

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### Trifunctionalization of C=C Bonds in Vinyl Azides to Access Densely Functionalized Phenanthridines Enabled by the NCS/AgNO<sub>2</sub> System

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## 1. General Information

Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were carried out in flame-dried reaction vessels with Teflon screw caps under nitrogen. Solvents were purified and dried according to standard methods prior to use. Unless otherwise stated, all reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used as received. Flash column chromatography was performed on silica gel (100-200 mesh) with the indicated eluent solvents. TLC analysis was performed on pre-coated, glass-backed silica gel plates and visualized with UV light.

Melting points are uncorrected.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a spectrometer at 25 °C in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 500 MHz, with TMS as internal standard.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a spectrometer at 25 °C in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 125 MHz.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE III 500 at 25 °C in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 470 MHz, with  $\text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$  as external standard. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are expressed in ppm and coupling constants  $J$  are given in Hz. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are expressed in ppm and coupling constants  $J$  are given in Hz. The following abbreviations were used to identify the multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, dd = doublet of doublets, dt = doublet of triplets, dq = doublet of quartets, br = broad and all combinations thereof can be explained by their integral parts. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on a Bruker micro TOF-Q II instrument with APCI source or Agilent 6200 series TOF/6500 series Q-TOF instrument with ESI source or Waters GCT Premier TOF MS with EI source.

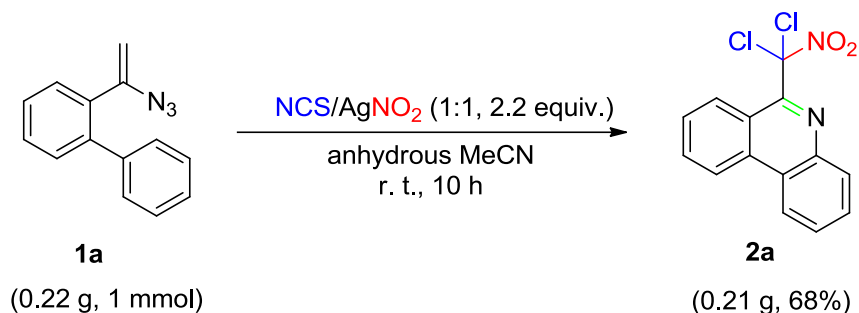
## 2. Synthesis of the Starting Materials

The starting materials 2-(1-azidovinyl)-1,1'-biphenyls were prepared according previous work.<sup>1,2</sup>

## 3. Typical Procedure for the Synthesis of Target products 2

A mixture of vinyl azide **1** (0.3 mmol), NCS (89.4 mg, 0.66 mmol),  $\text{AgNO}_2$  (101.6 mg, 0.66 mmol) and  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (3.0 mL) was sealed in a 10 mL round flask. Then the flask was stirred at 25 °C for 5 h. Upon completion of the reaction, the solution was evaporated in vacuo and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/EtOAc as eluent to give pure product **2**.

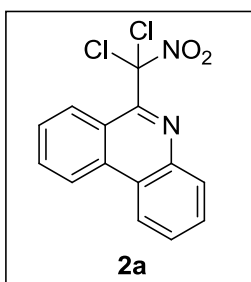
### 3.1 Procedure for 1 mmol-Scale Synthesis of 2a



A mixture of vinyl azide **1a** (0.22 g, 1.0 mmol), NCS (0.30 g, 2.2 mmol), AgNO<sub>2</sub> (0.34 g, 2.2 mmol) and CH<sub>3</sub>CN (8.0 mL) was sealed in a 20 mL round flask. Then the flask was stirred at 25 °C for 10 h. Upon completion of the reaction, the solution was evaporated in vacuo and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/EtOAc as eluent to give pure product **2a** (0.21 g, 68%).

## 4. Characterization Data

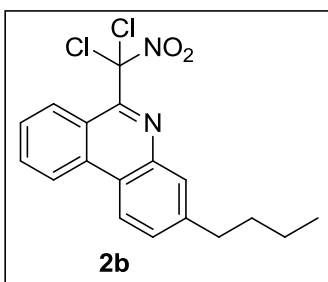
### 6-(dichloro(nitro)methyl)phenanthridine(2a)



Purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1 (V/V)) as a yellow solid (69.1 mg, 75%), m.p. 121–122 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.74 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.61–8.57 (m, 2H), 8.19–8.15 (m, 1H), 7.95–7.92 (m, 1H), 7.81–7.77 (m, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 149.9, 140.8, 134.7, 131.3,

131.3, 129.50, 129.49, 127.6, 126.2, 125.0, 123.17, 121.9, 120.8, 113.9; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>9</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 307.0036; Found 307.0043.

### 3-butyl-6-(dichloro(nitro)methyl)phenanthridine (2b)

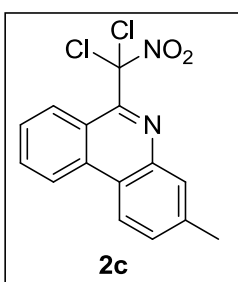


Purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1 (V/V)) as a yellow solid (69.7 mg, 64%), m.p. 69–70 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.69 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.58 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.48 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz,

1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.92–7.88 (m, 1H), 7.75–7.72 (m, 1H), 7.62 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 8.5

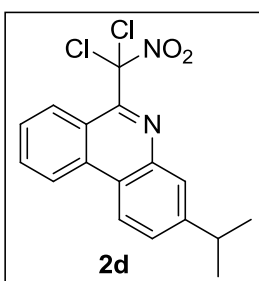
Hz,  $J_2 = 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.85 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 1.77–1.71 (m, 2H), 1.46–1.38 (m, 2H), 0.98 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  149.8, 144.9, 141.0, 134.7, 131.1, 130.7, 130.1, 127.1, 126.2, 123.0, 122.9, 121.7, 120.5, 114.0, 35.4, 33.3, 22.4, 13.9; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$  363.0662; Found 363.0657.

### 6-(dichloro(nitro)methyl)-3-methylphenanthridine (2c)



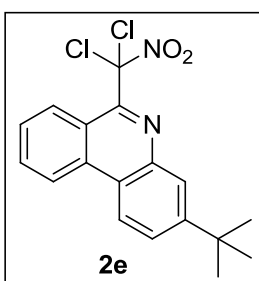
Purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1 (V/V)) as a yellow solid (63.5 mg, 66%), m.p. 136–137 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.66 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.58 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.44 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.91–7.87 (m, 1H), 7.75–7.71 (m, 1H), 7.59 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.5$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.58 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  149.8, 140.9, 139.9, 134.7, 131.3, 131.1, 130.7, 127.0, 126.2, 123.0, 122.7, 121.7, 120.4, 114.0, 21.4; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$  321.0192; Found 321.0188.

### 6-(dichloro(nitro)methyl)-3-isopropylphenanthridine (2d)



Purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1 (V/V)) as a yellow solid (74.5 mg, 71%), m.p. 107–108 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.70 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.58 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.51 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d,  $J = 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.92–7.89 (m, 1H), 7.76–7.72 (m, 1H), 7.69 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.5$  Hz,  $J_2 = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.21–3.13 (m, 1H), 1.39 (t,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  150.8, 149.8, 141.1, 134.7, 131.2, 129.1, 128.1, 127.1, 126.2, 123.1, 123.0, 121.9, 120.5, 114.0, 34.1, 23.8; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$  349.0505; Found 349.0512.

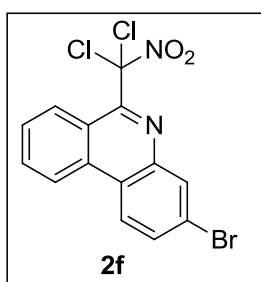
### 3-tert-butyl-6-(dichloro(nitro)methyl)phenanthridine (2e)



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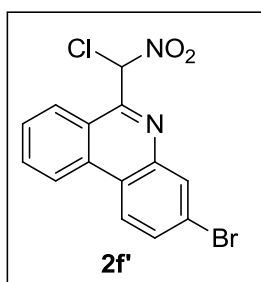
5/1 (V/V)) as a yellow solid (65.3 mg, 60%), m.p. 145–146 °C.  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.71 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.58 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.53 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.93–7.87 (m, 2H), 7.76–7.73 (m, 1H), 1.47 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  153.2, 149.8, 140.9, 134.6, 131.1, 127.9, 127.14, 127.12, 126.2, 123.0, 122.7, 121.7, 120.6, 114.0, 35.1, 31.2; **HRMS** (ESI)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$  363.0662; Found 363.0668.

### 3-bromo-6-(dichloro(nitro)methyl)phenanthridine (2f)



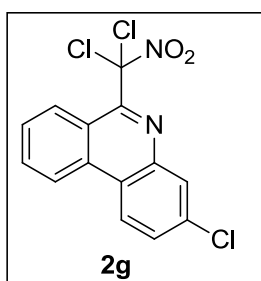
Purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1 (V/V)) as a yellow solid (59.0 mg, 51%), m.p. 167–169 °C.  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.64 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.57 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.49 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.32 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.94–7.90 (m, 1H), 7.83 (dd,  $J_1 = 9.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.79–7.76 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  151.0, 141.6, 134.3, 133.6, 132.7, 131.7, 127.9, 126.4, 123.8, 123.4, 123.3, 123.1, 120.8, 113.6; **HRMS** (ESI)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_8\text{BrCl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$  384.9141; Found 384.9148.

### 3-bromo-6-(chloro(nitro)methyl)phenanthridine (2f')



Purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1 (V/V)) as a yellow solid (33.7 mg, 32%);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.86 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.66 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.44 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.35 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.84–7.82 (m, 3H), 7.28 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  155.8, 143.0, 134.0, 133.0, 131.6, 131.5, 127.6, 127.2, 123.8, 123.5, 122.9, 122.7, 121.8, 72.1; **HRMS** (ESI)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_9\text{BrClN}_2\text{O}_2^+$  350.9530; Found 350.9536.

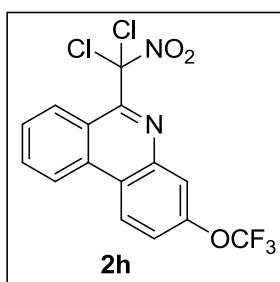
### 3-chloro-6-(dichloro(nitro)methyl)phenanthridine (2g)



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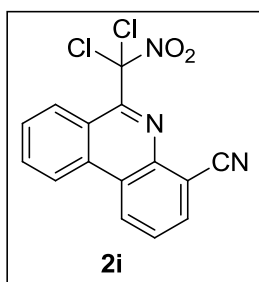
5/1 (V/V)) as a yellow solid (48.2 mg, 47%), m.p. 132–133 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.63 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.59 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.46 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.95–7.92 (m, 1H), 7.80–7.77 (m, 1H), 7.70 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 9.0 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 2.5 Hz, 1H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 151.1, 141.3, 135.3, 134.2, 131.7, 130.3, 130.0, 127.9, 126.4, 123.4, 123.3, 123.1, 120.7, 113.6; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>8</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 340.9646; Found 340.9641.

#### 6-(dichloro(nitro)methyl)-3-(trifluoromethoxy)phenanthridine (2h)



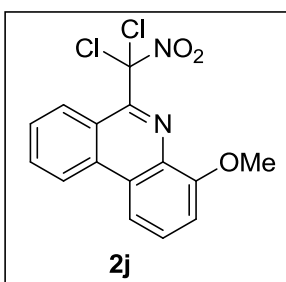
Purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1 (V/V)) as a yellow solid (76.2 mg, 65%), m.p. 129–130 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.71 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.64–8.60 (m, 2H), 8.46 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.04–8.03 (m, 1H), 7.99–7.97 (m, 1H), 7.84–7.81 (m, 1H), 7.67–7.64 (m, 1H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 151.4, 149.64, 149.63, 141.5, 134.2, 131.8, 128.0, 126.4, 123.9, 123.5, 123.2, 122.8, 121.6, 120.5 (q, *J* = 256.3 Hz), 113.5; **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -57.72; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>8</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> 390.9859; Found 390.9852.

#### 6-(dichloro(nitro)methyl)phenanthridine-4-carbonitrile (2i)



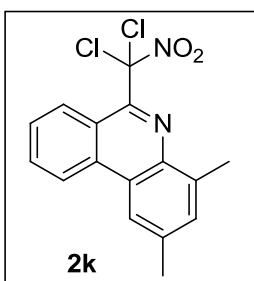
Purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1 (V/V)) as a yellow solid (67.6 mg, 70%), m.p. 198–200 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.94 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.73 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.66 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.07–8.04 (m, 1H), 7.98 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 8.5 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.92–7.88 (m, 1H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 152.8, 142.4, 133.7, 132.5, 134.0, 128.9, 127.7, 126.7, 125.2, 123.2, 121.2, 118.4, 113.3, 113.0; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>8</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 331.9988; Found 331.9983.

#### 6-(dichloro(nitro)methyl)-4-methoxyphenanthridine (2j)



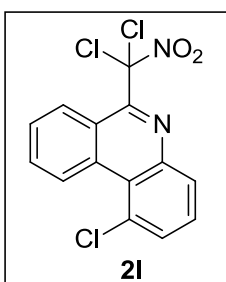
Purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAC = 5/1 (V/V)) as a yellow solid (63.7 mg, 63%), m.p. 126–128 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.66 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.58 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.93–7.90 (m, 2H), 7.80–7.76 (m, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 9.0 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 160.5, 147.3, 136.1, 134.0, 132.9, 130.7, 127.6, 126.5, 126.2, 123.2, 121.0, 119.5, 114.2, 102.8, 55.8; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> 337.0141; Found 337.0145.

### 6-(dichloro(nitro)methyl)-2,4-dimethylphenanthridine (2k)



Purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAC = 5/1 (V/V)) as a yellow solid (83.4 mg, 83%), m.p. 161–162 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.68 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.63 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (s, 1H), 7.89–7.86 (m, 1H), 7.76–7.73 (m, 1H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 2.71 (s, 3H), 2.58 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 147.6, 139.5, 139.1, 137.7, 134.6, 131.9, 130.74, 127.2, 126.1, 124.9, 123.3, 120.5, 119.3, 114.3, 22.2, 17.6; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 335.0349; Found 335.0356.

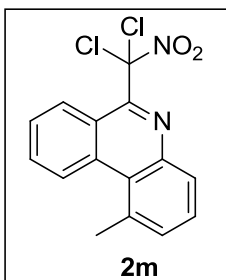
### 1-chloro-6-(dichloro(nitro)methyl)phenanthridine (2l)



Purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAC = 5/1 (V/V)) as a yellow solid (58.4 mg, 57%), m.p. 120–121 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 10.03 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.65 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 8.5 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.14–8.13 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 8.5 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.98–7.95 (m, 1H), 7.89–7.83 (m, 2H), 7.70–7.67 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 150.6, 142.0, 134.0, 133.4, 131.2, 130.8, 130.5, 128.7, 127.8, 127.3, 126.0, 122.7, 121.5, 113.7; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>8</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>

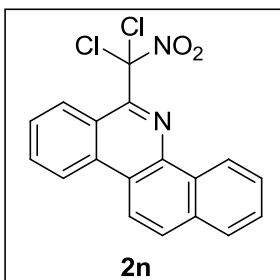
340.9646; Found 340.9642.

### 6-(dichloro(nitro)methyl)-1-methylphenanthridine (2m)



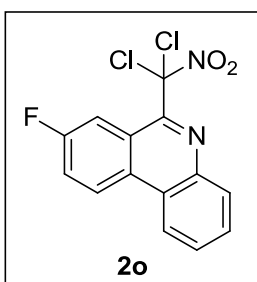
Purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1 (V/V)) as a yellow solid (62.6 mg, 65%), m.p. 152–153 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.99 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.65 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 8.5 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 0.5 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 8.5 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.94–7.90 (m, 1H), 7.80–7.77 (m, 1H), 7.69–7.62 (m, 2H), 3.13 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 149.5, 142.3, 135.9, 134.9, 133.8, 130.3, 130.3, 128.6, 127.5, 126.7, 126.1, 124.8, 121.6, 114.0, 26.6; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 321.0192; Found 321.0185.

### 6-(dichloro(nitro)methyl)benzo[*c*]phenanthridine (2n)



Purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1 (V/V)) as a yellow solid (85.7 mg, 80%), m.p. 168–169 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 9.15 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.82 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.73 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.55 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.00–7.97 (m, 2H), 7.85–7.78 (m, 2H), 7.75–7.71 (m, 1H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 148.6, 137.9, 134.9, 133.4, 131.8, 131.1, 130.6, 128.16, 128.0, 127.7, 127.5, 126.1, 124.9, 123.6, 122.9, 121.4, 119.2, 114.2; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>11</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 357.0192; Found 357.0187.

### 6-(dichloro(nitro)methyl)-8-fluorophenanthridine (2o)

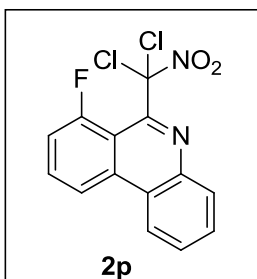


Purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1 (V/V)) as a yellow solid (70.2 mg, 72%), m.p. 181–182 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.74 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 9.5 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 8.54–8.52 (m, 1H), 8.28 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 8.5 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.17–8.15 (m, 1H), 7.82–7.77 (m, 2H), 7.72–7.68 (m, 1H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



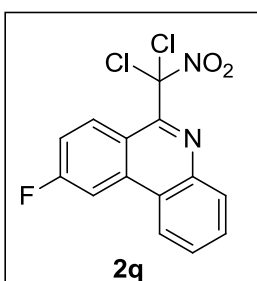
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#### 6-(dichloro(nitro)methyl)-7-fluorophenanthridine (2p)



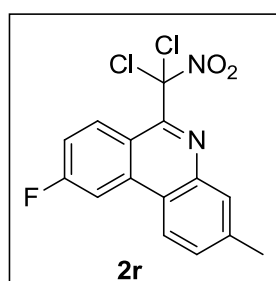
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#### 6-(dichloro(nitro)methyl)-9-fluorophenanthridine (2q)



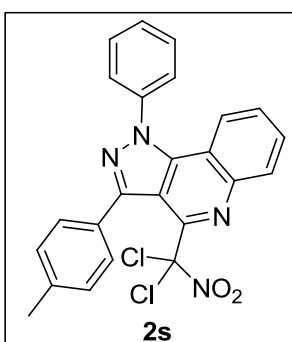
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#### 6-(dichloro(nitro)methyl)-9-fluoro-3-methylphenanthridine (2r)



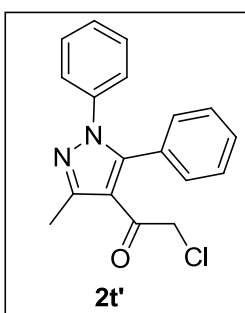
Purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1 (V/V)) as a yellow solid (80.3 mg, 79%), m.p. 151–152 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.66 (d, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 9.0 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 8.37 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (d, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 7.5 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.67–7.59 (m, 2H), 2.57 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 160.5 (d, *J* = 247.5 Hz), 149.0 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz), 140.6, 139.9, 131.7, 131.5 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 130.8, 125.6 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 122.3, 121.6 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 121.4, 120.7 (d, *J* = 23.8 Hz), 113.7, 111.2 (d, *J* = 23.8 Hz), 21.3; **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -109.95; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 339.0098; Found 339.0095.

#### 4-(dichloro(nitro)methyl)-1-phenyl-3-p-tolyl-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]quinoline (2s)



Purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1 (V/V)) as a yellow solid (76.4 mg, 55%). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.08–8.06 (m, 2H), 7.49–7.47 (m, 2H), 7.41–7.39 (m, 3H), 7.36–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.29–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.23–7.22 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 152.1, 149.7, 140.6, 138.7, 135.5, 129.7, 129.2, 129.1, 129.1, 128.7, 128.1, 125.3, 123.8, 115.1, 91.1, 21.4; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>17</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 463.0723; Found 463.0729.

#### 2-chloro-1-(3-methyl-1,5-diphenyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)ethanone (2t')



Purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1 (V/V)) as a yellow solid (62.4 mg, 67%). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.50 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 7.20 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 3.93 (s, 2H), 2.61 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 187.2, 152.2, 145.4, 138.8, 130.2, 130.1, 129.7, 129.1, 128.9, 128.1, 125.3, 118.8, 48.4, 14.5; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> 311.0946; Found 311.0940.

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1. Y.-F. Wang, G. H. Lonca, M. L. Runigo and S. Chiba, *Org. Lett.*, 2014, **16**, 4272;
2. B. Zhou, L. Zheng, Z. Xu, H. Jin, Q. Wu, T. Li and Y. Liu, *ChemistrySelect*, 2018, **3**, 7354.

## 6. X-Ray Diffraction Analysis

The single crystals of compound **2m** were grown by slow diffusion of its hexane solution. Single-crystal X-ray diffraction data for analysis were collected at 293 K on a RAXIS-RAPID/ZJUG diffractometer with a  $\text{MoK}\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ) by using an  $\omega$ - $2\theta$  scan mode. Unit-cell dimensions were obtained with least-squares refinement. Data collection and reduction were performed using the SMART and SAINT software.<sup>3</sup> All structures were solved by direct methods and refined against  $F^2$  by the full-matrix least squares techniques.<sup>4</sup> All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms were introduced in their calculated positions. CCDC 2348610 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge via [www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html](http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html) (or from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, 12, Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK; fax: +(44) 1223 336033; or [deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk](mailto:deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk)). Details of the X-ray experiments and crystal data are summarized in Table *SI*.

3. SMART-CCD Software, version 4.05; Siemens Analytical X-ray Instruments, Madison, WI, 1996.
4. G. K. Sheldrick, SHELXS-97 and SHELXL-97, Program for X-ray Crystal Structure Refinement; University of Göttingen: Göttingen, Germany 1997.

**Table SI.** Summary of X-ray Crystallographic Data for Compound **2m** (CCDC 2348610)

*Crystal data*

$\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$

$M_r = 321.15$

Orthorhombic, Pnma

Hall symbol: -P 2ac 2n

$a = 11.0880(7) \text{ \AA}$

$b = 6.8830(4) \text{ \AA}$

$c = 18.0810(9) \text{ \AA}$

$F_{000} = 656$

$D_x = 1.546 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$

Mo  $\text{K}\alpha$  radiation

Cell parameters from 3934 reflections

$\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$

$\theta = 3.2\text{-}27.4^\circ$

$\mu = 0.301 \text{ mm}^{-1}$

$\alpha = 90.00^\circ$   
 $\beta = 90.00^\circ$   
 $\gamma = 90.00^\circ$   
 $V = 1379.92(14) \text{ \AA}^3$

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#### Data collection

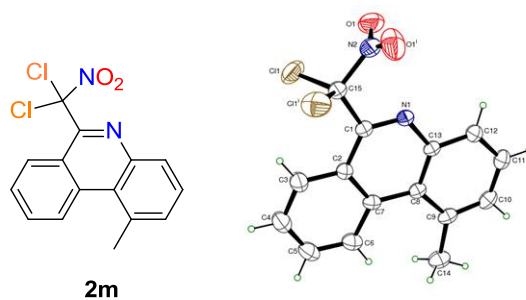
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 $\omega$  scans  
Absorption correction: multi-scan  
(ABSCOR; Higashi, 1995)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.7861$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.9110$   
12881 measured reflections

1081 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0274$   
 $\theta_{\max} = 27.45^\circ$   
 $h = -14 \rightarrow 14$   
 $k = -8 \rightarrow 8$   
 $l = -23 \rightarrow 22$   
1701 independent reflections

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.0535$   
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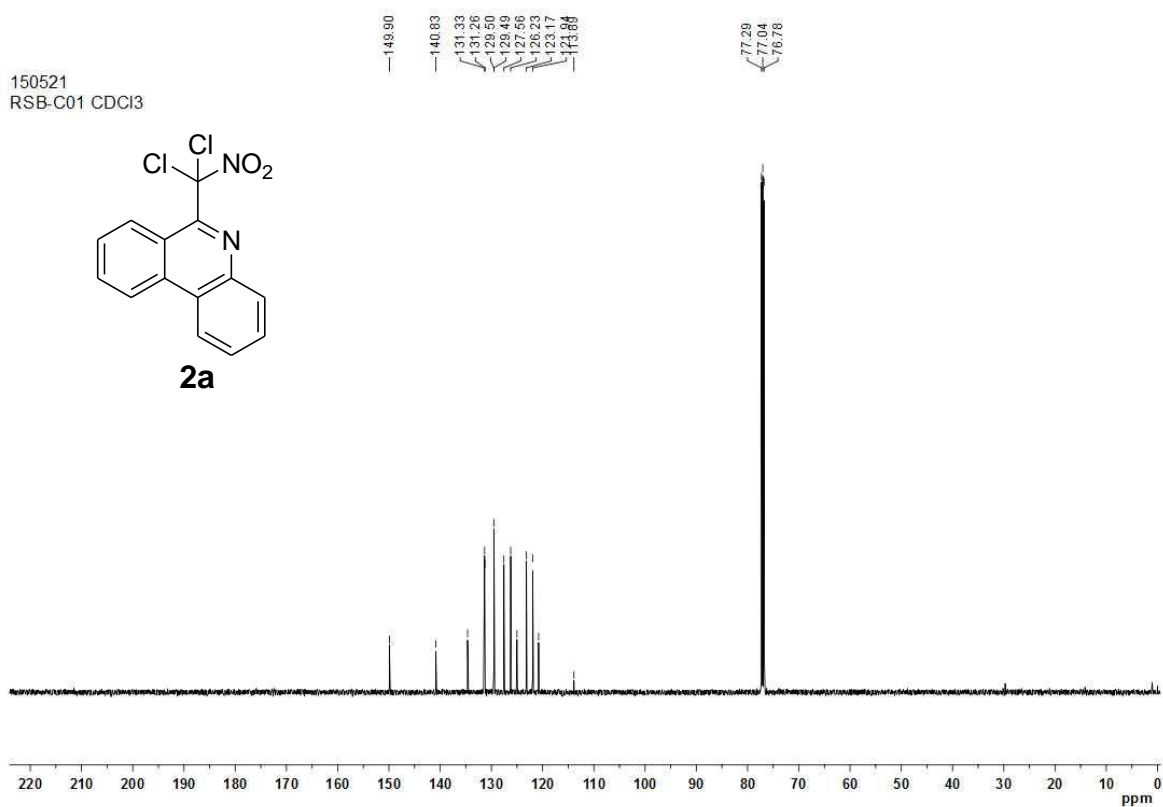
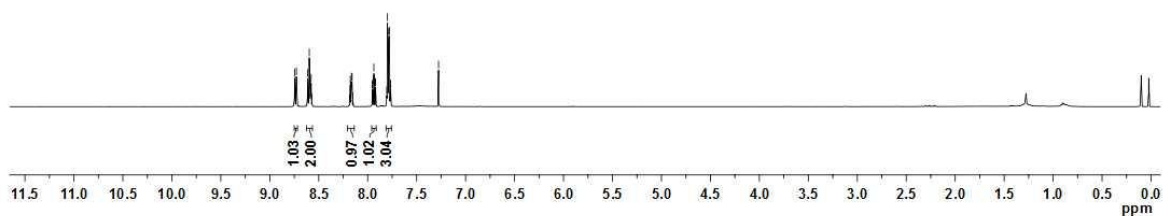
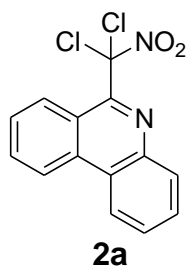
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Extinction correction: Larson (1970)



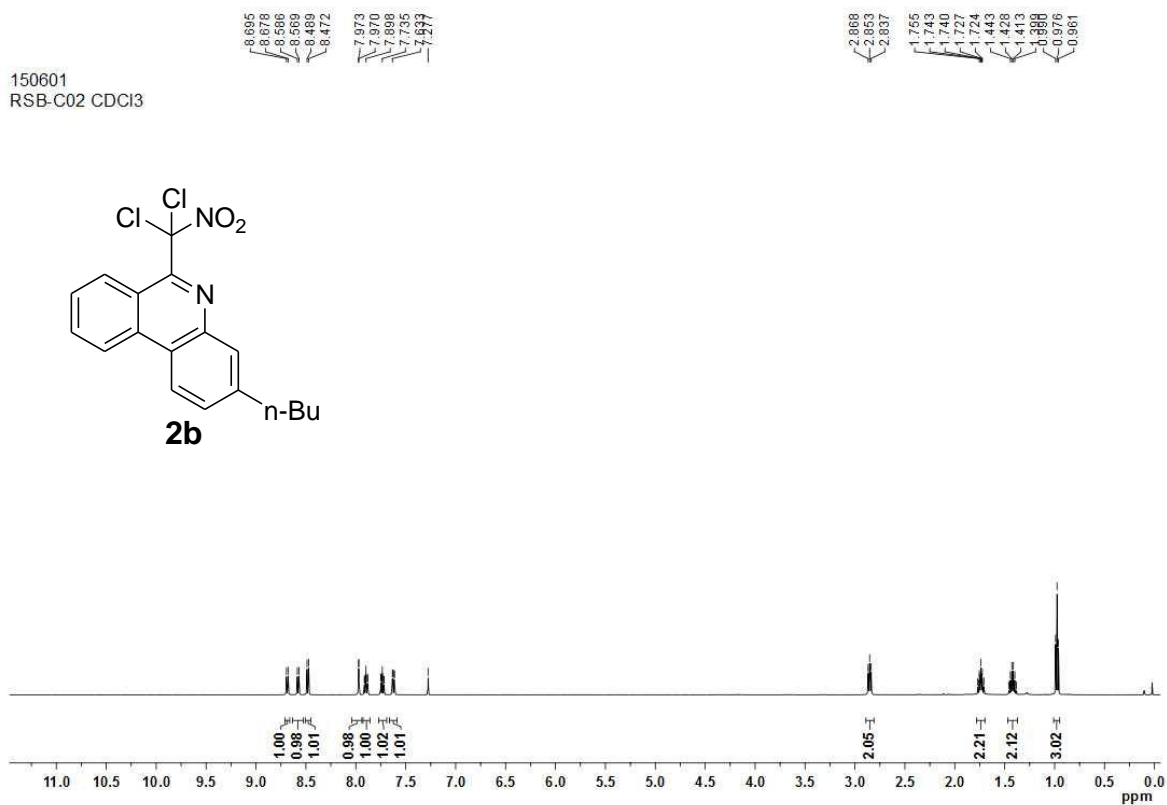
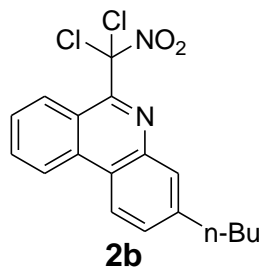
**FIGURE S1.** X-Ray crystal structure of **2m** (50% thermal ellipsoid)

## 7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of All the Products

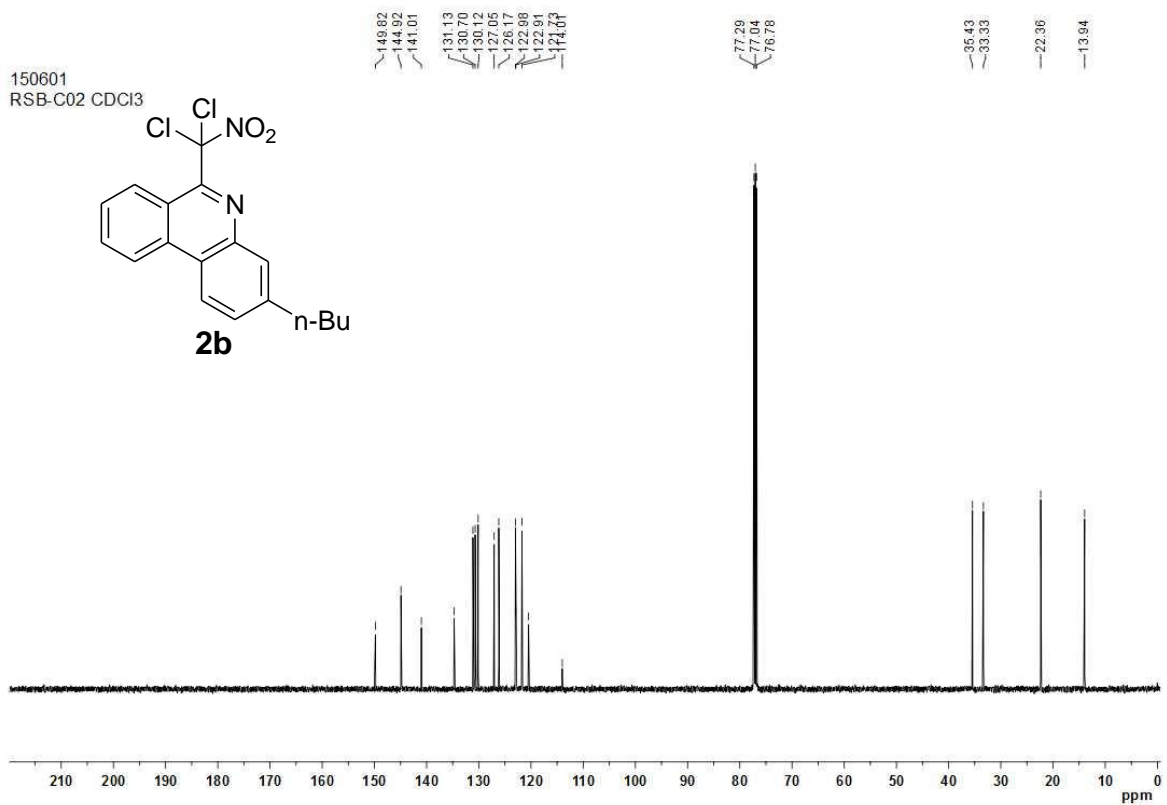
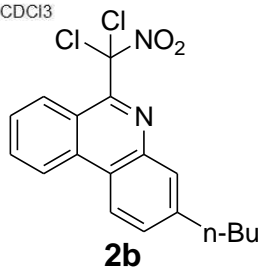
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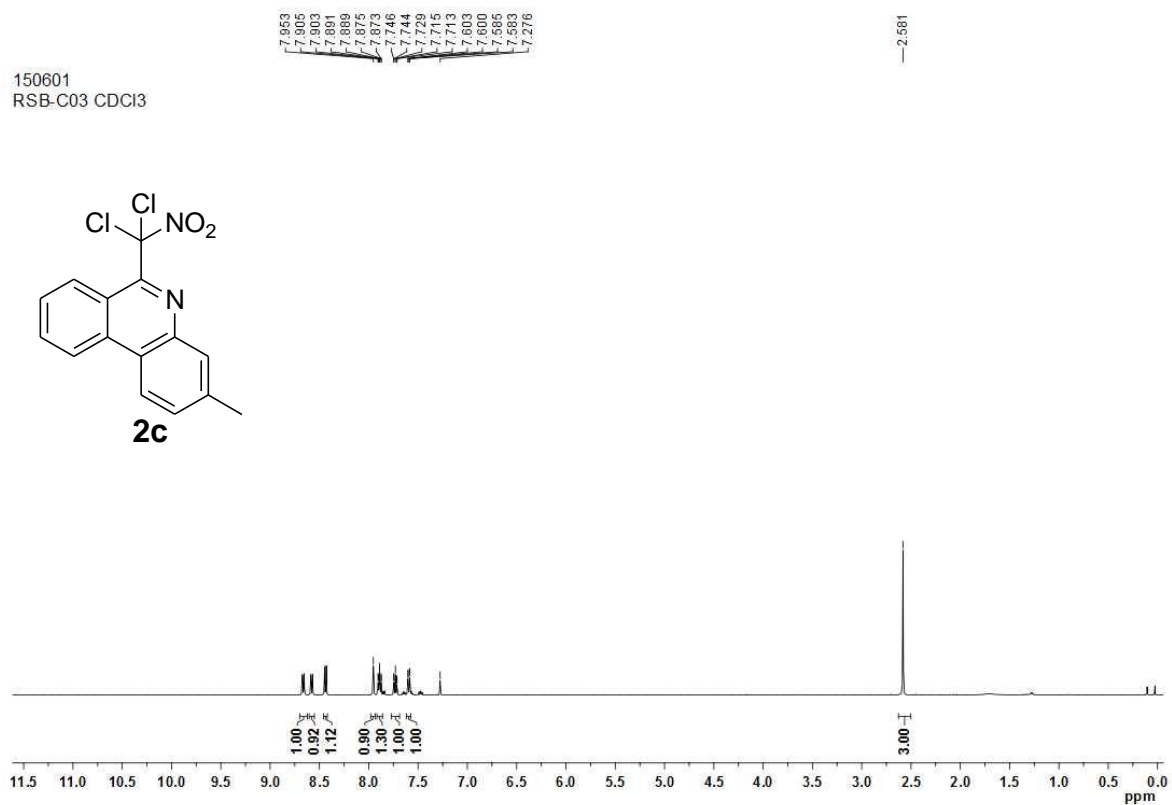
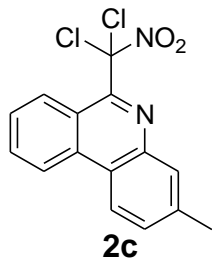
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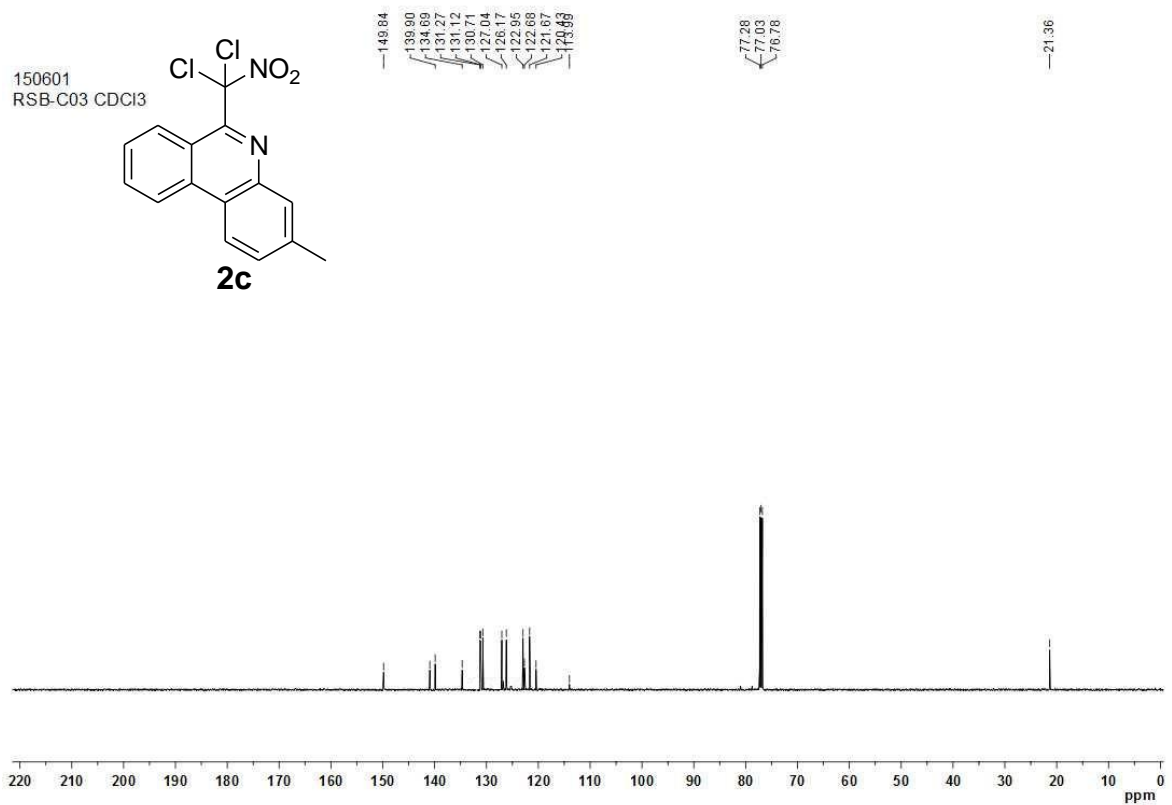
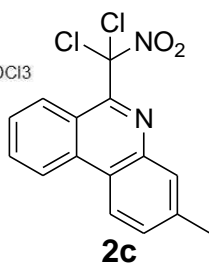
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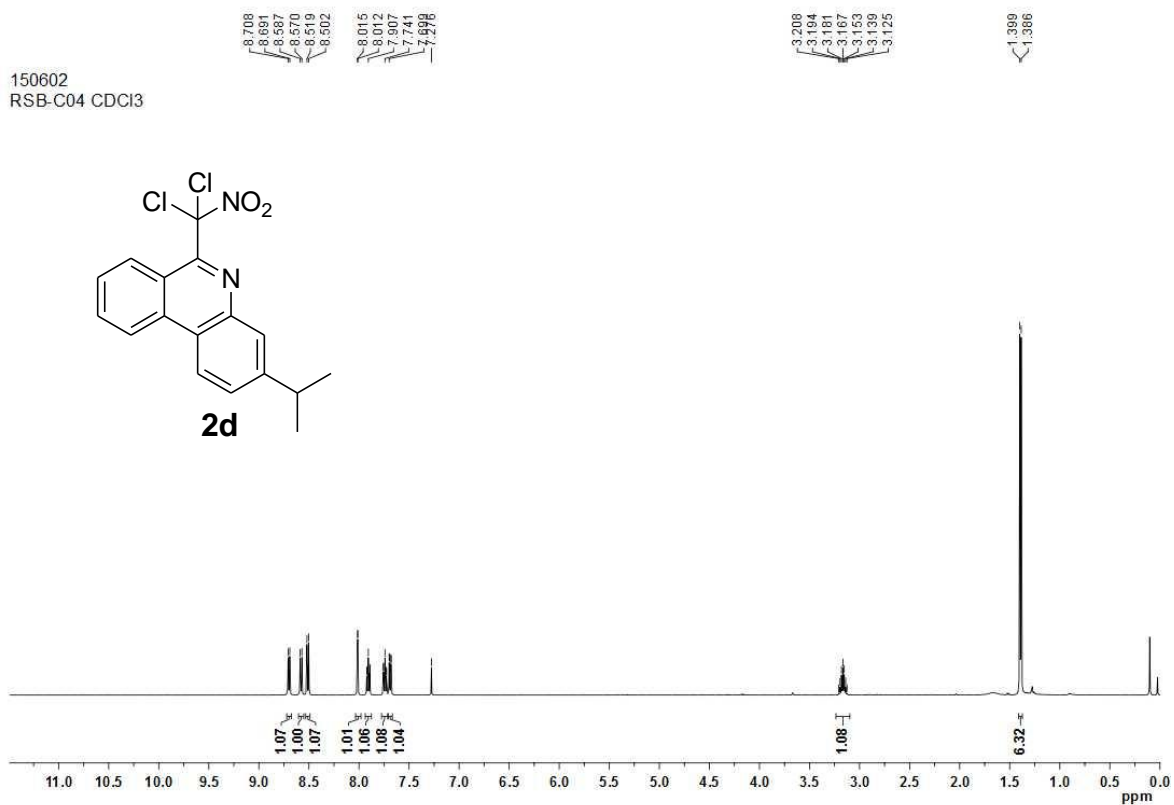
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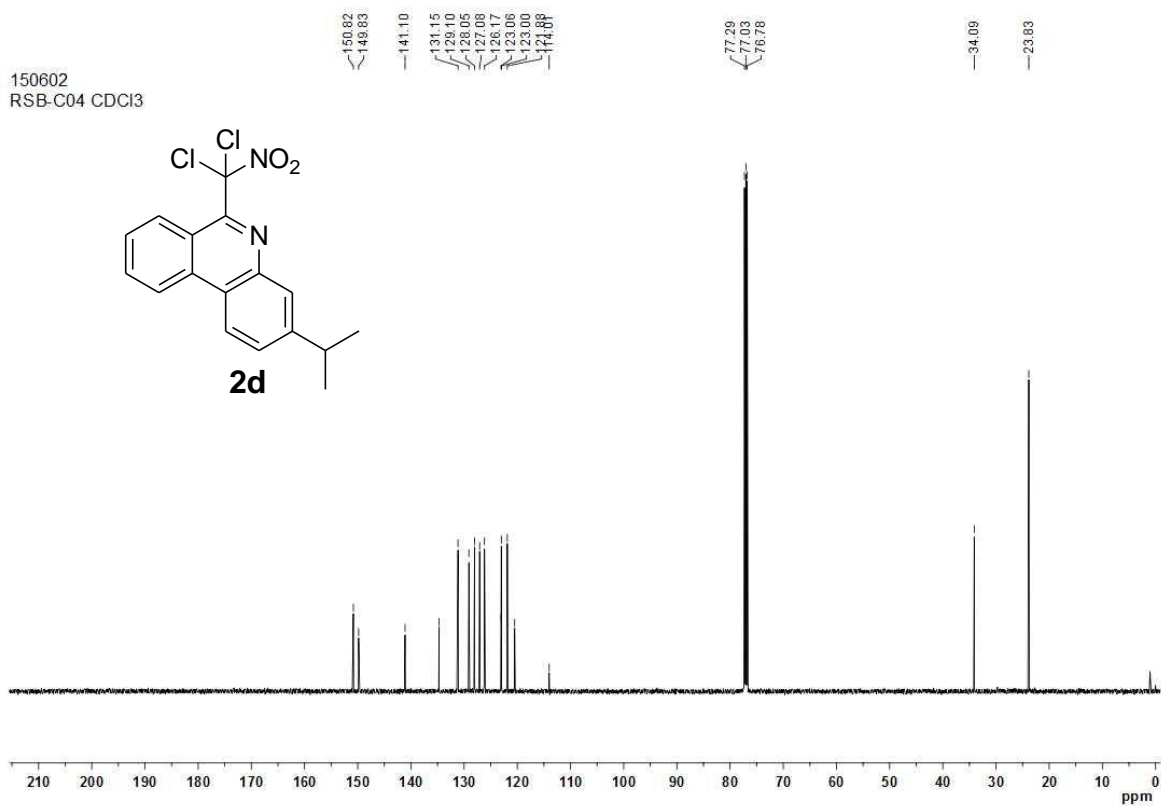
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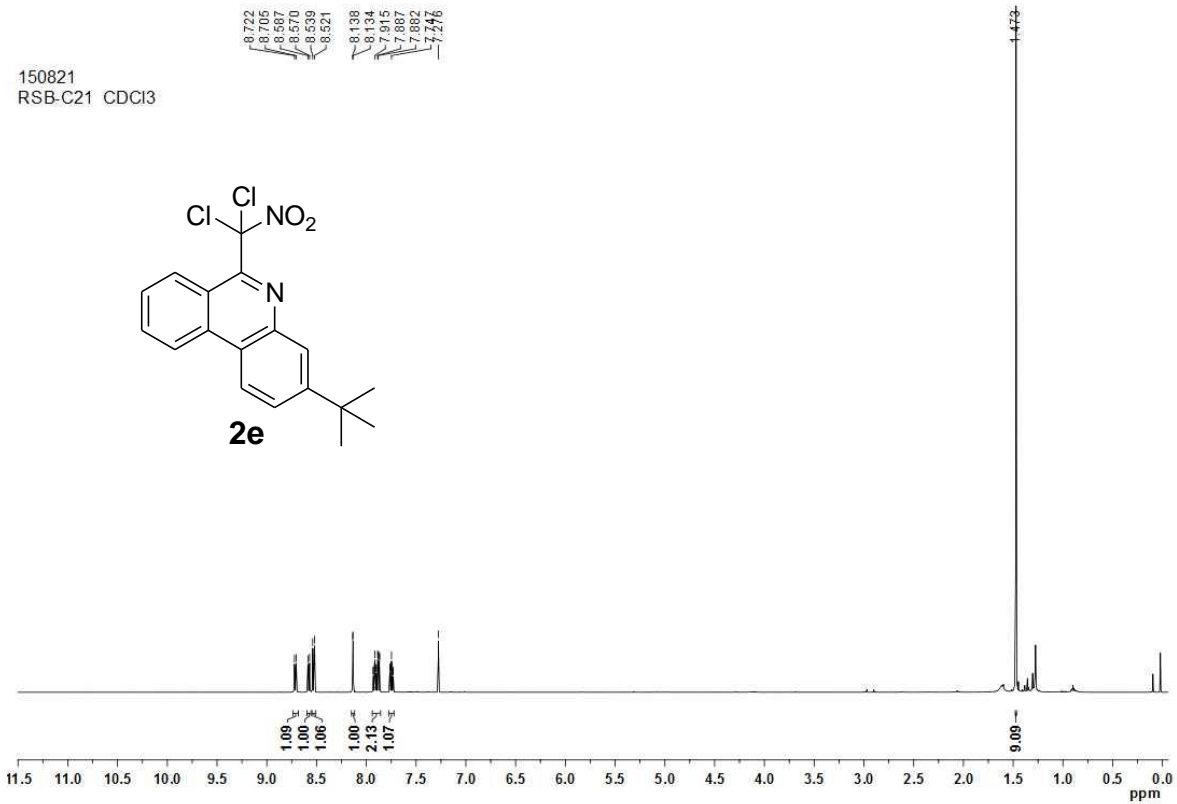


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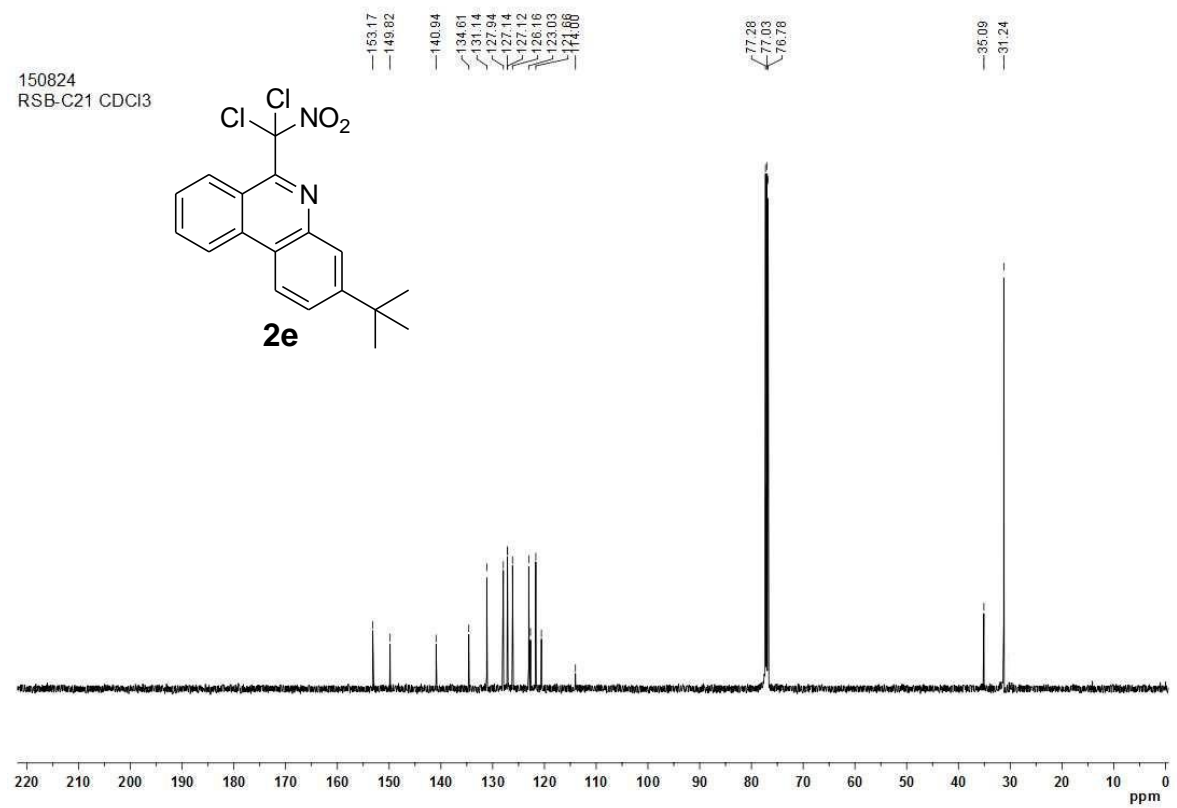




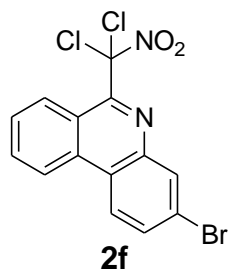
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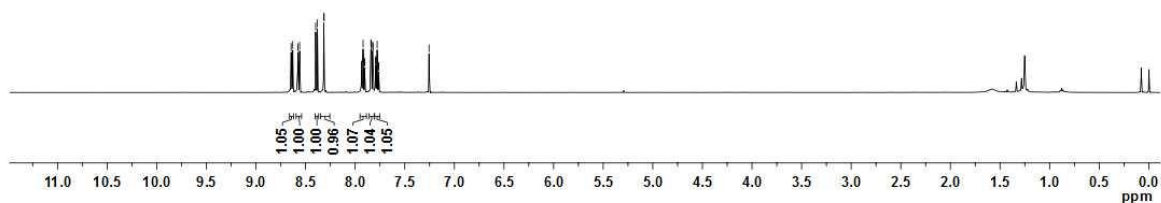
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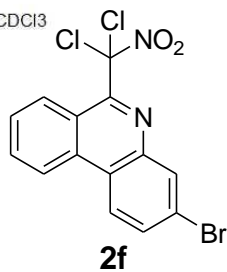
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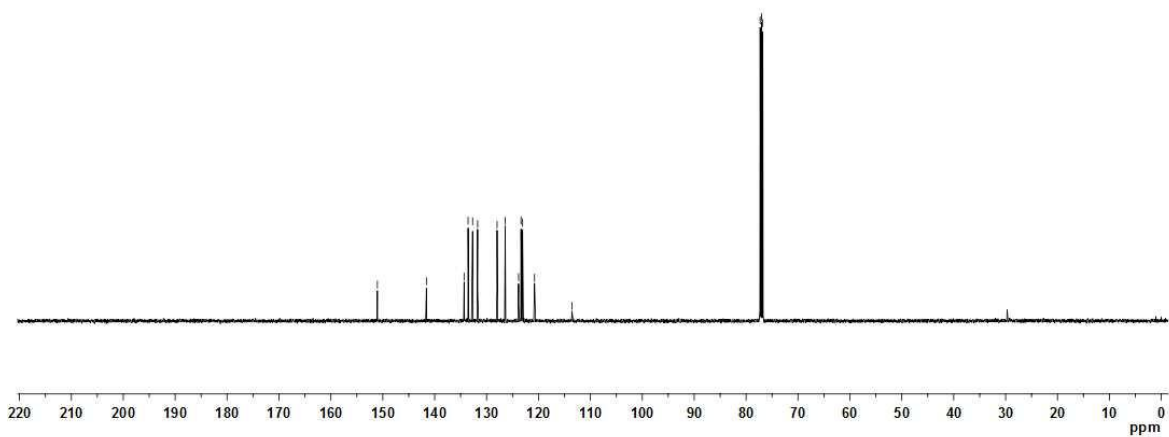
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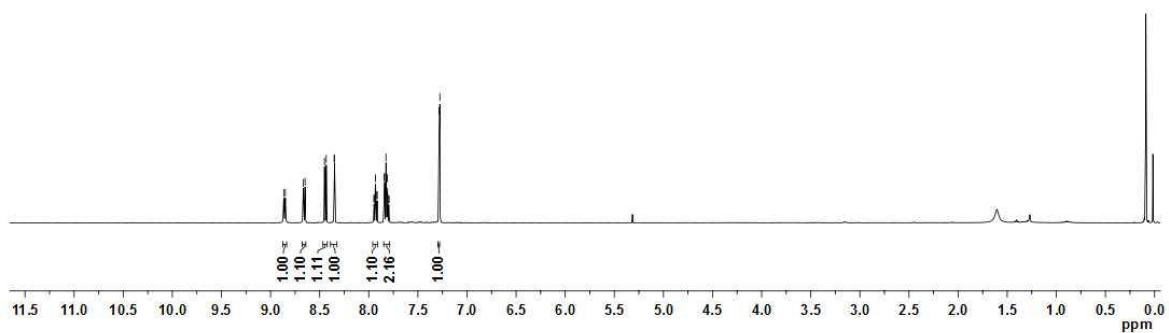
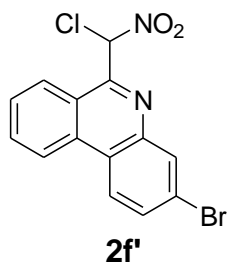


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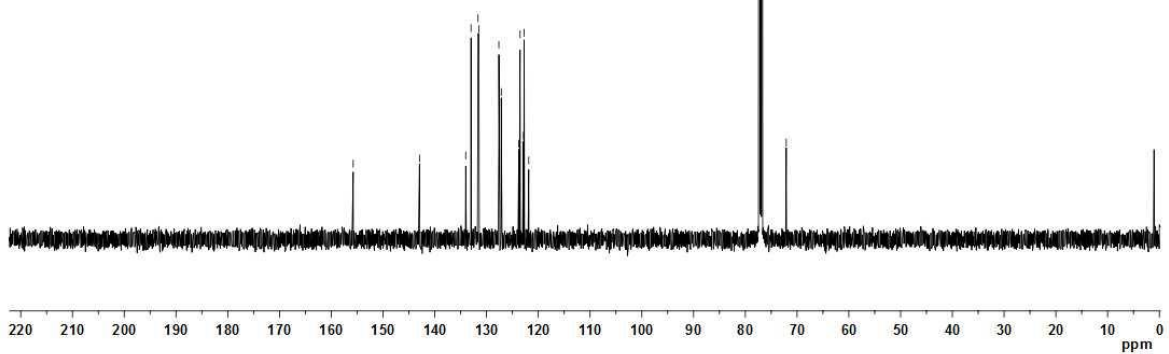
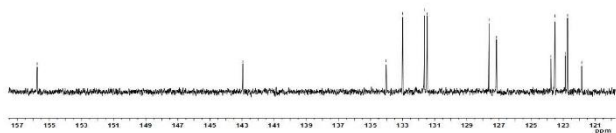
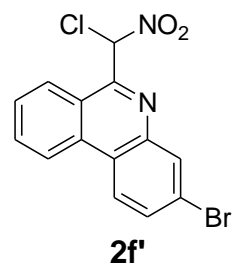
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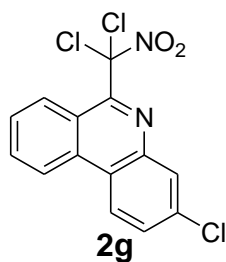
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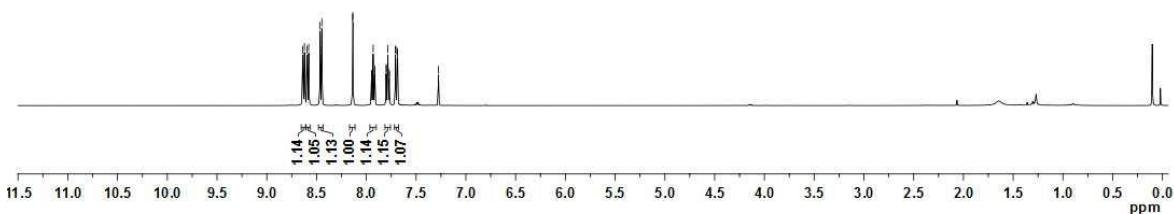
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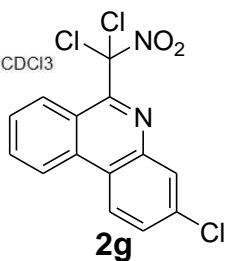
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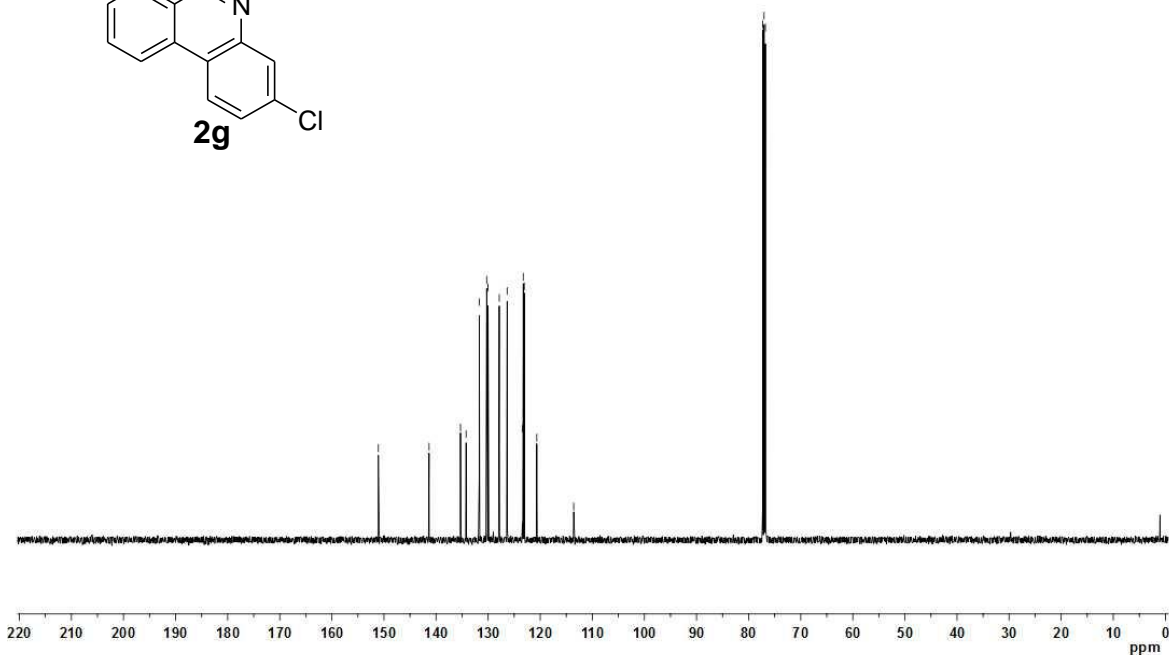
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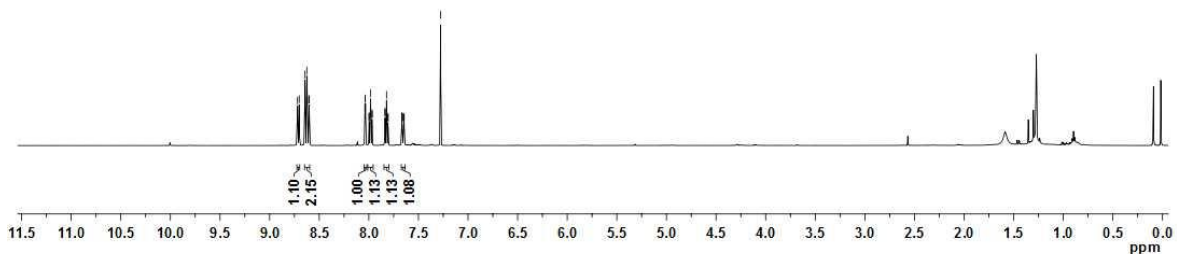
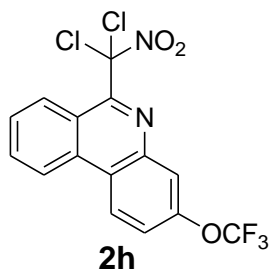


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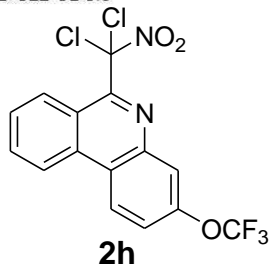


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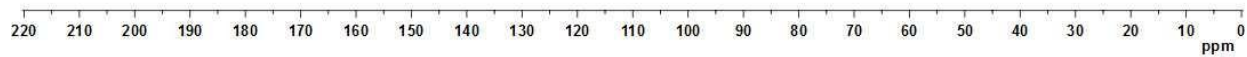


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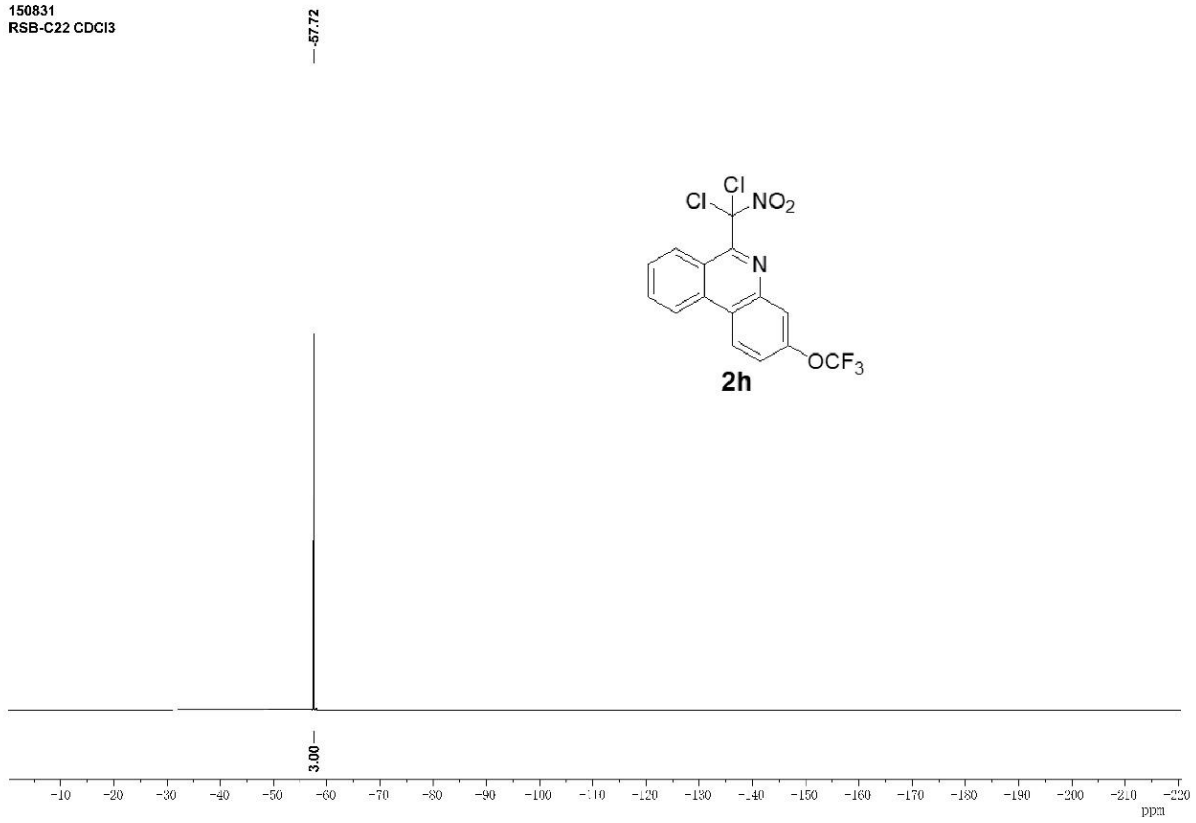


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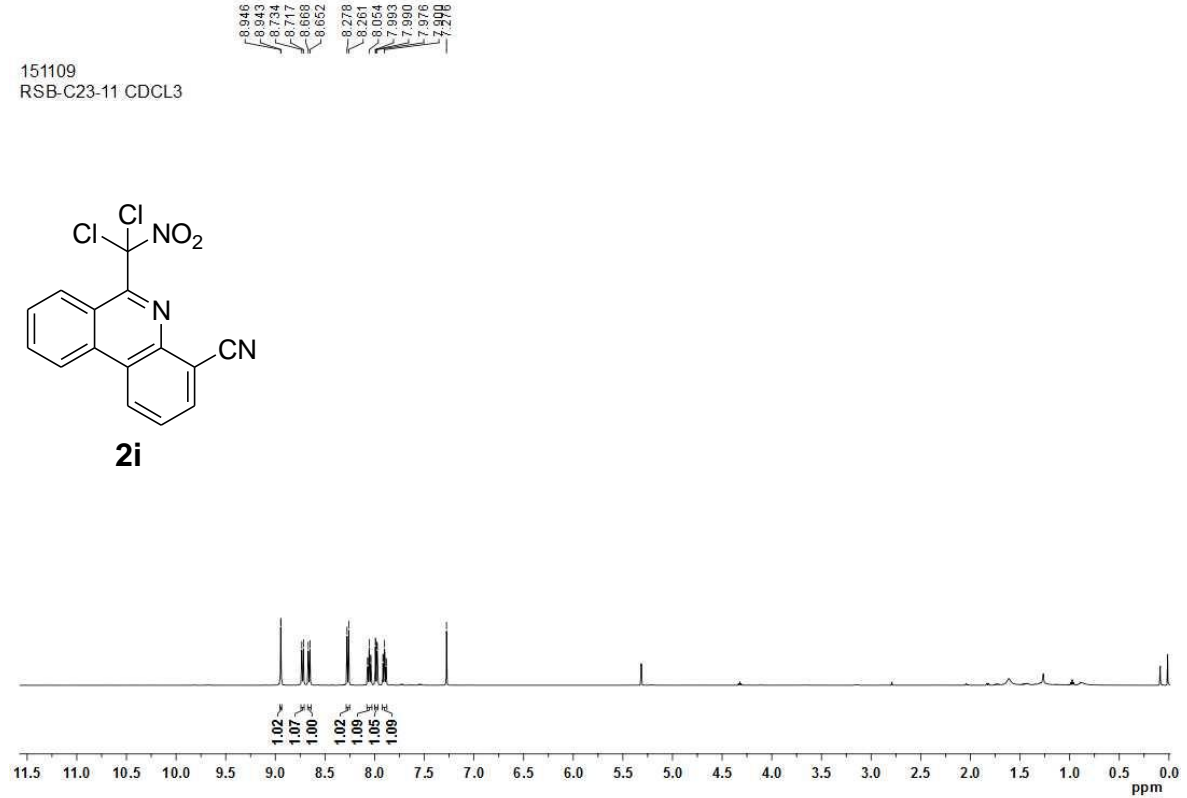
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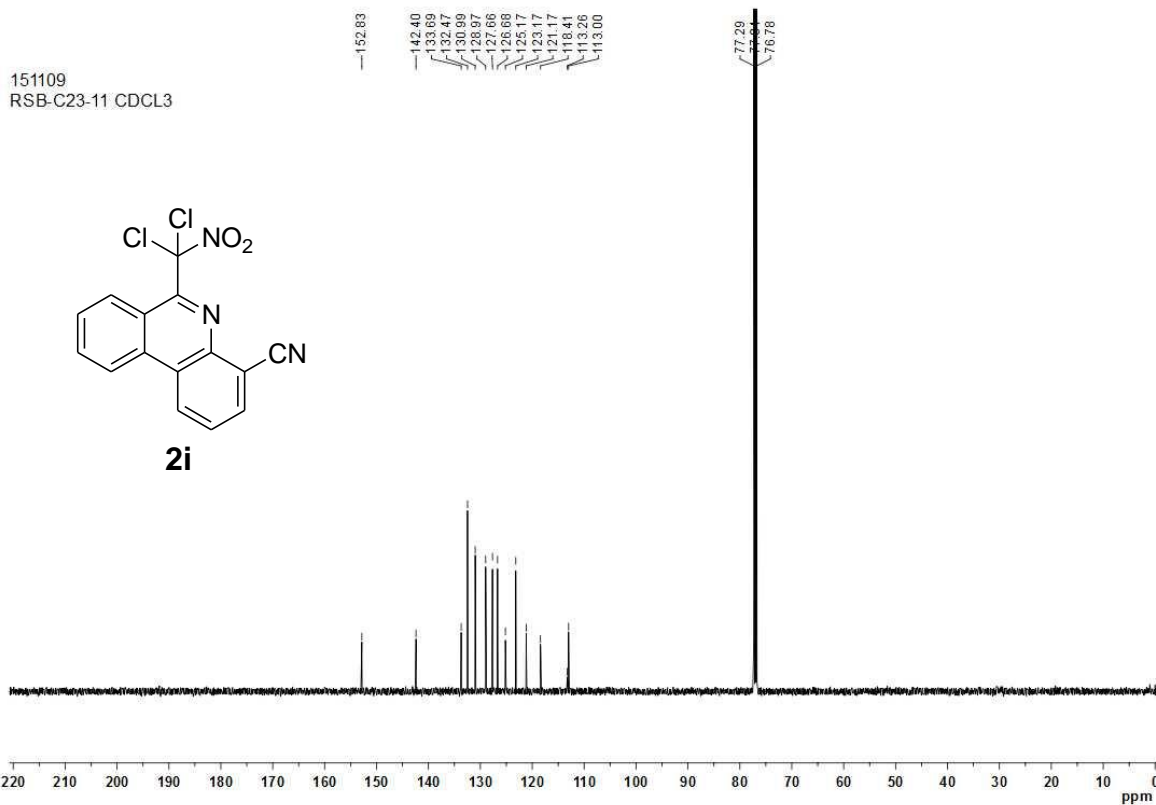
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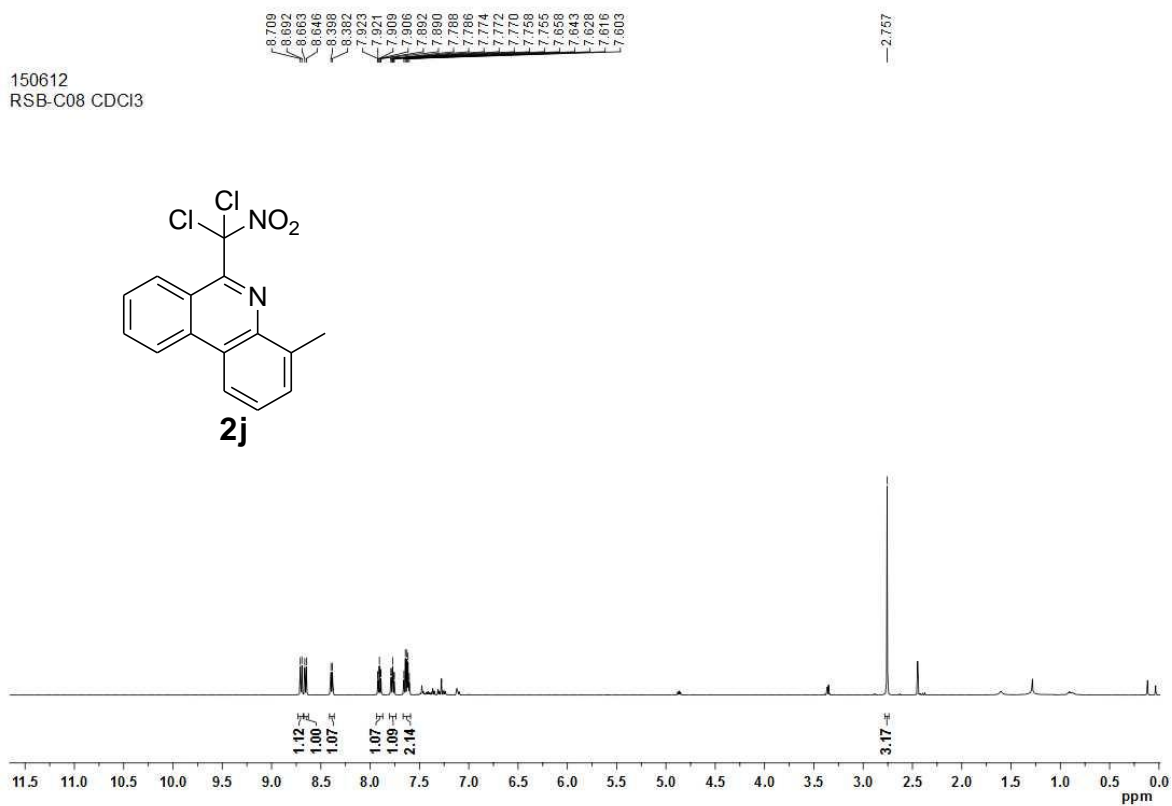
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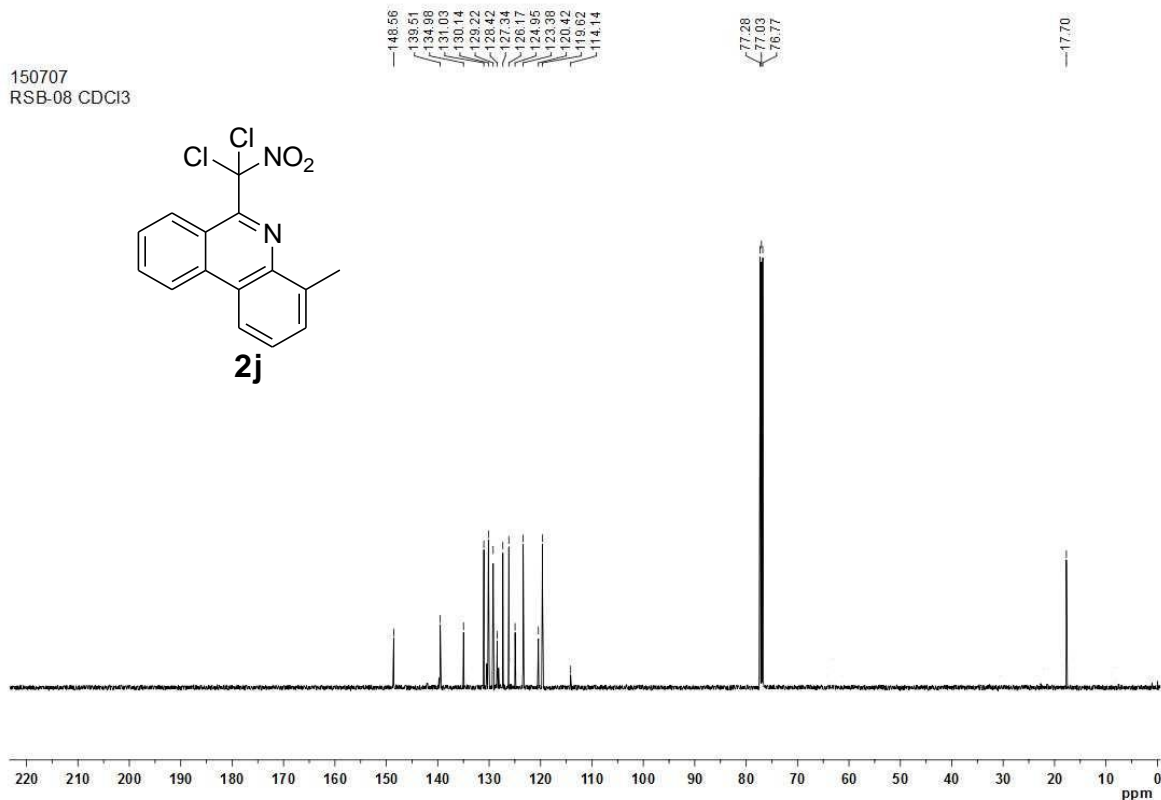
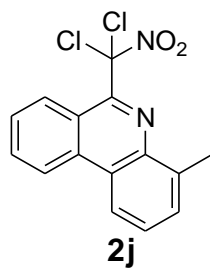
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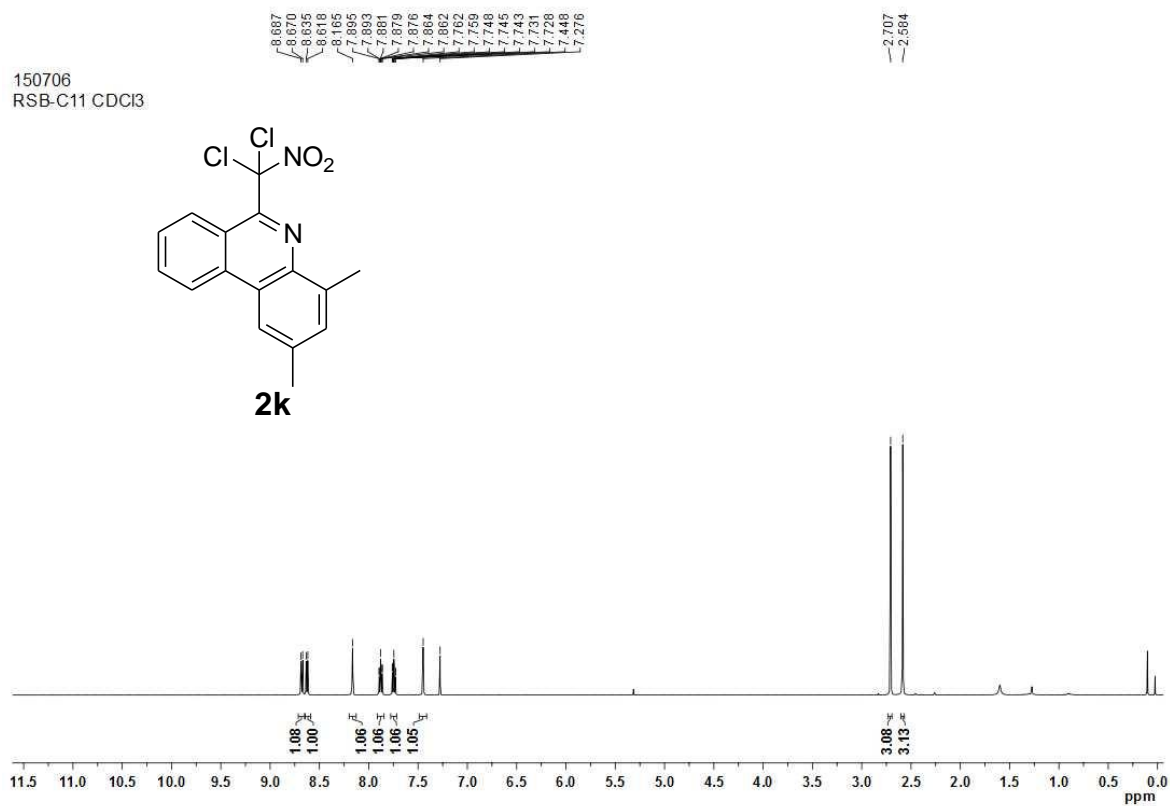
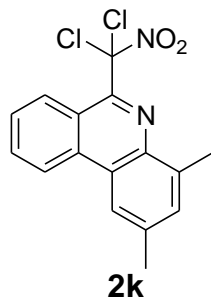
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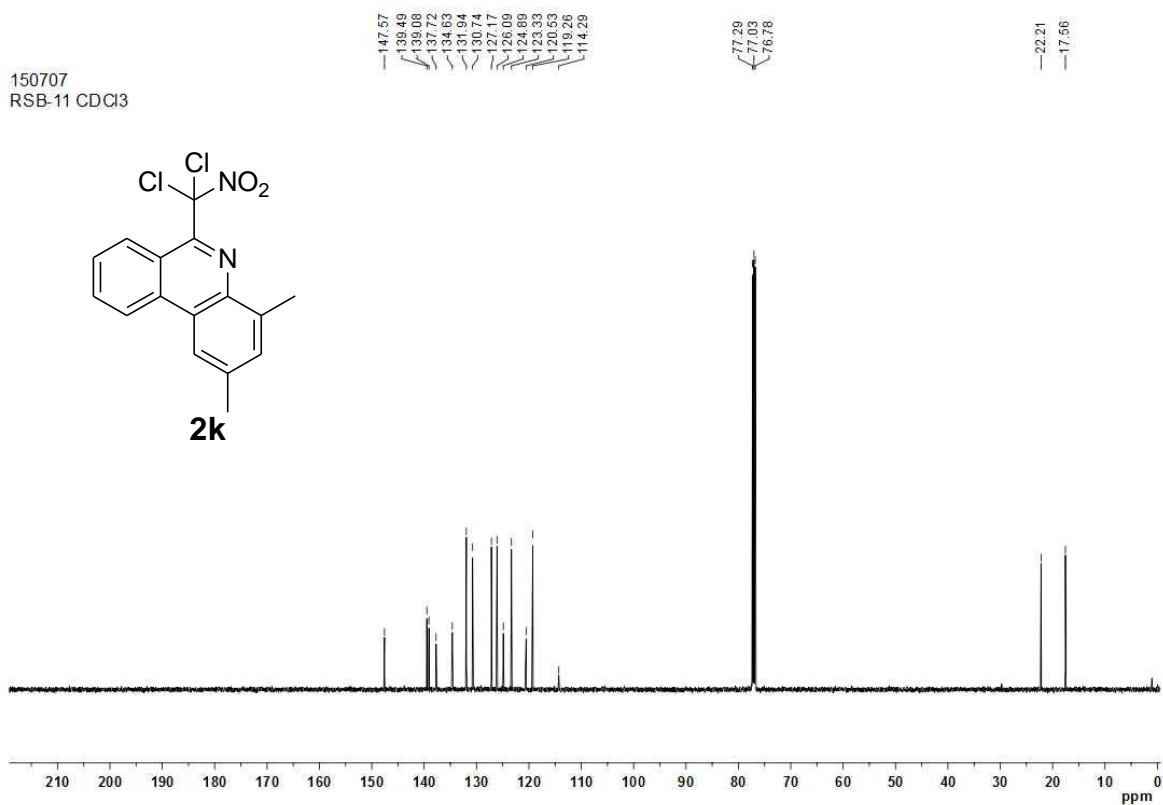


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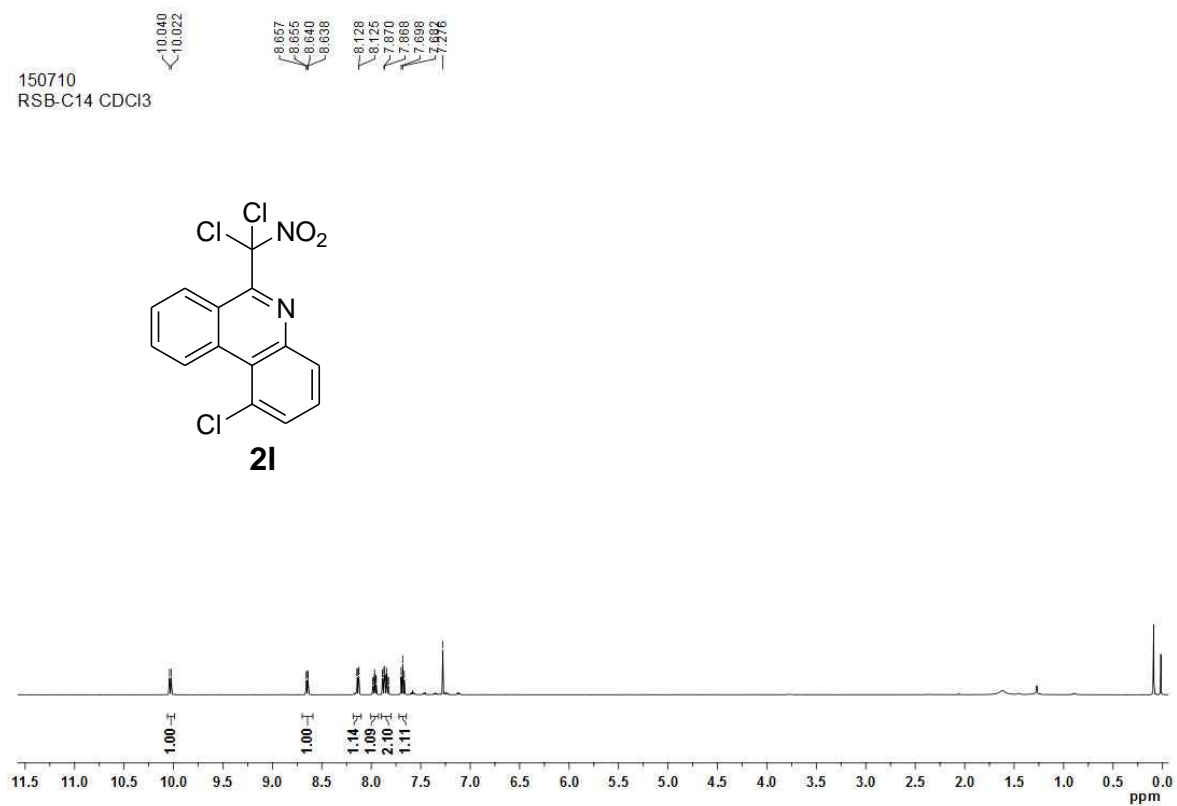




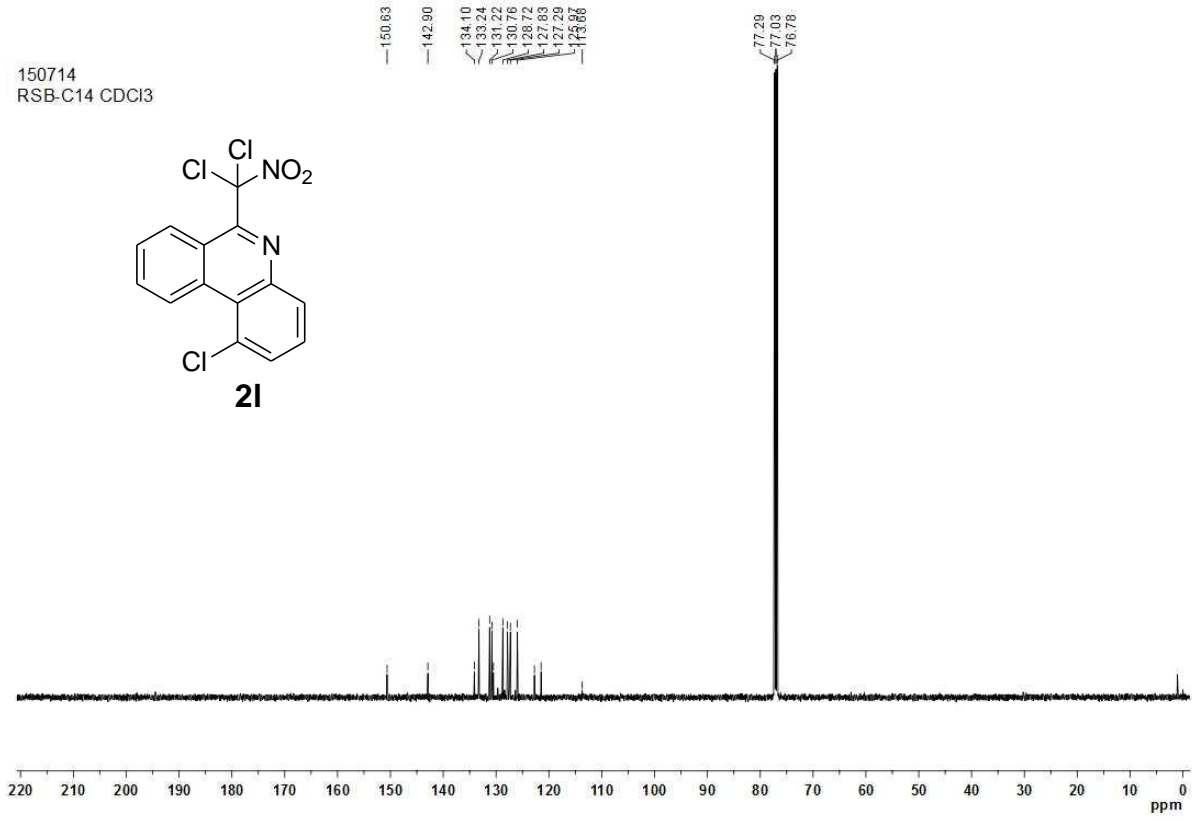
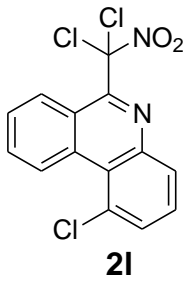
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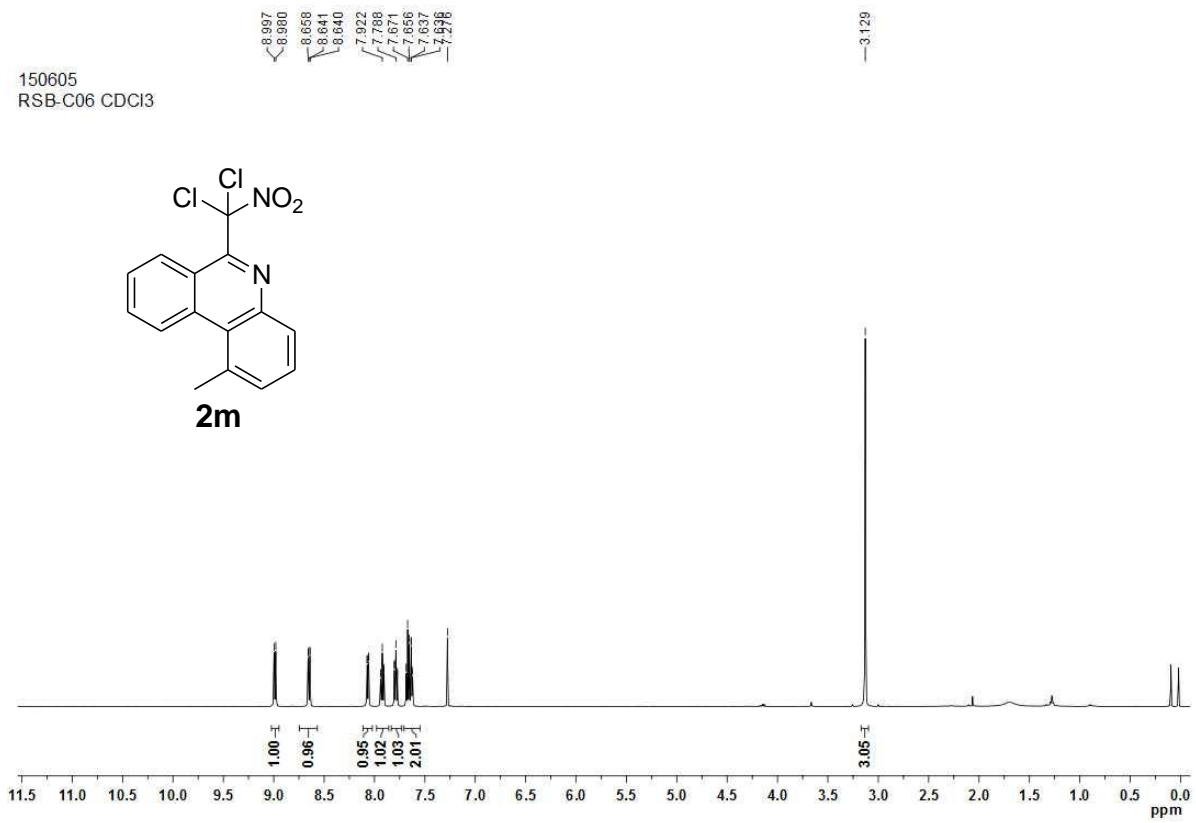
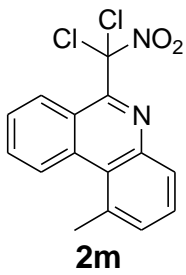
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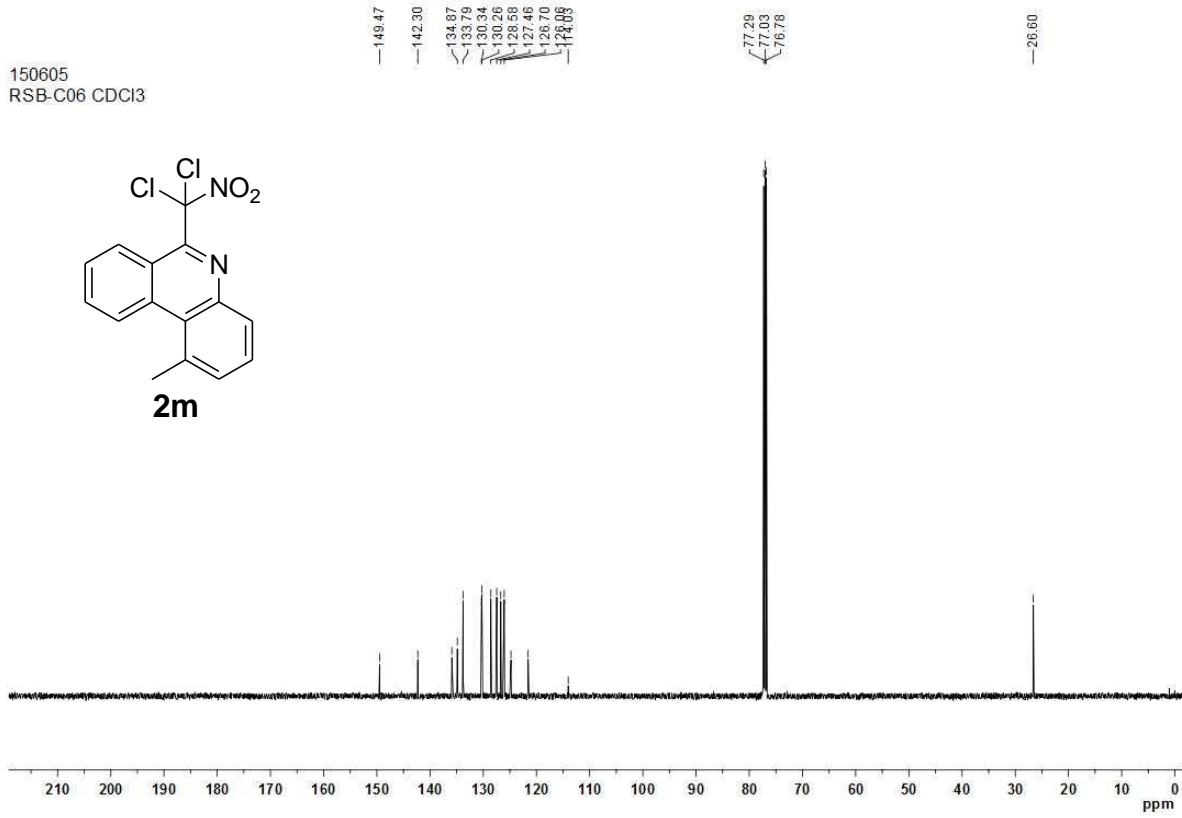
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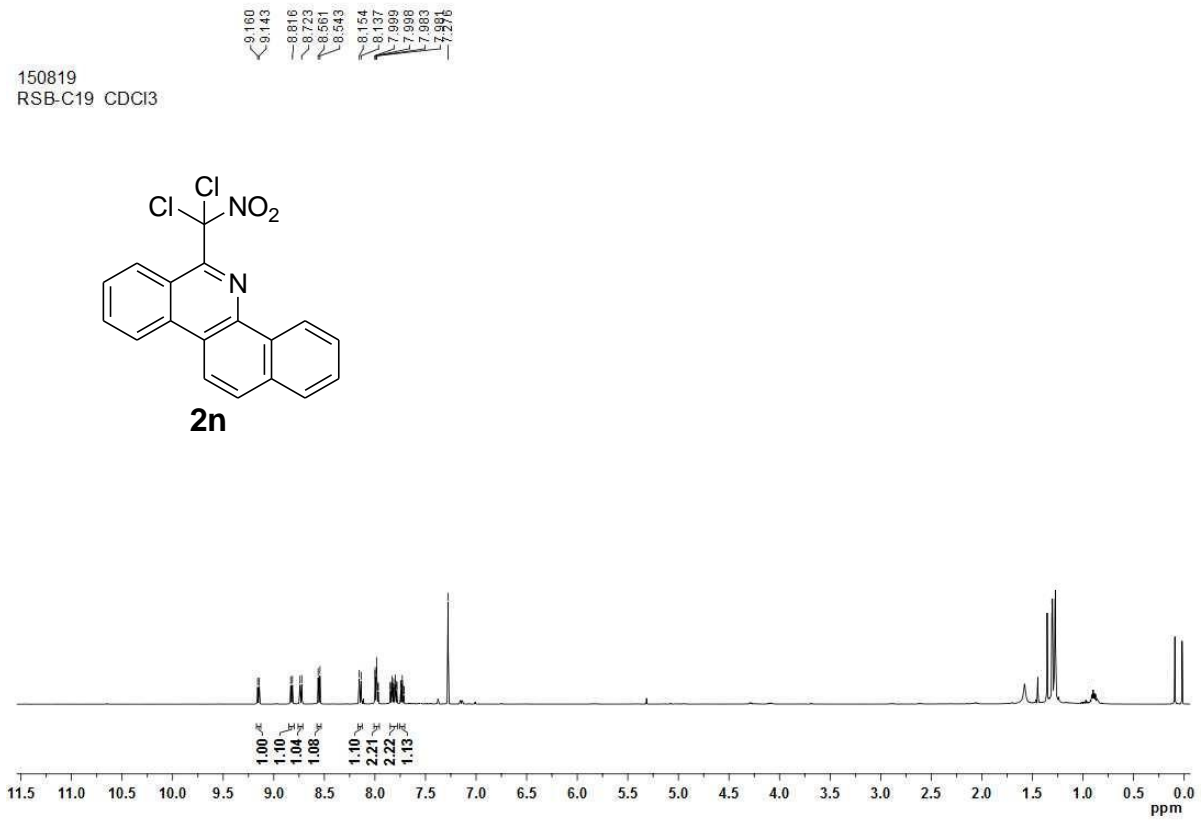
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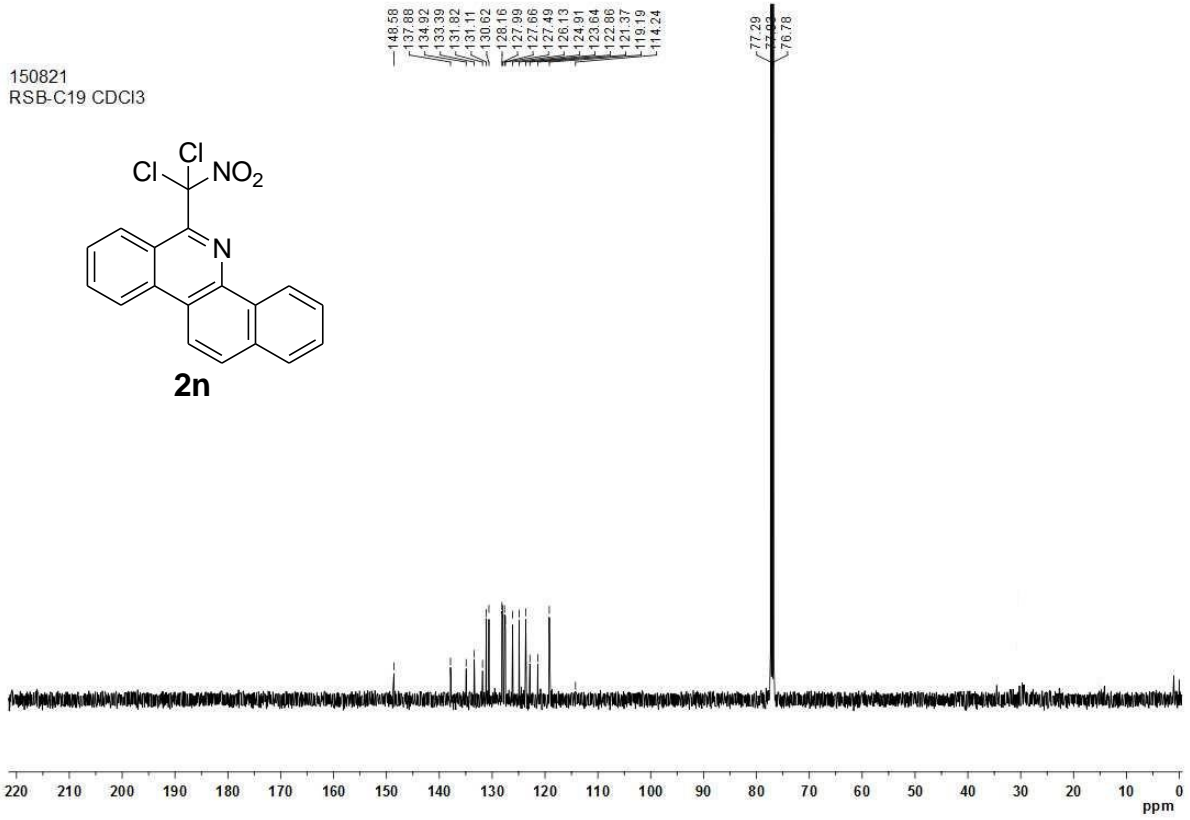
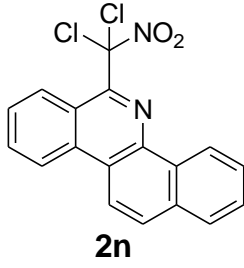
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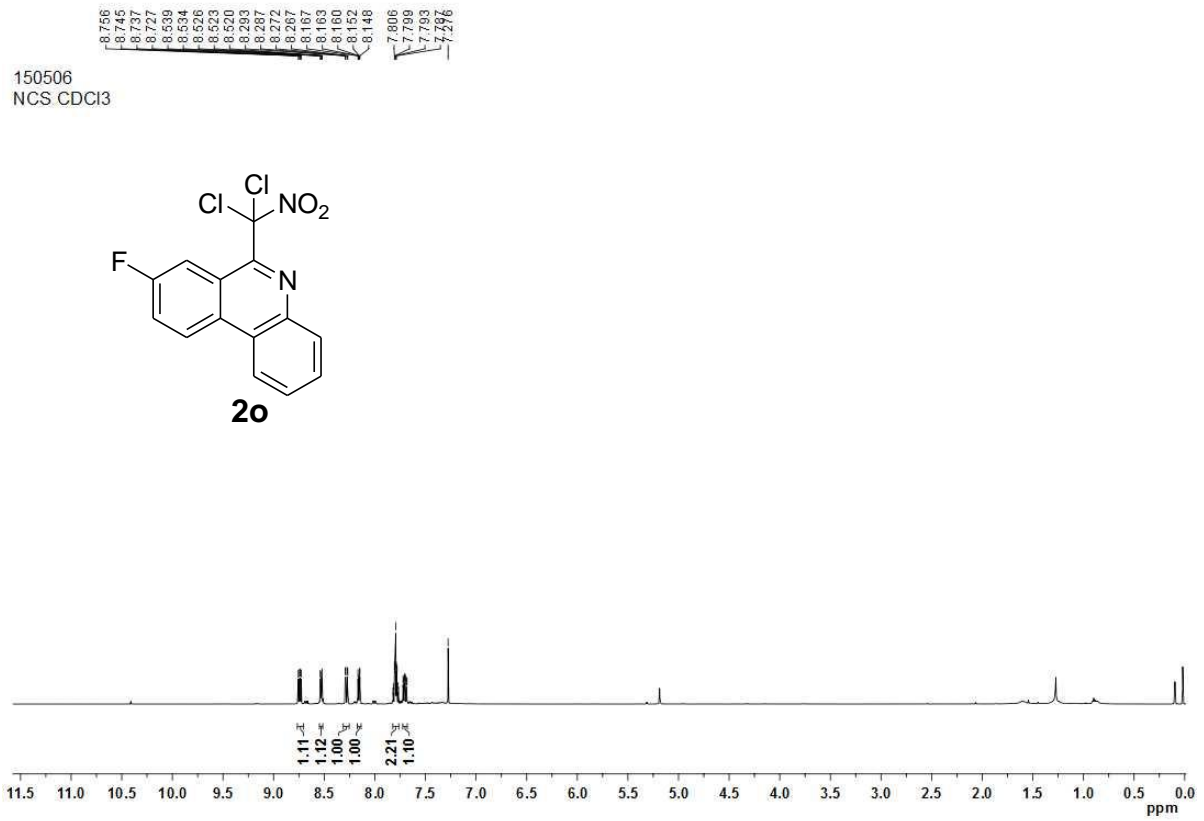
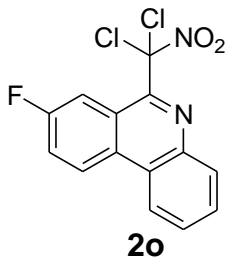
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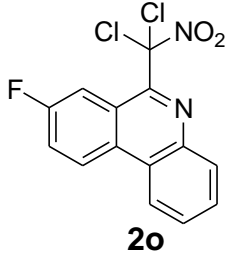
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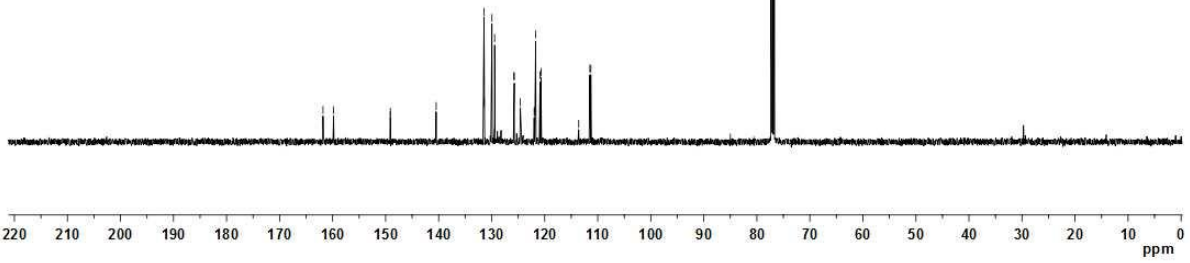
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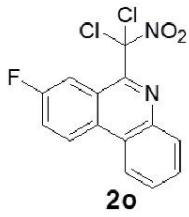
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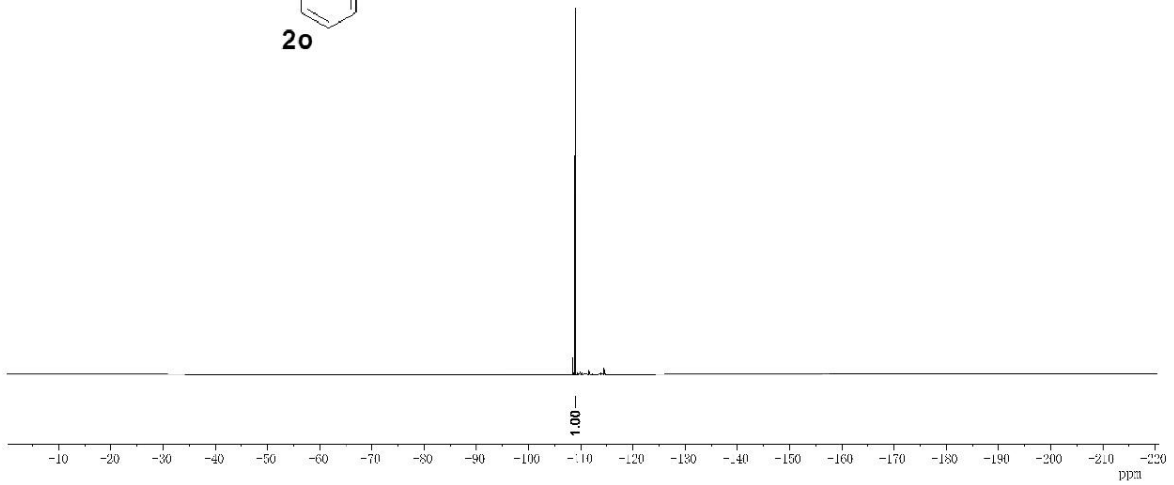
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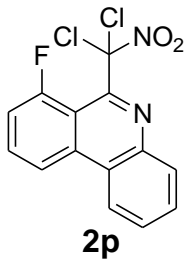
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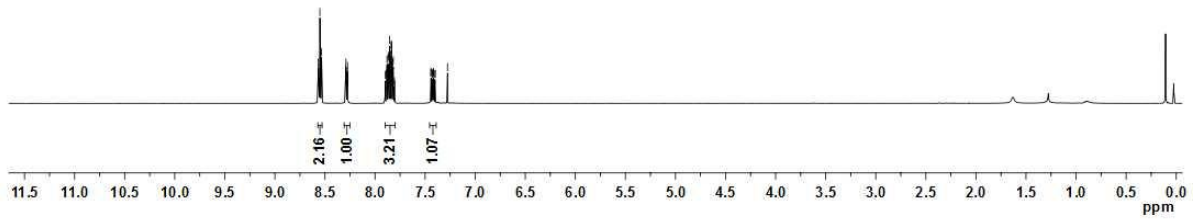
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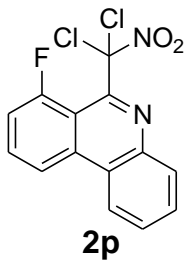
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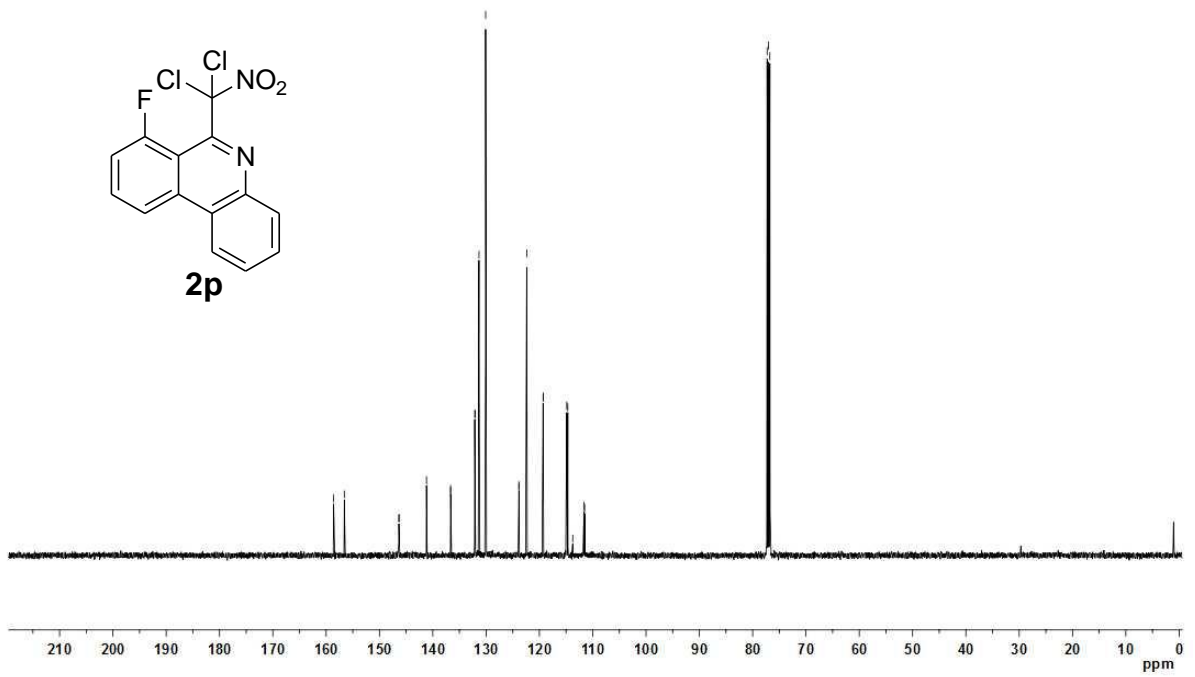
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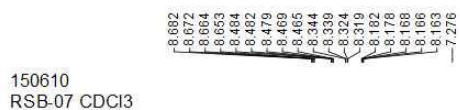
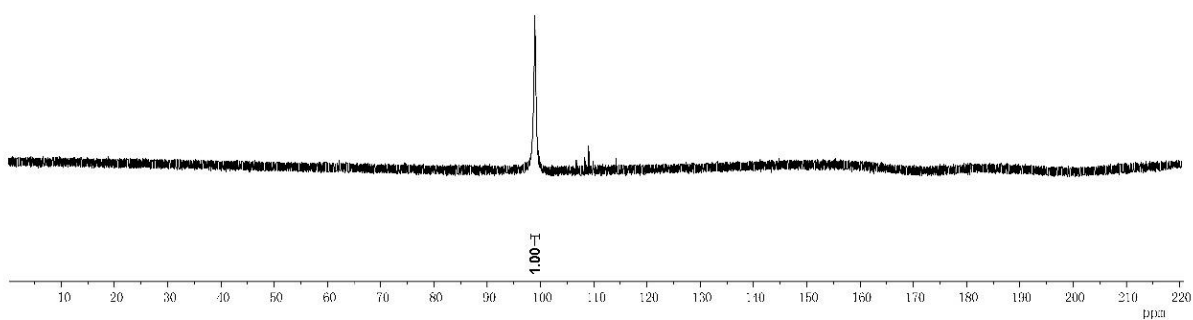
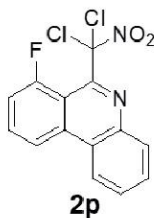


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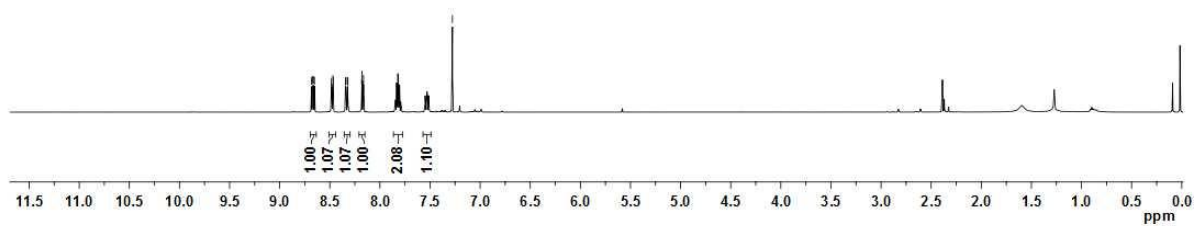
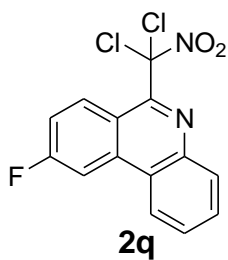


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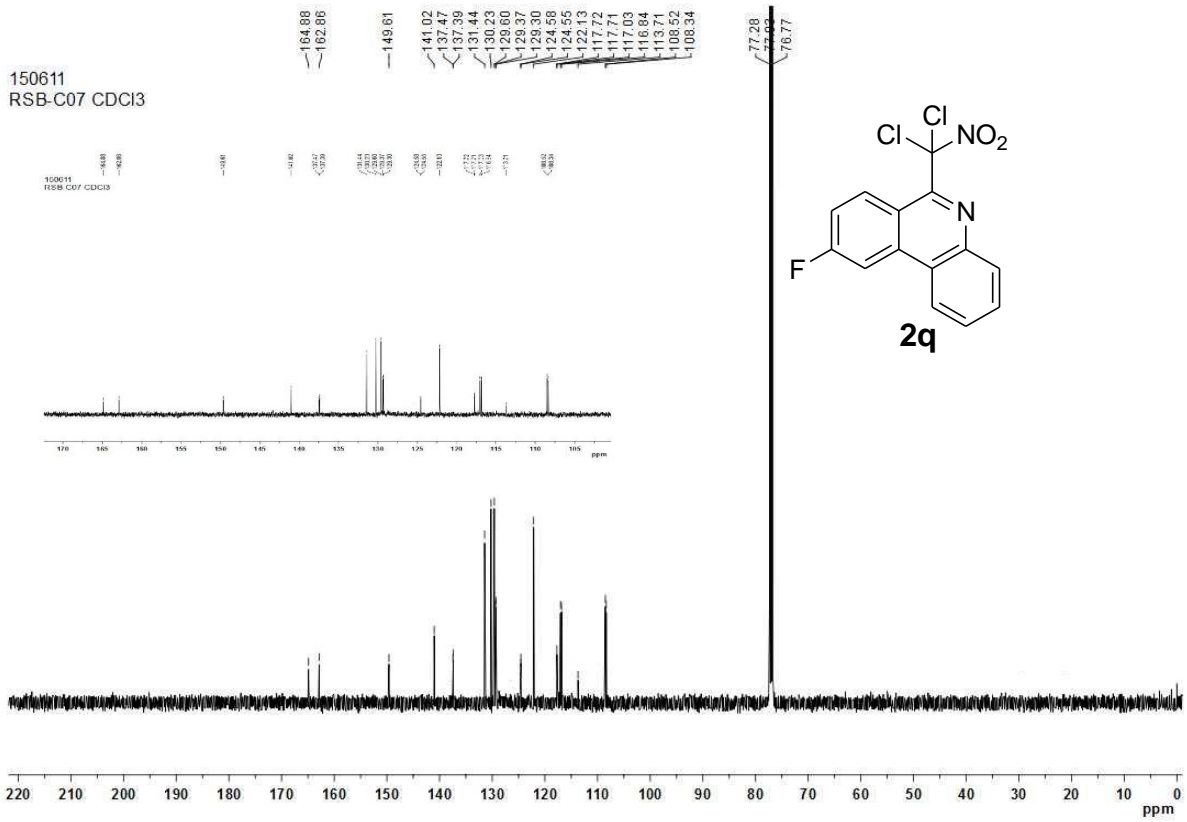
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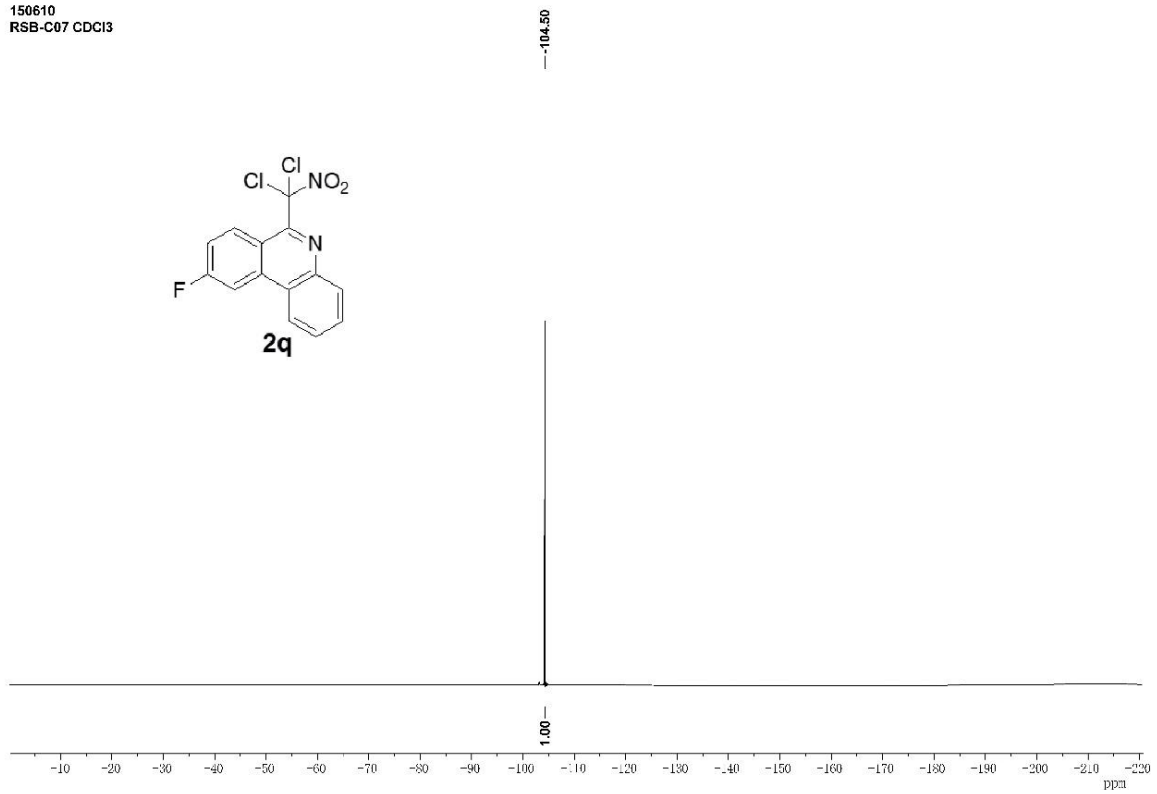
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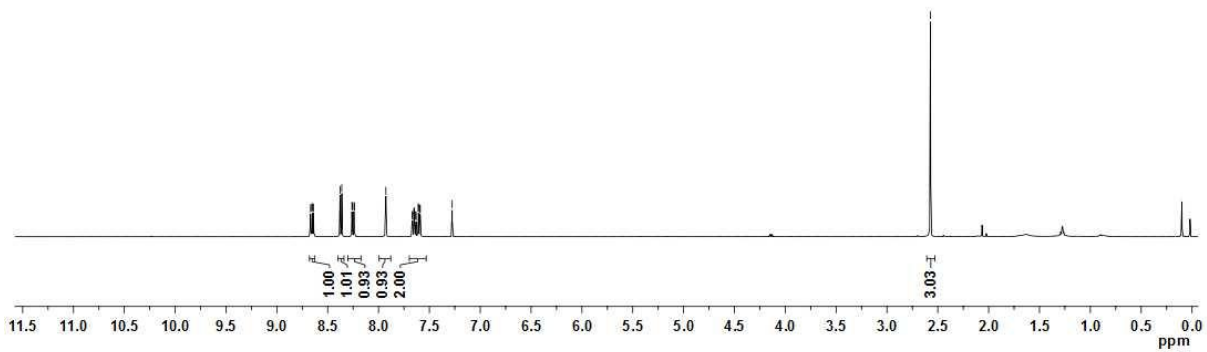
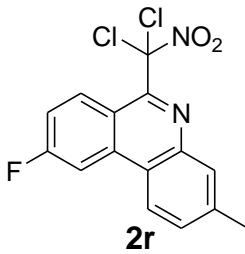




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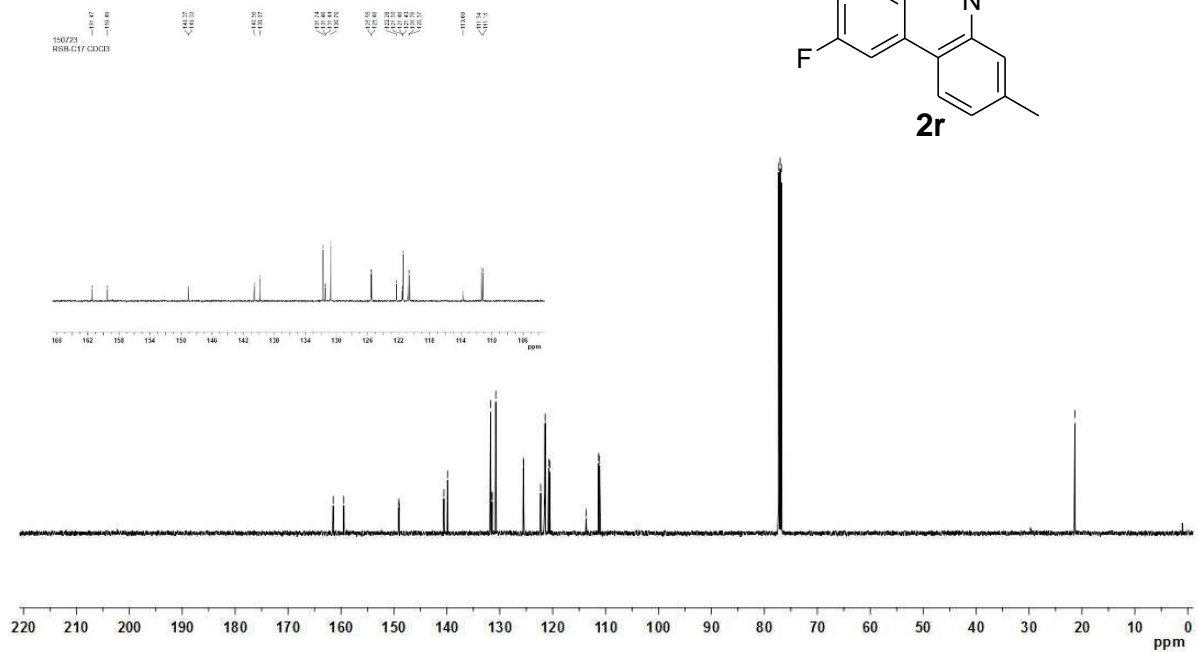
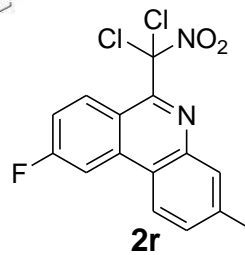


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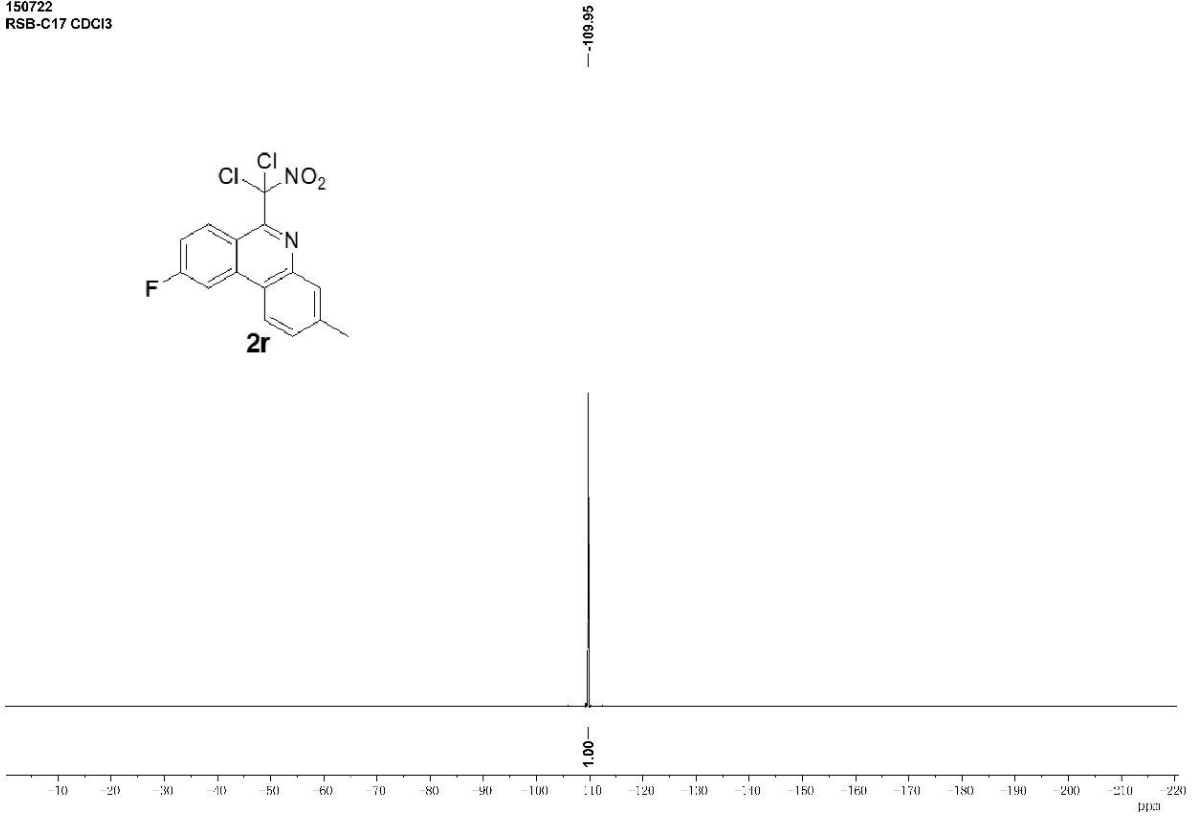
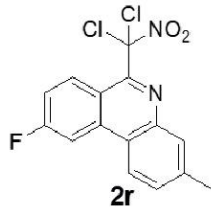
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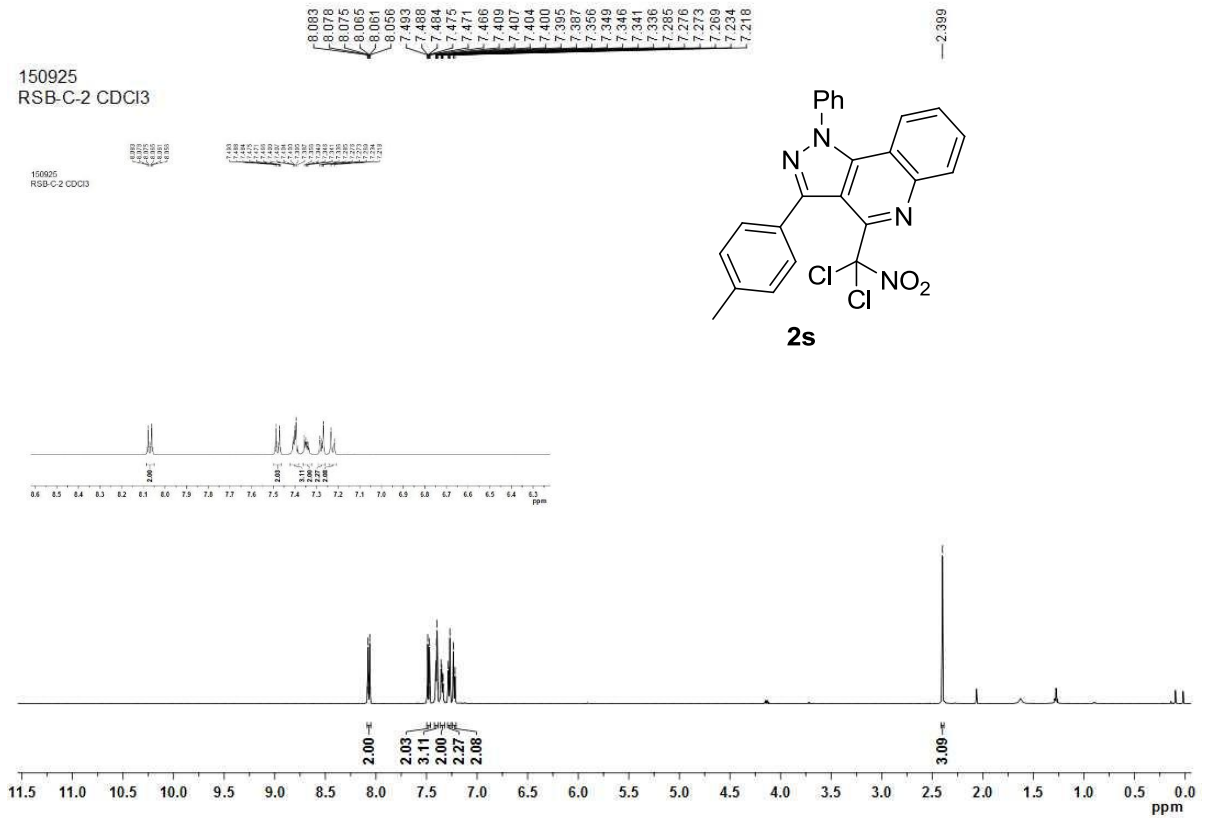
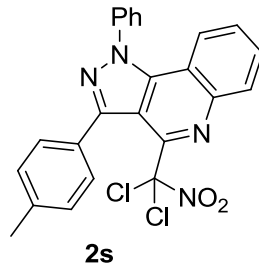
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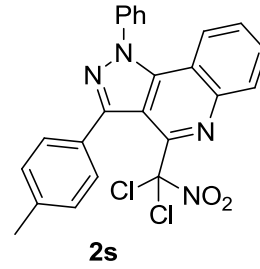
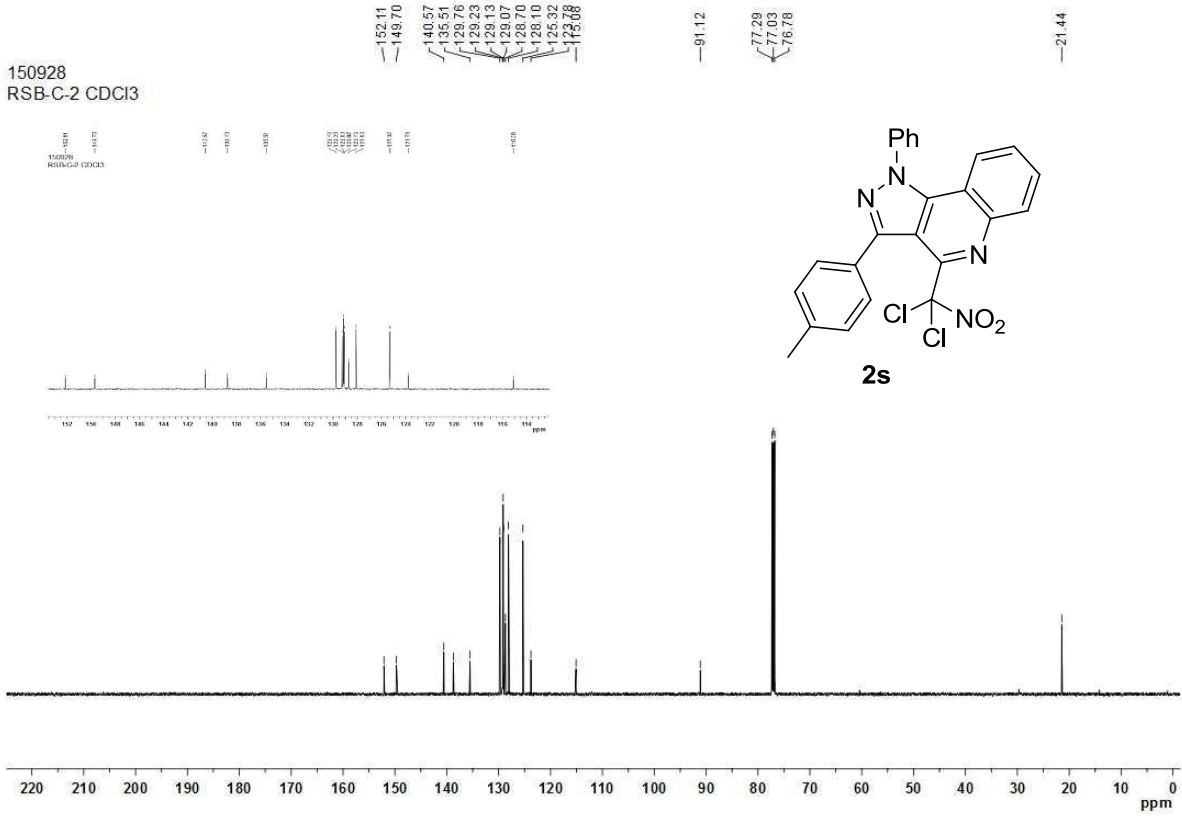
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