

## **Supporting Information**

### **Manganese catalyzed C–H functionalization of indoles with alkynes to synthesize bis/trisubstituted indolylalkenes and carbazoles: the acid is the key to control selectivity**

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## 1. General information

All solvents before use were dried and degassed by standard methods and stored under nitrogen. Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. N-2-pyridylindole, N-2-Pyrimidylpyrrole and N-2-Pyrimidylindoless used here were prepared according to the reported methods.<sup>1</sup> NMR spectra of the products were recorded using a Bruker Avance TM III spectrometer operating at 400 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H and 100 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C in CDCl<sub>3</sub> unless otherwise noted. High resolution mass spectrum (HRMS) were obtained on a Bruker Daltonics micro TOF-Q<sup>II</sup> spectrometer. High-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) analysis (acetonitrile/H<sub>2</sub>O = 75/25, 0.8 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm) was performed by Agilent 1260 Infinity with an Agilent ZORBAX C18 column using biphenyl as inner standard for product **4a**. Isolated yield was obtained by column chromatography (300-400 mesh), and Ethyl acetate/Petroleum ether was used as the eluent.

## 2. General procedure for Mn-catalyzed alkenylation of indoles with alkynes.

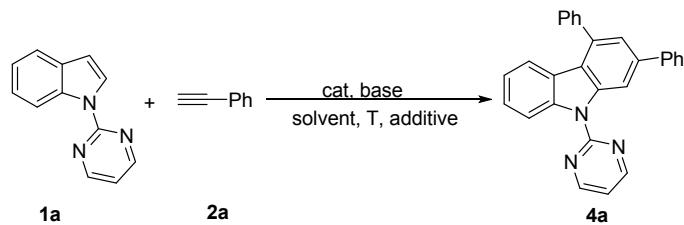
A flame-dried 50 mL Young-type tube with a magnetic stir bar was charged with N-2-pyrimidylindole (**1a**) (0.2 mmol), phenylacetylene (**2a**) (0.3 mmol), MnBr(CO)<sub>5</sub> (0.02 mmol), PhCO<sub>2</sub>H (0.04 mmol), N,N-diisopropylethylamine (DIPEA) (0.04 mmol) and diethyl ether (1.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred vigorously at 80 °C for 12 h under argon atmosphere. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was directly loaded onto a silica gel column to afford the desired product (**3aa**).

## 3. General procedure for the manganese-catalyzed addition of various indoles to phenylacetenes.

A flame-dried 50 mL Young-type tube with a magnetic stir bar was charged with N-2-pyrimidylindole (**1a**) (0.3 mmol), phenylacetylene (**2a**) (0.75 mmol), MnBr(CO)<sub>5</sub> (0.06 mmol), DIPEA (0.06 mmol) and diethyl ether (1.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred vigorously at 80 °C for 24 h under argon atmosphere. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was directly loaded onto a silica gel column to afford the desired product (**4a**).

## 4. Optimization of the reaction conditions for carbazole.

Table S1. Survey of the reaction parameters <sup>a</sup>



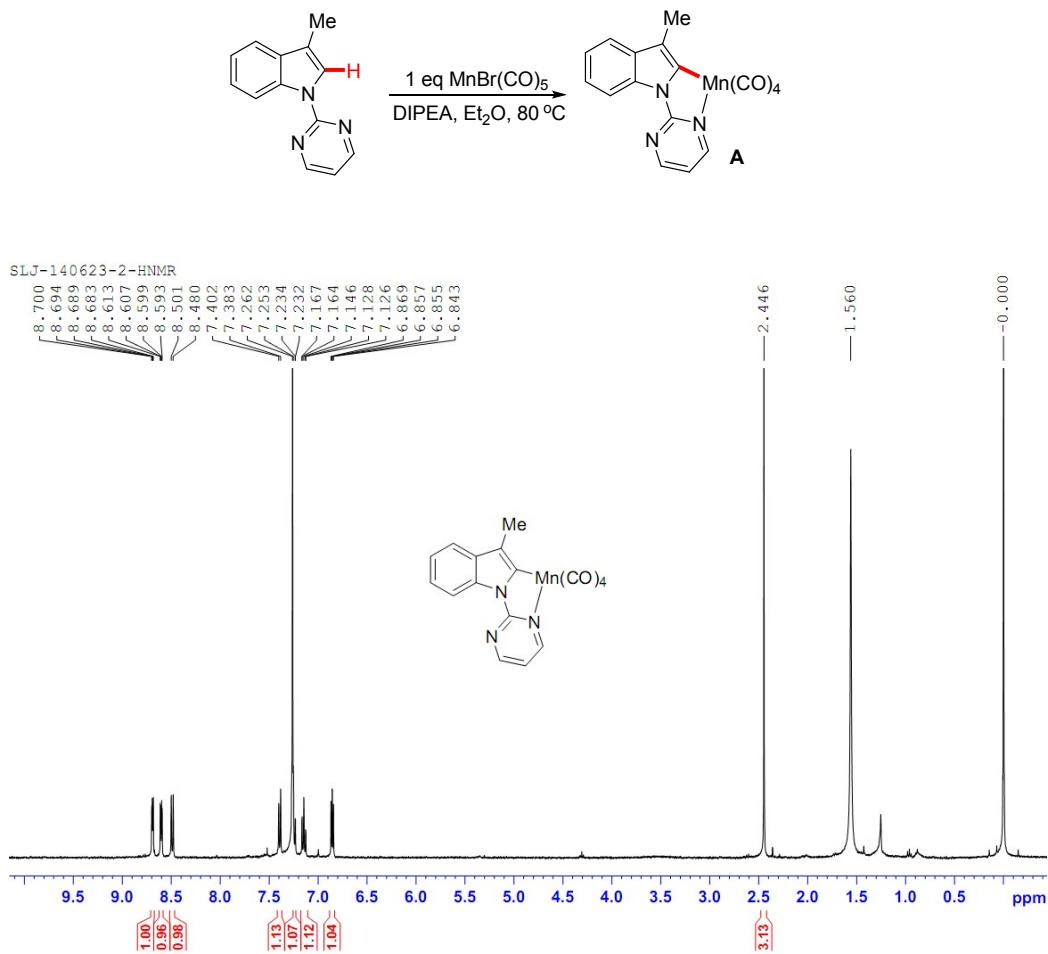
Entry	Base/Additive	Solvent	T(°C) /time	Yield(%) <sup>b/4</sup>
1	Et <sub>2</sub> NH	Et <sub>2</sub> O	100/6h	23.3
2	(Pr) <sub>2</sub> NH	Et <sub>2</sub> O	100/6h	13.3
3	Pyrrolidine	Et <sub>2</sub> O	100/6h	2.6

4	Piperidine	Et <sub>2</sub> O	100/6h	15.1
5	DBU	Et <sub>2</sub> O	100/6h	5.3
6	DABCO	Et <sub>2</sub> O	100/6h	21.3
7	Pyridine	Et <sub>2</sub> O	100/6h	15.2
8	DIPEA	Et <sub>2</sub> O	100/6h	29.8
9	NEt <sub>3</sub>	Et <sub>2</sub> O	100/6h	28.9
10	tBuOK	Et <sub>2</sub> O	100/6h	22.8
11	BuNH <sub>2</sub>	Et <sub>2</sub> O	100/6h	5.8
12	DIPEA	Et <sub>2</sub> O	100/6h	29.8
13	DIPEA	Toluene	100/6h	13.9
14	DIPEA	DMSO	100/6h	trace
15	DIPEA	DMAc	100/6h	2.96
16	DIPEA	Toluene	100/6h	6.8
17 <sup>c</sup>	DIPEA	Et <sub>2</sub> O	100/12h	35.8
18 <sup>d</sup>	DIPEA	Et <sub>2</sub> O	100/12h	36.6
19	DIPEA	Et <sub>2</sub> O	100/12h	37.2
20	DIPEA/TBAB	Et <sub>2</sub> O	100/12h	12
21	DIPEA/(PhCO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	Et <sub>2</sub> O	100/12h	25
22	DIPEA /Pyridine	Et <sub>2</sub> O	100/12h	14.1
23	DIPEA /(Ph) <sub>3</sub> P	Et <sub>2</sub> O	100/12h	18.1
24	DIPEA /(Py) <sub>2</sub>	Et <sub>2</sub> O	100/12h	12.9
25	DIPEA/4A	Et <sub>2</sub> O	100/12h	36.3
26	DIPEA/PhCO <sub>2</sub> H	Et <sub>2</sub> O	100/12h	7
27	DIPEA/Ag(TFA)	Et <sub>2</sub> O	100/12h	n.r.
28	DIPEA	Et <sub>2</sub> O	80/12h	38.7
29	DIPEA	Et <sub>2</sub> O	50/12h	n.r.
30 <sup>e</sup>	DIPEA	Et <sub>2</sub> O	80/12h	46(20)
31 <sup>e</sup>	DIPEA	Et <sub>2</sub> O	80/24h	58(29) <sup>67</sup>
32 <sup>e</sup>	DIPEA	Et <sub>2</sub> O	80/36h	(18)

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: 0.2 mmol of **1a**, 2.5equiv **2a**, 10% mol of MnBr(CO)<sub>5</sub>, 0.20 equiv DIPEA and PhCO<sub>2</sub>H, 1 mL of solvent, Argon atmosphere. <sup>b</sup>The yields were determined by HPLC analysis with biphenyl as an internal standard. <sup>c</sup> under the CO atmosphere. <sup>d</sup>under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. <sup>e</sup>20% mol of catalyst, recovery yields of **1a** in italics .

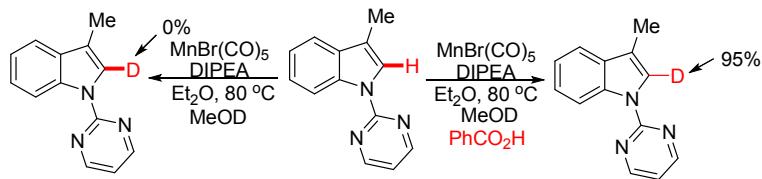
## 5. Procedure for the synthesis of Mn-complex A.

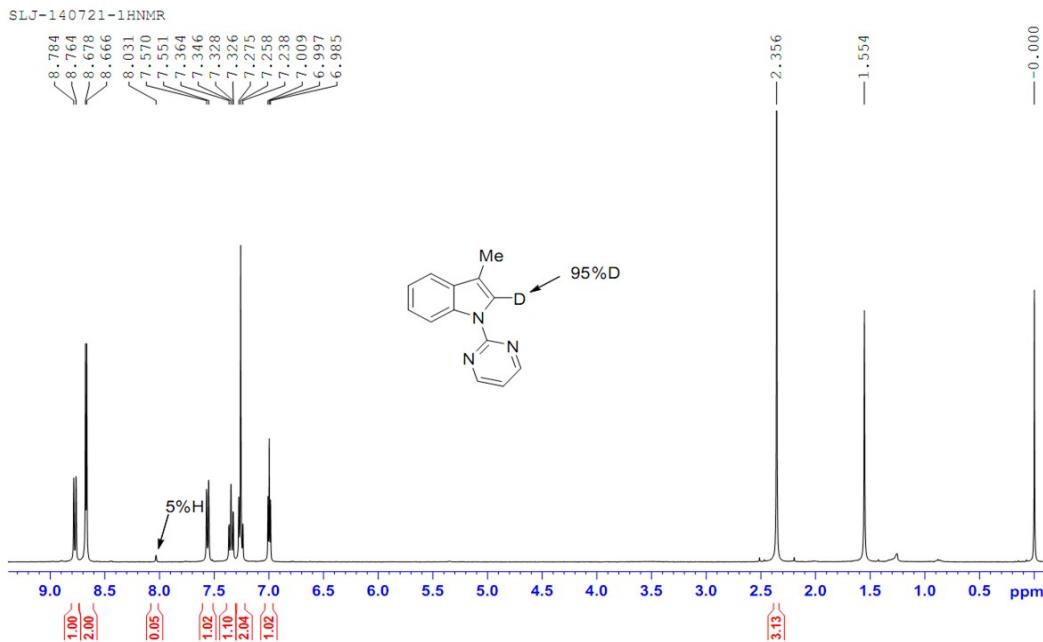
To a flame-dried Teflon-screw-capped tube was equipped with a magnetic stir bar. 3-methyl-N-2-pyrimidylindole (**1j**) (0.3 mmol), MnBr(CO)<sub>5</sub> (0.3 mmol) , DIPEA (0.36 mmol) were added to 2.0 mL diethyl ether under argon atmosphere. The closed tube was put into a pre-heated oil bath at 80 °C and stirred for 12 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was directly loaded onto a silica gel column to afford the five-membered manganacycle Mn-A.



## 6. Procedure for deuterium-labeling experiments and kinetic isotope effect (KIE) experiments.

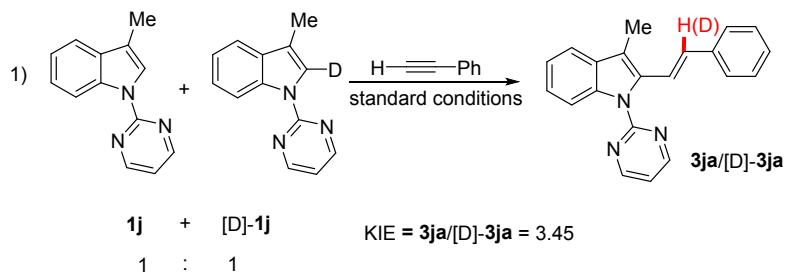
To a flame-dried Teflon-screw-capped tube was equipped with a magnetic stir bar. 3-methyl-N-2-pyrimidylindole (**1j**) (0.2 mmol), MeOD (0.3 mmol), MnBr(CO)<sub>5</sub> (0.06 mmol), DIPEA (0.06 mmol) and PhCO<sub>2</sub>H (0.06 mmol) were added to 1.0 mL diethyl ether under argon atmosphere. The closed tube was put into a pre-heated oil bath at 80 °C and stirred for 12 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was directly loaded onto a silica gel column to afford the deuterium-labeling product. Without the acid addition, all of **1a** was recovered.

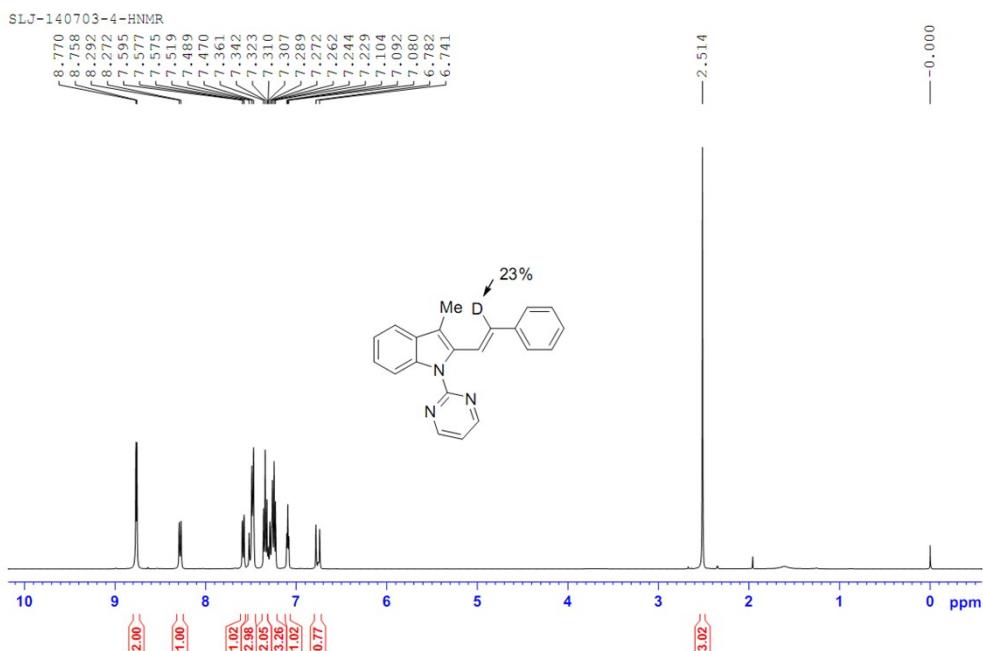




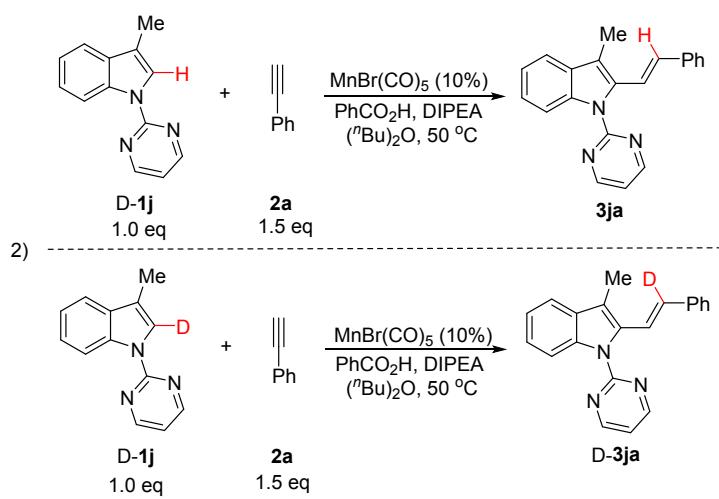
### Kinetic isotope effect (KIE) experiments:

1) To a flame-dried Teflon-screw-capped tube was equipped with a magnetic stir bar. 3-methyl-N-2-pyrimidylindole (**1j**) and D-3-methyl-N-2-pyrimidylindole (**D-1j**) (1:1) (0.2 mmol), phenylacetylene (0.1 mmol), MnBr(CO)<sub>5</sub> (0.06 mmol), DIPEA (0.06 mmol) and PhCO<sub>2</sub>H (0.06 mmol) were added to 1.0 mL diethyl ether under argon atmosphere. The closed tube was put into a pre-heated oil bath at 80 °C and stirred for 12 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was directly loaded onto a silica gel column to afford the deuterium-labeling product. The KIE value was determined by NMR.



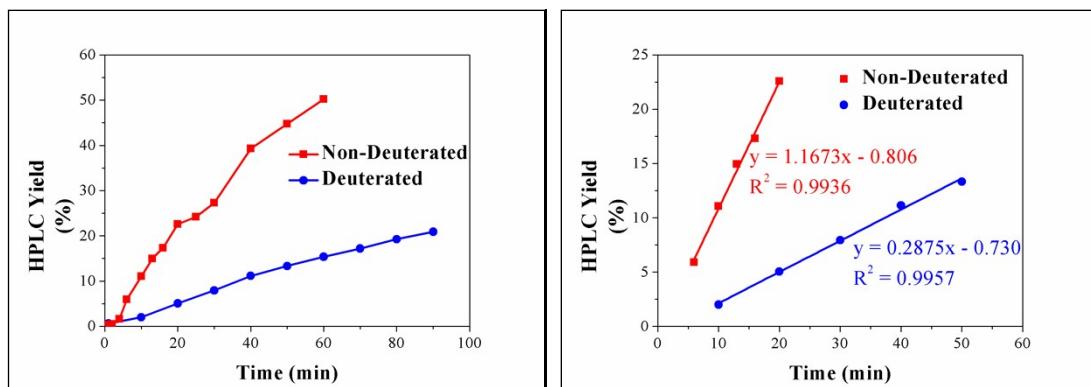


2) Two parallel reactions of **2a** with **1j** and D-**1j** respectively were performed to determine the corresponding KIE value. **1j** (0.2 mmol) and D-**1j** (0.2 mmol) were placed in a flame-dried Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar, respectively. Then to both tubes were added the same mixture of **2a** (0.3 mmol), MnBr(CO)<sub>5</sub> (0.06 mmol), DIPEA (0.06 mmol) and PhCO<sub>2</sub>H (0.06 mmol) in 2.0 mL 1-butoxybutane. The closed tube was put into a pre-heated oil bath at 50 °C under argon atmosphere. Each reaction was sampled at the following indicated points and analyzed by HPLC with the biphenyl as inner standard. And the results and curves are shown in the below.



Time (min)	1	2	4	6	10	13	16	20	25	30
HPLC yield of <b>3ja</b> (%)	0.34	0.50	1.61	5.92	11.0 7	14.95	17.32	22.58	24.18	27.31
Time (min)	40	50	60							
HPLC yield of <b>3ja</b>	39.32	44.73	50.22							

	(%)									
Time (min)	1	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
HPLC yield of D- <b>3ja</b> (%)	0.60	2.01	5.05	7.94	11.1 5	13.33	15.38	17.19	19.25	20.89



$$\text{KIE} = 1.167/0.288 = 4.05$$

Thus, the KIE value from the two parallel reactions was determined to be 4.05. So these two types of KIE values were measured by the above experiments indicated that the cleavage of the C–H bond might be the rate-determining step of the reaction.

## 7. GC analysis of the gas composition of the reaction and GC-MS analysis of the styrene.

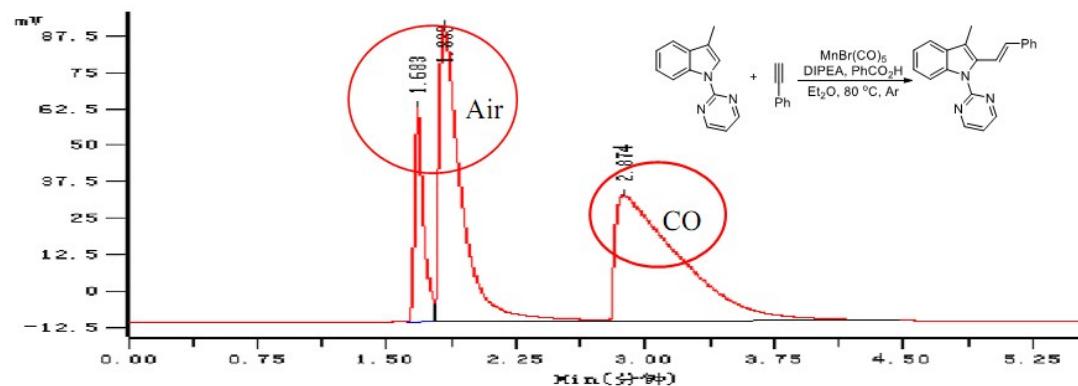
Experimental procedure:

**A)** In an oven-dried Schlenk tube under Ar atmosphere, a mixture of **1j** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.3 mmol), MnBr(CO)<sub>5</sub> (0.02 mmol), DIPEA (0.04 mmol) and PhCO<sub>2</sub>H (0.04 mmol) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (1 mL) was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h. When the reaction mixture cooled down to room temperature, the mixed gas of the reaction was taken using a syringe and GC analysis of the gas composition was carried out. There was only CO generated after the reaction, according to the GC spectrum of the mixture (Figure S1) and those of the corresponding standard samples (Figures S3 and S4). In addition, the styrene was not detected according to the GC-MS spectrum (Figure S5).

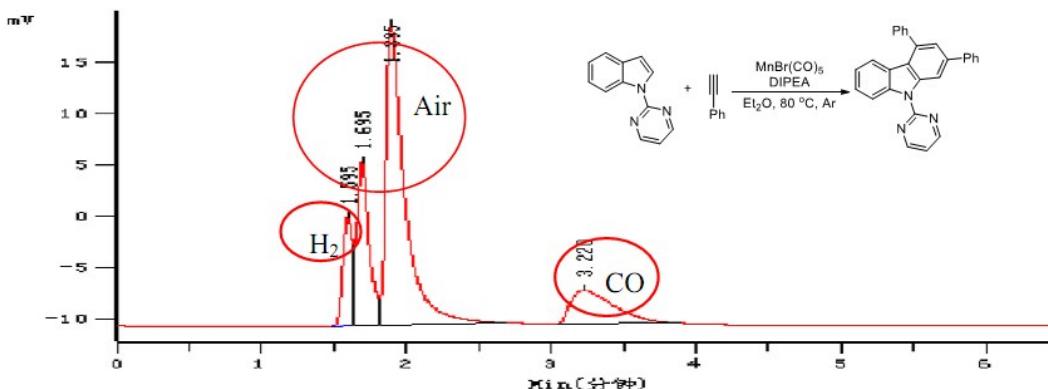
**B)** In an oven-dried Schlenk tube under Ar atmosphere, a mixture of **1j** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.3 mmol), MnBr(CO)<sub>5</sub> (0.04 mmol), DIPEA (0.04 mmol) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (1 mL) was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h. When the reaction mixture cooled down to room temperature, the mixed gas of the reaction was taken using a syringe and GC analysis of the gas composition was carried out. The H<sub>2</sub> combined with CO were generated after the reaction, according to the GC spectrum of the mixture (Figure S2). In figure S6, the definitely peak certificated that the styrene was generated in this process.

GC analysis of the gas composition

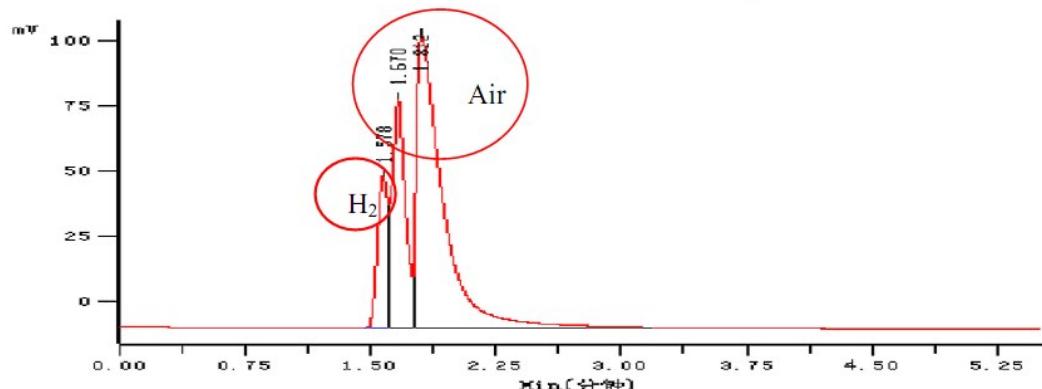
**Figure S1.** GC spectrum of the mixed gas (A)



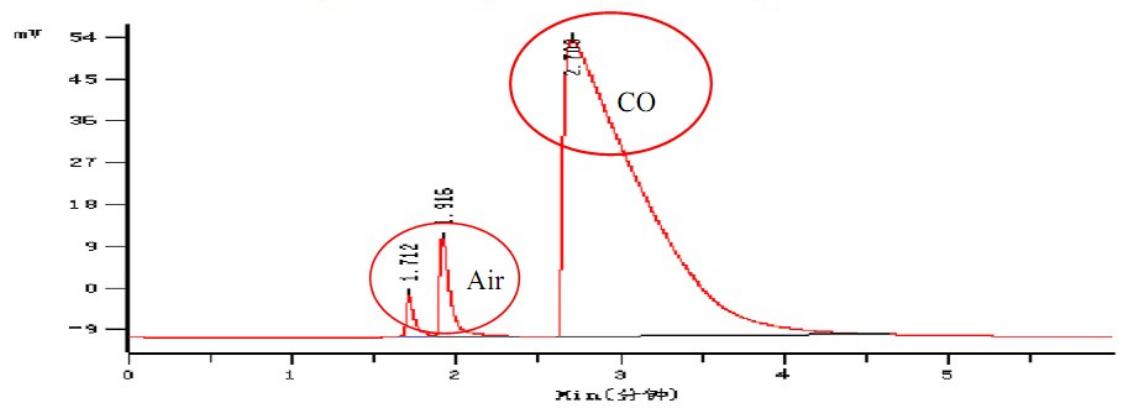
**Figure S2.** GC spectrum of the mixed gas (B)



**Figure S3.** GC spectrum of standard sample H<sub>2</sub>

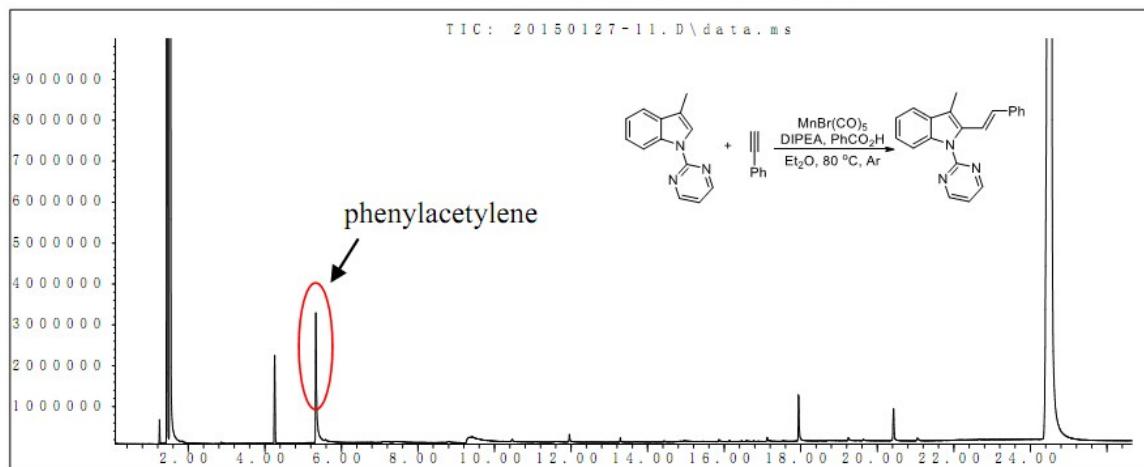


**Figure S4.** GC spectrum of standard sample CO

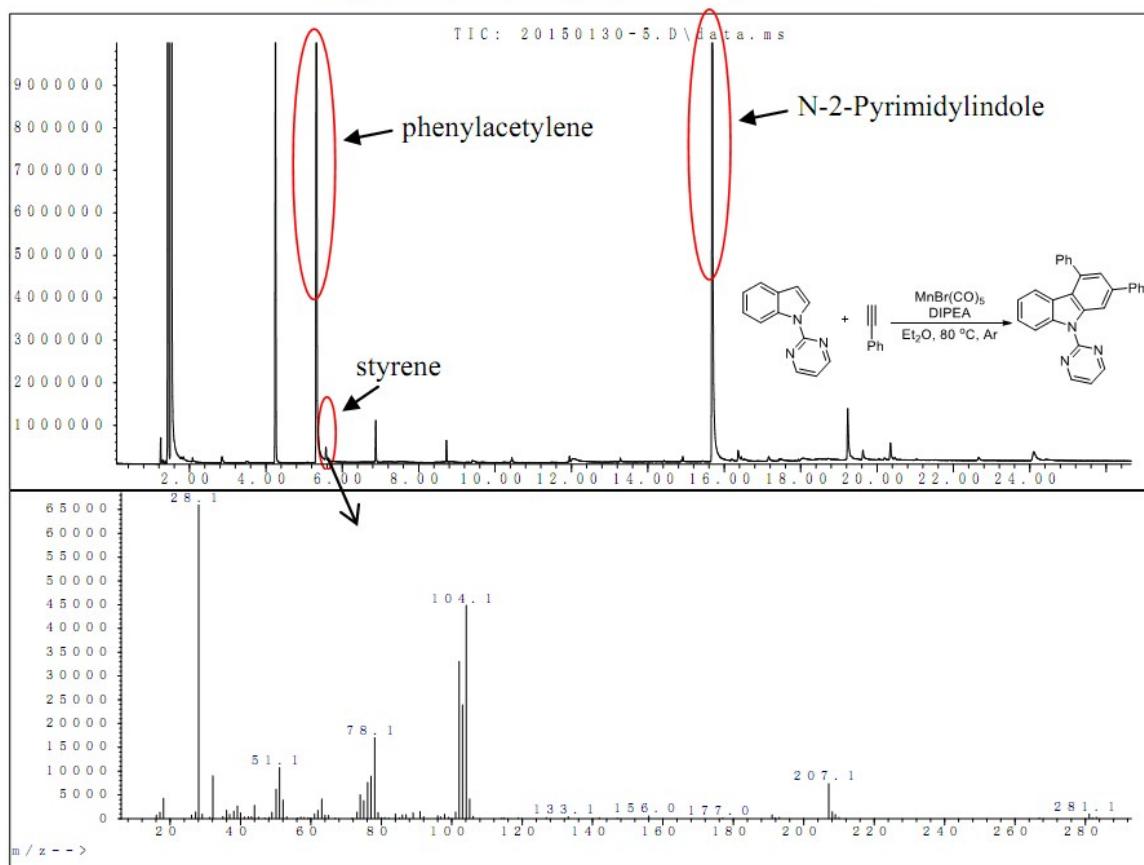


## GC-MS analysis of the styrene

**Figure S5.** GC-MS spectrum of experiment A

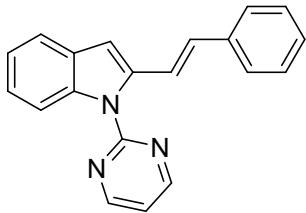


**Figure S6.** GC-MS spectrum of experiment B



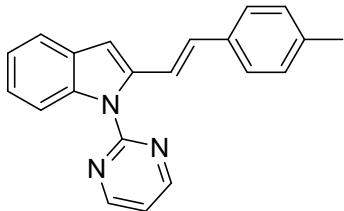
## 8. Characterization data for products.

(*E*)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-2-styryl-1*H*-indole (**3aa**)



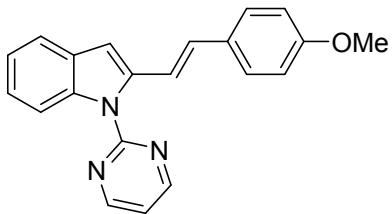
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 8.85 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.29 (d, *J* = 8.2, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.18-7.29 (m, 4H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 158.3, 158.2, 138.8, 137.5, 137.4, 129.6, 129.4, 128.6, 127.6, 126.6, 123.5, 122.3, 120.7, 120.4, 117.3, 114.0, 105.3. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]: 320.1158, found 320.1145.

(*E*)-2-(4-methylstyryl)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indole (**3ab**)



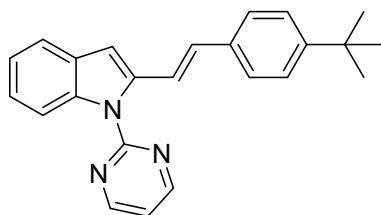
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 8.78 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 8.27 (d, *J* = 8.0, 1H), 7.58-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.19-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.10-7.14 (m, 4H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 158.3, 158.2, 139.1, 137.6, 137.4, 134.8, 129.7, 129.5, 129.4, 126.6, 123.4, 122.3, 120.3, 119.7, 117.3, 114.0, 105.0, 21.4. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]: 334.1315, found 334.1306.

(*E*)-2-(4-methoxystyryl)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indole (**3ac**)



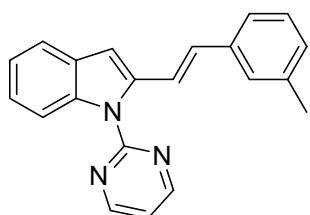
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.82 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 2H), 8.26 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.62(m, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.18-7.30(m, 2H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 159.4, 158.4, 158.2, 139.3, 137.4, 130.4, 129.6, 129.4, 128.0, 123.4, 122.4, 120.3, 118.5, 117.4, 114.2, 114.0, 104.8, 55.4. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> [M+H<sup>+</sup>]: 328.1444, found 328.1436.

(*E*)-2-(4-*tert*-butylstyryl)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indole (**3ad**)



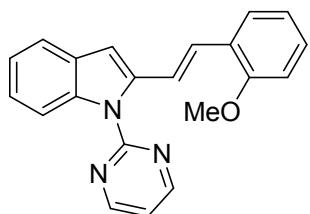
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 8.80 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.27 (d, *J* = 8.2, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 2H), 7.58-7.60 (m, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.19-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 1.33 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 158.4, 158.2, 150.9, 139.2, 137.4, 134.9, 129.64, 129.56, 126.5, 125.7, 123.5, 122.4, 120.4, 120.0, 117.3, 114.1, 105.1, 34.7, 31.4. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]: 376.1784, found 376.1773.

(*E*)-2-(3-methylstyryl)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indole (**3ae**)



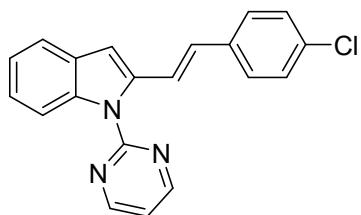
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 8.82 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 2H), 8.28 (d, *J* = 8.1, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.10-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 158.3, 158.1, 139.0, 138.2, 137.5, 137.4, 129.8, 129.4, 128.6, 128.5, 127.4, 123.8, 123.5, 122.3, 120.5, 120.4, 117.3, 114.0, 105.2, 21.5. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]: 334.1315, found 334.1300.

(*E*)-2-(2-methoxystyryl)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indole (**3af**)



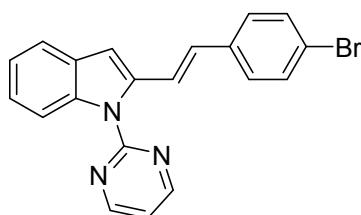
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 8.78 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.26 (d, *J* = 8.1, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 6.93 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 158.3, 158.2, 157.1, 139.6, 137.4, 129.6, 128.8, 126.74, 126.65, 124.6, 123.4, 122.3, 120.9, 120.8, 120.4, 117.3, 114.0, 111.1, 105.1, 55.6. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>ONa<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]: 350.1264, found 350.1272.

(*E*)-2-(4-chlorostyryl)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indole (**3ag**)



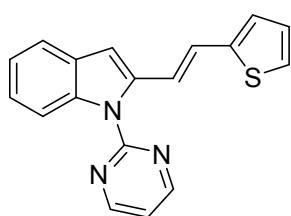
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 8.84 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.30 (d, *J* = 8.0, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.19-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 158.5, 158.2, 138.6, 137.5, 136.2, 133.3, 129.5, 128.9, 128.3, 127.9, 123.9, 122.6, 121.4, 120.6, 117.4, 114.2, 105.7. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]: 354.0768, found 354.0759.

(*E*)-2-(4-bromostyryl)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indole (**3ah**)



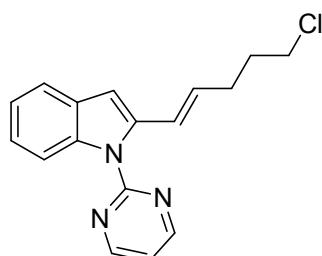
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 8.84 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.30 (d, *J* = 8.2, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.18-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 158.4, 158.2, 138.5, 137.5, 136.6, 131.9, 129.4, 128.3, 128.2, 123.9, 122.5, 121.5, 121.4, 120.5, 117.4, 114.2, 105.7. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]: 398.0263, found 398.0258.

(*E*)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-2-(2-(thiophen-2-yl)vinyl)-1*H*-indole (**3ai**)



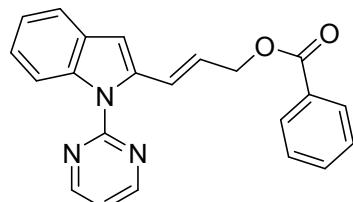
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 8.84 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 2H), 8.29 (d, *J* = 8.2, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.28 (m, 5H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.99-7.01 (m, 1H), 6.97 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 158.4, 158.2, 143.2, 138.4, 137.4, 129.5, 127.8, 126.2, 124.5, 123.7, 122.8, 122.5, 120.43, 120.36, 117.4, 114.1, 105.3. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>SNa<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]: 326.0722, found 326.0715.

(*E*)-2-(5-chloropent-1-enyl)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indole (**3aj**)



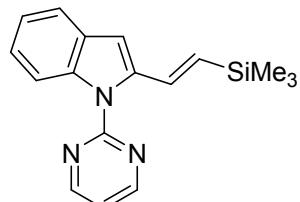
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 8.80 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.25 (d, *J* = 8.1, 1H), 7.55 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.26 (m, 3H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 6.19 (dt, *J* = 15.6, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (qd, *J* = 7.1, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 1.96 (p, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 158.3, 158.1, 138.8, 137.1, 130.0, 129.4, 123.7, 123.3, 122.3, 120.2, 117.3, 114.0, 104.8, 44.4, 31.9, 30.1. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]: 320.0925, found 320.0918.

(*E*)-3-(1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)allylbenzoate (**3ak**)



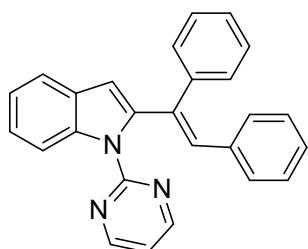
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.76 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 2H), 8.29 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.54-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 6.45 (dt, *J* = 15.6, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 166.5, 158.3, 158.1, 137.4, 137.3, 133.1, 130.4, 129.8, 129.2, 128.5, 126.2, 124.2, 123.8, 122.4, 120.6, 117.3, 114.3, 106.1, 65.5. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]: 378.1213, found 378.1210.

(*E*)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-2-(2-(trimethylsilyl)vinyl)-1*H*-indole (**3al**)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.80 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 2H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 19.1 Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.27 (m, 3H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 19.1 Hz, 1H), 0.15 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 158.3, 158.1, 140.2, 137.4, 135.3, 130.8, 129.2, 123.7, 122.3, 120.6, 117.4, 114.0, 105.7, -1.1. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>SiNa<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]: 316.1240, found 316.1237.

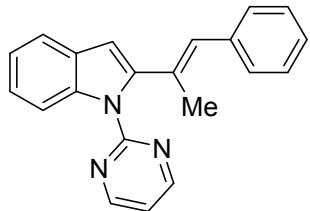
(*E*)-2-(1, 2-diphenylvinyl)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indole (**3am**)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.53 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 2H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.08-7.29 (m, 9H), 7.01-7.06 (m, 4H), 6.88 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ

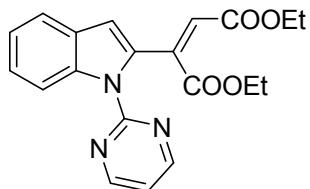
158.1, 157.6, 142.8, 138.6, 137.9, 137.2, 135.4, 130.5, 129.8, 128.9, 128.8, 128.0, 127.8, 127.3, 127.0, 123.9, 122.1, 120.7, 117.2, 112.9, 110.1. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calculated for  $C_{26}H_{19}N_3Na^+$  [M+Na $^+$ ]: 396.1471, found 396.1472.

**(E)-2-(1-phenylprop-1-en-2-yl)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indole (**3an**)**



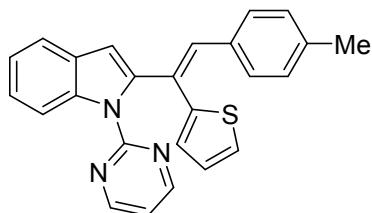
$^1H$  NMR (400 MHz, CDCl $_3$ )  $\delta$  8.77 (d,  $J$  = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.22 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz, 4H), 7.18-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.12 (dt,  $J$  = 4.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 2.10 (s, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (CDCl $_3$ , 100 MHz):  $\delta$  158.5, 158.4, 144.6, 138.0, 137.9, 131.4, 129.4, 129.3, 129.2, 128.3, 126.7, 123.6, 122.3, 120.6, 117.5, 113.4, 107.4, 19.3. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calculated for  $C_{21}H_{17}N_3Na^+$  [M+Na $^+$ ]: 334.1315, found 334.1298.

**Diethyl-2-(1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)maleate (**3ao**)**



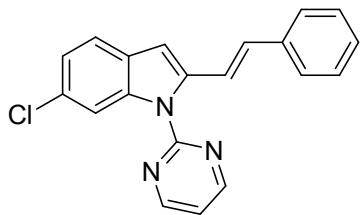
$^1H$  NMR (400 MHz, CDCl $_3$ )  $\delta$  8.77 (d,  $J$  = 8.5, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 8.65 (d,  $J$  = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.03 (t,  $J$  = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.70 (d,  $J$  = 0.6 Hz, 1H), 4.00-4.10 (m, 4H), 1.00 (dt,  $J$  = 7.1, 3.4 Hz, 6H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (CDCl $_3$ , 100 MHz):  $\delta$  166.0, 165.9, 157.9, 157.6, 138.7, 136.7, 132.1, 129.5, 127.0, 124.4, 122.5, 121.0, 116.35, 116.31, 111.5, 61.5, 60.9, 14.0, 13.9. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calculated for  $C_{20}H_{19}N_3O_4Na^+$  [M+Na $^+$ ]: 388.1268, found 388.1284.

**1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-2-(1-(thiophen-2-yl)-2-(p-tolyl)vinyl)-1*H*-indole (**3ap**)**



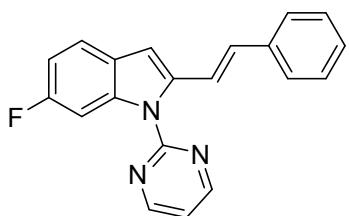
$^1H$  NMR (400 MHz, CDCl $_3$ )  $\delta$  8.62 (d,  $J$  = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.98 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 7.02 (dd,  $J$  = 5.0, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 6.99-6.95 (m, 3H), 6.90 (d,  $J$  = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 6.86-6.84 (m, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (CDCl $_3$ , 100 MHz):  $\delta$  158.2, 158.0, 142.8, 140.9, 138.4, 137.8, 135.0, 133.3, 130.5, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 126.4, 125.6, 123.8, 122.2, 122.1, 120.7, 117.4, 112.8, 109.9, 21.5. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calculated for  $C_{25}H_{19}N_3SNa^+$  [M+Na $^+$ ]: 416.1192, found 416.1209.

*(E)*-6-chloro-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-2-styryl-1*H*-indole (**3ba**)



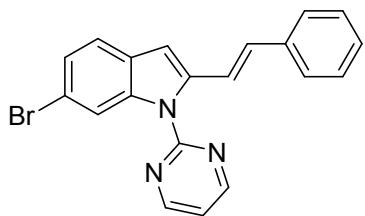
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 8.80 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.35 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 16.2, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 3H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.23-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 158.4, 157.8, 139.6, 137.6, 137.3, 130.1, 129.2, 128.7, 127.9, 127.8, 126.7, 122.9, 121.0, 120.4, 117.6, 114.4, 104.9. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]: 354.0768, found 354.0754.

*(E)*-6-fluoro-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-2-styryl-1*H*-indole (**3ca**)



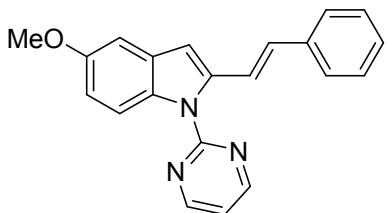
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 8.83 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.09 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 16.2, 1H), 7.48-7.52 (m, 3H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (m, 1H), 6.96 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 161.9, 159.5, 158.5, 158.1, 139.6, 139.5, 137.62, 137.56, 137.5, 129.5, 128.8, 127.8, 126.8, 125.9, 121.0, 120.9, 120.8, 117.5, 111.0, 110.8, 105.2, 101.8, 101.5. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]: 338.1064, found 338.1067.

*(E)*-6-bromo-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-2-styryl-1*H*-indole (**3da**)



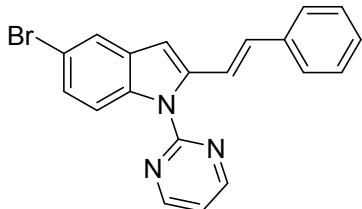
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 8.80 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 2H), 8.5 (s, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 16.2, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.24-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 158.5, 157.9, 139.6, 138.0, 137.4, 130.3, 128.8, 128.3, 127.9, 126.8, 125.7, 121.4, 120.4, 117.7, 117.3, 117.1, 105.0. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]: 398.0263, found 398.0252.

*(E)*-5-methoxy-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-2-styryl-1*H*-indole (**3ea**)



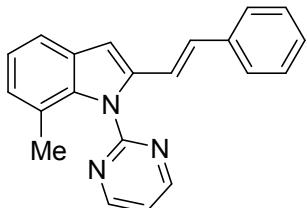
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 8.77 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.22-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.09-7.14 (m, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 6.90 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 158.3, 158.2, 155.8, 139.5, 137.6, 132.4, 130.2, 129.5, 128.7, 127.7, 126.7, 121.0, 117.1, 115.3, 112.9, 105.3, 102.3, 55.8. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> [M+H<sup>+</sup>]: 328.1444, found 328.1433.

(*E*)-5-bromo-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-2-styryl-1*H*-indole (**3fa**)



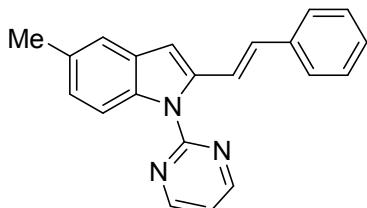
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 8.85 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.19 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.32-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.26-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 158.5, 158.0, 140.2, 137.4, 136.1, 131.3, 130.7, 128.8, 128.0, 126.9, 126.3, 122.9, 120.4, 117.7, 115.8, 115.7, 104.4. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]: 398.0263, found 398.0252.

(*E*)-7-methyl-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-2-styryl-1*H*-indole (**3ga**)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.84 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.18-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.07-7.12 (m, 3H), 6.97-6.98 (m, 2H), 1.93 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 158.9, 158.6, 139.6, 137.5, 137.2, 131.0, 129.8, 128.7, 127.8, 126.6, 126.0, 122.1, 121.9, 119.6, 118.7, 118.0, 102.9, 20.0. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H<sup>+</sup>]: 312.1495, found 312.1489.

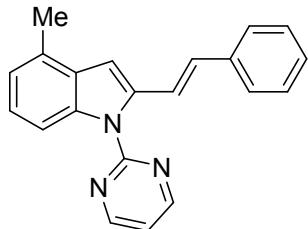
(*E*)-5-methyl-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-2-styryl-1*H*-indole (**3ha**)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.74 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.19 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.18-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.02 -7.15 (m, 3H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 158.3, 158.2, 138.9, 137.6, 135.7, 131.7,

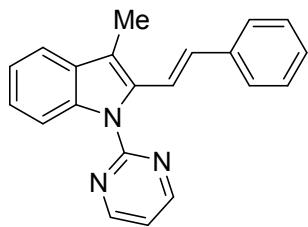
129.7, 129.3, 128.7, 127.6, 126.7, 125.1, 121.0, 120.2, 117.0, 114.0, 105.2, 21.4. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]: 334.1315, found 334.1304.

(E)-4-methyl-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-2-styryl-1H-indole (**3ia**)



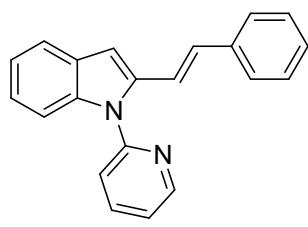
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.79 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 2H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.11-7.25 (m, 4H), 7.01-7.04 (m, 2H), 2.58 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 158.4, 158.2, 138.3, 137.7, 137.2, 129.8, 129.4, 129.1, 128.7, 127.6, 126.7, 123.7, 122.7, 120.8, 117.3, 111.6, 103.8, 18.8. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]: 334.1315, found 334.1306.

(E)-3-methyl-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-2-styryl-1H-indole (**3ja**)



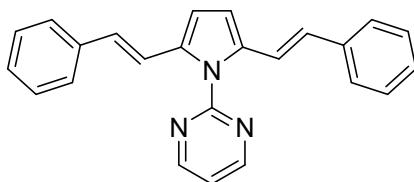
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.80 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.29 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.52 (m, 3H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.23-7.32 (m, 4H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 158.5, 158.4, 137.9, 136.7, 134.0, 131.3, 130.0, 128.8, 127.6, 126.5, 124.1, 122.0, 120.8, 118.9, 117.0, 115.8, 113.8, 10.7. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]: 334.1315, found 334.1299.

(E)-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-2-styryl-1H-indole (**3ka**)



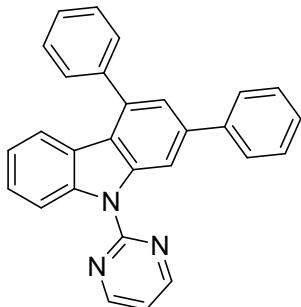
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.72-8.73 (m, 1H), 7.88 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.64 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.39-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.29-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.15-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 151.4, 149.7, 138.4, 138.2, 137.9, 137.2, 130.6, 128.7, 127.8, 126.6, 123.0, 122.1, 121.6, 121.5, 120.6, 118.4, 111.0, 102.4. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H<sup>+</sup>]: 297.1386, found 297.1382.

2-(2, 5-distyryl-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)pyrimidine (**3la**)



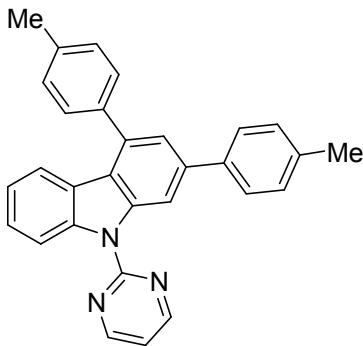
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.91 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.37 (m, 5H), 7.25-7.3 (m, 4H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 158.8, 157.6, 138.0, 134.6, 128.7, 127.2, 127.1, 126.3, 119.2, 118.8, 109.9. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]: 372.1471, found 372.1457.

**2, 4-diphenyl-9-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-9H-carbazole (4a)**



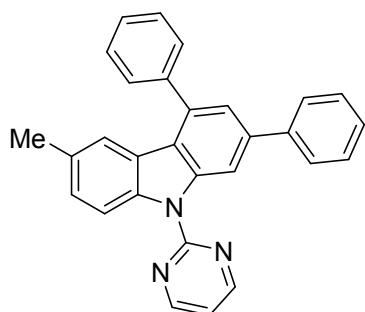
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.09 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.87 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.76 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.76-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.63-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.57 (m, 8H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.06-7.10 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 159.2, 158.2, 142.0, 141.2, 140.2, 140.0, 139.5, 137.5, 129.5, 128.9, 128.7, 127.8, 127.3, 126.4, 125.2, 123.7, 122.4, 122.1, 122.0, 116.5, 115.5, 113.4. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]: 420.1471, found 420.1455.

**9-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-2, 4-diphenyl-9H-carbazole (4b)**



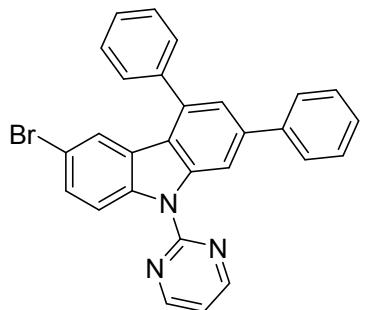
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.05 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.84 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.76 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.06-7.13 (m, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 159.2, 158.1, 140.2, 139.9, 139.4, 139.2, 138.3, 137.5, 137.4, 137.0, 129.6, 129.3, 127.6, 126.3, 125.4, 123.6, 122.2, 122.1, 121.9, 116.4, 115.5, 113.0, 21.5, 21.3. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]: 448.1784, found 448.1784.

**6-methyl-2, 4-diphenyl-9-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-9H-carbazole (4c)**



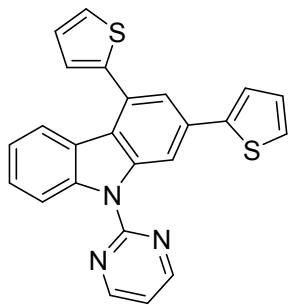
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.11 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.84 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.67 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.76-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.63-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.57 (m, 3H), 7.45-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.34-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.21-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.10-7.12 (m, 2H), 2.28 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 159.2, 158.1, 142.1, 141.2, 140.4, 139.3, 138.2, 137.4, 131.3, 129.5, 128.8, 128.6, 127.8, 127.6, 127.2, 125.4, 123.6, 122.4, 122.2, 116.2, 115.4, 113.5, 21.6. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]: 434.1628, found 434.1629.

#### 6-bromo-2,4-diphenyl-9-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-9H-carbazole (4d)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.09 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.85 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 2H), 8.68 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.75-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.53-7.62 (m, 5H), 7.46-7.50 (m, 4H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 4.82 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 158.9, 158.2, 141.8, 140.5, 140.4, 140.2, 138.7, 137.7, 129.3, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.2, 127.8, 127.5, 127.1, 124.6, 123.9, 121.3, 117.2, 116.7, 115.0, 113.6. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>BrNa<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]: 498.0576, found 498.0560.

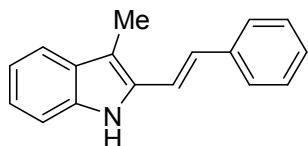
#### 9-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-2,4-di(thiophen-2-yl)-9H-carbazole (4e)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.15 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.86 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 2H), 8.77 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.29-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.10-7.16 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 159.0, 158.1, 145.1, 141.5, 140.0, 132.3, 129.5, 128.2, 127.5, 127.3, 126.7, 126.1, 125.04, 125.00, 123.8, 123.71,

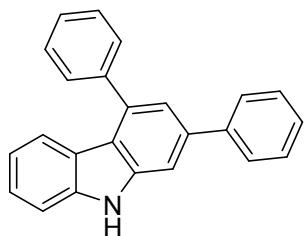
123.69, 122.3, 122.0, 116.6, 115.7, 113.2. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calculated for  $C_{24}H_{15}N_3S_2Na^+$  [ $M+Na^+$ ]: 432.0600, found 432.0600.

(E)-3-methyl-2-styryl-1H-indole (**5a**)



$^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.00 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.08-7.11 (m, 1H), 6.74 (d,  $J = 16.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 100 MHz):  $\delta$  137.3, 136.6, 132.4, 129.8, 128.9, 127.6, 126.3, 125.7, 123.3, 119.6, 119.1, 117.3, 112.8, 110.5, 8.9. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calculated for  $C_{17}H_{15}NNa^+$  [ $M+Na^+$ ]: 256.1097, found 256.1090.

2, 4-diphenyl-9H-carbazole (**6a**)

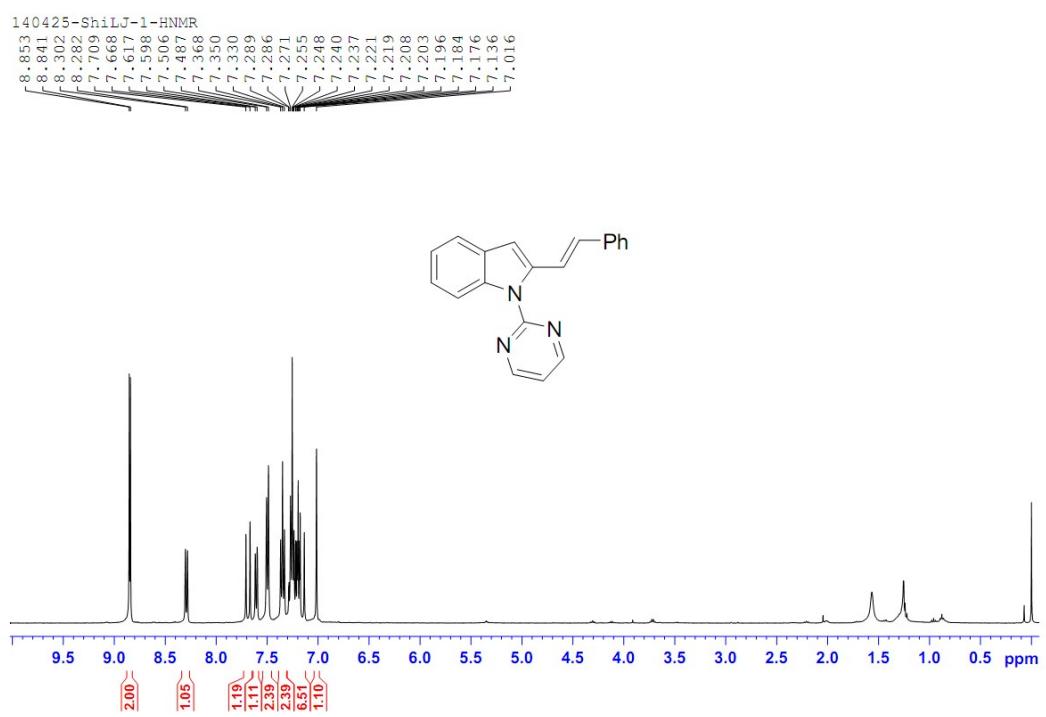


$^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.16 (s, 1H), 7.66-7.72 (m, 4H), 7.58 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.56 (m, 6H), 7.32-7.29 (m, 4H), 6.97-7.01 (m, 1H).  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 100 MHz):  $\delta$  141.7, 141.3, 140.6, 140.3, 139.1, 138.0, 129.4, 128.9, 128.6, 127.8, 127.6, 127.3, 125.9, 122.8, 123.7, 122.5, 121.0, 119.3, 110.6, 108.1. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calculated for  $C_{24}H_{17}NNa^+$  [ $M+Na^+$ ]: 342.1253, found 342.1240.

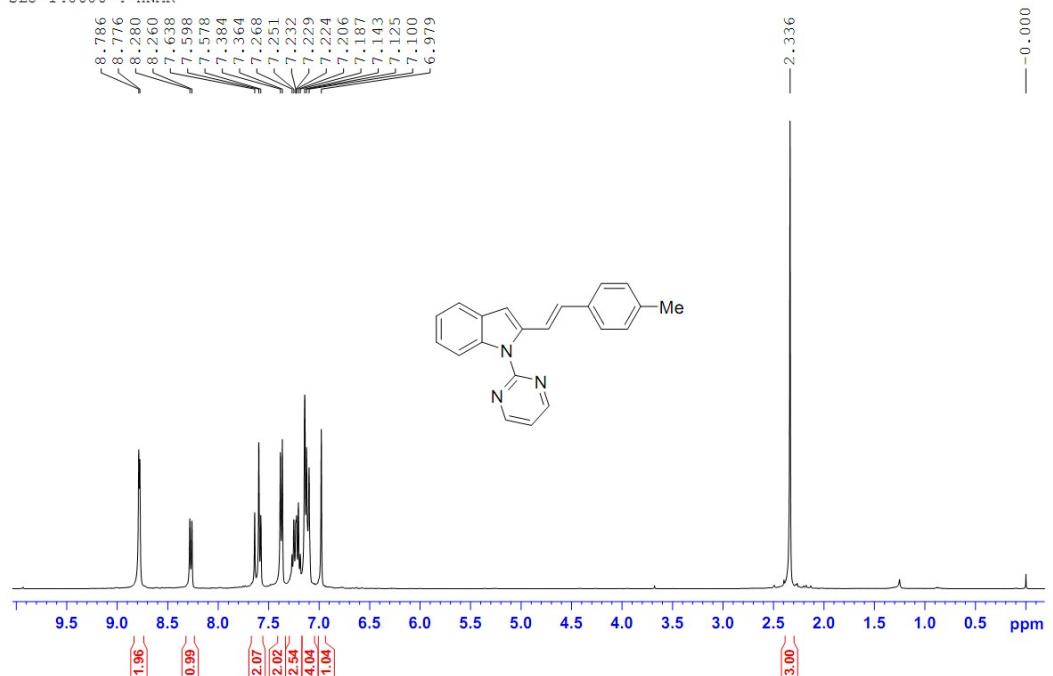
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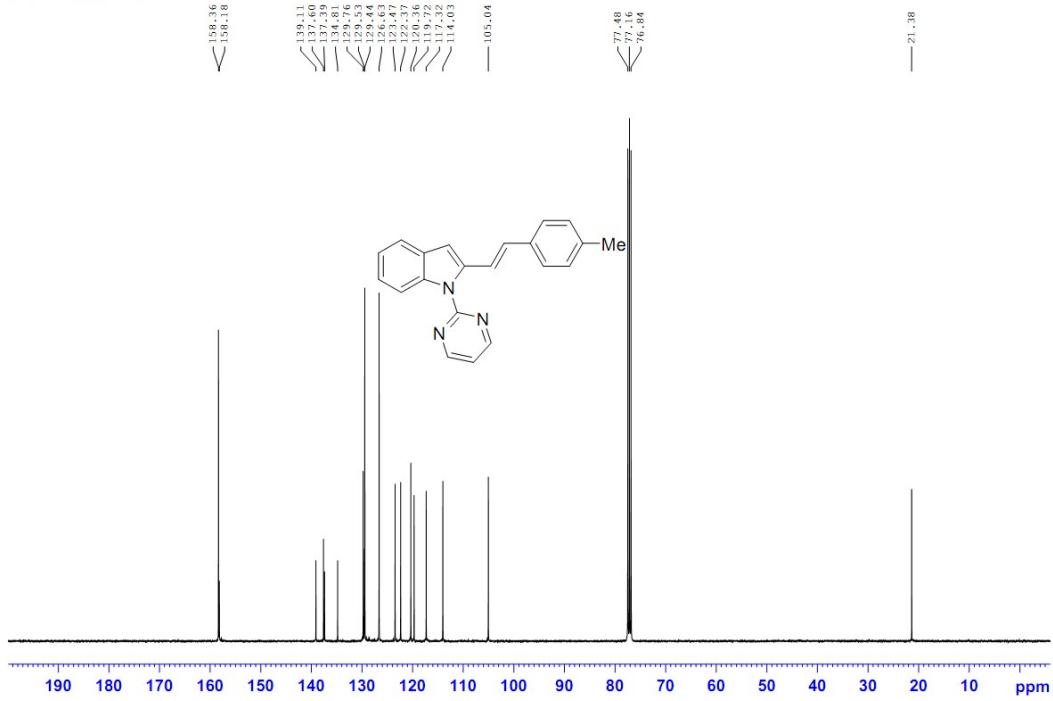
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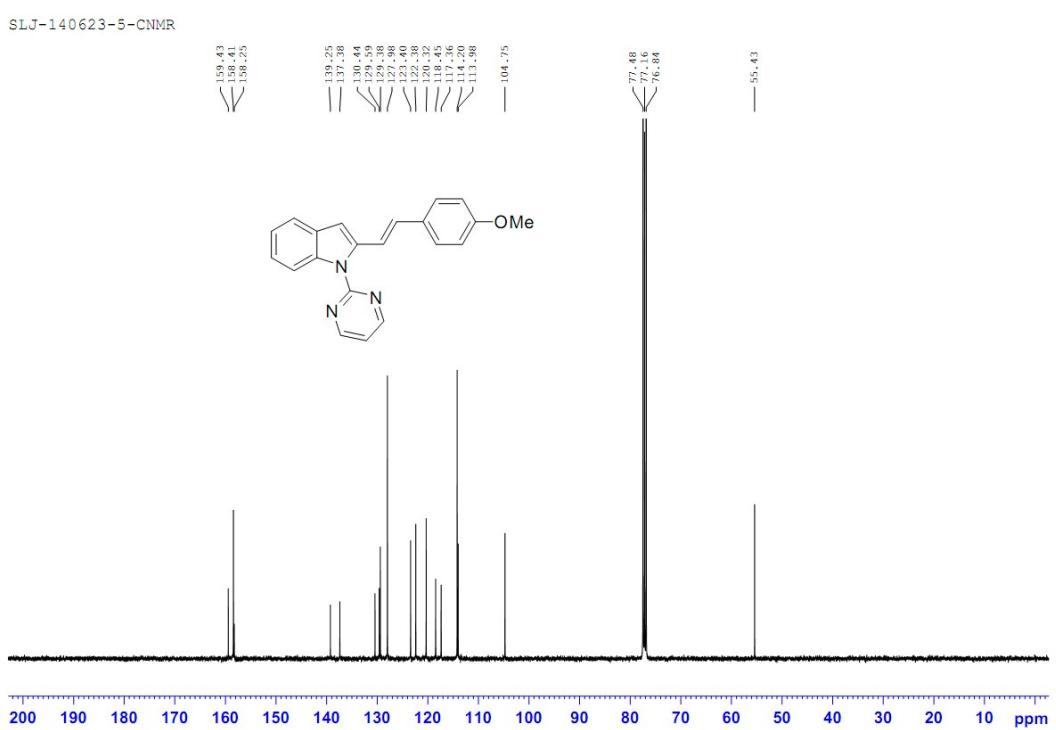
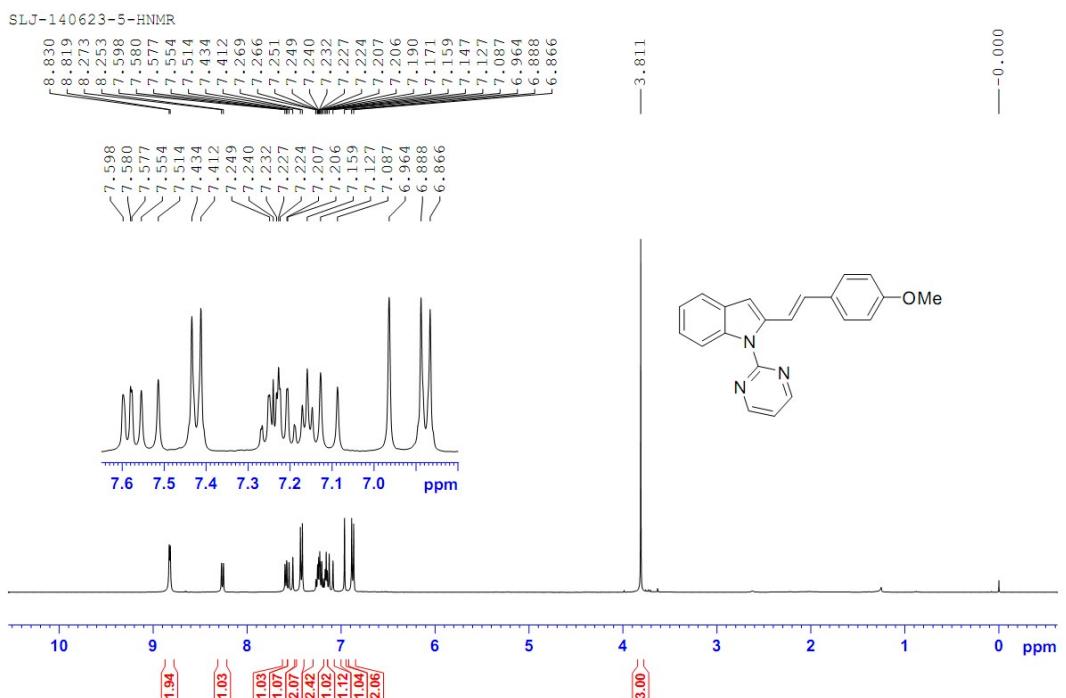


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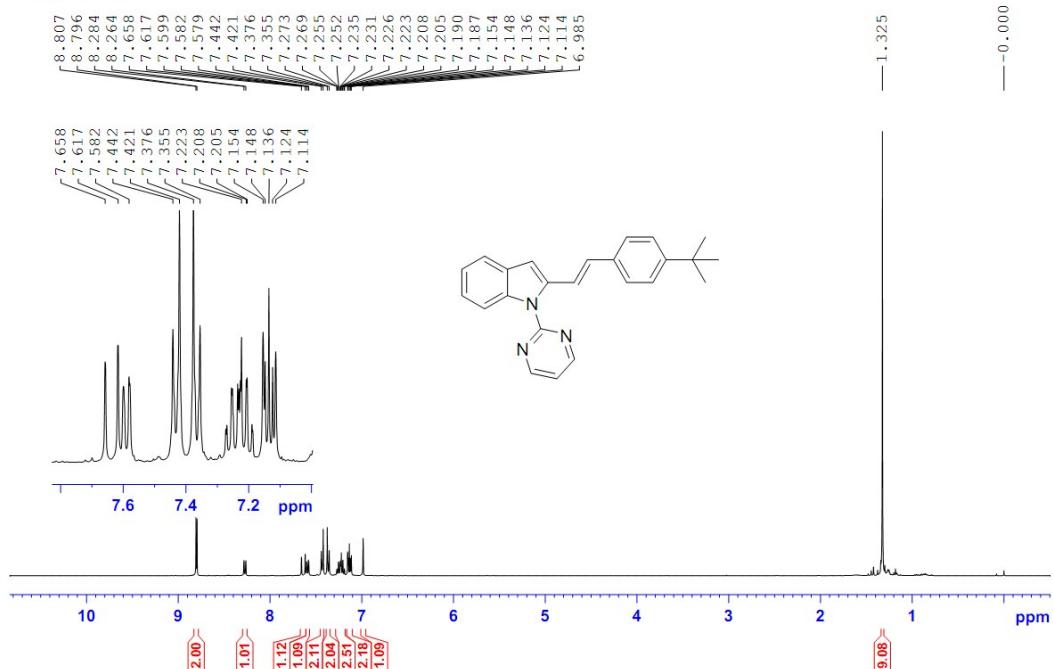


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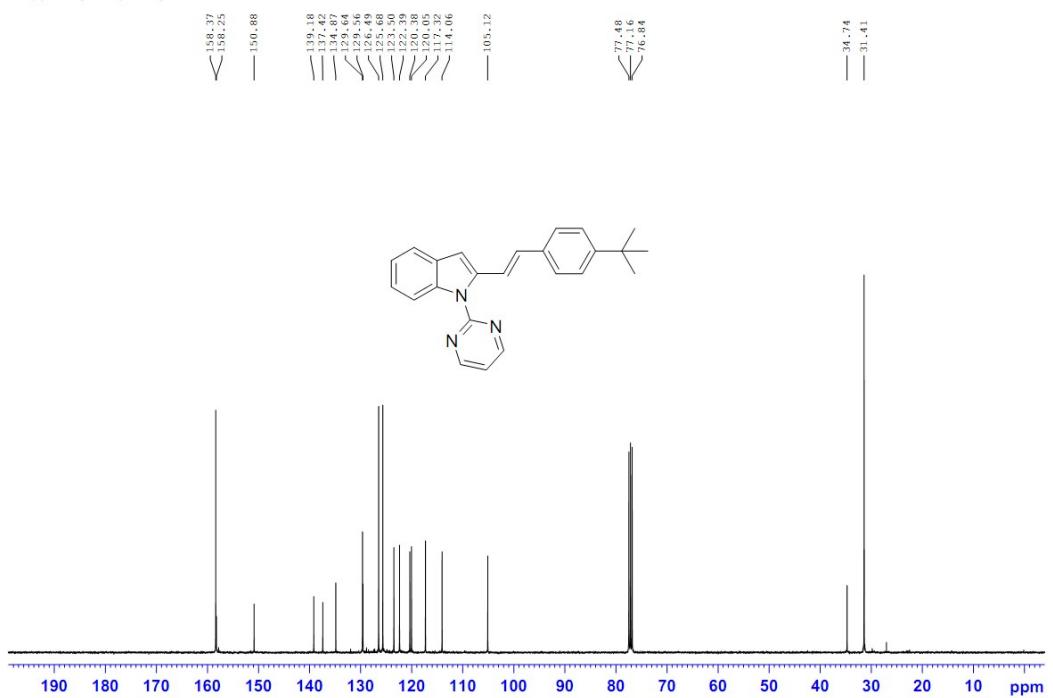


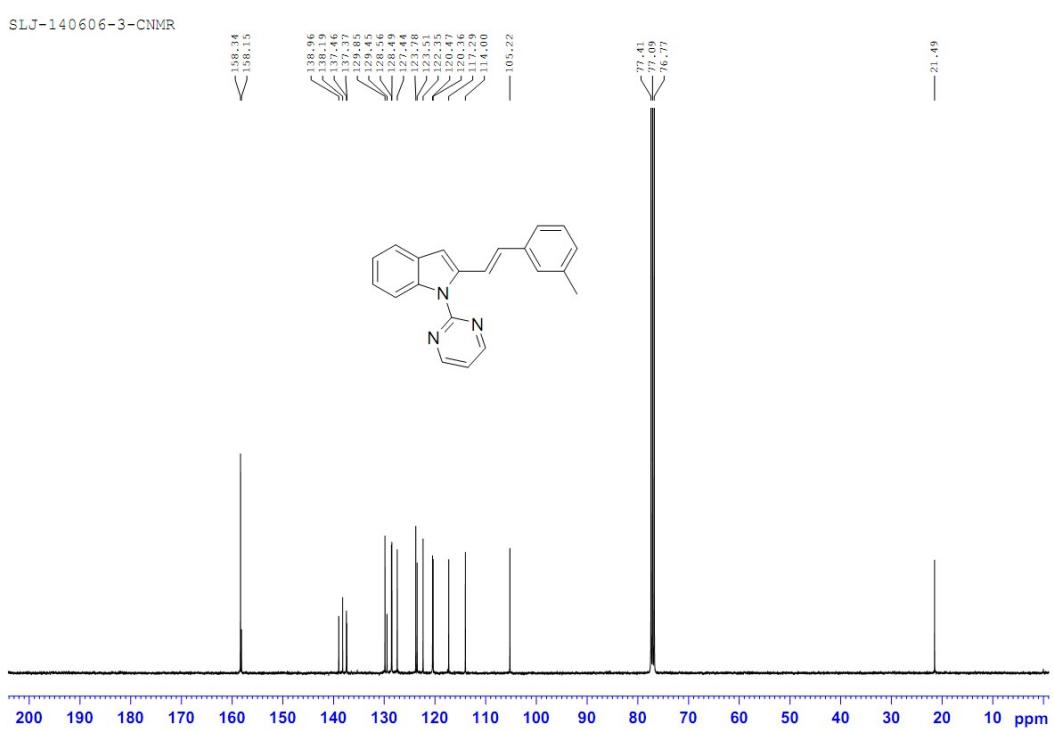
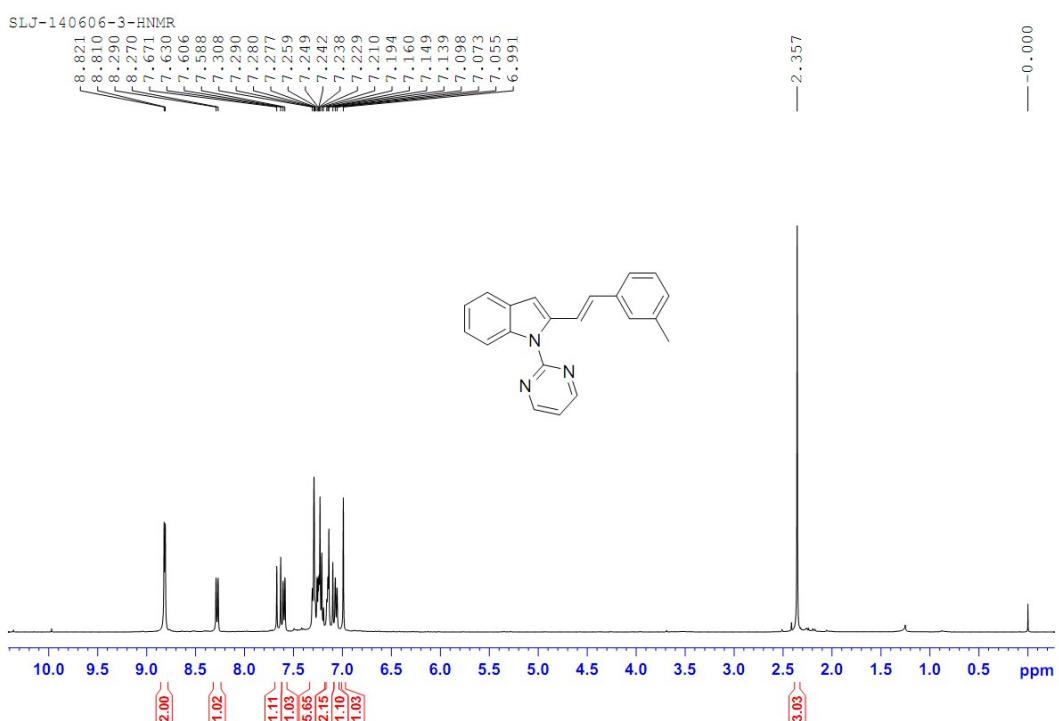


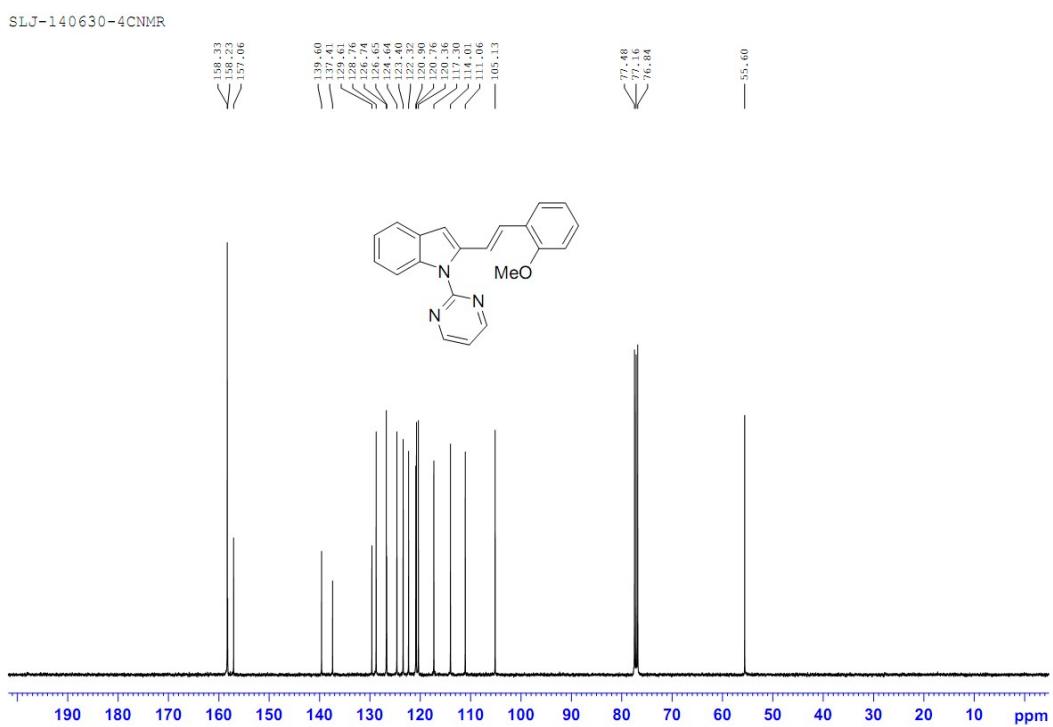
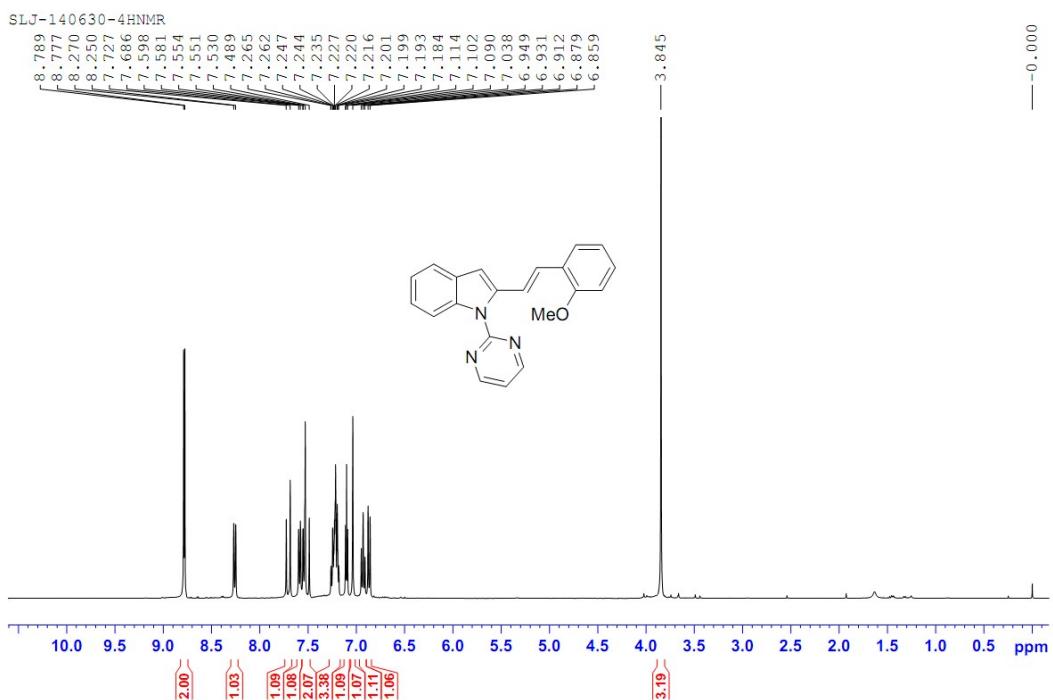
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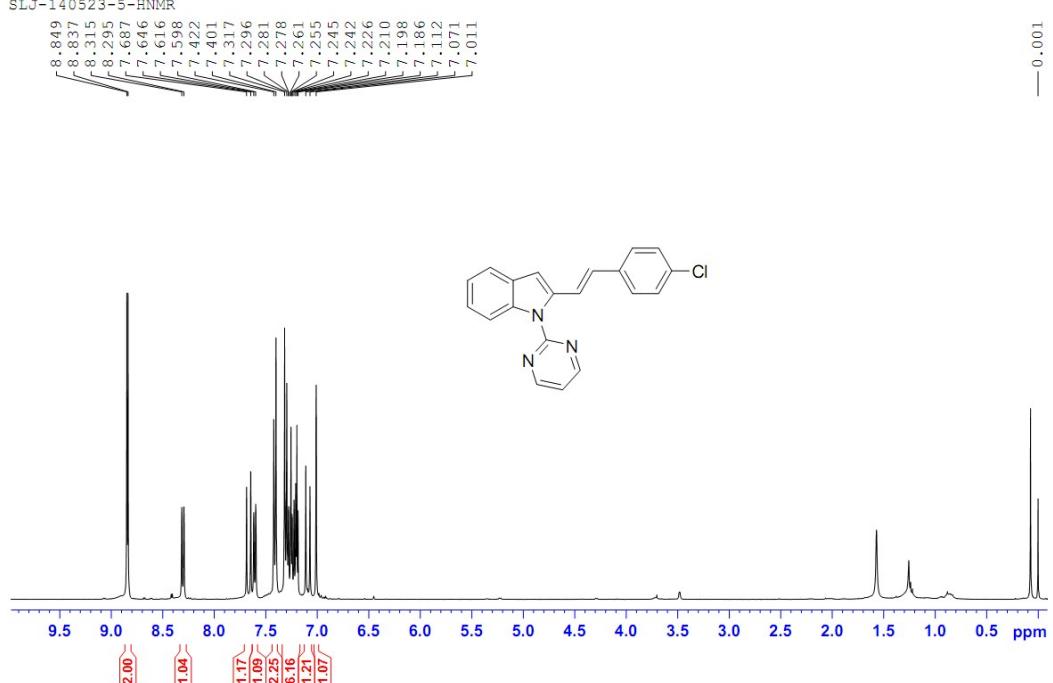
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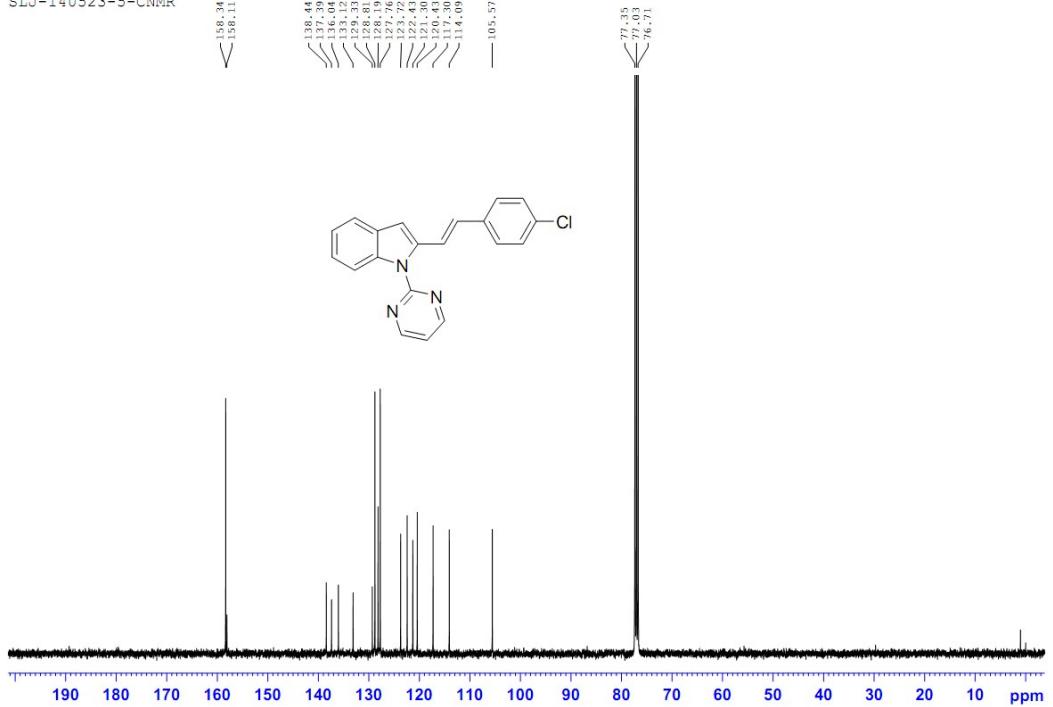


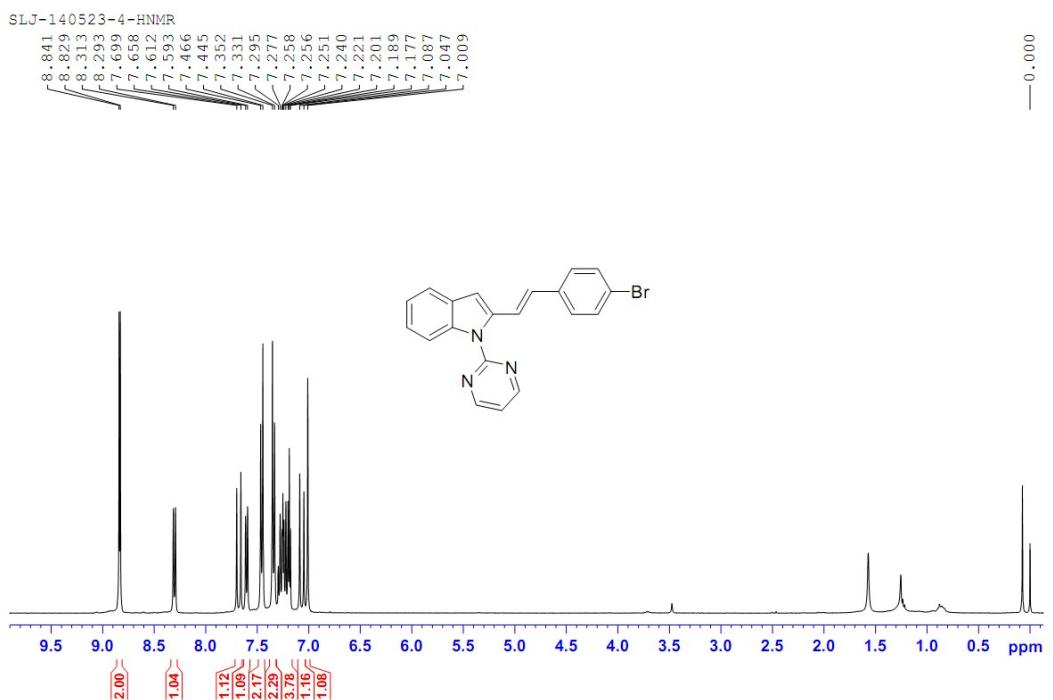


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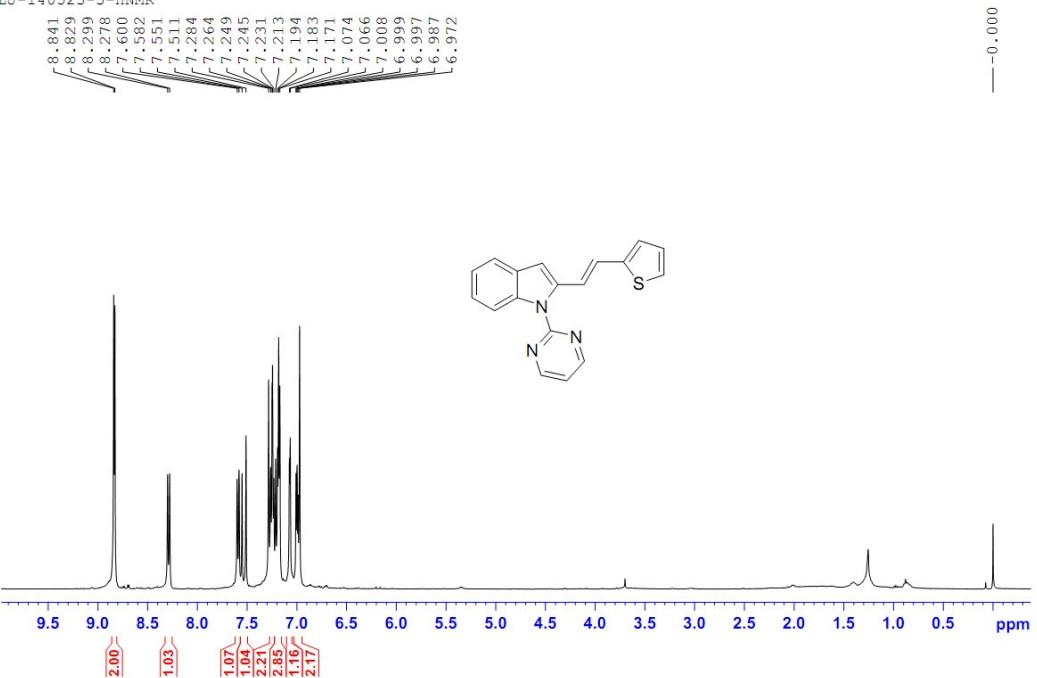


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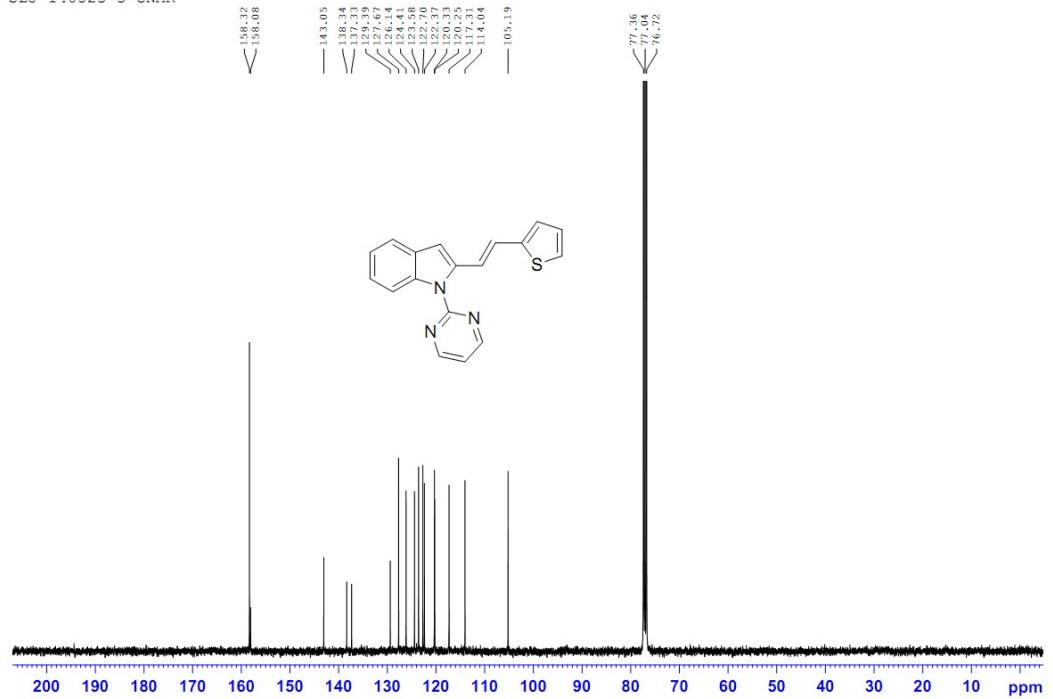


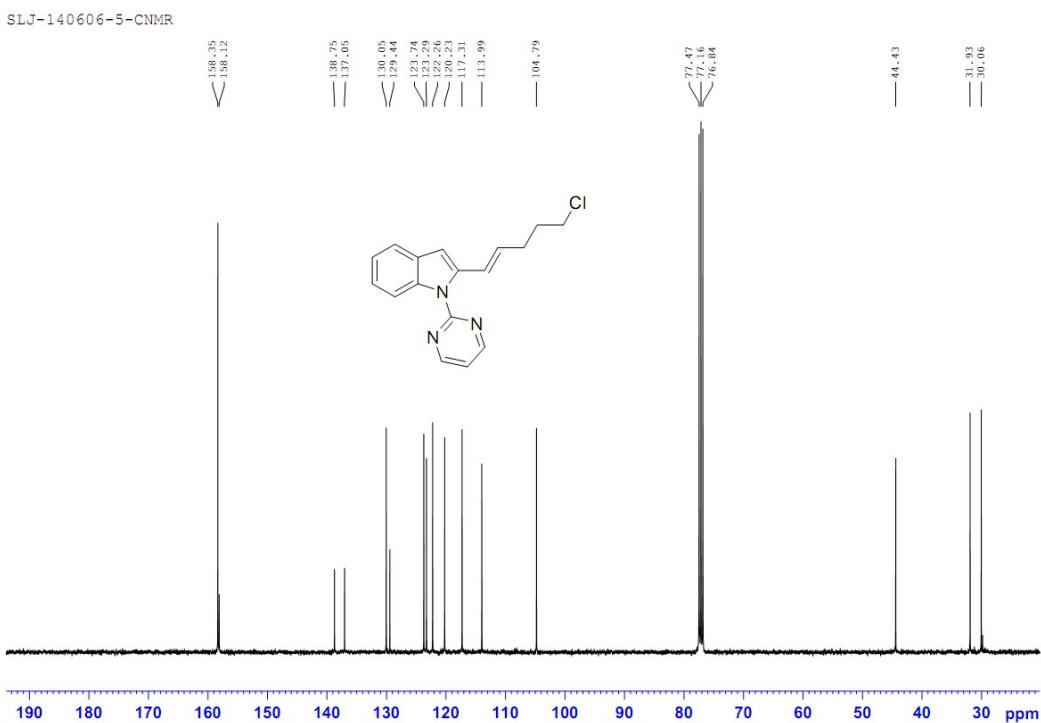
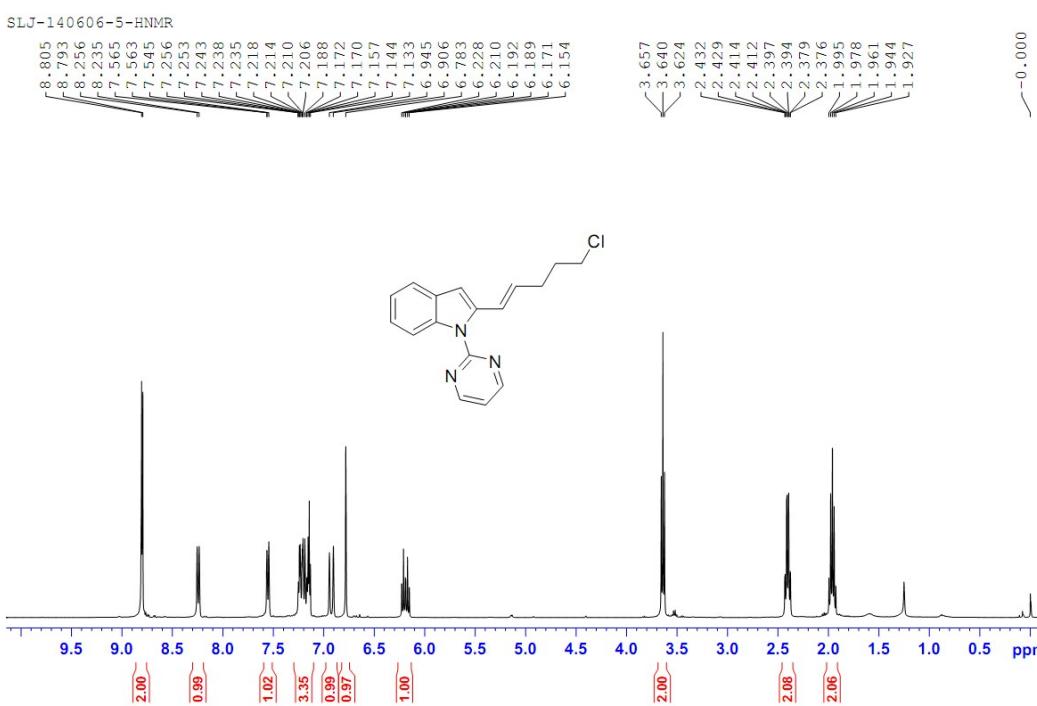


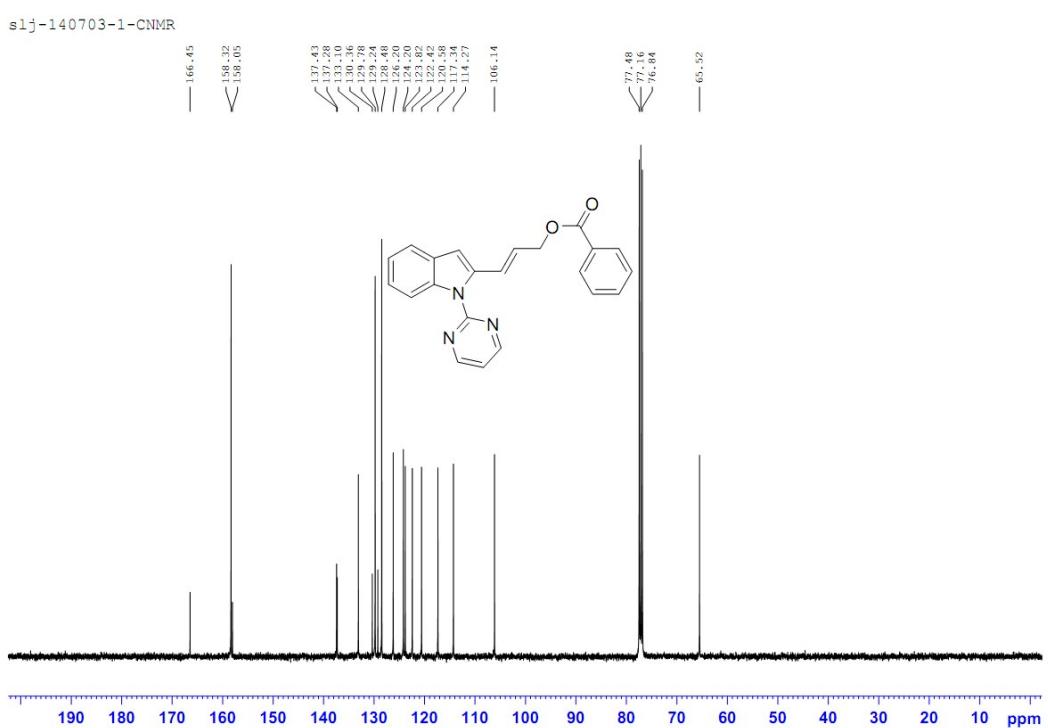
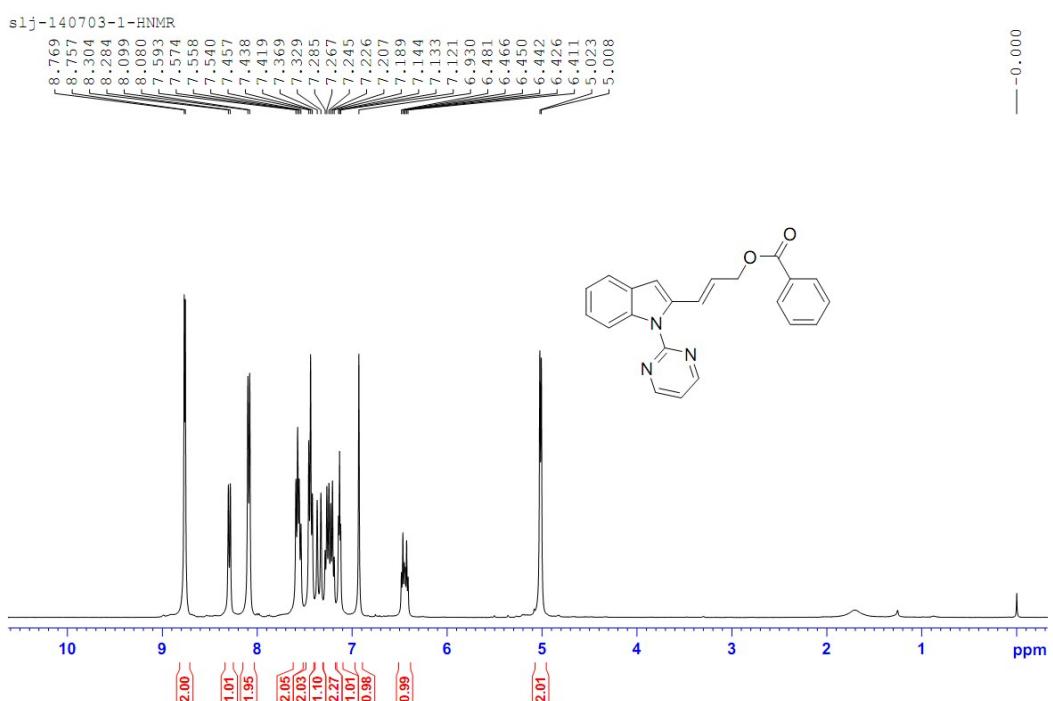
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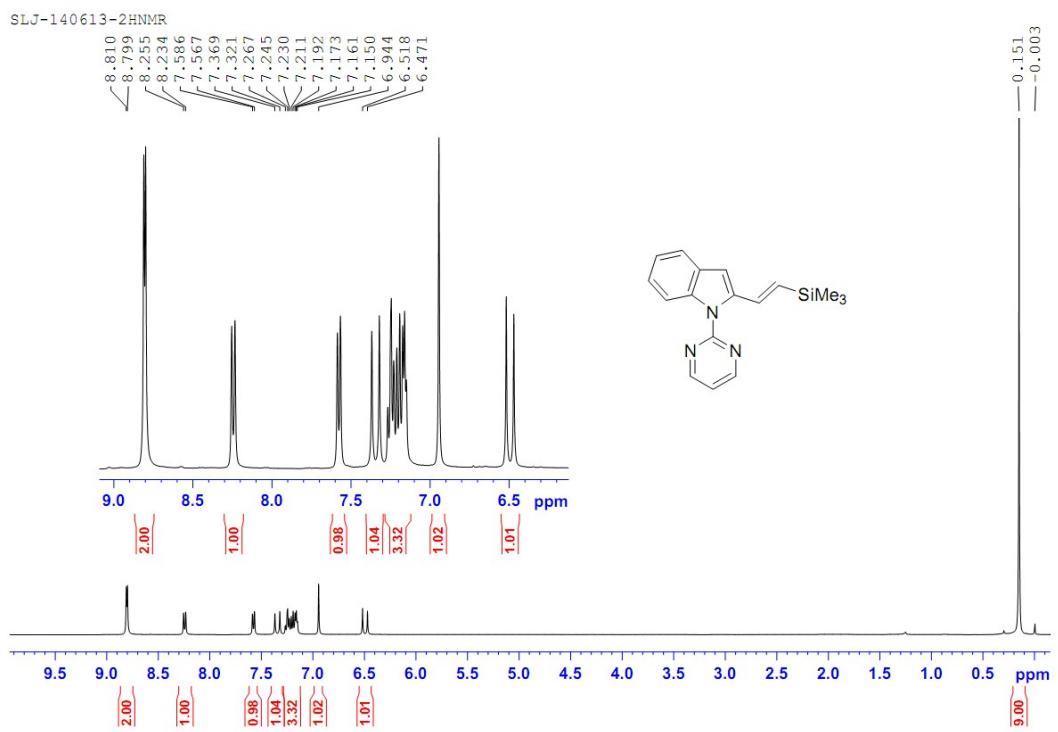


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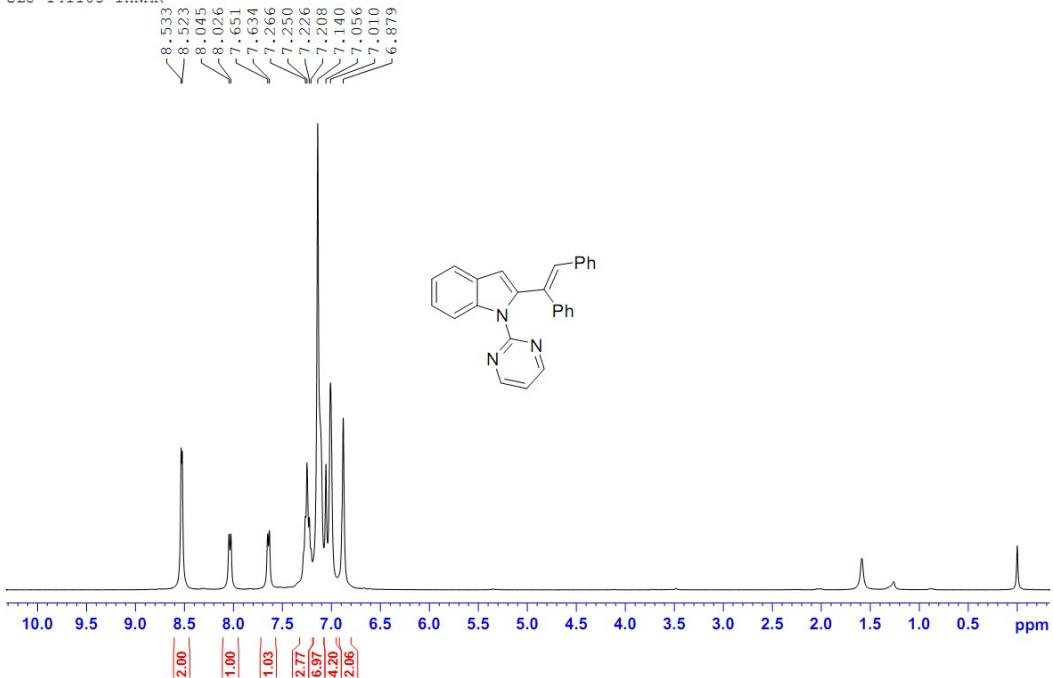




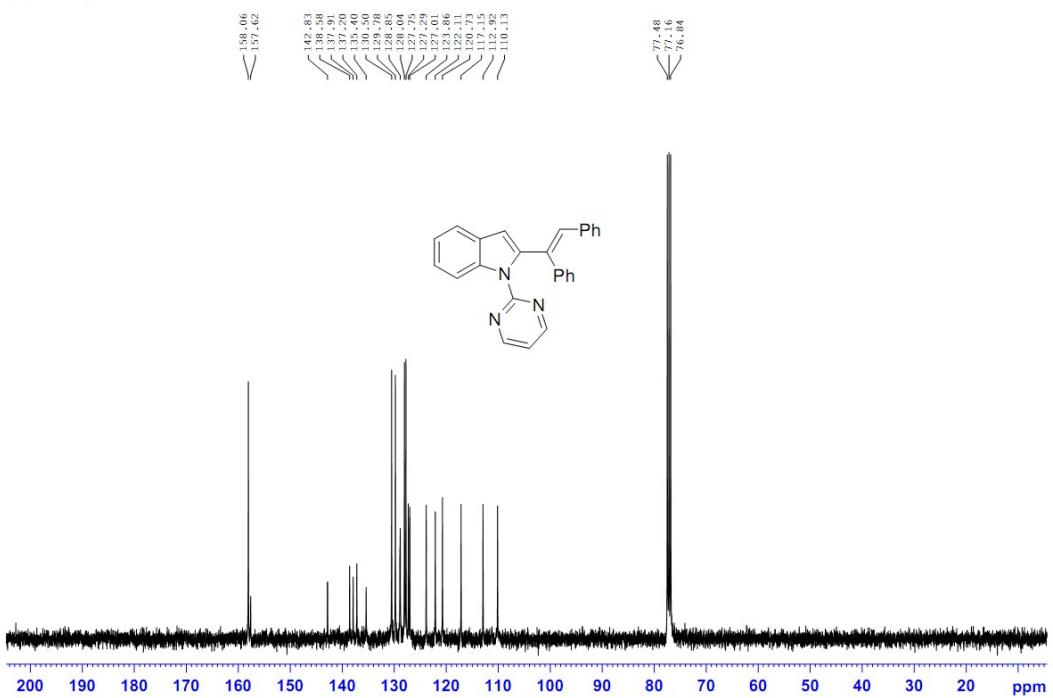




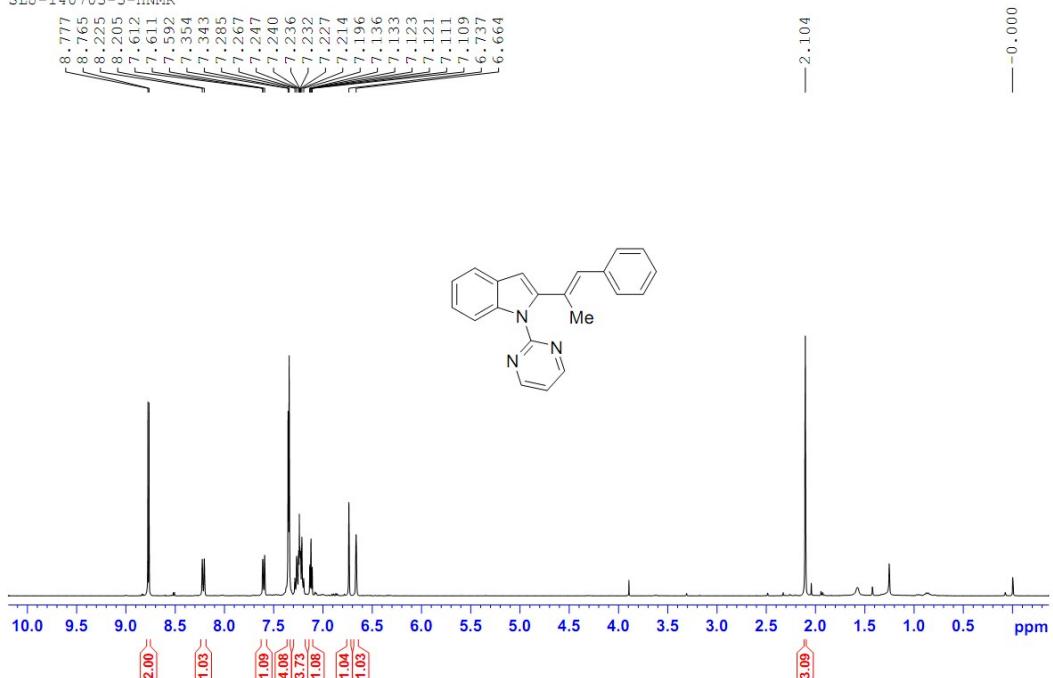
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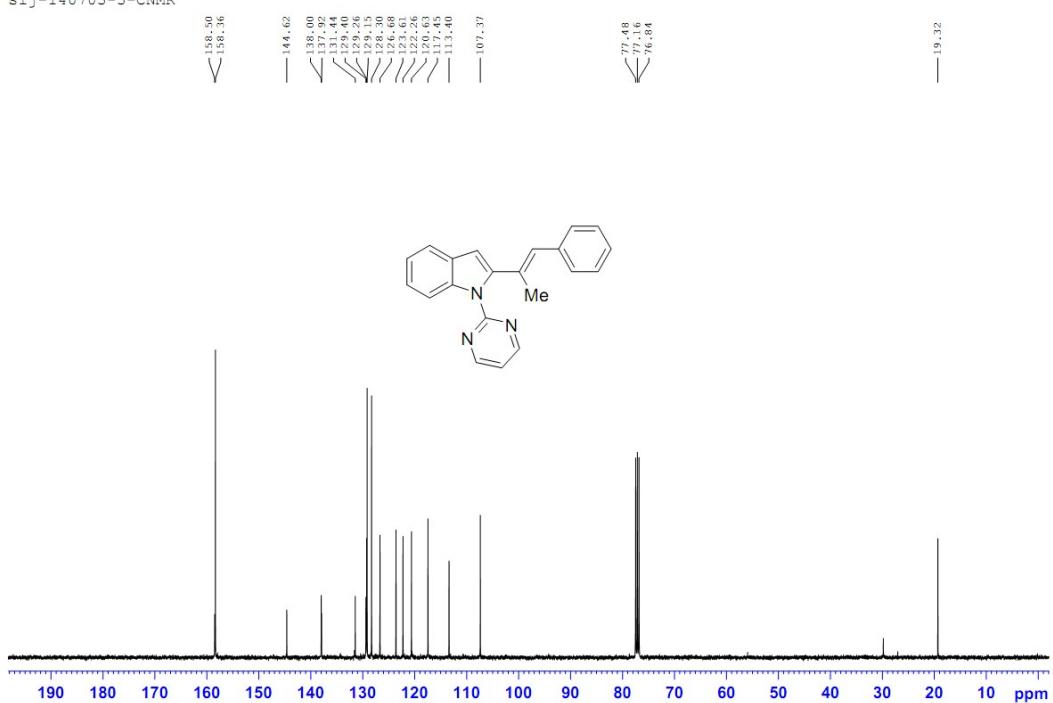
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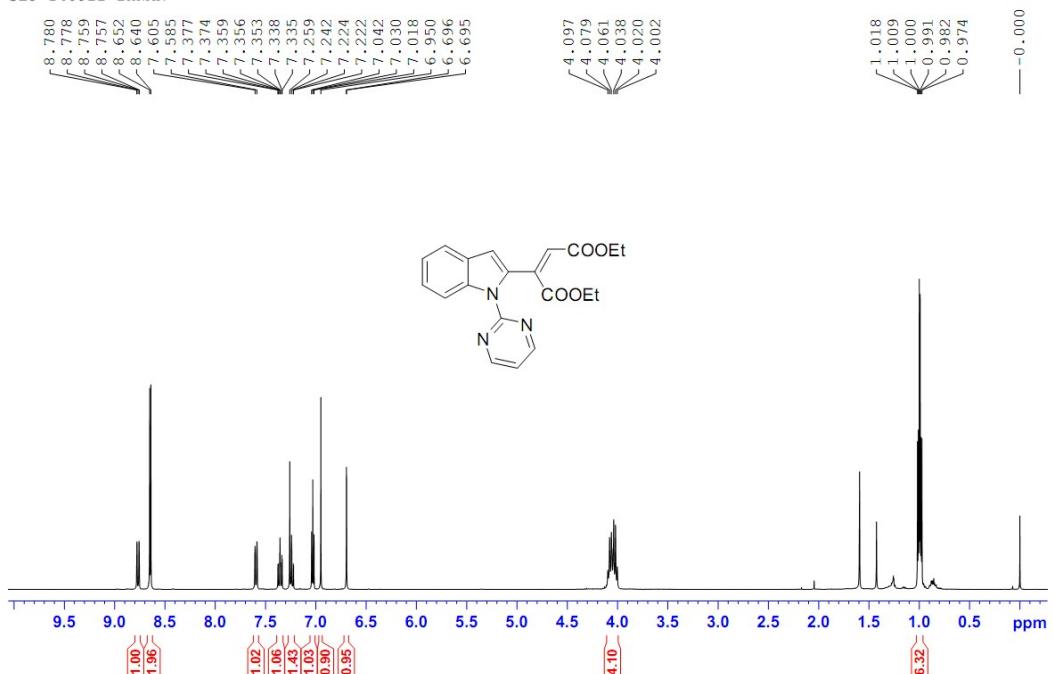
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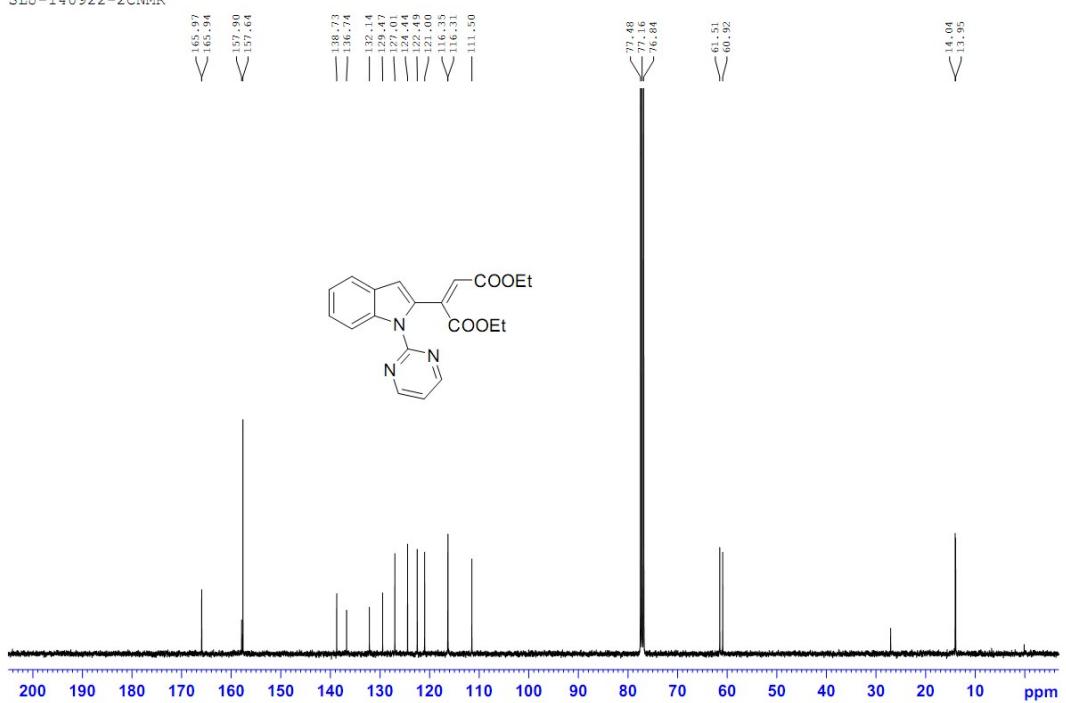
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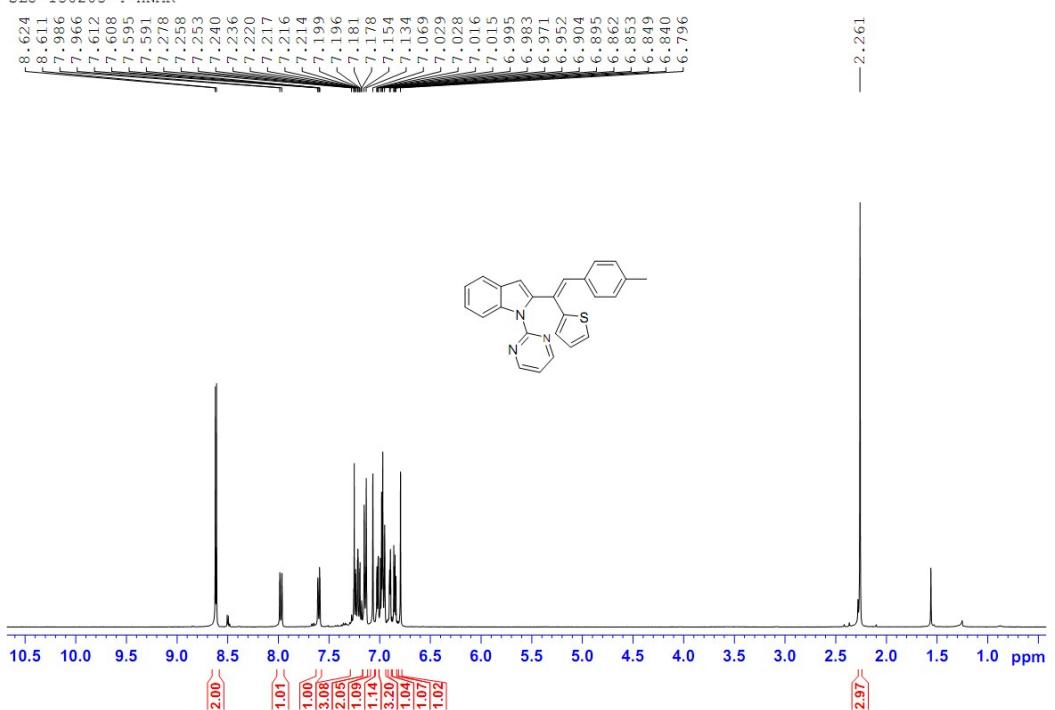
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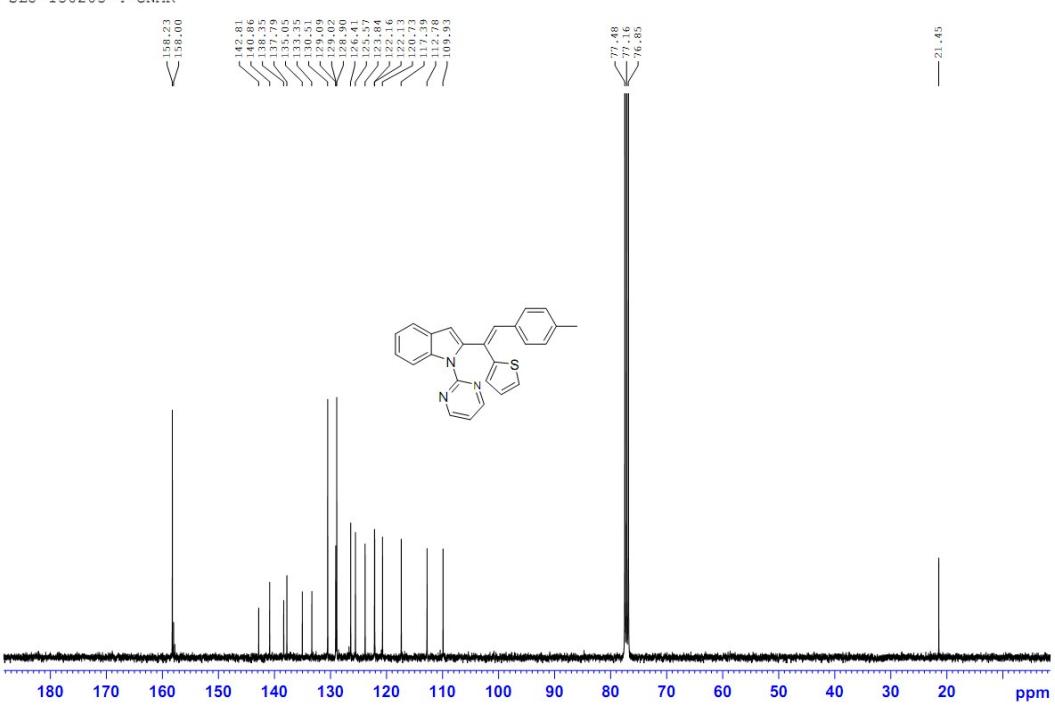
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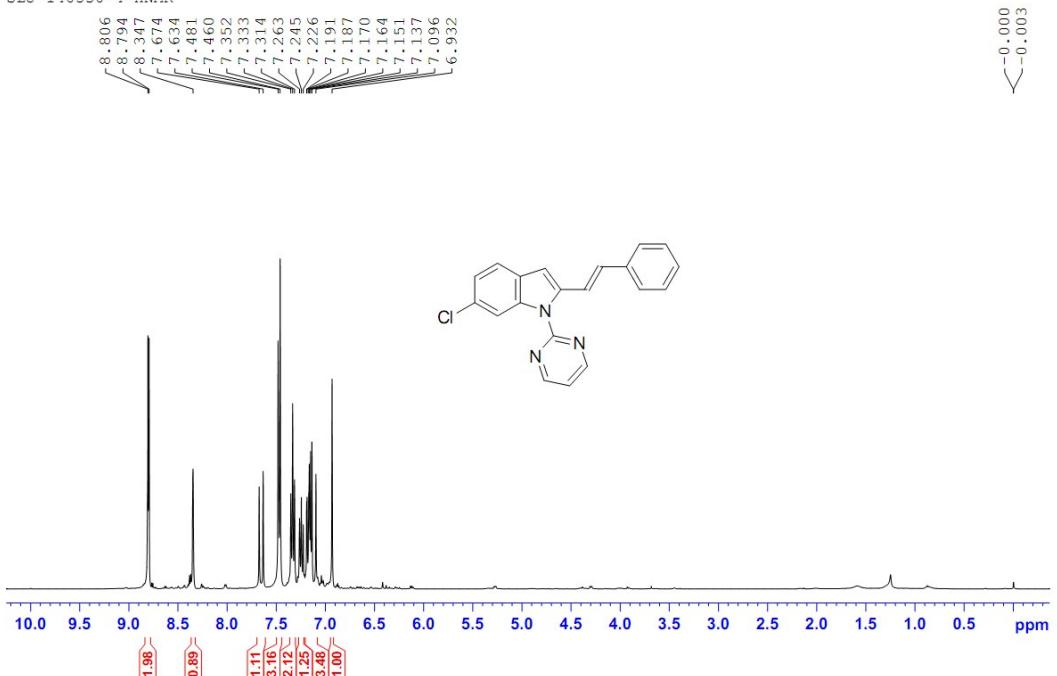
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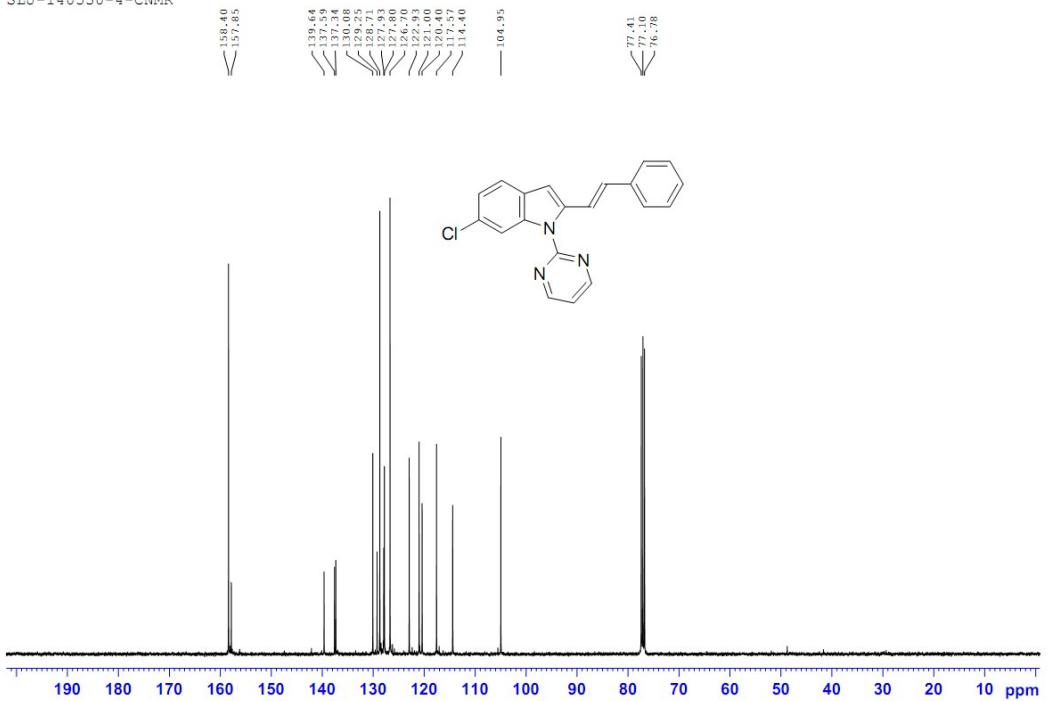
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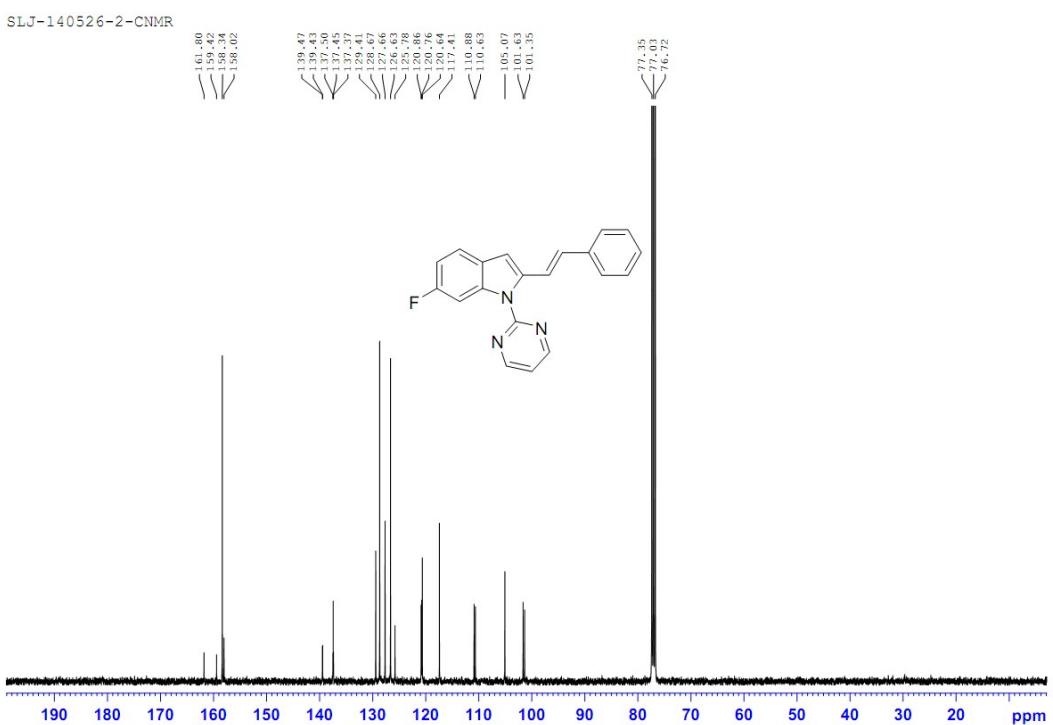
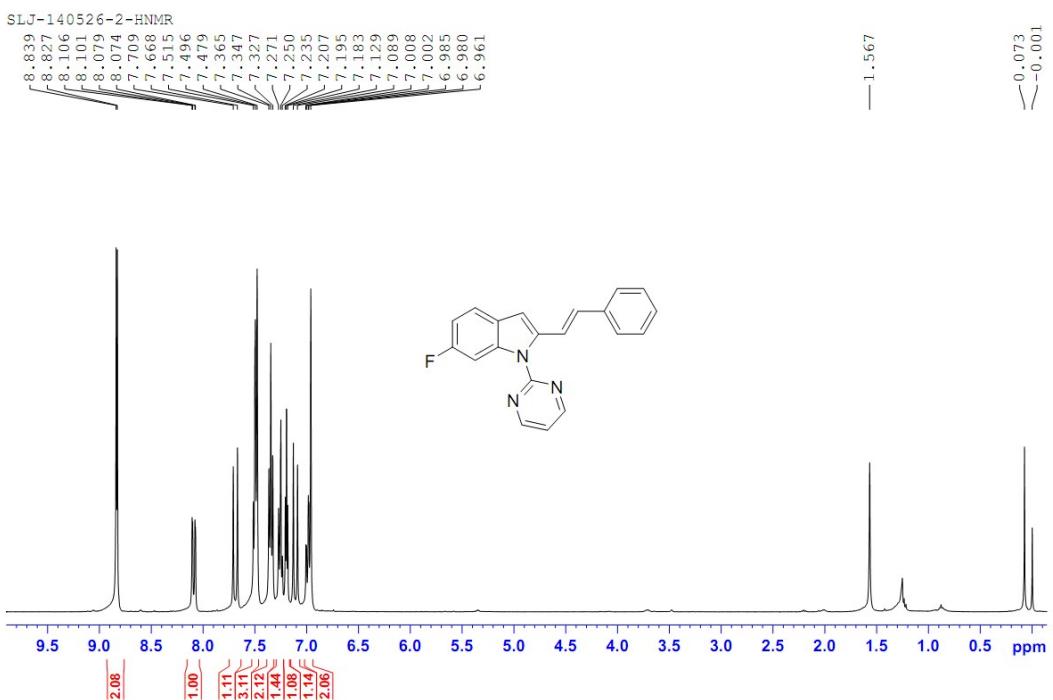


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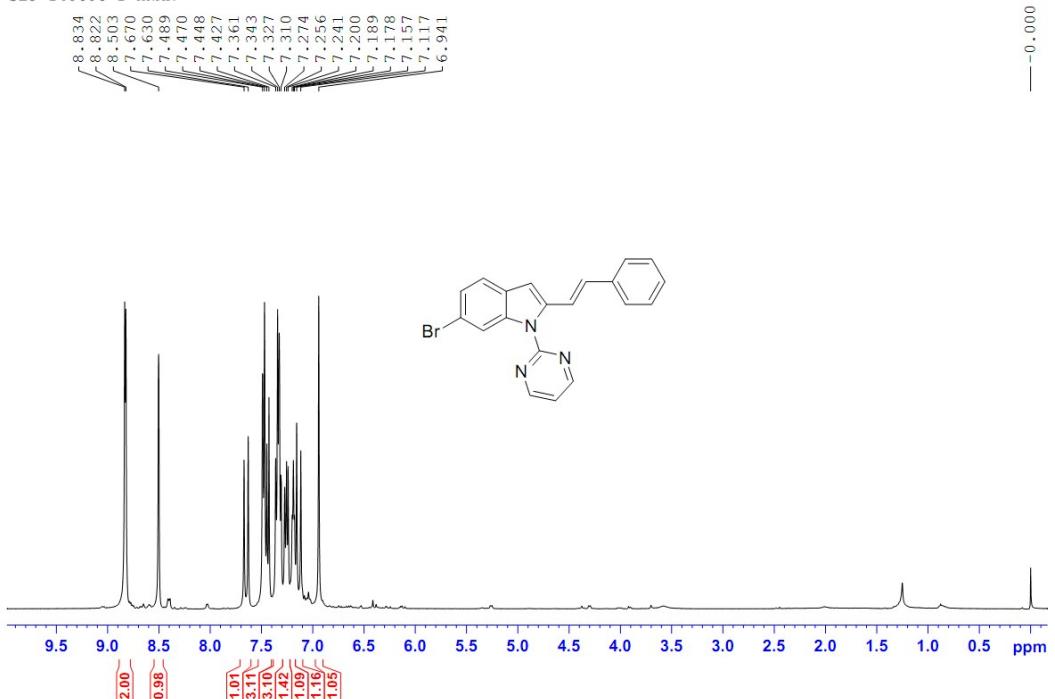


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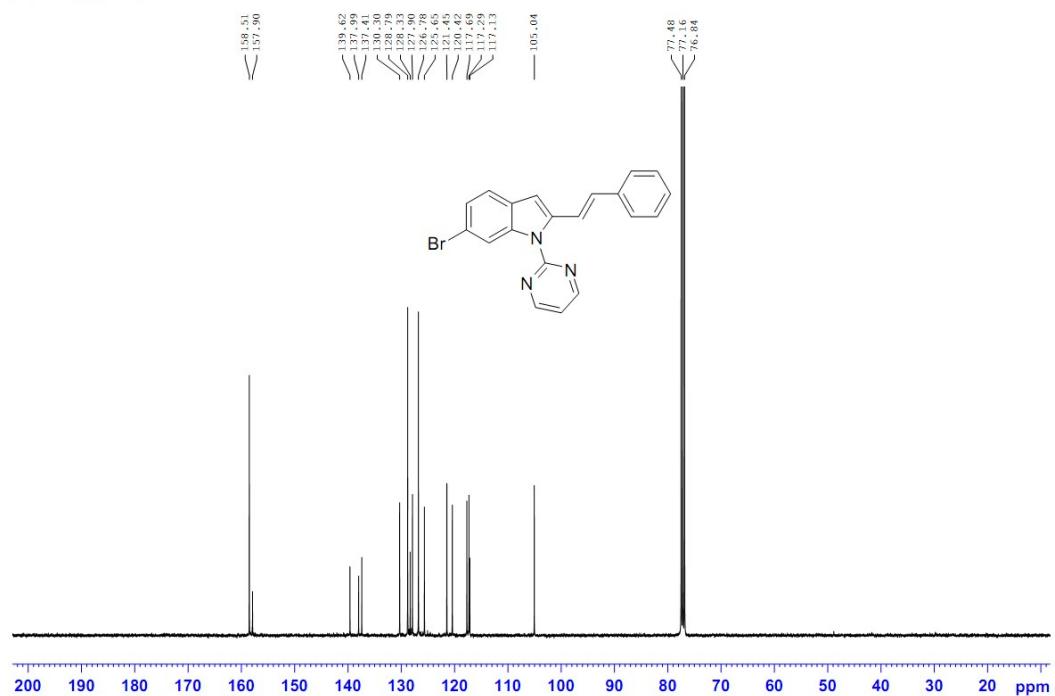


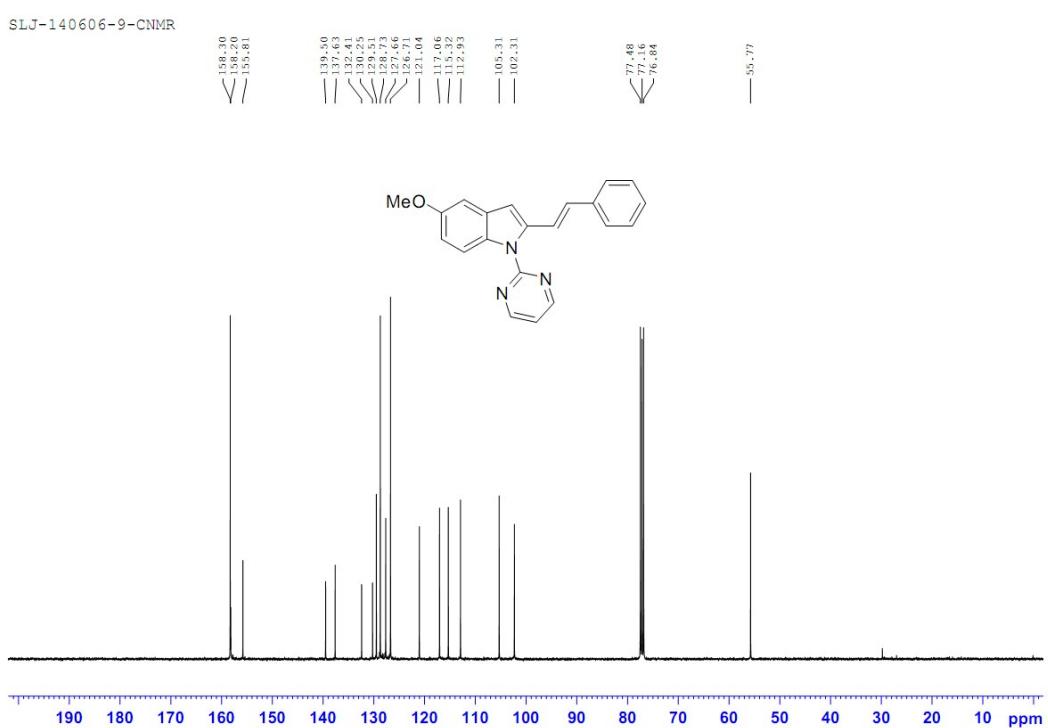
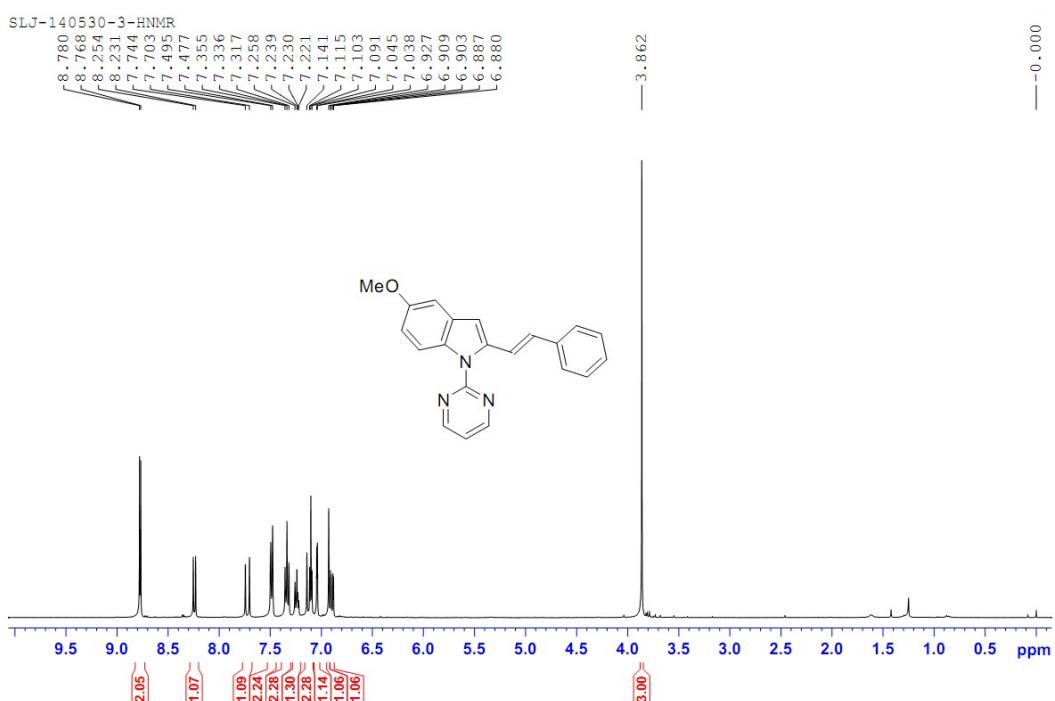


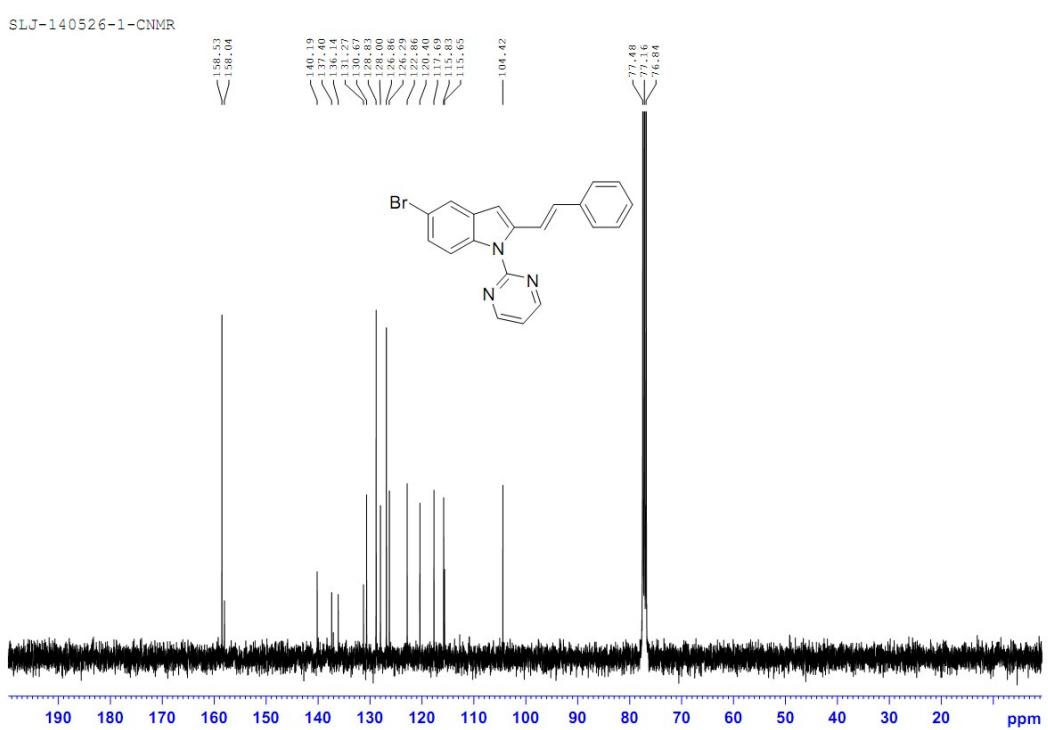
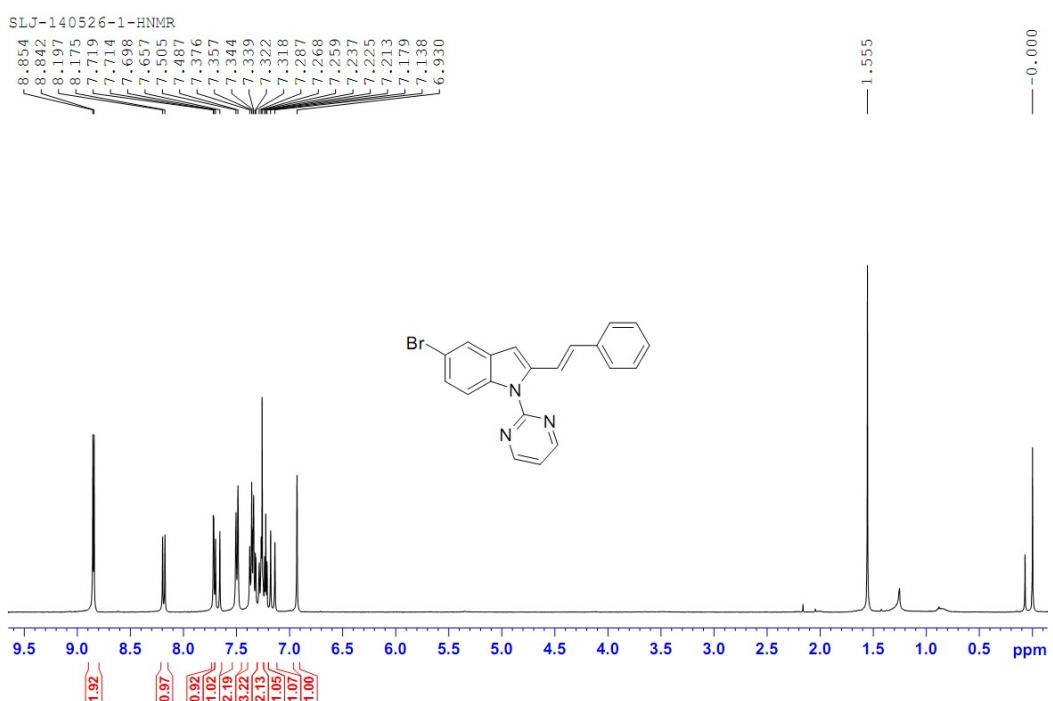
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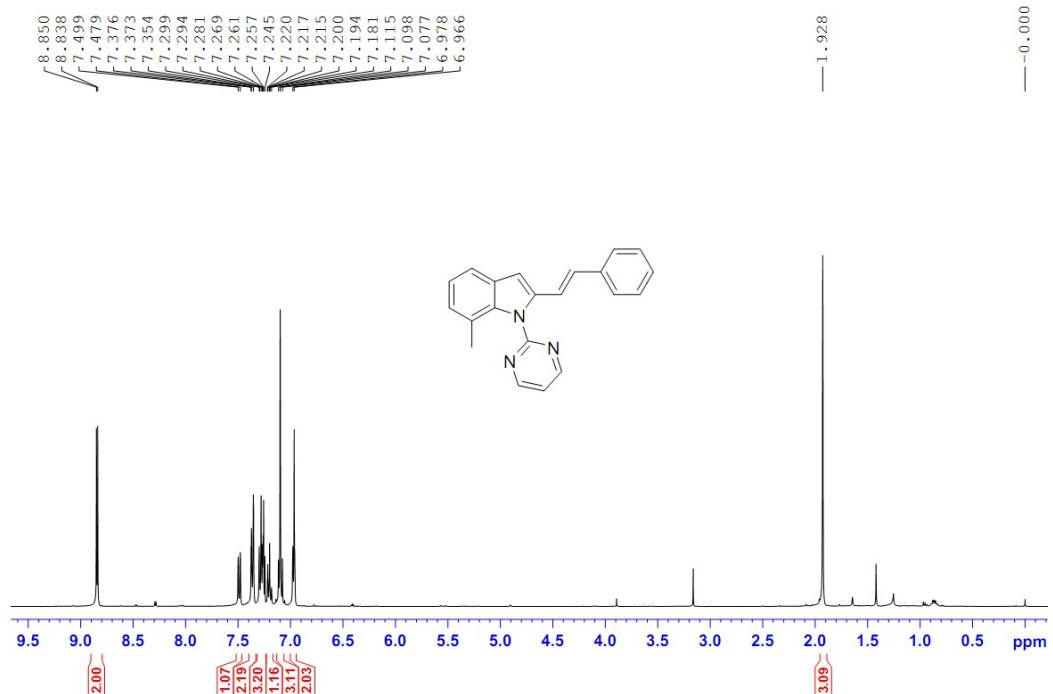
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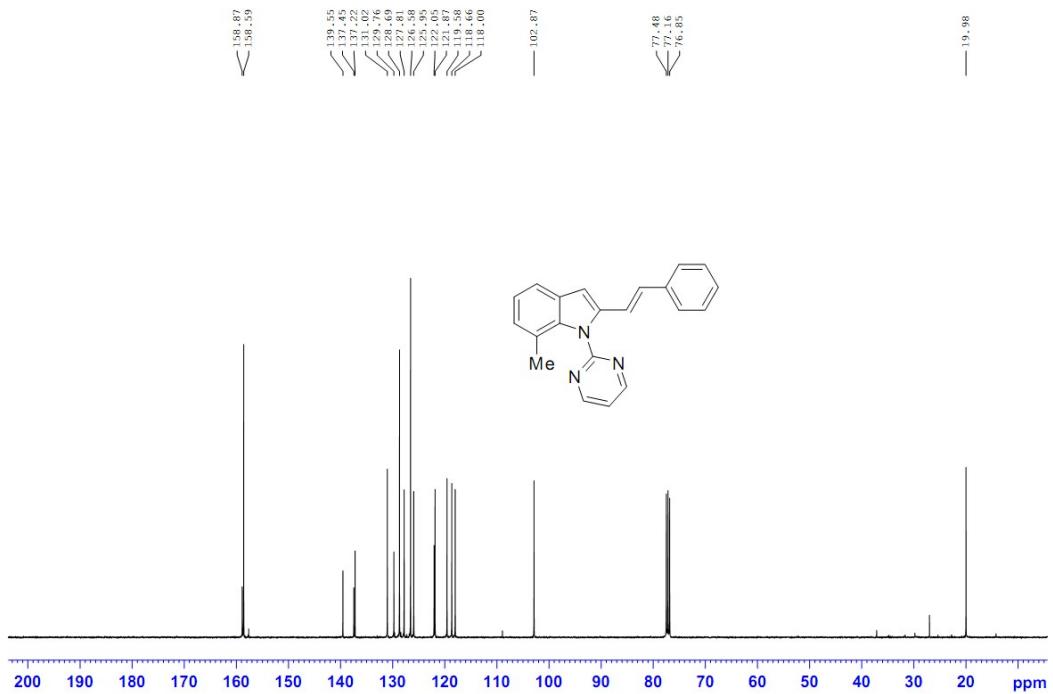




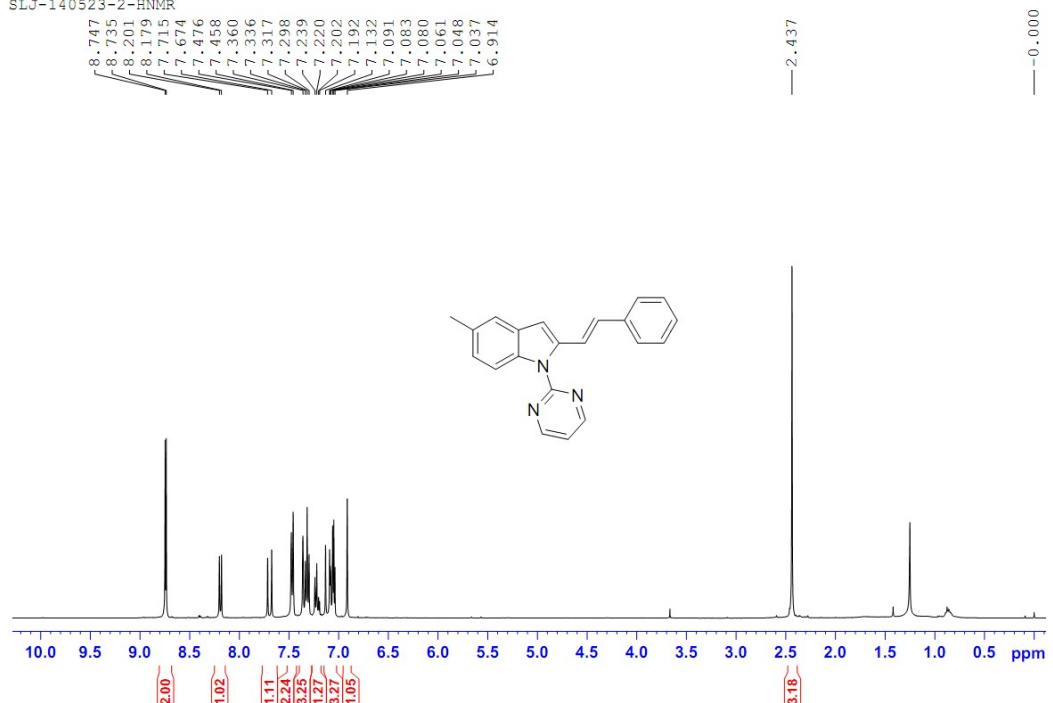
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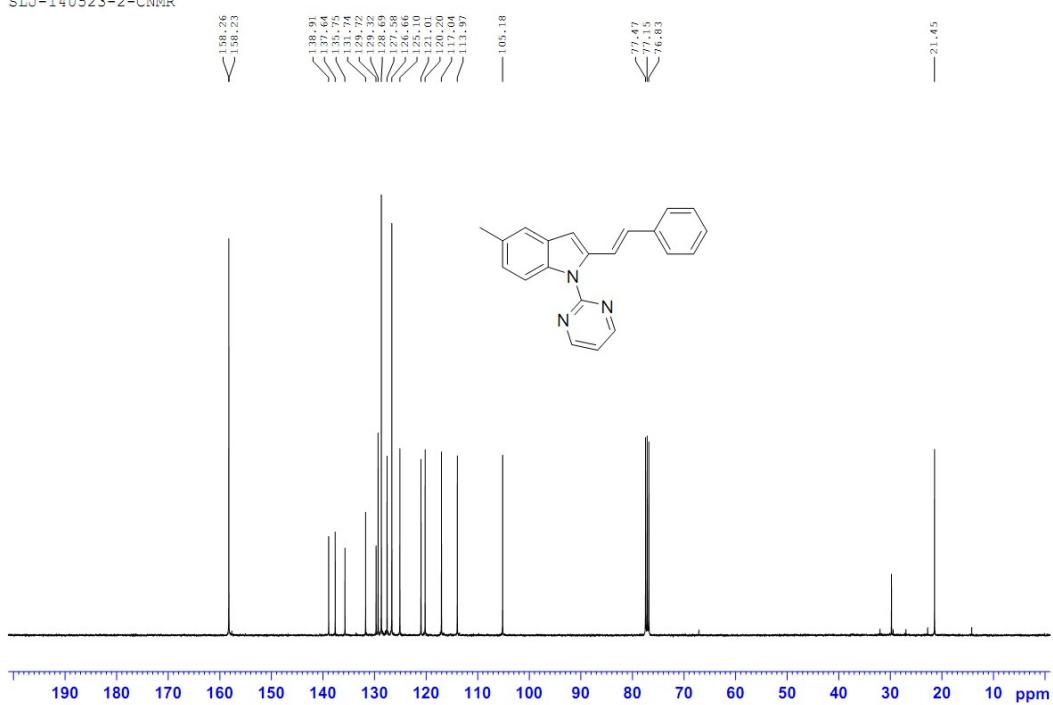
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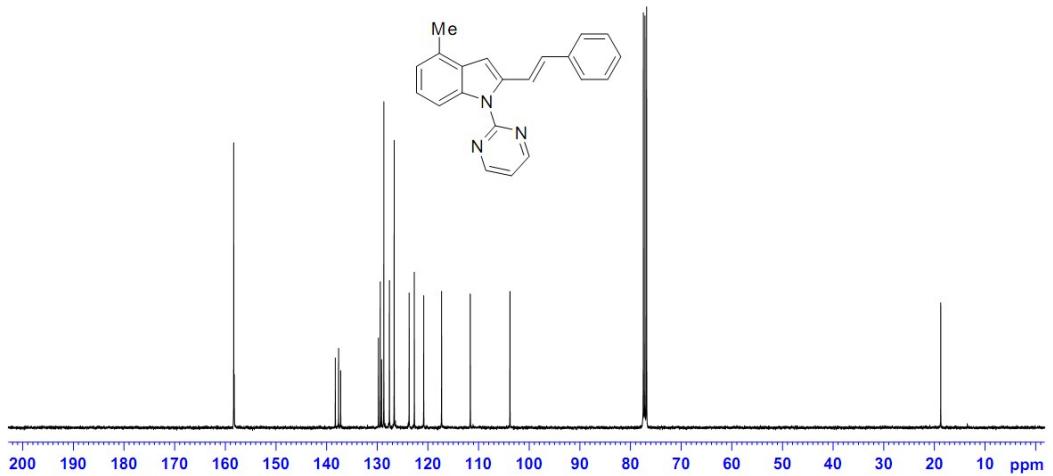
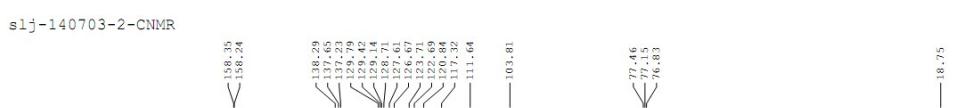
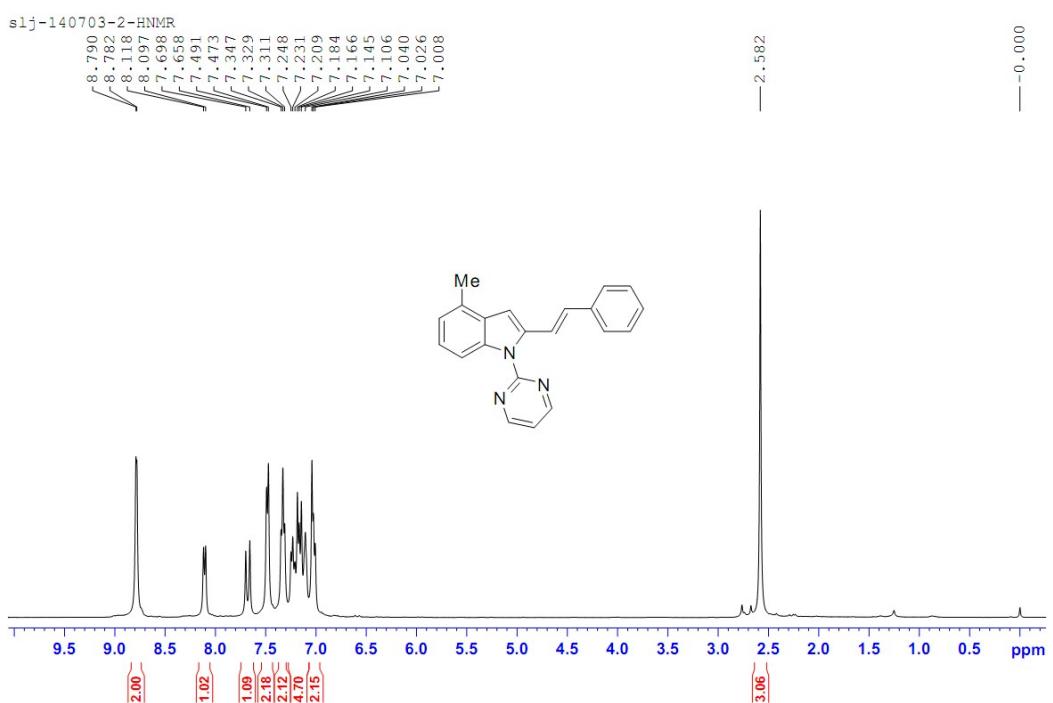


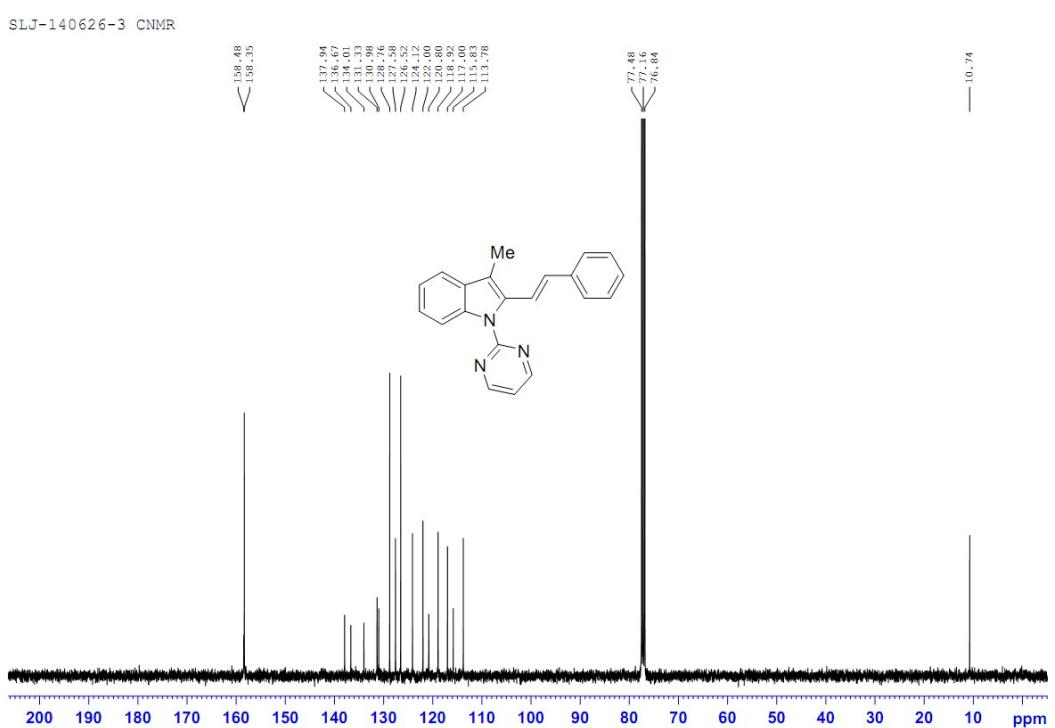
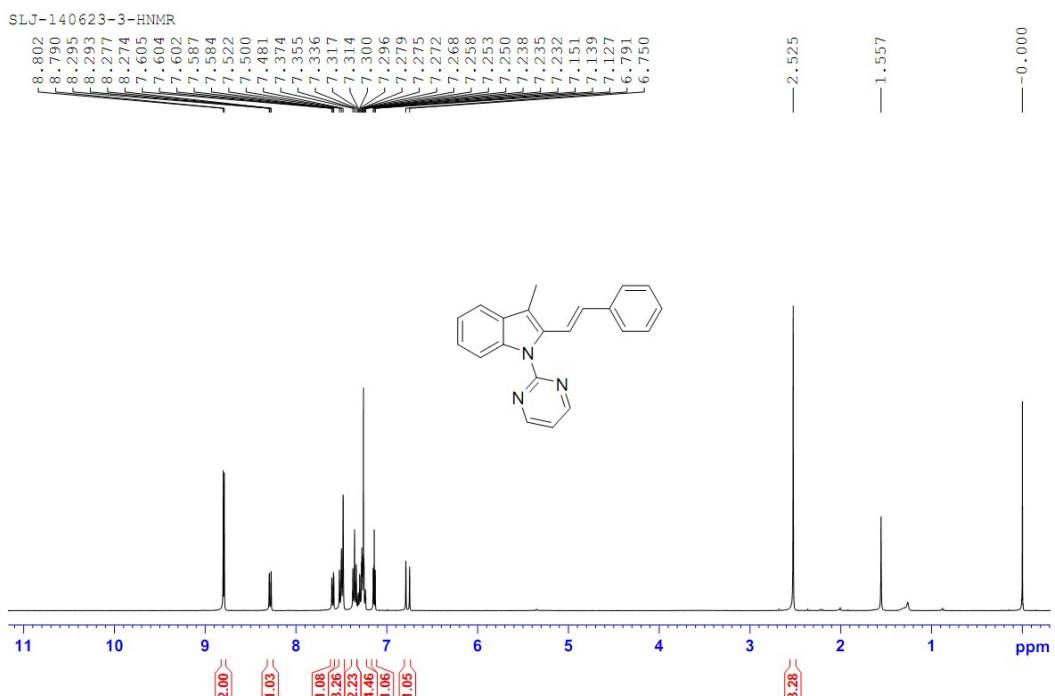
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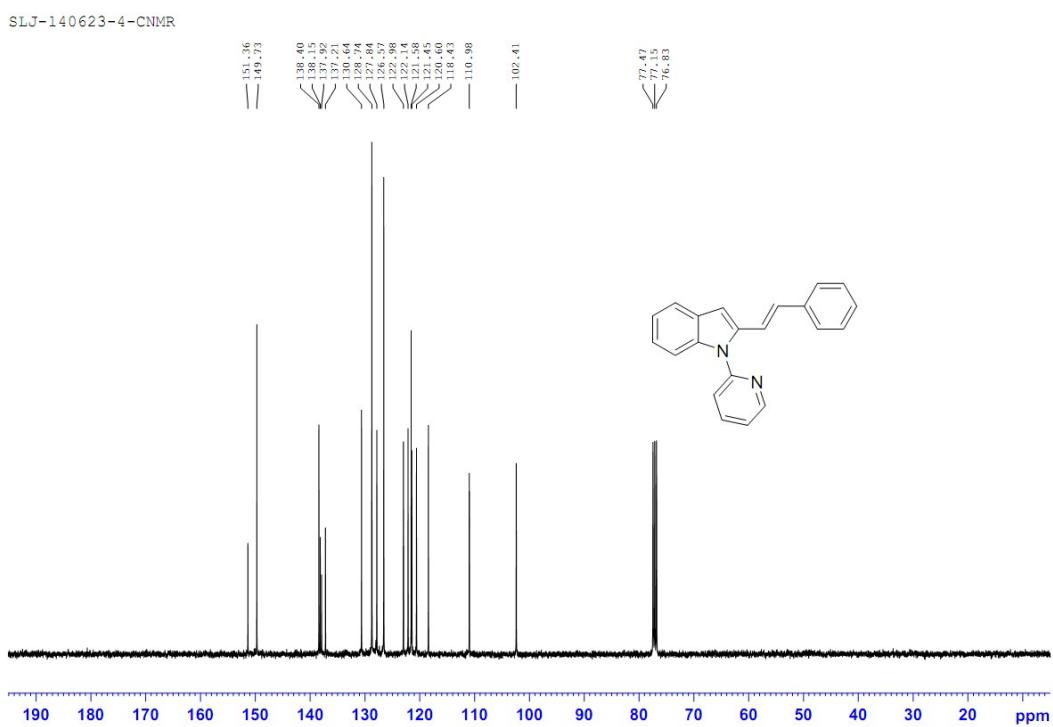
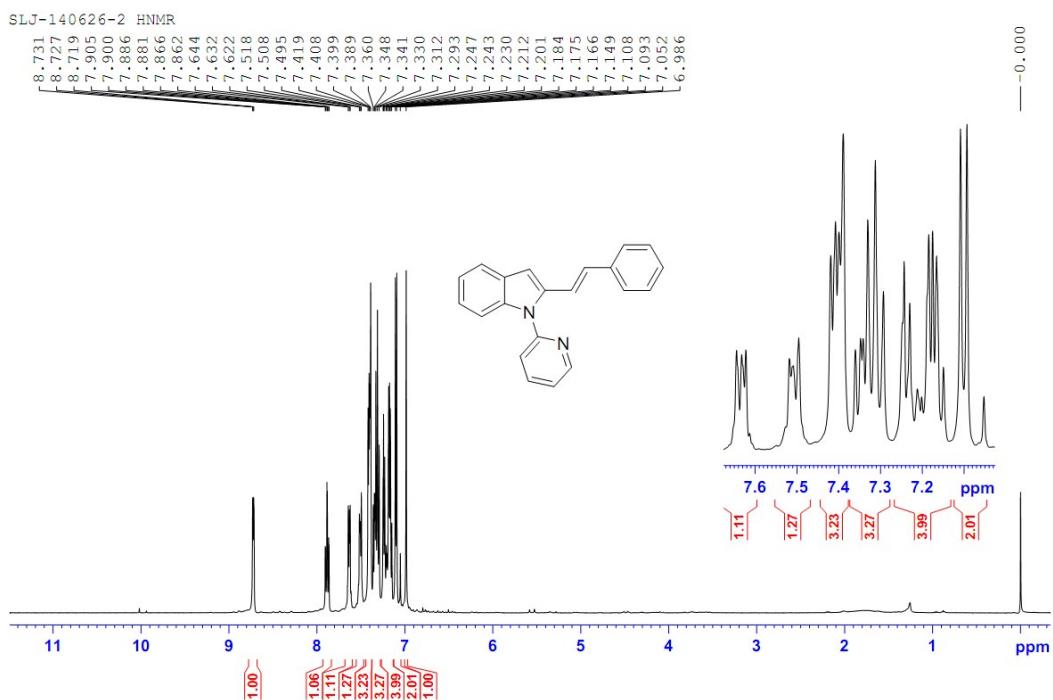


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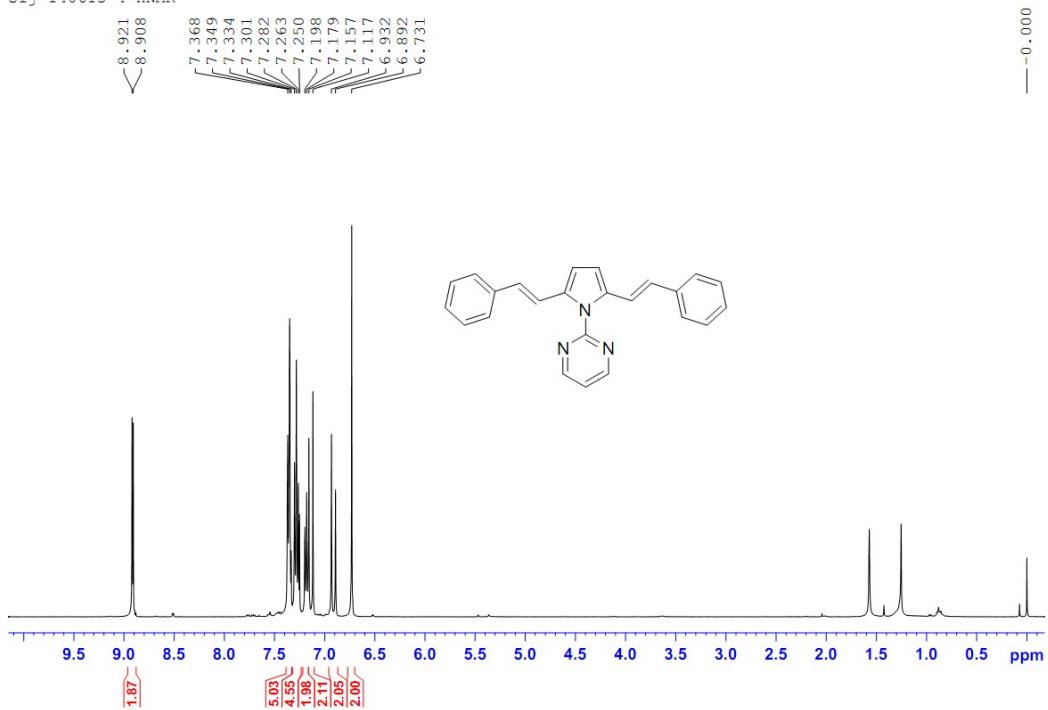




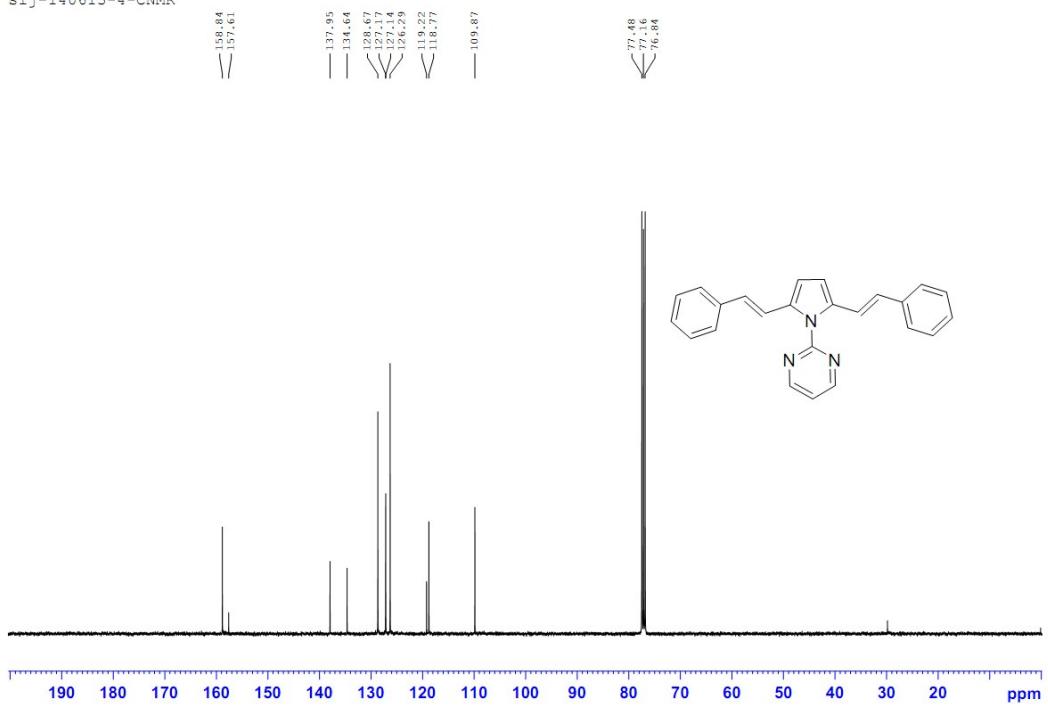


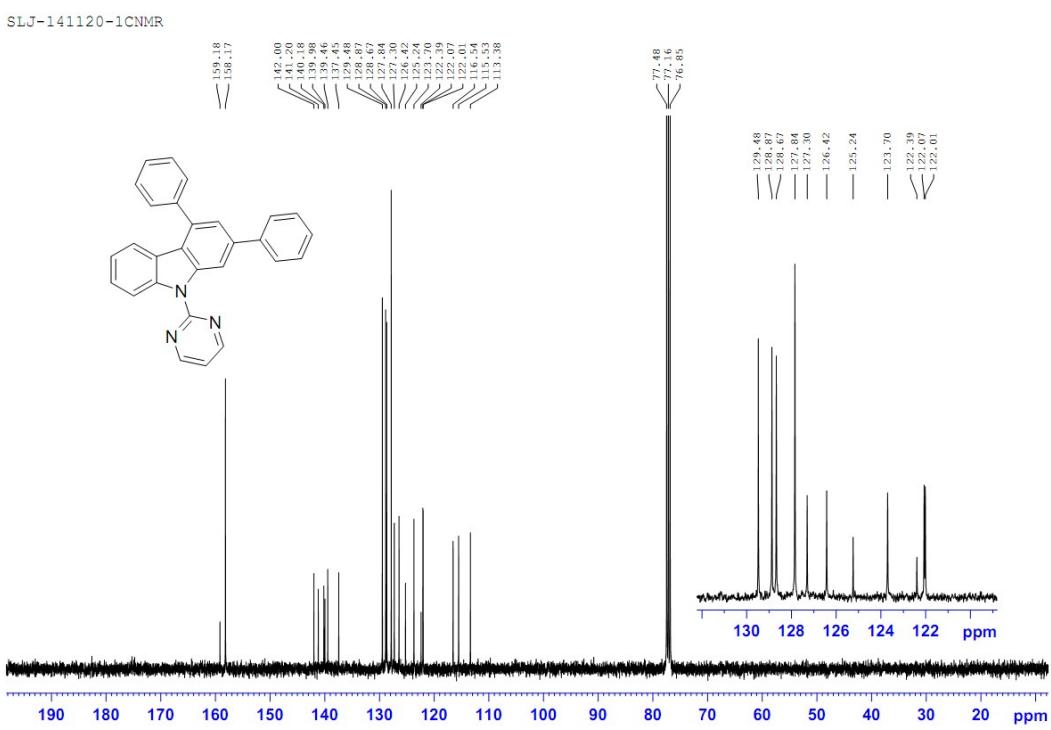
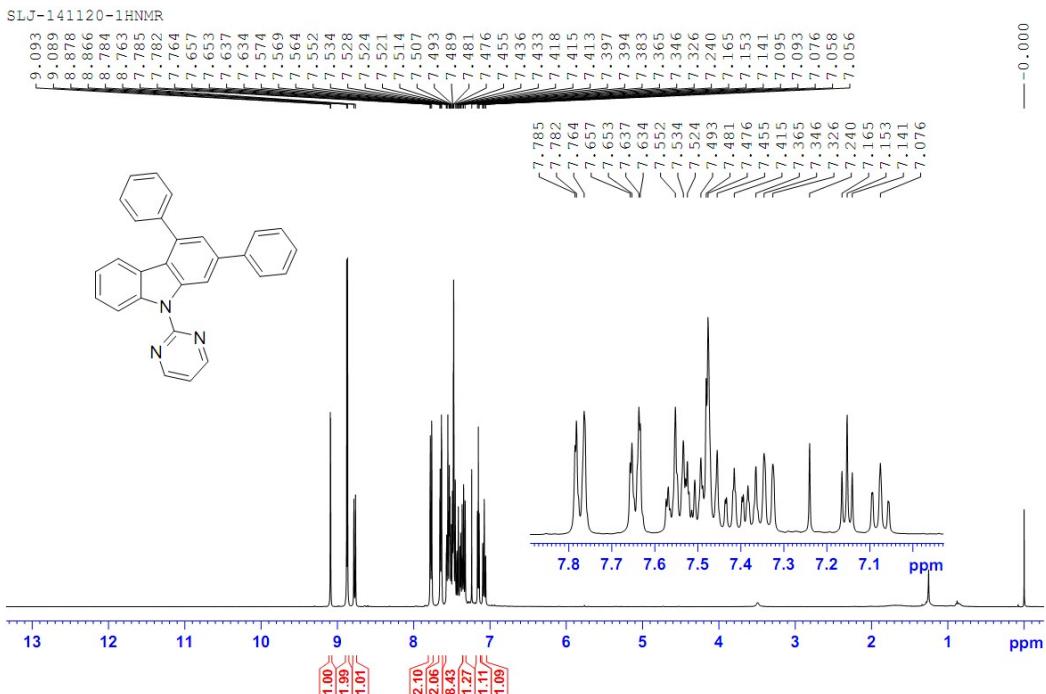


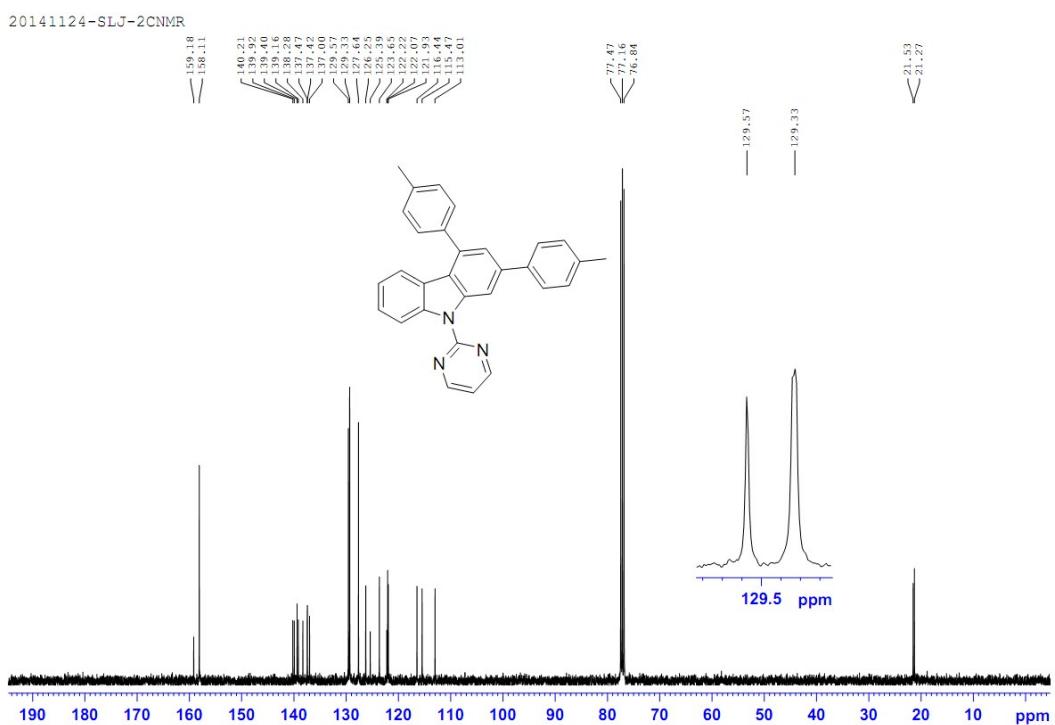
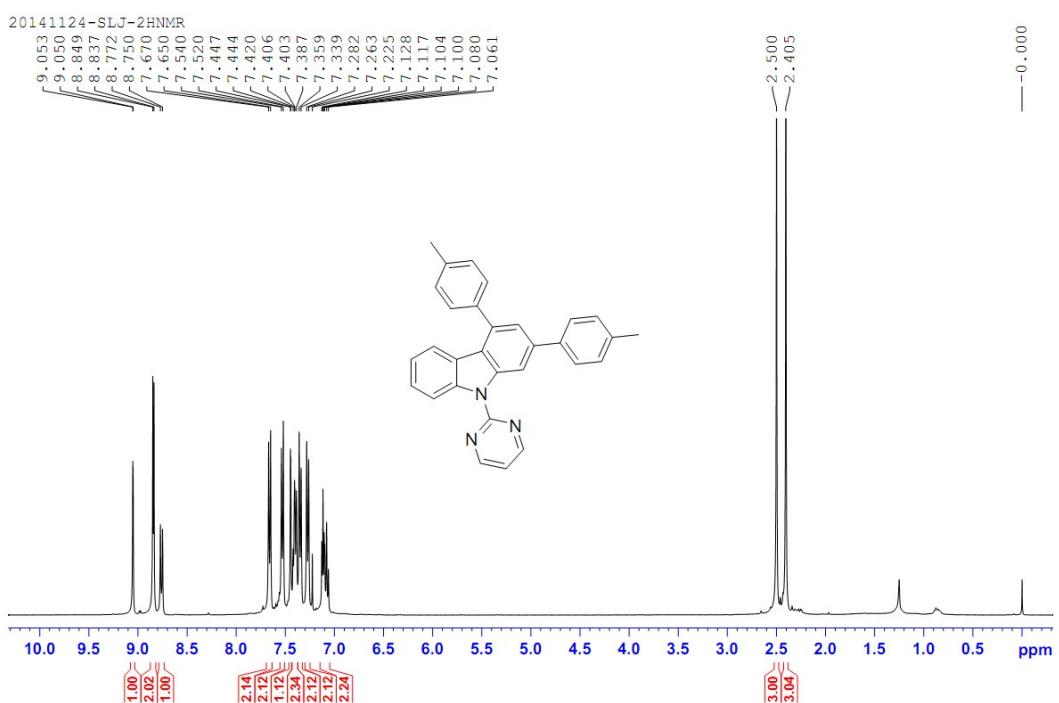
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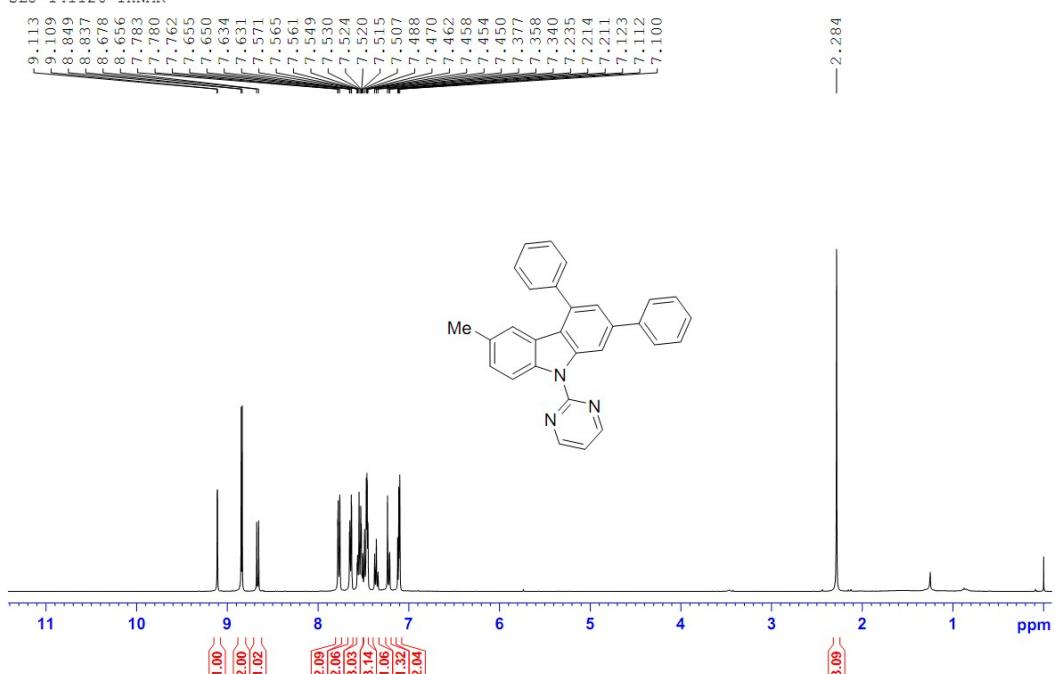
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