

Supplementary Information for

**Pd(0)-catalyzed Domino C-N Coupling/Hydroamination/C-H  
Arylation Reactions: Efficient Synthesis and Photophysical  
Properties of Azaindolo[1,2-*f*]phenanthridines**

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## General information

All chemicals used are commercially available and were used without further purification. Column chromatography was performed using Merck Silicagel 60 (0.043-0.06 mm).

NMR data were recorded on a Bruker AC 250, Bruker ARX 300, Bruker ARX 500 spectrometers.

Gas chromatography-mass analysis was carried out on an AgilentHP-5890 instrument with an Agilent HP-5973 Mass Selective Detector (EI) and HP-5 capillary column using helium carrier gas. ESI HR-MS measurements were performed on an Agilent 1969A TOF mass-spectrometer. For High Resolution MS (HRMS), a Finnigan MAT95 XP was used. Only the measurements with an average deviation from the theoretical mass of  $\pm 2\text{mDa}$  were accounted as correct.

Infrared Spectra were recorded on a Nicolet 550 FT – IR spectrometer with ATR sampling technique.

Absorption spectra were measured with the UV/Vis-spectrophotometer Specord 50 from Analytik Jena and the fluorescence spectra using the spectrofluorometer Fluoromax-4 of Horiba Scientific.

## Experimentals

### Synthesis of 3-bromo-2-(phenylethyynyl)pyridine 3:

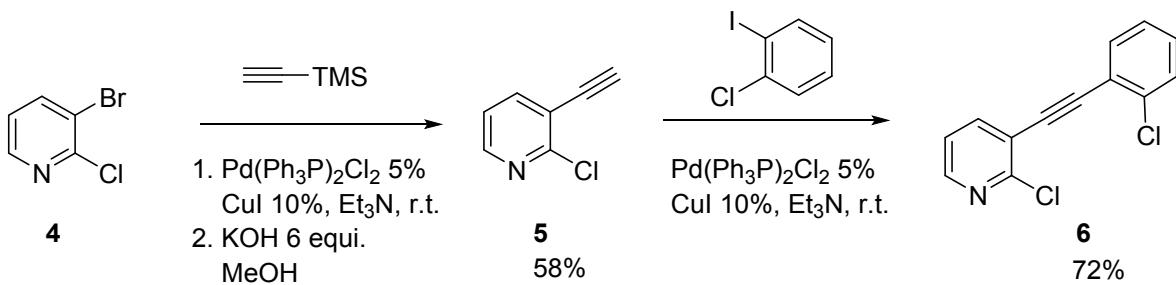
3-bromo-2-(alkynyl)pyridines **3** were synthesized by selective Sonogashira reaction of 2,3-dibromopyridine and various terminal alkynes. Similarly, alkyne **6** was prepared from 3-bromo-2-chloropyridine **4** via three steps. Starting from **4**, alkynylation took place at position 3 because bromide is more favored than chloride in Sonogashira coupling.<sup>1,2,3</sup>

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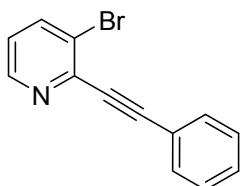
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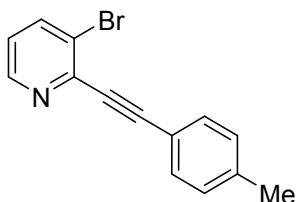
**3-bromo-2-(phenylethyynyl)pyridines 3a:**



**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 8.55 (dd, *J* = 4.7 Hz, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (dd, *J* = 8.1 Hz, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.67 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.11 (dd, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 3*J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 148.4, 143.8, 139.9, 132.3 (2C), 129.5, 128.6 (2C), 123.9, 123.7, 122.1, 94.2, 87.6.

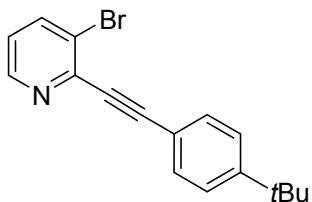
**3-bromo-2-(*p*-tolylethyynyl)pyridine 3b:**



**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 8.53 (dd, *J* = 4.7 Hz, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (dd, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 4*J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.57 - 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.21 - 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.10 (dd, *J* = 8.1 Hz, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 148.3, 143.9, 139.9, 139.9, 132.2 (2C), 129.3 (2C), 123.8, 123.5, 118.9, 94.8, 87.1, 21.8.

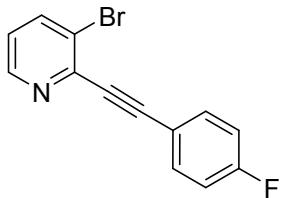
**3-bromo-2-((4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)ethynyl)pyridine 3c:**



**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 8.54 (dd, *J* = 4.7 Hz, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (dd, *J* = 8.1 Hz, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.62 - 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.43 - 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.11 (dd, *J* = 8.1 Hz, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.33 (s, 9H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 153.0, 148.3, 144.0, 140.0, 132.1 (2C), 125.6 (2C), 123.9, 123.5, 119.0, 94.7, 87.1, 35.1, 31.3.

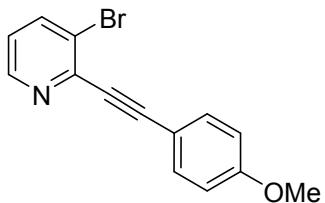
### 3-bromo-2-((4-fluorophenyl)ethynyl)pyridine 3d:



**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 8.54 (dd, *J* = 4.7 Hz, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (dd, *J* = 8.2 Hz, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.67 - 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 8.2 Hz, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.11 - 7.02 (m, 2H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 163.3 (d, *J* = 251.4 Hz), 148.39, 143.7, 140.0, 134.4 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 123.9, 123.7, 118.2 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 115.9 (d, *J* = 22.2 Hz), 93.2, 87.3.

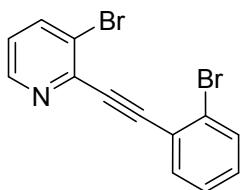
### 3-bromo-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)pyridine 3e:



**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 8.52 (dd, *J* = 4.7 Hz, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (dd, *J* = 8.1 Hz, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.62 - 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.09 (dd, *J* = 8.1 Hz, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 6.93 - 6.86 (m, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 160.7, 148.2, 144.1, 139.9, 133.9 (2C), 123.7, 123.3, 114.3 (2C), 114.1, 94.9, 86.7, 55.5.

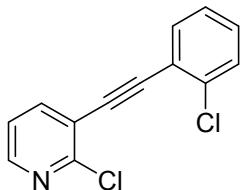
**3-bromo-2-((2-bromophenyl)ethynyl)pyridine 3f:**



**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ = 8.58 (dd, *J* = 4.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.75 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 4.7 Hz, 1H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ = 148.5, 143.6, 140.1, 134.4, 132.8, 130.6, 127.2, 126.0, 124.4, 124.2, 123.9, 92.1, 91.5.

**2-chloro-3-((2-chlorophenyl)ethynyl)pyridine**



**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ = 8.39 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.69 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.54 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.22 (m, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ = 152.5, 148.7, 141.6, 136.4, 133.7, 130.3, 129.6, 126.7, 122.4, 122.0, 120.4, 93.6, 89.2.

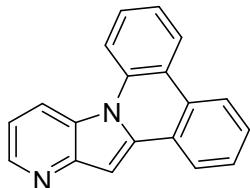
**MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z(%) = 247 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 212 (37), 177 (52), 160 (5), 150 (22), 124 (13), 111 (4), 99 (10), 75 (18), 62 (6), 51 (3), 39 (2).

**General procedure for synthesis of azaindolo[1,2-*f*]phenanthridines:**

3-bromo-2-(phenylethynyl)pyridine **3** (0.3 mmol), 2-bromoaniline **7** (1.1 equiv., 0.33 mmol), Pd(Ph<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>4</sub> (10 mol%, 0.03 mmol), Xantphos (10 mol%, 0.03 mmol), and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (3 equiv., 0.9 mmol) were placed in a dried pressure tube equipped with a septum. Then dried and degassed DMF (4 mL) was added under argon. The reaction was back-filled with argon three times and the septum was replaced with a Teflon cap. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 120 °C for 24 h. Then the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and was filtered through a

pad of Celite. The filtrate was dried under reduced pressure, and the product **3** was obtained after flash chromatography on a silica gel column with ethyl acetate.

**Pyrido[2',3':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-f]phenanthridine 8aa**



Yellowish solid, 86%. M.p.: 144 - 145 °C.

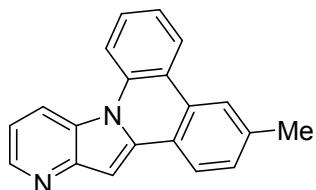
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ = 8.62 (dd, *J* = 4.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.50 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.35 – 8.17 (m, 2H), 8.17 – 7.90 (m, 2H), 7.53 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.39 – 7.09 (m, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ = 147.6, 144.9, 138.3, 135.2, 129.0, 128.9, 128.5, 127.0, 126.9, 125.2, 124.9, 124.3, 123.7, 122.4, 121.9, 121.3, 116.2, 116.0, 96.8.

**IR (ATR, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** = 3123 (w), 3099 (w), 3062 (w), 3034 (w), 1887 (w), 1598 (m), 1580 (w), 1556 (s), 1503 (w), 1488 (w), 1479 (m), 1453 (m), 1440 (s), 1414 (s), 1401 (w), 1378 (m), 1356 (m), 1325 (w), 1311 (w), 1303 (w), 1279 (m), 1236 (m), 1186 (m), 1138 (w), 1127 (w), 1110 (w), 1073 (w), 1051 (w), 1042 (w), 973 (w), 954 (w), 943 (w), 923 (w), 908 (w), 877 (w), 862 (w), 833 (w), 805 (w), 774 (w), 745 (s), 731 (w), 708 (m), 666 (w), 640 (w), 617 (m), 608 (w), 584 (w), 574 (w), 556 (w), 537 (w).

**MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z(%) = 268 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 240 (7), 214 (3), 134 (10), 120 (13), 106 (5). **HRMS (EI):** Calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 268.09950, found: 268.09952.

**3-methylpyrido[2',3':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-f]phenanthridine 8ba**



Yellowish solid, 61%. M.p.: 162 - 164 °C.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ = 8.72 – 8.54 (m, 1H), 8.50 – 8.36 (m, 1H), 8.19 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 5.7 Hz, 2H), 7.95 – 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.54 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.34 – 7.09 (m, 4H), 2.45 (s, 3H).

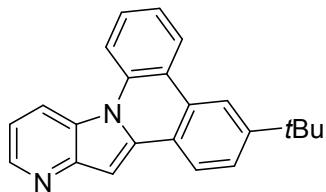
**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  = 147.9, 144.8, 138.8, 138.5, 135.3, 129.7, 128.8, 126.8, 124.8, 124.1, 123.5, 122.6, 122.5, 121.9, 121.0, 115.9, 115.8, 96.1, 22.0. (one signal of C tertiary could not be detected).

**IR(ATR,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):** = 3120 (w), 3093 (w), 3061 (w), 3032 (w), 2917 (w), 2851 (w), 1914 (w), 1883 (w), 1613 (w), 1598 (m), 1575 (w), 1557 (m), 1550 (w), 1493 (w), 1481 (w), 1444 (s), 1414 (s), 1375 (m), 1349 (m), 1306 (m), 1283 (m), 1238 (m), 1208 (w), 1189 (m), 1164 (w), 1149 (w), 1127 (w), 1115 (w), 1079 (m), 1039 (m), 956 (m), 943 (w), 923 (m), 913 (w), 903 (w), 873 (m), 834 (w), 810 (s), 772 (m), 755 (s), 734 (s), 714 (w), 660 (w), 651 (w), 623 (m), 610 (m), 578 (s), 545 (w), 532 (s).

**MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z(%) = 282 ( $M^+$ , 100), 266 (4), 140 (10), 128 (2), 126 (5).

**HR-MS (EI):** calculated for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2$  ( $M^+$ ): 282.11515, found: 282.11477.

### 3-(*tert*-butyl)pyrido[2',3':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-*f*]phenanthridine 8ca



Yellowish solid, 69%. M.p.: 176 – 178 °C.

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  = 8.63 (d,  $J$  = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 8.53 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.41 – 8.29 (m, 2H), 8.24 (d,  $J$  = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.64 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.22 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.47 (s, 9H).

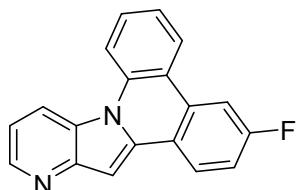
**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  = 152.1, 148.0, 144.9, 138.5, 135.5, 128.9, 127.0, 126.6, 126.5, 124.9, 124.2, 123.6, 122.8, 122.4, 121.1, 118.7, 116.1, 116.0, 96.3, 35.4, 31.4 (3C).

**IR (ATR,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):** = 3060 (w), 3025 (w), 2947 (m), 2902 (w), 2860 (w), 1931 (w), 1884 (w), 1732 (w), 1615 (w), 1598 (m), 1578 (w), 1557 (m), 1504 (w), 1494 (m), 1479 (w), 1463 (w), 1443 (s), 1413 (s), 1392 (w), 1357 (w), 1348 (m), 1303 (w), 1275 (m), 1265 (m), 1242 (w), 1205 (w), 1187 (m), 1162 (w), 28 1151 (w), 1127 (w), 1115 (w), 1097 (w), 1070 (w), 1053 (w), 1039 (w), 1021 (w), 970 (w), 956 (m), 925 (w), 913 (w), 875 (m), 832 (w), 813 (m), 788 (s), 769 (m), 756 (s), 738 (s), 710 (w), 657 (w), 648 (w), 623 (s), 608 (w), 584 (m), 542 (s).

**MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z(%) = 324 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 309 (98), 294 (28), 290 (4), 281 (12), 268 (15), 240 (4), 154 (4), 146 (4), 140 (24), 132 (6), 126 (4), 41 (3), 39 (3).

**HR-MS (EI):** calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 324.16210, found: 324.16196.

**3-fluoropyrido[2',3':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-f]phenanthridine 8da**



Yellowish solid, 88%. M.p.: 213 - 215 °C.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ = 8.61 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 8.41 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.23 – 8.11 (m, 1H), 8.02 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, *J* = 10.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.08 (m, 3H).

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR (63 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ = 110.77 Hz.

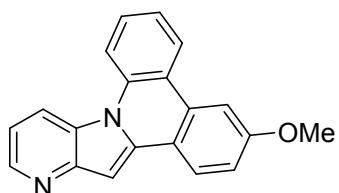
**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ = 163.1 (d, *J* = 248.2 Hz), 147.7, 145.1, 137.5, 135.5, 129.7, 129.1 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 127.2 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz), 126.8, 124.4, 123.7, 121.5 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 121.1, 121.1, 116.5 (d, *J* = 23.2 Hz), 116.2, 116.0, 108.5 (d, *J* = 23.4 Hz), 96.5 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz).

**IR (ATR, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** = 3059 (w), 3035 (w), 1616 (m), 1603 (m), 1580 (w), 1558 (m), 1551 (m), 1489 (m), 1443 (s), 1416 (s), 1379 (w), 1349 (m), 1331 (w), 1304 (w), 1272 (m), 1245 (w), 1236 (w), 1180 (s), 1135 (w), 1128 (w), 1106 (w), 1072 (w), 1054 (w), 1032 (w), 957 (m), 933 (w), 915 (w), 892 (m), 854 (w), 819 (w), 810 (m), 784 (w), 763 (s), 755 (m), 733 (s), 706 (w), 652 (m), 631 (m), 621 (m), 606 (w), 599 (m), 583 (w), 545 (w), 533 (m).

**MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z(%) = 286 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 258 (7), 232 (3), 195 (2), 143 (10), 129 (11), 115 (3).

**HR-MS (EI):** calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub>F<sub>1</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 286.09008, found: 286.08980.

**3-methoxypyrido[2',3':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-f]phenanthridine 8ea**



Yellowish solid, 85%. M.p.: 200 – 201 °C.

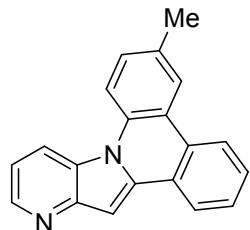
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ = 8.49 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 6.90 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ = 160.2, 148.0, 144.7, 138.6, 135.5, 129.1, 128.5, 126.8, 126.6, 124.2, 123.5, 121.7, 120.9, 118.6, 116.3, 116.0, 115.6, 105.6, 95.2, 55.5.

**IR (ATR, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** = 3089 (w), 3032 (w), 2999 (w), 2958 (w), 2930 (w), 2908 (w), 2831 (w), 1609 (s), 1601 (s), 1550 (s), 1493 (s), 1450 (s), 1438 (w), 1428 (w), 1414 (s), 1379 (w), 1347 (m), 1334 (w), 1303 (w), 1278 (s), 1244 (w), 1219 (s), 1190 (m), 1181 (w), 1141 (w), 1130 (w), 1111 (w), 1079 (w), 1073 (w), 1056 (w), 1041 (w), 1033 (w), 1021 (m), 980 (w), 971 (w), 956 (m), 912 (w), 905 (w), 883 (w), 872 (w), 865 (w), 830 (m), 823 (w), 813 (s), 785 (w), 766 (s), 753 (s), 736 (s), 705 (w), 656 (m), 634 (m), 623 (m), 607 (s), 584 (m), 555 (m), 539 (m).

**MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z(%) = 298 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 283 (20), 255 (63), 227 (7), 149 (9), 127 (4), 113 (5), 99 (3). **HR-MS (EI):** calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>1</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 298.11006, found: 298.10998.

### 6-methylpyrido[2',3':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-f]phenanthridine 8ab



Yellow solid, 64%. M.p.: 184 – 186 °C.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ = 8.60 (s, 1H), 8.39 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.13 – 7.95 (m, 3H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.54 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ = 147.2, 144.4, 139.9, 138.3, 133.14 133.0, 129.8, 128.8, 128.3, 127.0, 125.0, 125.0, 124.4, 122.4, 121.7, 121.3, 116.0, 115.7, 96.2, 21.2.

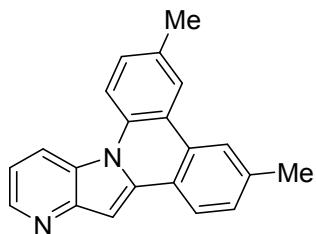
**IR (ATR, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** = 3124 (w), 3069 (w), 3036 (w), 2954 (w), 2916 (m), 2850 (m), 2746 (w), 1942 (w), 1900 (w), 1877 (w), 1860 (w), 1823 (w), 1795 (w), 1600 (m), 1577 (w), 1569 (m), 1553 (s), 1524 (w), 1496 (m), 1450 (s), 1416 (s), 1387 (w), 1372 (w), 1354 (m), 1324 (w), 1310 (w), 1300

(w), 1279 (m), 1236 (w), 1193 (w), 1182 (m), 1165 (w), 1145 (w), 1124 (m), 1116 (m), 1066 (w), 1042 (w), 999 (w), 972 (w), 955 (m), 937 (w), 910 (m), 883 (w), 866 (m), 853 (m), 828 (w), 801 (m), 790 (s), 772 (m), 748 (s), 730 (w), 720 (w), 710 (w), 694 (w), 660 (w), 643 (m), 620 (w), 576 (s), 540 (m).

**MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z(%) = 282 ( $M^+$ , 100), 266 (4), 252 (3), 140 (16), 126 (5), 113 (2), 100 (2).

**HRMS (EI):** calculated for  $C_{20}H_{14}N_2(M^+)$ : 282.11515, found: 282.11484.

### 3,6-dimethylpyrido[2',3':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-f]phenanthridine 8bb



Yellowish solid, 72%. M.p.: 208 – 210 °C.

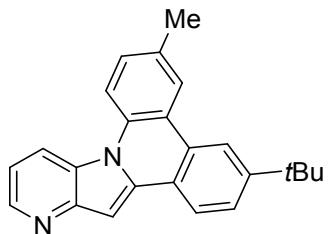
**$^1H$  NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ = 8.59 (s, 1H), 8.36 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.35 – 6.87 (m, 4H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H).

**$^{13}C$  NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ = 147.71, 144.59, 138.65, 138.40, 133.12, 132.85, 129.55, 129.47, 126.82, 126.71, 124.81, 124.23, 122.63, 122.41, 121.65 (2C), 120.88, 115.63, 95.65, 22.00, 21.15.

**IR (ATR, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** = 3154 (w), 3115 (w), 3097 (w), 3056 (w), 3025 (w), 3004 (w), 2952 (w), 2917 (m), 2851 (w), 1920 (w), 1898 (w), 1854 (w), 1613 (w), 1601 (m), 1569 (w), 1549 (s), 1491 (m), 1481 (w), 1434 (w), 1416 (s), 1373 (w), 1352 (w), 1300 (w), 1281 (m), 1262 (w), 1237 (m), 1205 (w), 1192 (m), 1152 (w), 1121 (w), 1099 (w), 1069 (w), 1041 (m), 957 (m), 929 (w), 906 (w), 877 (m), 867 (w), 817 (w), 806 (s), 784 (s), 754 (s), 741 (w), 716 (w), 694 (w), 660 (m), 629 (w), 622 (w), 590 (m), 578 (m), 560 (w), 533 (s).

**MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z(%) = 296 ( $M^+$ , 100), 279 (11), 266 (2), 148 (6), 147 (3), 146 (3), 140 (7), 126 (2). **HR-MS (EI):** calculated for  $C_{21}H_{16}N_2([M+1]^{+1})$ : 297.13862, found: 297.13882.

### 3-(*tert*-butyl)-6-methylpyrido[2',3':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-f]phenanthridine 8cb



Yellow solid, 32%; M.p. 197 - 199 °C.

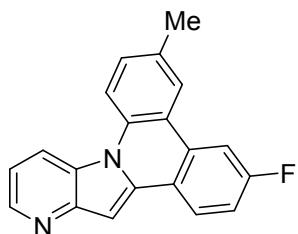
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 8.67 – 8.56 (m, 1H), 8.49 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.23 – 8.07 (m, 4H), 7.63 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.36 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.20 (dd, *J* = 8.5 Hz, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 1.48 (s, 9H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 152.0, 147.9, 144.8, 138.4, 133.4, 133.1, 129.8, 126.7, 126.3, 125.0, 124.3, 122.9, 122.3, 121.0, 118.6, 116.0, 115.8, 96.0, 35.4, 31.5, 21.3 (3C) (one signal of C tertiary could not be detected).

**IR (ATR, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** = 3033 (w), 2956 (m), 2914 (w), 2864 (w), 1615 (w), 1600 (w), 1569 (w), 1556 (m), 1548 (m), 1489 (w), 1482 (w), 1460 (w), 1444 (w), 1427 (w), 1414 (s), 1391 (w), 1379 (w), 1357 (m), 1353 (m), 1301 (w), 1280 (m), 1263 (m), 1240 (w), 1202 (w), 1187 (w), 1159 (w), 1131 (w), 1121 (w), 1067 (w), 1045 (w), 958 (m), 941 (w), 925 (w), 904 (w), 880 (m), 865 (w), 830 (m), 811 (w), 786 (s), 774 (s), 757 (s), 736 (w), 722 (m), 666 (w), 656 (w), 634 (w), 620 (w), 611 (w), 578 (m), 552 (s), 533 (w).

**MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z(%) = 338 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 323 (85), 308 (29), 295 (9), 282 (11), 266 (3), 161 (7), 153 (4), 152 (3), 147 (23), 140 (8), 139 (5), 133 (4), 41 (5), 39 (4). **HR-MS (EI):** calculated for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 338.17775, found: 338.17773.

### 3-fluoro-6-methylpyrido[2',3':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-f]phenanthridine 8db



Yellow solid, 79%. M.p.: 233 – 235 °C.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ = 8.68 (s, 1H), 8.45 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.11 – 8.01 (m, 2H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.76 – 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.35 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.19 (dd, *J* = 8.4 Hz, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H).

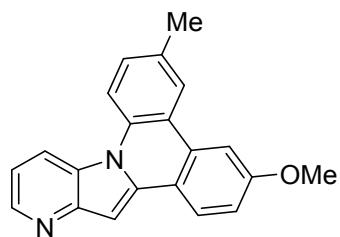
**<sup>19</sup>F NMR (63 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ = 110.92.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ = 163.1 (d, *J* = 247.9 Hz), 147.5, 144.9, 137.5, 133.3, 133.3, 130.5, 129.1 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 127.2 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz), 124.6, 121.6 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 121.0, 120.9 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 116.4 (d, *J* = 23.2 Hz), 116.0, 115.8, 108.5 (d, *J* = 23.4 Hz), 96.1, 21.2. (Signal of one C tertiary could not be detected).

**IR (ATR, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** = 3033 (w), 2956 (m), 2914 (w), 2864 (w), 1615 (w), 1600 (w), 1569 (w), 1556 (m), 1548 (m), 1489 (w), 1482 (w), 1460 (w), 1444 (w), 1427 (w), 1414 (s), 1391 (w), 1379 (w), 1357 (m), 1353 (m), 1301 (w), 1280 (m), 1263 (m), 1240 (w), 1202 (w), 1187 (w), 1159 (w), 1131 (w), 1121 (w), 1067 (w), 1045 (w), 958 (m), 941 (w), 925 (w), 904 (w), 880 (m), 865 (w), 830 (m), 811 (w), 786 (s), 774 (s), 757 (s), 736 (w), 722 (m), 666 (w), 656 (w), 634 (w), 620 (w), 611 (w), 578 (m), 552 (s), 533 (w).

**MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z(%) = 338 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 323 (85), 308 (29), 295 (9), 282 (11), 266 (3), 161 (7), 153 (4), 147 (23), 140 (8), 139 (5), 133 (4), 41 (5), 39 (4). **HR-MS (EI):** calculated for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 338.17775, found: 338.17773.

### 3-methoxy-6-methylpyrido[2',3':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-f]phenanthridine 8eb



Yellow solid, 37%, M.p.: 183 – 185 °C.

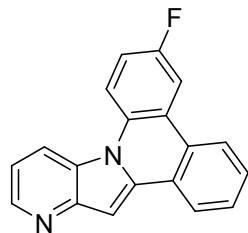
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ = 8.57 (s, 1H), 8.47 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ = 160.5, 147.2, 143.7, 139.1, 133.3, 130.2, 128.8, 127.0, 126.9, 124.5, 121.7, 121.4, 118.6, 116.4, 115.9, 115.4, 105.8, 94.5, 55.7, 21.3. (one signal of C tertiary could not be detected).

**IR (ATR, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** = 3094 (w), 3029 (w), 3005 (w), 2916 (w), 2839 (w), 2054 (m), 1722 (w), 1610 (s), 1572 (w), 1546 (s), 1493 (s), 1467 (w), 1452 (w), 1432 (w), 1418 (s), 1378 (w), 1353 (w), 1333 (w), 1300 (w), 1282 (s), 1243 (w), 1223 (s), 1194 (m), 1188 (m), 1152 (w), 1125 (w), 1074 (w), 1028 (s), 959 (m), 936 (w), 906 (w), 860 (w), 833 (m), 819 (m), 803 (w), 782 (s), 773 (m), 751 (s), 710 (w), 682 (w), 668 (w), 633 (m), 621 (w), 587 (w), 579 (w), 545 (s).

**MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z(%) = 312 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 297 (16), 269 (53), 253 (4), 239 (2), 156 (10), 134 (7), 121 (3), 120 (3), 107 (2). **HR-MS (EI):** calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>1</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 312.12571, found: 312.12596.

#### 6-fluoropyrido[2',3':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-f]phenanthridine 8ac (10e)



Yellow solid, 41%. M.p.: 220 – 221 °C.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ = 8.65 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.44 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 8.16 – 8.07 (m, 1H), 8.07 – 8.00 (m, 1H), 7.90 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.36 (s, 1H), 7.28 – 7.16 (m, 2H).

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ -118.20.

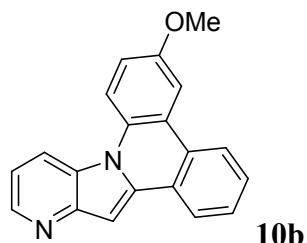
**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ = 159.0 (d, *J* = 243.3 Hz), 147.7, 145.3, 137.9, 131.8 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 129.3, 129.0, 126.8, 126.2 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 125.6, 125.1, 124.0 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 122.7, 120.7, 117.5 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 116.5, 116.1 (d, *J* = 23.2 Hz), 110.6 (d, *J* = 23.9 Hz), 97.1.

**IR (ATR, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** = 3131.1 (w), 3056.8 (w), 3031.7 (w), 2920.8 (w), 2850.5 (w), 1942.2 (w), 1889.7 (w), 1573.4 (m), 1557.6 (s), 1496.3 (m), 1452.2 (m), 1420.5 (s), 1280.2 (m), 1243.7 (m), 1201.1 (m), 1174.1 (m), 1137.7 (m), 1108.0 (w), 1168.8 (m), 957.1 (m), 909.6 (m), 856.1 (m), 806.8 (m), 782.8 (m), 746.5 (s), 577.9 (m).

**MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z(%) = 286 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 258 (7), 232 (5), 208 (2), 195 (3), 168 (3), 143 (6), 128 (3), 99 (2), 87 (2), 75 (2), 62 (5), 51 (3), 39 (3).

**HR-MS (EI):** calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub>F<sub>1</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 286.09008, found: 286.09014

**6-methoxypyrido[2',3':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-f]phenanthridine 10b**



Yellowish solid, 51%. M.p.: 156 – 157 °C.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ = 8.61 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.41 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 8.10 – 8.00 (m, 2H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 7.19 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H).

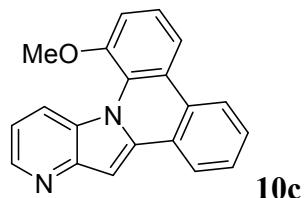
**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ = 155.7, 147.4, 144.7, 137.9, 129.7, 128.8, 128.6, 126.8, 126.7, 125.4, 125.1, 123.3, 122.5, 120.84 117.1, 116.3, 115.3, 108.4, 96.3, 55.7.

**IR (ATR, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** = 3133.5 (w), 3055.6 (w), 2919.6 (w), 2849.1 (w), 1957.7 (w), 1925.7 (w), 1900.2 (w), 1726.6 (w), 1616.8 (m), 1606.1 (m), 1569.7 (m), 1552.5 (s), 1500.3 (m), 1453.4 (m), 1419.4 (s), 1350.4 (m), 1218.9 (m), 1185.5 (m), 1138.4 (m), 1018.3 (m), 956.6 (m), 850.5 (m), 789.6 (m), 755.3 (s), 694.9 (m), 583.2 (m).

**MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z(%) = 298 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 283 (37), 255 (70), 227 (11). 200 (5), 174 (4), 149 (8), 127 (7), 114 (11), 100 (5), 87 (7), 75 (4), 63 (4), 51 (4), 39 (6).

**HR-MS (EI):** calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>1</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 298.11006, found: 298.10977.

**8-methoxypyrido[2',3':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-f]phenanthridine 10c**



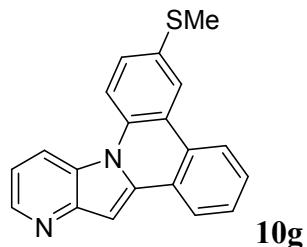
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ = 8.59 (dd, *J* = 4.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.25 – 8.12 (m, 2H), 8.10 – 8.03 (m, 1H), 7.94 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.07 (m, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ = 149.5, 146.9, 144.4, 139.1, 129.9, 128.9, 128.8, 127.3, 125.9, 125.4, 124.9, 124.7 (2C), 124.1, 123.1, 116.4, 115.0, 112.1, 97.6, 55.9.

**MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z(%) = 298 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 283 (83), 253 (13), 227 (7), 201 (4), 175 (2), 142 (10), 127 (6), 114 (7), 100 (7).

**HRMS (EI):** calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>1</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 298.11006, found: 298.11014.

### 6-(methylthio)pyrido[2',3':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-f]phenanthridine 10g



Yellow solid, 81%. M.p.: 172 – 173 °C.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ = 8.61 (s, 1H), 8.42 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.17 – 7.97 (m, 4H), 7.57 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.35 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 7.22 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (s, 3H).

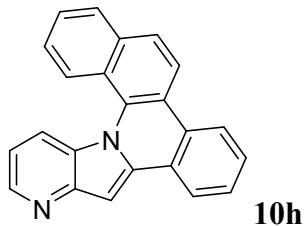
**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ = 147.2, 144.6, 138.2, 133.5, 133.0, 129.0, 128.8, 127.9, 126.4, 125.2, 125.1, 122.8, 122.6, 122.4, 121.3, 116.5, 116.2, 96.7, 16.8. (one signal of C-tertiary could not be detected).

**IR (ATR, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** = 3031.8 (w), 3001.0 (w), 2958.0 (w), 2917.4 (w), 2849.2 (w), 1597.0 (w), 1646.3 (m), 1488.3 (w), 1449.2 (m), 1413.4 (s), 1354.0 (m), 1278.7 (m), 1189.0 (m), 1115.3 (w), 955.0 (m), 855.7 (w), 789.8 (s), 750.4 (s), 580.6 (m).

**MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z(%) = 314 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 299 (52), 266 (9), 255 (28), 227 (4), 157 (13), 127 (6), 113 (3), 100 (2).

**HRMS (EI):** calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S<sub>1</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 314.08722, found: 314.08694.

### Benzo[*c*]pyrido[2',3':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-f]phenanthridine 10h



Yellow solid, 42%. M.p.: 231 – 232 °C.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ = 8.64 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.34 – 8.11 (m, 4H), 7.96 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.03 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 4.5 Hz, 1H).

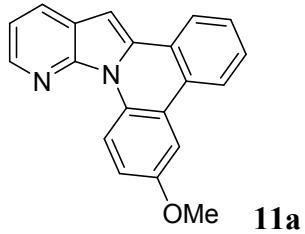
**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ = 147.6, 145.4, 139.8, 134.1, 129.9, 129.2, 129.0, 128.7, 128.3, 127.6, 127.2, 125.9, 125.2, 124.7, 124.6, 124.3, 123.7, 123.0, 122.1, 121.0, 120.5, 114.0, 97.7.

**IR (ATR, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** = 3096.6 (w), 2958.7 (w), 2850.5 (w), 1954.5 (w), 1915.3 (w), 1808.3, 1713.7 (w), 1621.8 (w), 1576.9 (m), 1543.0 (m), 1416.8 (s), 1389.4 (m), 1274.8 (m), 1029.8 (m), 807 (m), 752.5 (s), 611.2 (m), 566.6 (m).

**MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z(%) = 318 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 291 (12), 237 (2), 159 (41), 144 (23), 131 (9), 105 (2), 87 (1).

**HRMS (EI):** calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>(M<sup>+</sup>): 318.11515, found: 318.11507.

#### **6-methoxypyrido[3',2':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-f]phenanthridine 11a**



Yellowish solid, 34%. M.p.: 186 – 187 °C.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ = 10.15 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 8.50 (dd, *J* = 4.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.24 – 7.97 (m, 3H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H).

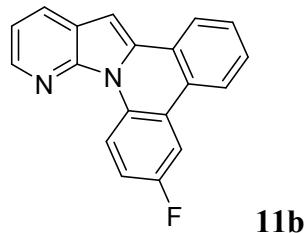
**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ = 155.8, 146.9, 141.8, 134.6, 129.9, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.4, 125.8, 124.3, 122.8, 122.7, 122.1, 120.4, 117.5, 115.5, 107.5, 92.4, 55.7.

**IR (ATR, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** = 3104.4 (w), 2997.7 (w), 2930.7 (w), 2830.5 (w), 2089.0 (w), 1892.9 (w), 1713.5 (w), 1620.3 (w), 1563.3 (m), 1543.8 (s), 1499.5 (m), 1453.9 (m), 1407.9 (m), 1327 (m), 1293.2 (m), 1215.2 (m), 1075.3 (m), 1042.8 (m), 1016.0 (m), 945.9 (w), 855.2 (m), 792.4 (m), 758.9 (m), 729.0 (m), 607.9 (m), 566.3 (m).

**MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z(%) = 298 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 283 (34), 255 (61), 227 (7), 201 (3), 175 (2), 149 (15), 127 (16), 113 (4), 100 (5).

**HRMS (EI):** calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>1</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 298.11066, found: 298.11047

### 6-fluoropyrido[3',2':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-f]phenanthridine 11b



Yellowish solid, 51%. M.p.: 201 – 202 °C.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ = 10.26 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 8.50 (dd, *J* = 4.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.25 – 8.03 (m, 3H), 7.91 (dd, *J* = 10.3, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.11 (s, 1H).

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ = -118.48.

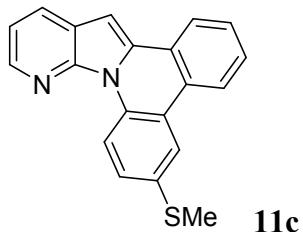
**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ = 159.3 (d, *J* = 242.1 Hz), 142.1, 134.6, 131.9, 130.4, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 126.8 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 125.8, 124.3, 123.4 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 122.9, 122.2, 121.0 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 117.9, 116.4 (d, *J* = 22.4 Hz), 109.3 (d, *J* = 24.0 Hz), 93.0.

**IR (ATR, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** = 3122.0 (w), 3054.0 (w), 1920.0 (w), 1884.2 (w), 1798.7 (w), 1661.0 (w), 1620.4 (w), 1567.0 (m), 1497.6 (m), 1454.6 (m), 1409.4 (m), 1329.7 (m), 1267.7 (m), 1174.5 (m), 1141.0 (m), 892.5 (m), 824.2 (m), 752.8 (m), 724.4 (m), 662.7 (w), 593.9 (m), 566.3 (m).

**MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z(%) = 286 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 258 (10), 232 (3), 143 (17), 129 (4), 115 (3).

**HRMS (EI):** calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub>F<sub>1</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 286.09008, found: 286.08990.

### 6-(methylthio)pyrido[3',2':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-f]phenanthridine 11c



Yellow solid, 36%. M.p.: 168 – 169 °C.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ = 10.14 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 8.49 (dd, *J* = 4.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.27 – 8.11 (m, 2H), 8.10 – 7.99 (m, 2H), 7.57 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.26 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 2.61 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ = 147.1, 142.0, 134.7, 133.4, 132.9, 128.5 (2C), 128.4, 128.2, 127.0, 125.7, 124.2, 122.7, 122.3, 122.2, 122.0, 119.8, 117.7, 93.0, 17.2.

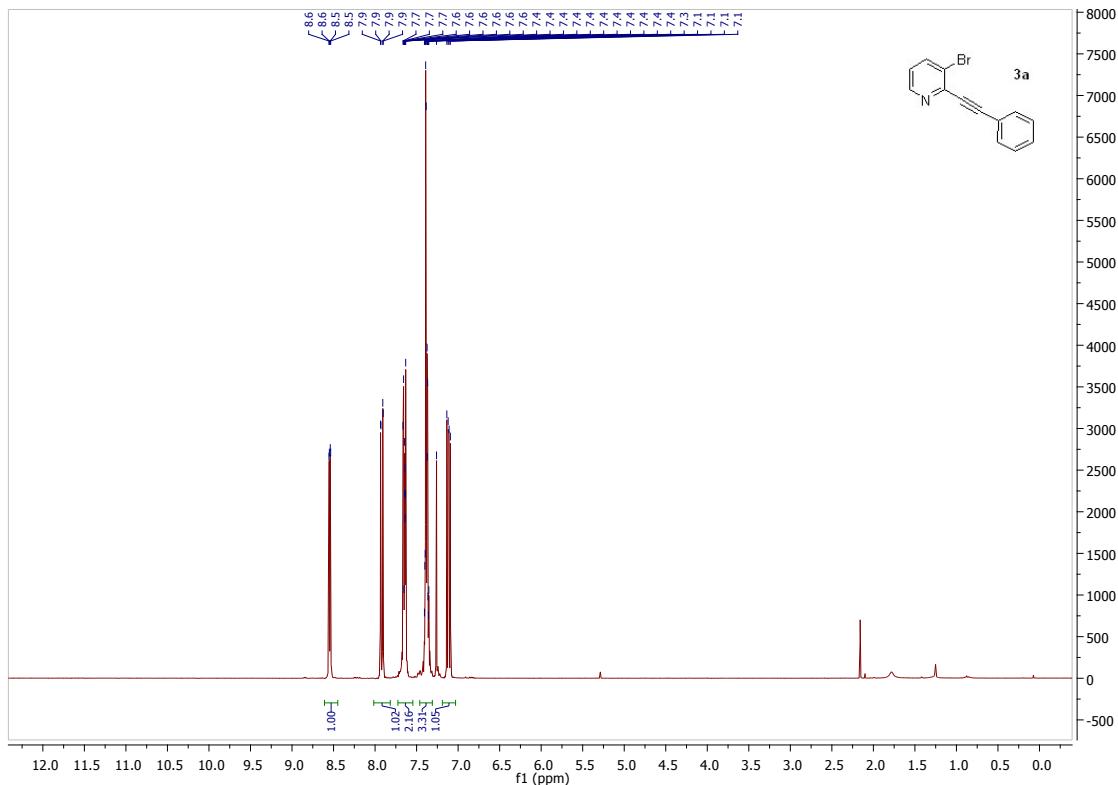
**IR (ATR, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** = 3107.2 (w), 3037.2 (w), 2918.0 (w), 2849.6 (w), 2731.2 (w), 2520.1 8w), 2387.1 (w), 2116.4 (w), 1959.0 (w), 1916.1 (w), 1724.9 (w), 1595.9 (m), 1541.6 (m), 1453.3 (s), 1405.6 (s), 1323.5 (m), 1103.3 (m), 955.8 (m), 818.2 (m), 793.9 (s), 758.7 (s), 730.2 (s), 646.5 (m), 585.3 (m).

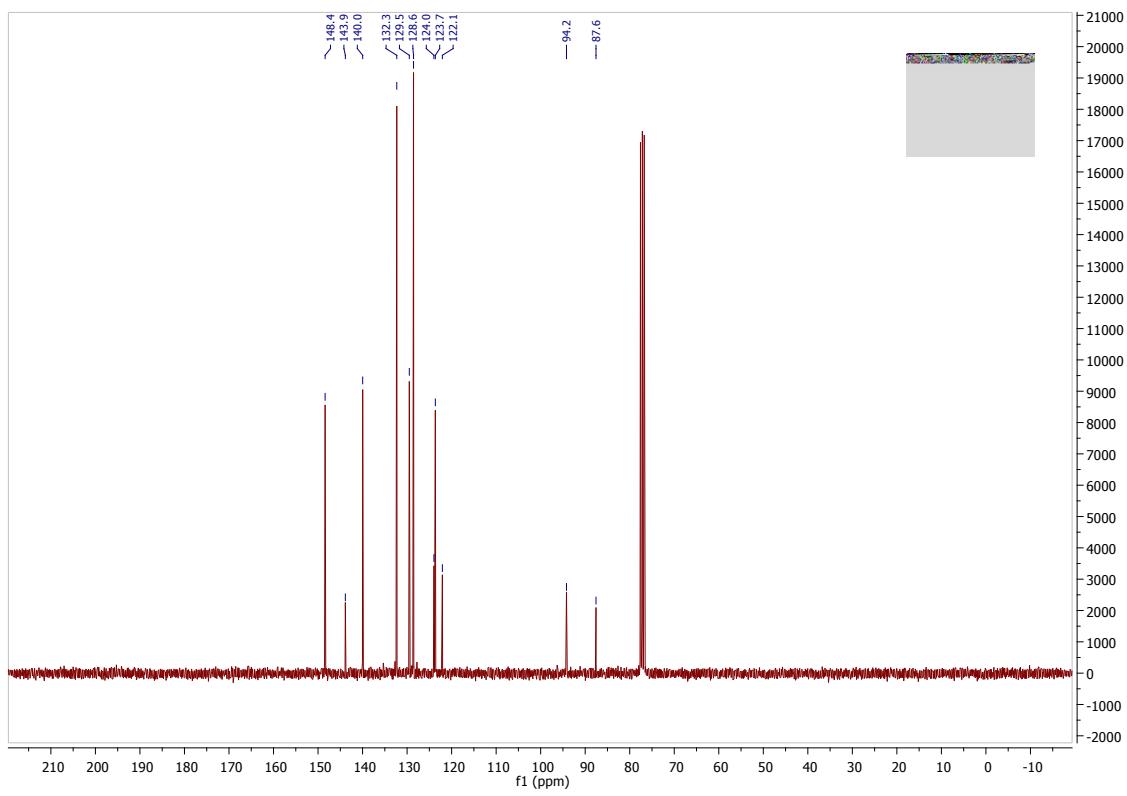
**MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z(%) = 314 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 299 (59), 266 (7), 255 (29), 227 (3), 201 (1), 157 (14), 133 (5), 113 (2).

**HRMS (EI):** calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S<sub>1</sub>(M<sup>+</sup>): 314.08722, found: 314.08645.

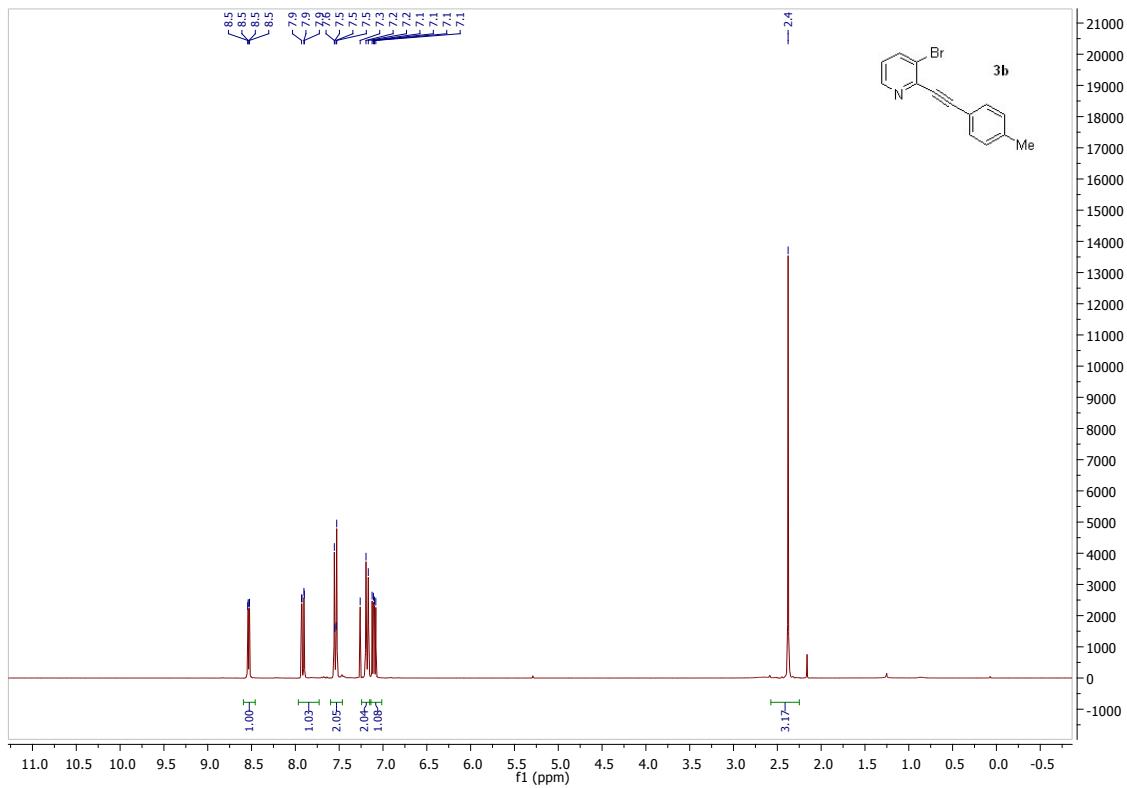
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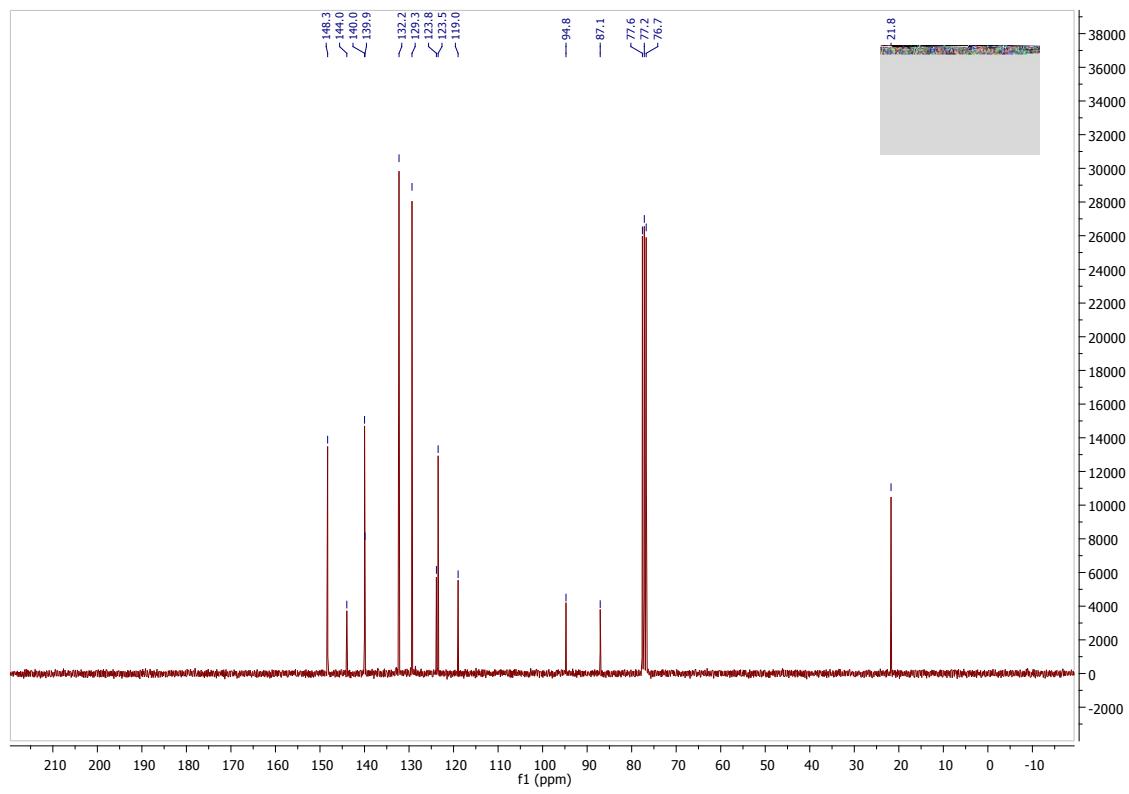
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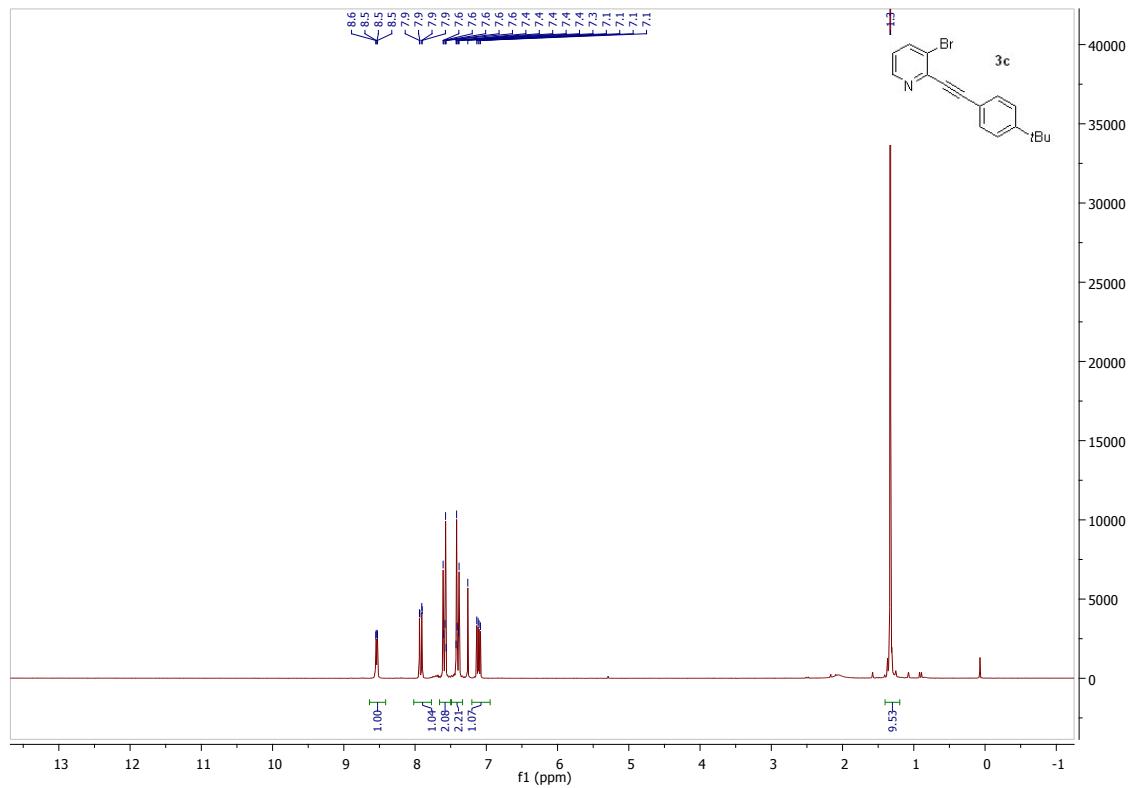


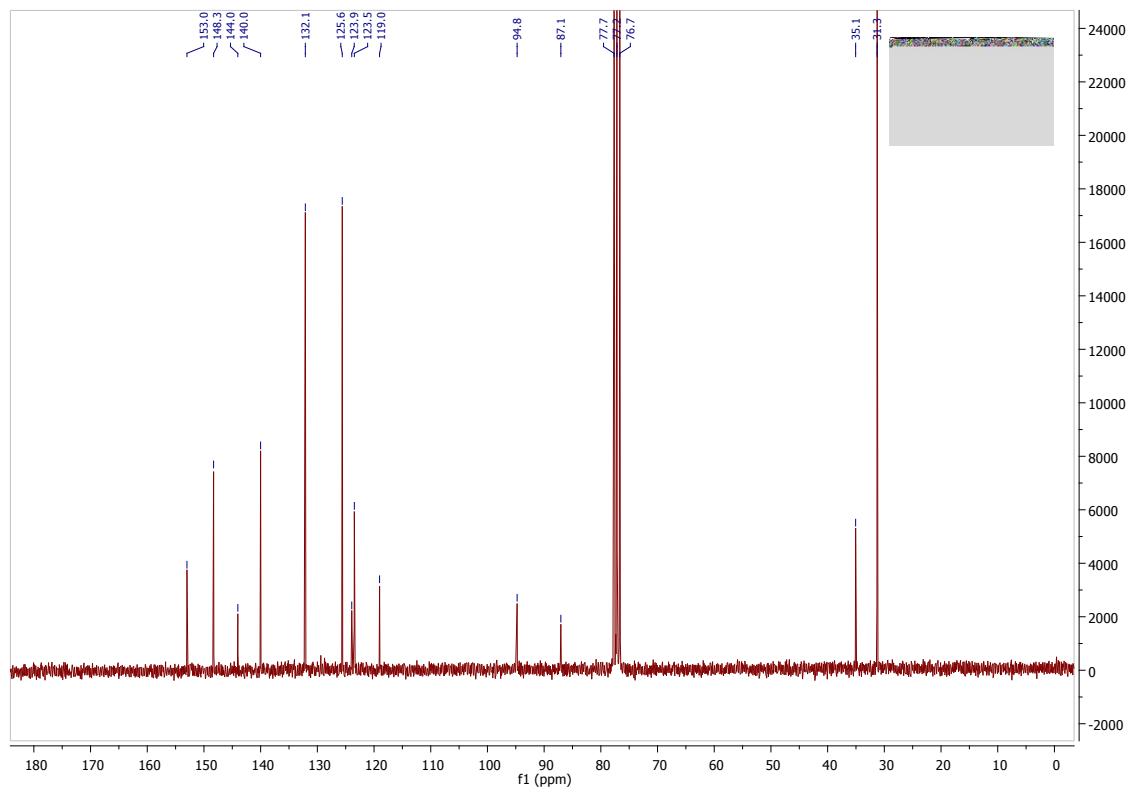
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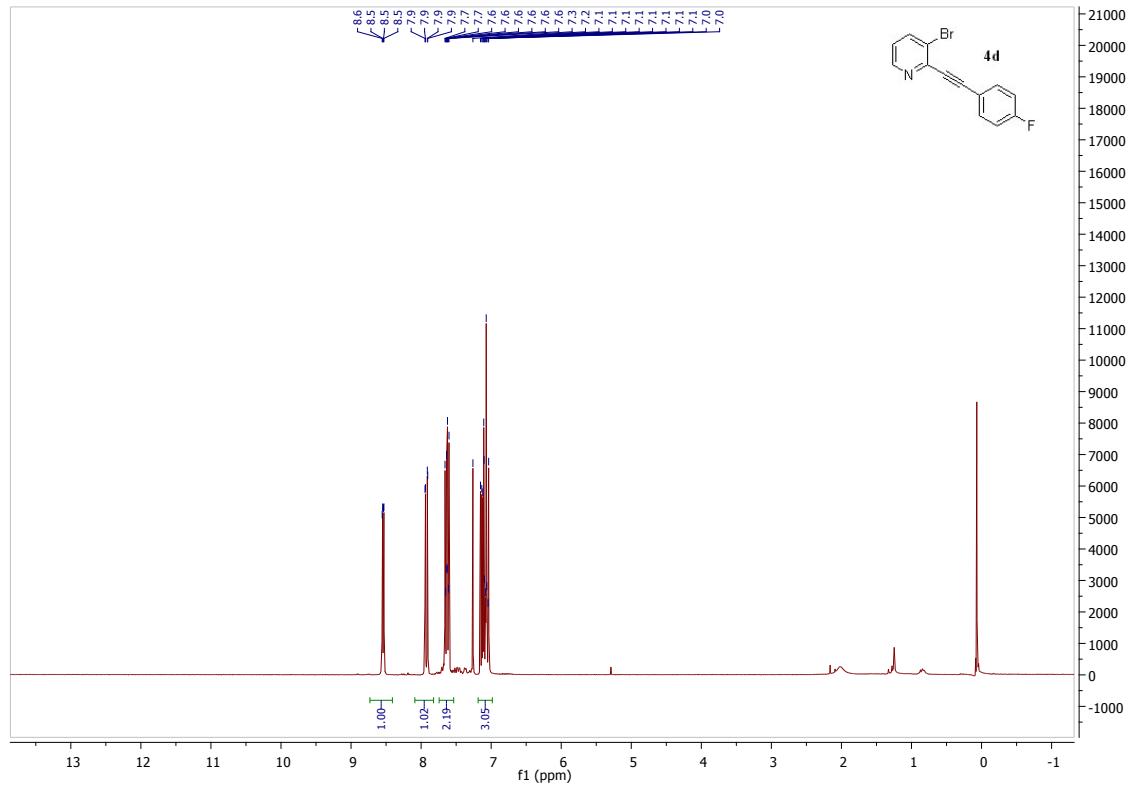


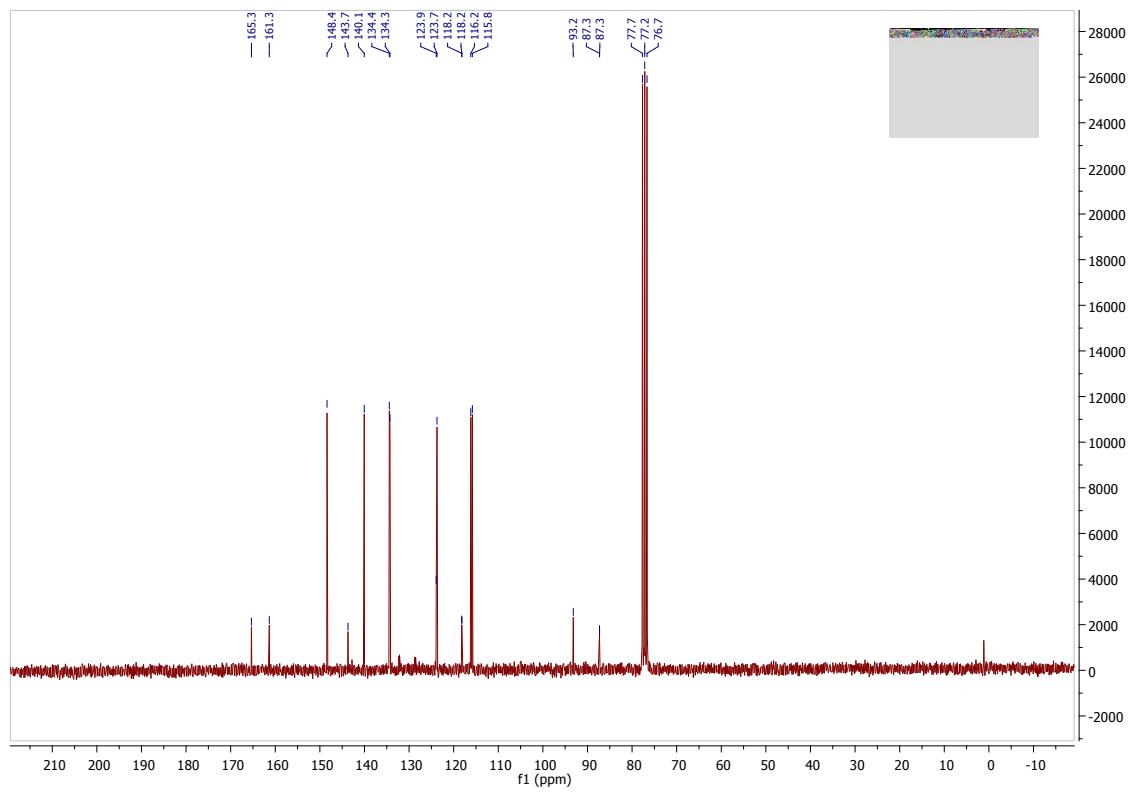
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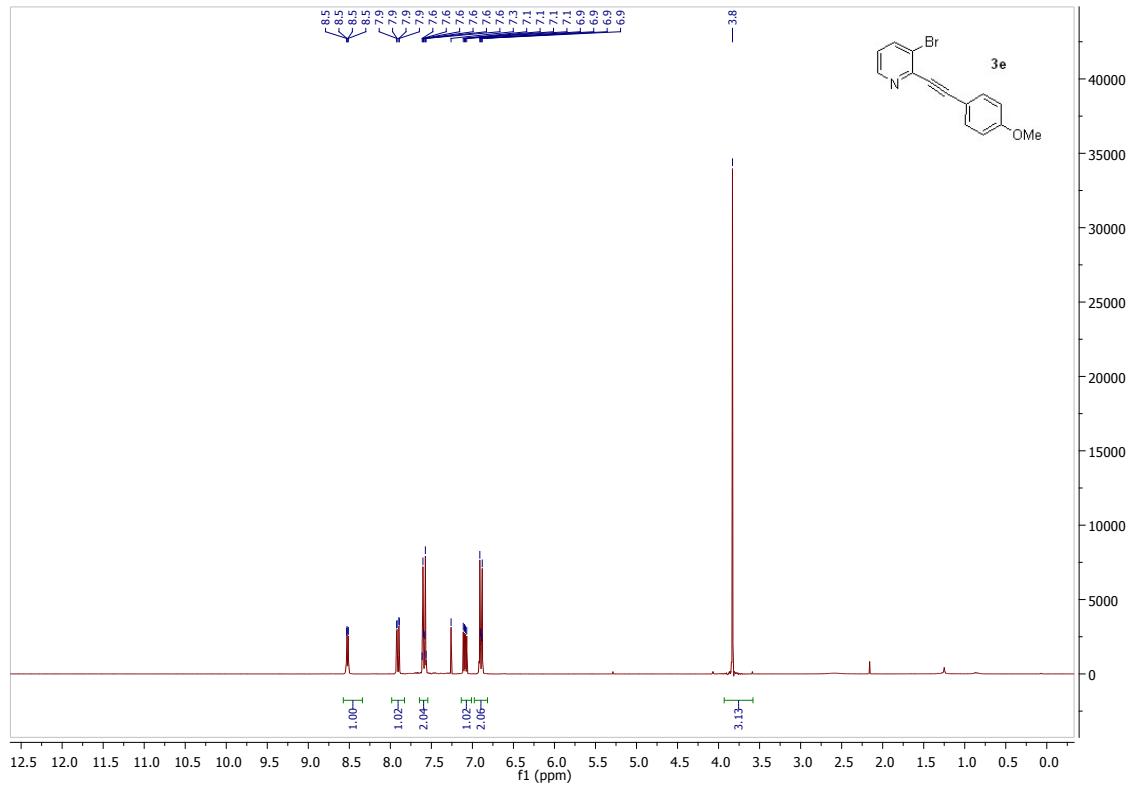


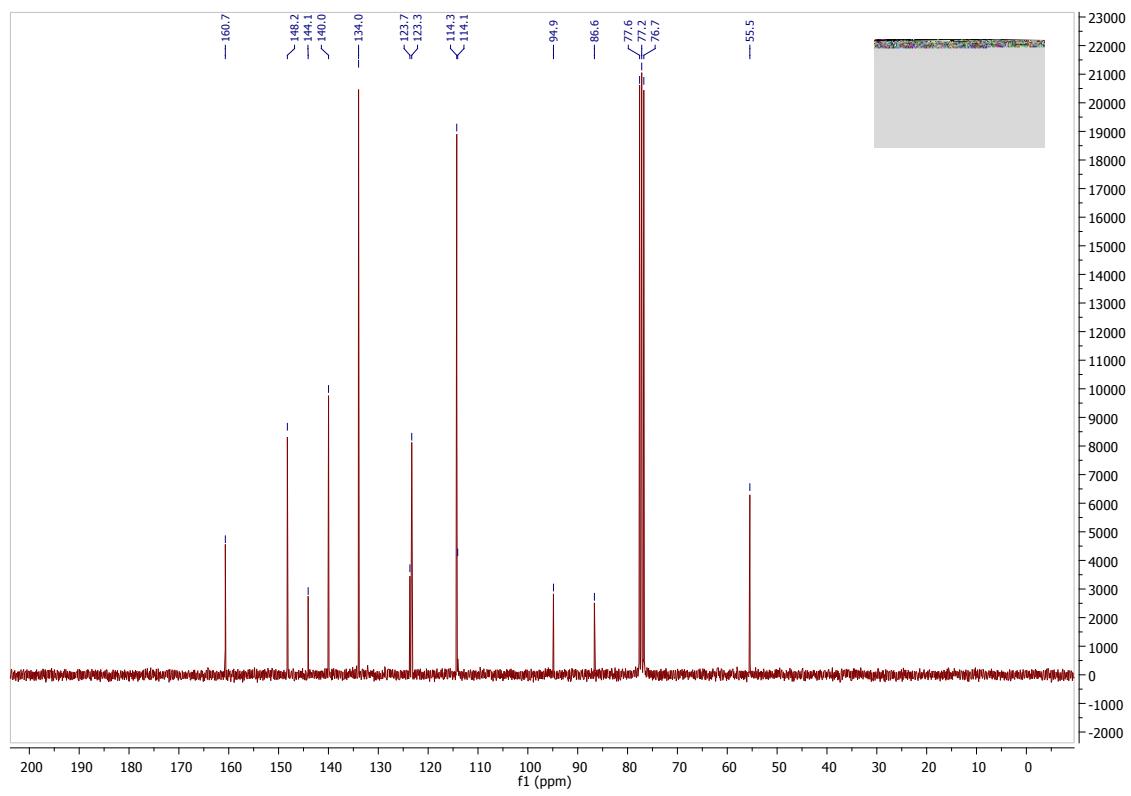
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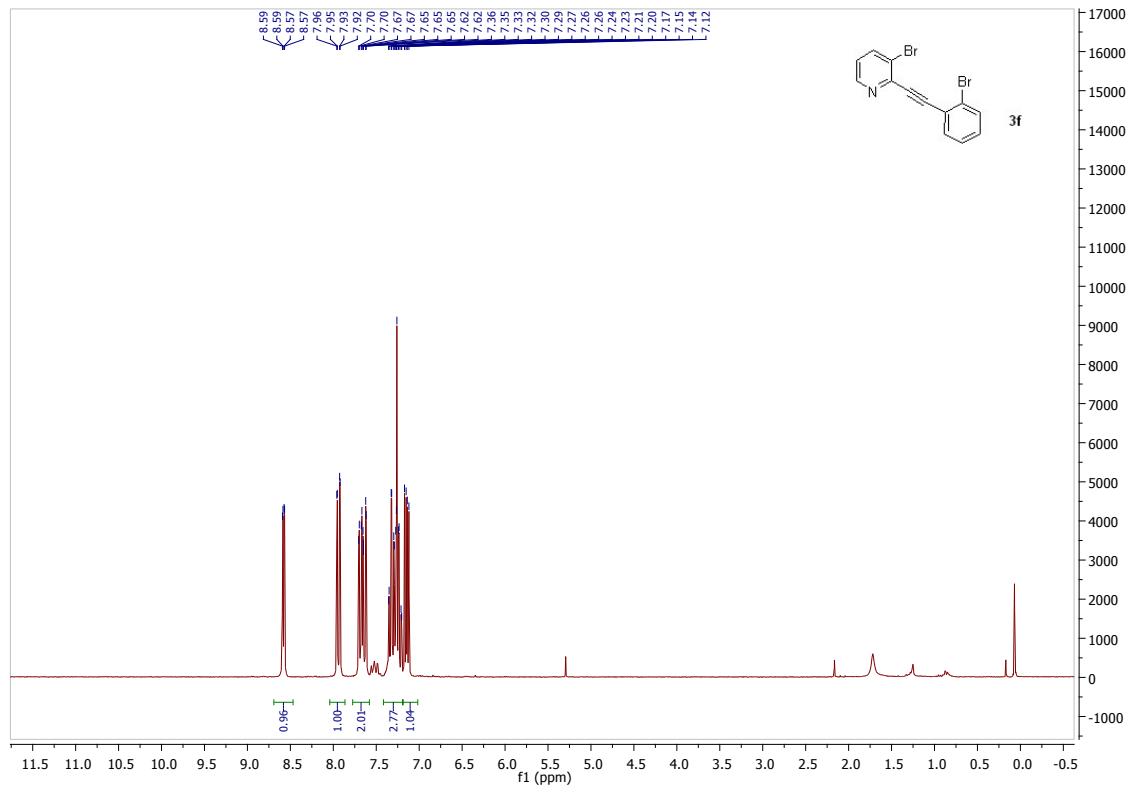


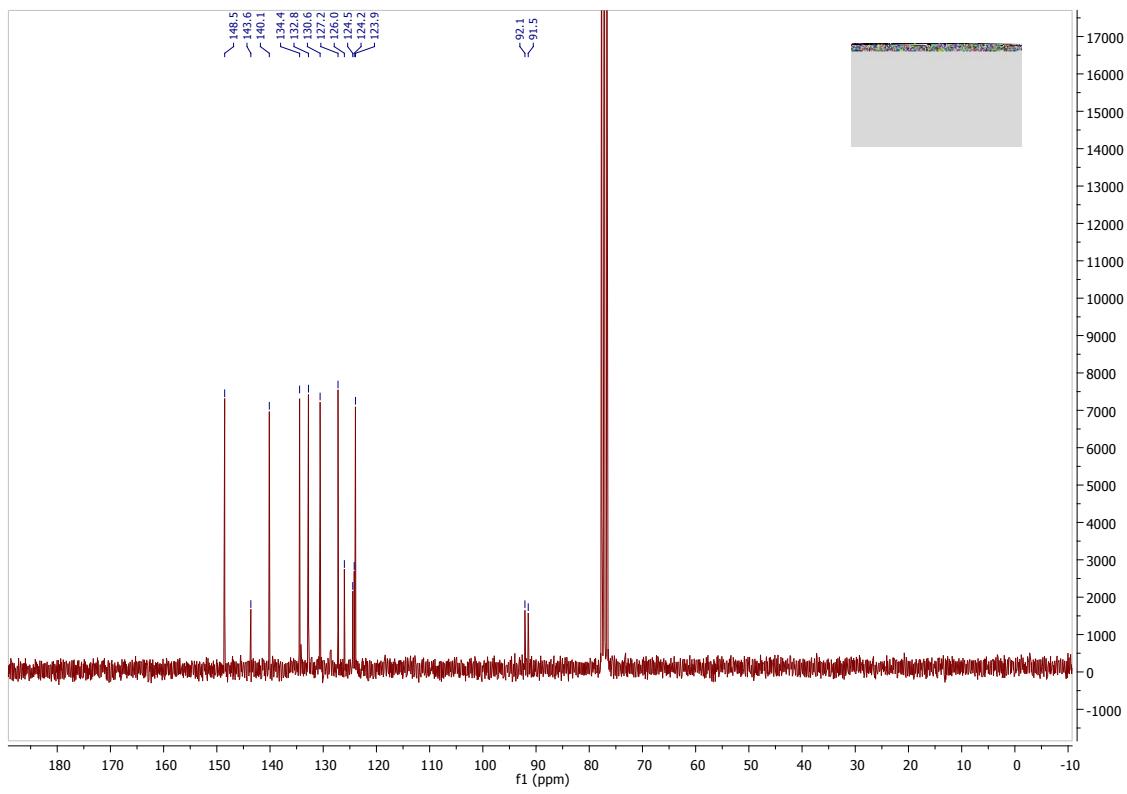
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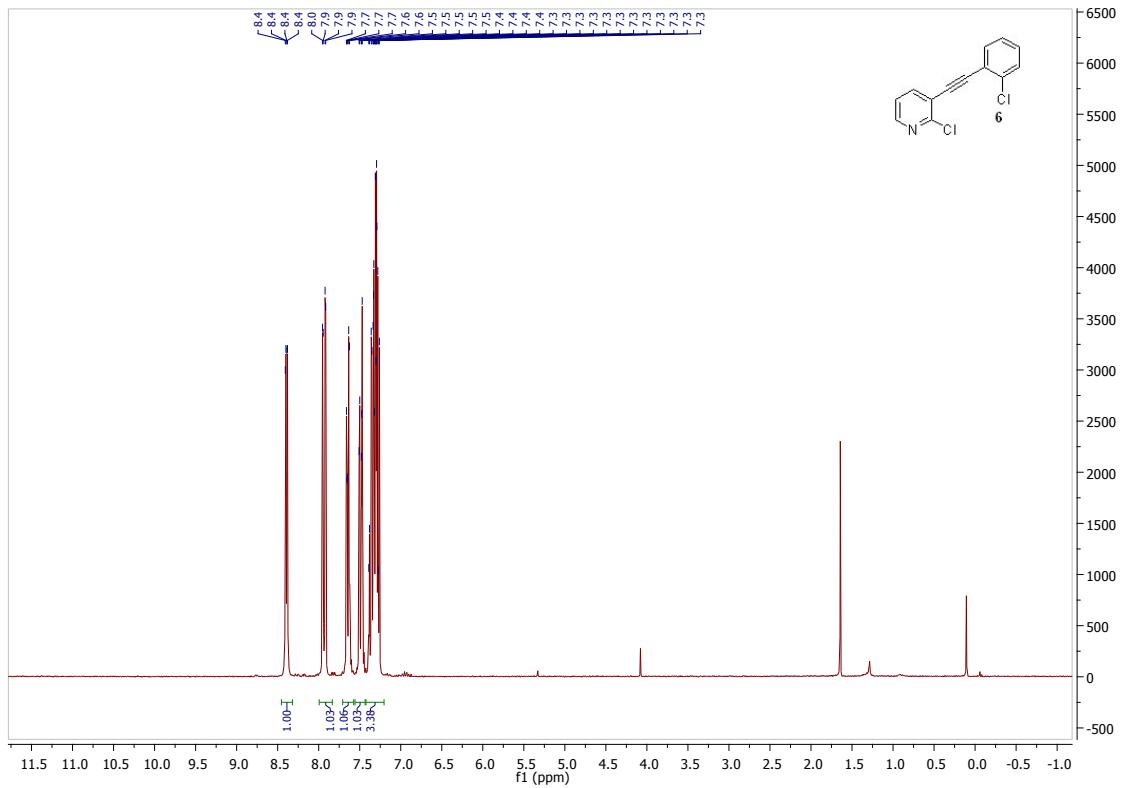


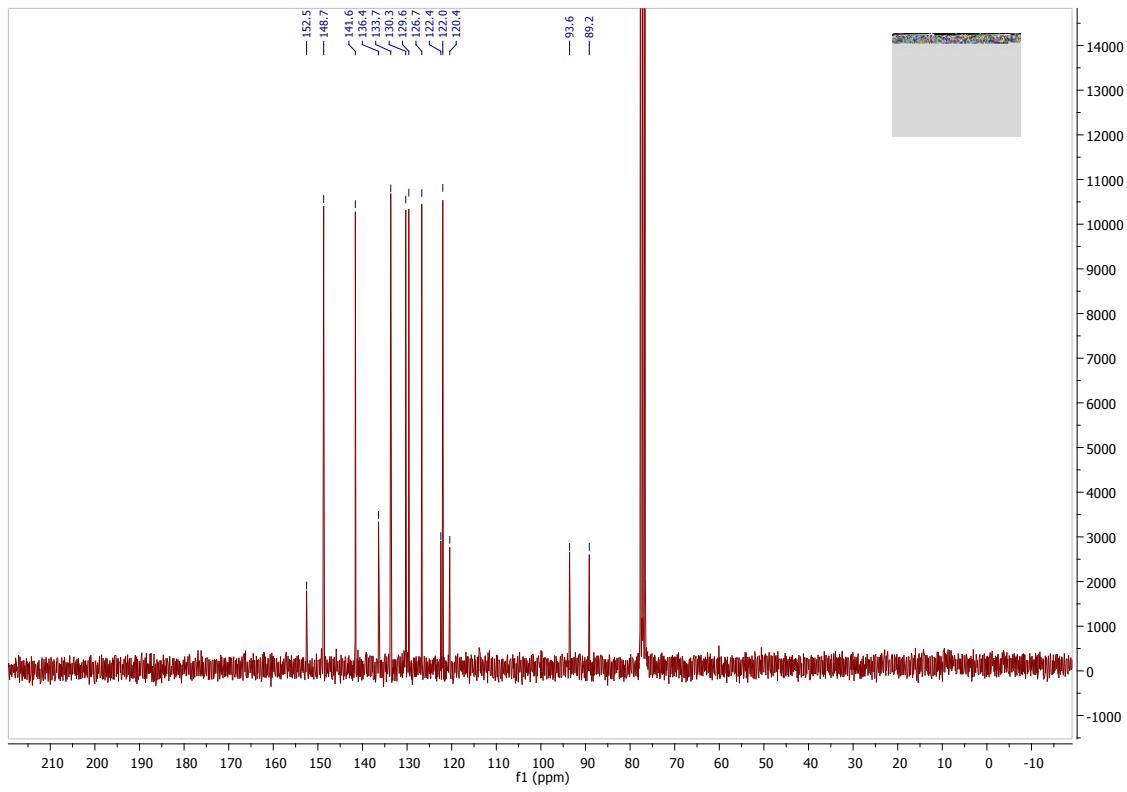
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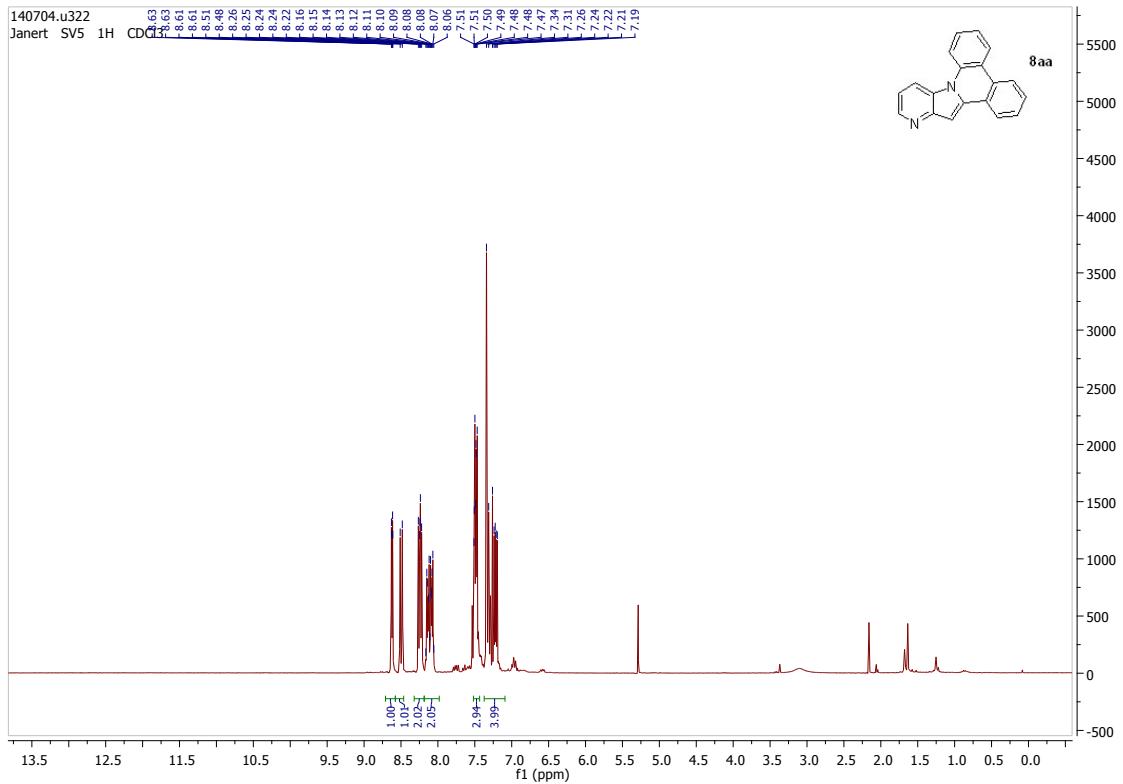


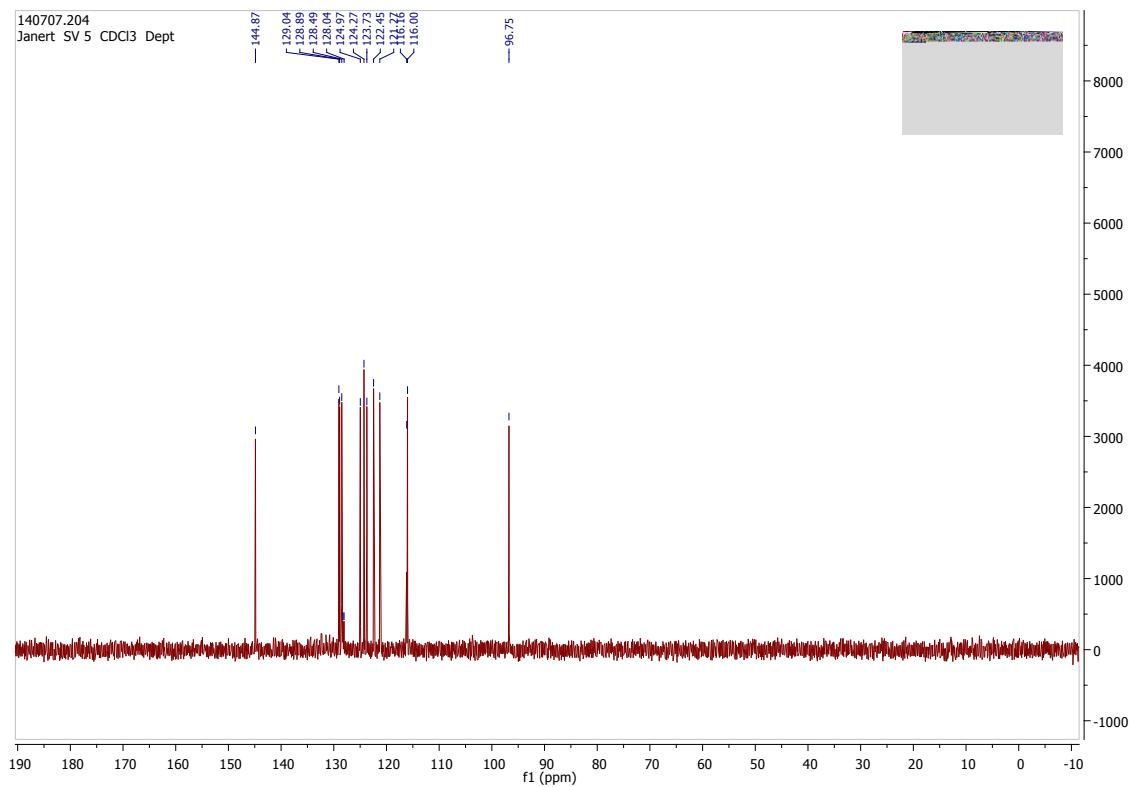
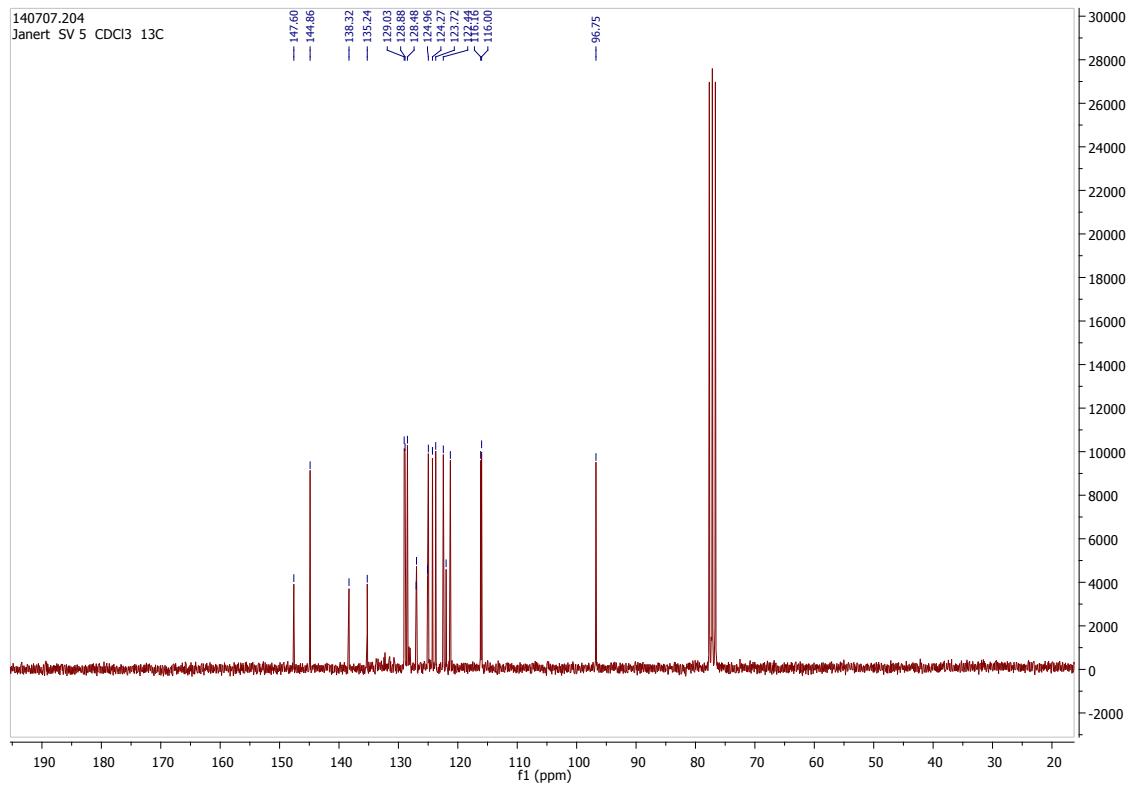
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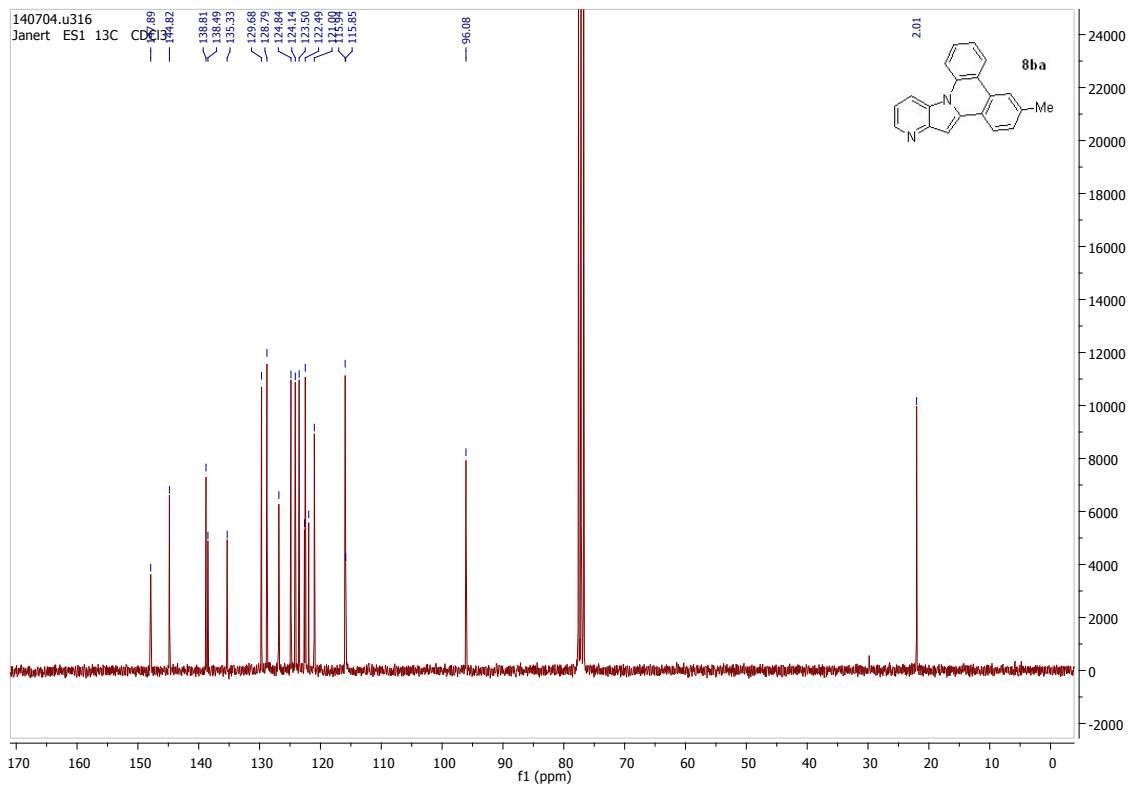
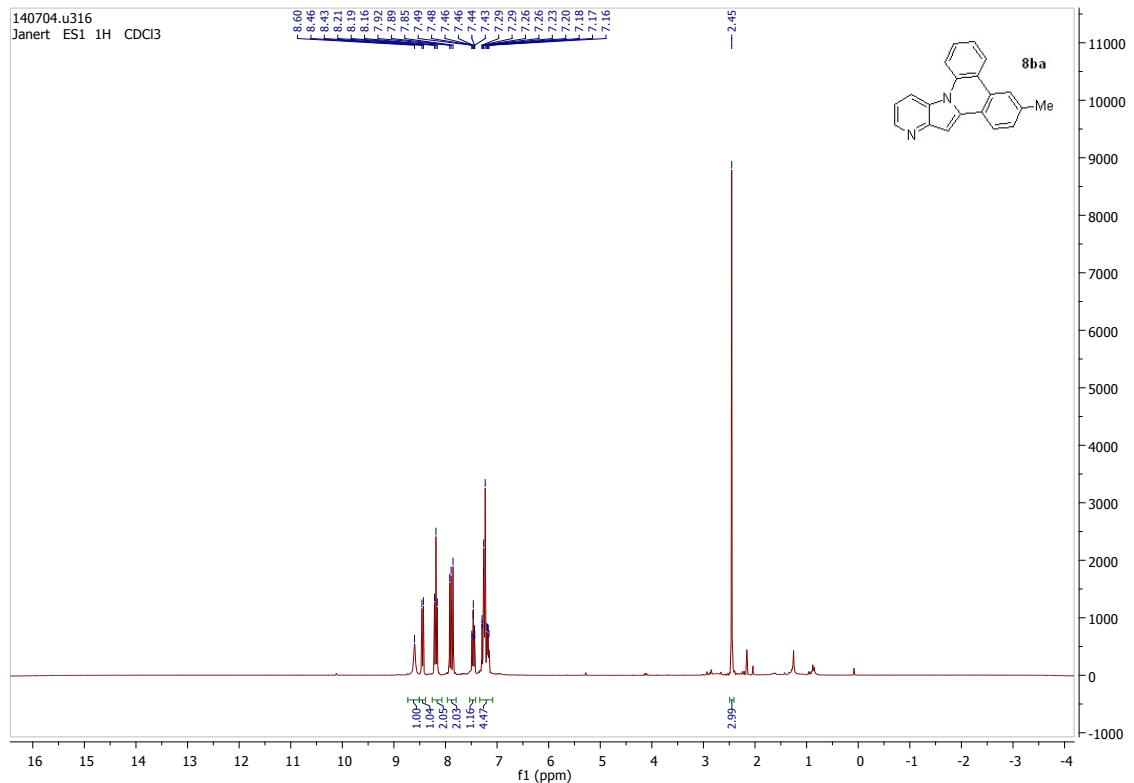


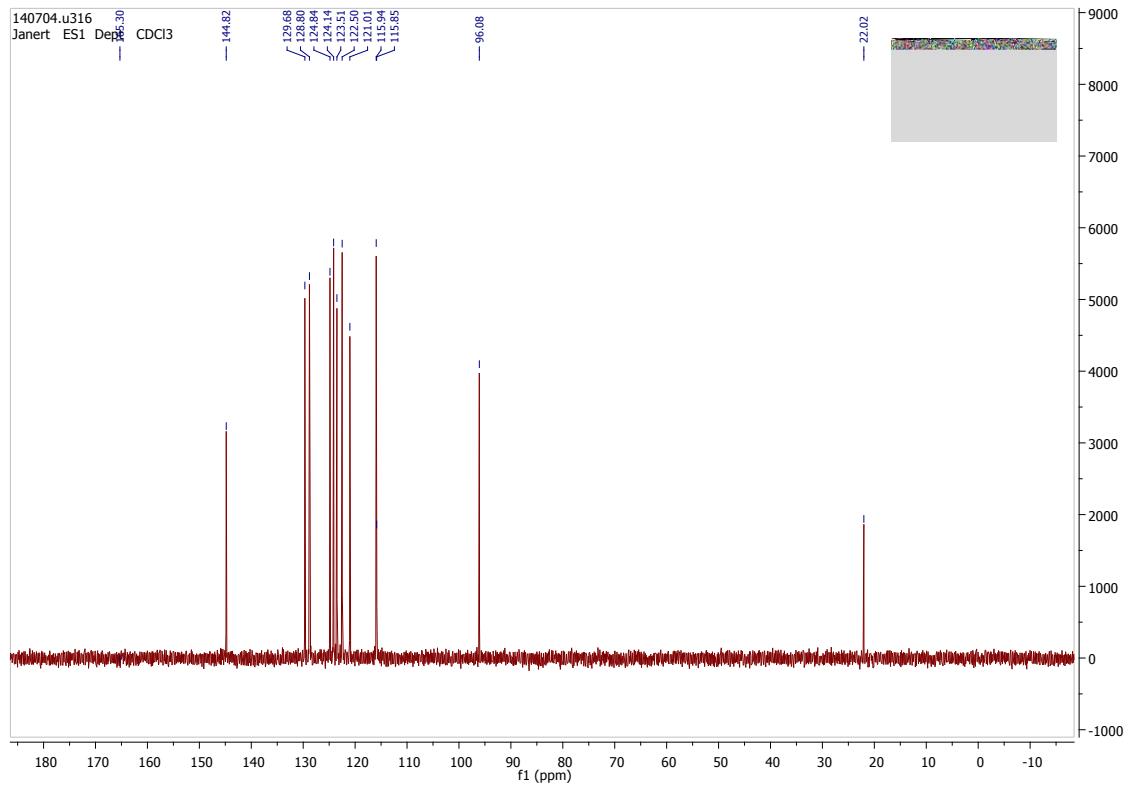
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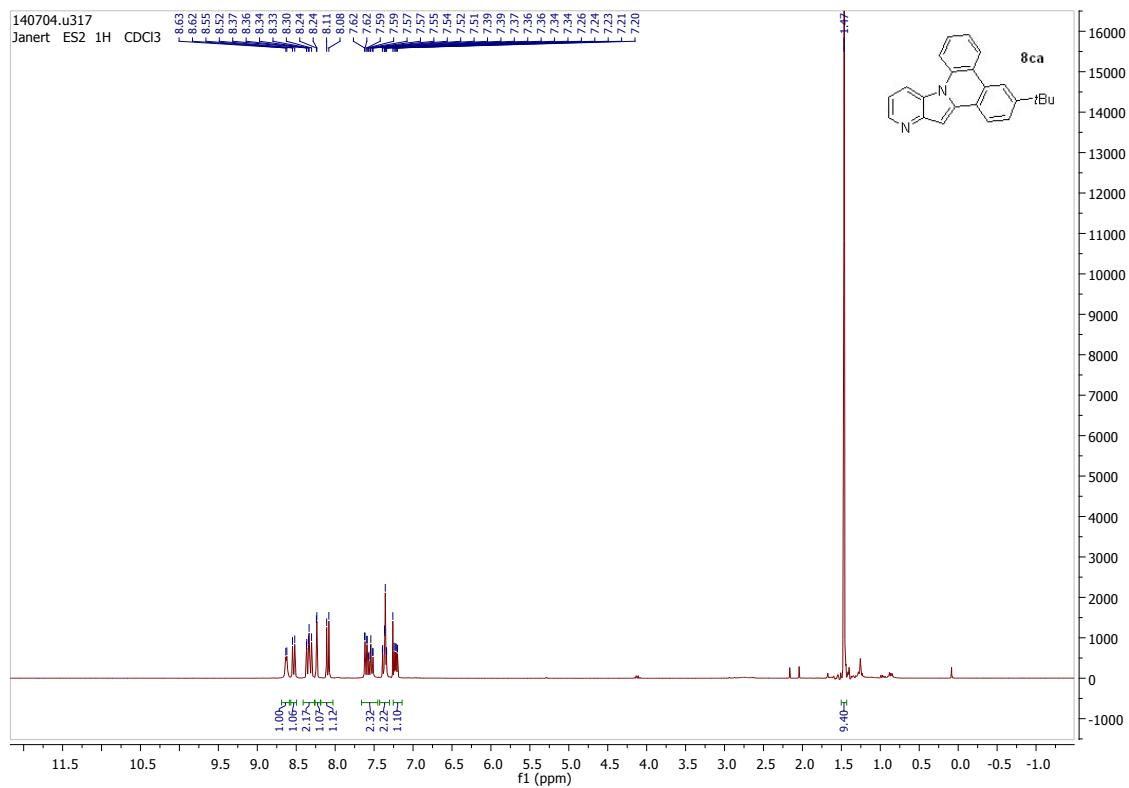


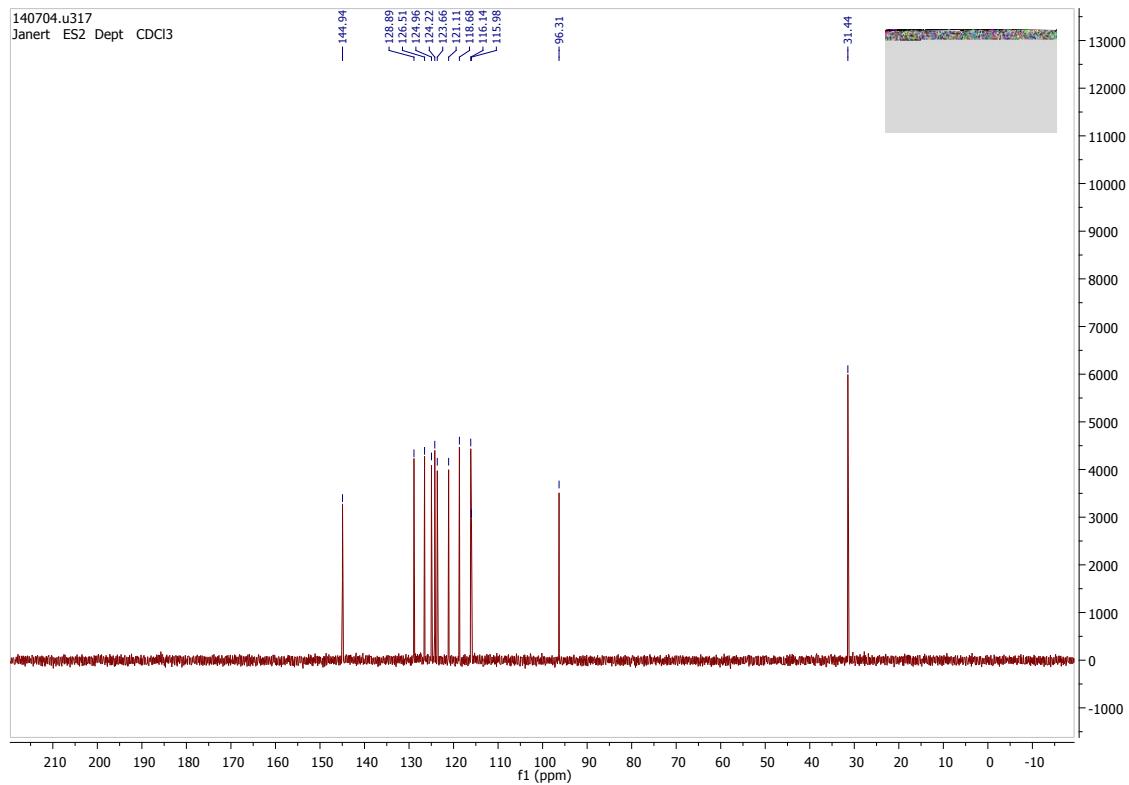
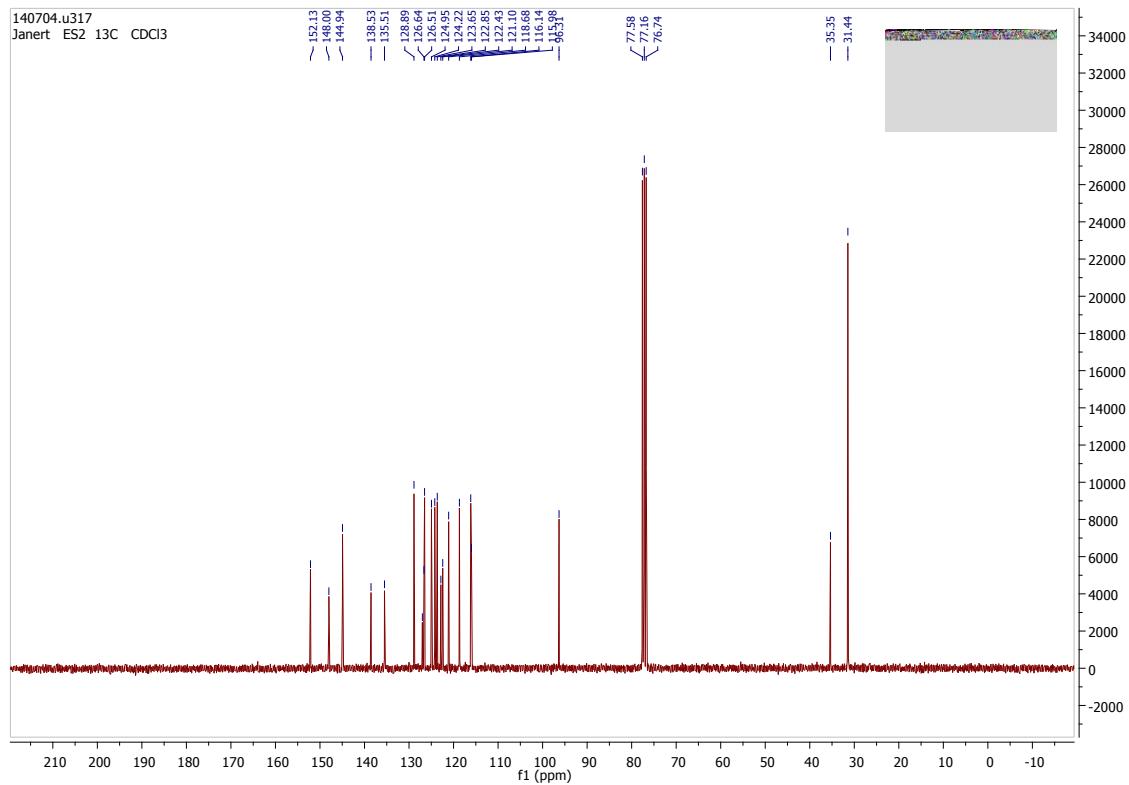
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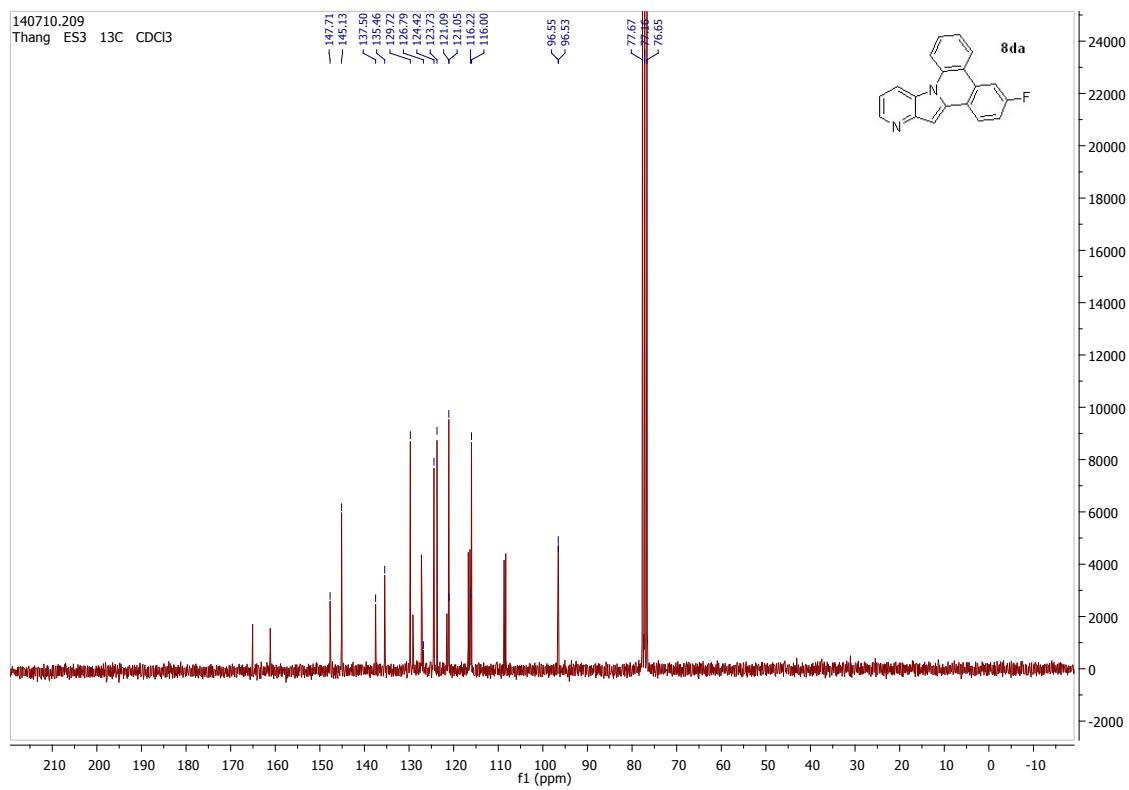
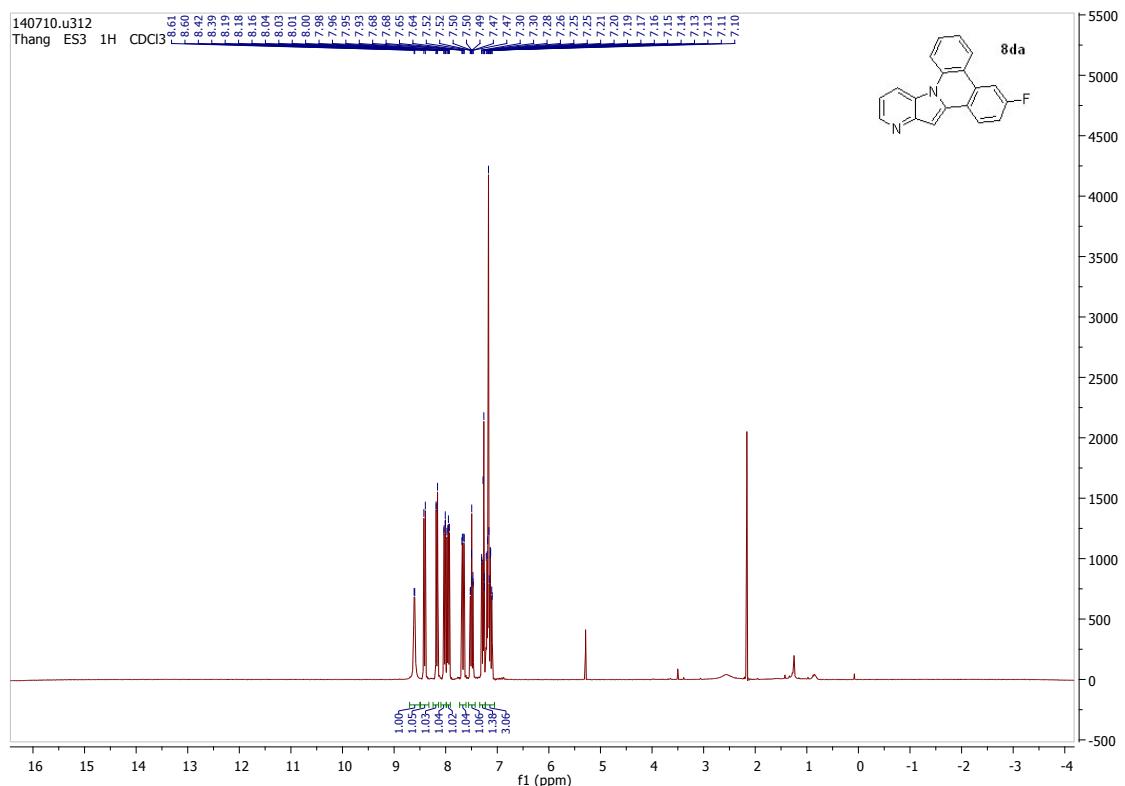


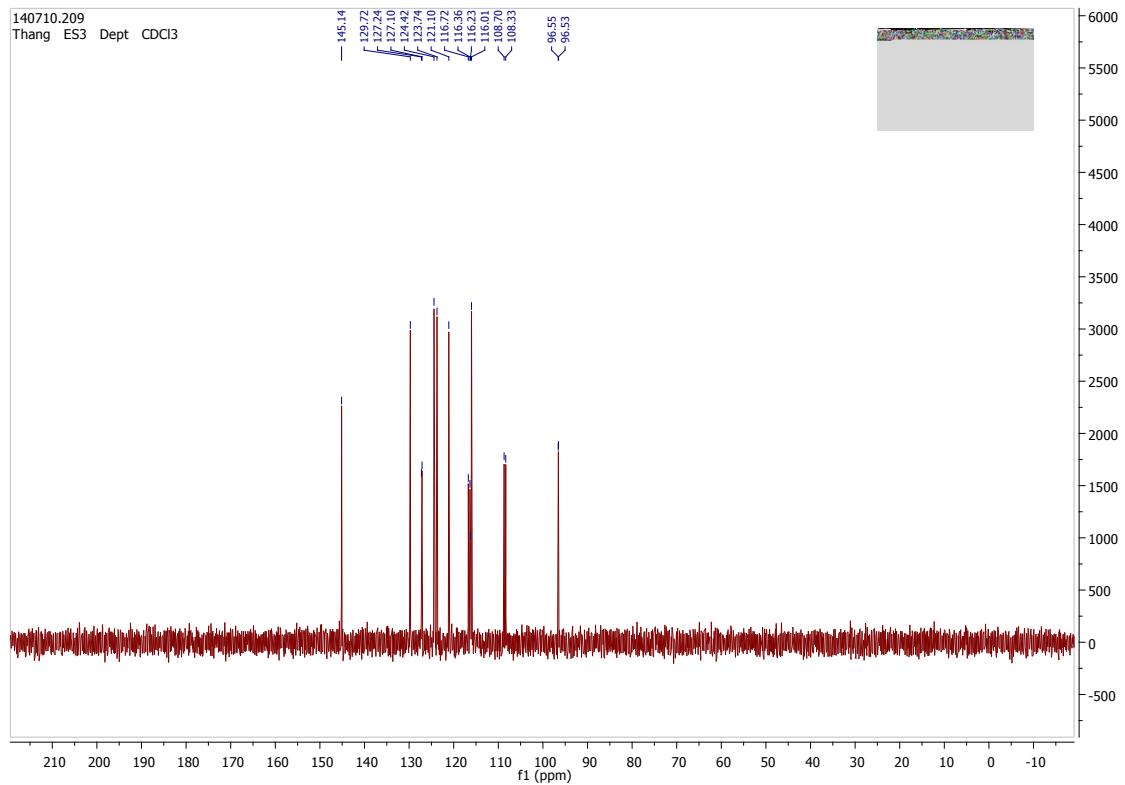
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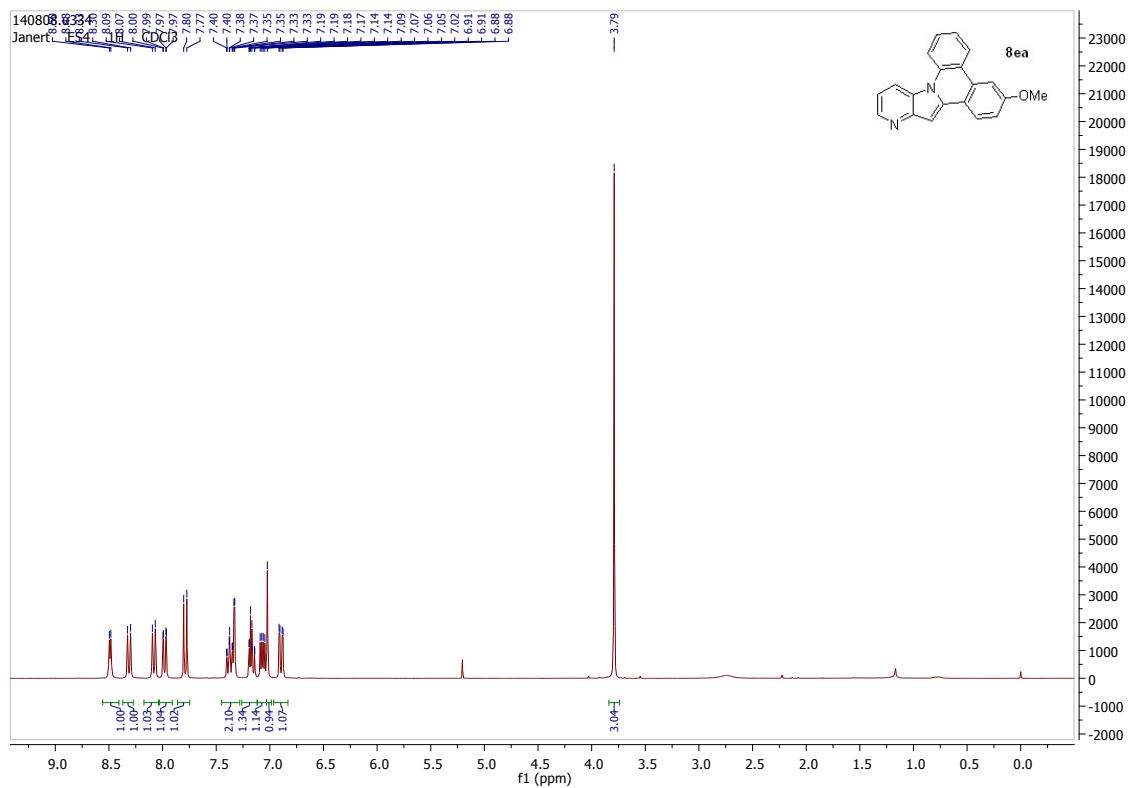


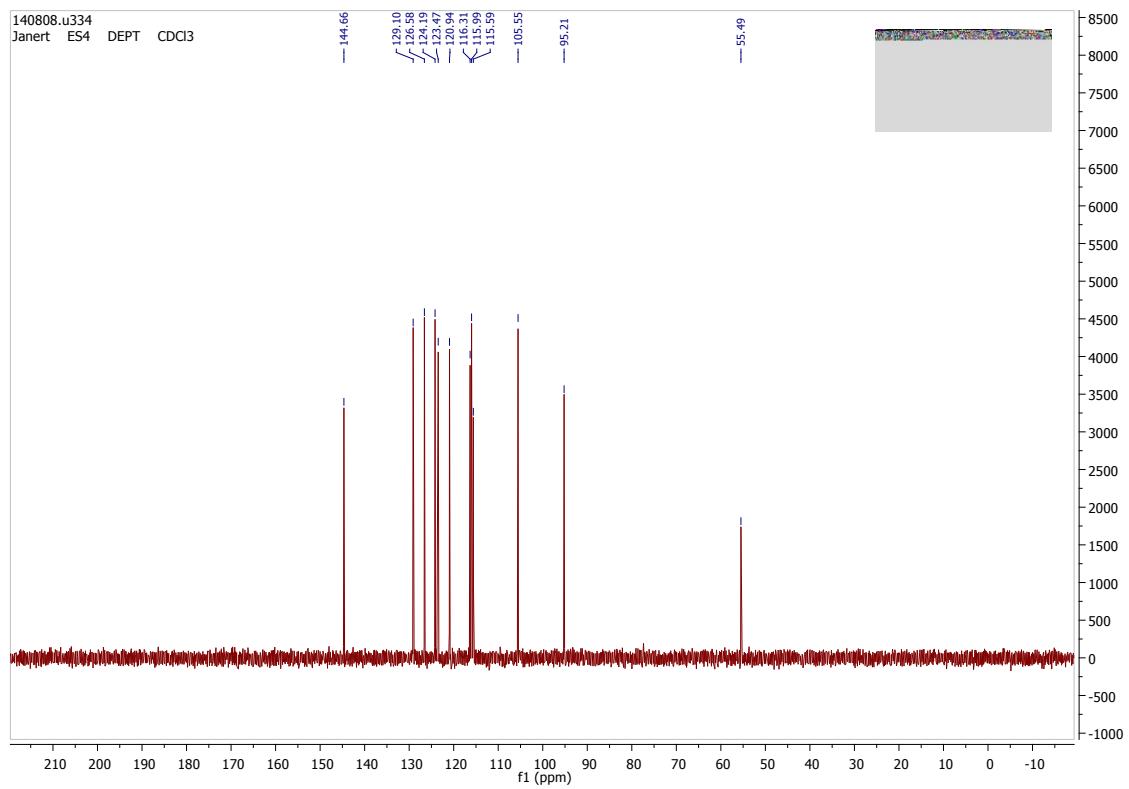
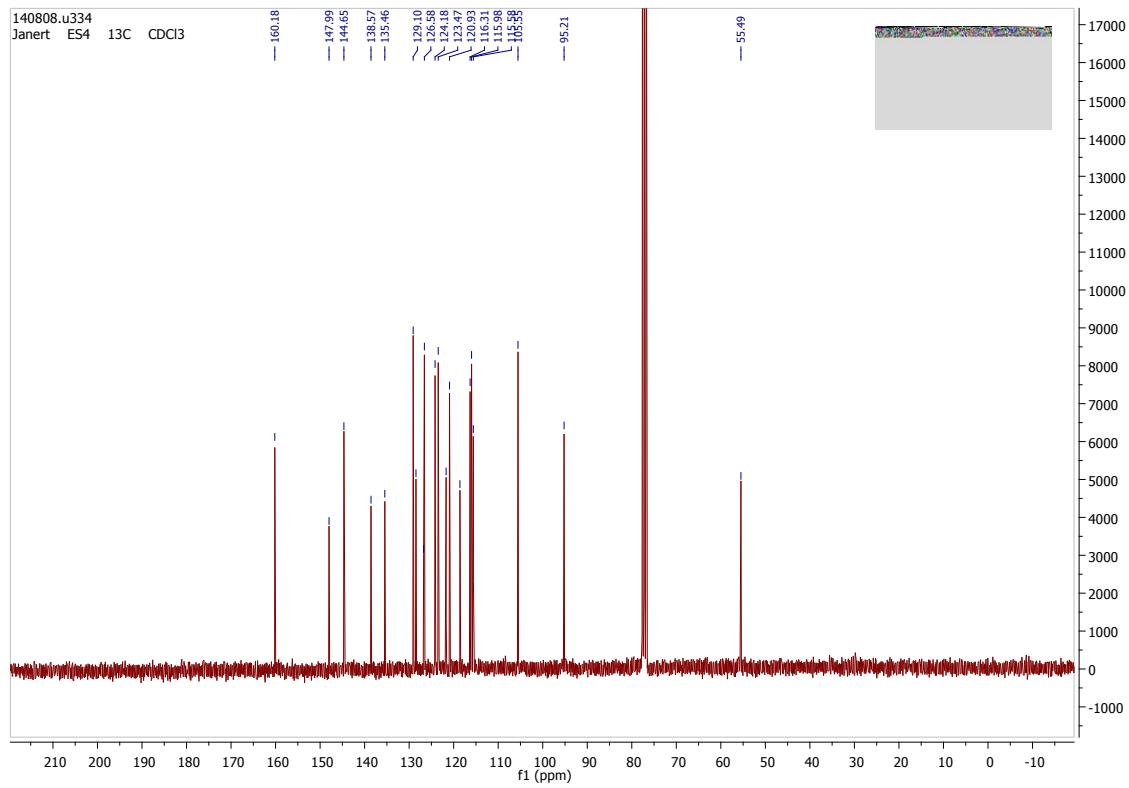
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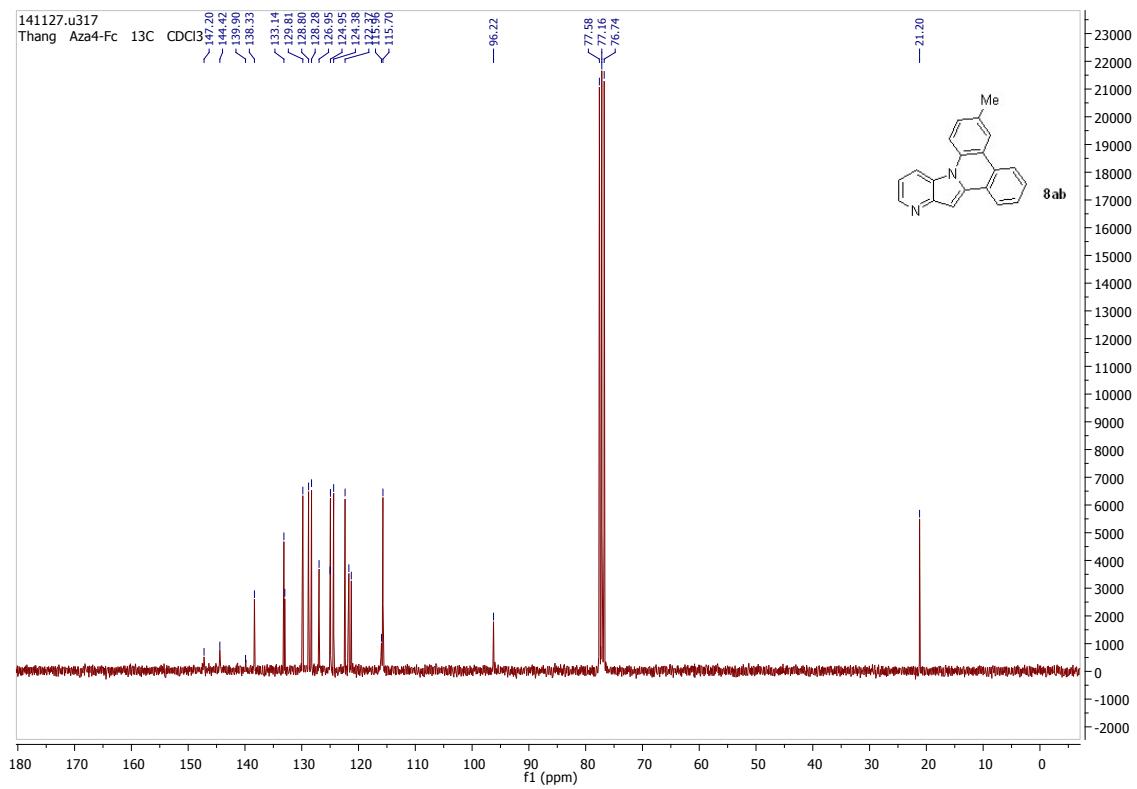
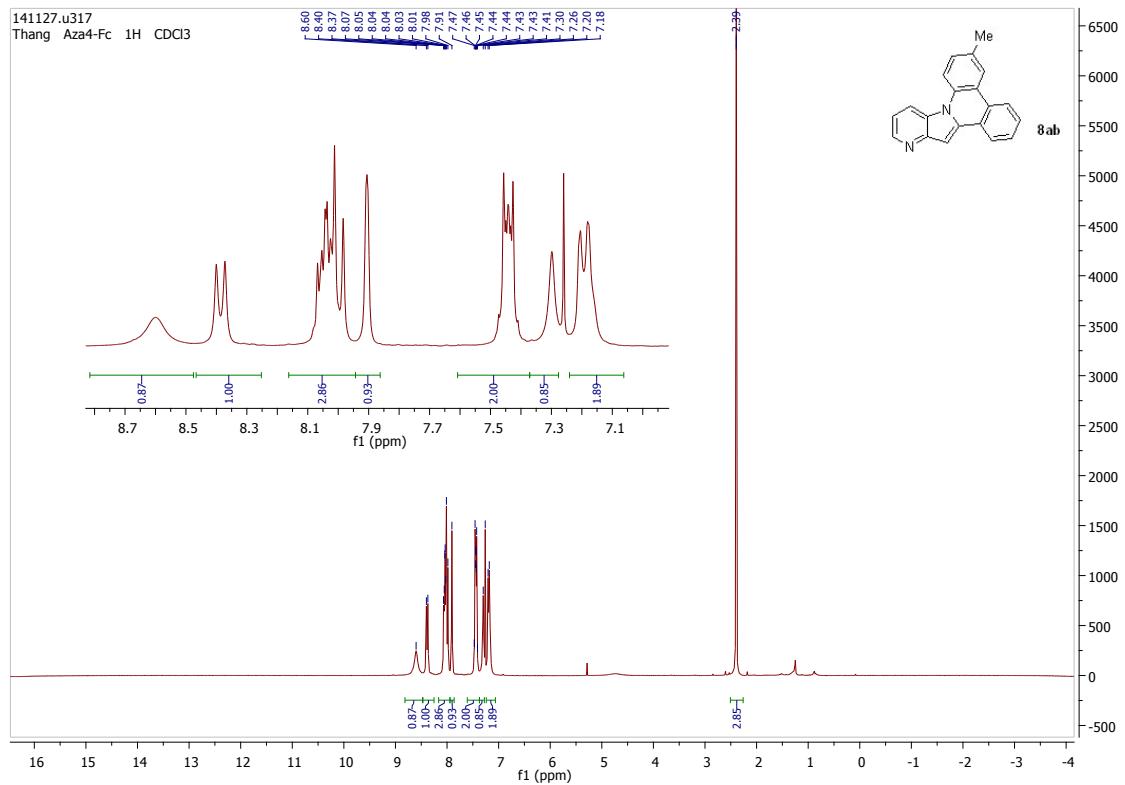


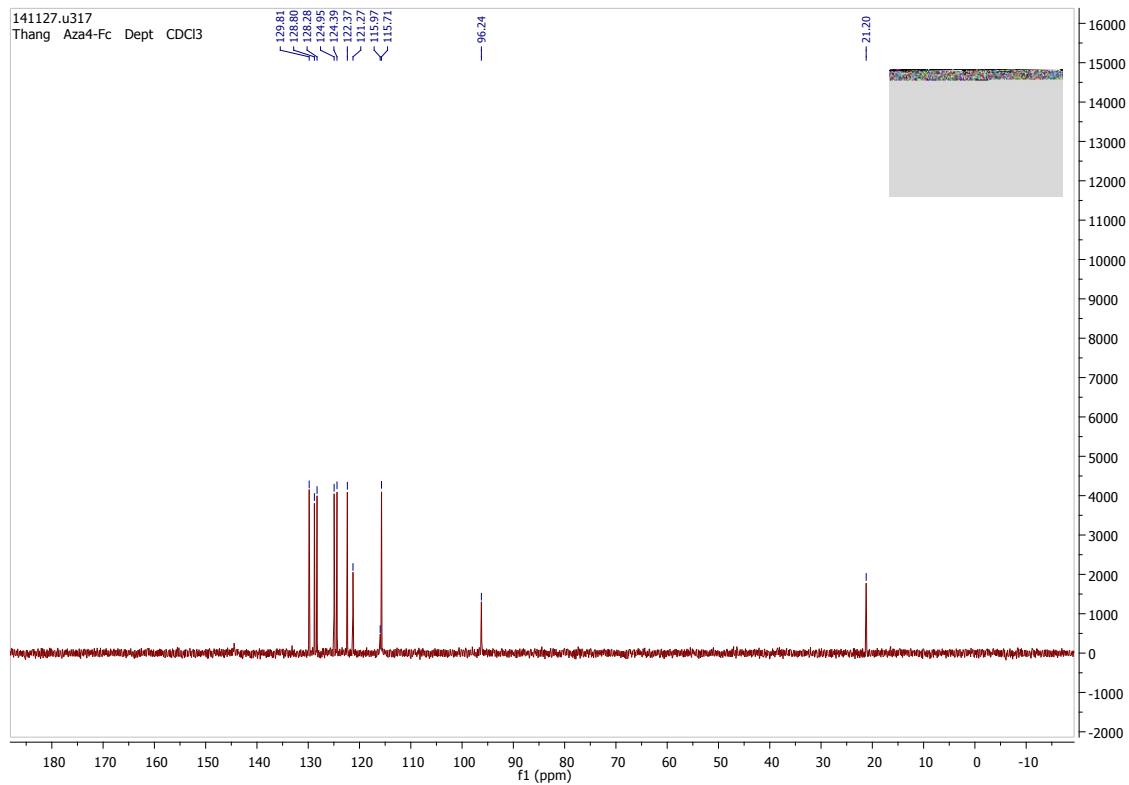
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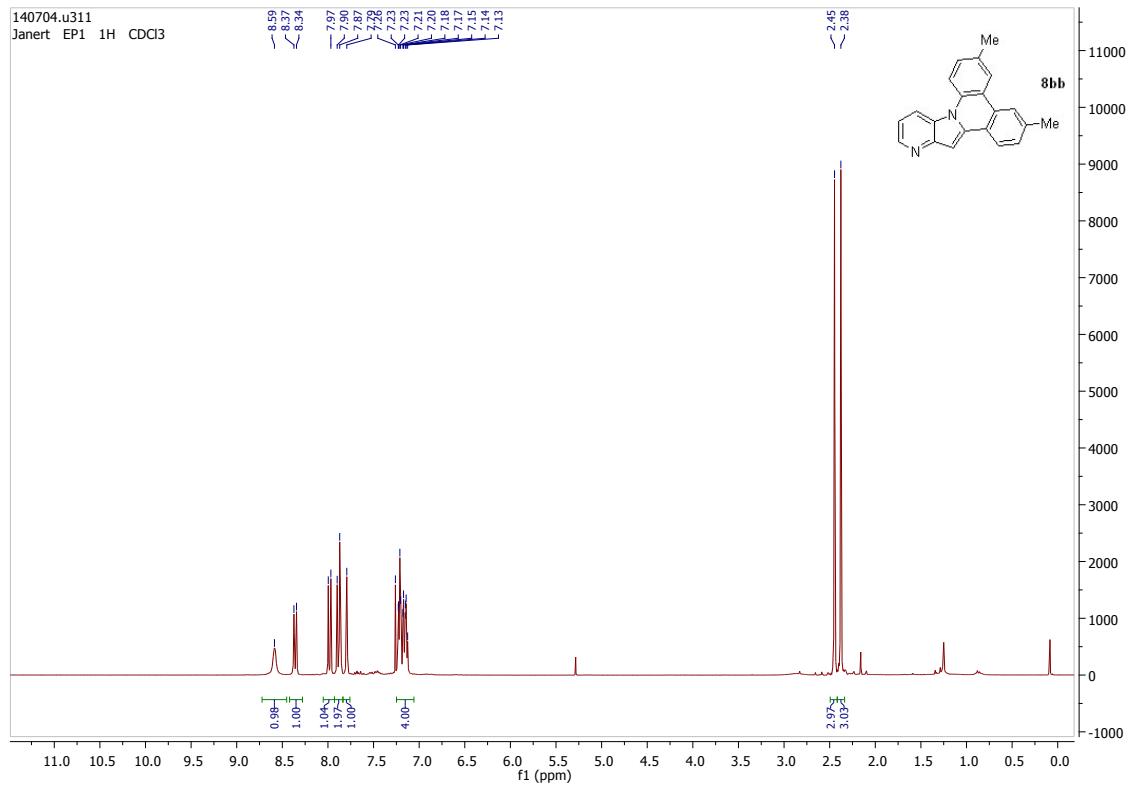


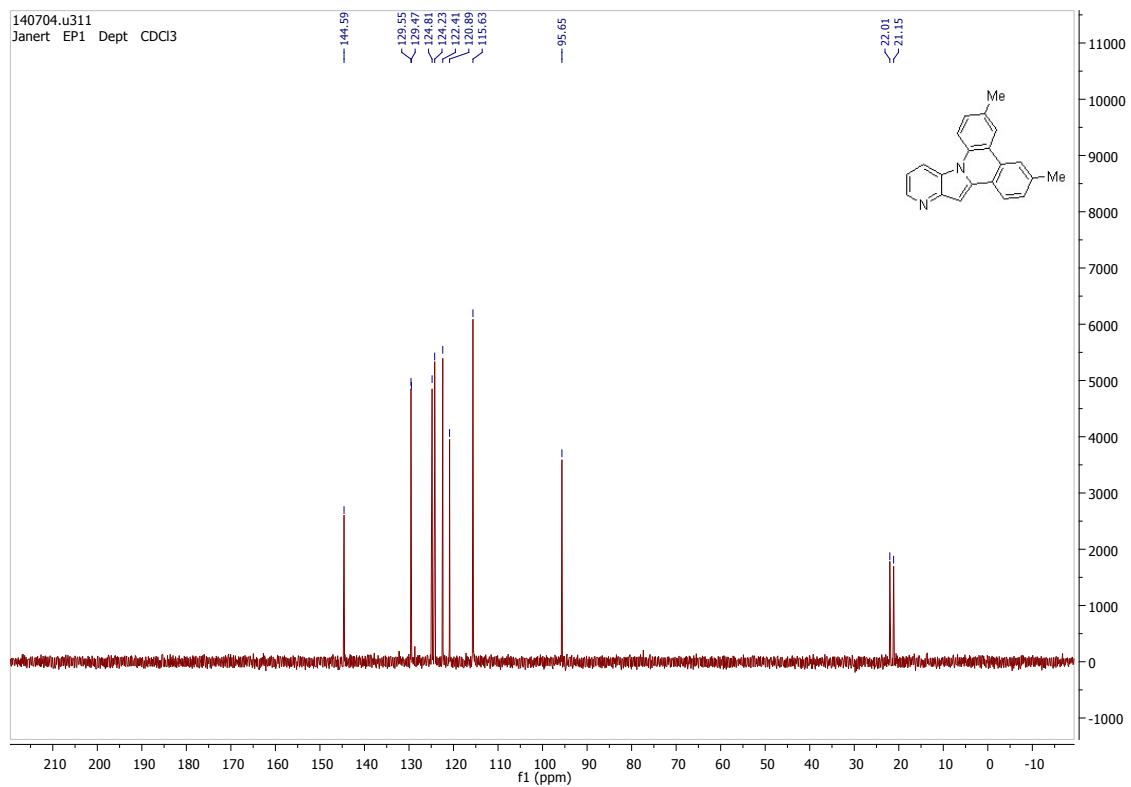
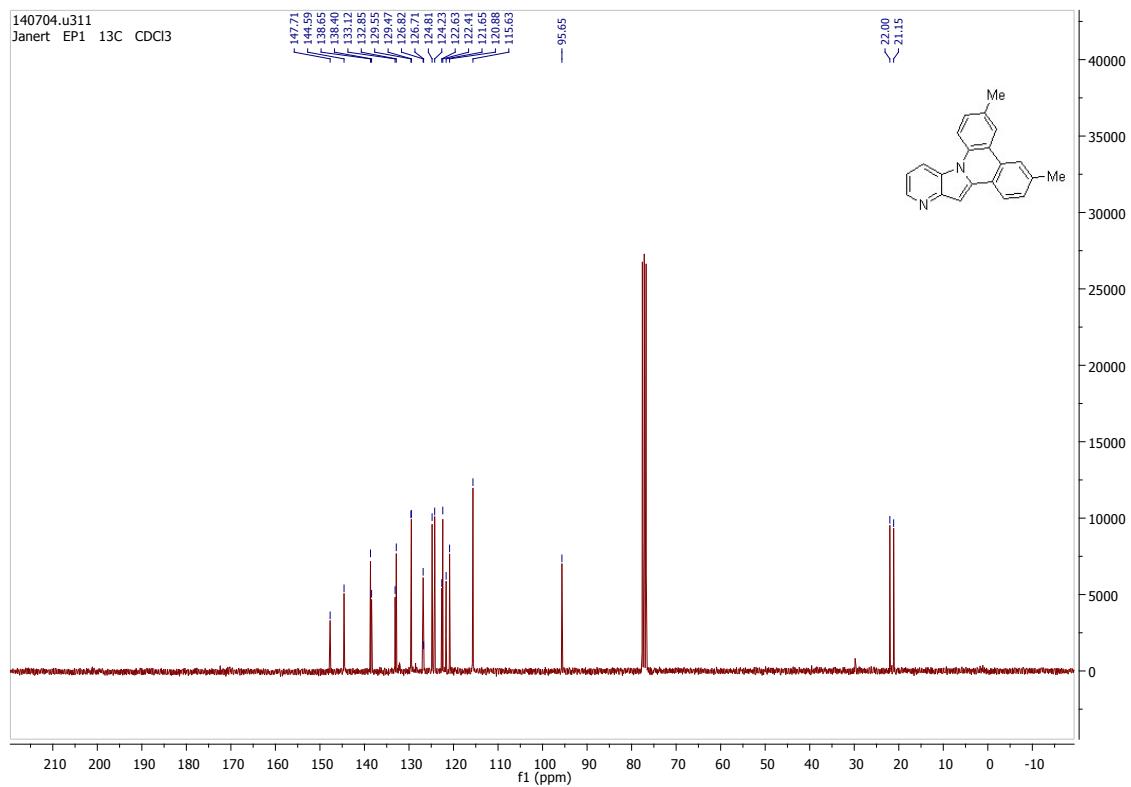
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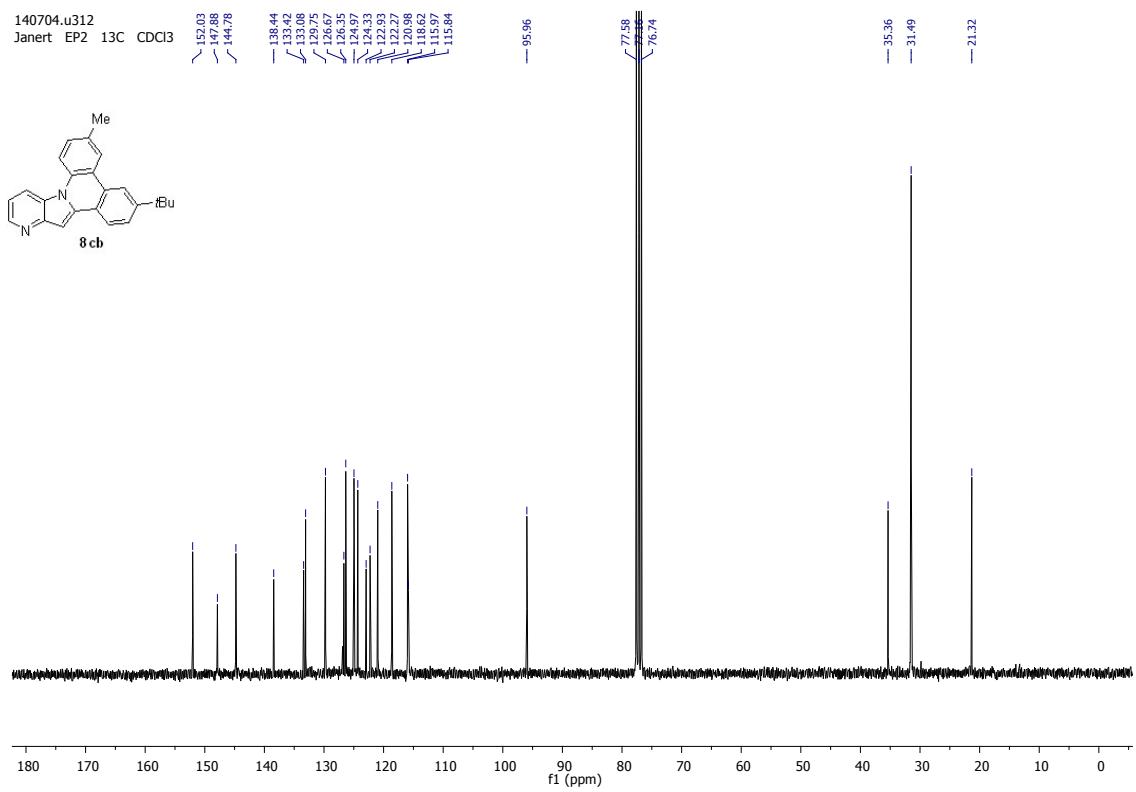
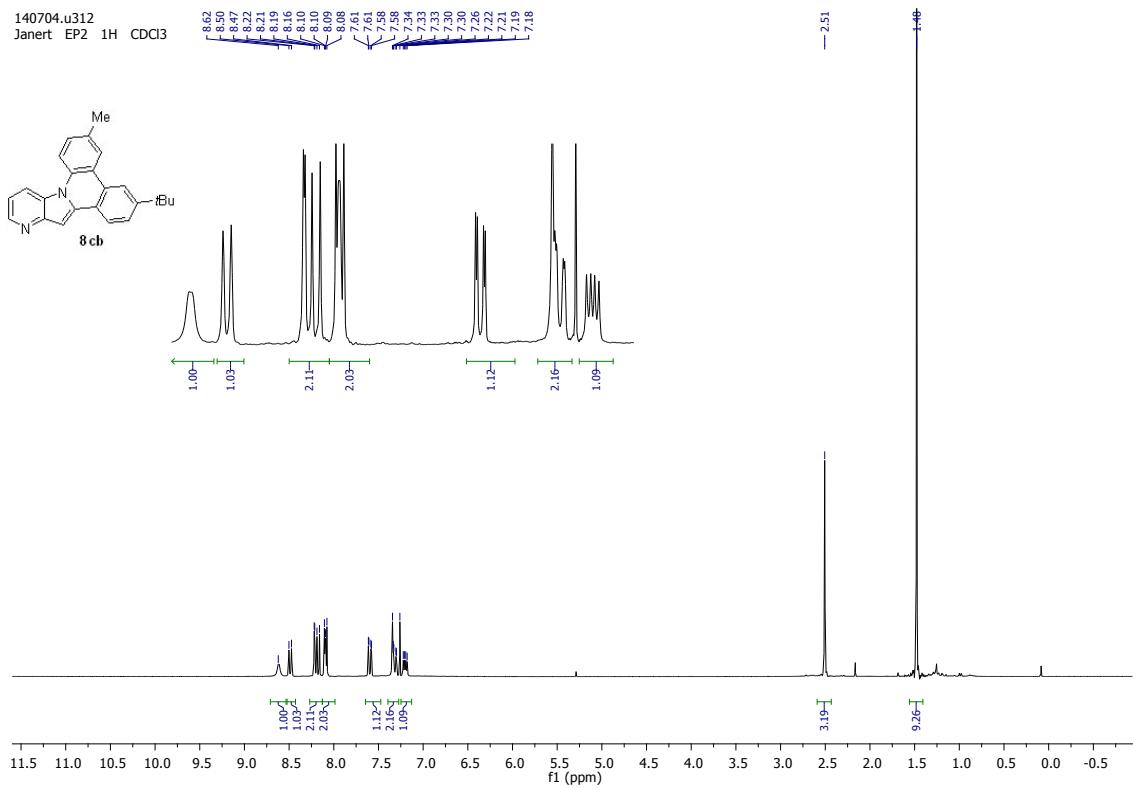


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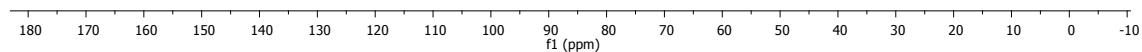
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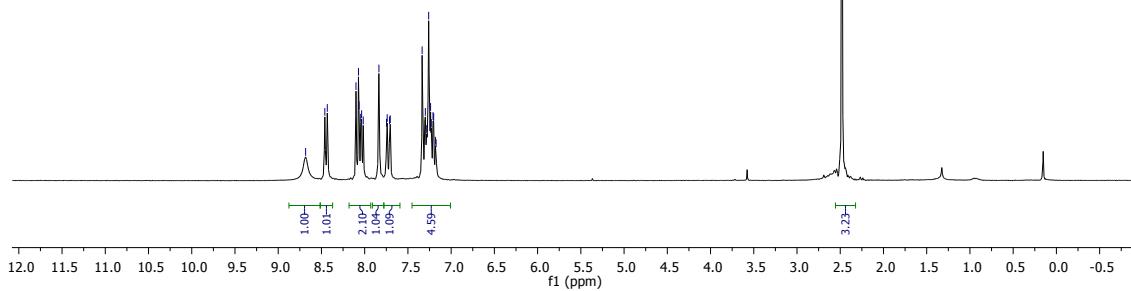
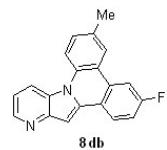


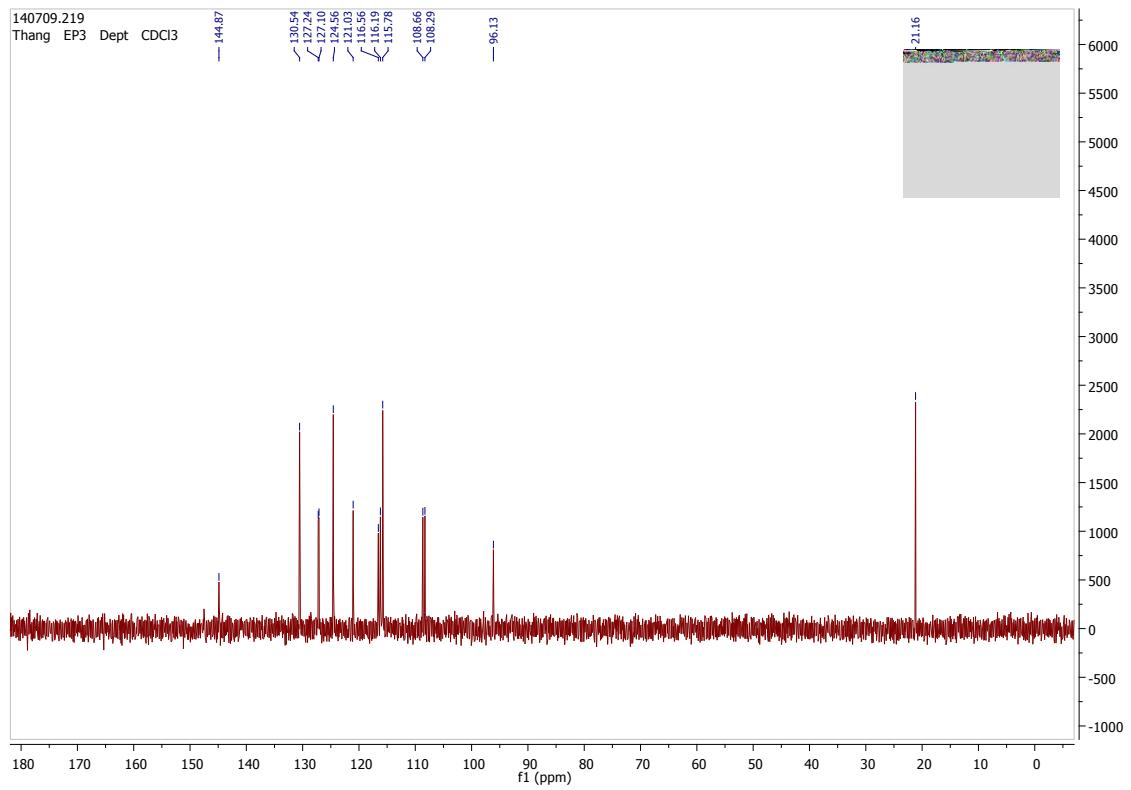
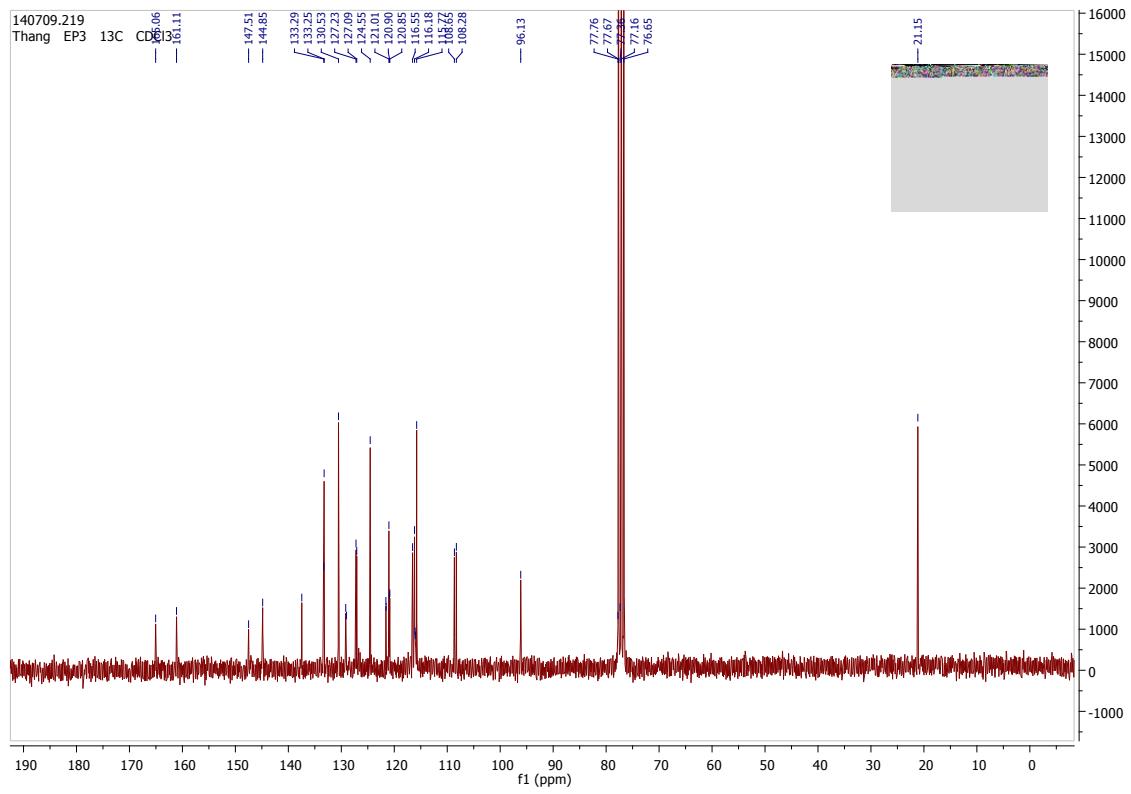
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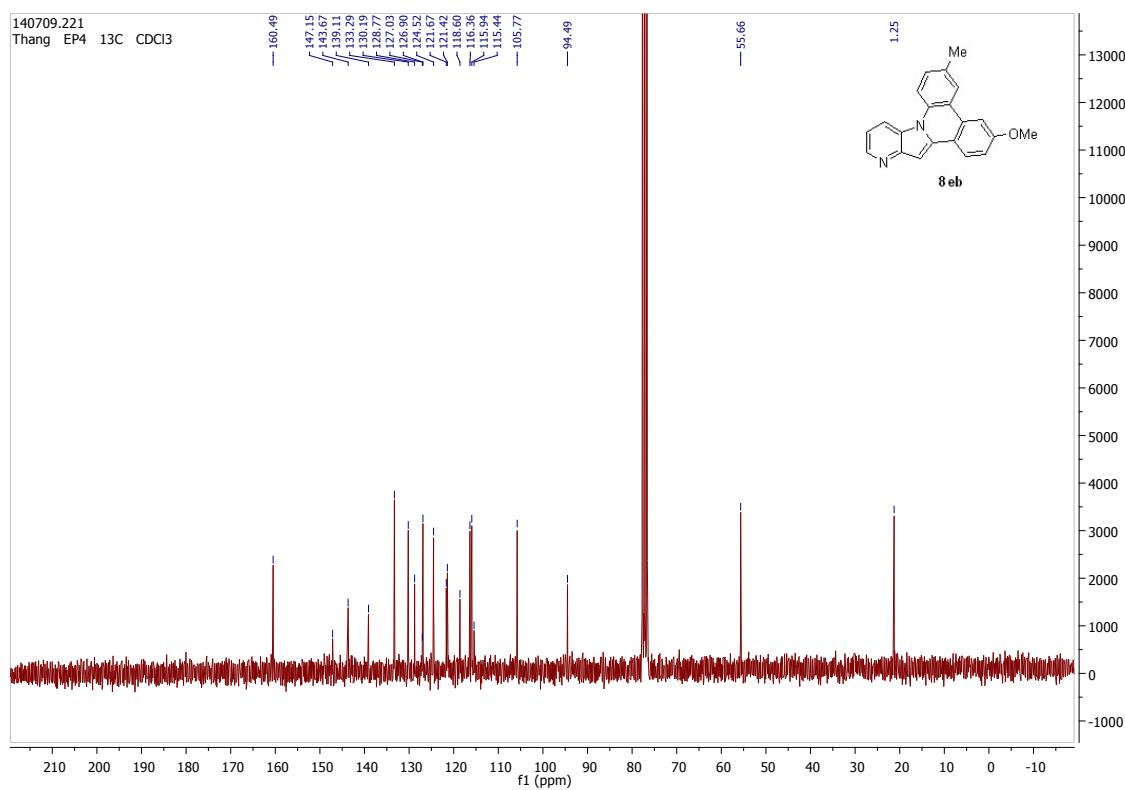
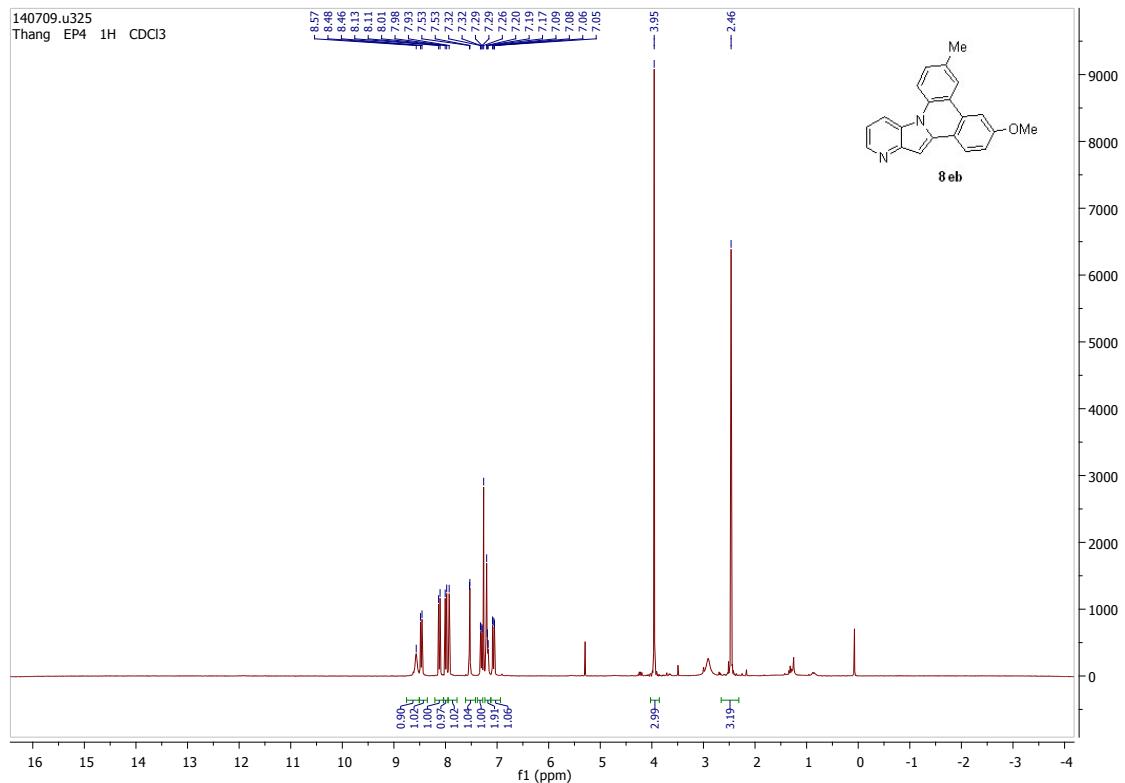
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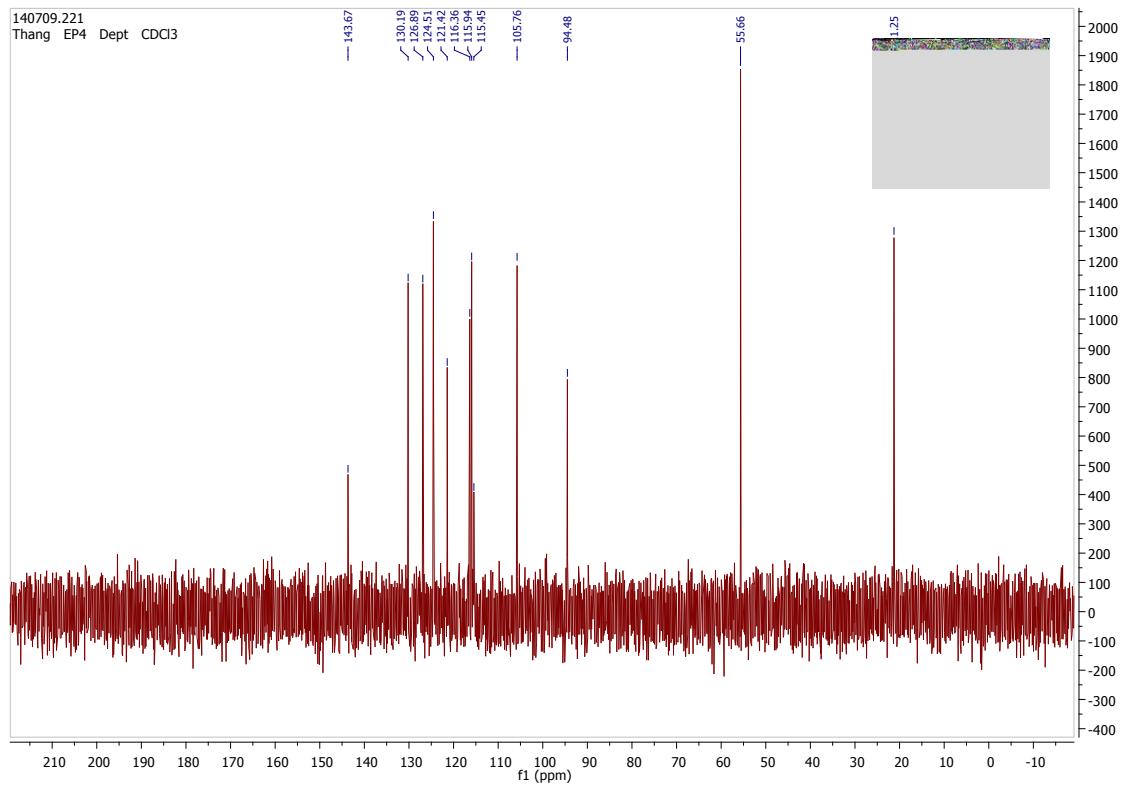
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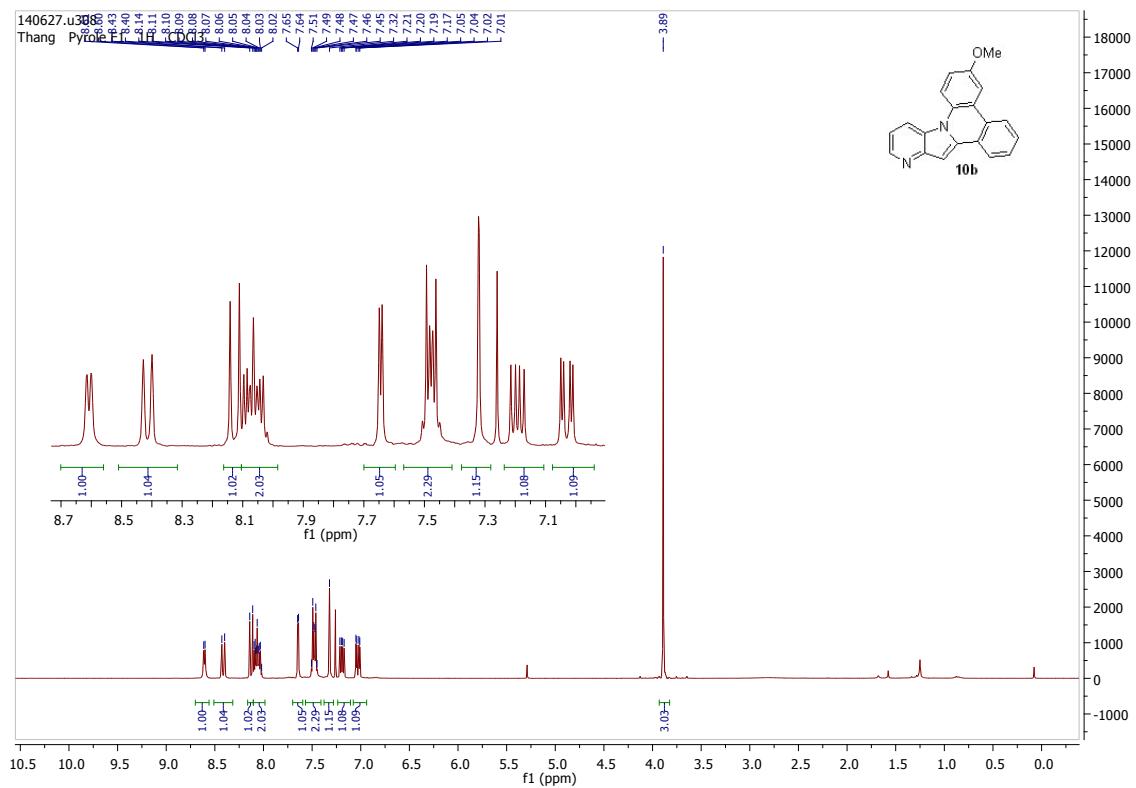


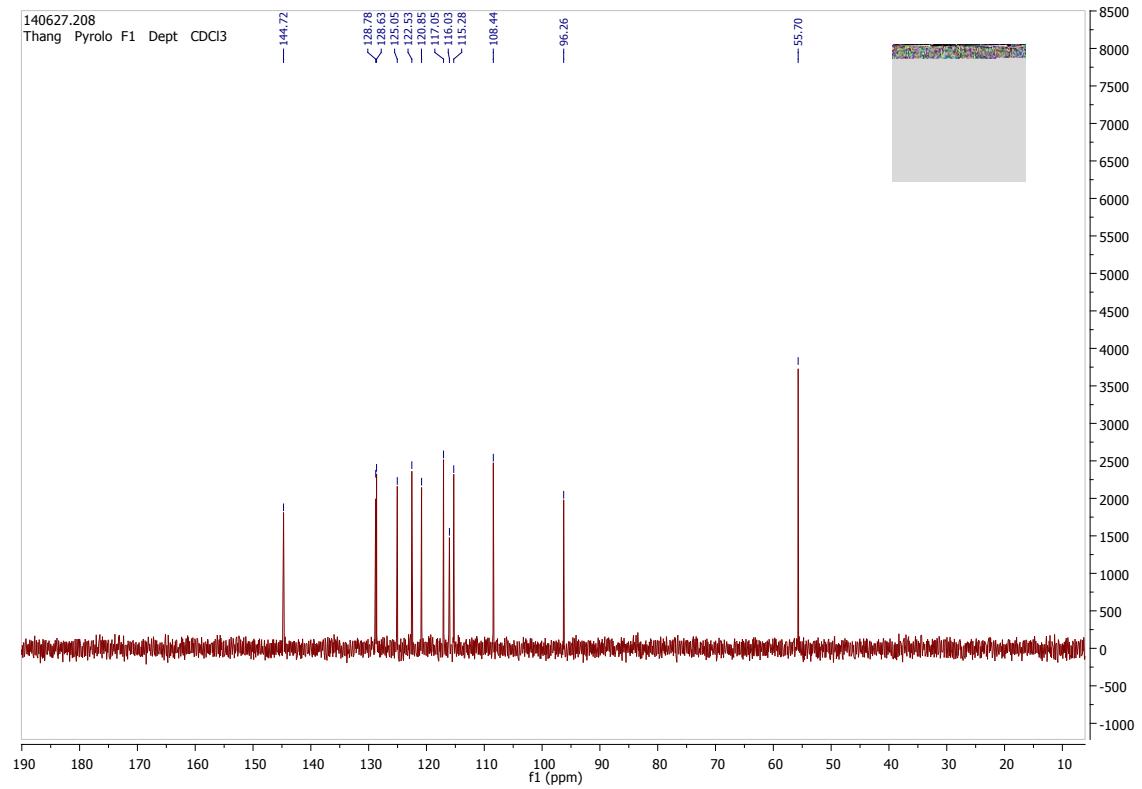
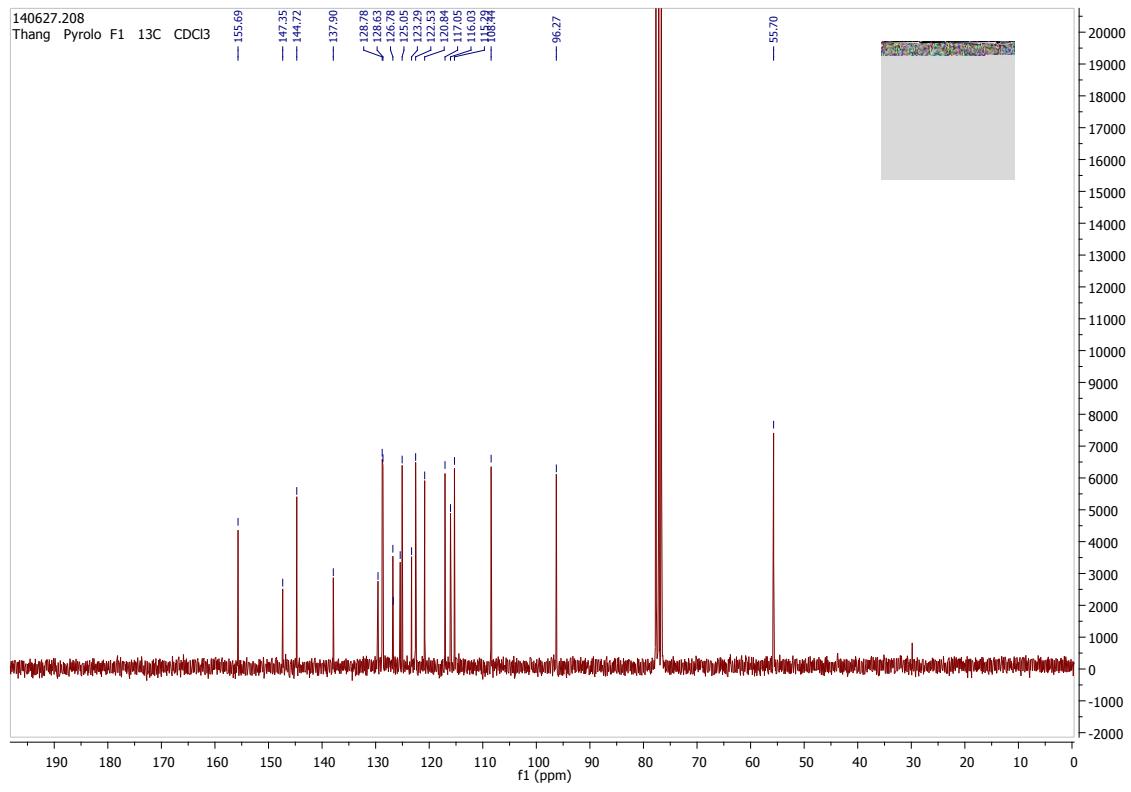
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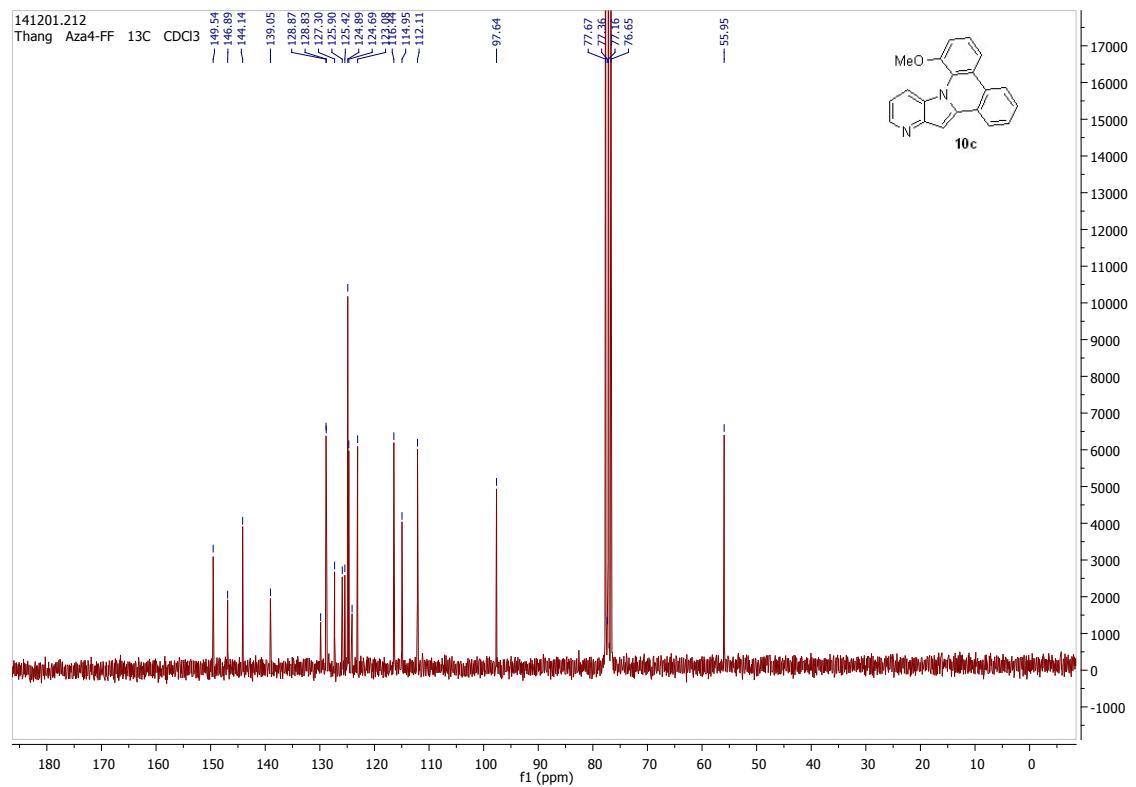
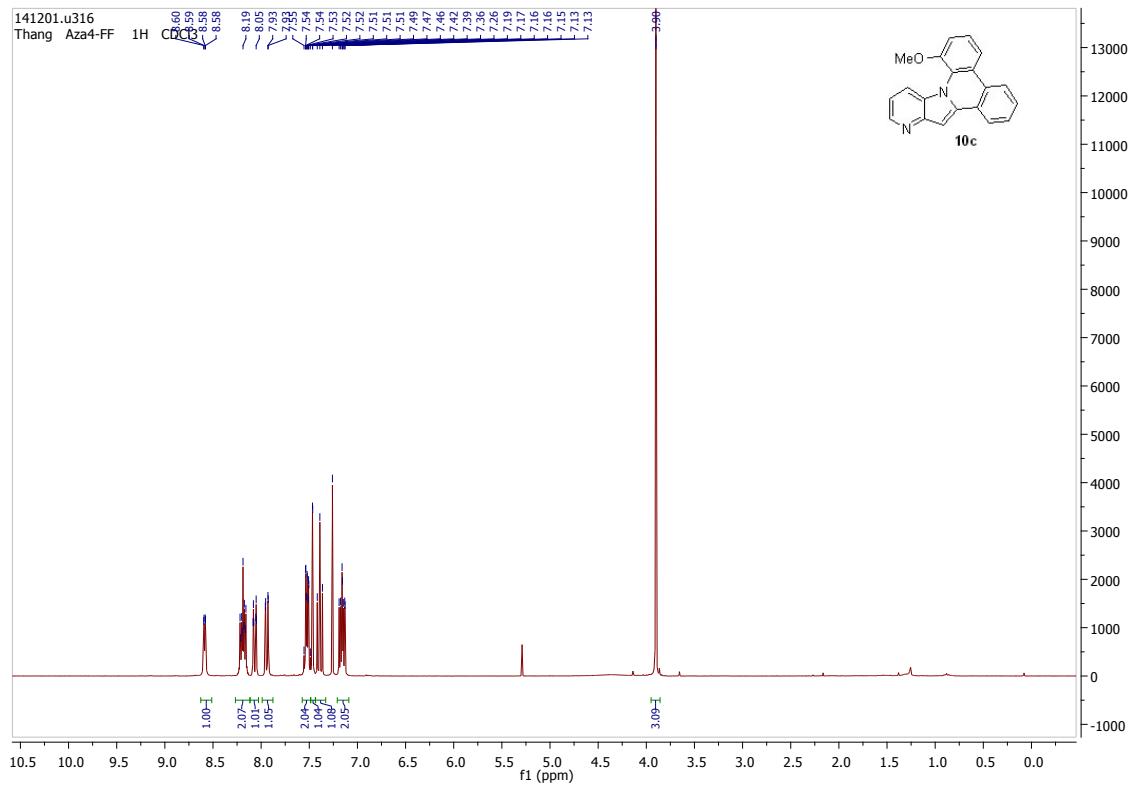


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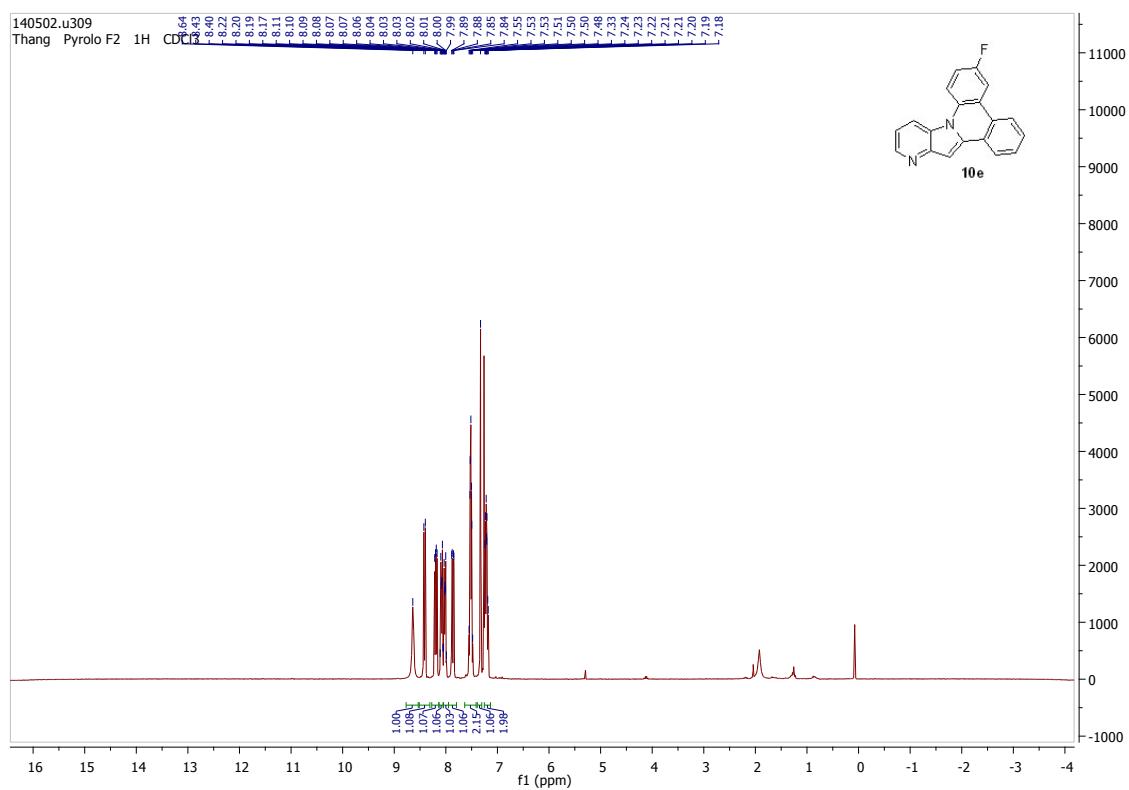
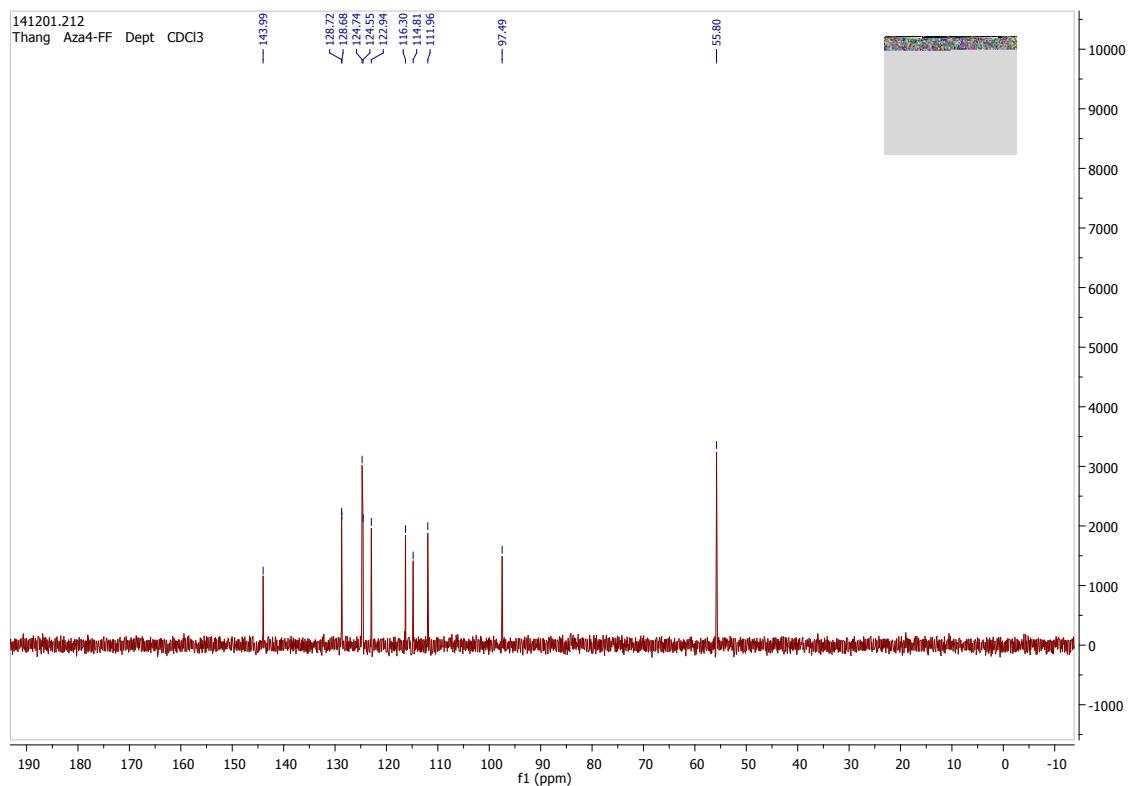


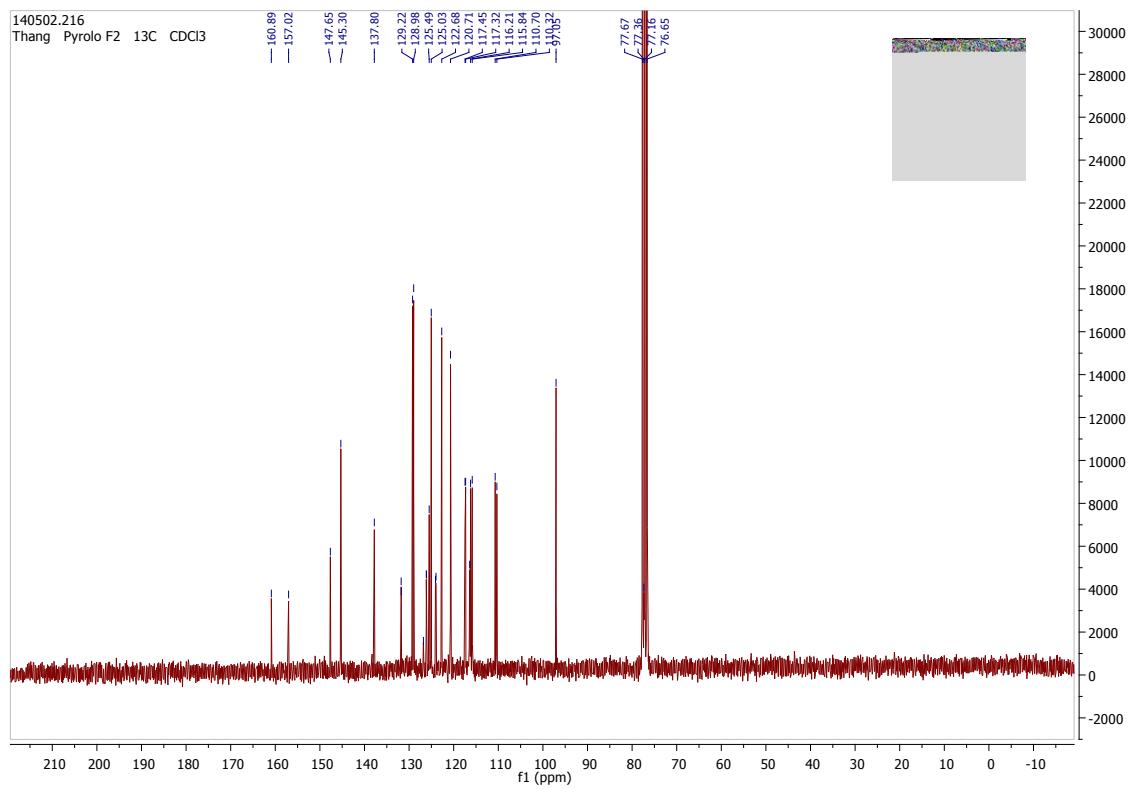
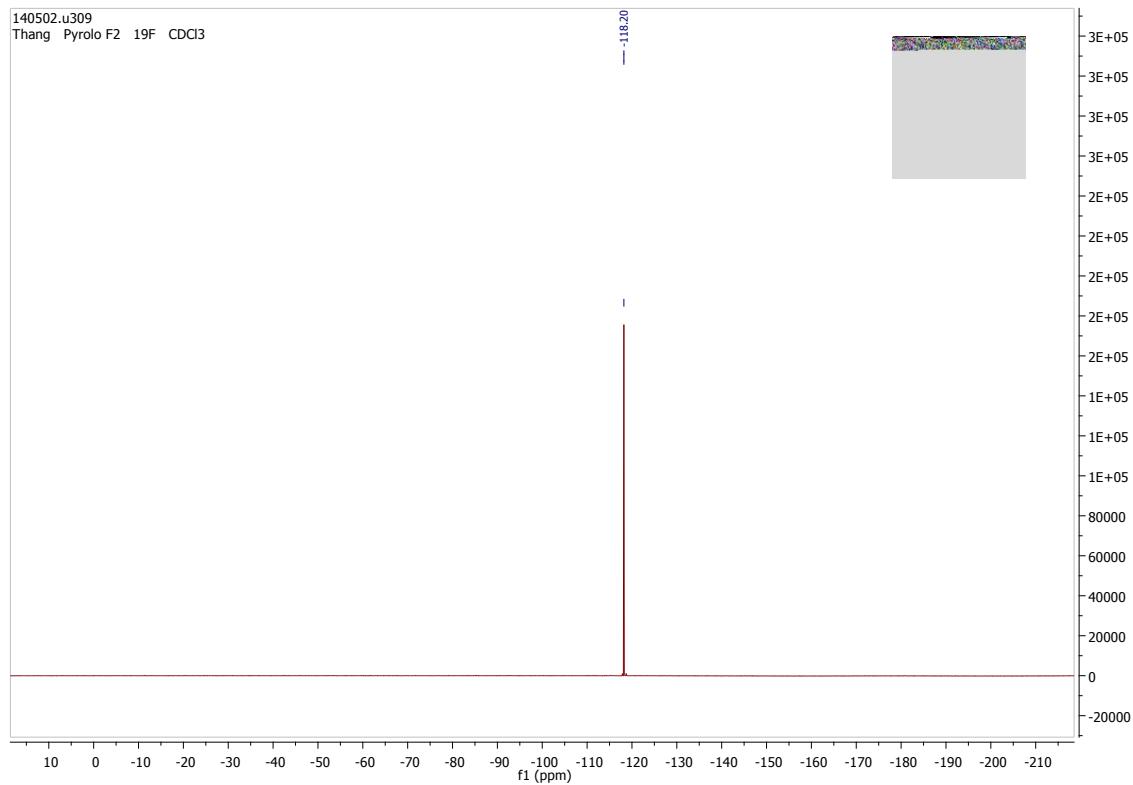


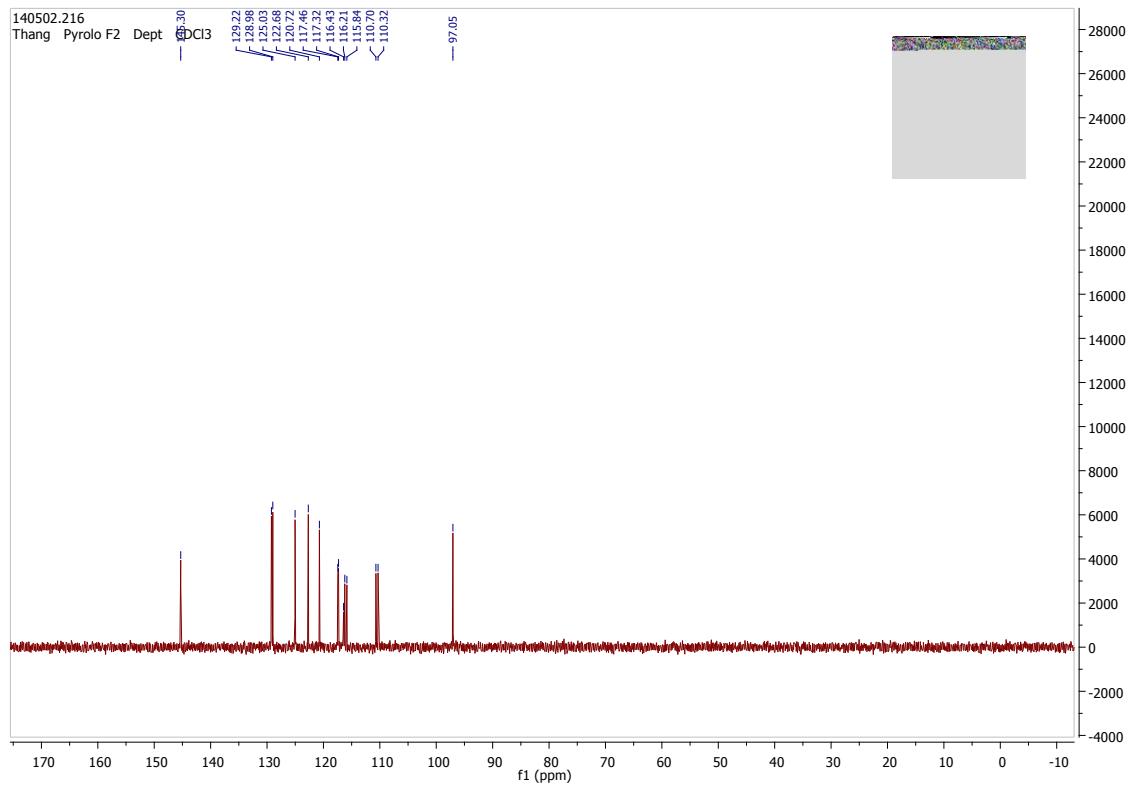
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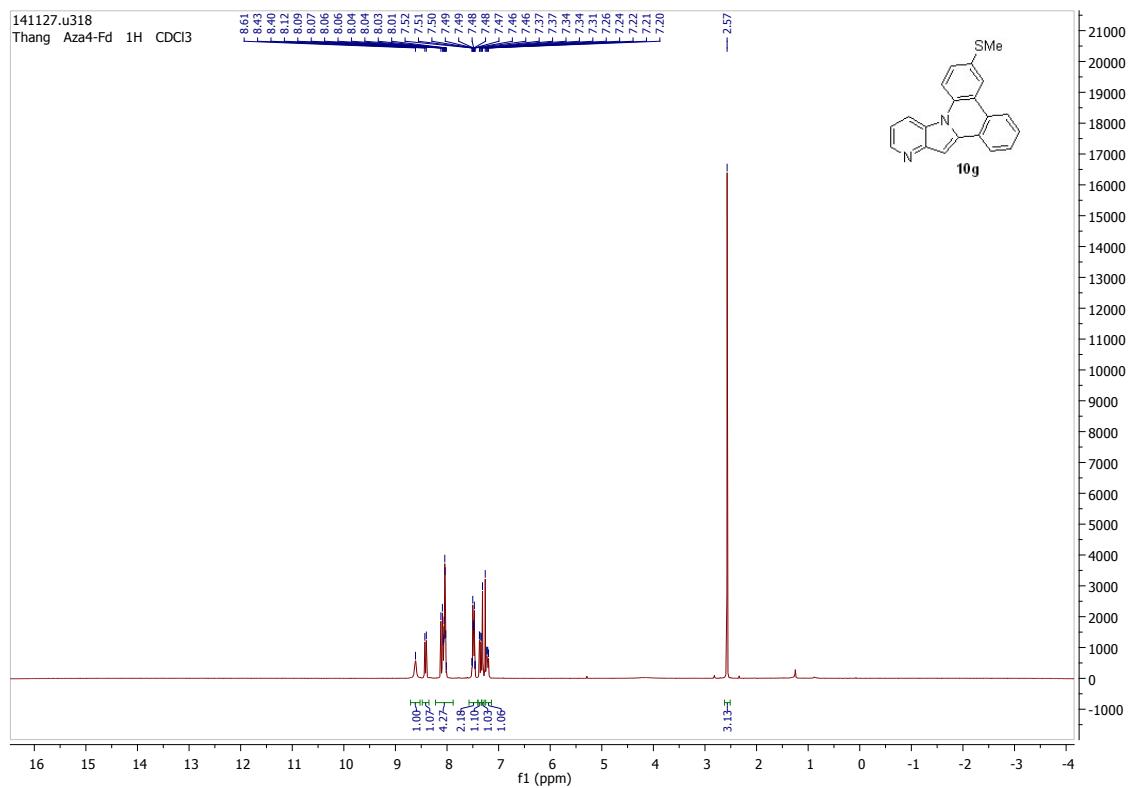
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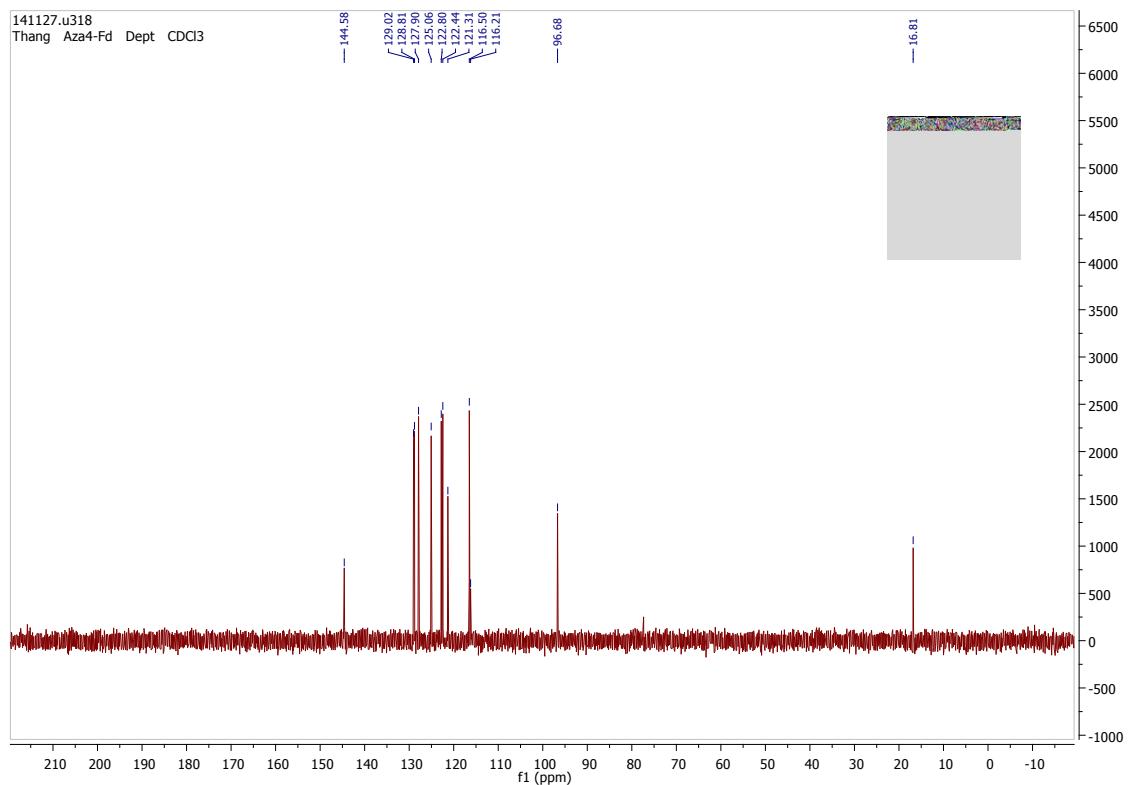
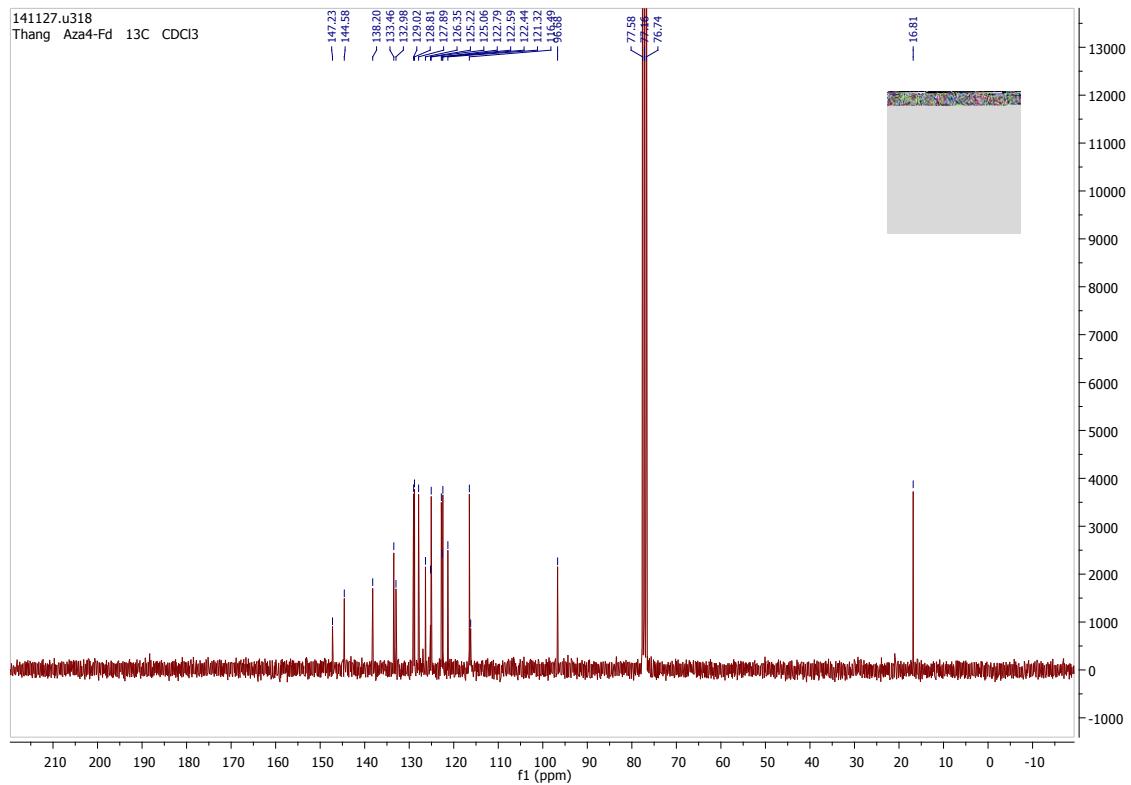




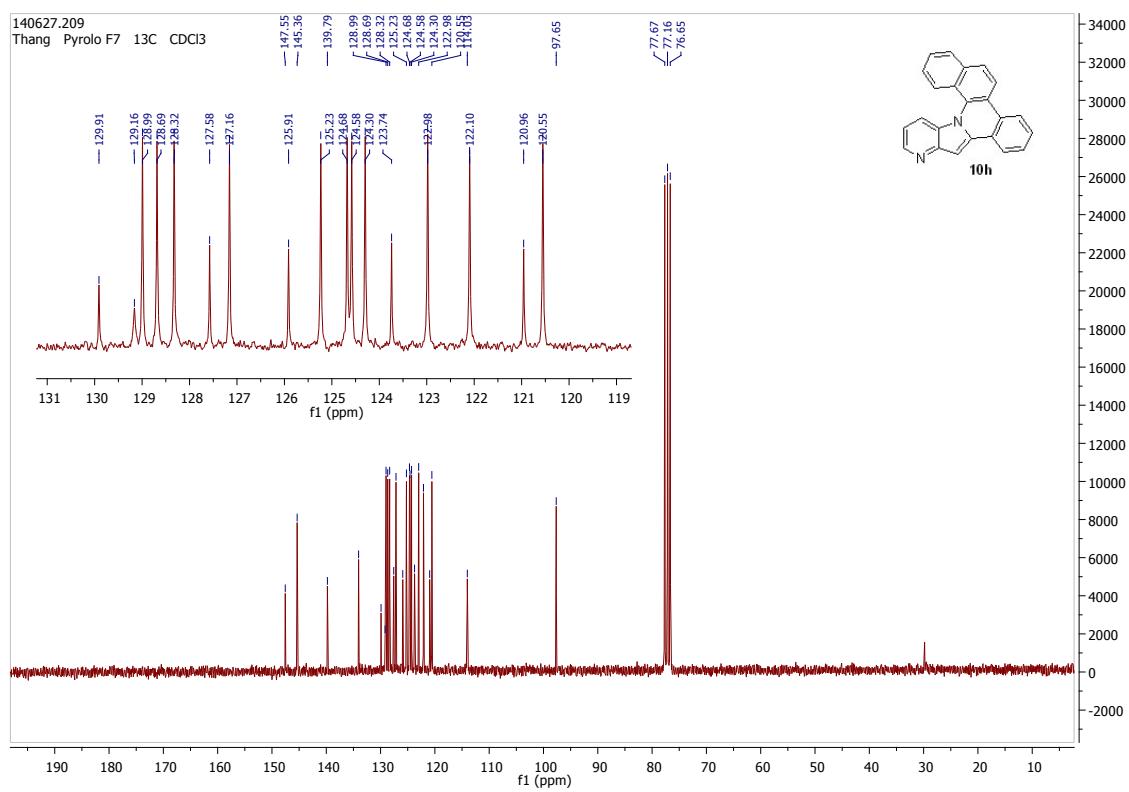
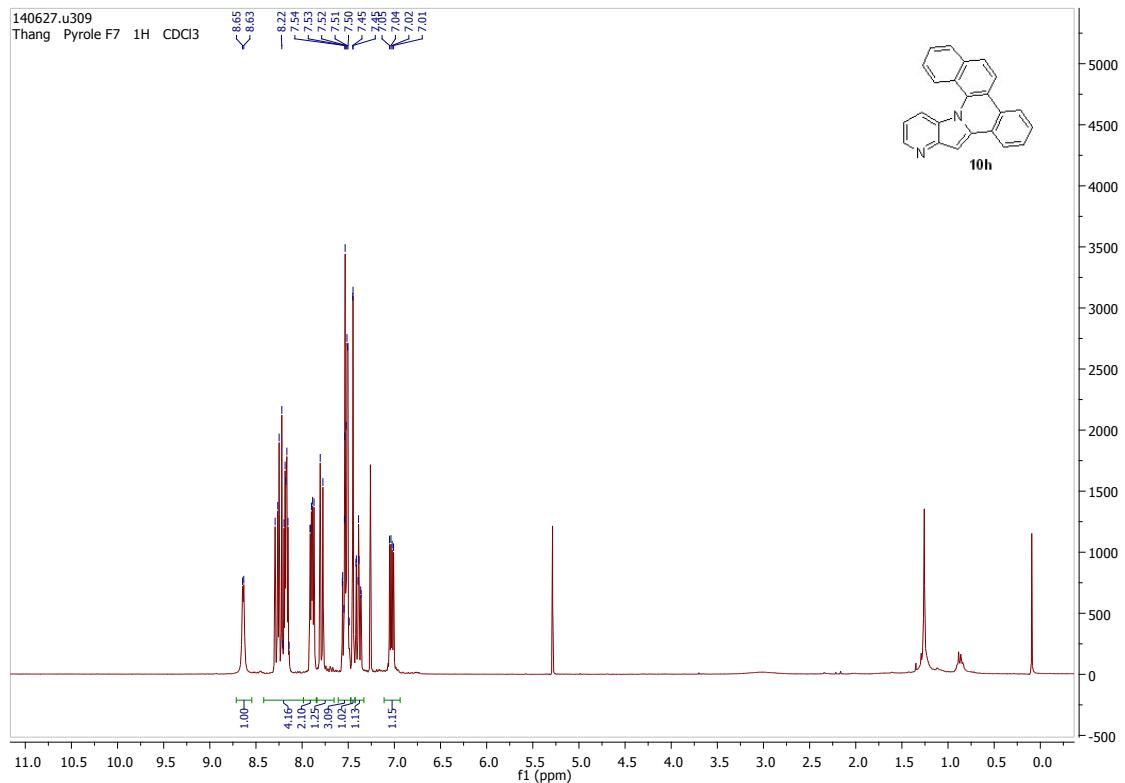


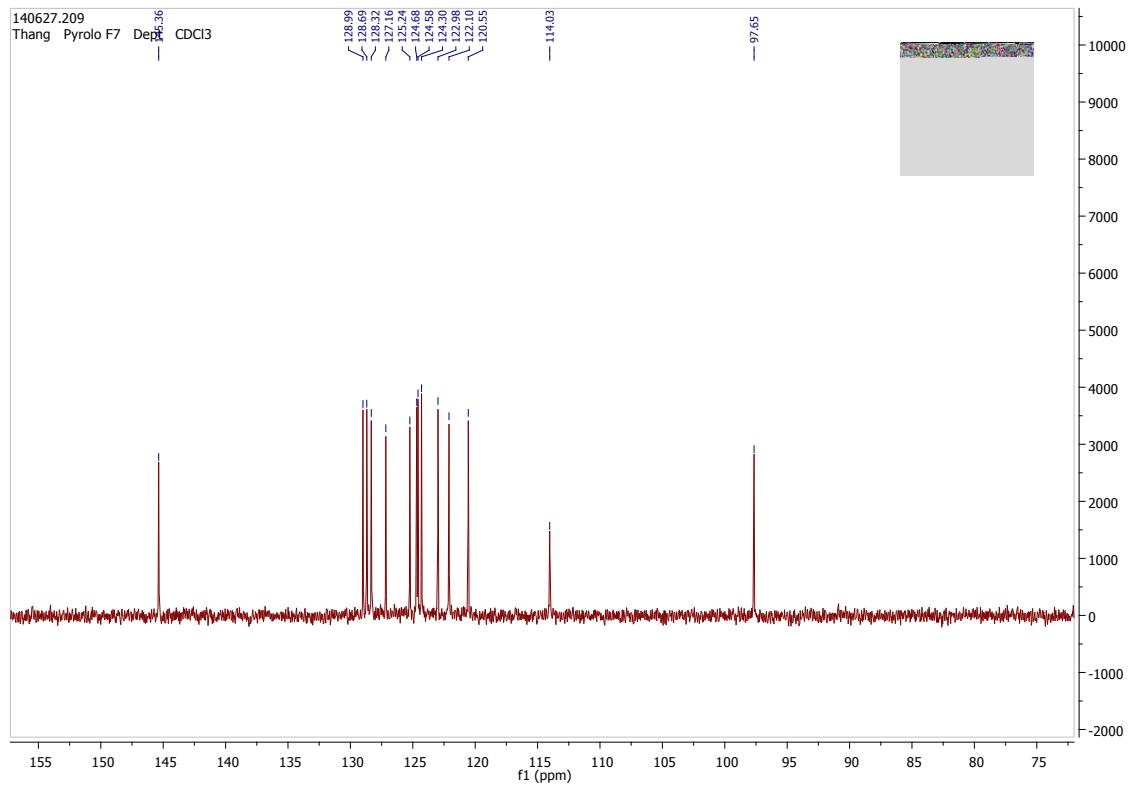
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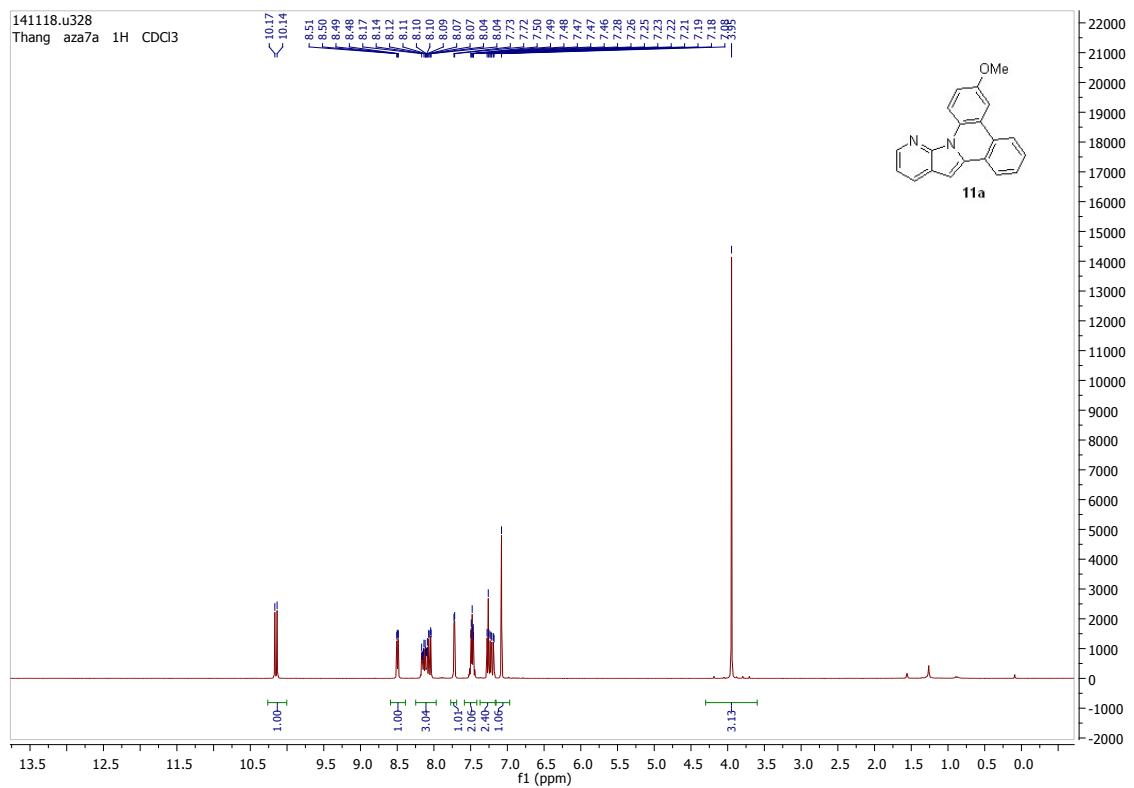


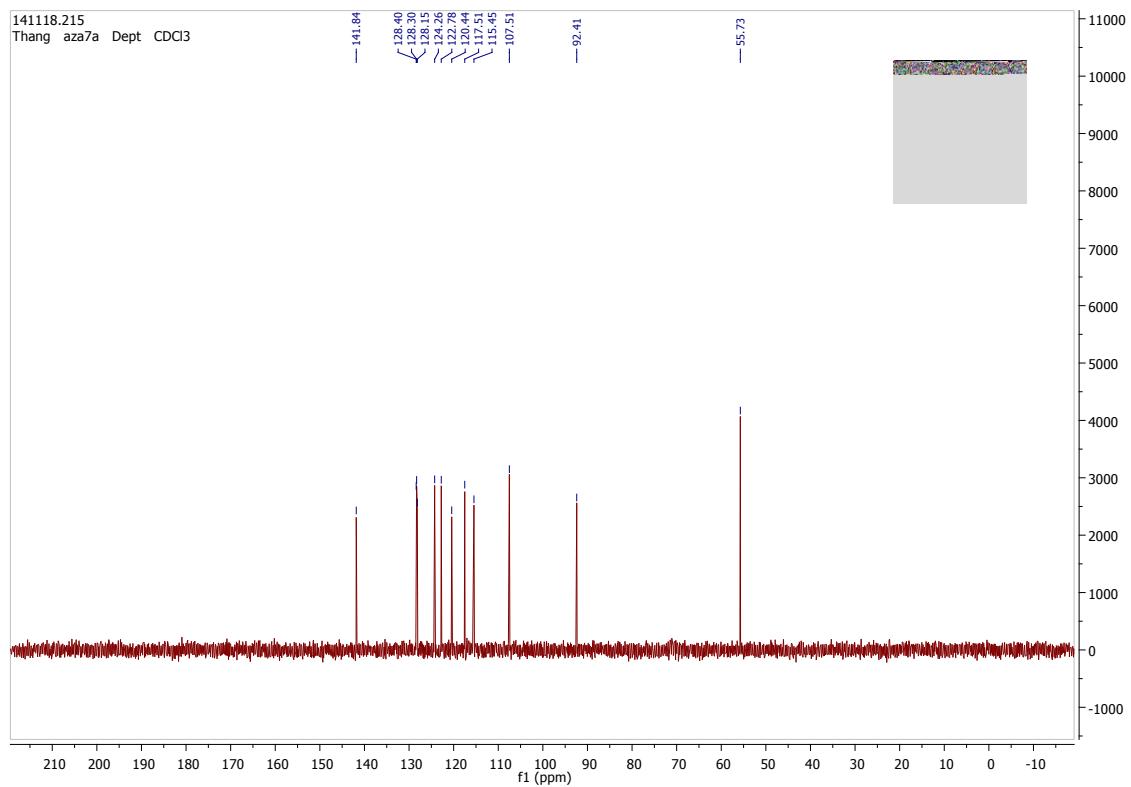
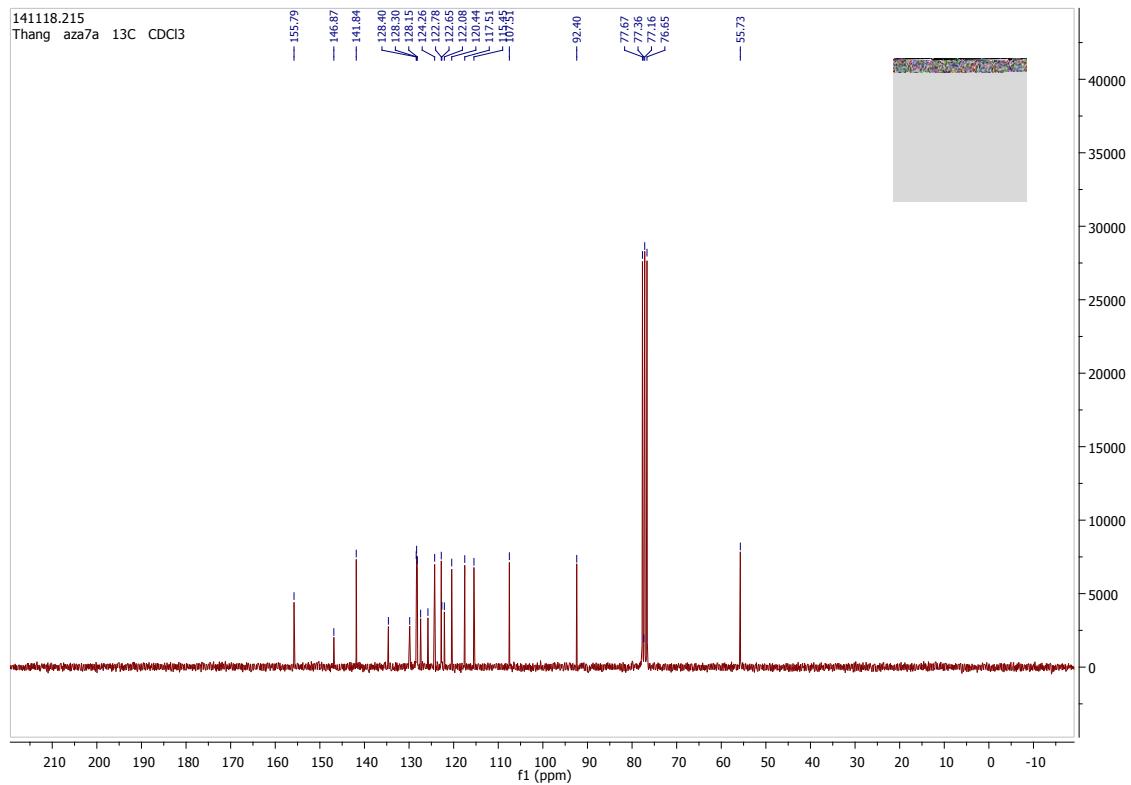
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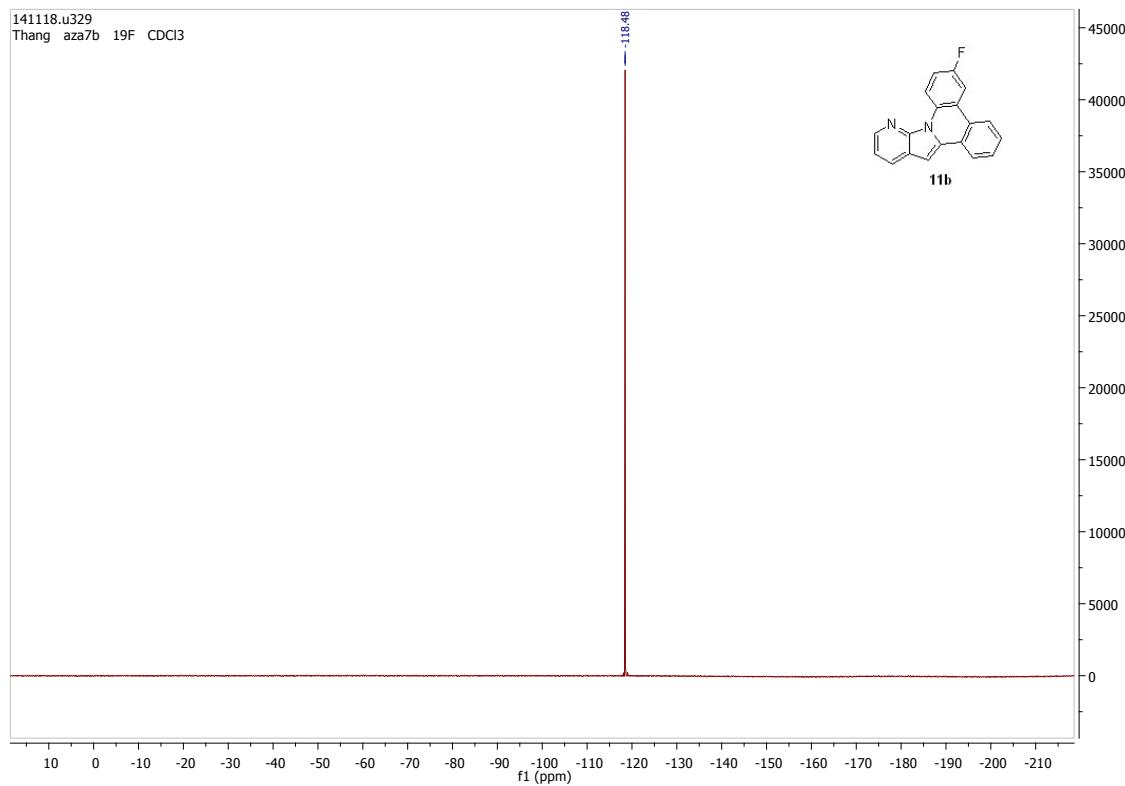
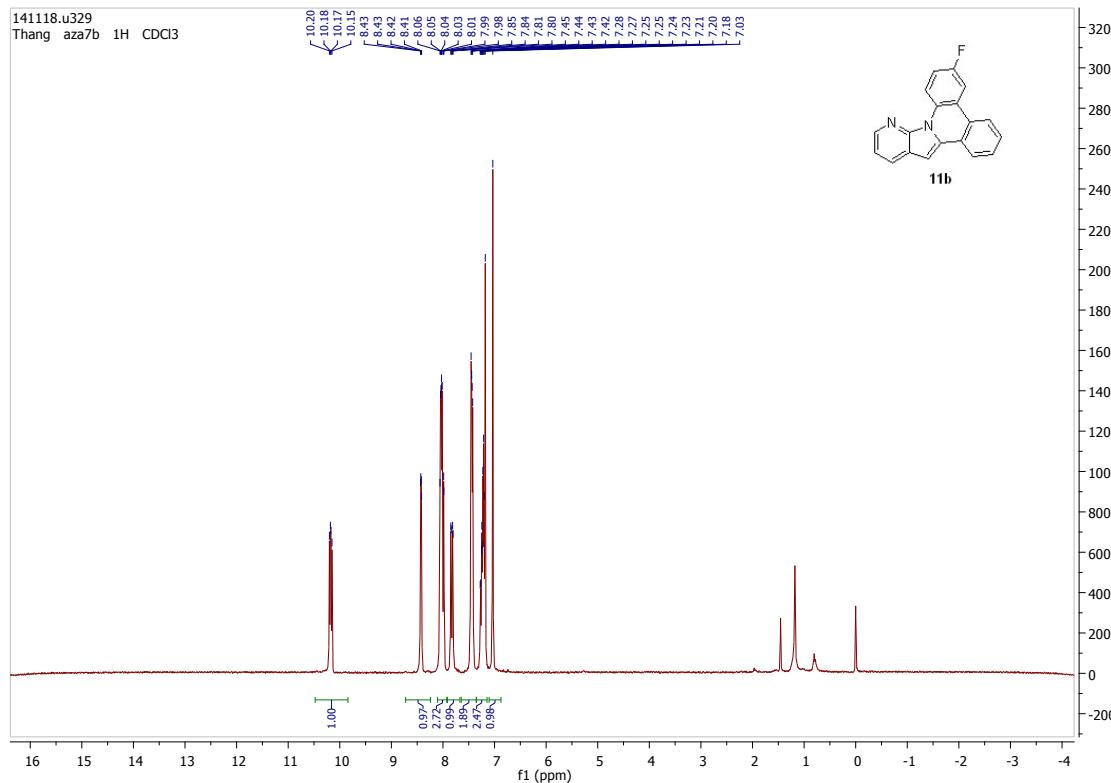


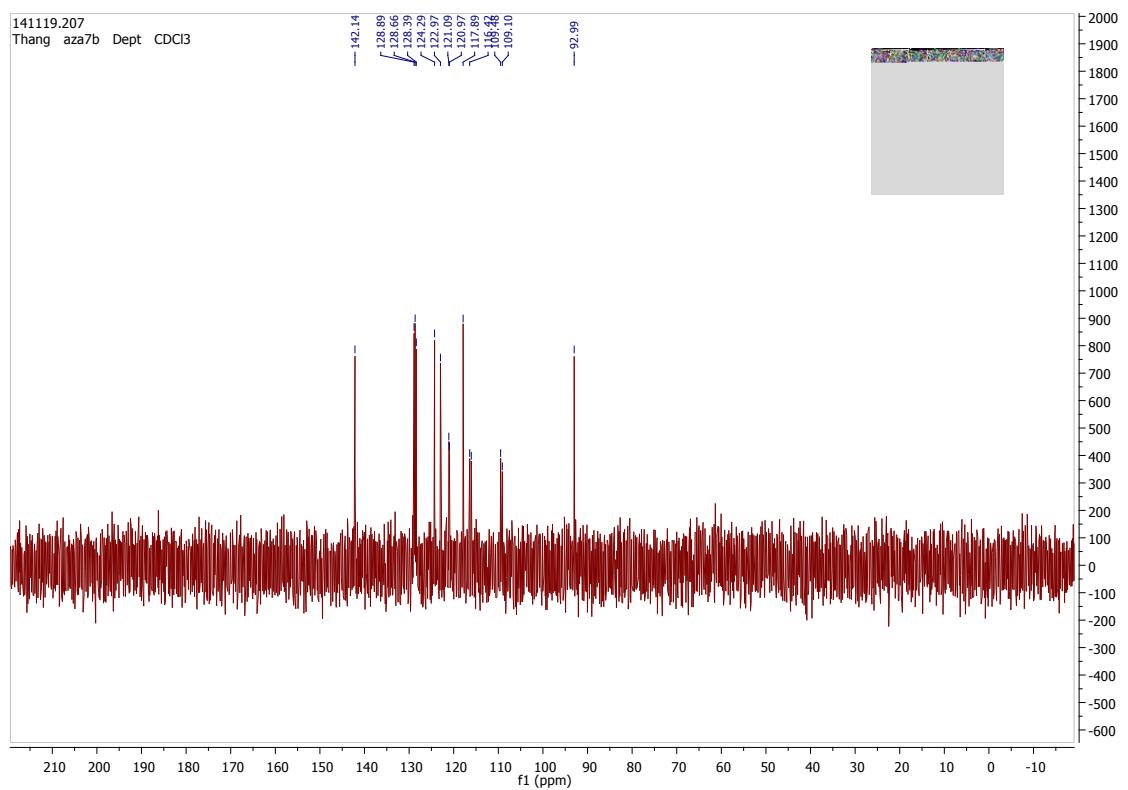
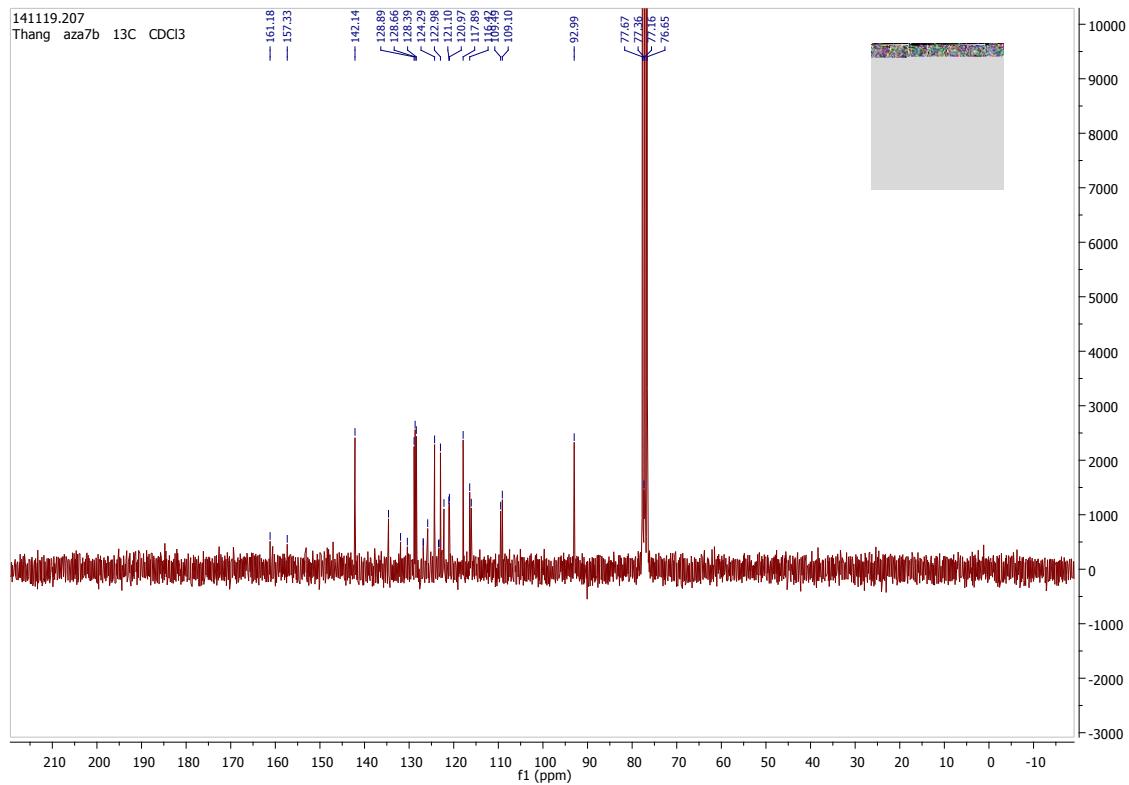
## 6-methoxypyrido[3',2':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-f]phenanthridine 11a





**6-fluoropyrido[3',2':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-f]phenanthridine 11b**





**6-(methylthio)pyrido[3',2':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-f]phenanthridine 11c**

