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Electrochemical selenylative *ipso*-Annulation of *N*-benzylacrylamides to seleno-azaspiro[4.5]decadienones

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1. Structures of N-Benzylacrylamides

All of the starting materials **1a** to **1m** and **1o** to **1t** were prepared based on literature reports, and the spectral data was compared.

N-Acetyl-*N*-(4-methoxybenzyl)methacrylamide (1n):

White liquid, 667 mg, 90% yield, $R_f = 0.8$ (Ethyl Acetate : Hexane = 2:8); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.20 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.38 (d, J = 31.6 Hz, 2H), 4.88 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.95 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.3, 173.0, 158.9, 142.1, 129.3 (3C), 121.3, 113.9, 55.2, 48.0, 26.4, 18.8; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{14}H_{18}NO_3$ (M+H)⁺ 248.1287, Found 248.1294.

2. Visual representation of the reaction set-up:



A. Initiation of the reaction

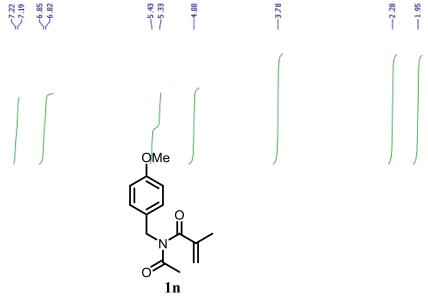


B. Completion of the reaction

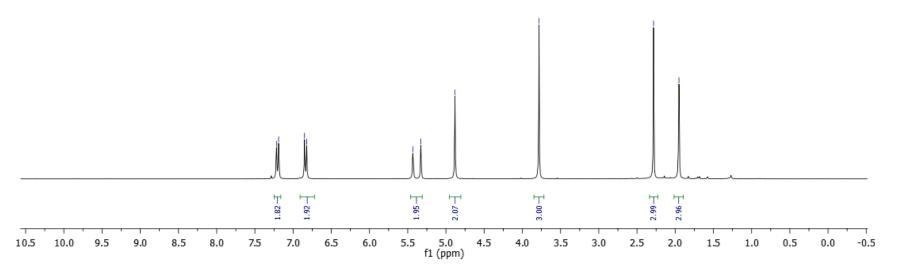
3. Control Experiment

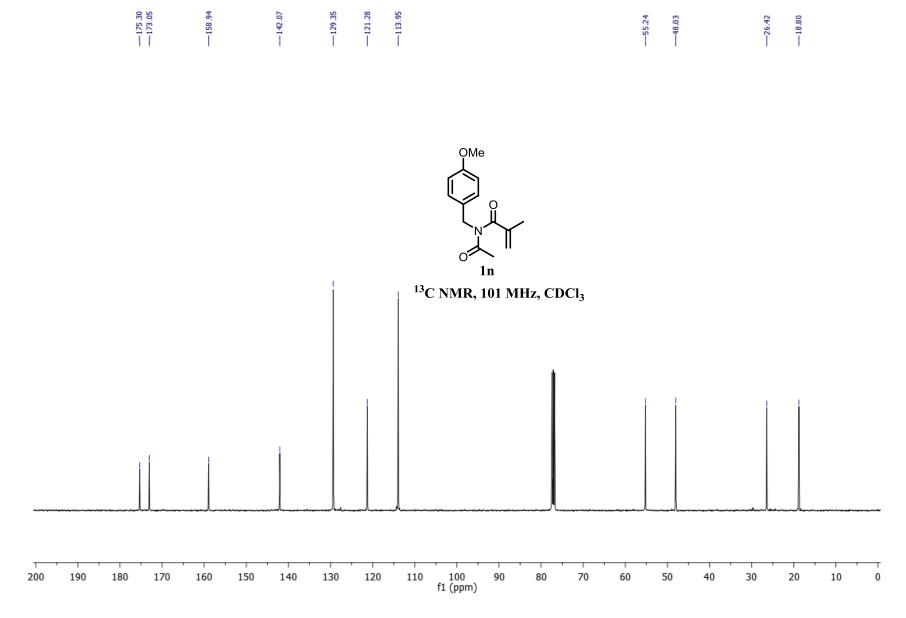
A. Radical trapping reaction with 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-1-yl)oxidanyl (TEMPO):

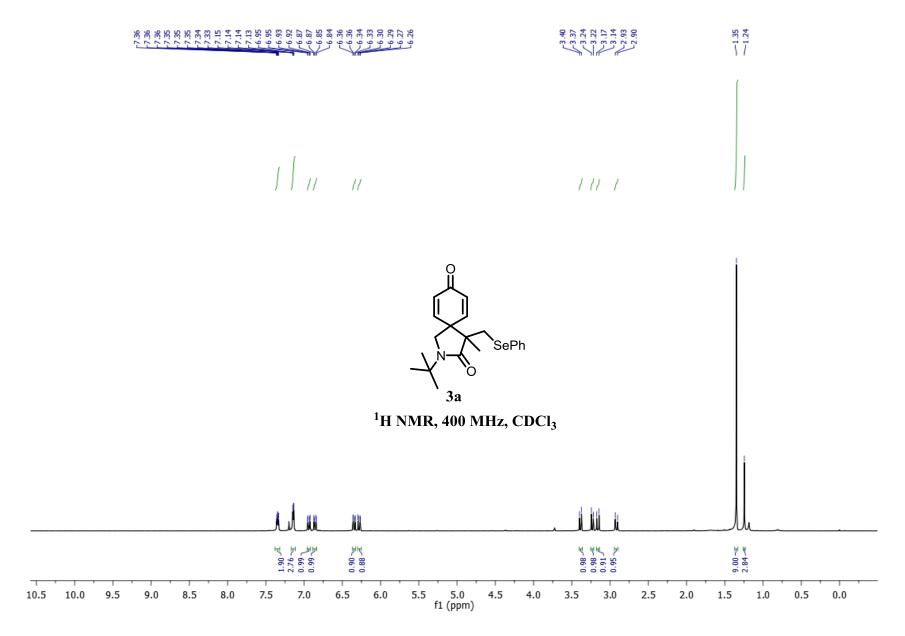
A 10 mL electro vial was charged with substrate (0.3 mmol, 1 equiv.), Diphenyl Diselenide ((PhSe)₂) (0.225 mmol, 0.75 equiv.), sodium bromide (NaBr) (0.3 mmol, 1 equiv.), and TEMPO (0.6 mmol, 2 equiv.), CH₃CN: TFE (4:1) (5mL) and a magnetic stir bar. The vial was equipped with carbon electrodes (8 x 52.5 x 2 mm) as the cathode and a carbon electrode (8 x 52.5 x 2 mm) as the anode. The whole cell was an undivided cell. The reaction mixture was stirred and electrolyzed at a constant current of 15 mA at room temperature for 6 h (progress of the reaction was monitored by the TLC) and the reaction was found to be inhibited.

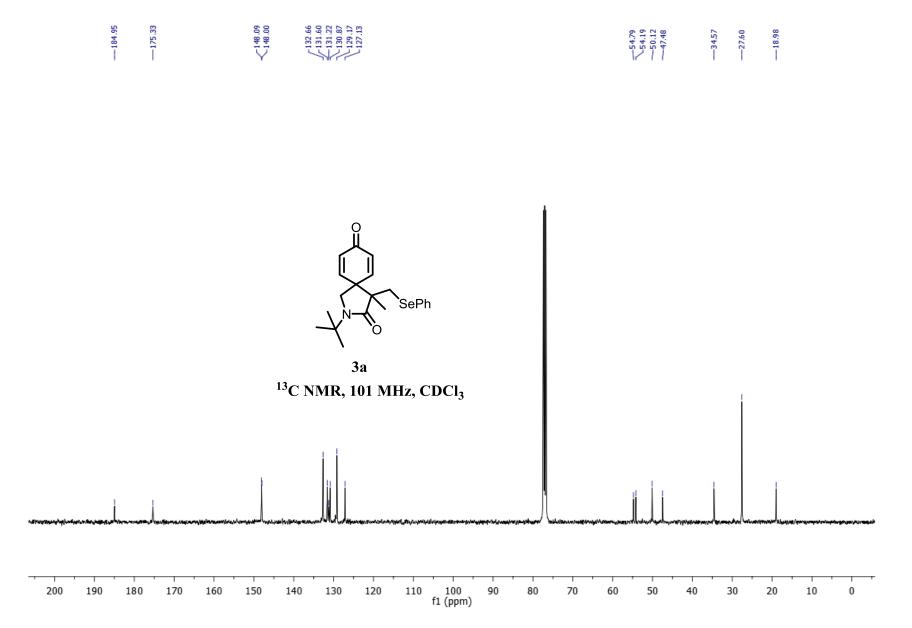


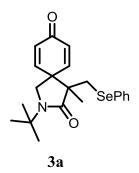
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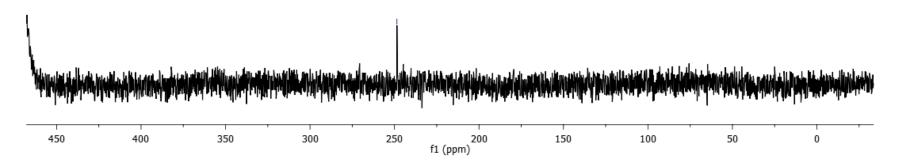


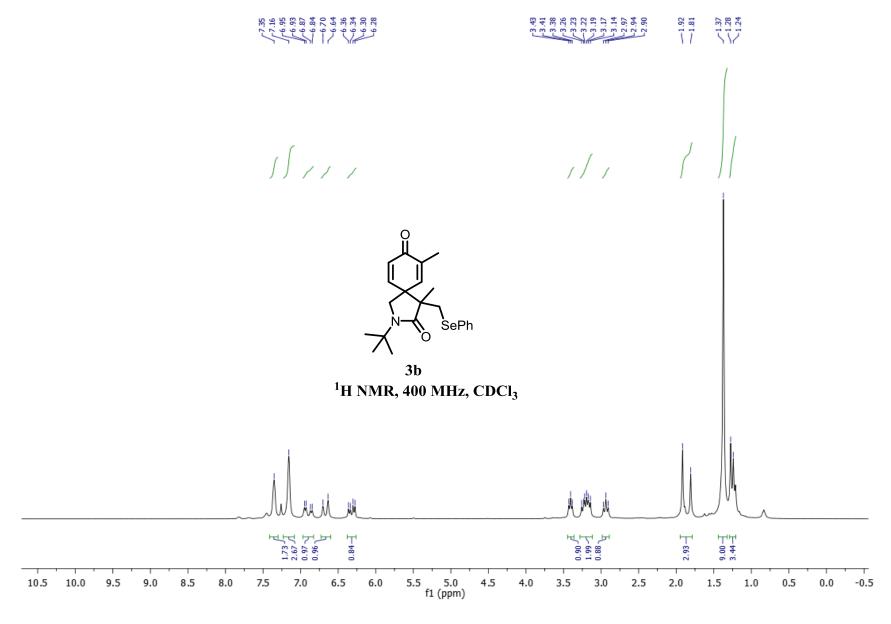


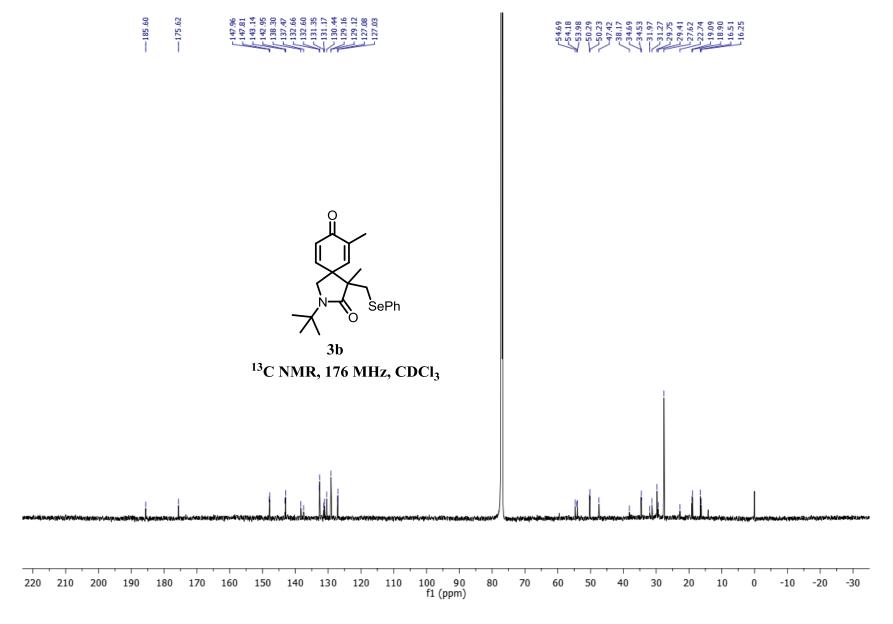




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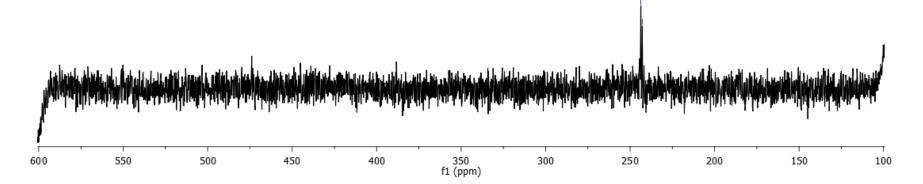


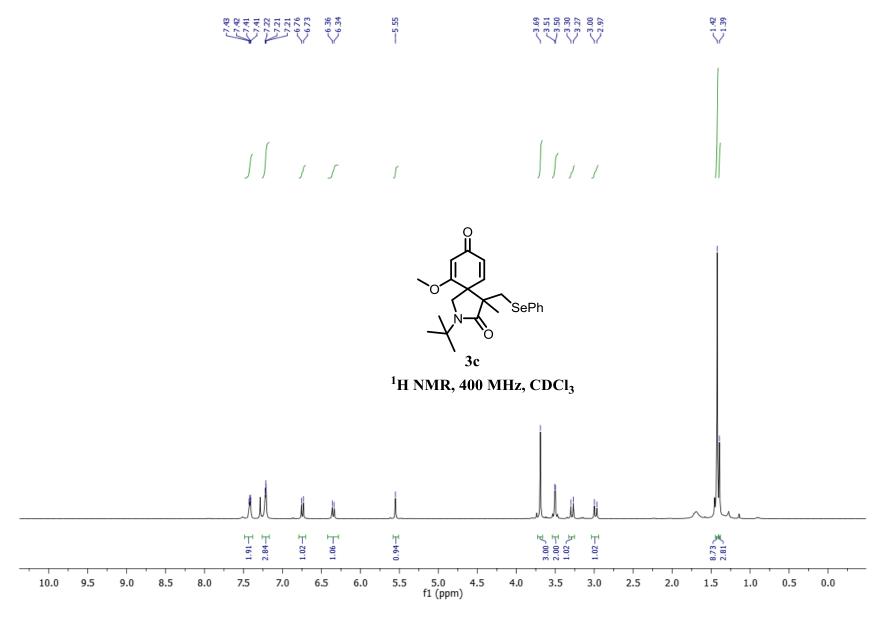


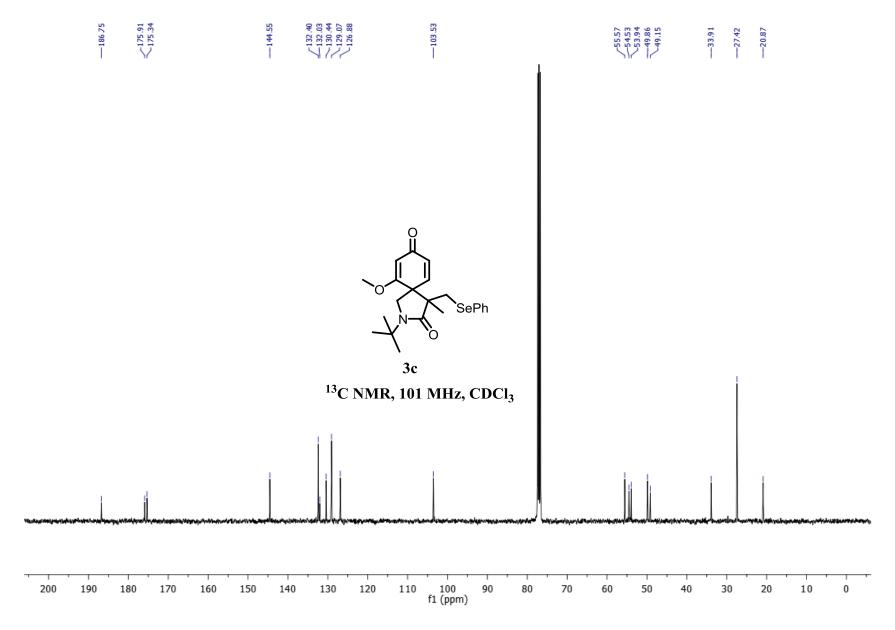


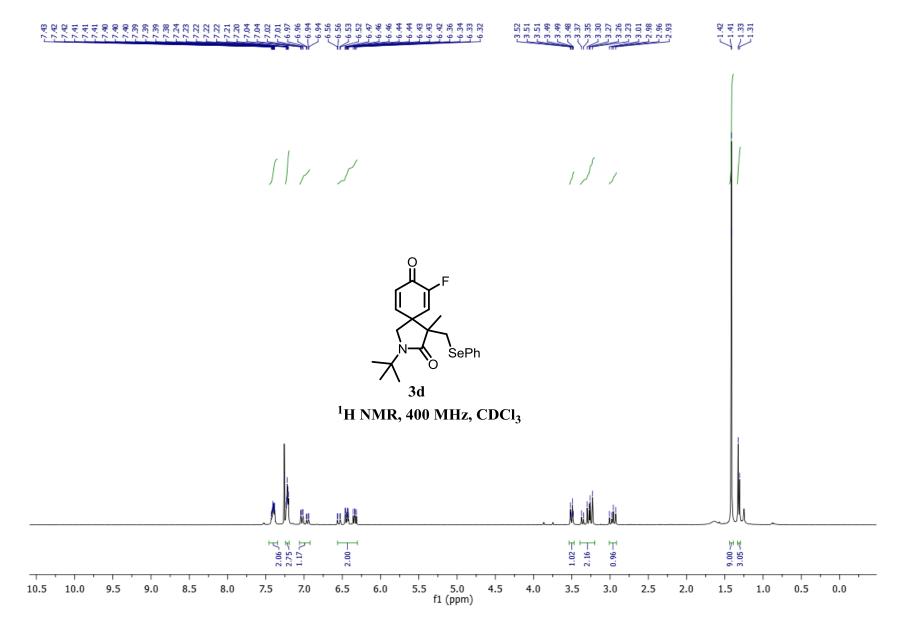


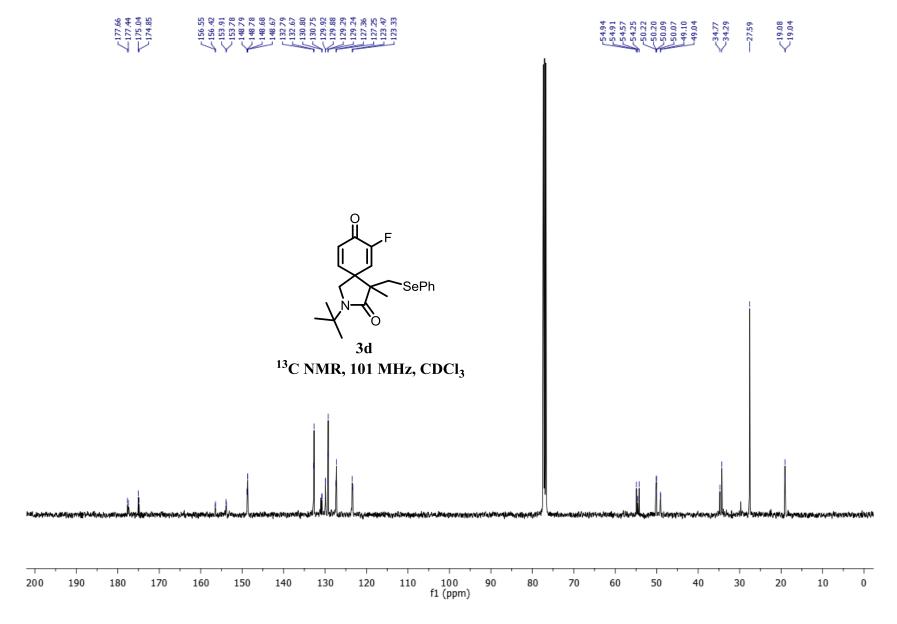
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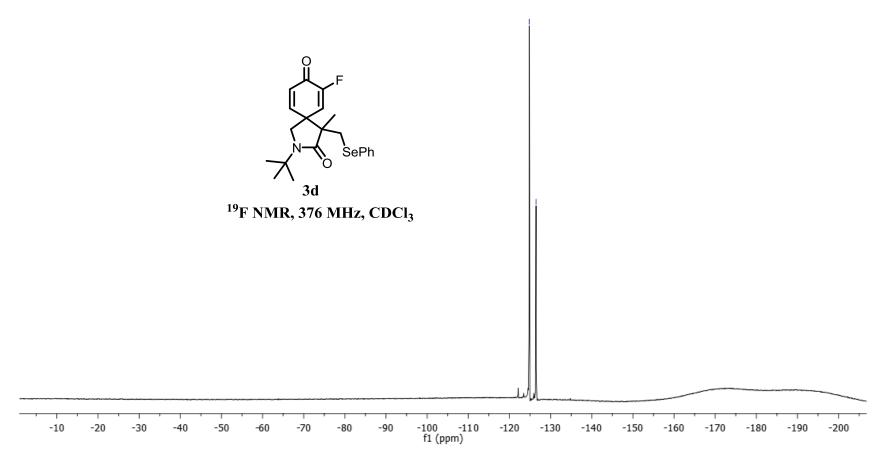




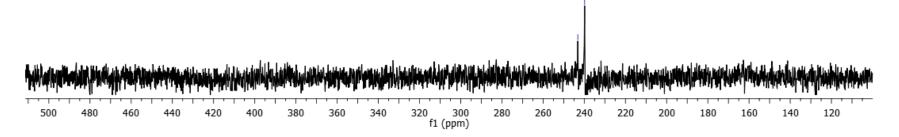


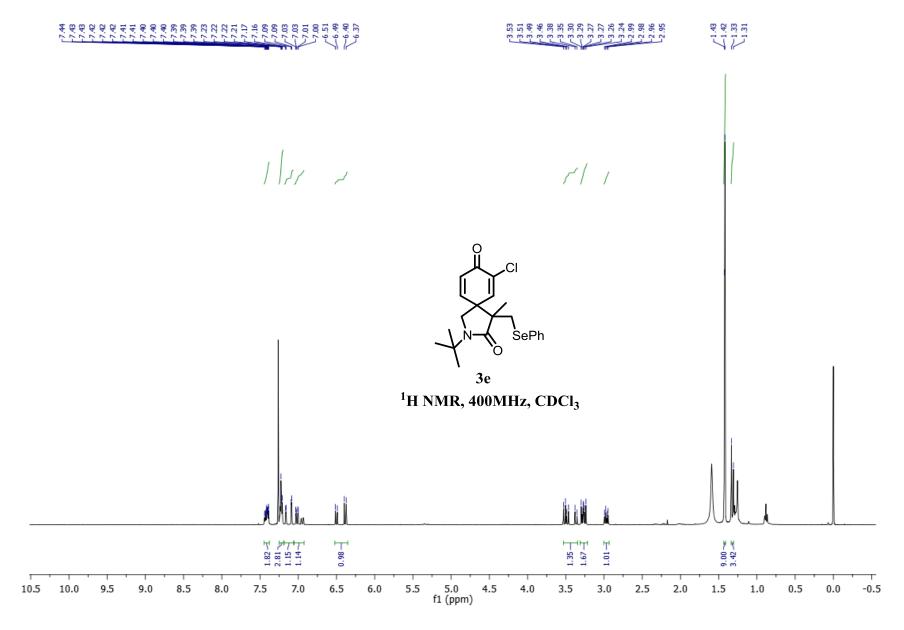


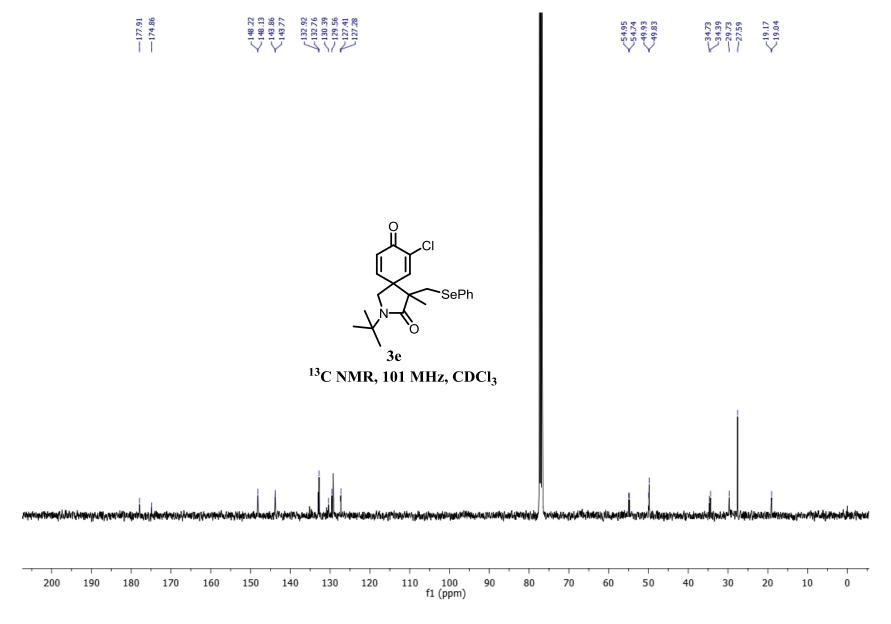


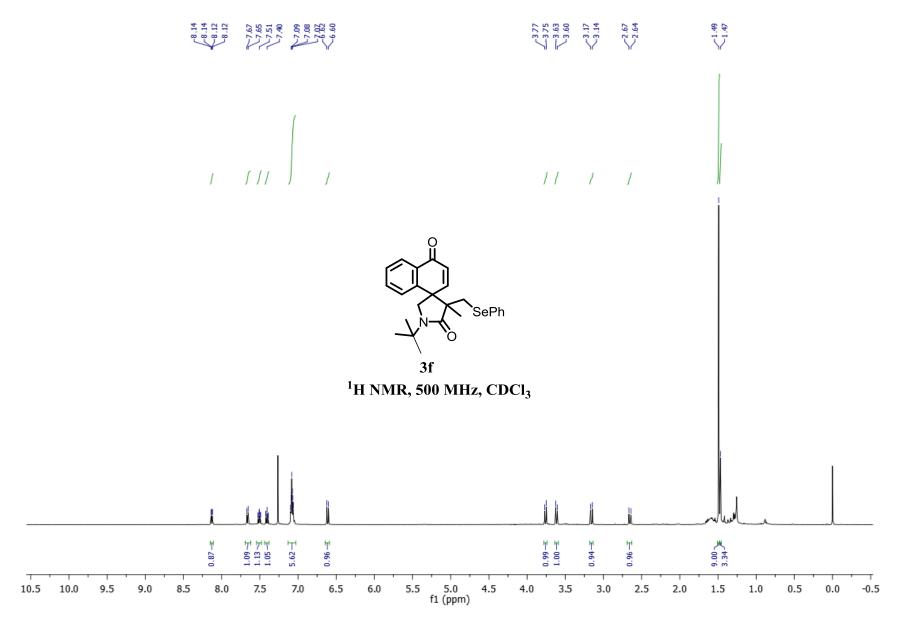


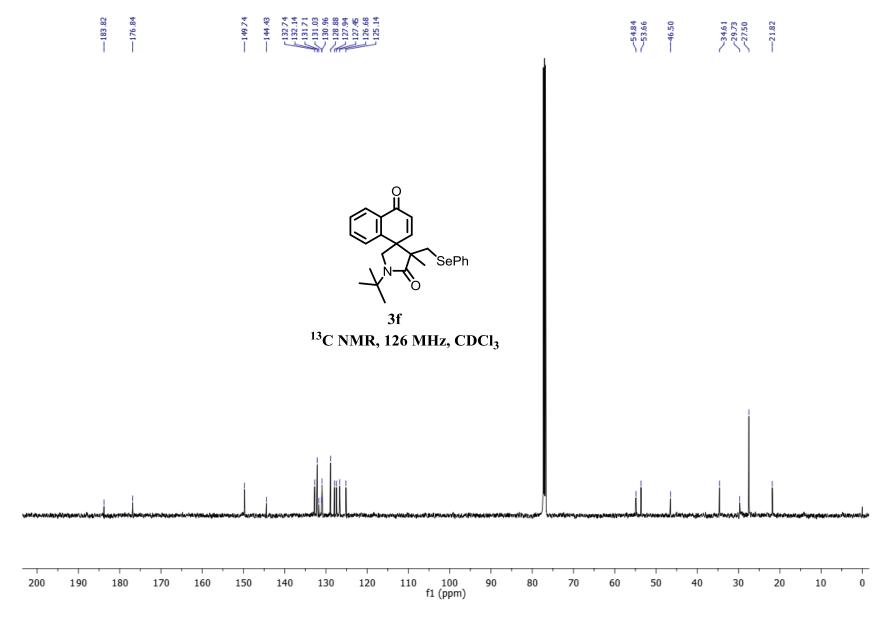
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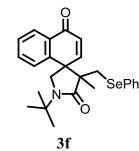




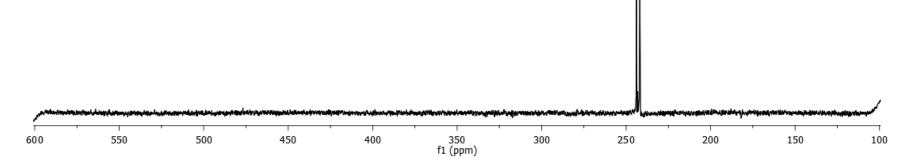


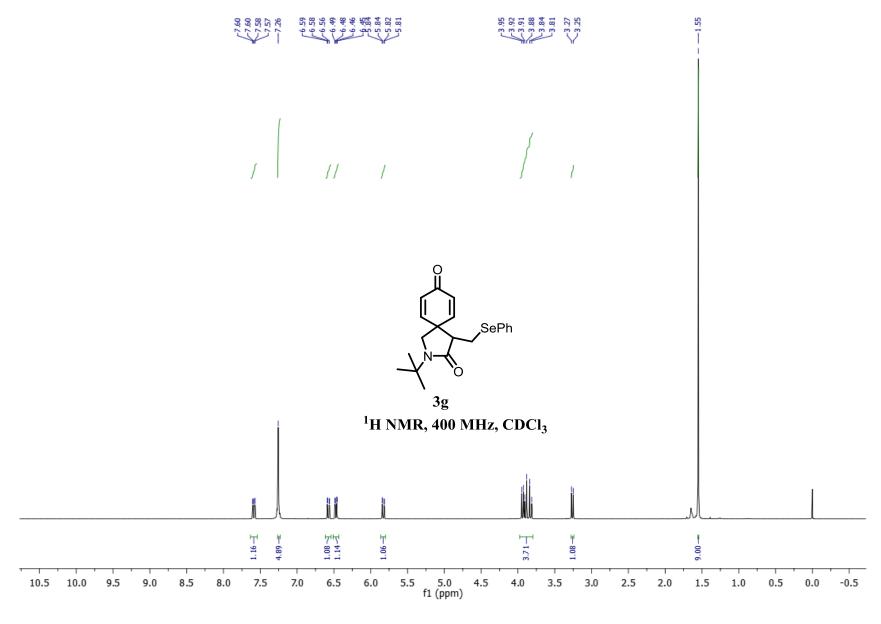


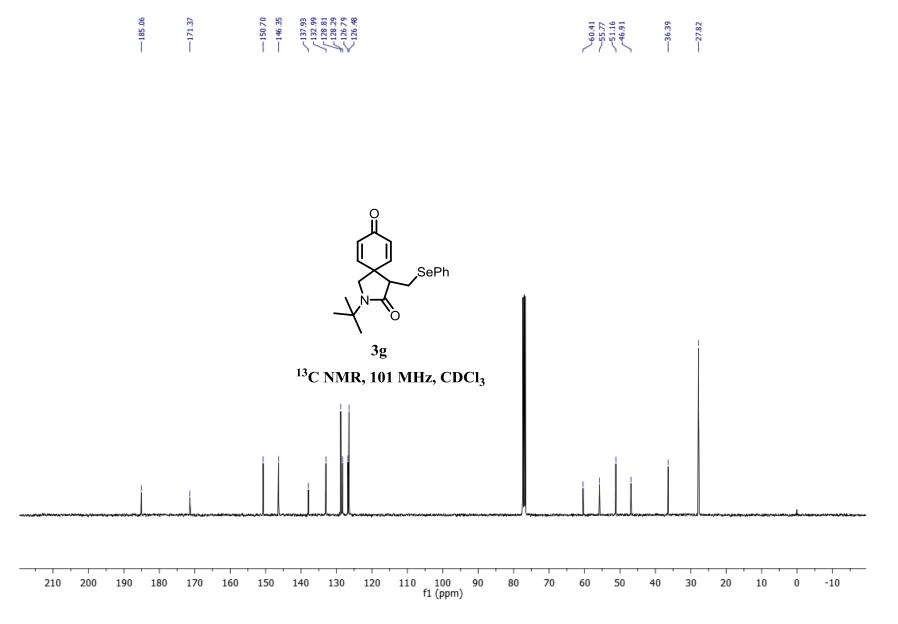


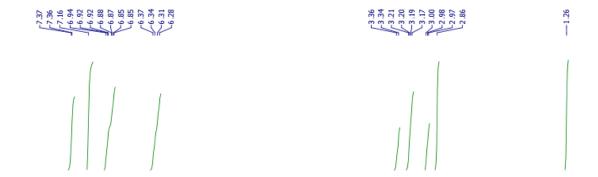


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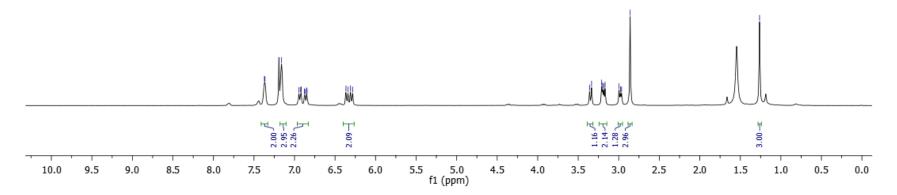


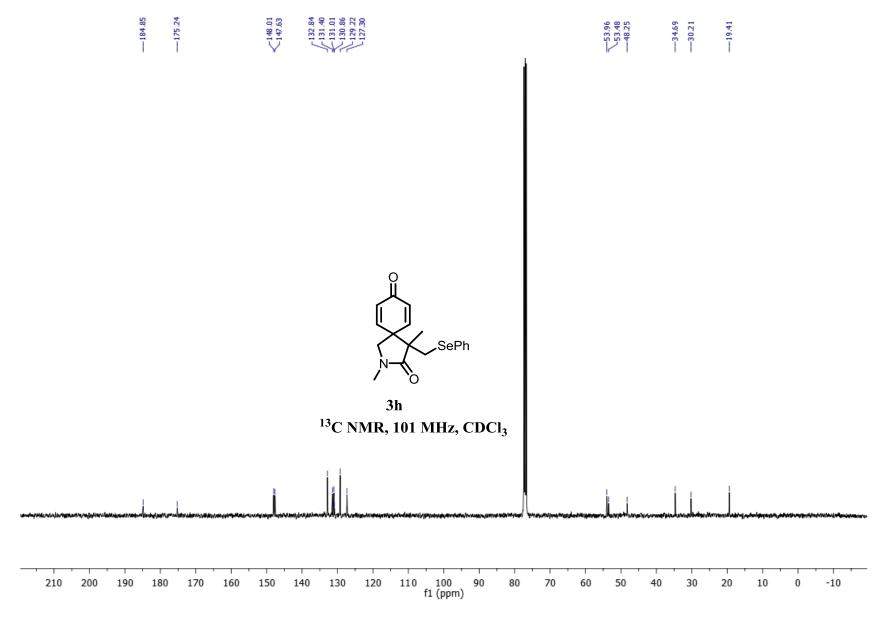


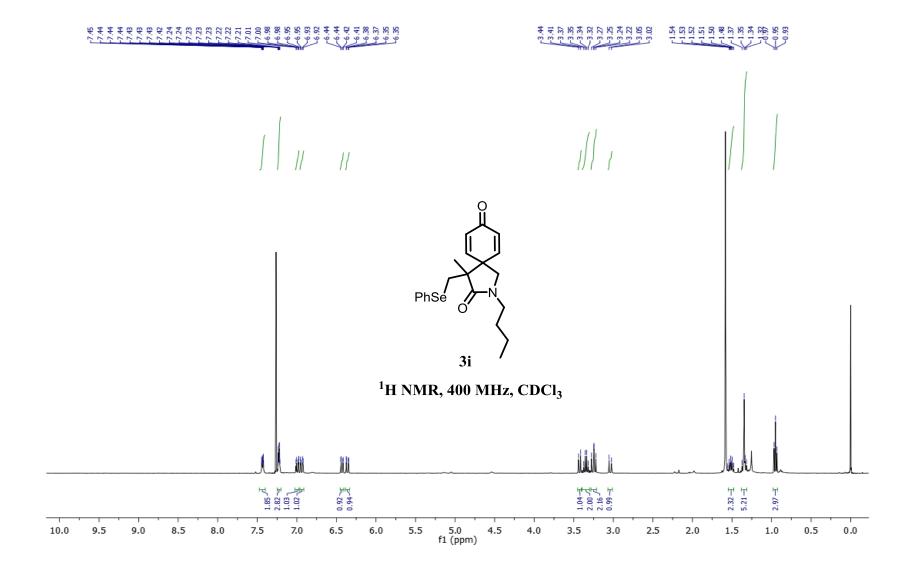


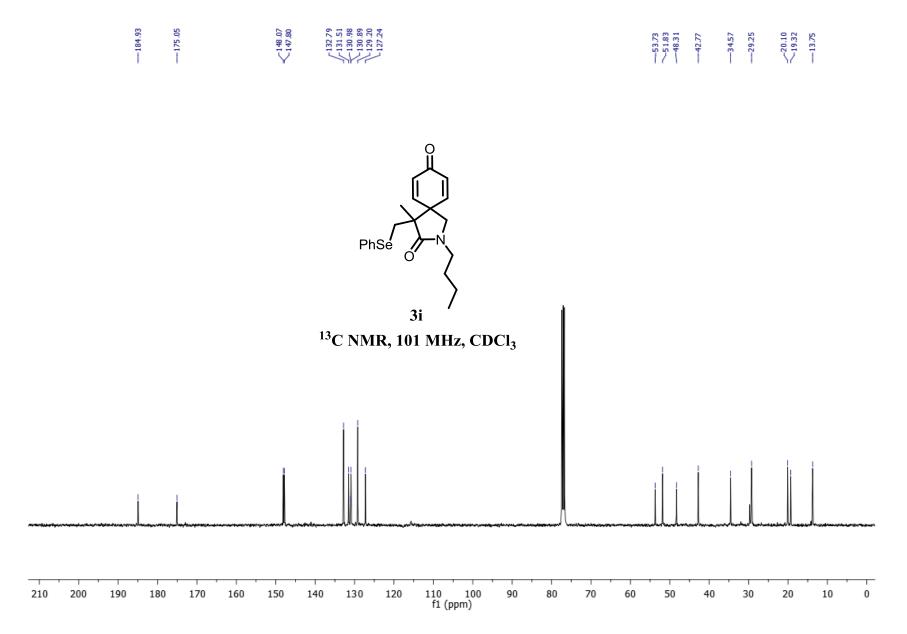


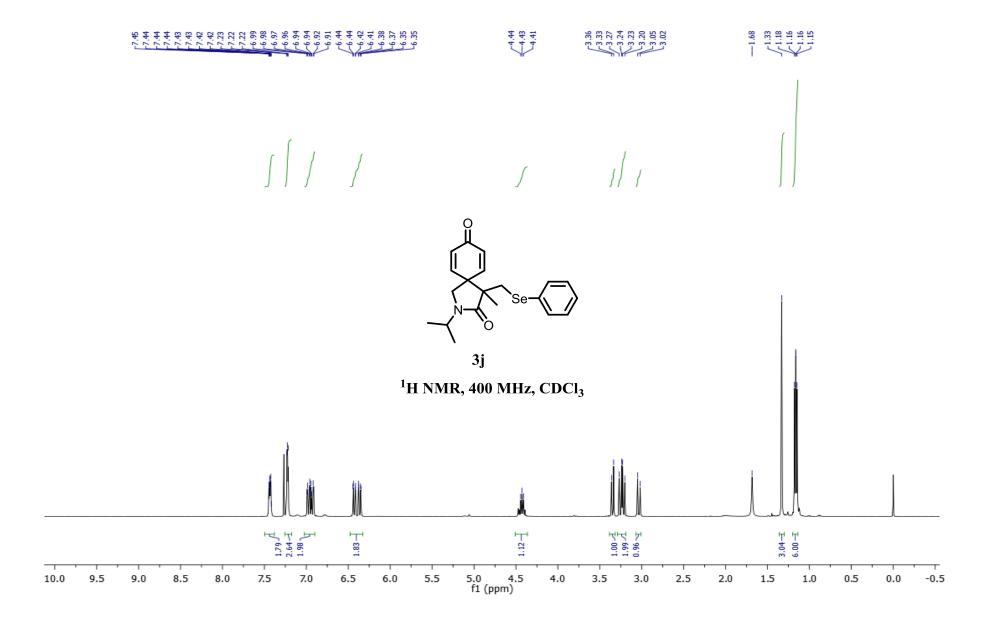
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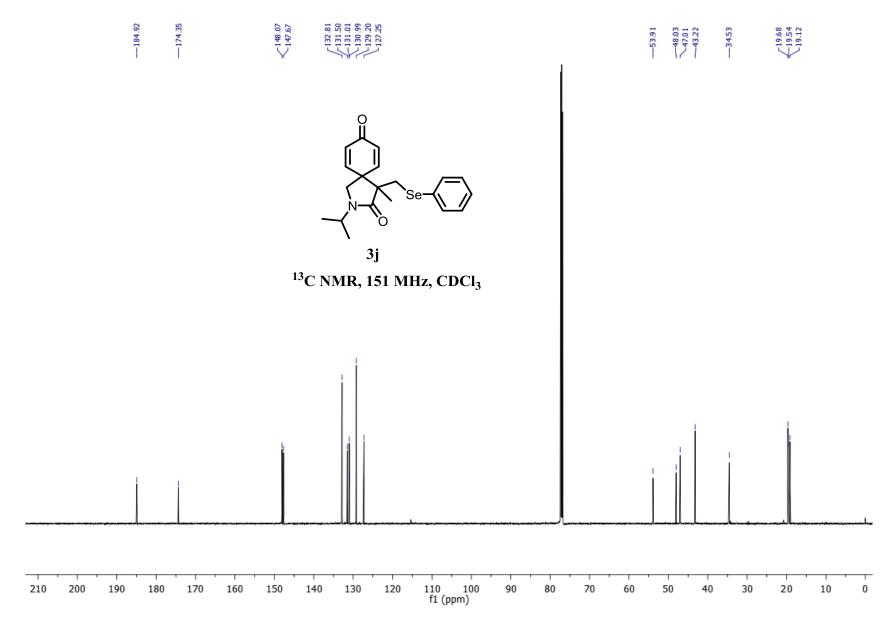


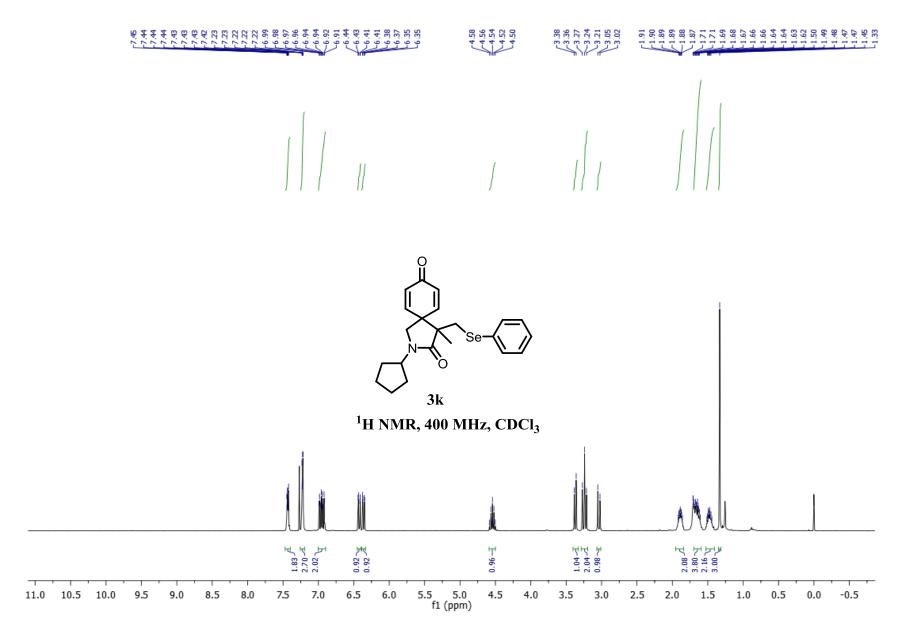


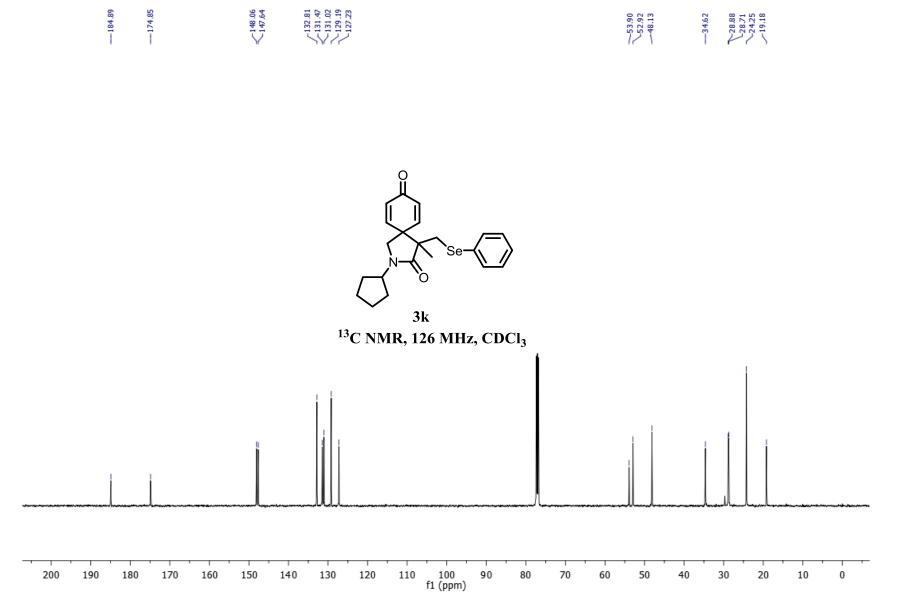


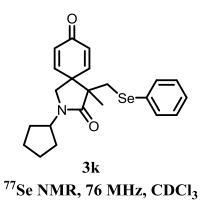


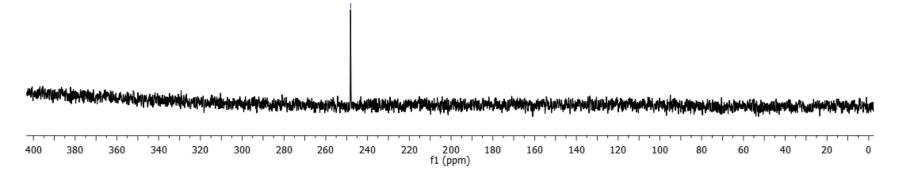


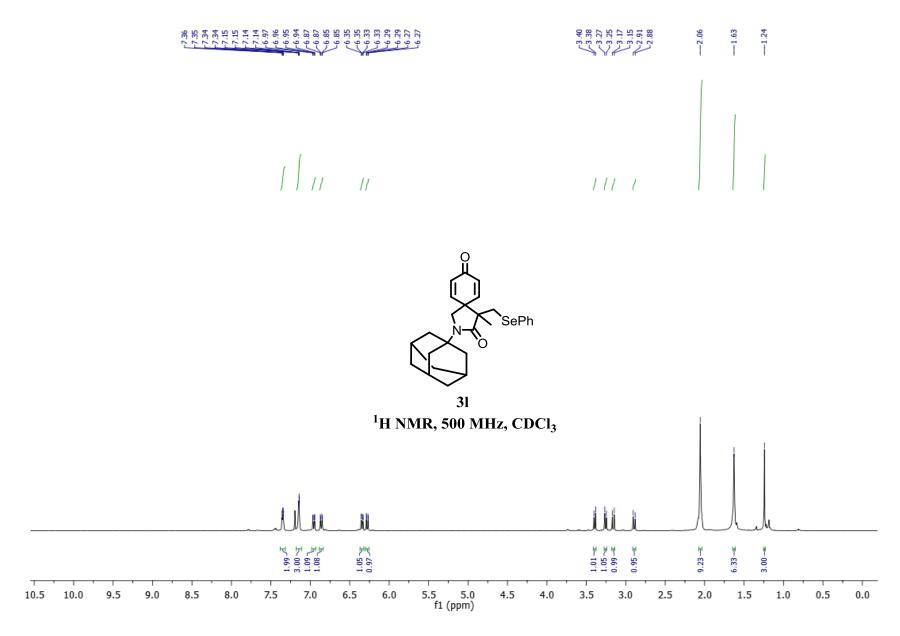


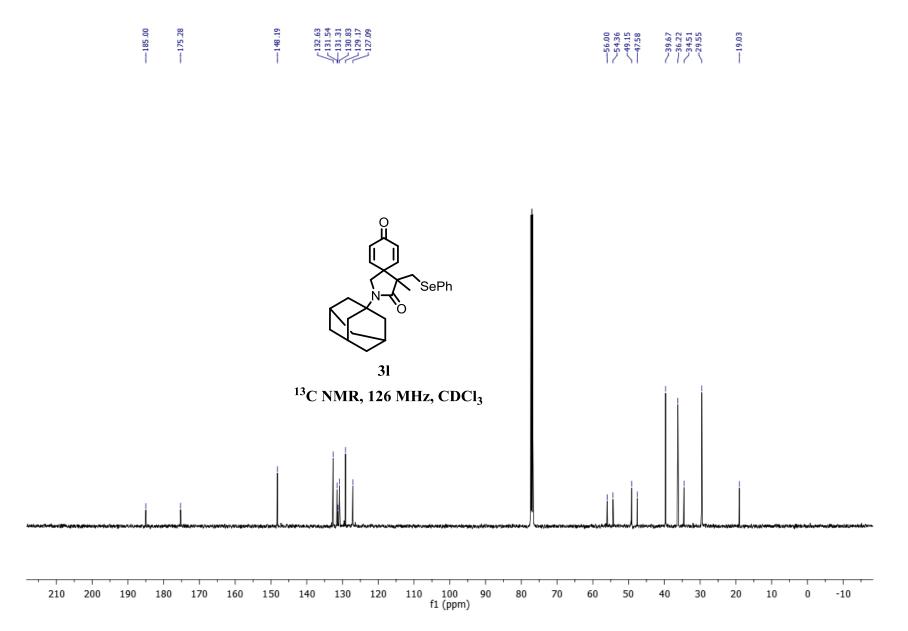


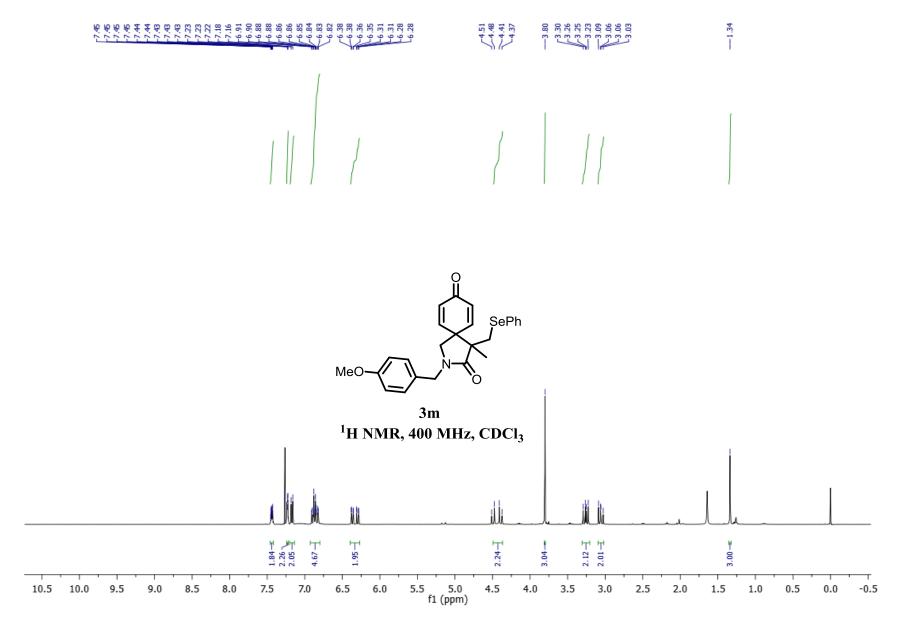


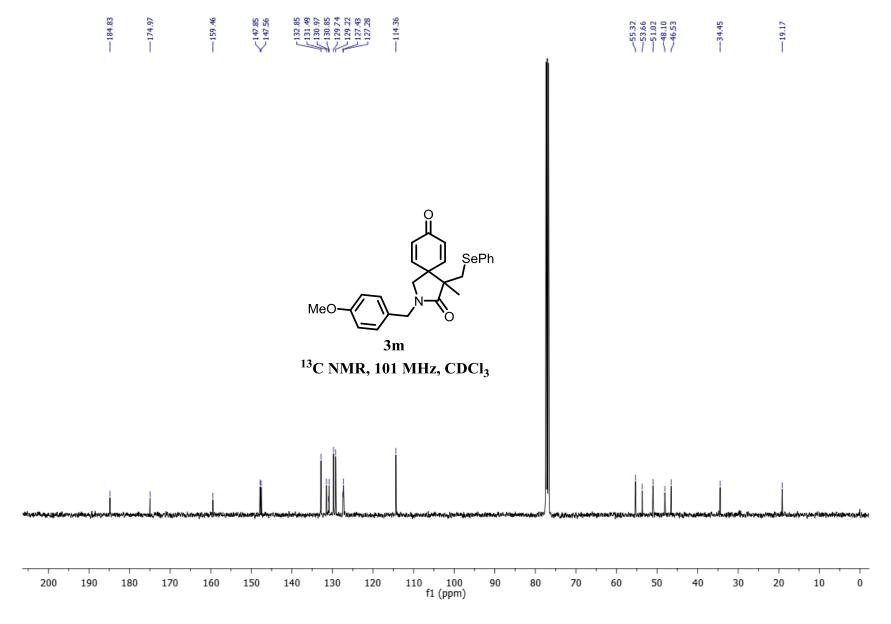


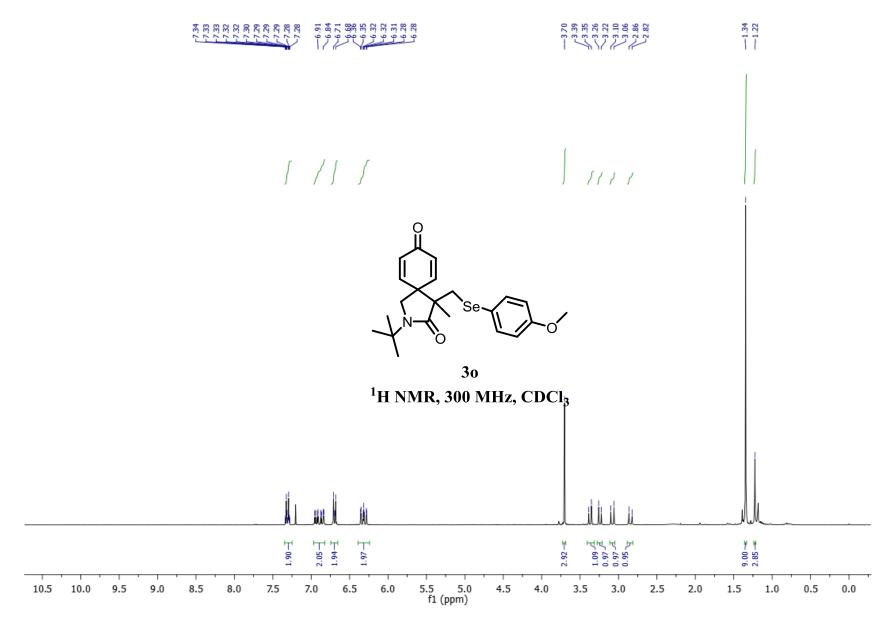


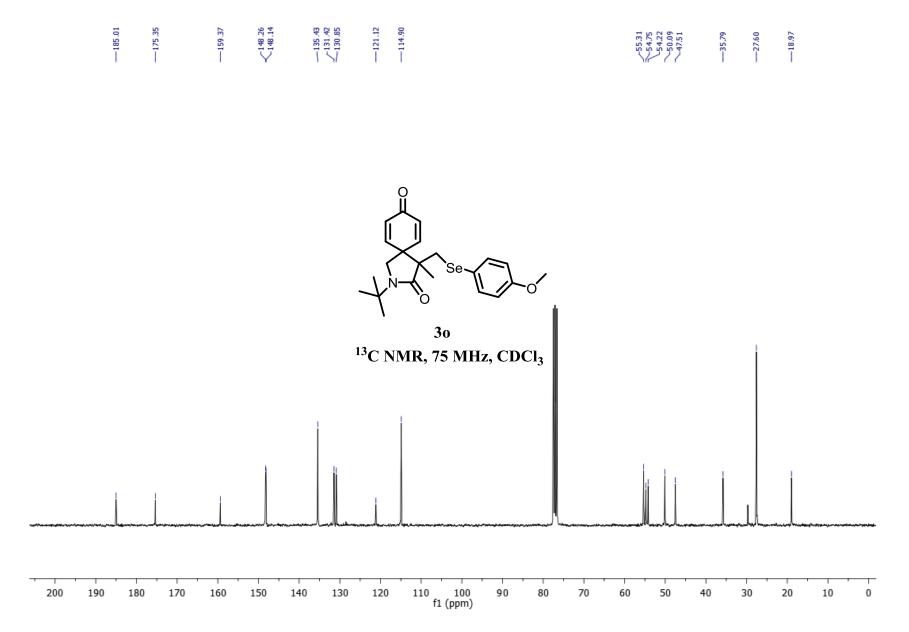


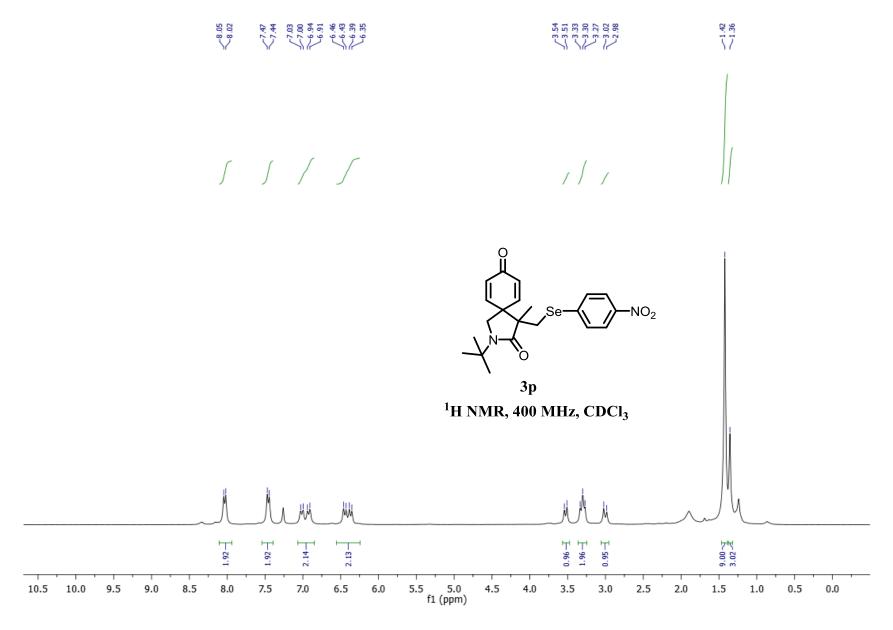


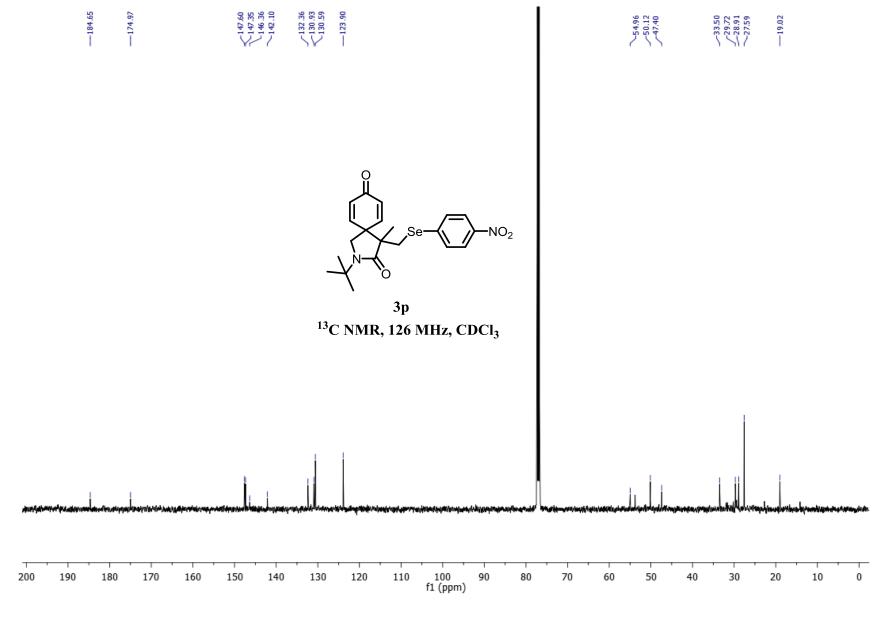


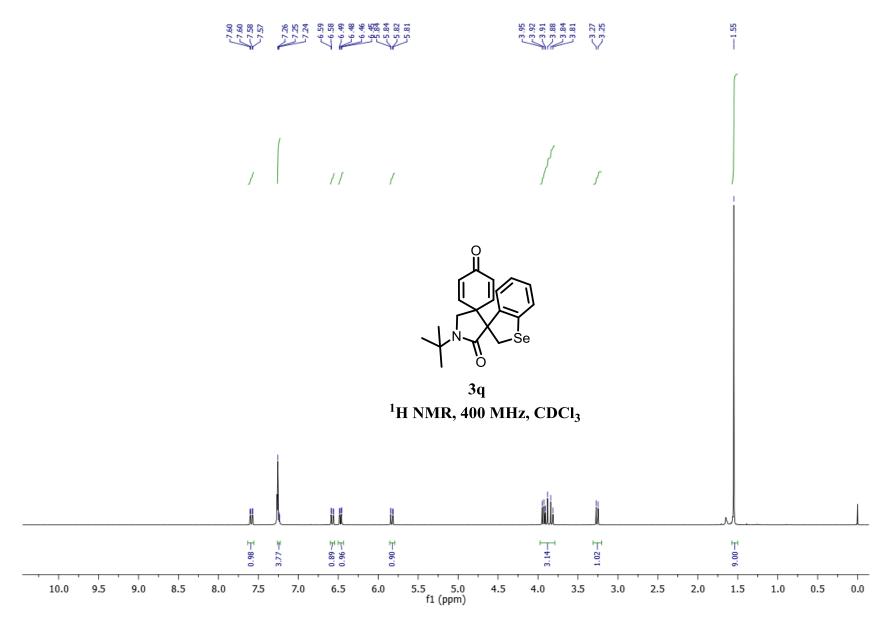


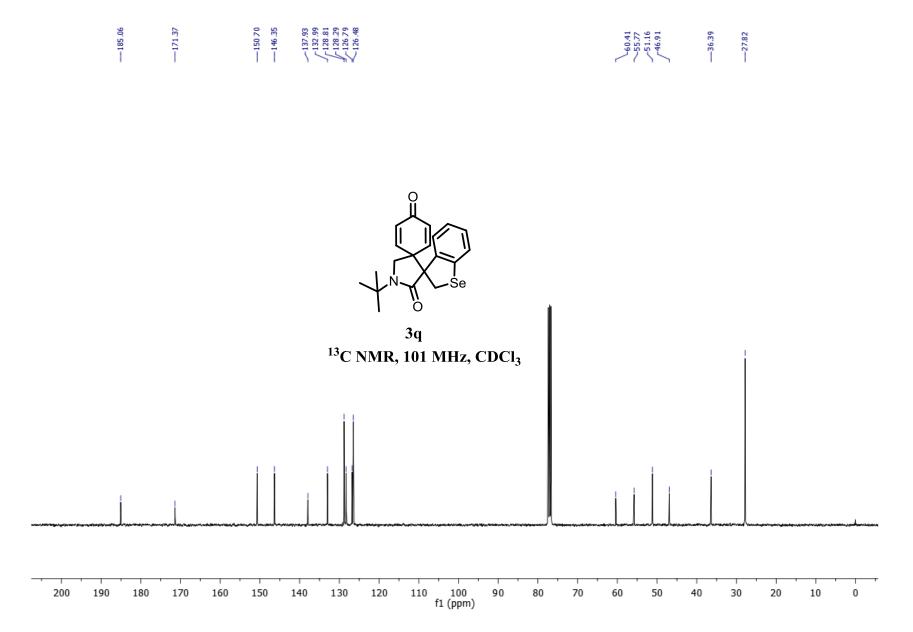


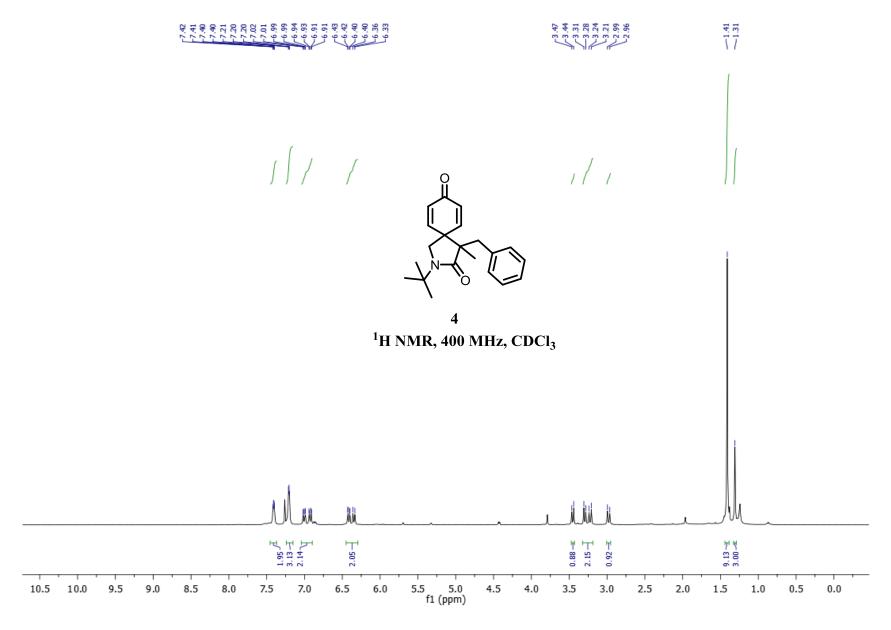


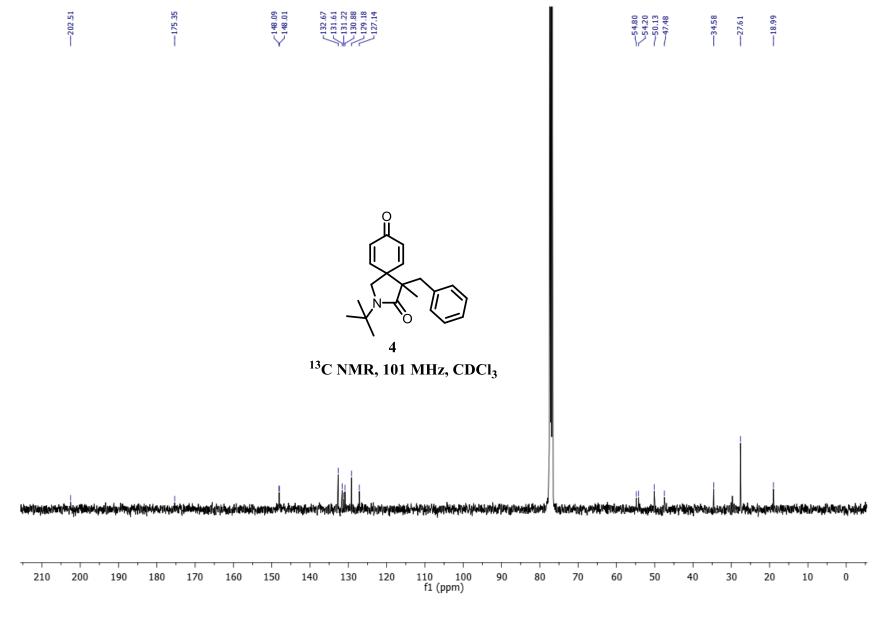


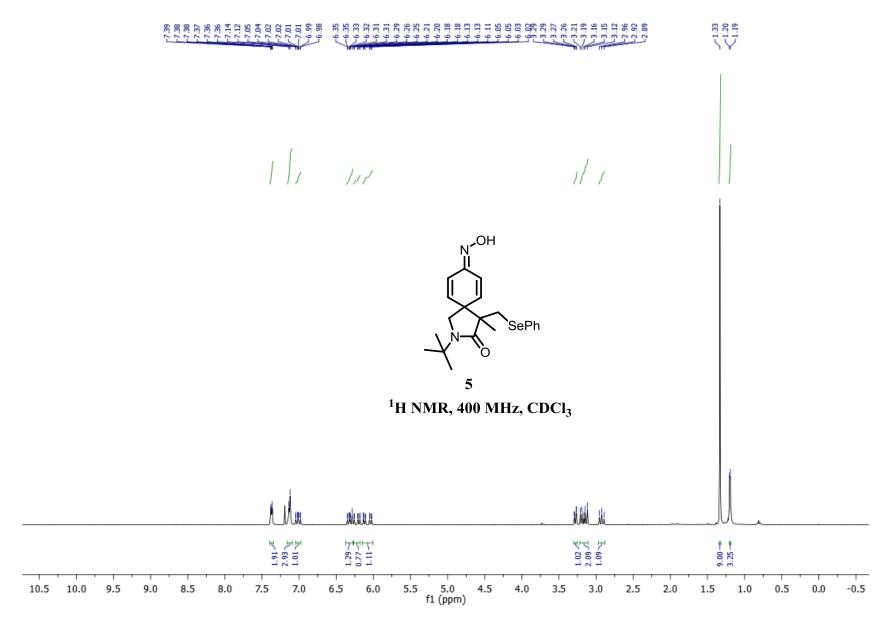


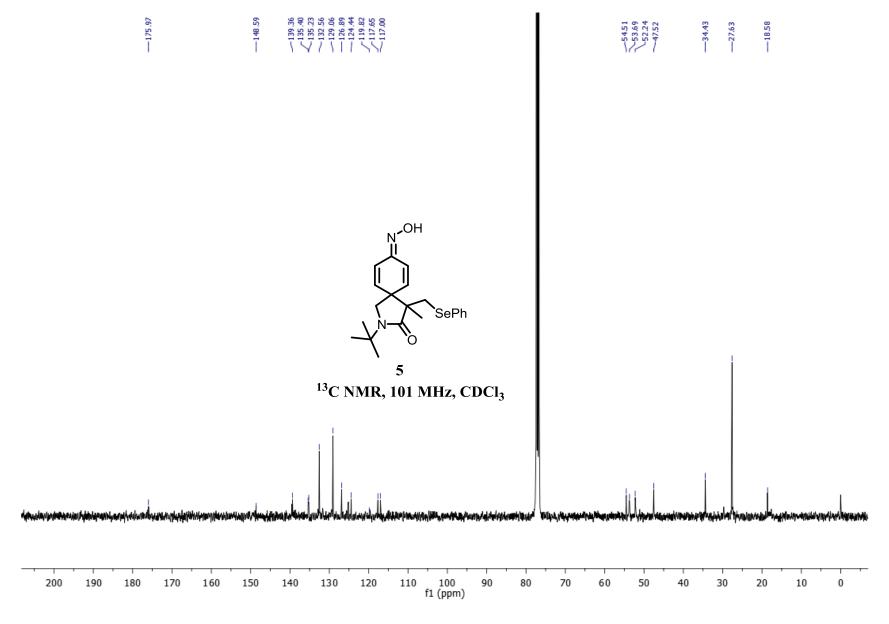




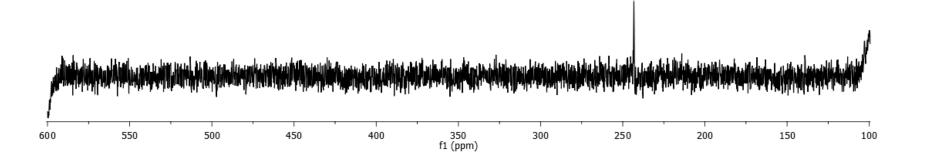








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Elemental Composition Report

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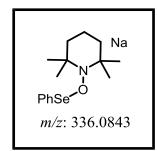
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