

Regioselective Annulation of Nitrosopyridine with Alkynes: Straightforward Synthesis of *N*-Oxide-imidazopyridines

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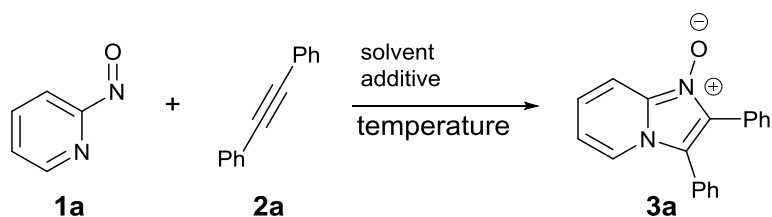
General information:

Unless otherwise noted, all commercially available compounds were used as provided without further purification. Solvents for chromatography were technical grade. Dry solvents were purified by the Solvent Purification System *M-BRAUN Glovebox Technology SPS-800*. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Merck silica gel *aluminium plates* with *F-254 indicator*, visualised by irradiation with UV light. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel Merck 60 (particle size 0.040-0.063 mm). Solvent mixtures are understood as volume/volume.

^1H -NMR and ^{13}C -NMR were recorded on a *Bruker DRX400 (400 MHz)*, *DRX500 (500 MHz)* and *DRX600 (600 MHz)* spectrometer in CDCl_3 ($\delta = 7.26$ ppm for ^1H , $= 77.16$ ppm for ^{13}C). Data are reported in the following order: chemical shift (δ) in ppm; multiplicities are indicated s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet); coupling constants (J) are given in Hertz (Hz). High resolution mass spectra were recorded on a LTQ Orbitrap mass spectrometer coupled to an *Acceka HPLC-System* (HPLC column: *Hypersyl GOLD*, 50 mm \times 1 mm, 1.9 μm). Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FT- IR) spectra were obtained with a Bruker Tensor 27 spectrometer (ATR, neat) and are reported in terms of frequency of absorption (cm^{-1}). Chemical yields refer to isolated pure substances. Nitrosopyridine were prepared according to literature procedures and characteristic data are matching with reported products.¹

¹ (a) F. Li, B. Yang, M. J. Miller, J. Zajicek, B. C. Noll, U. Möllmann, H.-M. Dahse and P. A. Miller; *Org. Lett.*, **2007**, 9, 2923-2926; (b) E. C. Taylor, C.-P. Tseng, and J. B. Rampal; *J. Org. Chem.*, **1982**, 47, 552-55.

Optimization of the reaction conditions^[a]



Entry	Solvent	Additive (equiv)	Time [h]	Yield [%] ^[b]
1	CH ₃ CN	-	24	20
2	CH ₂ Cl ₂	-	24	45
3	CHCl ₃	-	12	65
4	H ₂ O	-	12	n.d.
5	MeOH	-	12	n.d.
6	CF ₃ CH ₂ OH	-	24	40
7	HFIP	-	12	86
8	EtOAc	-	12	n.d.
9	EtOH	-	12	n.d.
10	C ₆ H ₆	-	12	n.d.
11	HFIP: CH ₂ Cl ₂ (1:1)	CF ₃ CO ₂ H (2)	12	50
12	MeOH	CH ₃ CO ₂ H (2)	12	n.d.
13	CHCl ₃	CF ₃ CO ₂ H (2)	12	20
14	CHCl ₃	CF ₃ CO ₂ H (2)	12	15
15	HFIP	CF ₃ CO ₂ H (2)	12	54
16 ^[c]	HFIP	-	12	70

[a] Reaction conditions: 1a (0.25 mmol), 2a (0.28 mmol) in solvent (1.0 mL) at 40°C for 12 h.

[b] Isolated yields [c] Reaction was carried out at ambient temperature. n.d. = not determined.

HFIP = 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoro-2-propanol.

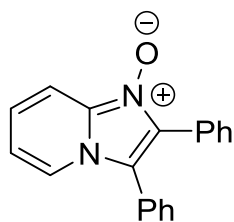
Initially, the reaction of 2-nitrosopyridine (**1a**) with diphenylacetylene (**2a**) was chosen as model reaction to investigate the possibility of cycloaddition in the absence of transition metal catalyst. At first, we tried to utilize the polarity of the solvent to polarize the nitroso-group (Table 1, entries 1-10). Hence, in the initial experiments, we stirred the substrates together in CH₂Cl₂ and CH₃CN at 40°C. We were absolutely delighted to obtain 45% and 20% of product **3a** in CH₂Cl₂ and CH₃CN respectively.

These results prompted us to further screen various solvents. Chloroform proved to be a better solvent compared to CH₂Cl₂ with a yield of 65%. However, no desired product could be detected in EtOAc and benzene. Further screening of polar protic solvents revealed 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoro-2-propanol (HFIP) to be the best solvent with a yield of 86%. Other similar solvents like CF₃CH₂OH were less effective (40% yield). Surprisingly, MeOH and ethanol completely prevented the cycloaddition and only led to dimerization of **1a**. We also tried HFIP/CH₂Cl₂ mixture as solvent but the result was found to be inferior. At this stage, we tried some acid additives such as CF₃CO₂H and AcOH to further improve the efficiency of the reaction (entries 12-15). However, they were found to be not useful. When the reaction was carried out at ambient temperature, the yield of **3a** decreased to 70%. An increase in temperature to 60°C also had a deleterious effect on the yield (52%).

General procedure for the imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine 1-oxide synthesis:

To a screw cap reaction vial 2-nitrosopyridine derivatives (0.25 mmol, 1 equiv), alkyne (0.28 mmol, 1.1 equiv), and 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoro-2-propanol (HFIP, 1.0 mL) were added under air. The reaction mixture was stirred vigorously at RT-60 °C until completion. The crude reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and subsequently purified by flash column chromatography over silica gel using dichloromethane/methanol as an eluent system.

Analytical data



2,3-Diphenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine 1-oxide (3a)

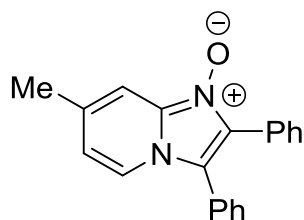
Prepared according to the general procedure and the product was obtained as light yellow solid in 86% yield (62 mg), mp 185-189 °C. This reaction was carried out in 4 mmol scale and the pure product was obtained in 75% yield.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.75 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.20 (ddd, *J* = 9.1, 6.7, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.78 ppm (td, *J* = 6.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 133.97, 132.91, 130.51, 130.13, 129.75, 129.71, 128.98, 128.26, 126.72, 126.50, 124.92, 122.60, 117.28, 114.48, 112.87 ppm.

FT-IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3015, 2926, 1630, 1506, 1514, 1450, 1423, 1371, 1279, 1113 cm⁻¹.

HRMS: calc. for [M+H]⁺ C₁₉H₁₅N₂O: 287.11789 found: 287.11743.



7-Methyl-2,3-diphenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine 1-oxide (3b)

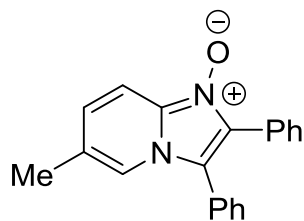
Prepared according to the general procedure and the product was obtained as light yellow solid in 67% yield (50 mg), mp 174-178 °C;

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.68-7.65 (m, 3H), 7.47 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 6.66 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.39, 134.35, 132.51, 130.43, 130.07, 129.66, 128.90, 128.20, 126.64, 126.45, 122.10, 117.37, 116.82, 110.70, 21.45 ppm.

FT-IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2999, 1635, 1505, 1444, 1457, 1241, 1174, 1040 cm⁻¹.

HRMS: calc. for [M+H]⁺ C₂₀H₁₇N₂O: 301.13354 found: 301.13354.



6-Methyl-2,3-diphenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine 1-oxide (3c)

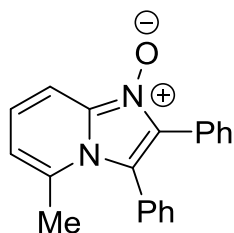
Prepared according to the general procedure and the product was obtained as light yellow solid in 82% yield (62 mg), mp 137-140 °C;

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.66 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.49 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 2.25 ppm (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 133.30, 132.50, 130.57, 130.07, 129.71, 128.89, 128.63, 128.21, 126.77, 126.49, 124.73, 119.97, 116.99, 112.05, 18.42 ppm.

FT-IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3063, 2960, 1645, 1513, 1380, 1369, 1259, 1182, 1068 cm⁻¹.

HRMS: calc. for [M+H]⁺ C₂₀H₁₇N₂O: 301.134354 found: 301.13439.



5-Methyl-2,3-diphenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine 1-oxide (3d)

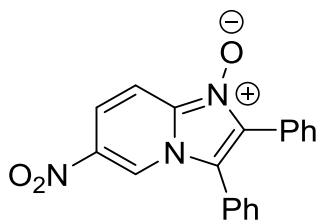
Prepared according to the general procedure and the product was obtained as light yellow solid in 87% yield (65 mg), mp 163-165 °C;

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.50 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 7.28 – 7.14 (m, 4H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.06 ppm (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.66, 135.45, 133.80, 133.01, 130.19, 130.00, 129.32, 128.82, 128.12, 128.02, 126.32, 125.60, 118.63, 115.95, 110.71, 21.60 ppm.

FT-IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3064, 2955, 1633, 1517, 1393, 1336, 1221, 1106 cm⁻¹.

HRMS: calc. for [M+H]⁺ C₂₀H₁₇N₂O: 301.13354 found: 301.13353.



6-Nitro-2,3-diphenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine 1-oxide (3e)

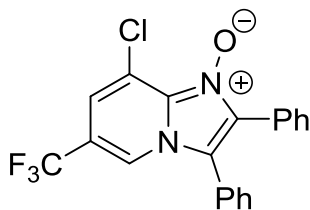
Prepared according to the general procedure using and the product was obtained as light yellow solid in 96% yield (80 mg), mp 204-209 °C;

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.99 (s, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 7.60 – 7.52 (m, 3H), 7.42-7.34 ppm (m, 5H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.84, 136.33, 133.33, 130.87, 130.42, 130.25, 130.06, 129.92, 128.52, 125.33, 125.08, 123.65, 120.32, 117.83, 113.28 ppm.

FT-IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3060, 2996, 1726, 1605, 1503, 1369, 1325, 1126, 1075 cm⁻¹.

HRMS: calc. for [M+H]⁺ C₁₉H₁₄N₃O₃: 332.10297 found: 332.10374.



8-Chloro-2,3-diphenyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine 1-oxide (3f)

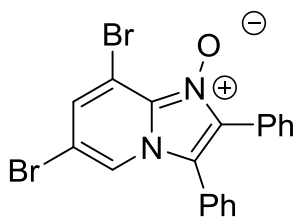
Prepared according to the general procedure and the product was obtained as light yellow solid in 64% yield (62 mg), mp 193-196 °C;

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.72 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.52 (m, 3H), 7.39 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.34 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 4.6 Hz, 3H), 7.15 ppm (s, 1H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.44, 130.88, 130.52, 130.28, 130.24, 129.90, 129.79, 128.37, 125.29, 125.25, 123.46, 123.12, 122.38 (q, *J* = 272.52 Hz), 120.69, 120.62 (q, *J* = 5.9 Hz), 118.49, 118.21 ppm.

FT-IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3050, 2940, 1636, 1531, 1416, 1309, 1231, 1121, 1074 cm⁻¹.

HRMS: calc. for [M+H]⁺ C₂₁H₁₂ClF₃N₂O: 389.05903 found: 389.06982.



6,8-Dibromo-2,3-diphenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine 1-oxide (3g)

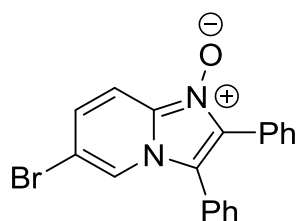
Prepared according to the general procedure and the product was obtained as light yellow solid in 81% yield (90 mg), mp 171-175 °C;

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.70 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.36 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.31 – 7.27 ppm (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 134.97, 130.99, 130.55, 130.48, 130.15, 130.03, 129.37, 129.00, 128.17, 125.70, 125.65, 121.75, 118.18, 108.12, 107.55 ppm.

FT-IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3035, 2980, 1602, 1599, 1504, 1488, 1361, 1329, 1244, 1140, 1031 cm⁻¹.

HRMS: C₁₉H₁₃⁷⁹Br₂N₂O [M+H]⁺ calc.: 442.93891 found: 442.94002; C₁₉H₁₃⁷⁹Br⁸¹BrN₂O [M+H]⁺ calc.: 444.94687 found: 444.93711, C₁₉H₁₃⁸¹Br₂N₂ [M+H]⁺ calc.: 446.93482 found : 446.93442.



6-Bromo-2,3-diphenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine 1-oxide (3h)

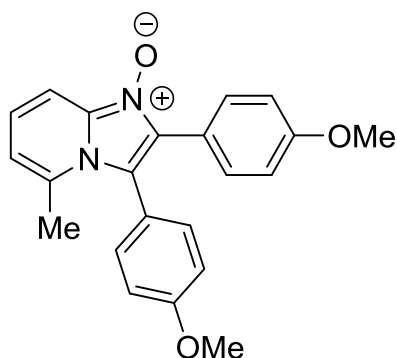
Prepared according to the general procedure and the product was obtained as light yellow solid in 95% yield (87 mg), mp 184-187 °C;

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 3.6 Hz, 3H), 7.40 – 7.28 ppm (m, 6H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 133.55, 132.85, 130.53, 130.32, 130.16, 130.01, 129.47, 128.73, 128.46, 126.01, 125.82, 122.51, 117.87, 113.75, 109.76 ppm.

FT-IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3096, 3004, 1625, 1510, 1376, 1355, 1175, 1078 cm⁻¹.

HRMS: calc. for [M+H]⁺ C₁₉H₁₄⁷⁹BrN₂O: 365.03004 found: 365.02840. HRMS: calc. for [M+H]⁺ C₁₉H₁₄⁷⁹BrN₂O: 367.02726 found: 367.02636.



2,3-Bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine 1-oxide (3i)

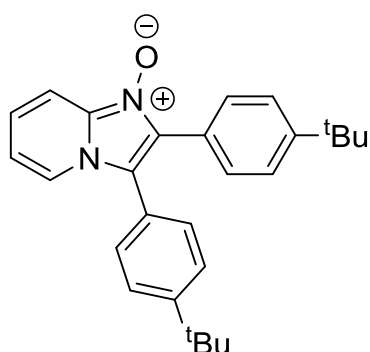
Prepared according to the general procedure and the product was obtained as light yellow solid in 87% yield (78 mg), mp 90-93 °C;

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.04 ppm (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.62, 159.66, 136.43, 135.16, 134.22, 133.57, 131.38, 124.81, 121.42, 118.94, 117.75, 115.51, 113.49, 113.46, 110.55, 55.35, 55.15, 21.51 ppm.

FT-IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2996, 2837, 1609, 1519, 1494, 1395, 1293, 1247, 1160, 1027 cm⁻¹.

HRMS: calc. for [M+H]⁺ C₂₂H₂₁N₂O₃: 361.15467 found: 361.15525.



2,3-Bis(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine 1-oxide (3j)

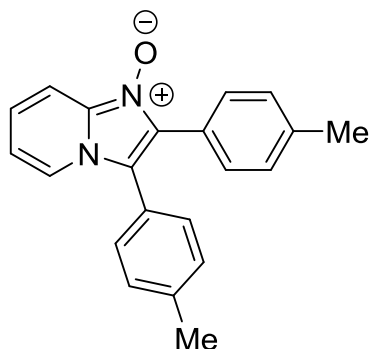
Prepared according to the general procedure and the product was obtained as light yellow solid in 95% yield (95 mg), mp 88-92 °C;

¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01 – 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.76 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.54 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.20 (ddd, *J* = 9.4, 6.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.83 – 6.72 (m, 1H), 1.36 (s, 9H), 1.29 ppm (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.92, 151.88, 133.92, 132.90, 130.29, 129.73, 126.64, 125.29, 124.69, 123.86, 123.67, 122.78, 117.19, 114.24, 112.82, 35.02, 34.85, 31.35, 31.33 ppm.

FT-IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2962, 2915, 1605, 1492, 1363, 1283, 1177, 1089 cm⁻¹.

HRMS: calc. for [M+H]⁺ C₂₇H₃₁N₂O: 399.24310 found: 399.24309.



2,3-Di-*p*-tolylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine 1-oxide (3k)

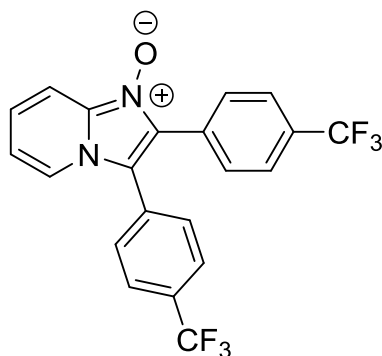
Prepared according to the general procedure and the product was obtained as light yellow solid in 88% yield (69 mg), mp 150-153 °C;

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.86-8.81 (m, 6.9, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.35 ppm(s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.84, 138.92, 133.83, 132.75, 130.36, 130.30, 129.89, 128.95, 124.97, 123.60, 123.50, 122.62, 117.19, 114.32, 112.59, 21.47, 21.44 ppm.

FT-IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2988, 2921, 1620, 157, 1407, 1360, 1232, 1110 cm⁻¹.

HRMS: calc. for [M+H]⁺ C₂₁H₁₉N₂O: 315.14919 found: 315.15023.



2,3-Bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine 1-oxide (3l)

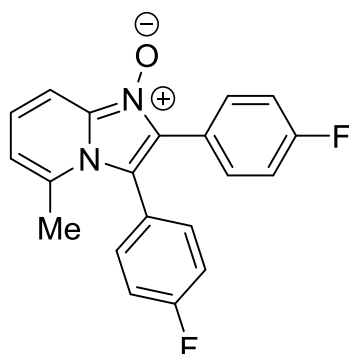
Prepared according to the general procedure at 60 °C and the product was obtained as light yellow solid in 77% yield (81 mg), mp 120-125 °C;

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.91 ppm (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 134.73, 132.33, 132.18, 131.89 (q, *J* = 31.02 Hz), 131.41 (q, *J* = 30.68 Hz), 130.97, 130.51, 130.03, 129.67, 127.02 (q, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 126.16, 125.53 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 122.12 (q, *J* = 271.09 Hz), 121.82 (q, *J* = 272.35 Hz), 116.30, 115.55, 113.31 ppm.

FT-IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3158, 2950, 1620, 1413, 1320, 1159, 1008 cm⁻¹.

HRMS: calc. for [M+H]⁺ C₂₁H₁₃N₂OF₆: 423.09266 found: 423.09283.



2,3-Bis(4-fluorophenyl)-5-methylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine 1-oxide (3m)

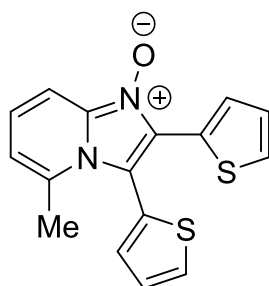
Prepared according to the general procedure at 60 °C and the product was obtained as light yellow solid in 91 % yield (77 mg), mp 117-120 °C;

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.09 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.55 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.07 ppm (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) 163.63 (d, J = 251.80 Hz), 162.87 (d, J = 249.6 Hz), 136.28, 135.49, 134.87 (d, J = 8.4 Hz), 133.31, 132.17 (d, J = 8.4 Hz), 125.46 (d, J = 3.7 Hz), 125.32, 122.47 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 117.10, 115.58, 115.52 (d, J = 21.8 Hz), 115.30 (d, J = 21.7 Hz), 111.03 ppm.

FT-IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3093, 3051, 1637, 1595, 1517, 1493, 1377, 1222, 1158, 1070 cm⁻¹.

HRMS: calc. for [M+H]⁺ C₂₀H₁₅N₂OF₂: 337.11470 found: 337.11470.



5-Methyl-2,3-di(thiophen-2-yl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine 1-oxide (3n)

Prepared according to the general procedure and the product was obtained as light yellow solid in 92% yield (72 mg), mp 166-169 °C;

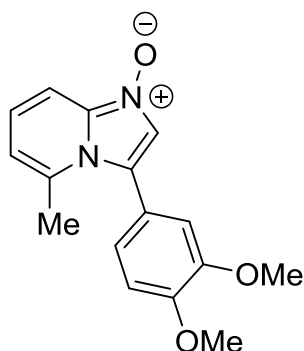
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (dd, J = 5.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, J = 5.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.22 (dd, J = 5.3, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dd, J = 9.0,

6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (dd, $J = 3.9, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.93 (dd, $J = 5.0, 3.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.28 ppm(s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 136.85, 135.90, 134.89, 131.54, 130.97, 129.70, 128.55, 127.63, 127.41, 127.33, 126.25, 125.29, 116.28, 110.52, 106.36, 20.14 ppm.

FT-IR: $\tilde{\nu} = 3055, 2960, 1627, 1537, 1441, 1421, 1387, 1197, 1151, 1035\text{ cm}^{-1}$.

HRMS: calc. for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ \text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{OS}_2$: 313.04638 found: 313.04711.



3-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-5-methylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine 1-oxide (3o)

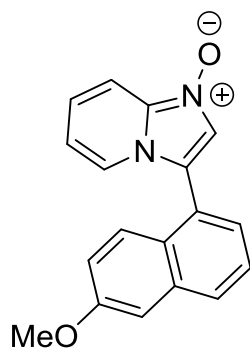
Prepared according to the general procedure and the product was obtained as light yellow solid in 74% yield (53 mg), mp 63-66 °C;

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.81 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.17 (dd, $J = 9.1, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.98 (dd, $J = 8.2, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.89 (m, 2H), 6.55 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.15 ppm (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.59, 148.25, 137.10, 135.59, 125.78, 125.21, 124.43, 121.35, 120.69, 115.51, 115.12, 110.60, 110.31, 56.22, 56.10, 21.10 ppm.

FT-IR: $\tilde{\nu} = 2954, 2931, 1640, 1582, 1461, 1250, 1233, 1130\text{ cm}^{-1}$.

HRMS: calc. for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ \text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$: 285.12337 found: 285.12435.



3-(6-Methoxynaphthalen-1-yl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine 1-oxide (3p)

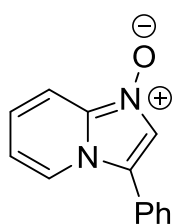
Prepared according to the general procedure and the product was obtained as light yellow solid in 87% yield (63 mg), mp 119-122 °C;

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.22 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.91-7.84 (m, 3H), 7.82 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.48 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 6.84 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.89, 134.92, 134.36, 129.71, 128.81, 128.34, 128.08, 126.00, 125.12, 123.20, 122.92, 121.05, 121.00, 120.28, 114.64, 112.89, 105.84, 55.51 ppm.

FT-IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3042, 2929, 1628, 1607, 1416, 1394, 1113, 1035 cm⁻¹.

HRMS: calc. for [M+H]⁺ C₁₈H₁₅N₂O₂: 291.11280 found: 291.11361.



3-Phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine 1-oxide (3q)

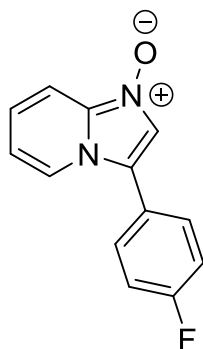
Prepared according to the general procedure and the products were formed in 2:1 regioisomeric ratio in 76% combined yield and the major product could be isolated as light yellow solid in 40% yield (21 mg) (mp 115-117 °C) in pure form which was fully characterized. The identity of the minor product in case of reaction with phenylacetylene has been confirmed by comparison of the NMR data of the corresponding deoxygenated product with the literature known data.;

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃+ CD₃OD) δ 8.20 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.60 – 7.48 (m, 5H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 6.90 ppm (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 134.67, 130.01, 129.80, 128.82, 126.06, 125.93, 123.25, 122.81, 121.12, 114.95, 112.93 ppm.

FT-IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3052, 2954, 1641, 1474, 1416, 1327, 1147cm⁻¹.

HRMS: calc. for [M+H]⁺ C₁₃H₁₁N₂O: 211.08659 found: 211.08659.



3-(4-Fluorophenyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine 1-oxide (3r)

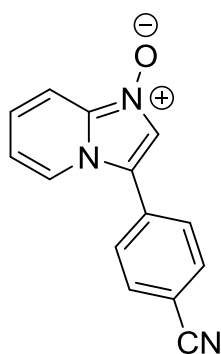
Prepared according to the general procedure and the products were formed in 4:1 regioisomeric ratio in 78% combined yield and the major product could be isolated as light yellow solid in 51% yield (29 mg) in pure form which was fully characterized, mp 117-121 °C

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃+ CD₃OD) 8.18 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.60 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.00 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.61 (d, *J* = 251.7 Hz), 134.57, 131.06 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 127.06, 123.22, 122.27, 121.68 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 120.53, 117.04 (d, *J* = 22.1 Hz), 115.32, 112.34 ppm.

FT-IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3037, 1719, 1495, 1413, 1335, 1225, 1088 cm⁻¹.

HRMS: calc. for [M+H]⁺ C₁₃H₁₀N₂OF: 229.07717 found: 229.07791.



3-(4-Bromo)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine 1-oxide (3s)

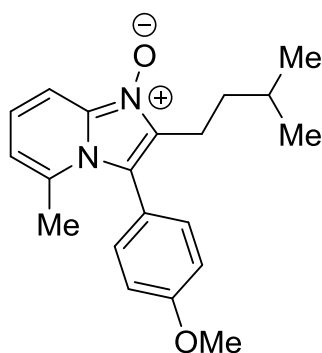
Prepared according to the general procedure using 2 equiv of alkyne and the products were formed in 3:1 regioisomeric ratio in 65% combined yield and the major product could be isolated as light yellow semi-solid in 43% yield (25 mg) in pure form which was fully characterized;

¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.49 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (dd, J = 9.1, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.00 ppm(t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 133.90, 132.24, 130.26, 125.64, 125.30, 124.25, 122.81, 122.24, 118.79, 114.76, 111.87 ppm.

FT-IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3090, 2935, 2229, 1684, 1495, 1395, 1173, 1123 cm⁻¹.

HRMS: calc. for [M+H]⁺ C₁₄H₁₀N₃O: 236.08184 found: 236.08252.



2-Isopentyl-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine 1-oxide (3t)

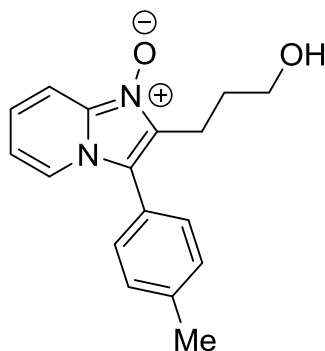
Prepared according to the general procedure and the product was obtained as light yellow solid in 83% yield (67 mg), mp 66-68 °C;

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.07 (dd, J = 9.1, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.98 – 6.81 (m, 2H), 6.45 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.69 – 2.56 (m, 2H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.51-1.46 (m, 3H), 0.76 (s, 3H), 0.74 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.71, 136.74, 136.33, 134.91, 133.73, 124.63, 121.26, 117.80, 114.96, 113.40, 110.08, 55.47, 36.91, 27.86, 22.30, 21.43, 20.61 ppm.

FT-IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3056, 2949, 2866, 1638, 1580, 1505, 1310, 1247, 1142, 1033 cm⁻¹.

HRMS: calc. for [M+H]⁺ C₂₀H₂₅N₂O₂: 325.19105 found: 325.19229.



2-(3-Hydroxypropyl)-3-(p-tolyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine 1-oxide (3u)

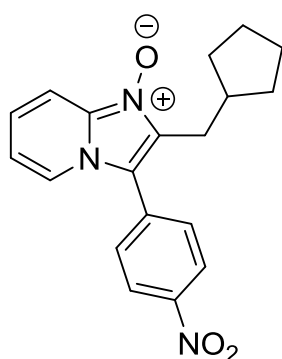
Prepared according to the general procedure and the product was obtained as light yellow solid in 53% yield (38 mg), mp 142-145 °C;

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 6.83 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 1H), 3.69 – 3.57 (m, 2H), 3.11 – 2.96 (m, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 1.95 – 1.77 ppm (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.34, 135.15, 133.56, 130.52, 129.94, 125.74, 123.07, 122.98, 118.06, 114.43, 112.23, 60.80, 32.91, 21.58, 19.17 ppm.

FT-IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2920, 1738, 1543, 1391, 1108, 1056, 1011 cm⁻¹.

HRMS: calc. for [M+H]⁺ C₁₇H₁₉N₂O₂: 383.14410 found: 283.14481.



2-(Cyclopentylmethyl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine 1-oxide (3v)

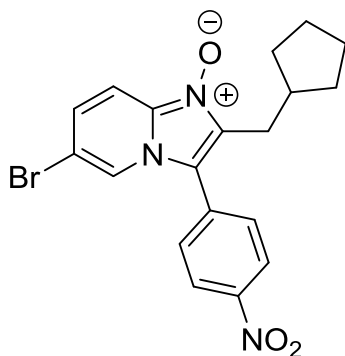
Prepared according to the general procedure and the product was obtained as light yellow solid in 82% yield (69 mg), mp 99-102 °C;

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.42 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 6.89 (td, *J* = 7, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.49 – 2.40 (m, 1H), 1.66-1.59 (m, 2H), 1.50 (ddd, *J* = 7.9, 6.7, 5.1 Hz, 2H), 1.46 – 1.40 (m, 2H), 1.11 – 0.99 ppm (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.09, 136.52, 134.41, 133.56, 130.83, 125.70, 124.94, 122.37, 115.12, 115.00, 112.74, 38.42, 32.54, 28.23, 24.71 ppm.

FT-IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3105, 2949, 2866, 1732, 1599, 1515, 1344, 1107 cm⁻¹.

HRMS: calc. for [M+H]⁺ C₁₉H₂₀N₃O₃: 338.14992 found: 338.15093.



6-Bromo-2-(cyclopentylmethyl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine 1-oxide (3w)

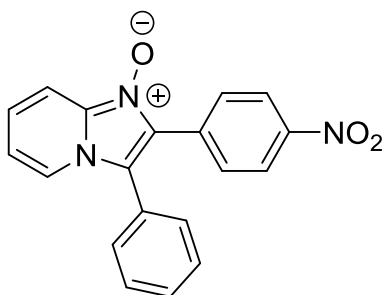
Prepared according to the general procedure and the product was obtained as light yellow solid in 76% yield (79 mg), mp 104-110 °C;

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.42 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 2.90 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (dt, *J* = 15.5, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 1.60 (dt, *J* = 11.3, 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.54 – 1.45 (m, 2H), 1.41 (m, 2H), 1.01 ppm (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.37, 137.07, 132.88, 131.89, 130.91, 128.59, 125.10, 122.11, 115.41, 113.44, 109.83, 38.29, 32.52, 28.23, 24.70 ppm.

FT-IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3093, 2951, 2862, 1611, 1515, 1382, 1345, 1206, 1055 cm⁻¹.

HRMS: [M+H]⁺ C₁₉H₁₉⁷⁹BrN₃O₃: 416.06043 found: 416.06132. HRMS: calc. for [M+H]⁺ C₁₉H₁₉⁸¹BrN₃O₃: 418.05838 found: 418.05834.



2-(4-Nitrophenyl)-3-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine 1-oxide (3x)

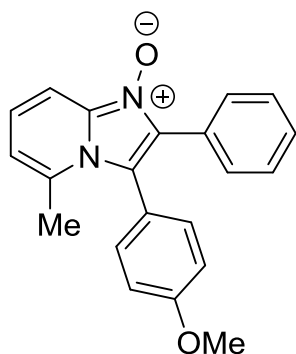
Prepared according to the general procedure and the product was obtained as light yellow solid in 84% yield (70 mg), mp 85-90 °C;

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.28 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.10 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (dd, *J* = 5.3, 1.9 Hz, 3H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 6.91 ppm (dd, *J* = 6.6, 1.9 Hz, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.87, 134.85, 134.21, 133.40, 131.09, 130.31, 129.69, 128.66, 125.97, 125.63, 124.85, 122.34, 115.52, 114.86, 113.31, ppm.

FT-IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3025, 2929, 1597, 1514, 1443, 1383, 1345, 1104 cm^{-1} .

HRMS: calc. for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$: 332.10297 found: 332.10432.



3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine 1-oxide (3y)

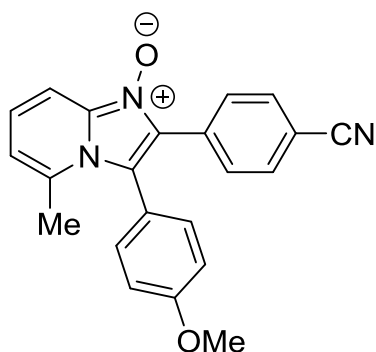
Prepared according to the general procedure and the product was obtained as light yellow solid in 85% yield (70 mg), mp 173-177 $^{\circ}\text{C}$;

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.85 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.27 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.11 (dd, J = 9.1, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.49 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.05 ppm (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.65, 136.57, 135.25, 133.78, 130.14, 128.64, 127.96, 126.64, 125.10, 121.16, 118.38, 115.65, 113.45, 110.75, 55.36, 21.54 ppm.

FT-IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2987, 2963, 1631, 1605, 1542, 1391, 1290, 1246, 1161, 1027 cm^{-1} .

HRMS: calc. for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$: 331.14410 found: 331.14496.



2-(4-Cyanophenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine 1-oxide (3z)

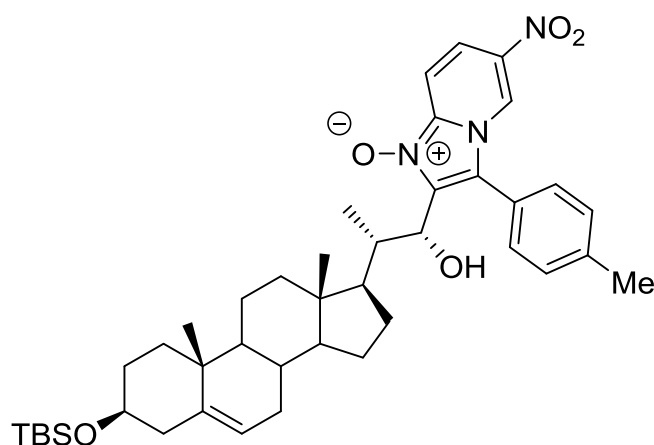
Prepared according to the general procedure and the product was obtained as light yellow solid in 85% yield (76 mg), mp 98-102 $^{\circ}\text{C}$;

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.08 ppm (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.16, 136.96, 135.80, 134.16, 131.79, 131.48, 130.52, 126.12, 124.69, 120.35, 119.30, 118.68, 116.33, 113.94, 112.15, 110.91, 55.51, 21.58 ppm.

FT-IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3006, 2967, 2839, 1912, 1609, 1546, 1333, 1291, 1253, 1180, 1071 cm⁻¹.

HRMS: calc. for [M+H]⁺ C₂₂H₁₈N₃O₂: 356.13935 found: 356.14013.



2-((1*R*,2*S*)-2-((8*S*,9*S*,10*R*,13*S*,14*S*,17*R*)-3-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-10,13-dimethyl-2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-tetradecahydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthren-17-yl)-1-hydroxypropyl)-6-nitro-3-(*p*-tolyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine 1-oxide (3aa)

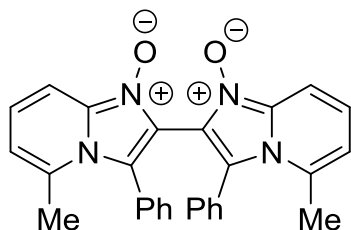
Prepared according to the general procedure using 2 equiv of nitroso compound with 1 equiv of alkyne (0.1 mmol scale) and the product was obtained as light yellow solid in 85% yield (61 mg), mp 228-231 °C;

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.85 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (s, 2H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.29 (dd, *J* = 2.9, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.47 – 3.42 (m, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.23 (dd, *J* = 17.8, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.17 – 2.10 (m, 2H), 1.91 (dt, *J* = 24.0, 8.6 Hz, 2H), 1.78 – 1.73 (m, 1H), 1.68 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 1.54 – 1.47 (m, 1H), 1.41 (ddd, *J* = 14.5, 12.7, 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.38 – 1.31 (m, 2H), 1.26 – 1.18 (m, 2H), 1.10 – 1.04 (m, 1H), 0.98 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 5.4 Hz, 5H), 0.94 (s, 3H), 0.87 (s, 8H), 0.69 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 0.63 (s, 3H), 0.04 ppm (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.89, 141.77, 138.92, 136.43, 133.01, 130.96, 130.79, 123.91, 121.17, 121.04, 120.58, 118.82, 112.24, 72.73, 72.06, 56.72, 53.26, 50.31, 45.56, 43.08, 42.89, 39.85, 37.48, 36.61, 32.15, 31.97, 31.83, 28.23, 26.04, 24.61, 21.67, 21.06, 19.49, 18.37, 15.10, 11.66, -4.48 ppm.

FT-IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2928, 2855, 1525, 1509, 1515, 1460, 1332, 1249, 1195, 1078 cm^{-1} .

HRMS: calc. for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{60}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{Si}$: 714.42967 found: 714.43019.



5,5'-Dimethyl-3,3'-diphenyl-[2,2'-biimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine] 1,1'-dioxide (3ab)

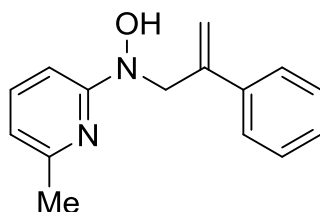
Prepared according to the general procedure using 1 equiv alkyne, 2 equiv 6-methyl-2-nitrosopyridine and the products were formed in 73% combined yield and the major product could be isolated as light yellow solid in 65 % yield (72.00 mg), mp 72-76 °C;

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.02 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.58 – 7.49 (m, 4H), 7.33 – 7.23 (m, 8H), 6.74 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.09 ppm (s, 6H).

^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 138.69, 137.33, 135.68, 130.11, 128.98, 128.78, 126.99, 125.58, 117.79, 111.77, 104.13, 18.90 ppm.

FT-IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3063, 2926, 2915, 1634, 1546, 1444, 1406, 1209, 1114 cm^{-1} .

HRMS: calc. for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$: 447.18155 found: 447.18190.



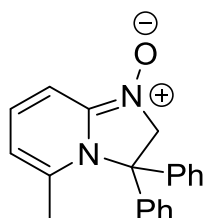
N-(6-methylpyridin-2-yl)-N-(2-phenylallyl)hydroxylamine (4a)

To a screw cap reaction vial 6-methyl-2-nitrosopyridine (0.25 mmol, 1 equiv), α -methylstyrene (0.5 mmol, 2 equiv), and 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoro-2-propanol (HFIP, 1.0 mL) were added under air. The reaction mixture was stirred vigorously at RT for 3 h. The crude reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and subsequently purified by flash column chromatography over silica gel using ethylacetate/petroleum ether as an eluent system. The product was obtained as light yellow liquid in 93% yield (53 mg);

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.55 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.26 (m, 3H), 6.82 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.55 (s, 1H), 5.37 (s, 1H), 4.67 (s, 2H), 2.45 ppm (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.52, 155.98, 143.65, 139.38, 138.13, 128.41, 127.84, 126.45, 115.45, 115.40, 106.18, 59.12, 24.25 ppm.

FT-IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3058, 2925, 2854, 1632, 1589, 1449, 1333, 1263, 1195, 1029 cm^{-1} .



5-Methyl-3,3-diphenyl-2,3-dihydroimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine 1-oxide (4b)

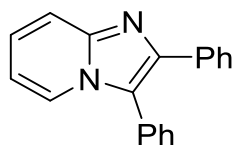
To a screw cap reaction vial 6-methyl-2-nitrosopyridine (0.25 mmol, 1 equiv), alpha-phenylstyrene (0.5 mmol, 2 equiv), and 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoro-2-propanol (HFIP, 1.0 mL) were added under air. The reaction mixture was stirred vigorously at RT for 12 h. The crude reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and subsequently purified by flash column chromatography over silica gel using dichloromethane/methanol as an eluent system. The product was obtained as light yellow solid in 85% yield (61 mg), mp 133-136 $^{\circ}\text{C}$;

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 6H), 7.27 – 7.23 (m, 4H), 6.61 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 5.77 – 5.69 (m, 1H), 4.65 (s, 2H), 2.14 ppm (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 151.39, 147.04, 140.63, 132.52, 129.25, 129.14, 127.53, 109.00, 107.75, 73.45, 70.00, 21.97 ppm.

FT-IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3059, 2955, 1655, 1538, 1493, 1446, 1356, 1130, 1081 cm^{-1} .

HRMS: calc. for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: 289.13354 found: 289.13333.



2,3-Diphenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (5a)

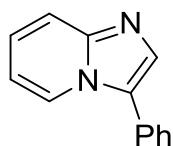
To a screw cap reaction vial 2,3-diphenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine 1-oxide (**2a**, 0.25 mmol) and acetonitrile (2.0 mL) were added under air. The reaction mixture was stirred vigorously at 125-130 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 3 h. After completion the crude reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and subsequently purified by flash column chromatography over silica gel using dichloromethane/methanol as an eluent system. The product was obtained as brown solid in 95% yield (64 mg), mp 138-141 $^{\circ}\text{C}$;

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.62–7.57 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 7.18 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 6.70 ppm (dd, *J* = 6.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H);

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.60, 133.73, 130.90, 129.75, 129.19, 128.47, 128.26, 127.82, 125.32, 123.49, 121.24, 117.50, 112.76 ppm.

FT-IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3058, 2925, 1666, 1600, 1505, 1442, 1344, 1212, 1027 cm⁻¹.

HRMS: calc. for [M+H]⁺ C₁₉H₁₅N₂: 271.12298 found: 271.12367.



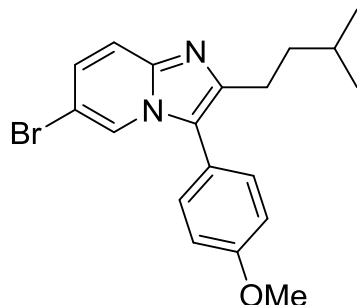
3-Phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (5b)

To a screw cap sealed reaction tube 3-phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine 1-oxide (**3q**, 0.25 mmol) and acetonitrile (2.0 mL) were added under air. The reaction mixture was stirred vigorously at 140 °C for 12 h. After completion the crude reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and subsequently purified by flash column chromatography over silica gel using dichloromethane/methanol as an eluent system. The product was obtained as brown oil in 86% yield (42 mg);

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.38 – 8.31 (m, 1H), 7.72–7.70 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.54 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 6.83 ppm (dd, *J* = 6.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H); **¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 146.01, 132.11, 129.42, 129.26, 128.46, 128.26, 124.72, 123.55, 118.26, 112.89 ppm;

FT-IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3055, 2936, 2851, 1643, 1499, 1353, 1297, 1148, 1010 cm⁻¹.

HRMS: calc. for [M+H]⁺ C₁₃H₁₁N₂O: 195.09167 found: 195.0912.



6-Bromo-2-isopentyl-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (5c)

To a screw cap sealed reaction tube 6-bromo-2-isopentyl-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine 1-oxide (0.15 mmol) and propionitrile (2.0 mL) were added under air. The reaction mixture was stirred vigorously at 150 °C for 12 h. After completion the crude reaction mixture

was concentrated under reduced pressure and subsequently purified by flash column chromatography over silica gel using dichloromethane/methanol as an eluent system. The product was obtained as black amorphous solid in 65% yield (62 mg);

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.24 (dd, *J* = 9.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.11 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.78 – 2.69 (m, 2H), 1.69 – 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.56 (td, *J* = 13.2, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 0.87 ppm (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 6H);

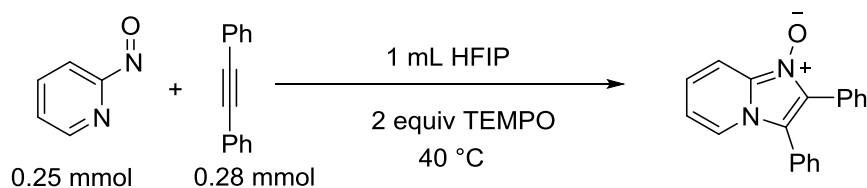
¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.03, 142.10, 131.20, 127.88, 124.56, 123.25, 120.11, 117.28, 114.88, 107.12, 55.38, 38.82, 27.92, 25.34, 22.33;

FT-IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3060, 2966, 1656, 1538, 1493, 1446, 1355, 1278, 1130 cm⁻¹.

HRMS: calc. for [M+H]⁺ C₁₉H₂₂⁷⁹BrN₂O: 373.09100 found: 373.09266. HRMS: calc. for [M+H]⁺ C₁₉H₂₂⁸¹BrN₂O: 375.08896 found: 375.08997.

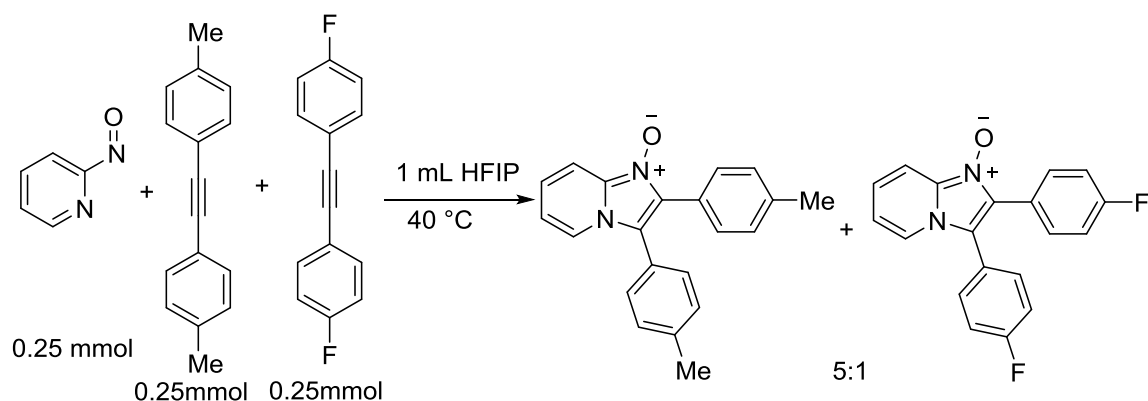
Reaction Mechanism Studies:

(1) Radical trapping

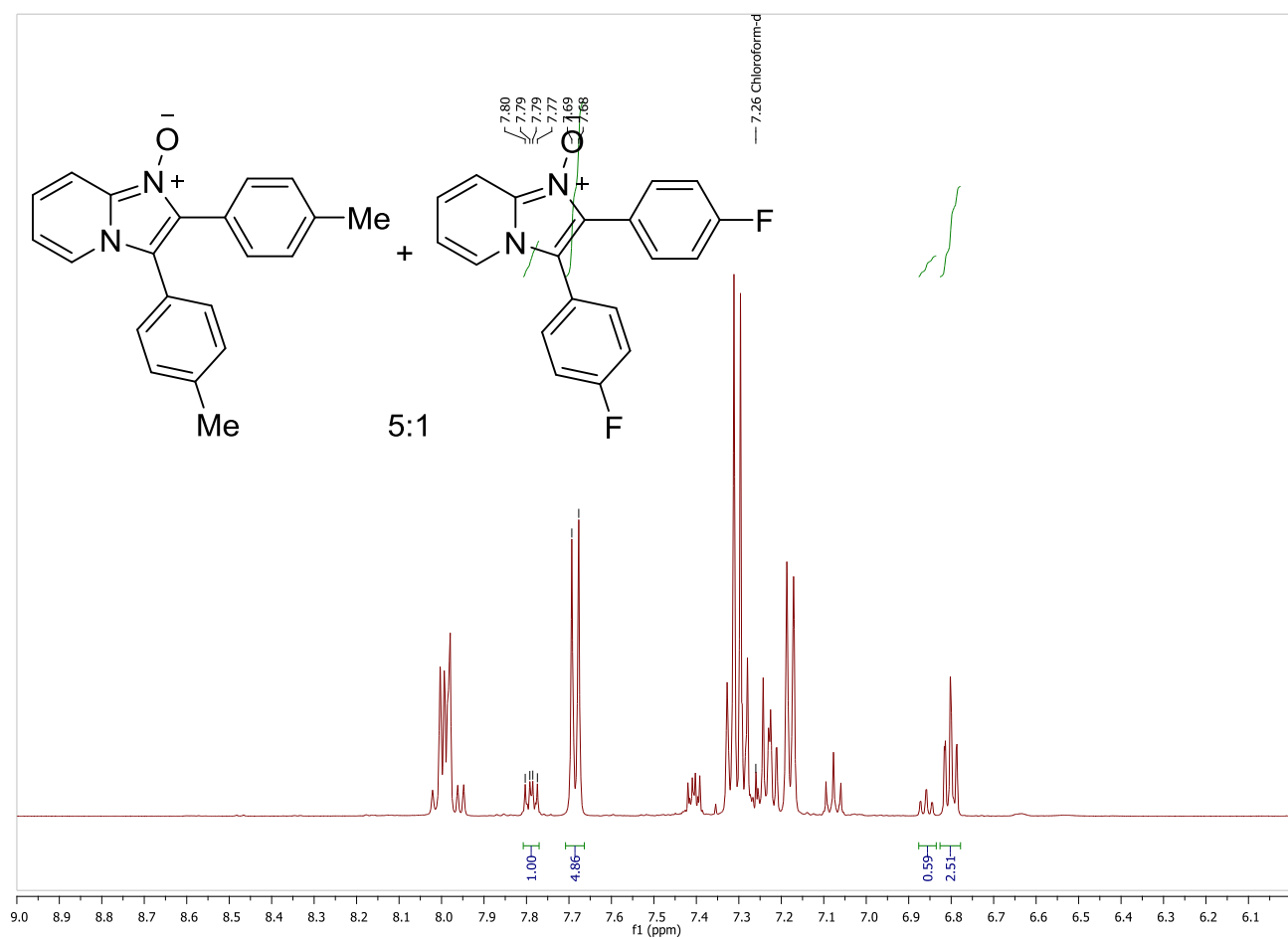
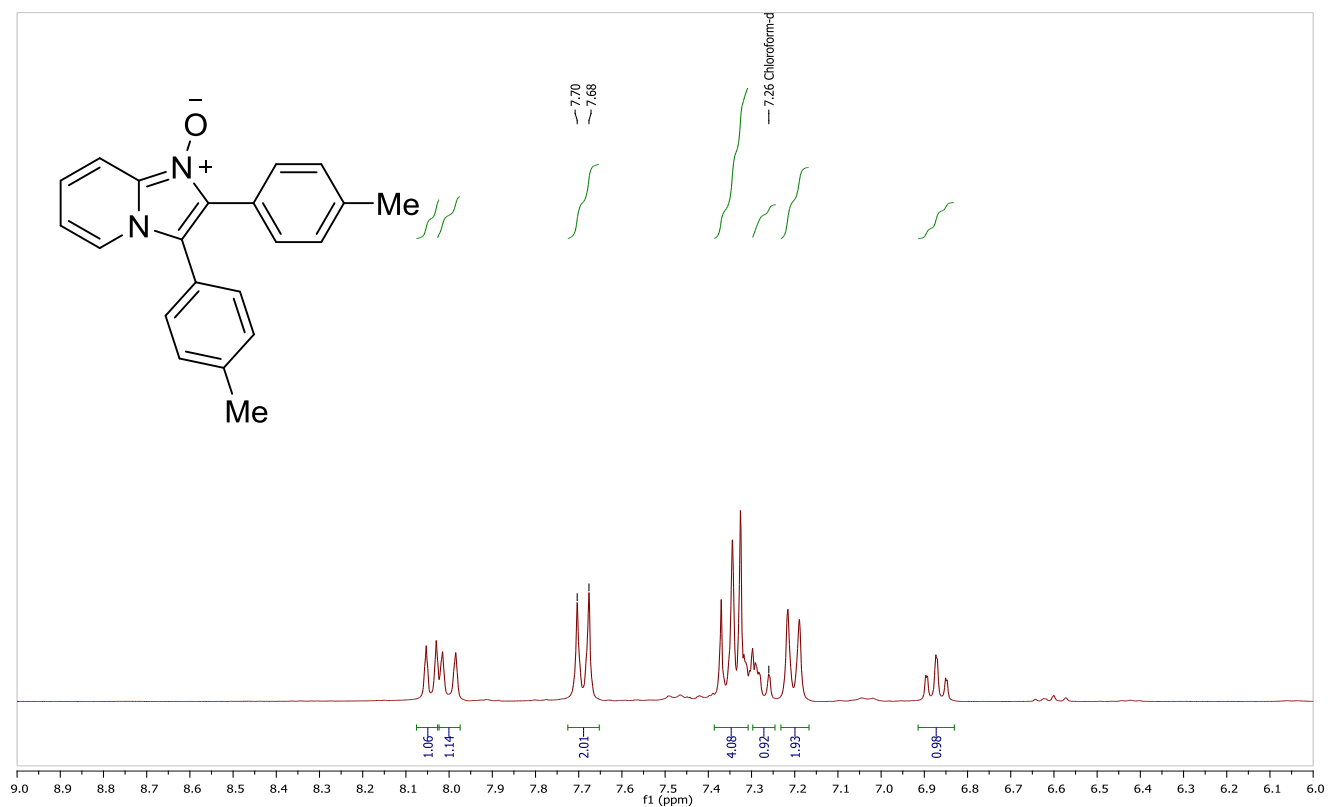


To a screw cap reaction vial 2-nitrosopyridine (0.25 mmol, 1 equiv), diphenylacetylene (0.28 mmol, 1.1 equiv), TEMPO (2 equiv) and 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoro-2-propanol (HFIP) 1.0 mL were added. The reaction mixture was heated to 40 °C for 12 h. The crude reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and subsequently purified by flash column chromatography over silica gel using dichloromethane/methanol as an eluent system and isolated yield was 40%.

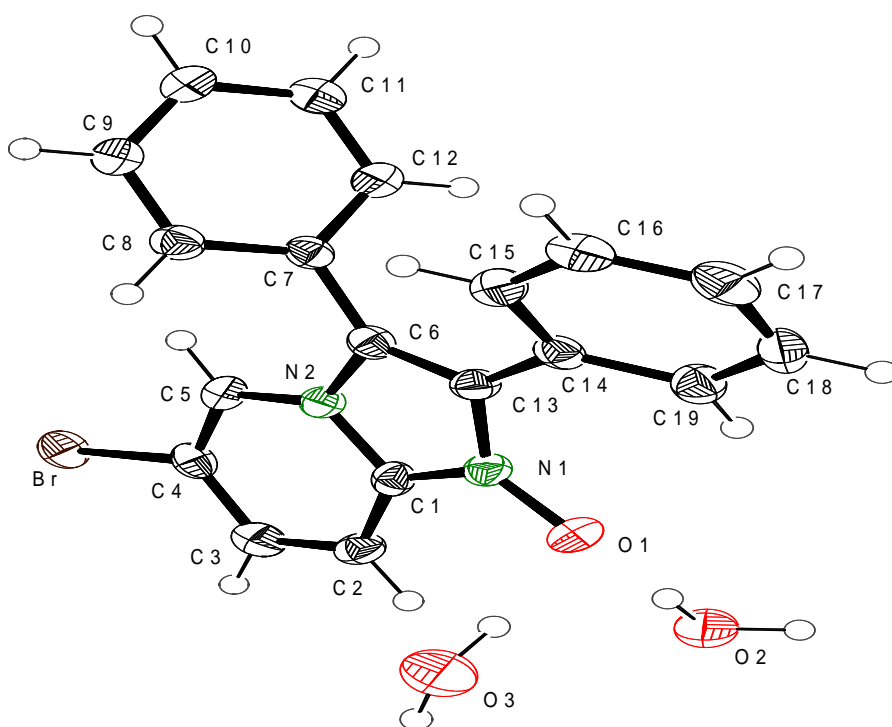
(2) Competition study



To a screw cap reaction vial, 2-aminosopyridine derivatives (0.25 mmol, 1 equiv), 1,2-di-*p*-tolylethyne (0.24 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 1,2-bis(4-fluorophenyl)ethyne (0.24 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoro-2-propanol (HFIP) 1.0 mL were added. The reaction mixture was heated to 40 °C for 6 h. The crude reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and subsequently purified by flash column chromatography over silica gel using dichloromethane/methanol as an eluent system. The ratio of the product was checked by ¹H NMR analysis and it was 5:1.



Crystallographic data for the compound **3h**:



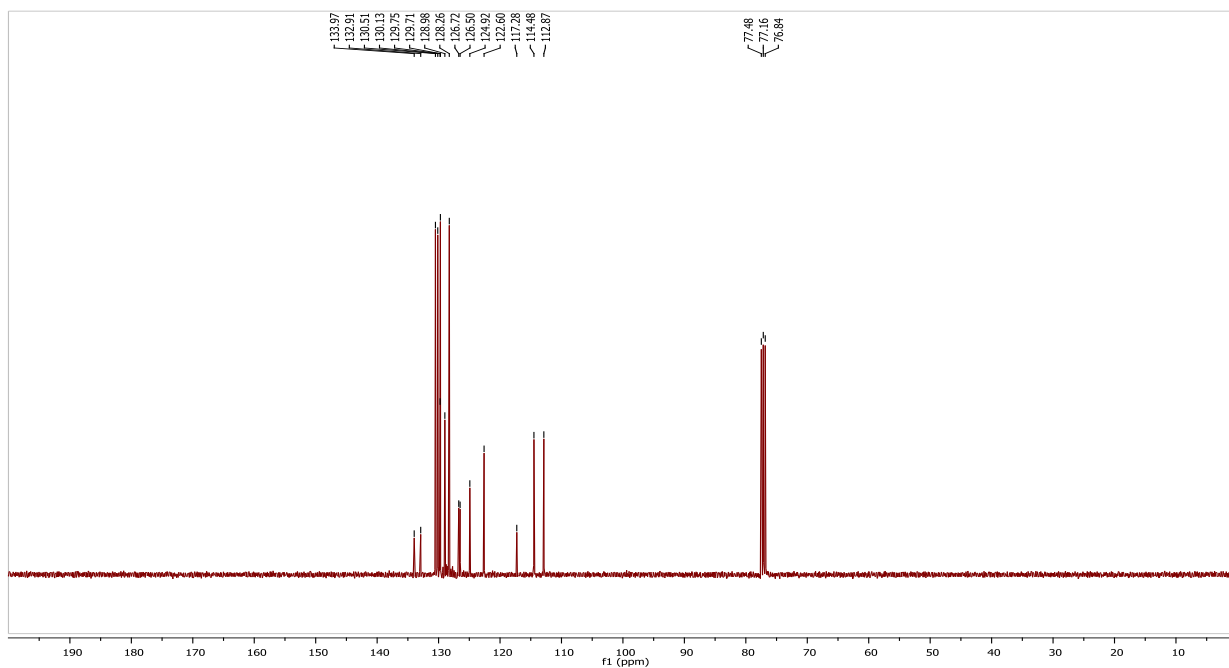
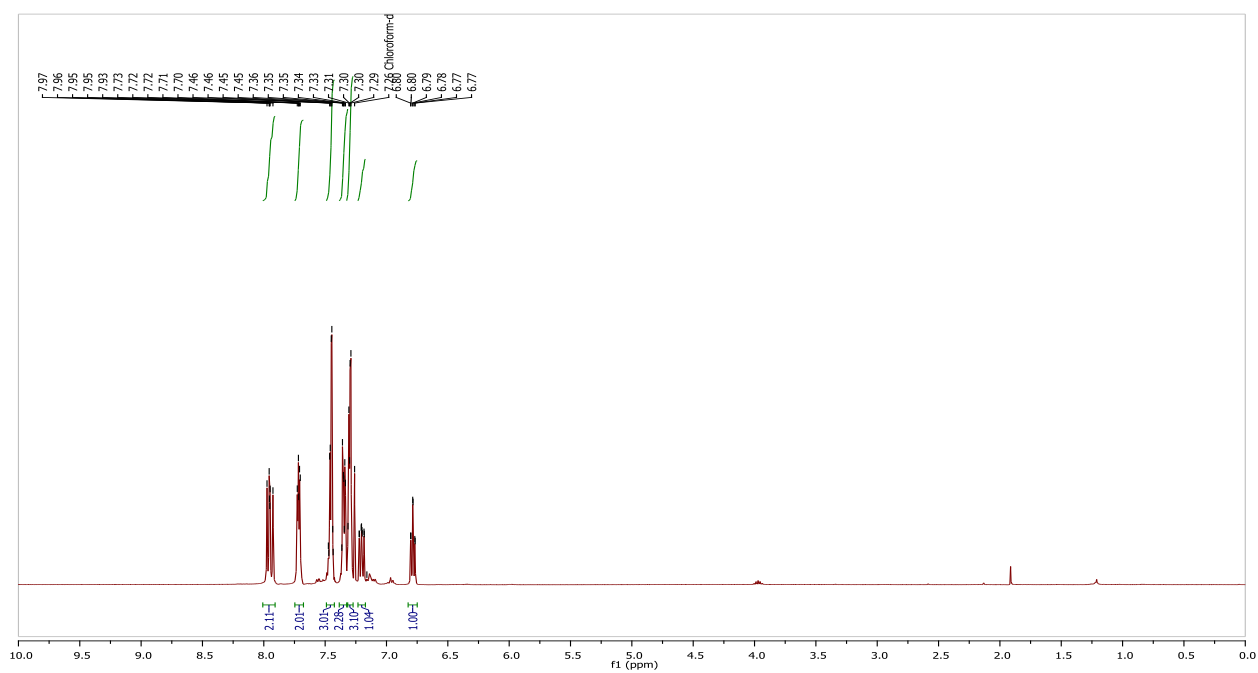
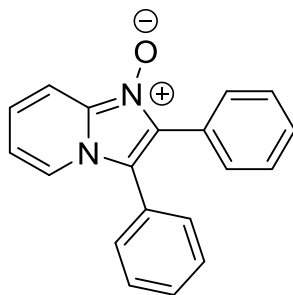
Crystal structure of the N-oxide product. ORTEP of (**3h**) Crystallographic data have been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre and copies can be obtained on request, free of charge, by quoting the publication citation and the deposition number CCDC 1018375.

Table 1. Crystal data and structure refinement for **3g**.

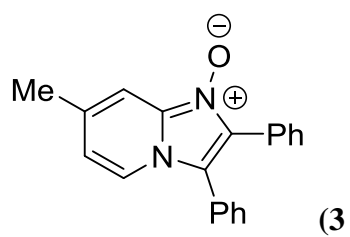
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Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	
Space group	P 21 21 21	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 5.6130(4) Å	a = 90°.
	b = 16.0480(14) Å	b = 90°.
	c = 18.9931(15) Å	g = 90°.
Volume	1710.8(2) Å ³	

Z	4
Density (calculated)	1.558 Mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	2.424 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	816
Crystal size	0.401 x 0.043 x 0.023 mm ³
Theta range for data collection	2.492 to 25.997°.
Index ranges	-6<=h<=6, -19<=k<=19, -23<=l<=23
Reflections collected	54577
Independent reflections	3355 [R(int) = 0.1113]
Completeness to theta = 25.242°	99.8 %
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	3355 / 4 / 242
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.021
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0358, wR2 = 0.0688
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0542, wR2 = 0.0753
Absolute structure parameter	-0.026(6)
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Largest diff. peak and hole	0.336 and -0.235 e.Å ⁻³

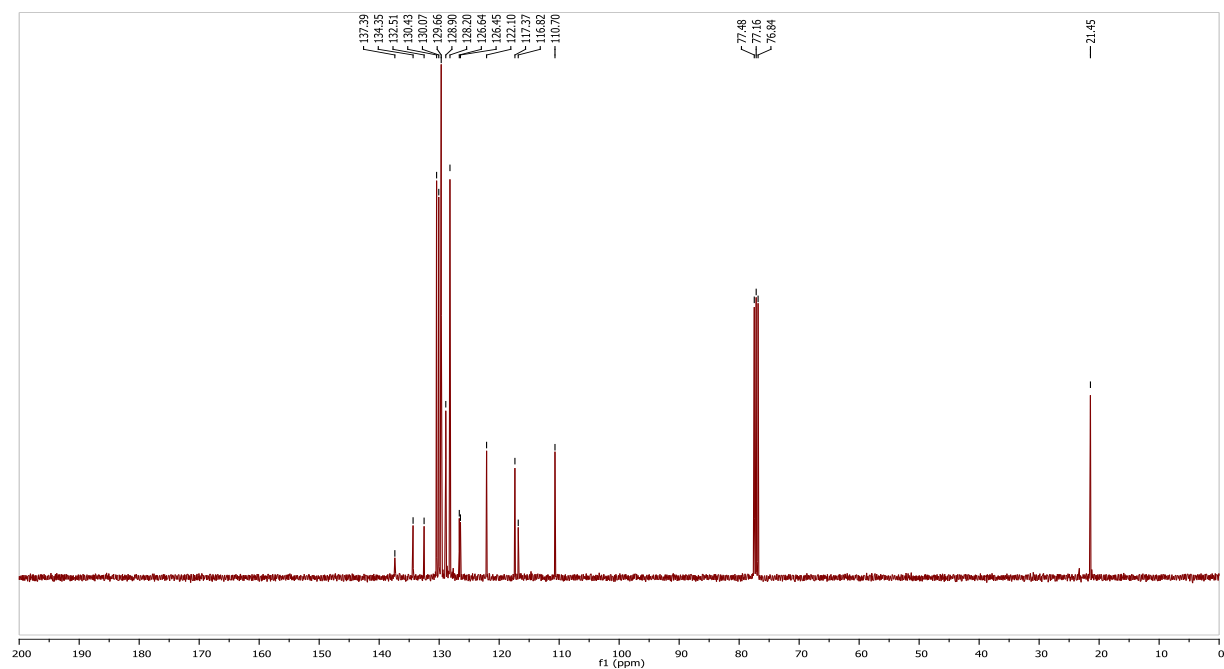
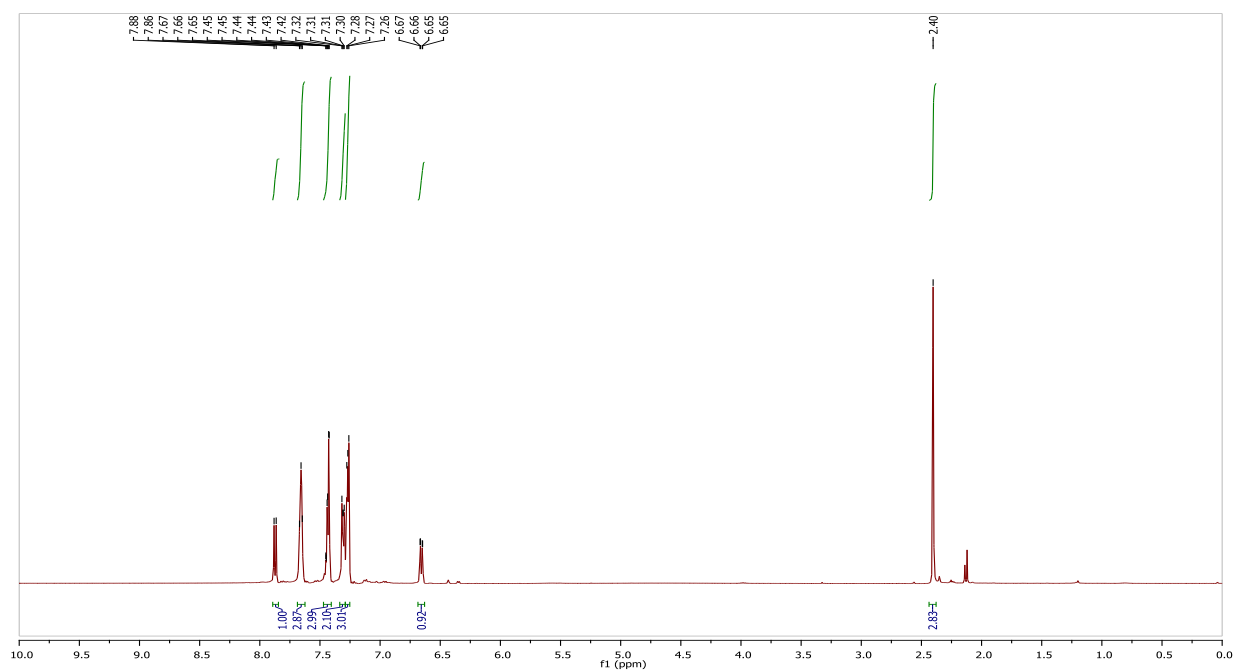
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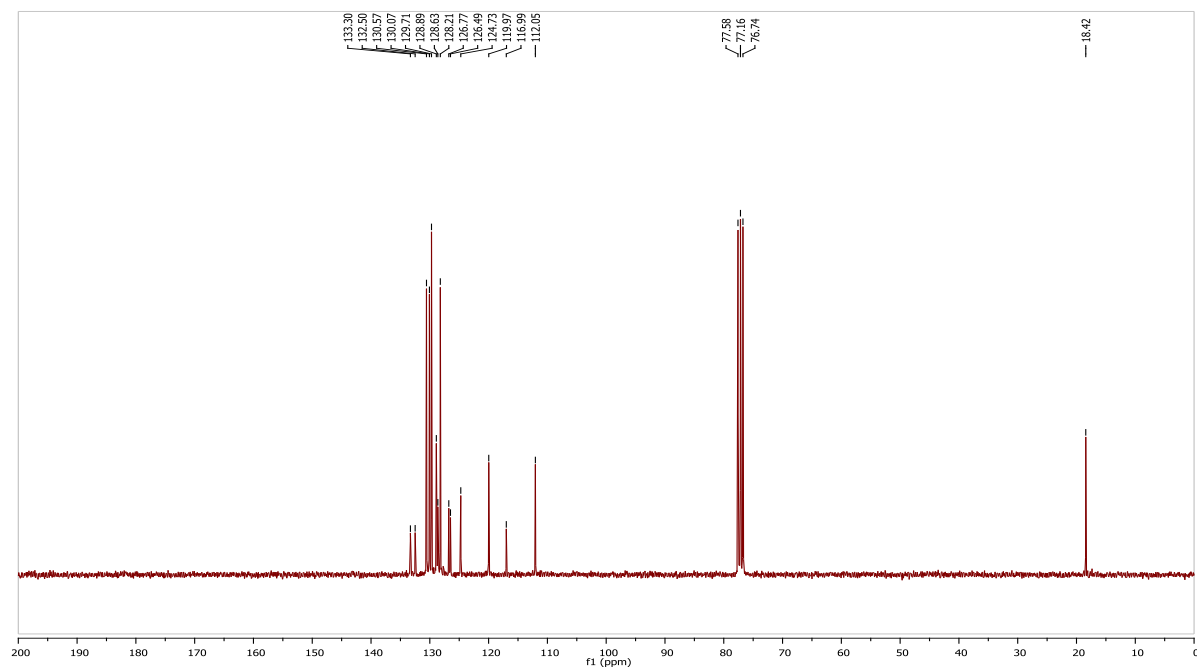
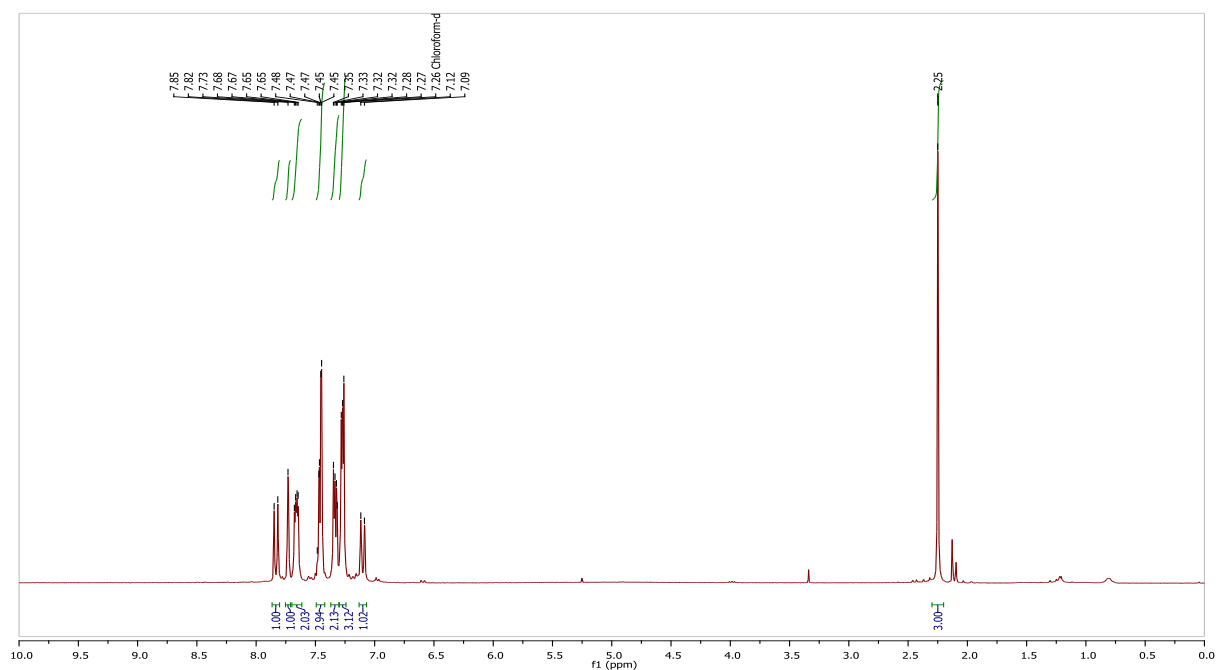
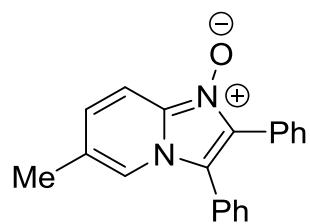
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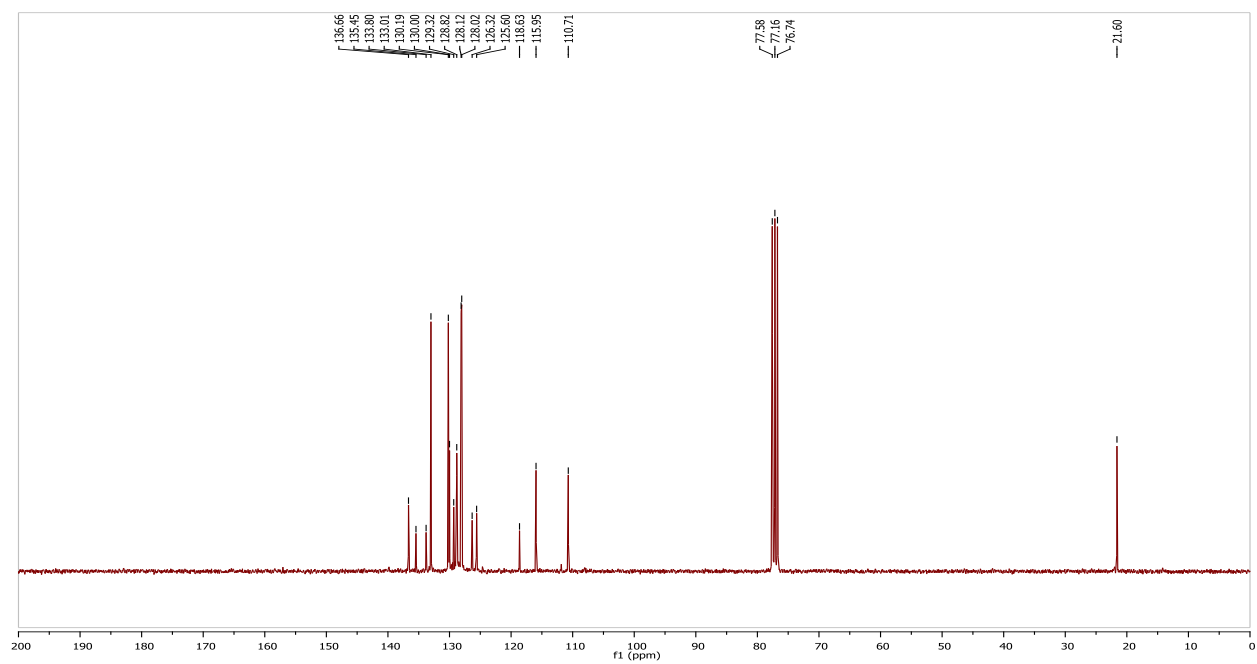
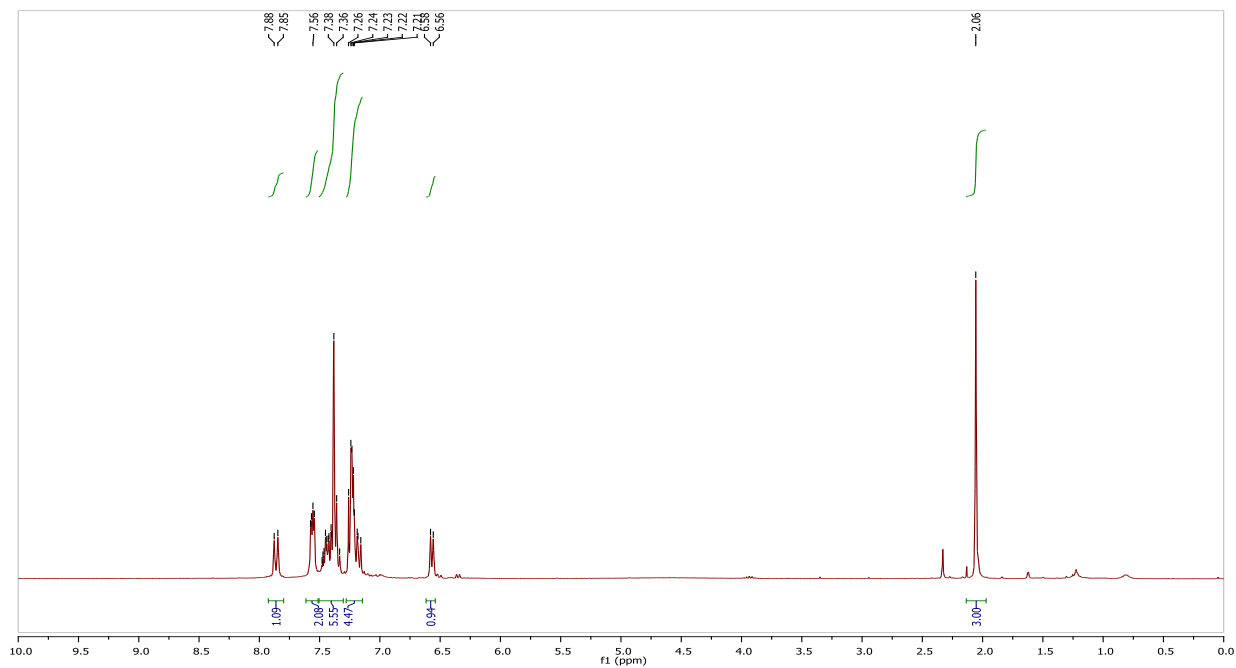
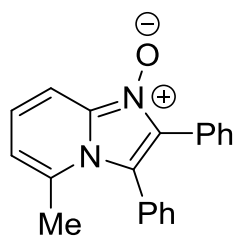
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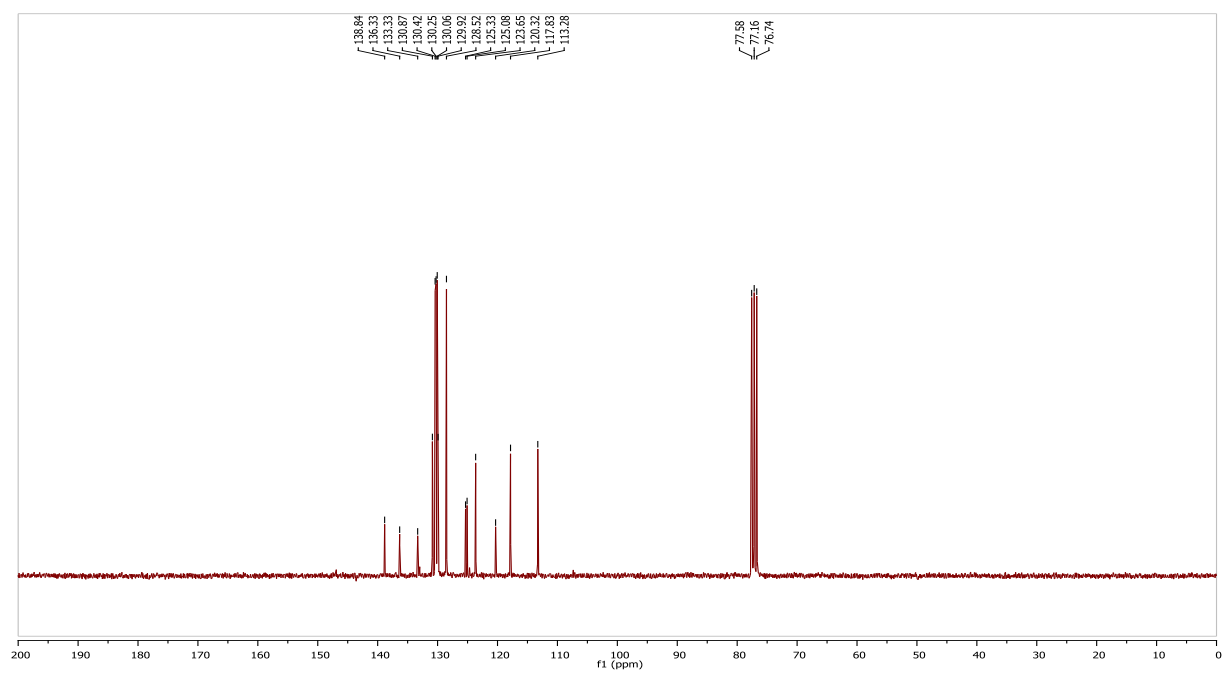
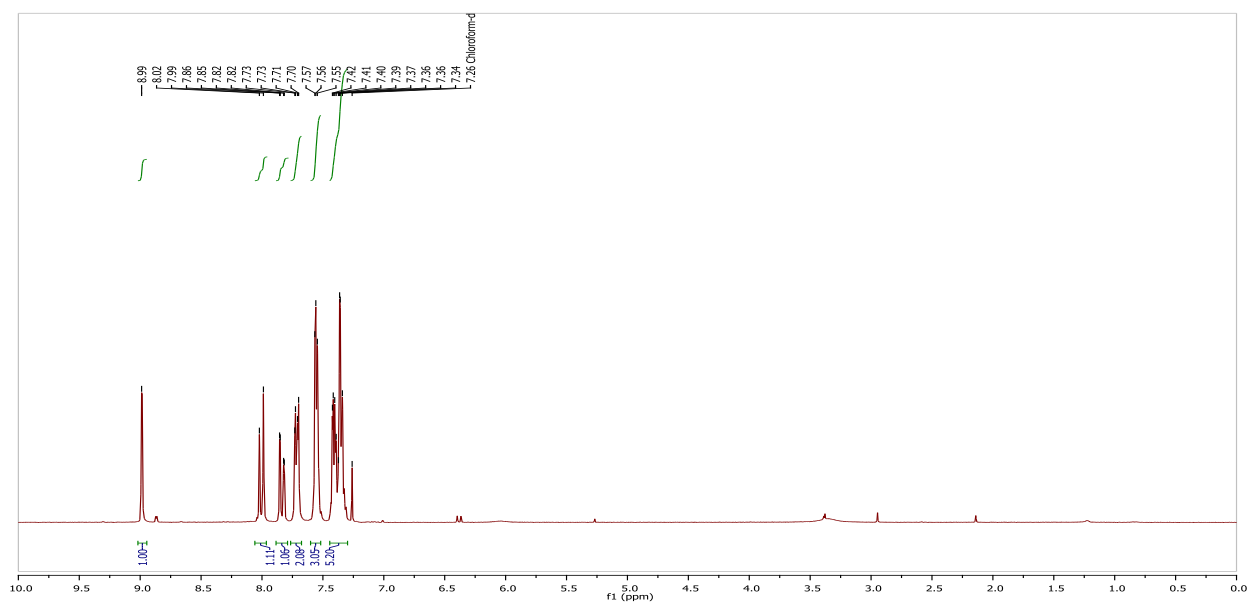
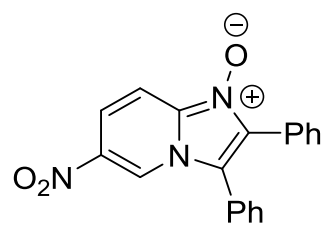
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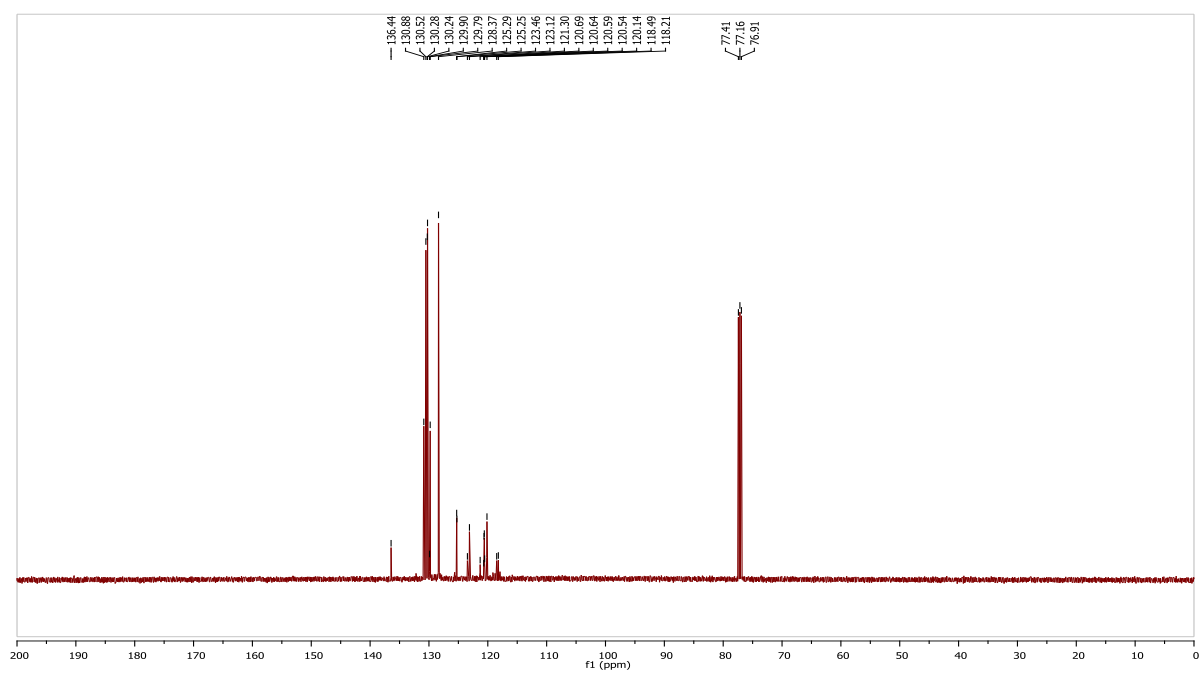
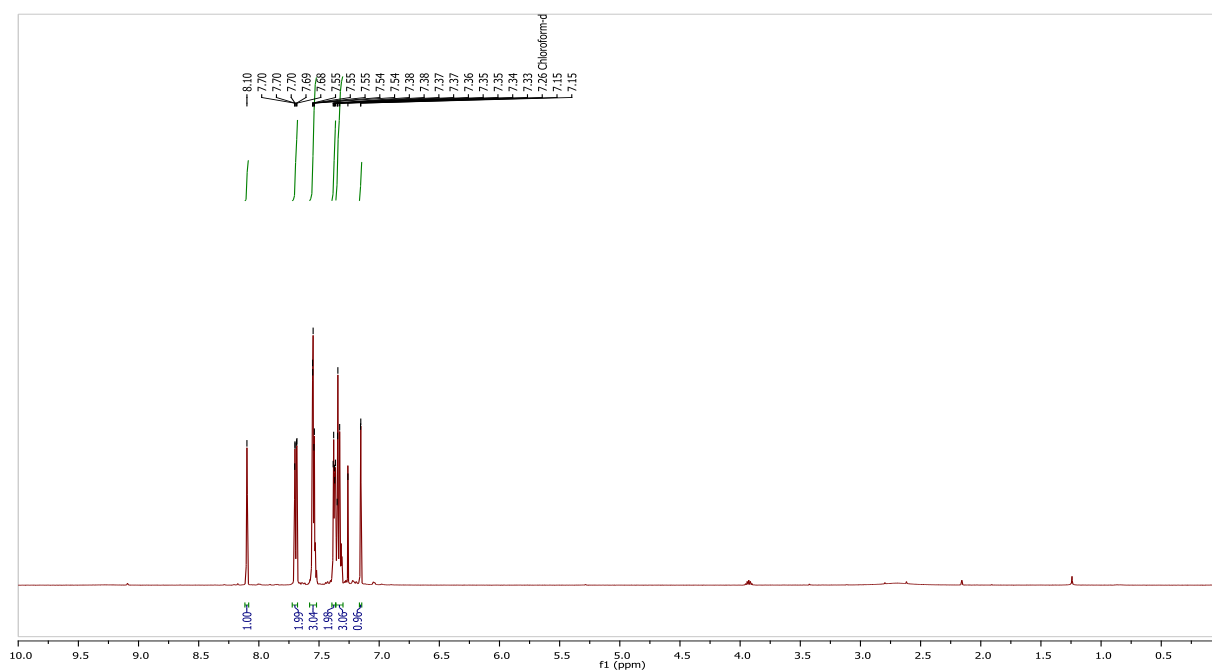
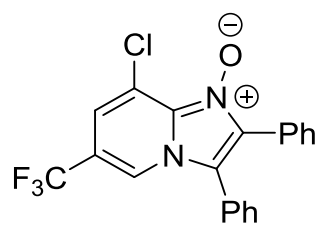
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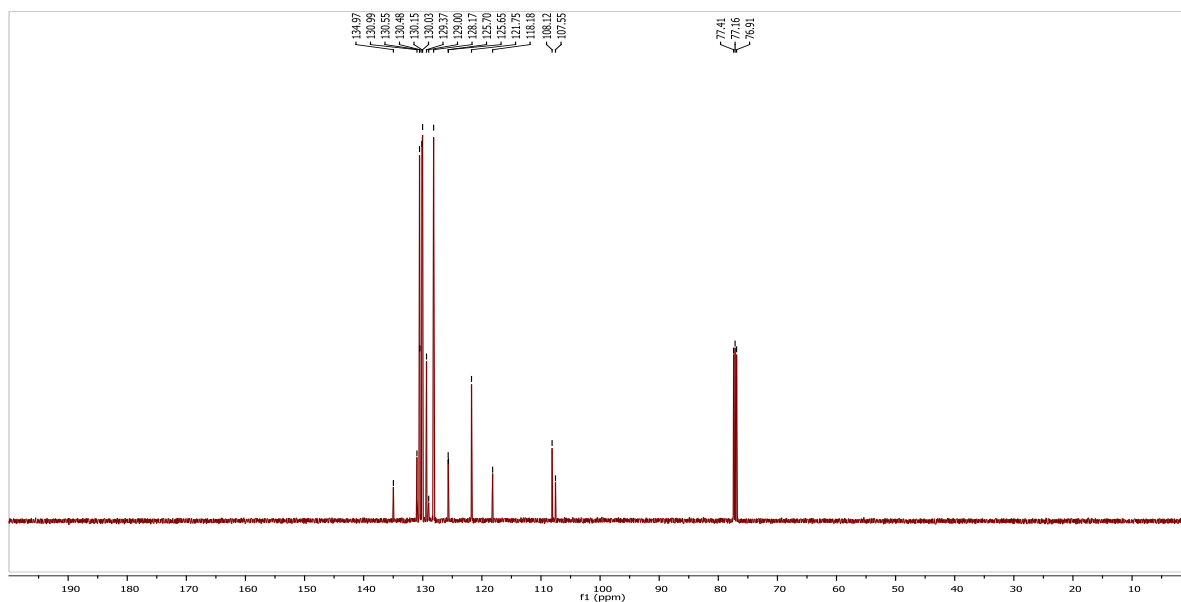
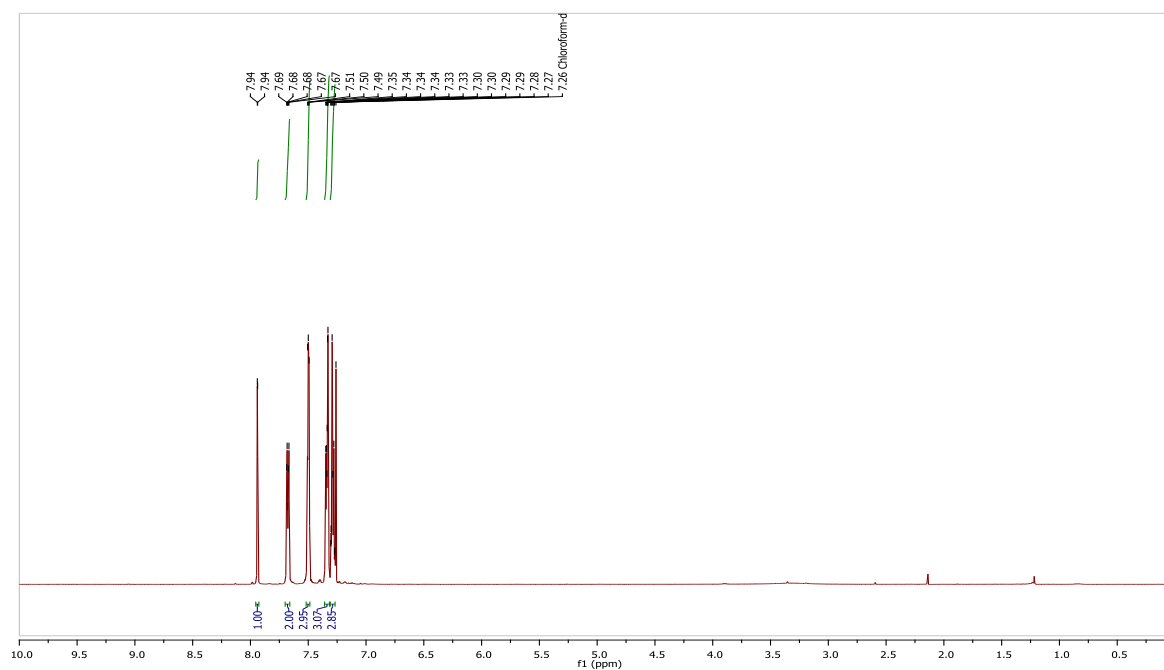
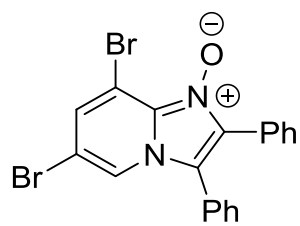
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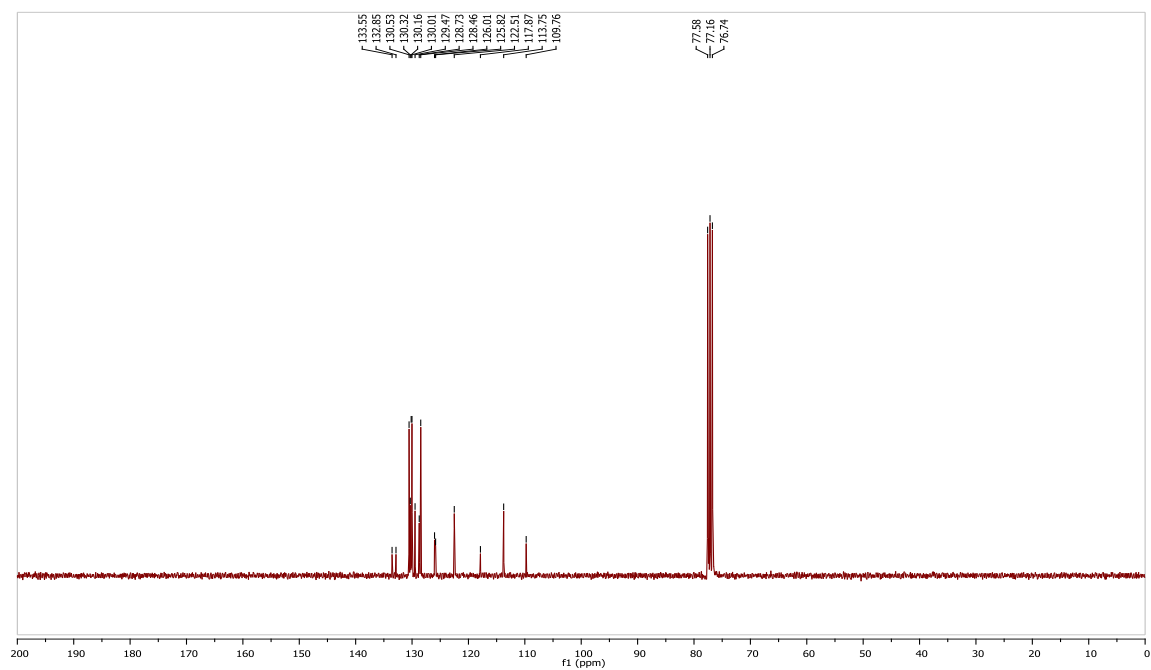
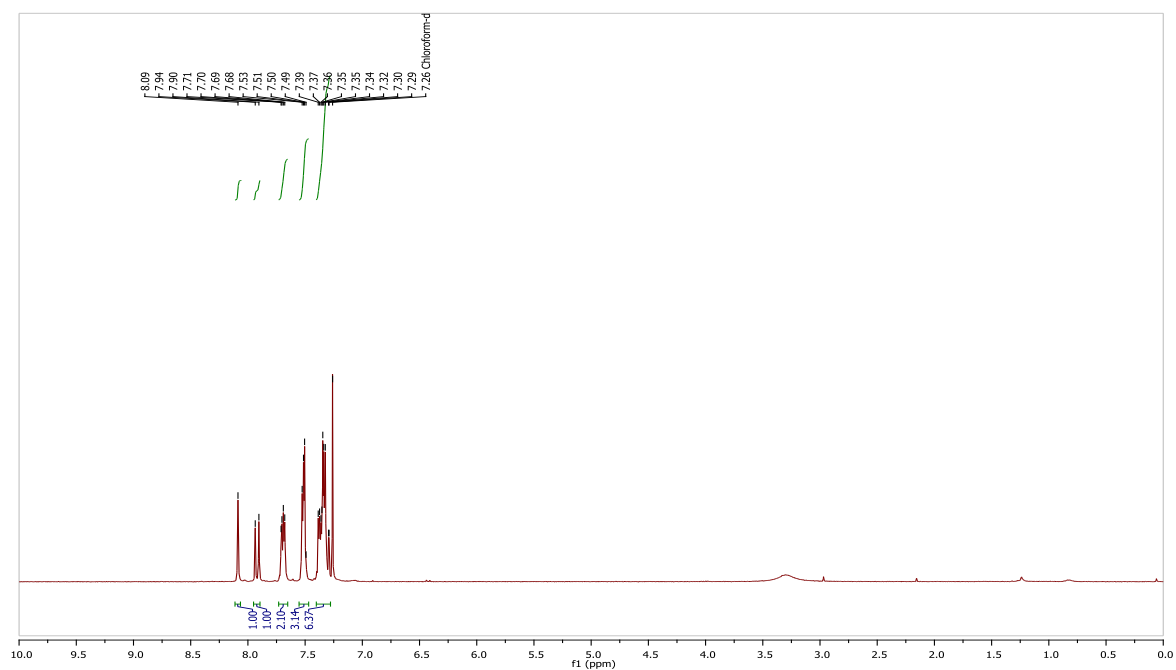
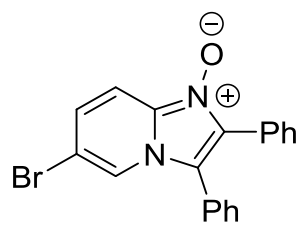
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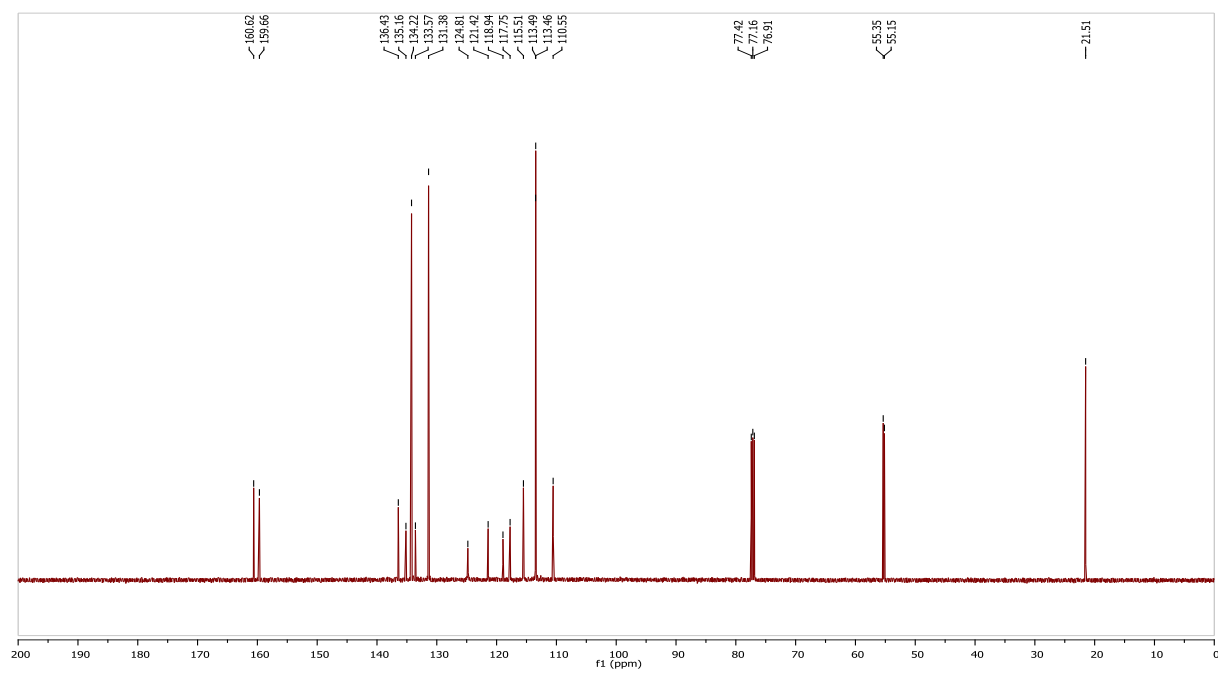
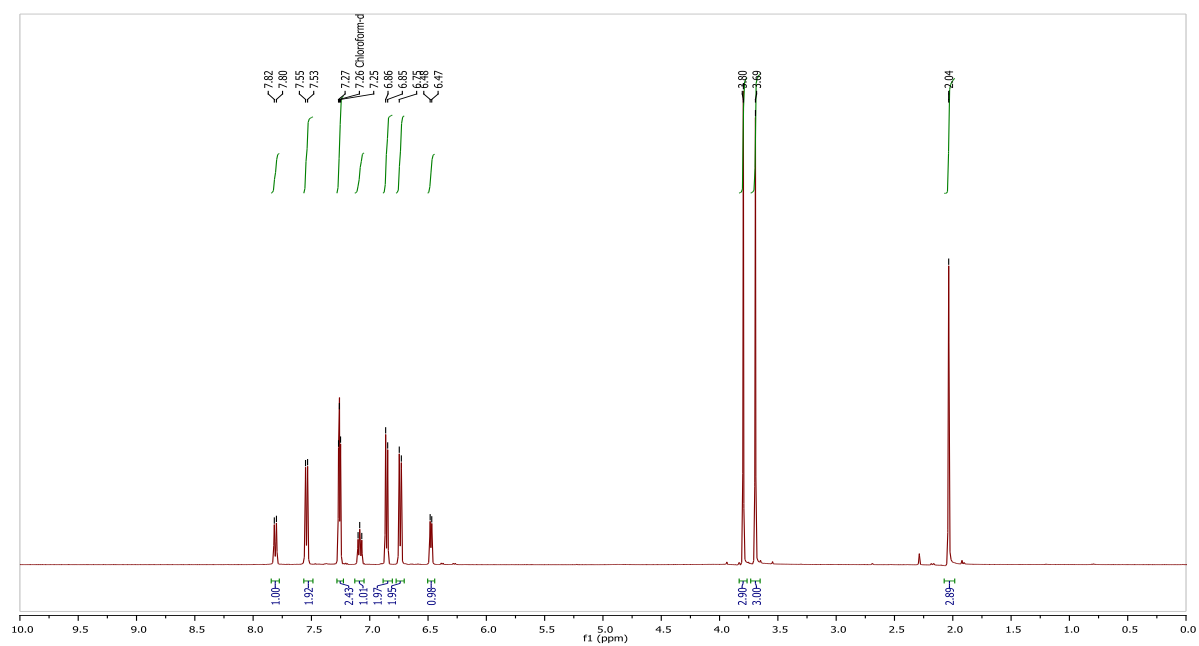
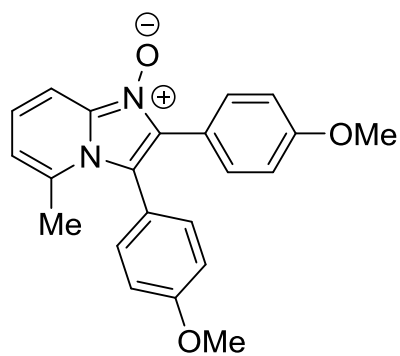
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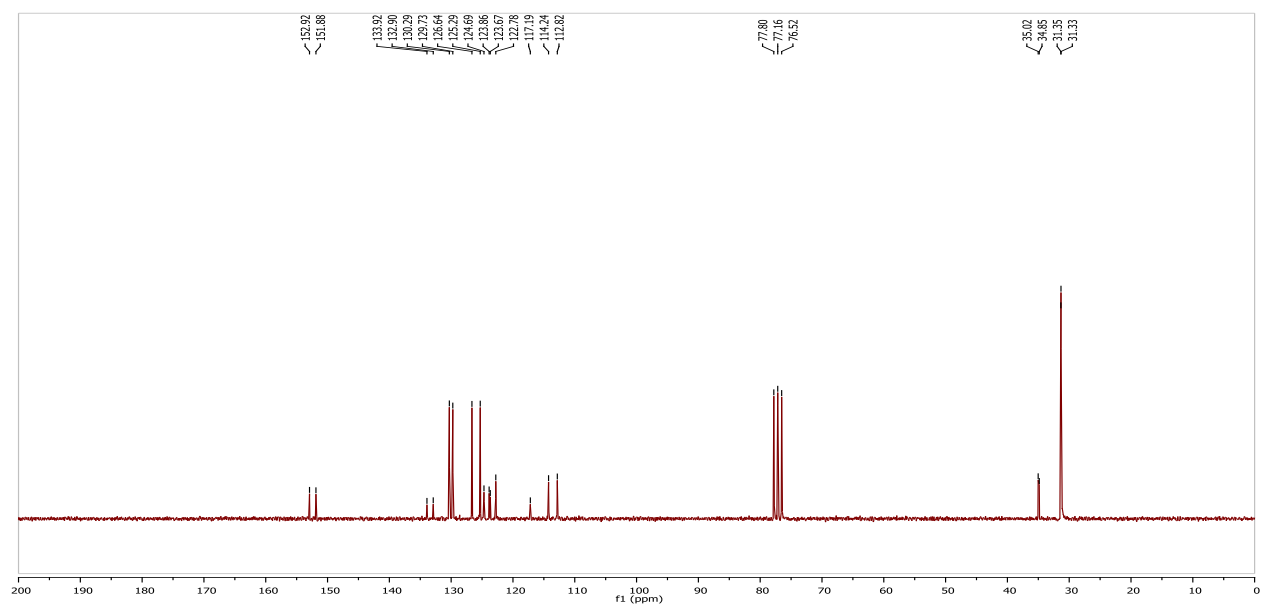
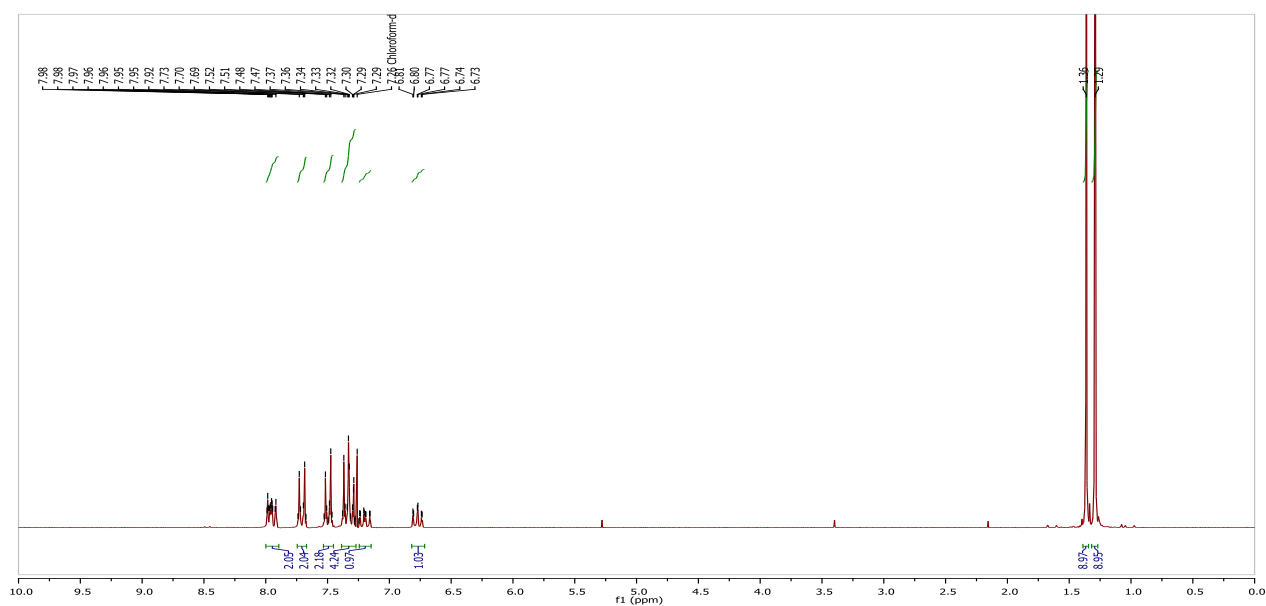
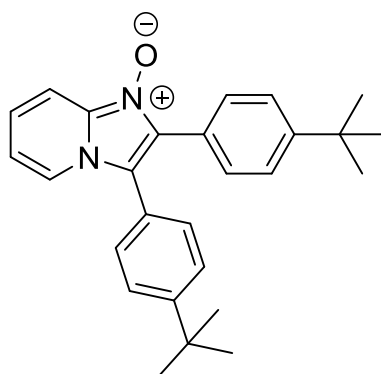
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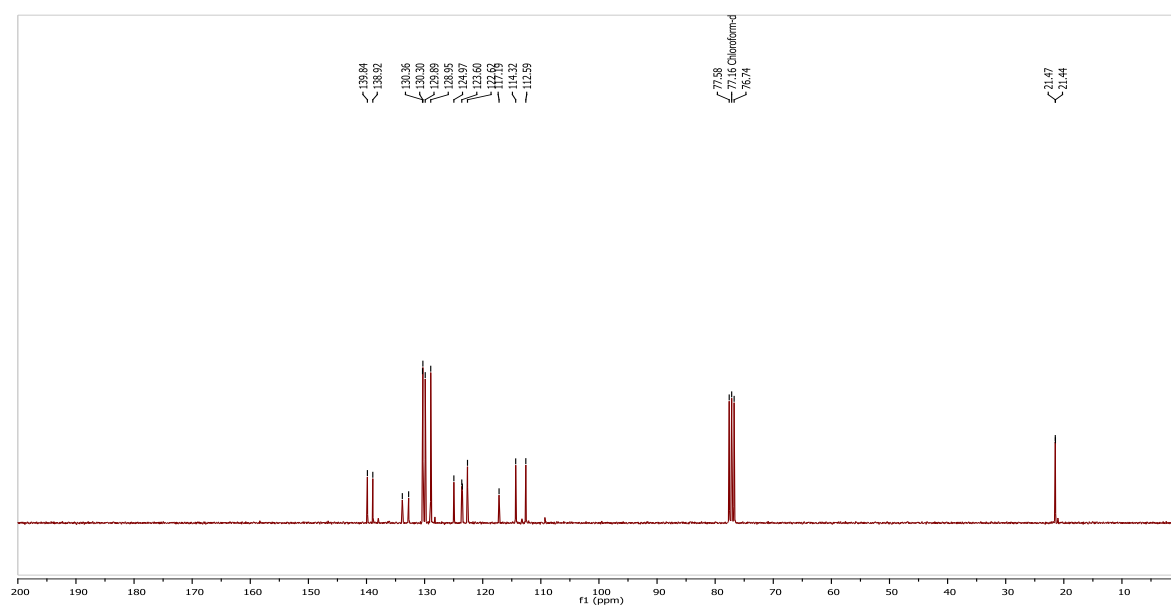
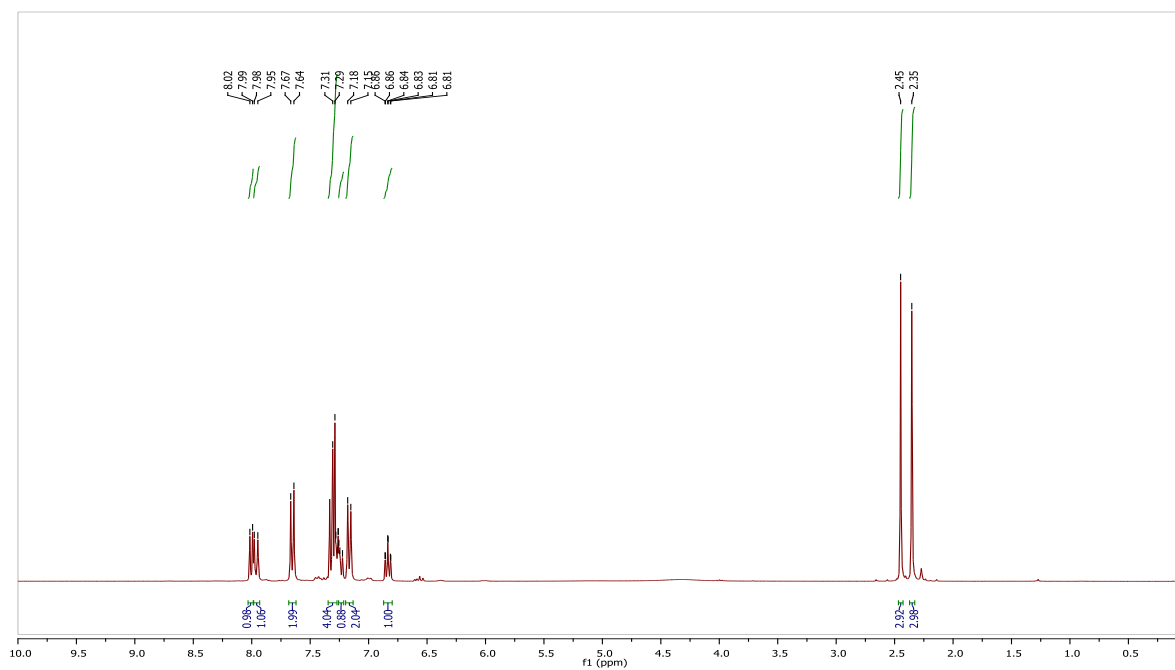
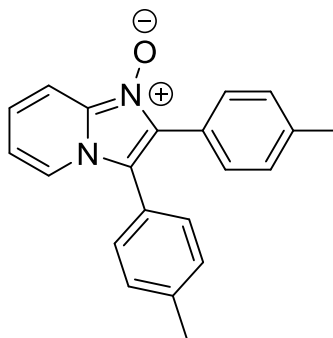
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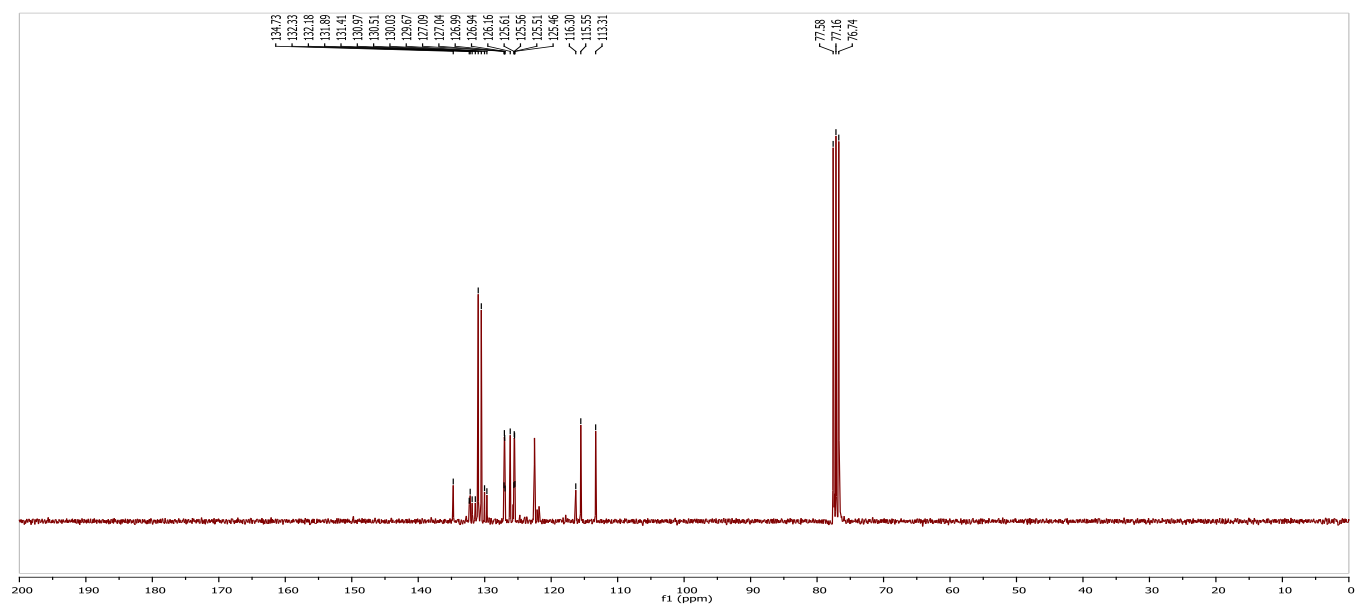
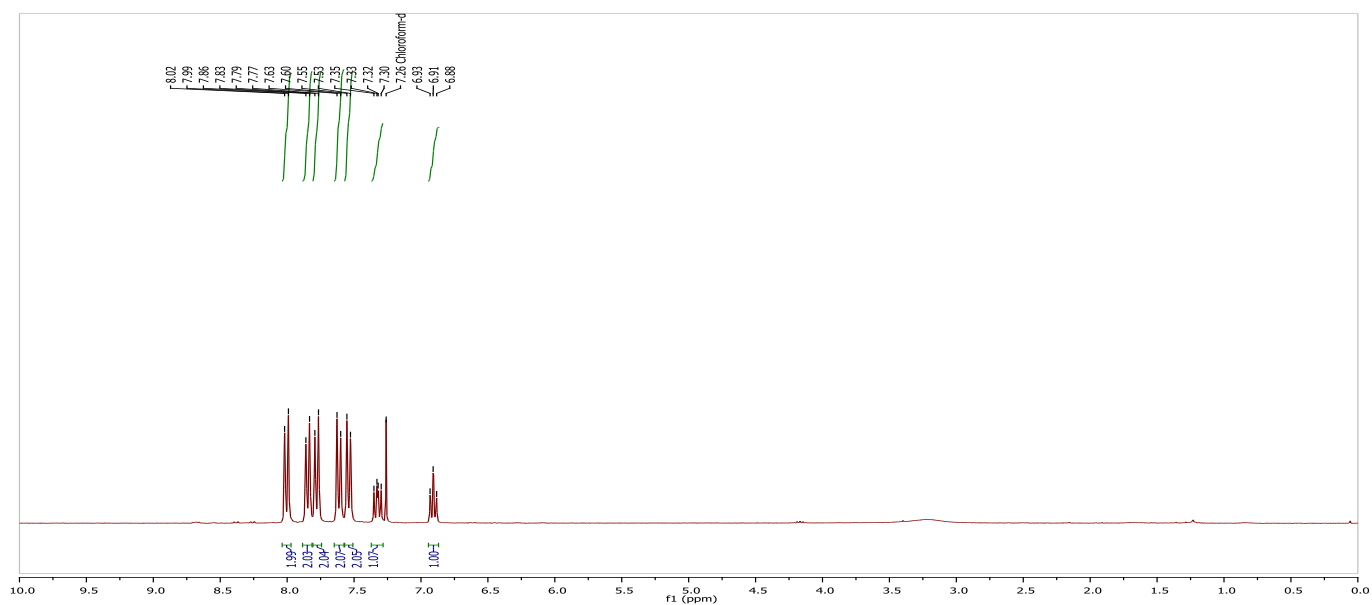
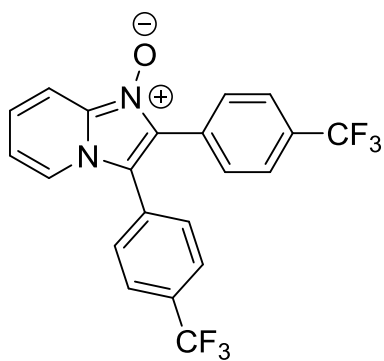
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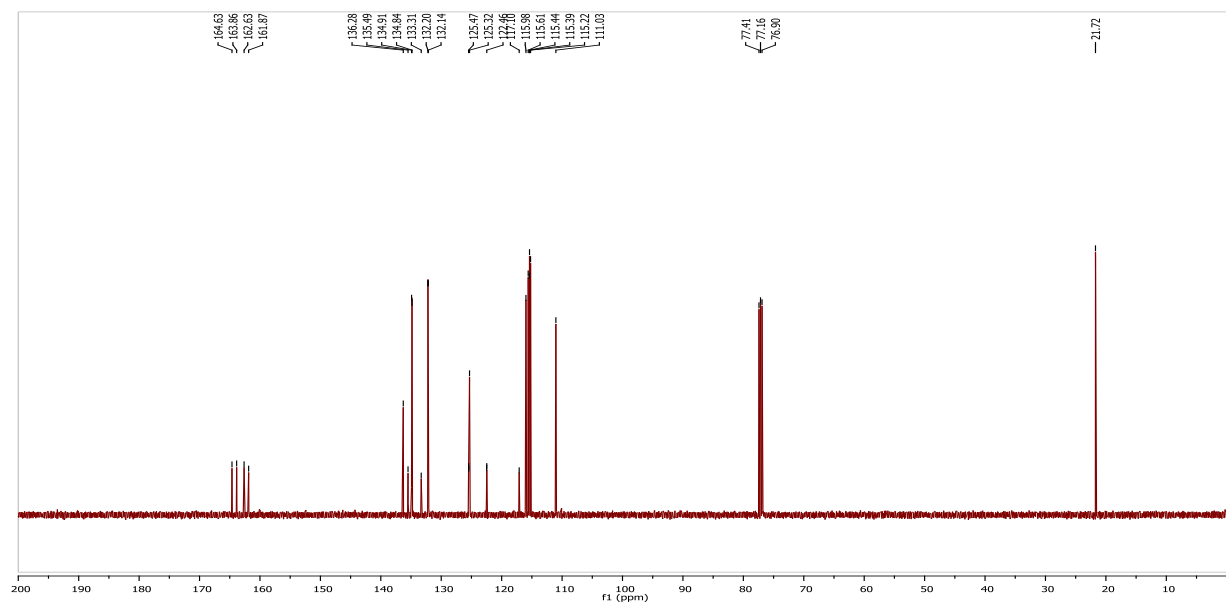
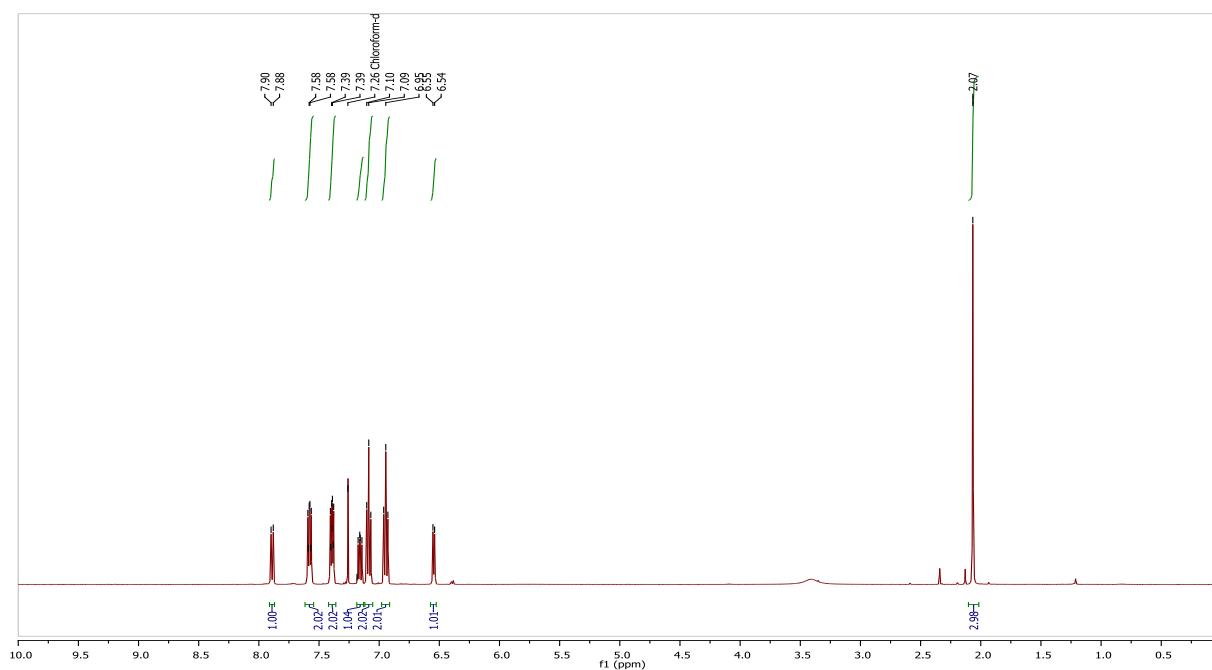
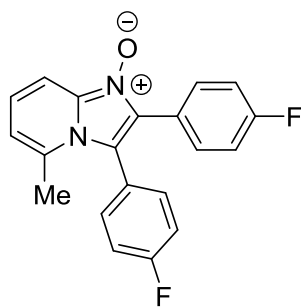
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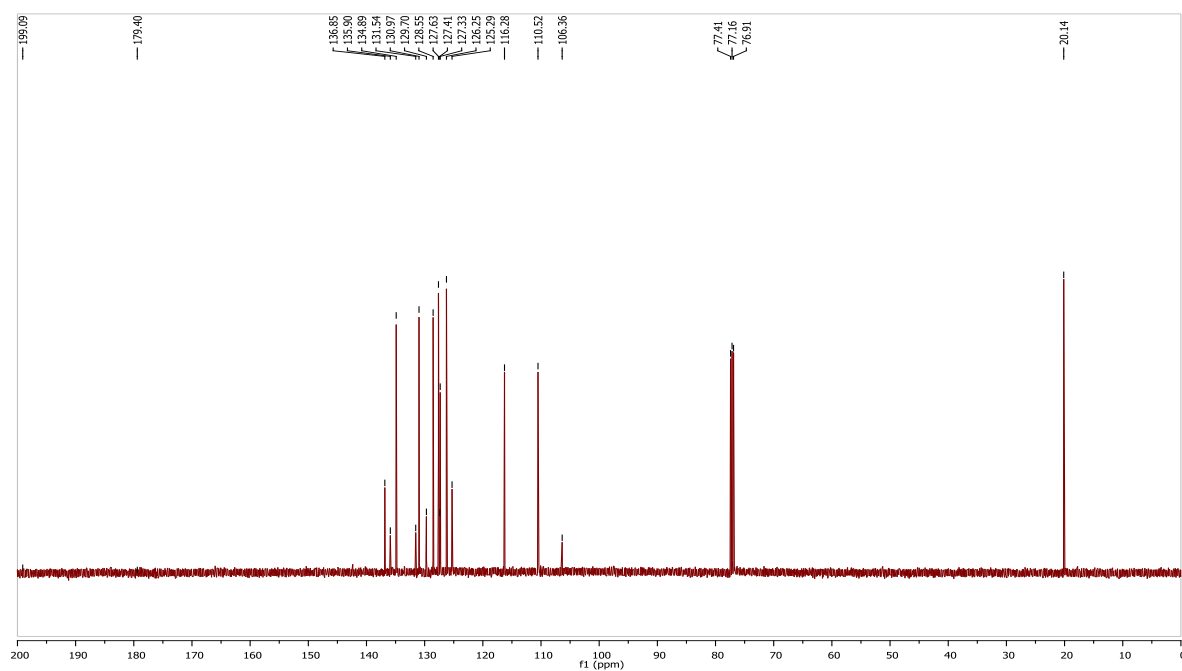
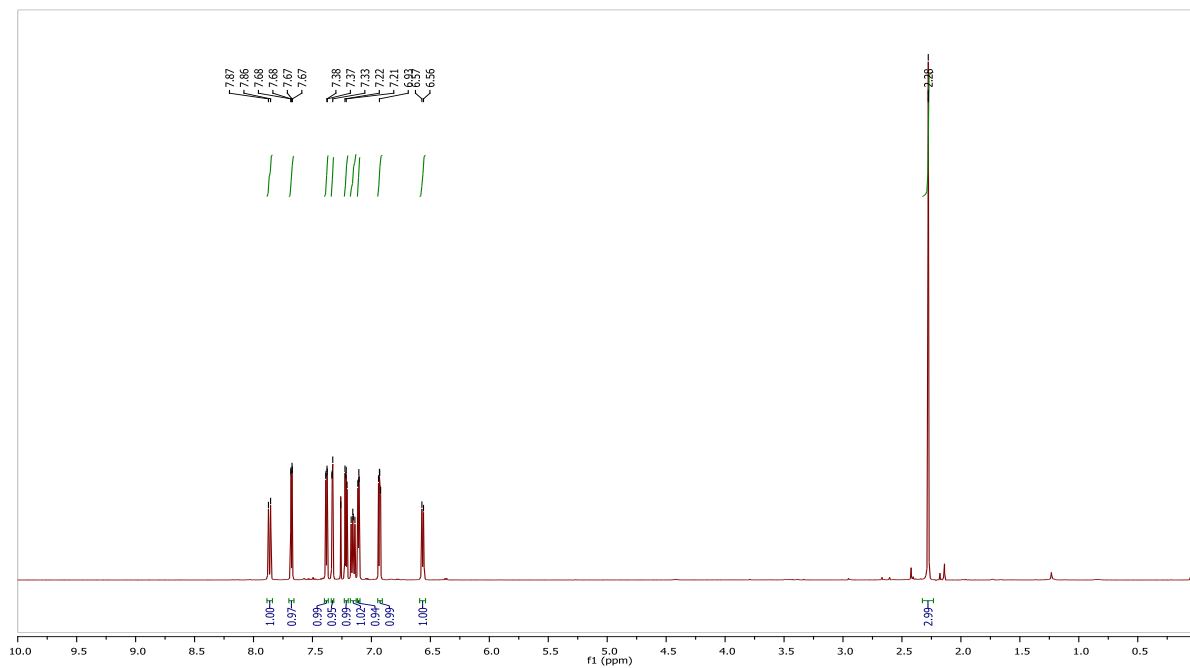
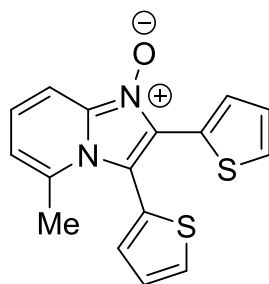
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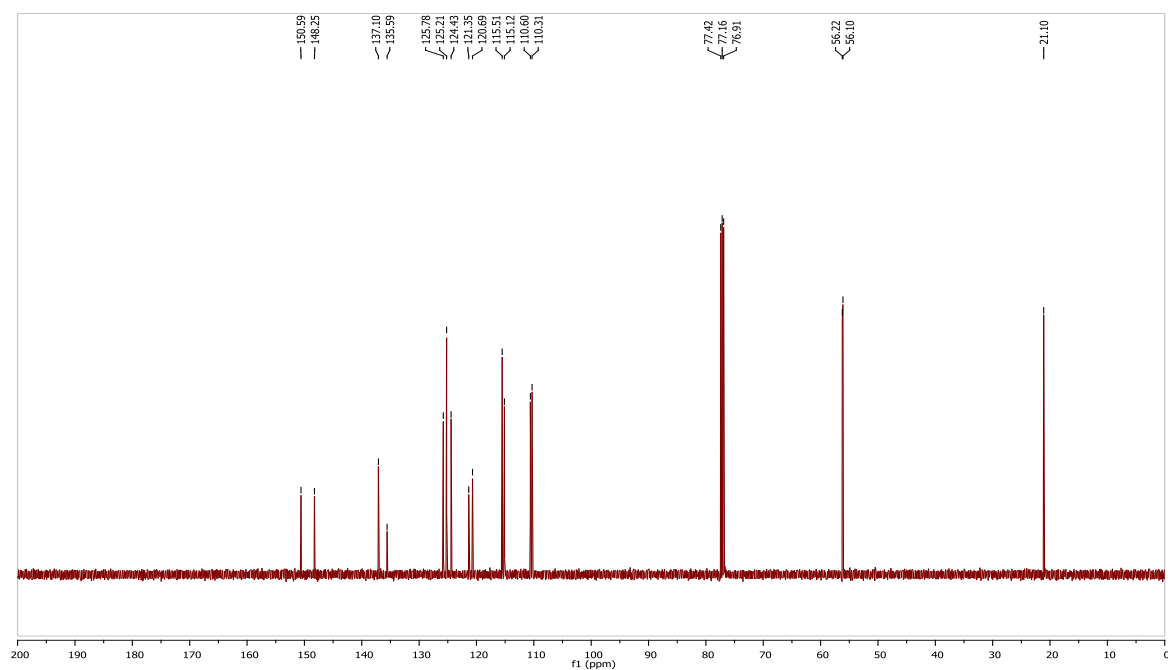
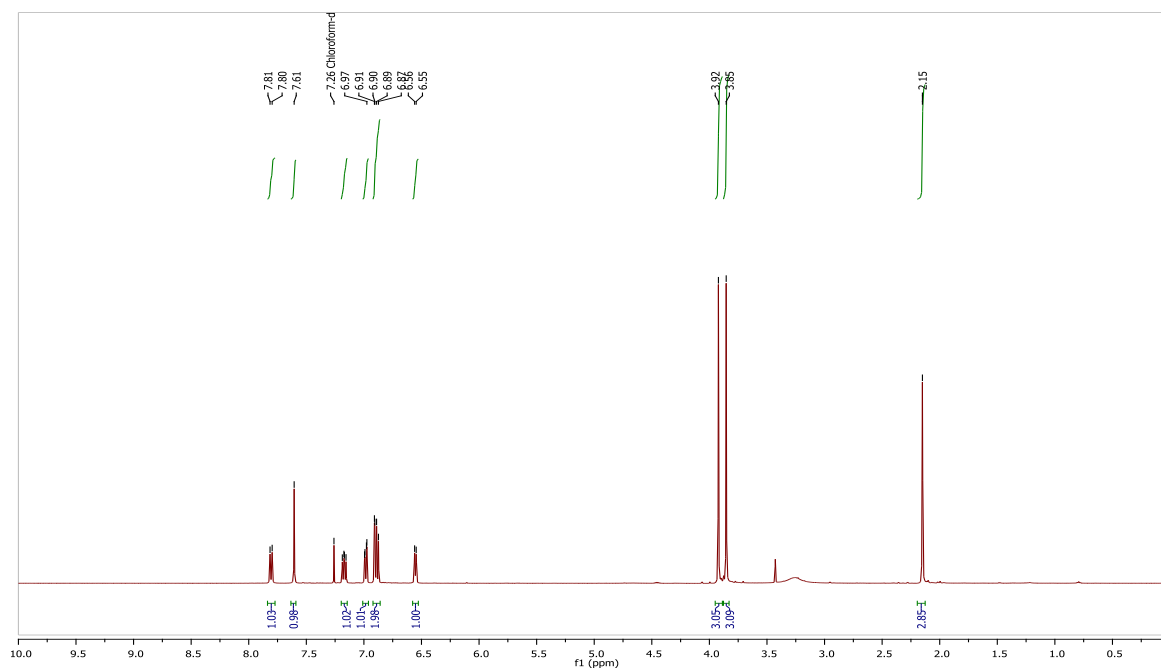
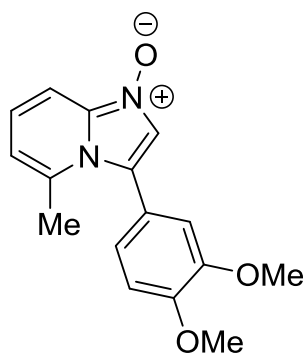
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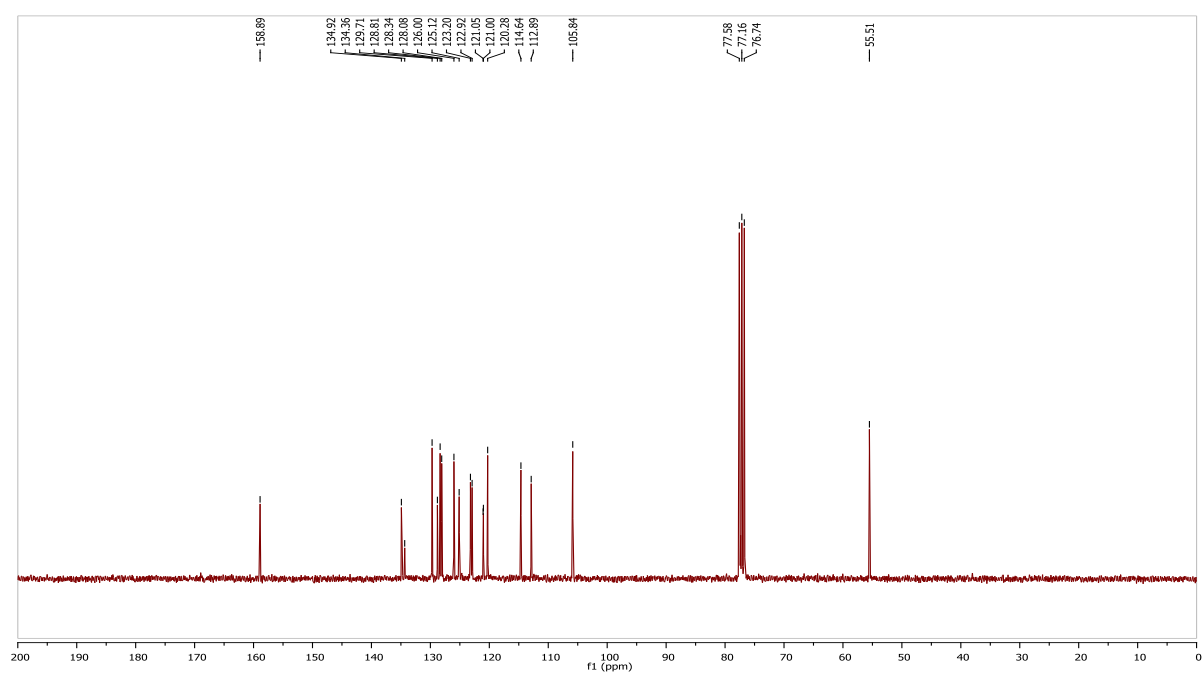
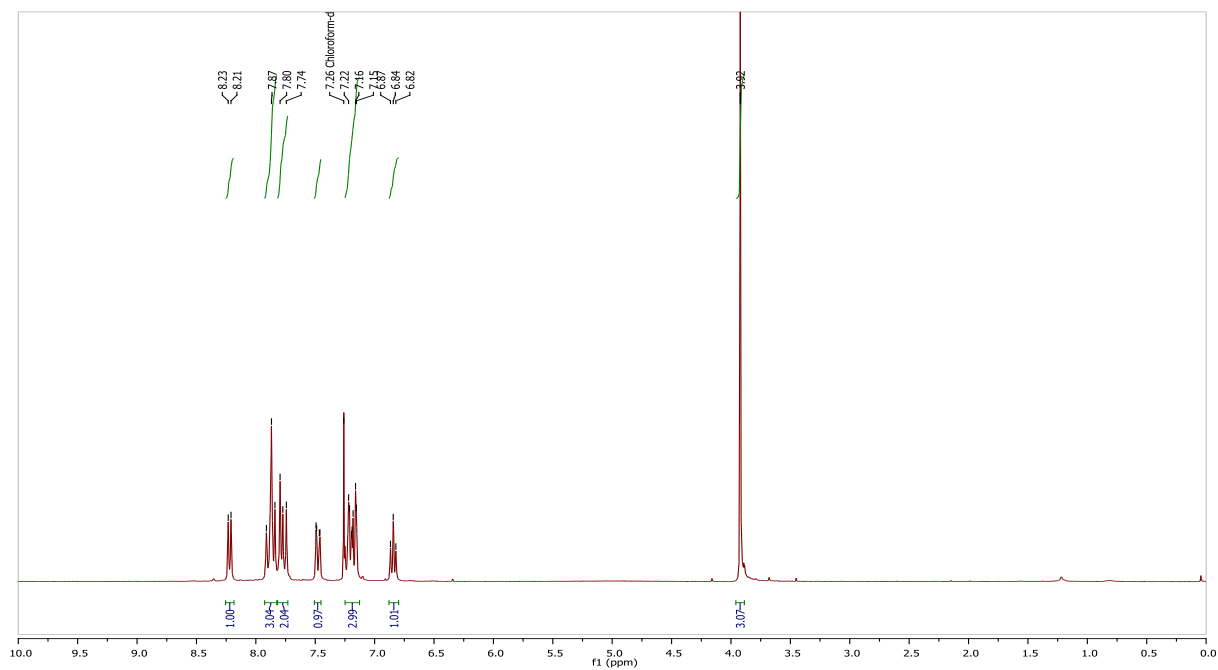
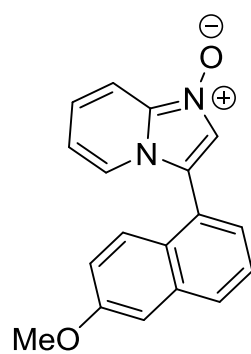
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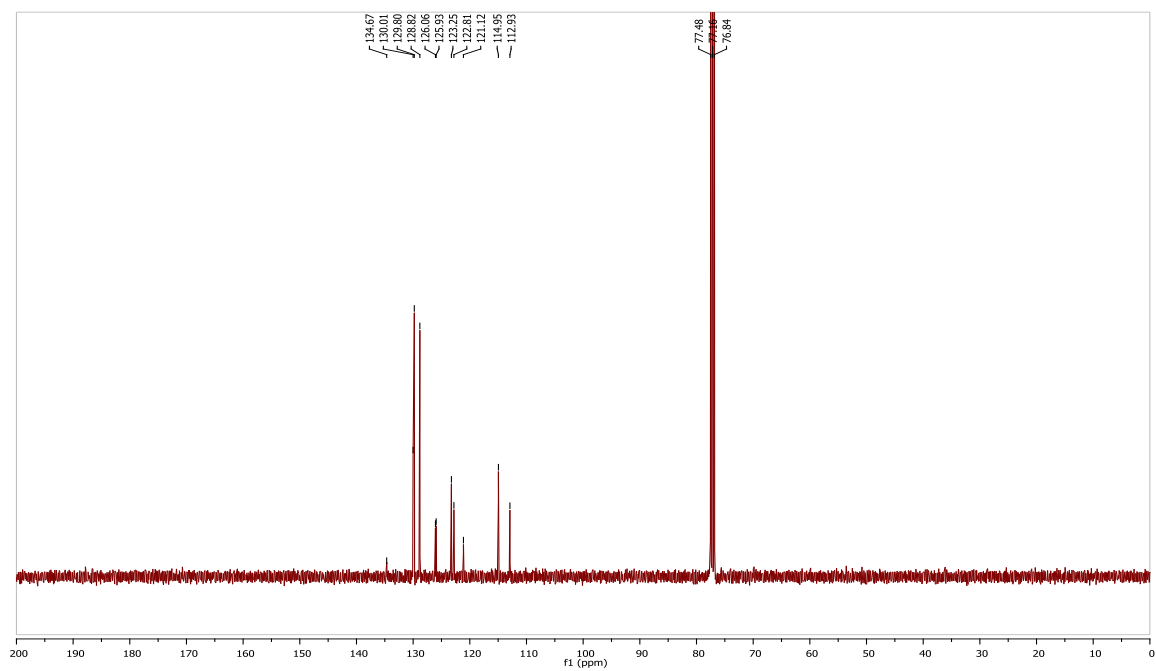
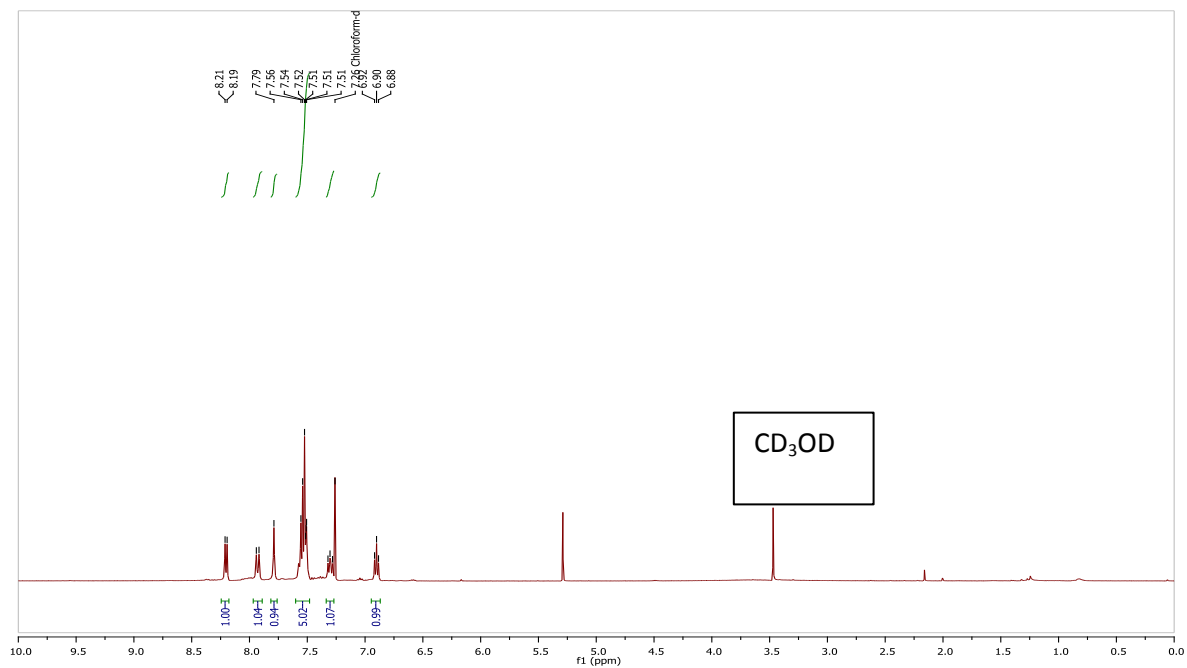
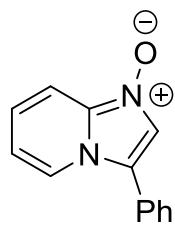
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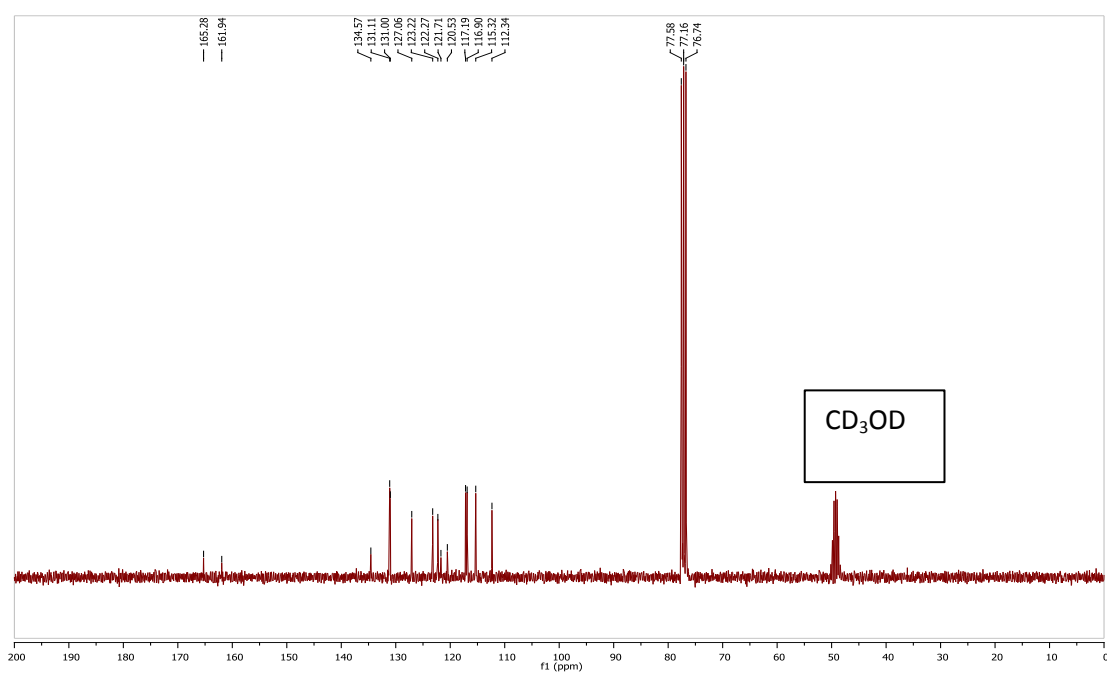
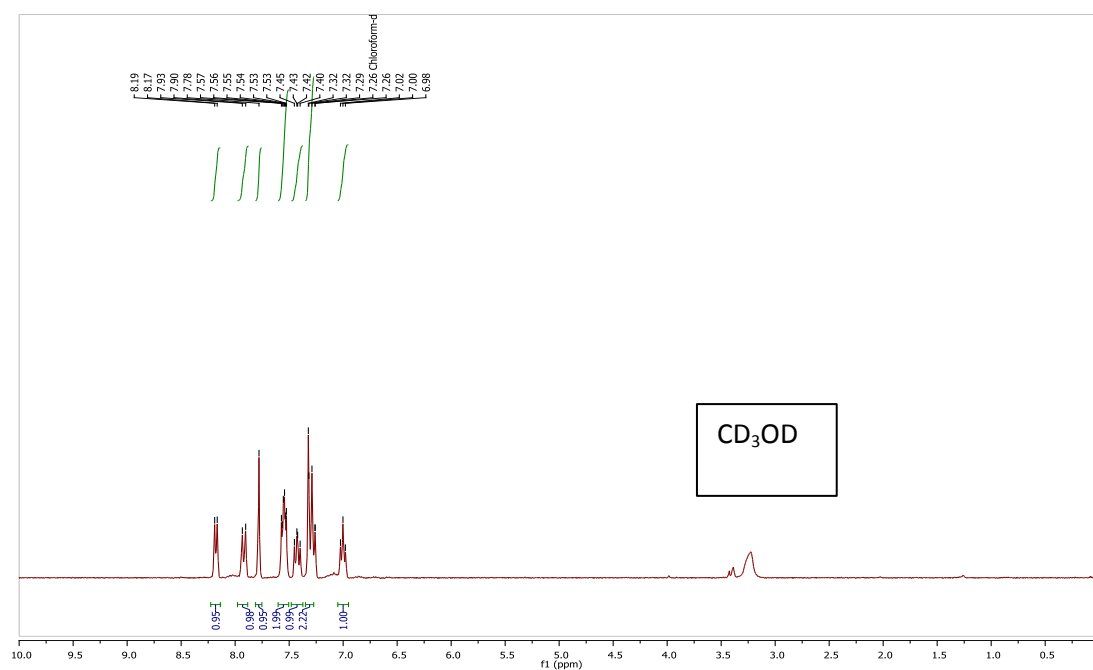
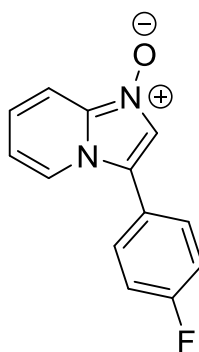
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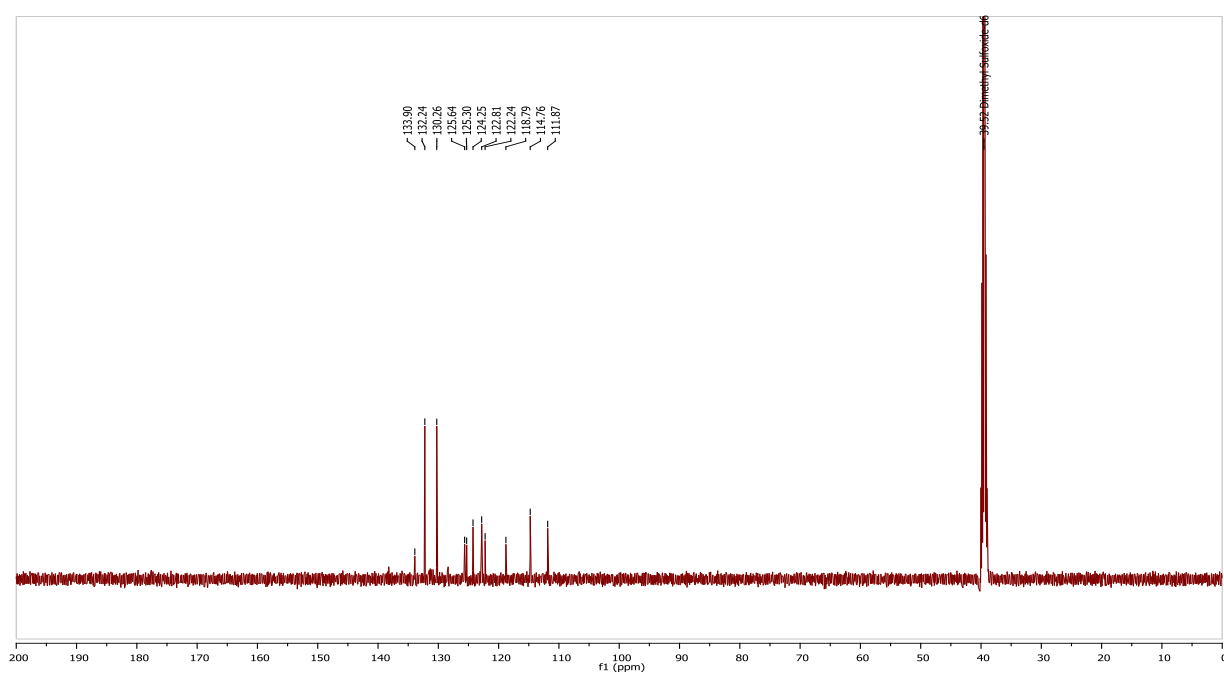
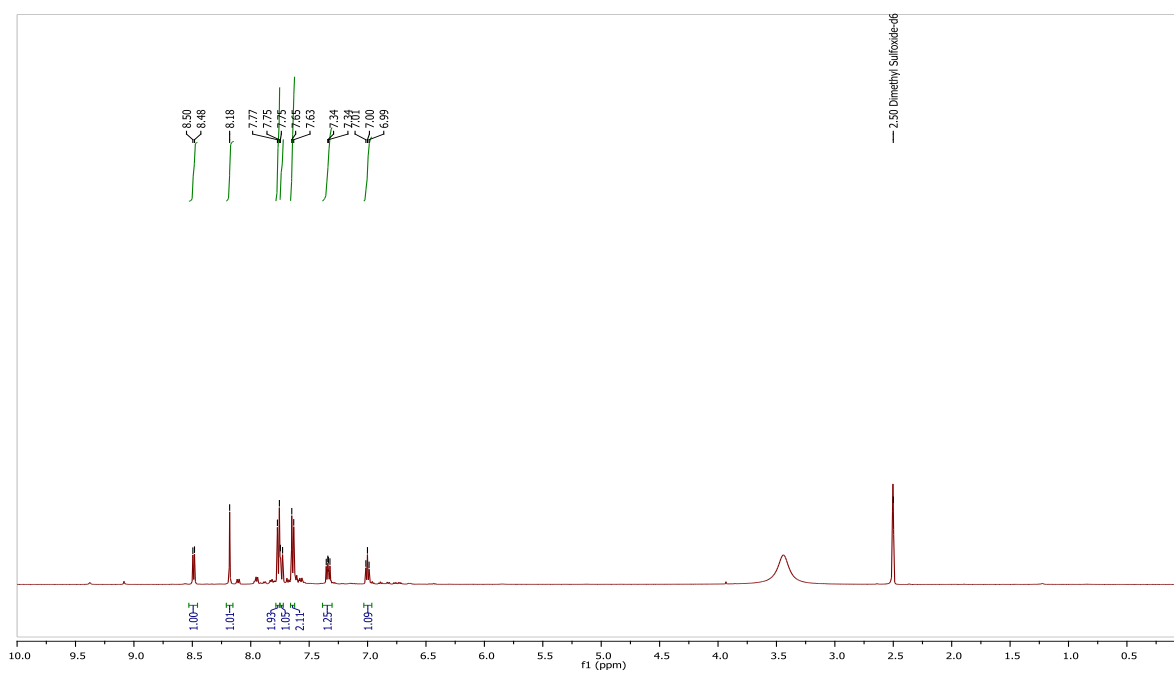
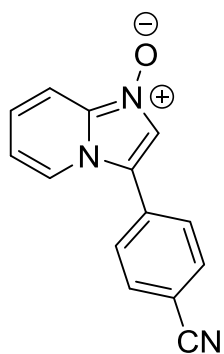
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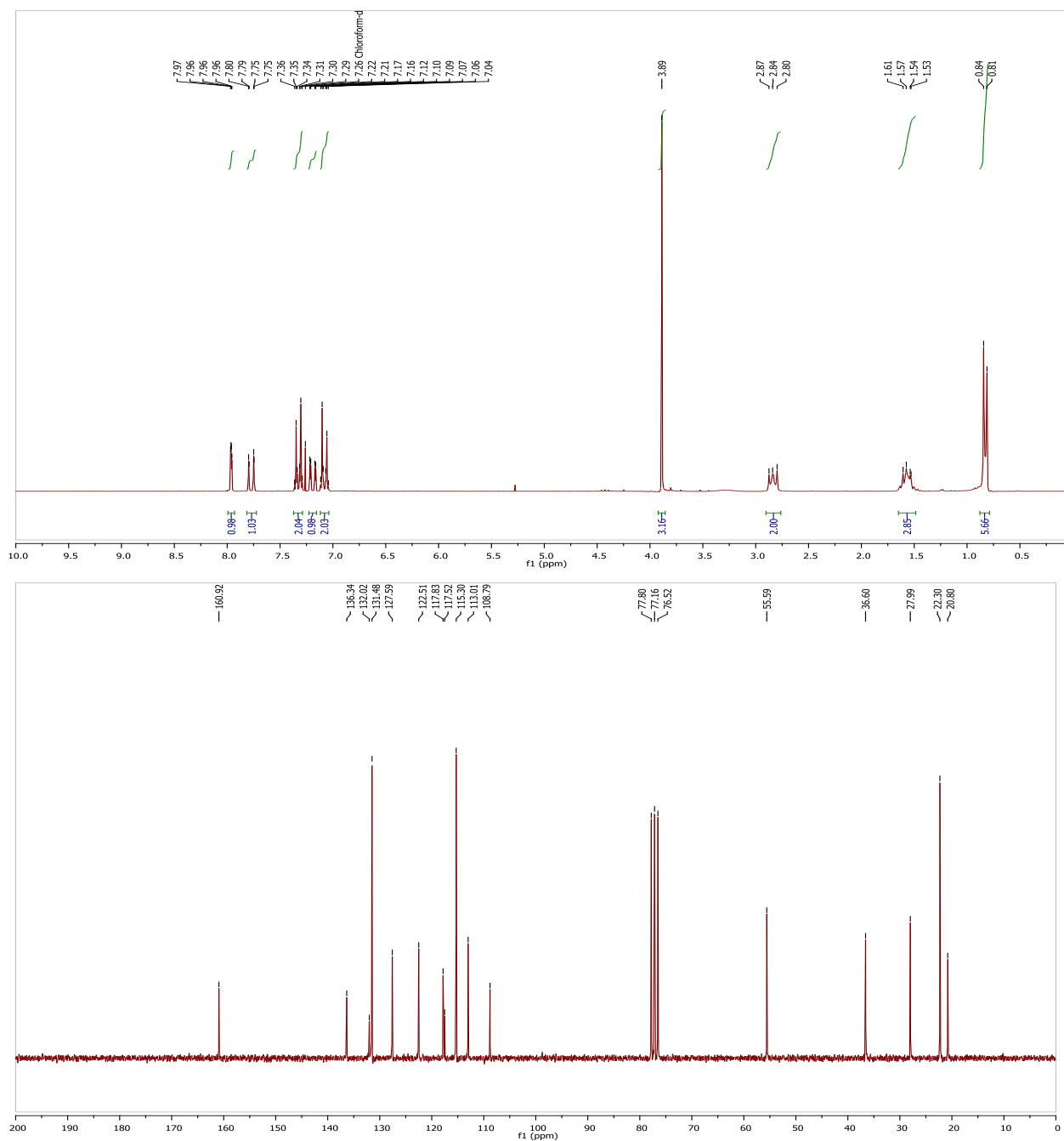
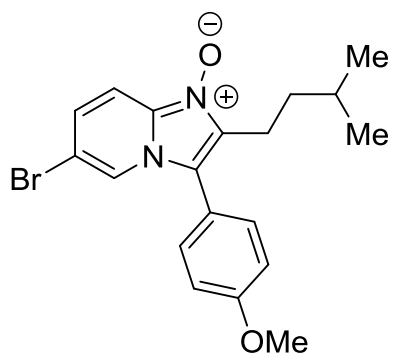
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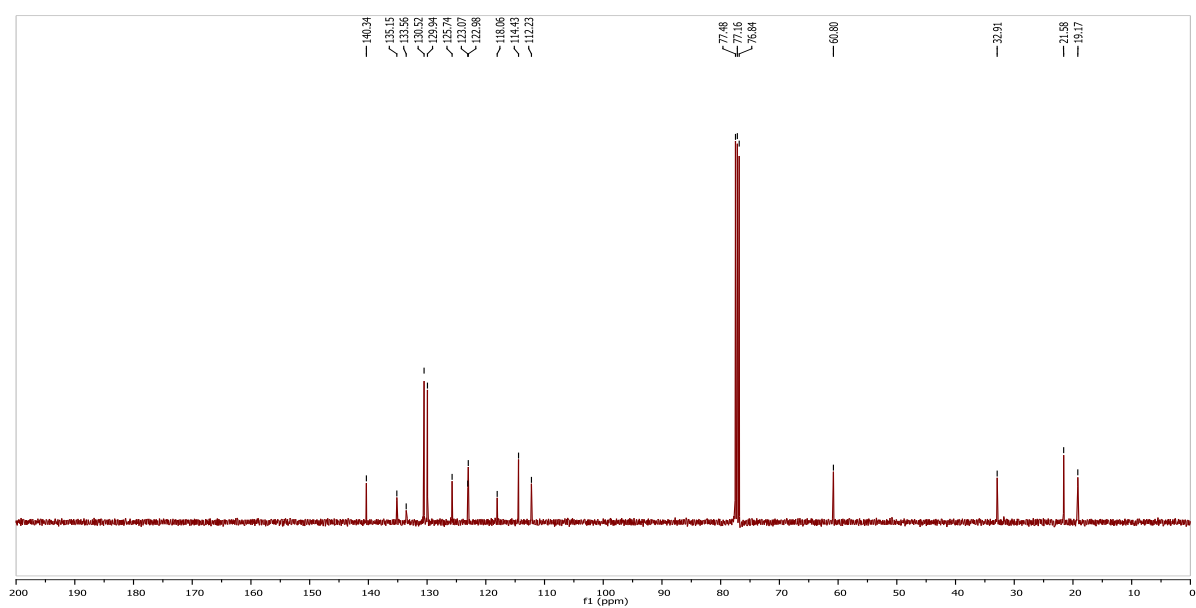
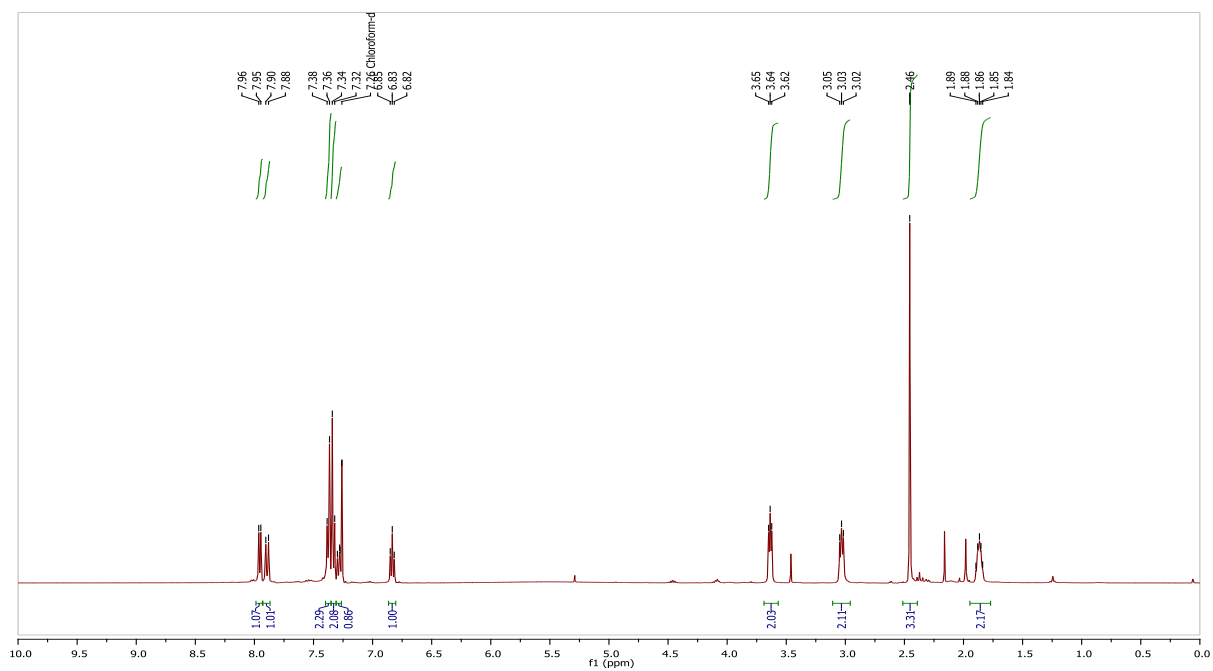
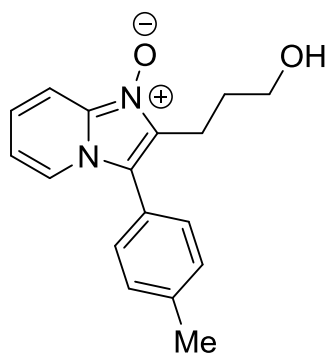
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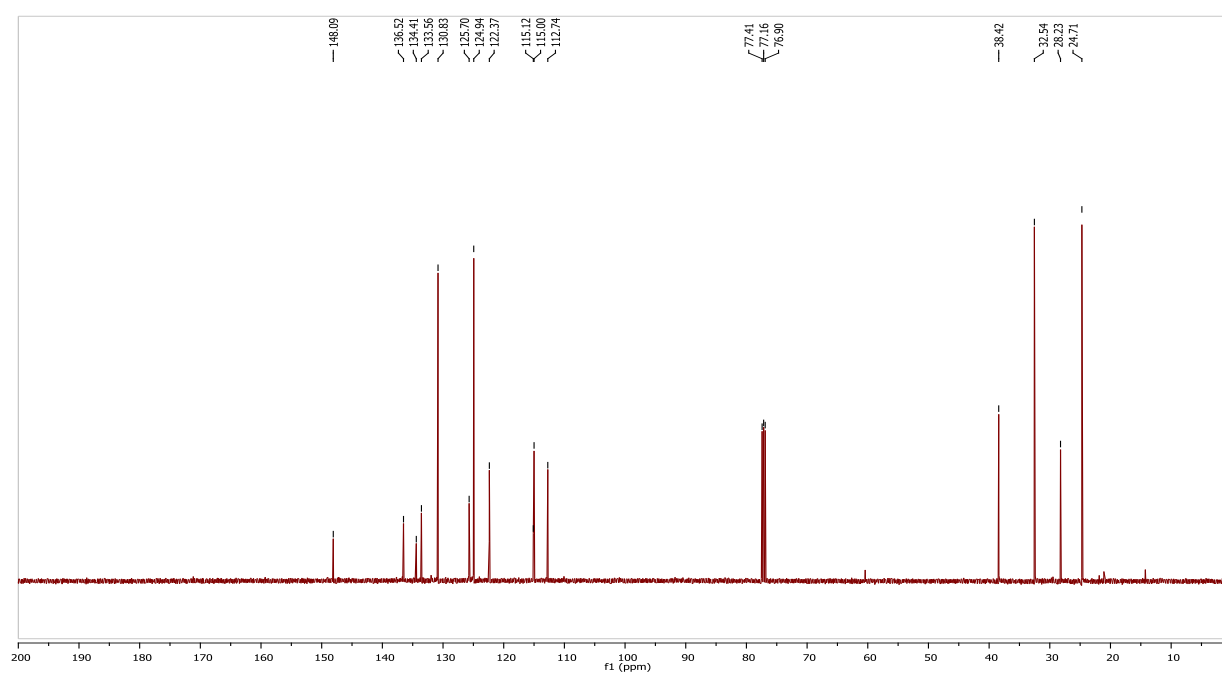
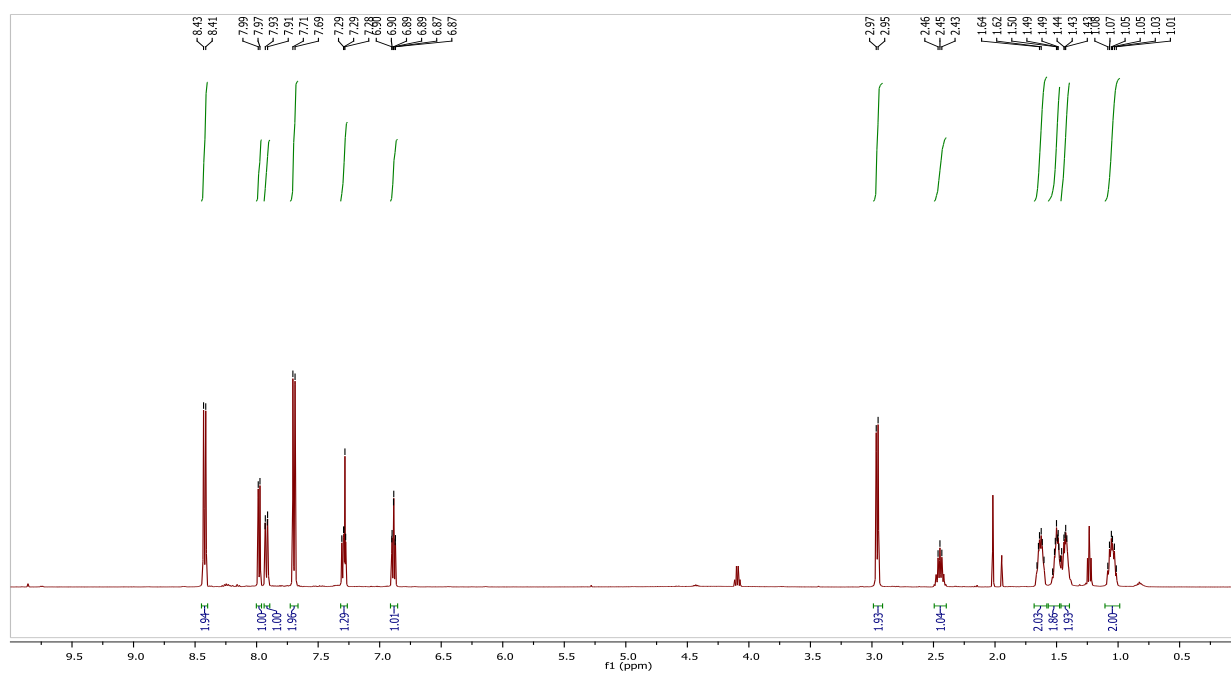
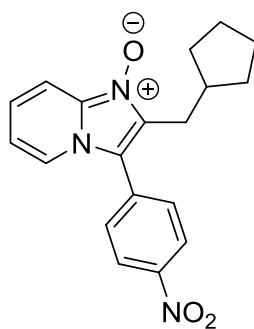
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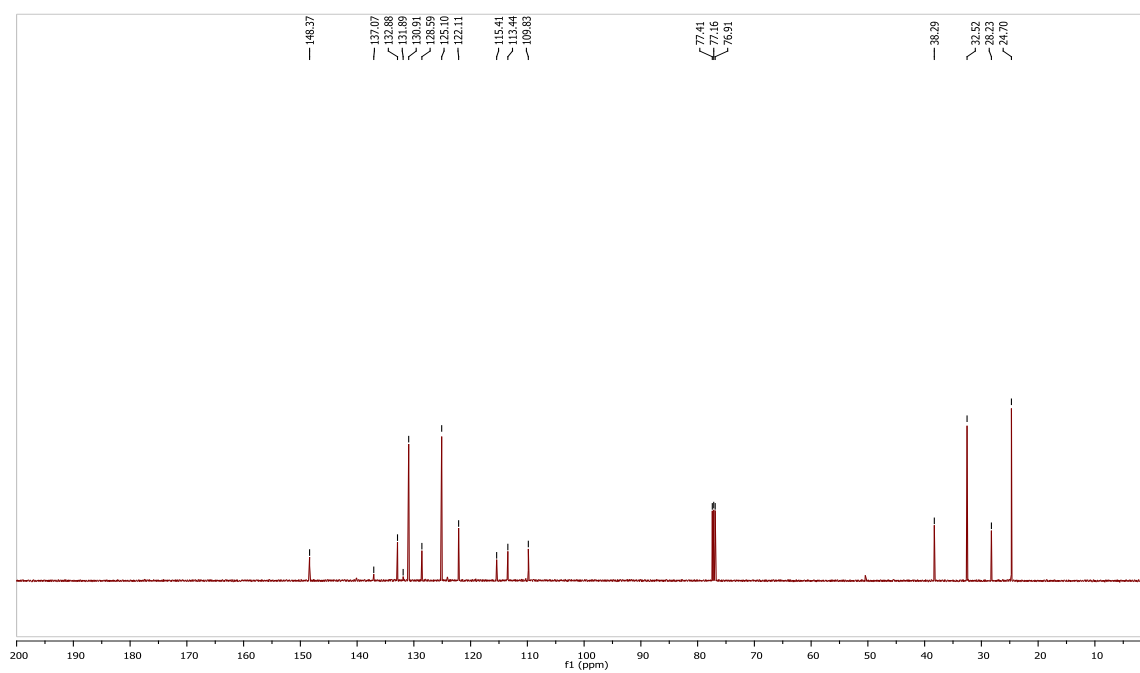
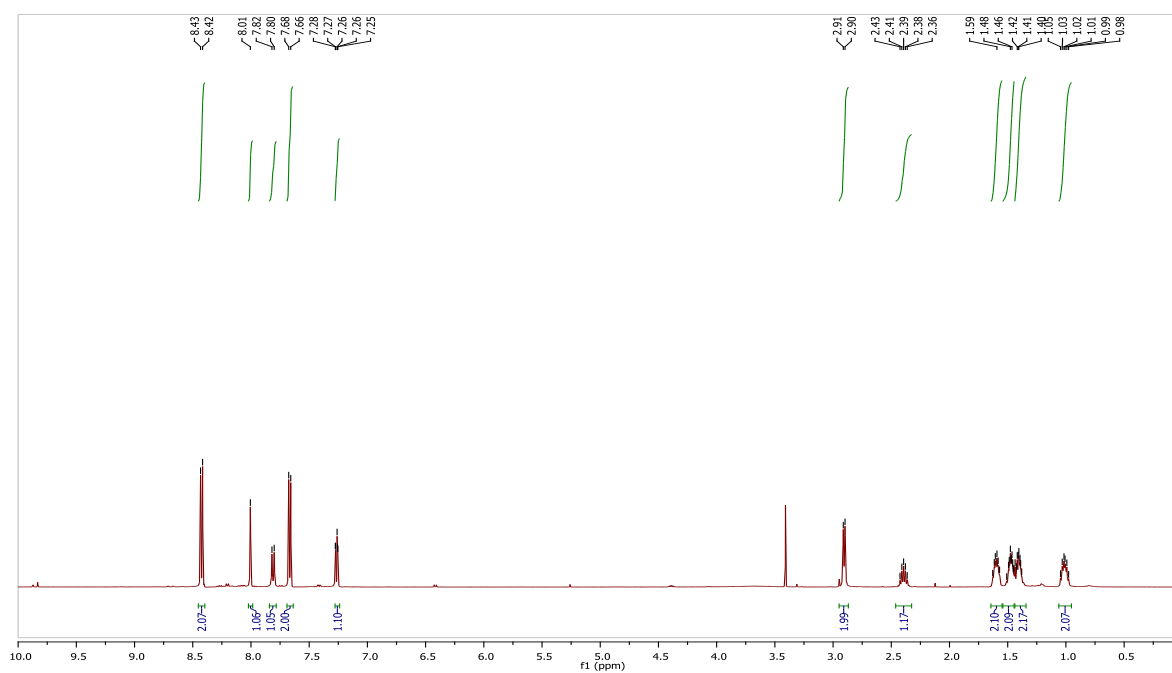
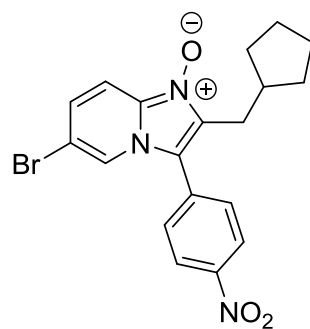
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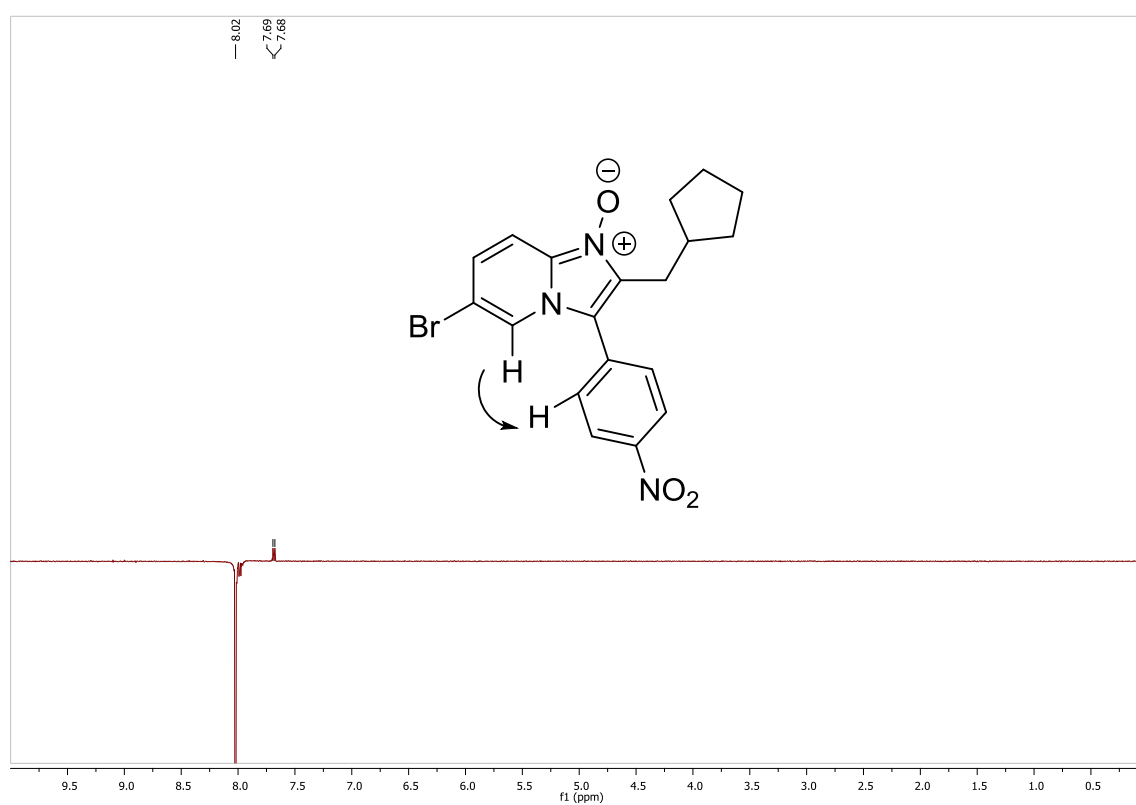
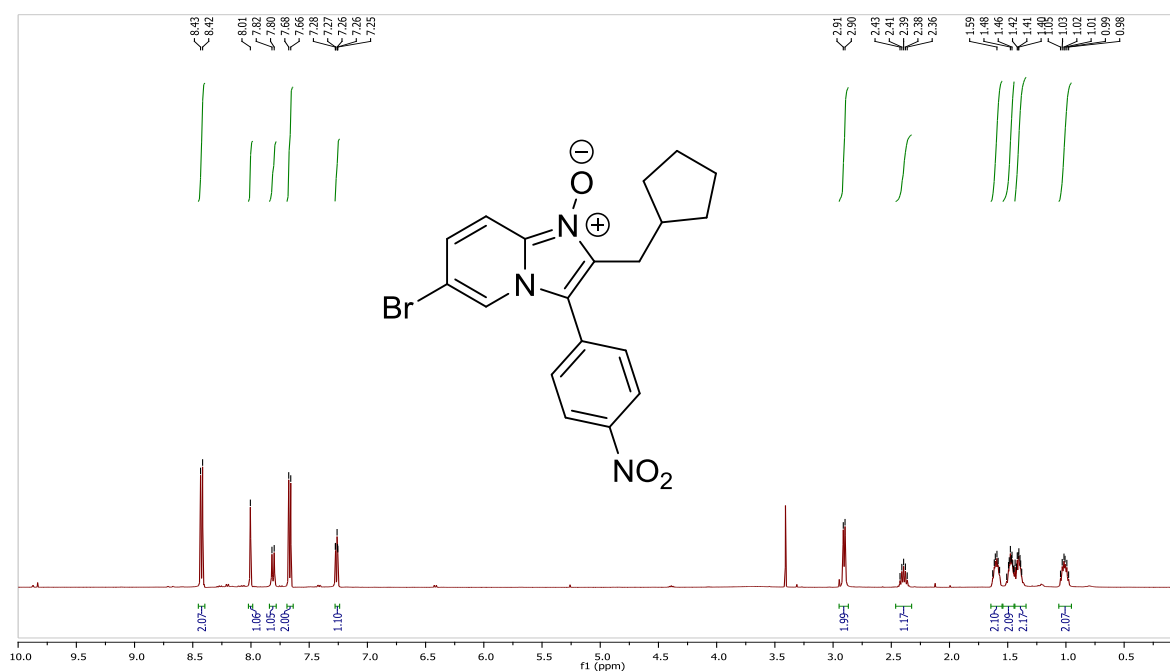
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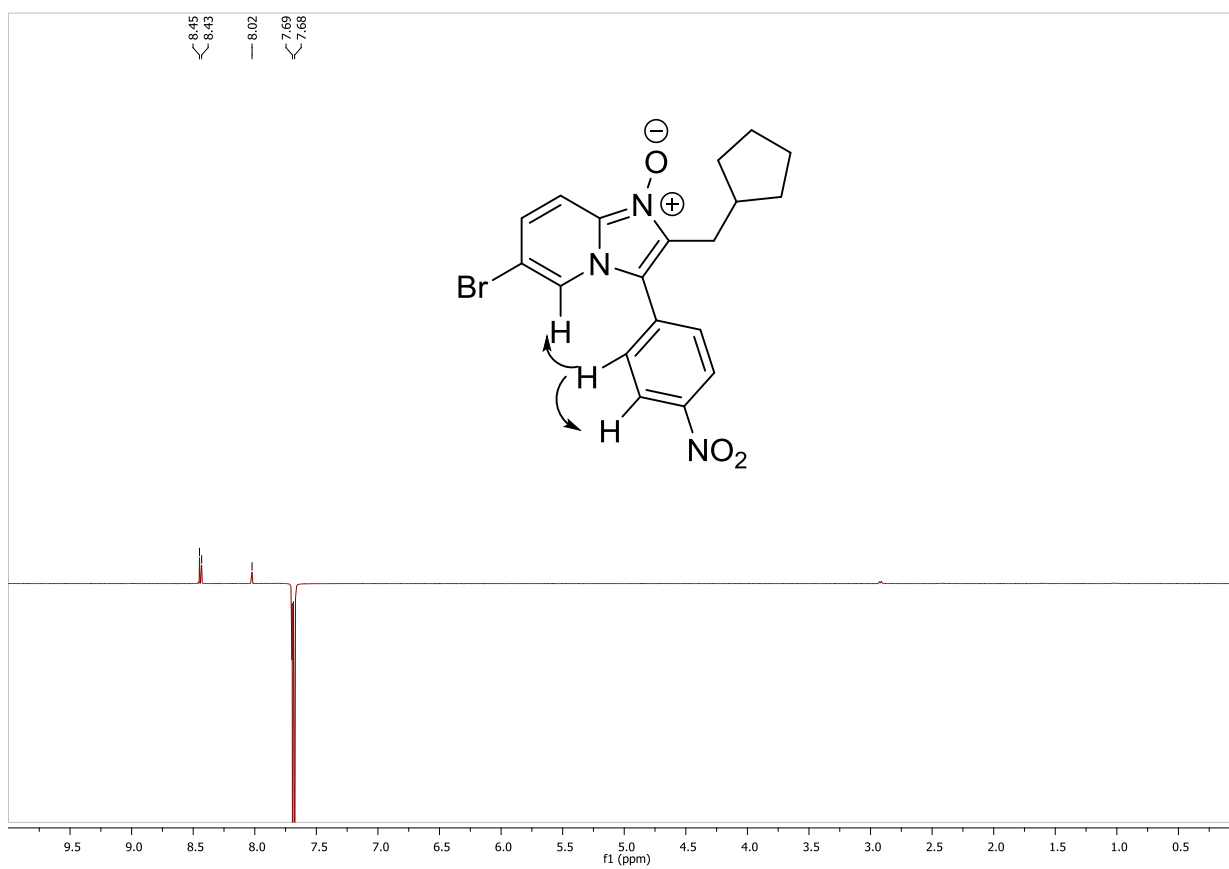
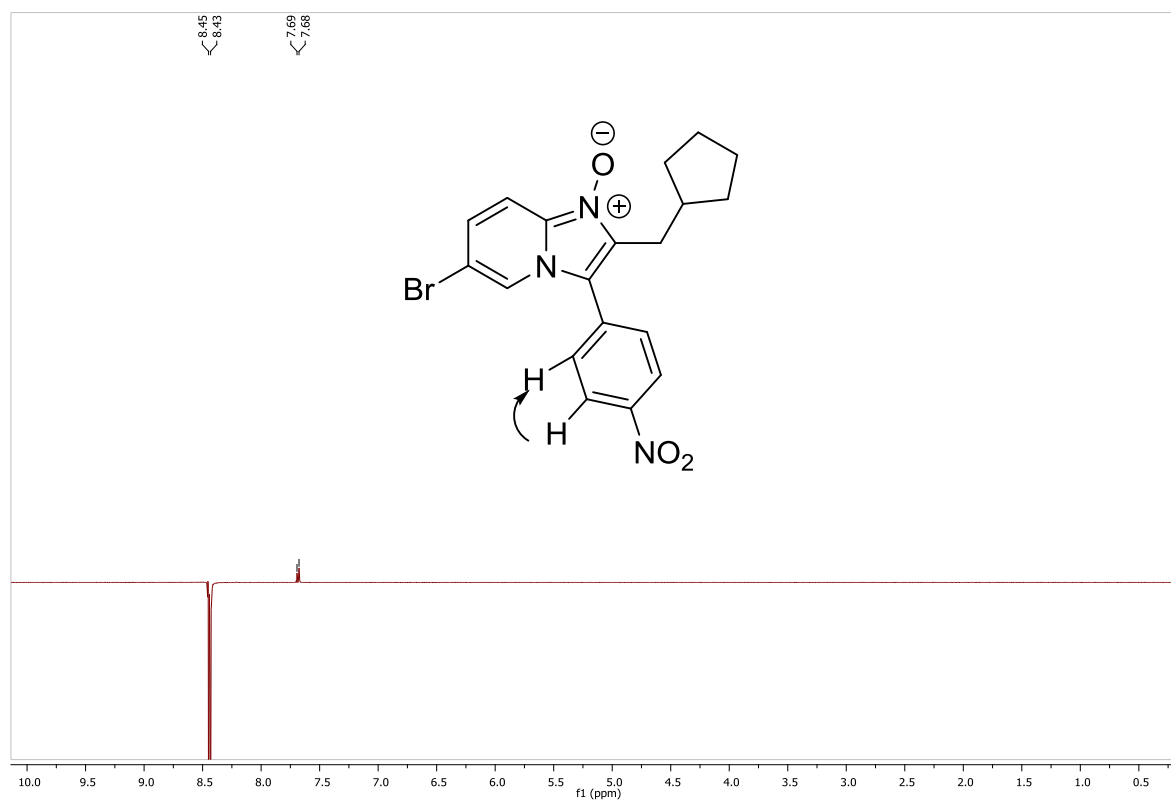


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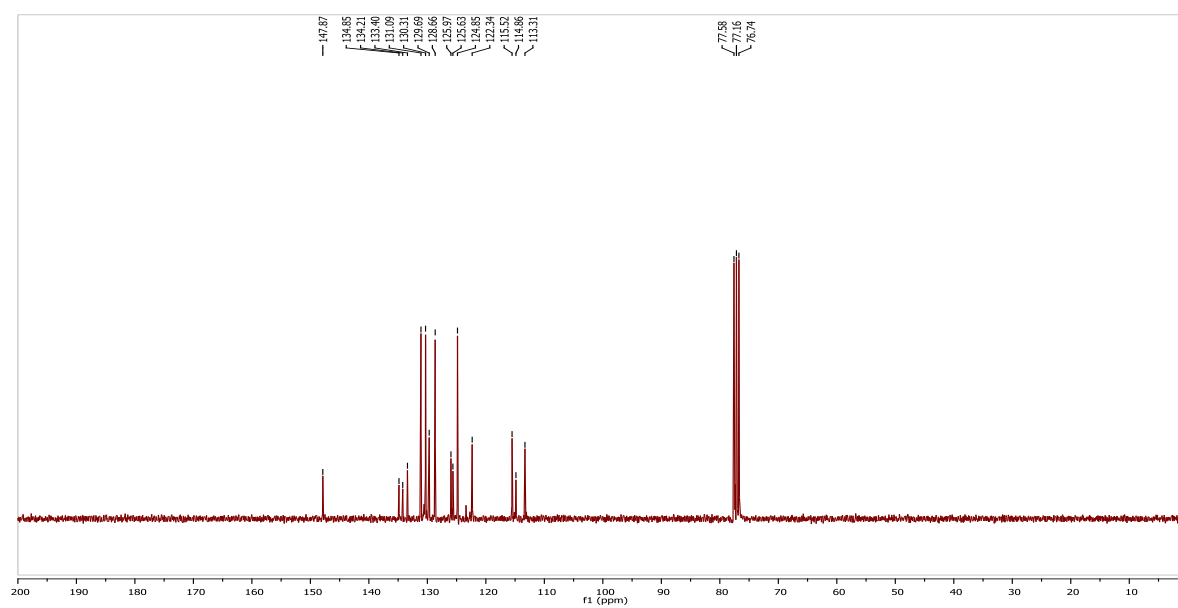
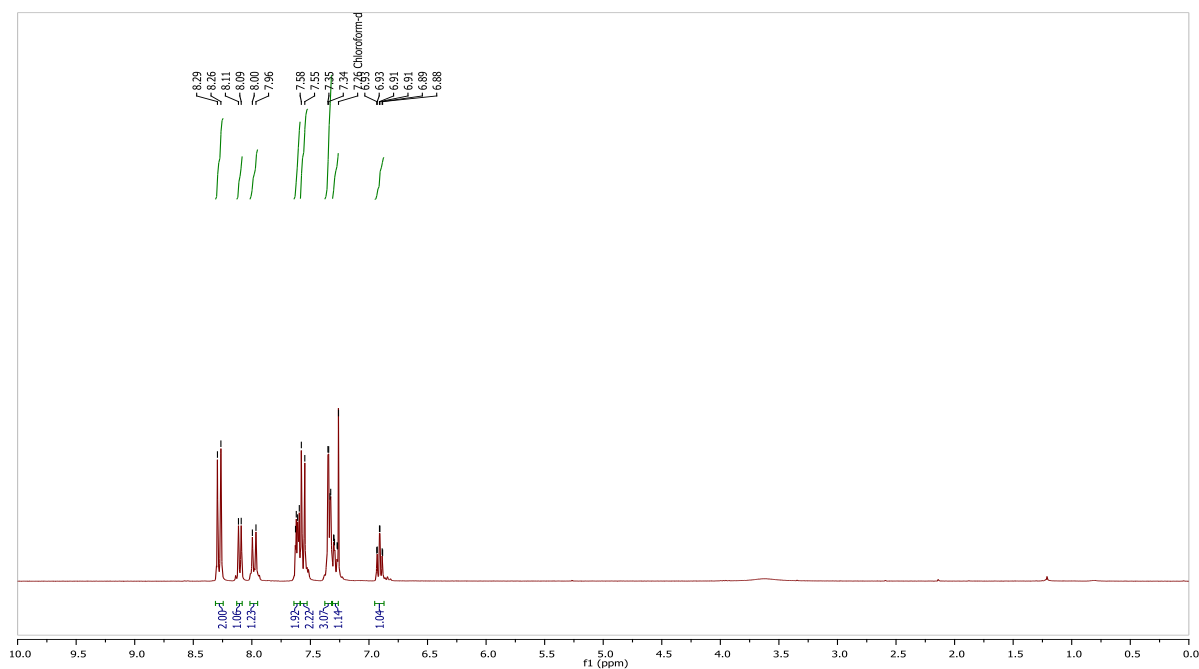
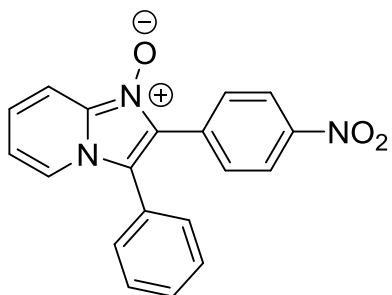


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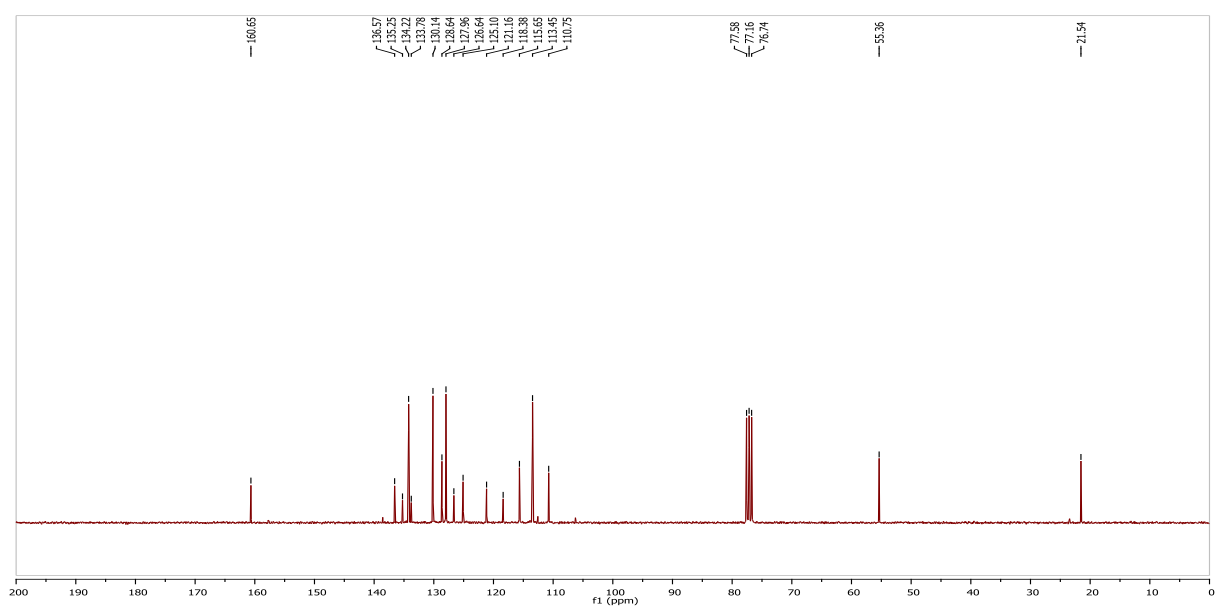
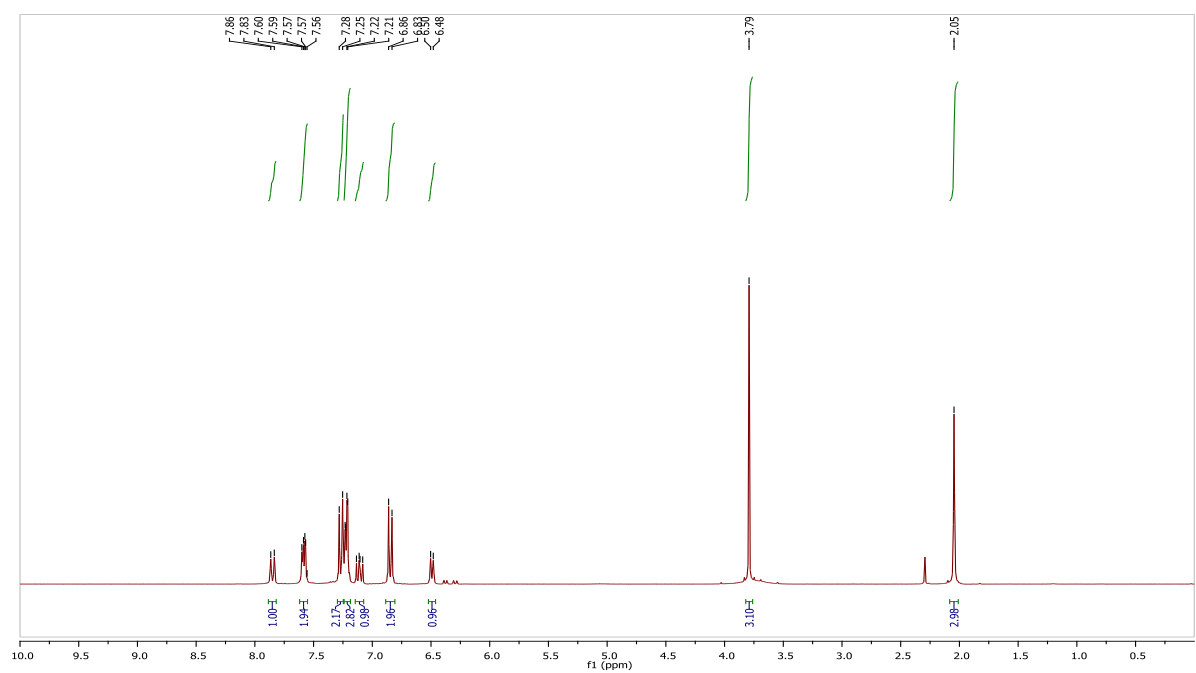
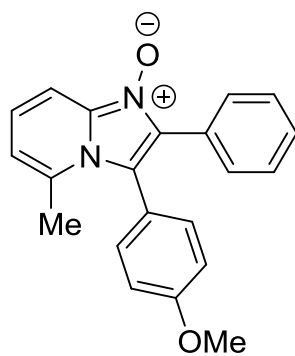




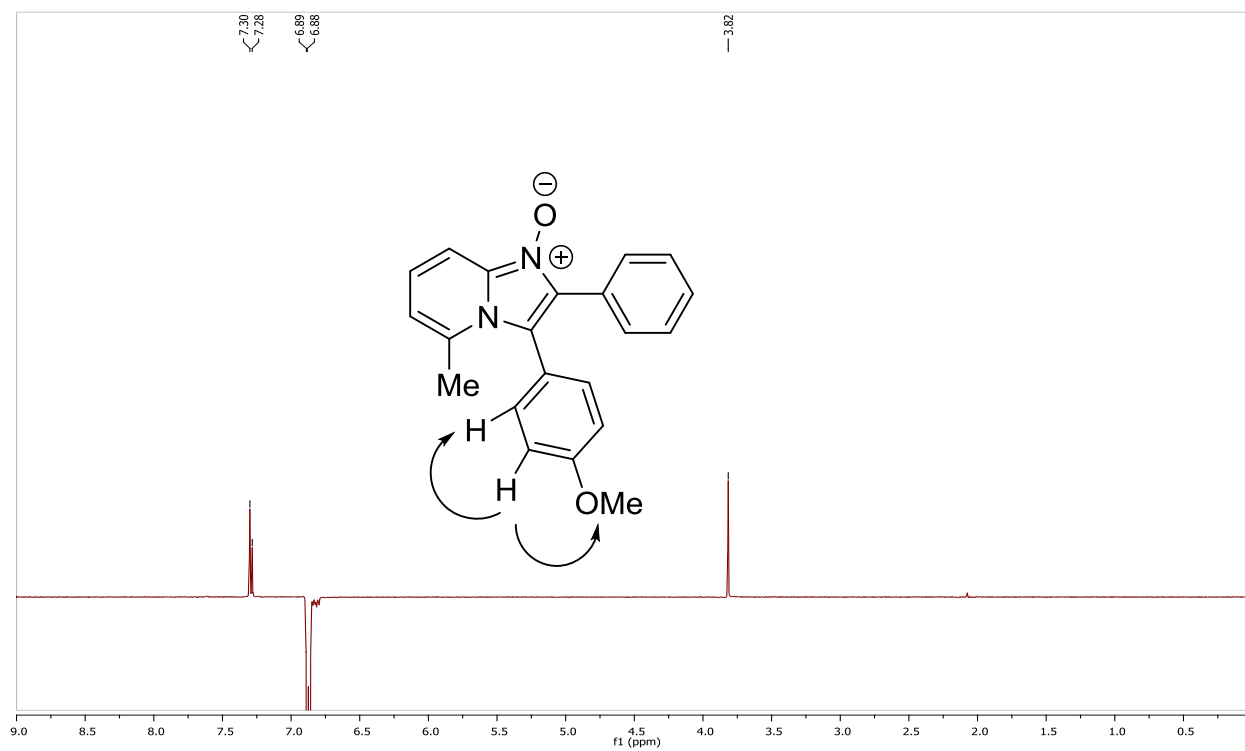
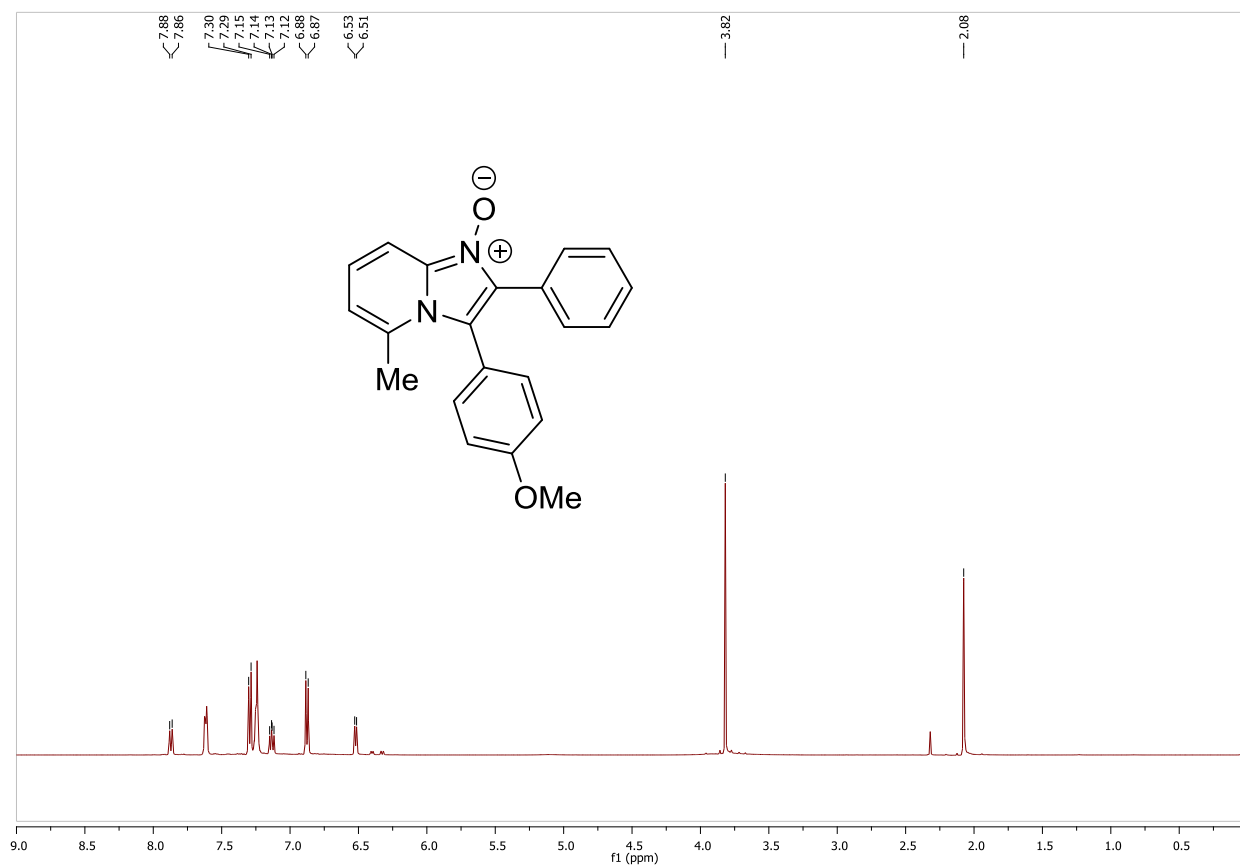
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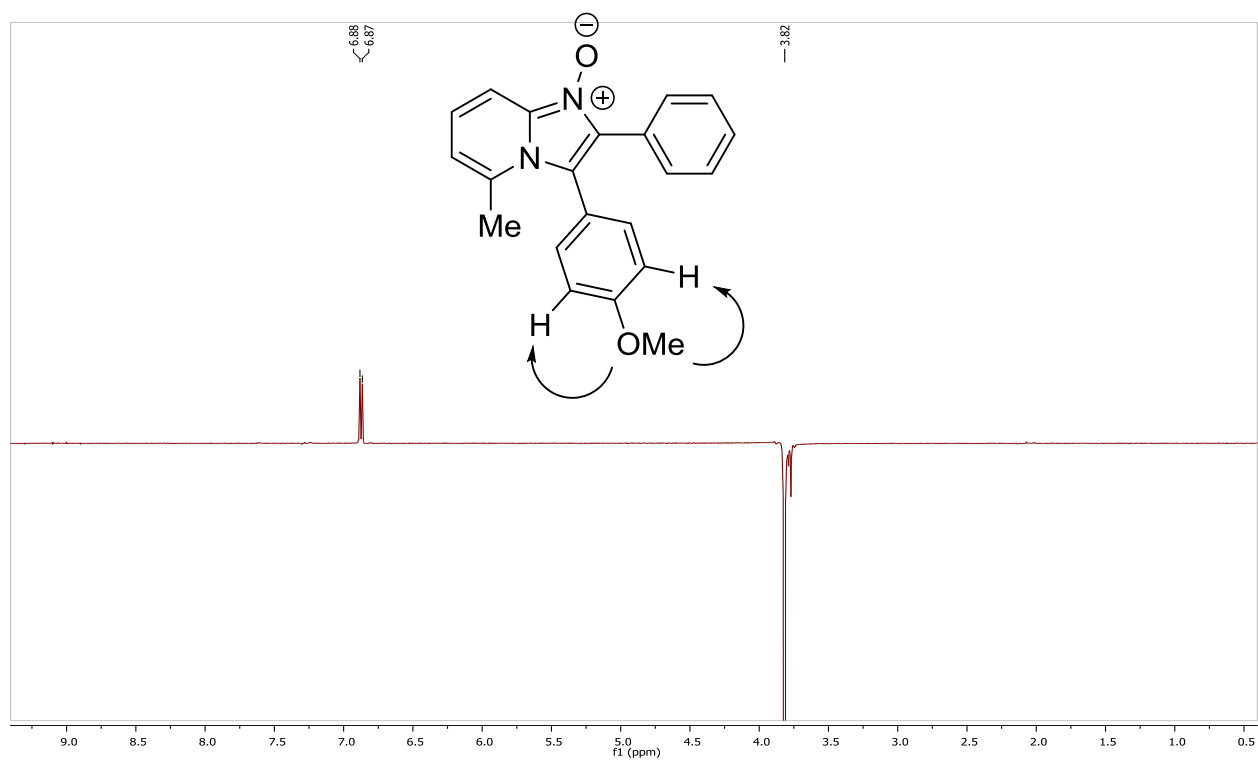
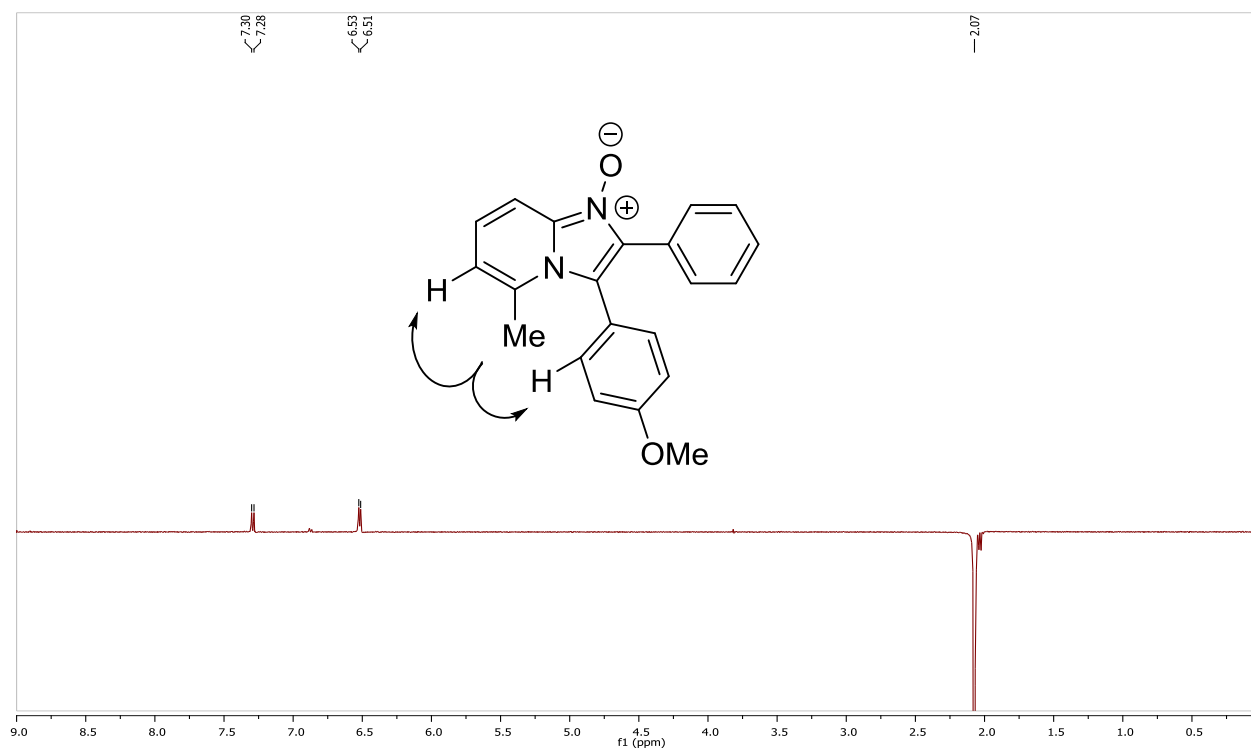


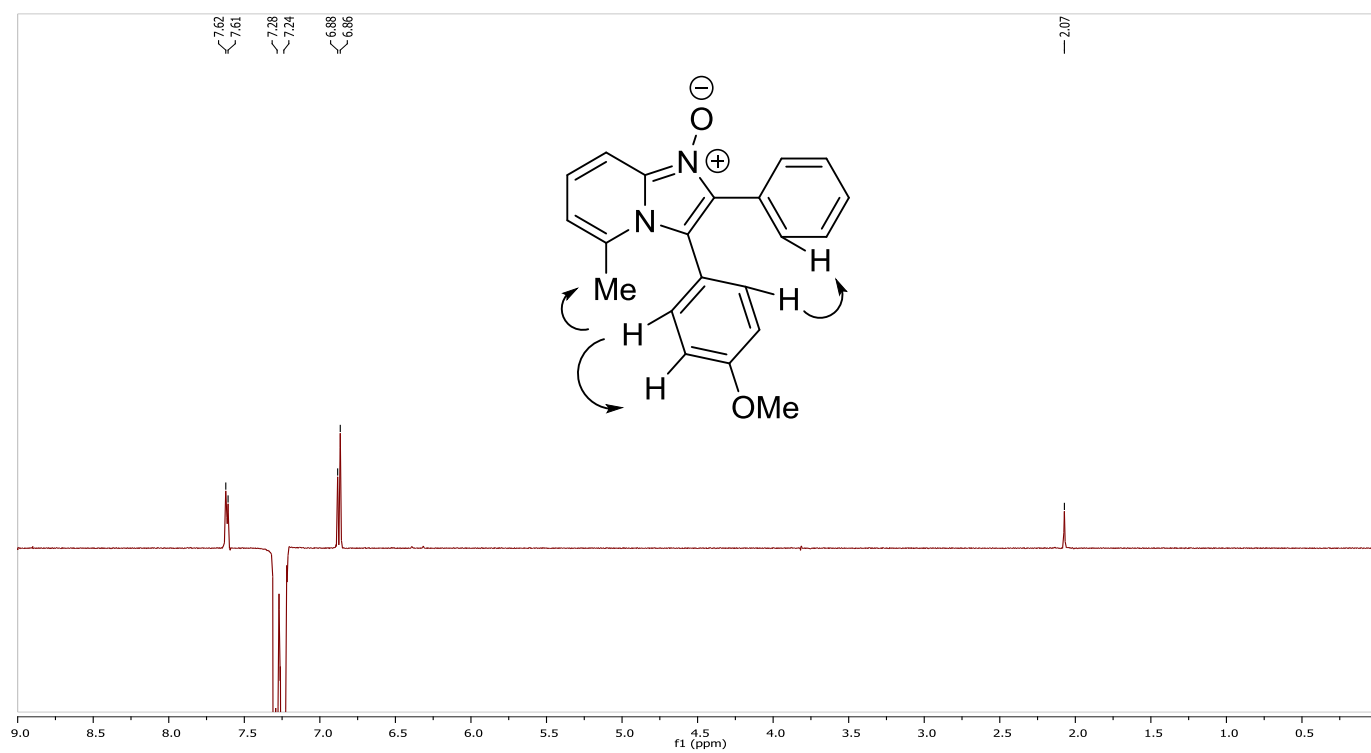
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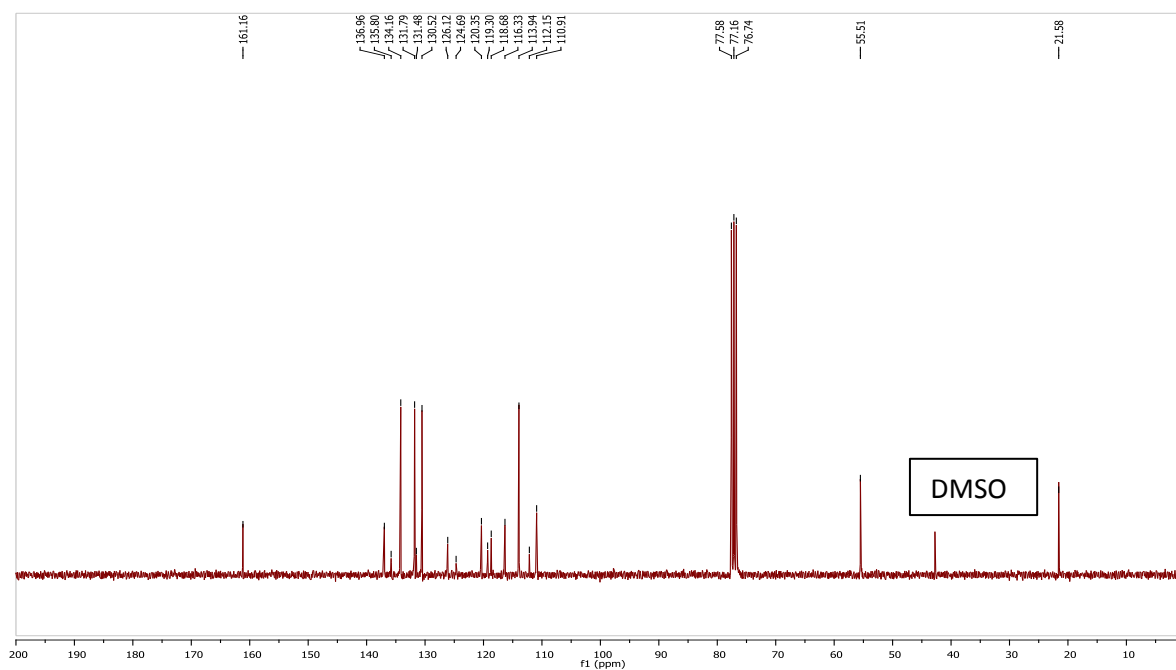
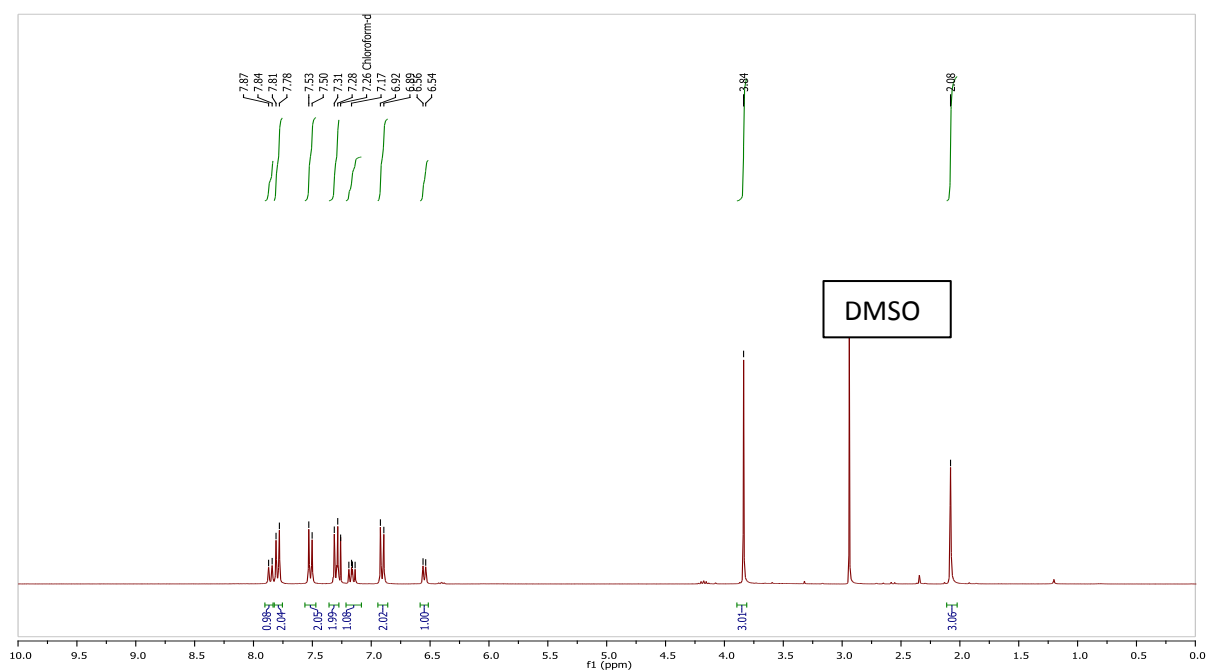
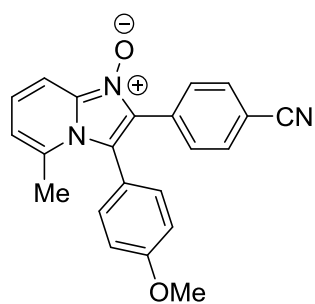
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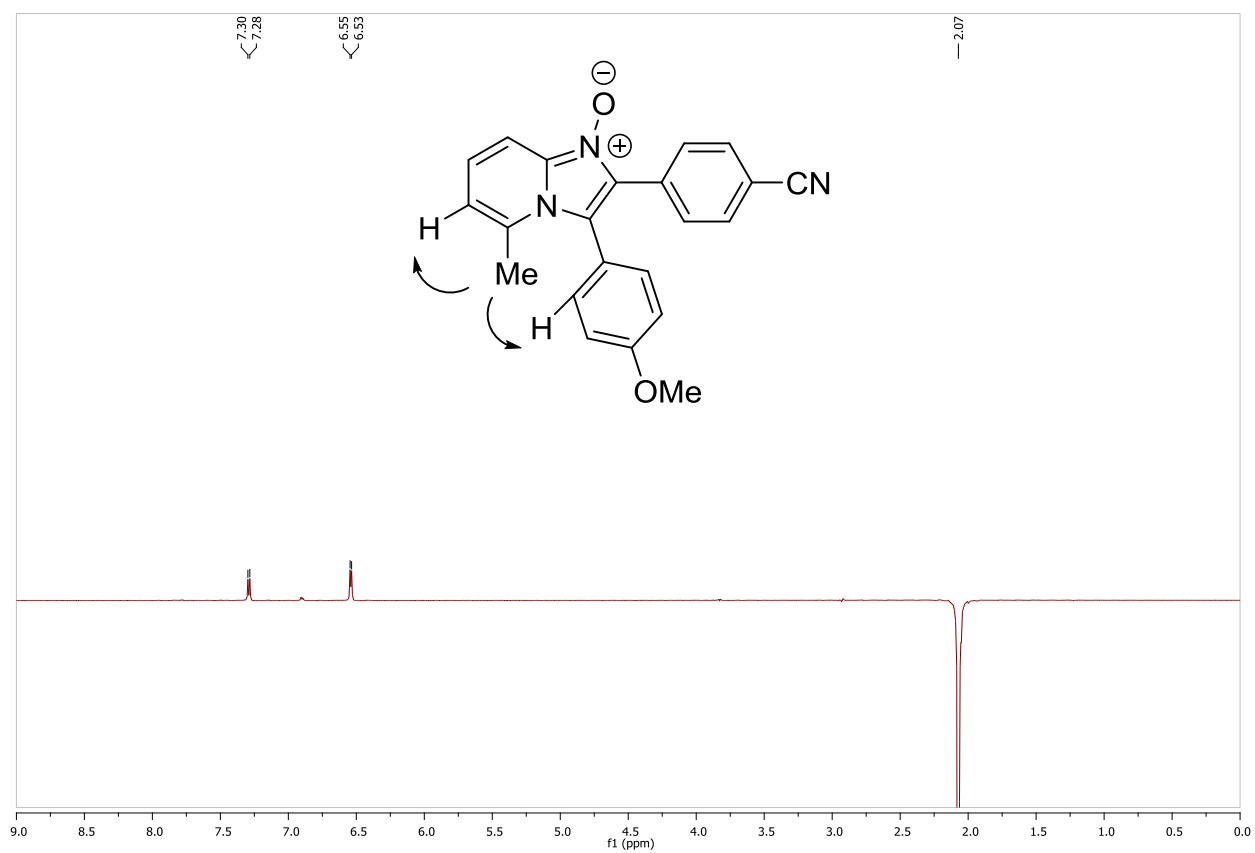
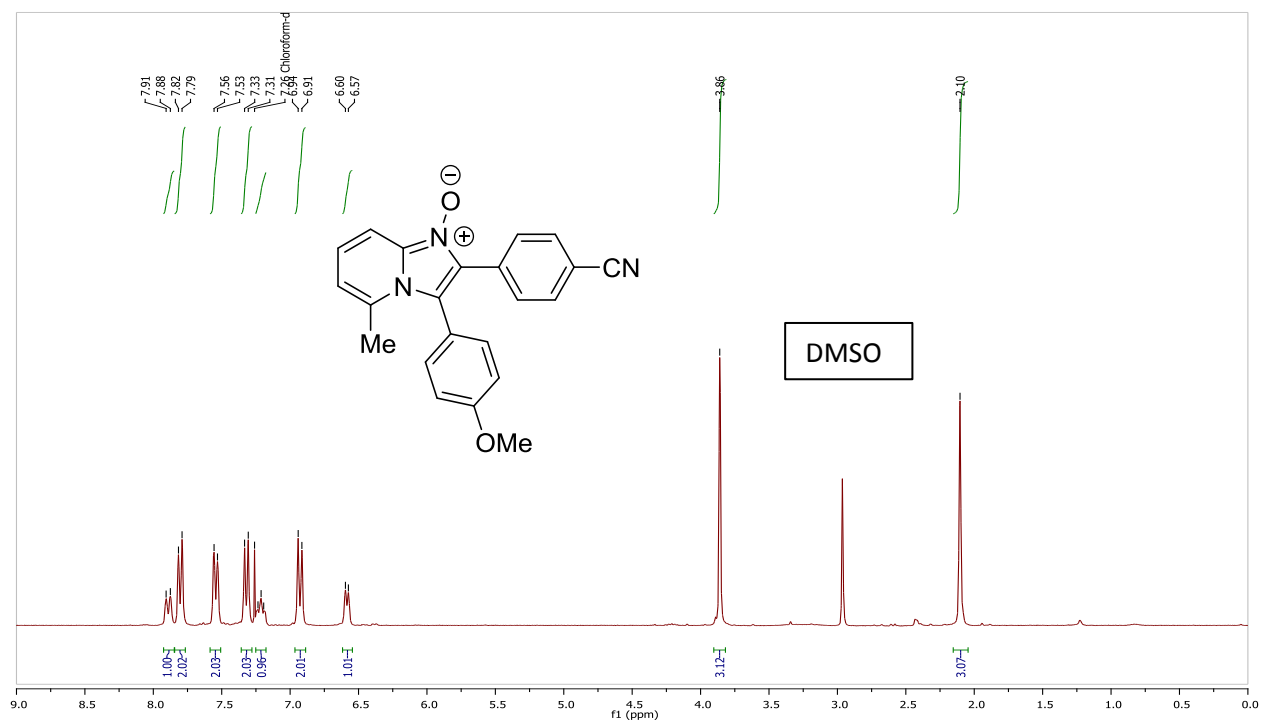


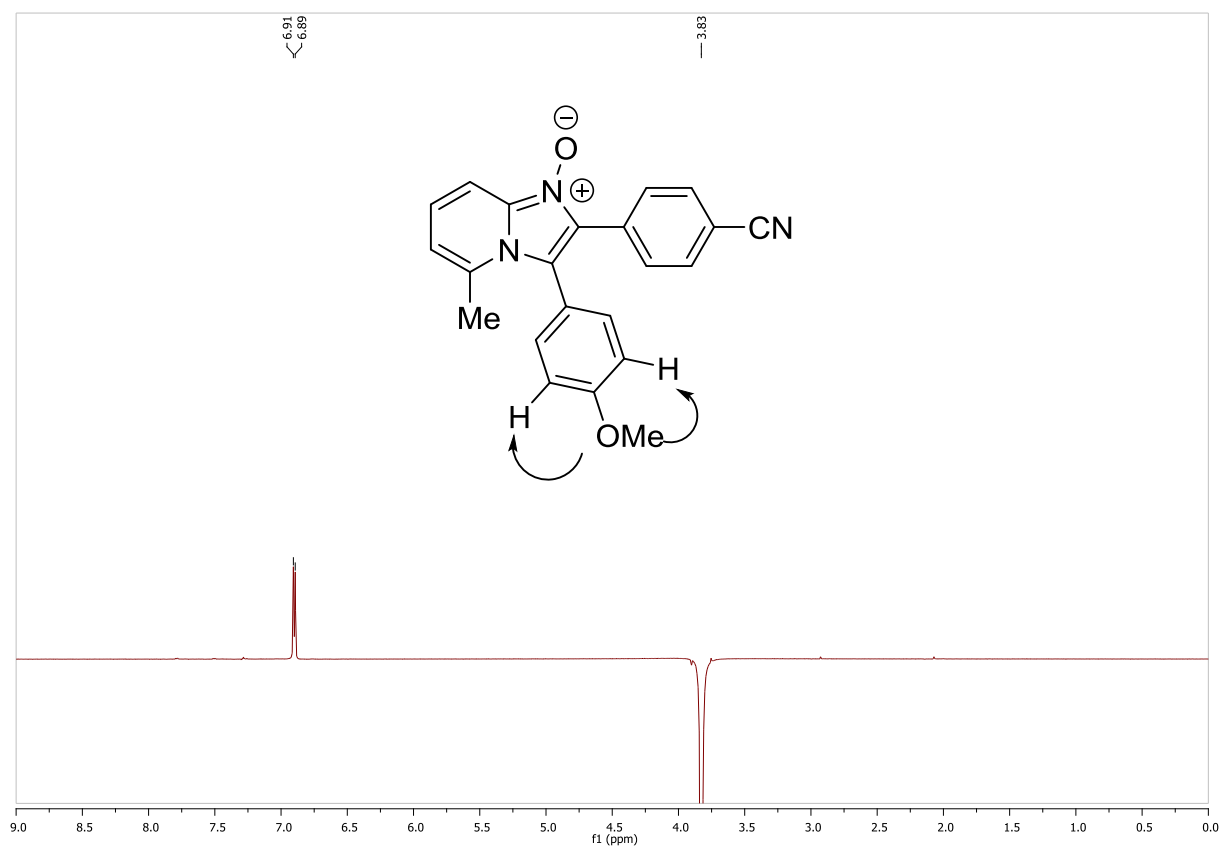
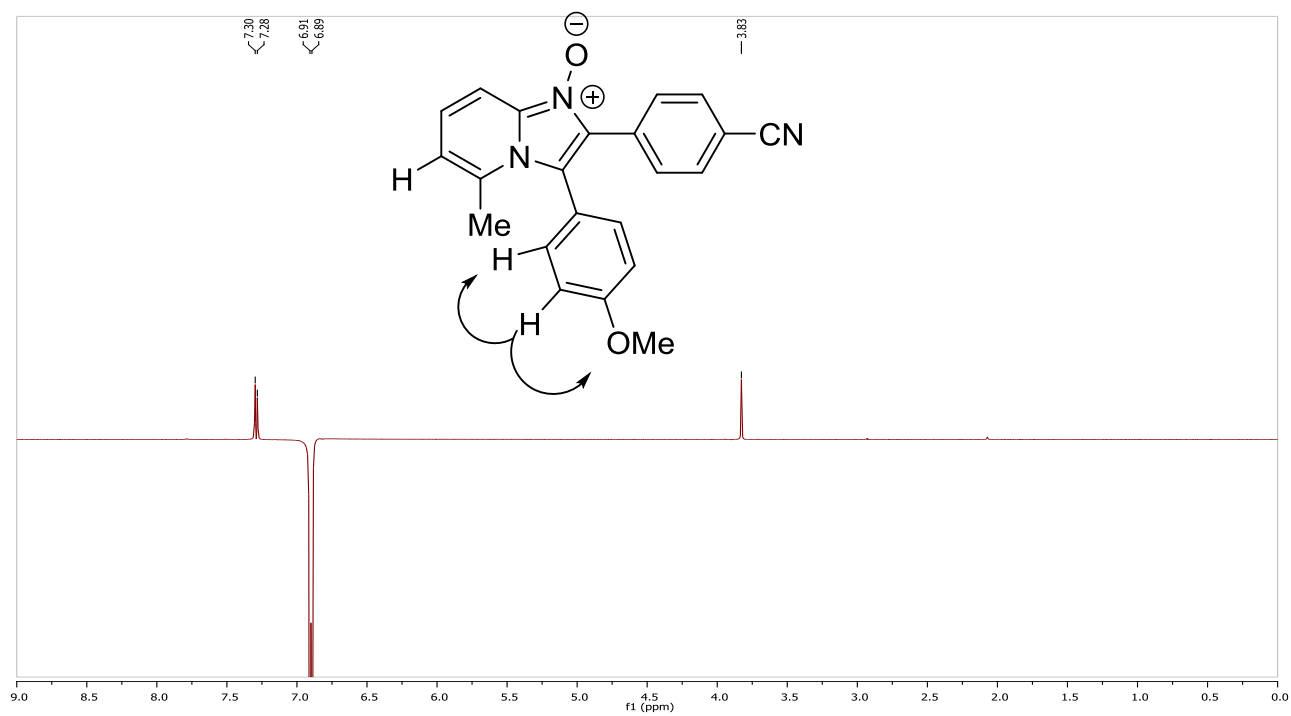


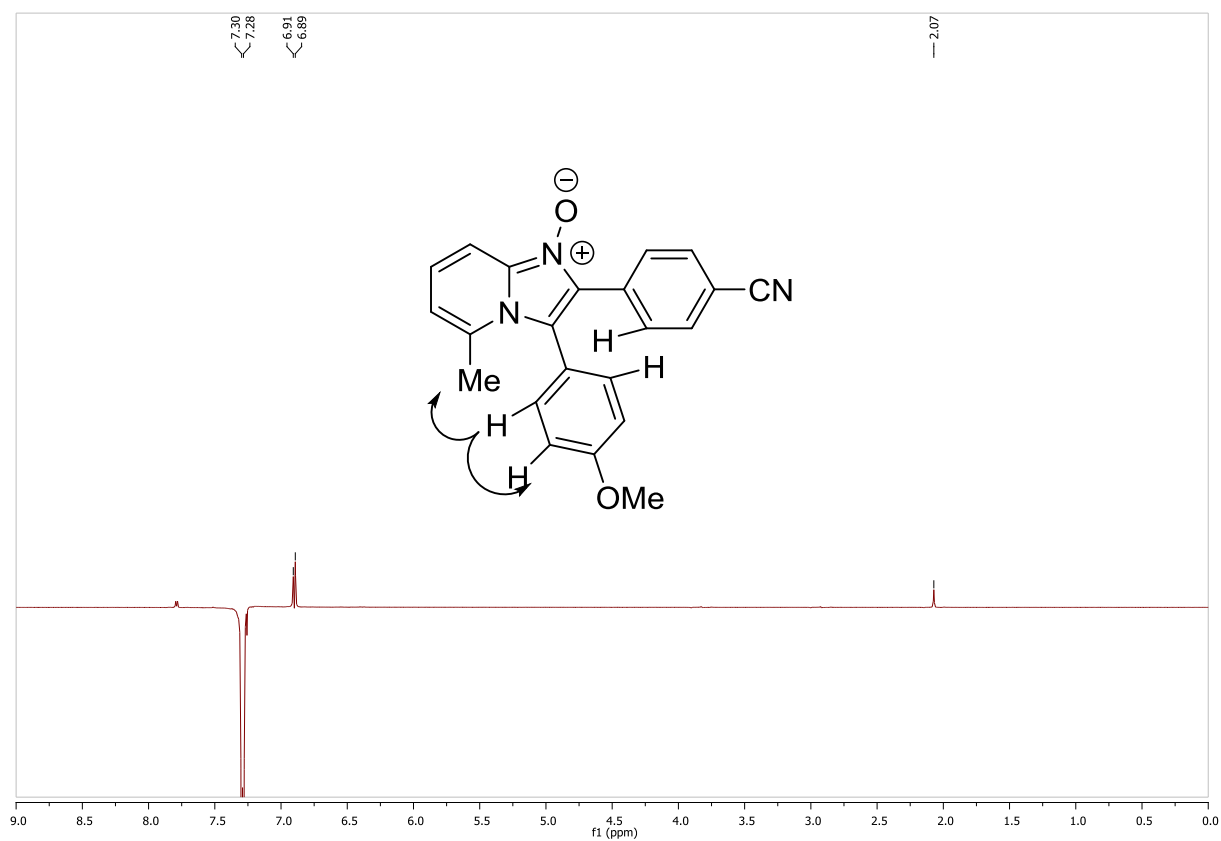
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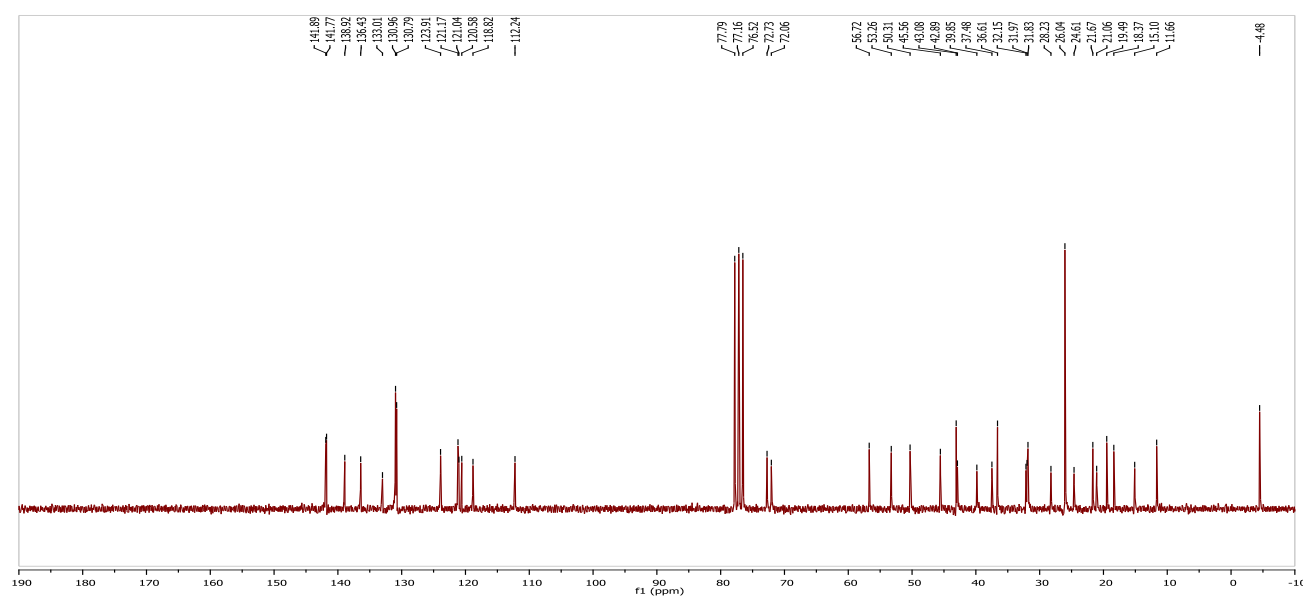
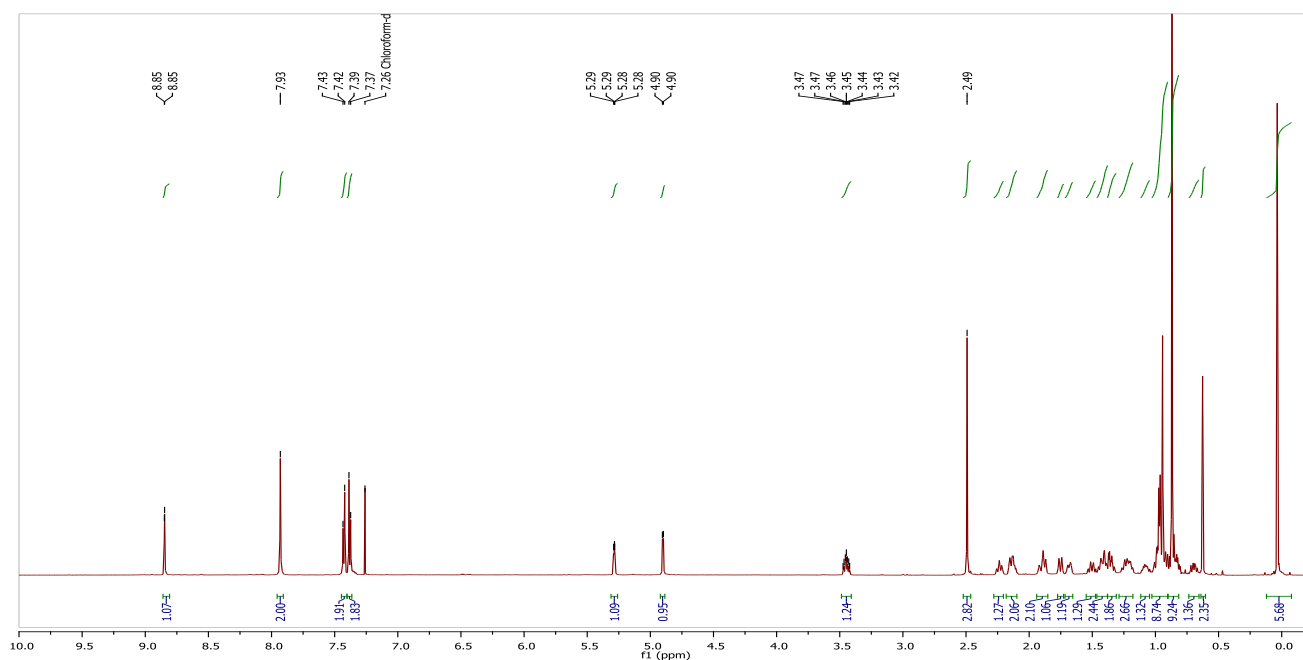
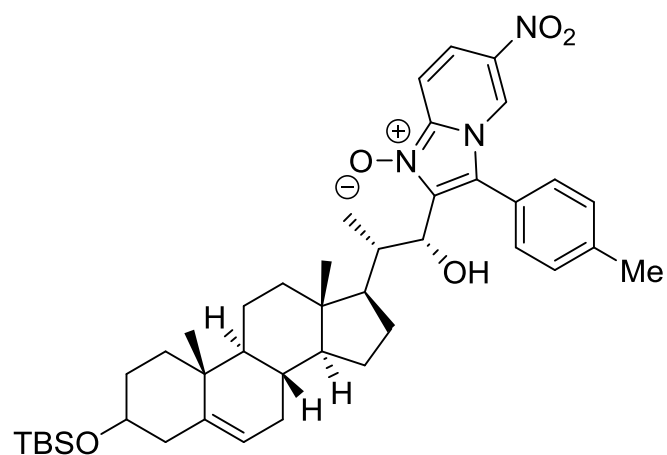
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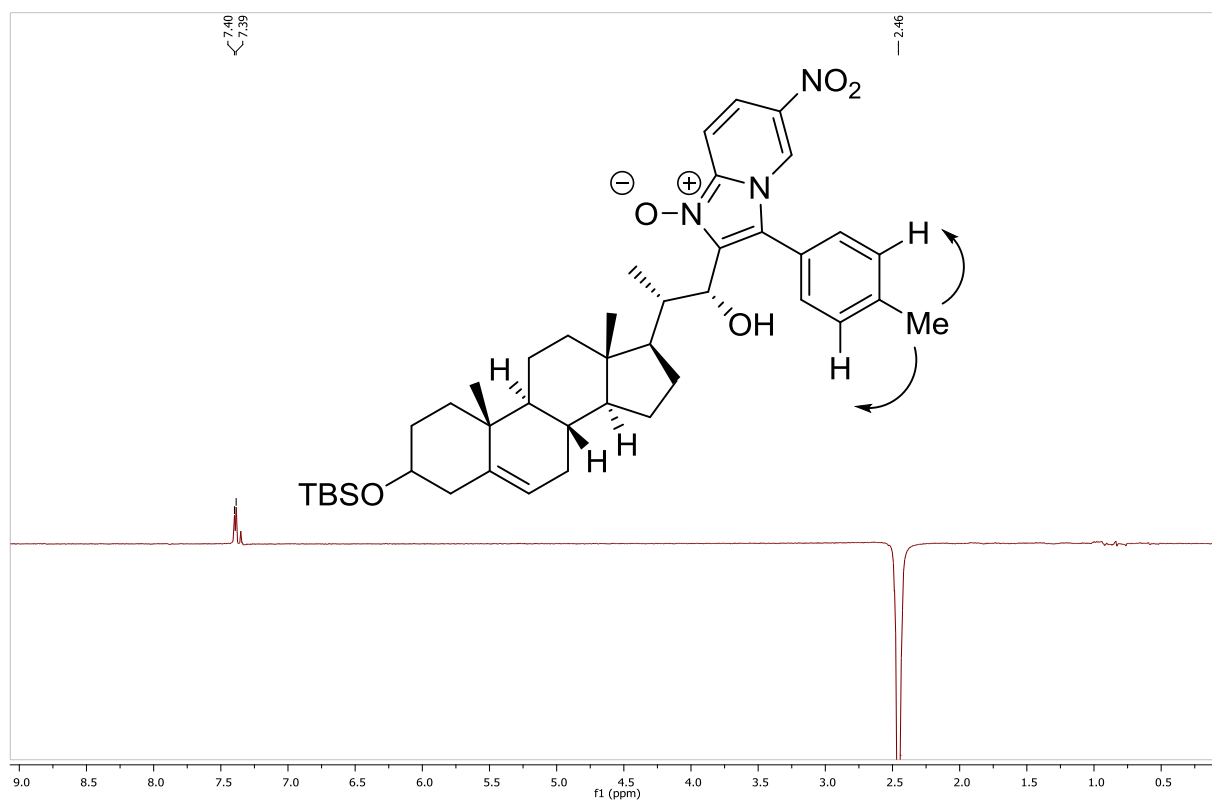
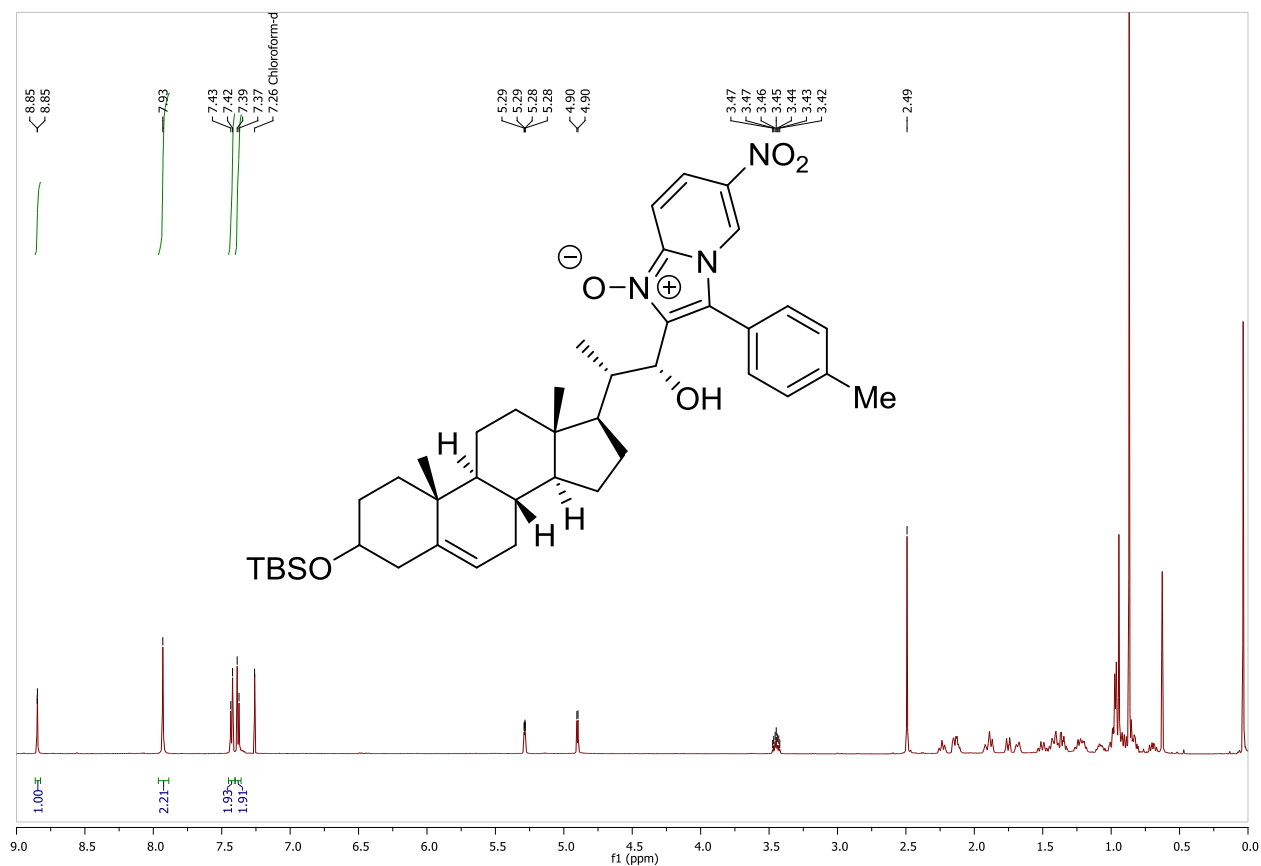


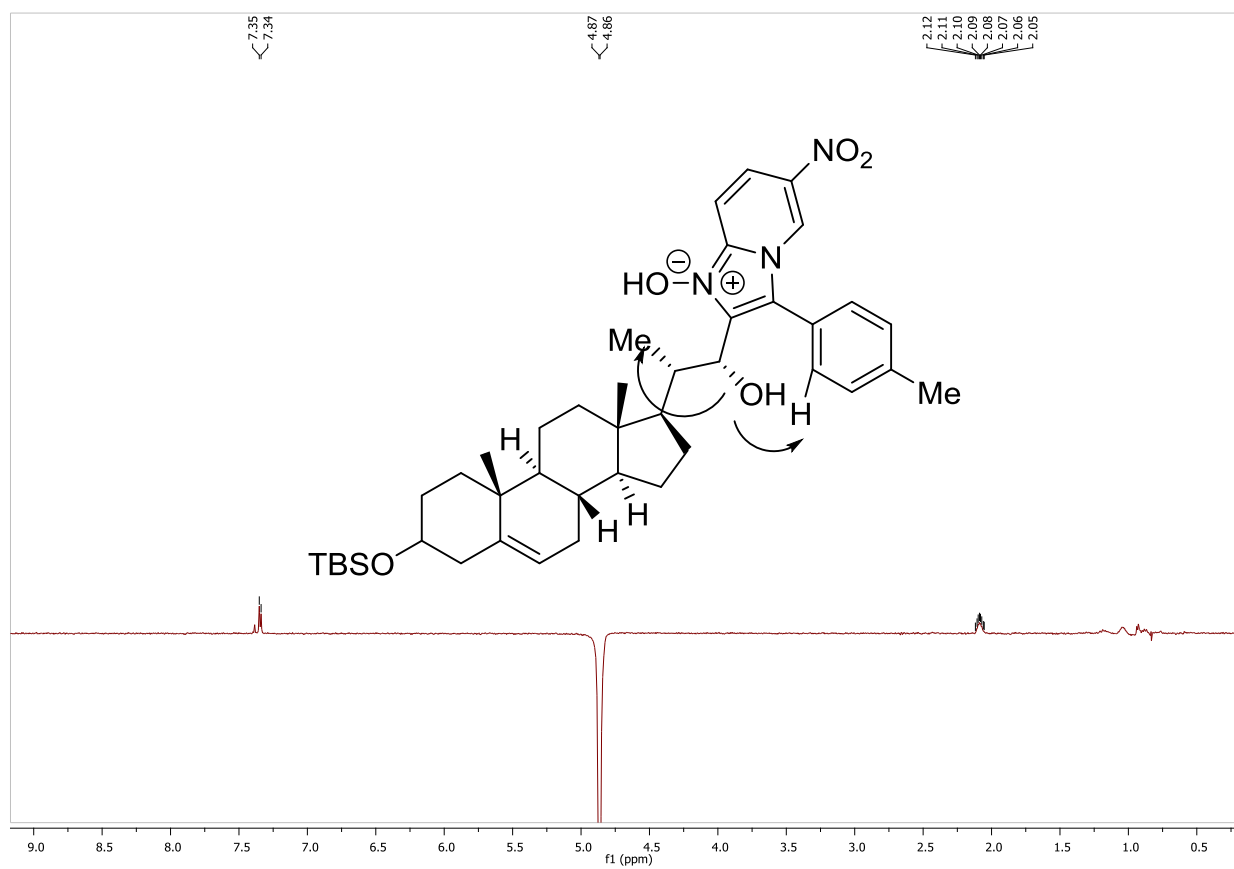
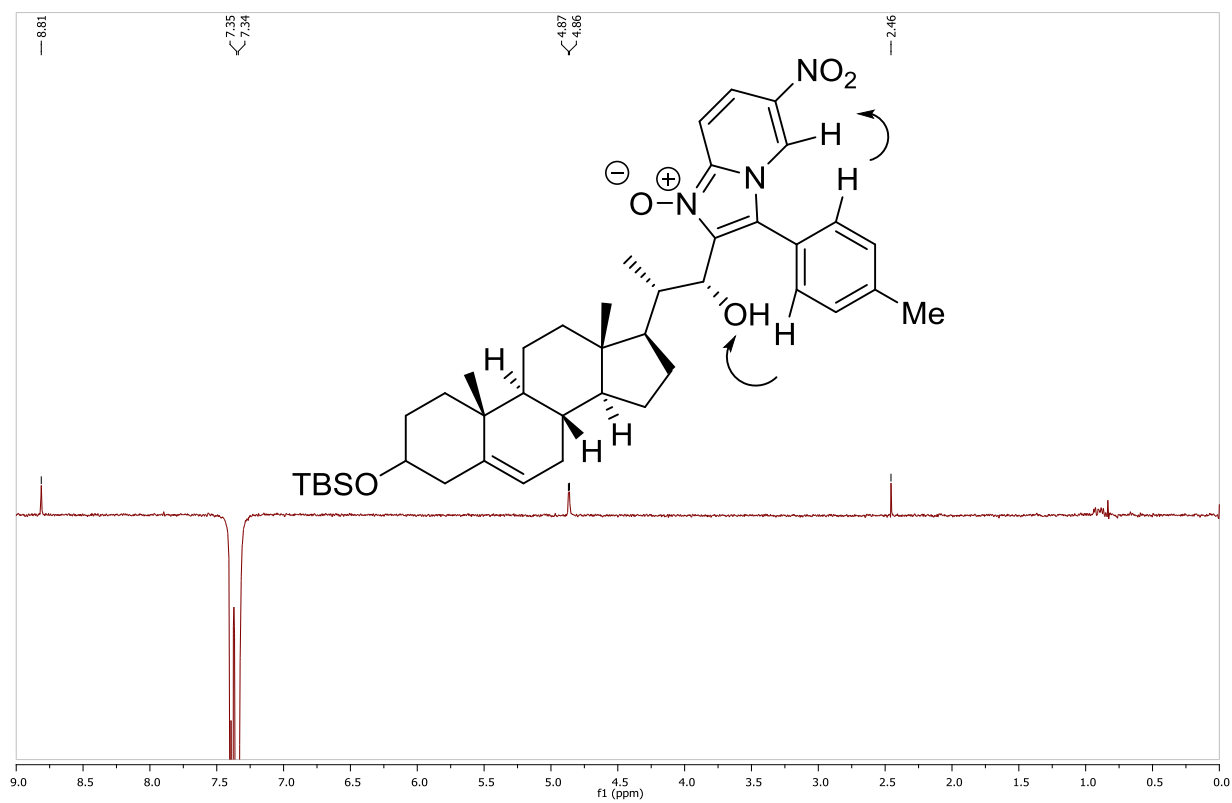


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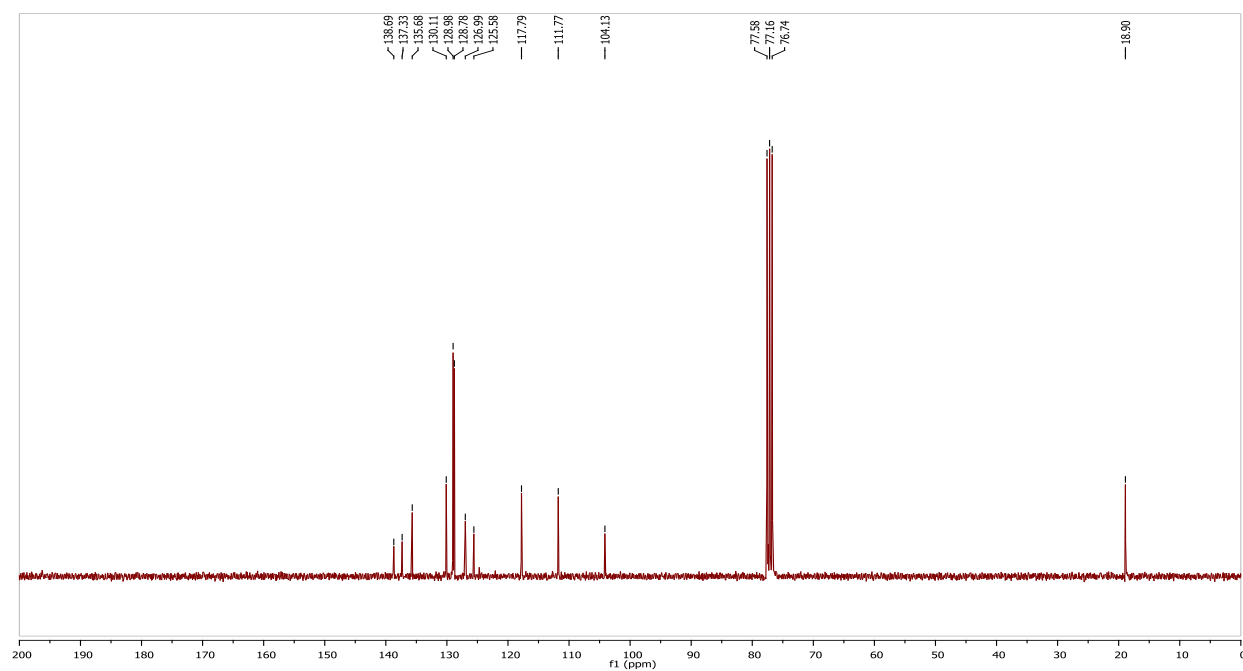
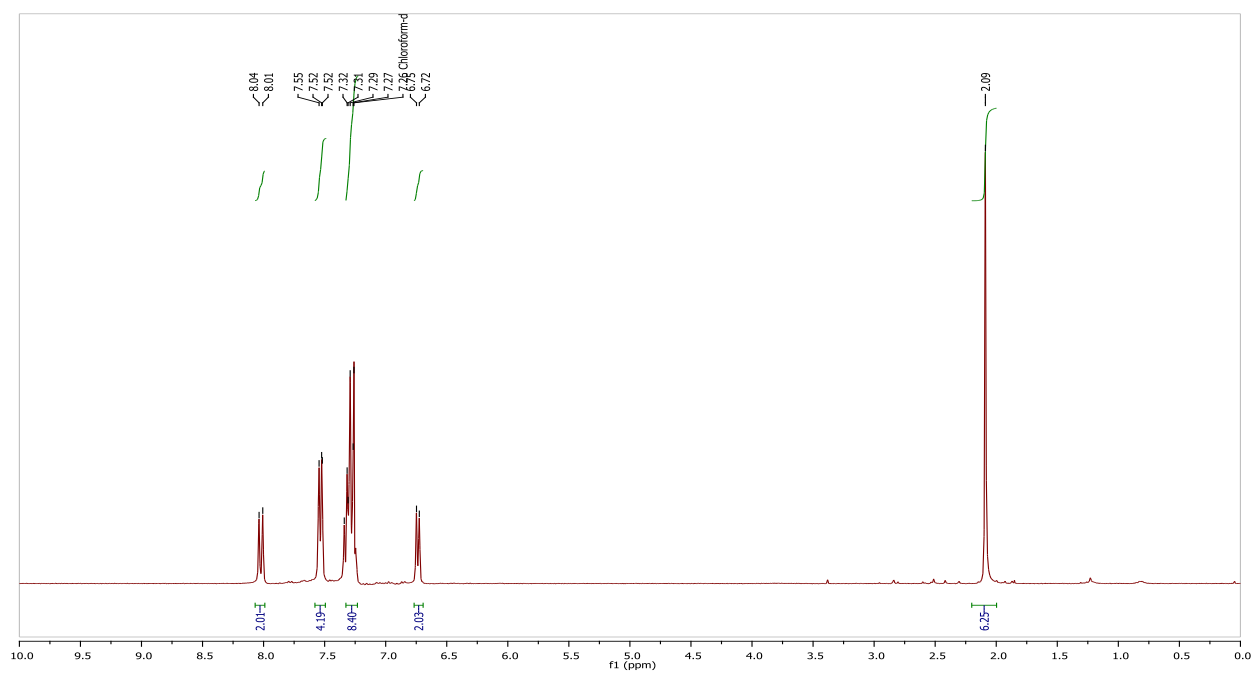
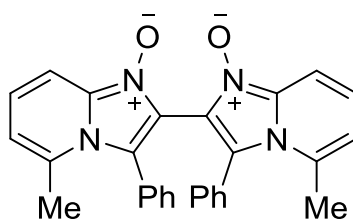


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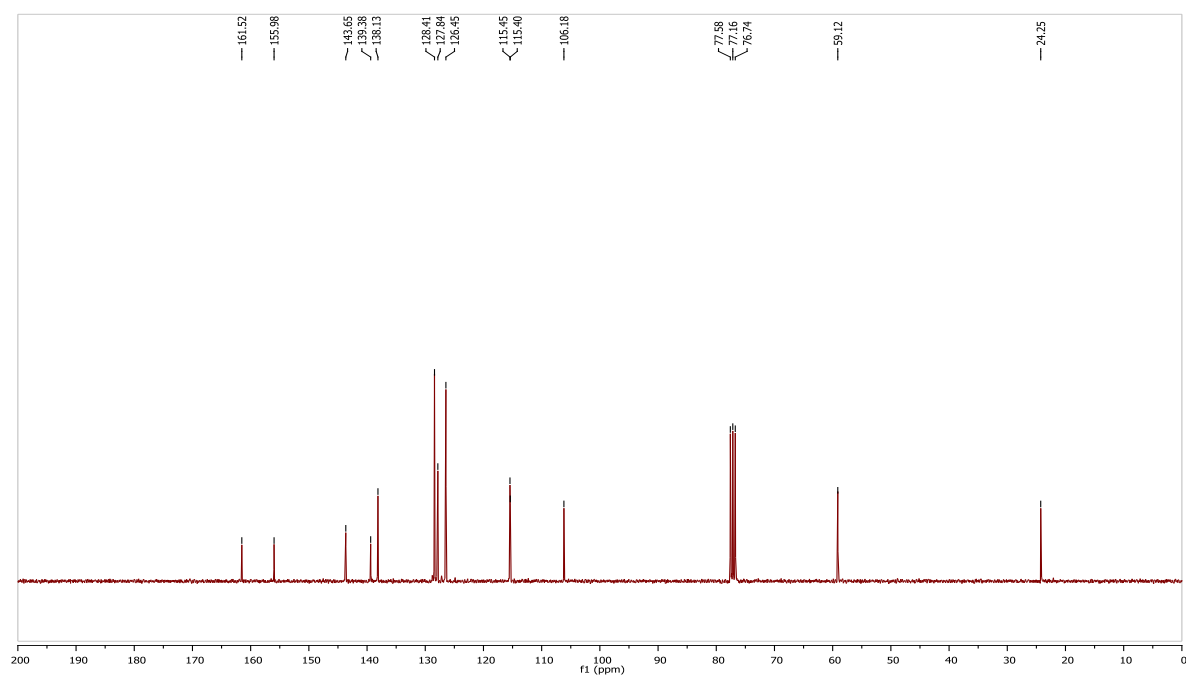
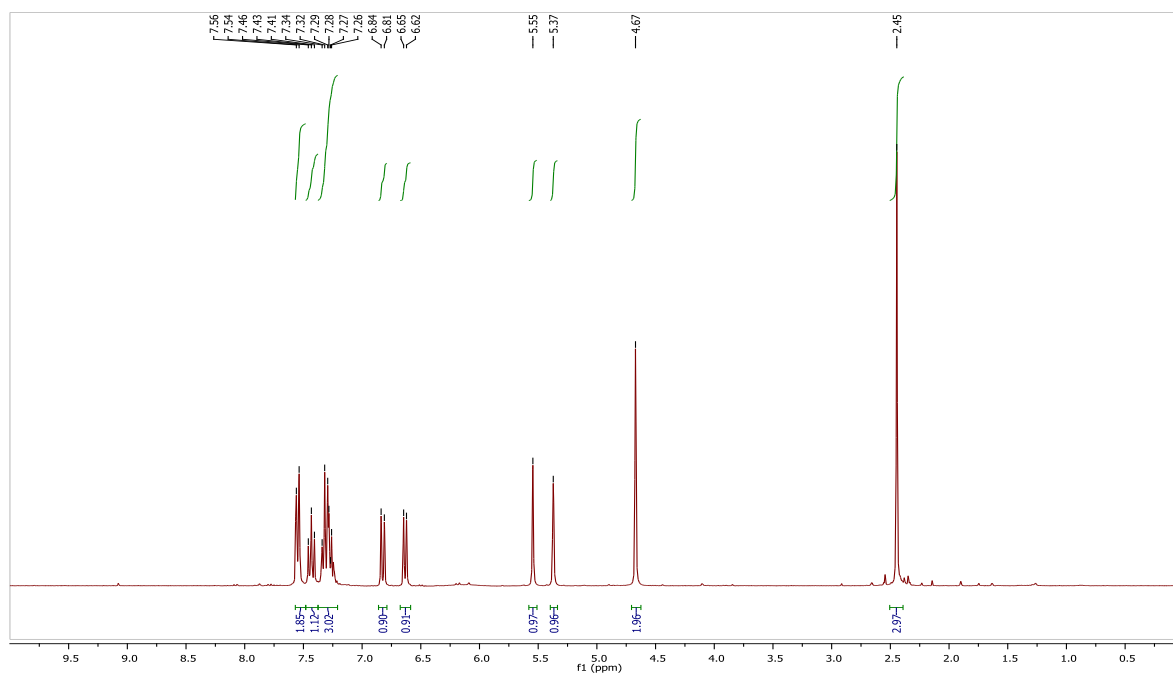
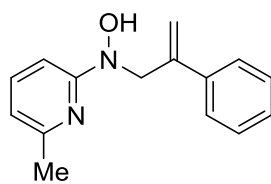




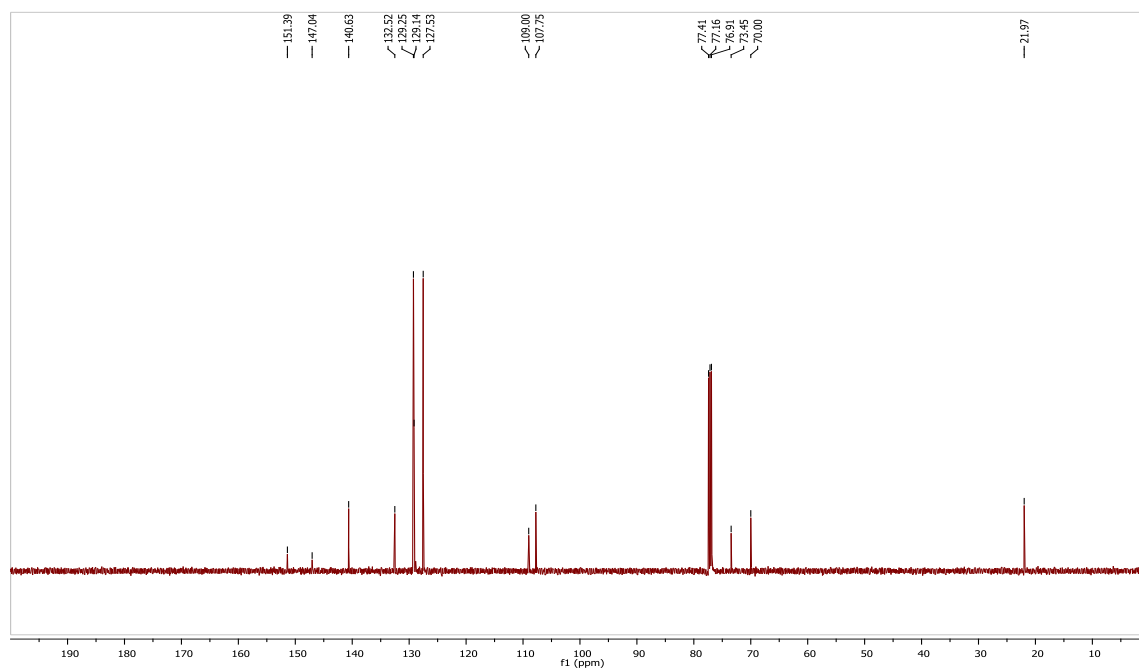
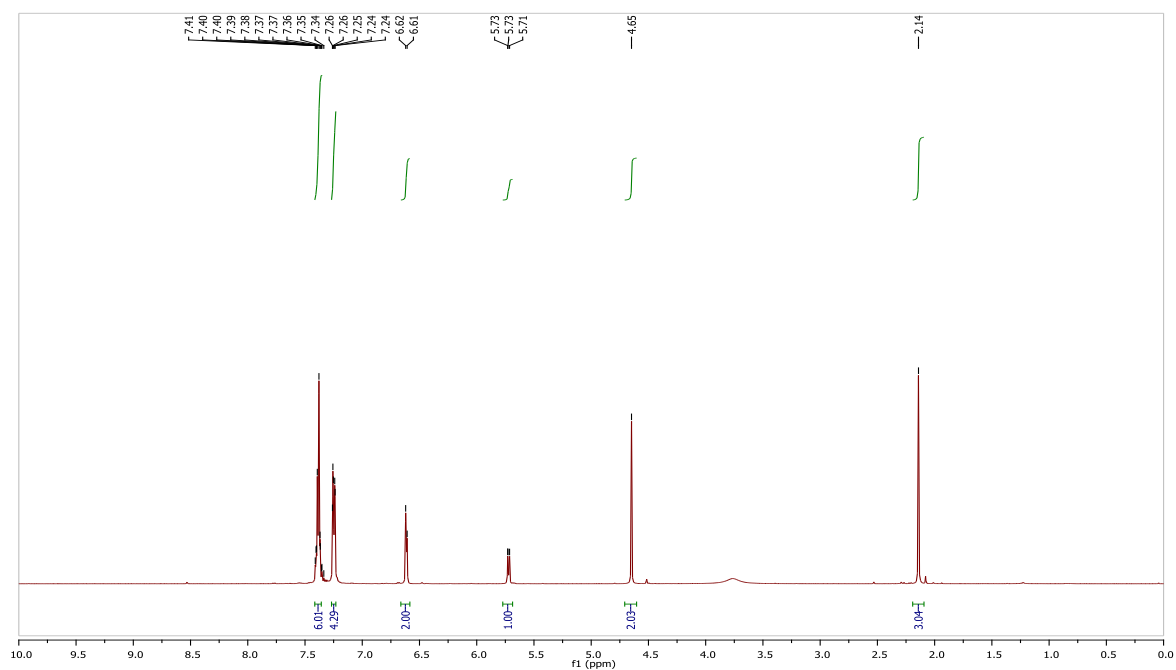
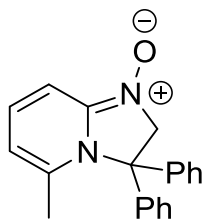
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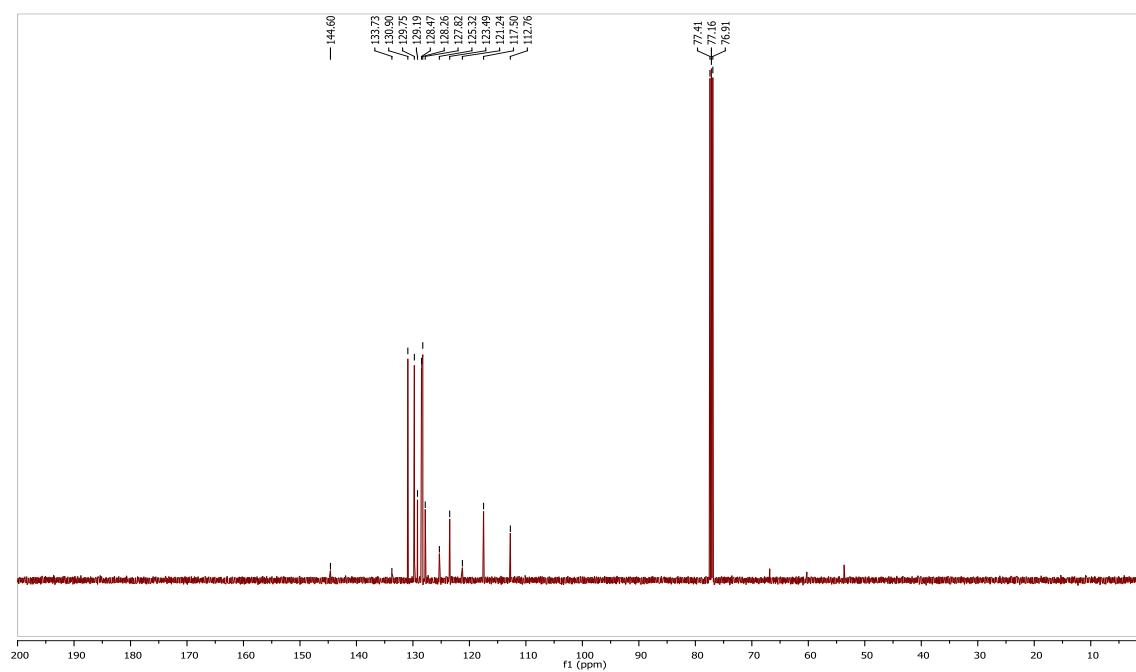
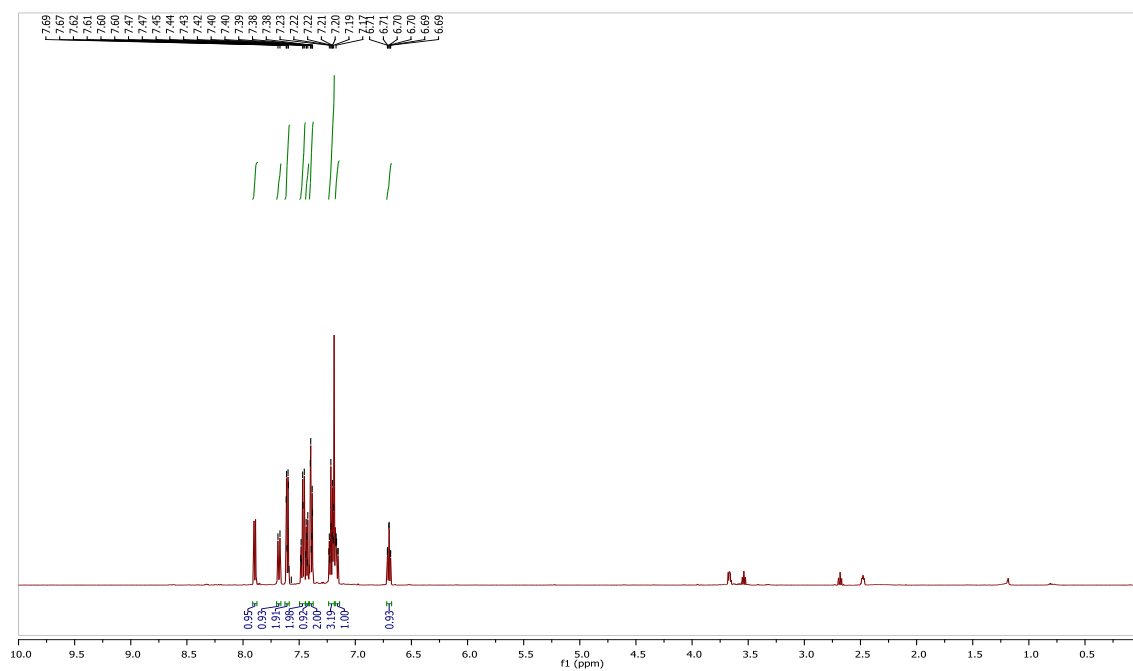
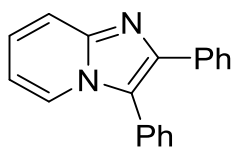
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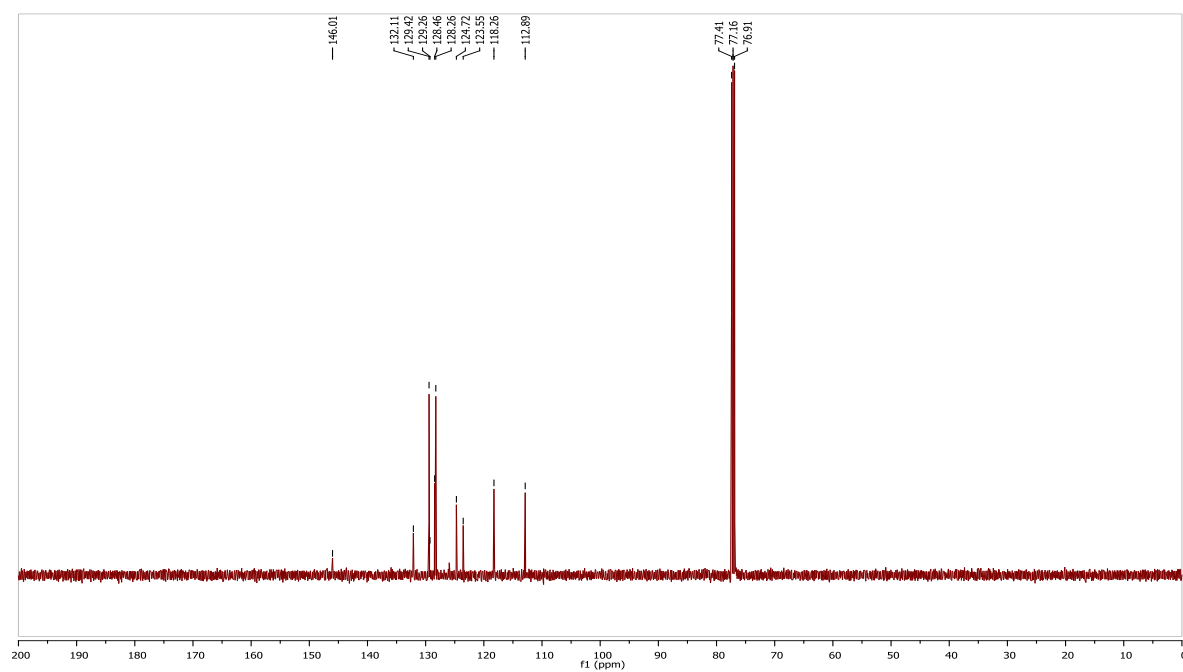
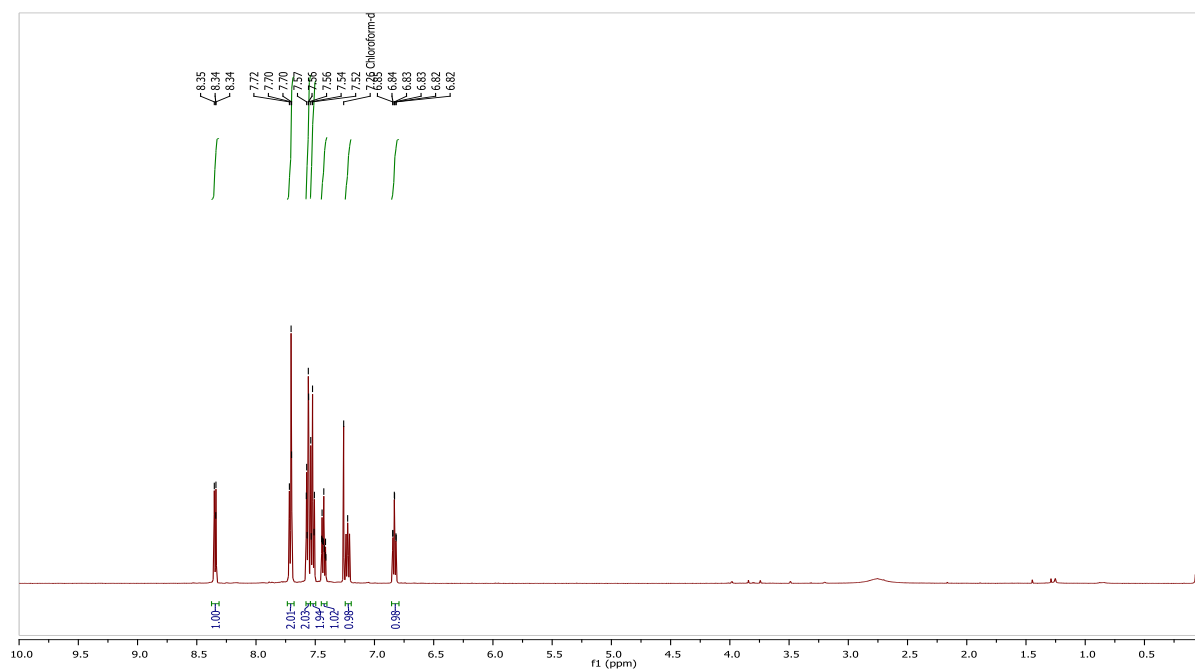
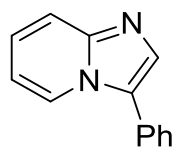
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