

# Synthesis of functionalized tryptamines by Brønsted acid catalyzed cascade reactions

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## General Methods

<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded at 500, or 400 MHz spectrometer at ambient temperature with CDCl<sub>3</sub> as solvent. Data are reported as follows: chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ), multiplicity, coupling constants and integration. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded operating respectively at 126, or 101 MHz at 27°C with CDCl<sub>3</sub> as solvent. Infrared spectra were recorded on a FT-IR spectrophotometer. Low resolution mass spectral analyses were recorded in E.I. (70 eV) mode. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) was recorded on a spectrometer using Positive Electro Ionization (ESI) mode. Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed using 0.25 mm silica gel 60-F plates. Flash chromatography was performed using columns of 230-400 mesh silica gel 60 (0.040-0.063 mm). Yields refer to chromatographically pure materials.

## General procedure for the synthesis of tryptamines 3

A mixture of aryl amine **2** (0.930 mmol), freshly distilled 2-hydroxy cyclobutanone **1** (0.465 mmol), and PTSA (0.093 mmol) was stirred at room temperature for 6 days. The crude reaction mixture was directly loaded on silica gel column without aqueous work-up and pure products were obtained by flash column chromatography (silica gel, mixture of hexane/ether, 10:1→1:1).

**3a:** Yield 67% (82 mg); yellow oil. IR (neat): 3057, 3027, 2937, 2882, 2822, 1601, 1508, 1474, 1377, 1328 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.60 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 6.78 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.67 – 3.60 (m, 2H), 3.04 – 2.97 (m, 2H), 2.94 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  149.19, 137.18, 129.38, 128.06, 126.67, 121.73, 118.98, 118.93, 116.16, 112.45, 112.32, 109.37, 53.89, 38.53, 32.71, 22.34. MS m/z: 264 (M<sup>+</sup> (19)), 144 (11), 120 (100), 105 (3). HRMS (ESI) Calcd. For C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>(M+1) m/z 265.1699, found 265.1693.

**3b:** Yield 51% (69 mg); yellow oil. IR (neat): 3015, 2916, 2863, 1620, 1522, 1494, 1378 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.36 (s, 1H), 7.18 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 3H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 6.72 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.59 (dd,  $J$  = 9.1, 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.96 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.93 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  147.25, 135.62, 129.90, 128.27, 128.08, 126.72, 125.45, 123.32, 118.68, 112.80, 111.97, 109.07, 54.18, 38.72, 32.76, 22.12, 21.66, 20.38. MS m/z: 292 (M<sup>+</sup> (18)), 158 (9), 134 (100), 119 (5). HRMS (ESI) Calcd. For C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>(M+1) m/z 293.2005, found 293.2005.

**3c:** Yield 59% (88 mg); yellow oil. IR (neat): 3015, 2962, 2926, 2868, 1617, 1522, 1491, 1453, 1377 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.39 (d,  $J$  = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.13 – 7.05 (m, 3H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 6.78 – 6.71 (m, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.63 – 3.57 (m, 2H), 3.00 – 2.95 (m, 2H), 2.94 (s, 3H), 2.76 (q,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.57 (q,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.30 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.22 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  147.45, 135.78, 134.88, 132.05, 128.70, 128.26, 126.69, 122.32, 117.45, 112.71, 112.18, 109.16, 54.14, 38.68, 32.75, 29.21, 27.94, 22.25, 16.71, 16.09. HRMS (ESI) Calcd. For C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>(M+1) m/z 321.2325, found 321.2317.

**3d:** Yield 45% (73 mg); yellow oil. IR (neat): 2957, 2926, 2868, 1615, 1519, 1491, 1453, 1378 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.37 (s, 1H), 7.24 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.11 – 7.02 (m, 3H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 6.73 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.67 – 3.54 (m, 2H), 2.97 (dd,  $J$  = 9.0, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.93 (s, 3H), 2.76 – 2.62 (m, 2H), 2.58 – 2.42 (m, 2H), 1.69 (dd,  $J$  = 15.0, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.61 (dd,  $J$  = 15.1, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.97 (t,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 3H), 0.94 (t,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  147.42, 135.78, 133.21, 130.46, 129.30, 128.18, 126.63, 122.82, 118.19, 112.58, 112.14, 109.03,

54.13, 38.65, 38.44, 37.21, 32.74, 25.54, 25.03, 22.27, 14.09, 14.05. HRMS (ESI) Calcd. For C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>(M+1) m/z 349,2638, found 349.2621.

**3e:** Yield 59% (104 mg); yellow oil. IR (neat): 3015, 2954, 2924, 2858, 1615, 1522, 1491, 1456, 1373, 1355 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.37 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.11 – 7.00 (m, 3H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 6.76 – 6.67 (m, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.64 – 3.56 (m, 2H), 3.01 – 2.94 (m, 2H), 2.93 (s, 3H), 2.76 – 2.69 (m, 2H), 2.57 – 2.49 (m, 2H), 1.70 – 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.61 – 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.38 (tq, *J* = 14.6, 7.3 Hz, 4H), 0.95 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 147.41, 135.77, 133.41, 130.65, 129.25, 128.21, 126.62, 122.79, 118.12, 112.61, 112.15, 109.03, 54.14, 38.64, 35.98, 34.74, 34.70, 34.17, 32.73, 22.60, 22.55, 22.29, 14.19, 14.16. HRMS (ESI) Calcd. For C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>2</sub>(M+1) m/z 377,2951, found 377.2935.

**3f:** Yield 55% (94 mg); orange oil. IR (neat): 2954, 2906, 2870, 1615, 1523, 1489, 1362, 1297, 1254 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.63 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.31 (ddd, *J* = 9.0, 7.7, 2.0 Hz, 3H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 6.80 – 6.73 (m, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.66 – 3.57 (m, 2H), 3.05 – 2.97 (m, 2H), 2.95 (s, 3H), 1.41 (s, 9H), 1.32 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 147.00, 141.79, 138.80, 135.40, 127.81, 126.54, 126.16, 120.03, 114.72, 112.53, 112.16, 108.88, 54.03, 38.53, 34.72, 33.86, 32.70, 32.13, 31.72, 22.27. HRMS (ESI) Calcd. For C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>2</sub>(M+1) m/z 377,2951, found 377.2942.

**3g:** Yield 60% (91 mg); yellow oil. IR (neat): 2989, 2939, 2904, 2833, 1622, 1575, 1511, 1494, 1459, 1426, 1247, 1226, 1176 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.93 – 6.81 (m, 4H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.56 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.97 – 2.91 (m, 2H), 2.90 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 153.88, 151.71, 144.28, 132.61, 128.37, 127.20, 115.05, 114.58, 112.10, 111.89, 110.11, 101.03, 56.15, 56.01, 54.86, 39.21, 32.92, 22.16. HRMS (ESI) Calcd. For C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>(M+1) m/z 325,1911, found 325.1900.

**3h+3h<sup>1</sup>:** Inseparable 85:15 mixture of two regioisomers. Yield 81% (111 mg); yellow oil. IR (neat): 3040, 3030, 2914, 2858, 2815, 1602, 1580, 1499, 1475, 1378, 1327, 1247, 1226, 1176 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.17 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 7.08 (dd, *J* = 3.0, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.86 – 6.82 (m, 1H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 6.63 – 6.56 (m, 3H), 6.55 – 6.50 (m, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.65 – 3.57 (m, 4H), 3.15 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.99 – 2.95 (m, 2H), 2.94 (s, 3H), 2.93 (s, 3H), 2.73 (s, 3H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 149.36, 149.29, 139.03, 138.98, 137.60, 137.53, 131.55, 130.91, 129.23, 126.94, 126.47, 126.04, 125.96, 121.74, 120.72, 120.68, 118.67, 117.18, 117.12, 113.15, 113.11, 112.36, 109.58, 109.37, 107.45, 107.29, 55.11, 53.92, 38.55, 38.52, 32.79, 32.61, 24.19, 22.44, 22.12, 22.09, 22.00, 20.48. HRMS (ESI) Calcd. For C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>(M+1) m/z 293,2012, found 293.2007.

**3i:** Yield 0%. **Ai:** Yield 35% (34 mg); colourless oil. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those presented in literature<sup>1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 6.98 (ddd, *J* = 15.2, 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 6.93 – 6.80 (m, 2H), 4.92 (tt, *J* = 10.7, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.83 (s, 3H), 2.81 – 2.71 (m, 1H), 2.65 (dddd, *J* = 17.3, 9.9, 4.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.29 – 2.09 (m, 2H).

**3j:** Yield 23% (33 mg); white solid; m. p. 154–158°C. IR (nujol): 3015, 2934, 2906, 2851, 2218, 1605, 1522, 1486, 1388, 1350, 1174 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.87 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (ddd, *J* = 5.2, 4.2, 1.8 Hz, 3H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.71 – 3.64 (m, 2H), 3.05 – 2.99 (m, 2H), 2.94 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 151.34, 138.59, 133.68, 129.16, 127.62, 124.83, 124.37, 112.92, 111.44, 110.40, 102.22, 97.60, 53.13, 38.74, 33.03, 22.42. HRMS (ESI) Calcd. For C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>4</sub> (M+1) m/z 315,1604, found

315.1593. **Aj:** Yield 45% (42 mg); yellow oil. IR (neat): 3047, 2961, 2928, 2831, 2213, 1785, 1605, 1519, 1399, 1384, 1320, 1179, 1123, 1077 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.54 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 5.14 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.03 – 2.91 (m, 1H), 2.95 (s, 3H), 2.83 (dd, *J* = 17.7, 10.1, 4.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (ddd, *J* = 14.7, 10.6, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (dt, *J* = 19.8, 9.8 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 204.98, 151.36, 133.62, 120.12, 112.80, 99.82, 73.06, 41.10, 34.00, 16.89. Calcd. For C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O(M+Na) m/z 223,0842, found 223.0839.

**3k:** Yield 48% (59 mg); yellow oil. IR (neat): 3058, 2939, 2823, 1628, 1612, 1580, 1511, 1489, 1426, 1355, 1179 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.21 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 6.95 (ddd, *J* = 14.3, 6.8, 2.4 Hz, 3H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 6.69 – 6.60 (m, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.54 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.91 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 2.88 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.94, 156.60, 154.26, 145.98, 133.81, 128.36, 115.69 (d, *J* = 22.0 Hz), 113.61 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 112.31 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 110.15 (d, *J* = 12.3 Hz), 109.97 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 103.75 (d, *J* = 23.2 Hz), 54.47, 39.02, 32.99, 22.20. HRMS (ESI) Calcd. For C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>(M+1) m/z 301,1511, found 301.1506.

**3l:** Yield 73% (137 mg); yellow oil. IR (neat): 3055, 3025, 2954, 2926, 2856, 1597, 1504, 1469, 1368, 1191 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.65 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.63 – 3.54 (m, 2H), 3.31 – 3.22 (m, 2H), 3.05 – 2.97 (m, 2H), 1.79 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.62 – 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.29 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 12H), 0.88 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 4.2 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 148.09, 136.45, 129.44, 128.11, 125.56, 121.54 (s), 119.04, 118.80, 115.41, 112.37, 111.88, 109.57, 52.06, 51.34, 46.36, 31.89, 31.60, 30.44, 27.52, 27.02, 26.86, 23.06, 22.83, 22.69, 14.20, 14.16. MS m/z: 404 (M<sup>+</sup> (11)), 331 (2), 228 (2), 214 (4), 190 (100), 120 (16), 106 (8). HRMS (ESI) Calcd. For C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>40</sub>N<sub>2</sub>(M+1) m/z 405,3264, found 405.3246.

**3m:** Yield 37% (68 mg); yellow oil. IR (neat): 3058, 2931, 2856, 1597, 1504, 1461, 1448, 1360, 1343, 1300, 1214, 1156 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.20 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 7.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (ddd, *J* = 7.9, 7.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (tt, *J* = 11.9, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (tt, *J* = 11.5, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.53 – 3.46 (m, 2H), 3.03 – 2.96 (m, 2H), 2.16 – 2.09 (m, 2H), 1.98 – 1.66 (m, 10H), 1.56 – 1.23 (m, 7H), 1.15 (qt, *J* = 12.6, 3.5 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 148.69, 135.96, 129.43, 128.04, 121.62, 121.36, 119.20, 118.89, 115.94, 112.94, 112.73, 109.61, 57.60, 55.14, 46.08, 33.73, 31.02, 26.48, 26.17, 25.85, 25.67. HRMS (ESI) Calcd. For C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>2</sub>(M+1) m/z 401,2951, found 401.2939.

**3n:** Yield 60% (104 mg); yellow oil. IR (neat): 3080, 3012, 2959, 2924, 2868, 1617, 1519, 1486, 1451, 1377, 1189 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.24 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.95 (ddd, *J* = 22.4, 10.5, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (ddt, *J* = 17.0, 10.1, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 5.25 – 4.98 (m, 4H), 4.63 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 2H), 3.68 – 3.53 (m, 2H), 3.02 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.76 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.56 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 146.46, 135.15, 135.01, 134.85, 133.91, 131.84, 128.67, 128.46, 125.58, 122.36, 117.54, 117.19, 115.97, 112.50, 109.52, 53.65, 51.81, 48.85, 29.16, 27.89, 23.16, 16.59, 16.05. HRMS (ESI) Calcd. For C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>(M+1) m/z 373,2638, found 373.2626.

**3o:** Yield 32% (60 mg); yellow oil. IR (neat): 3060, 2979, 2934, 1749, 1602, 1506, 1464, 1368, 1262, 1194, 1027 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 4H), 7.17 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 6.76 – 6.68 (m, 3H), 4.79 (s, 2H), 4.21 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.19 – 4.13 (m, 3H), 3.95 (s, 2H), 3.74 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.15 – 3.05 (m, 2H), 1.26 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 5.5 Hz, 3H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.45, 168.78, 147.85,

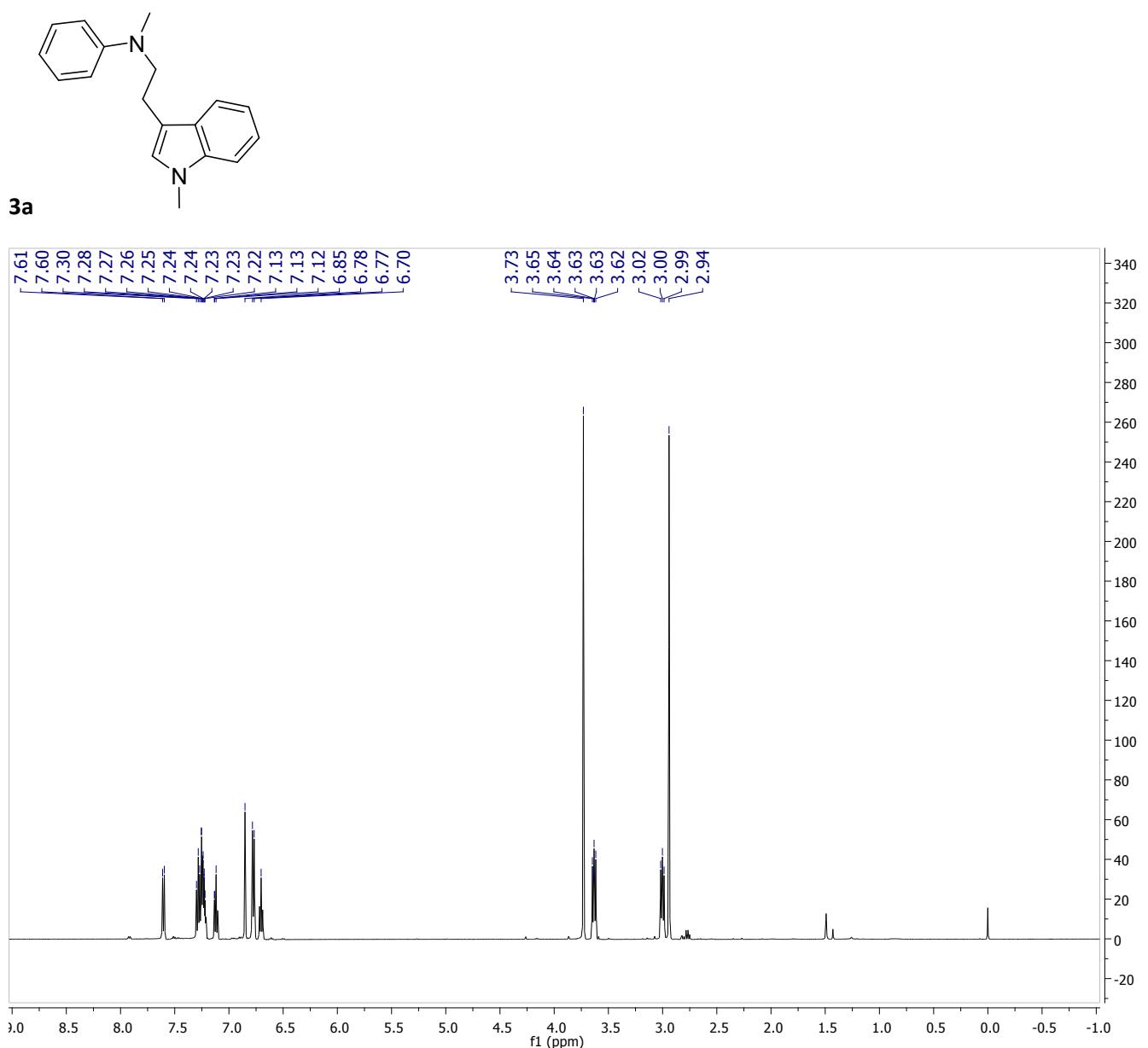
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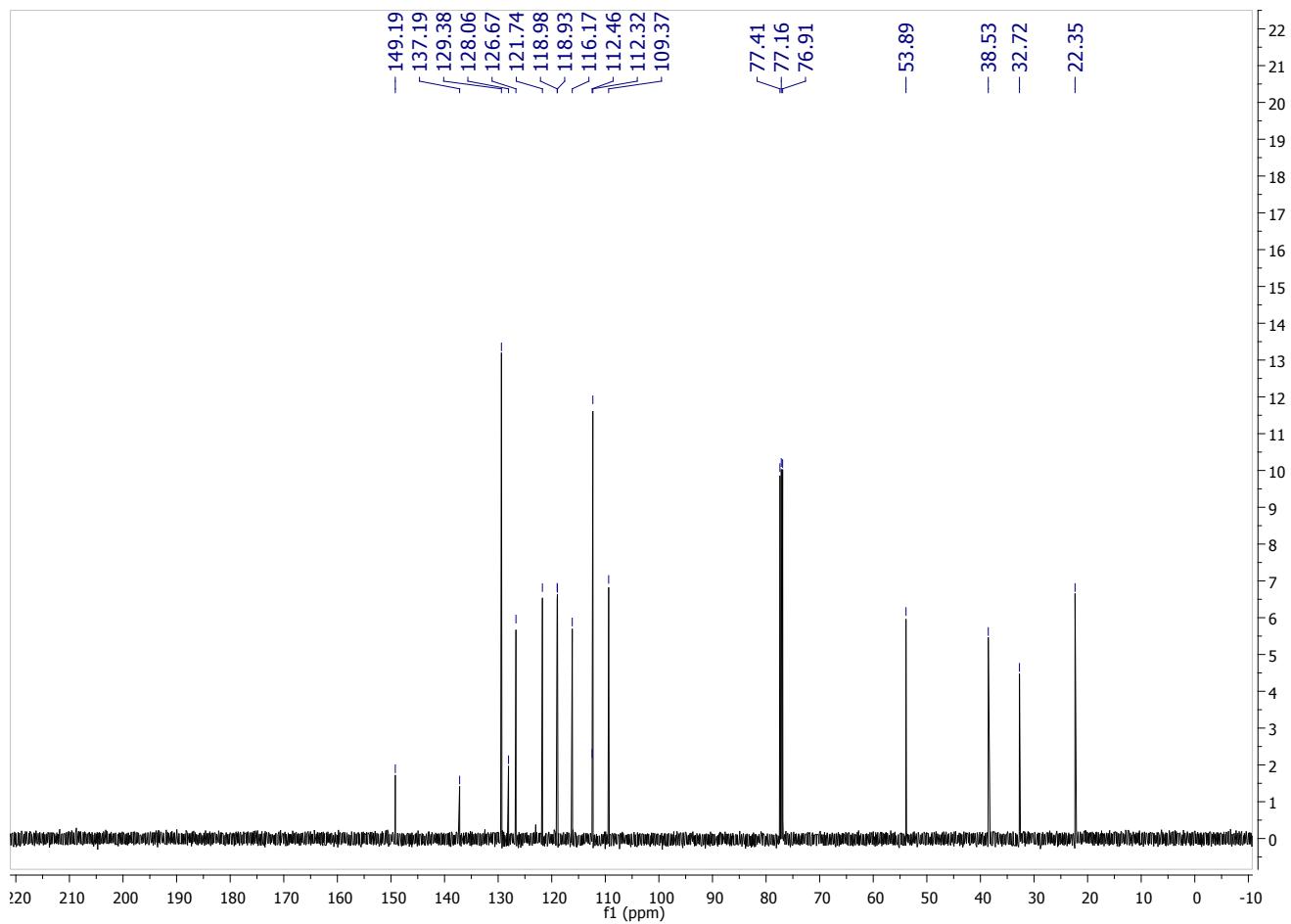
**3p:** Yield 80% (118 mg); orange oil. IR (neat): 3040, 2931, 2881, 2851, 2841, 1602, 1575, 1504, 1476, 1453, 1345, 1247, 1211, 1194  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.43 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 0.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.08 (td,  $J = 8.2, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.02 (dd,  $J = 7.9, 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.98 – 6.93 (m, 1H), 6.90 (dd,  $J = 7.1, 0.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 6.72 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.56 (td,  $J = 7.3, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.17 – 3.98 (m, 2H), 3.63 – 3.46 (m, 2H), 3.39 – 3.20 (m, 2H), 3.04 – 2.99 (m, 2H), 2.97 (t,  $J = 6.1$  Hz, 2H), 2.75 (t,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 2H), 2.28 – 2.15 (m, 2H), 1.99 – 1.79 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  145.17, 134.68, 129.32, 127.29, 125.52, 123.89, 122.42, 121.86, 119.34, 118.58, 116.57, 115.50, 112.60, 110.66, 77.42, 77.16, 76.91, 52.64, 49.59, 44.00, 28.37, 24.85, 23.07, 22.39, 22.23. MS m/z: 316 ( $M^+$  (20)), 170 (9), 146 (100), 130 (4). HRMS (ESI) Calcd. For  $C_{22}H_{24}N_2(M+1)$  m/z 317,2012, found 317.2006.

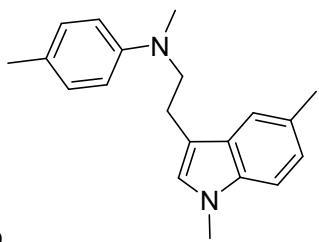
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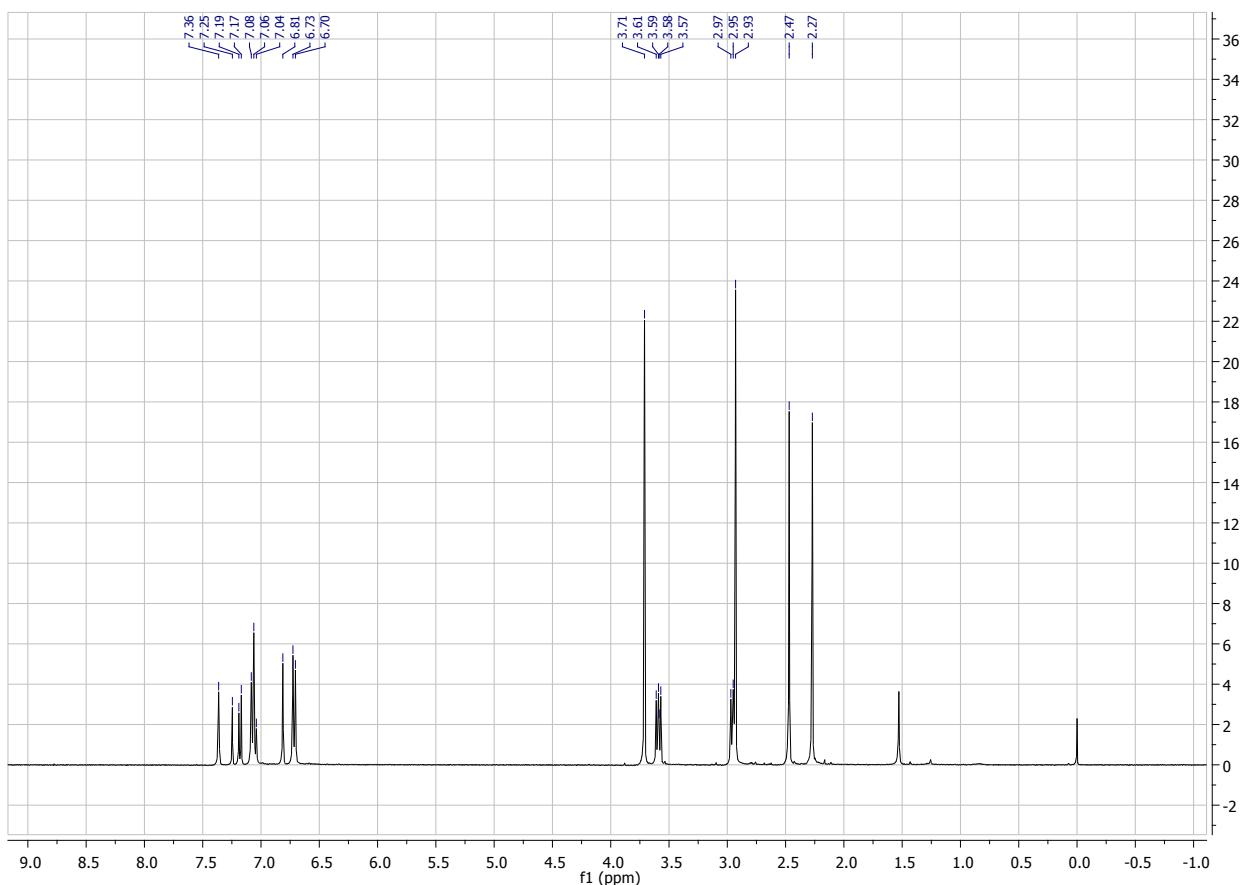
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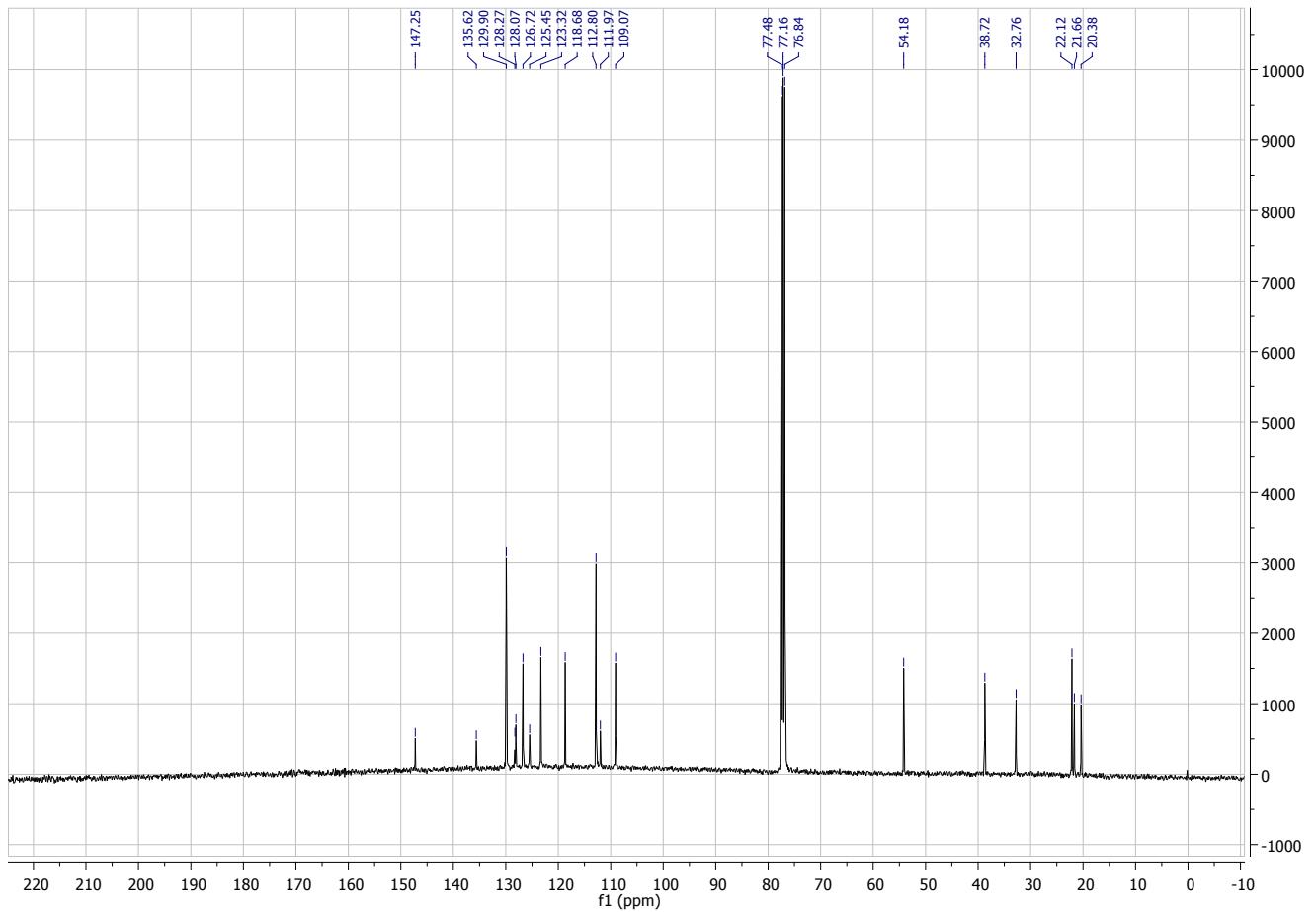


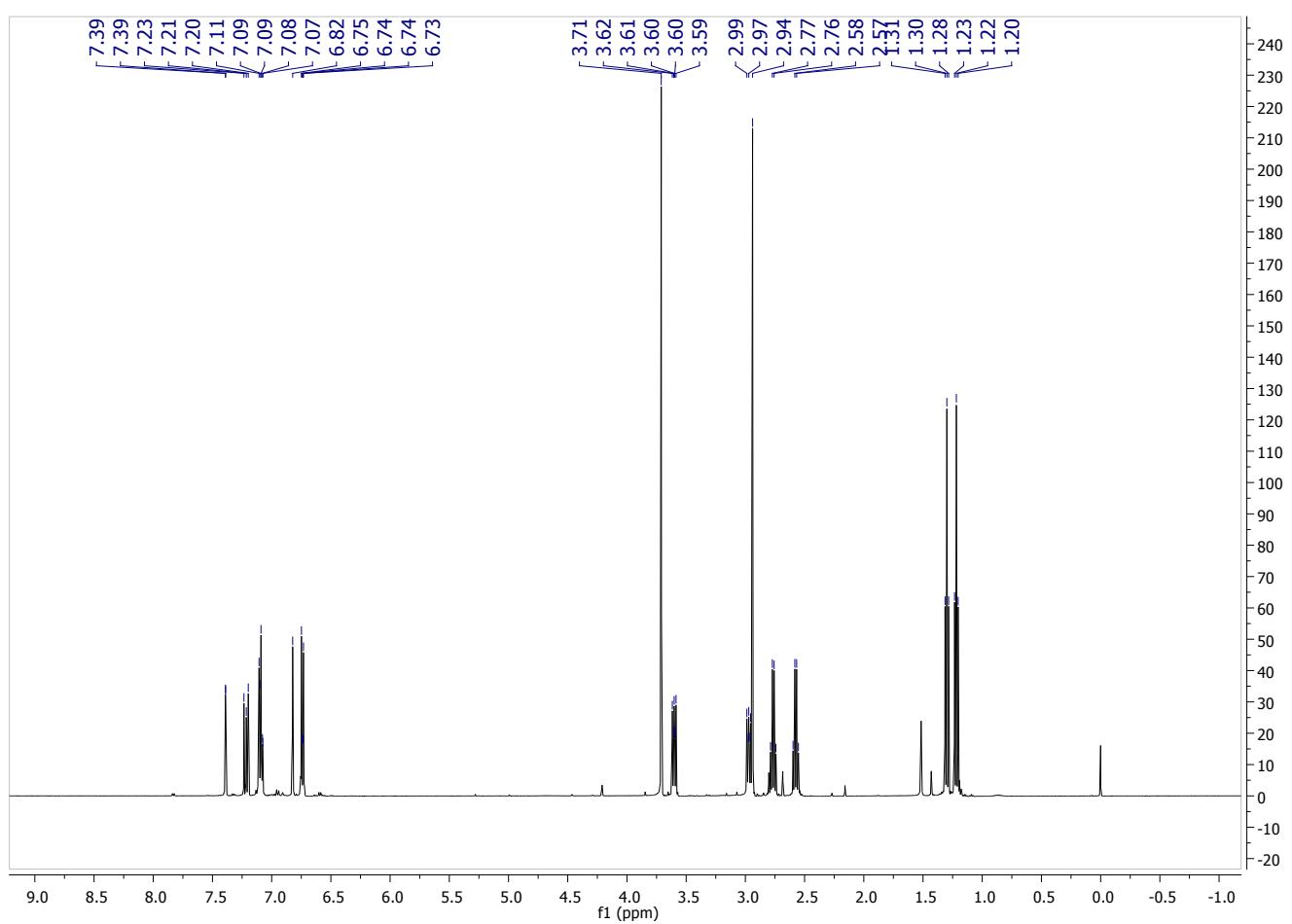
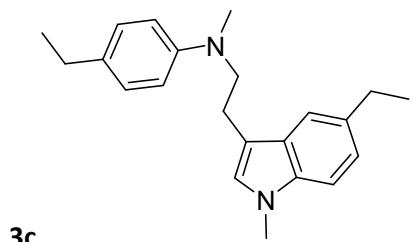


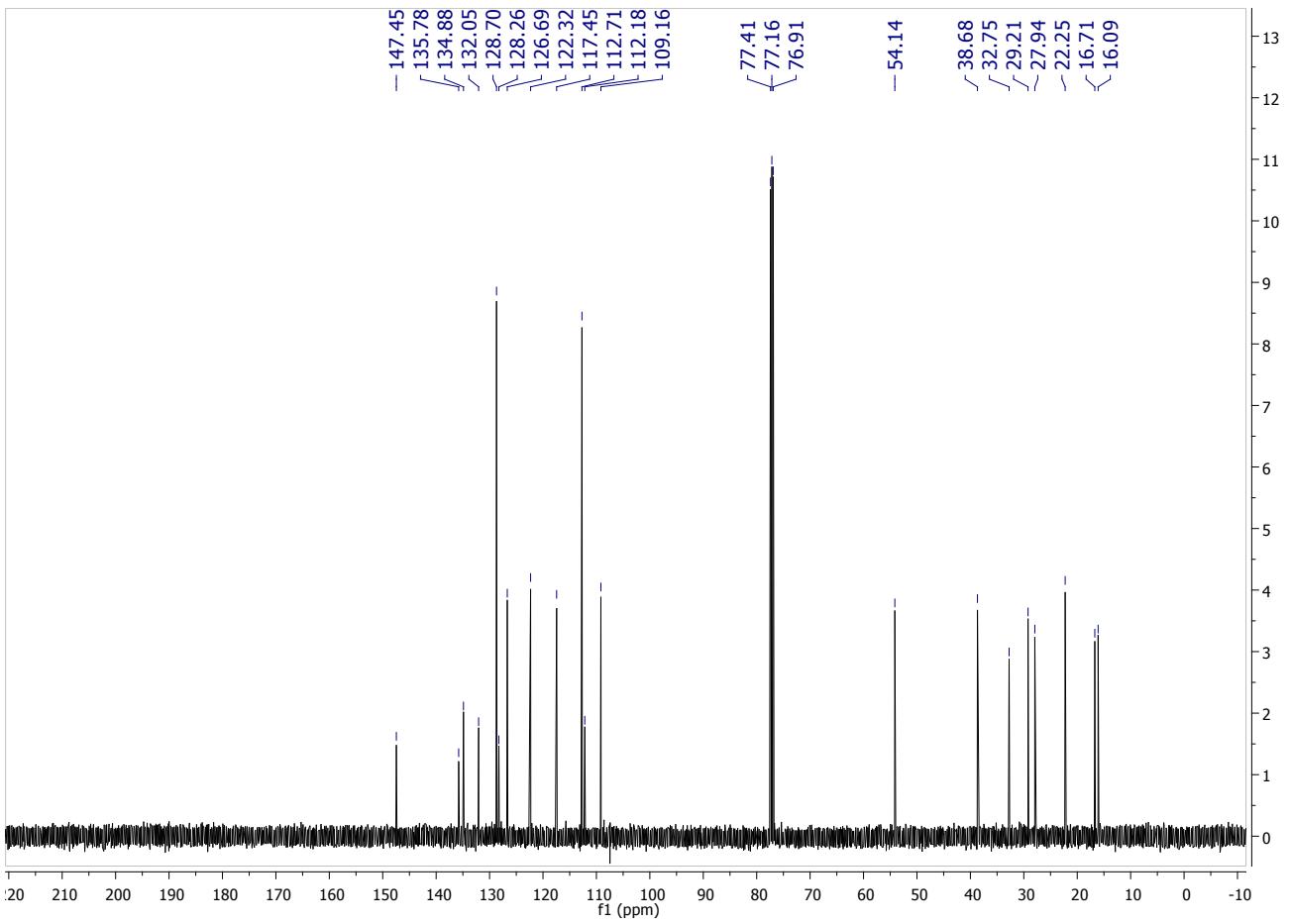


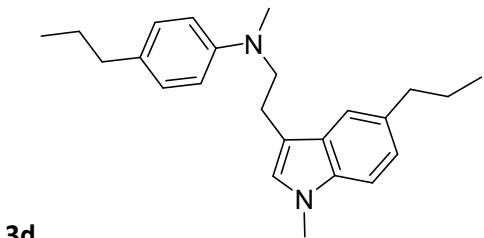
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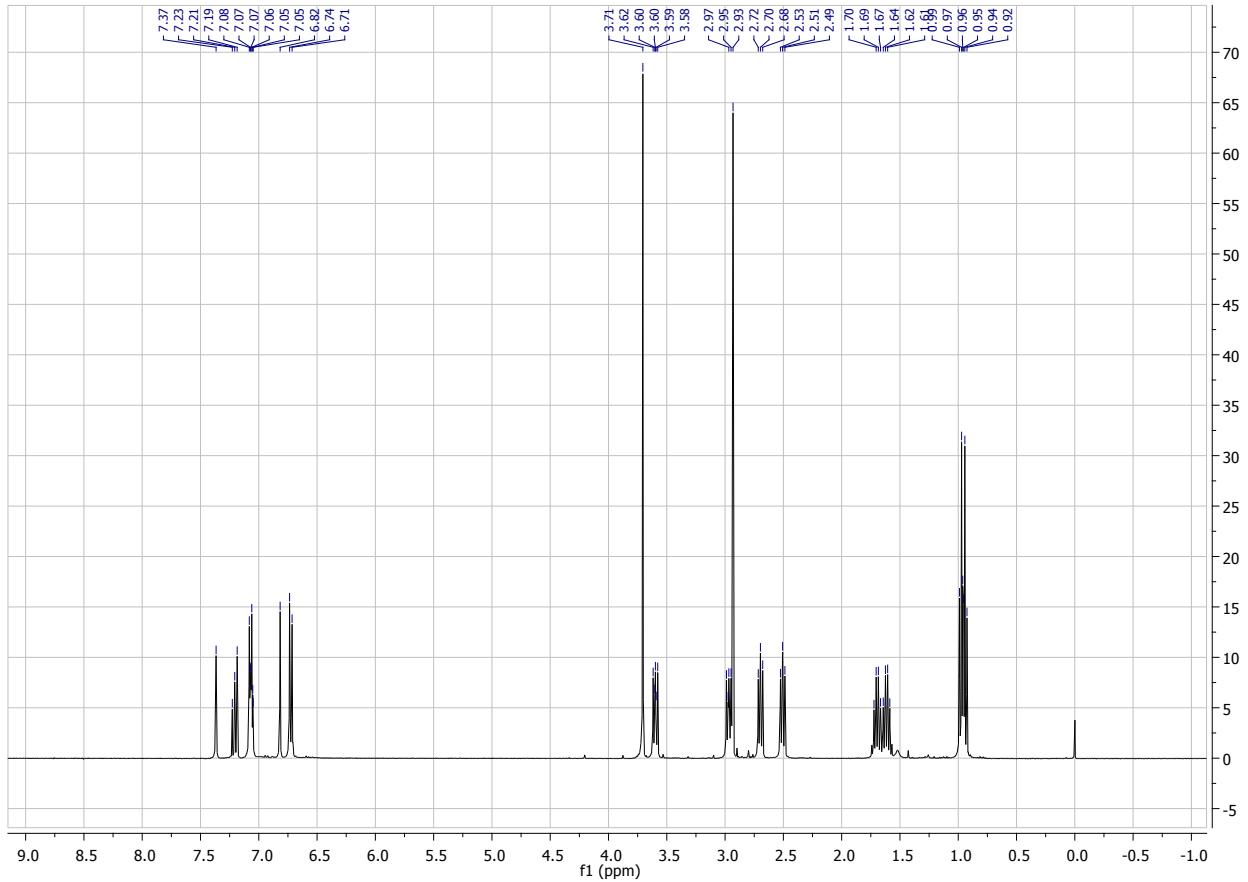


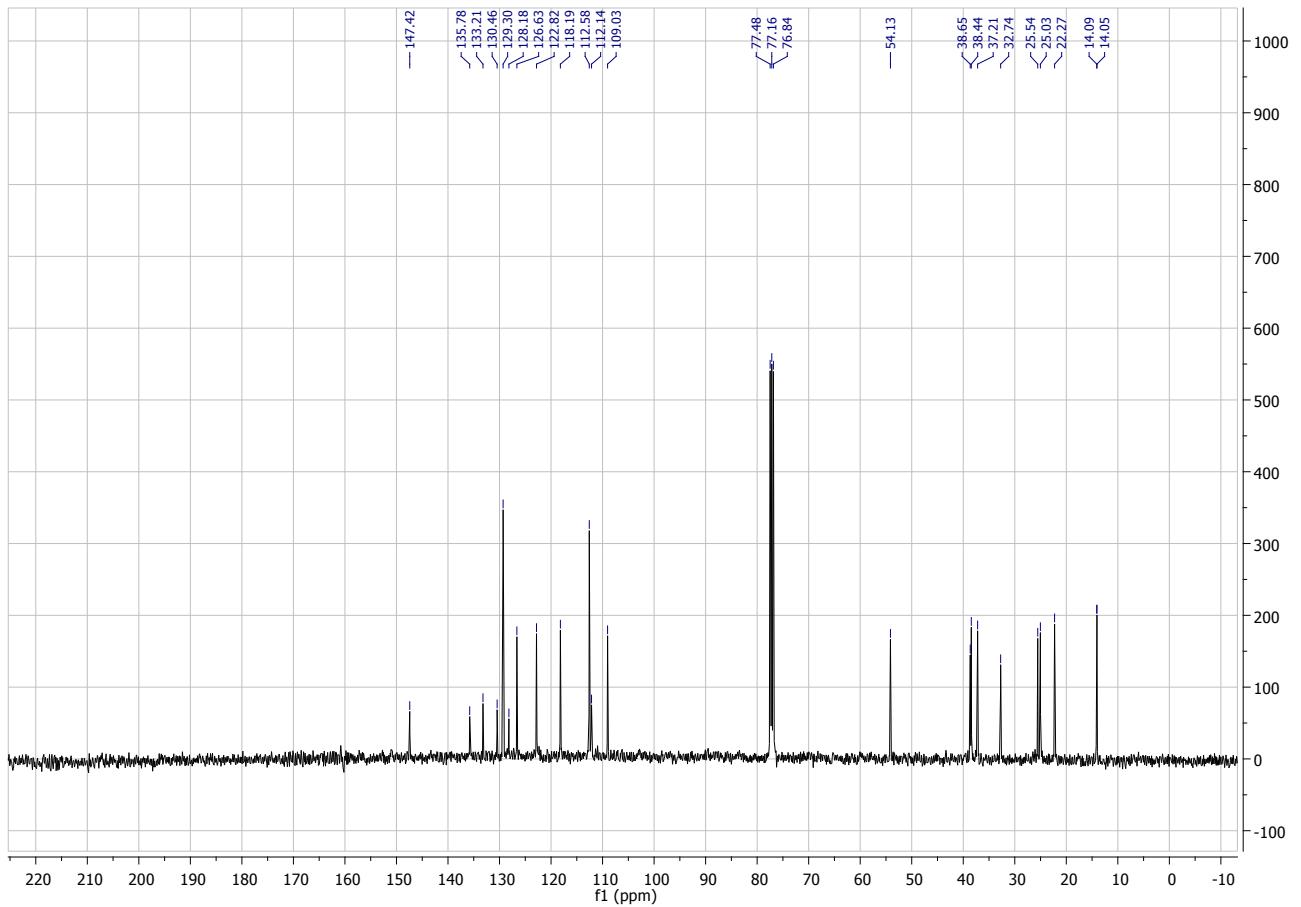


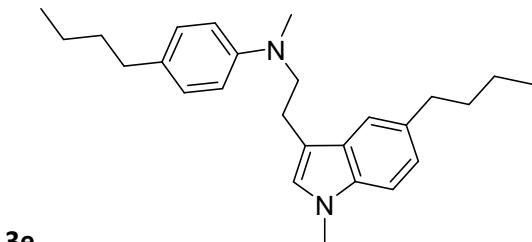




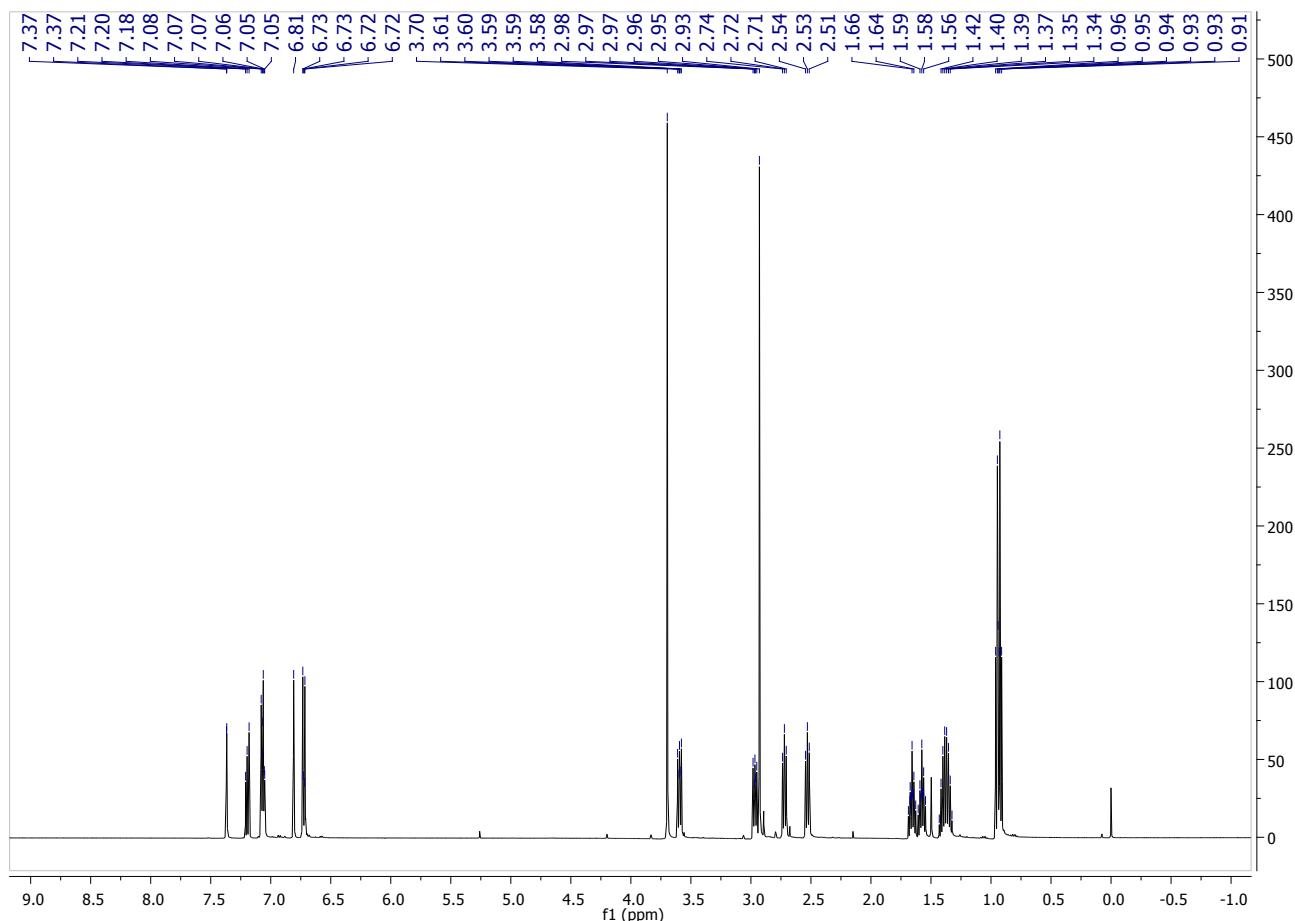
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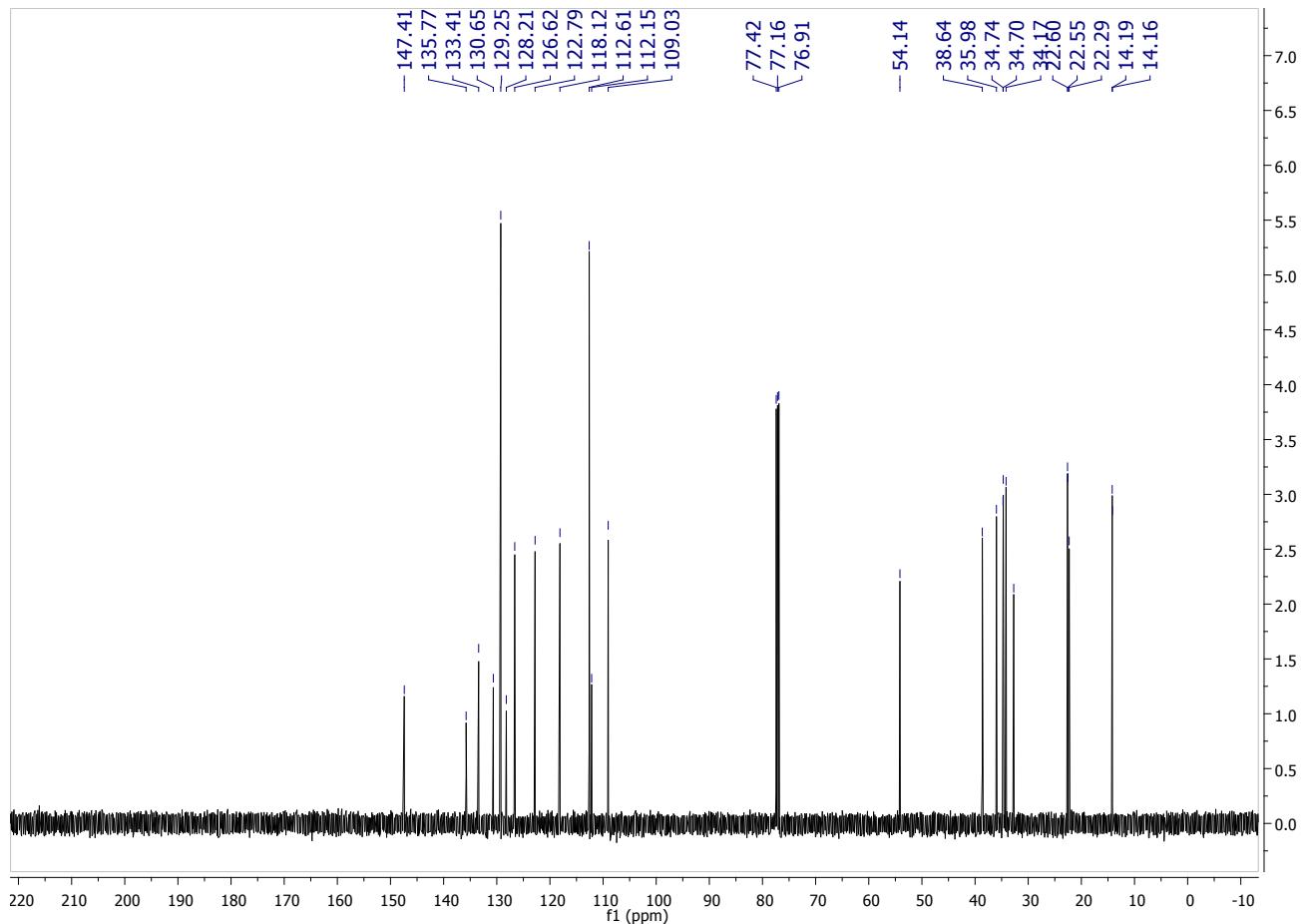


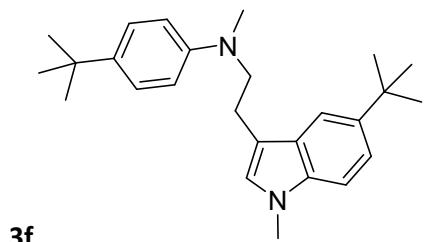




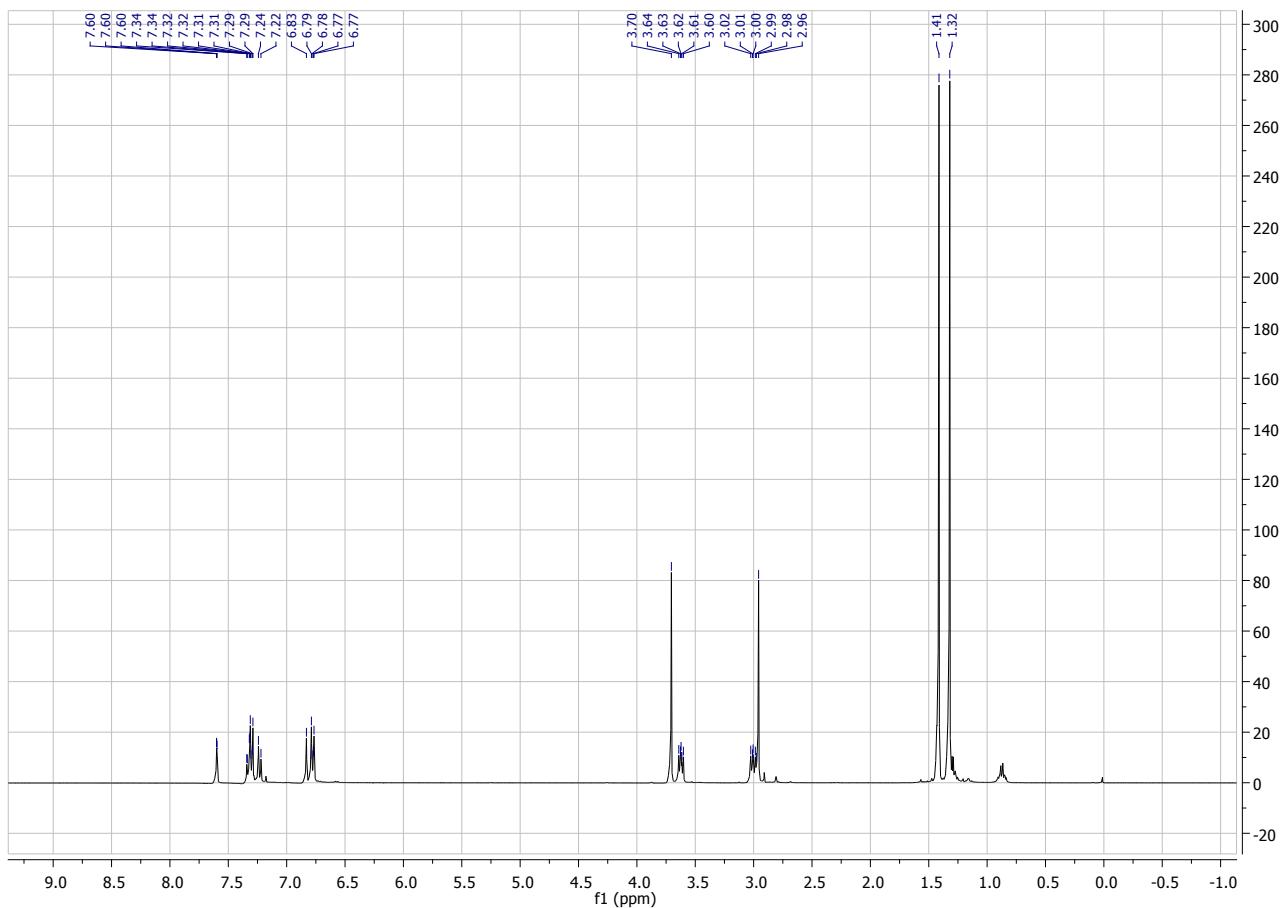
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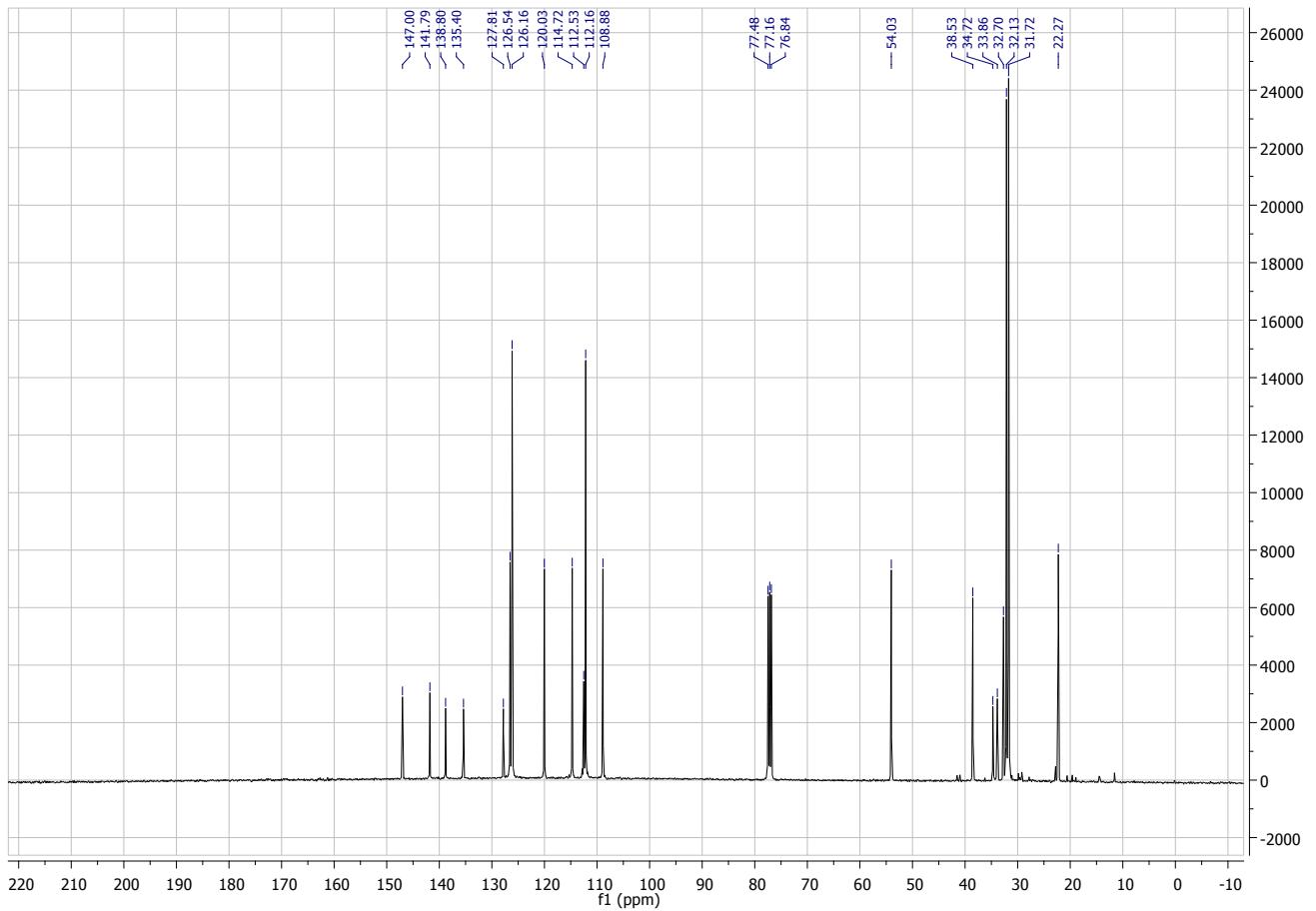


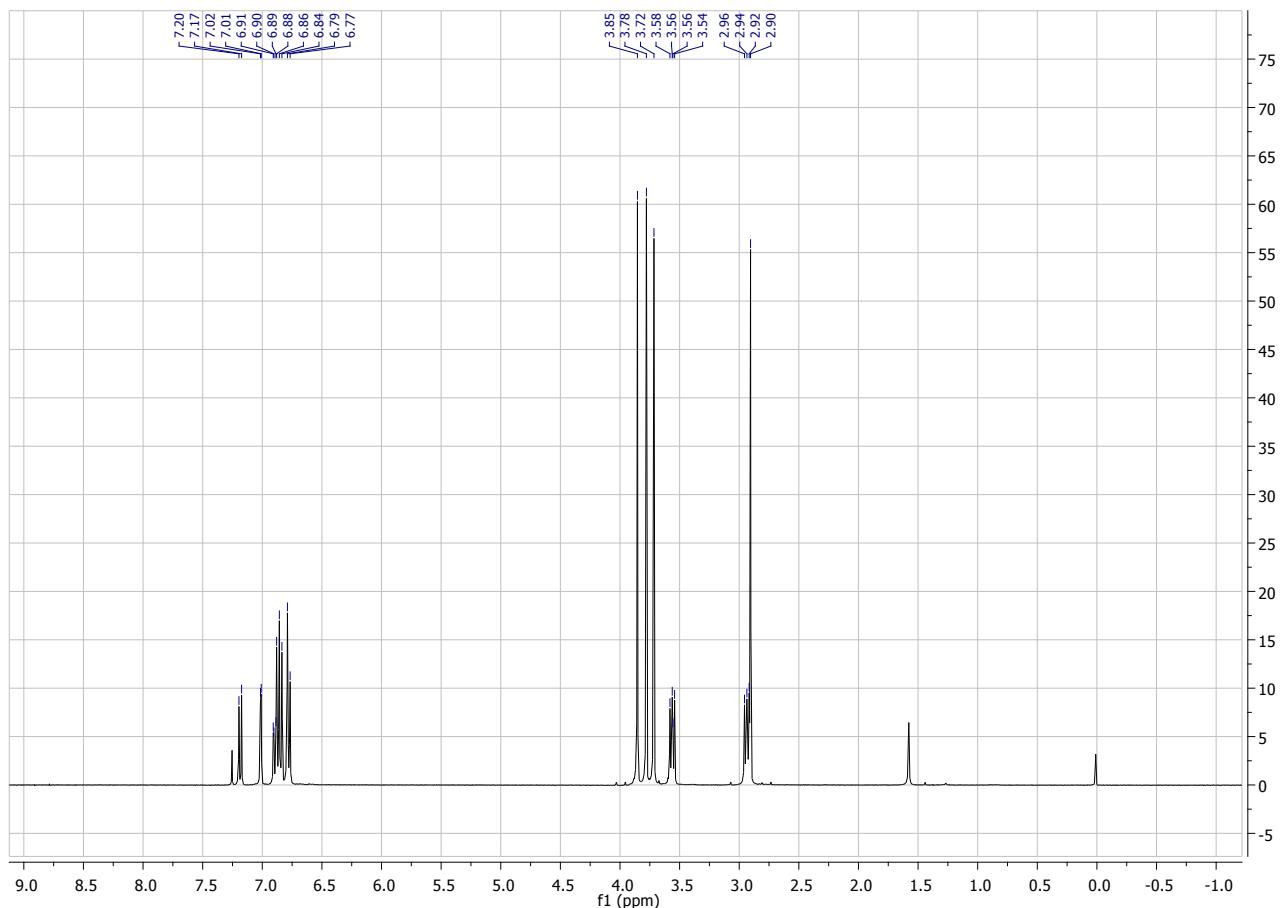
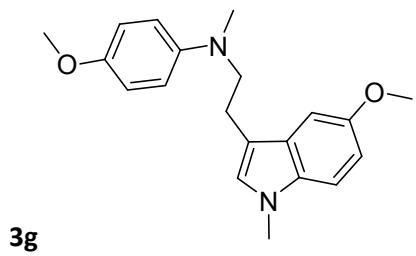


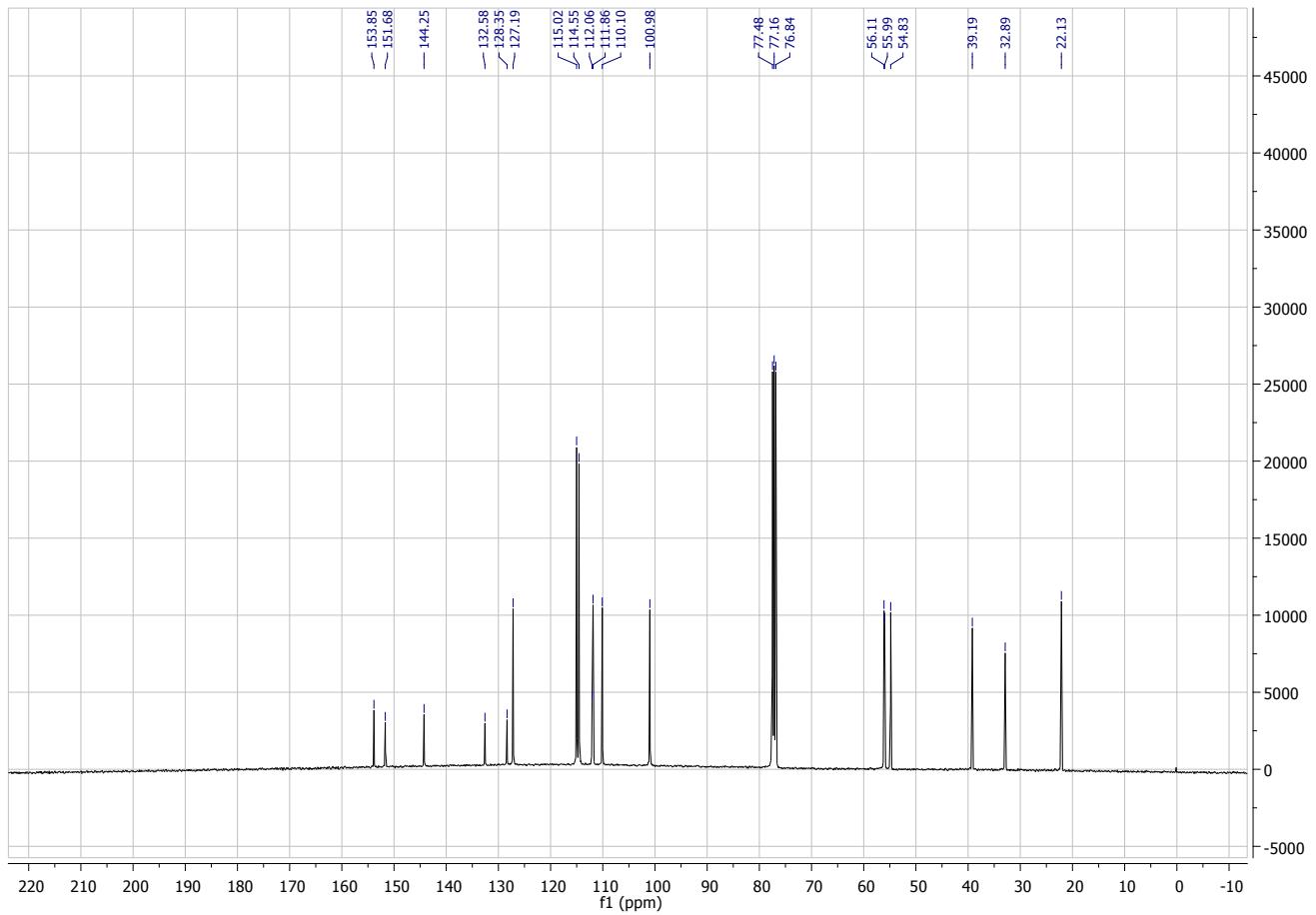


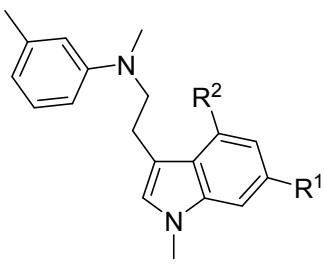
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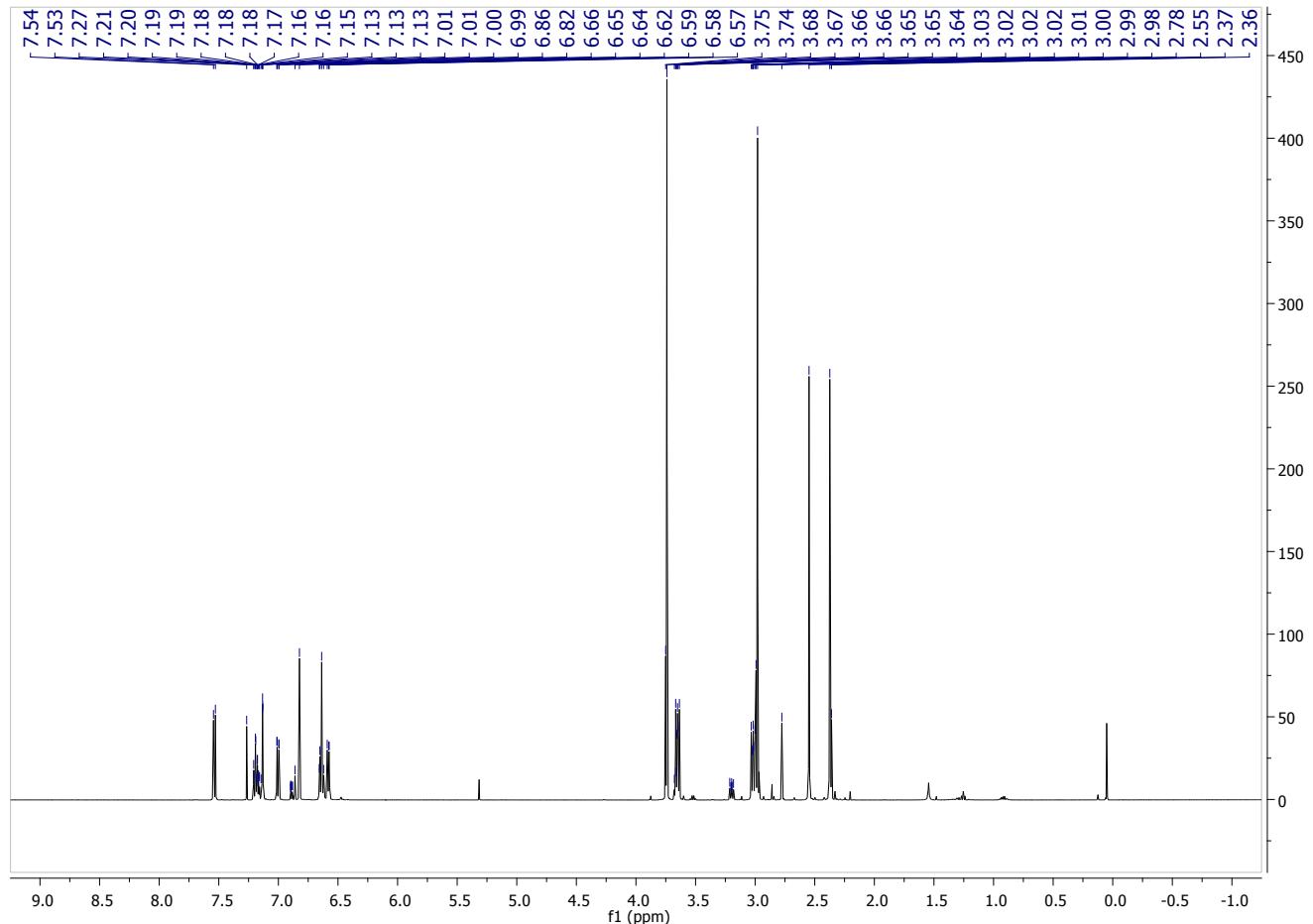


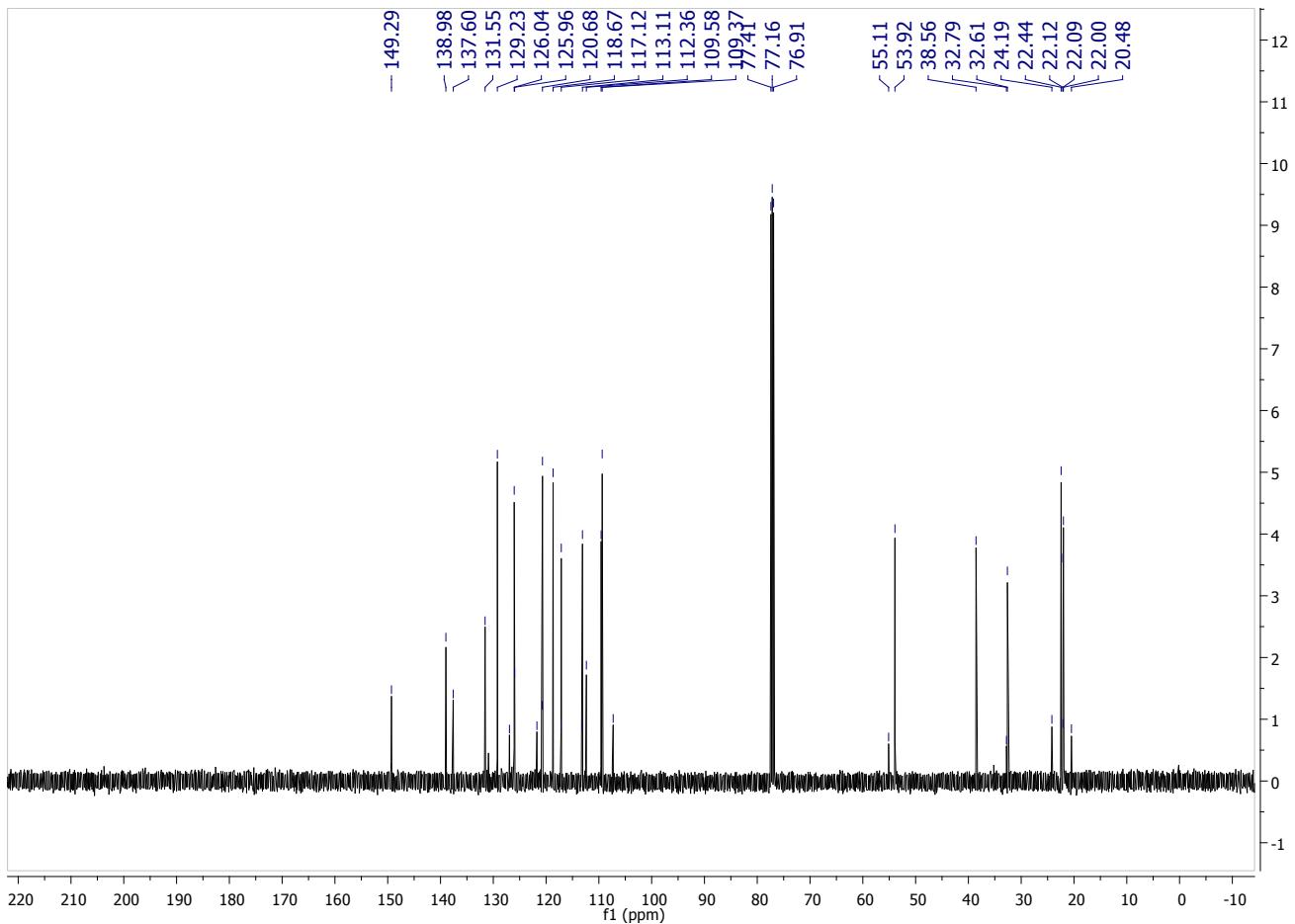


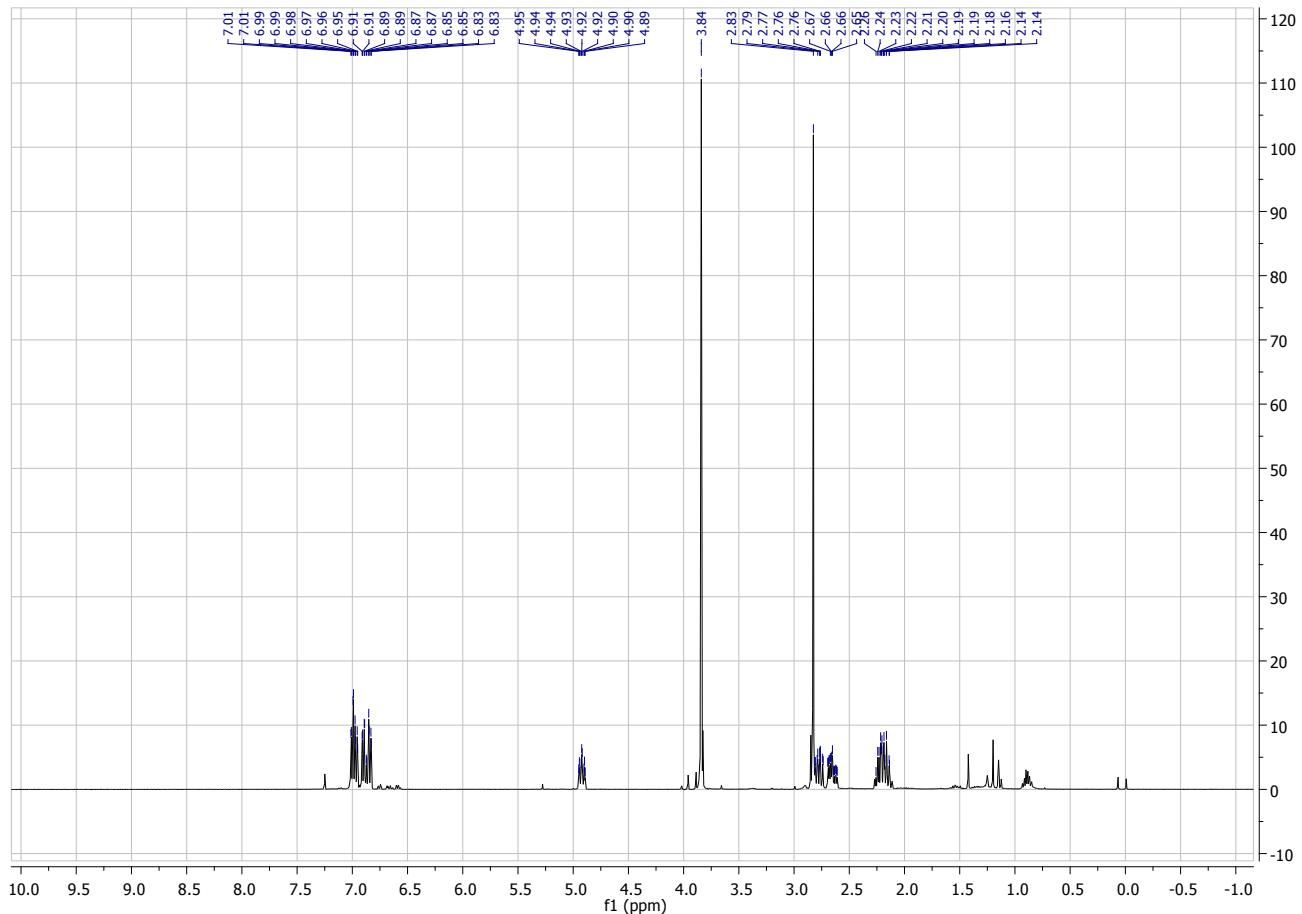
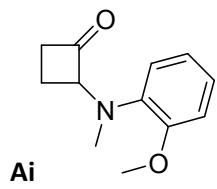


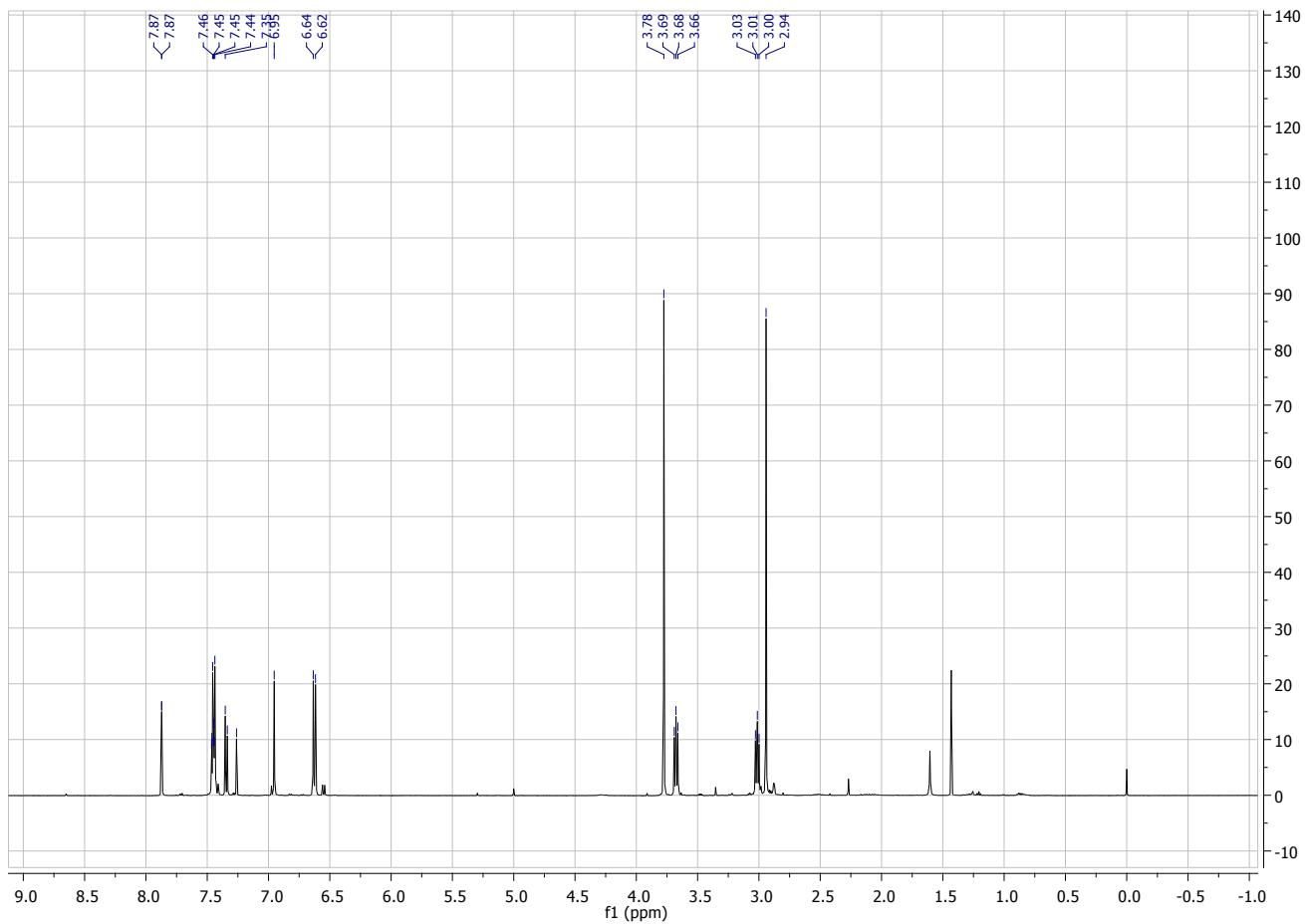
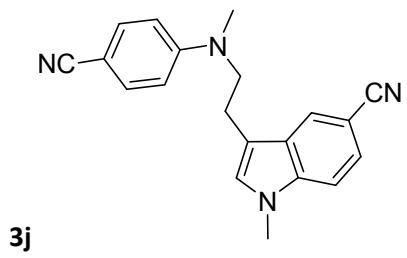


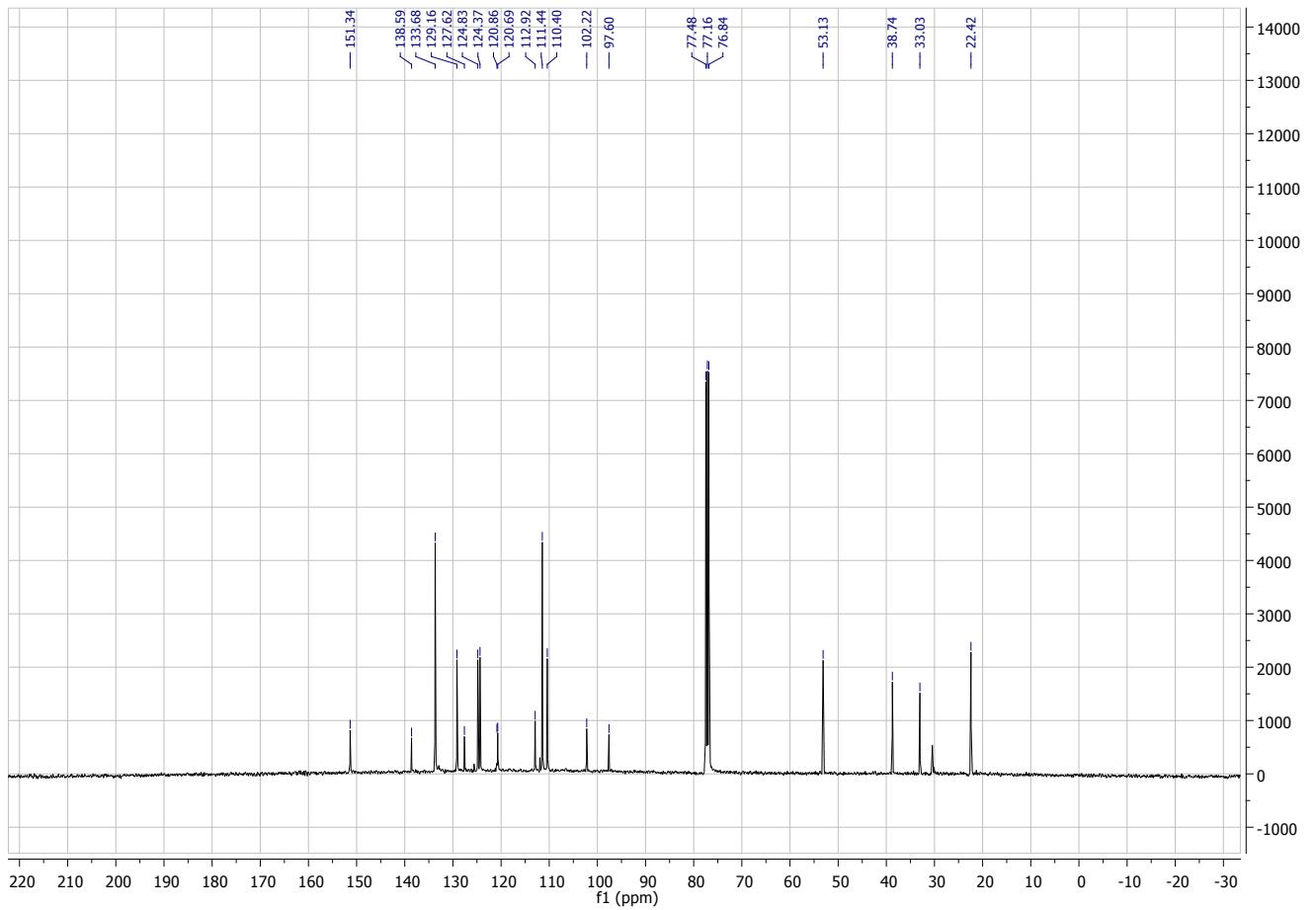
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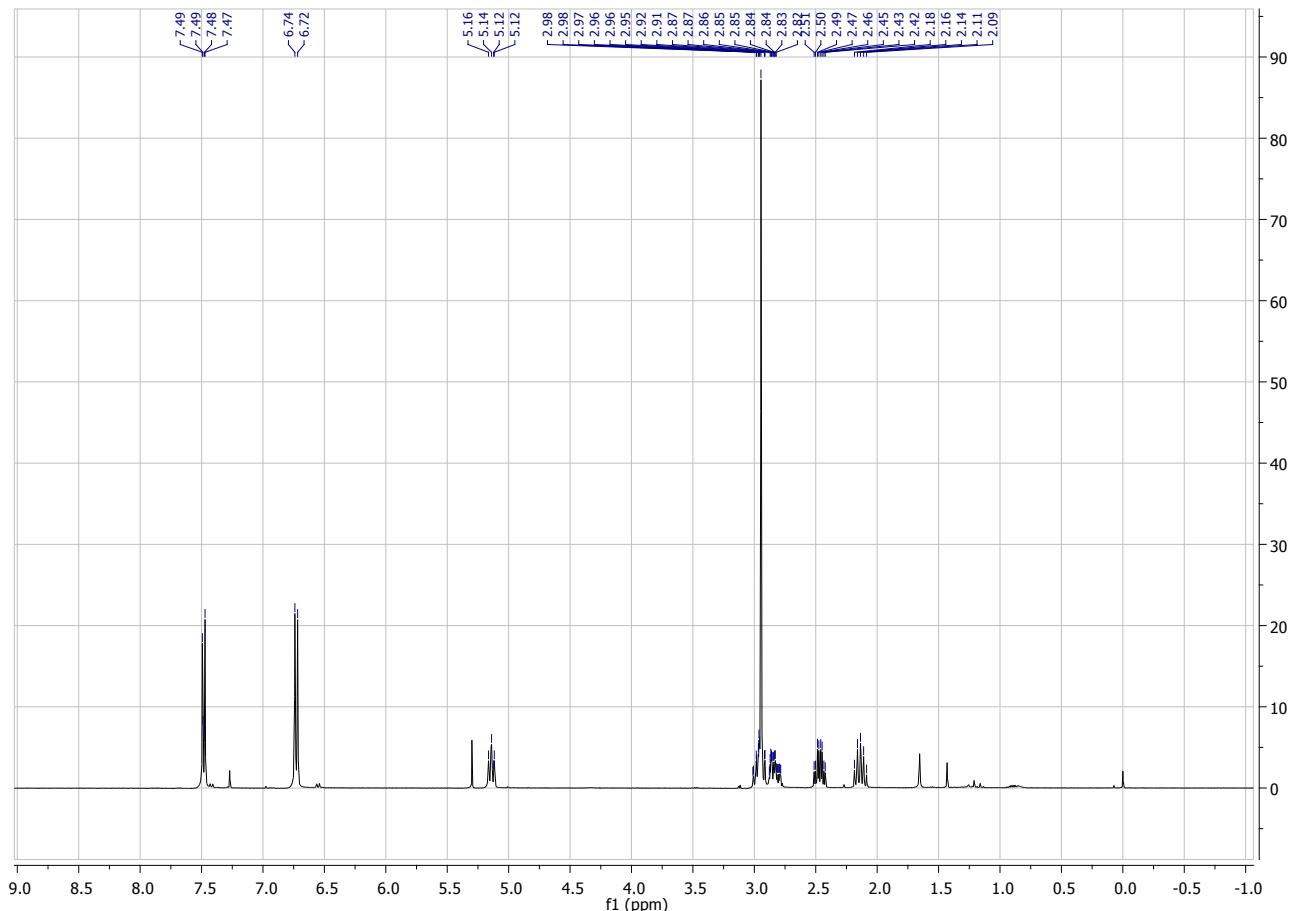
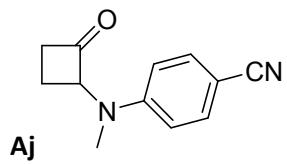


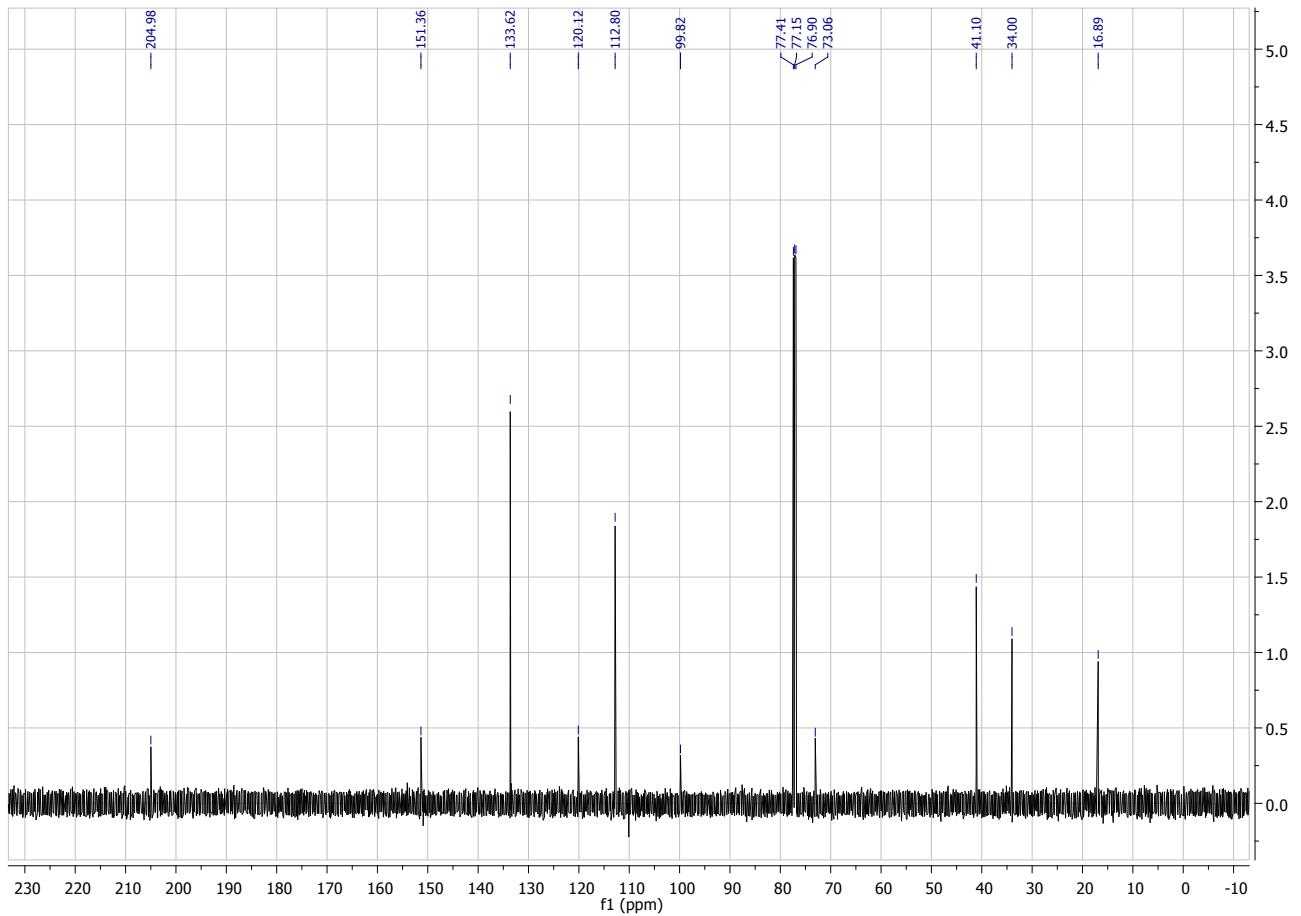


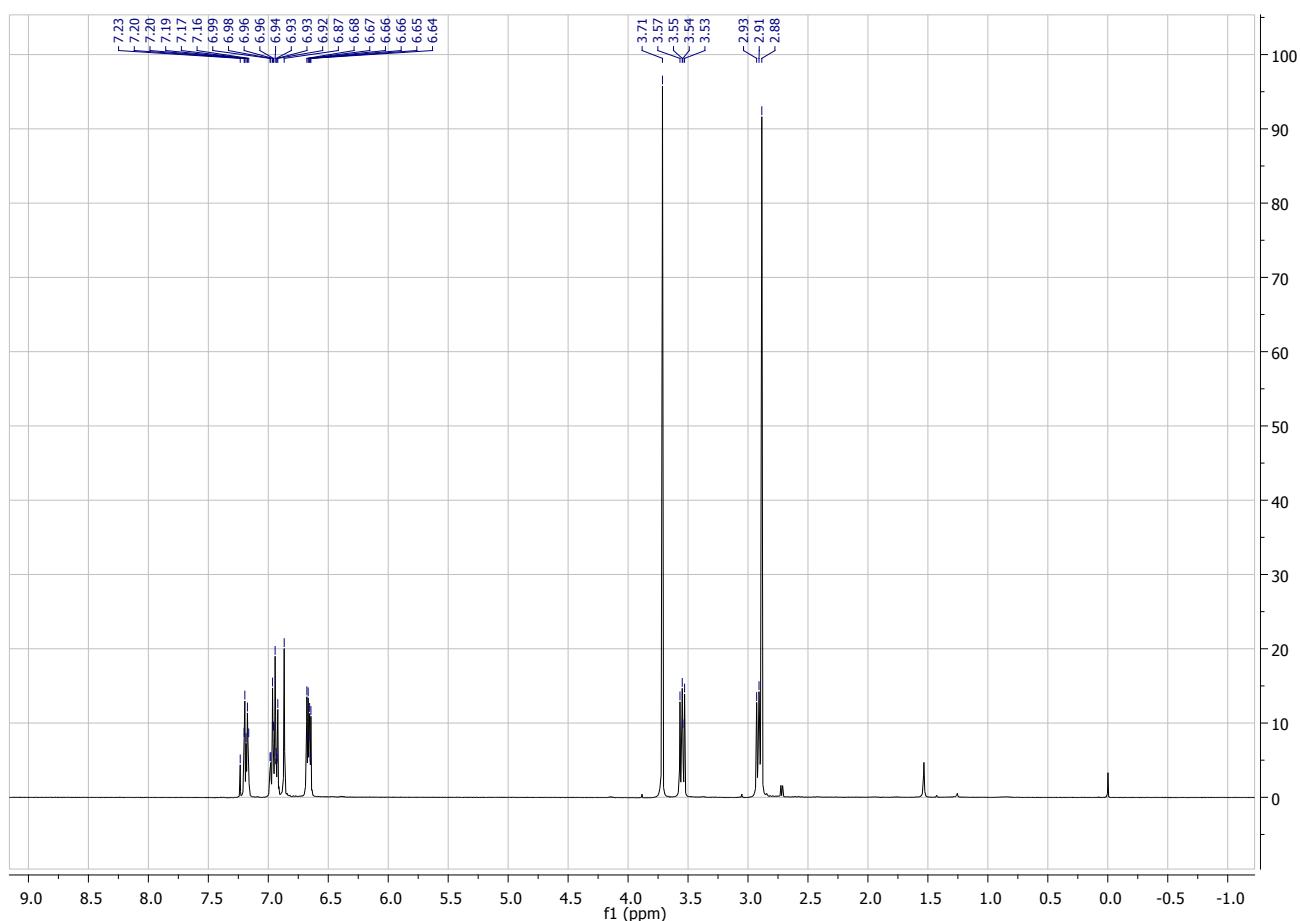
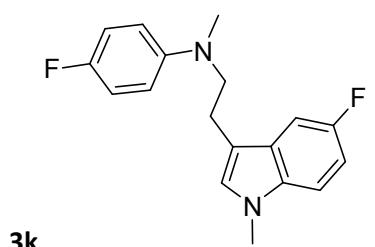


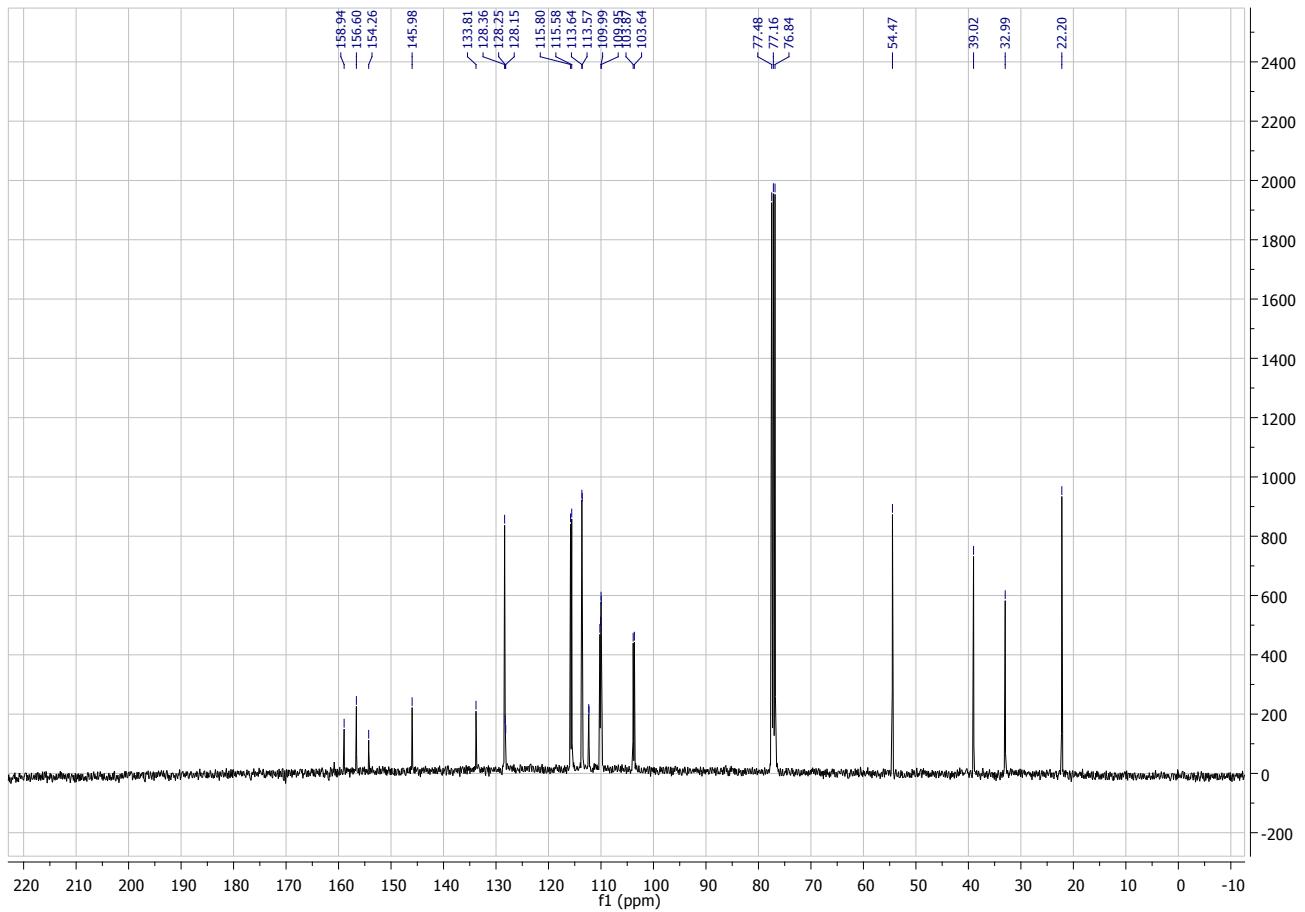


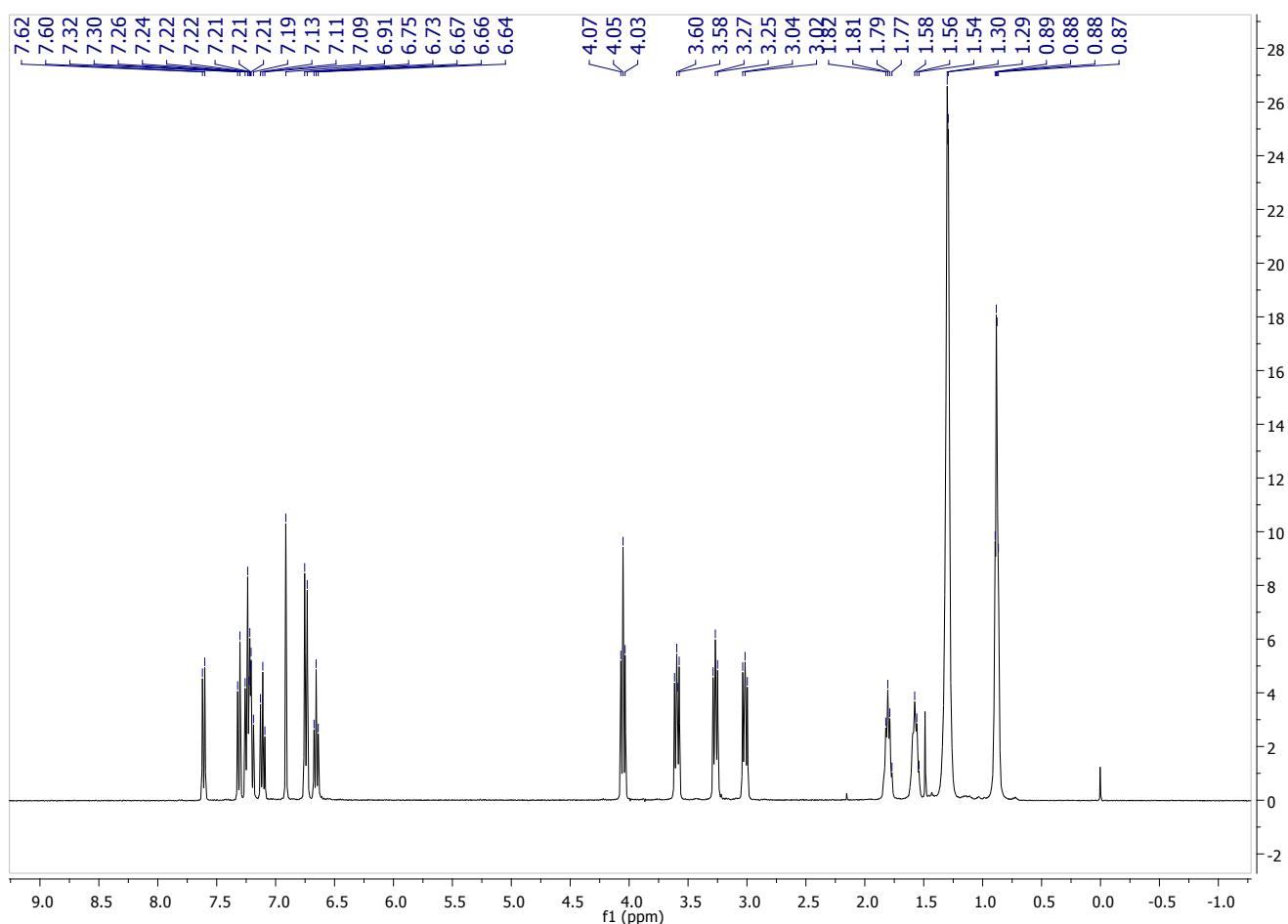
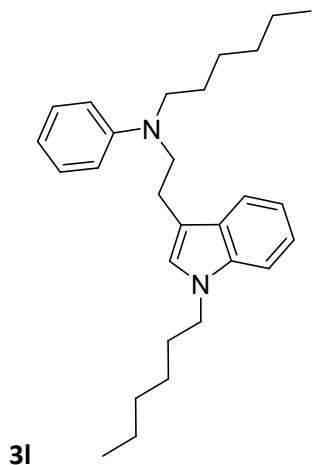


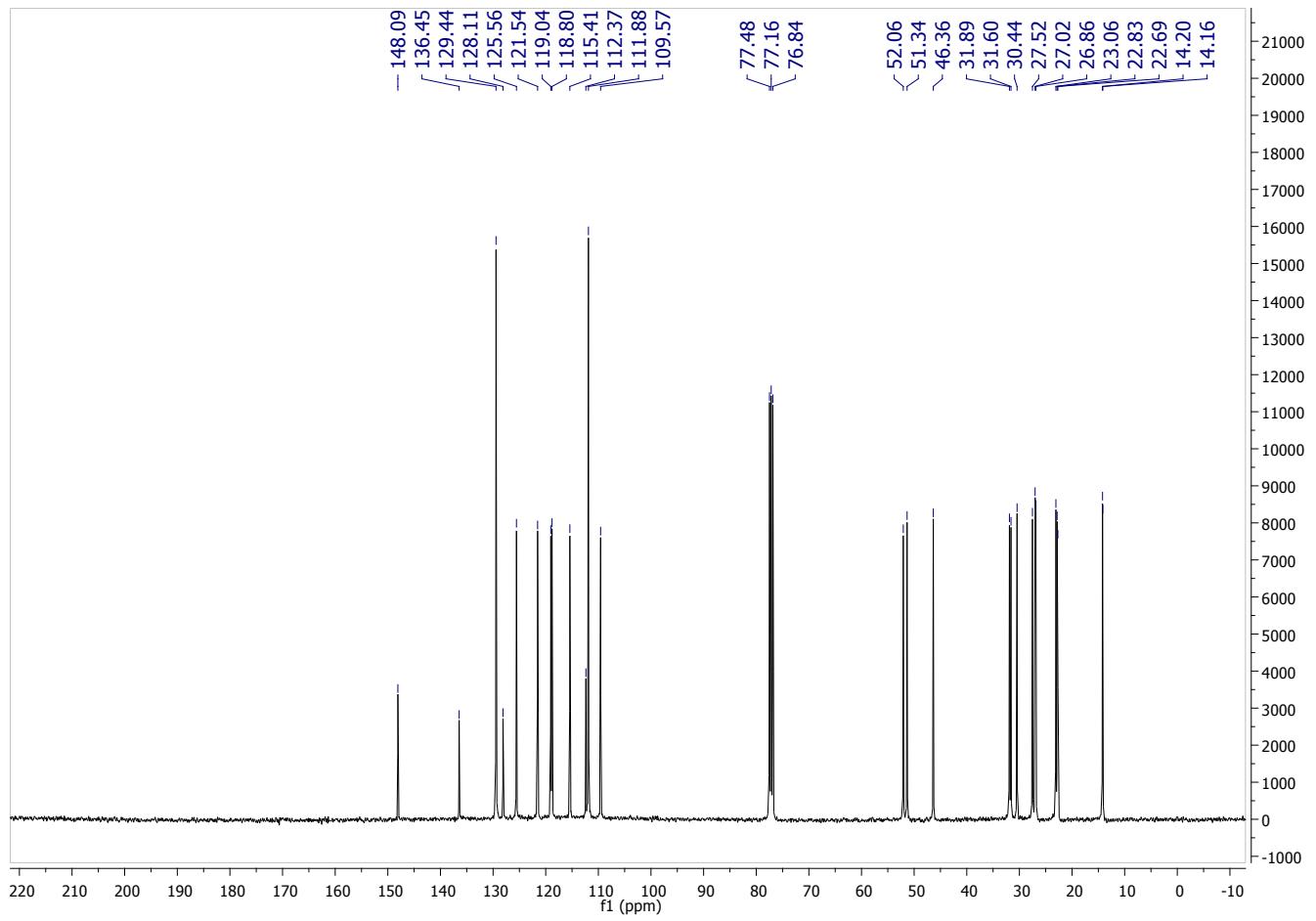


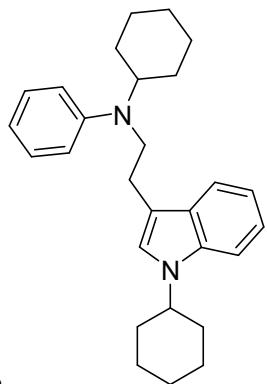




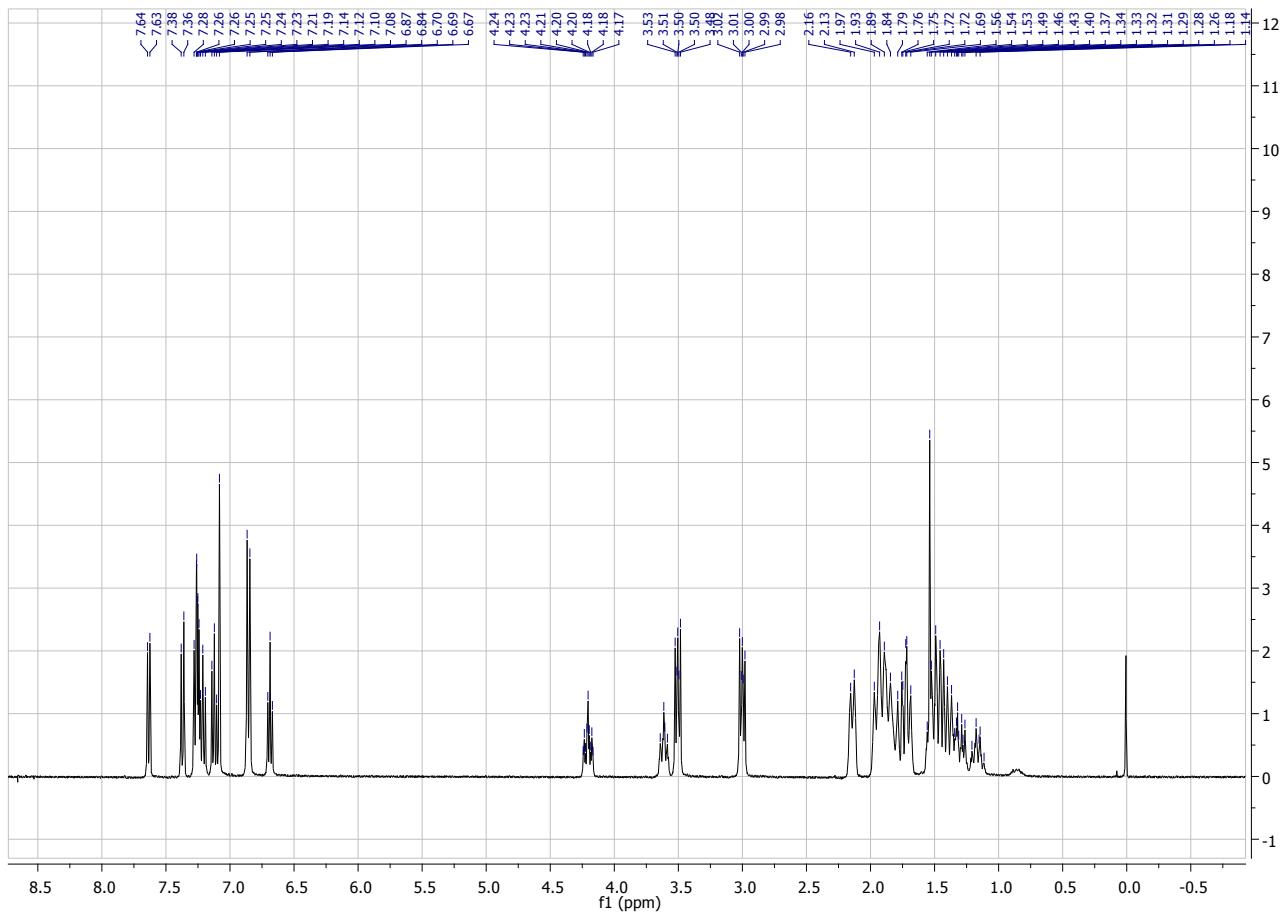


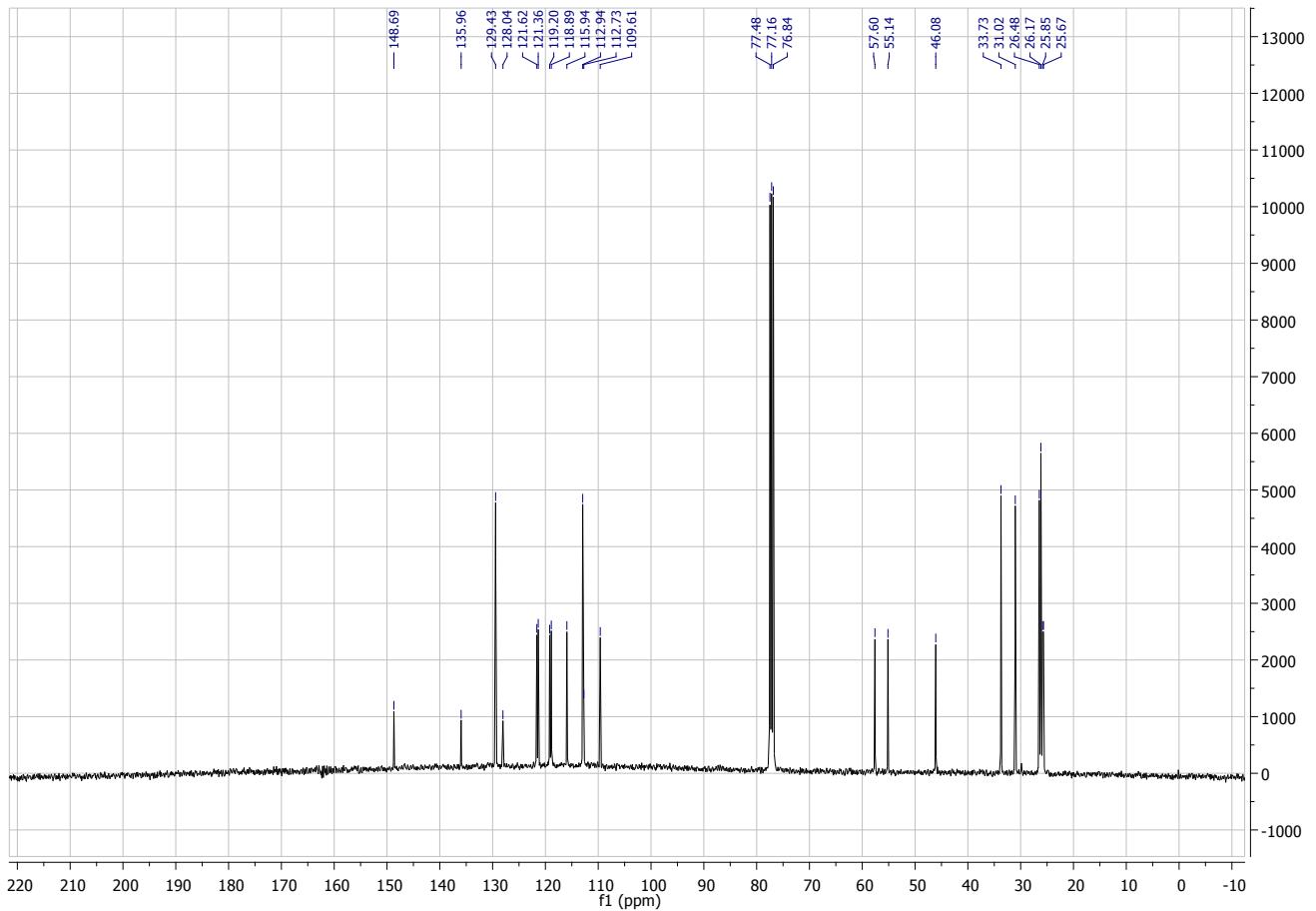


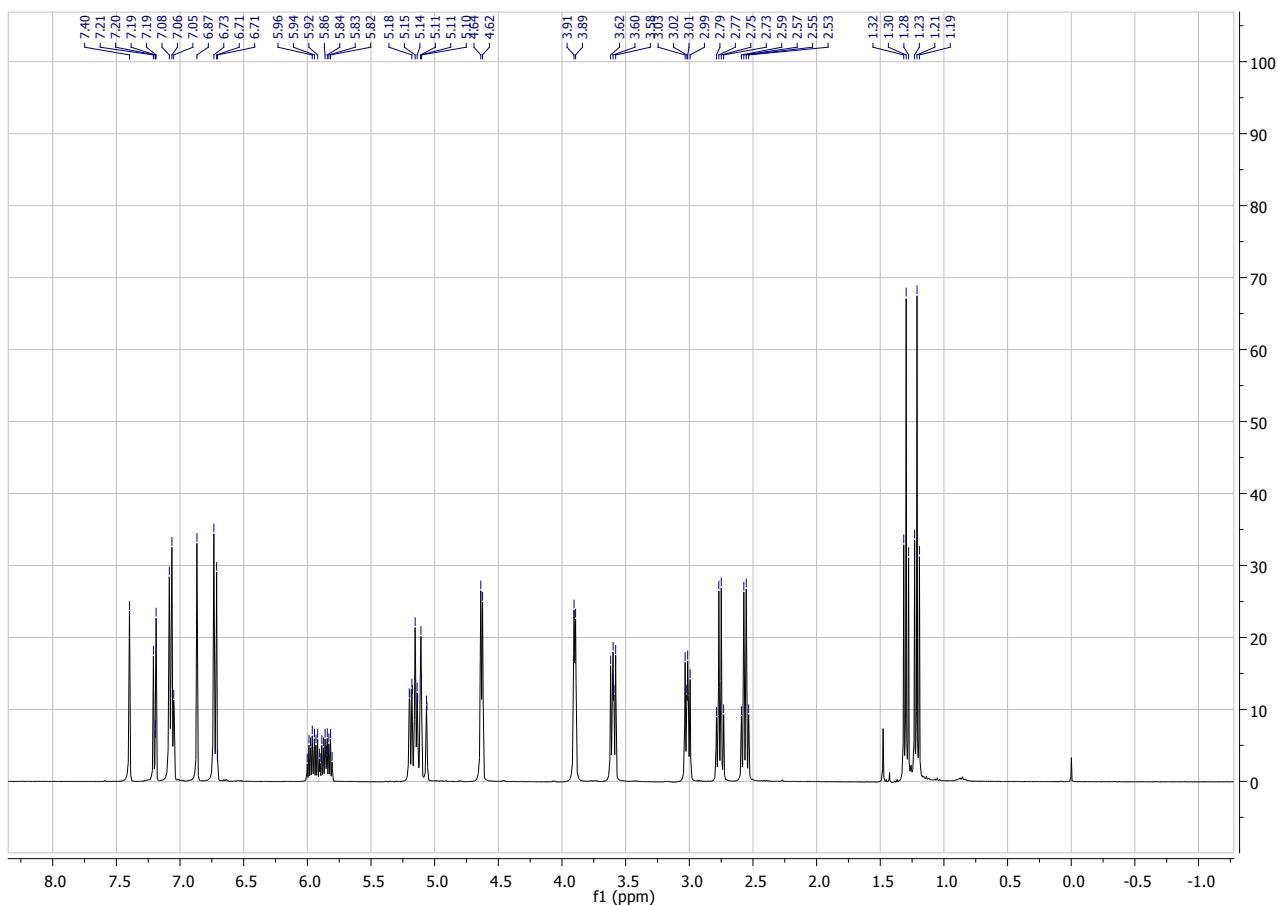
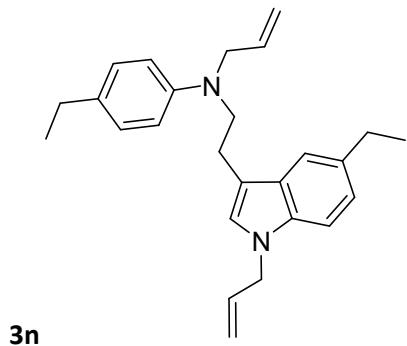


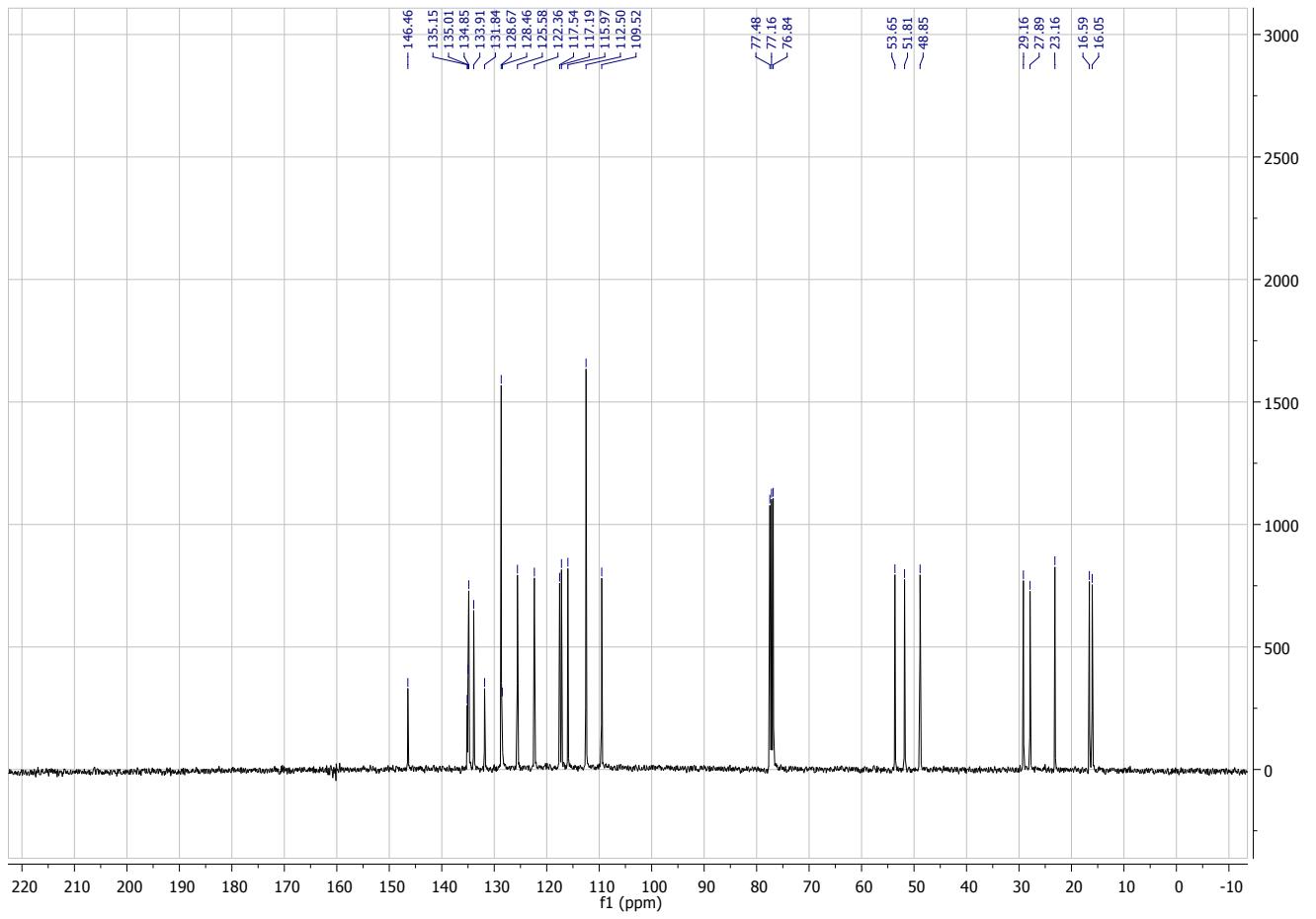


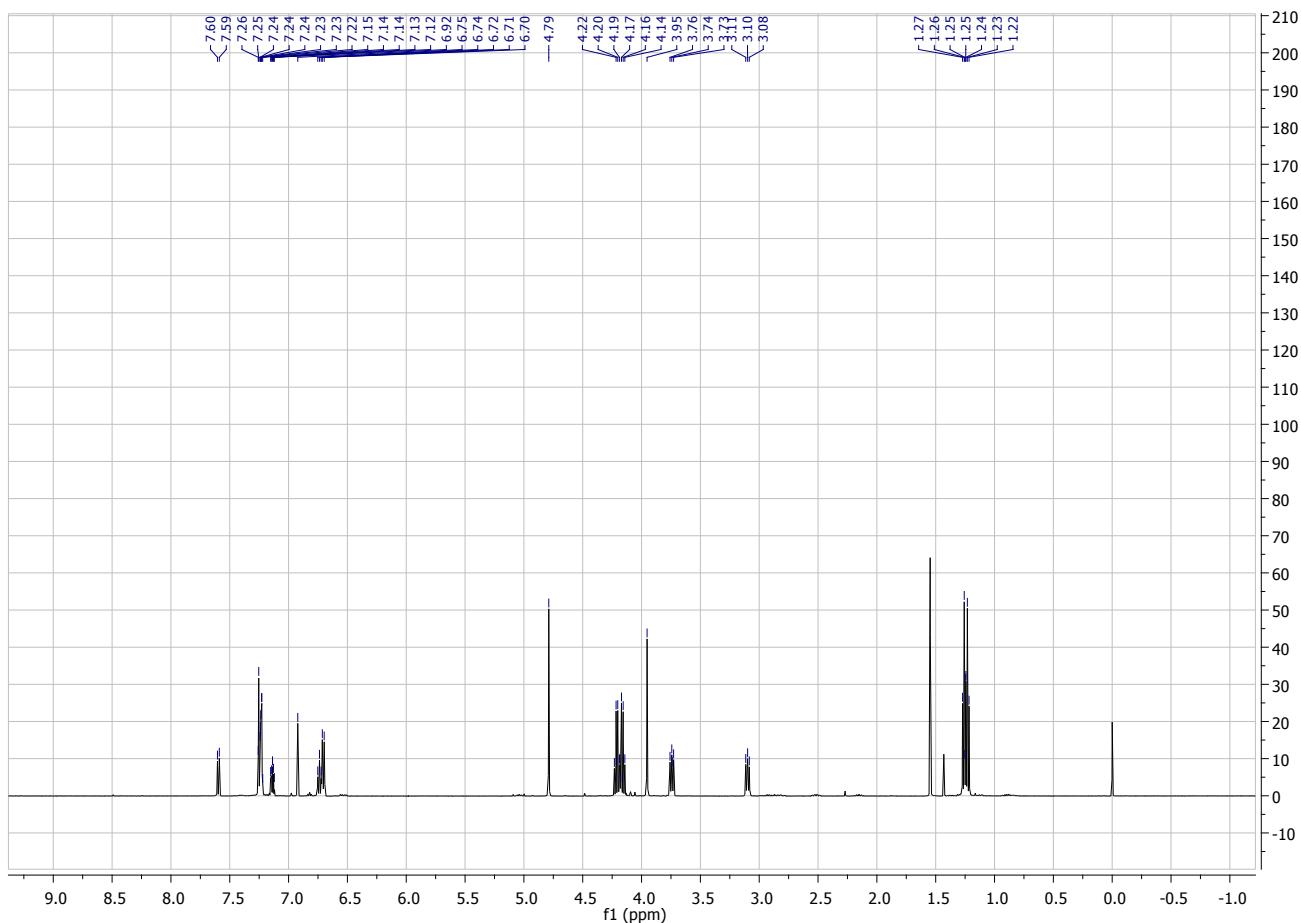
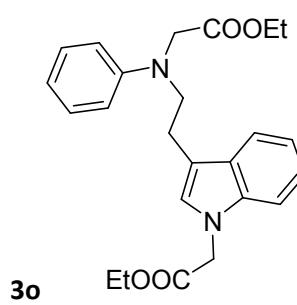
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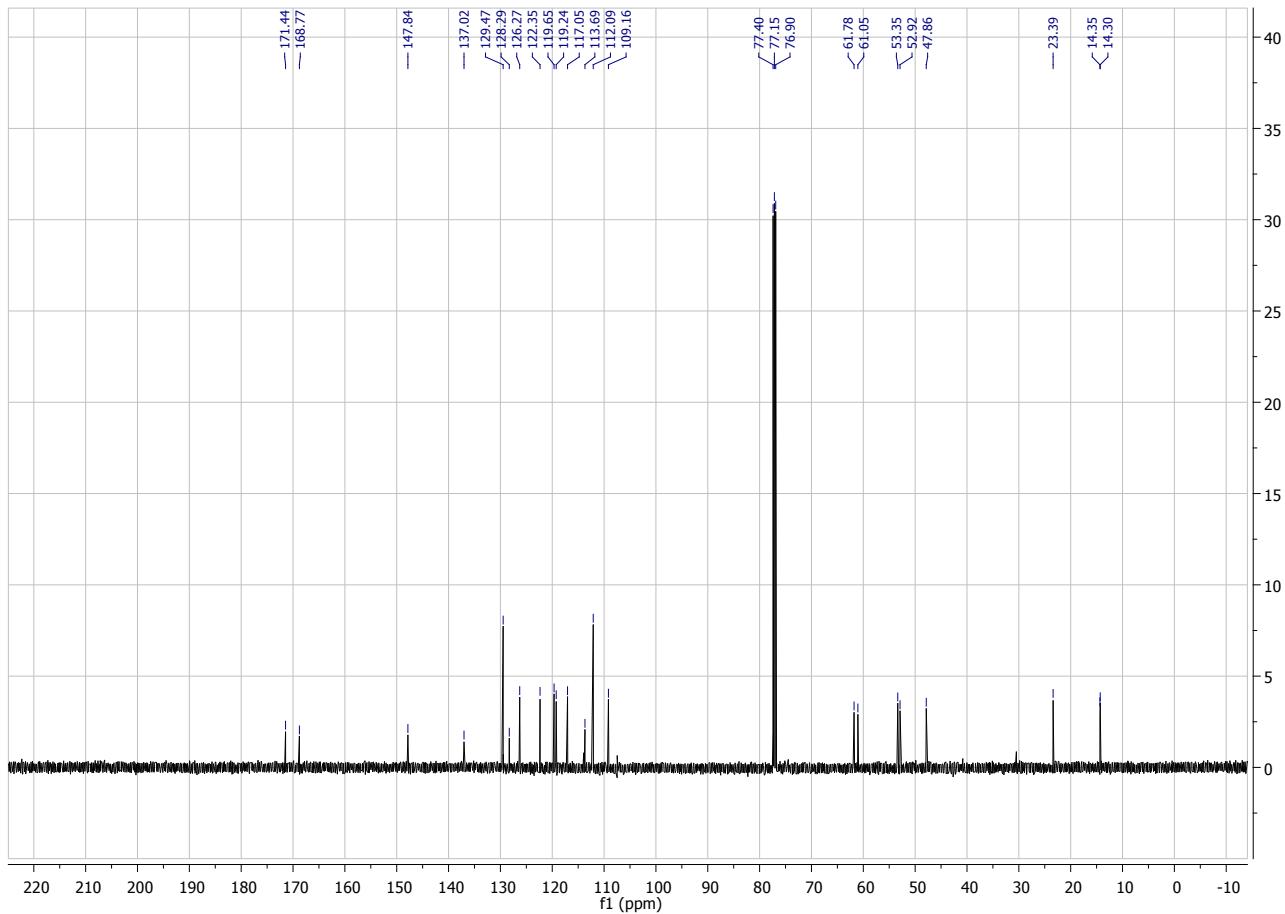


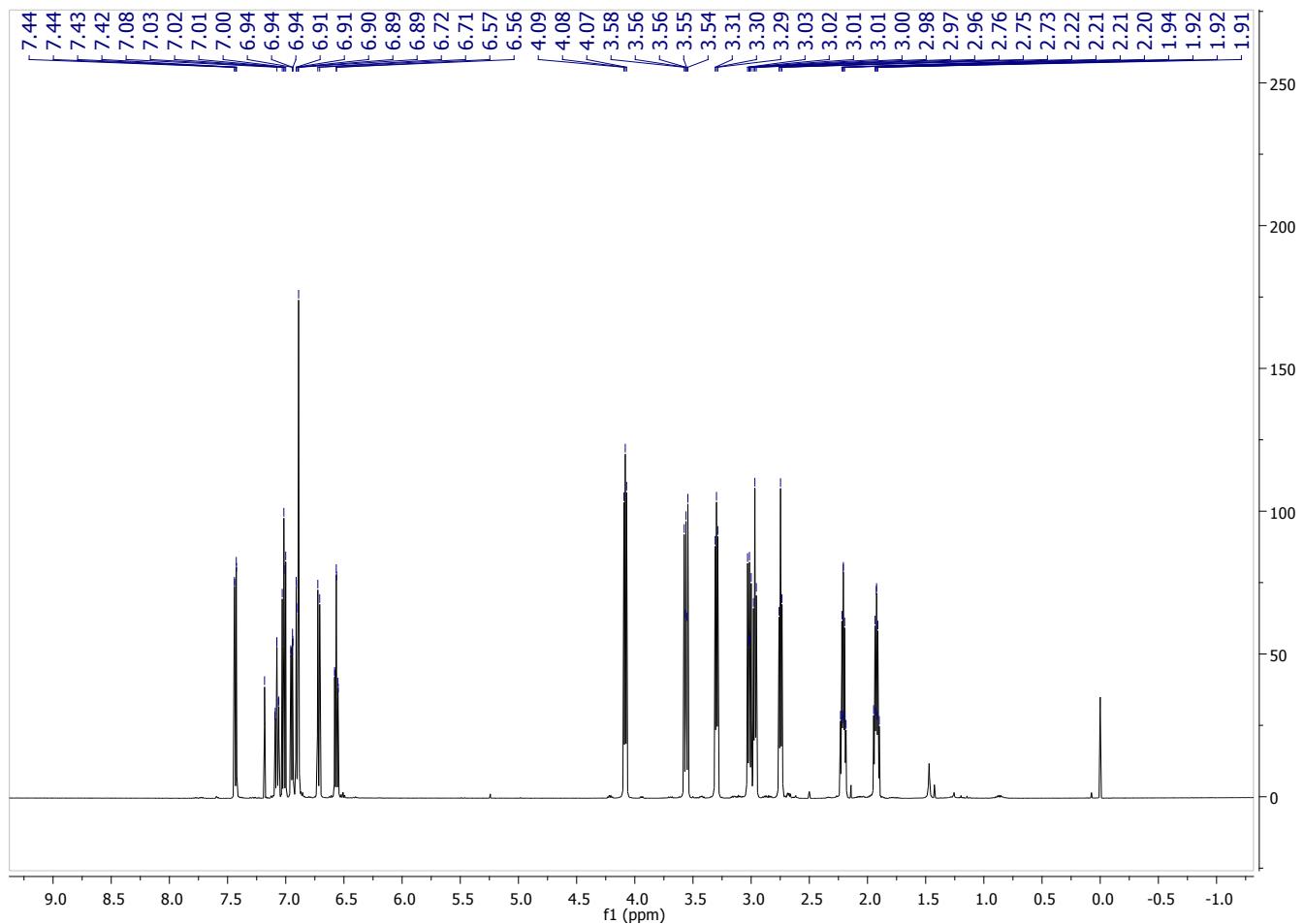
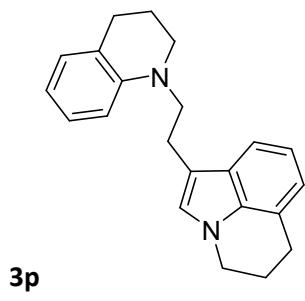


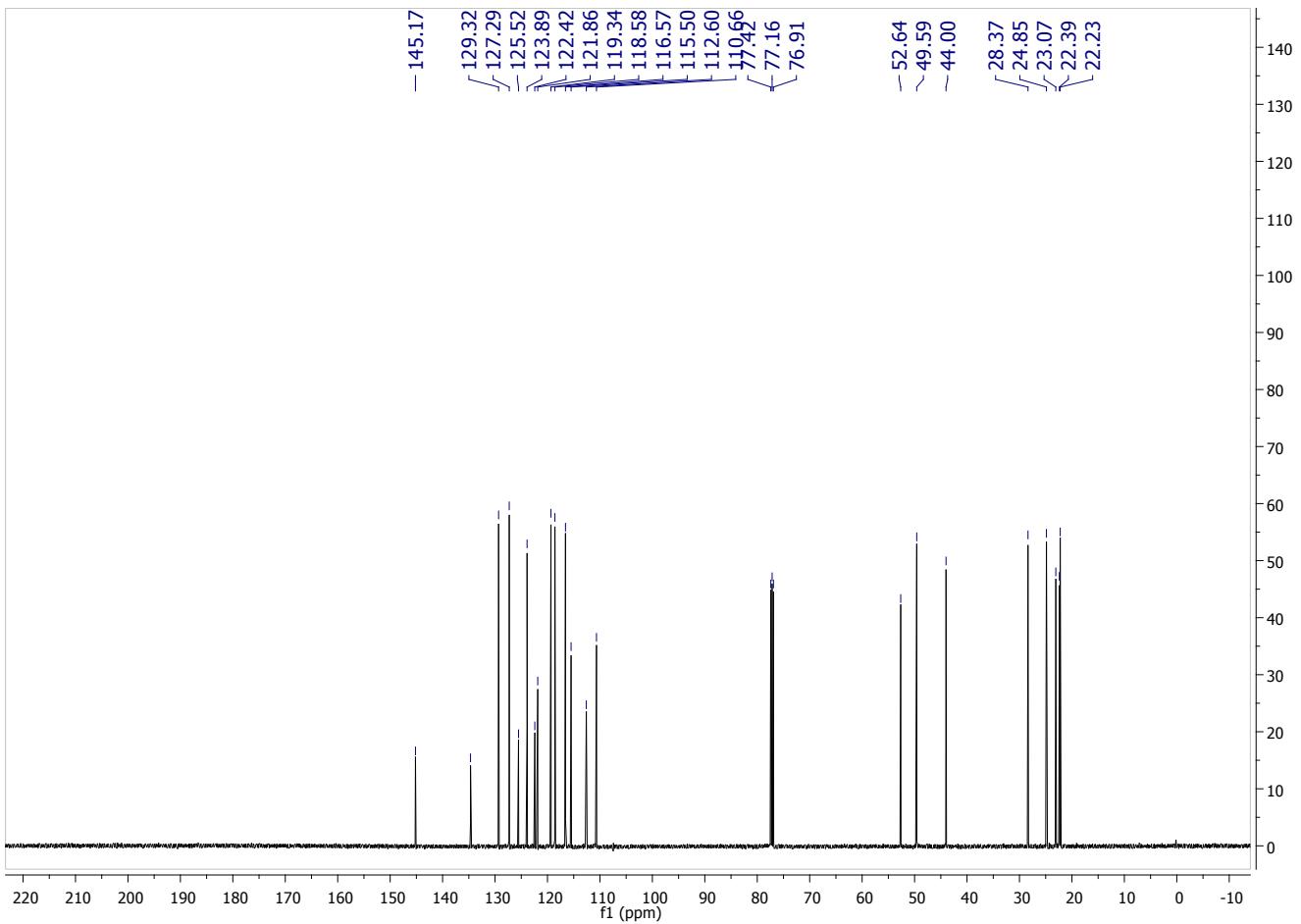


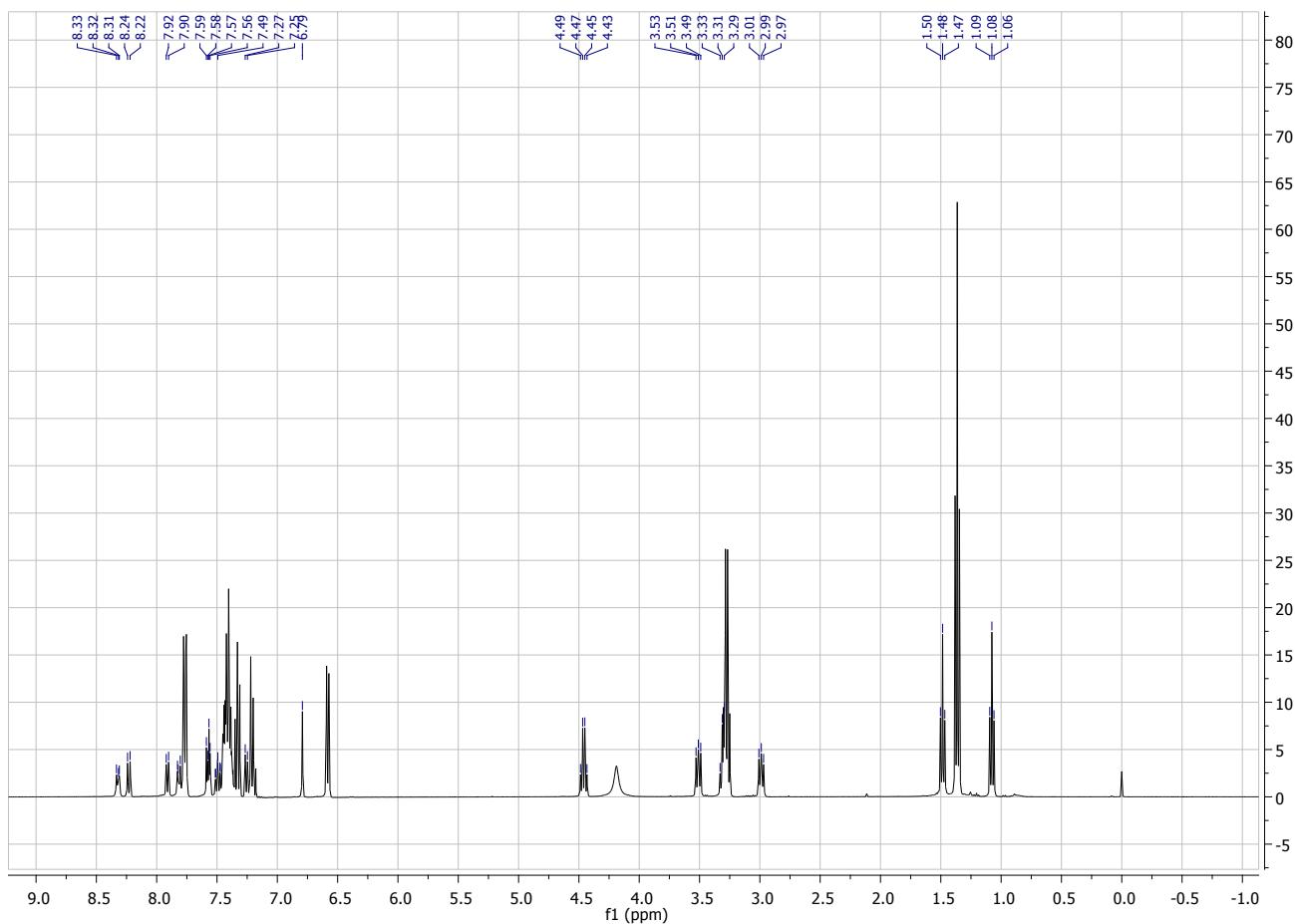
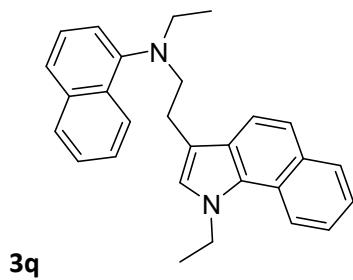


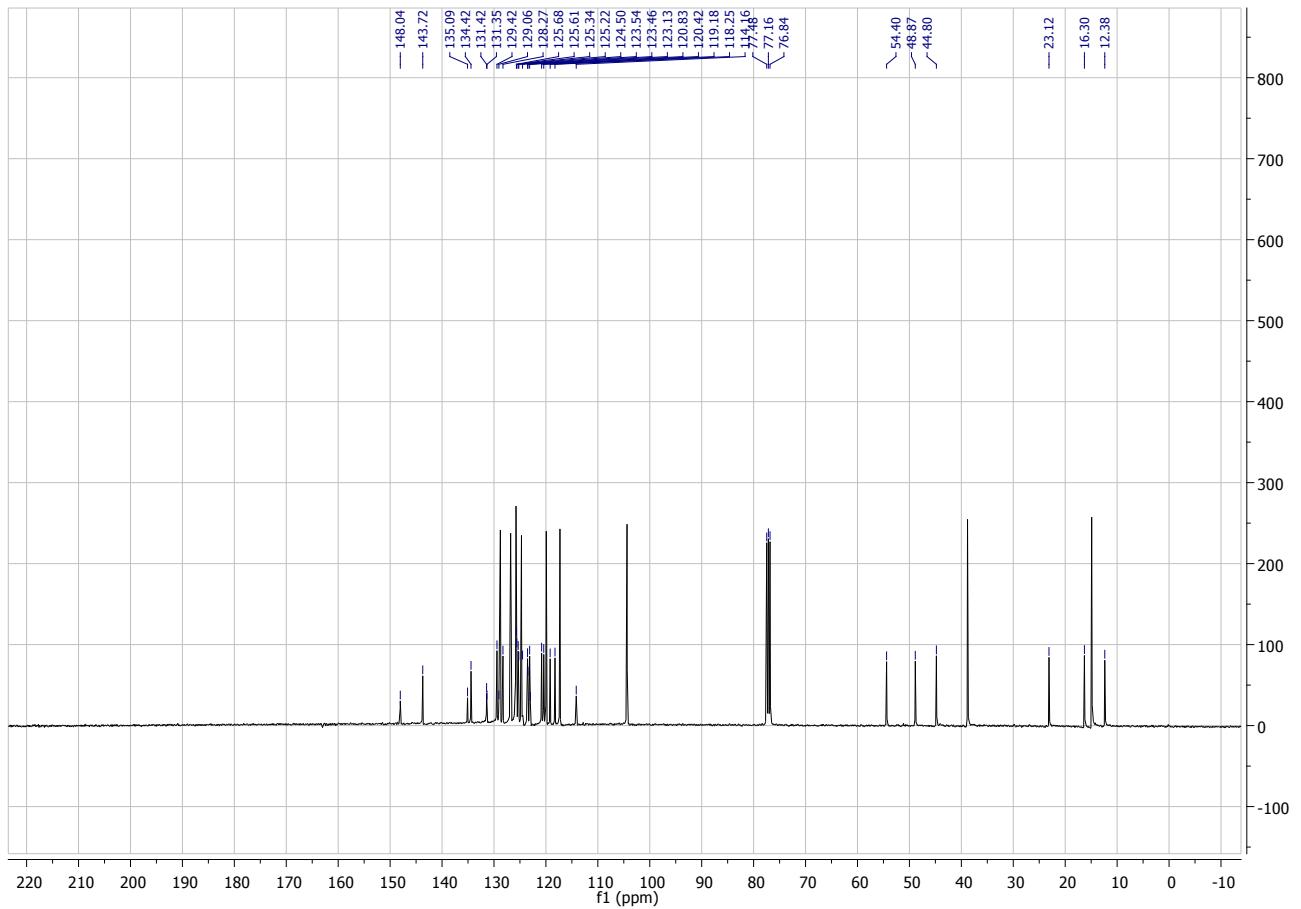






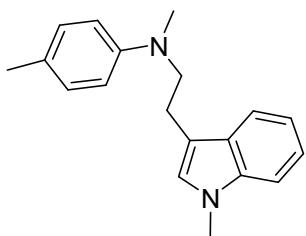




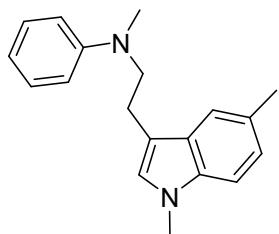


**Synthesis of tryptamines derived from two different anilines by one pot sequential procedure (Scheme 4)**

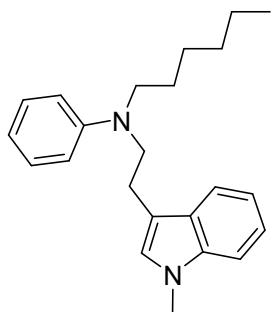
**General procedure:** 2-hydroxy cyclobutanone **1** (0.465 mmol), **2** (0.465 mmol) and PTSA (0.093 mmol) were made to react for 4h at room temperature and then, after addition of **2'**(0.465 mmol) the mixture was stirred for 4d. Yields were calculated by GC-MS analysis of the crude reaction mixture. Because of the closeness in  $R_f$  values, we were unable to separate tryptamines **3**, **3'**, **4** and **5** by silica gel column chromatography. Tryptamines **4** and **5** were characterized by mass spectrometry:



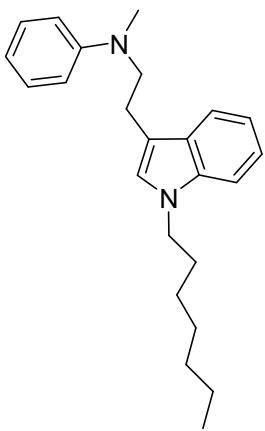
MS  $m/z$ : 278 ( $M^+$  (20)), 158 (4), 134 (100), 120 (18), 91 (3).



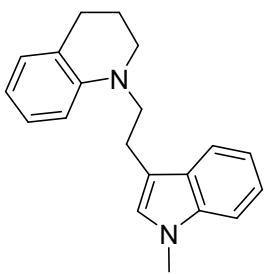
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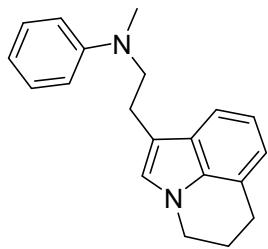
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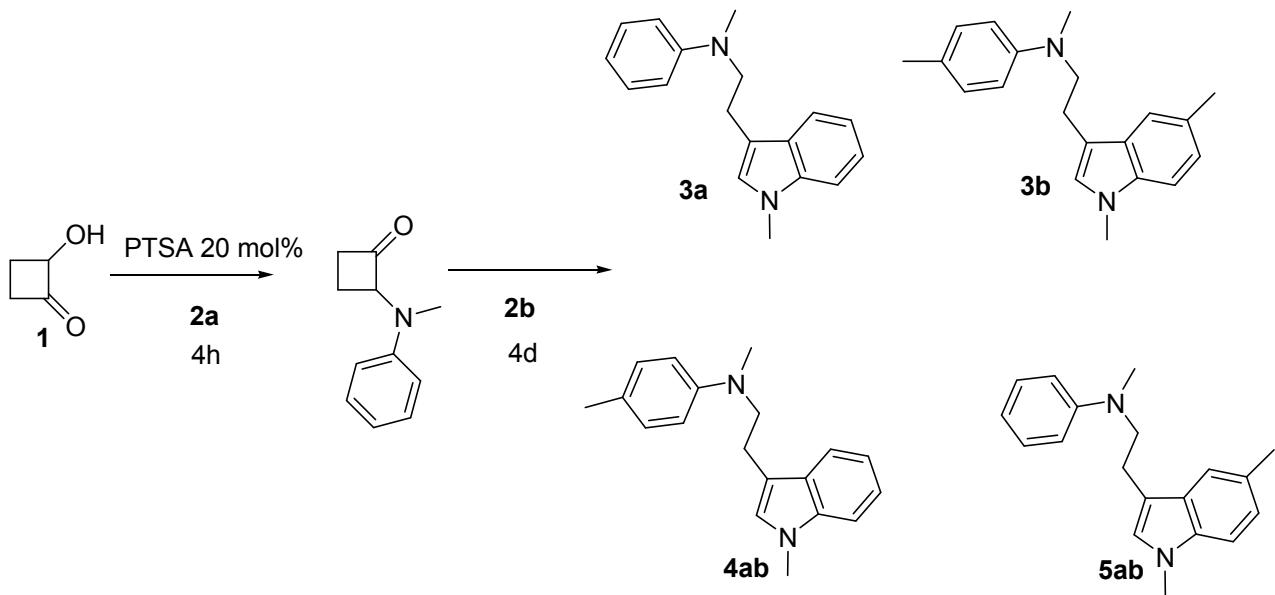
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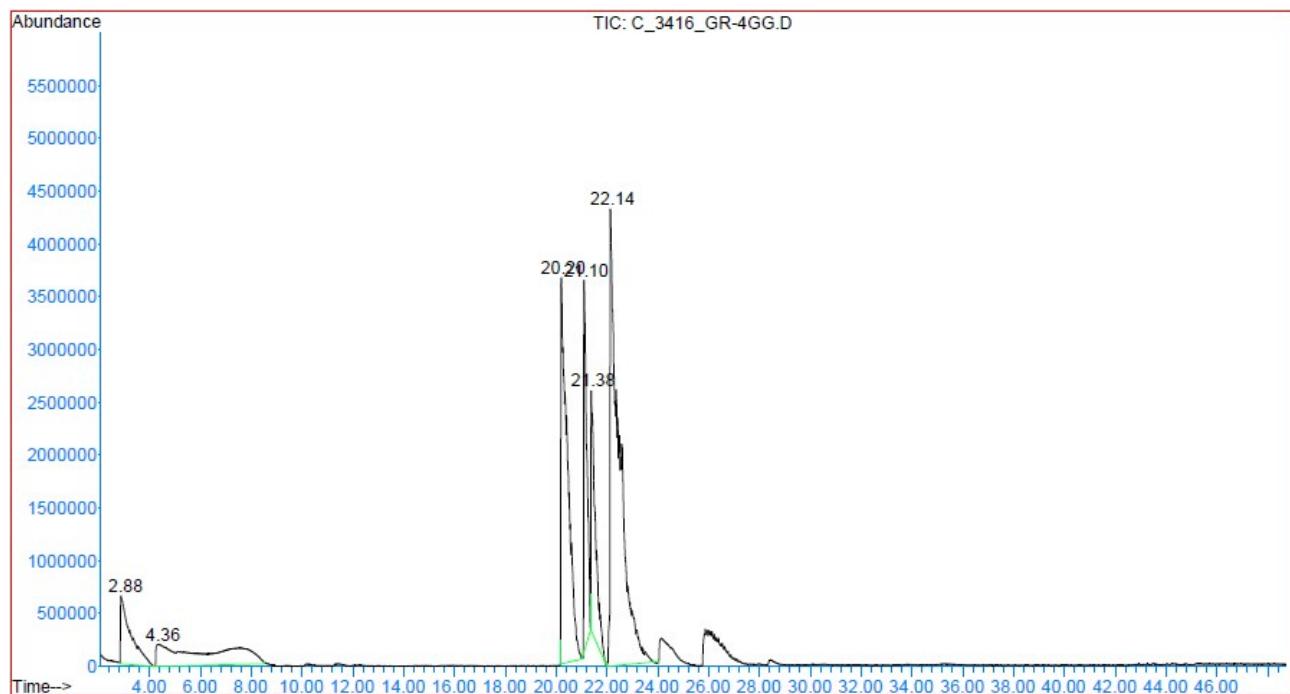
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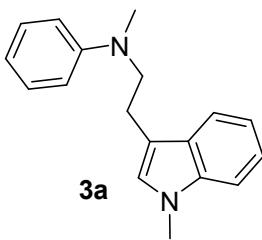
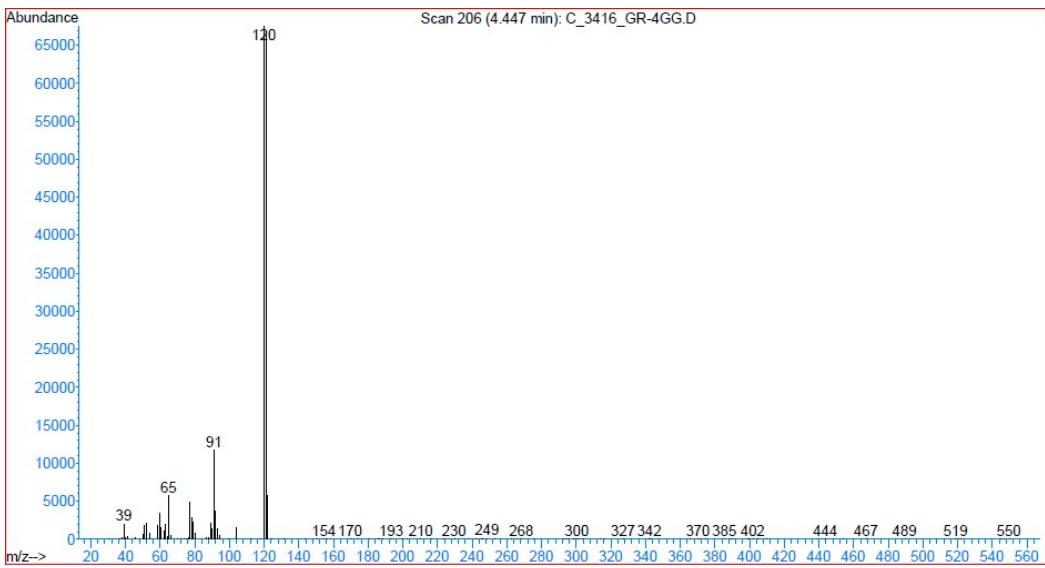
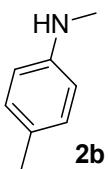
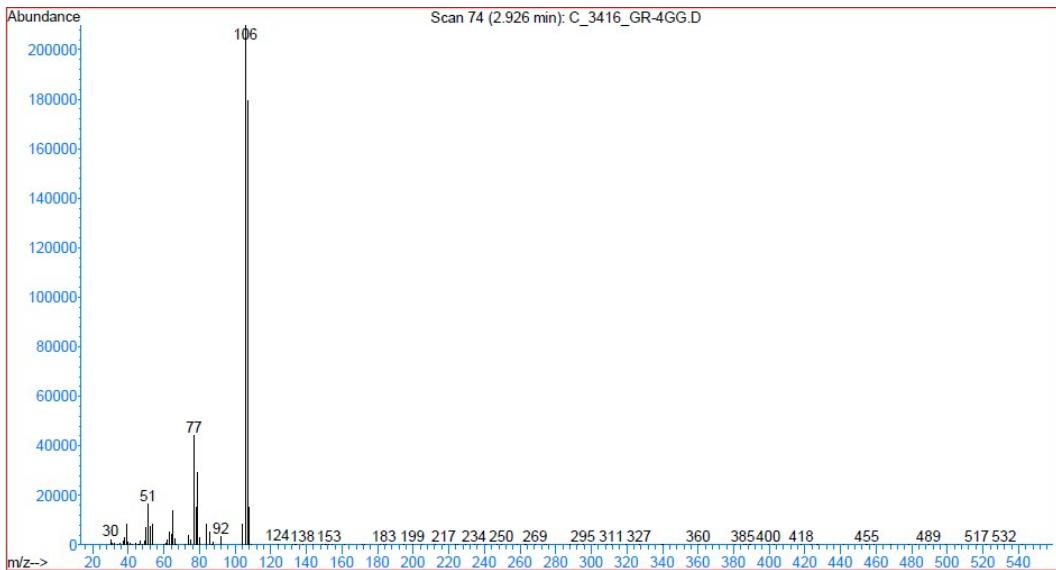
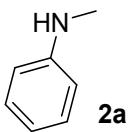
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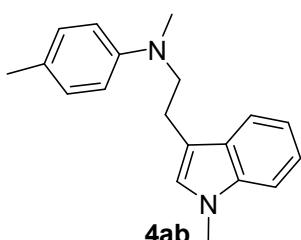
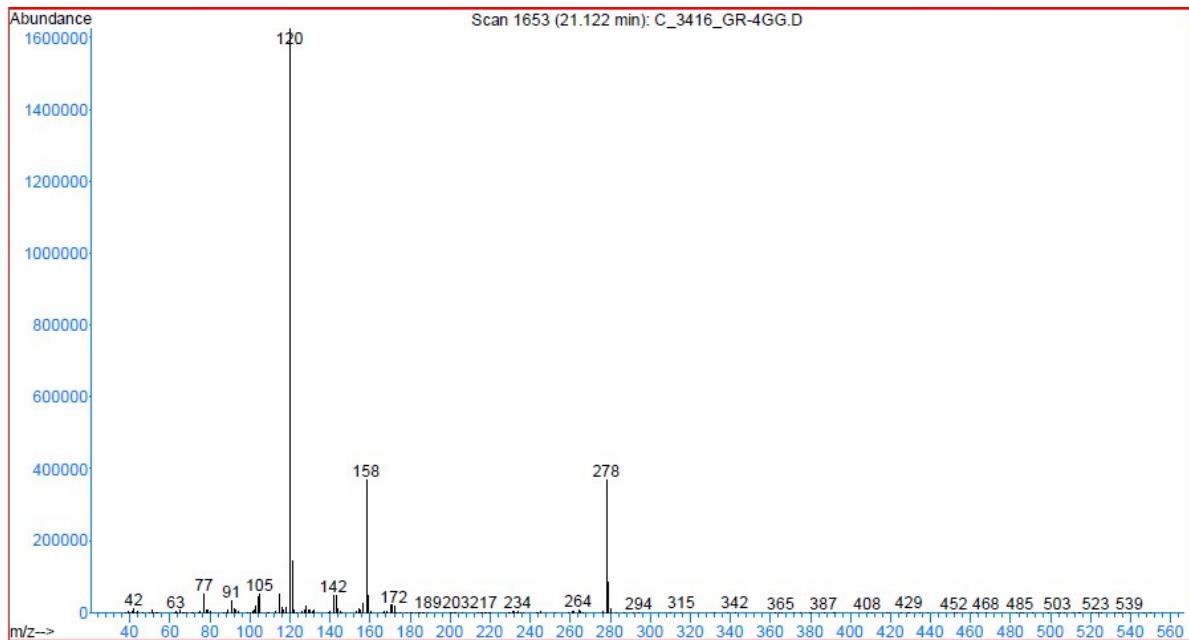
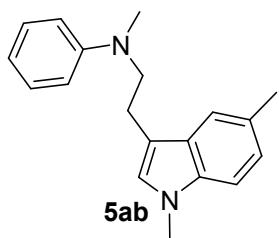
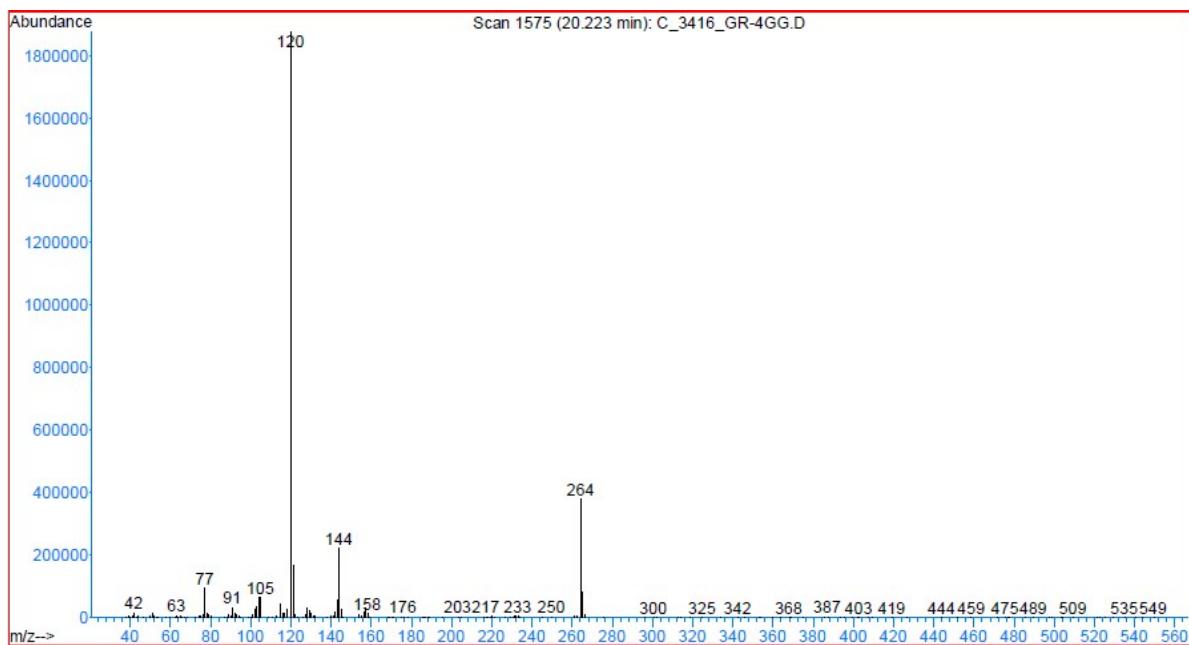


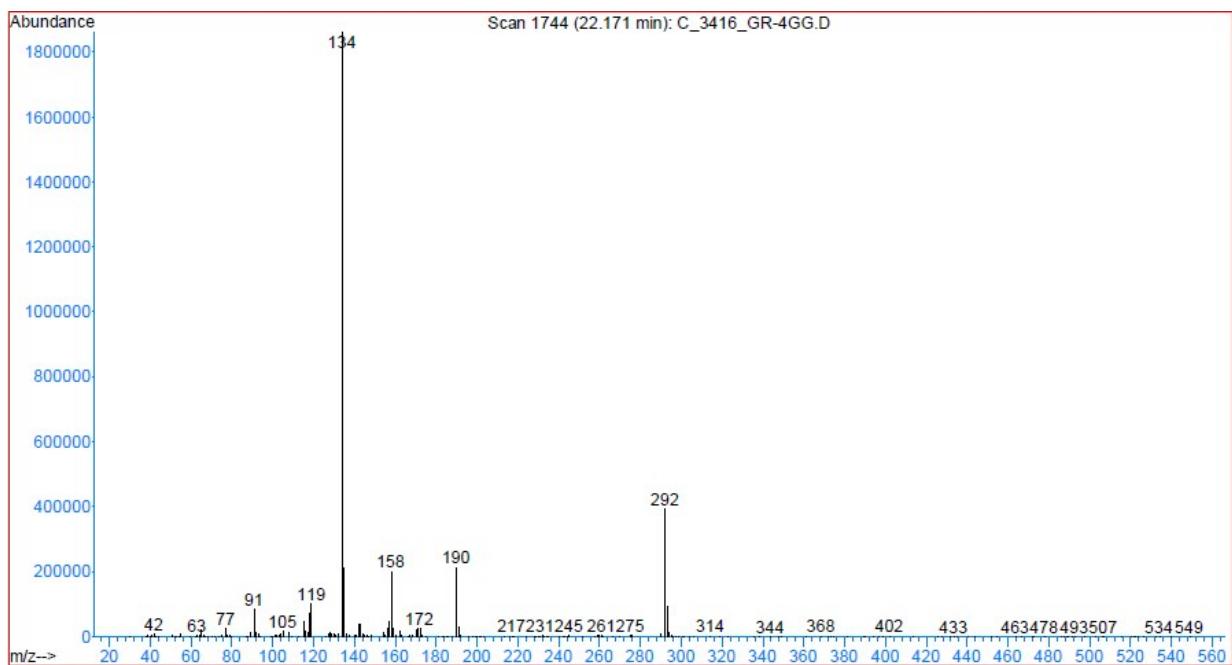
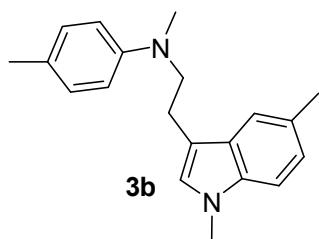
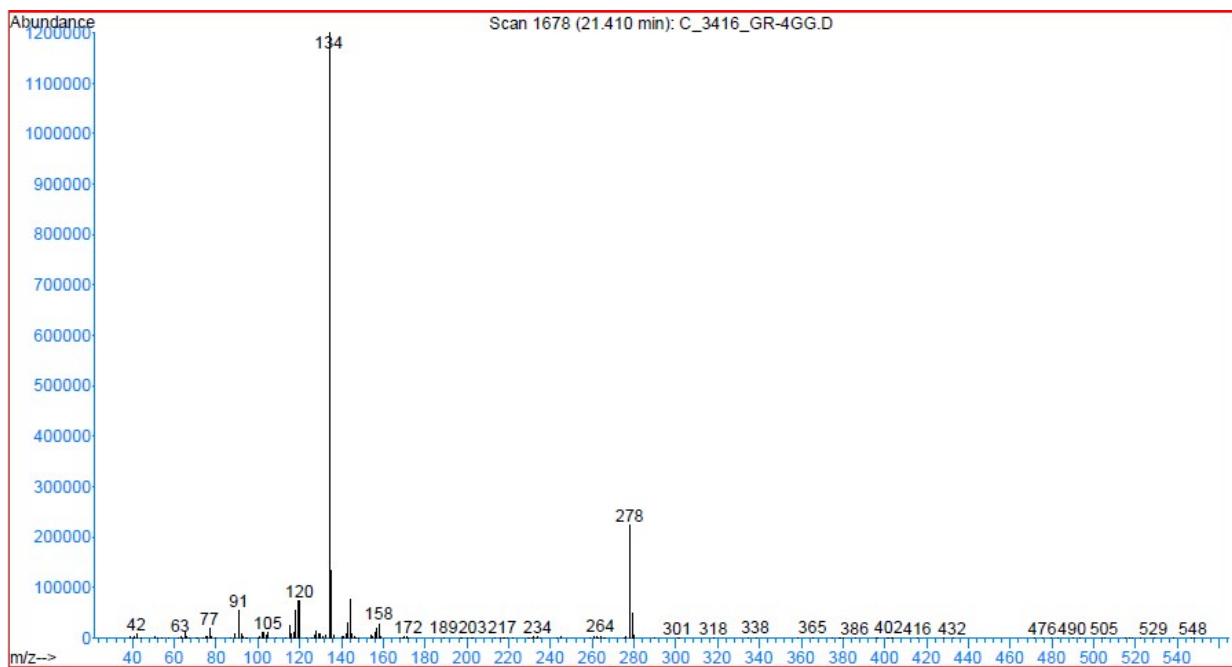
GC-MS analysis of the crude reaction mixture



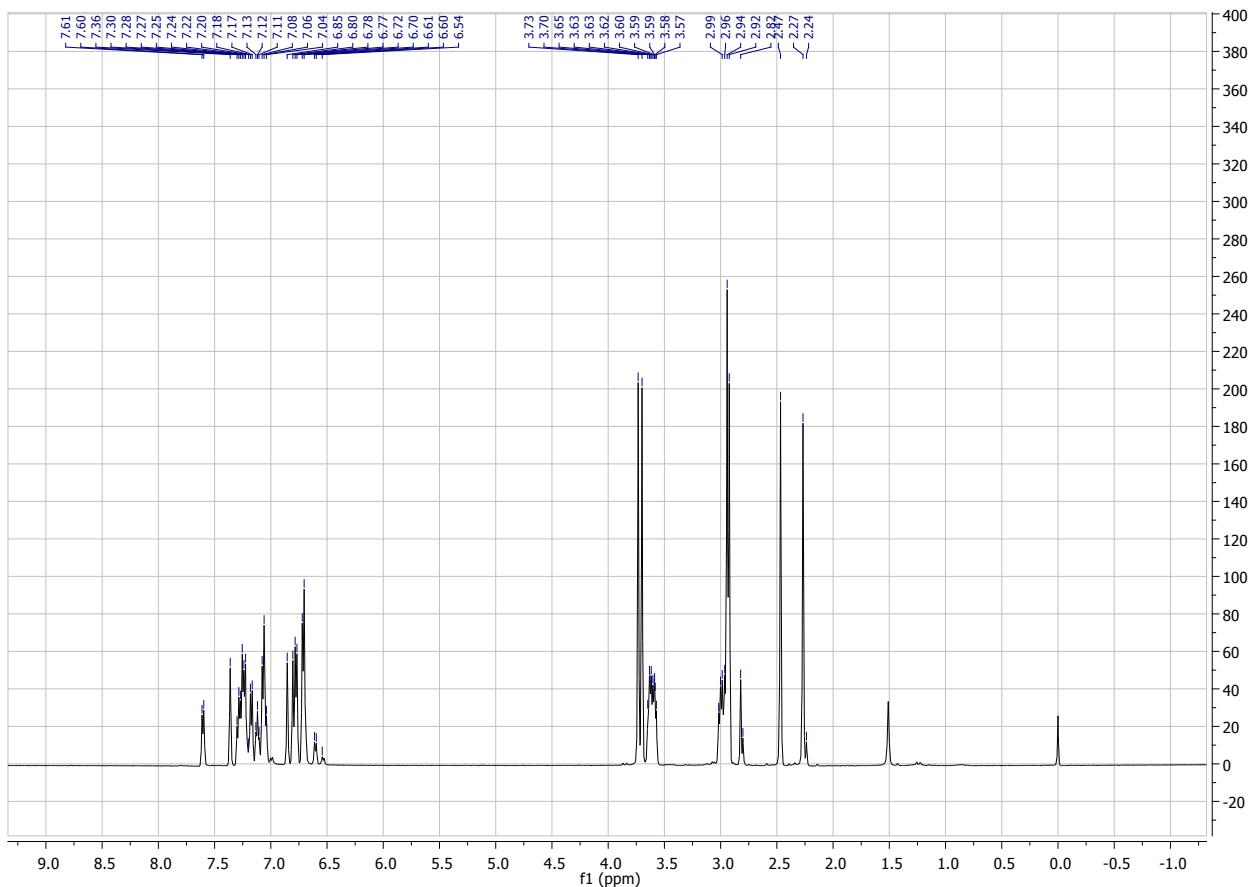
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2	4.355	185	198	557	M3	209029	329276190	30.49%	11.826%
3	20.200	1571	1573	1644	M	3698120	642252755	59.46%	23.067%
4	21.099	1644	1651	1674	M	3554848	286058255	26.48%	10.274%
5	21.376	1674	1675	1729	M2	2445472	269151296	24.92%	9.667%
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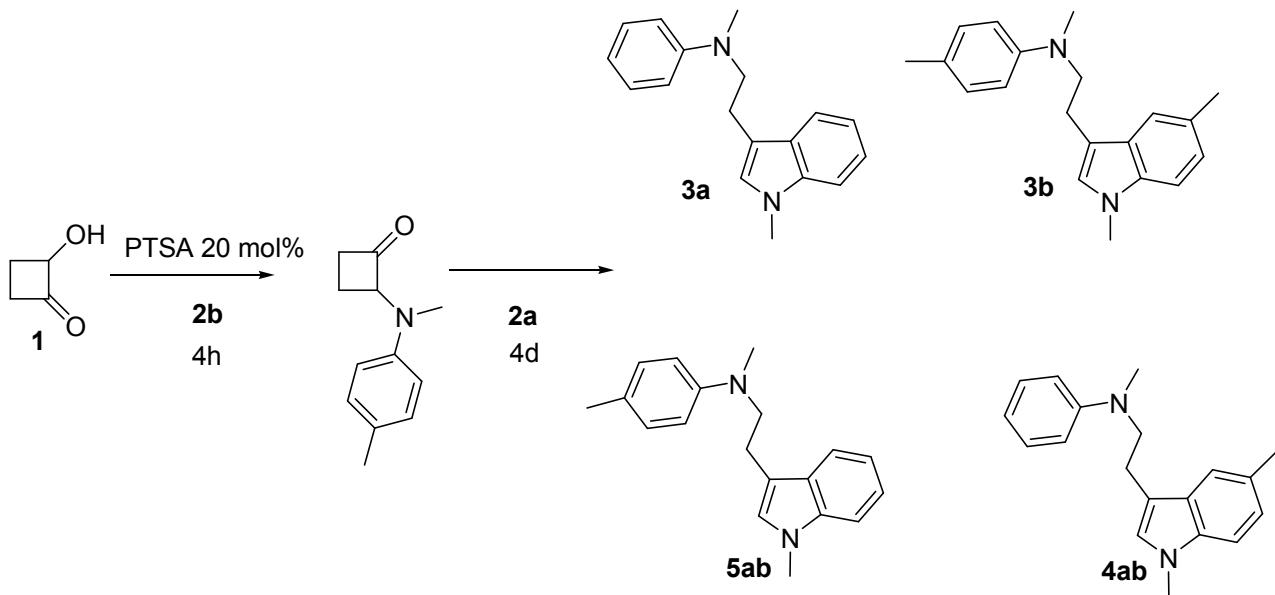




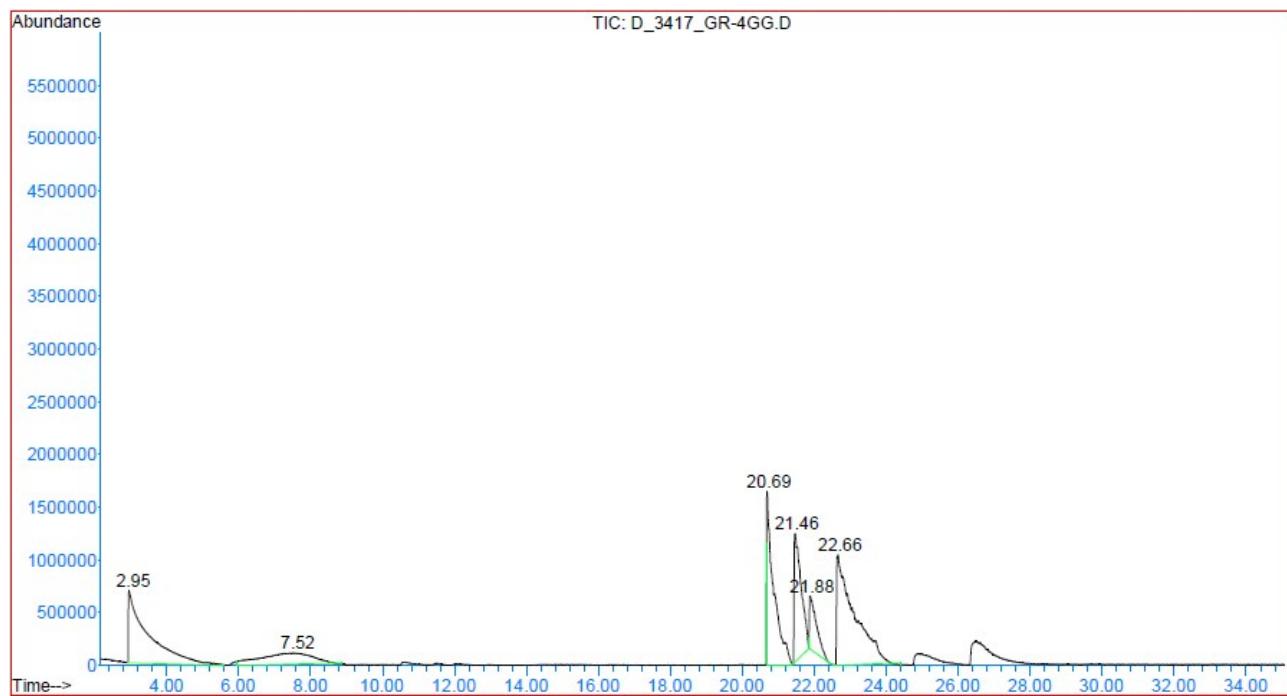


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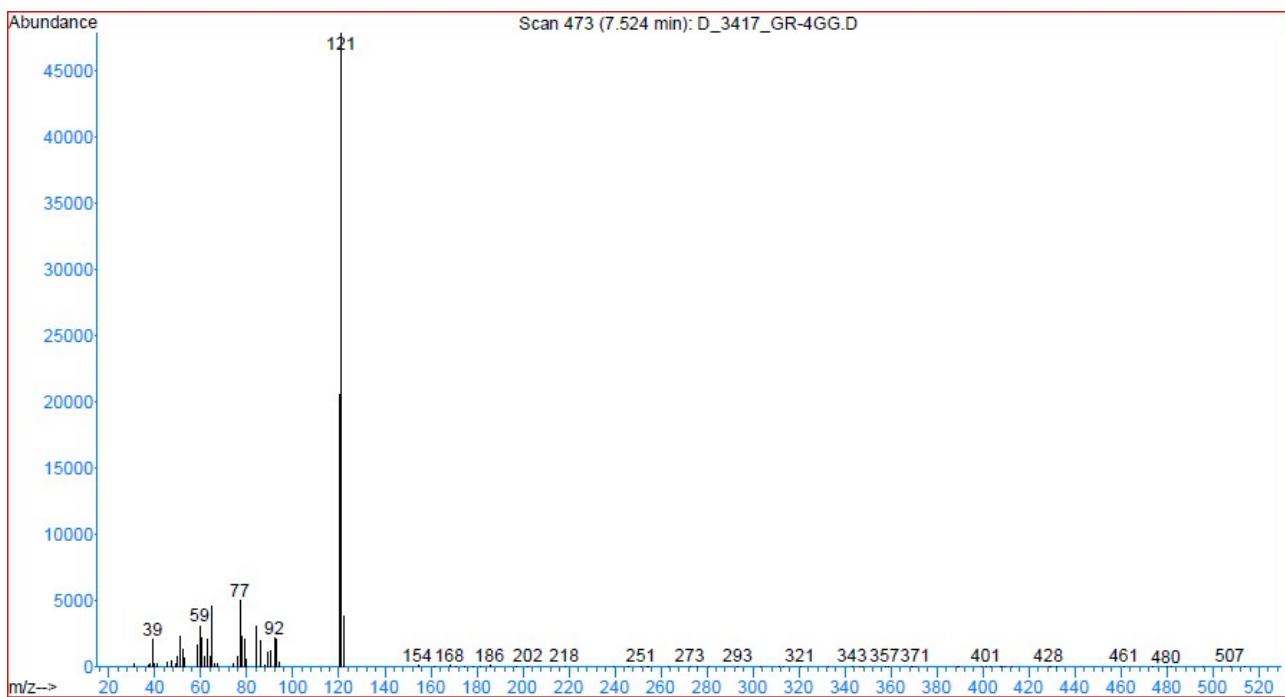
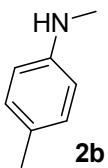
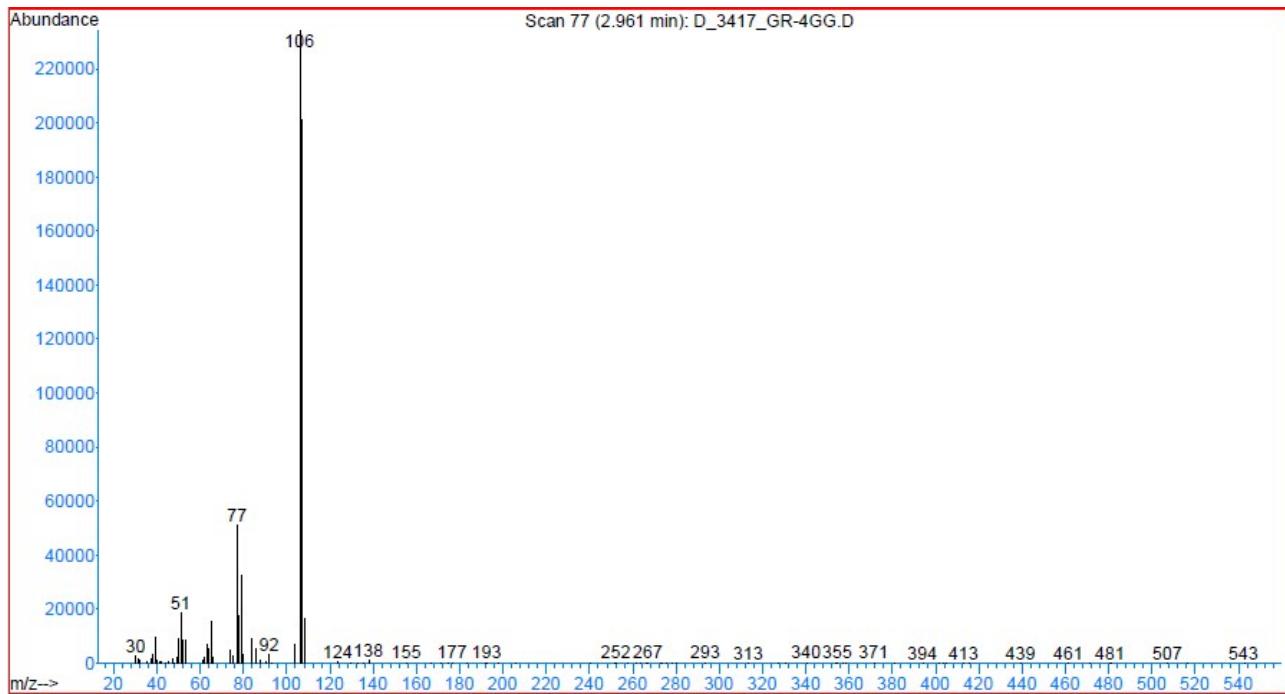
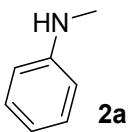


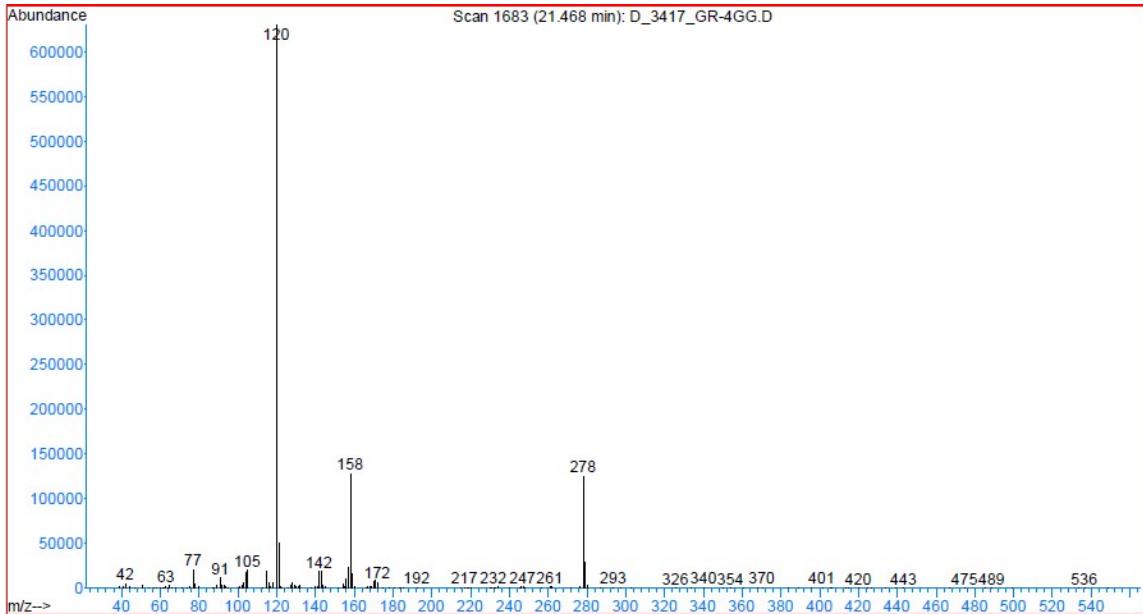
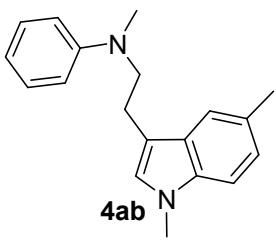
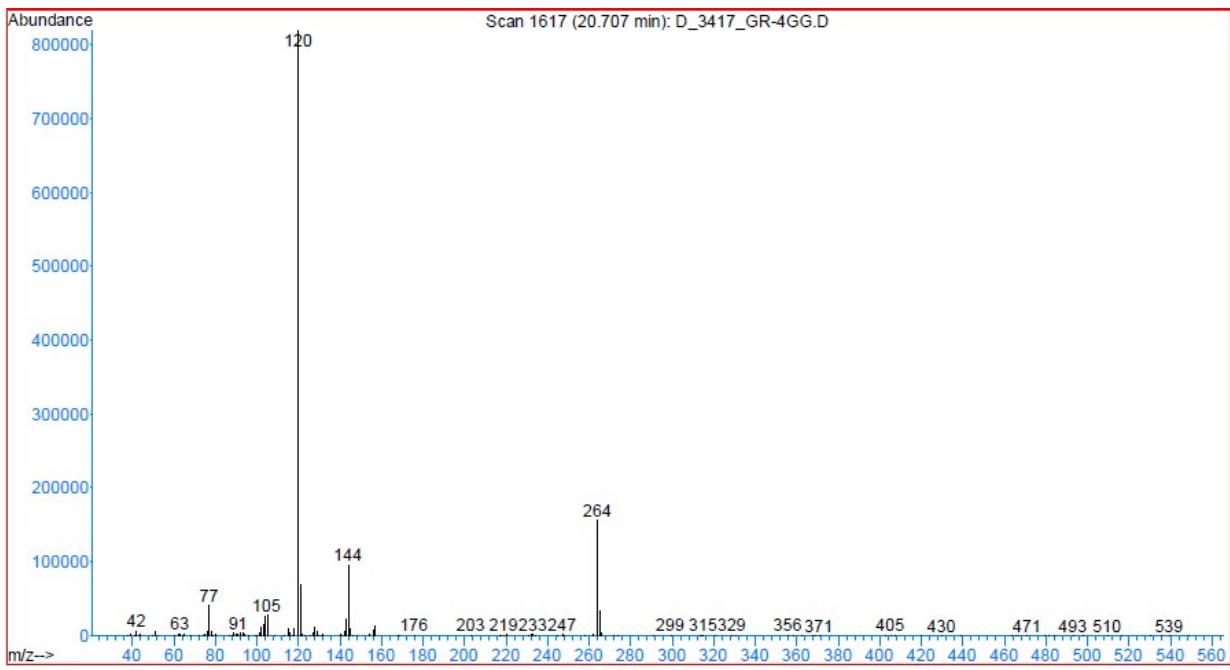
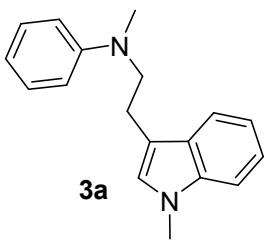


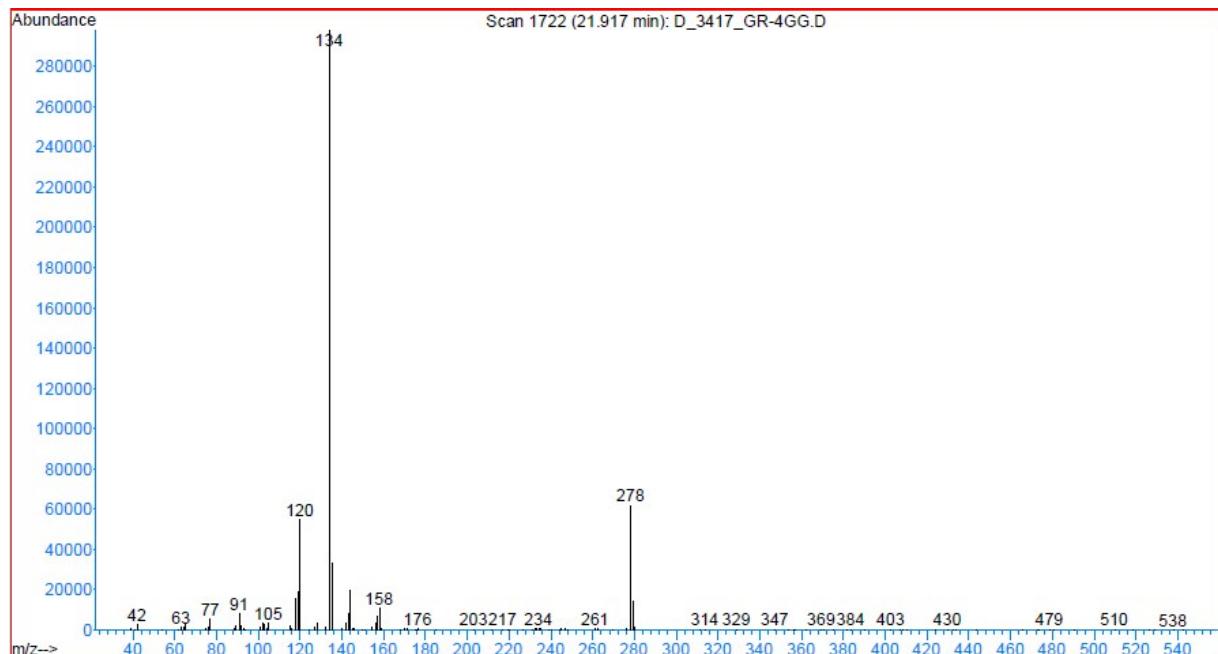
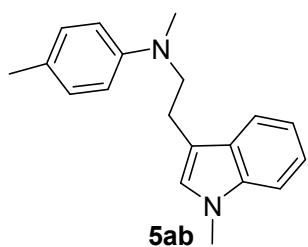
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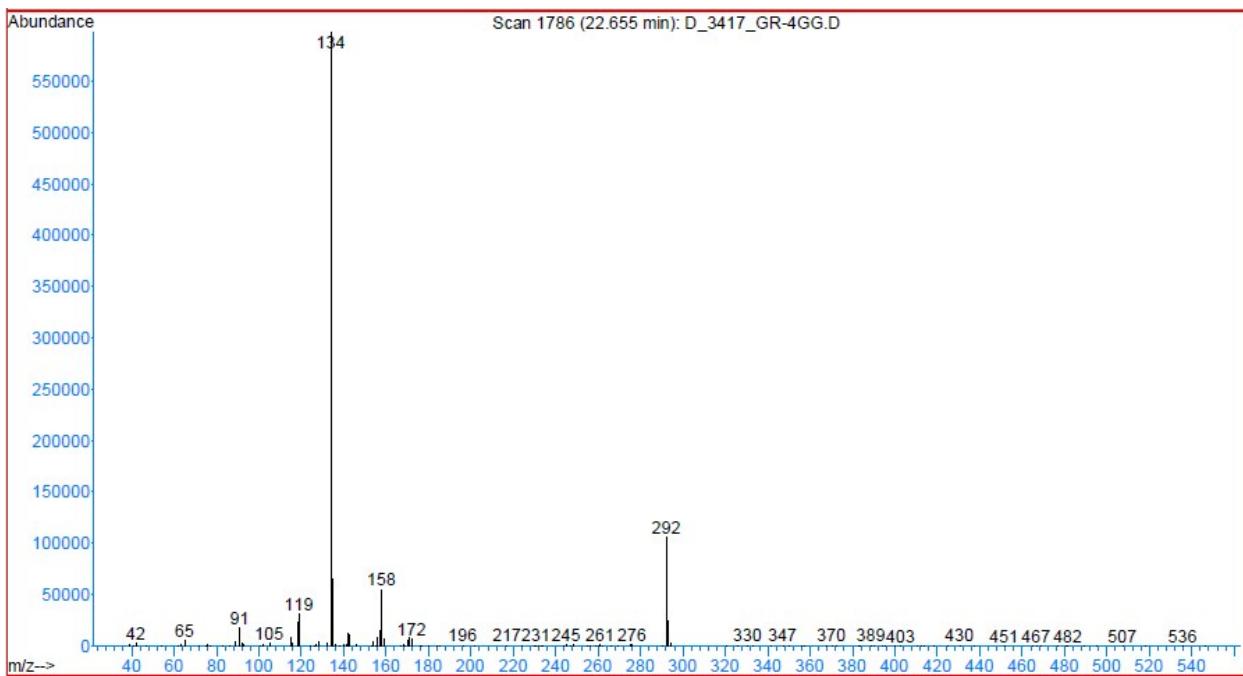
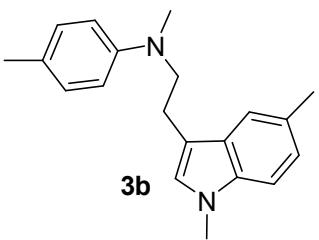


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3	20.684	1614	1615	1674	M	1654981	224806214	63.77%	19.137%
4	21.468	1674	1683	1716	M	1220175	163956053	46.51%	13.957%
5	21.883	1716	1719	1774	M	503818	70202975	19.92%	5.976%
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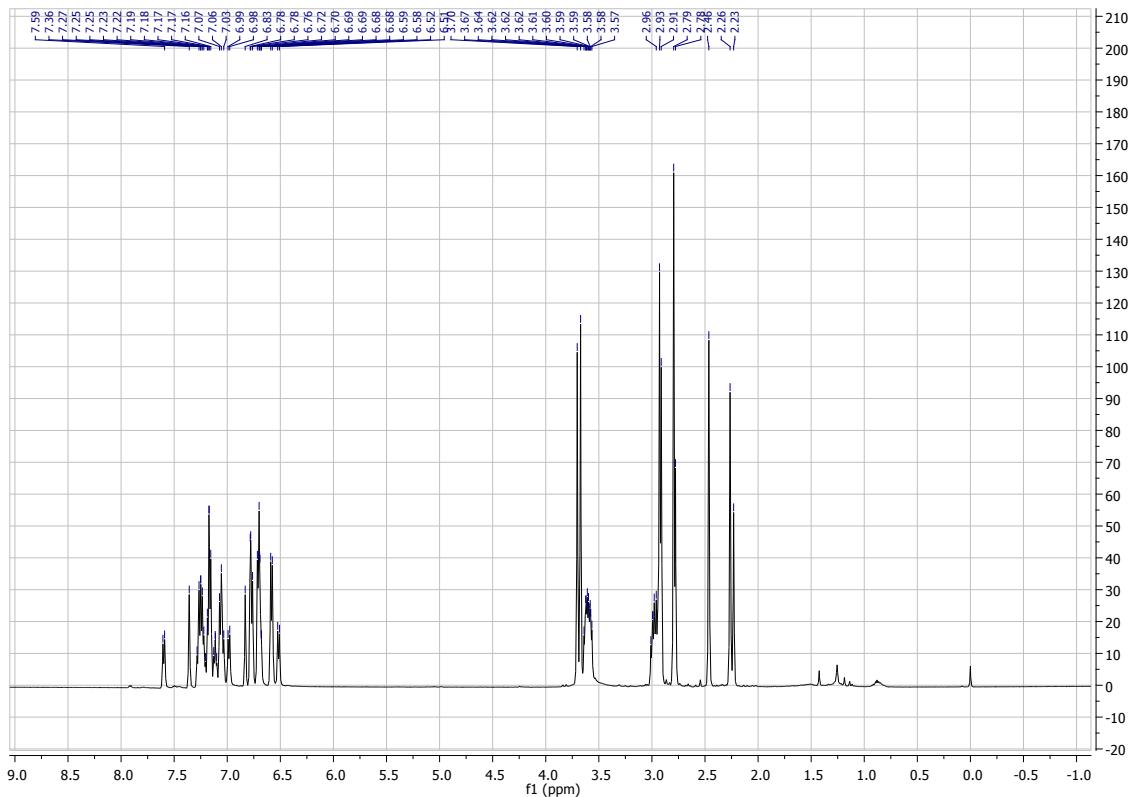


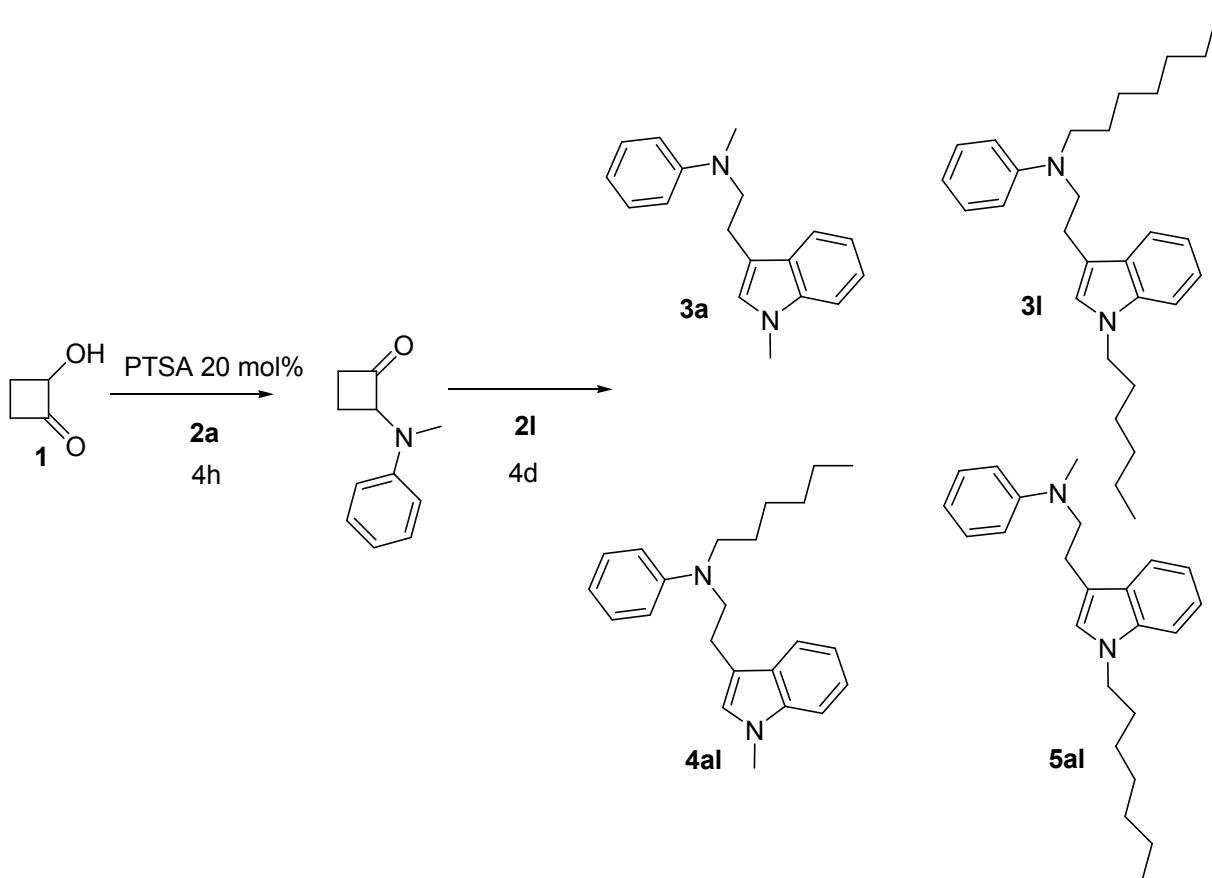




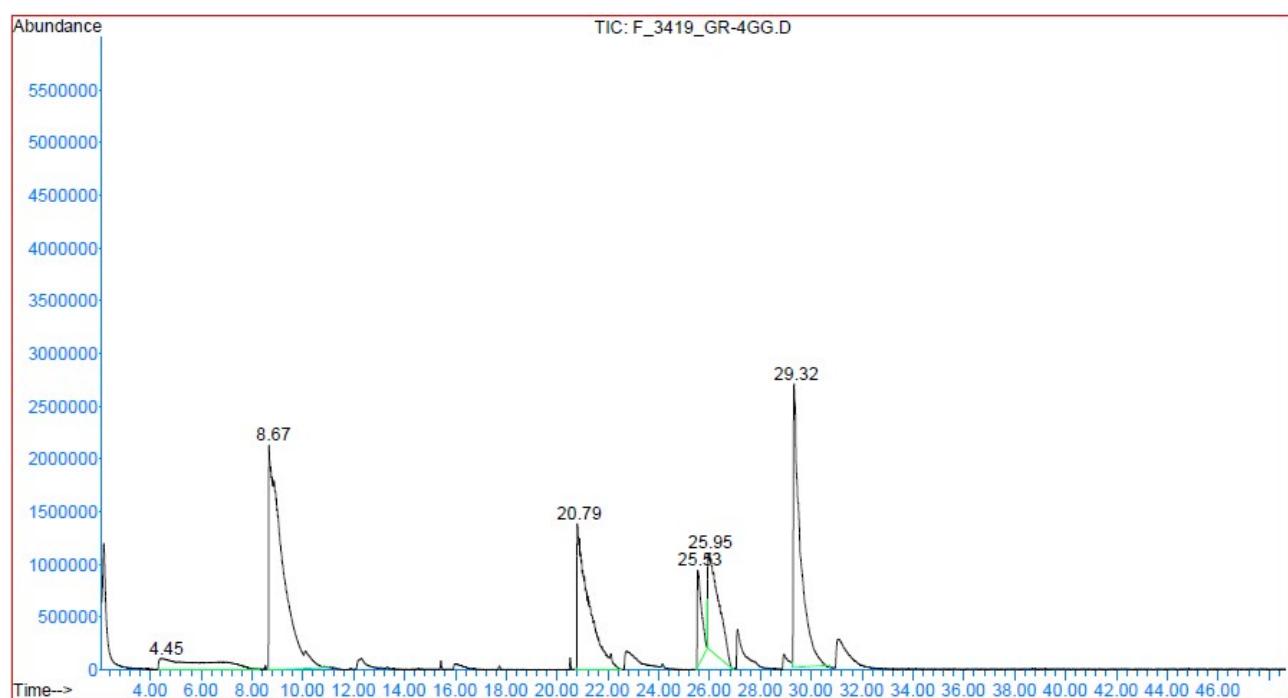


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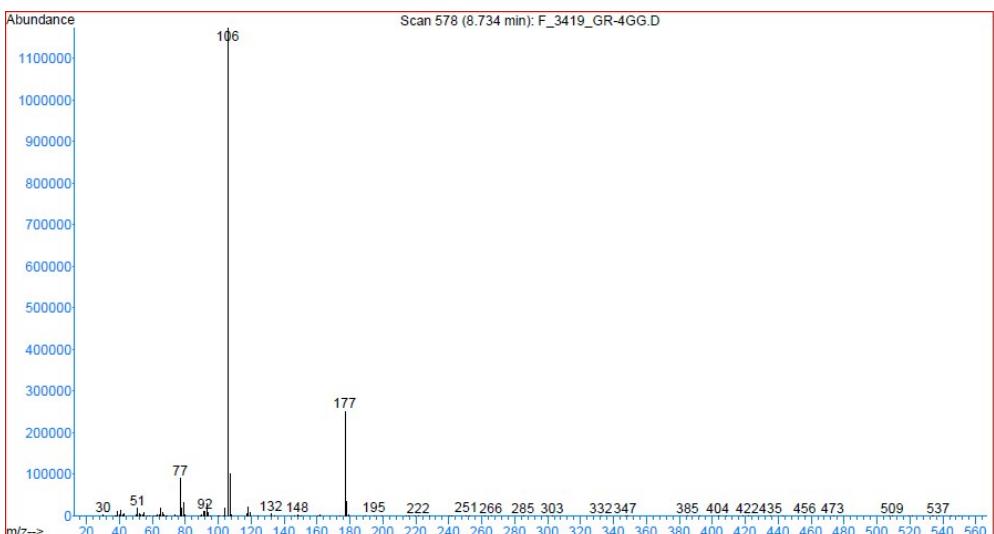
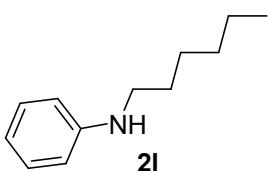
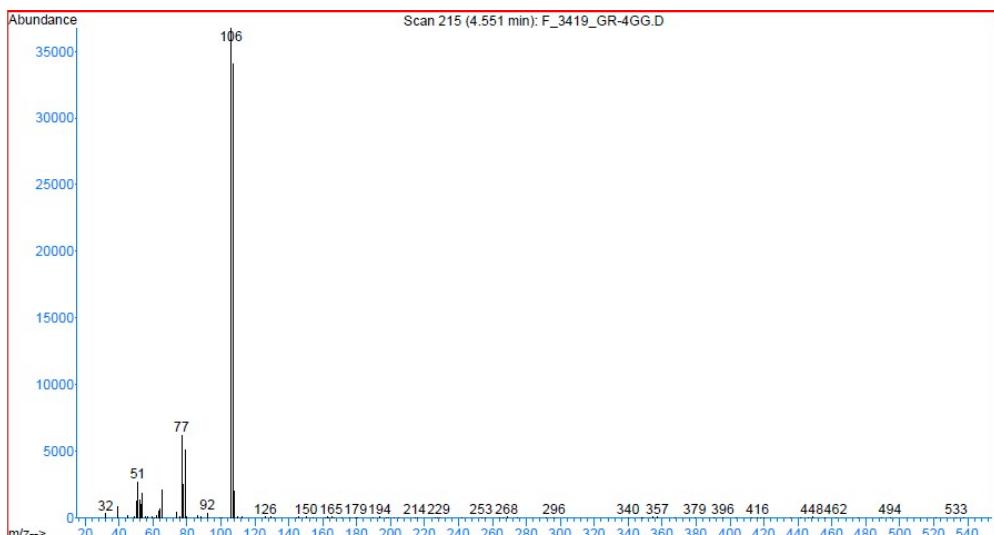
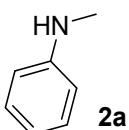


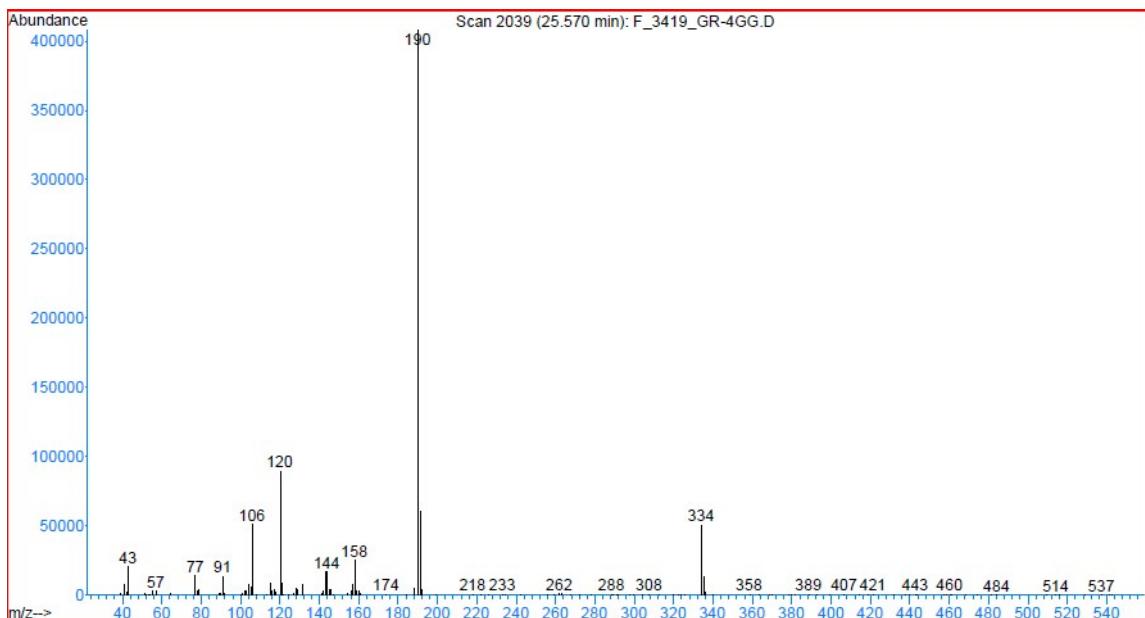
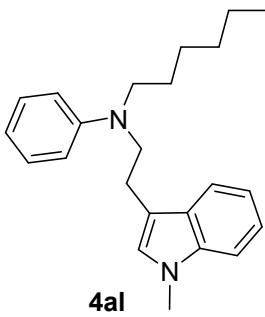
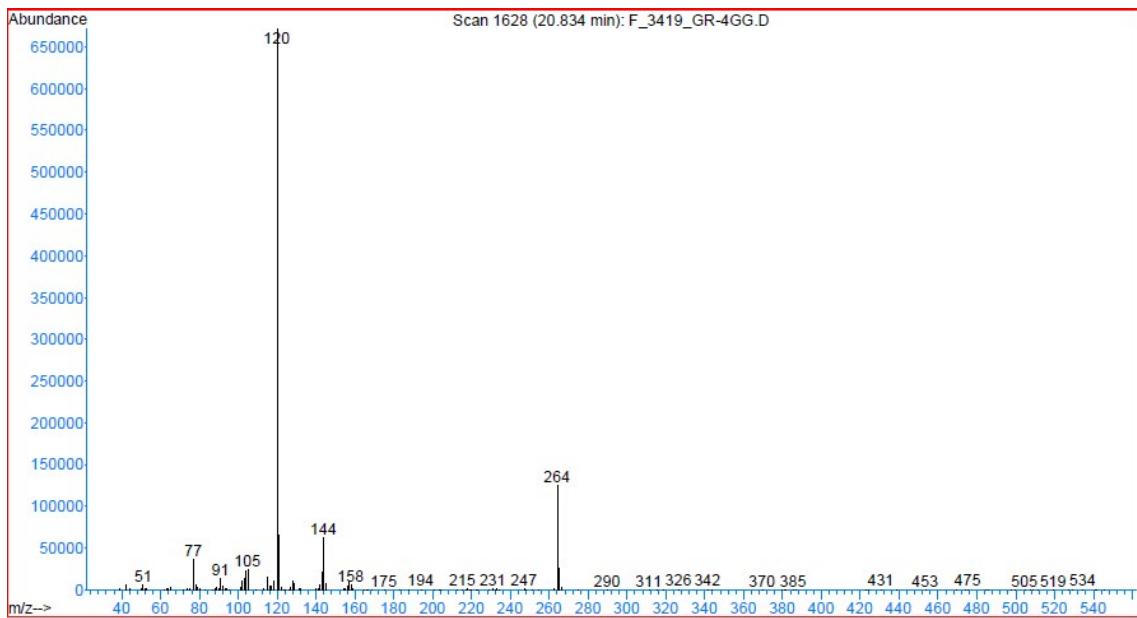
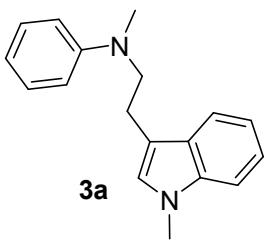


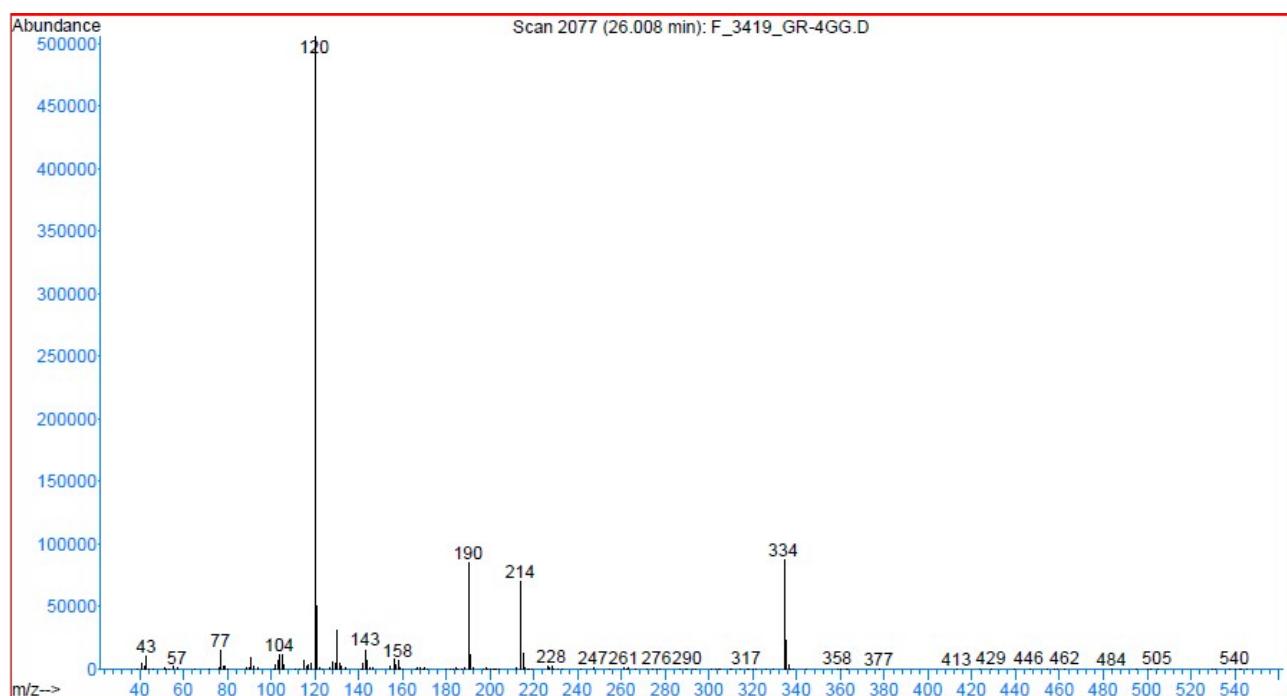
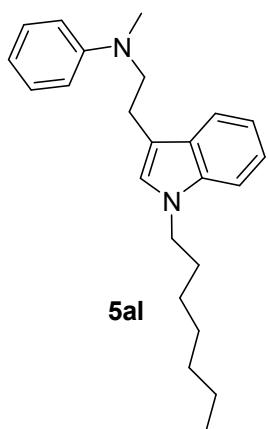
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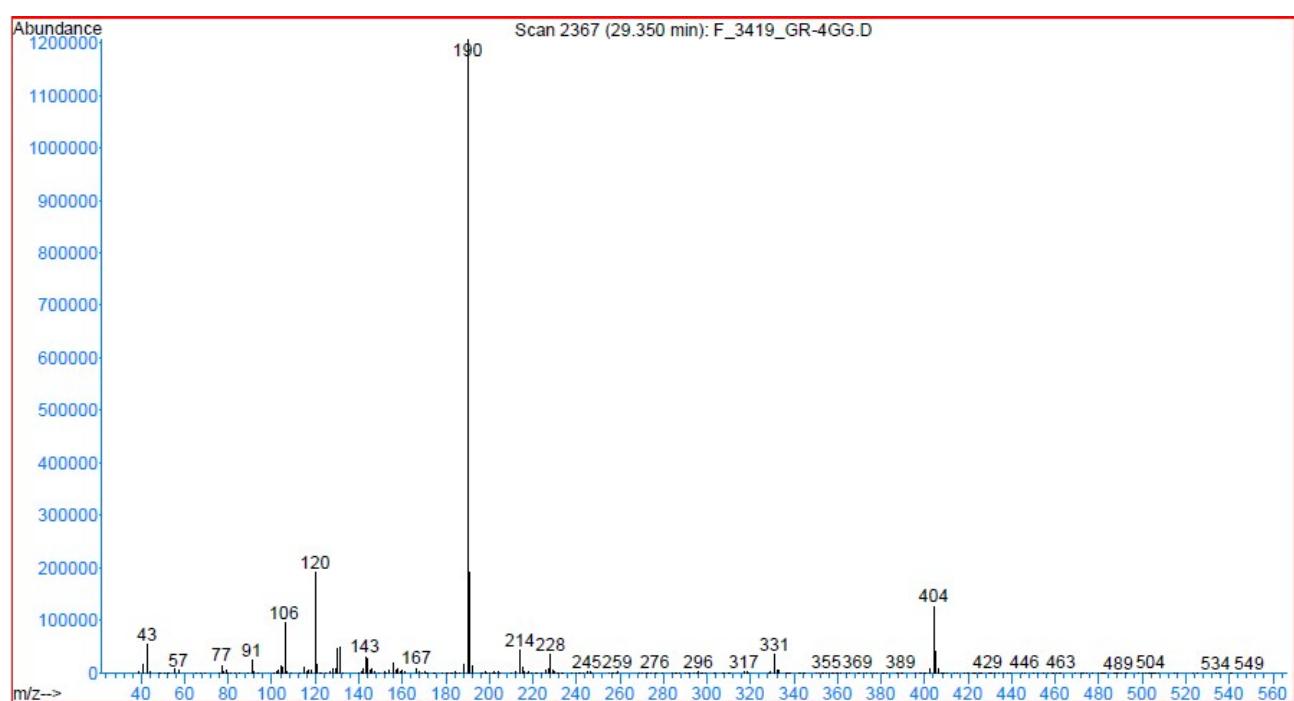
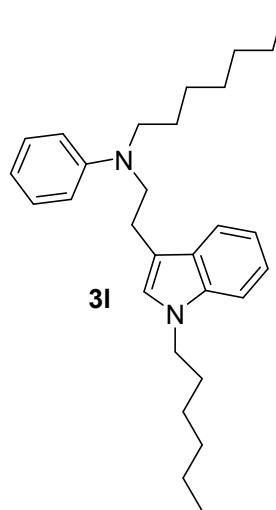


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2	8.665	569	572	774	M	2139673	788691545	100.00%	34.869%
3	20.788	1620	1624	1774	M2	1415815	437929147	55.53%	19.361%
4	25.536	2030	2036	2069	M	919366	106436526	13.50%	4.706%
5	25.950	2069	2072	2158	M2	910921	275952017	34.99%	12.200%
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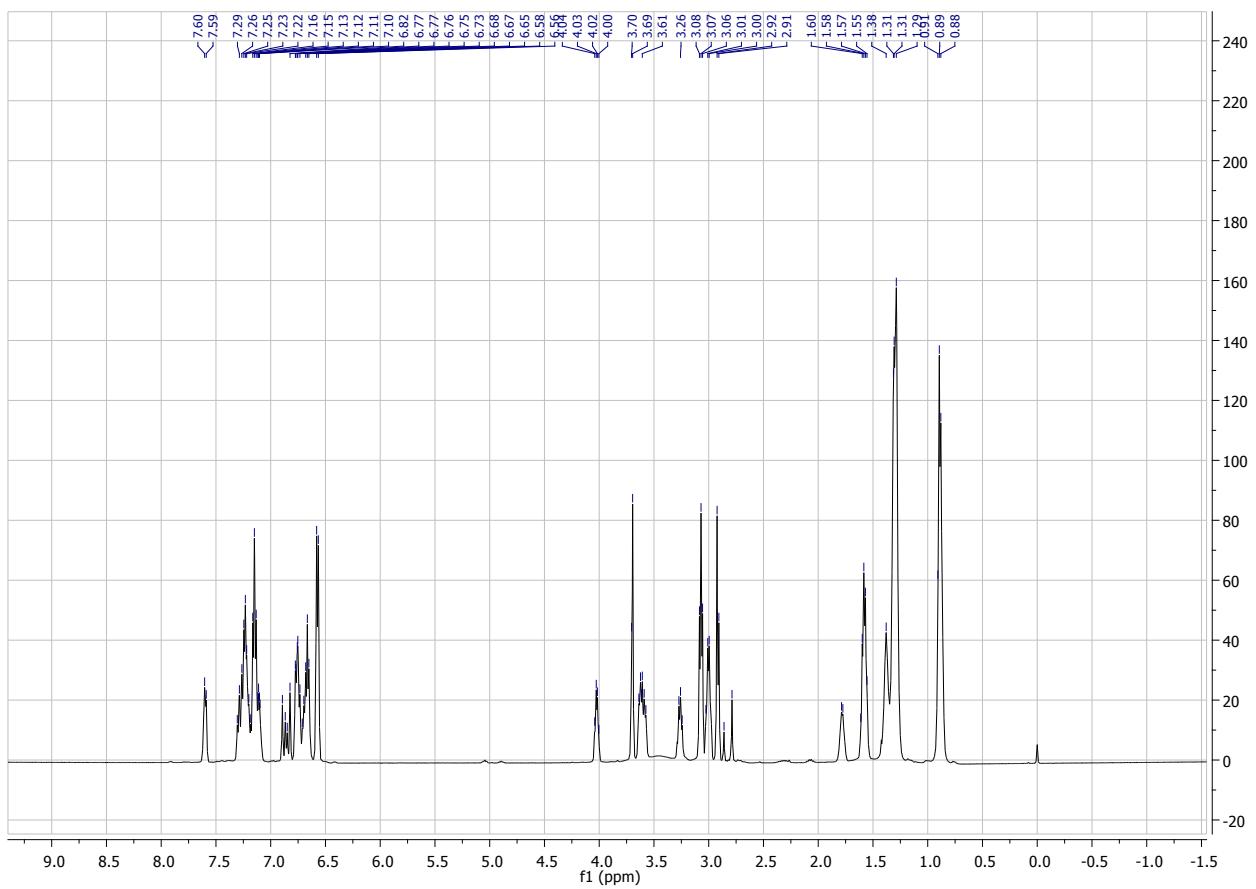


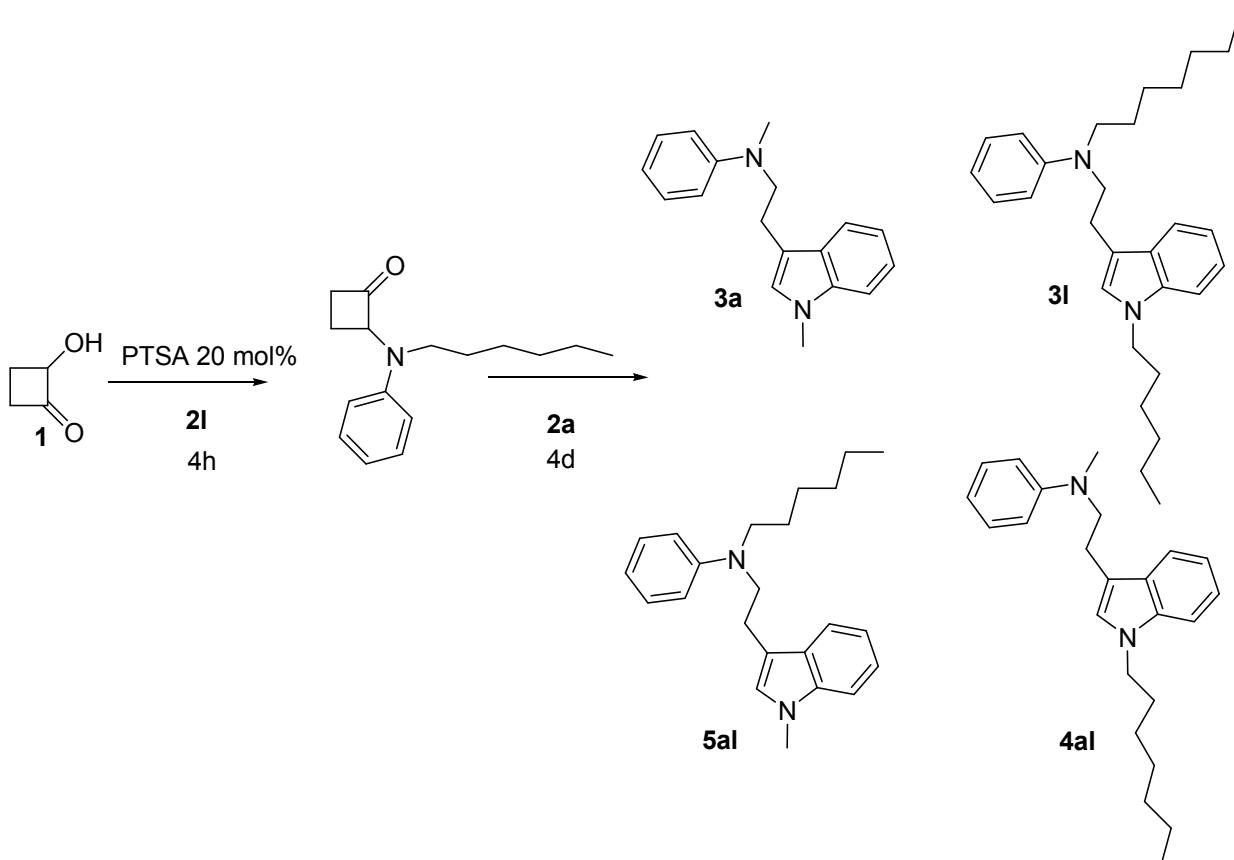




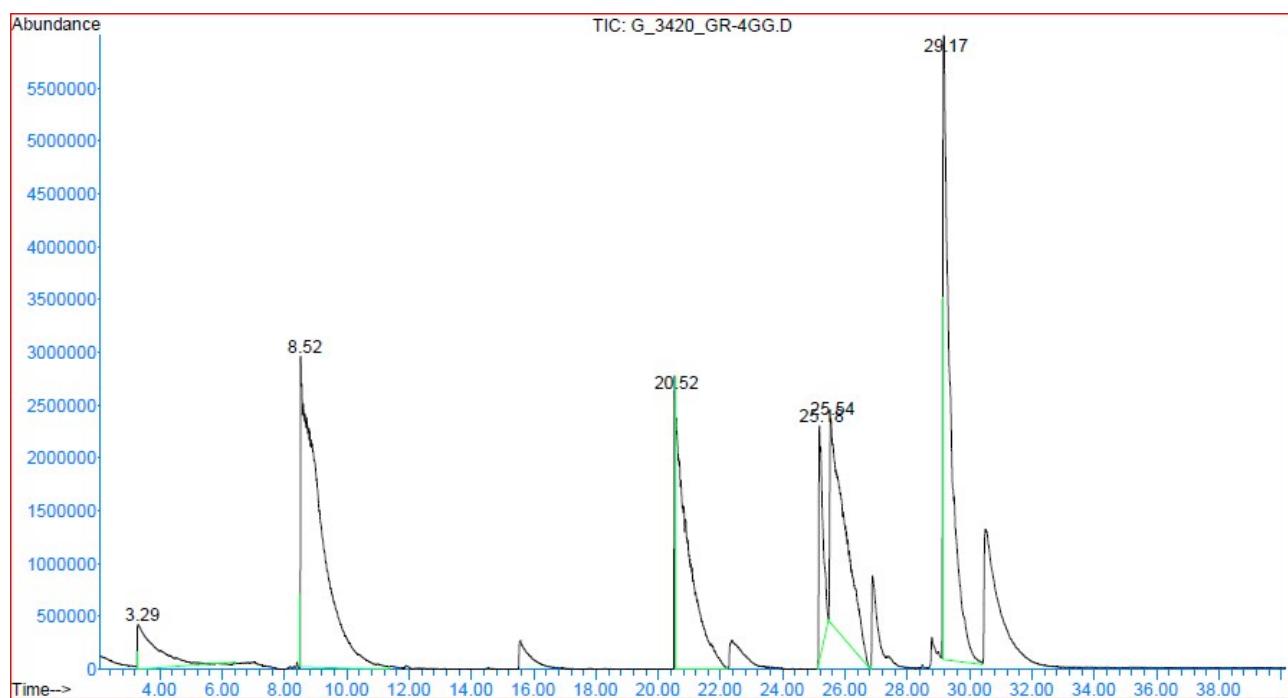


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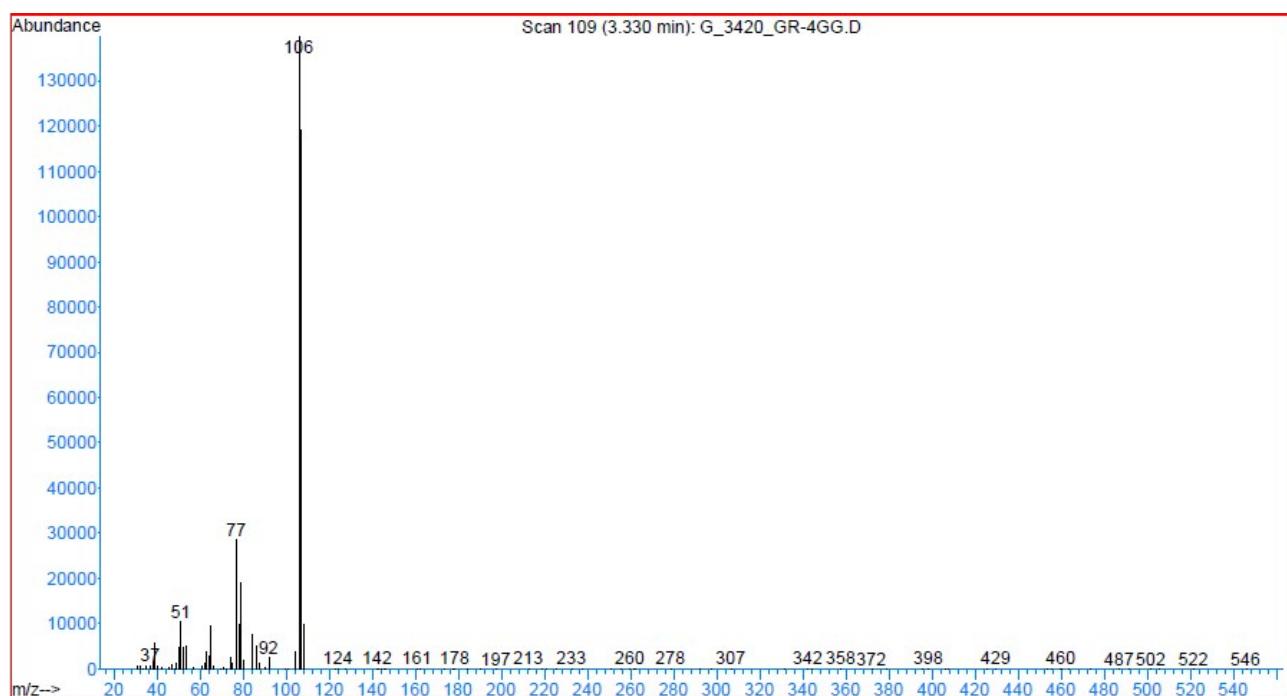
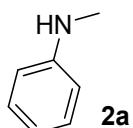


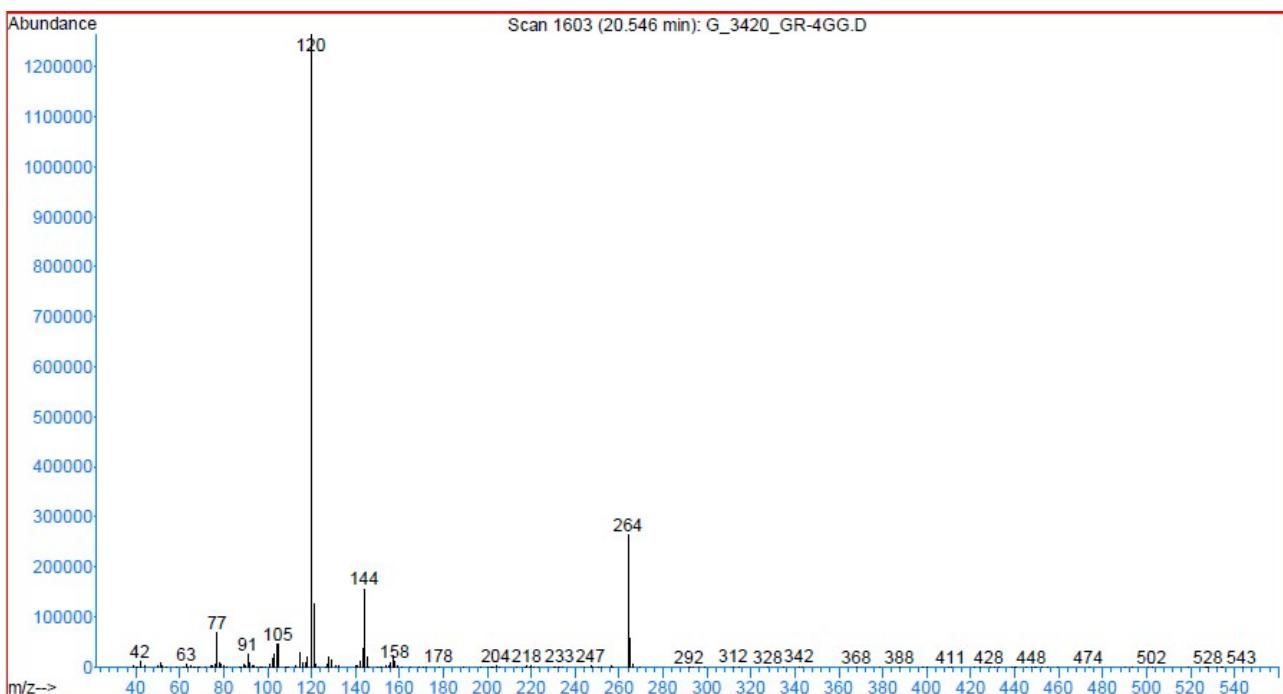
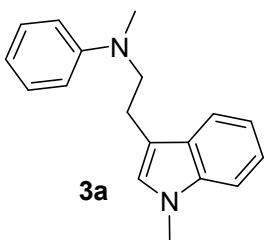
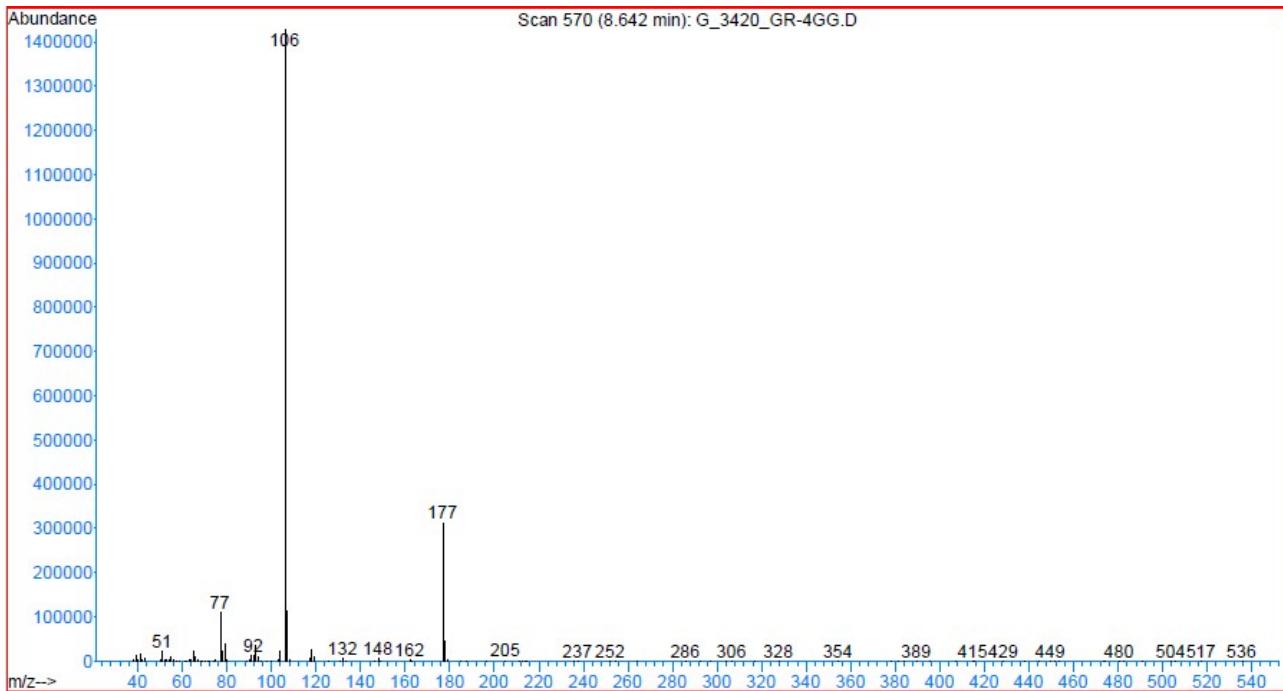
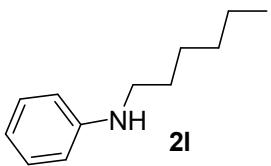


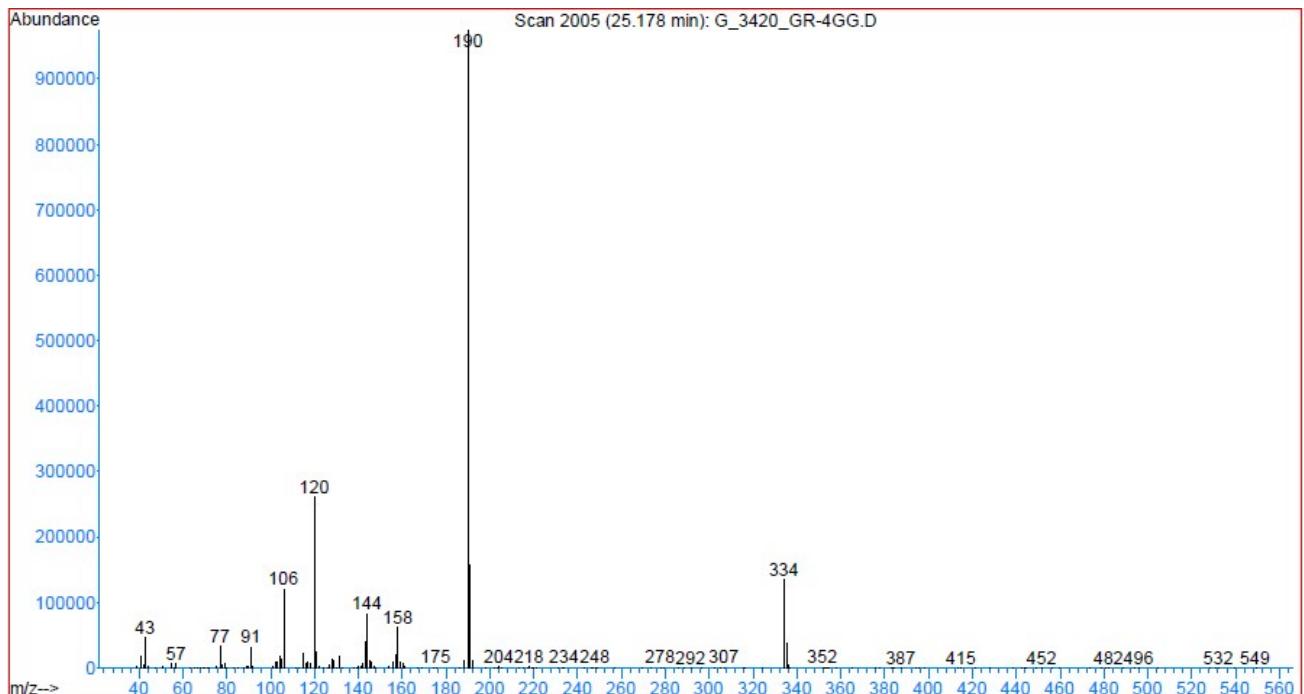
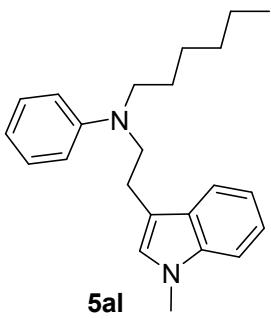
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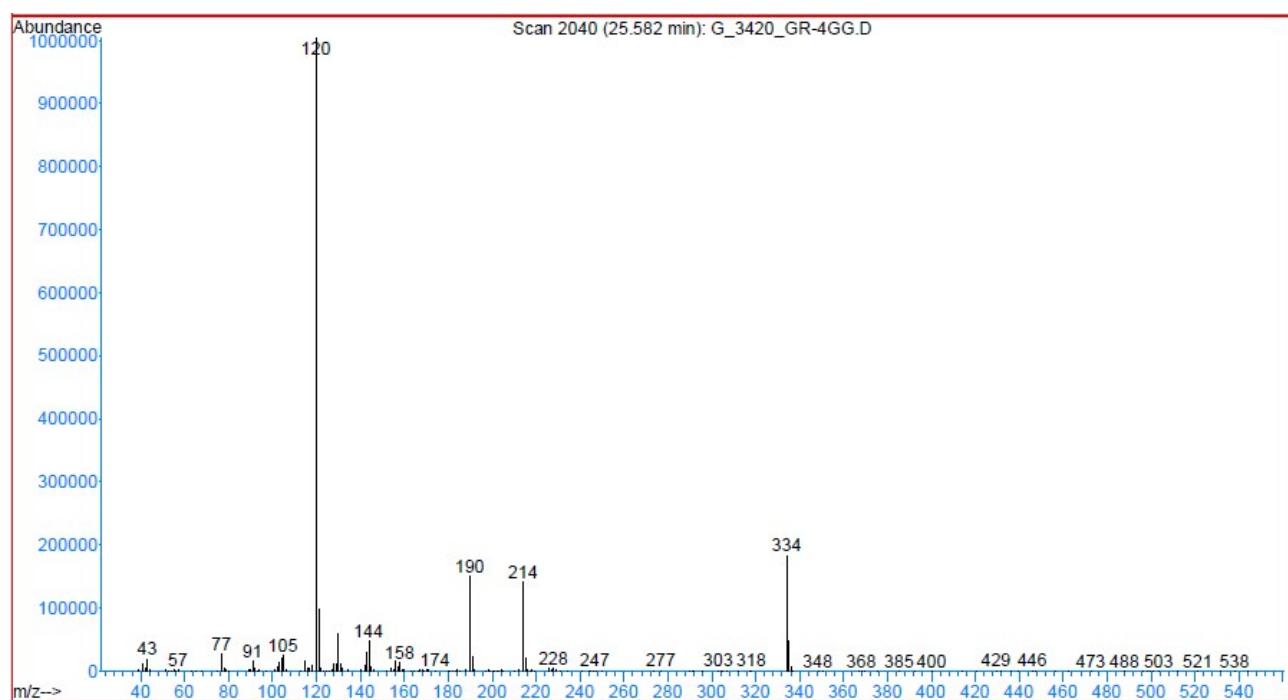
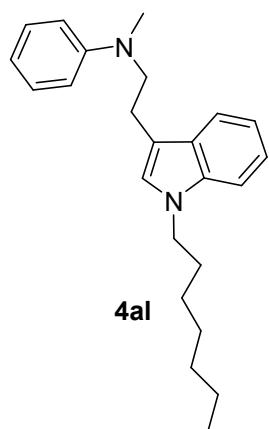


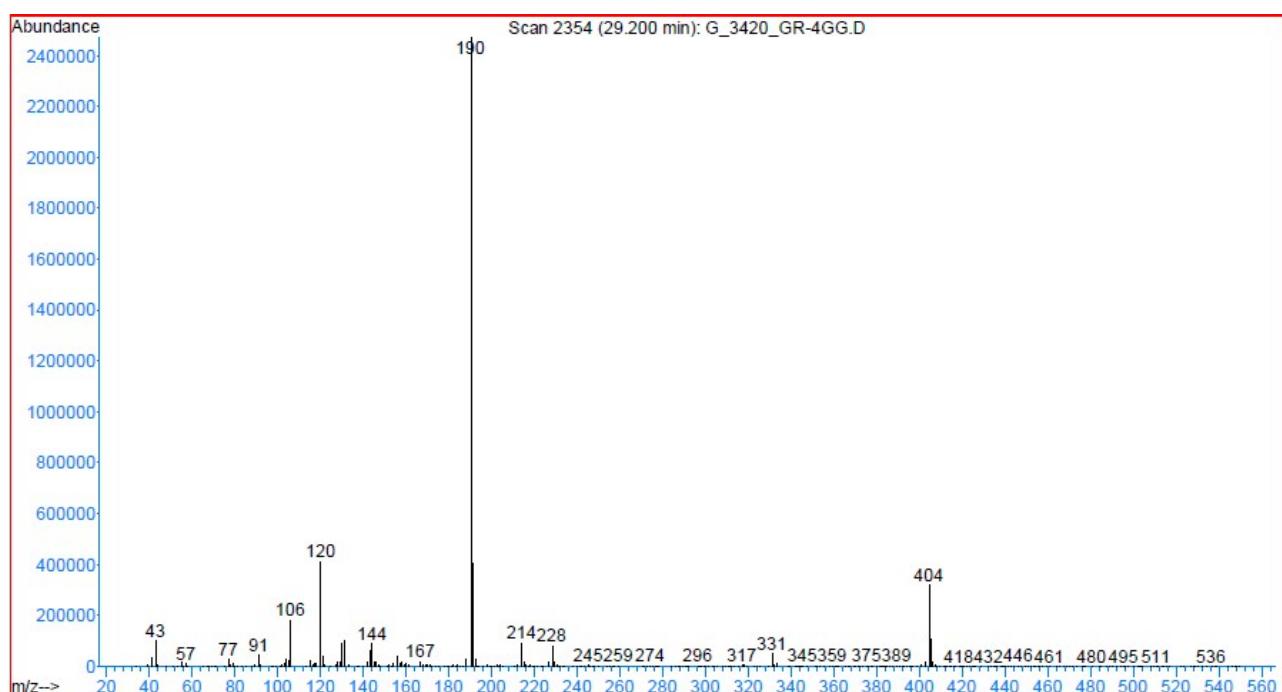
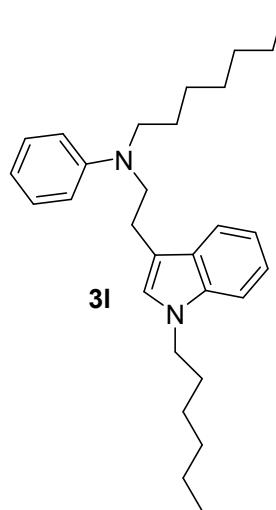
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3	20.523	1601	1601	1749	M	2768541	751396797	60.68%	18.850%
4	25.178	1999	2005	2029	M	2226220	195303486	15.77%	4.899%
5	25.535	2029	2036	2147	M	1942798	673479764	54.39%	16.895%
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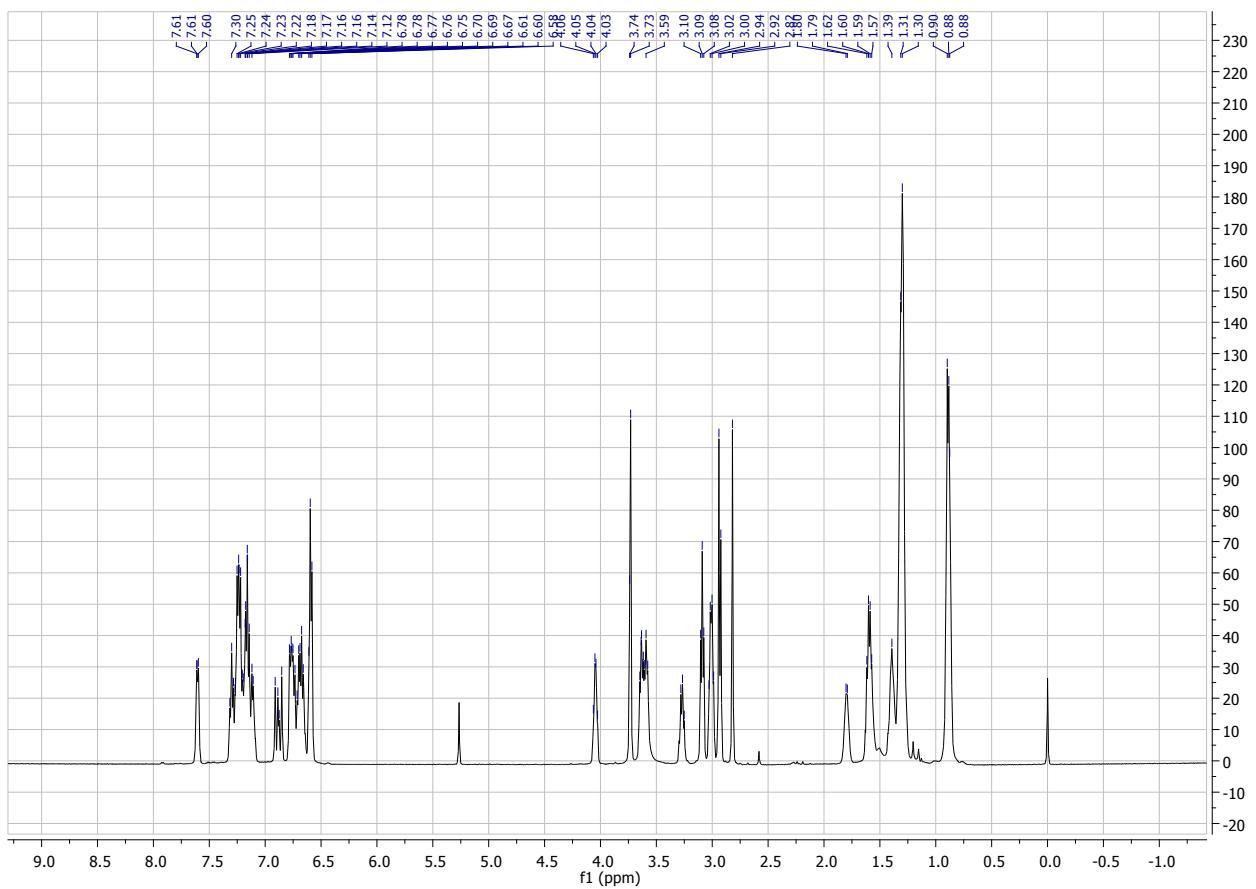


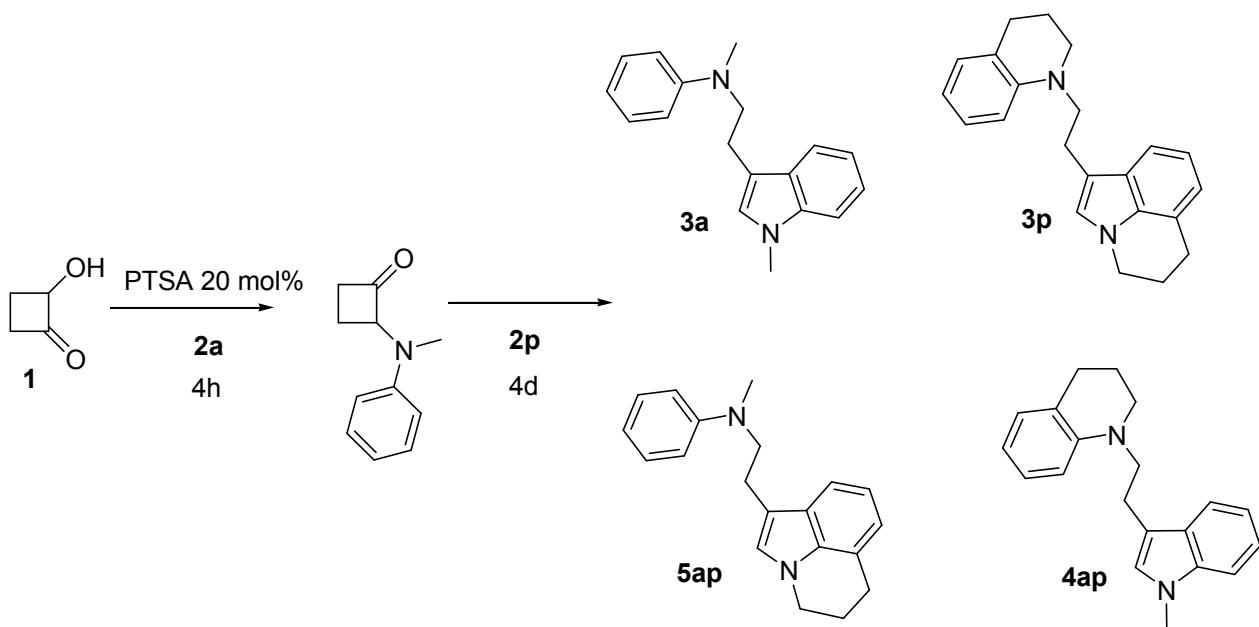




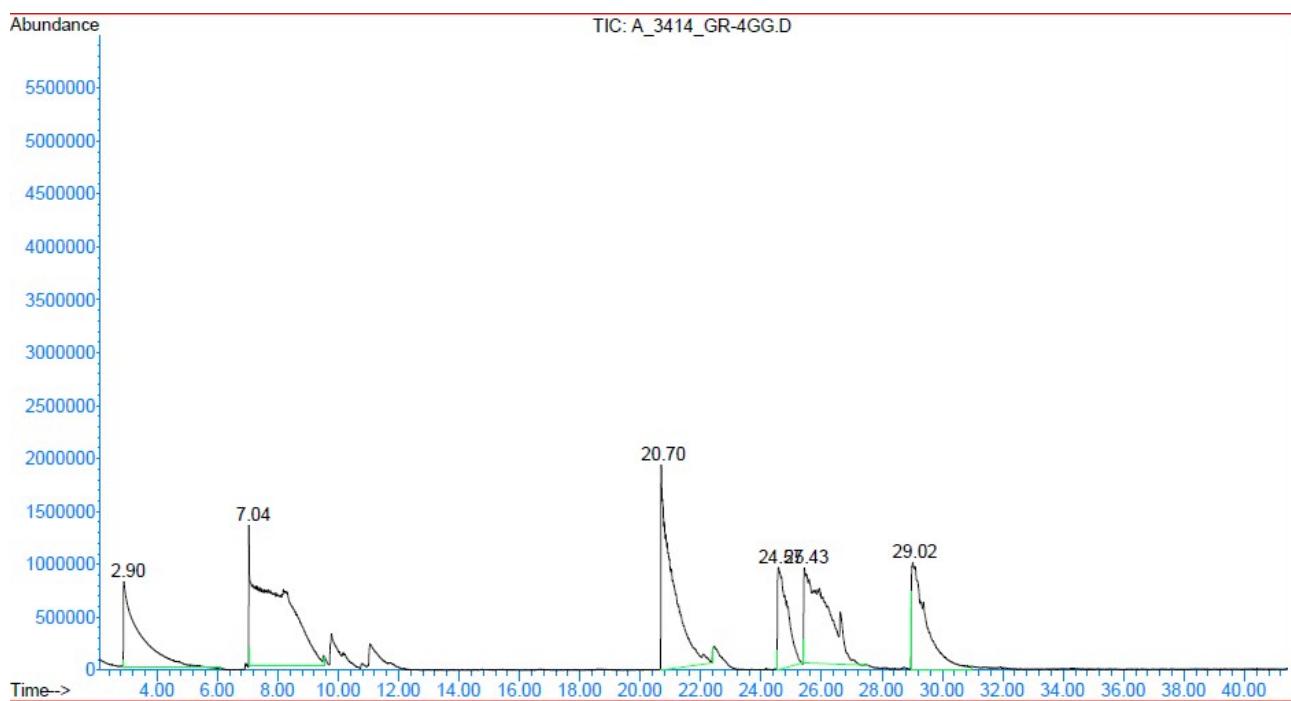


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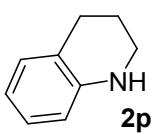
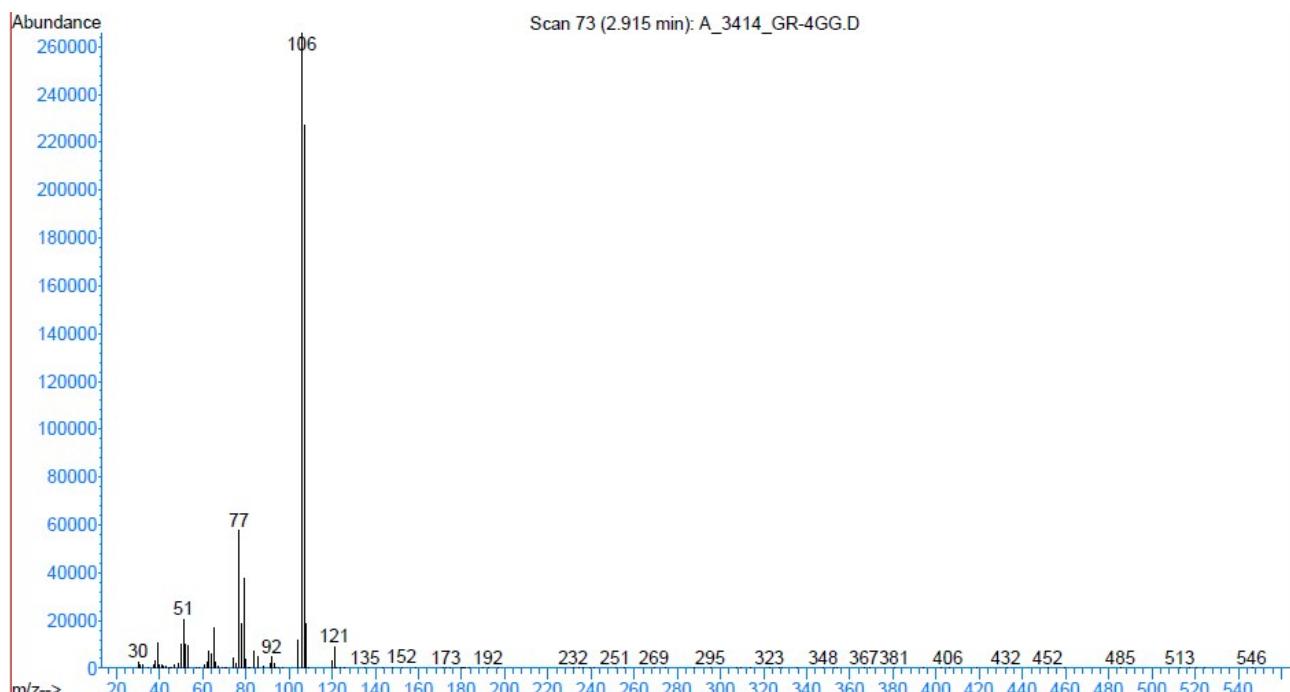
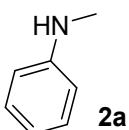


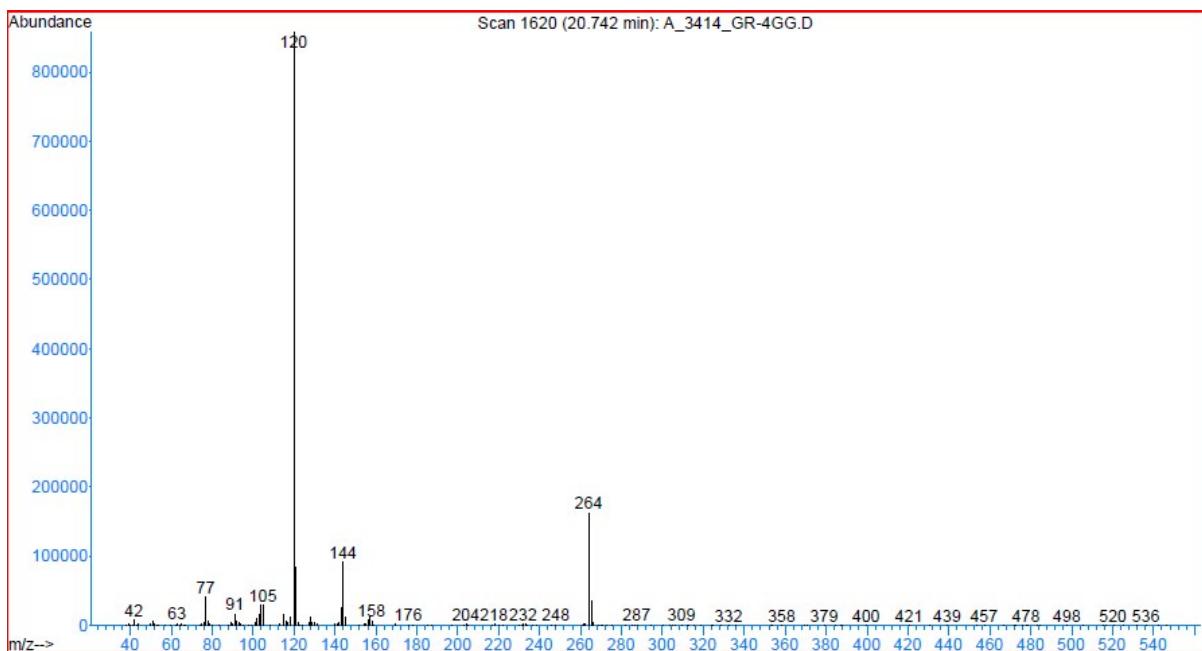
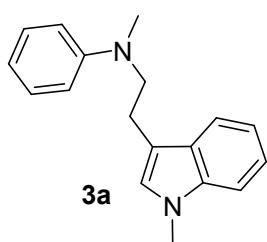
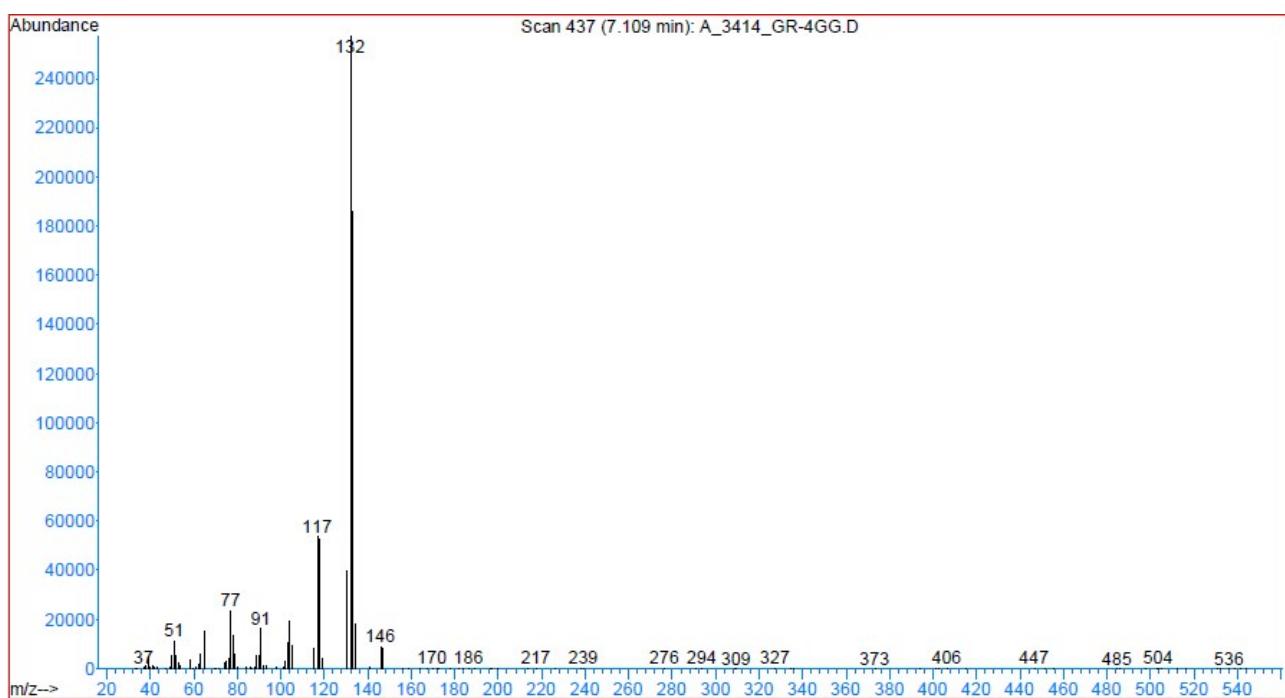


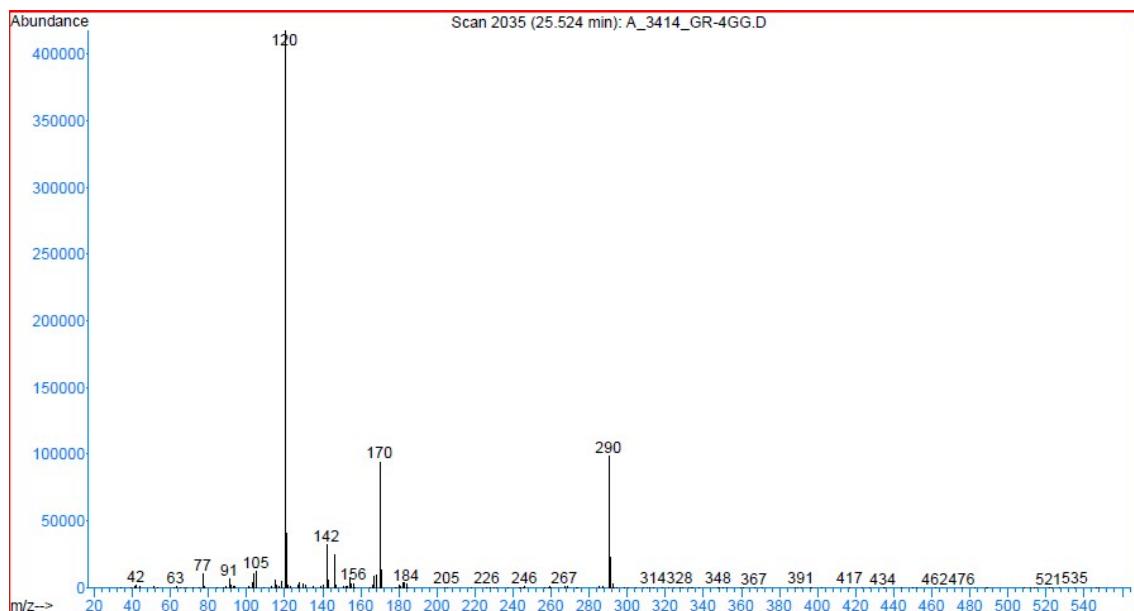
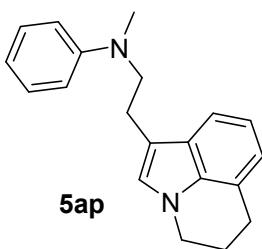
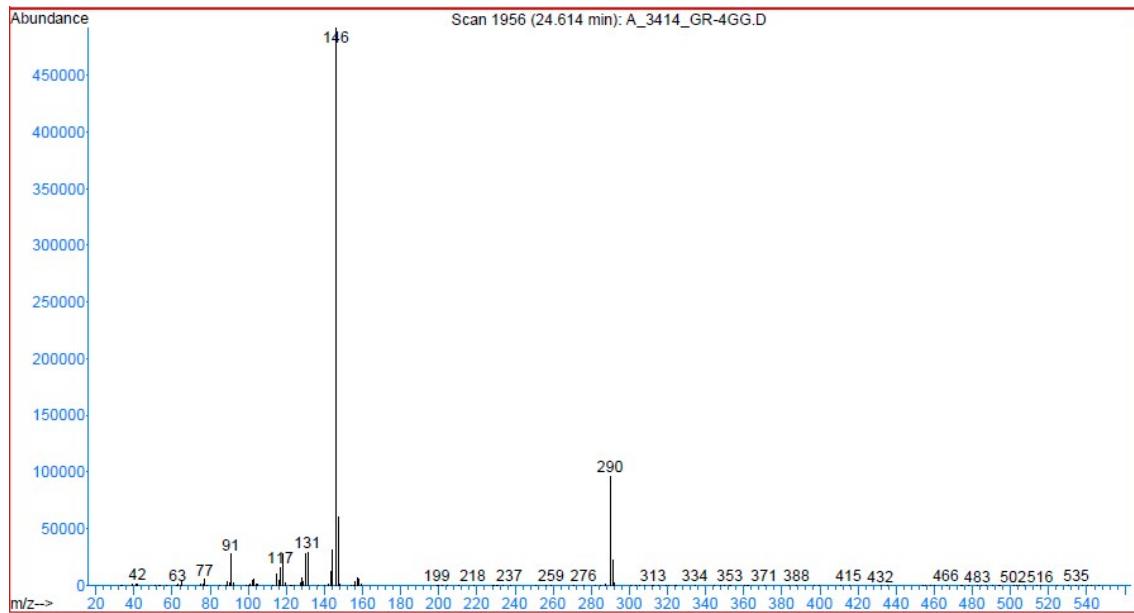
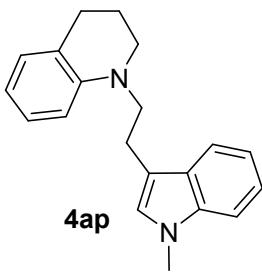
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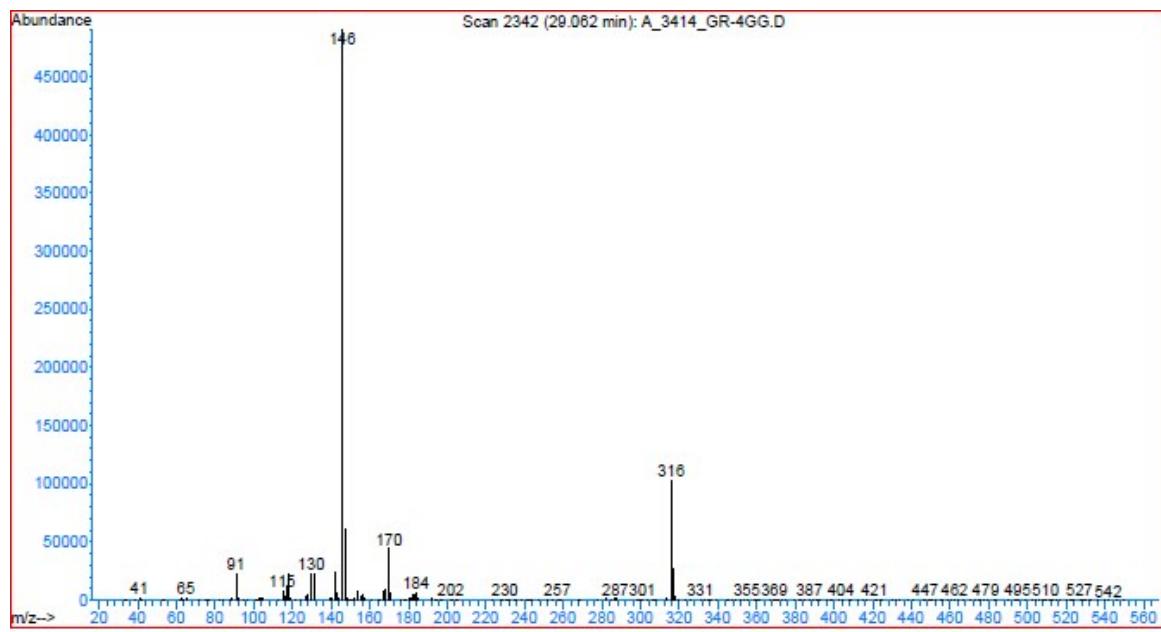
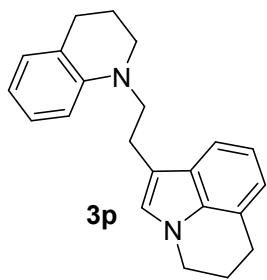


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3	20.696	1613	1616	1765	M	1939018	503342442	65.85%	19.529%
4	24.579	1949	1953	2021	M2	970010	217151534	28.41%	8.425%
5	25.432	2024	2027	2208	M2	899382	473278110	61.92%	18.363%
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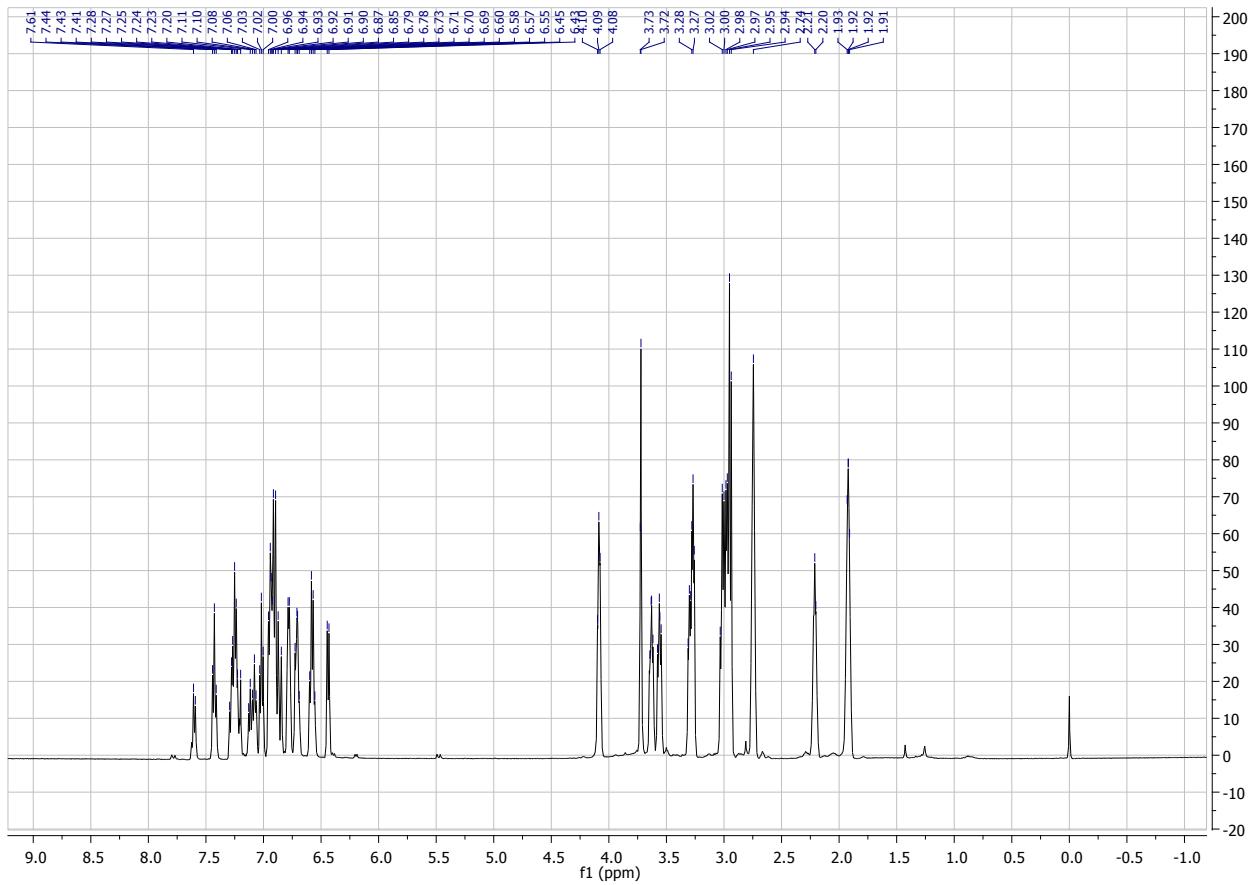


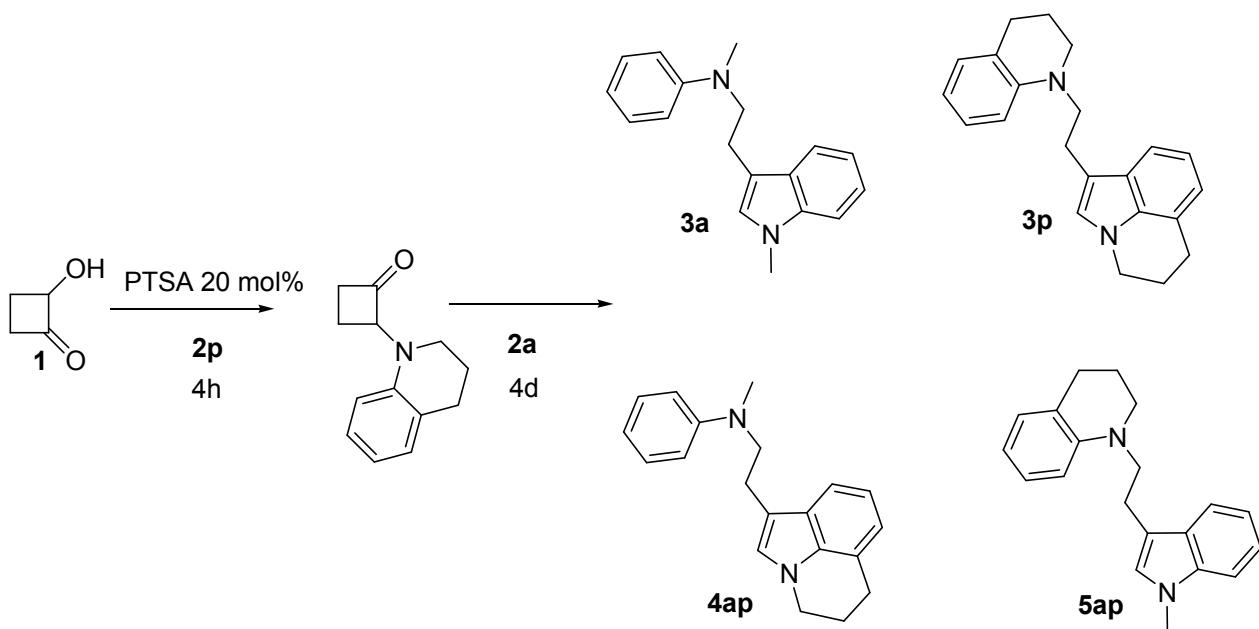




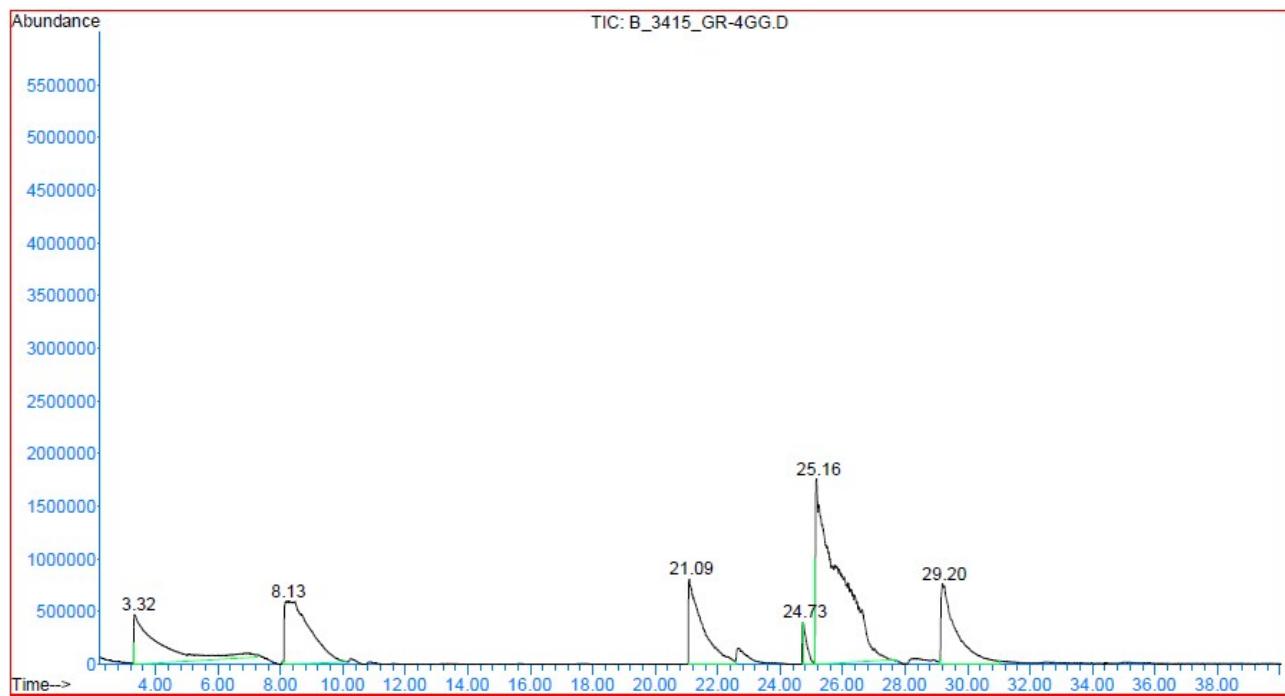


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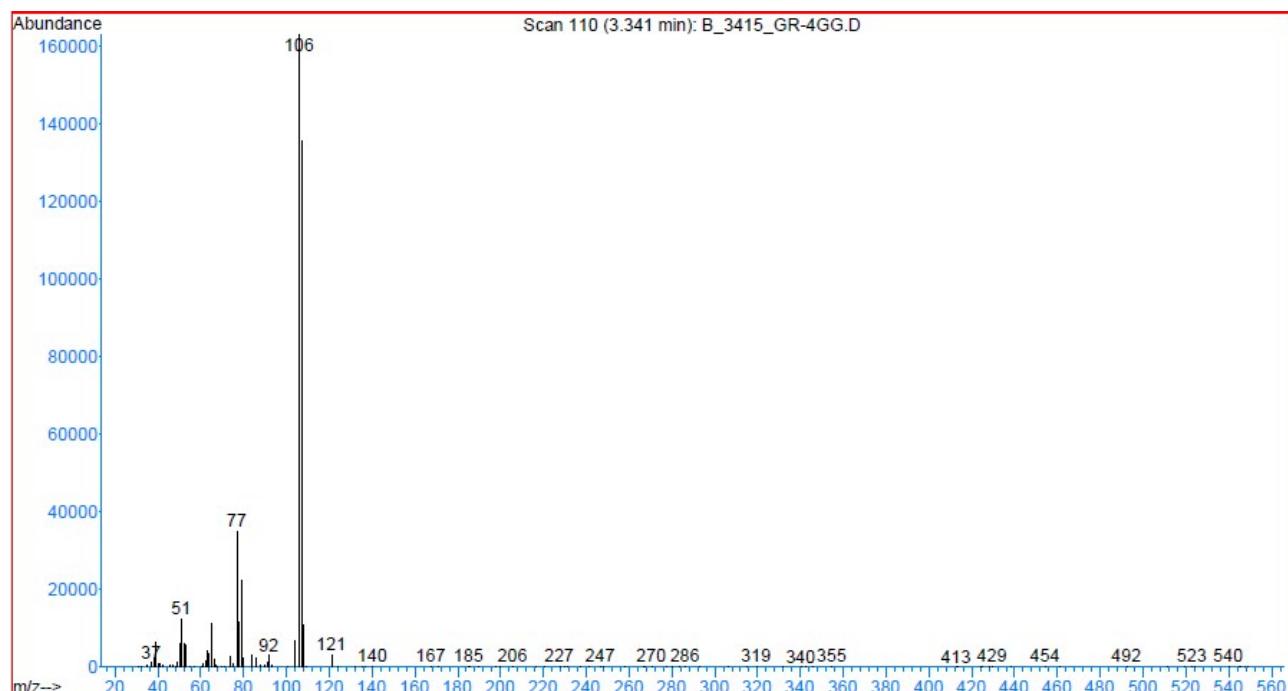
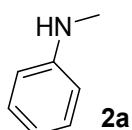


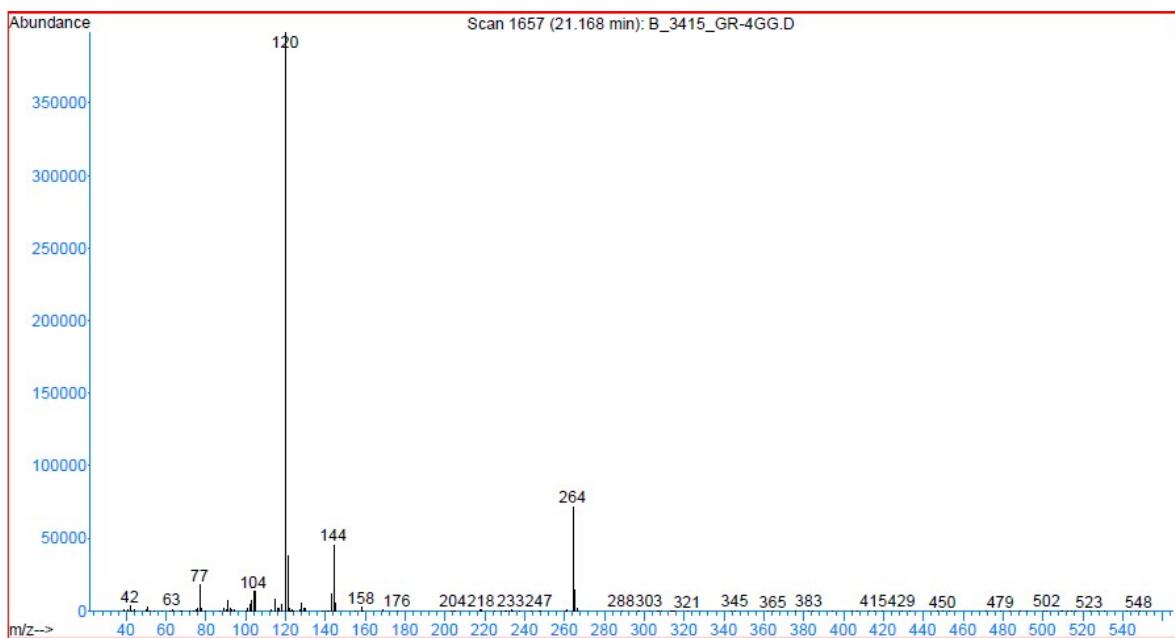
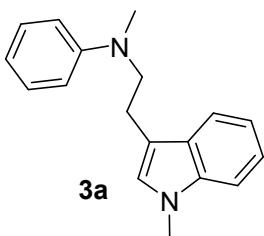
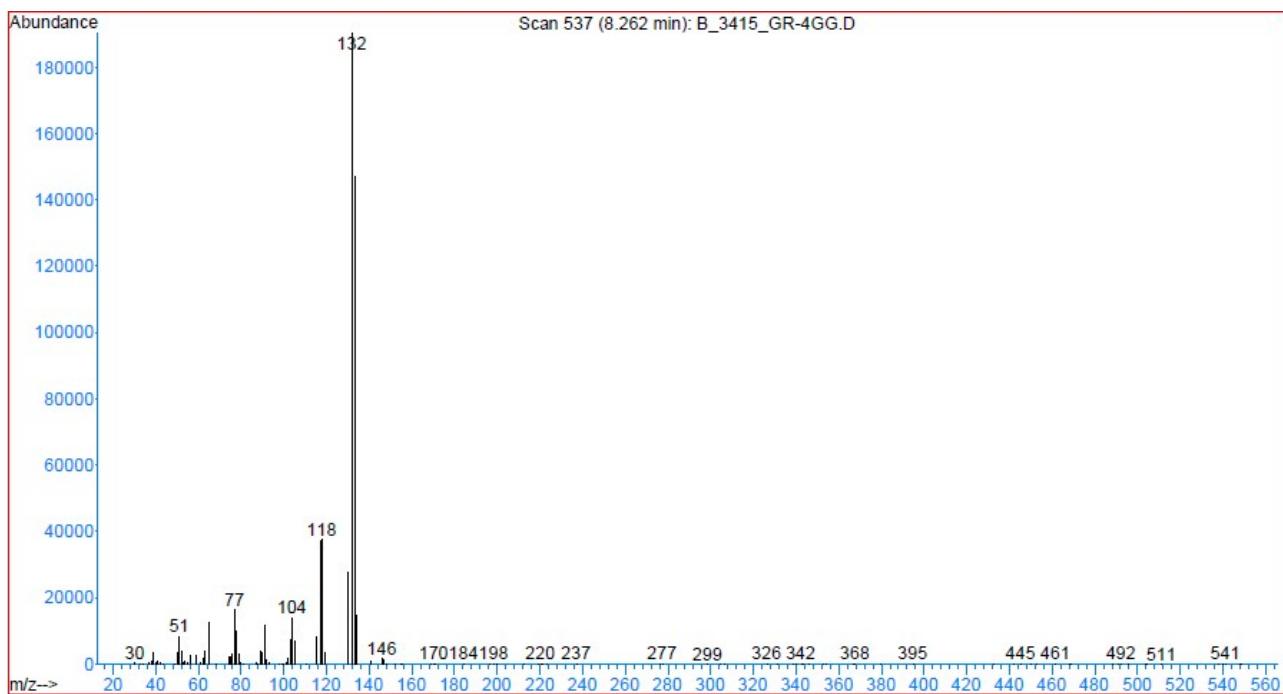
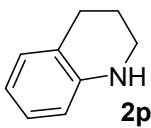


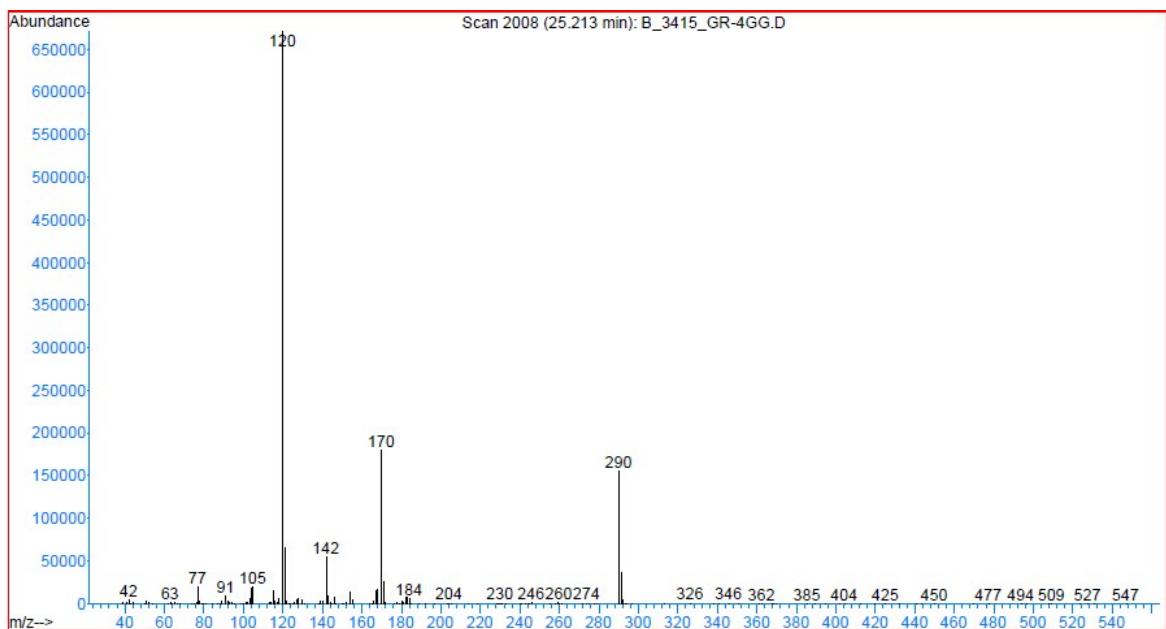
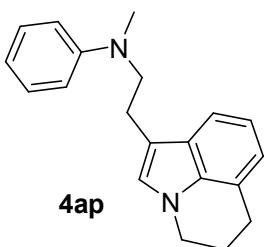
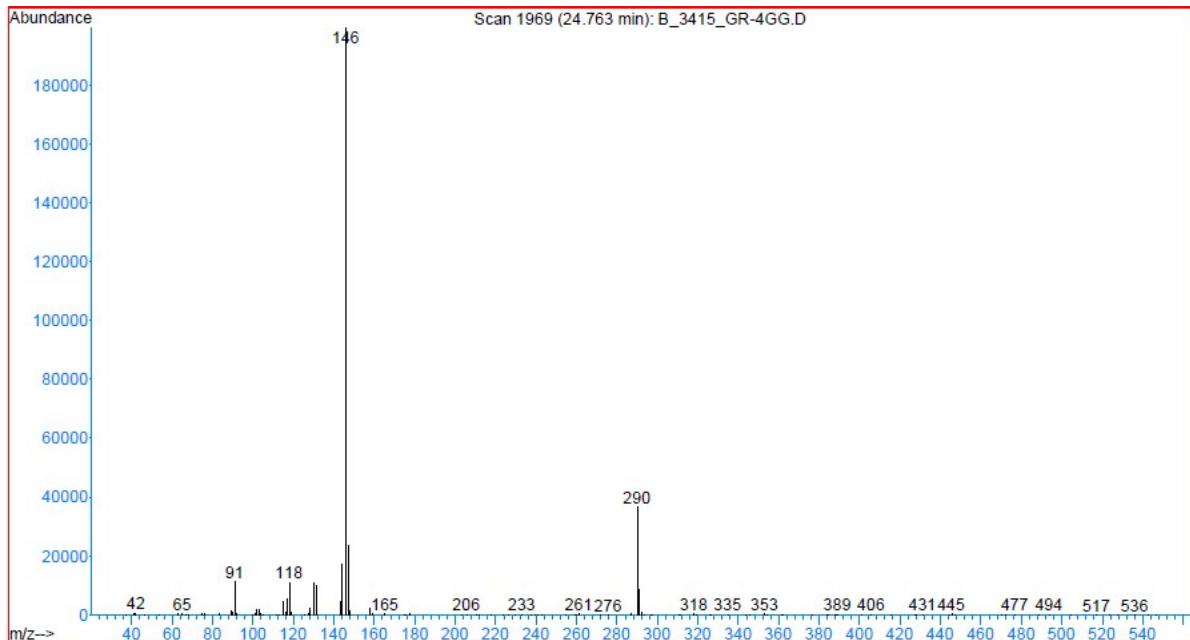
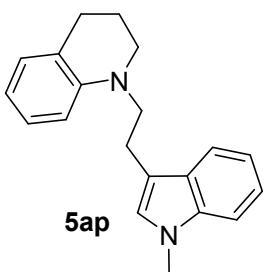
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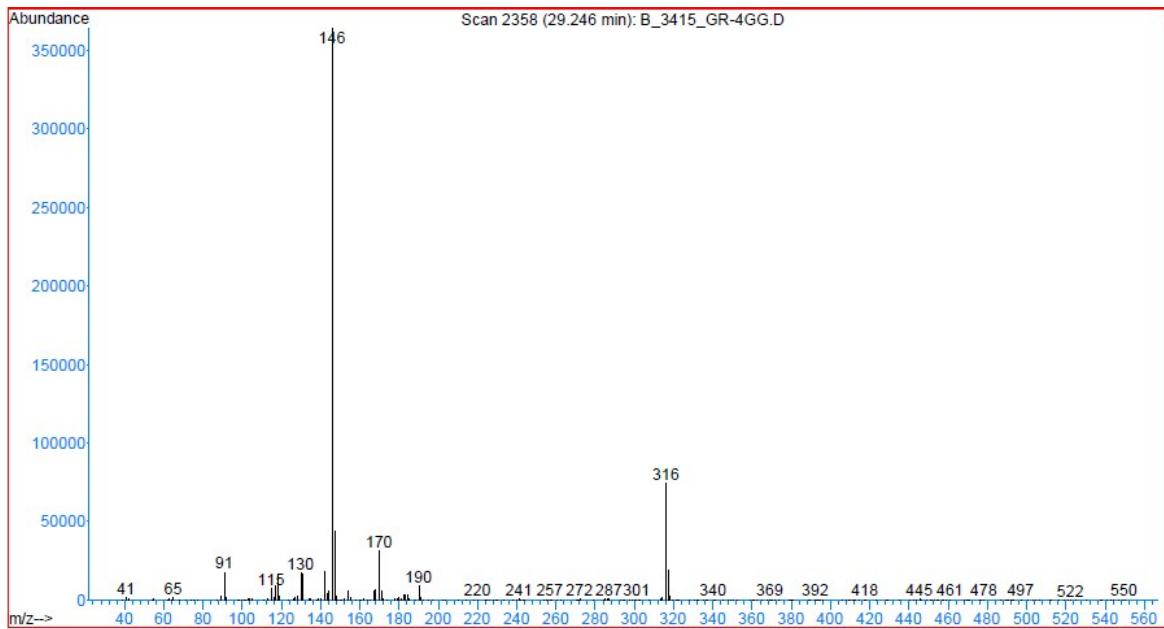
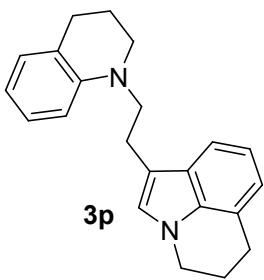


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2	8.123	523	525	696	M6	617000	336696452	37.69%	16.572%
3	21.099	1647	1651	1779	M	814946	249110163	27.89%	12.261%
4	24.729	1966	1966	1997	M4	400517	33792420	3.78%	1.663%
5	25.167	2001	2004	2226	M	1770074	893302144	100.00%	43.969%
6	29.200	2347	2354	2514	M	769010	255132934	28.56%	12.558%









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