

Supporting Information

Copper-Mediated C(sp³)-H Amination in a Multiple C-N Bond-Forming Strategy for the Synthesis of N-Heterocycles**

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I. General Information

All reagents were purchased without further purification unless otherwise noted. Reactions were monitored using thin-layer chromatography (TLC) on commercial silica gel plates (GF254). Visualization of the developed plates was performed under UV light (254 nm). Flash column chromatography was performed on silica gel (200-300 mesh). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 or 500 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts (δ) were reported in ppm referenced to an internal tetramethylsilane standard or the DMSO-d₆ residual peak (δ 2.50) for ¹H NMR. Chemical shifts of ¹³C NMR were reported relative to DMSO-d₆ (δ 39.5). The following abbreviations were used to describe peak splitting patterns when appropriate: br = broad, s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet. Coupling constants, *J*, were reported in Hertz unit (Hz). High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on an ESI-LC-MS/MS spectrometer.

II. General Procedures

(a) substrate preparation

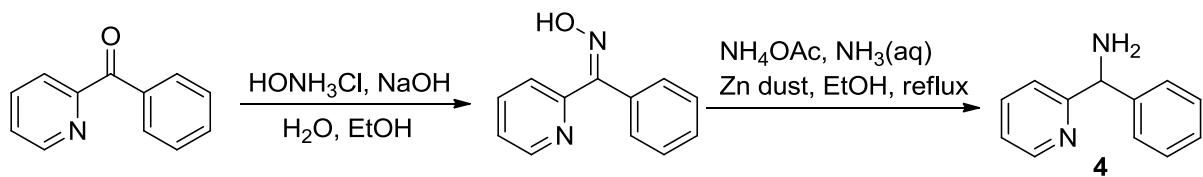
Substrates **1** were prepared according to literature reported procedures.^{1a-c}

(b) General Procedure for the Synthesis of **3**

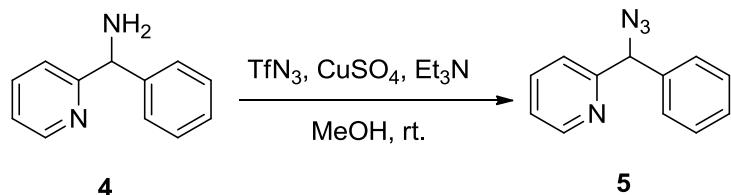
To a Schlenk tube were added 2-benzyl heterocycle **1** (0.4 mmol), aldehyde **2** (0.2 mmol), Cu(TFA)₂xH₂O (0.24 mmol), and PivOH (0.2 mmol). Then, the tube was vacuumed and refilled with argon for 3 times, followed by introducing a solution of TMSN₃ (0.6 mmol) in 0.2 mL of DCB. The reaction mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 8 h. Then, a second portion of TMSN₃ (0.2 mmol, in 0.1 mL of DCB) was added and the solution was stirred for another 8 h. Then, the reaction was cooled down to room temperature before addition of saturated aqueous NaCl (10 mL), NH₄OH (1 mL) and EtOAc (10 mL) to the reaction mixture. The aqueous phase was further extracted with EtOAc (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography to provide the desired product **3**.

(c) Experiment Procedure for the Synthesis of **4** and **5**

The procedure for the synthesis of intermediate **4** was according to literature reported method.^{1d}

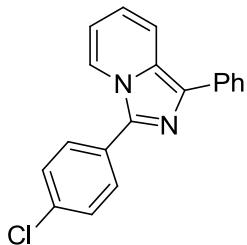


The procedure for the synthesis of intermediate **5** was started from intermediate **4**. To a solution of NaN₃ (261 mg, 4.01 mmol, 6.0 eq.) in a mixture of H₂O/CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL 1:1 v/v) at 0 °C, was added Tf₂O (337 uL, 2.01 mmol, 3.0 eq.). The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 2 h. After quenching with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, the layers were separated and the aqueous layers were combined to afford 5 mL of TfN₃ solution. These TfN₃ was then added to a solution of **4** (222 mg, 1.2 mmol) in MeOH (5 mL), followed by H₂O (2 mL), a solution of CuSO₄ (22 mg, 0.1 eq.) in MeOH (2 mL), and Et₃N (594 μL, 4.0 mmol, 3.0 eq.). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at rt. The saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (25 mL) was added and the organic solvents were evaporated. The aqueous residue was extracted with EA (3 × 25 mL) and the organic layers were combined, dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated in vacuo to give the yellow oil, followed by purification by column chromatography to give the product **5** in 90% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.60-8.59 (m, 1H), 7.71-7.67 (m, 1H), 7.39-7.29 (m, 6H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 1H), 5.80 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.1, 149.5, 138.4, 137.0, 128.8, 128.3, 127.6, 122.8, 121.4, 69.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₂H₁₀N₄ [M+H]⁺ 211.0978, found 211.0976.



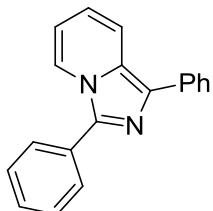
IV. Analytical Data

3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-phenylimidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine (**3a**)²



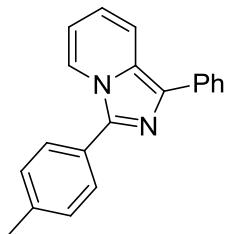
Light yellow solid, 44 mg, 72% yield, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 20/1. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.20 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.53-7.46 (m, 4H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 6.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 136.9, 134.8, 134.7, 132.4, 129.5, 129.3, 128.8, 128.7, 127.9, 126.8, 126.7, 121.5, 119.8, 119.3, 113.6.

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



Light yellow solid, 27 mg, 50% yield, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 20/1. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.25 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.86-7.84 (m, 3H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.49-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.30 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 138.1, 134.9, 132.0, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.4, 127.7, 126.8, 126.6, 121.8, 119.7, 119.2, 113.2.

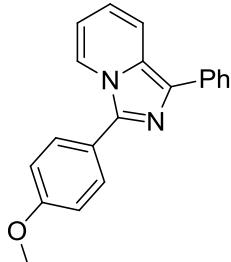
1-phenyl-3-(*p*-tolyl)imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine (**3c**)



Light yellow solid, 35 mg, 62% yield, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 20/1. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.21 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H),

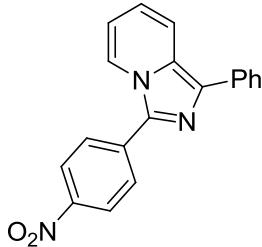
6.77 (dd, $J = 9.2, 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.56 (dd, $J = 7.2, 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 138.8, 138.3, 135.0, 131.8, 129.7, 128.7, 128.3, 127.5, 127.3, 126.8, 126.4, 121.9, 119.5, 119.2, 113.1, 21.4; FT-IR (film): 3038, 2919, 2851, 1600, 1534, 1515, 1332, 824, 769, 696 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 285.1386, found 285.1385; mp: 129-131 °C.

3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylimidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine (**3d**)³



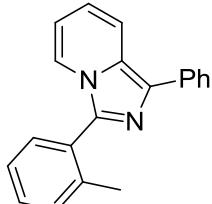
Light yellow solid, 39.6 mg, 66% yield, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 10/1. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.17 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.46 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.77 (dd, $J = 9.2, 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.55 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 160.4, 157.9, 142.0, 135.6, 130.0, 128.8, 127.2, 127.0, 126.9, 121.8, 119.2, 114.5, 113.7, 55.4.

3-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-phenylimidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine (**3e**)²



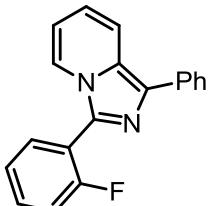
Yellow solid, 43.5 mg, 69% yield, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 10/1. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.40-8.35 (m, 3H), 8.10 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.93 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 7.50 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.35 (dd, $J = 7.6, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.92 (dd, $J = 8.8, 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.75 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 147.1, 136.4, 135.6, 134.3, 133.9, 129.1, 128.9, 128.1, 127.1, 126.9, 124.4, 121.6, 120.8, 119.6, 114.6.

1-phenyl-3-(*o*-tolyl)imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine (**3f**)



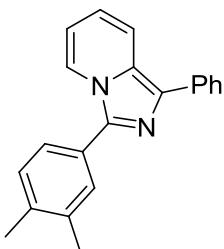
Kelly gum, 38.6 mg, 68% yield, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 20/1. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 8.47 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.69-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.47 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H), 7.33-7.27 (m, 2H), 6.97 (dd, $J = 7.2, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.78 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 138.3, 137.4, 134.7, 130.3, 129.6, 129.3, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 127.2, 126.1, 125.9, 124.9, 122.5, 120.8, 118.5, 113.6, 21.0; FT-IR (film): 3048, 2919, 2851, 1602, 1582, 1518, 1333, 1312, 1016, 770, 740, 698 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2$ [M+H] $^+$ 285.1386, found 235.1388.

3-(2-fluorophenyl)-1-phenylimidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine (**3g**)



Kelly solid, 42 mg, 73% yield, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 20/1. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 8.02 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.99-7.94 (m, 3H), 7.78 (dd, $J = 7.6, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.43 (m, 4H), 7.30 (dd, $J = 7.6, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 (dd, $J = 8.8, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.81 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6): 161.0, 159.0, 134.0 (d, $J = 240.8$ Hz), 132.6 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 132.1 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz), 131.1, 129.2, 127.7, 126.7, 126.4, 125.6 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz), 123.5 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz), 121.6, 118.8, 117.9 (d, $J = 15.0$ Hz), 116.8 (d, $J = 21.0$ Hz), 114.0; FT-IR (film): 3053, 2921, 2851, 1602, 1571, 1518, 1452, 1214, 1204, 1073, 759, 659 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{13}\text{FN}_2$ [M+H] $^+$ 289.1136, found 289.1137; mp: 93-95 °C.

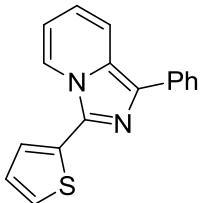
3-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)-1-phenylimidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine (**3h**)



Kelly solid, 39.9 mg, 67% yield, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 20/1. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.23 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.28 (m, 2H), 6.77 (dd, $J = 8.8, 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.56 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 138.4, 137.6, 137.5, 135.0, 131.7, 130.1, 129.7, 128.7, 127.5, 126.8, 126.4, 125.5, 121.9, 119.5, 119.1, 113.0, 19.8, 19.7; FT-IR (film): cm^{-1} 3052, 2916, 2858, 1603, 1541, 1518, 1470, 1307, 1017, 835, 771, 744, 698

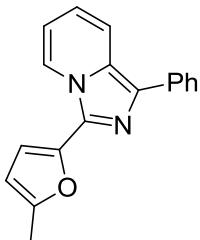
cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 299.1543, found 299.1544; mp: 107-109 °C.

1-phenyl-3-(thiophen-2-yl)imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine (**3i**)



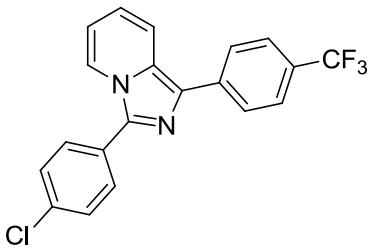
Kelly solid, 45.8 mg, 83% yield, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 20/1. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.33 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.85 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.31 (dd, $J = 7.6, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 (dd, $J = 4.8, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.81 (dd, $J = 9.2, 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.67 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 134.7, 132.7, 132.3, 132.2, 128.7, 127.9, 127.6, 126.9, 126.7, 126.2, 125.3, 122.0, 119.6, 119.2, 113.8; FT-IR (film): 3069, 2922, 2851, 1602, 1515, 1250, 1074, 849, 770, 1073, 692 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 277.0794, found 277.0793; mp: 75-77 °C.

3-(5-methylfuran-2-yl)-1-phenylimidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine (**3j**)



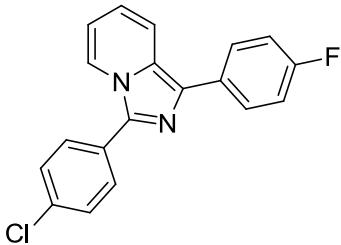
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3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine (**3k**)



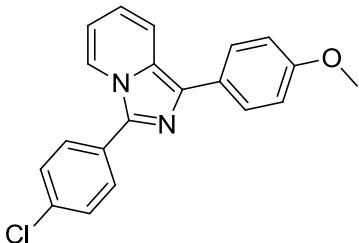
Yellow solid, 33 mg, 44% yield, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 20/1. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.23 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1 H), 8.05 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.87 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.91 (dd, $J = 8.8, 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.67 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): 149.9, 138.3, 137.4 (q, $J = 32.0$ Hz), 135.0, 129.6 (q, $J = 134$ Hz), 129.4 (q, $J = 21.6$ Hz), 128.6, 128.3, 126.9, 126.5, 125.6 (q, $J = 3.9$ Hz), 125.3, 121.8, 120.9, 118.8, 113.8; FT-IR (film): 3066, 2917, 2850, 1734, 1604, 1500, 1489, 1476, 1335, 1312, 1239, 1042, 837, 1011, 837, 703 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClF}_3\text{N}_2$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 373.0714, found 373.0713; mp: 177-179 °C.

3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine (3l)



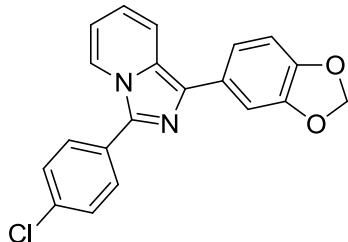
Yellow solid, 31 mg, 48% yield, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 20/1. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.19 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.87 (dd, $J = 8.4, 5.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 3H), 7.51 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.16 (dd, $J = 8.8, 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.82 (dd, $J = 8.8, 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.62 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 161.9 (d, $J = 245.8$ Hz), 136.9, 134.7, 131.5, 130.9 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 129.4, 129.3, 128.6, 128.4 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz), 127.7, 121.6, 119.9, 115.6 (d, $J = 21.7$ Hz), 113.6; FT-IR (film): 3069, 2919, 2850, 1597, 1539, 1518, 1500, 1403, 1354, 1223, 1092, 1011, 838, 765, 734, 700, 679, 568 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClFN}_2$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 323.0746, found 323.0747; mp: 87-89 °C.

3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine (3m)



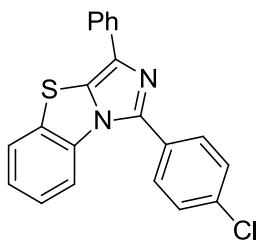
Yellow solid, 46.1 mg, 69% yield, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 10/1. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.17 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 3H), 7.51 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.77 (dd, $J = 8.8, 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.59 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H); 3.87 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 158.7, 136.6, 134.6, 132.3, 129.4, 129.3, 128.7, 128.1, 127.4, 127.3, 121.4, 119.3, 119.3, 114.3, 113.6, 55.4; FT-IR (film): 3067, 3000, 2954, 2834, 1732, 1544, 1501, 1290, 1040, 841, 677 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 335.0946, found 335.0945; mp: 107-109 °C.

1-(benzo[*d*]-[1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine (3n**)**



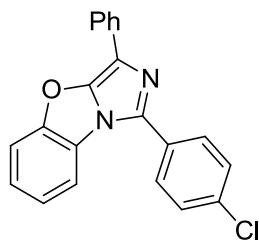
Yellow solid, 43.2 mg, 62% yield, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 10/1. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.17 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 3H), 7.51 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.41 (s, 1H), 7.37 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.78 (dd, $J = 8.8, 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.59 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.0 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 148.1, 146.6, 136.6, 134.6, 132.3, 129.4, 129.3, 129.1, 128.7, 127.4, 121.5, 120.3, 119.5, 119.2, 113.5, 108.6, 107.6, 101.0, 29.7; FT-IR (film): 3068, 2956, 2898, 2775, 1735, 1538, 1517, 1500, 1489, 1312, 1239, 1010, 985, 764, 603 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 349.0738, found 349.0737; mp: 92-94 °C.

1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-phenylbenzo[*d*]imidazo[5,1-*b*]thiazole (3o**)**



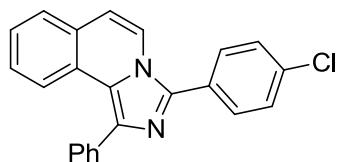
Yellow solid, 44.6 mg, 62% yield, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 20/1. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 8.03 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.51 (dd, $J = 7.6, 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.29 (dd, $J = 7.6, 7.2$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 139.3, 134.4, 132.8, 132.6, 131.4, 131.0, 129.4, 129.0, 128.9, 126.5, 126.2, 125.9, 125.3, 125.1, 124.0, 114.0; FT-IR (film): 3050, 3021, 1604, 1547, 1461, 1402, 1373, 1070, 840, 748, 692 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClN}_2\text{S}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 361.0561, found 361.0562; mp: 211-213 °C.

1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-phenylbenzo[*d*]imidazo[5,1-*b*]oxazole (3p**)**



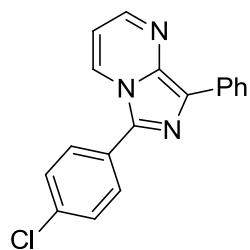
Yellow solid, 46.1 mg, 67% yield, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 20/1. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.85-7.80 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.53-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.25 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 6.8 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 153.9, 133.5, 132.1, 131.1, 129.1, 128.8, 128.8, 126.2, 125.9, 125.2, 124.2, 123.8, 113.1, 113.0; FT-IR (film): 3054, 1639, 1607, 1593, 1472, 1457, 1409, 1395, 1197, 1120, 847, 745 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₁₃ClN₂O [M+H]⁺ 345.0789, found 345.0787; mp: 215-217 °C.

3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-phenylimidazo[5,1-*a*]isoquinoline (3q**)**



Yellow solid, 64 mg, 90% yield, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 20/1. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.06 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.79-7.76 (m, 4H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.50 (m, 4H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.29 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H); 6.82 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 139.1, 136.2, 135.8, 135.1, 130.0, 129.8, 129.2, 128.6, 128.4, 128.1, 127.9, 127.6, 127.1, 127.0, 125.7, 124.3, 122.7, 120.4, 114.5; FT-IR (film): 3060, 3026, 2960, 1730, 1604, 1474, 1337, 1193, 836, 765, 747, 704, 508 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₁₅ClN₂ [M+H]⁺ 355.0997, found 355.0995; mp: 147-149 °C.

6-(4-chlorophenyl)-8-phenylimidazo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidine (3r**)**



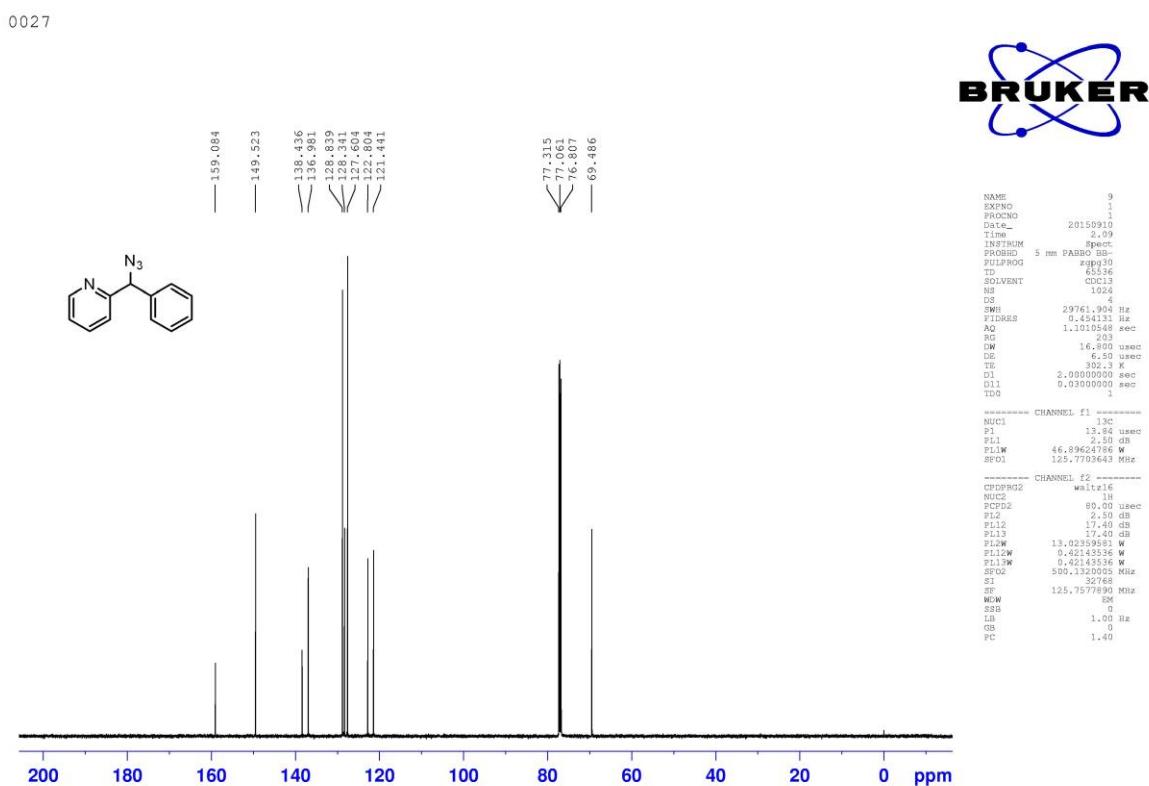
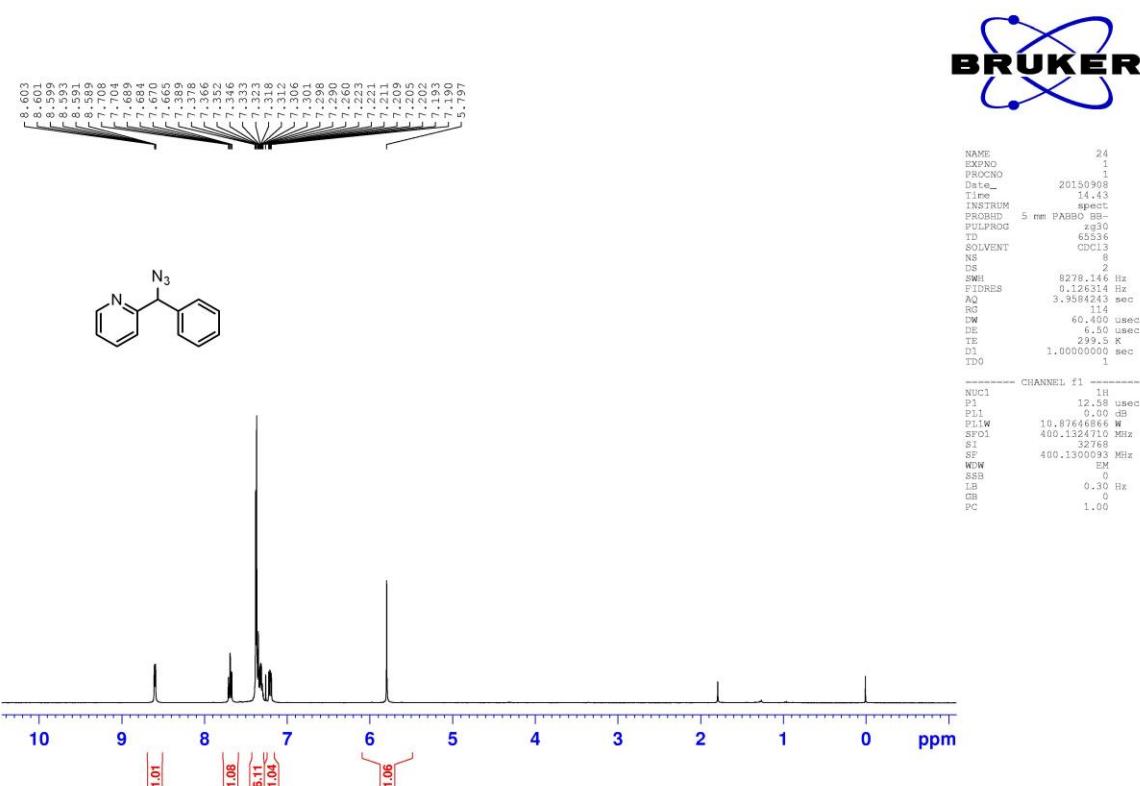
Yellow solid, 36.6 mg, 60% yield, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 20/1. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.45-8.41 (m, 3H), 8.23 (s, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ

145.3, 135.5, 135.2, 133.9, 133.7, 130.3, 129.5, 129.2, 128.5, 128.3, 128.0, 126.9, 126.5, 109.1; FT-IR (film): 3095, 3064, 3026, 2918, 1612, 1601, 1501, 1446, 1403, 1290, 1072, 833, 776, 696 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₂ClN₃ [M+H]⁺ 306.0793, found 306.0794; mp: 231-233 °C.

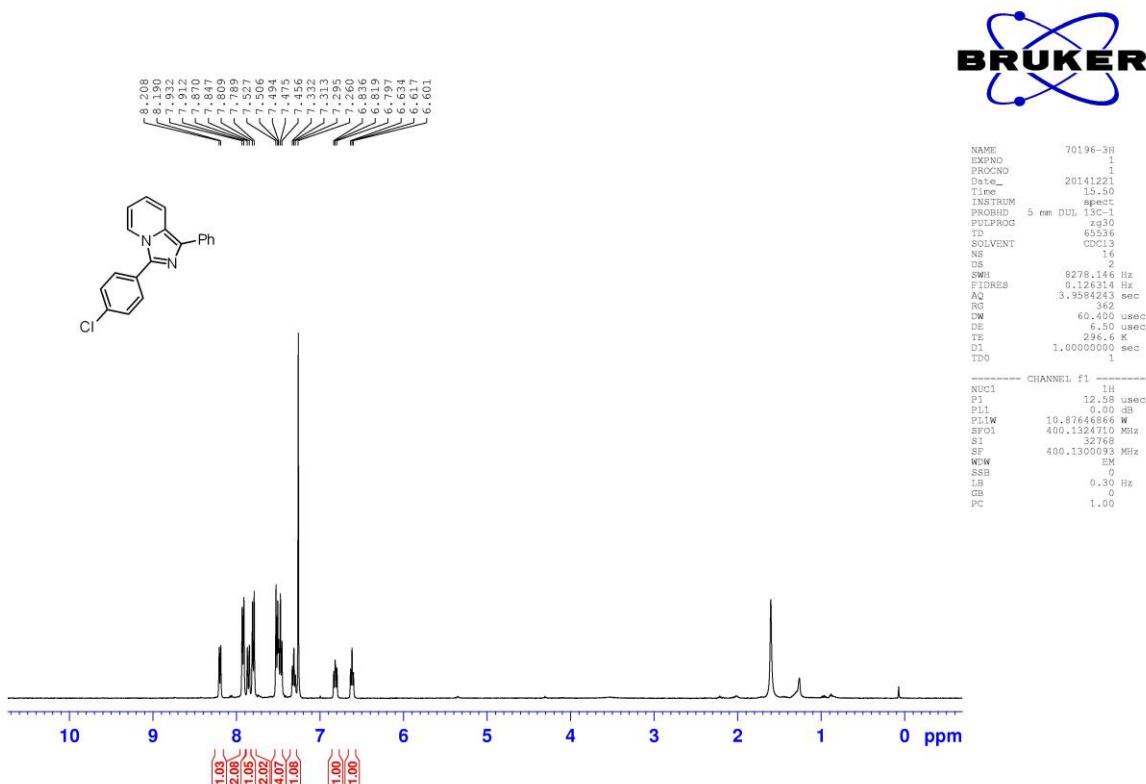
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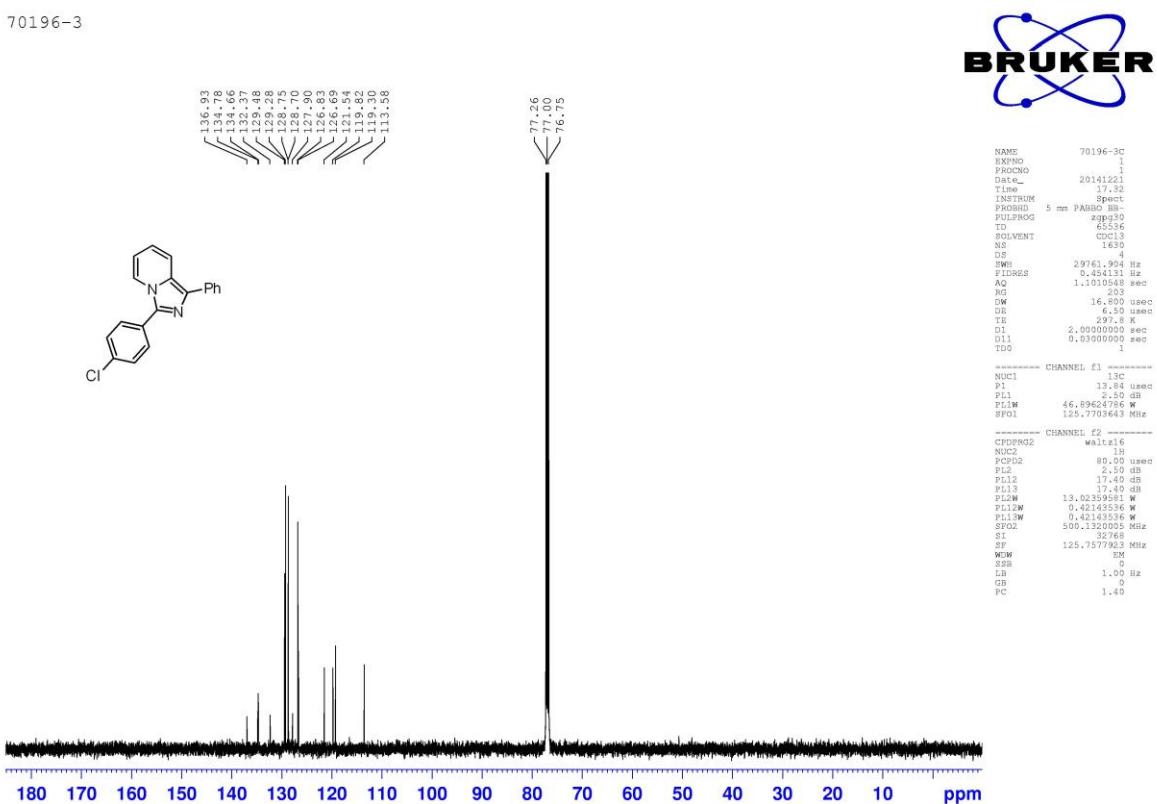
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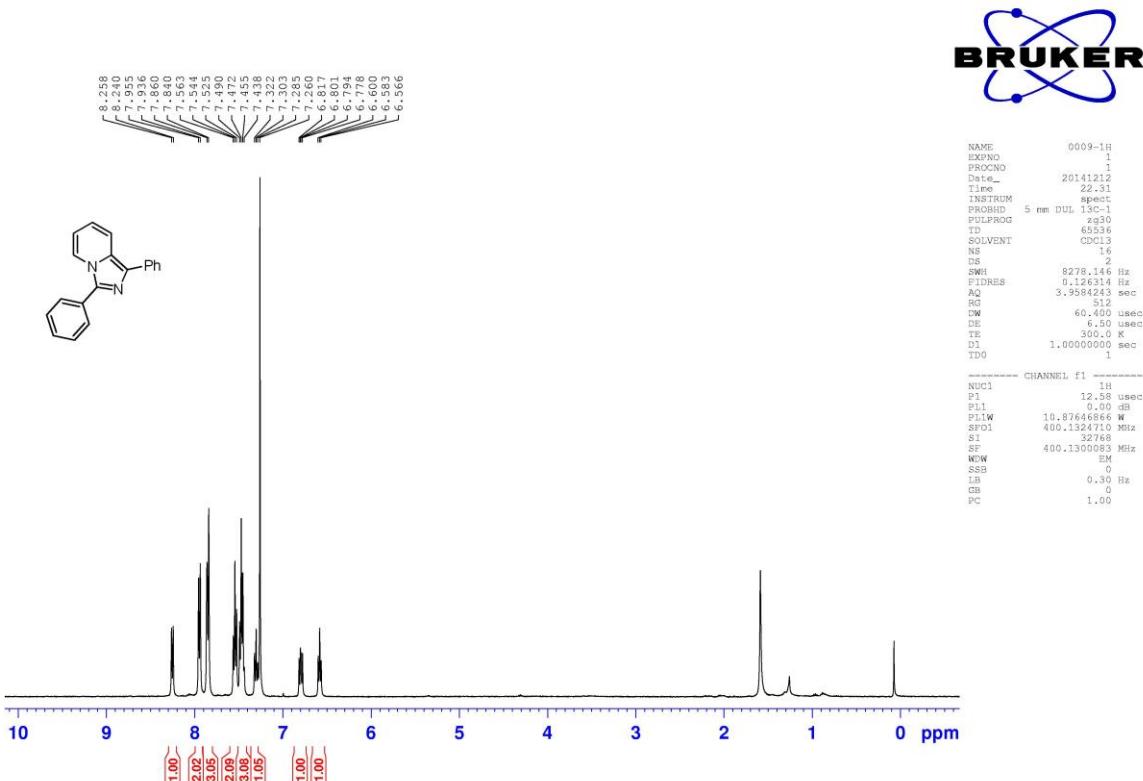
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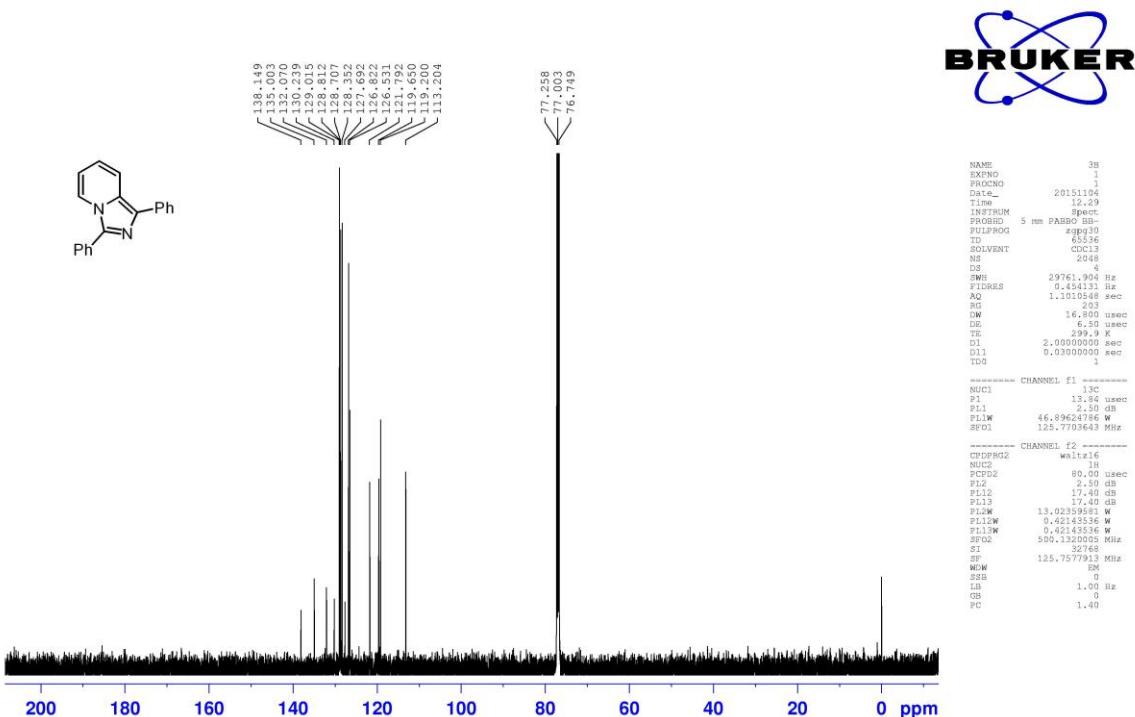
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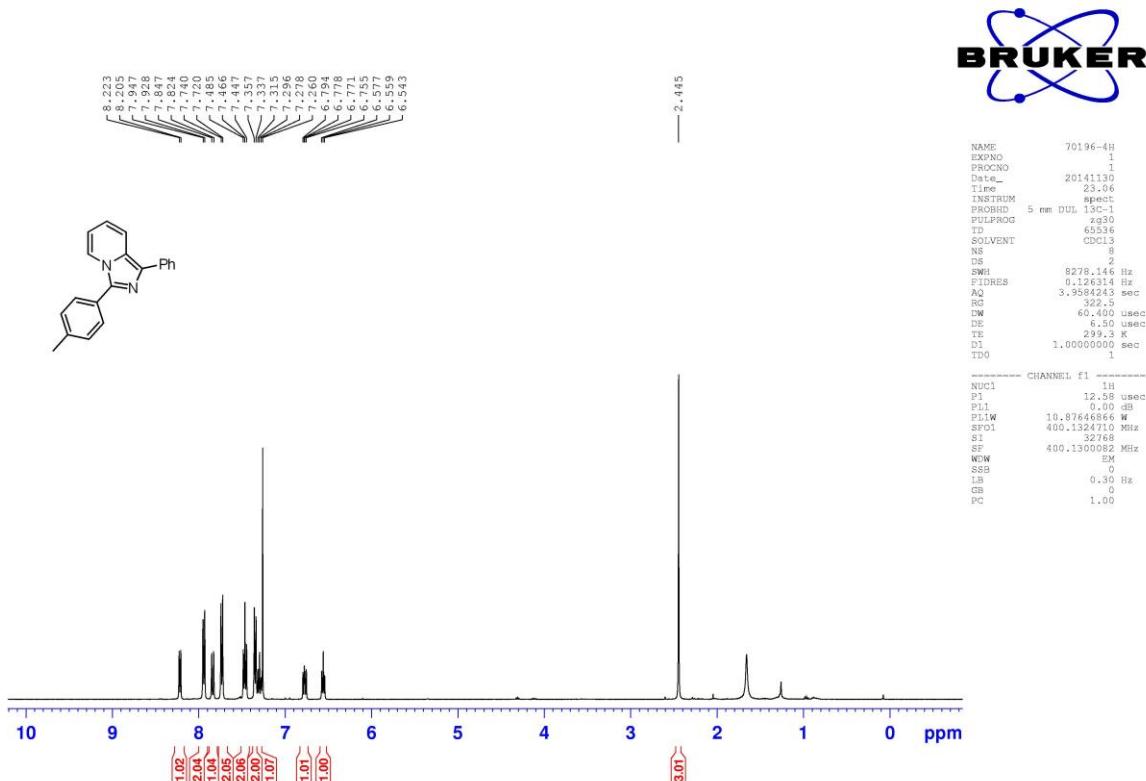
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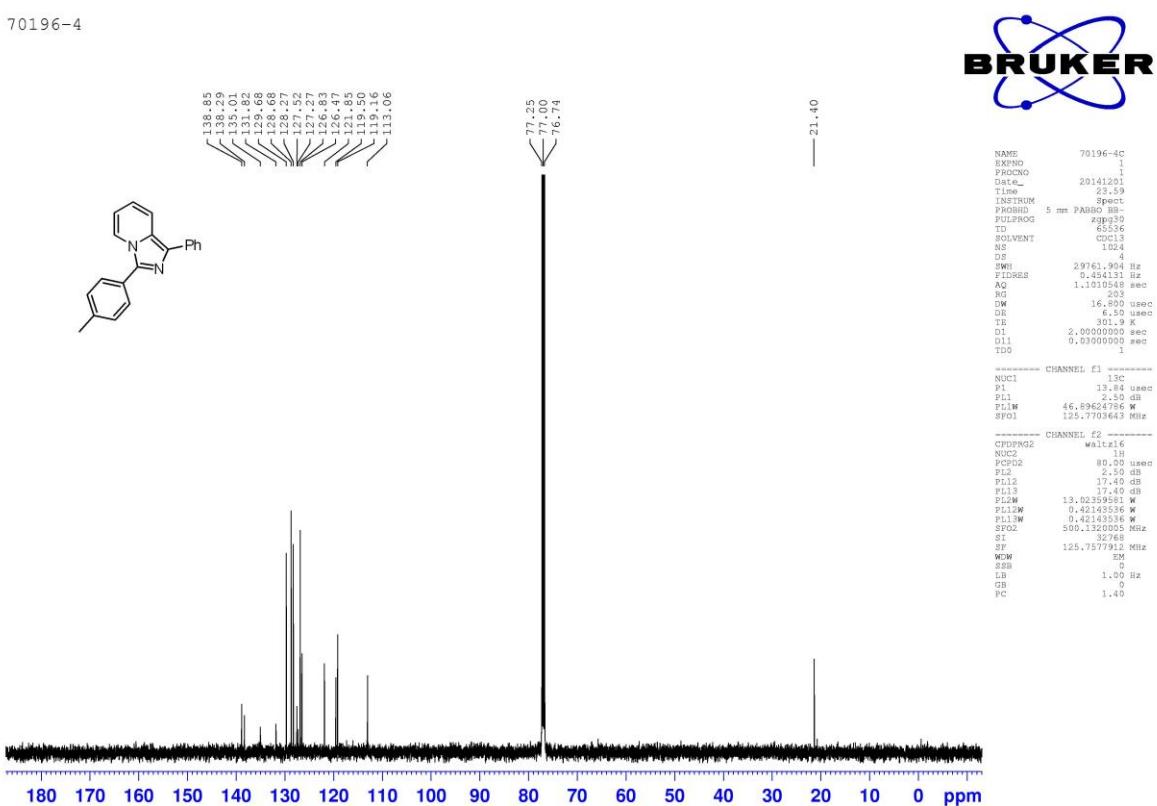
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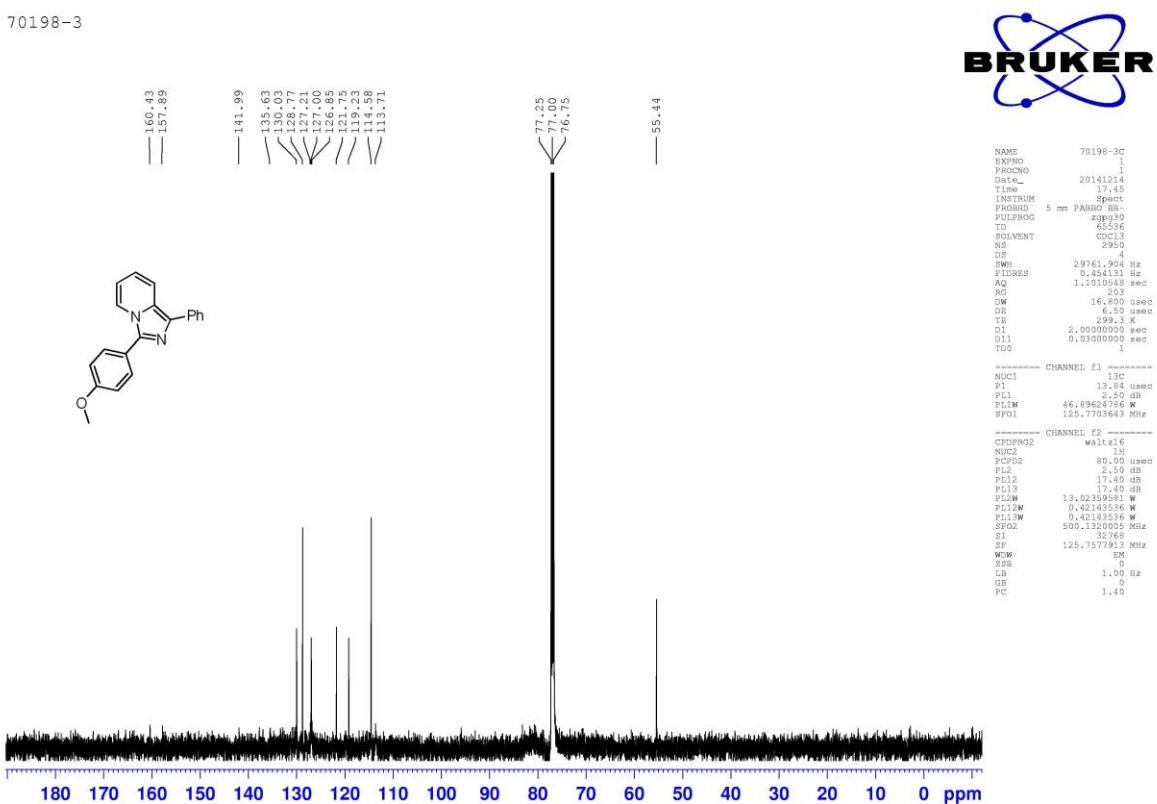
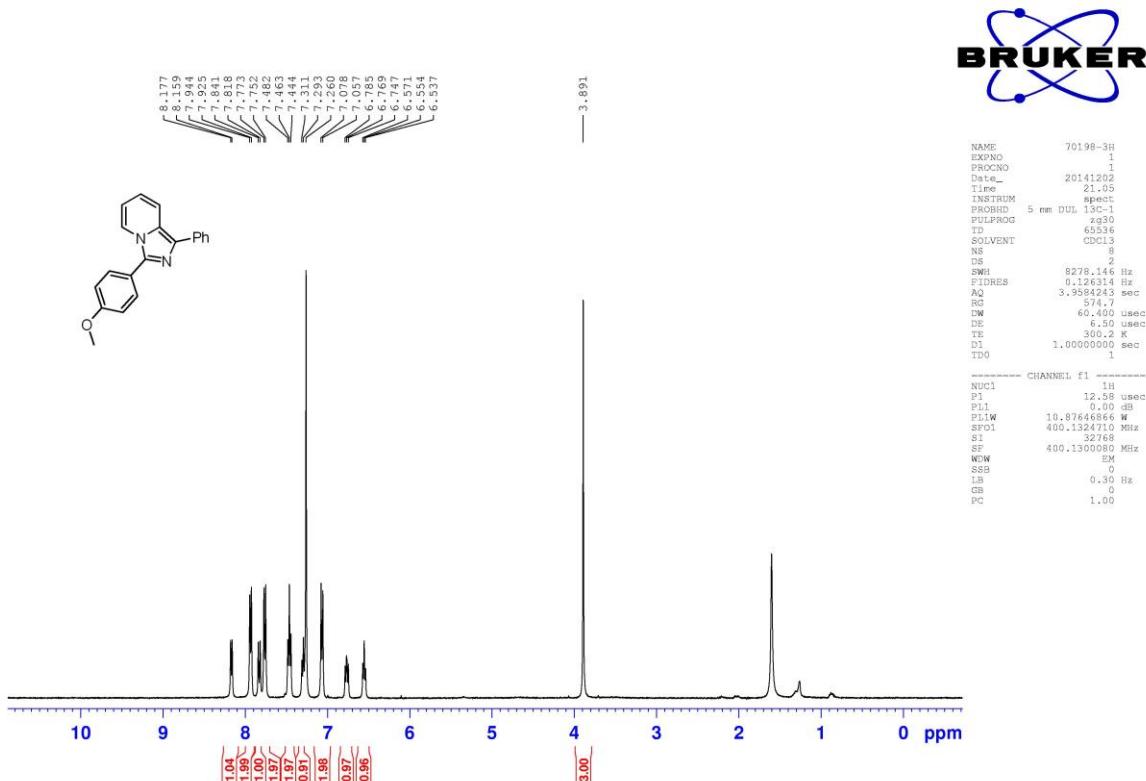
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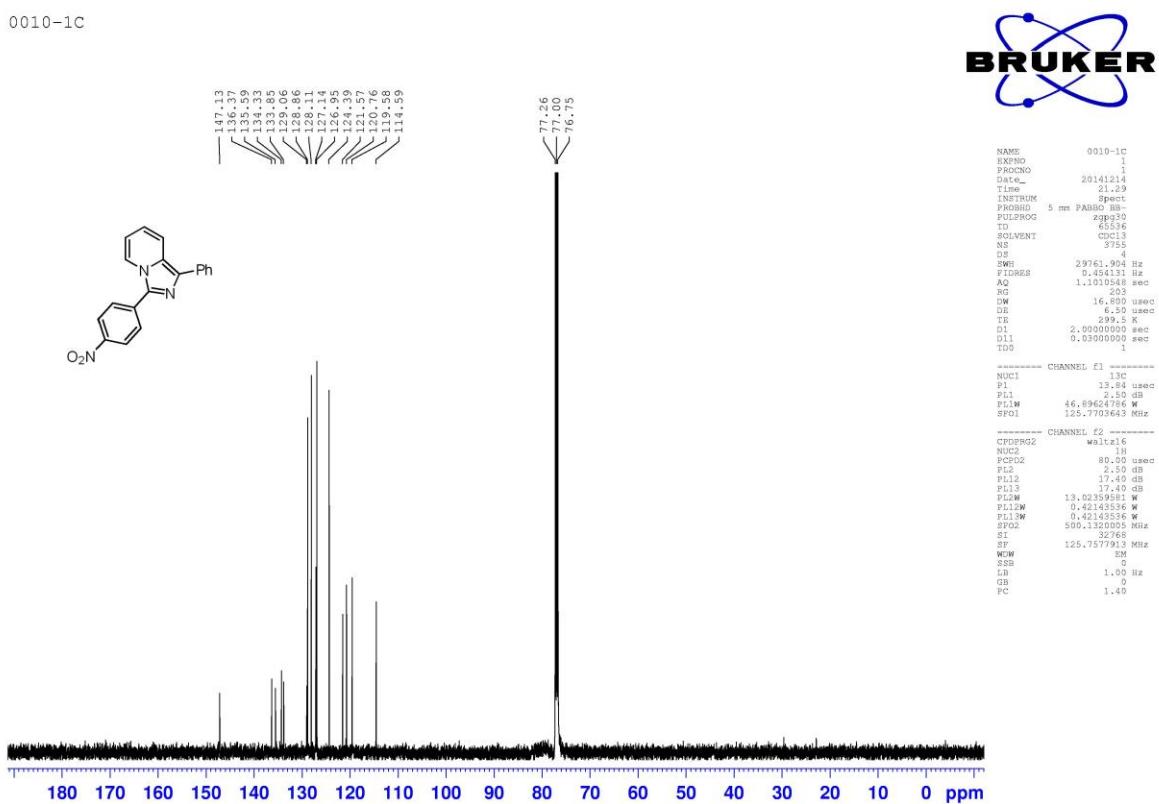
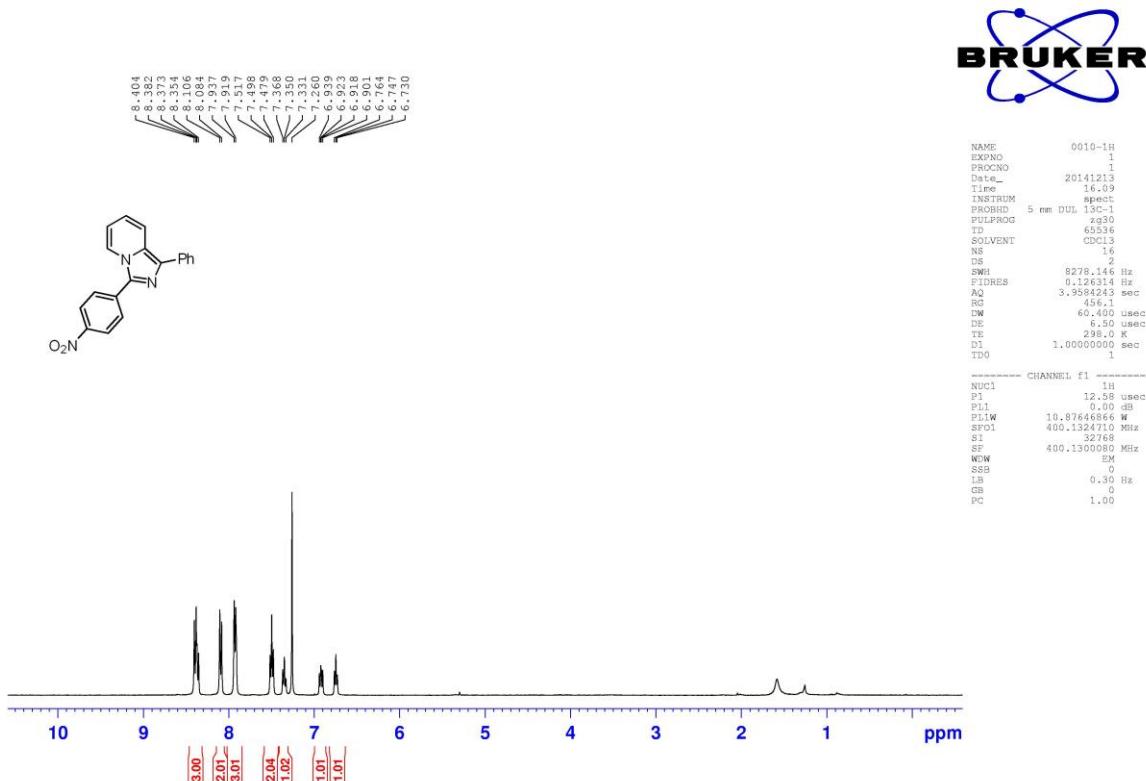
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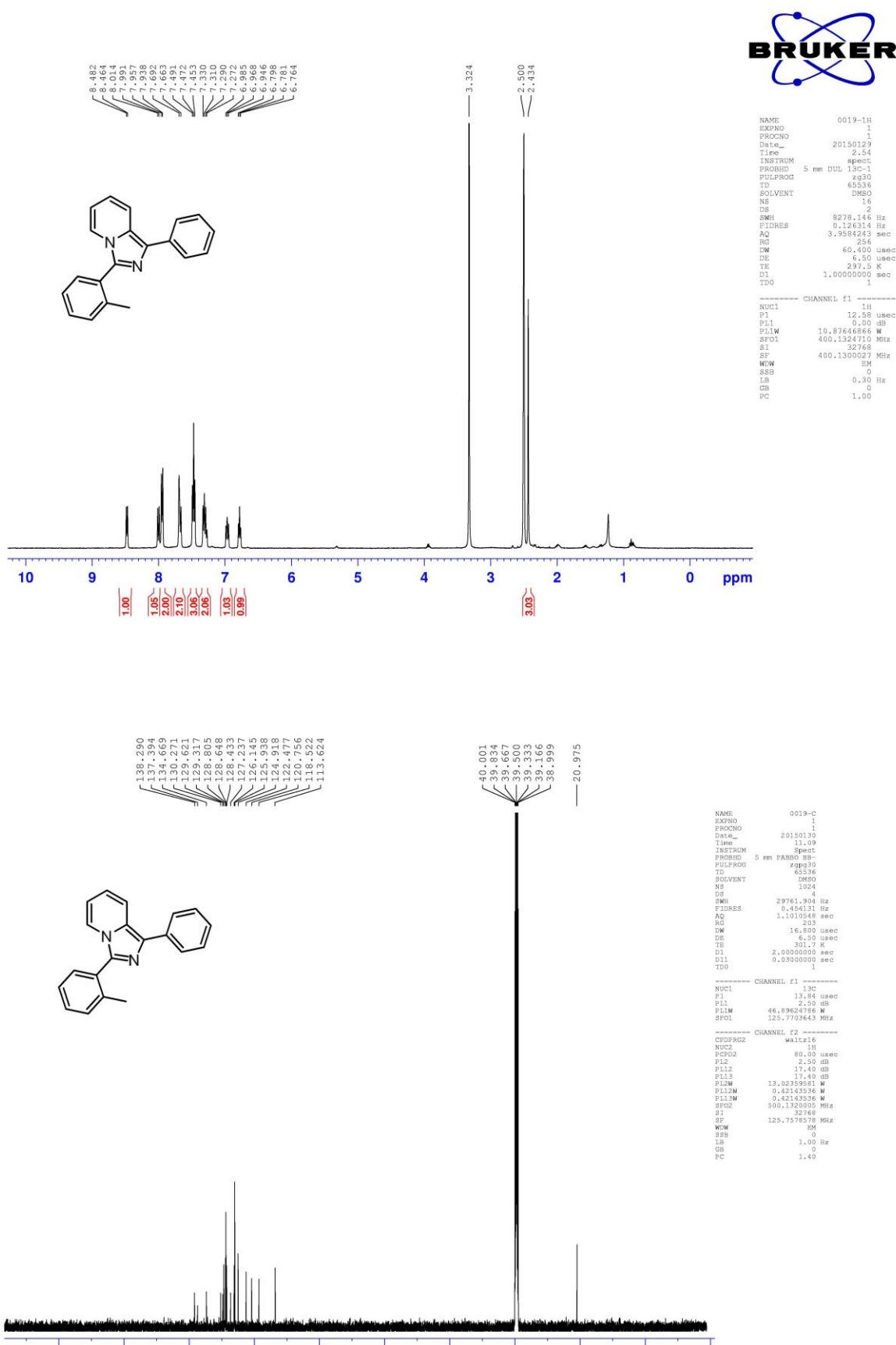
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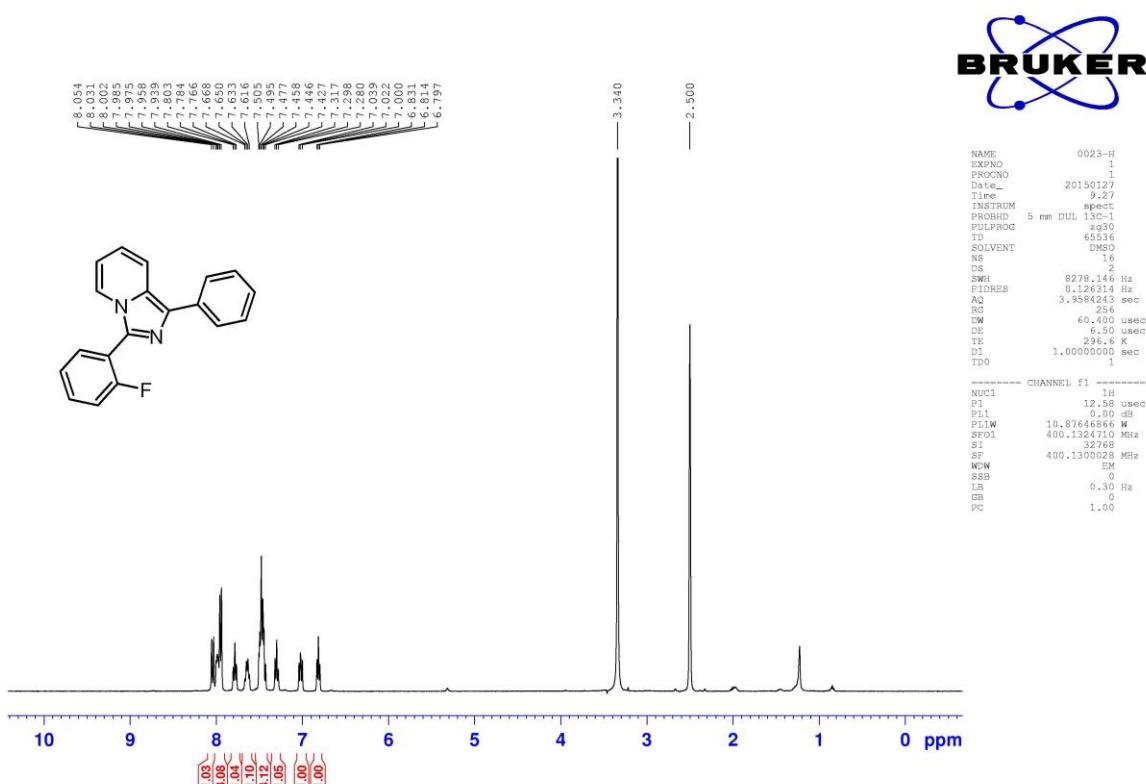
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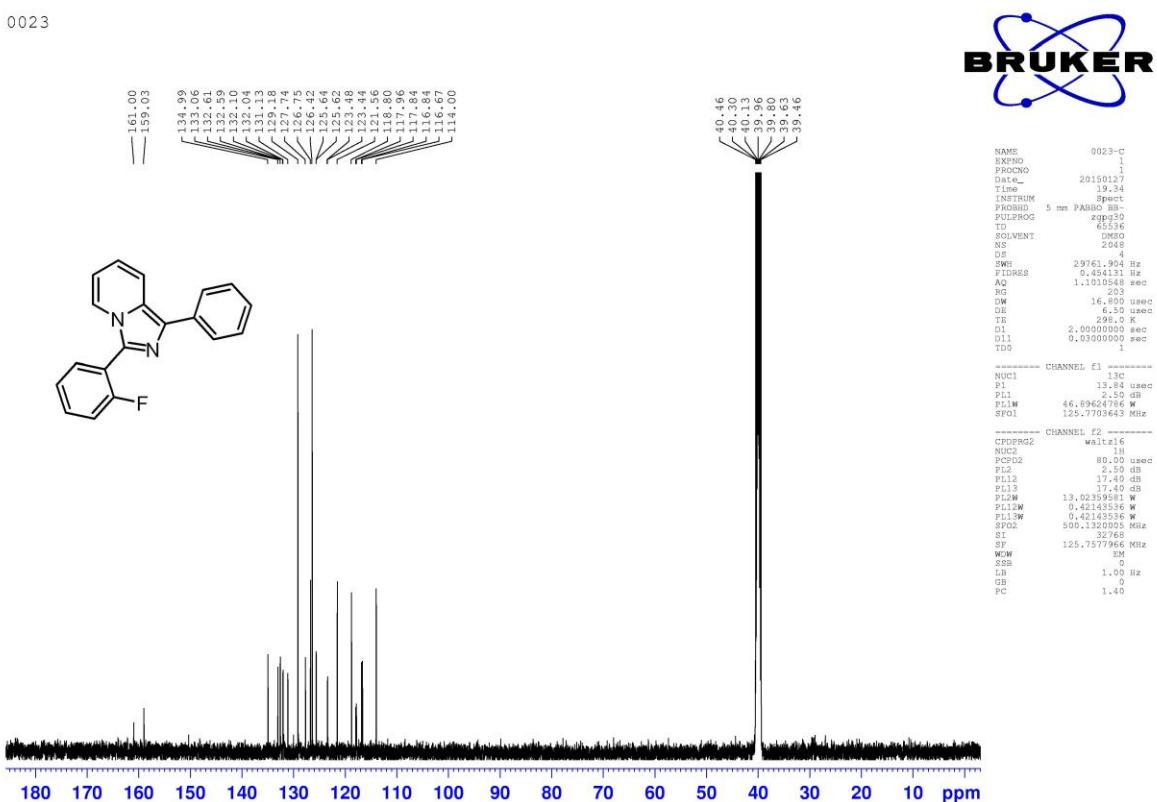
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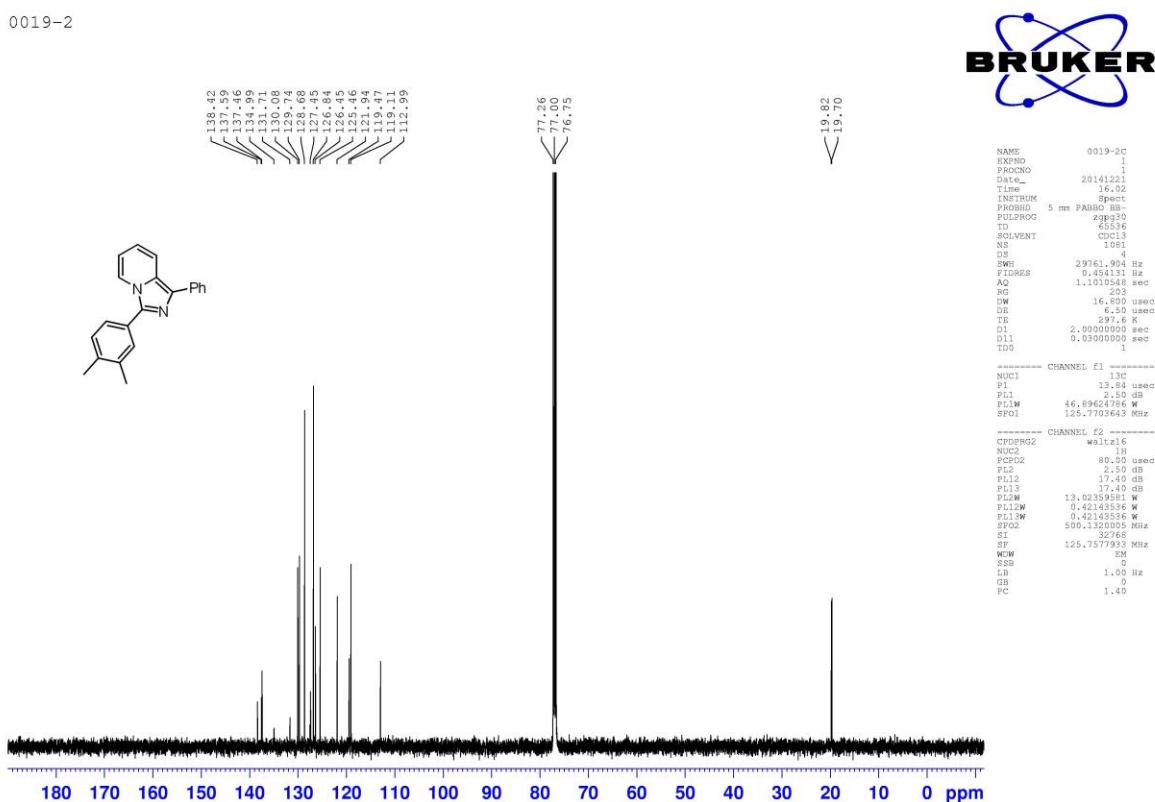
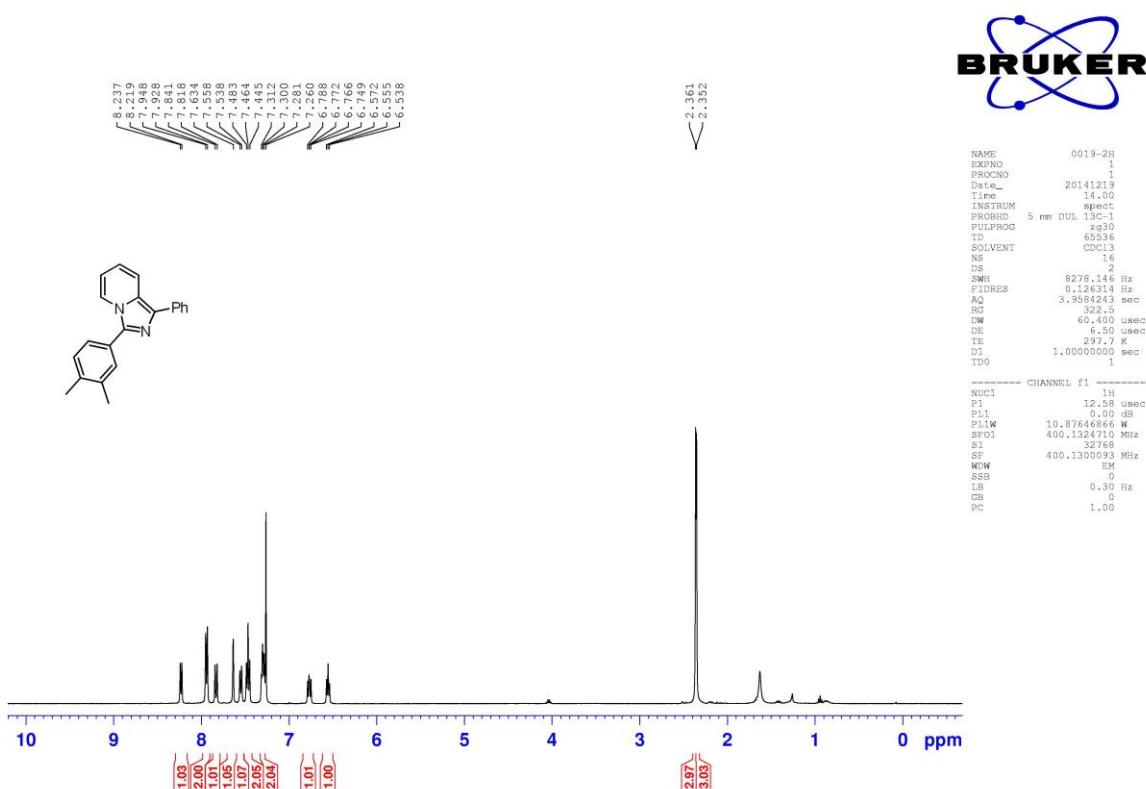
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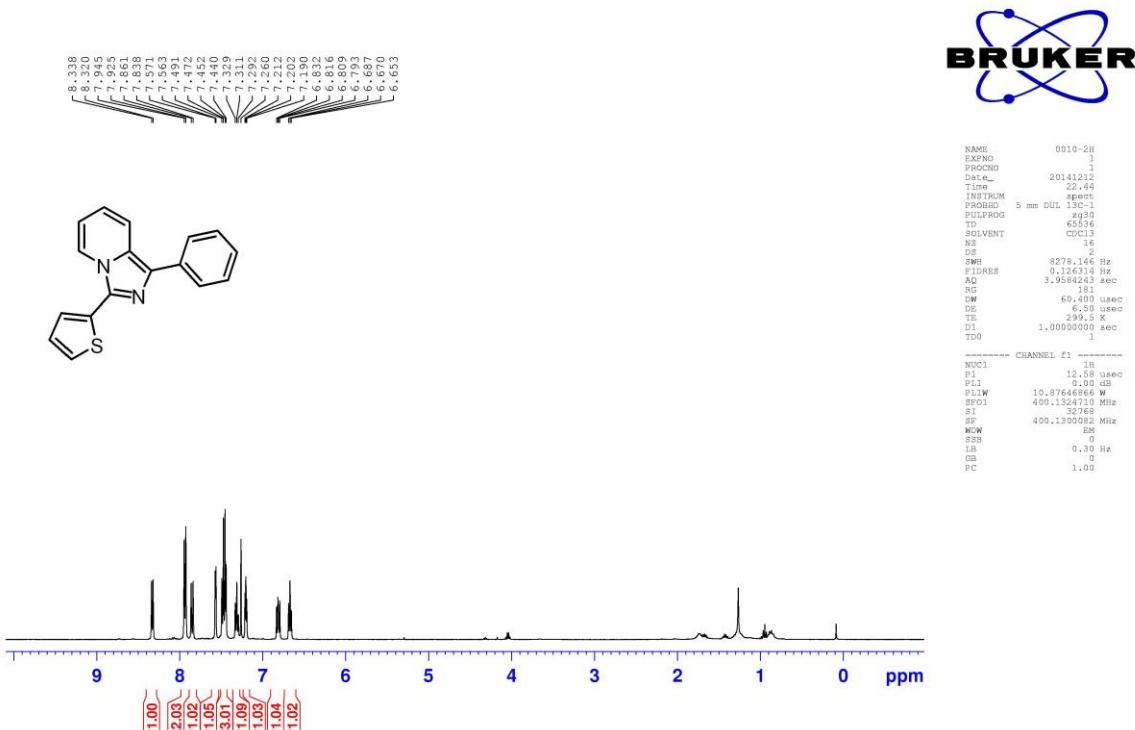


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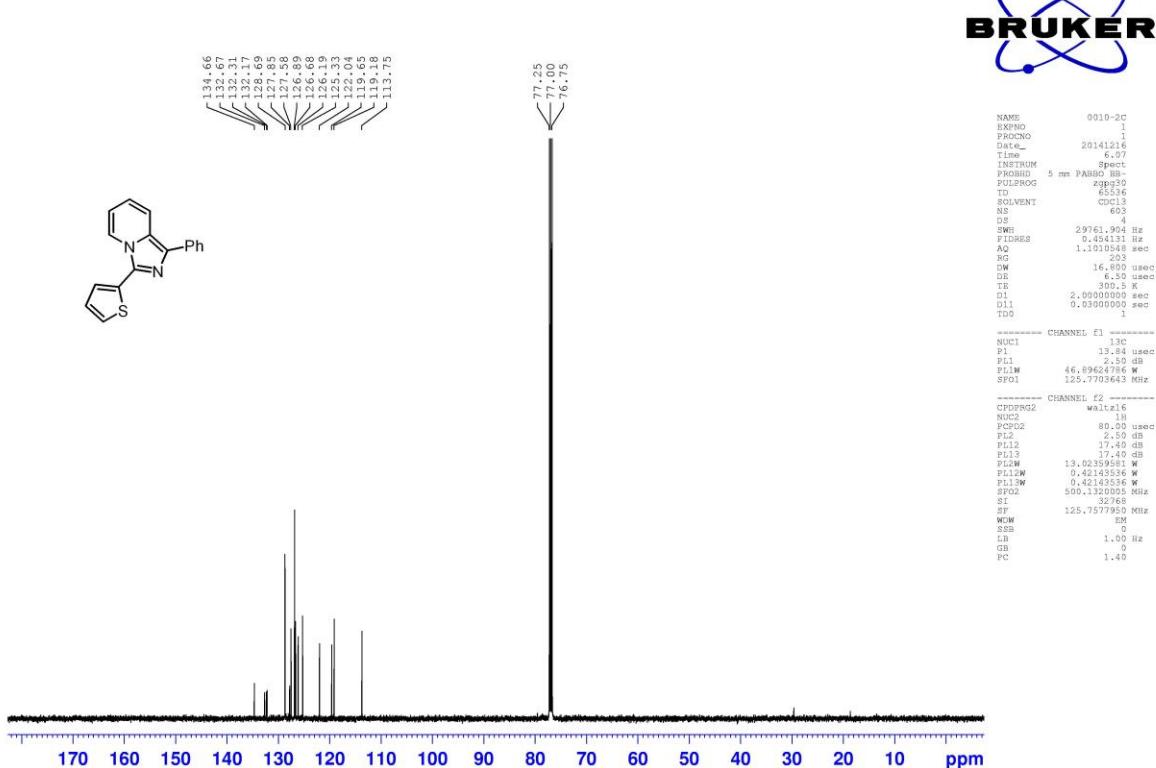


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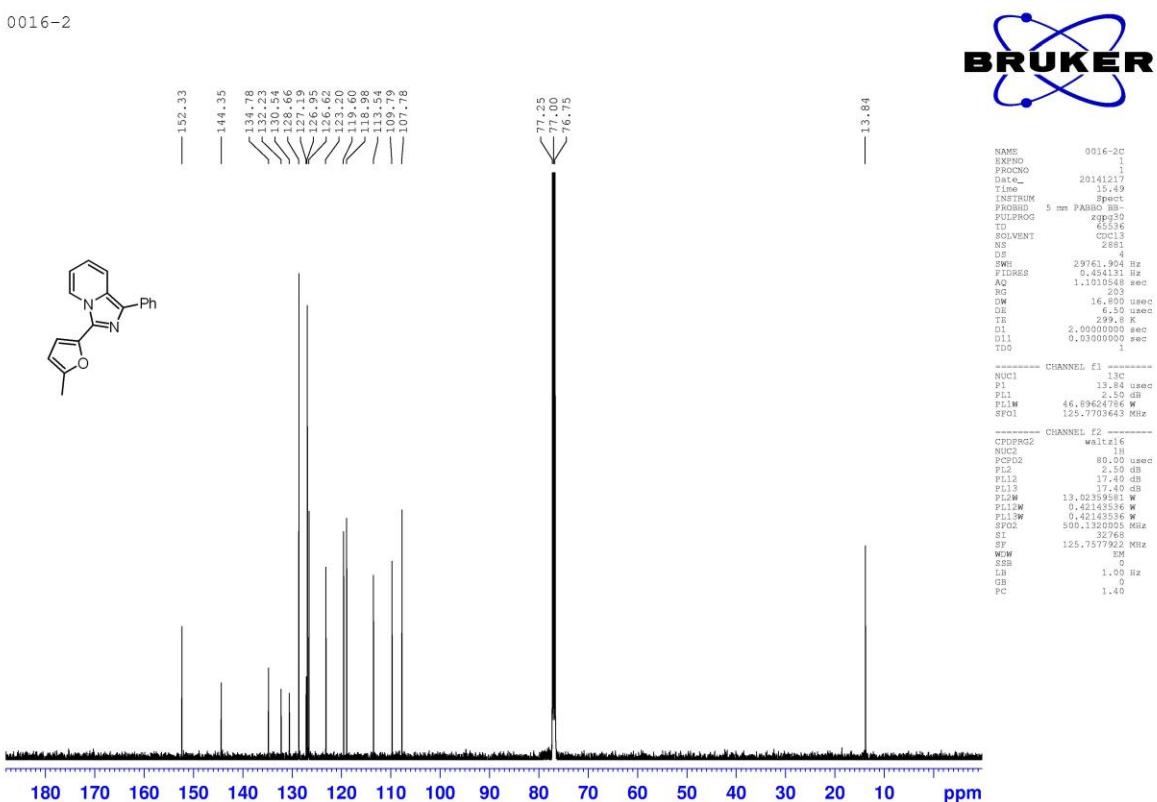
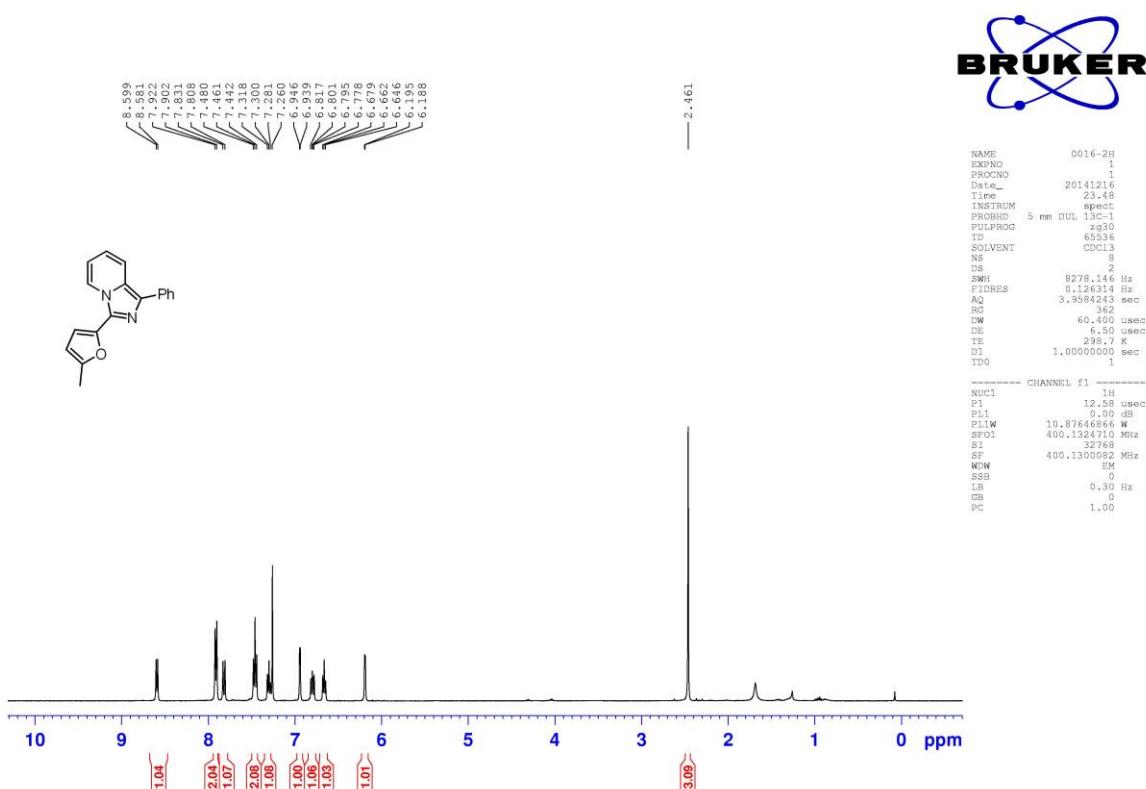
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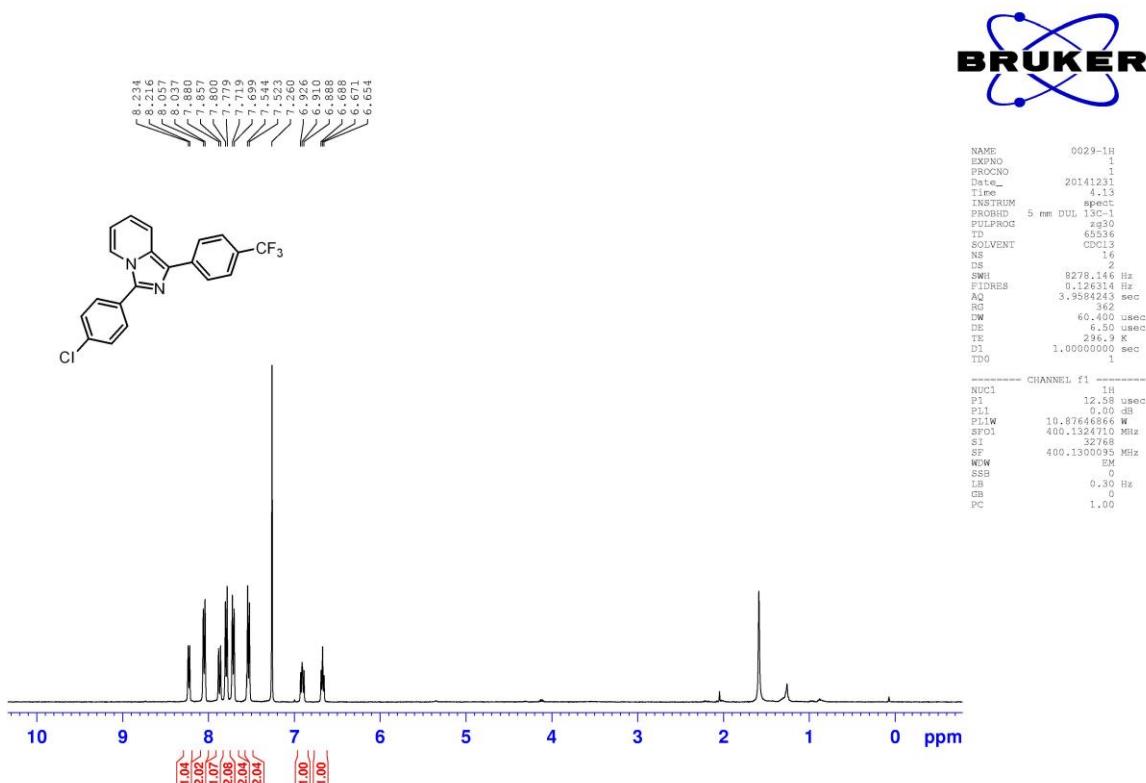
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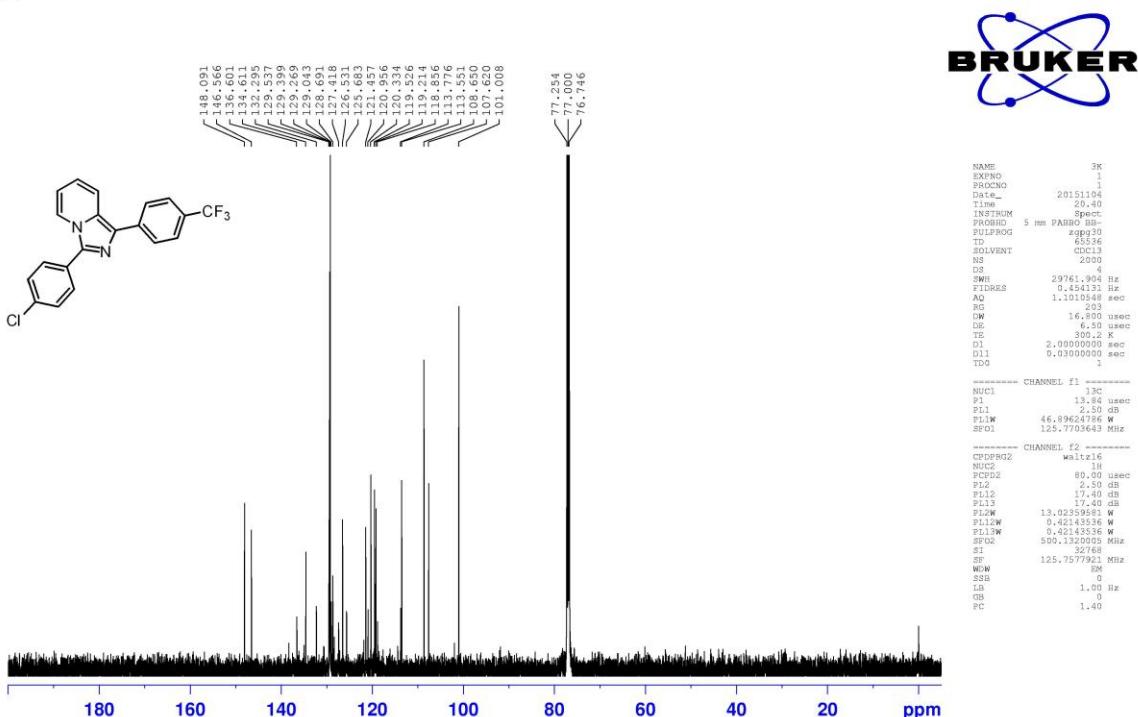
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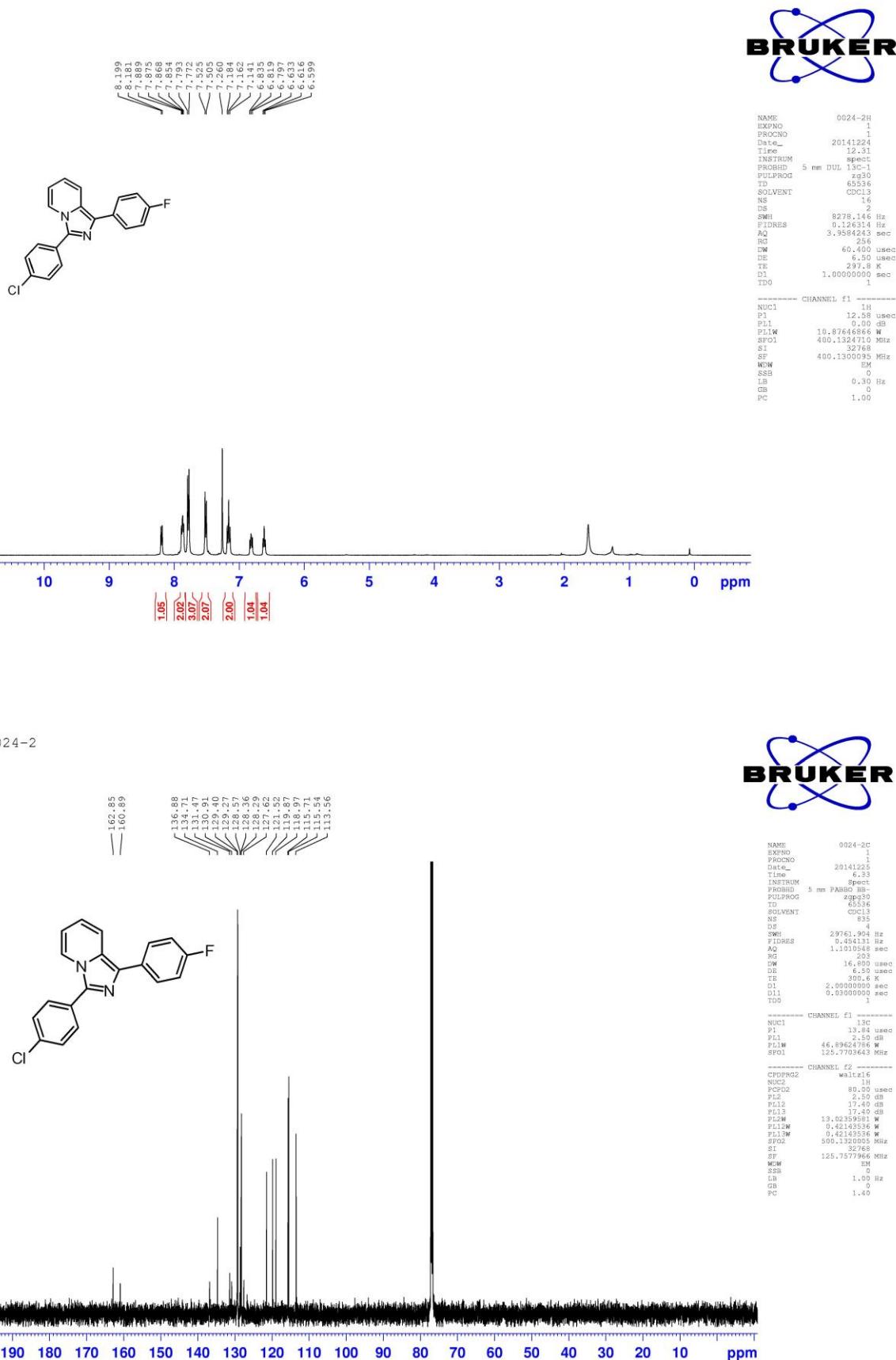


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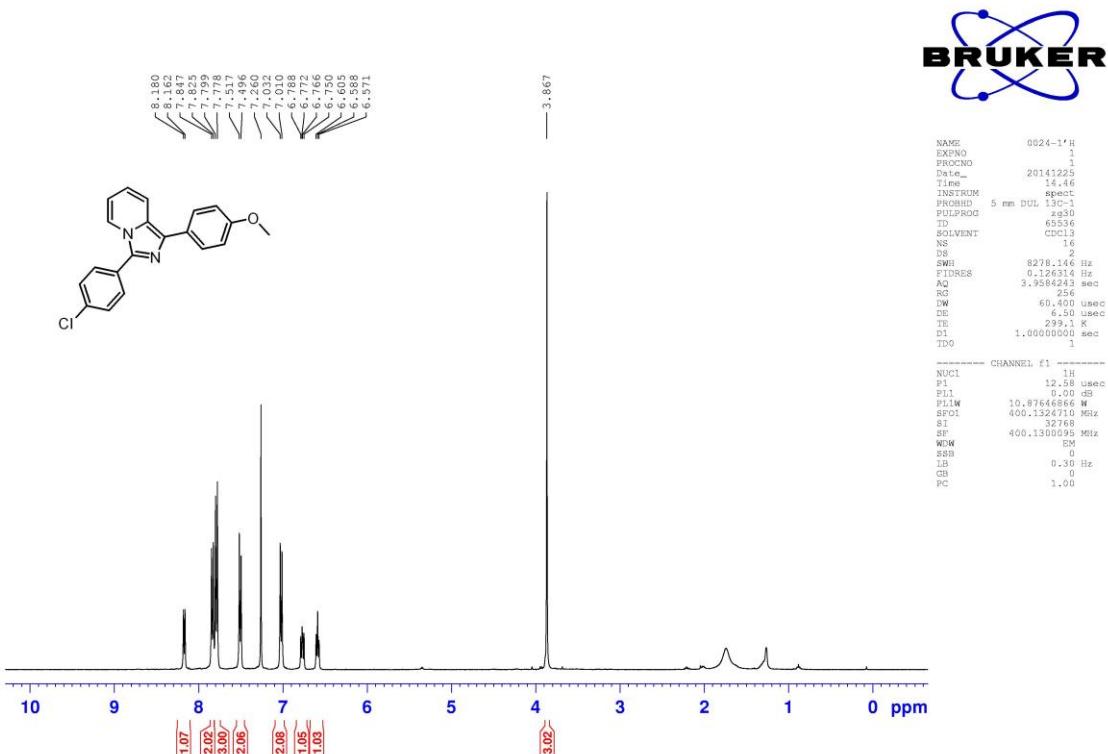


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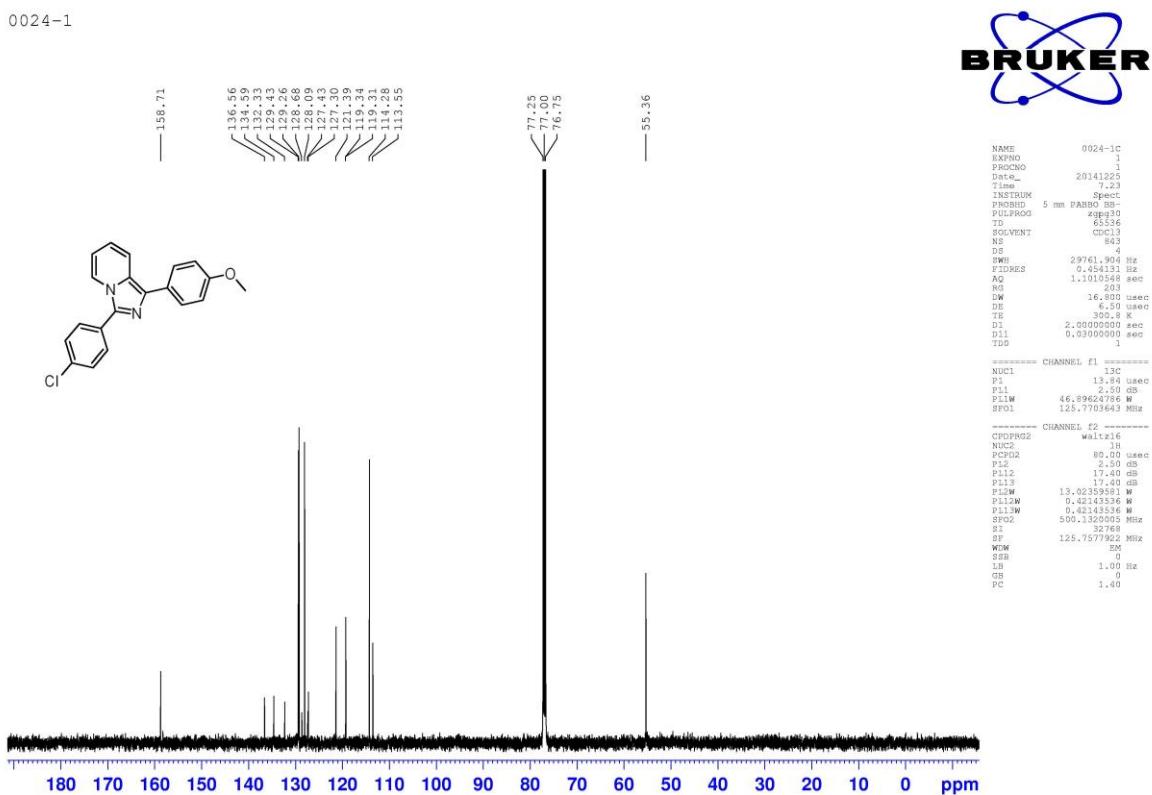




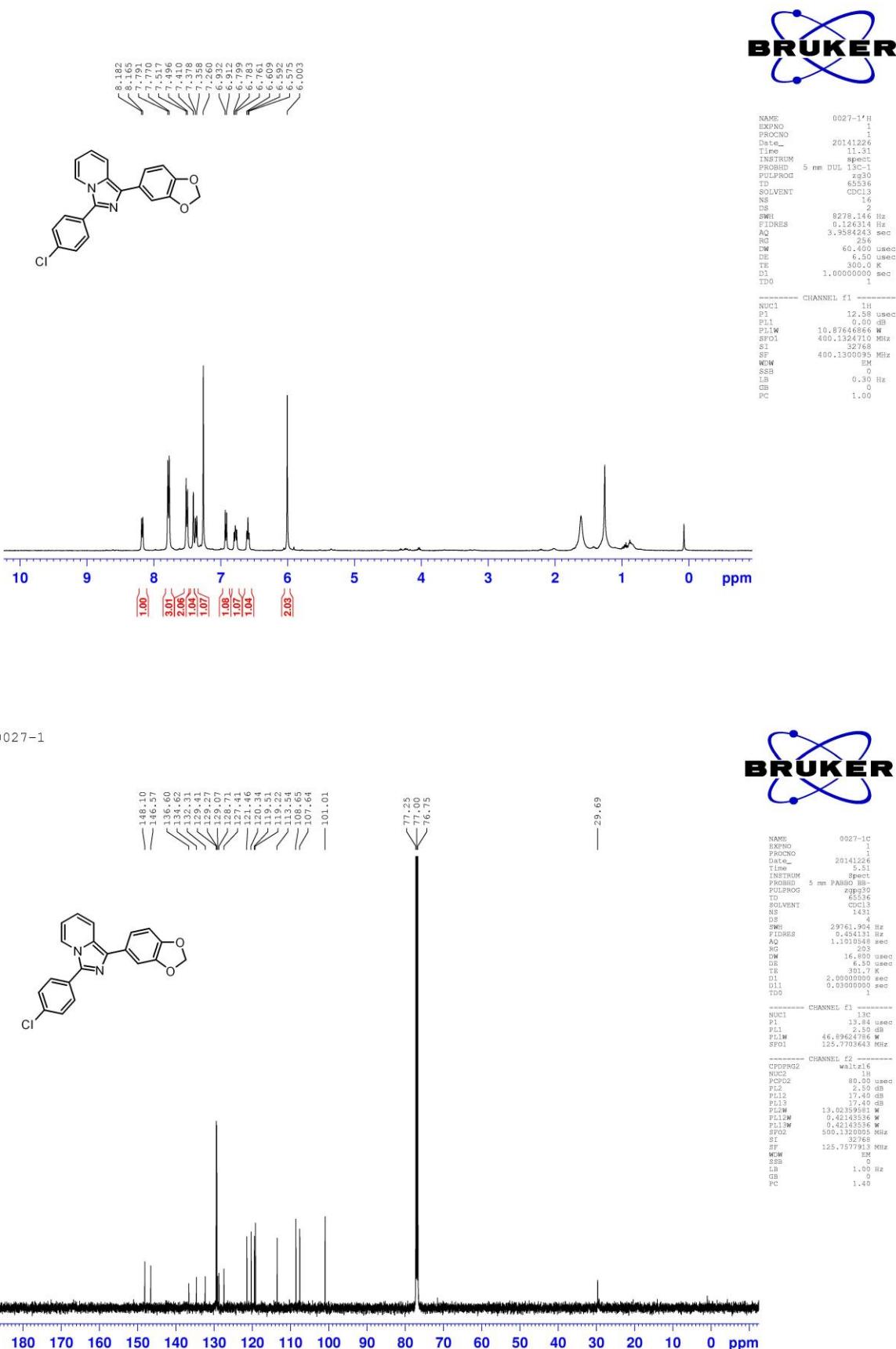
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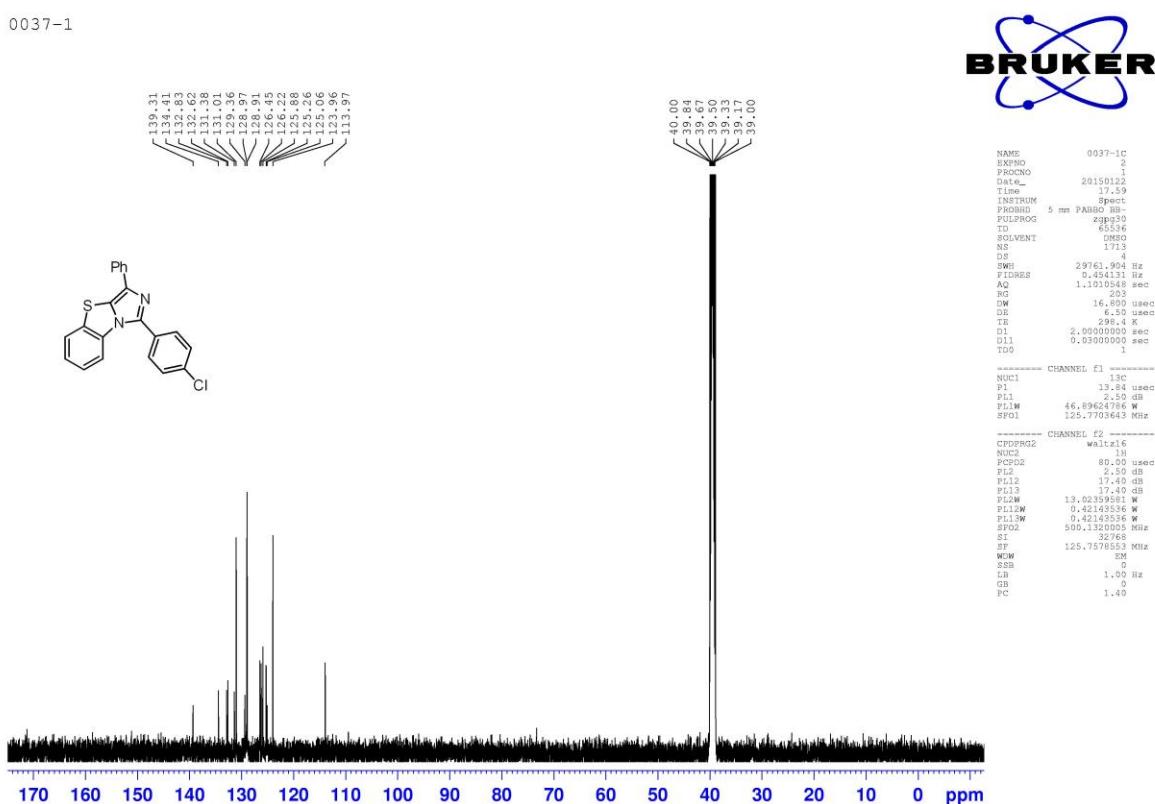
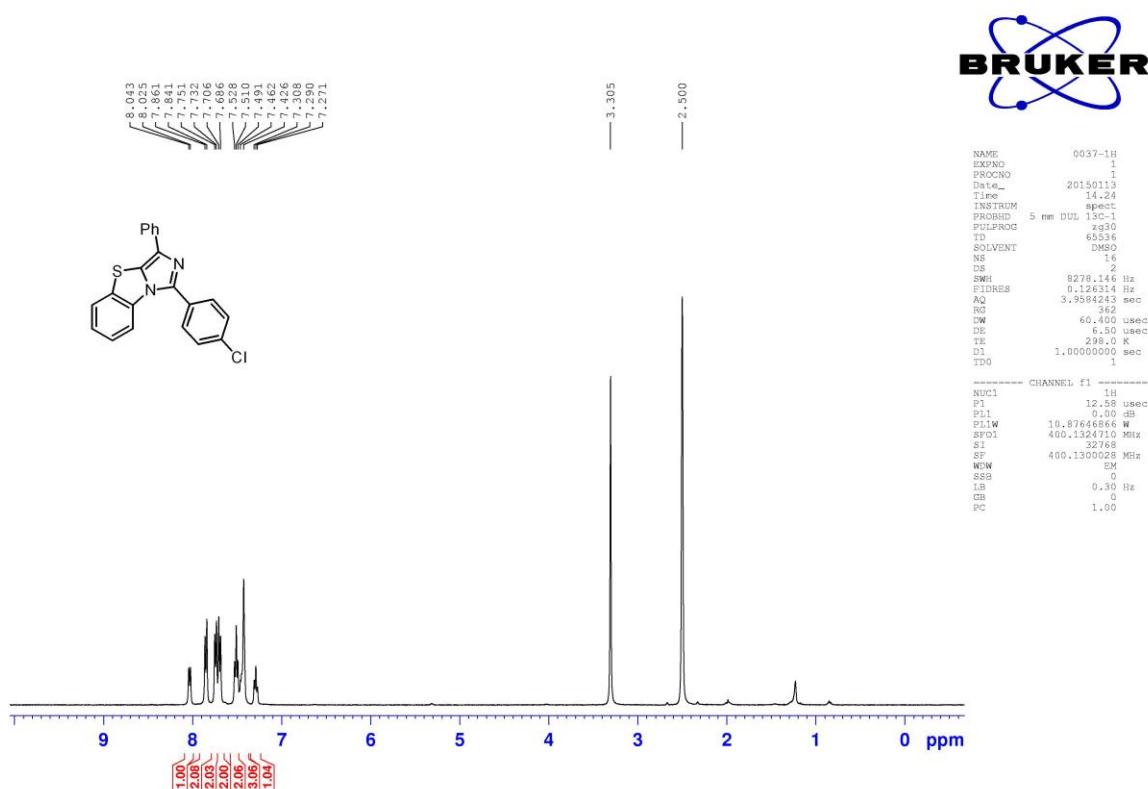


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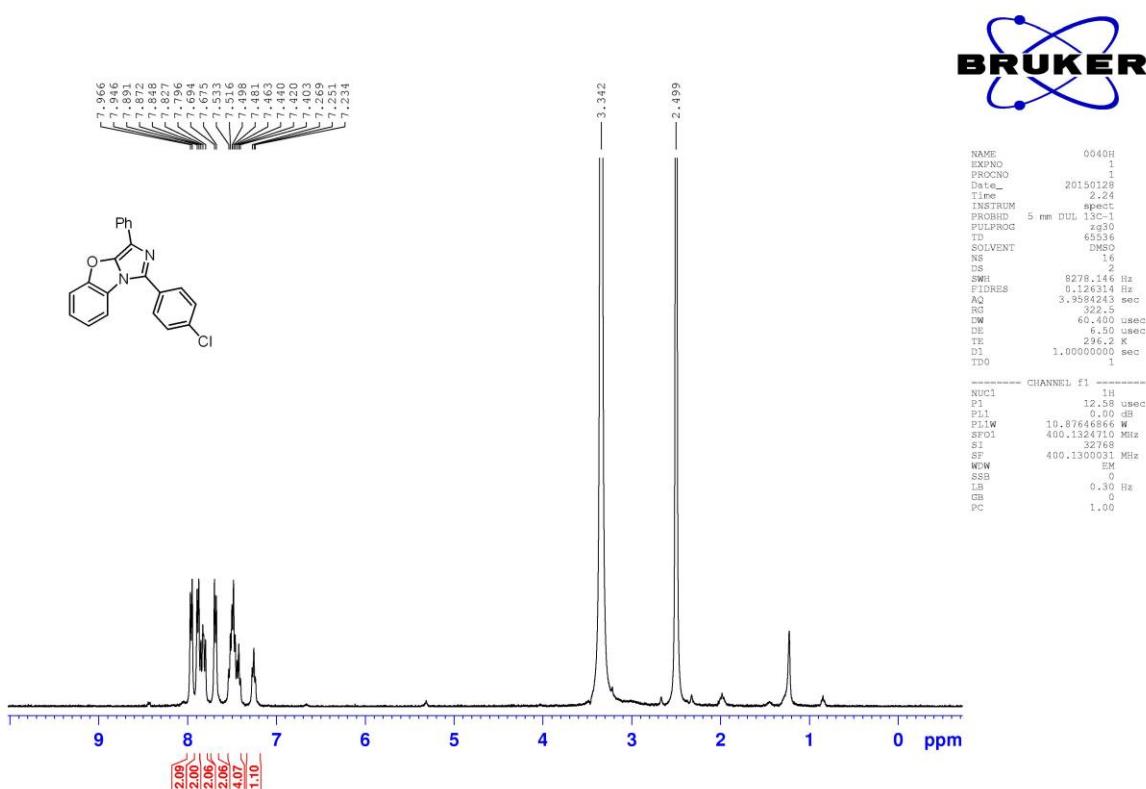


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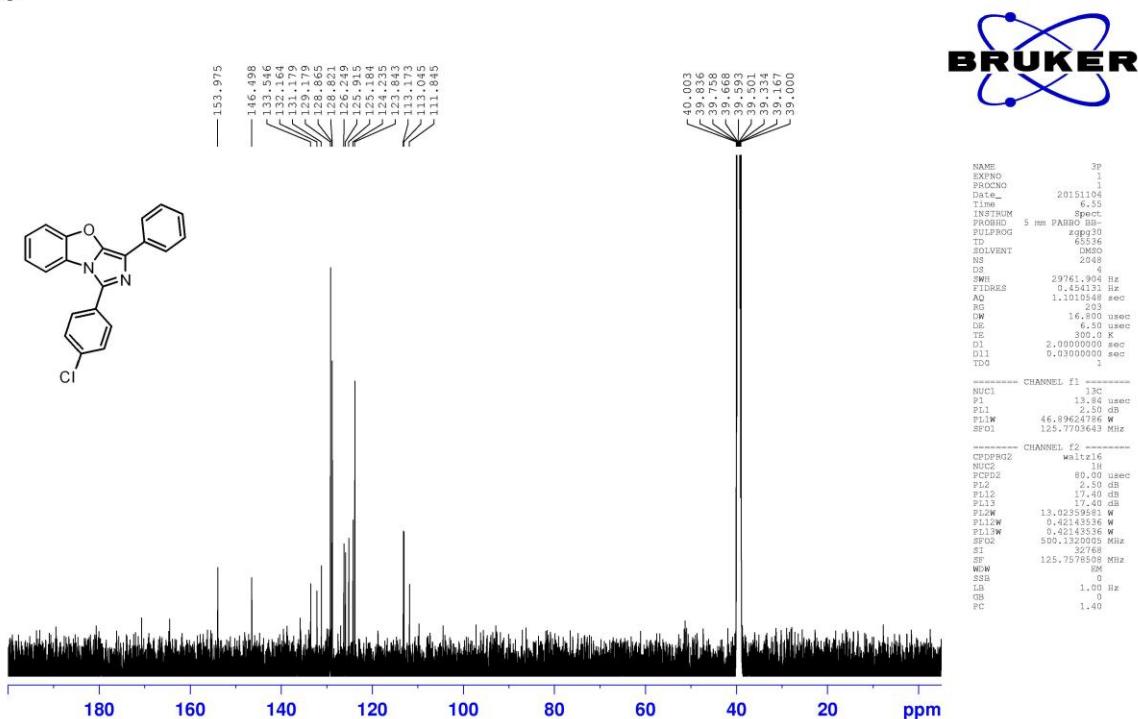




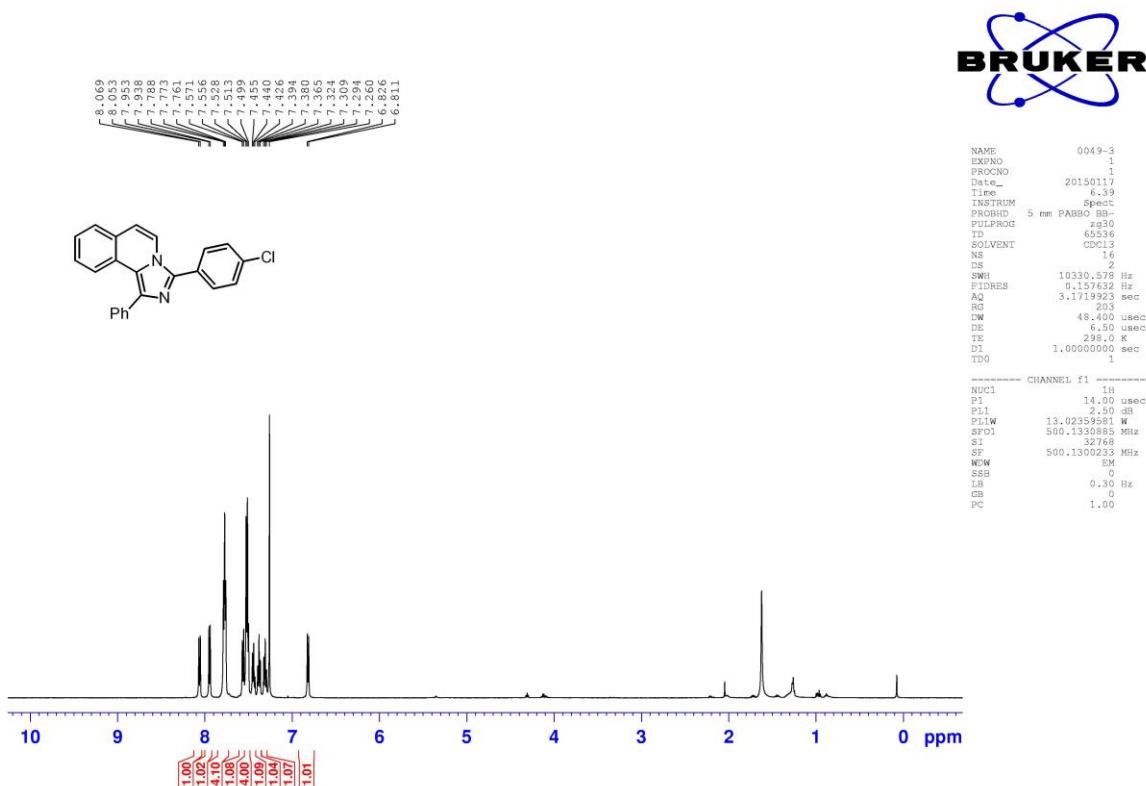
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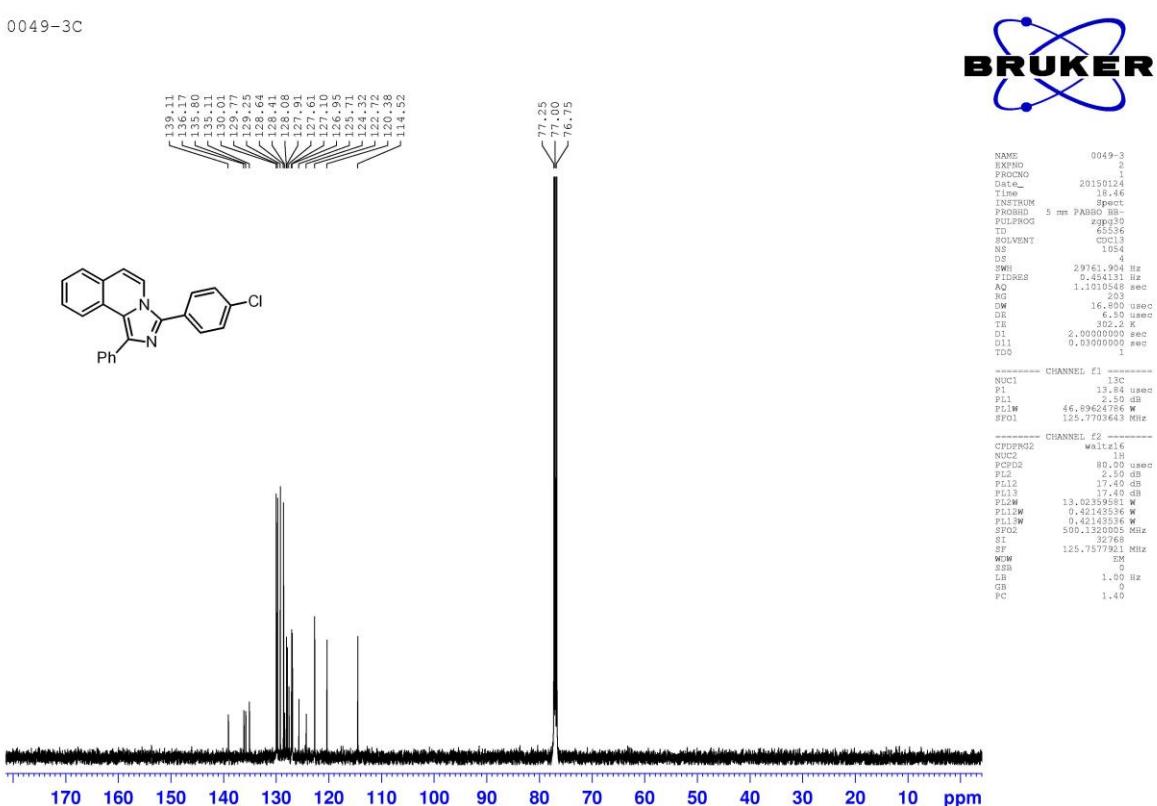
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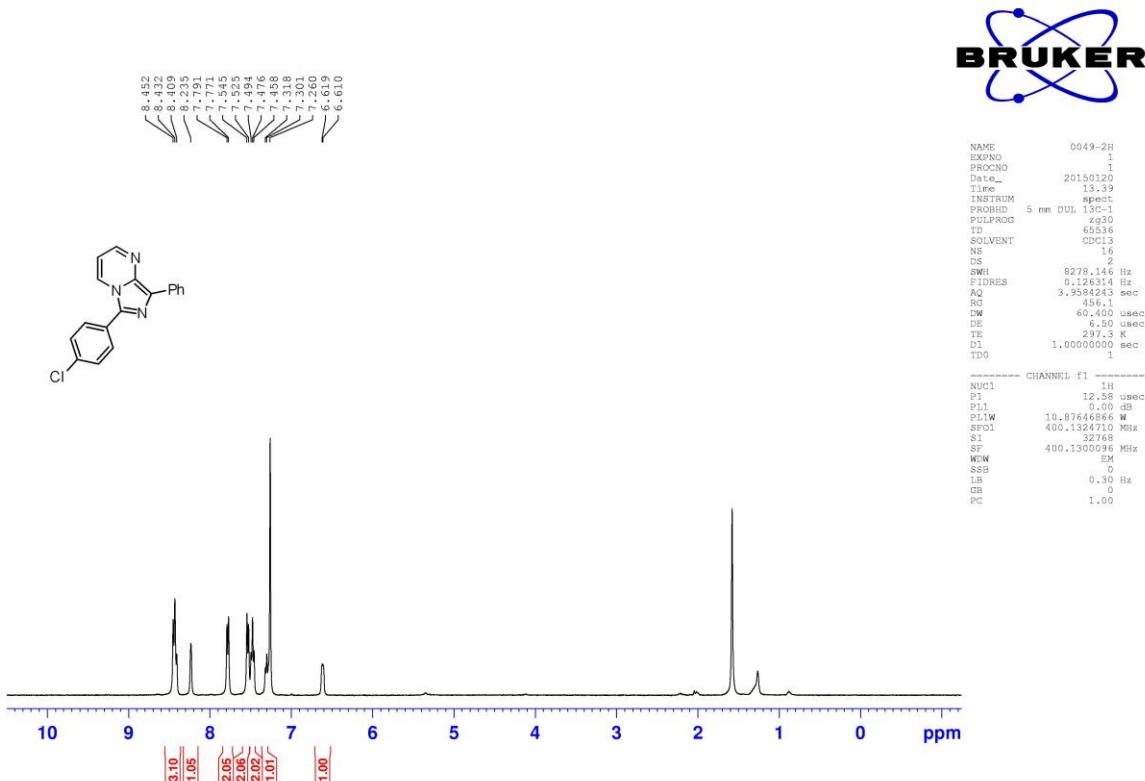
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