

Supporting Information

Zirconium catalysed intermolecular hydroamination reactions of secondary amines with alkynes

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General considerations

All manipulations of air- and/or moisture-sensitive compounds were performed under nitrogen atmosphere using standard Schlenk or glovebox techniques. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian XL 400 MHz spectrometer. Carbon, hydrogen, and nitrogen analyses were performed by direct combustion with a Carlo-Erba EA-1110 instrument. The FT-IR spectra were recorded with a Nicolet-550 FT-IR spectrometer as KBr pellets. X-ray crystallographic data were collected using a Bruker AXS D8 X-ray diffractometer. HR-MS data were recorded by Bruker ESI-TOF. Toluene and hexane were freshly distilled by refluxing over sodium/benzophenone ketyl and distilled prior to use. $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{Cl}$, C_6D_6 and $\text{C}_6\text{D}_5\text{Cl}$ were degassed and distilled over CaH_2 . $[\text{Ph}_3\text{C}][\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_4]$ purchased from Strem Chemicals, Inc. was used without purification. ZrBn_4 , the ligand precursors L^1H_2 and L^2H_2 , and complexes **1** and **2** were prepared according to reported procedures.¹ Amines were distilled over CaH_2 . Alkynes were degassed, flushed with argon and stored over molecular sieves (4 Å).

Suitable single crystals of complexes **3** were sealed in a thin-walled glass capillary for determination the single-crystal structures. All data were collected with a Bruker AXS D8 X-ray diffractometer, using Mo-K_α radiation at 223(2) K with the SMART suite of Programs.² Data were processed and corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects with SAINT,³ and for absorption effect with SADABS.⁴ Structural solution and refinement were carried out with the SHELXTL suite of programs.⁵ The structure was solved by direct methods to locate the heavy atoms, followed by difference maps for the light, non-hydrogen atoms. All non-hydrogen atoms were generally given anisotropic displacement parameters in the final model. All H-atoms were put at calculated positions. A summary of the most important crystallographic data is given in Table S2.

Synthesis and characterization of complex 3

To a solution of ZrBn_4 (1.37 g, 3 mmol) in toluene (5 mL) was added dropwise L^2H_2 (1.53 g, 3 mmol) in toluene (5 mL) at room temperature over 15 min. After stirring for 2 hours, toluene was removed under reduced pressure and hexane (5 mL) was added to extract the residue. Complex **3** was obtained as colorless solid after the hexane solution was cooled to $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ (1.90 g, 2.7 mmol, 90%). Crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction analyses were grown from hexane solution at room temperature. IR (neat): $\nu = 2958, 2905, 2868, 1479, 1442, 1415, 1386, 1267, 1239, 1240, 1203, 1171, 1132, 847, 753, 738, 551, 470\text{ cm}^{-1}$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, C_6D_6): δ 7.78 (d, 2H, $J = 7.76\text{ Hz}$, Ar-H), 7.58 (s, 2H, Ar-H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.15-7.13 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 6.96-6.93 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 6.78-6.74 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 6.65-6.62 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 3.32 (d, 2H, $J = 16\text{ Hz}$, PhCH_2), 3.02 (s, 2, NCH_2), 2.98 (d, 2H, $J = 16\text{ Hz}$, PhCH_2), 2.08 (m, 2H, NCH_2), 1.98 (s, 2, NCH_2C), 1.80 (s, 18H, $o\text{-C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 1.36 (s, 18H, $p\text{-C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 1.01 (m, 2H, $\text{CCH}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$), 0.32 (m, 5H, CC_2H_5). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, C_6D_6): 156.8, 146.8, 140.5, 136.0, 135.4, 129.9, 128.0, 124.4, 124.0, 123.5, 121.2 (Ar-C), 59.4 (PhCH_2), 57.5 (NCH_2), 42.0 ($\text{NCH}_2\text{C}_3\text{H}_7$), 34.6 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 33.5 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 31.1 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 29.8 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 21.2 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$), 18.7 ($\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 12.8 ($\text{C}_3\text{H}_6\text{CH}_3$). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{48}\text{H}_{67}\text{NO}_2\text{Zr}$: C, 73.79; H, 8.64; N, 1.79. Found: C, 73.81; H, 8.66; N, 1.79.

General procedure for hydroamination reactions

In a glovebox filled with nitrogen, PhCl solution (1 mL) of $[\text{Ph}_3\text{C}][\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_4]$ (92 mg, 0.01 mmol) was added to PhCl solution (1 mL) of **3** (78 mg, 0.01 mmol) under stirring. A color change from orange to colorless was observed immediately. After 5 min, **4** (1 mmol) and **5** (2 mmol) were added to the mixture. The resulting solution was stirred at 110 °C for desired time. After the mixture was cooled to 0 °C, LiAlH_4 (76 mg, 2 mmol) was added, and the resulting mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 2 hours. The reaction was quenched by the aqueous solution of NaOH (6 M). The product was extracted with toluene (3×1 mL). The crude product obtained after removal of solvent was isolated by column chromatography (petroleum ether, silica gel, 0.5% NEt_3) as viscous colorless oil and characterized by ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectroscopy and HR MS.

Characterizations of hydroamination products

1-(1-phenylethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline (6a). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.35-7.29 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.04-6.96. (m, 2H, Ar-H), 6.69 (d, 1H, $J = 8.28$ Hz, Ar-H), 6.59-6.55 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 5.12 (q, 1H, CH), 3.17-2.99 (m, 2H, NCH_2C), 2.83-2.70 (m, 2H, NCCH_2C), 1.89-1.82 (m, 2H, NCCCH_2), 1.57 (d, 3H, $J = 6.96$ Hz, CHCH_3). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 145.6, 142.8, 129.3, 128.4, 127.2, 127.0, 126.8, 122.9, 115.5, 110.7 (Ar-C), 54.7(CH), 42.6, 28.6, 22.3 (CH_2), 16.0 (CH_3). HR MS (ESI+): Found 238.1594 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}^+$: 238.1596.

1-(1-(2-fluorophenyl)ethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline (6b). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.37-7.35 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.22-7.04 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 6.68-6.63 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 5.35(q, 1H, CH), 3.43-3.31 (m, 2H, NCH_2C), 2.87-2.81 (m, 2H, NCCH_2C), 2.02-1.96 (m, 2H, NCCCH_2), 1.68 (d, 3H, $J = 6.96$ Hz, CH_3). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 162.1, 160.0, 145.0, 129.9, 129.5, 129.1, 128.5, 128.4, 127.9, 127.6, 127.2, 126.4, 126.0, 124.1, 122.7, 115.6, 110.9 (Ar-C), 50.8(CH), 43.1, 28.6, 22.5(CH_2), 17.3 (CH_3). HR MS (ESI+): Found 256.1503 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{FN}^+$: 256.1502.

1-(1-(*m*-tolyl)ethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline (6c). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.24-7.21 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.19-7.12 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.06-6.97 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 6.71-6.69 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 6.58-6.55 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 5.08 (q, 1H, CH), 3.13-3.00 (m, 2H, NCH_2C), 2.76-2.72 (m, 2H, NCCH_2C), 2.34 (s, 3H, Ar- CH_3), 1.86-1.83 (m, 2H, NCCCH_2), 1.55 (d, 3H, $J = 6.96$ Hz, CH_3). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 145.7, 142.8, 138.0, 129.3, 127.7, 127.5, 127.2, 124.0, 122.8, 115.4, 110.6 (Ar-C), 54.6 (CH),

42.6, 28.6, 22.3 (CH₂), 21.6 (ArCH₃), 16.0 (CH₃). HR MS (ESI+): Found 252.1748 [M+H]⁺, calcd. for C₁₈H₂₂N⁺: 252.1752.

1-(1-(3-bromophenyl)ethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline (6d). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.51 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.39-7.37 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.20-7.13 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.06-7.00 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 6.68-6.60 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 5.08 (q, 1H, CH), 3.15-3.01 (m, 2H, NCH₂C), 2.79-2.74 (m, 2H, NCCH₂C), 1.90-1.85 (m, 2H, NCCCH₂), 1.56 (d, 3H, J = 6.96 Hz, CH₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): 145.7, 145.4, 144.0, 129.6, 128.4, 127.7, 127.3, 126.4, 125.7, 123.1, 122.9, 116.0, 111.0 (Ar-C), 54.6 (CH), 42.8, 28.6, 22.4 (CH₂), 16.2 (CH₃). HR MS (ESI+): Found 316.0703 [M+H]⁺, calcd. for C₁₇H₁₉BrN⁺: 316.0701.

1-(1-(p-tolyl)ethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline (6e). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.26-7.24 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.17-7.15 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.07-6.99 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 6.74-6.72 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 6.61-6.58 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 5.13 (q, 1H, CH), 3.15-3.02 (m, 2H, NCH₂C), 2.77-2.74 (m, 2H, NCCH₂C), 2.36 (s, 3H, Ar-CH₃), 1.88-1.84 (m, 2H, NCCCH₂), 1.58 (d, 3H, J = 6.96 Hz, CH₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 145.7, 139.7, 136.3, 129.3, 129.1, 127.2, 127.0, 122.9, 115.4, 110.7 (Ar-C), 54.4 (CH), 42.5, 28.6, 22.3 (CH₂), 21.1 (ArCH₃), 16.0 (CH₃). HR MS (ESI+): Found 252.1749 [M+H]⁺, calcd. for C₁₈H₂₂N⁺: 252.1752.

1-(1-(4-fluorophenyl)ethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline (6f). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.31-7.27 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.10-6.90 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 6.69-6.68 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 6.62-6.57 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 5.09 (q, 1H, CH), 3.12-2.95 (m, 2H, NCH₂C), 2.79-2.73 (m, 2H, NCCH₂C), 1.88-1.80 (m, 2H, NCCCH₂), 1.56 (d, 3H, J = 6.96 Hz, CH₃).

$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 145.5, 142.2, 131.1, 129.8, 129.5, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 127.2, 127.1, 125.4, 123.0, 122.2, 122.0, 115.7, 115.4, 115.3, 115.1, 110.7, 110.6 (Ar-C), 54.2 (CH), 42.5, 28.5, 22.3(CH_2), 16.1 (CH_3). HR MS (ESI+): Found 256.1503 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{FN}^+$: 256.1502.

1-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)ethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline (6f). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.36-7.33 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.08-7.02 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 6.73-6.71 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 6.67-6.63 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 5.14 (q, 1H, CH), 3.19-3.03 (m, 2H, NCH_2C), 2.86-2.80 (m, 2H, NCCH_2C), 1.95-1.88 (m, 2H, NCCCH_2), 1.62 (d, 3H, $J = 6.96$ Hz, CH_3). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 145.4, 141.4, 132.5, 129.4, 128.6, 128.4, 127.2, 123.0, 115.8, 110.7 (Ar-C), 54.3 (CH), 42.6, 28.5, 22.3 (CH_2), 16.0 (CH_3). HR MS (ESI+): Found 272.1206 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{ClN}^+$: 272.1206.

1-(1-(4-bromophenyl)ethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline (6h). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.51-7.49 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.40-7.39 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.28-7.26 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.09-7.04 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 6.75-6.70 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 6.66-6.62 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 5.22-5.09 (m, 1H, CH), 3.19-3.03 (m, 2H, NCH_2C), 2.88-2.79 (m, 2H, NCCH_2C), 1.94-1.90 (m, 2H, NCCCH_2), 1.63 (d, 3H, $J = 6.96$ Hz, CH_3). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 157.8, 141.3, 136.2, 135.9, 128.6, 127.5, 127.1, 120.6, 119.9, 118.9, 115.1 (Ar-C), 149.2, 102.3 (CH_2), 45.7, 27.7, 22.5 (CH_2). HR MS (ESI+): Found 316.0704 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{BrN}^+$: 316.0701.

1-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline (6i). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.26-7.24 (m, 3H, Ar-H), δ 7.05-7.01 (m, 1H, Ar-H), δ 7.26-7.24 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 6.98-6.96 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 6.87-6.85 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 6.73-6.71 (m, 1H, Ar-

H), 6.59- 6.55 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 5.09 (q, 1H, CH), 3.79 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.08-2.96 (m, 2H, NCH₂C), 2.78-2.70 (m, 2H, NCCH₂C), 1.88-1.78 (m, 2H, NCCCH₂), 1.54 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.96 Hz, CH₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, C₆D₆): 158.4, 145.7, 134.7, 129.3, 128.1, 127.1, 122.9, 115.4, 113.7, 110.7 (Ar-C), 55.3 (OCH₃), 54.0 (CH), 42.3, 28.6, 22.3 (CH₂), 15.3 (CH₃). HR MS (ESI+): Found 268.1704 [M+H]⁺, calcd. for C₁₈H₂₂N⁺O: 268.1701.

1-(1-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline (6j).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.80-7.78 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.22-7.20 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.04-7.02 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 6.67-6.64 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 5.19 (q, 1H, CH), 3.16-2.91 (m, 1H, NCH₂C), 2.85-2.75 (m, 2H, NCCH₂C), 1.90-1.87 (m, 2H, NCCCH₂), 1.63 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.96 Hz, CH₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, C₆D₆): 146.6, 146.1, 145.0, 129.8, 129.7, 127.6, 127.3, 127.1, 123.5, 121.0, 116.8, 110.8 (Ar-C), 54.6 (CH), 42.8, 28.3, 22.2 (CH₂), 15.6 (CH₃). HR MS (ESI+): Found 374.1346 [M+H]⁺, calcd. for C₁₉H₁₈F₆N⁺: 374.1343.

1-(1-(pyridin-2-yl)vinyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline (6k).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.42 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 8.21 (d, 1H, *J* = 13.52 Hz CH₂), 7.49-7.45 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.16 (d, 1H, *J* = 3.68 Hz Ar-H), 7.04-7.02 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 6.87-6.83 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 5.72 (d, 1H, *J* = 13.48 Hz CH₂), 3.58-3.55 (m, 2H, NCH₂C), 2.71-2.68 (m, 2H, NCCH₂C), 2.05-1.96 (m, 2H, NCCCH₂). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 147.8, 129.4, 128.4, 126.4, 116.8, 113.2 (Ar-C), 48.5 (CH), 37.1 (CHCH₂CH₂), 28.5 (CHCH₂CH₂), 22.9 (CHCH₂CH₂), 20.9 (CHCH₂CH₂), 14.3 (CH₃). HR MS (ESI+): Found 237.1390 [M+H]⁺, calcd. for C₁₆H₁₇N₂⁺: 237.1392.

1-(1-(thiophen-2-yl)ethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline (6l). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.53-7.52(m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.43-7.41 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.33-7.14 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 6.84-6.82 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 6.67-6.65 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 5.36 (m, 1H, CH), 3.16-3.13 (m, 2H, NCH_2C), 2.80-2.75(s, 2H, NCCH_2C), 1.91-1.87 (m, 2H, NCCCH_2), 1.65 (d, 3H, $J = 6.96$ Hz, CH_3). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 146.6, 131.1, 129.8, 129.4, 128.3, 127.6, 127.1, 126.6, 125.9, 124.8, 124.1, 116.2, 111.1 (Ar-C), 51.8 (CH), 42.2, 28.4, 22.2 (CH_2), 16.9 (CH_3). HR MS (ESI+): Found 244.1157 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{NS}^+$: 244.1160.

1-(1-phenylpropan-2-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline (6m). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.30 -7.25(m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.21-7.16 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.07-7.03 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 6.95-6.93 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 6.76-6.74 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 6.60-6.58 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 4.23-4.14 (m, 1H, CH), 3.24-3.17 (m, 2H, NCH_2C), 3.00-2.97 (m, 1H, ArCH_2), 2.75-2.71(m, 2H, NCCH_2C), 2.73-2.71 (m, 1H, ArCH_2), 1.93-1.87 (m, 2H, NCCCH_2), 1.18 (d, 3H, $J = 6.60$ Hz, CH_3). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 145.5, 139.8, 129.4, 129.1, 128.4, 127.1, 126.1, 123.3, 115.4, 110.7 (Ar-C), 53.3 (CH), 41.2, 39.3, 28.5, 22.4 (CH_2), 16.4(CH_3). HR MS (ESI+): Found 252.1758 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}^+$: 252.1752.

1-(hexan-2-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline (6n). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.05-7.02 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 6.95-6.93 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 6.68-6.66(m, 1H, Ar-H), 6.54-6.51 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 3.93-3.84 (m, 1H, CH), 3.12-3.09 (m, 2H, NCH_2C), 2.73-2.71 (m, 2H, NCCH_2C), 1.90-1.88 (m, 2H, NCCCH_2), 1.63-1.58 (m, 2H CH_2), 1.45-1.39 (m, 2H CH_2), 1.29-1.23 (m, 2H CH_2), 1.11 (d, 3H, $J = 6.56$ Hz, CH_3), 0.90-0.87 (m, 3H

CH₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 146.0, 129.3, 127.0, 122.9, 114.9, 110.5 (Ar-C), 51.2 (CH), 40.3, 33.7, 29.1, 28.6, 22.8, 22.4 (CH₂), 16.4, 14.2(CH₃). HR MS (ESI+): Found 218.1904 [M+H]⁺, calcd. for C₁₅H₂₄N⁺: 218.1909.

1-(1-phenylethyl)indoline (7d). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.44-7.43 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.29-7.28 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.08-7.07 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 6.99-6.98 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 6.62-6.60 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 6.39-6.37 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 4.75 (q, 1H, CH), 3.41-3.32 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.99-2.95 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.56 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.96 Hz, CH₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 146.6, 131.1, 129.8, 128.4, 127.6, 127.1, 126.9, 124.4, 116.9, 107.2 (Ar-C), 54.6 (CH), 48.0, 28.2 (CH₂), 17.8 (CH₃). HR MS (ESI+): Found 224.1940 [M+H]⁺, calcd. for C₁₆H₁₈N⁺: 224.1939.

4-(1-phenylethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[b][1,4]oxazine (7e). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.37-7.35 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.33-7.31 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 6.82-6.80 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 6.64-6.59 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 5.11 (q, 1H, CH), 4.17-4.07 (m, 2H, OCH₂), 3.22-3.00 (m, 2H, NCH₂), 1.55(d, 3H, *J* = 6.92 Hz, CH₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 144.2, 141.8, 135.1, 128.6, 127.2, 121.6, 117.3, 116.5, 112.2 (Ar-C), 64.9 (CH), 54.5, 40.5 (CH₂), 15.0 (CH₃). HR MS (ESI+): Found 240.1381 [M+H]⁺, calcd. for C₁₆H₁₈NO⁺: 240.1388.

2-methyl-1-(1-phenylethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline (7f). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.47-7.34 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.37-7.28 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.05 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 6.47 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 6.62 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 5.51 (q, 1H, CH), 3.63-3.40 (m, 1H, CH), 2.92-2.69 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.72-1.65 (d, 3H, *J* = 7.04 Hz, CH₃), 1.17-1.15 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.52 Hz, CH₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 144.1, 143.9, 143.2, 142.9, 129.5,

128.3, 127.3, 127.1, 126.8, 126.1, 122.4, 121.9, 115.9, 115.3, 114.0, 112.7 (Ar-C), 57.6, 56.1 (CH), 48.6, 47.0 (CH), 27.4, 27.2 (CH₂), 20.1, 19.6 (CH₃), 17.4, 16.3 (CH₃). HR MS (ESI+): Found 252.1751 [M+H]⁺, calcd. for C₁₈H₂₂N⁺: 252.1752.

2-methyl-1-(1-phenylethyl)indoline (7g). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.50-7.43 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.33-7.30 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.03-6.80 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 6.61-6.55 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 6.36-6.01 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 4.78-4.53 (q, 1H, CH), 4.06-3.78 (m, 1H, CH), 3.28-2.59 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.63-1.55 (d, 3H, *J* = 7.12 Hz, CH₃), 1.38-1.04 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.12 Hz, CH₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 151.6, 150.0, 144.1, 143.0, 128.4, 128.3, 127.3, 127.1, 126.9, 126.7, 124.2, 117.1, 116.7, 109.2, 107.1 (Ar-C), 58.2, 56.8, 54.5, 53.5 (CH), 37.9, 37.5 (CH₂), 22.8, 20.9 (CH₃), 16.3, 13.9 (CH₃).

2-phenyl-1-(1-phenylethyl)indoline (7h). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.50-7.38 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.32-7.26 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 7.05-7.01 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 6.96-6.86 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 6.64 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 6.44-6.10 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 4.88-4.72 (t, 1H, CH), 4.88-4.72 (t, 1H, CH), 4.48-4.36 (q, 1H, CH), 3.48-2.94 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.51-1.45 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.96 Hz, CH₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 115.7, 146.7, 145.0, 143.2, 138.5, 131.1, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.6, 127.5, 127.4, 127.3, 127.1, 127.0, 126.8, 126.6, 126.0, 124.2, 124.0, 117.8, 117.4, 109.6, 108.5 (Ar-C), 68.0, 67.7, 58.6, 57.0 (CH), 40.4, 39.7 (CH₂), 20.6 (CH₃). HR MS (ESI+): Found 238.1590 [M+H]⁺, calcd. For C₁₇H₂₀N⁺: 238.1596.

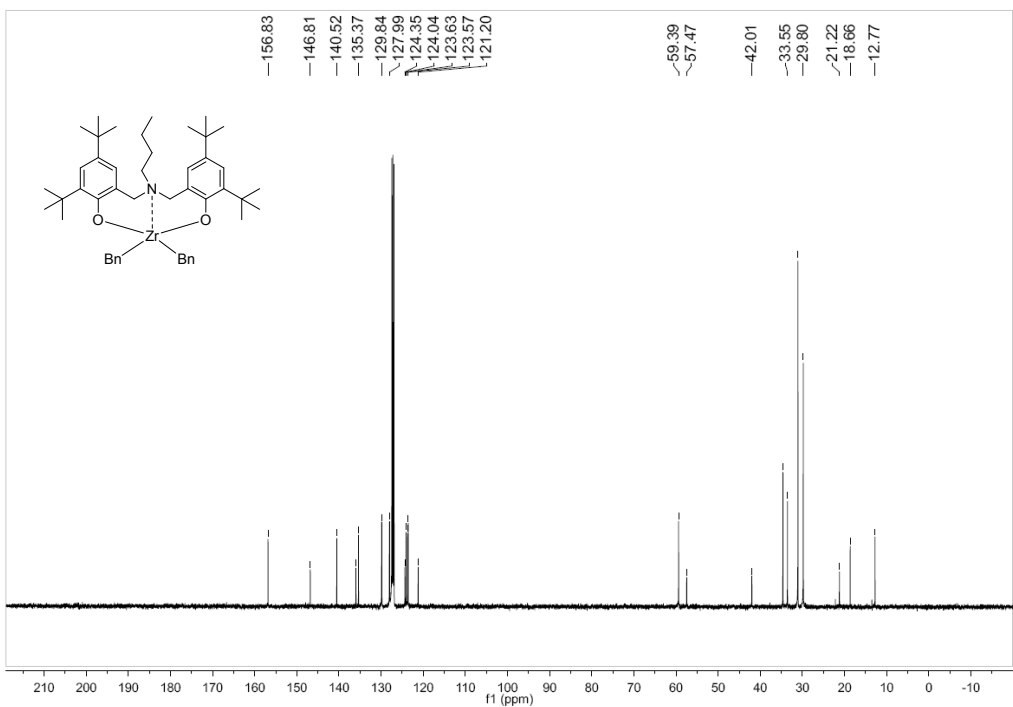
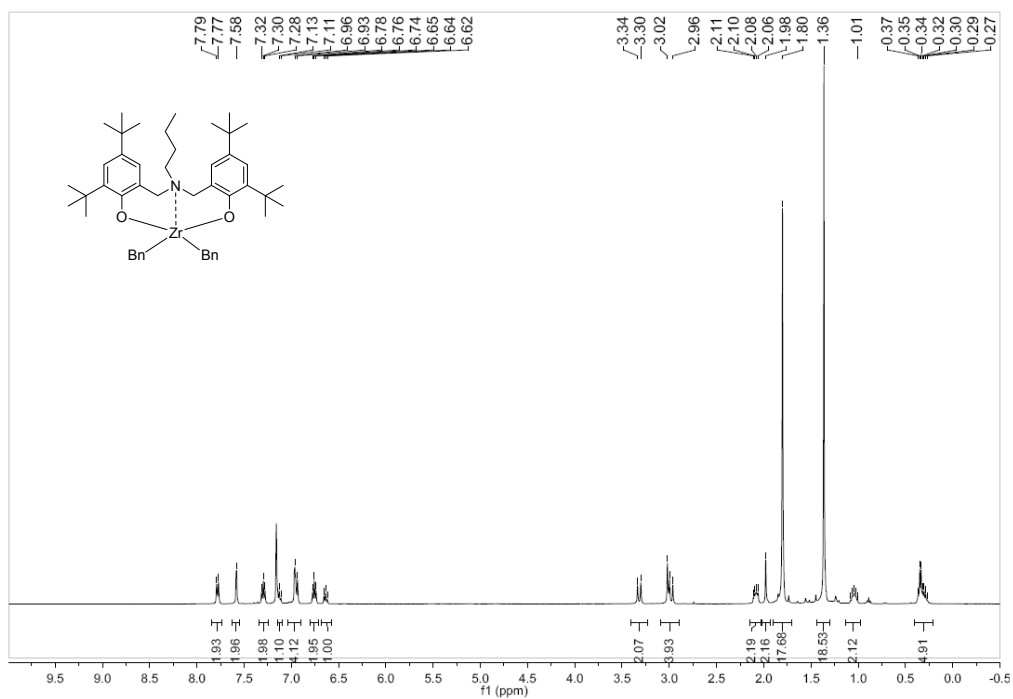
5-methyl-1-(1-phenylethyl)indoline (7i). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.42-

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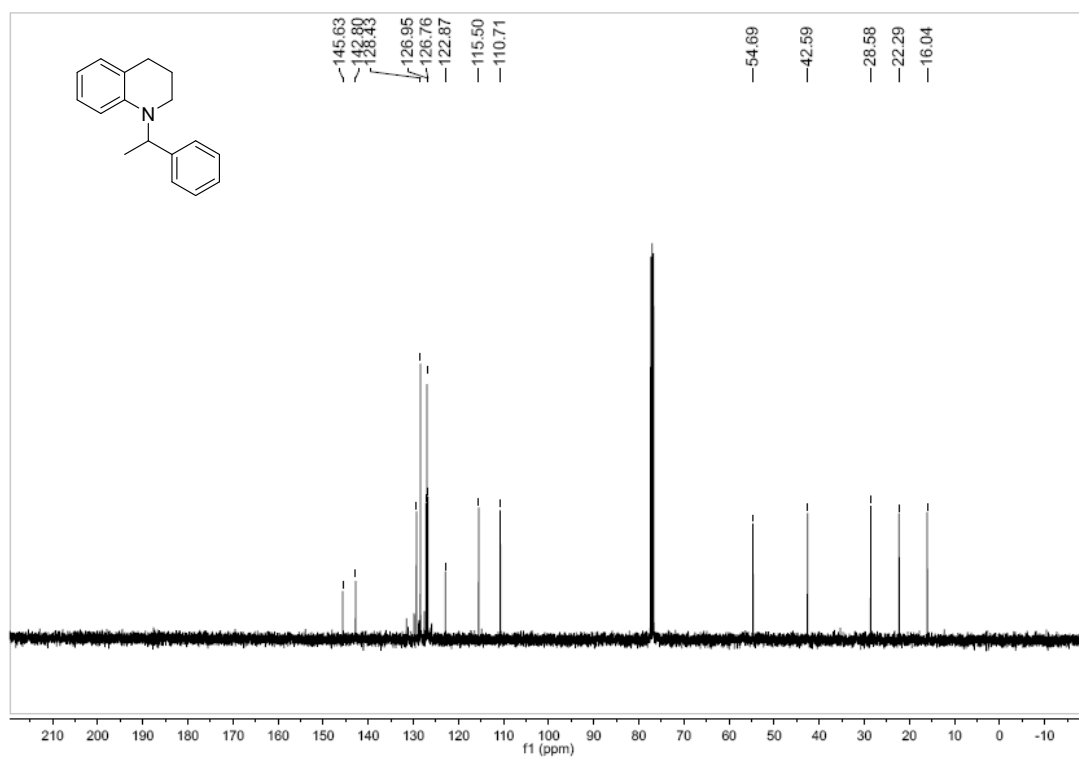
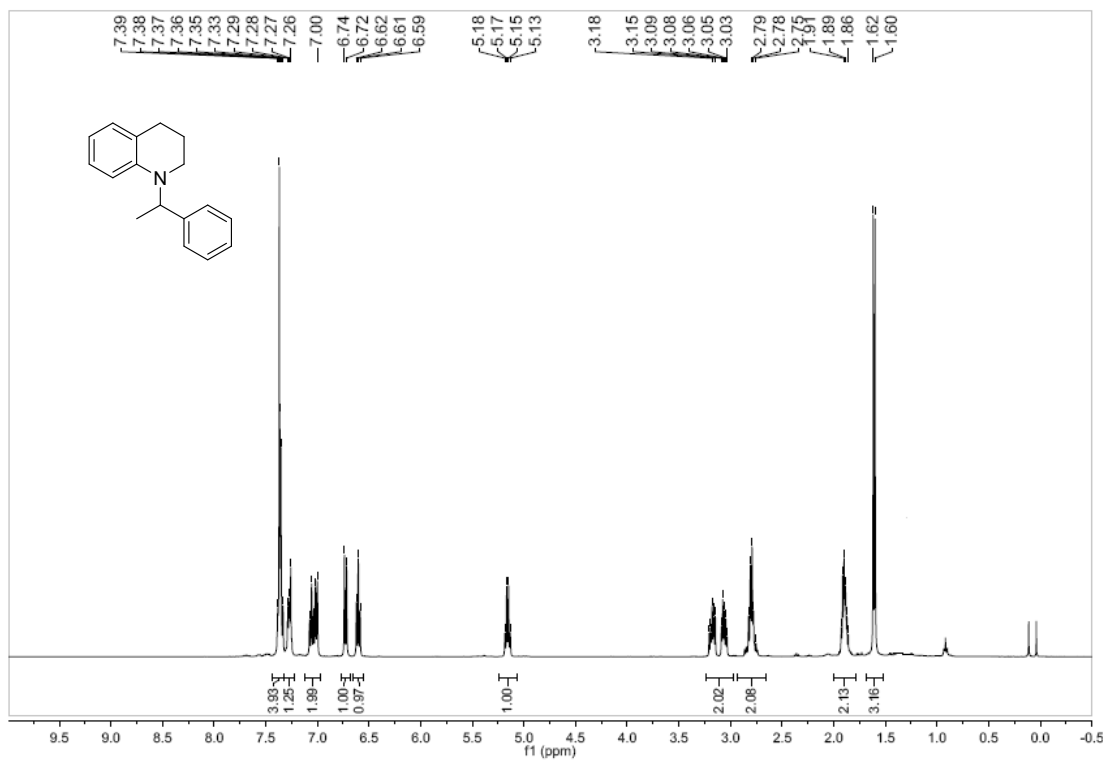
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^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of complex 3 and hydroamination products

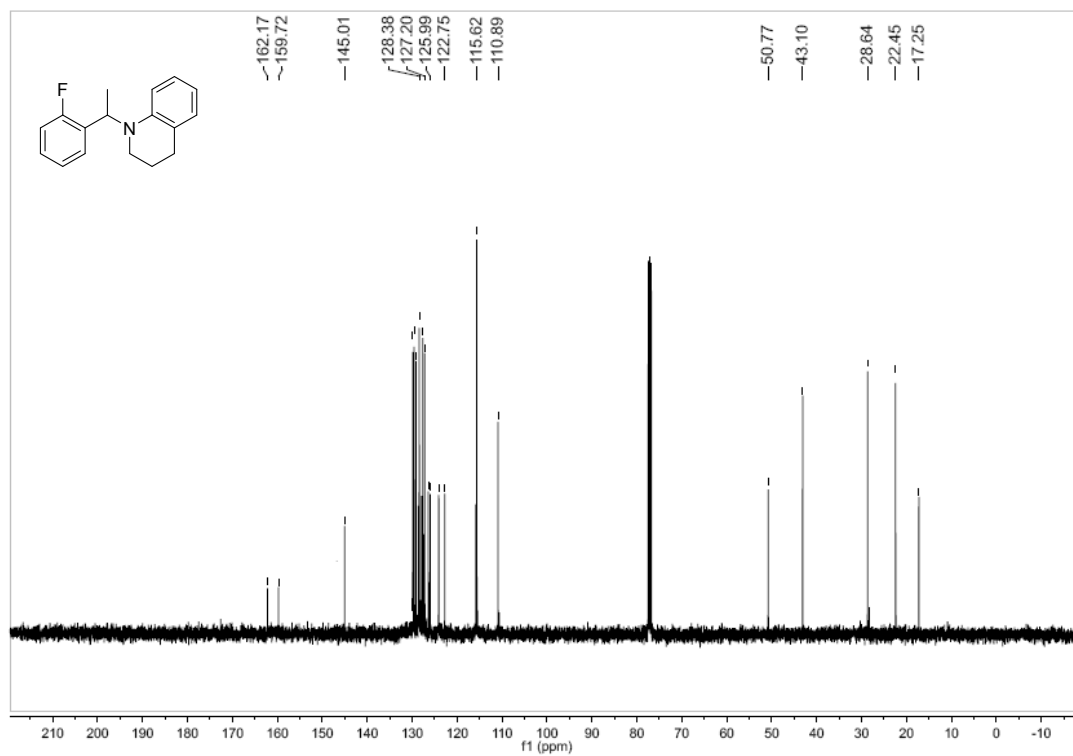
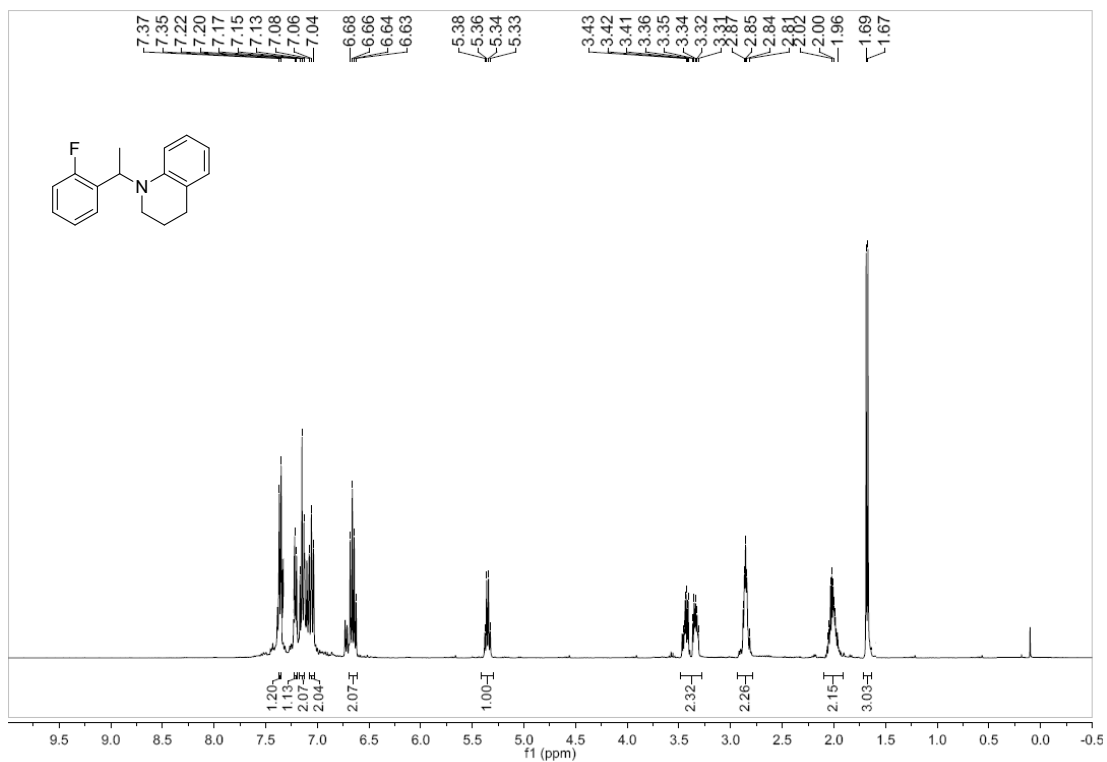
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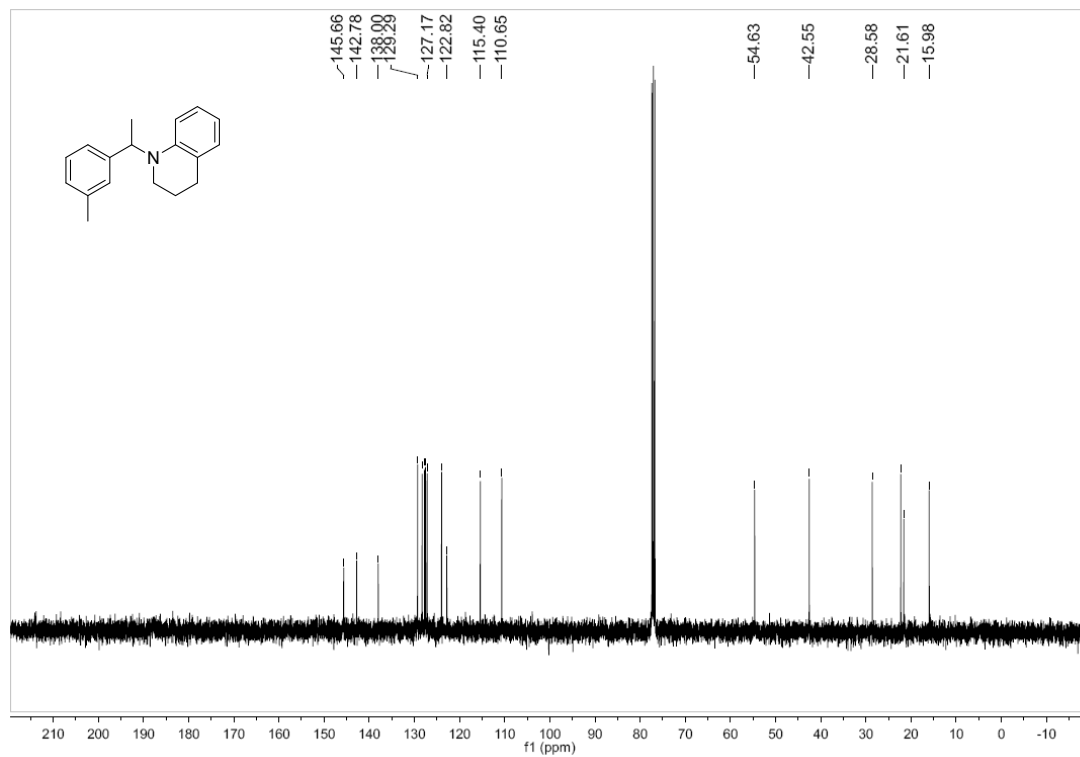
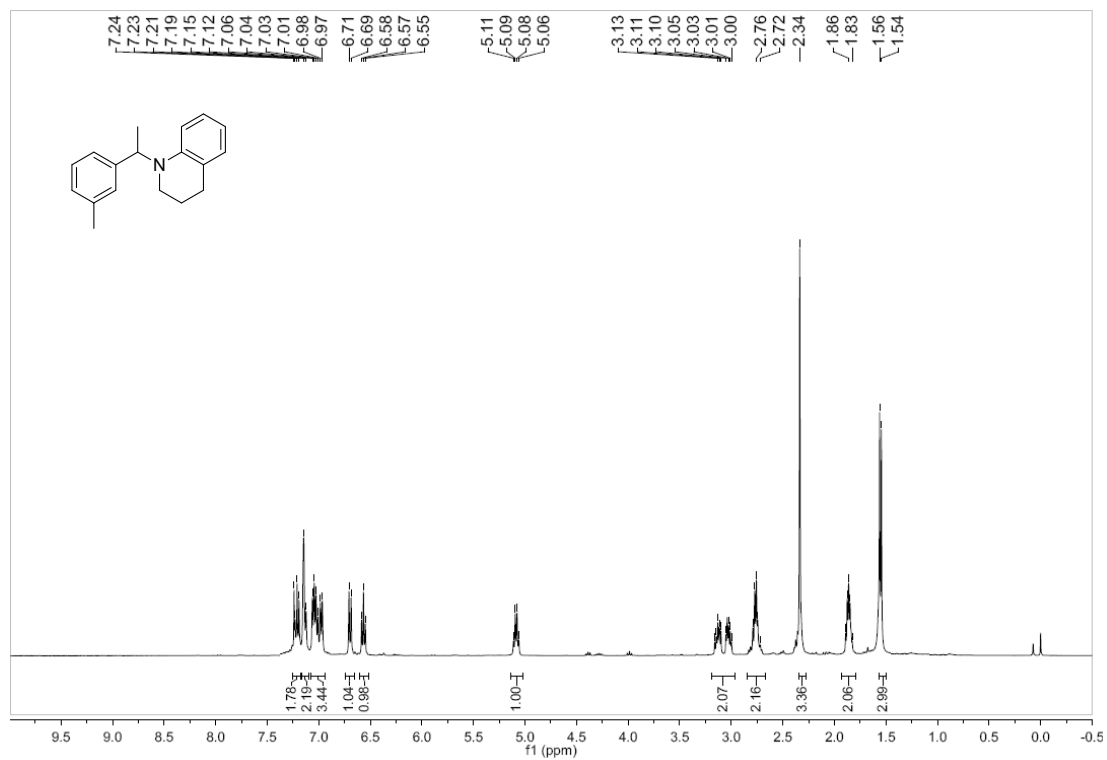
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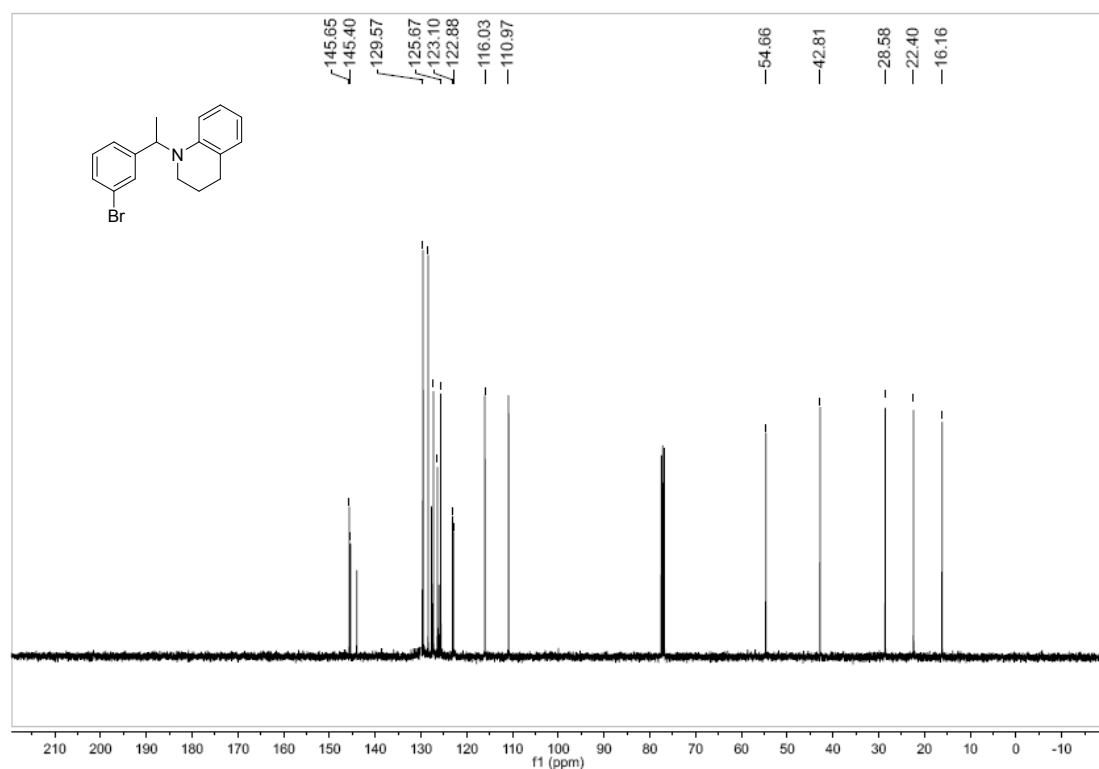
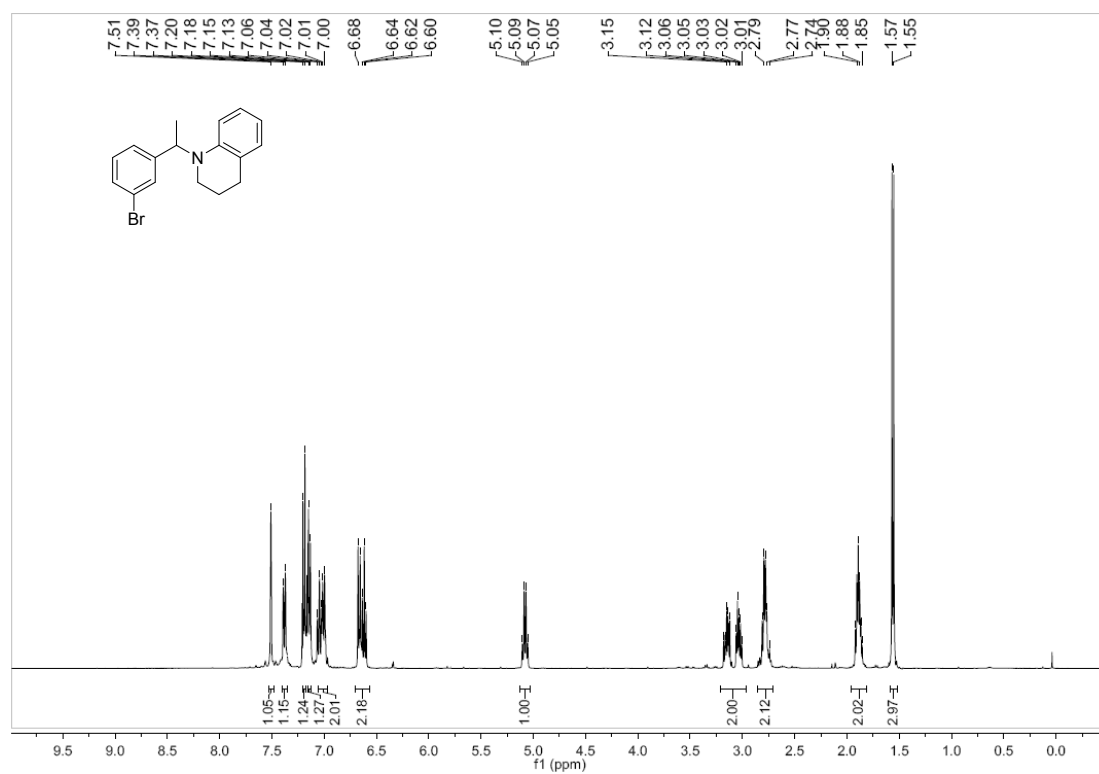
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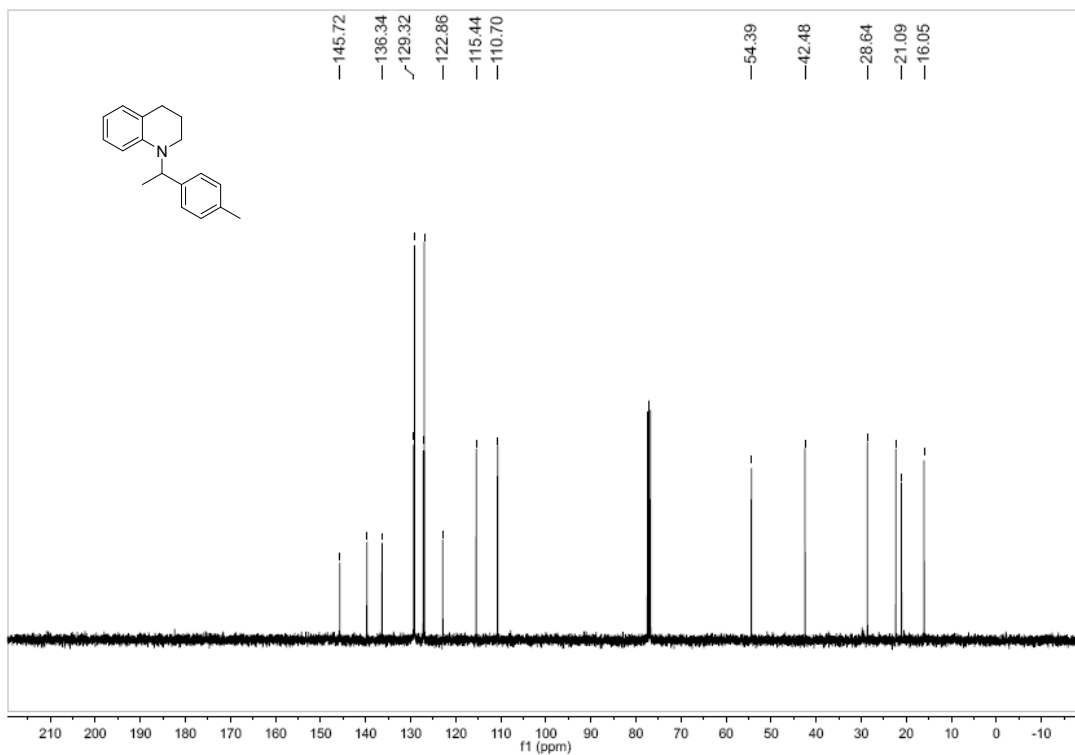
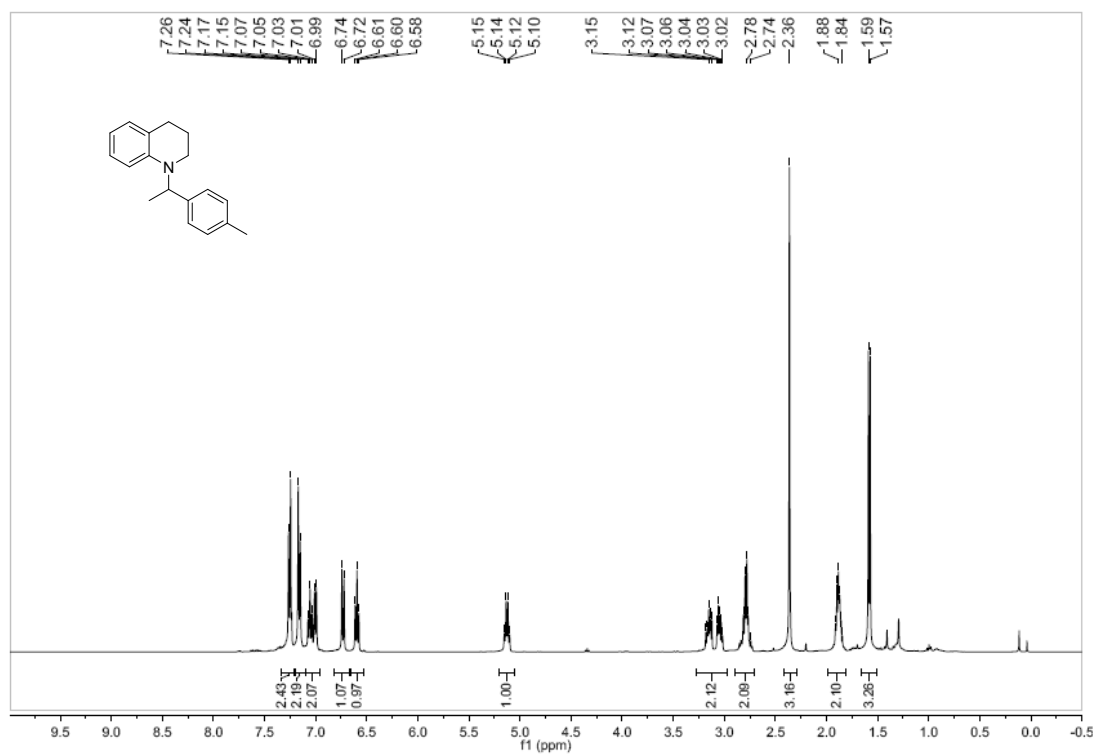
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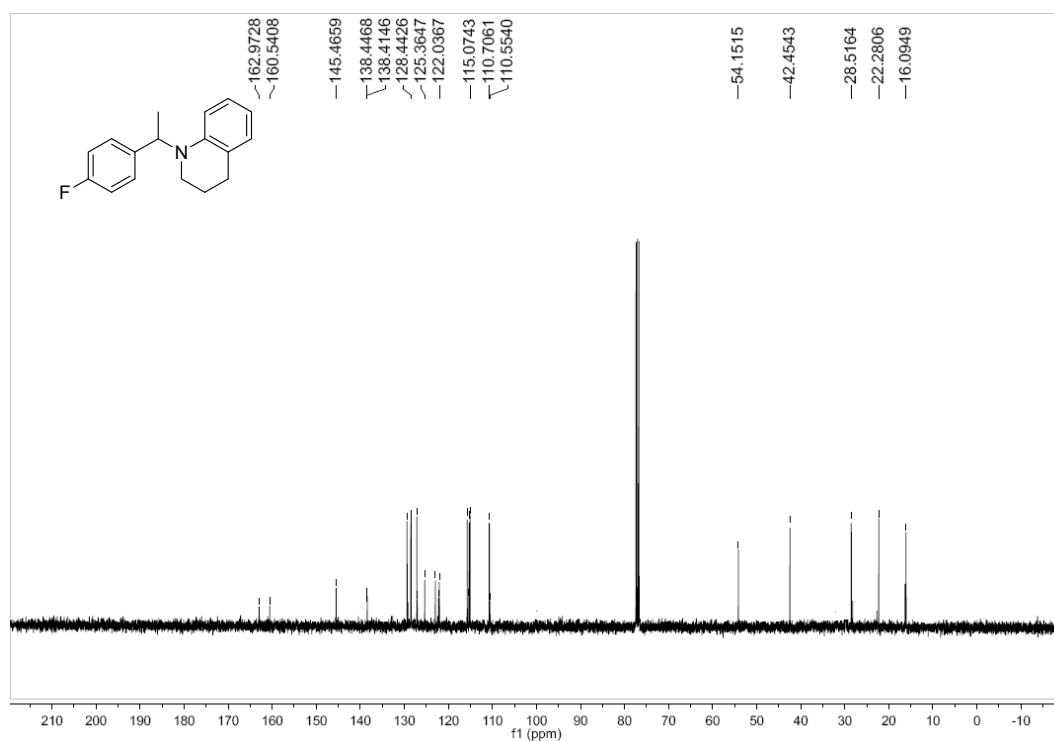
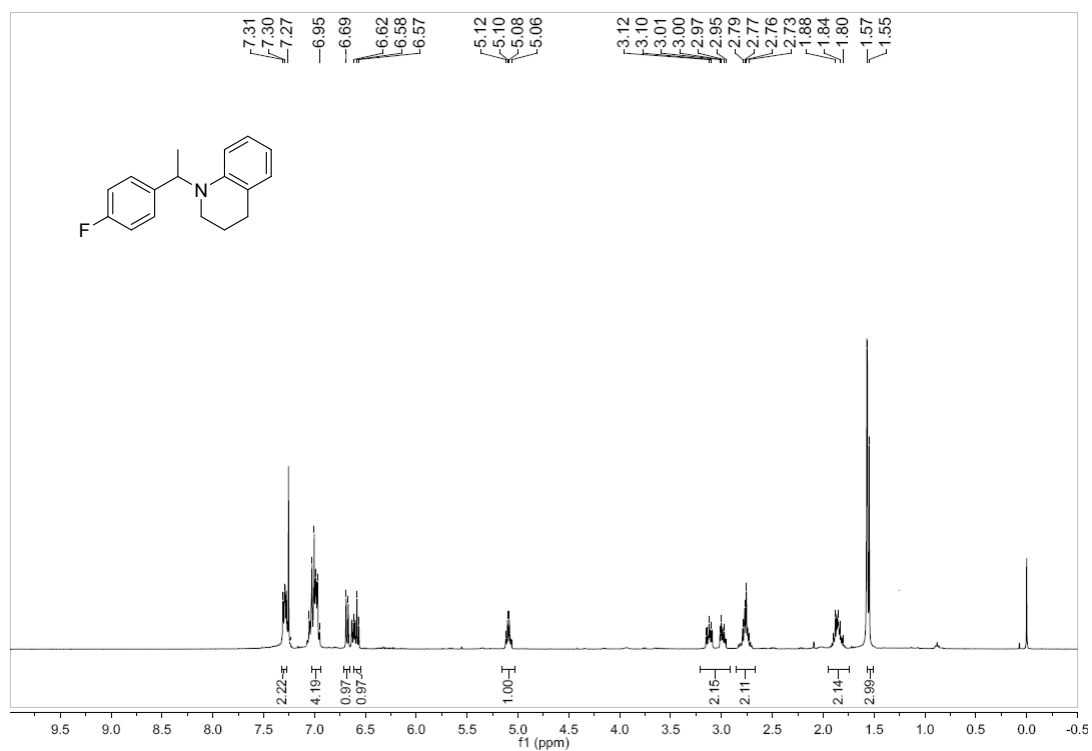
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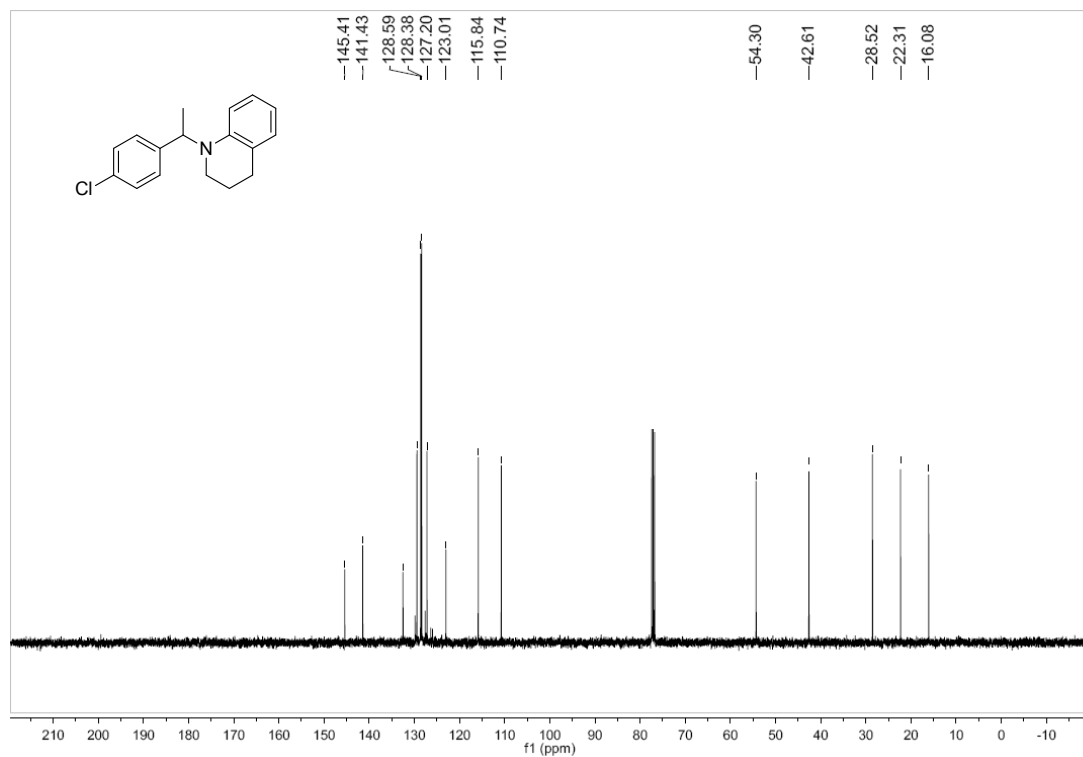
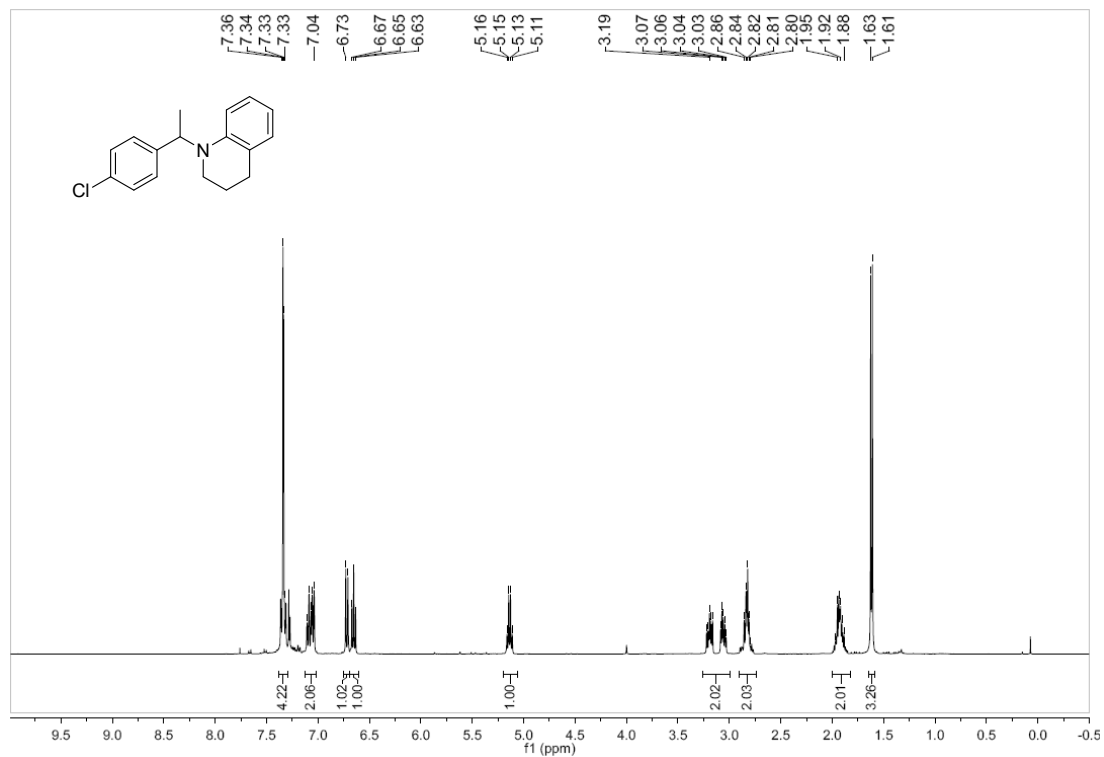
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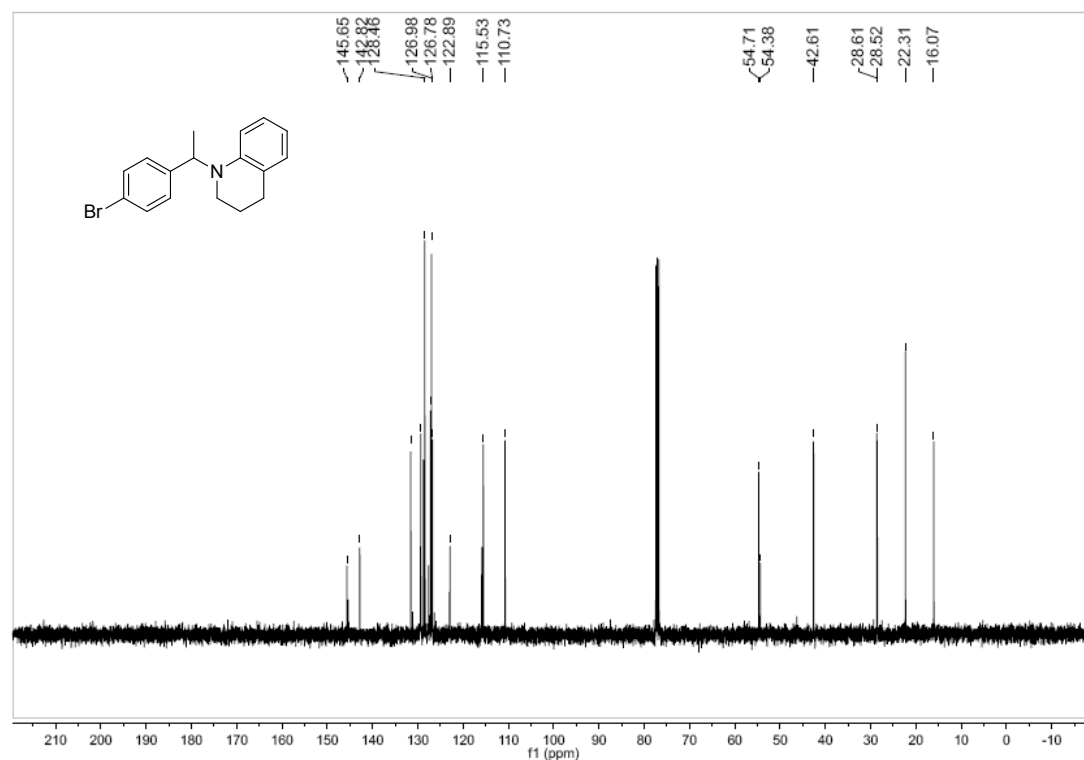
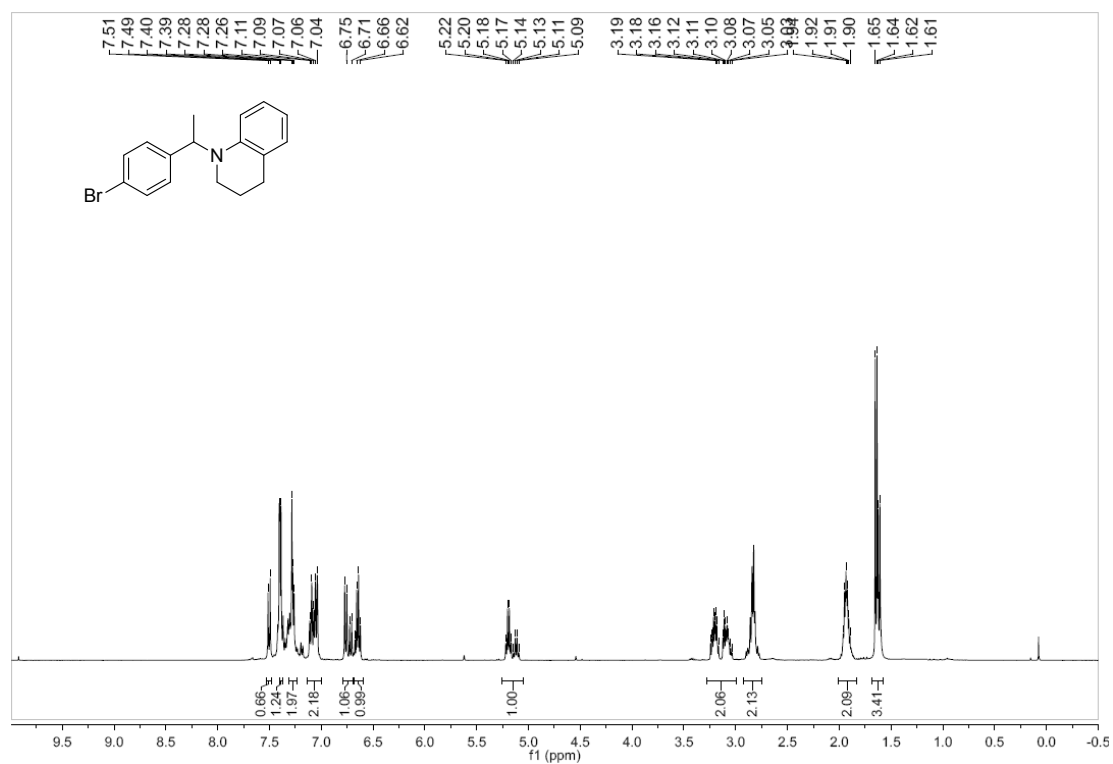
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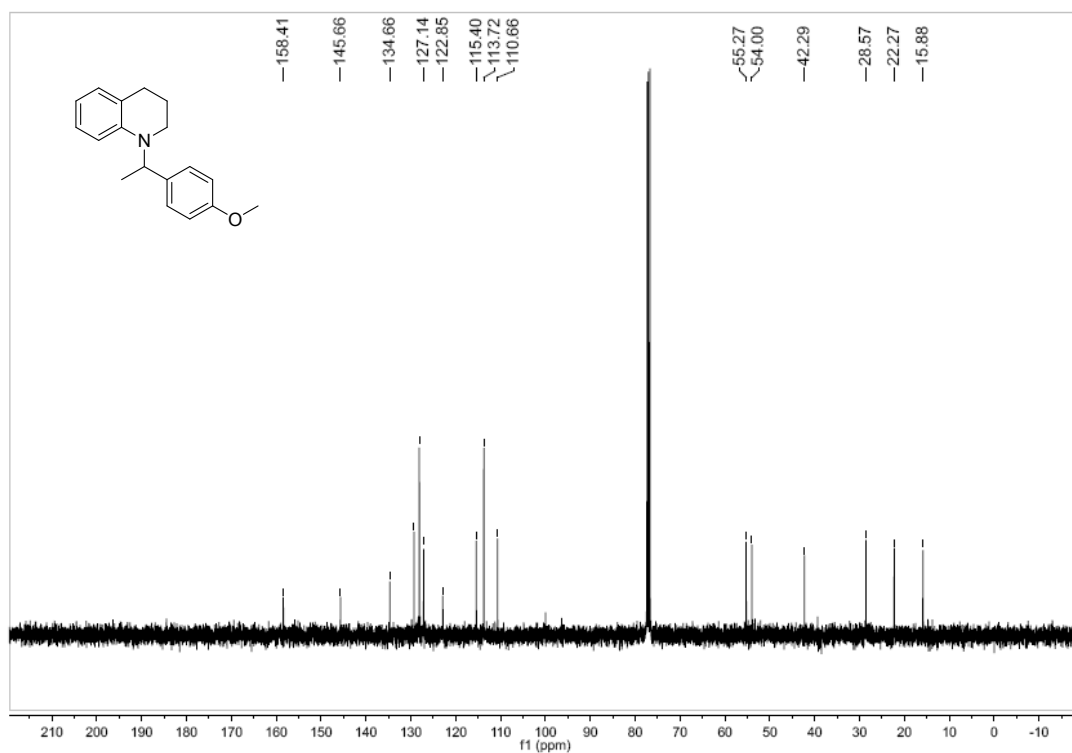
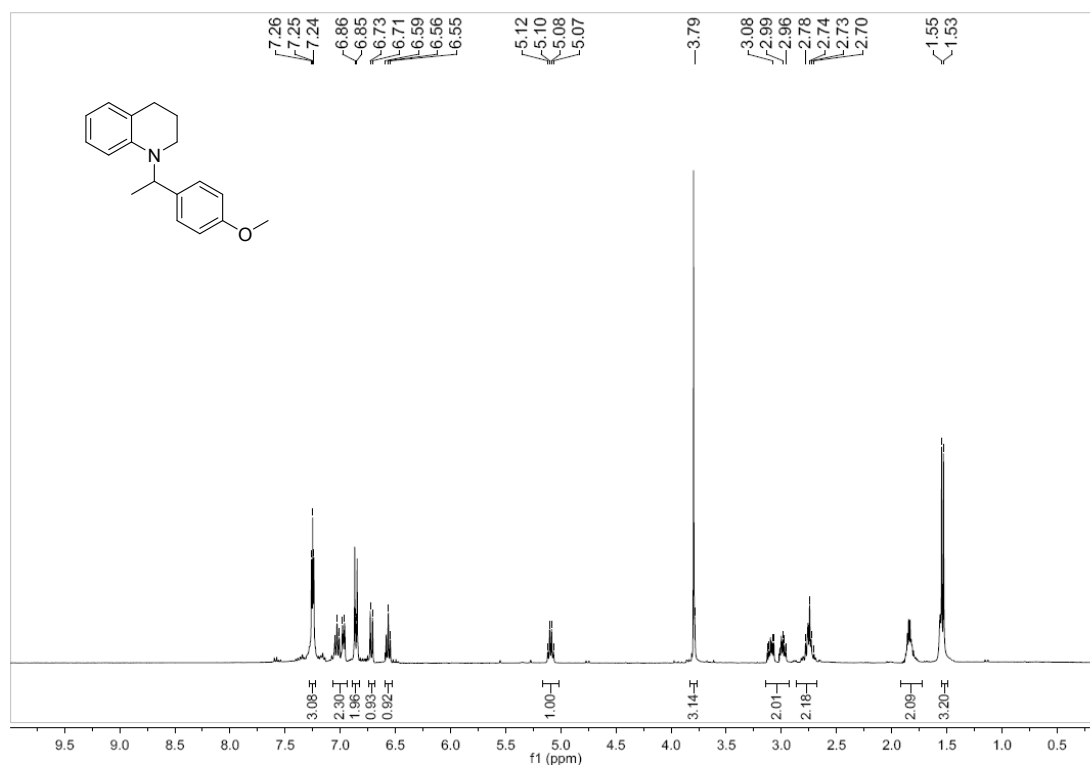
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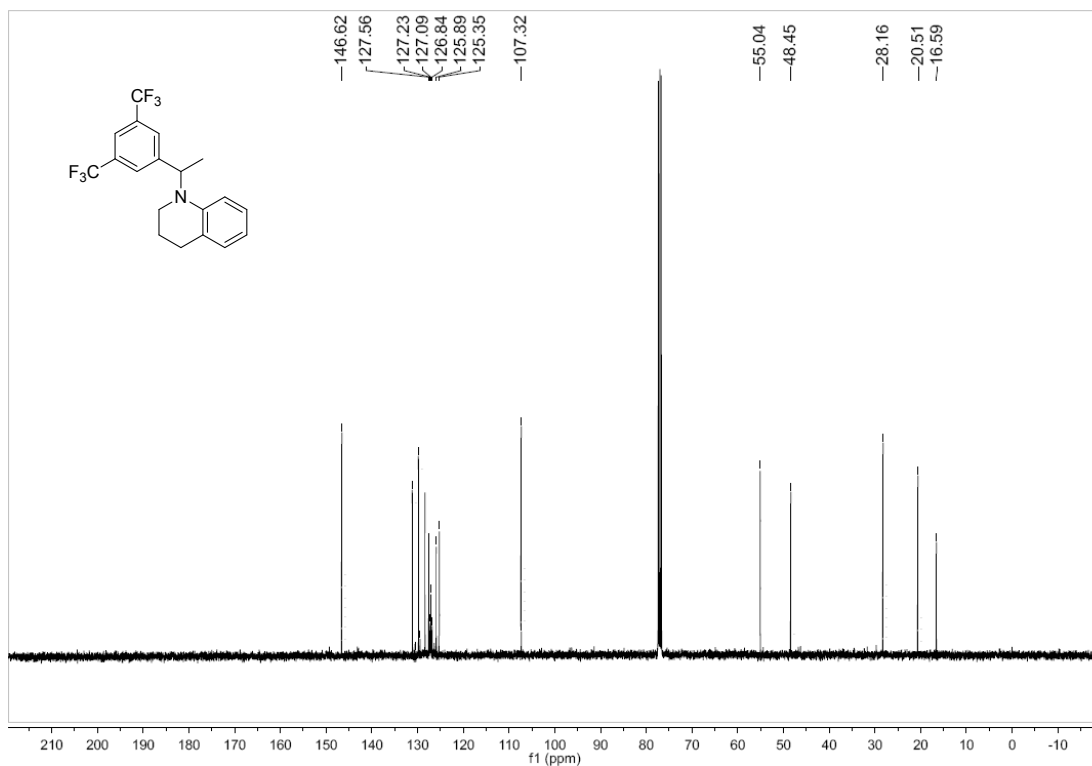
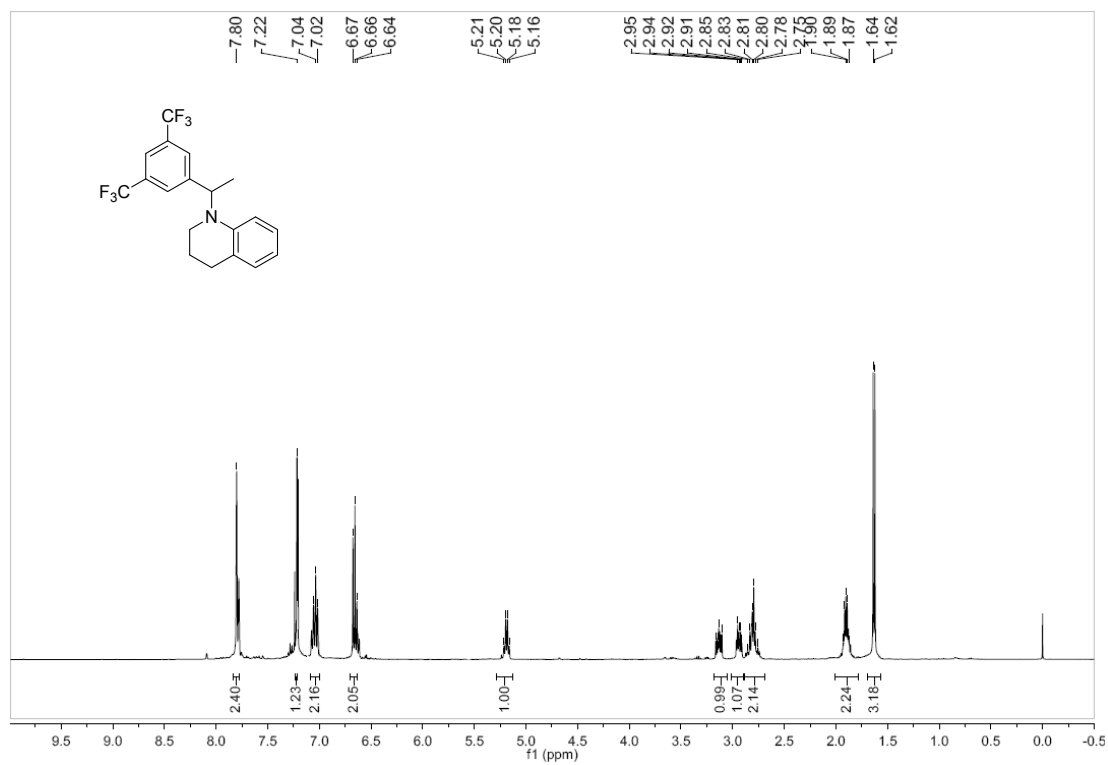
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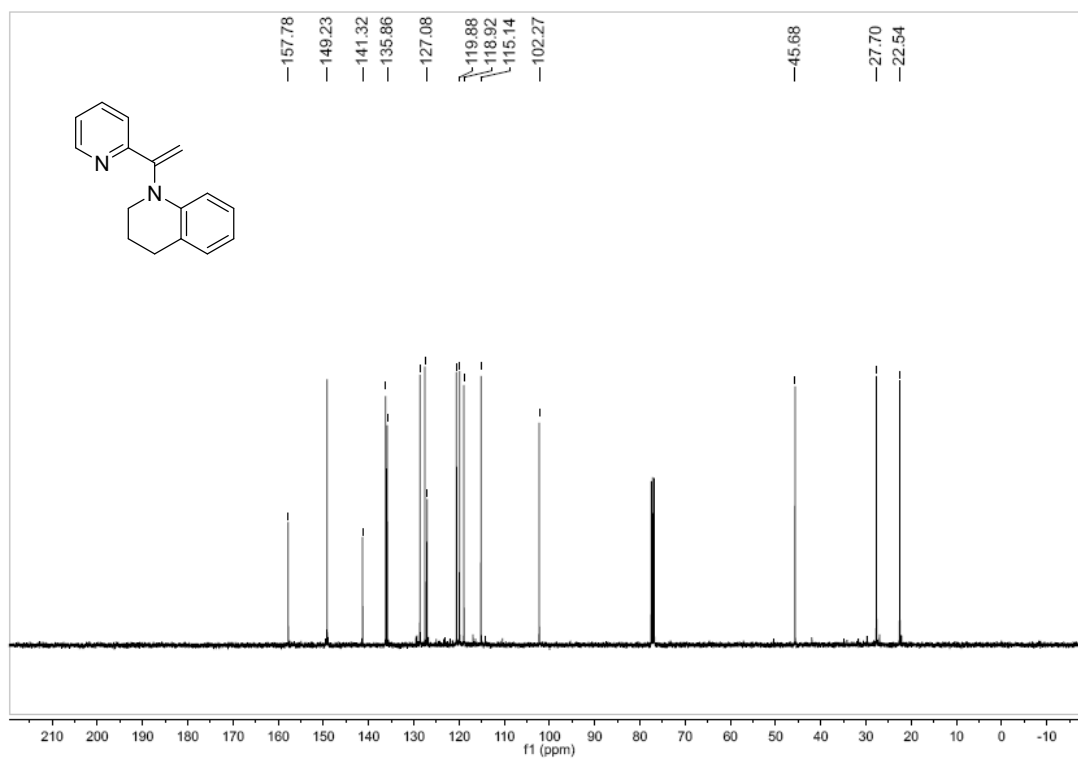
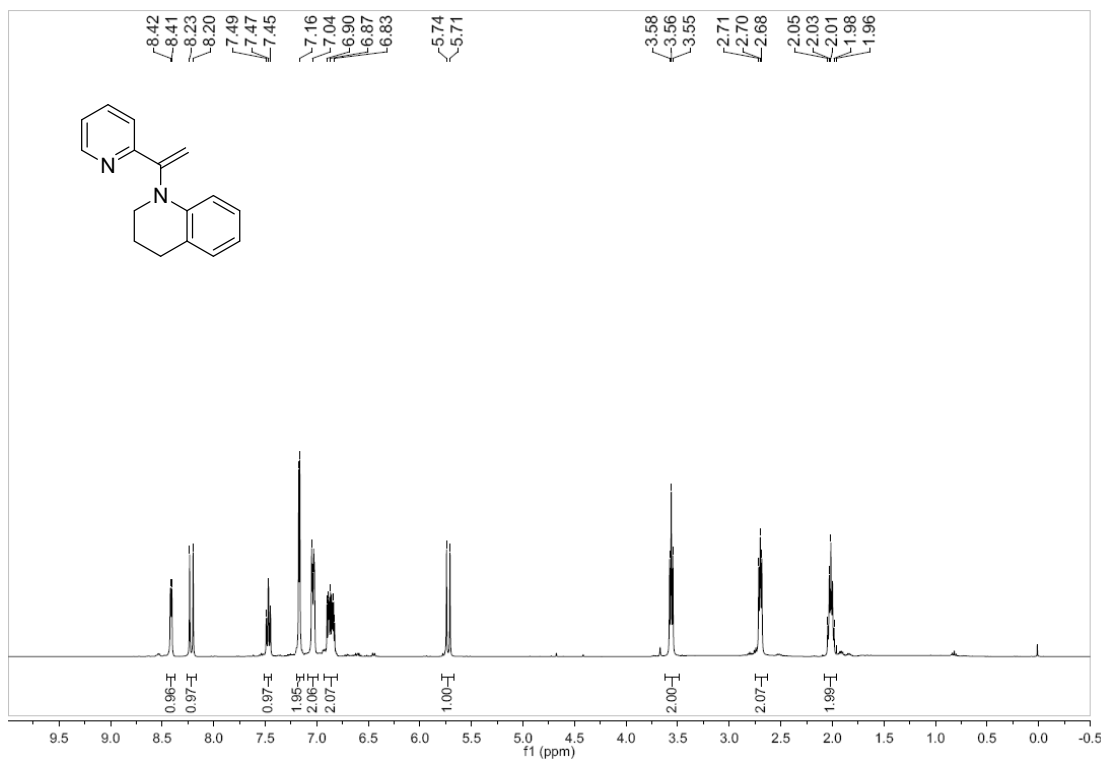
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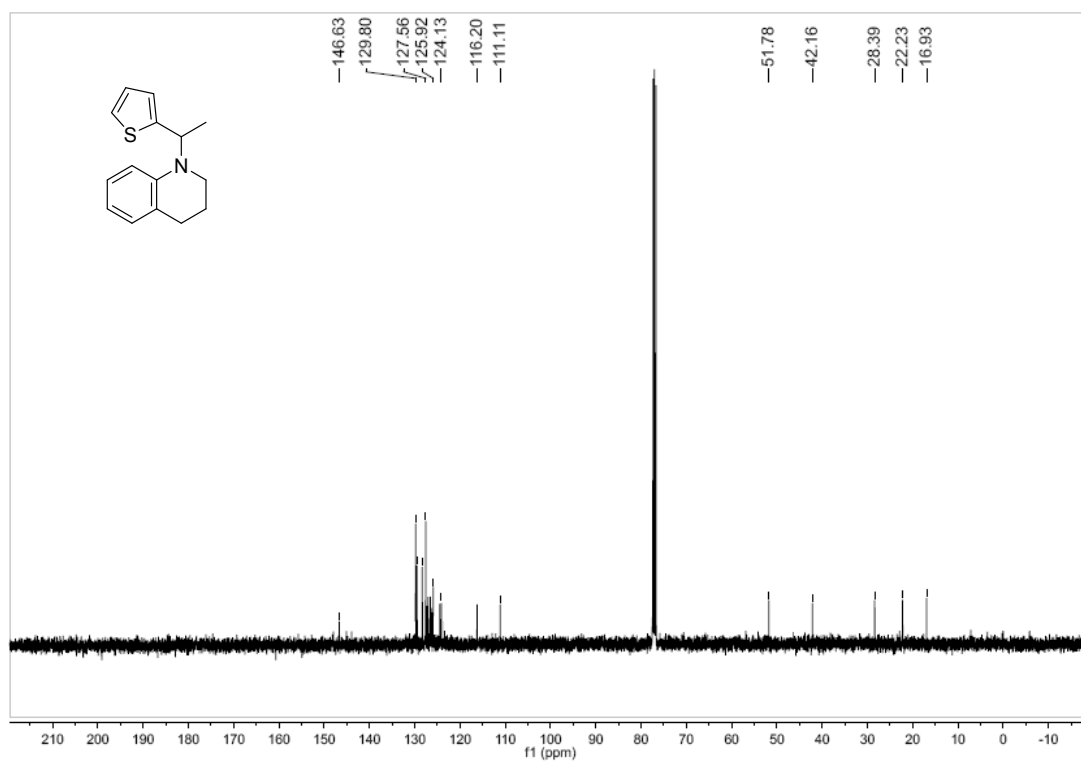
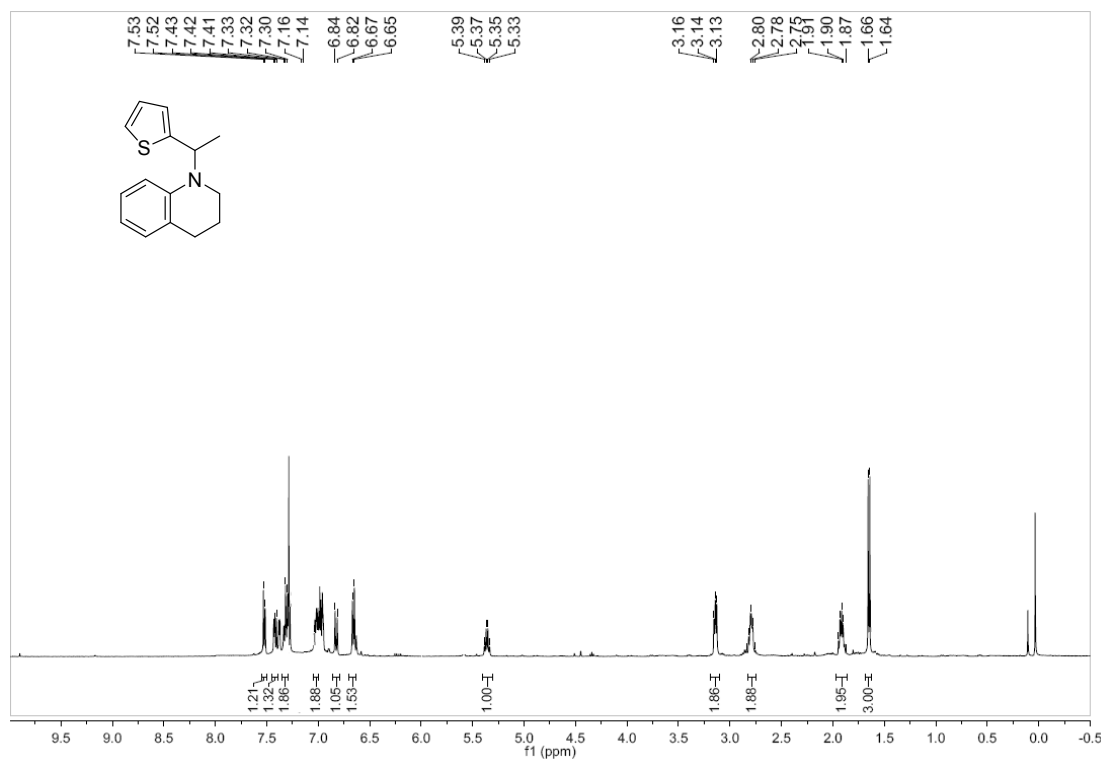
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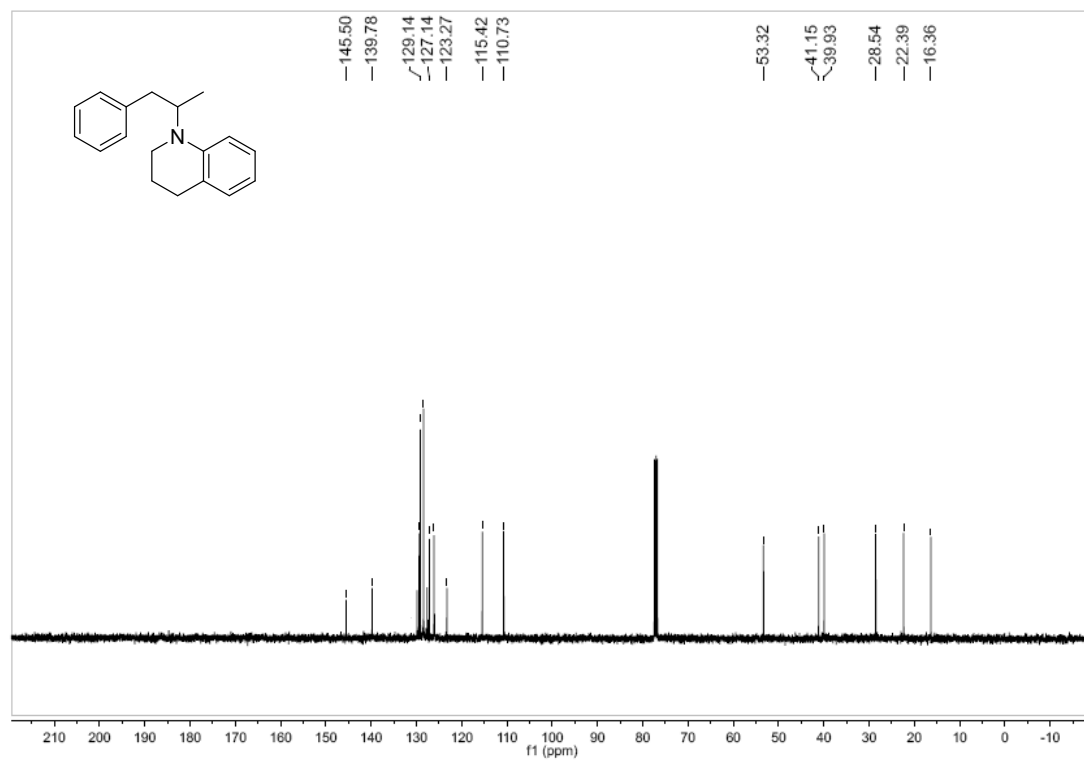
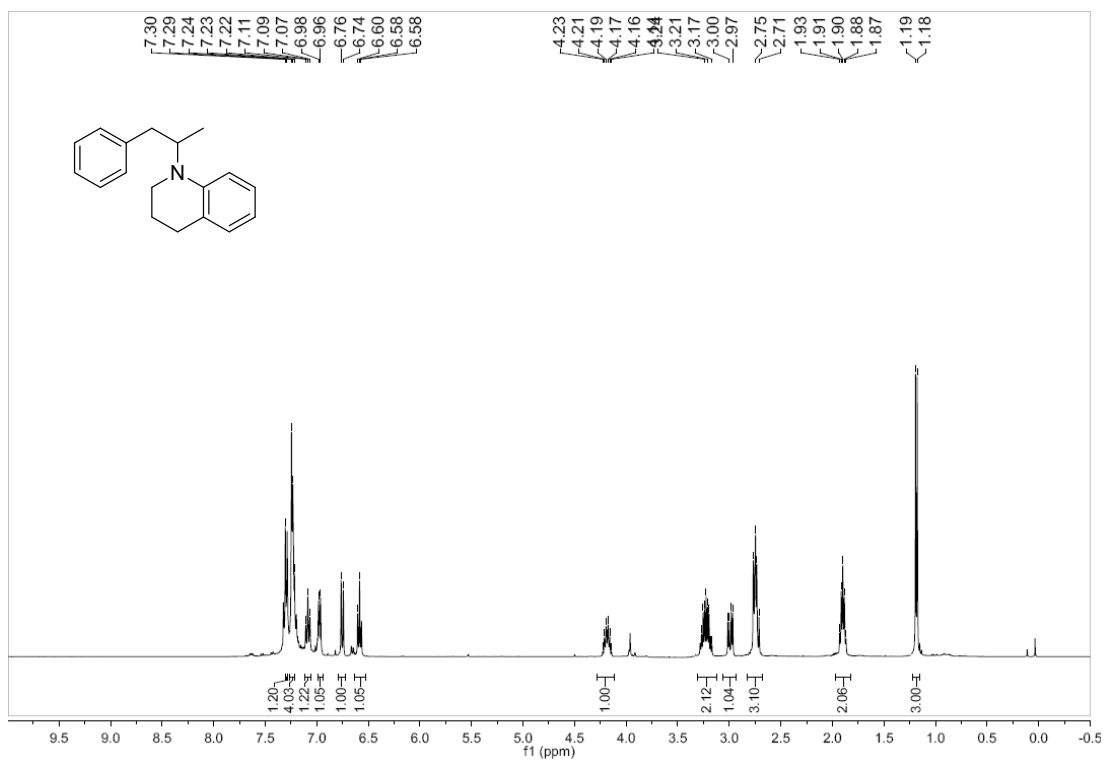
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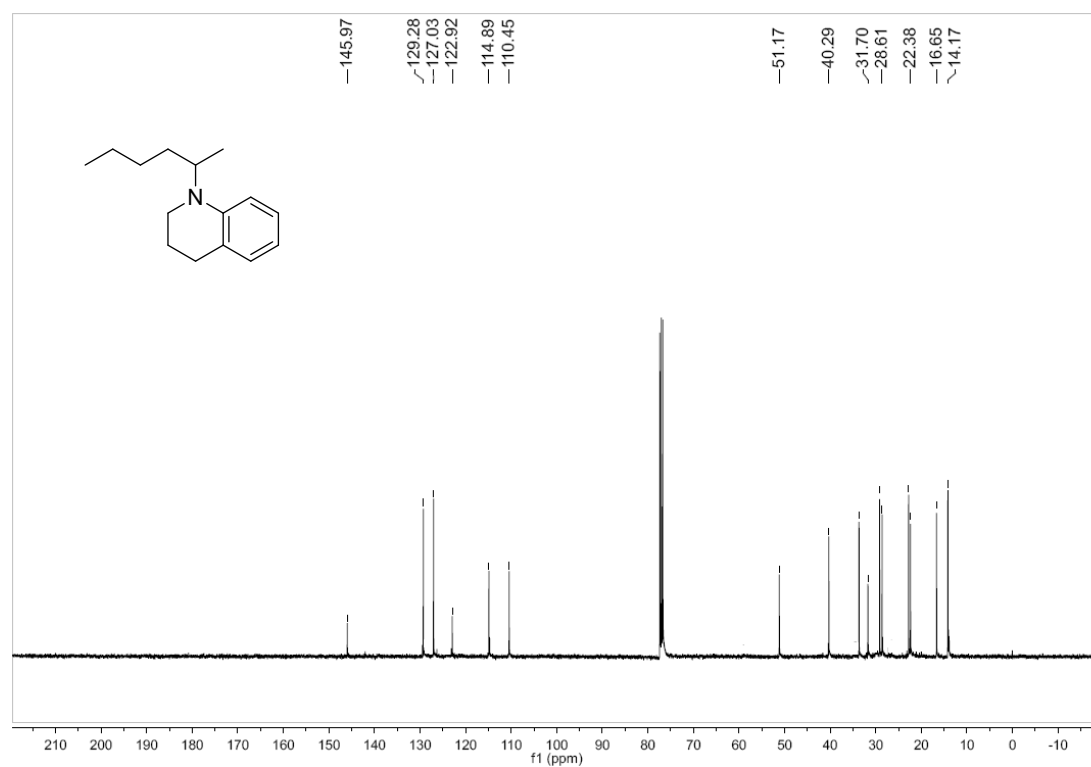
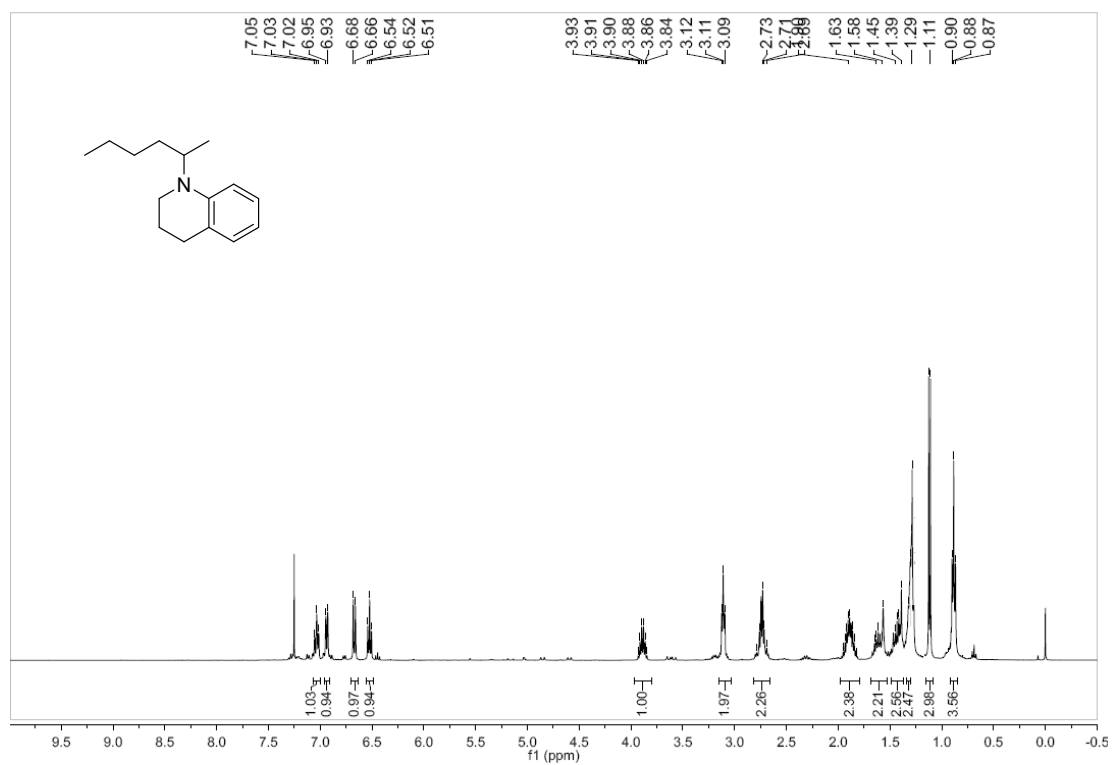
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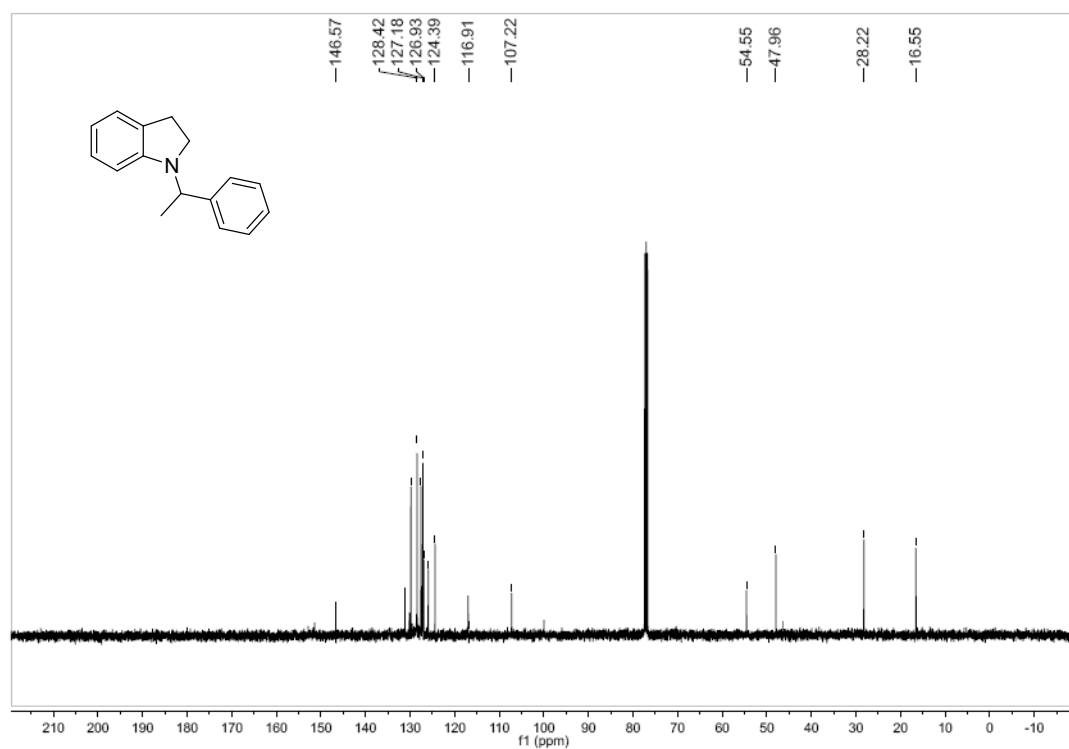
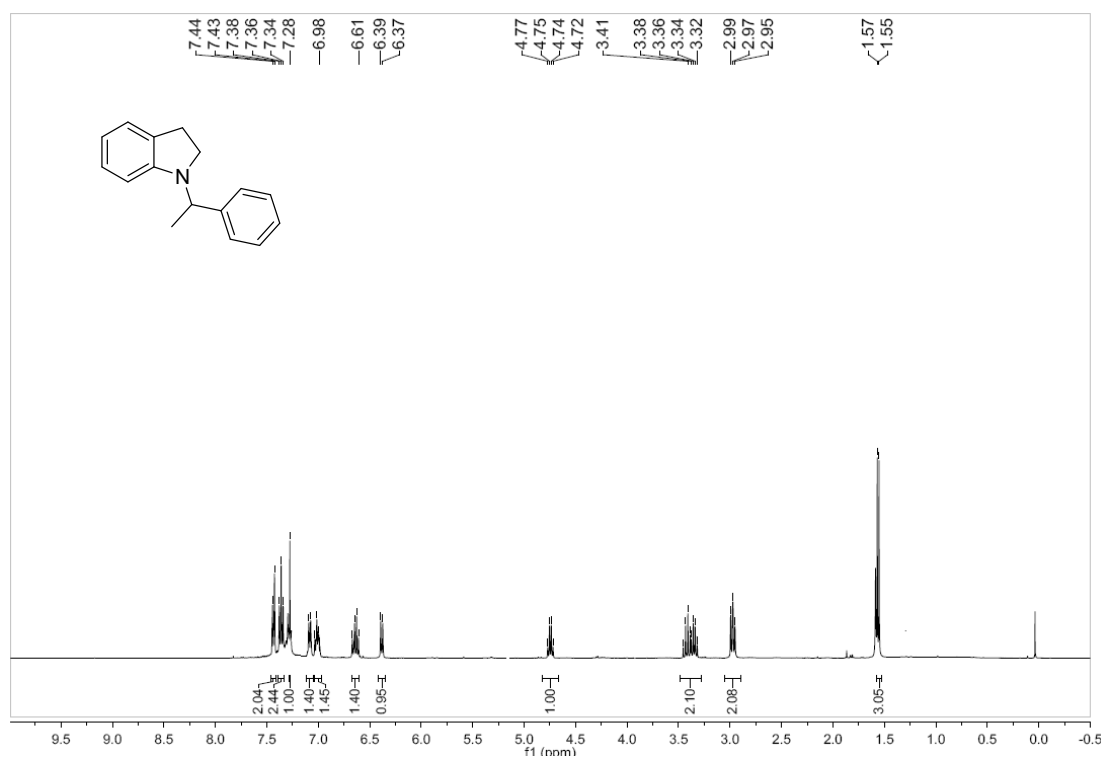
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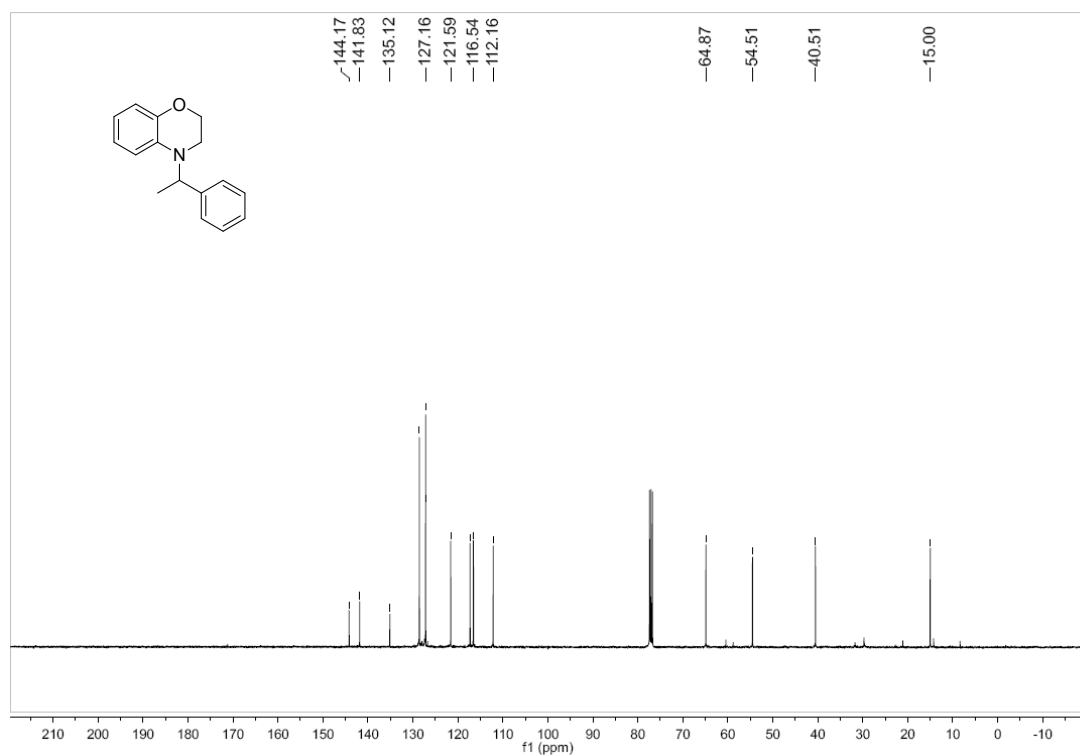
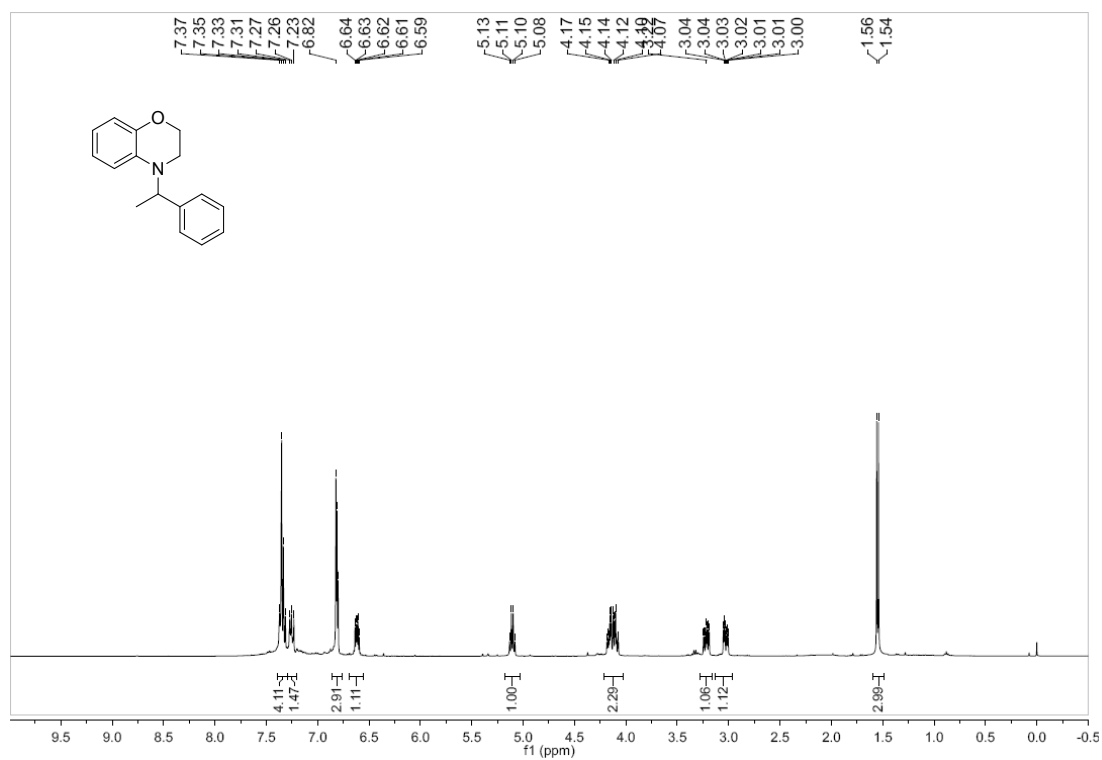
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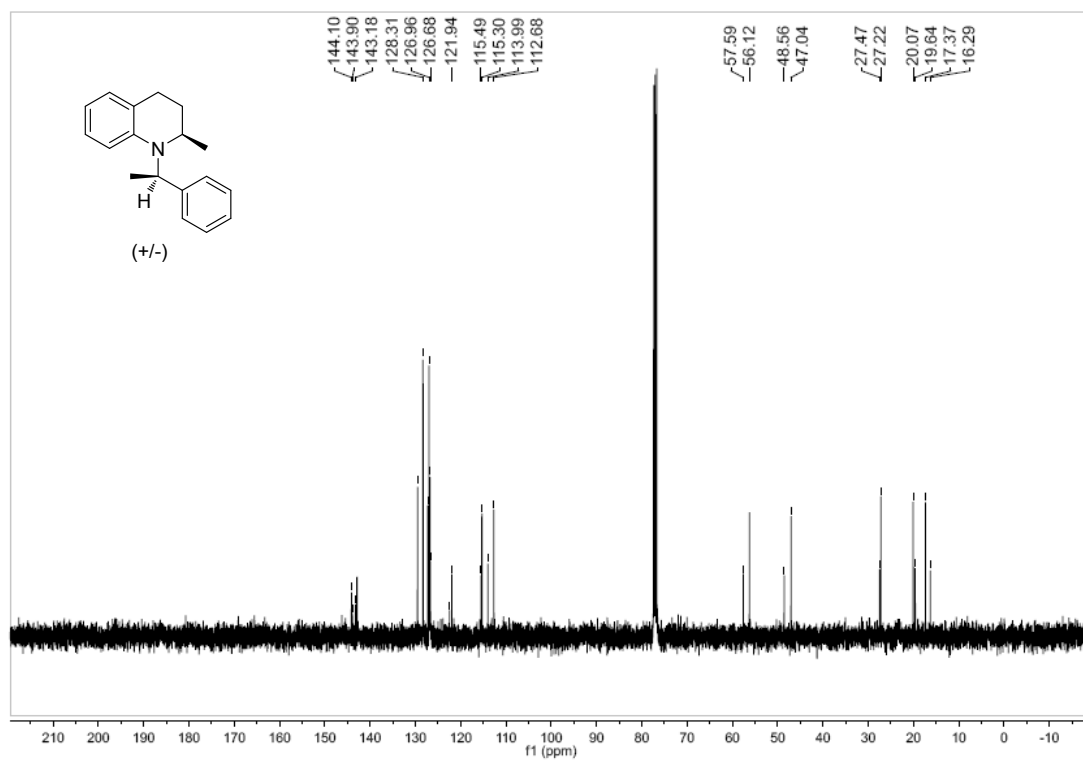
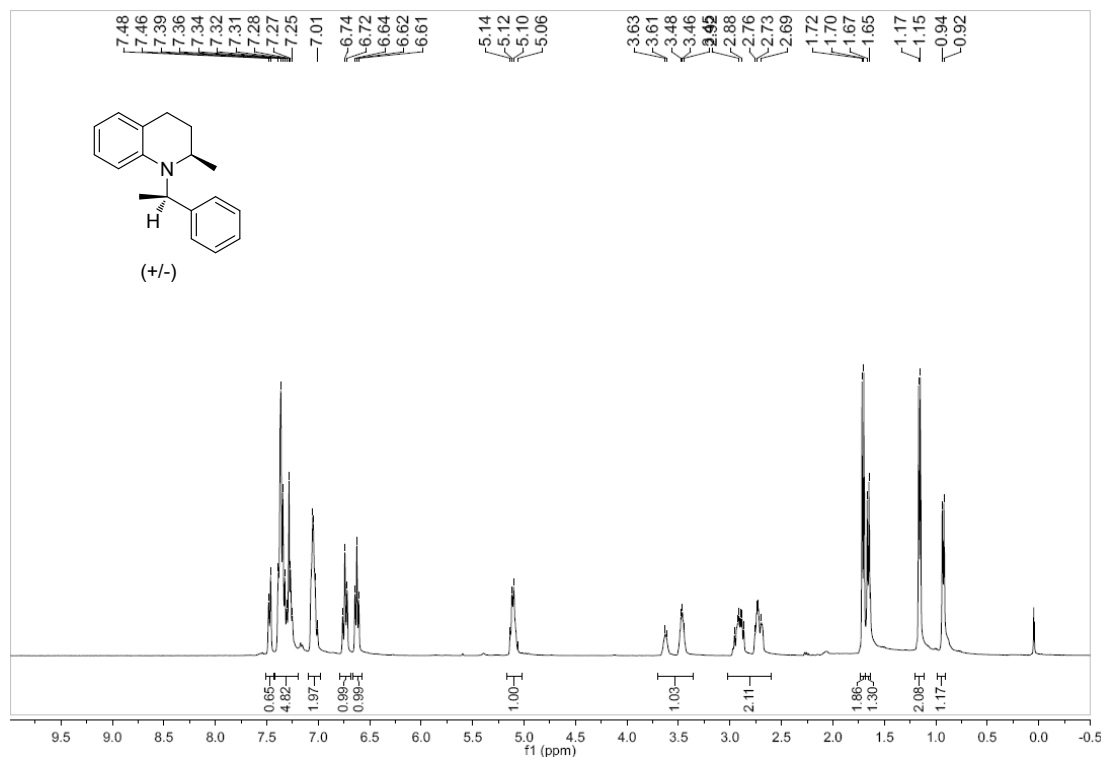
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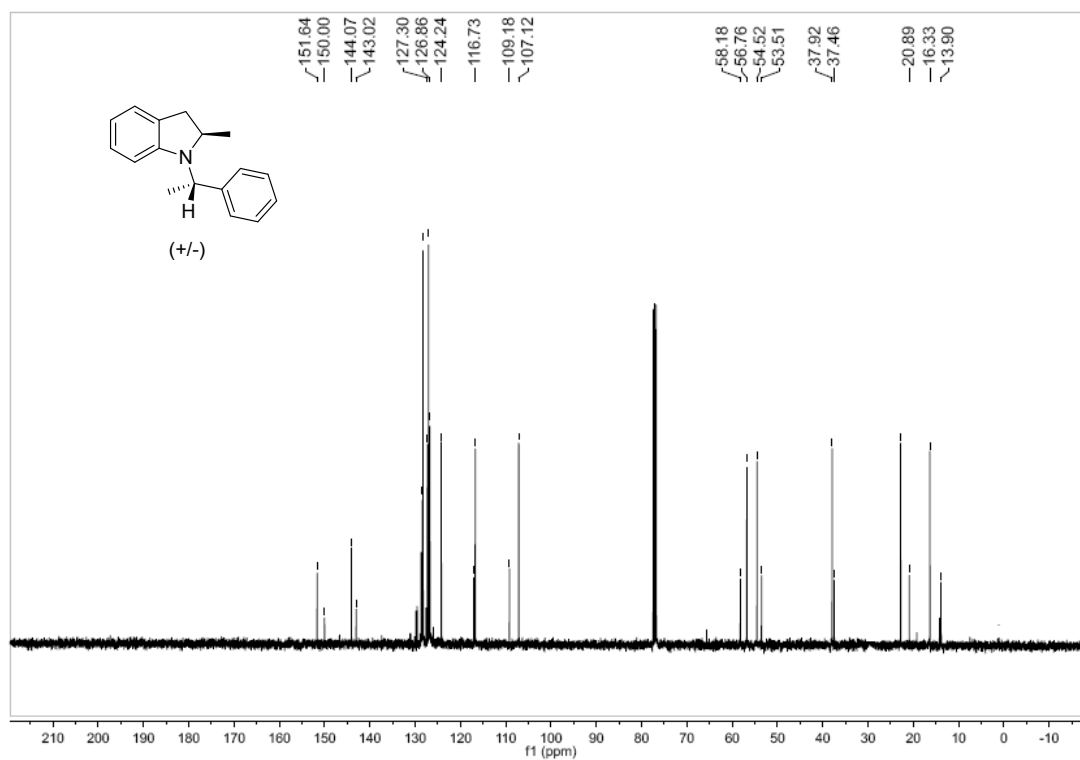
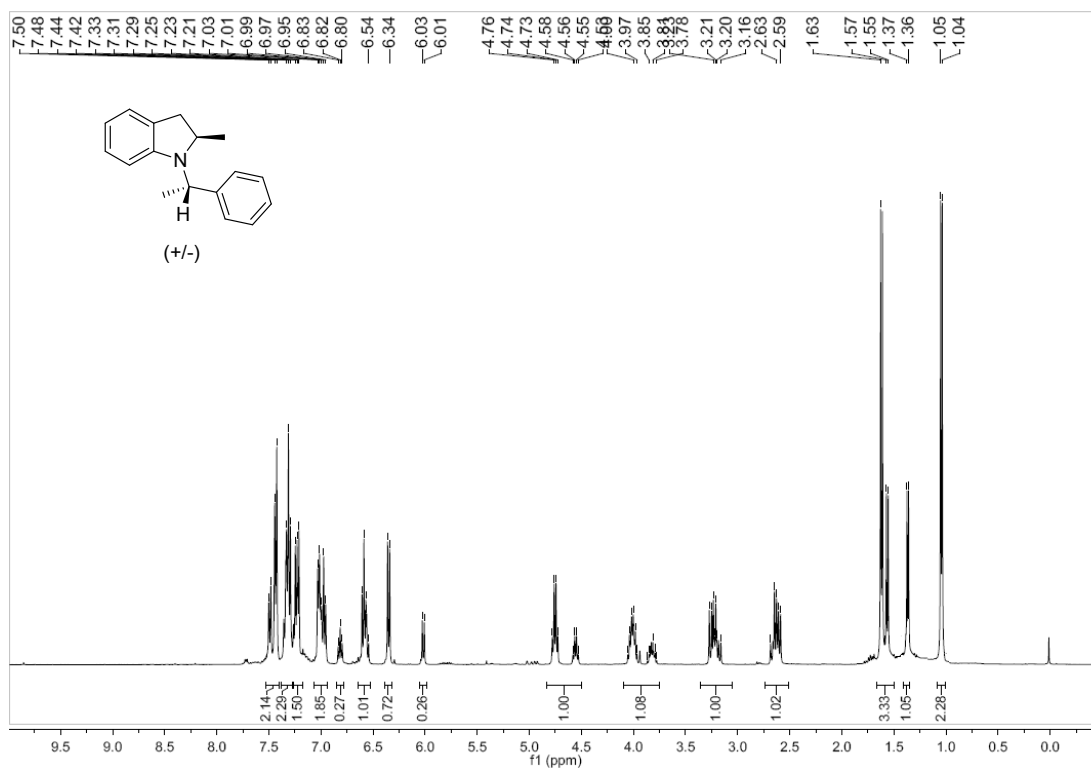
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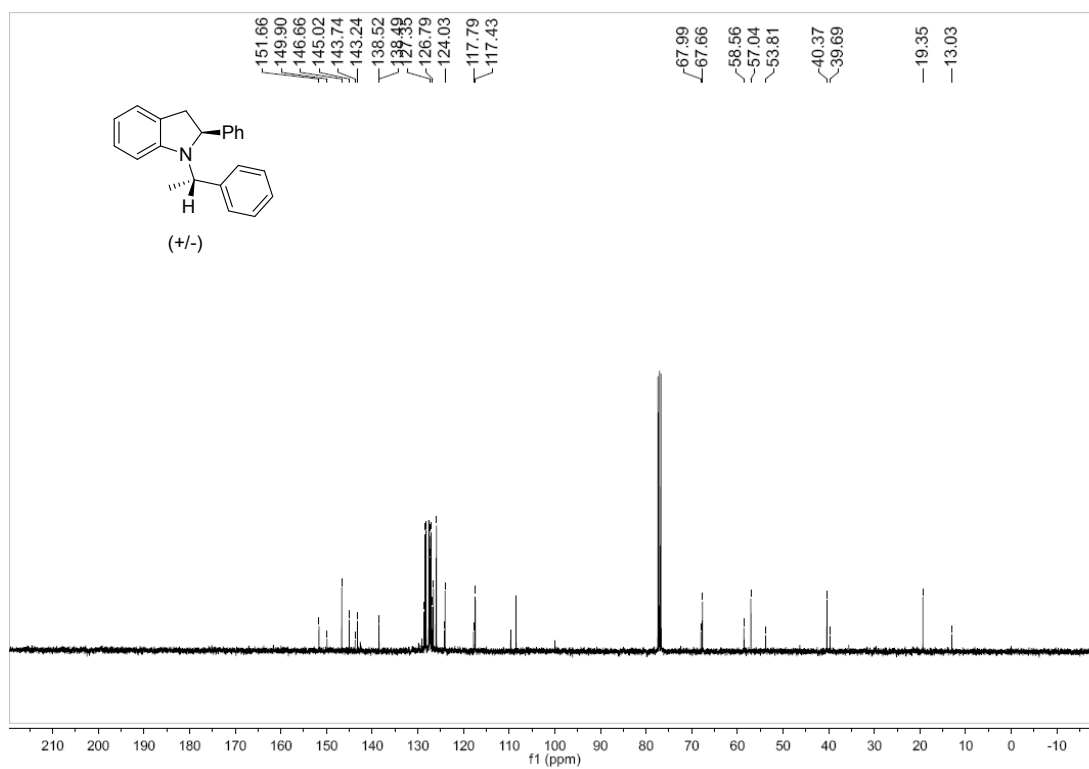
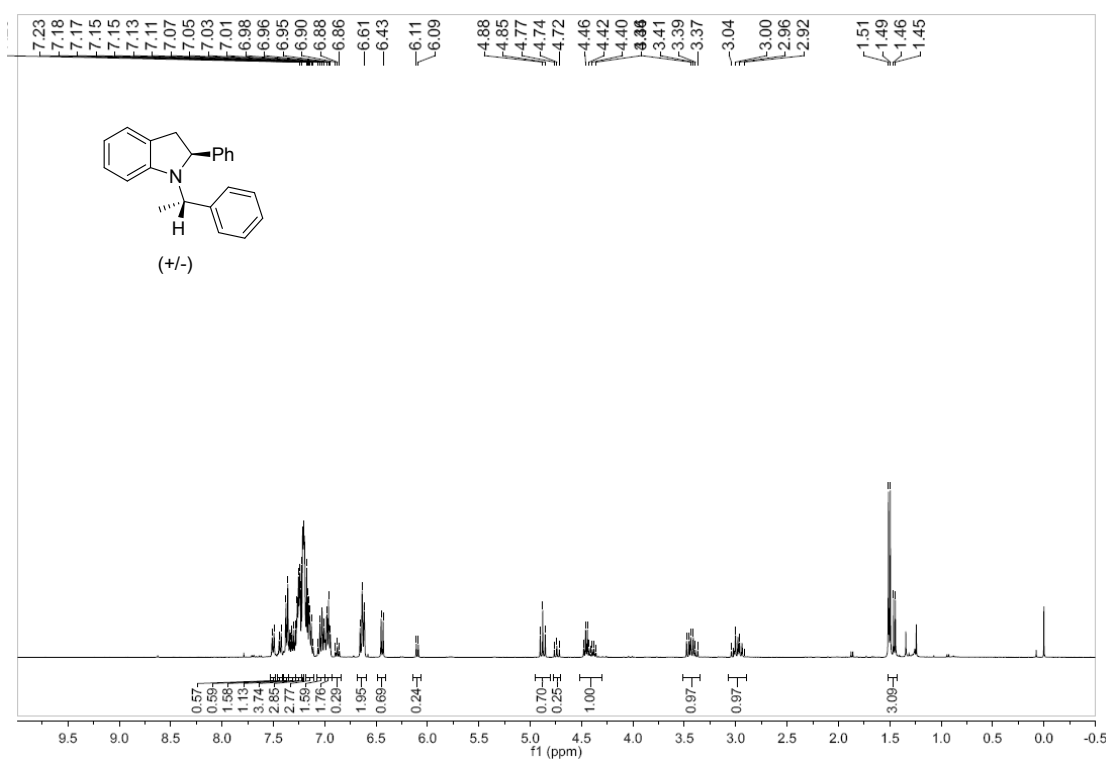
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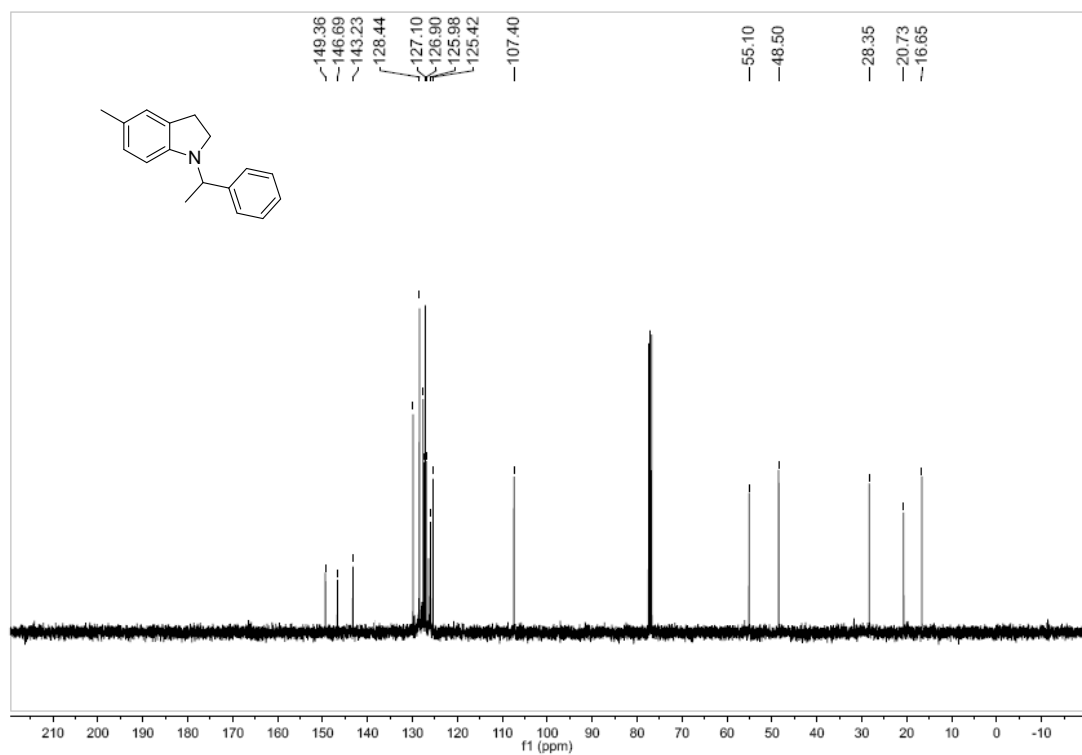
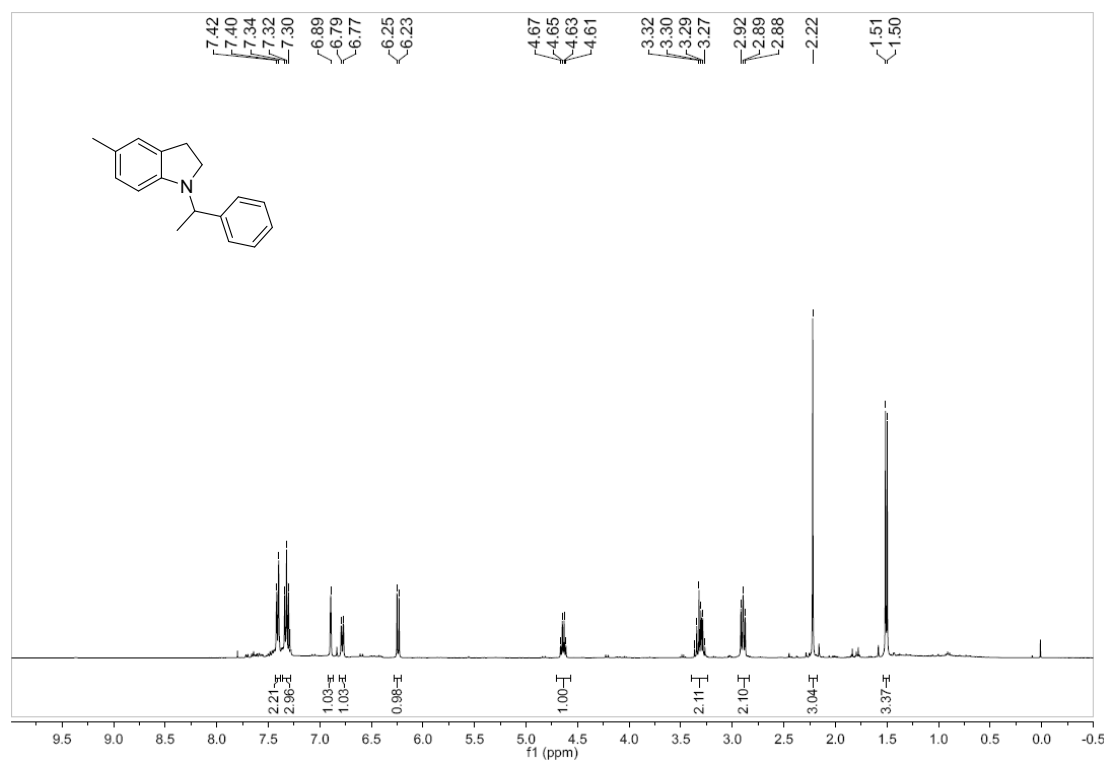
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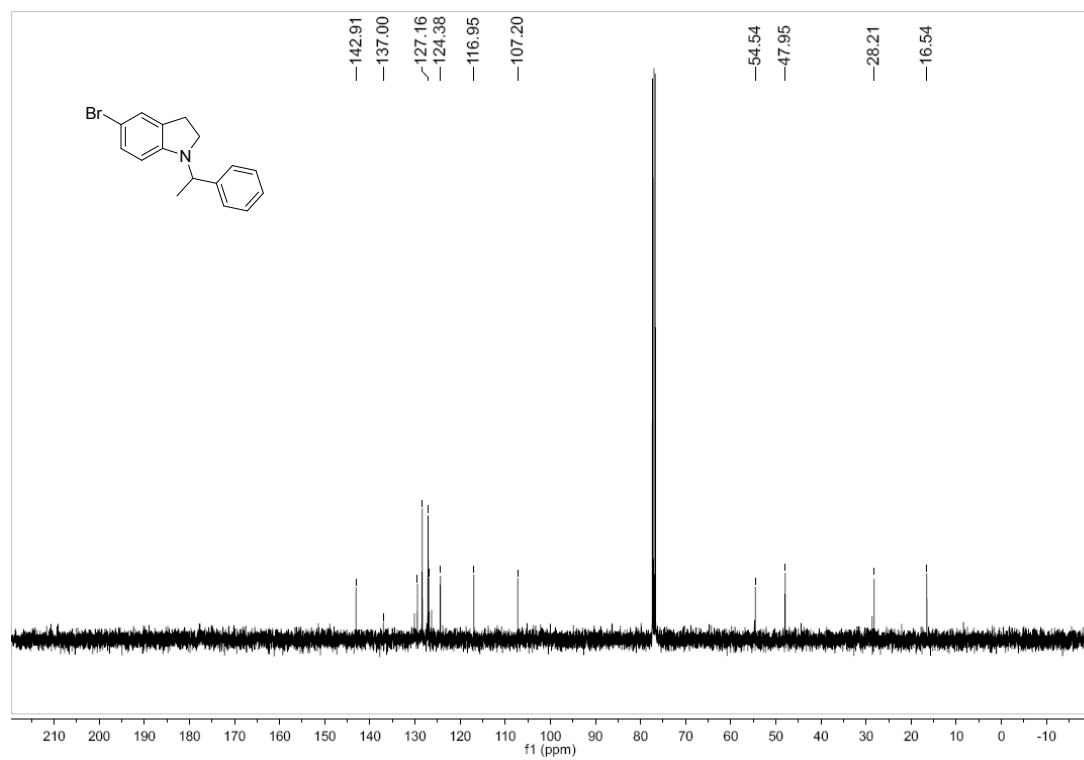
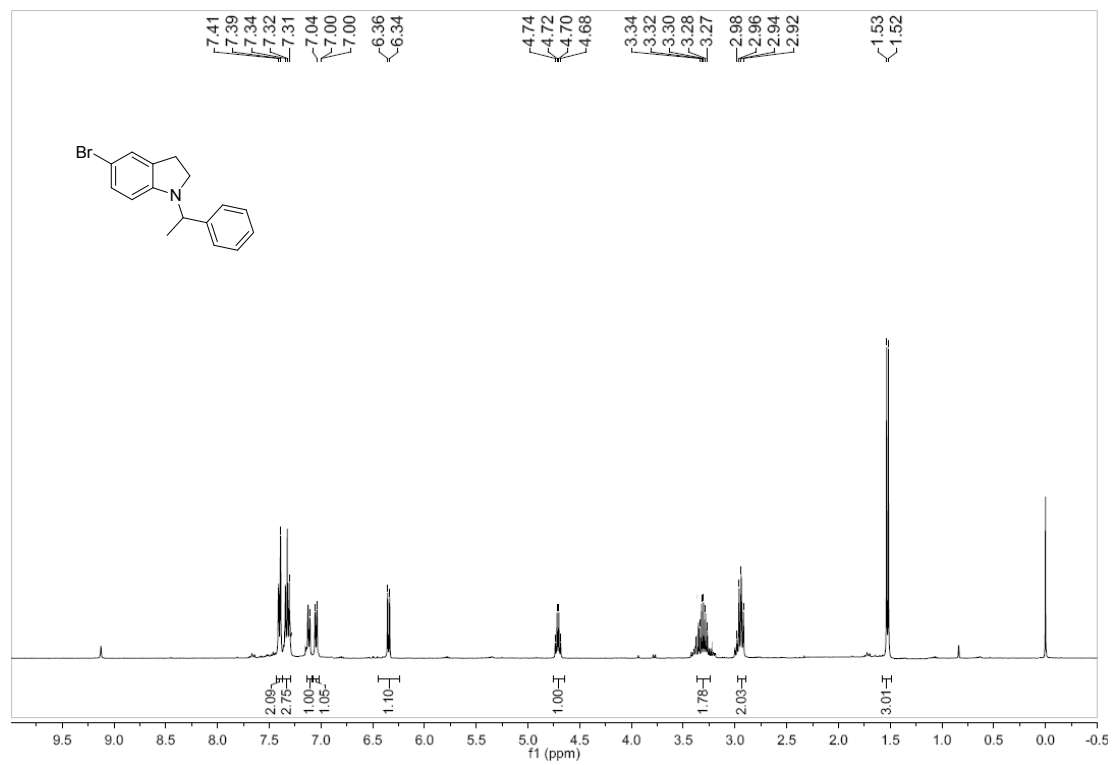
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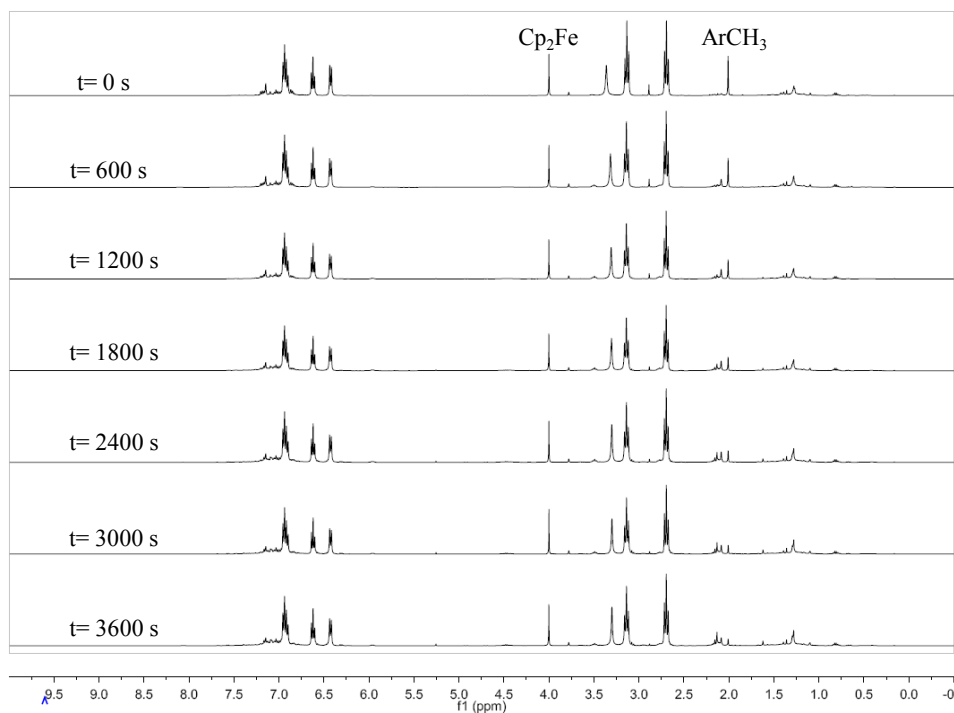


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^1H NMR spectra (400 MHz, $\text{PhBr-}d_5$, ferrocene as internal standard) for kinetic study

Condition: $[\mathbf{4c}]_0 = 0.3636 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$, $[\mathbf{5d}]_0 = 3.6374 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$; 10 mol% of complex **3** and TB; 0.6 mL $\text{PhBr-}d_5$; 110 °C



The plot of $\ln[m\text{-tolylacetylene}]_0/[m\text{-tolylacetylene}]$ versus time (s) has been included in the maintext as Figure 2.

Condition: $[4c]_0 = 0.3636 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$, $[5d]_0 = 0.3636 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$; 10 mol% of complex **3** and TB; 0.6 mL PhBr- d_5 ; 110 °C

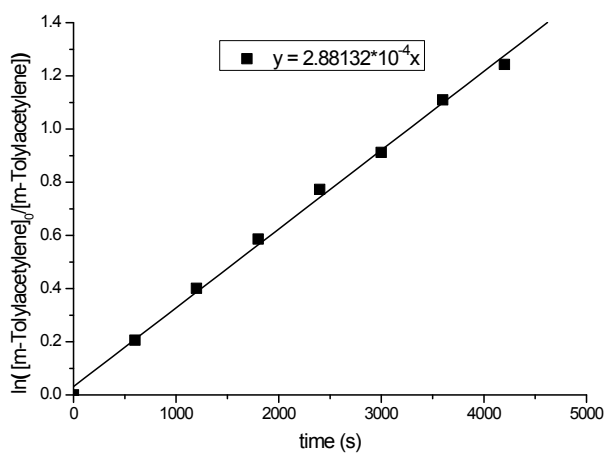
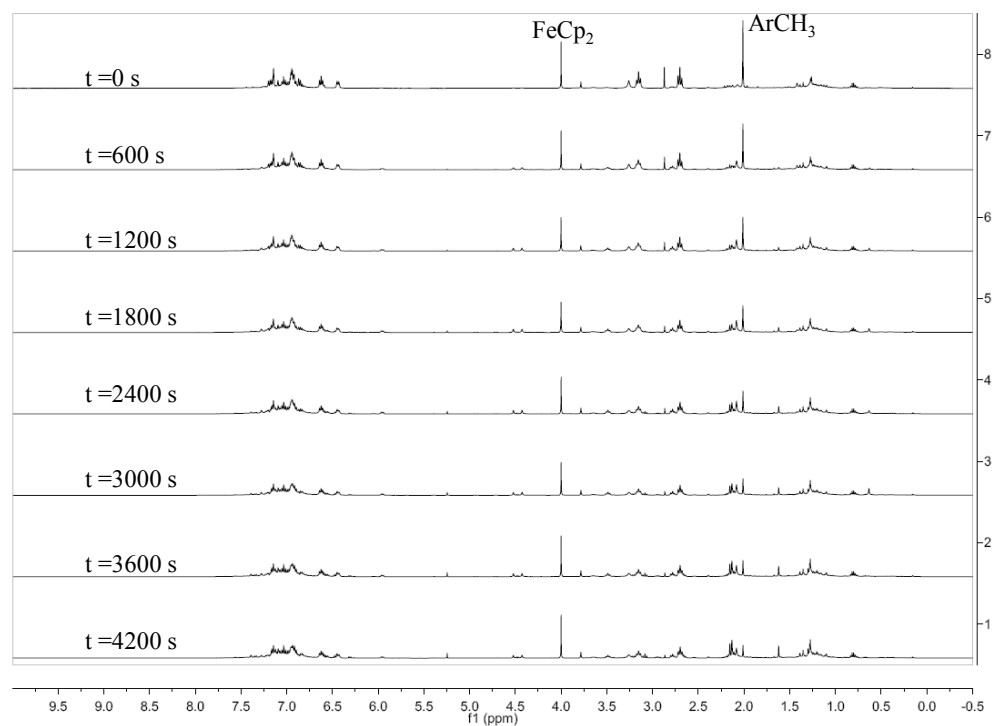
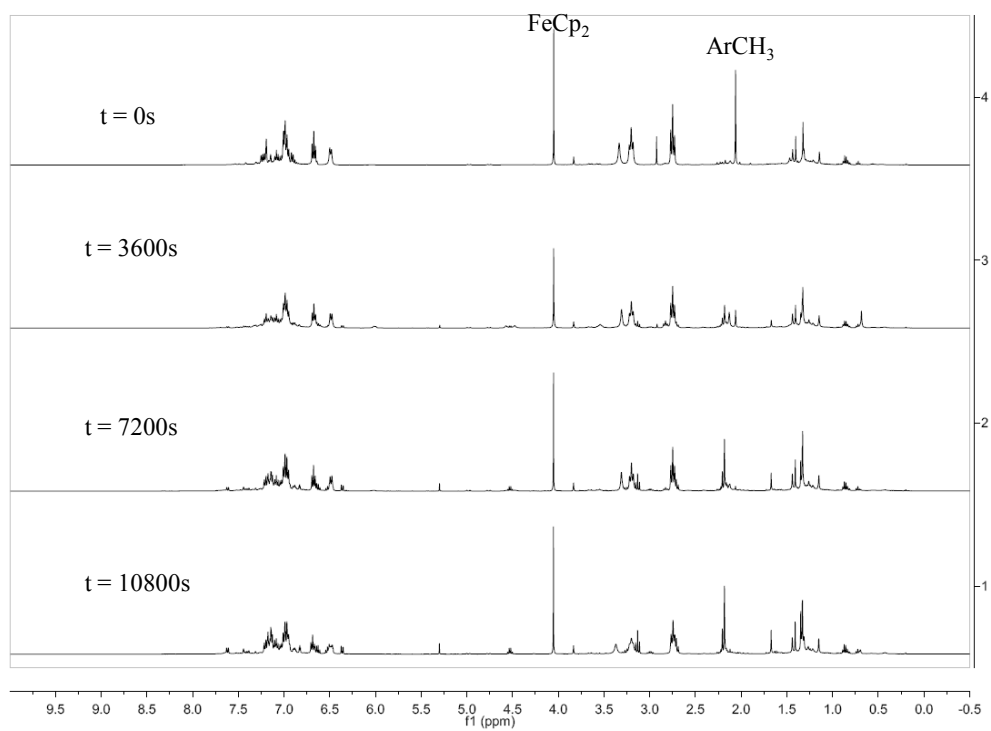


Figure S1. Plot of $\ln[m\text{-tolylacetylene}]_0/[m\text{-tolylacetylene}]$ versus time (s) for the hydroamination reaction of m -tolylacetylene **4c** and indoline **5d** catalyzed by complex **3** and TB. Conditions: $[4c]_0 = 0.3636 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$, $[5d]_0 = 0.36363 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$; 10 mol% of complex **3** and TB, PhBr- d_5 , 110 °C.

Condition: $[4c]_0 = 0.3636 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$, $[5d]_0 = 0.7272 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$; 10 mol% of complex **3** and TB; 0.6 mL PhBr- d_5 ; 110 °C



Crystallographic data for complex 3

Table S1 Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (deg) for complex 3

Bond lengths	
Zr1-O1	1.995(2)
Zr1-O2	1.999(2)
Zr1-N1	2.351(3)
Zr1-C35	2.271(5)
Zr1-C42	2.291(5)
Bond angles	
O1-Zr1-O2	156.85(9)
O1-Zr1-C35	97.97(17)
O2-Zr1-C35	98.20(17)
O1-Zr1-C42	92.95(13)
O2-Zr1-C42	94.21(12)
C35-Zr1-C42	117.35(16)
O1-Zr1-N1	78.94(9)
O2-Zr1-N1	79.13(9),
C35-Zr1-N1	115.97(15)
C42-Zr1-N1	126.67(13)
O1-Zr1-C43	96.24(10)
O2-Zr1-C43	101.57(10)
C35-Zr1-C43	84.98(16)
C42-Zr1-C43	32.42(13)
N1-Zr1 -C43	158.87(11)

Table S2. Crystallographic data for complex **3**

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color, habit	colorless, prism
cryst size(mm)	0.80×0.65×0.50
space group	<i>P2₁/c</i>
<i>a</i> (Å)	11.214(5)
<i>b</i> (Å)	17.371(6)
<i>c</i> (Å)	23.224(11)
<i>α</i> (deg)	90
<i>β</i> (deg)	90
<i>γ</i> (deg)	90
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	4524.0(3)
<i>Z</i>	4
<i>D</i> _{calcd} (g cm ⁻³)	1.147
radiation used	Mo Kα
<i>μ</i> (mm ⁻¹)	0.278
<i>F</i> (000)	1672.0
<i>θ</i> _{max} (deg)	1.79-26.50
no. of unique data	9286
max, min transm	0.799, 1.000
No. of variables	445
final R indices (<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>))	R ₁ = 0.0469, wR ₂ = 0.2061
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goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> ²	1.048
Largest diff. peak, hole/e Å ⁻³	0.805, -0.613

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