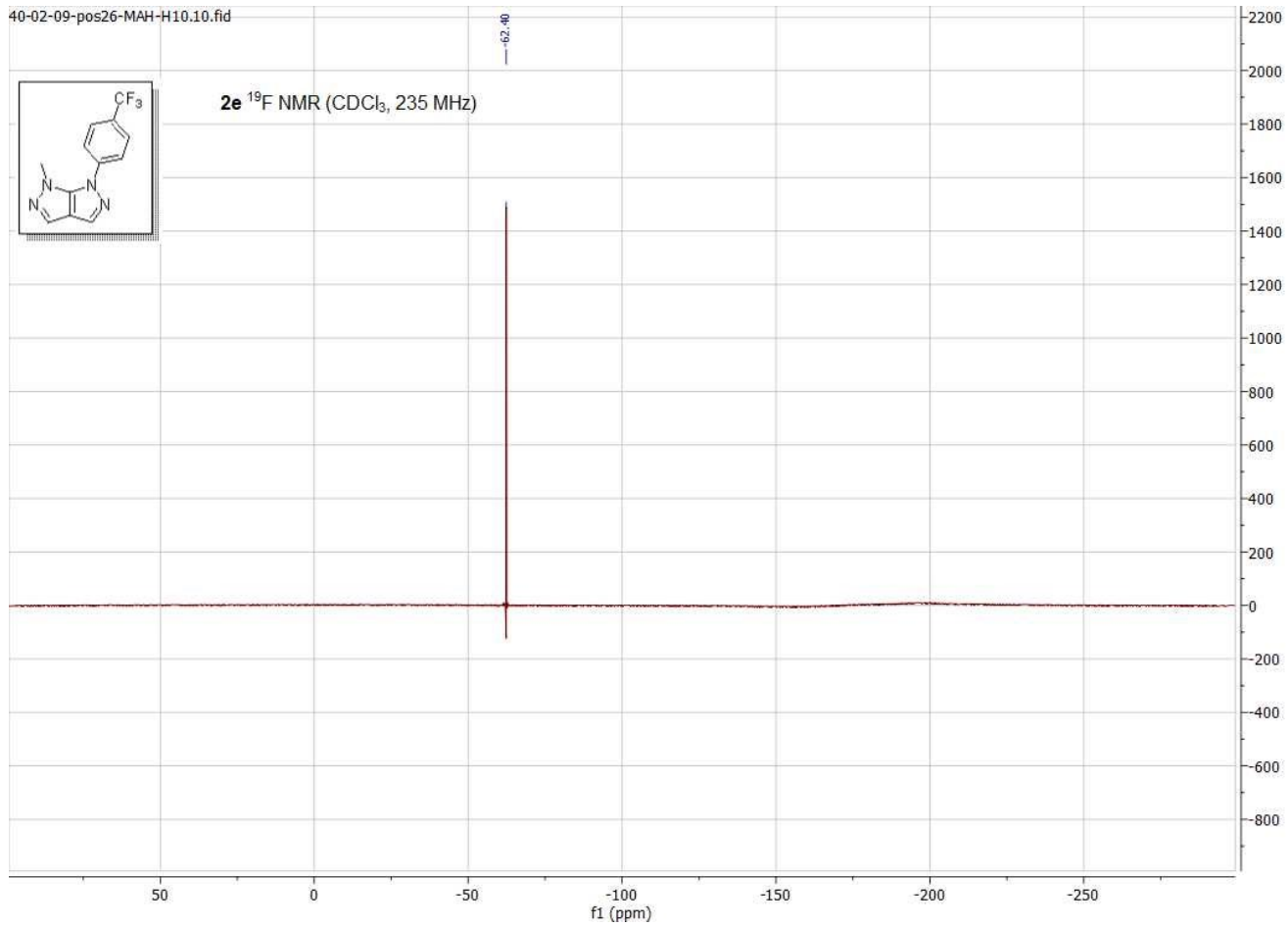


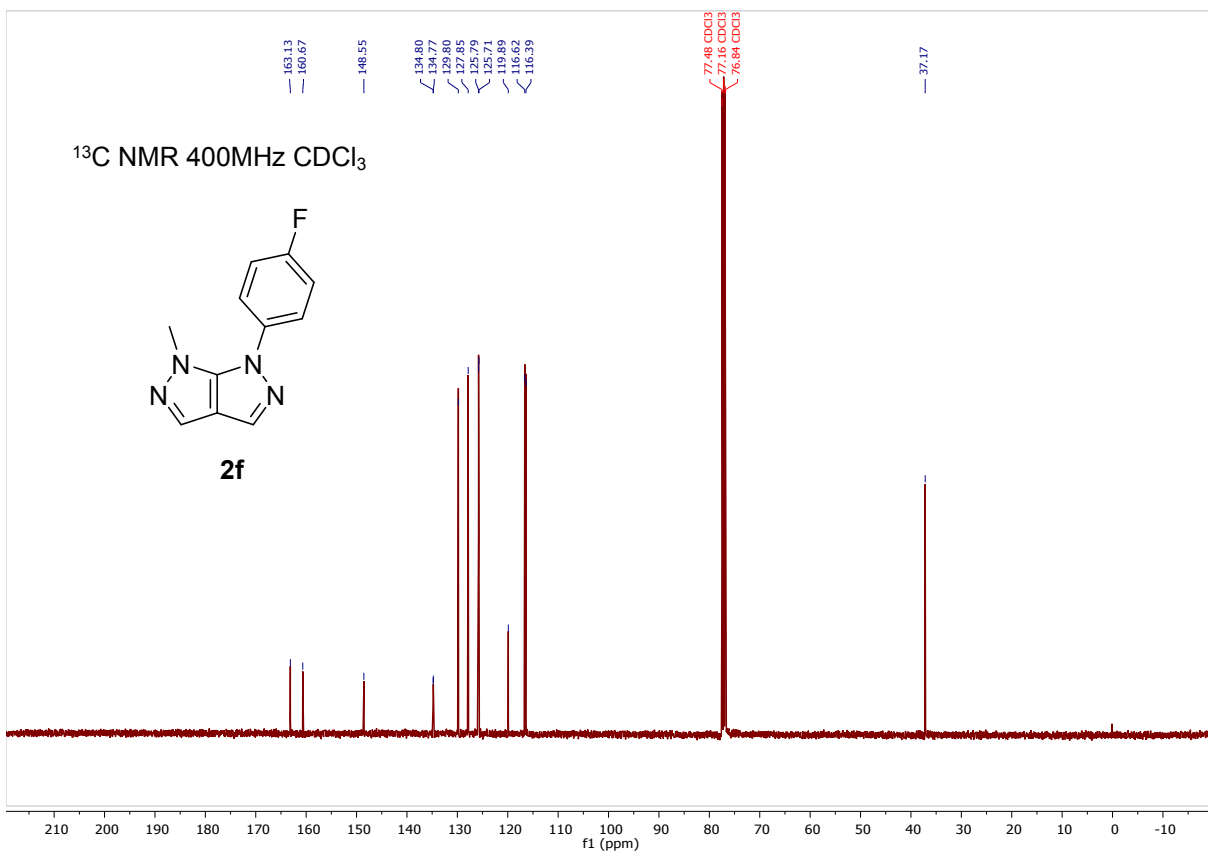
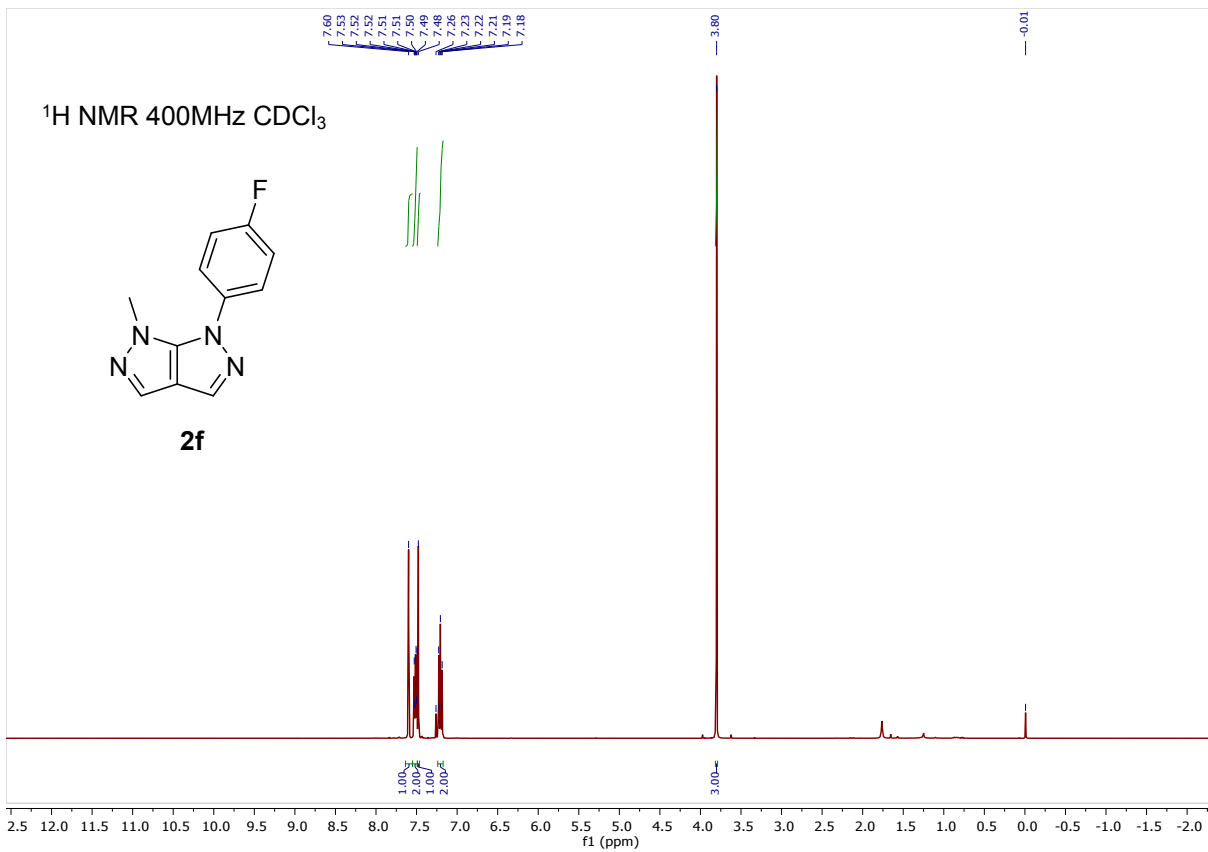


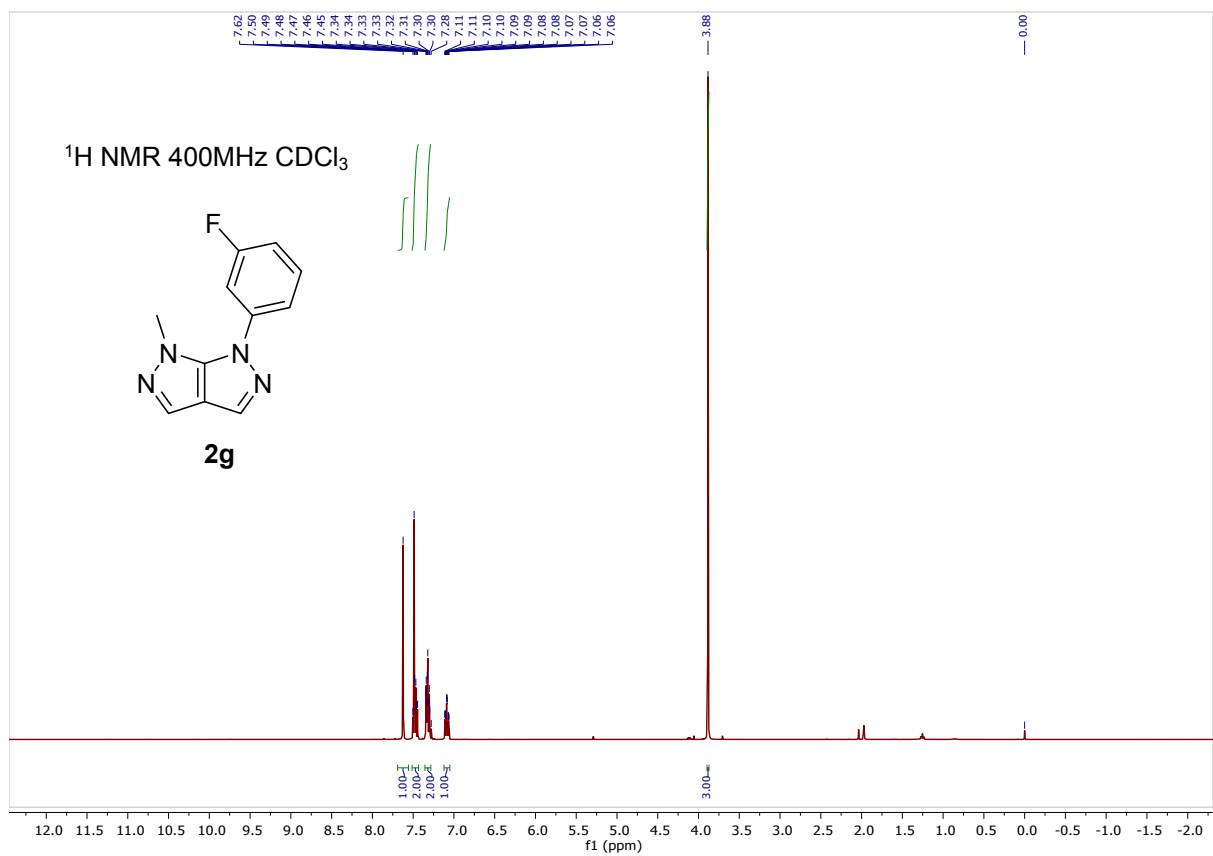


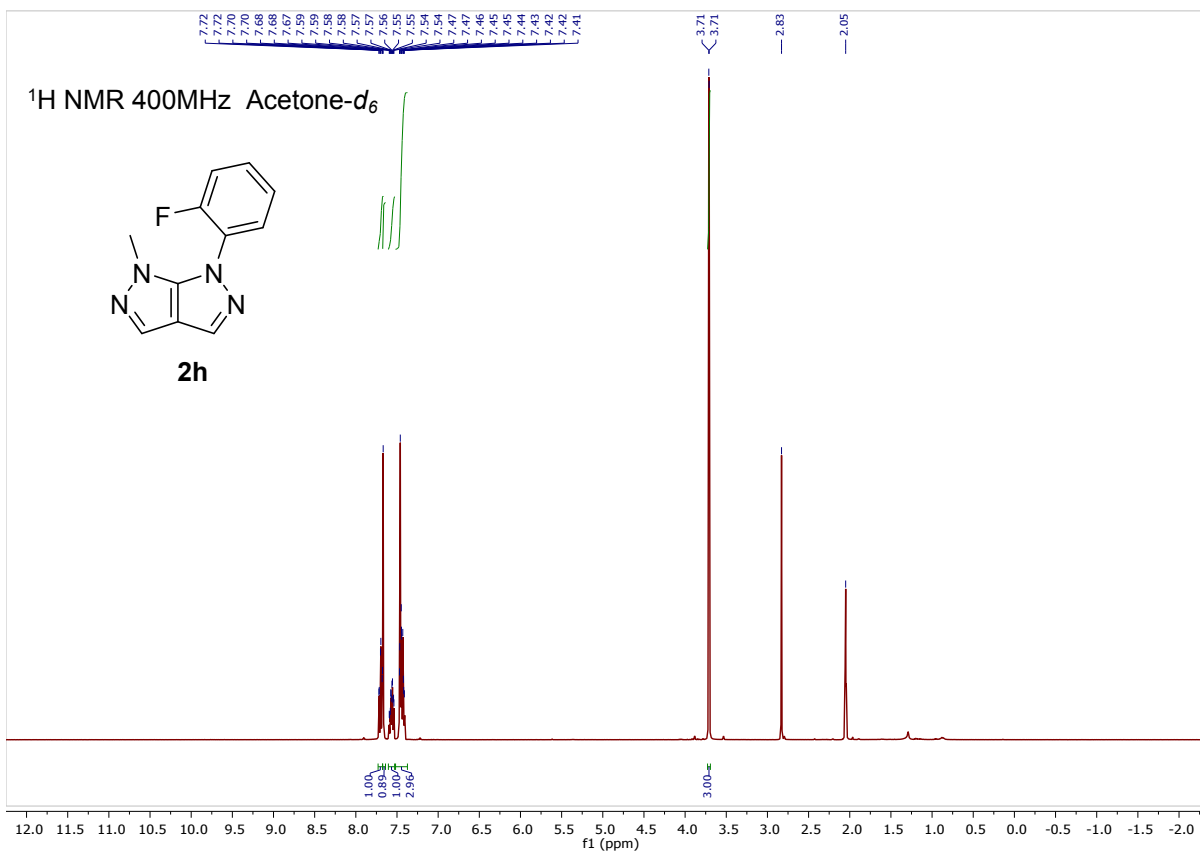
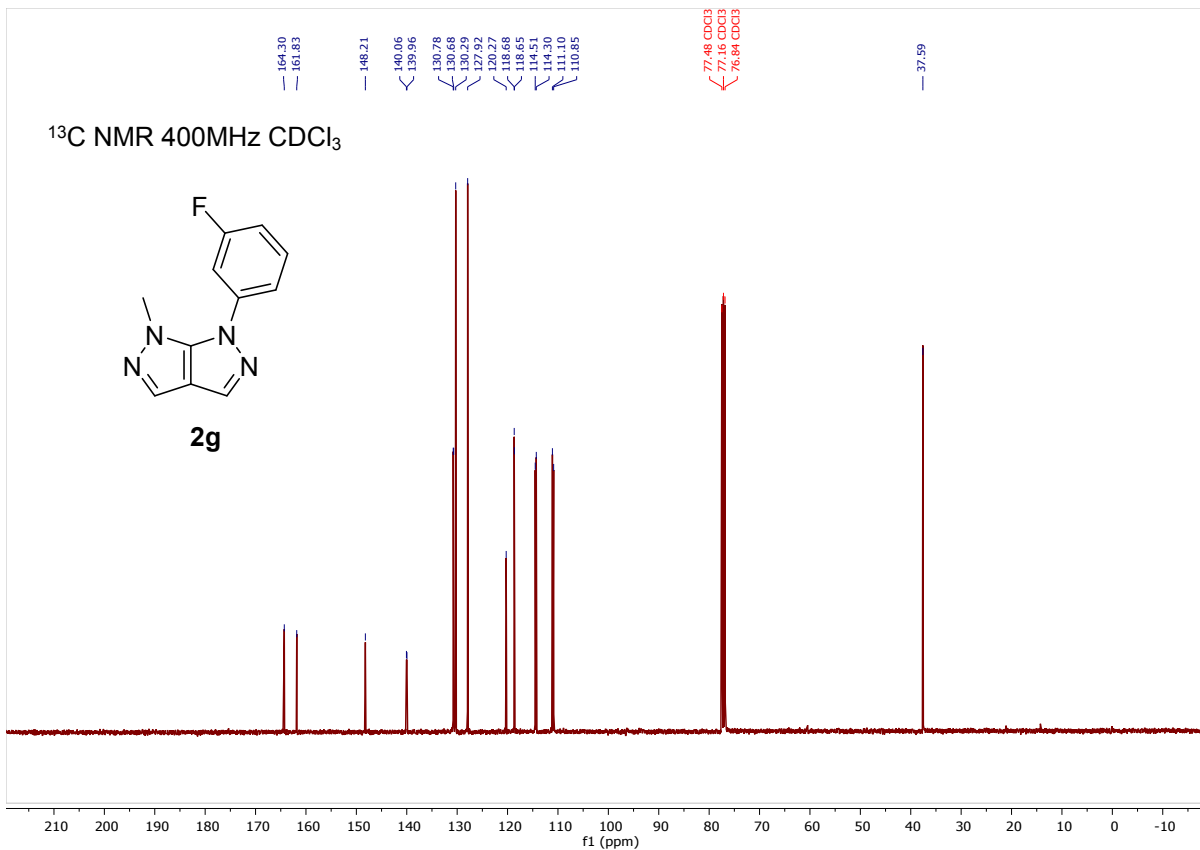


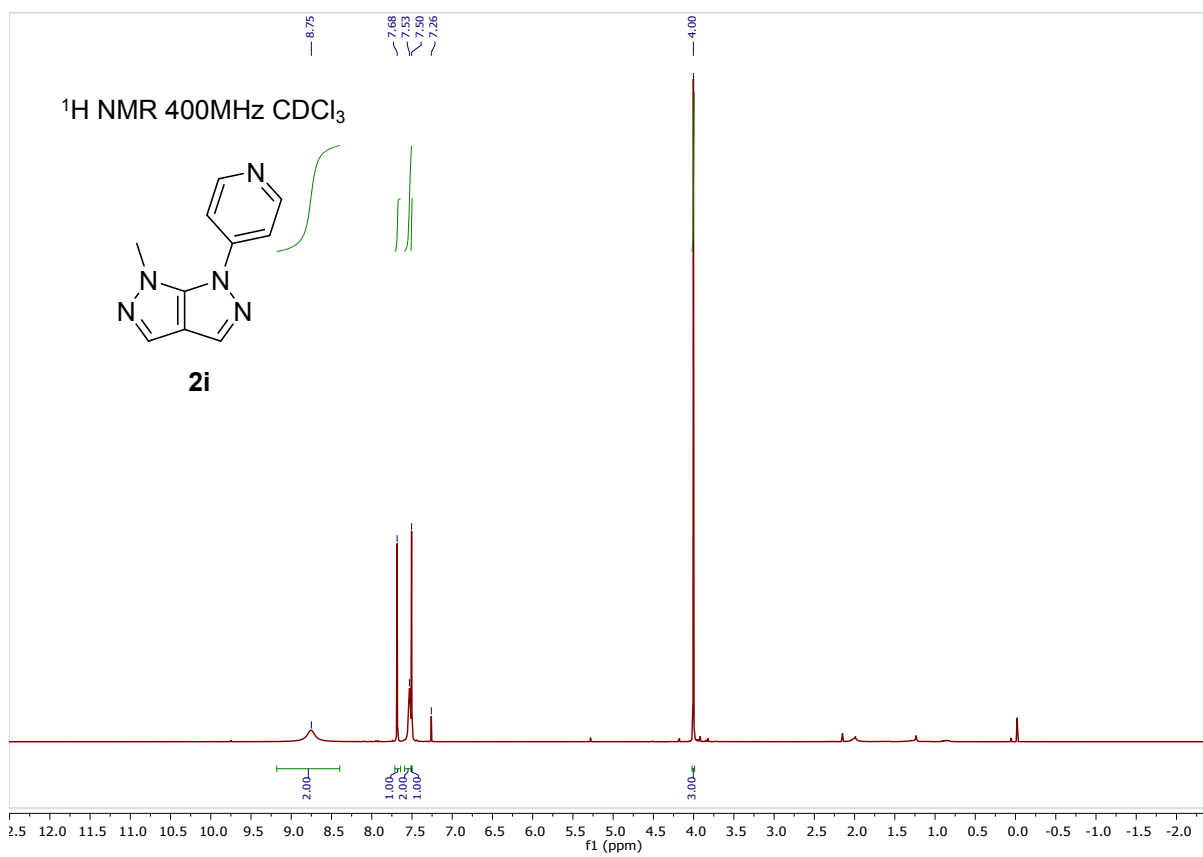
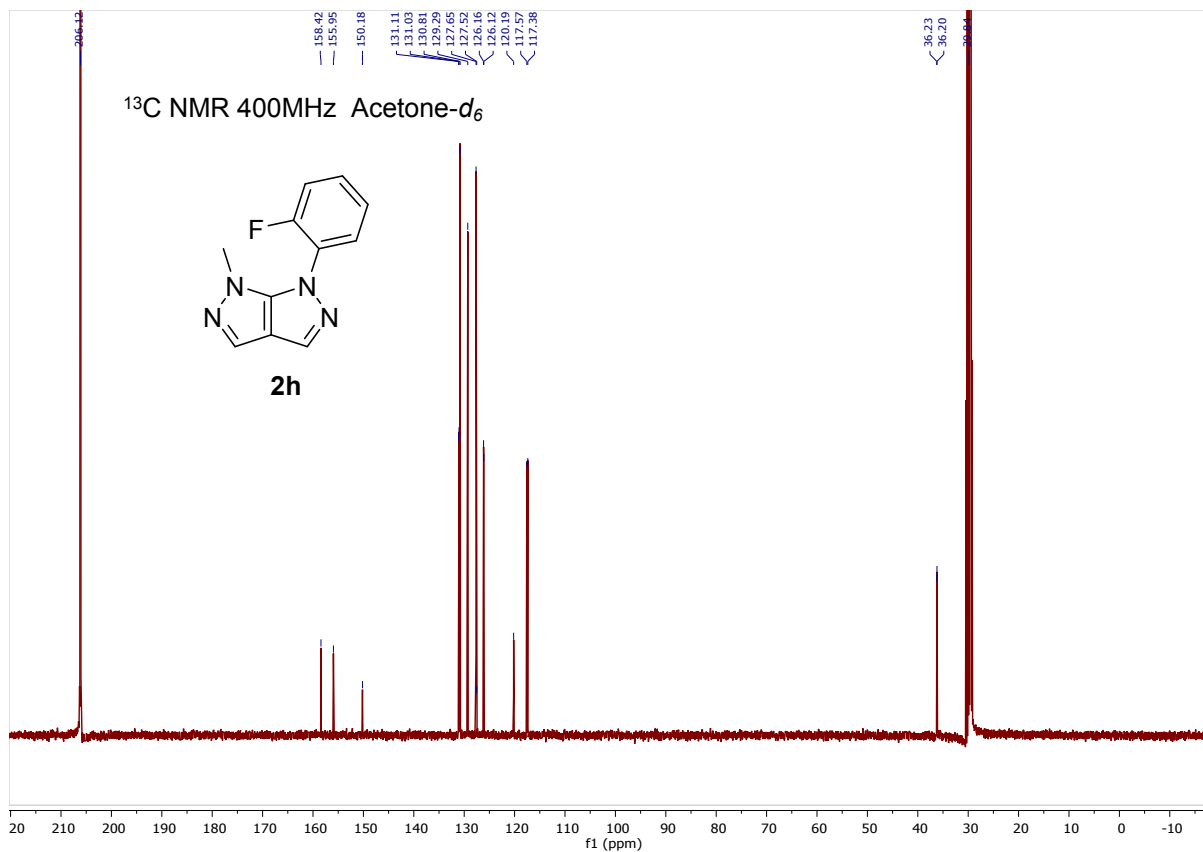


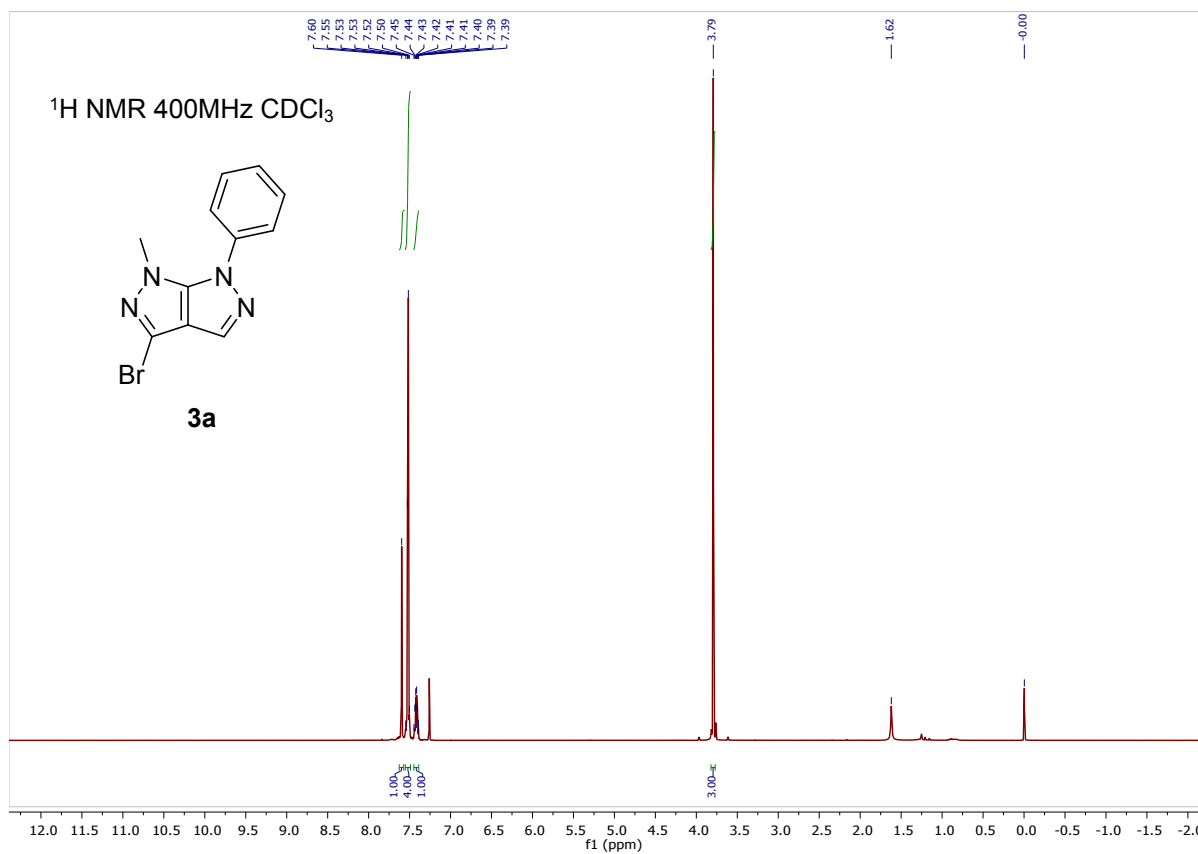
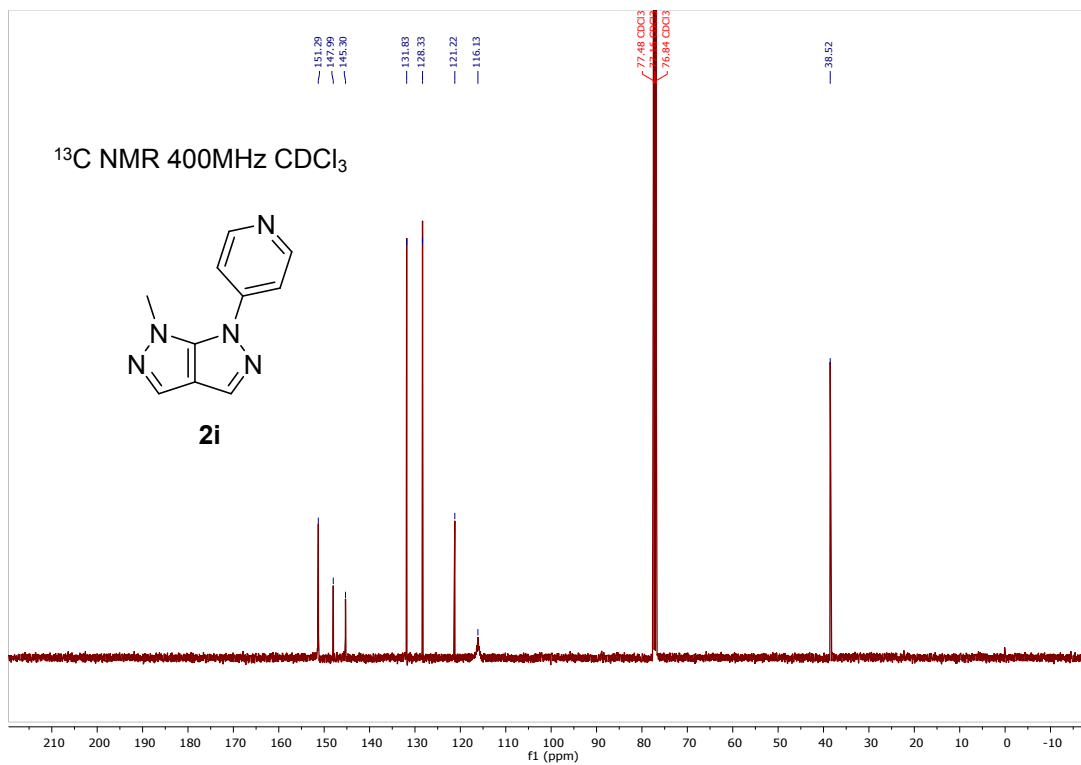


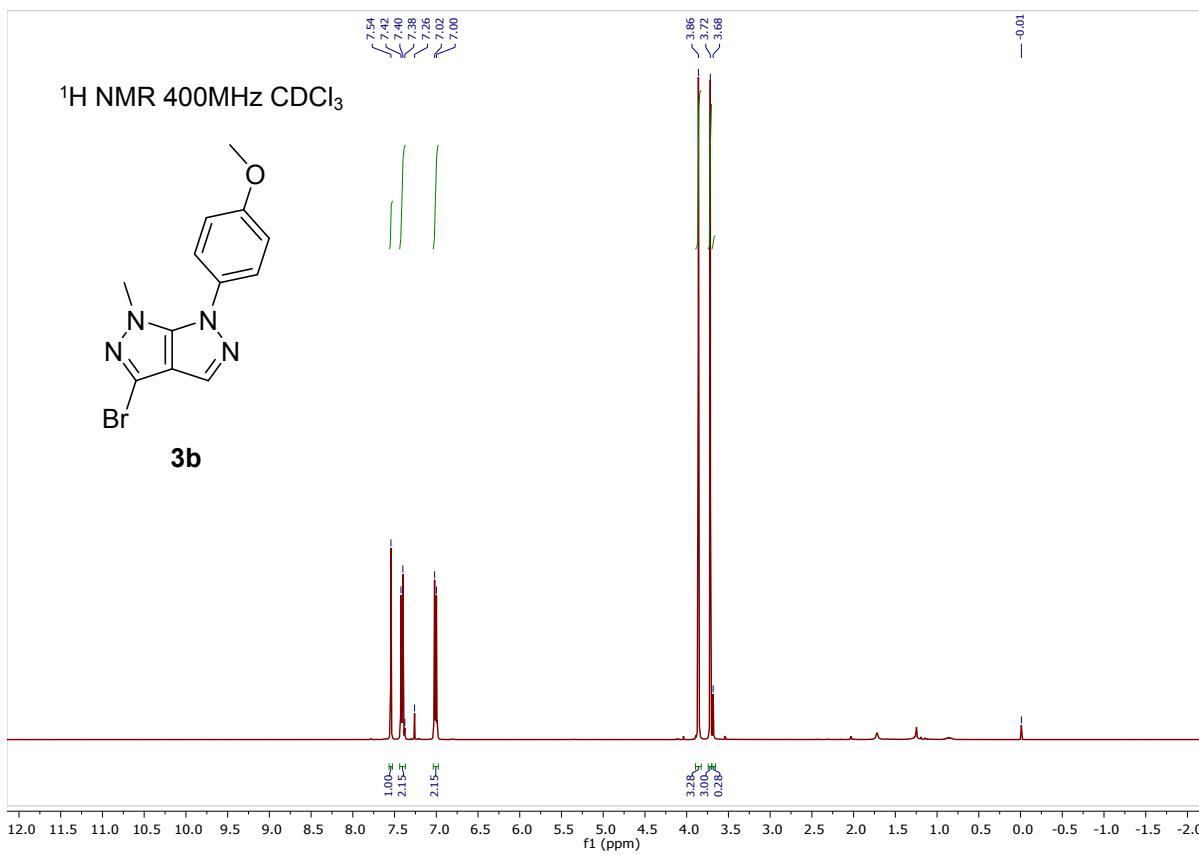
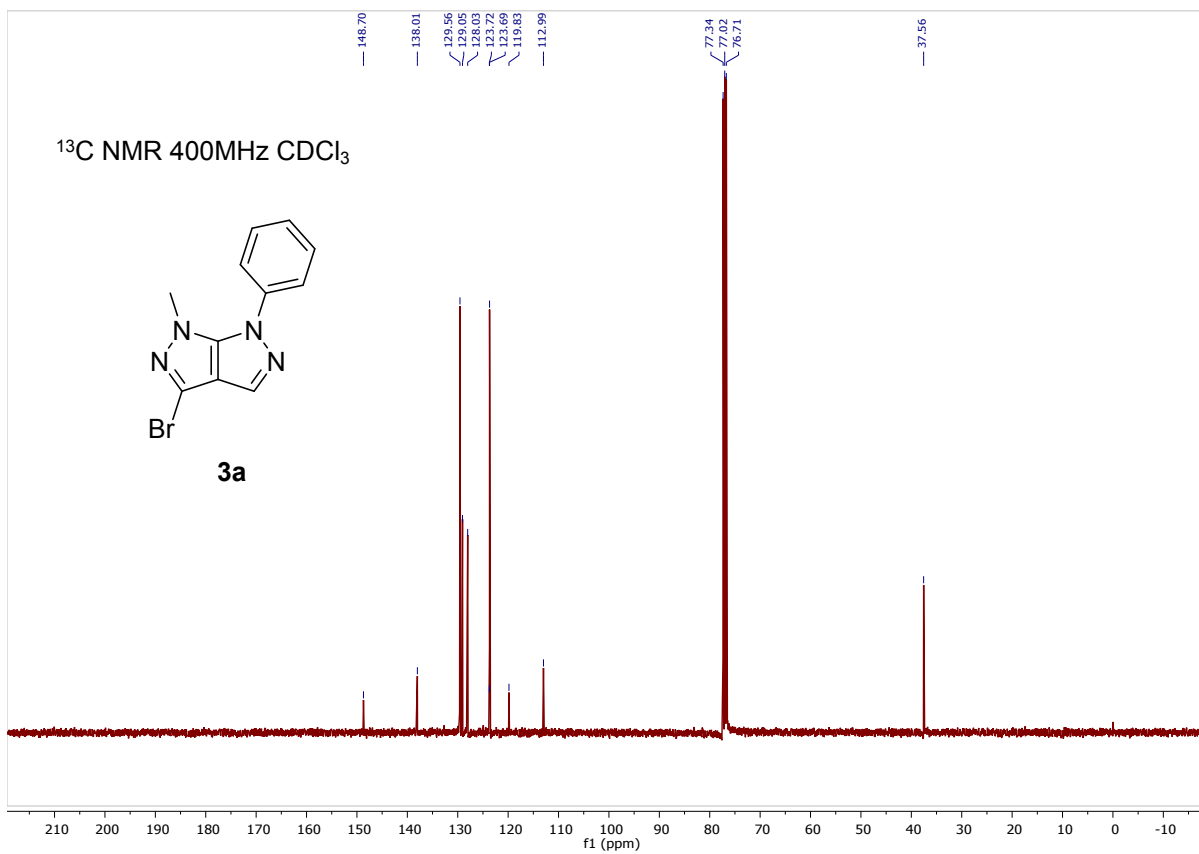


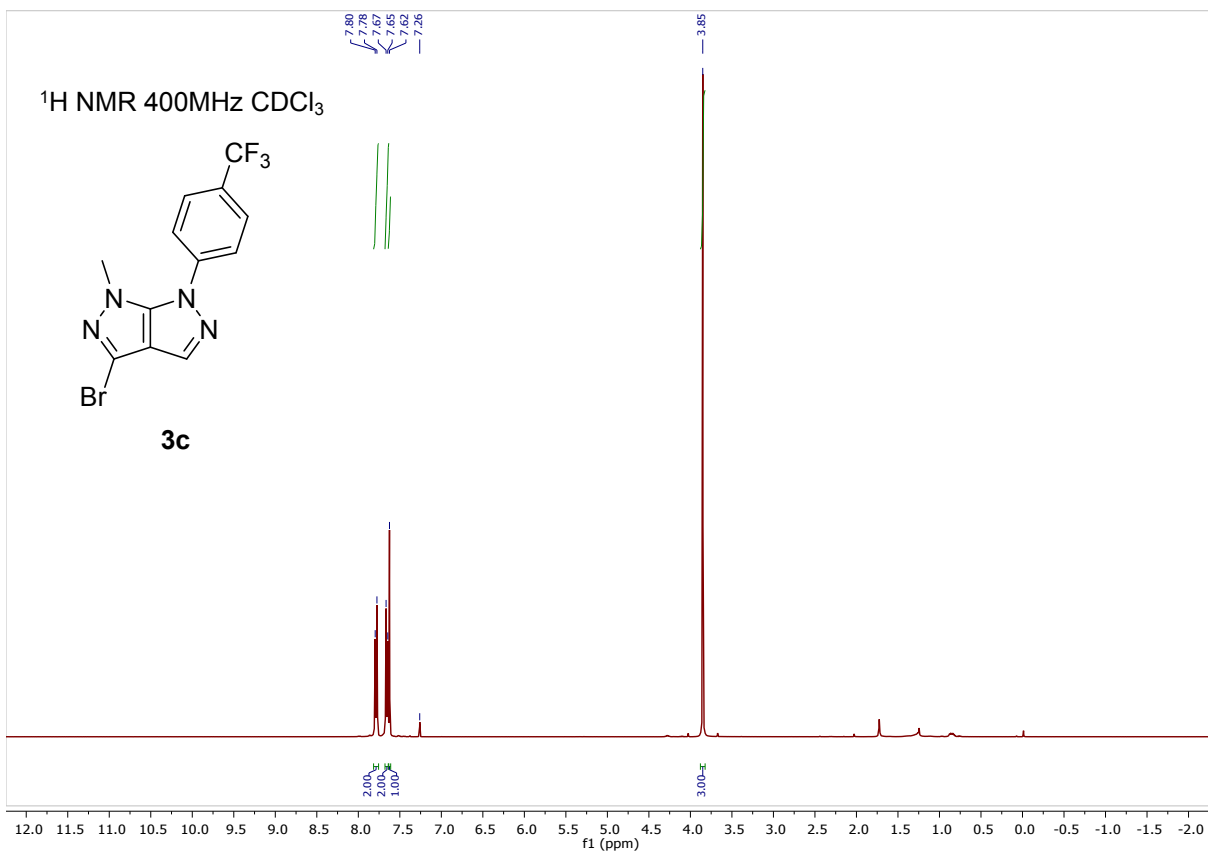
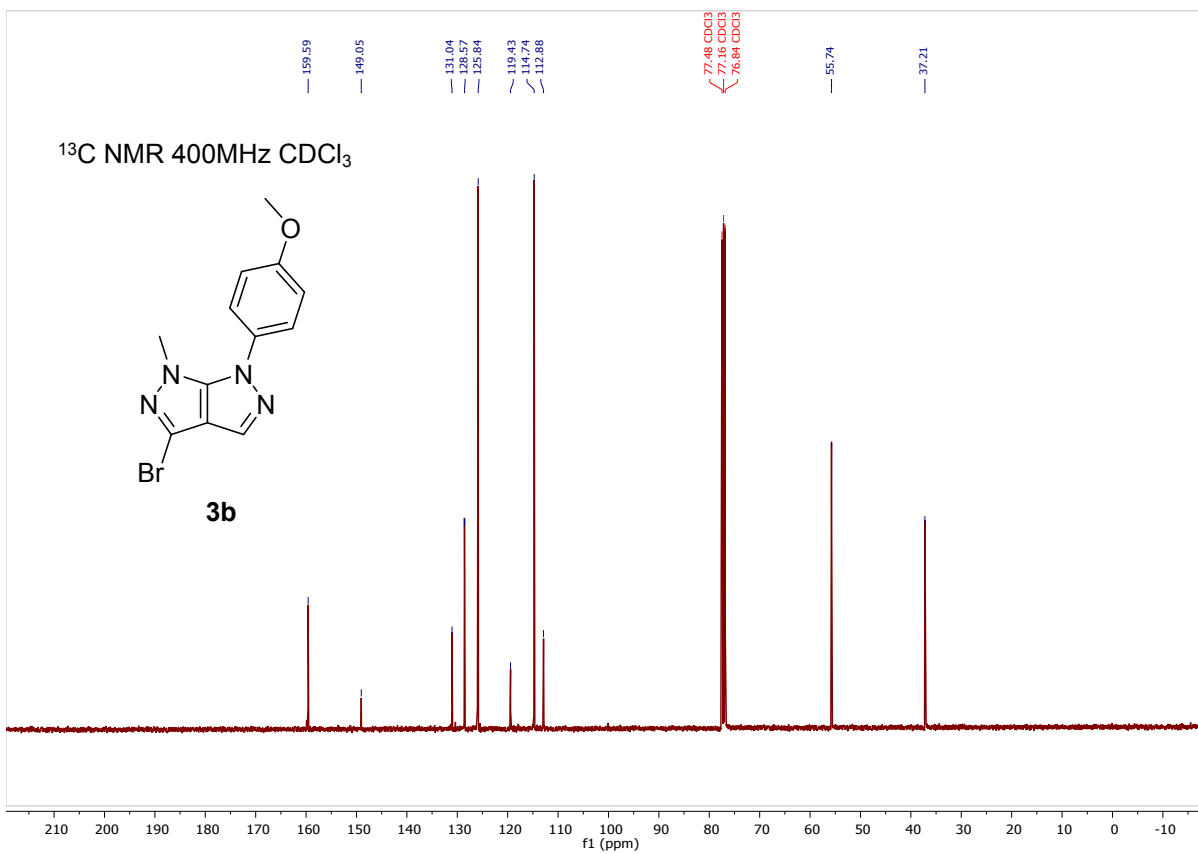












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