

## Supporting Information

### Titanium complexes supported by imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-containing pyrrolyl ligand as catalysts for hydroamination and polymerization reactions, and as antitumor reagent

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#### 1. Crystallography data for **2** and **3**

##### 1.1 Crystal data and structure refinements for **2** and **3**

**Table 1** Crystal data and structure refinements for **2** and **3**

Complex	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>36</sub> N <sub>8</sub> Ti	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>30</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Ti
Formula weight	556.54	530.45
Temperature	296(2) K	293(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	C 2/c
Unit cell dimensions	a = 23.010(9) Å	a = 8.7336(17) Å
	b = 13.712(5) Å	b = 16.212(6) Å
	c = 21.228(9) Å	c = 18.952(4) Å
	α = 90°	α = 90°
	β = 115.456(7)°	β = 92.30(3) °
	γ = 90°	γ = 90°
Volume	6048(4) Å <sup>3</sup>	2681.2(13) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z	8	4
ρ(mg•m <sup>-3</sup> )	1.222	1.314
F(000)	2352	1112
Crystal size(mm <sup>3</sup> )	0.60 x 0.40 x 0.40	0.60 x 0.40 x 0.40
The range for data collection	1.78° to 26.22°	3.31° to 27.49°
	-28 ≤ h ≤ 23	-9 ≤ h ≤ 11
Limiting indices	-25 ≤ l ≤ 26	-20 ≤ k ≤ 20
	-16 ≤ k ≤ 17	-24 ≤ l ≤ 24
Reflections collected/ unique	35810 / 12166	12023 / 3070
Data / restraints / parameters	12094 / 0 / 711	3048 / 0 / 170
GOF	0.950	1.076
R1,wR2[I ≥ 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0507, wR2 = 0.1111	R1 = 0.0456, wR2 = 0.1289
R1,wR2(all data)	R1 = 0.1290, wR2 = 0.1438	R1 = 0.0578, wR2 = 0.1365
Largest diff. peak and hole(e•Å <sup>-3</sup> )	0.276 and -0.249	0.369 and -0.271

**Table 2** Bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for **2**

Ti(1)-N(6)	1.910(3)
Ti(1)-N(5)	1.912(3)

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Ti(1)-N(4)	2.123(3)
Ti(1)-N(2)	2.148(3)
Ti(1)-N(1)	2.236(3)
Ti(1)-N(3)	2.277(2)
N(1)-C(7)	1.344(3)
N(1)-C(1)	1.373(4)
N(3)-C(18)	1.341(3)
N(3)-C(12)	1.377(4)
N(2)-C(11)	1.363(4)
N(2)-C(8)	1.390(4)
C(8)-C(9)	1.383(4)
C(8)-C(7)	1.439(4)
N(8)-C(18)	1.372(4)
N(8)-C(17)	1.395(4)
N(8)-C(13)	1.426(4)
N(7)-C(7)	1.363(4)
N(7)-C(6)	1.402(4)
N(7)-C(2)	1.416(4)
N(6)-C(29)	1.477(4)
N(6)-C(27)	1.485(4)
N(4)-C(22)	1.362(4)
N(4)-C(19)	1.392(4)
C(18)-C(19)	1.442(4)
C(19)-C(20)	1.384(4)
C(2)-C(1)	1.377(4)
C(2)-C(3)	1.420(4)
C(11)-C(10)	1.383(4)
C(12)-C(13)	1.377(4)
N(5)-C(23)	1.474(4)
N(5)-C(25)	1.478(4)
C(22)-C(21)	1.380(4)
C(3)-C(4)	1.356(5)
C(17)-C(16)	1.345(5)
C(6)-C(5)	1.347(5)
C(21)-C(20)	1.407(4)
C(10)-C(9)	1.396(5)
C(14)-C(15)	1.354(5)
C(14)-C(13)	1.425(4)
C(5)-C(4)	1.414(5)
C(27)-C(28)	1.527(4)
C(23)-C(24)	1.509(5)
C(15)-C(16)	1.430(5)
Ti(2)-N(14)	1.912(3)
Ti(2)-N(13)	1.916(3)

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Ti(2)-N(12)	2.121(3)
Ti(2)-N(10)	2.135(3)
Ti(2)-N(9)	2.252(3)
Ti(2)-N(11)	2.279(3)
N(16)-C(48)	1.371(4)
N(16)-C(47)	1.397(4)
N(16)-C(43)	1.420(4)
N(12)-C(52)	1.369(4)
N(12)-C(49)	1.393(4)
N(11)-C(48)	1.342(4)
N(11)-C(42)	1.379(4)
N(9)-C(37)	1.341(4)
N(9)-C(31)	1.376(4)
N(10)-C(41)	1.365(4)
N(10)-C(38)	1.388(4)
C(37)-N(15)	1.369(4)
C(37)-C(38)	1.439(5)
C(48)-C(49)	1.444(4)
N(14)-C(53)	1.470(4)
N(14)-C(55)	1.479(4)
N(13)-C(59)	1.473(4)
N(13)-C(57)	1.480(4)
N(15)-C(36)	1.405(4)
N(15)-C(32)	1.406(4)
C(55)-C(56)	1.538(4)
C(49)-C(50)	1.380(4)
C(42)-C(43)	1.367(4)
C(52)-C(51)	1.379(5)
C(38)-C(39)	1.393(4)
C(43)-C(44)	1.426(5)
C(53)-C(54)	1.530(4)
C(31)-C(32)	1.382(4)
C(40)-C(41)	1.379(5)
C(40)-C(39)	1.399(5)
C(32)-C(33)	1.430(5)
C(44)-C(45)	1.360(5)
C(57)-C(58)	1.519(5)
C(47)-C(46)	1.345(5)
C(50)-C(51)	1.406(5)
C(46)-C(45)	1.432(5)
C(33)-C(34)	1.367(6)
C(59)-C(60)	1.503(5)
C(36)-C(35)	1.341(6)
C(29)-C(30)	1.518(5)

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C(25)-C(26)	1.519(6)
C(34)-C(35)	1.409(7)
N(6)-Ti(1)-N(5)	102.32(12)
N(6)-Ti(1)-N(4)	99.70(11)
N(5)-Ti(1)-N(4)	96.26(11)
N(6)-Ti(1)-N(2)	97.57(11)
N(5)-Ti(1)-N(2)	97.53(11)
N(4)-Ti(1)-N(2)	155.02(10)
N(6)-Ti(1)-N(1)	162.79(10)
N(5)-Ti(1)-N(1)	93.69(11)
N(4)-Ti(1)-N(1)	84.61(9)
N(2)-Ti(1)-N(1)	73.82(10)
N(6)-Ti(1)-N(3)	88.51(10)
N(5)-Ti(1)-N(3)	167.17(11)
N(4)-Ti(1)-N(3)	74.90(10)
N(2)-Ti(1)-N(3)	87.69(10)
N(1)-Ti(1)-N(3)	76.45(9)
C(7)-N(1)-C(1)	107.8(3)
C(7)-N(1)-Ti(1)	115.1(2)
C(1)-N(1)-Ti(1)	137.0(2)
C(18)-N(3)-C(12)	107.4(3)
C(18)-N(3)-Ti(1)	112.18(19)
C(12)-N(3)-Ti(1)	140.1(2)
C(11)-N(2)-C(8)	105.9(3)
C(11)-N(2)-Ti(1)	134.7(2)
C(8)-N(2)-Ti(1)	119.14(19)
C(9)-C(8)-N(2)	110.2(3)
C(9)-C(8)-C(7)	136.2(3)
N(2)-C(8)-C(7)	113.5(3)
C(18)-N(8)-C(17)	131.3(3)
C(18)-N(8)-C(13)	107.5(2)
C(17)-N(8)-C(13)	121.2(3)
C(7)-N(7)-C(6)	131.0(3)
C(7)-N(7)-C(2)	107.8(2)
C(6)-N(7)-C(2)	121.1(3)
C(29)-N(6)-C(27)	114.1(3)
C(29)-N(6)-Ti(1)	127.6(2)
C(27)-N(6)-Ti(1)	116.5(2)
C(22)-N(4)-C(19)	105.6(3)
C(22)-N(4)-Ti(1)	135.2(2)
C(19)-N(4)-Ti(1)	118.82(19)
N(3)-C(18)-N(8)	110.0(3)
N(3)-C(18)-C(19)	119.9(3)
N(8)-C(18)-C(19)	130.1(3)

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C(20)-C(19)-N(4)	110.5(3)
C(20)-C(19)-C(18)	135.9(3)
N(4)-C(19)-C(18)	113.7(3)
C(1)-C(2)-N(7)	105.2(3)
C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	136.8(3)
N(7)-C(2)-C(3)	118.0(3)
N(2)-C(11)-C(10)	110.3(3)
N(3)-C(12)-C(13)	110.4(3)
C(23)-N(5)-C(25)	113.4(3)
C(23)-N(5)-Ti(1)	124.2(2)
C(25)-N(5)-Ti(1)	121.0(2)
N(1)-C(1)-C(2)	109.6(3)
N(1)-C(7)-N(7)	109.5(3)
N(1)-C(7)-C(8)	118.4(3)
N(7)-C(7)-C(8)	132.1(3)
N(4)-C(22)-C(21)	110.8(3)
C(4)-C(3)-C(2)	119.9(4)
C(16)-C(17)-N(8)	119.5(4)
C(5)-C(6)-N(7)	118.8(3)
C(22)-C(21)-C(20)	107.3(3)
C(11)-C(10)-C(9)	107.4(3)
C(8)-C(9)-C(10)	106.3(3)
C(15)-C(14)-C(13)	119.7(4)
C(6)-C(5)-C(4)	121.6(3)
C(19)-C(20)-C(21)	105.9(3)
N(6)-C(27)-C(28)	114.2(3)
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	120.5(4)
N(5)-C(23)-C(24)	114.7(3)
C(14)-C(15)-C(16)	121.0(4)
C(17)-C(16)-C(15)	120.8(4)
N(14)-Ti(2)-N(13)	104.39(11)
N(14)-Ti(2)-N(12)	97.78(10)
N(13)-Ti(2)-N(12)	94.76(11)
N(14)-Ti(2)-N(10)	94.38(11)
N(13)-Ti(2)-N(10)	98.40(11)
N(12)-Ti(2)-N(10)	159.28(10)
N(14)-Ti(2)-N(9)	160.18(10)
N(13)-Ti(2)-N(9)	93.54(11)
N(12)-Ti(2)-N(9)	88.91(10)
N(10)-Ti(2)-N(9)	74.41(10)
N(14)-Ti(2)-N(11)	87.77(10)
N(13)-Ti(2)-N(11)	164.82(10)
N(12)-Ti(2)-N(11)	74.31(10)
N(10)-Ti(2)-N(11)	89.53(10)

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N(9)-Ti(2)-N(11)	76.06(9)
C(48)-N(16)-C(47)	130.8(3)
C(48)-N(16)-C(43)	107.4(3)
C(47)-N(16)-C(43)	121.8(3)
C(52)-N(12)-C(49)	105.5(3)
C(52)-N(12)-Ti(2)	134.3(2)
C(49)-N(12)-Ti(2)	119.7(2)
C(48)-N(11)-C(42)	107.5(3)
C(48)-N(11)-Ti(2)	112.8(2)
C(42)-N(11)-Ti(2)	139.6(2)
C(37)-N(9)-C(31)	107.7(3)
C(37)-N(9)-Ti(2)	113.1(2)
C(31)-N(9)-Ti(2)	139.1(2)
C(41)-N(10)-C(38)	105.3(3)
C(41)-N(10)-Ti(2)	135.1(2)
C(38)-N(10)-Ti(2)	119.5(2)
N(9)-C(37)-N(15)	109.5(3)
N(9)-C(37)-C(38)	120.3(3)
N(15)-C(37)-C(38)	130.1(3)
N(11)-C(48)-N(16)	109.7(3)
N(11)-C(48)-C(49)	119.6(3)
N(16)-C(48)-C(49)	130.7(3)
C(53)-N(14)-C(55)	114.3(2)
C(53)-N(14)-Ti(2)	125.1(2)
C(55)-N(14)-Ti(2)	118.2(2)
C(59)-N(13)-C(57)	113.6(3)
C(59)-N(13)-Ti(2)	122.5(2)
C(57)-N(13)-Ti(2)	122.9(2)
C(37)-N(15)-C(36)	130.0(4)
C(37)-N(15)-C(32)	108.0(3)
C(36)-N(15)-C(32)	122.0(3)
N(14)-C(55)-C(56)	114.6(3)
C(50)-C(49)-N(12)	110.3(3)
C(50)-C(49)-C(48)	136.3(3)
N(12)-C(49)-C(48)	113.3(3)
C(43)-C(42)-N(11)	110.0(3)
N(12)-C(52)-C(51)	110.8(3)
N(10)-C(38)-C(39)	110.0(3)
N(10)-C(38)-C(37)	112.7(3)
C(39)-C(38)-C(37)	137.1(3)
C(42)-C(43)-N(16)	105.4(3)
C(42)-C(43)-C(44)	136.9(4)
N(16)-C(43)-C(44)	117.7(3)
N(14)-C(53)-C(54)	115.5(3)

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N(9)-C(31)-C(32)	109.5(3)
C(41)-C(40)-C(39)	106.4(3)
C(31)-C(32)-N(15)	105.3(3)
C(31)-C(32)-C(33)	136.8(4)
N(15)-C(32)-C(33)	117.9(4)
C(45)-C(44)-C(43)	119.8(4)
N(10)-C(41)-C(40)	111.6(3)
N(13)-C(57)-C(58)	114.0(3)
C(38)-C(39)-C(40)	106.7(3)
C(46)-C(47)-N(16)	119.0(4)
C(49)-C(50)-C(51)	106.4(3)
C(52)-C(51)-C(50)	107.0(3)
C(47)-C(46)-C(45)	121.2(4)
C(34)-C(33)-C(32)	119.1(5)
N(13)-C(59)-C(60)	116.3(3)
C(44)-C(45)-C(46)	120.6(4)
C(35)-C(36)-N(15)	118.1(5)
N(6)-C(29)-C(30)	114.8(3)
N(5)-C(25)-C(26)	115.7(4)
C(12)-C(13)-N(8)	104.8(3)
C(12)-C(13)-C(14)	137.3(3)
N(8)-C(13)-C(14)	117.9(3)
C(33)-C(34)-C(35)	120.7(5)
C(36)-C(35)-C(34)	122.2(5)

**Table 3** Bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for **3**

Ti(1)-O(1A)	1.7798(13)
Ti(1)-O(1)	1.7799(13)



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Ti(1)-N(2)	2.1003(16)
Ti(1)-N(2A)	2.1004(16)
Ti(1)-N(1A)	2.2209(15)
Ti(1)-N(1)	2.2209(16)
O(1)-C(12)	1.418(2)
N(3)-C(7)	1.362(2)
N(3)-C(6)	1.397(2)
N(3)-C(2)	1.404(3)
N(2)-C(11)	1.369(3)
N(2)-C(8)	1.377(2)
N(1)-C(7)	1.332(2)
N(1)-C(1)	1.365(2)
C(7)-C(8)	1.432(2)
C(2)-C(1)	1.371(3)
C(2)-C(3)	1.419(3)
C(8)-C(9)	1.378(3)
C(4)-C(3)	1.352(3)
C(4)-C(5)	1.420(4)
C(4)-H(4)	0.9300
C(12)-C(13)	1.486(3)
C(12)-C(14)	1.497(4)
C(12)-H(12)	0.9800
C(1)-H(1)	0.9300
C(6)-C(5)	1.334(3)
C(6)-H(6)	0.9300
C(14)-H(14A)	0.9600
C(14)-H(14B)	0.9600
C(14)-H(14C)	0.9600
C(11)-C(10)	1.364(3)
C(11)-H(11)	0.9300
C(3)-H(3)	0.9300
C(5)-H(5)	0.9300
C(10)-C(9)	1.393(4)
C(10)-H(10)	0.9300
C(9)-H(9)	0.9300
C(13)-H(13A)	0.9600
C(13)-H(13B)	0.9600
C(13)-H(13C)	0.9600
O(1A)-Ti(1)-O(1)	100.41(9)
O(1A)-Ti(1)-N(2)	95.96(6)
O(1)-Ti(1)-N(2)	103.11(6)
O(1A)-Ti(1)-N(2A)	103.11(6)
O(1)-Ti(1)-N(2A)	95.96(6)
N(2)-Ti(1)-N(2A)	150.07(9)

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O(1)A-Ti(1)-N(1A)	90.02(6)
O(1)-Ti(1)-N(1A)	167.20(6)
N(2)-Ti(1)-N(1A)	82.96(6)
N(2A)-Ti(1)-N(1A)	74.28(6)
O(1A)-Ti(1)-N(1)	167.20(6)
O(1)-Ti(1)-N(1)	90.02(6)
N(2)-Ti(1)-N(1)	74.28(6)
N(2A)-Ti(1)-N(1)	82.96(6)
N(1A)-Ti(1)-N(1)	80.70(8)
C(12)-O(1)-Ti(1)	147.87(12)
C(7)-N(3)-C(6)	130.78(18)
C(7)-N(3)-C(2)	107.49(15)
C(6)-N(3)-C(2)	121.72(17)
C(11)-N(2)-C(8)	106.06(16)
C(11)-N(2)-Ti(1)	133.12(14)
C(8)-N(2)-Ti(1)	119.83(12)
C(7)-N(1)-C(1)	108.13(15)
C(7)-N(1)-Ti(1)	114.08(11)
C(1)-N(1)-Ti(1)	137.78(12)
N(1)-C(7)-N(3)	109.51(15)
N(1)-C(7)-C(8)	118.87(15)
N(3)-C(7)-C(8)	131.58(16)
C(1)-C(2)-N(3)	105.68(16)
C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	136.4(2)
N(3)-C(2)-C(3)	117.79(19)
N(2)-C(8)-C(9)	109.94(17)
N(2)-C(8)-C(7)	112.75(15)
C(9)-C(8)-C(7)	137.00(18)
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	120.4(2)
C(3)-C(4)-H(4)	119.8
C(5)-C(4)-H(4)	119.8
O(1)-C(12)-C(13)	109.26(19)
O(1)-C(12)-C(14)	109.4(2)
C(13)-C(12)-C(14)	113.0(2)
O(1)-C(12)-H(12)	108.4
C(13)-C(12)-H(12)	108.4
C(14)-C(12)-H(12)	108.4
N(1)-C(1)-C(2)	109.18(17)
N(1)-C(1)-H(1)	125.4
C(2)-C(1)-H(1)	125.4
C(5)-C(6)-N(3)	118.7(2)
C(5)-C(6)-H(6)	120.6
N(3)-C(6)-H(6)	120.6
C(12)-C(14)-H(14A)	109.5

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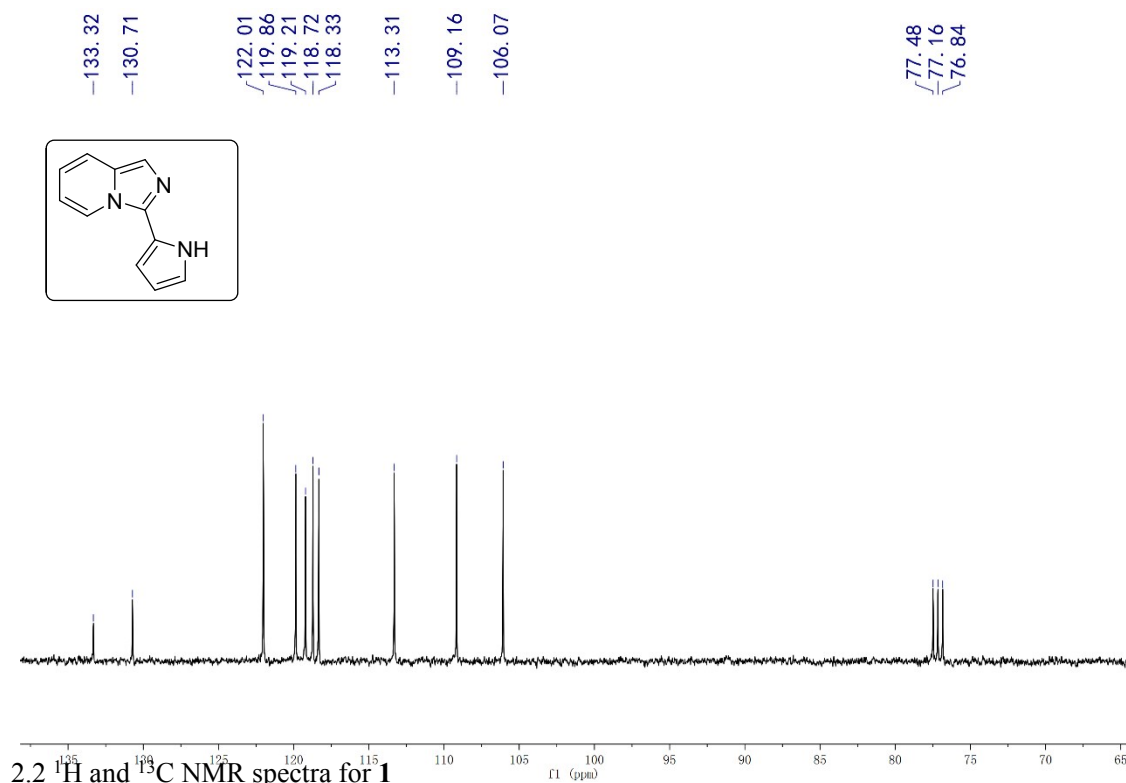
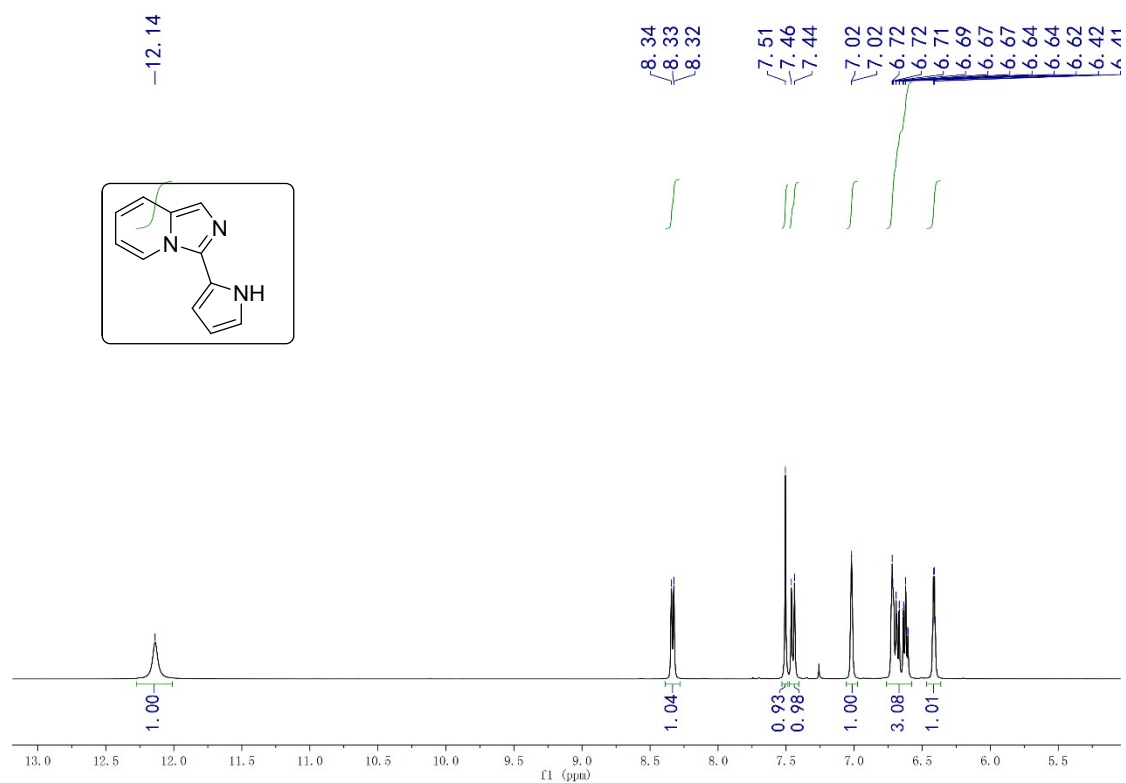
C(12)-C(14)-H(14B)	109.5
H(14A)-C(14)-H(14B)	109.5
C(12)-C(14)-H(14C)	109.5
H(14A)-C(14)-H(14C)	109.5
H(14B)-C(14)-H(14C)	109.5
C(10)-C(11)-N(2)	110.0(2)
C(10)-C(11)-H(11)	125.0
N(2)-C(11)-H(11)	125.0
C(4)-C(3)-C(2)	119.8(2)
C(4)-C(3)-H(3)	120.1
C(2)-C(3)-H(3)	120.1
C(6)-C(5)-C(4)	121.5(2)
C(6)-C(5)-H(5)	119.2
C(4)-C(5)-H(5)	119.2
C(11)-C(10)-C(9)	107.6(2)
C(11)-C(10)-H(10)	126.2
C(9)-C(10)-H(10)	126.2
C(8)-C(9)-C(10)	106.3(2)
C(8)-C(9)-H(9)	126.8
C(10)-C(9)-H(9)	126.8
C(12)-C(13)-H(13A)	109.5
C(12)-C(13)-H(13B)	109.5
H(13A)-C(13)-H(13B)	109.5
C(12)-C(13)-H(13C)	109.5
H(13A)-C(13)-H(13C)	109.5
H(13B)-C(13)-H(13C)	109.5

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## 2. $^1\text{H}$ and $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR spectra for the complexes

### 2.1 $^1\text{H}$ and $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR spectra for HL

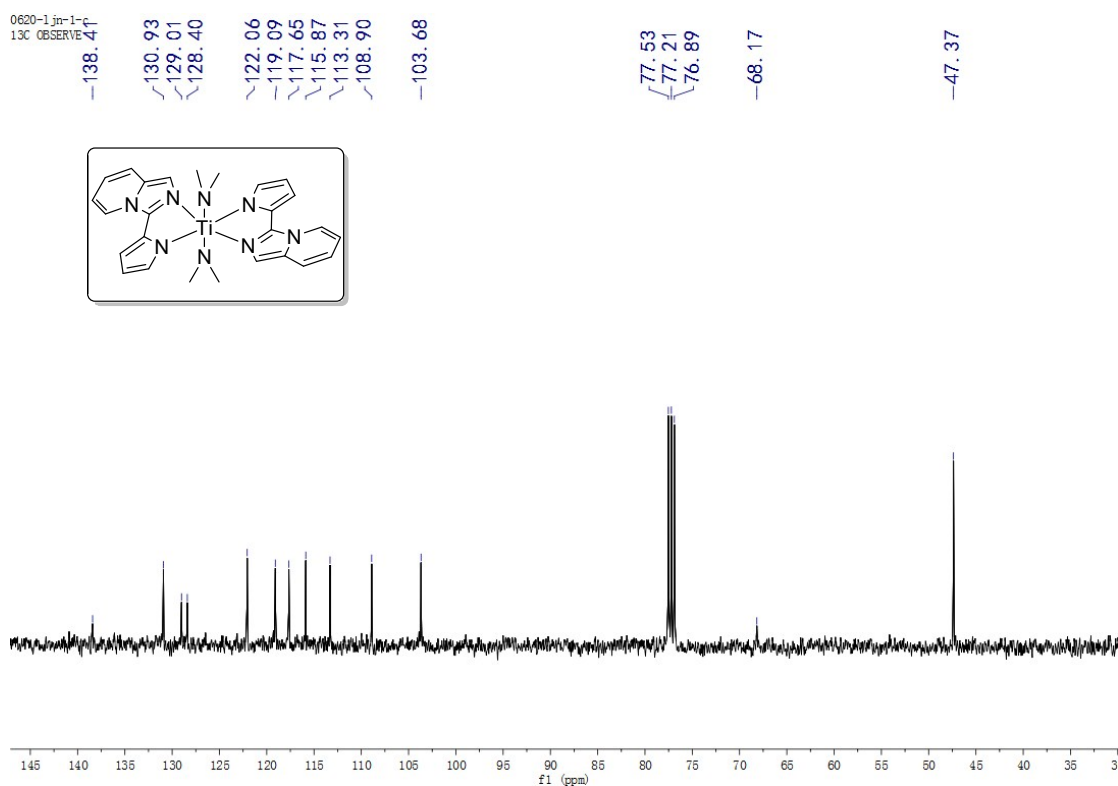
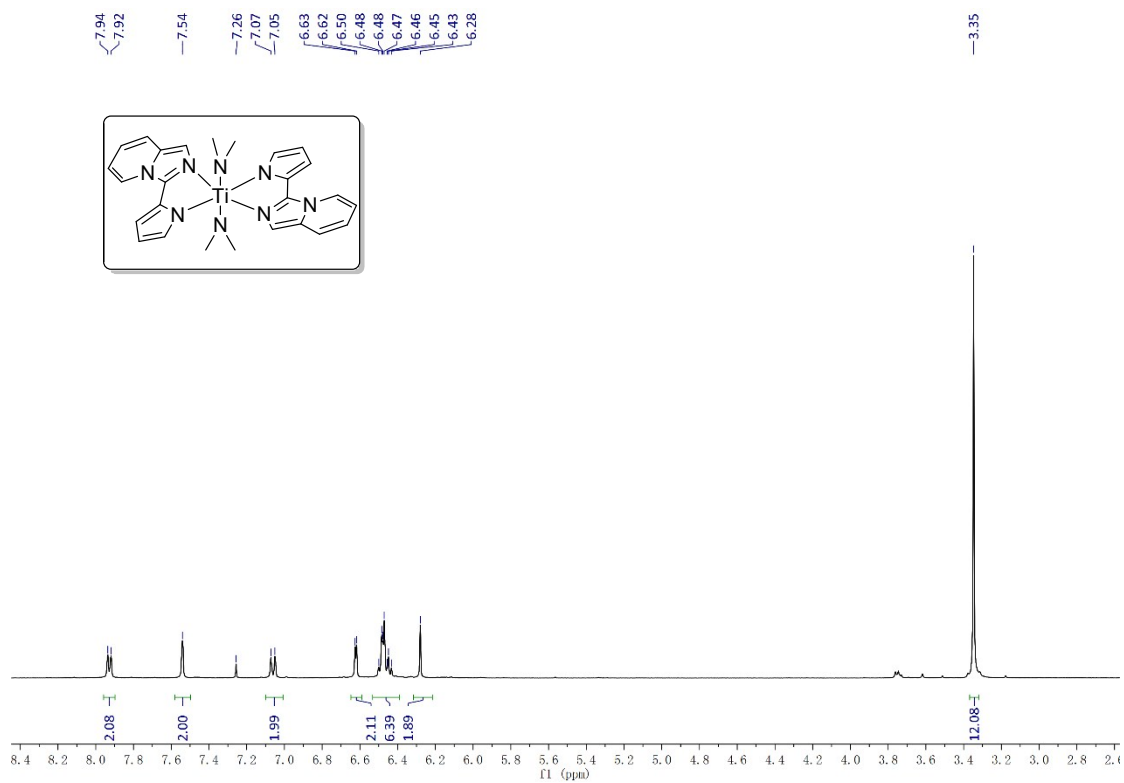
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## 2.2 $^1\text{H}$ and $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR spectra for **1**

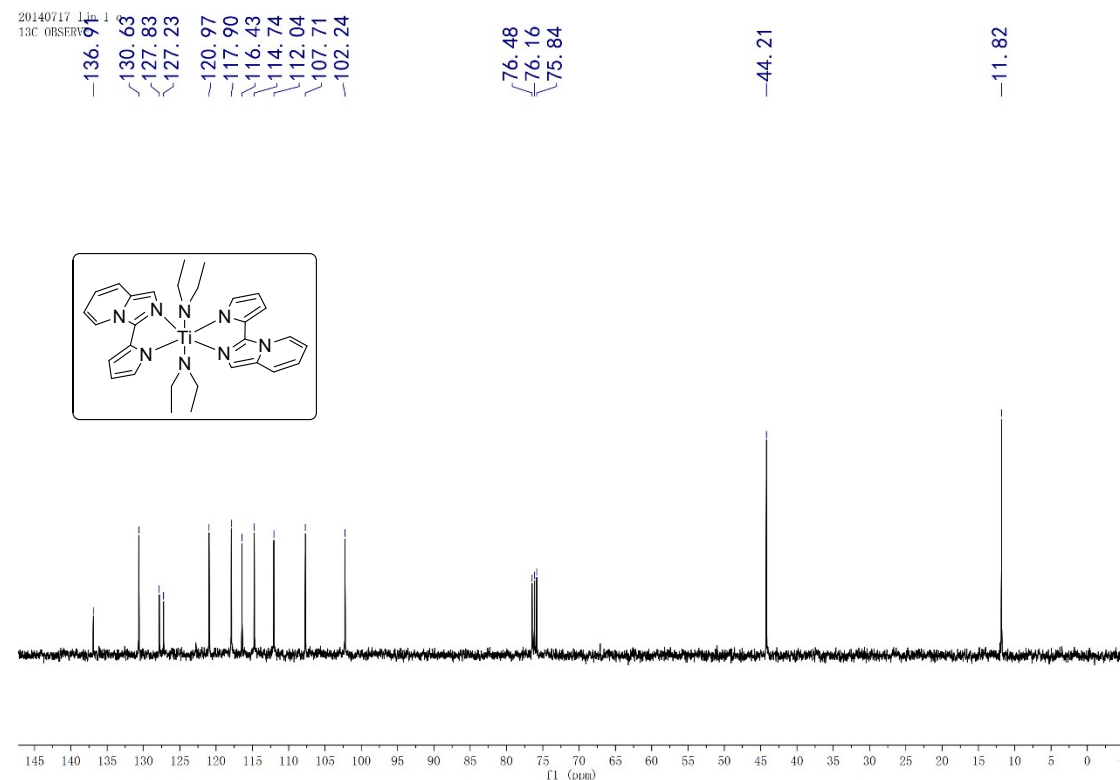
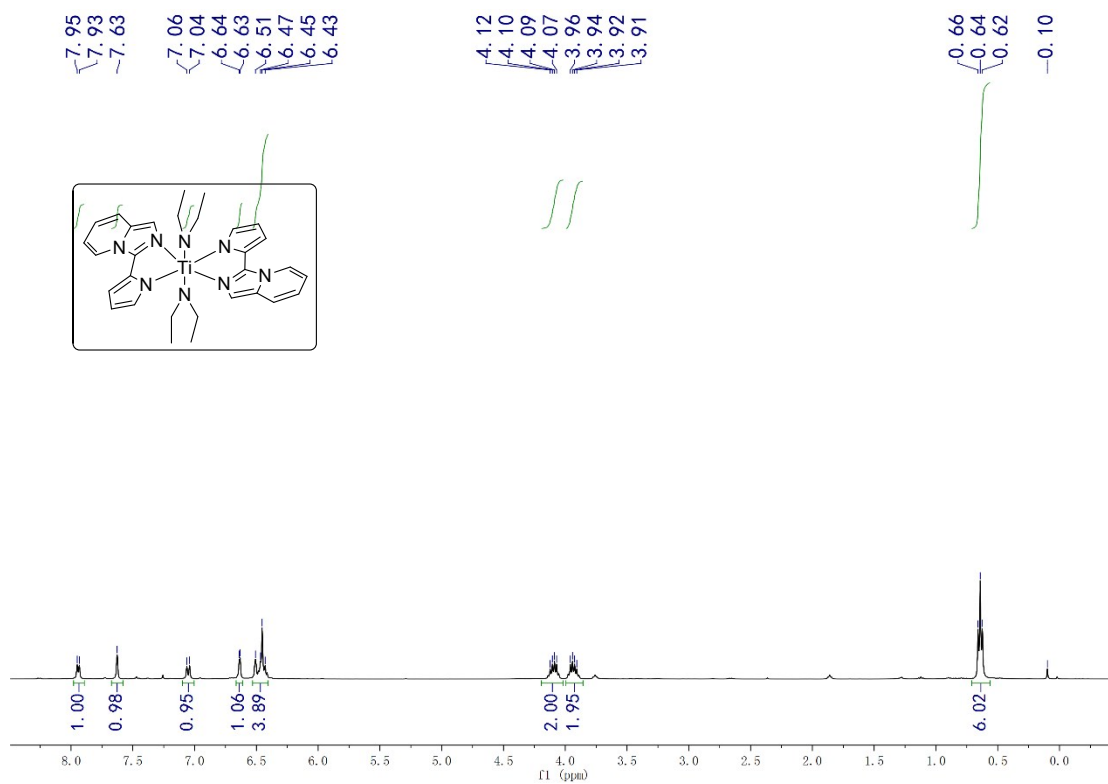
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(100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 138.41, 130.93, 129.01, 128.70, 122.06, 119.09, 117.65, 115.87, 113.31, 108.90, 103.68, 68.17, 47.37.



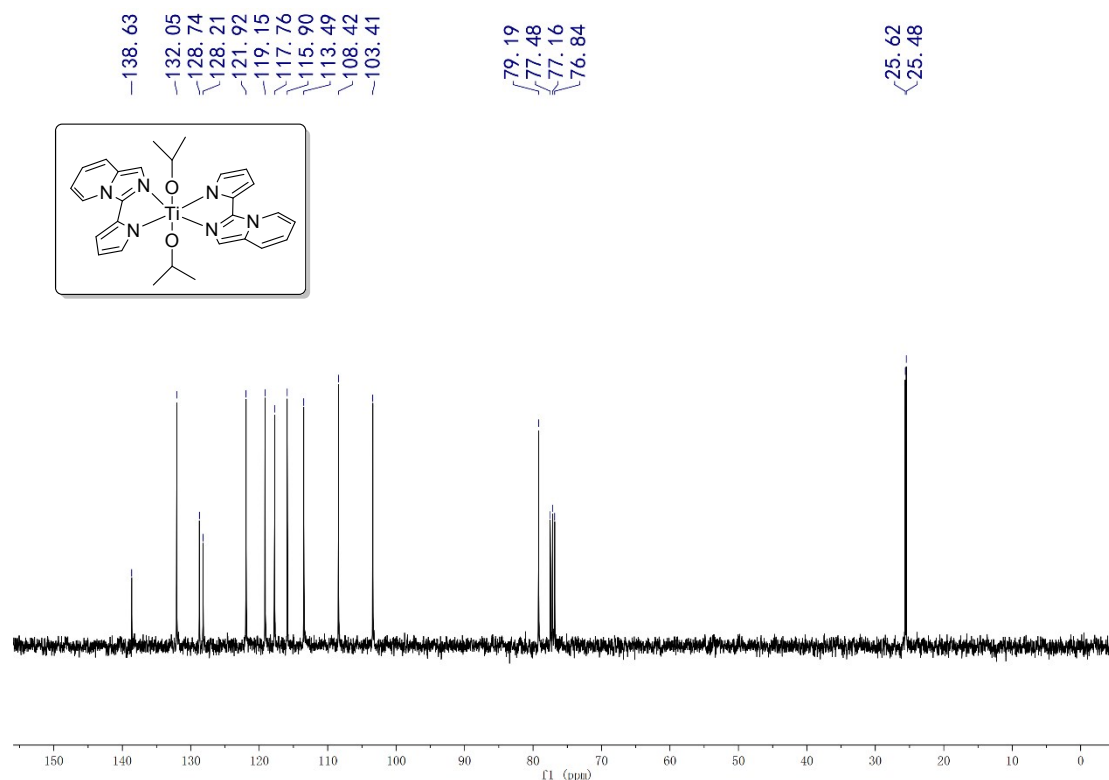
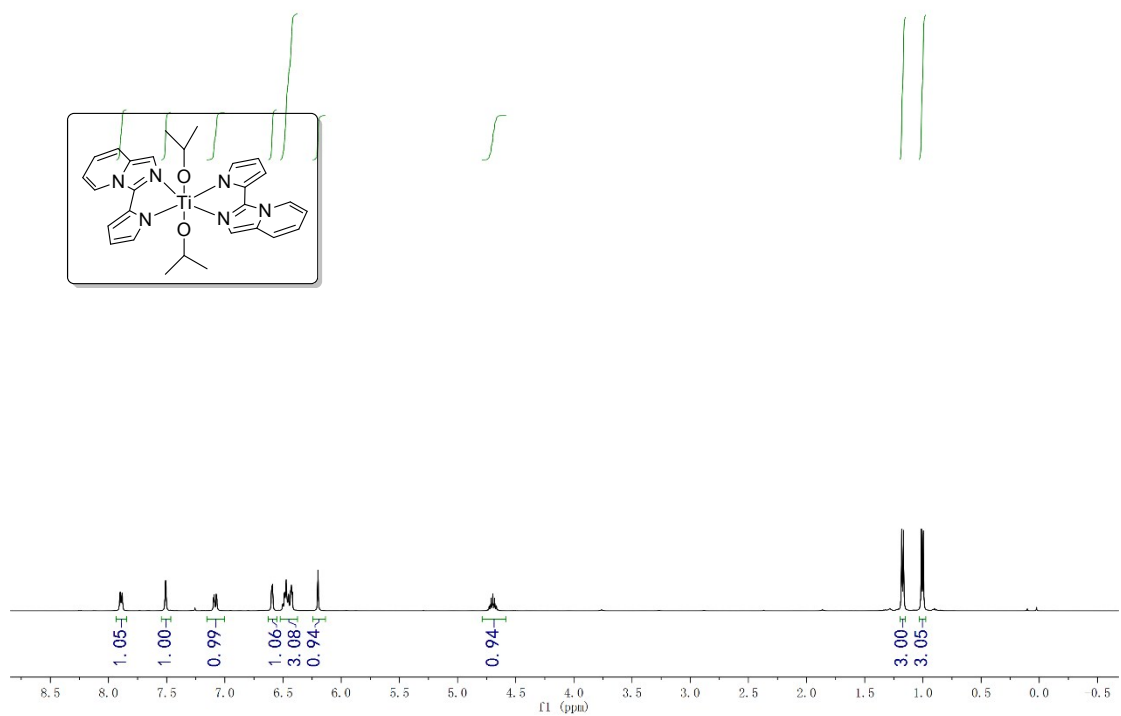
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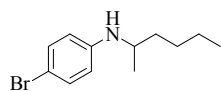
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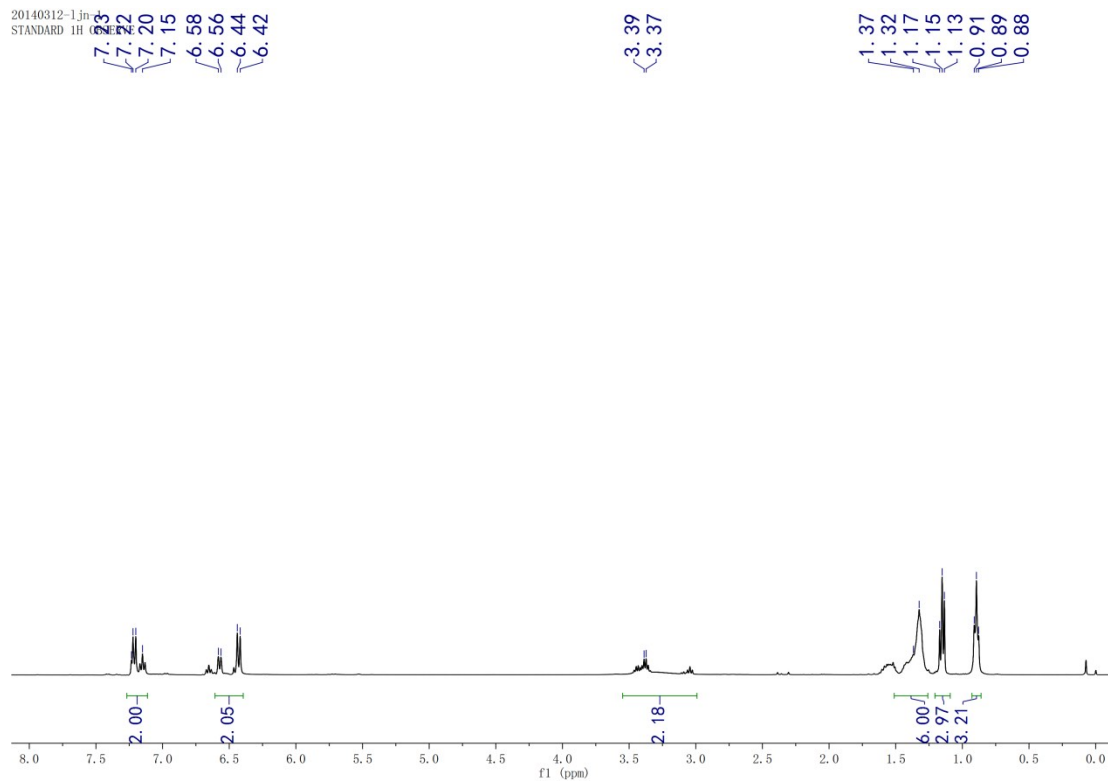


### 3. $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR spectra for the hydroamination products

### 3.1 4-bromo-N-(hexan-2-yl)aniline

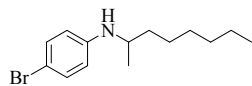


$^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.20 (d, 2H, *m*- $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$ ), 6.50 (d, 2H, *o*- $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$ ), 3.38 (dd, 2H, -NCH-, -NH-), 1.49 – 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 0.89 (t, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ).

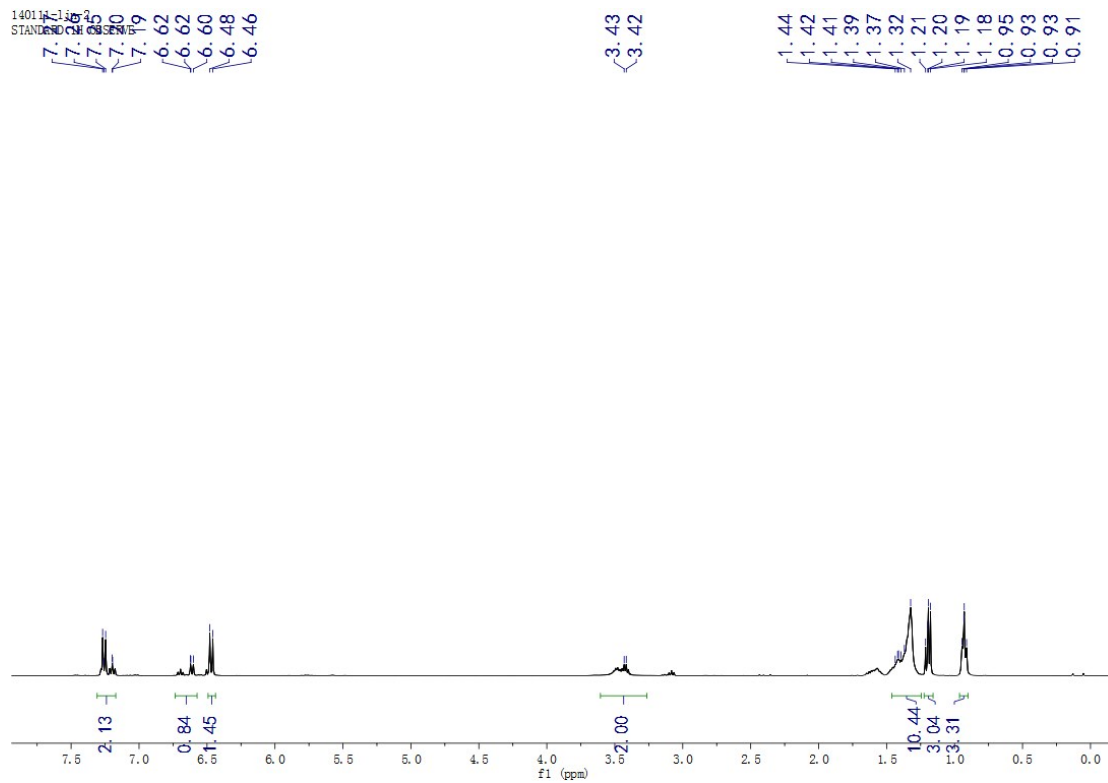


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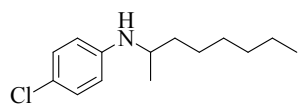




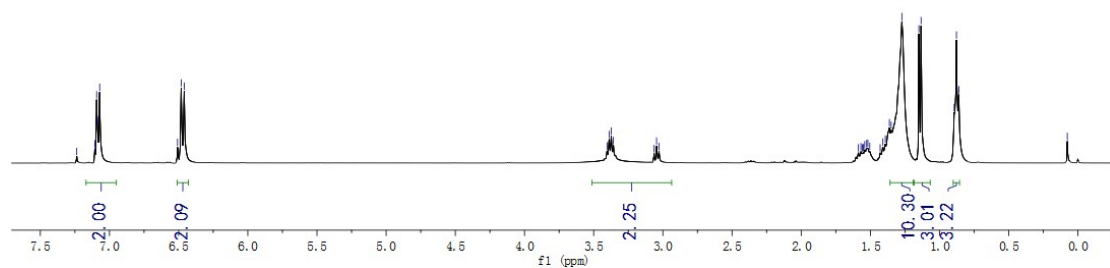
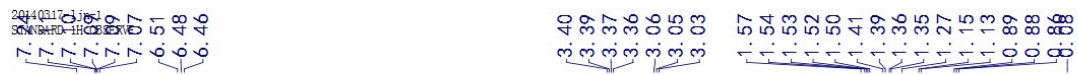
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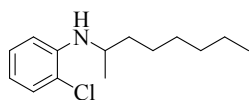
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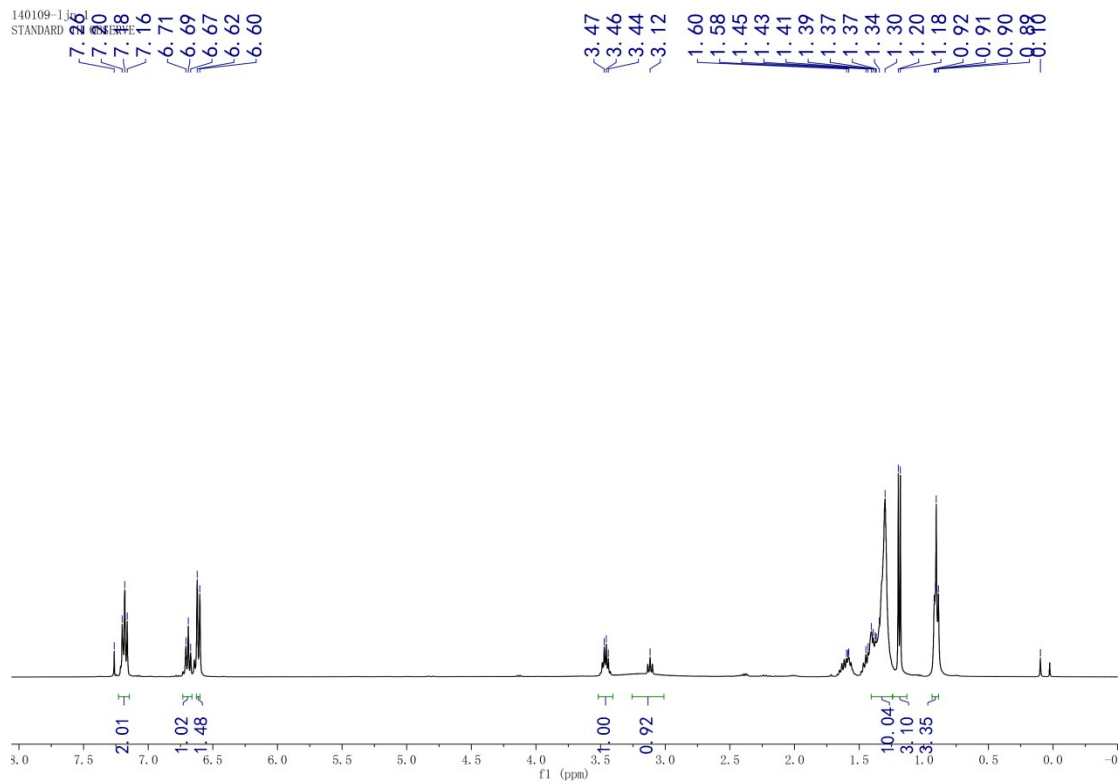
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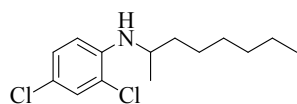
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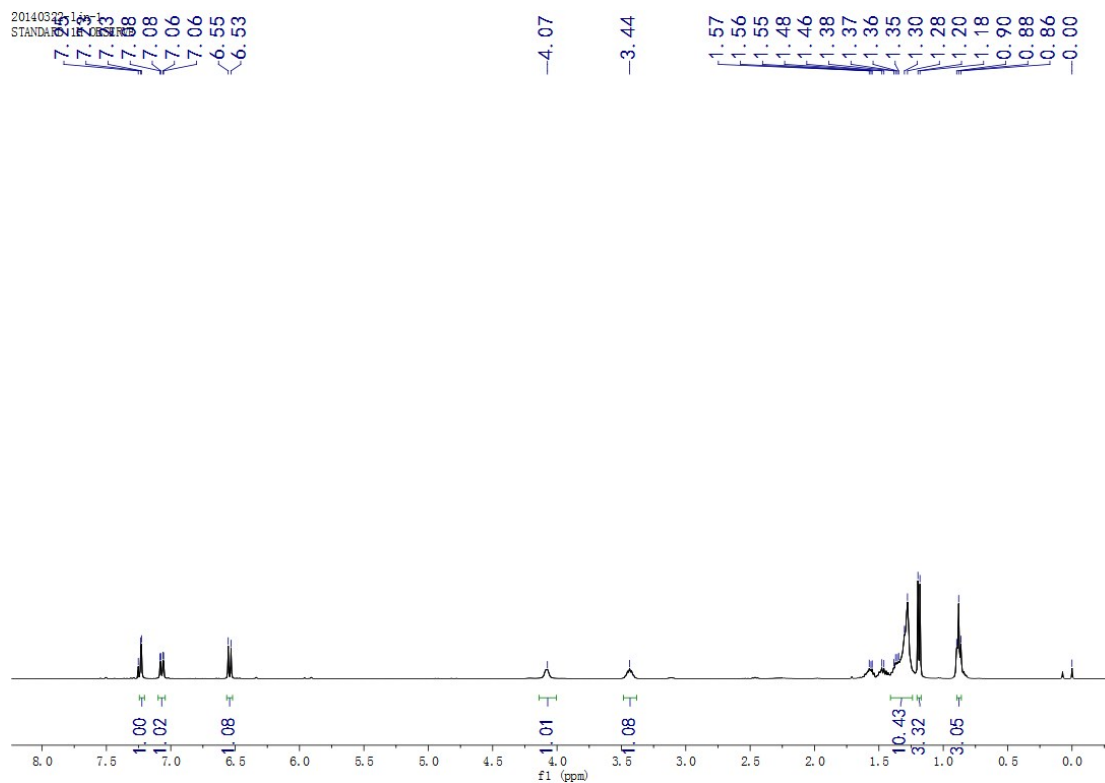
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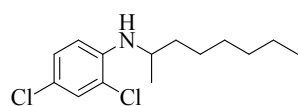
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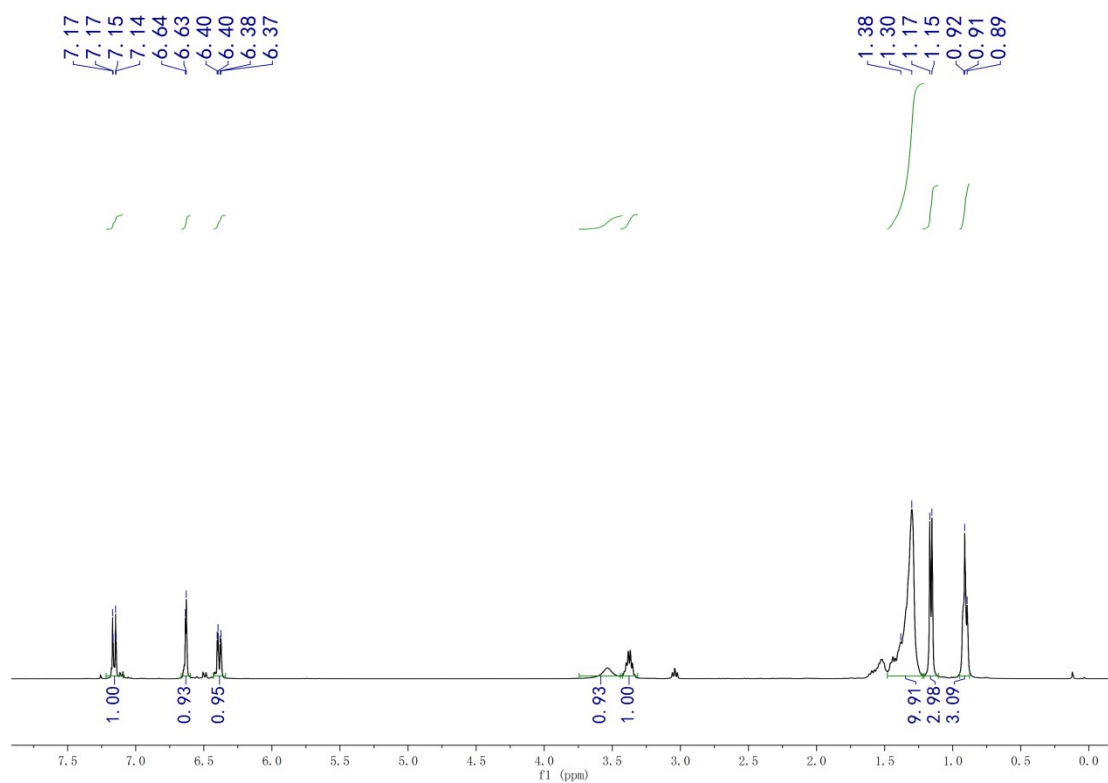
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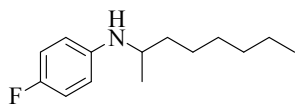
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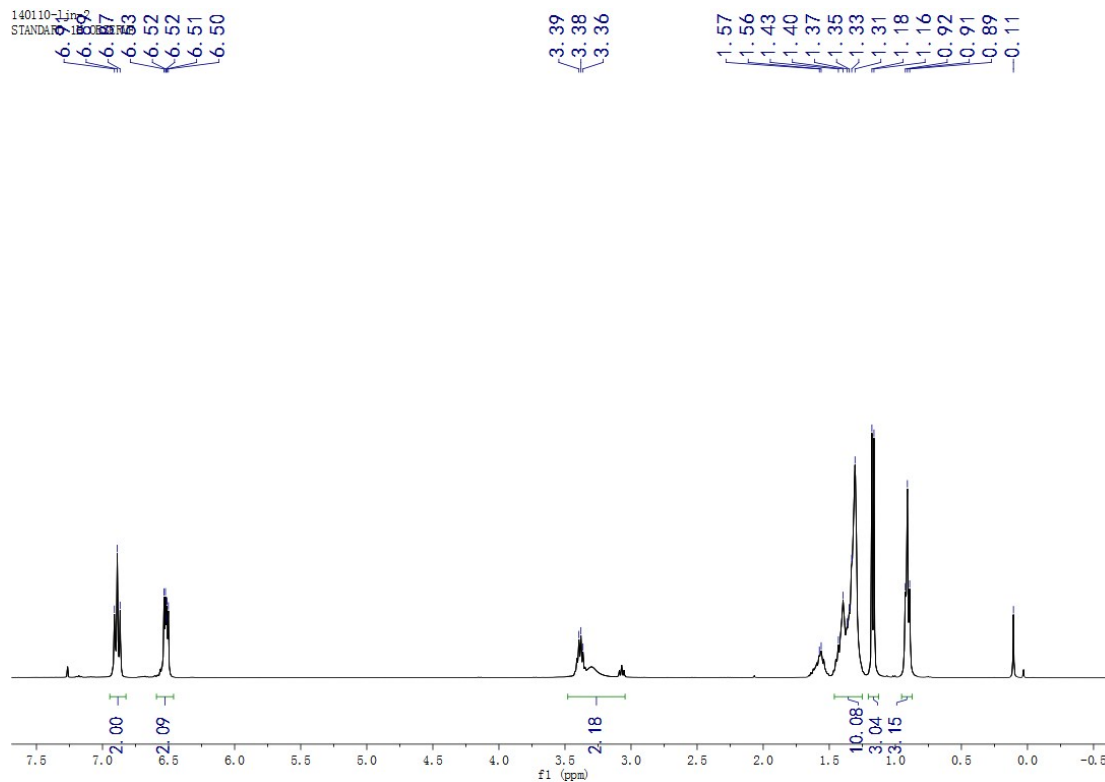
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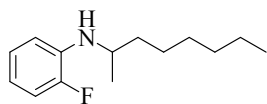
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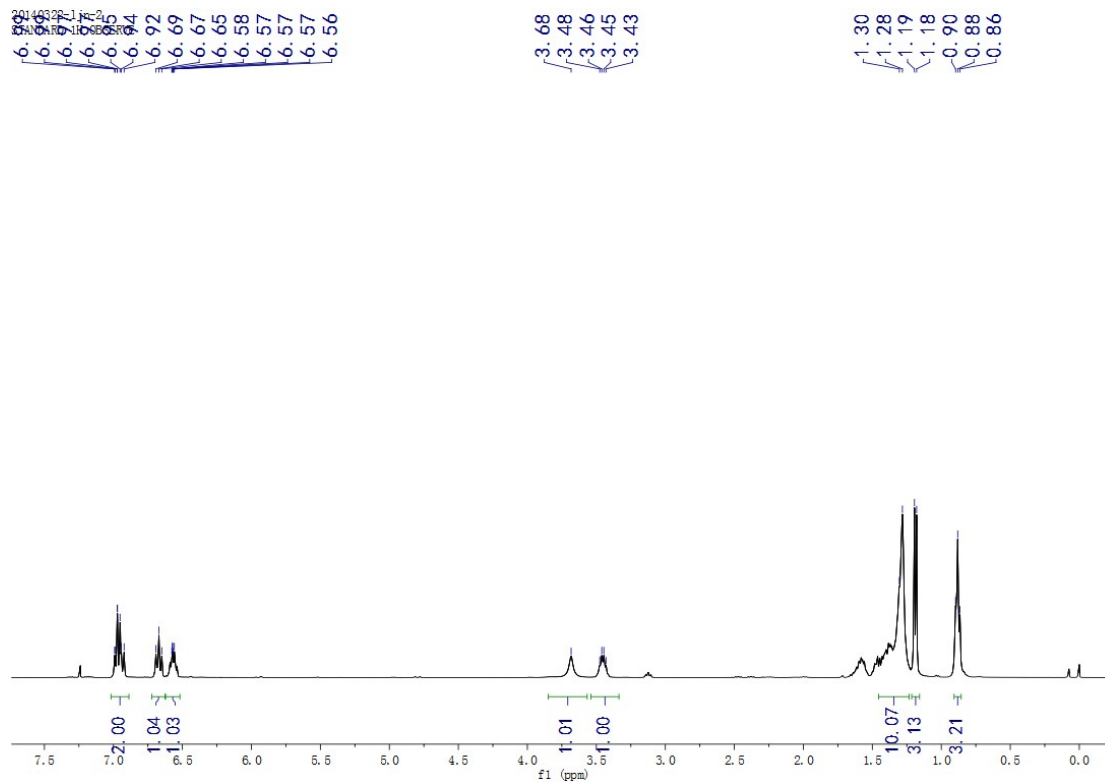
$^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.89 (t, 2H, Ar-H), 6.59 – 6.46 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 3.48 – 3.05 (m, 2H, NH, CH), 1.46 – 1.25 (m, 10H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.17 (d, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 0.91 (t, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ).



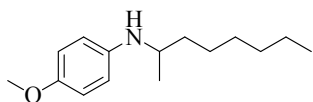
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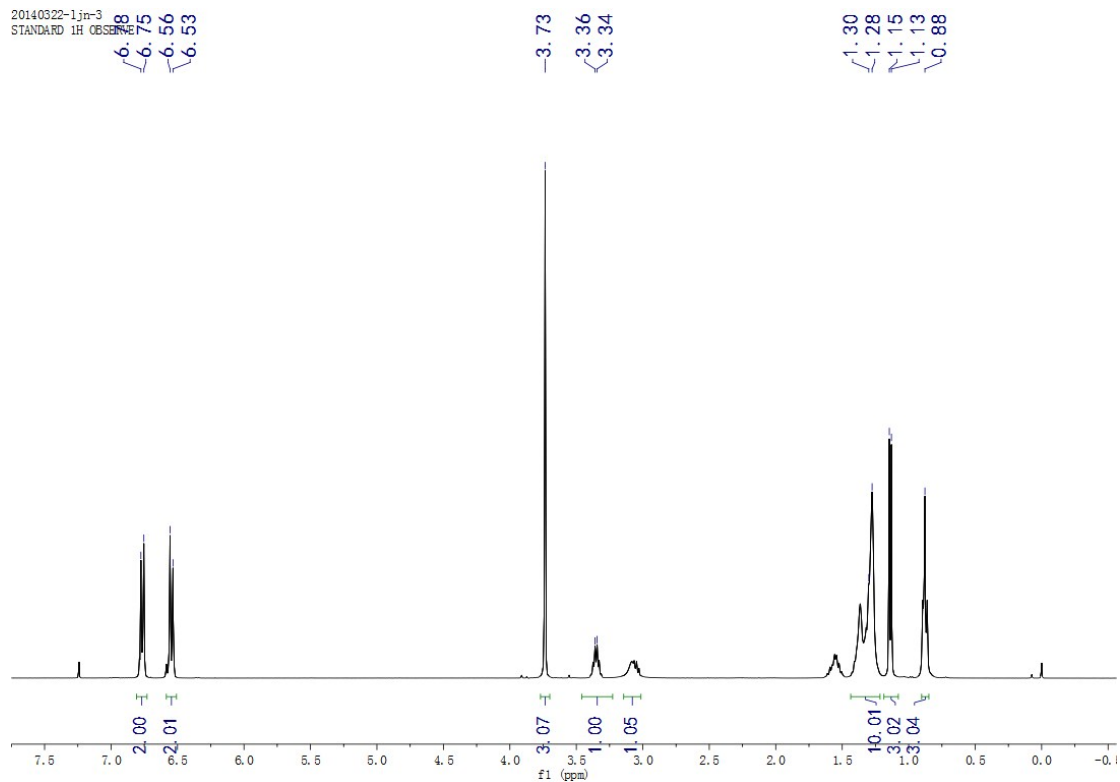
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### 3.9 N-(2-Octyl)-4-methoxyaniline

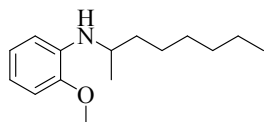


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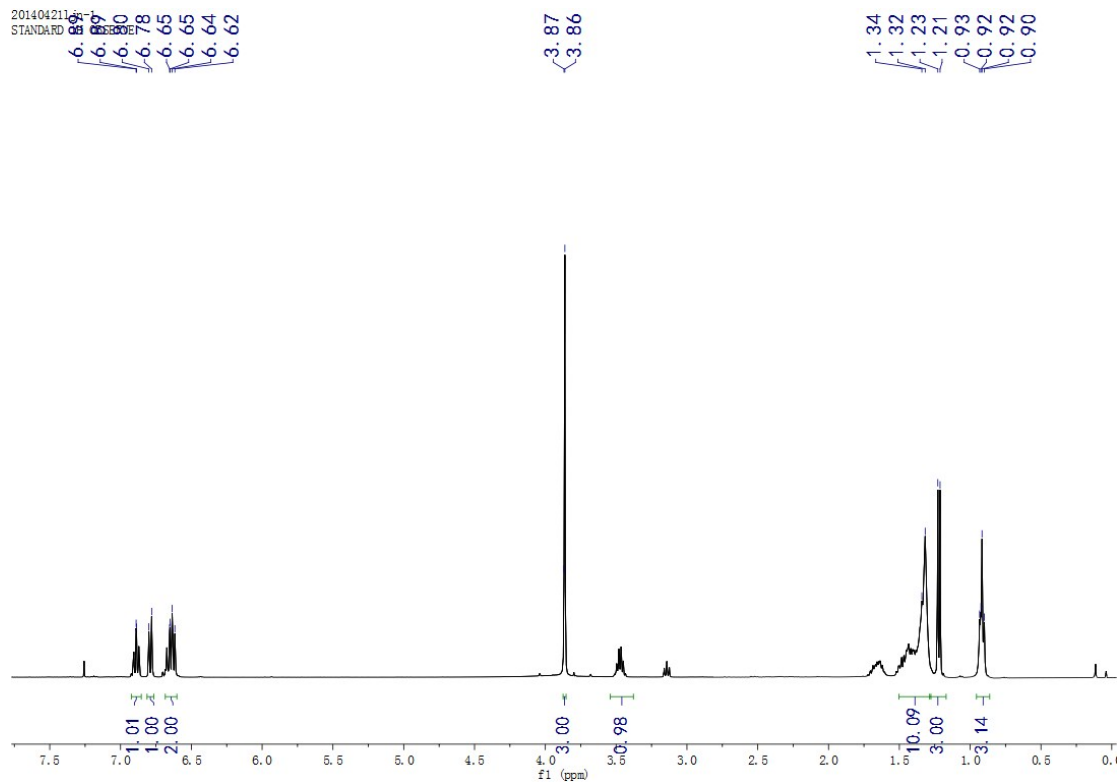




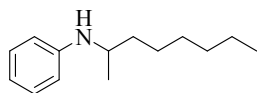
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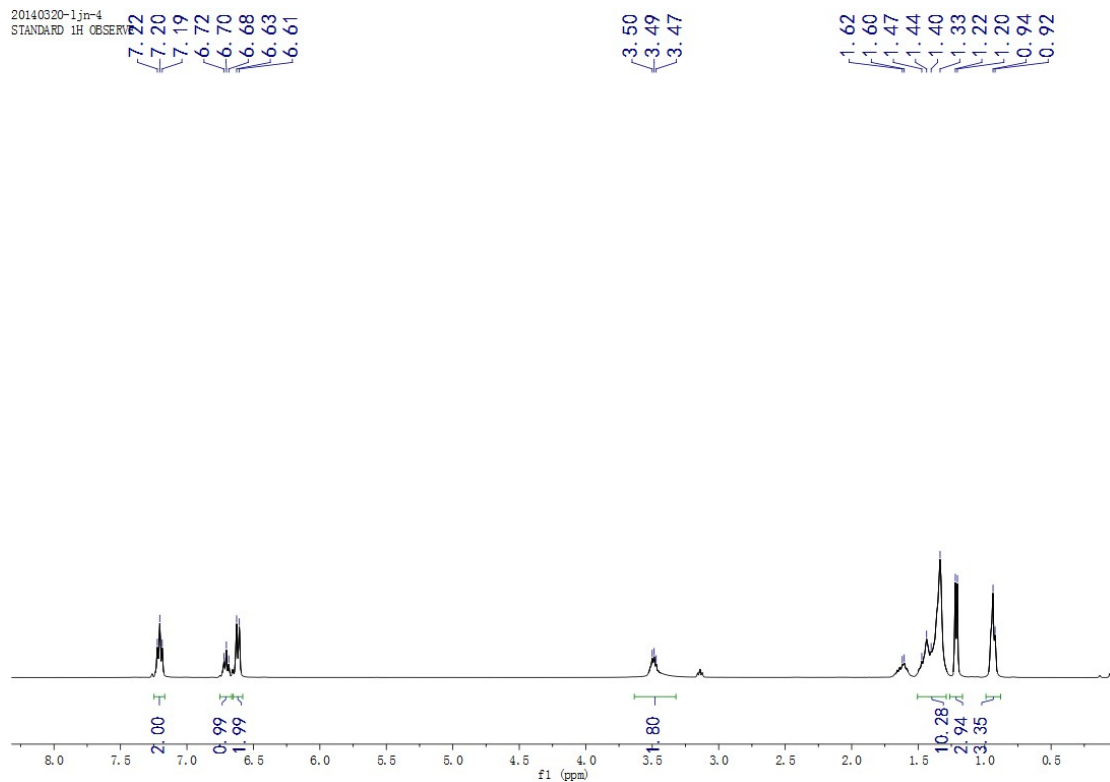
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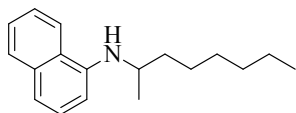
3.11 N-(2-Octyl)aniline



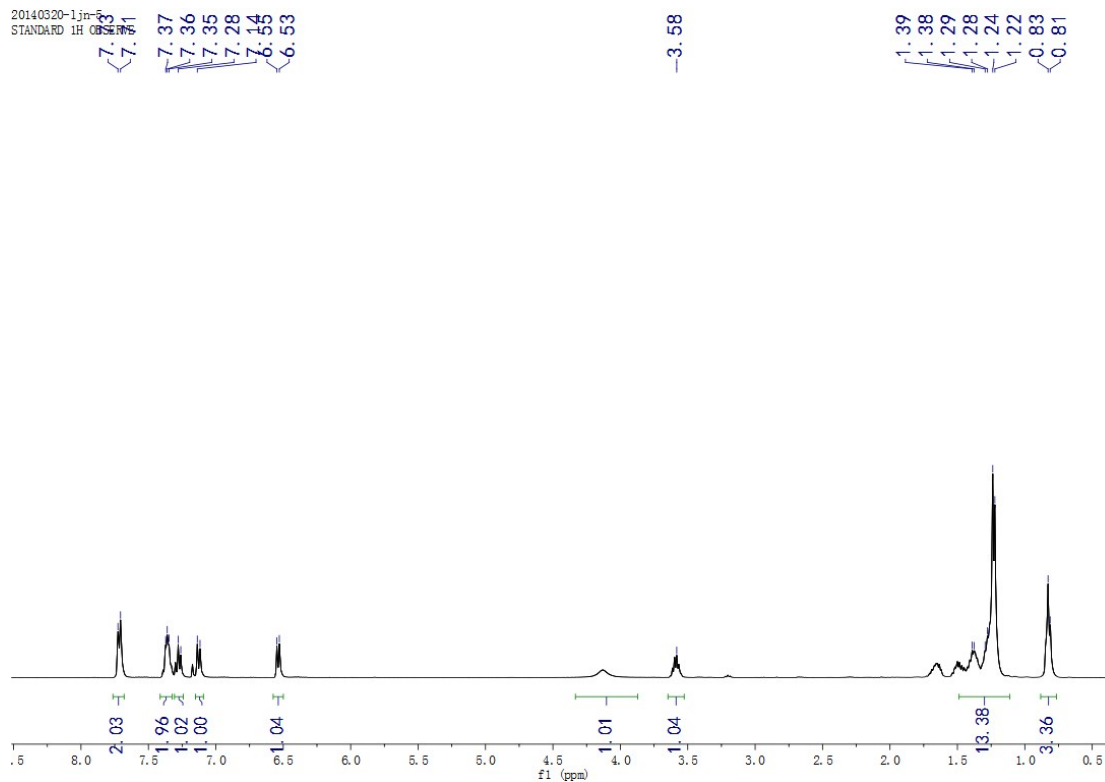
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### 3.12 N-(2-Octyl)naphthalen-2-amine



$^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.72 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 7.41 – 7.32 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.27 (d, 1H, Ar-H), 7.13 (d, 1H, Ar-H), 6.54 (d, 1H, Ar-H), 4.13 (s, 1H, NH), 3.58 (s, 1H, NH), 1.49 – 1.11 (m, 13H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 0.82 (d, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ).



## 4. Ring-opening polymerization of $\epsilon$ -caprolactone by complex **3**

**Table S4** Polymerization  $\epsilon$ -caprolactone initiated by **3**

Entry	Initiator	solvent	[M]/[I]	t/h	Yield/% <sup>a</sup>	T/°C	Mn(calc) <sup>b</sup> (10 <sup>4</sup> )	Mn <sup>c</sup> (10 <sup>4</sup> )	Mn(obsd) <sup>d</sup> (10 <sup>4</sup> )	PDI	Efficiency/%
1	<b>3</b>	DME	200	24	82	80	1.87	2.05	1.15	1.53	90.1
2	<b>3</b>	DME	200	36	55	60	1.25	2.17	1.21	1.46	57.8
3	<b>3</b>	THF	200	24	90	80	2.05	3.19	1.79	1.59	64.3
4	<b>3</b>	THF	200	36	70	60	1.60	2.00	1.12	1.31	79.6
5	<b>3</b>	Tol	200	24	84	80	1.91	2.25	1.26	1.53	81.1
6	<b>3</b>	Tol	200	36	72	60	1.64	3.09	1.73	1.57	53.1

<sup>a</sup>Yield: weight of polymer obtained/weight of monomer used. <sup>b</sup>Mn(calc) =  $M_{\text{mono}} * [M]/[I] * \text{Conv.}$  <sup>c</sup>Measured by GPC relative to polystyrene standards. <sup>d</sup> Measured by GPC relative to standards with Mark-Houwink corrections for Mn (obsd) = 0.56 Mn (GPC) for  $\epsilon$ -caprolactone.