

## Supporting information

# Organocatalytic Diastereoselective Synthesis of Spirooxindols via [3+2] Cycloadditions of Azomethine Ylides with $\alpha,\beta$ -Unsaturated Esters

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## General information

Microwave reactions were performed in a Microwave Synthesis Reactor Monowave 300 instrument (Anton Paar, IR sensor for temperature control, sealed vessel). The vibrational ball mill MM400 (Retsch, 20Hz) was used for solvent-free reactions. Flash chromatography was performed on silica gel 60A, 0.035–0.070 nm, from Fluka. Thin-layer chromatography was performed on Merck TLC plates silica gel 60, F-254. NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian NMR SystemTM 300(300 MHz for  $^1\text{H}$ , 75MHz for  $^{13}\text{C}$ ). Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are given in ppm relative to tetramethylsilane. 2D NMR experiments:  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  NOESY and TOCSY were recorded on a Varian NMR System 600 (600 MHz for  $^1\text{H}$ ). IR spectra were recorded on a Thermo Scientific Nicolet iS10 spectrometer. Enantiomer purity was determined by HPLC on a Chiralcel OD-H (Daicel Chemical Industries) column using hexane-*i*PrOH as a mobile phase and with UV detection. HRMS were measured on a Thermo Velos Pro Orbitrap instrument by electrospray ionisation (ESI). All the melting points were determined on a Kofler apparatus.

Starting materials as well as organocatalysts, which were not commercially available, were synthesized according to the literature procedures: 1-methylindoline-2,3-dione (**1b**),<sup>1</sup> 1-benzylindoline-2,3-dione (**1c**),<sup>2</sup> 5-bromoindoline-2,3-dione (**1d**),<sup>3</sup> 5-bromo-1-methylindoline-2,3-dione (**1e**),<sup>1,3</sup> methyl cinnamate (**3a**),<sup>4</sup> *tert*-butyl cinnamate (**3b**),<sup>5</sup> dimethyl 2-benzylidenemalonate (**7a**),<sup>6</sup> dimethyl 2-(4-

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isopropylbenzylidene)malonate (**7b**)<sup>6</sup>, 2-benzylidenemalononitrile (**11**)<sup>7</sup>, catalyst **C1**,<sup>8</sup> catalyst **C2**,<sup>9</sup> catalyst **C3**,<sup>10</sup> catalyst **C4**,<sup>11</sup> catalyst **C5**,<sup>12</sup> catalyst **C6**,<sup>13</sup> catalyst **C7**,<sup>13</sup> catalyst **C8**, catalyst **C9**,<sup>14</sup> catalyst **C10**,<sup>14</sup> catalyst **C11**,<sup>15</sup> catalyst **C12**.<sup>16</sup>

### **Typical procedure for [3+2] cycloadditions of azomethine ylides with $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated esters**

Isatin (0.310 mmol), ester/diester (0.465 mmol), MgSO<sub>4</sub> (120 mg) and catalyst (0.031 mmol) were dissolved in dry DCM (2 ml) and benzylamine (35  $\mu$ l, 0.31 mmol) was then added. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 24 h. MgSO<sub>4</sub> was filtered out and solvent was evaporated under vacuum. The crude reaction mixture was separated by column chromatography on SiO<sub>2</sub> (hexanes/ethyl acetate 3:1, or 1:1 for **4a**, **4d** and **4k**). The products were obtained as white or pale yellow solids.

### **Characterization data for compounds 4**

#### **Methyl (3*R*<sup>\*</sup>,3'S<sup>\*</sup>,4'R<sup>\*</sup>,5'S<sup>\*</sup>)-2-oxo-3',5'-diphenylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyrrolidine]-4'-carboxylate (4a)**

(52 mg, 30%, white solid)

**m.p.** 178–180 °C

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  = 7.76 (dd, *J* = 6.1, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 7.17–6.98 (m, 5H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 6.60 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.69–4.58 (m, 1H), 4.24 (d, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (s, 3H), 2.59 (s, 1H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  = 180.7, 171.7, 141.7, 140.6, 134.5, 129.8, 129.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.9, 127.7, 127.5, 124.2, 123.0, 109.5, 77.8, 60.9, 55.3, 51.5, 51.3 ppm.

**IR:**  $\nu$  3349, 3177, 3031, 2252, 1736, 1693, 1619, 1471, 1434, 1171, 909, 726, 699 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HRMS (ESI):** calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 399.1703, found 399.1705.

#### **Methyl (3*R*<sup>\*</sup>,3'S<sup>\*</sup>,4'R<sup>\*</sup>,5'S<sup>\*</sup>)-1-methyl-2-oxo-3',5'-diphenylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyrrolidine]-4'-carboxylate (4b)**

(90 mg, 50 %, white solid)

**m.p.** 132–134 °C

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  = 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (m, 3H), 6.96 (m, 2H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.63 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (t, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (d, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (s, 3H), 2.81 (s, 3H), 2.54 (s, 1H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  = 179.0, 171.8, 143.6, 141.9, 134.4, 129.3, 129.2, 127.9, 127.9, 127.9, 177.8, 177.6, 127.4, 123.6, 122.9, 107.8, 72.9, 61.0, 55.5, 51.5, 51.3, 25.5 ppm.

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**IR:** v 3335, 3057, 2984, 1733, 1704, 1613, 1470, 1342, 1254, 1088, 745, 696, 627 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HRMS (ESI):** calcd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>= 413.1860, found 413.1857.

**HPLC:** Chiralcel OD-H, *i*PrOH/hexane 10:90, 1.0 ml/min, λ = 254nm, t<sub>R</sub> = 7.22 min, 8.17 min.

**Methyl (3*R*\*,3'S\*,4'R\*,5'S\*)-1-benzyl-2-oxo-3',5'-diphenylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyrrolidine]-4'-carboxylate (4c), mixture of diastereomers.**

(134 mg, 75 %, white solid)

**m.p.** 164–166 °C

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.80 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (m, 29H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 5.66 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (s, 1H), 5.03 (m, 2H), 4.73 (m, 2H), 4.35 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (s, 3H), 2.96 (s, 3H), 2.59 (s, 2H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 180.4, 179.0, 171.9, 170.2, 143.1, 142.5, 141.8, 140.5, 138.2, 135.6, 134.0, 134.6, 130.6, 129.3, 129.3, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.4, 128.2, 128.2, 127.9, 127.9, 127.7, 127.7, 127.6, 127.6, 127.2, 127.1, 127.1, 127.0, 126.4, 124.8, 123.8, 123.0, 122.9, 109.2, 109.0, 72.7, 68.7, 67.9, 61.1, 60.9, 55.9, 55.0, 51.6, 51.38, 44.0, 43.4 ppm.

**IR:** v 3330, 3028, 1704, 1612, 1488, 1465, 1453, 1434, 1351, 1167, 748, 729, 696 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HRMS (ESI):** calcd. for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>= 489.2173, found 489.2176.

**Methyl 5-bromo-2-oxo-3',5'-diphenylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyrrolidine]-4'-carboxylate (4d)**

(50 mg, 24 %, white solid)

**m.p.** 228–230 °C

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.87 (d, *J* = 3 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 3 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.4–7.28 (m, 5H), 7.15–7.13 (m, 2H), 7.06–7.02 (m, 2H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 1H), 5.61 (d, *J* = 9 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (t, *J* = 12 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (d, *J* = 12 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (s, 3H), 2.58 (br s, 1H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 180.3, 171.5, 141.3, 139.7, 132.1, 131.7, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 127.7, 127.4, 115.6, 111.6, 111.2, 72.9, 62.9, 60.9, 55.5, 51.6, 51.5, 51.3 ppm.

**IR:** v 3725, 3698, 3359, 3288, 2949, 1724, 1709, 1619, 1476, 1435, 1171, 807, 751, 699, 669 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HRMS (ESI):** calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>21</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>= 477.0808, found 477.0808.

**Methyl (3*R*\*,3'S\*,4'R\*,5'S\*)-5-bromo-1-methyl-2-oxo-3',5'-diphenylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyrrolidine]-4'-carboxylate (4e)**

(111 mg, 52 %, white solid)

**m.p.** 162–164 °C

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.85 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63–7.56 (m, 2H), 7.41–7.33 (m, 3H), 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.09 (m, 3H), 6.98 (m, 2H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.63 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.66–4.54 (m, 1H), 4.18 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (s, 3H), 2.78 (s, 3H), 2.53 (br s, 1H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 178.5, 171.5, 142.7, 141.5, 134.0, 132.1, 131.6, 128.0, 127.9, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 127.7, 126.8, 115.6, 109.3, 72.9, 61.0, 55.7, 51.4, 42.0, 25.6 ppm.

**IR:** v 3340, 2945, 1739, 1712, 1606, 1489, 1430, 1266, 1159, 1094, 1010, 748, 701 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HRMS (ESI):** calcd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>23</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>= 491.0965, found 491.0964.

**Methyl (3*R*\*,3'S\*,4'R\*,5'S\*)-1-methyl-2-oxo-3'-phenyl-5'-(*p*-tolyl)spiro[indoline-3,2'-pyrrolidine]-4'-carboxylate (4f)**

(76 mg, 41 %, white solid)

**m.p.** 161–163 °C

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.75 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30–7.11 (m, 4H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 21.4 Hz, 3H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.69–4.58 (m, 1H), 4.20 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (s, 3H), 2.80 (s, 3H), 2.51 (s, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 179.0, 171.9, 143.7, 138.87, 137.2, 134.6, 129.4, 129.2, 128.6, 127.9, 127.8, 127.4, 123.6, 122.9, 107.8, 72.9, 60.9, 55.5, 51.5, 51.3, 25.5, 21.2 ppm.

**IR:** v 3333, 2952, 1730, 1704, 1613, 1470, 1379, 1348, 1260, 1175, 1112, 754, 745, 699, 608 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HRMS (ESI):** calcd. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 427.2016, found 427.2015.

**Methyl (3*R*<sup>\*</sup>,3'S<sup>\*</sup>,4'R<sup>\*</sup>,5'S<sup>\*</sup>)-1-methyl-2-oxo-3'-phenyl-5'-(*o*-tolyl)spiro[indoline-3,2'-pyrrolidine]-4'-carboxylate (4g)**

(85 mg, 46 %, white solid)

**m.p.** 186–188 °C

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.96 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.33–6.94 (m, 10H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (t, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (s, 3H), 2.82 (s, 3H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 1H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 179.0, 172.1, 143.7, 139.5, 136.2, 134.7, 129.7, 129.3, 129.2, 128.0, 127.9, 127.5, 127.4, 127.1, 125.7, 123.7, 122.9, 107.8, 72.8, 56.7, 56.0, 51.1, 50.9, 25.4, 19.6 ppm.

**IR:** v 3332, 3029, 2946, 1730, 1702, 1612, 1491, 1465, 1254, 1168, 1087, 1004, 843, 756, 747, 698, 630 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HRMS (ESI):** calcd. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 427.2016, found 427.2016.

**Methyl (3*R*<sup>\*</sup>,3'S<sup>\*</sup>,4'R<sup>\*</sup>,5'S<sup>\*</sup>)-5'-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-2-oxo-3'-phenylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyrrolidine]-4'-carboxylate (4h)**

(96 mg, 50 %, white solid)

**m.p.** 147–148 °C

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.74 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.07 (m, 3H), 6.93 (m, 4H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.69–4.52 (m, 1H), 4.20 (d, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.13 (s, 3H), 2.80 (s, 3H), 2.51 (s, 1H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 179.0, 171.9, 159.0, 143.7, 134.6, 134.0, 129.4, 129.2, 129.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.4, 123.5, 122.9, 107.8, 72.8, 60.5, 55.5, 55.3, 51.5, 51.3, 25.5 ppm.

**IR:** v 3336, 1711, 1613, 1346, 1239, 1175, 1107, 1020, 845, 743, 696 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HRMS (ESI):** calcd. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 443.1965, found 443.1964.

**Methyl (3*R*<sup>\*</sup>,3'S<sup>\*</sup>,4'R<sup>\*</sup>,5'S<sup>\*</sup>)-5'-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-methyl-2-oxo-3'-phenylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyrrolidine]-4'-carboxylate (4i)**

(95 mg, 51%, white solid)

**m.p.** 202–203 °C

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.73 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.06 (m, 5H), 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.63 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.67–4.55 (m, 1H), 4.19 (d, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (s, 3H), 2.80 (s, 3H), 2.53 (s, 1H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 178.9, 171.7, 143.6, 137.6, 134.3, 129.5, 129.4, 129.3, 129.1, 127.9, 127.8, 127.5, 123.5, 122.9, 114.8, 114.5, 107.9, 72.8, 60.2, 55.4, 51.3, 25.5 ppm.

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = -115.11 (tt, *J* = 8.7, 5.5 Hz, 1F) ppm.

**IR:** v 3368, 3036, 2958, 1740, 1704, 1615, 1503, 1345, 1211, 1113, 1022, 844, 736, 696 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HRMS (ESI):** calcd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>23</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 431.1765, found 431.1766.

**Methyl (3*R*<sup>\*,3'S<sup>\*</sup>,4'R<sup>\*,5'S<sup>\*</sup>)-5'-(3-chlorophenyl)-1-methyl-2-oxo-3'-phenylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyrrolidine]-4'-carboxylate (4j)</sup></sup>**

(85 mg, 44 %, white solid)

**m.p.** 175–176 °C

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (m, 4H), 7.06 (m, 3H), 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.71–4.60 (m, 1H), 4.17 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (s, 3H), 2.80 (br s, 3H), 2.55 (s, 1H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 178.9, 171.4, 144.2, 143.6, 134.1, 133.8, 129.3, 129.1, 129.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 127.5, 126.1, 123.6, 123.0, 107.9, 72.8, 60.2, 55.3, 51.4, 51.3, 25.5 ppm.

**IR:** v 3371, 3039, 2949, 1737, 1705, 1614, 1471, 1345, 1169, 1108, 1021, 785, 739, 746, 706, 697 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HRMS (ESI):** calcd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>23</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 447.1470, found 447.1466.

**Tert-butyl (3*R*<sup>\*,3'S<sup>\*</sup>,4'R<sup>\*,5'S<sup>\*</sup>)-2-oxo-3',5'-diphenylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyrrolidine]-4'-carboxylate (4k)</sup></sup>**

(61 mg, 32 %, white solid)

**m.p.** 204–206 °C

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.75–7.69 (m, 1H), 7.65–7.59 (m, 2H), 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.05 (m, 6H), 6.64–6.53 (m, 1H), 5.52 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.61–4.46 (m, 1H), 4.20 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (s, 1H), 0.92 (s, 9H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 180.8, 170.2, 142.3, 140.7, 134.9, 130.0, 129.1, 128.6, 128.0, 128.0, 127.8, 127.6, 127.3, 124.1, 122.9, 109.5, 80.5, 72.6, 60.9, 55.8, 51.8, 27.6 ppm.

**IR:** v 3327, 3059, 3029, 2972, 1727, 1697, 1618, 1488, 1470, 1247, 1151, 745, 697 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HRMS (ESI):** calcd. for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 441.2173, found 441.2172.

**Tert-butyl (3*R*<sup>\*,3'S<sup>\*</sup>,4'R<sup>\*,5'S<sup>\*</sup>)-1-methyl-2-oxo-3',5'-diphenylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyrrolidine]-4'-carboxylate (4l)</sup></sup>**

(101 mg, 51 %, white solid)

**m.p.** 202–204 °C

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.71 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.19 (dm, 2H), 7.07 (m, 3H), 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.55 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.62–4.45 (m, 1H), 4.18 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (s, 3H), 2.54 (br s, 1H), 0.92 (s, 9H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 179.3, 170.4, 143.9, 142.7, 135.2, 129.8, 129.3, 128.8, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.4, 123.7, 123.1, 108.0, 80.6, 72.9, 61.3, 56.3, 52.0, 27.6, 25.7 ppm.

**IR:** v 3343, 2921, 1720, 1702, 1616, 1471, 1366, 1256, 1149, 1108, 1082, 1018, 747, 697 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HRMS (ESI):** calcd. for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 455.2329, found 455.2330.

**Tert-butyl (3*R*<sup>\*,3'S<sup>\*</sup>,4'R<sup>\*,5'S<sup>\*</sup>)-1-benzyl-2-oxo-3',5'-diphenylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyrrolidine]-4'-carboxylate (4m); mixture of diastereomers</sup></sup>**

(81 mg, 35 %, white solid)

**m.p.** 150–151 °C

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (m, 36H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.58 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 5.09–4.90 (m, 1H), 4.73–4.59 (m, 1H), 4.25 (m, 4H), 2.59 (s, 2H), 0.93 (s, 9H), 0.85 (s, 9H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 175.2, 173.7, 165.0, 163.3, 137.8, 137.1, 135.4, 133.2, 130.3, 129.8, 125.9, 124.3, 123.9, 123.5, 123.3, 123.1, 123.0, 122.9, 122.8, 122.7, 122.4, 122.3, 122.2, 122.0,

121.7, 121.6, 121.1, 120.1, 118.4, 117.8, 117.7, 103.9, 103.6, 75.7, 75.2, 67.2, 63.4, 62.5, 55.8, 55.7, 50.9, 50.2, 46.5, 38.9, 38.0, 22.1 ppm.

**IR:**  $\nu$  3326, 3027, 2966, 2921, 1718, 1704, 1614, 1489, 1467, 1352, 1259, 1147, 750, 732, 695  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**HRMS (ESI):** calcd. for  $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{34}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ = 531.2642$ , found 531.2643.

## ***Characterization data for compounds 8***

### **Dimethyl (3*R*<sup>\*,3'<math>R</math><sup>\*,5'R<sup>\*</sup></sup>)-2-oxo-3',5'-diphenylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyrrolidine]-4',4'-dicarboxylate (8a)</sup>**

(43 mg, 27 %, pale yellow solid)

**m.p.** = 208–210 °C

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  = 7.90–7.87 (m, 1H), 7.66–7.63 (m, 2H), 7.41–7.40 (m, 1H), 7.36–7.23 (m, 5H), 7.20–7.11 (m, 4H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 6.61–6.59 (m, 1H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 4.91 (s, 1H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 3.09 (s, 3H), 2.53 (br s, 1H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  = 180.8, 170.6, 169.4, 143.0, 140.5, 138.8, 135.1, 130.9, 130.5, 129.9, 129.4, 129.3, 128.9, 127.9, 127.9, 127.6, 127.5, 124.6, 123.1, 109.4, 71.7, 69.6, 66.4, 62.0, 52.7, 52.2, 51.7, 29.7 ppm.

**IR**  $\nu$  3318, 3063, 2921, 2850, 1726, 1698, 1338, 1256, 735, 702  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**HRMS (ESI):** calcd. for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ = 457.1763$ , found 457.1761.

### **Dimethyl (3*R*<sup>\*,3'<math>R</math><sup>\*,5'R<sup>\*</sup></sup>)-1-methyl-2-oxo-3',5'-diphenylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyrrolidine]-4',4'-dicarboxylate (8b)</sup>**

(94 mg, 65 %, pale yellow solid)

**m.p.** = 167–169 °C

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  = 7.85 (dd,  $J$  = 0.9, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.66–7.63 (m, 2H), 7.35–7.09 (m, 10H), 6.6 (s, 1H), 6.57 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (s, 1H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 3.06 (s, 3H), 2.87 (s, 3H), 2.5 (br s, 1H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  = 178.7, 170.7, 169.4, 143.5, 139.0, 135.0, 130.2, 129.8, 129.3, 127.9 (2), 127.7, 127.4, 124.0, 123.0, 107.7, 71.6, 69.5, 66.3, 61.9, 52.2, 51.7, 29.7, 25.7 ppm.

**IR**  $\nu$  3725, 3315, 2946, 1724, 1610, 1254, 1049, 740, 702  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**HRMS (ESI):** calcd. for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ = 471.1920$ , found 471.1915

**HPLC:** Chiralcel OD-H, *i*PrOH/hexane 10:90, 0.8 ml/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm.  $t_R$  = 10.21 min, 13.05 min.

### **Dimethyl (3*R*<sup>\*,3'<math>R</math><sup>\*,5'R<sup>\*</sup></sup>)-1-benzyl-2-oxo-3',5'-diphenylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyrrolidine]-4',4'-dicarboxylate (8c)</sup>**

(60 mg, 39 %, pale yellow solid)

**m.p.** = 175–176 °C

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  = 7.96–7.93 (m, 1H), 7.68–7.65 (m, 2H), 7.36–7.04 (m, 16H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 6.52 (d,  $J$  = 6 Hz, 2H), 4.97 (s, 1H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 3.12 (s, 3H), 2.58 (br s, 1H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  = 178.5, 170.8, 169.4, 142.7, 138.7, 135.3 (2), 130.5, 130.2, 129.3, 128.5, 128.0, 127.9, 127.6, 127.5, 127.1, 126.6, 124.3, 123.2, 108.8, 71.7, 69.8, 66.6, 62.1, 52.5, 52.3, 51.7, 43.3 ppm.

**IR**  $\nu$  3319, 3031, 2951, 1728, 1608, 1351, 1251, 1174, 1053, 745, 704, 696  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**HRMS (ESI):** calcd. for  $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ = 547.2233$ , found 547.2228

**HPLC:** Chiralcel OD-H, *i*PrOH/hexane 10:90, 0.8 ml/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm.  $t_R$  = 11.84 min, 13.82 min.

**Dimethyl (*3R*<sup>\*,*3'R*<sup>\*</sup>,*5'R*<sup>\*</sup>)-3'-(4-isopropylphenyl)-1-methyl-2-oxo-5'-phenylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyrrolidine]-4',4'-dicarboxylate (8d)</sup>**

(41 mg, 30 %, pale yellow solid)

**m.p.** = 152–154 °C

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.85 (dd, *J* = 0.9, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.65–7.62 (m, 2H), 7.35–7.13 (m, 6H), 6.98 (q, *J* = 8.4, 13.5 Hz, 3H), 6.59–6.57 (m, 2H), 4.89 (s, 1H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 3.05 (s, 3H), 2.88 (s, 3H), 2.77 (k, *J* = 6.9, 13.8, 20.7 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 1H), 1.15 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 3H), 1.12 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 179.0, 170.9, 169.7, 148.1, 143.8, 139.3, 132.5, 130.6, 129.9, 129.4, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 125.9, 124.2, 123.2, 107.8, 71.7, 69.9, 66.5, 61.8, 52.4, 51.9, 33.8, 31.1, 29.9, 25.9, 24.0 ppm.

**IR:** ν 3318, 2956, 2925, 1727, 1708, 1248, 1179, 752, 697 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HRMS (ESI):** calcd. for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>[MH]<sup>+</sup> = 513.2389, found 513.2381.

**Dimethyl (*3R*<sup>\*,*3'R*<sup>\*</sup>,*5'R*<sup>\*</sup>)-1-benzyl-3'-(4-isopropylphenyl)-2-oxo-5'-phenylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyrrolidine]-4',4'-dicarboxylate (8e)</sup>**

(184 mg, 67 %, pale yellow semisolid)

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.95–7.92 (m, 2H), 7.66–7.64 (m, 2H), 7.38–7.23 (m, 8H), 7.16–7.00 (m, 6H), 6.65–6.63 (m, 2H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 4.95 (s, 1H), 3.17 (s, 3H), 3.10 (s, 3H), 2.84–2.79 (m, 1H), 2.57 (br s, 1H), 1.19 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 3H), 1.17 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 178.7, 170.8, 169.4, 167.4, 164.7, 142.9, 130.2 (2), 129.7, 129.2, 128.5, 127.9, 127.6, 127.1, 126.7, 126.0, 124.2, 108.9, 71.5, 70.1, 66.5, 61.7, 52.6, 52.2, 51.6, 43.5, 34.1, 33.6, 24.0, 23.8, 23.7 ppm.

**IR:** ν 3334, 2956, 1724, 1257, 1206, 1178, 1067, 754, 695 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HRMS (ESI):** calcd. for C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>[MH]<sup>+</sup> = 589.2702, found 589.2698.

**Dimethyl (*3R*<sup>\*,*3'R*<sup>\*</sup>,*5'R*<sup>\*</sup>)-5'-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-2-oxo-3'-phenylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyrrolidine]-4',4'-dicarboxylate (8f)</sup>**

(100 mg, 46 %, white solid)

**m.p.** 92–93 °C

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (m, 7H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 2H), 4.89 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 3.14 (s, 3H), 2.86 (s, 3H), 2.48 (br s, 1H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 178.7, 170.8, 169.5, 159.3, 143.5, 135.1, 131.0, 130.2, 129.8, 129.2, 128.8, 127.7, 127.3, 123.9, 123.0, 113.3, 107.6, 71.5, 69.3, 66.0, 61.9, 55.2, 52.4, 51.7, 25.6 ppm.

**IR:** ν 3325, 2945, 1724, 1610, 1510, 1470, 1345, 1246, 1210, 1180, 1061, 1034, 840, 751, 703, 617 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HRMS (ESI):** calcd. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 501.2020, found 501.2020.

**Dimethyl (*3R*<sup>\*,*3'R*<sup>\*</sup>,*5'R*<sup>\*</sup>)-5'-(3-chlorophenyl)-1-methyl-2-oxo-3'-phenylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyrrolidine]-4',4'-dicarboxylate (8g)</sup>**

(87 mg, 55 %, pale yellow solid)

**m.p.** = 154–156 °C

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.84 (d, *J* = 3 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.57–7.55 (m, 1H), 7.28–7.23 (m, 3H), 7.18–7.16 (m, 1H), 7.12–7.11 (m, 3H), 7.08–7.06 (m, 2H), 6.58–6.57 (m, 2H), 4.91 (s, 1H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 3.14 (s, 3H), 2.86 (s, 3H), 2.45 (br s, 1H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 178.7, 170.3, 169.2, 143.4, 141.4, 134.8, 133.9, 130.0, 129.8, 129.4, 129.2, 128.0, 127.9, 127.7 (3), 127.6, 127.5, 126.3, 124.1, 123.1, 107.7, 71.4, 69.2, 65.6, 61.6, 52.3, 51.8, 29.7, 25.7 ppm.

**IR v** 3930, 2951, 1726, 1612, 1250, 1087, 746, 701 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HRMS (ESI):** calcd. for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>25</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>[MH]<sup>+</sup> = 505.1525, found 505.1526.

## **Characterization data for compounds 10 and 12**

### **(1E,2E)-N-benzyl-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-imine (10)**

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 8.16–8.14 (m, 1H), 7.48–7.28 (m, 10H), 6.98–6.96 (m, 2H), 4.72 (s, 2H) ppm. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum corresponds with data described in literature.<sup>17</sup>

### **2-(1-methyl-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)malononitrile (12)**

**m.p.** = 233–236 °C (234–238 °C<sup>18</sup>)

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 8.12 (d, *J* = 9 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dt, *J* = 15.6; 7.8; 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum corresponds with data described in literature.<sup>19</sup>

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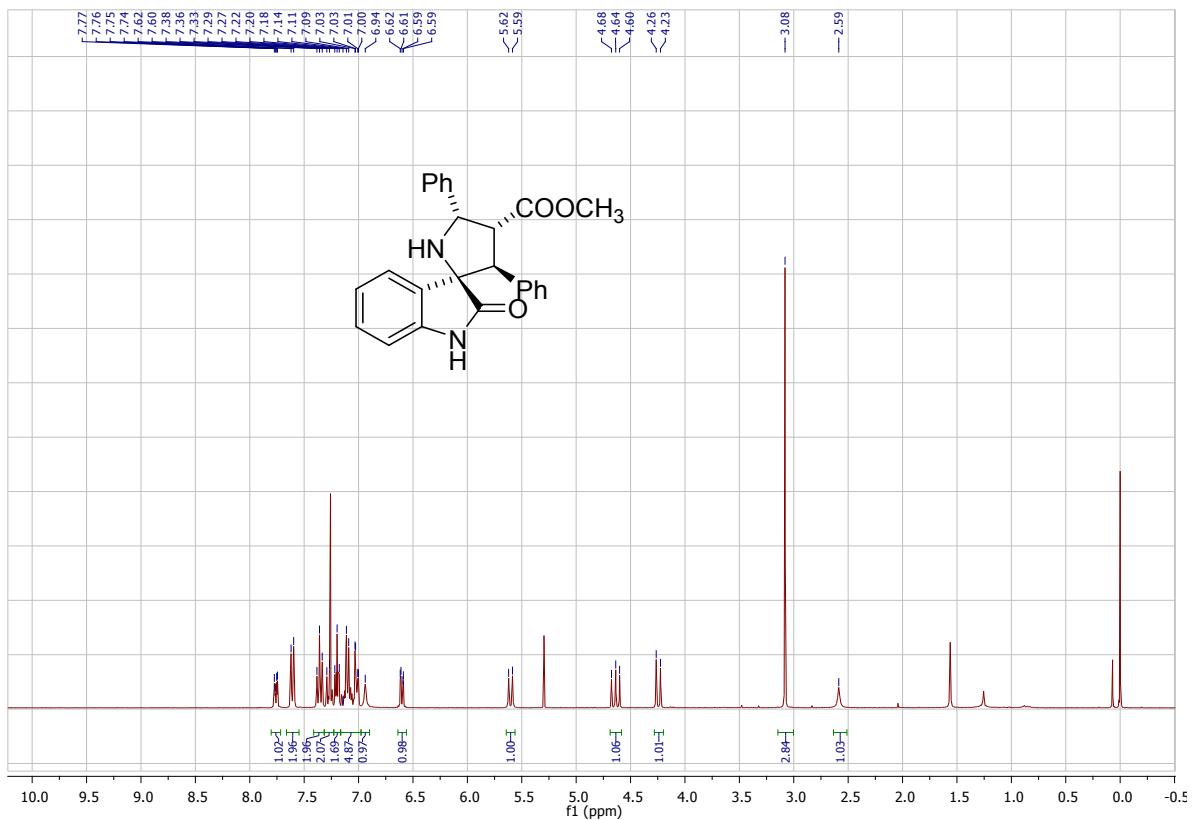
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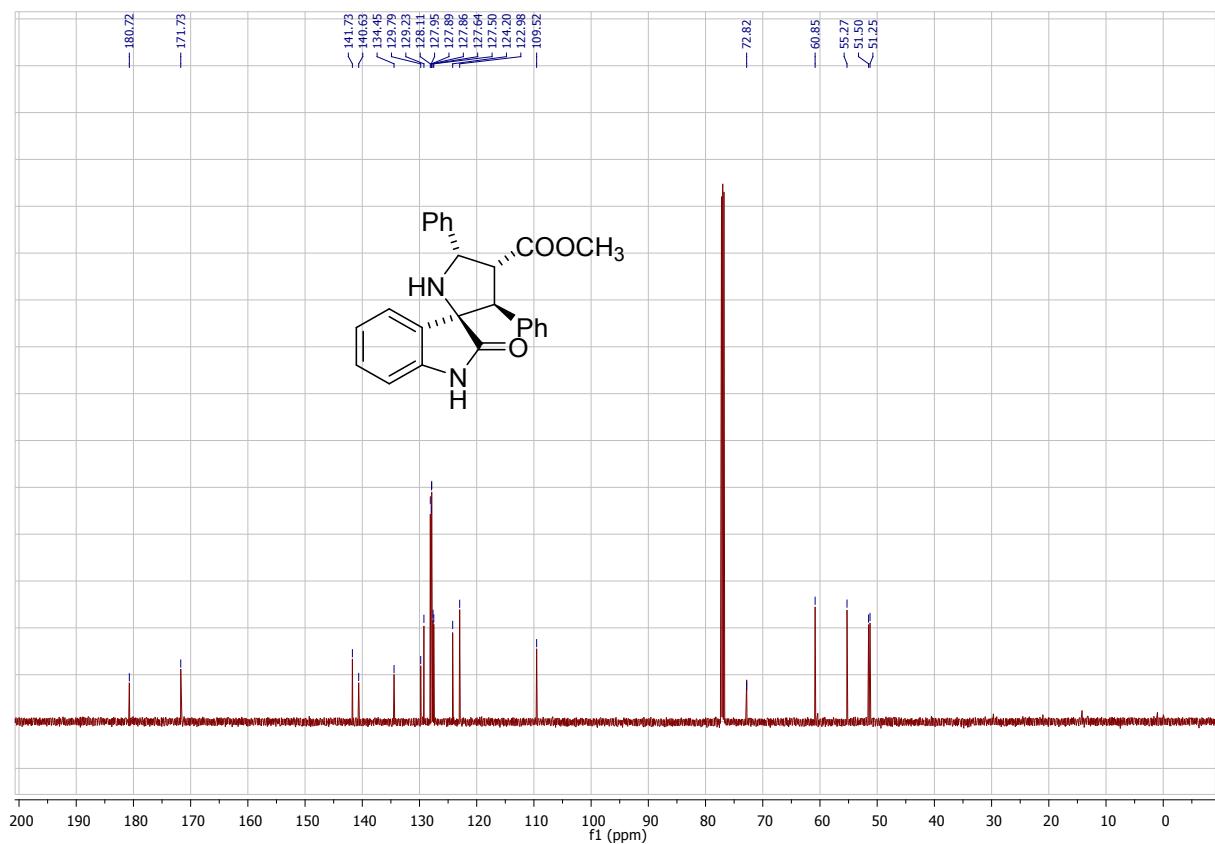
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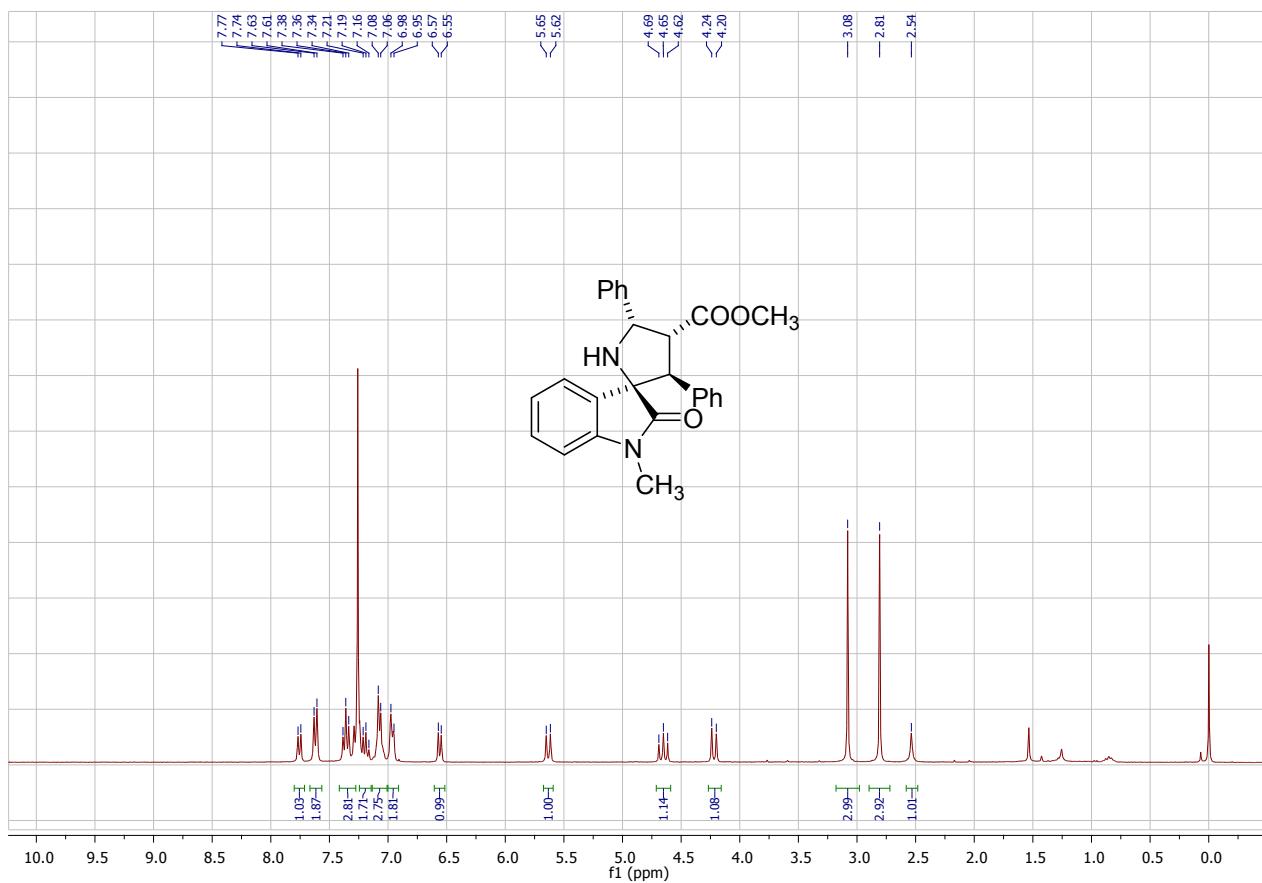
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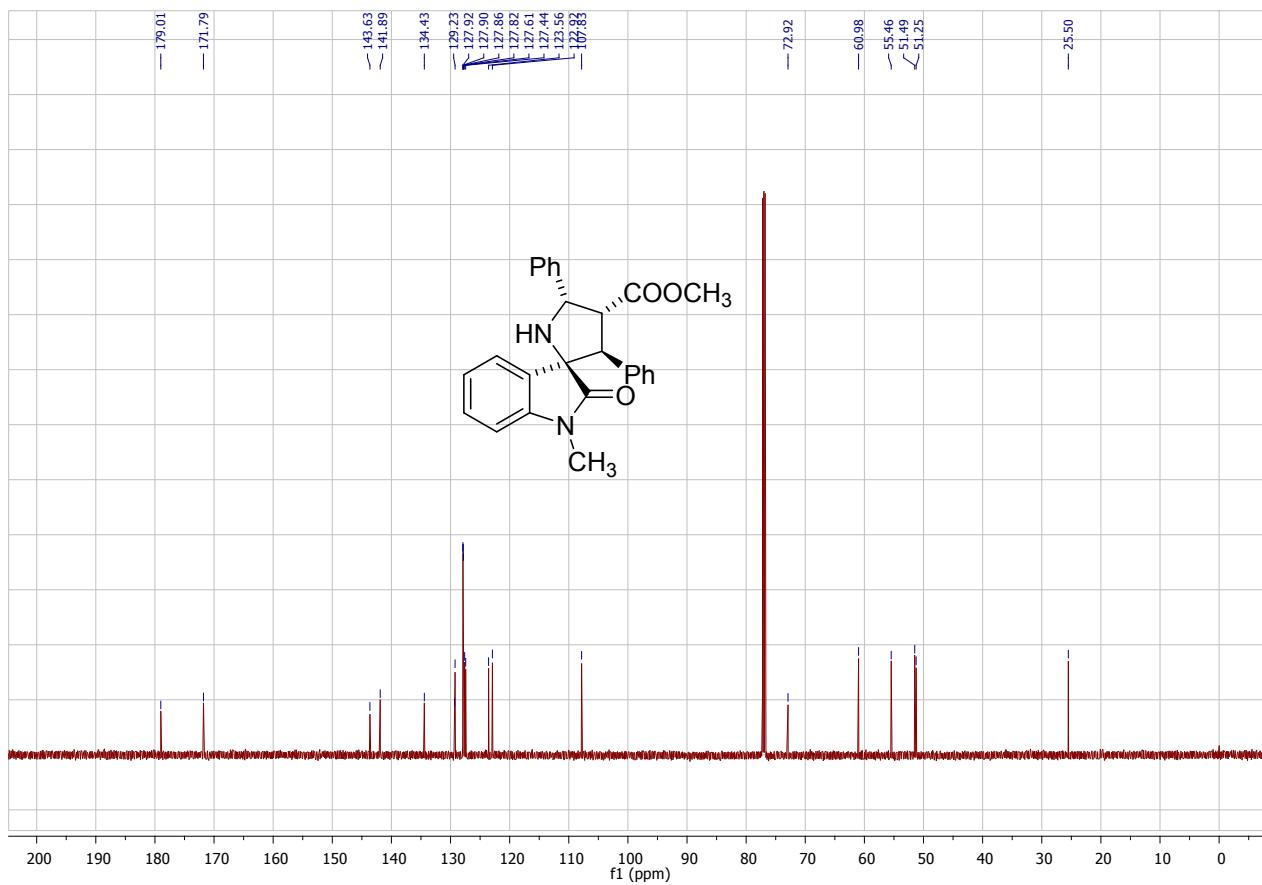
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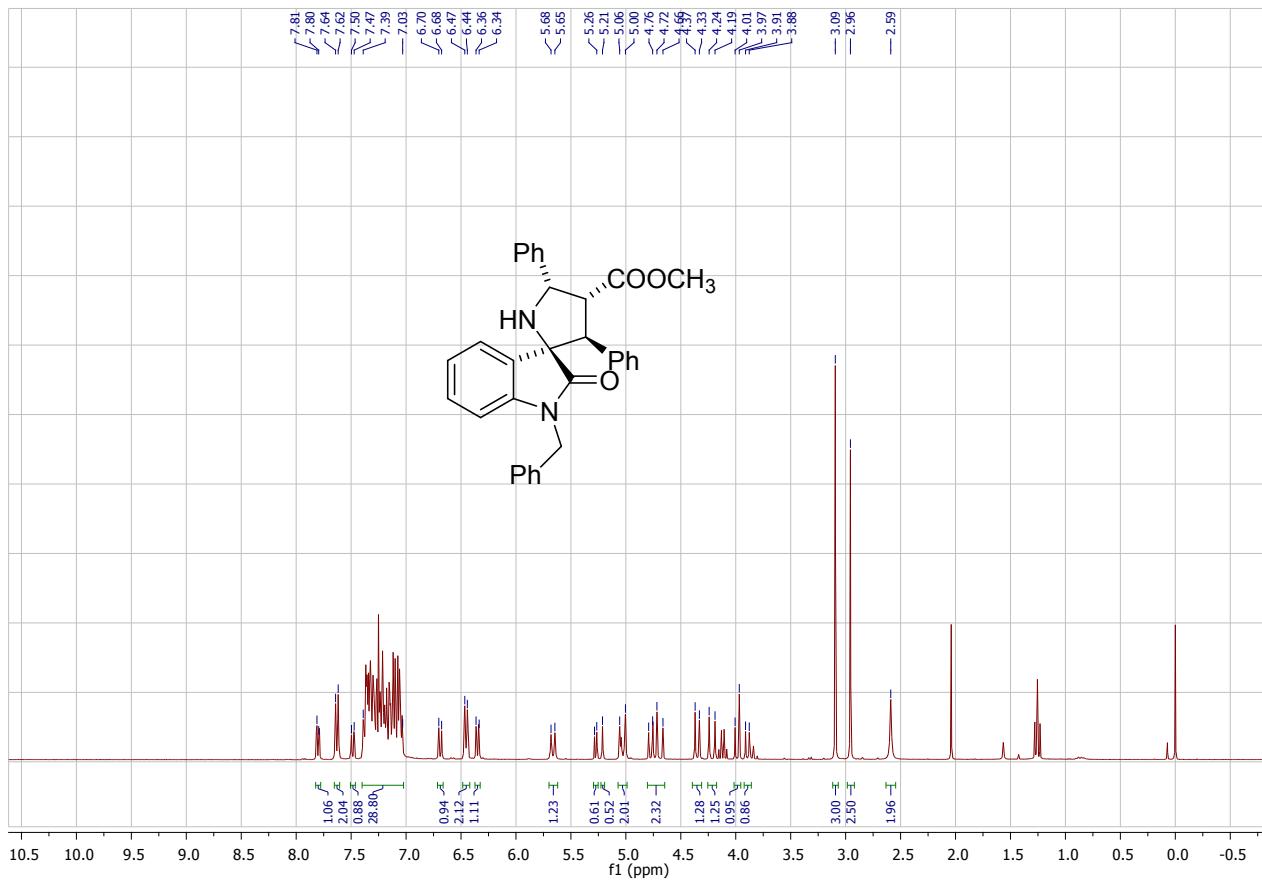
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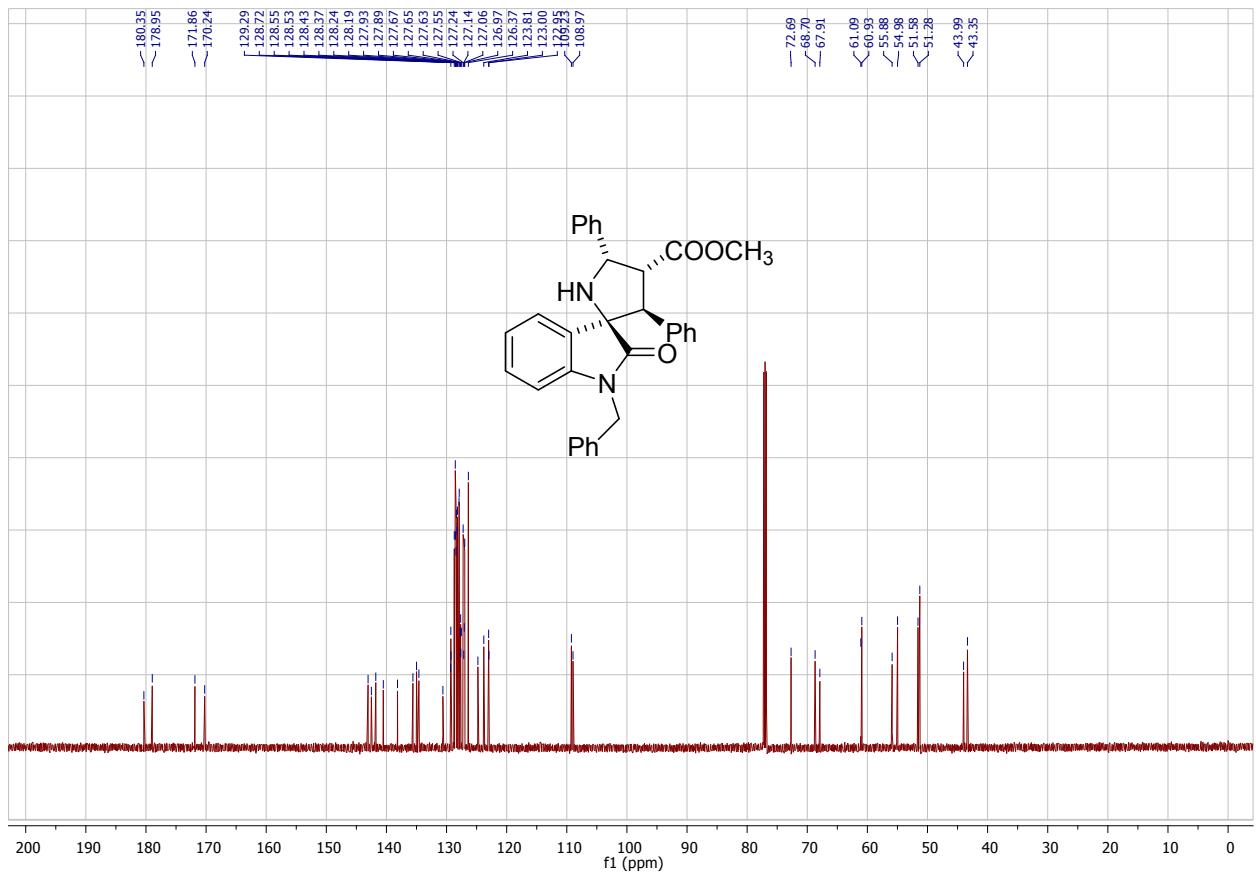
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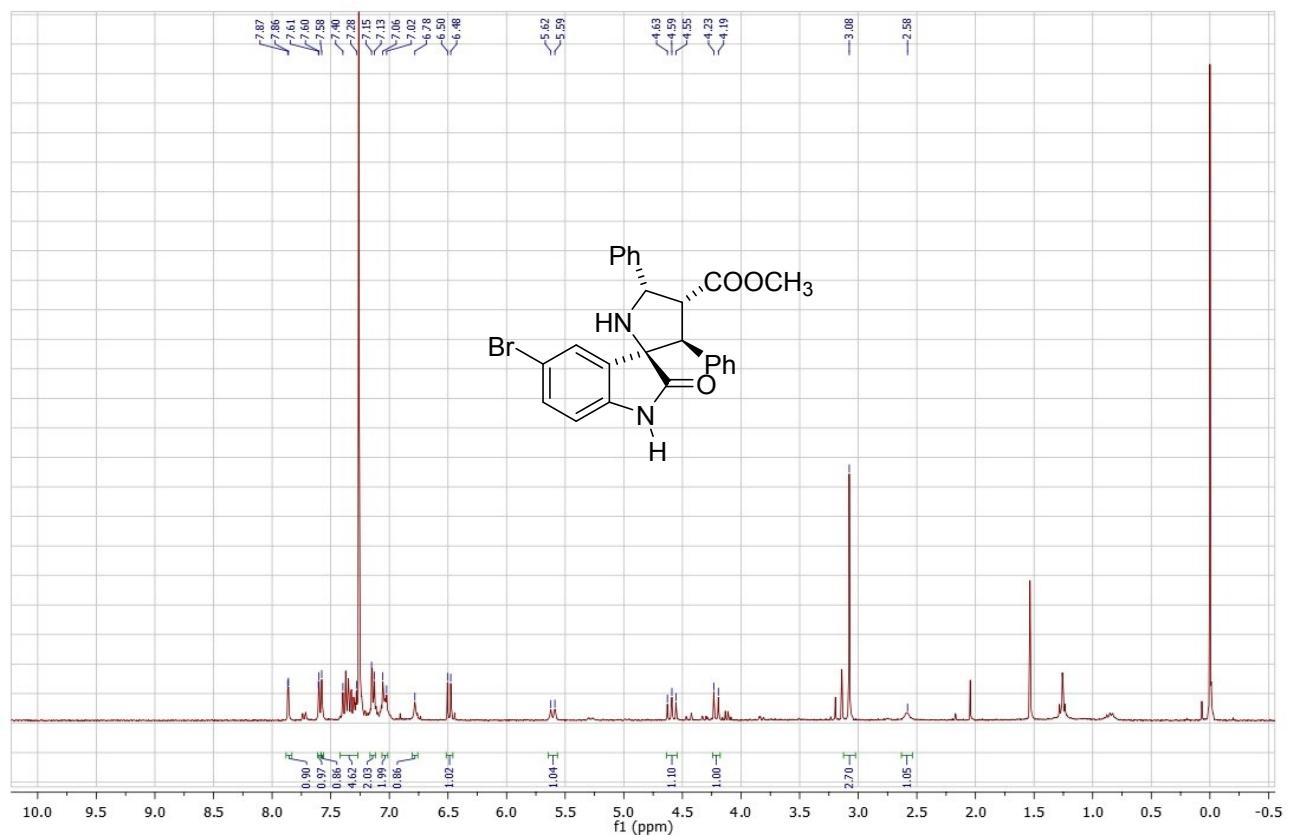
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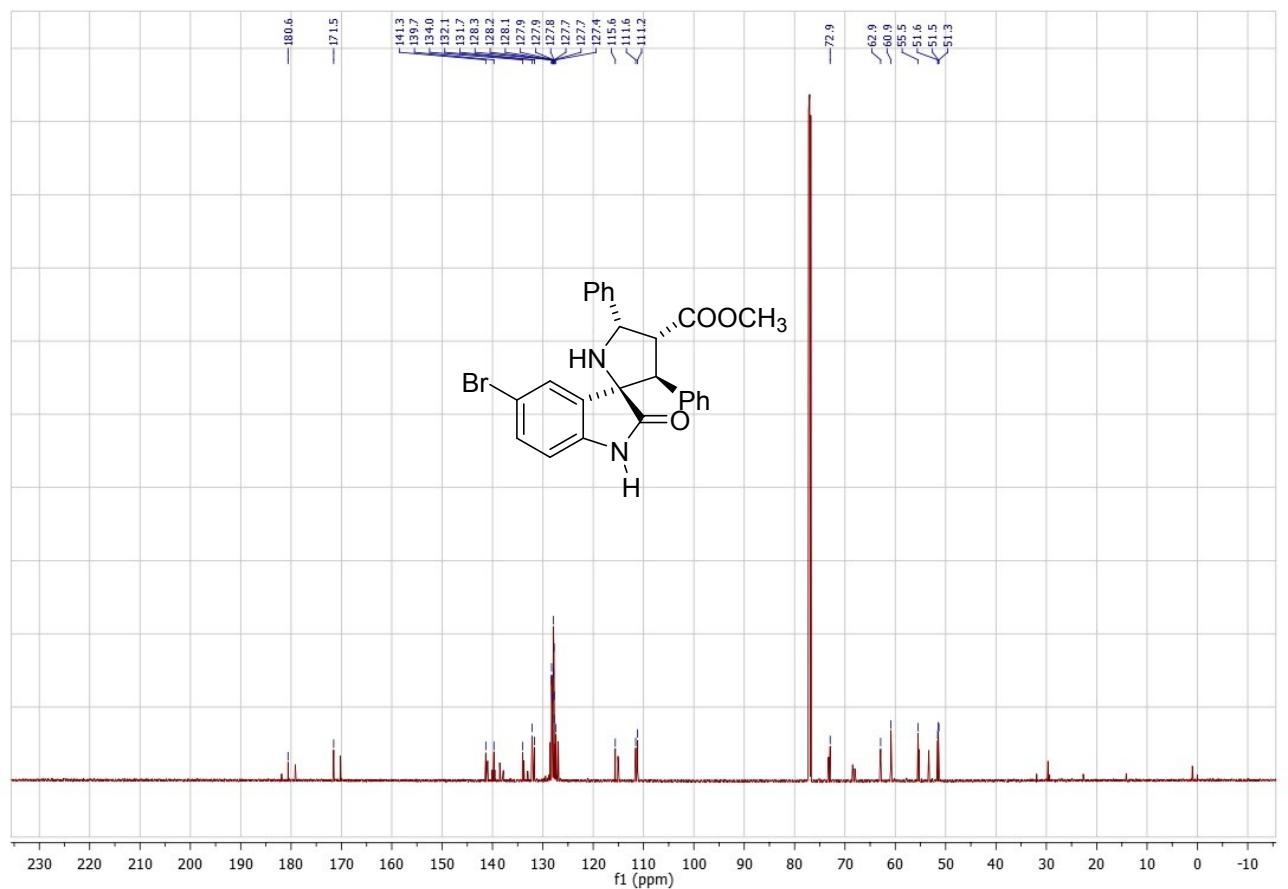
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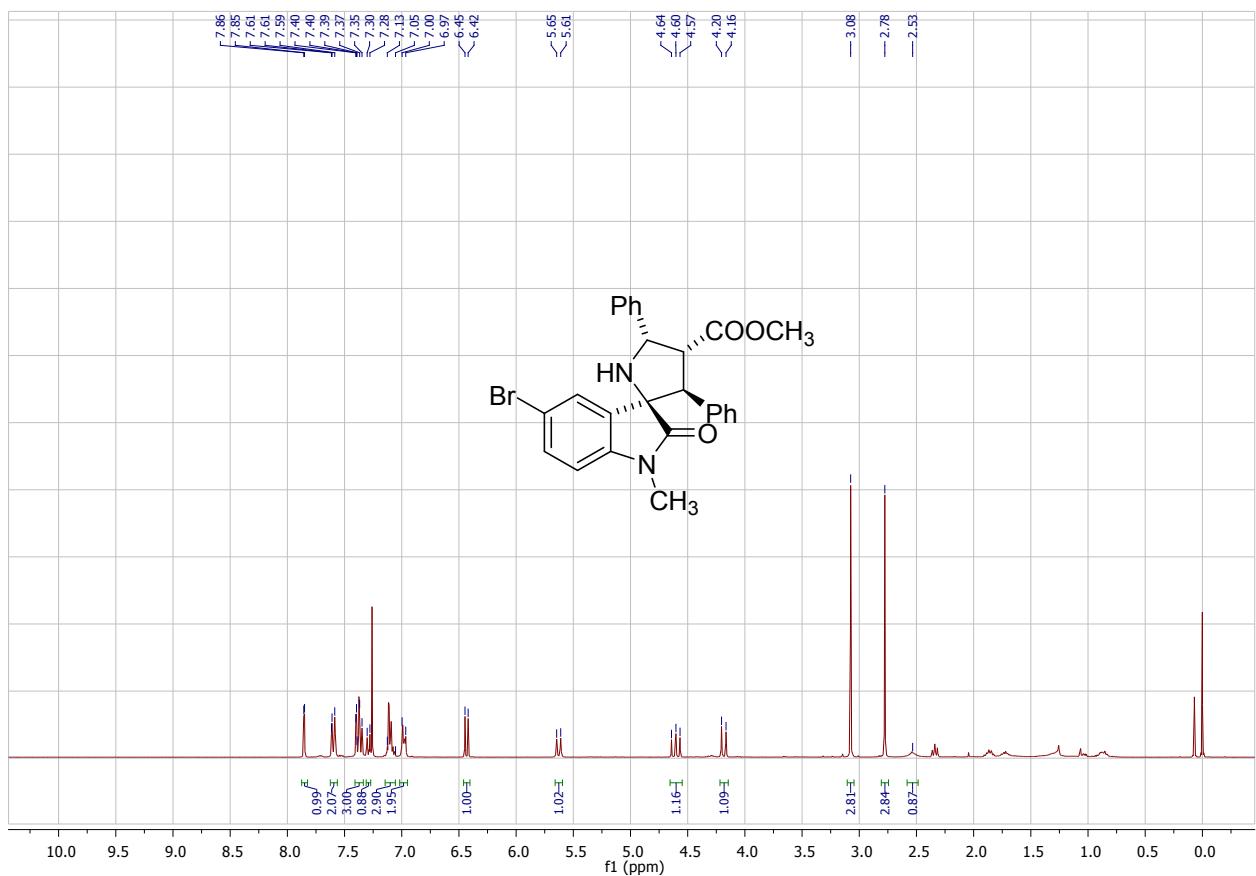
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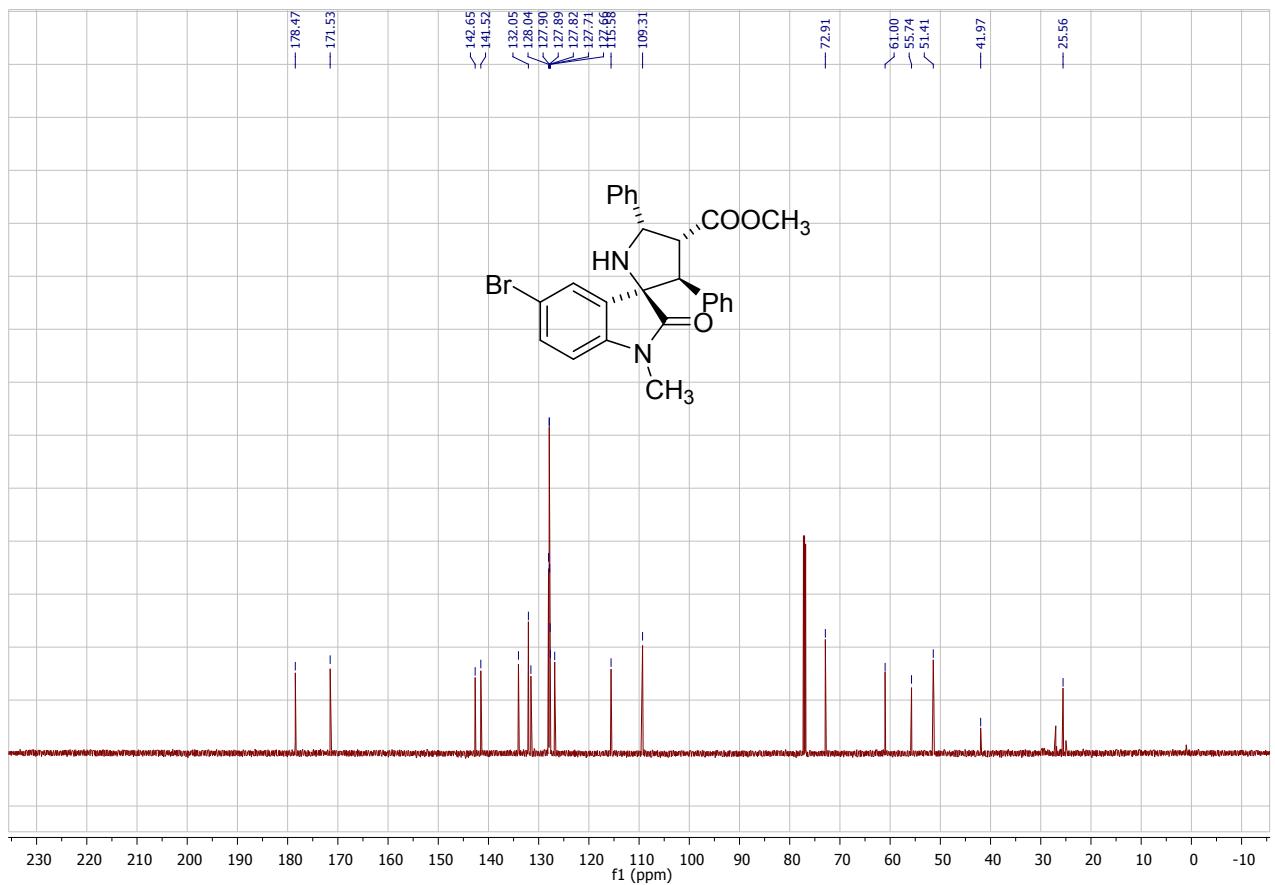
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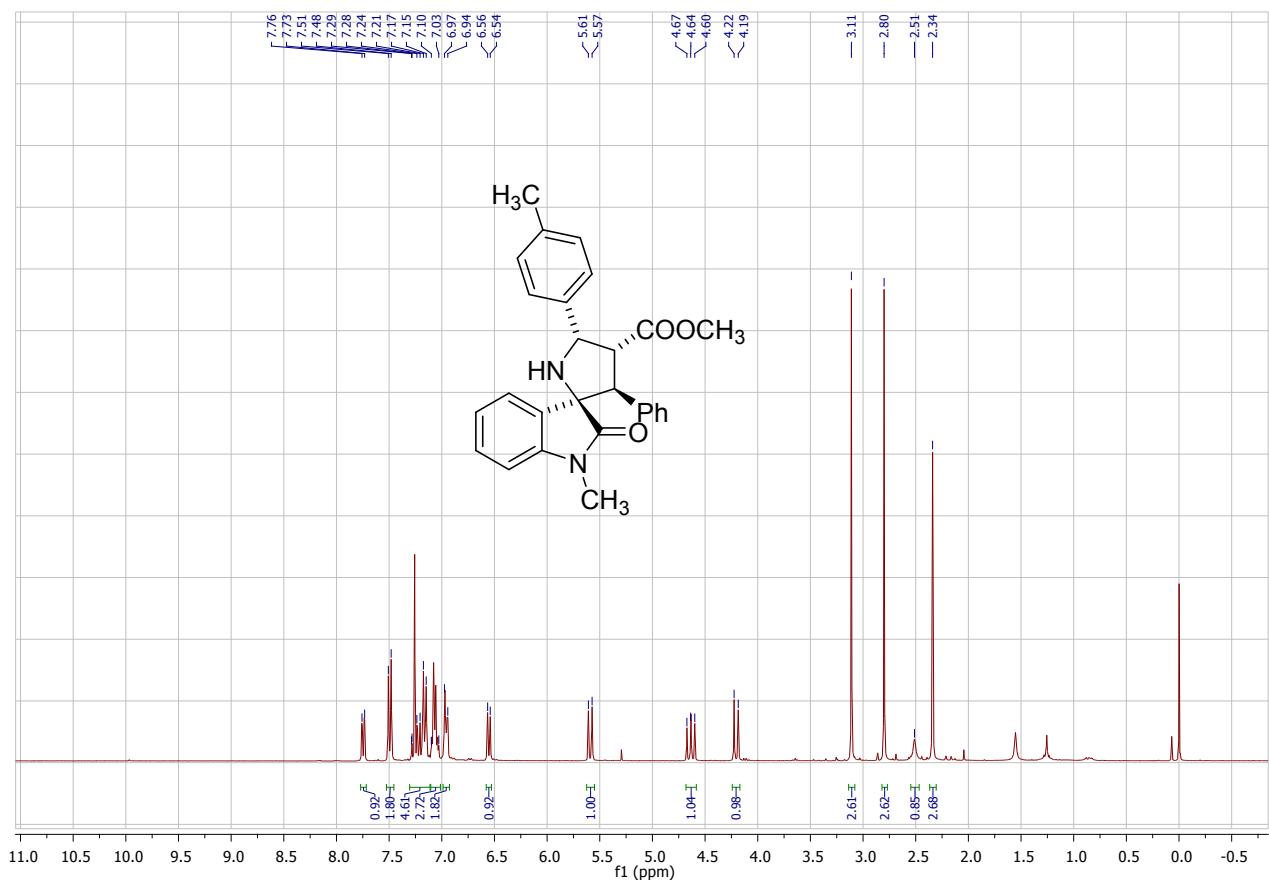
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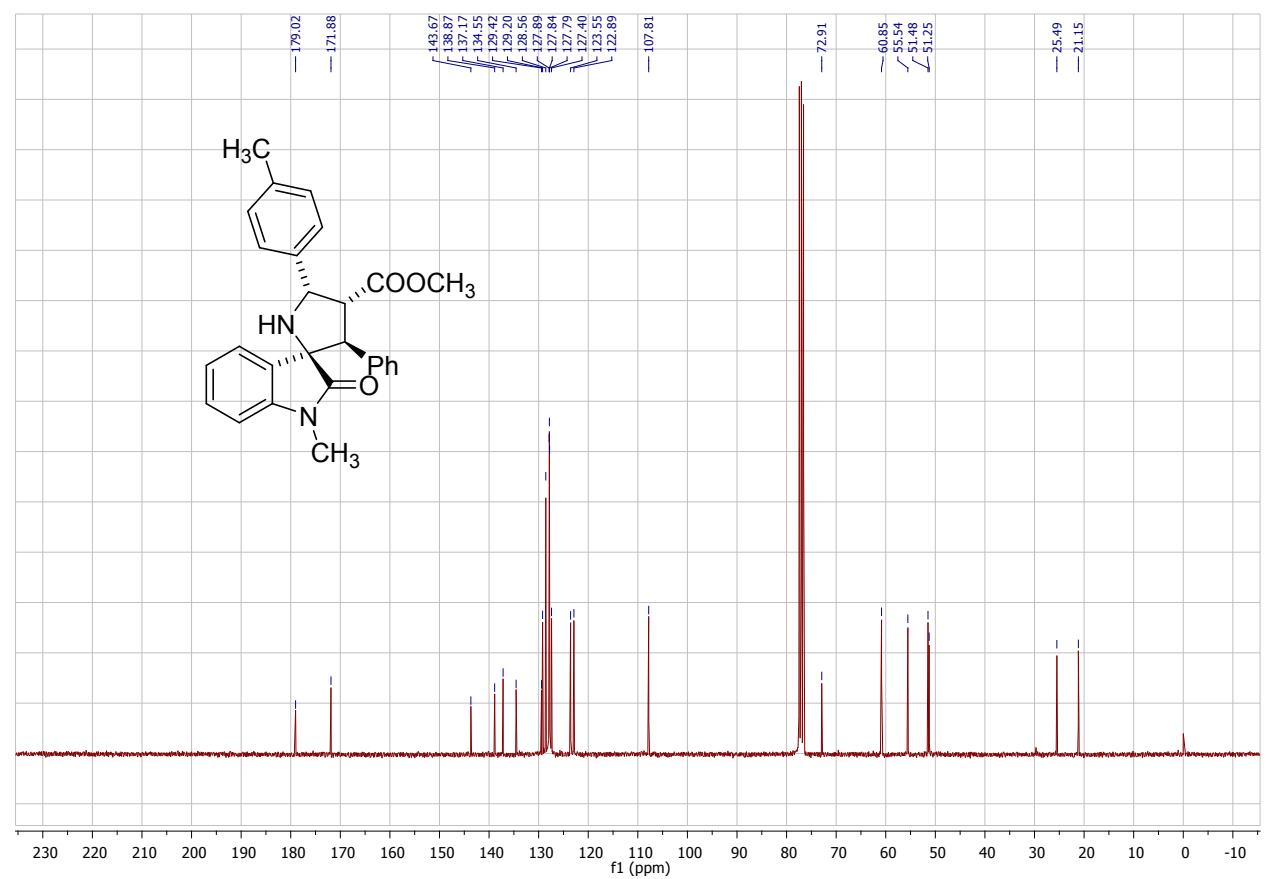
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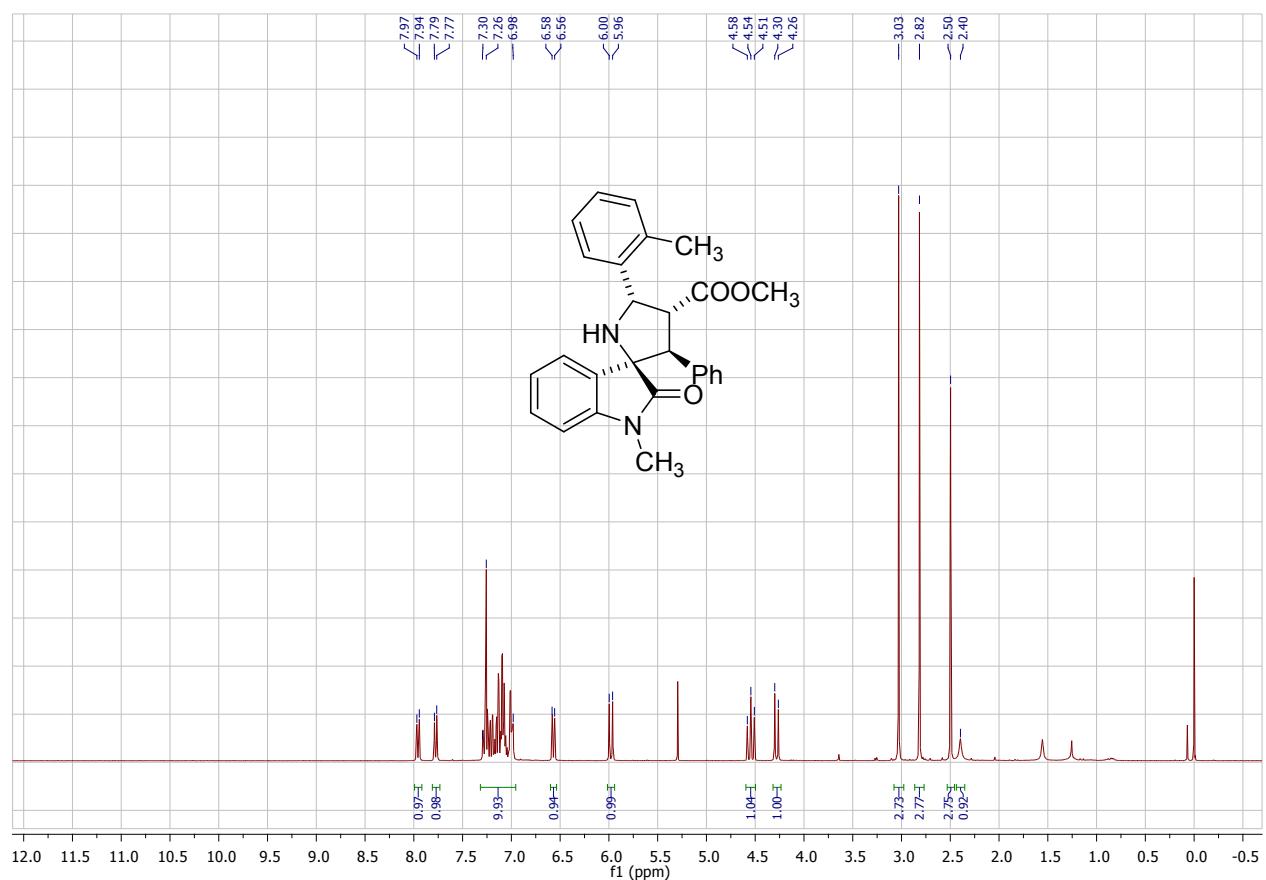
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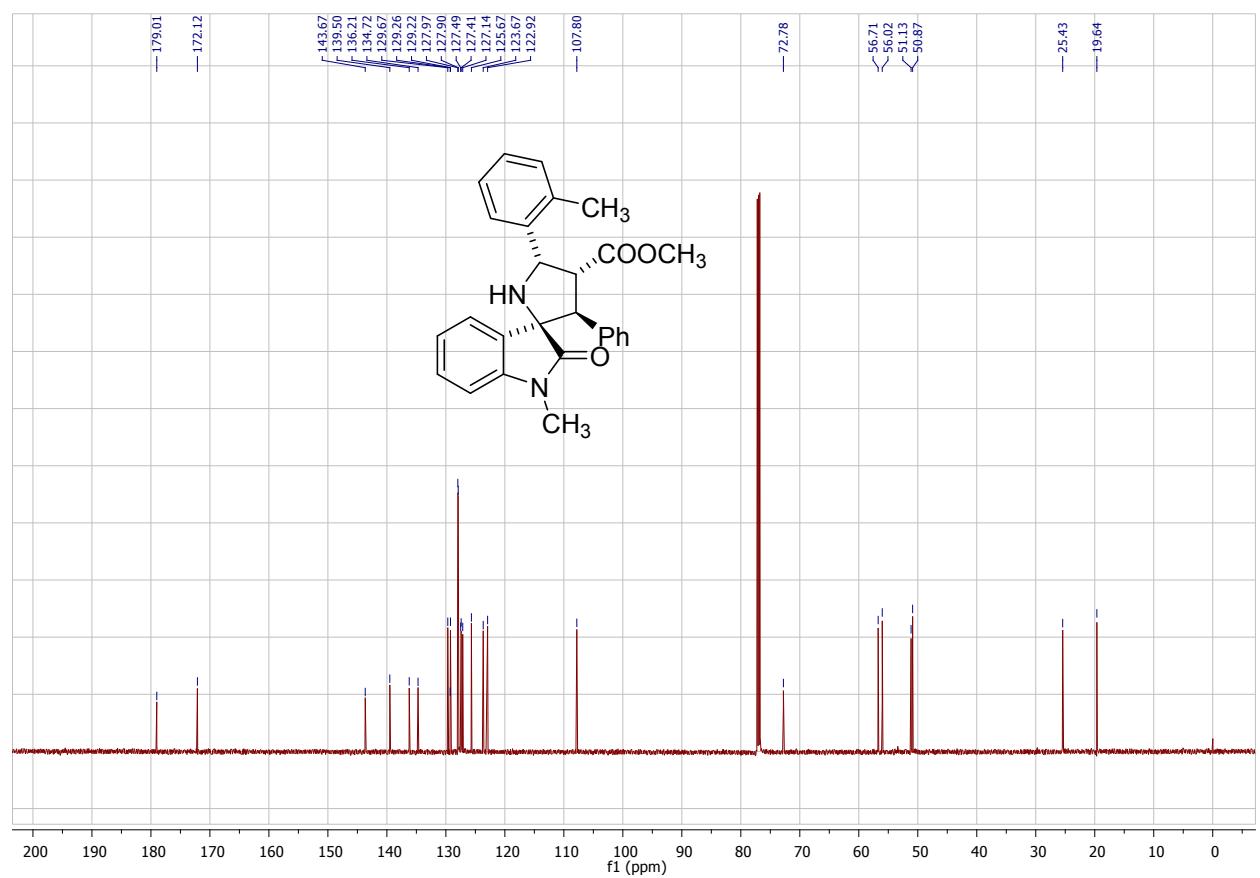
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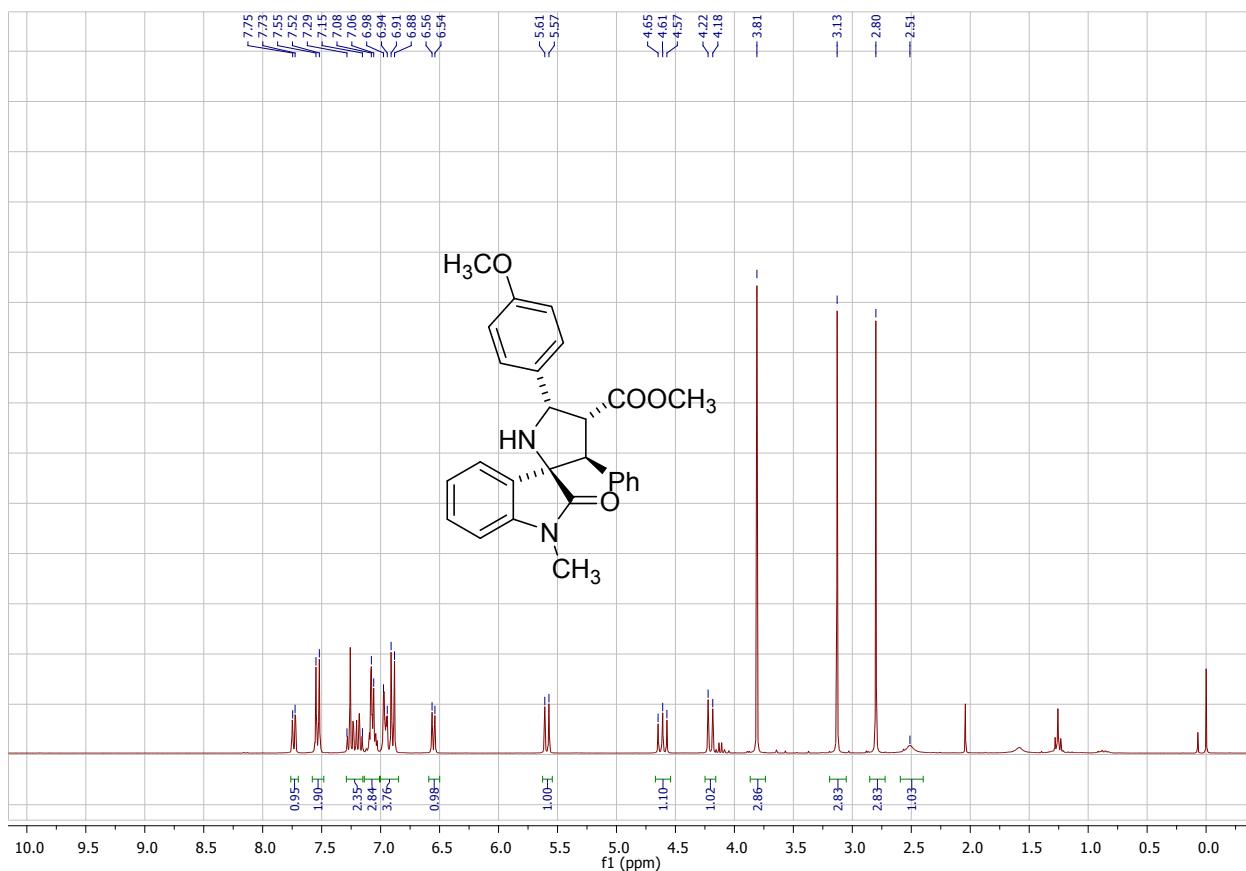
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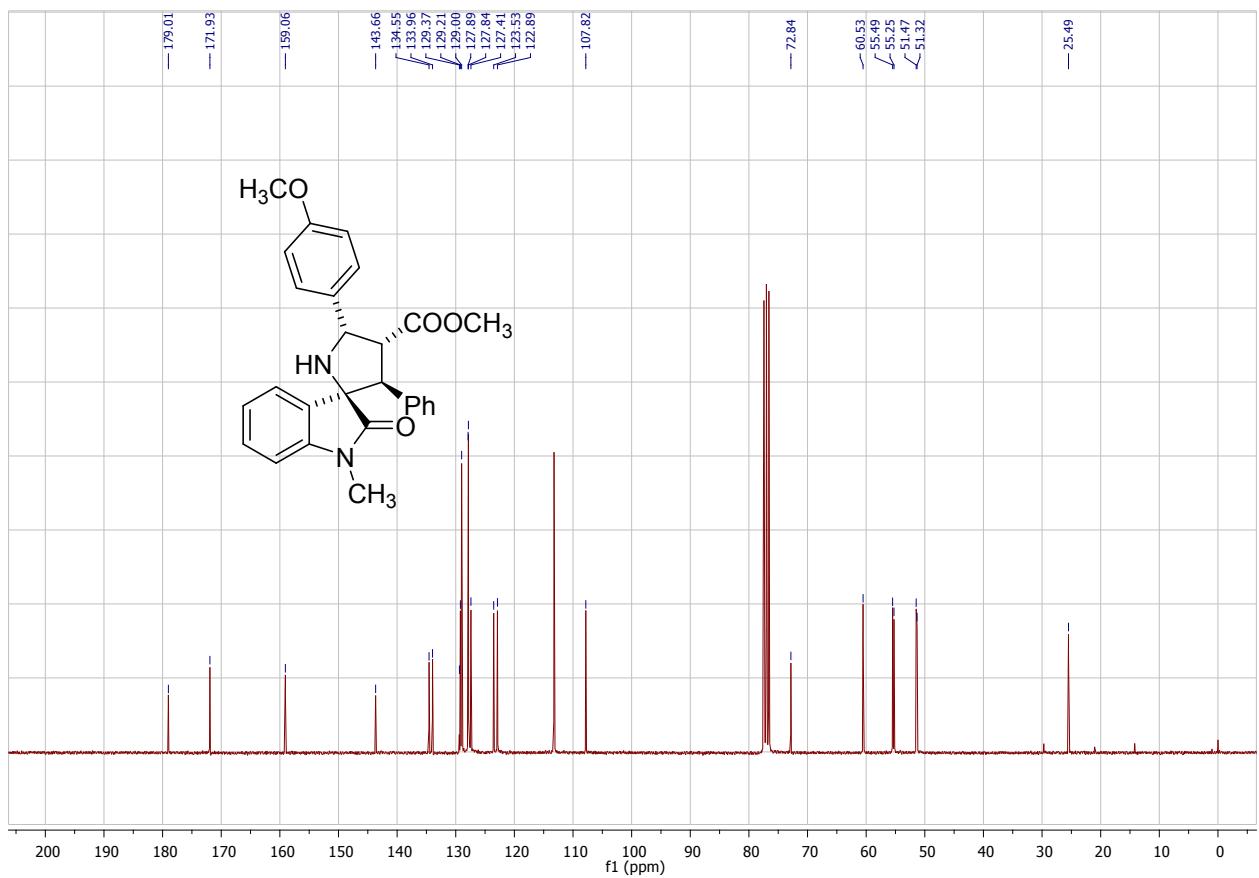
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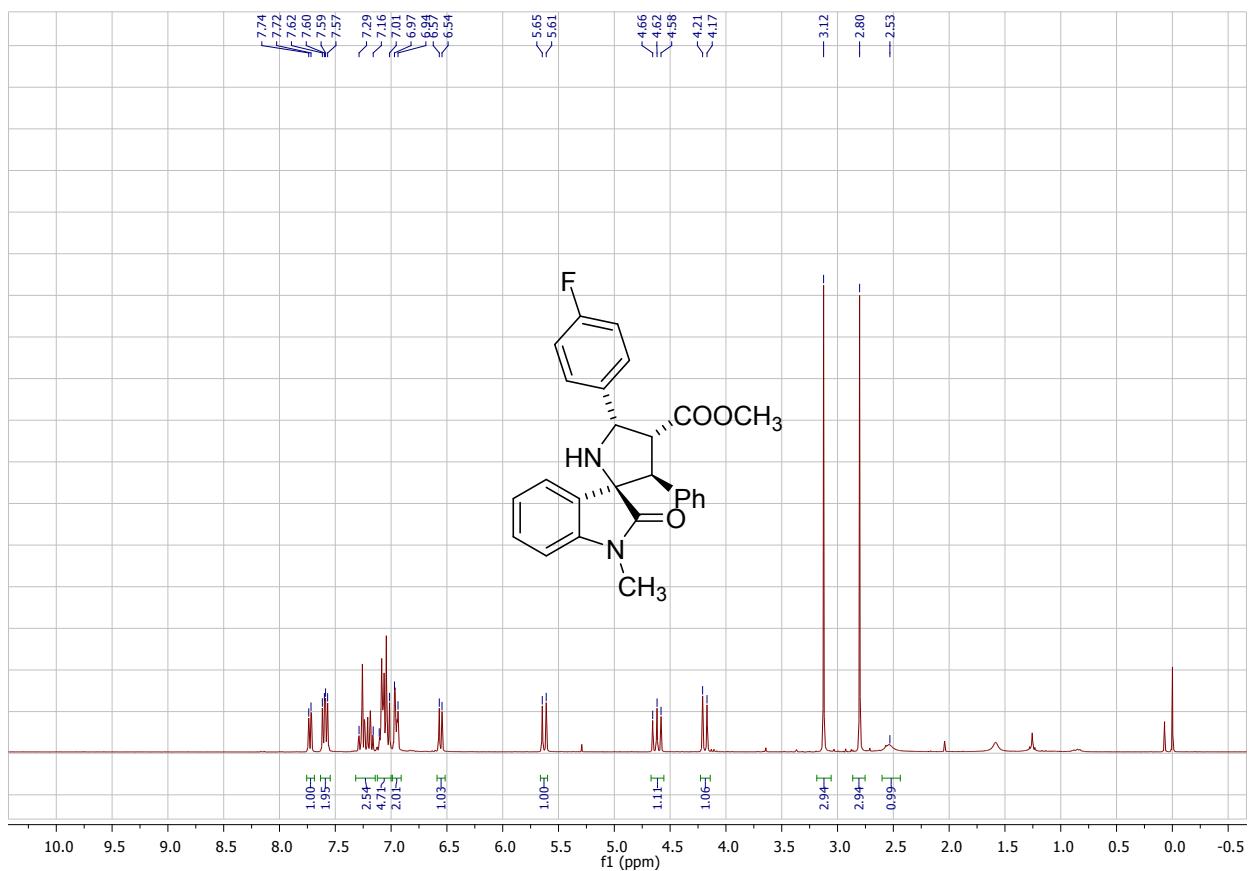
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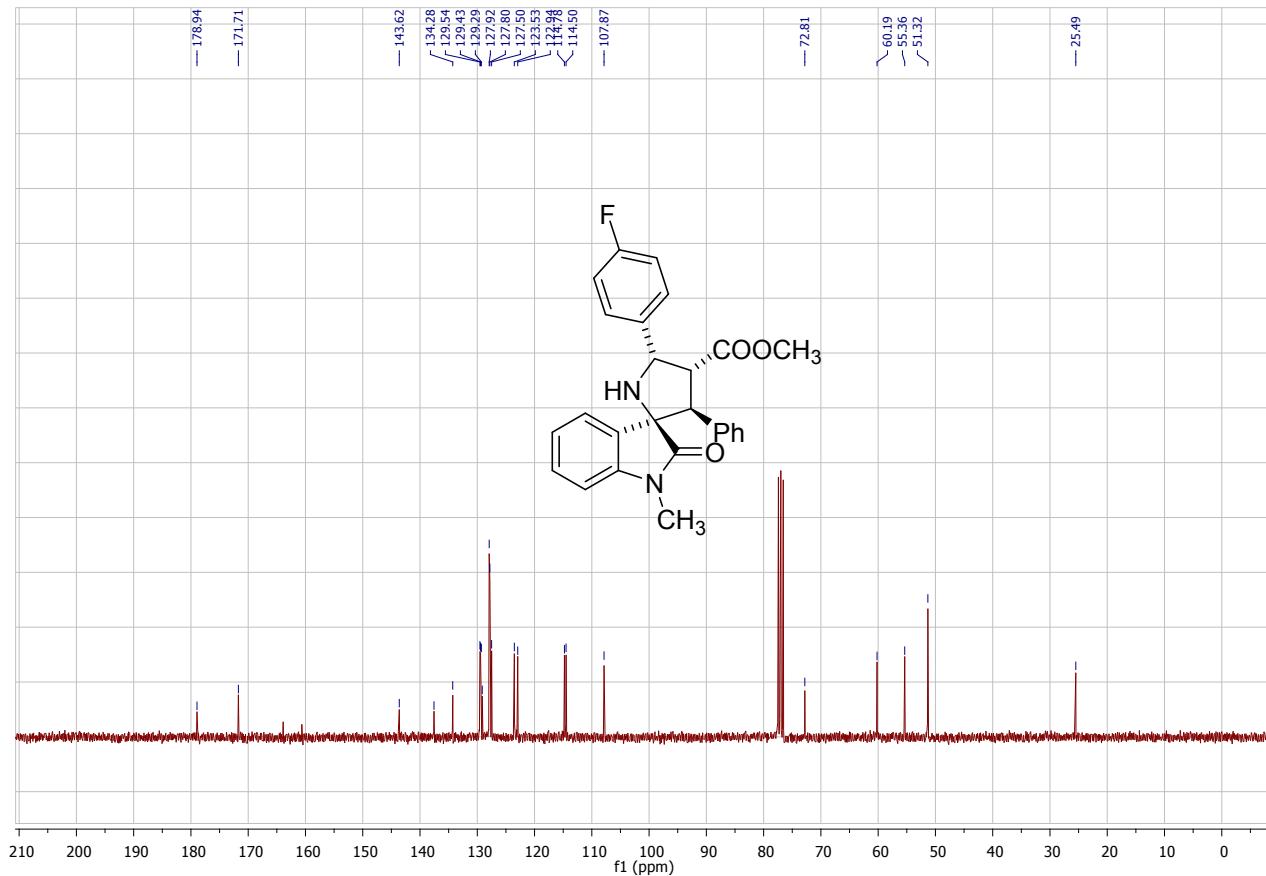
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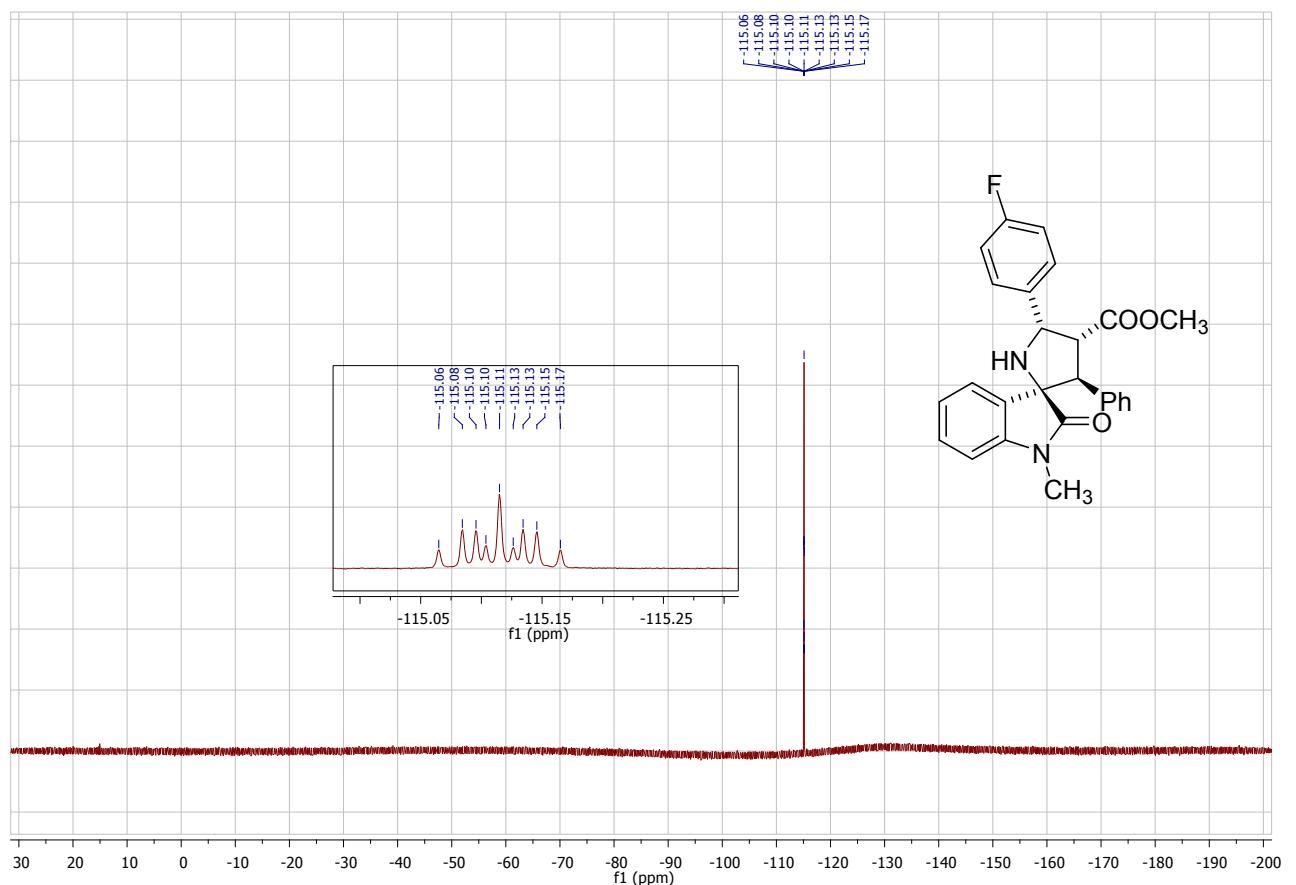
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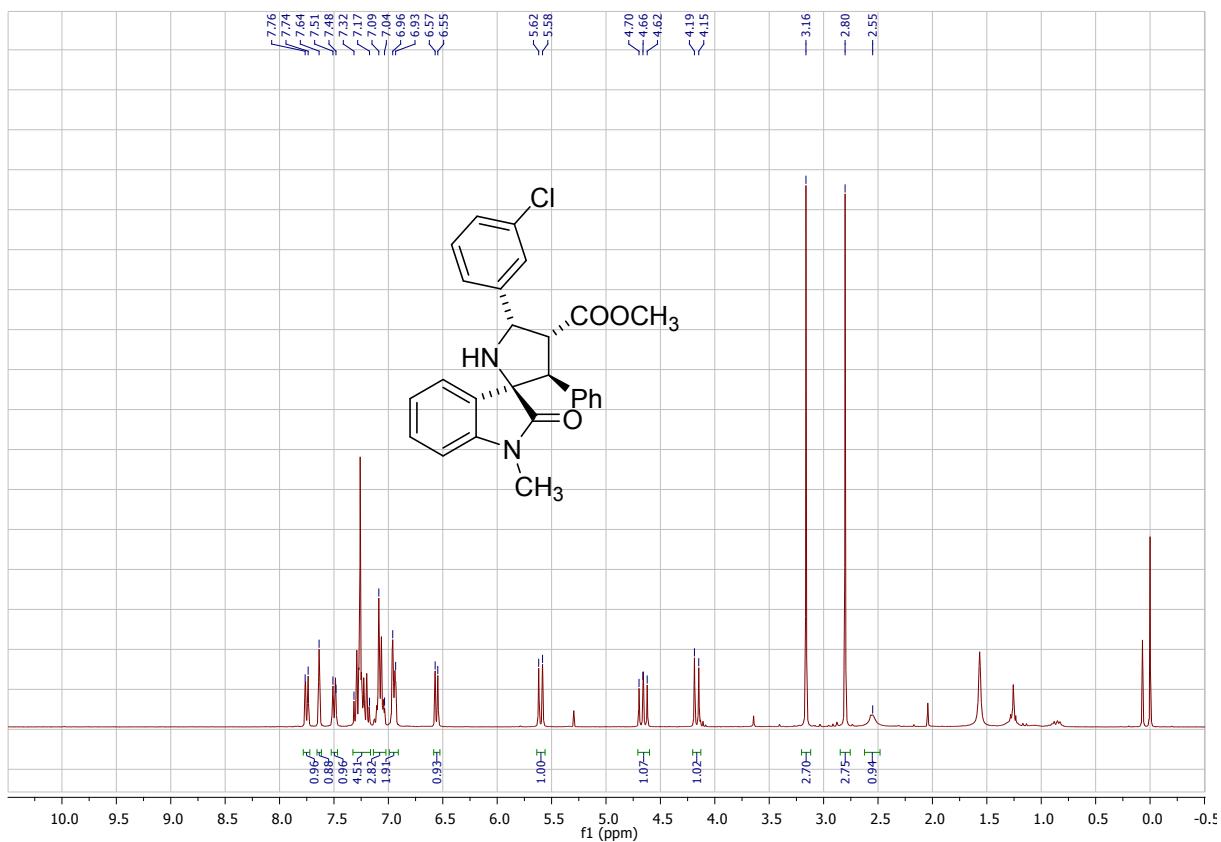
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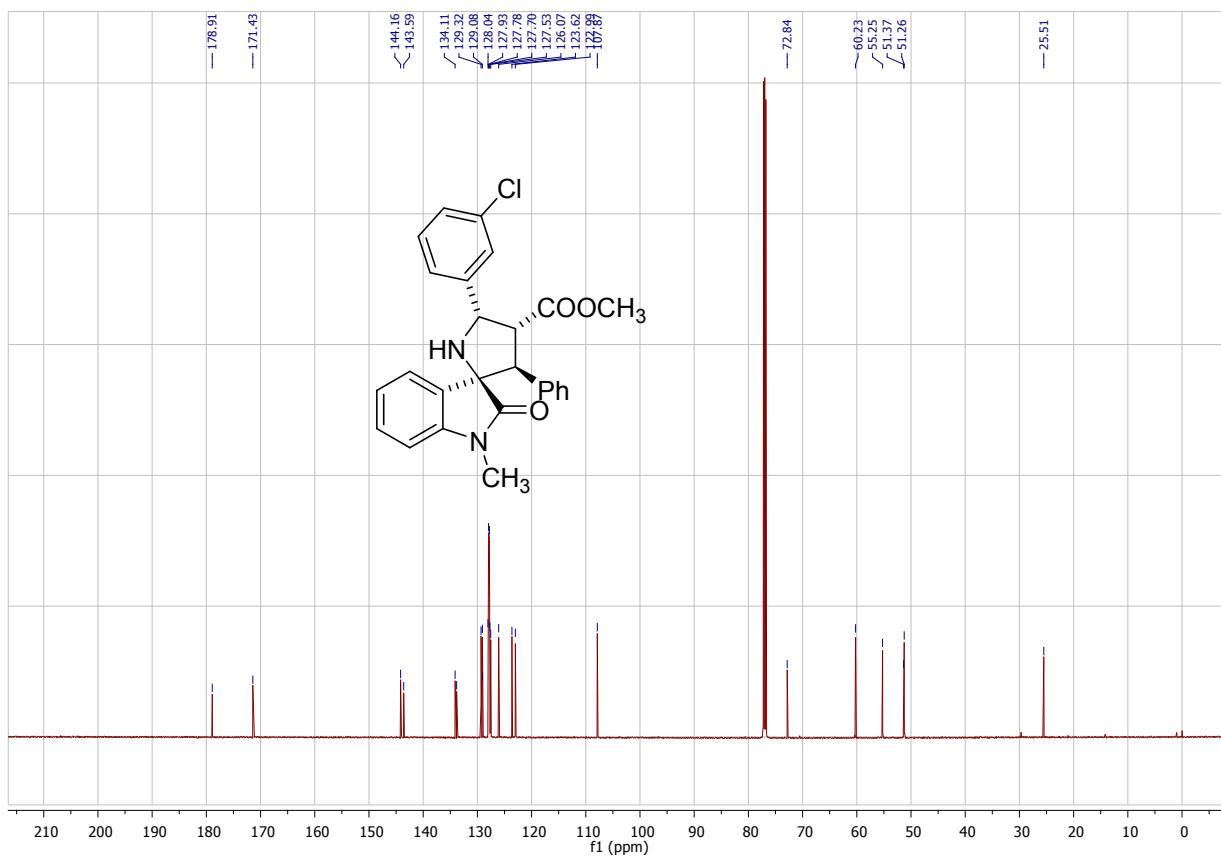
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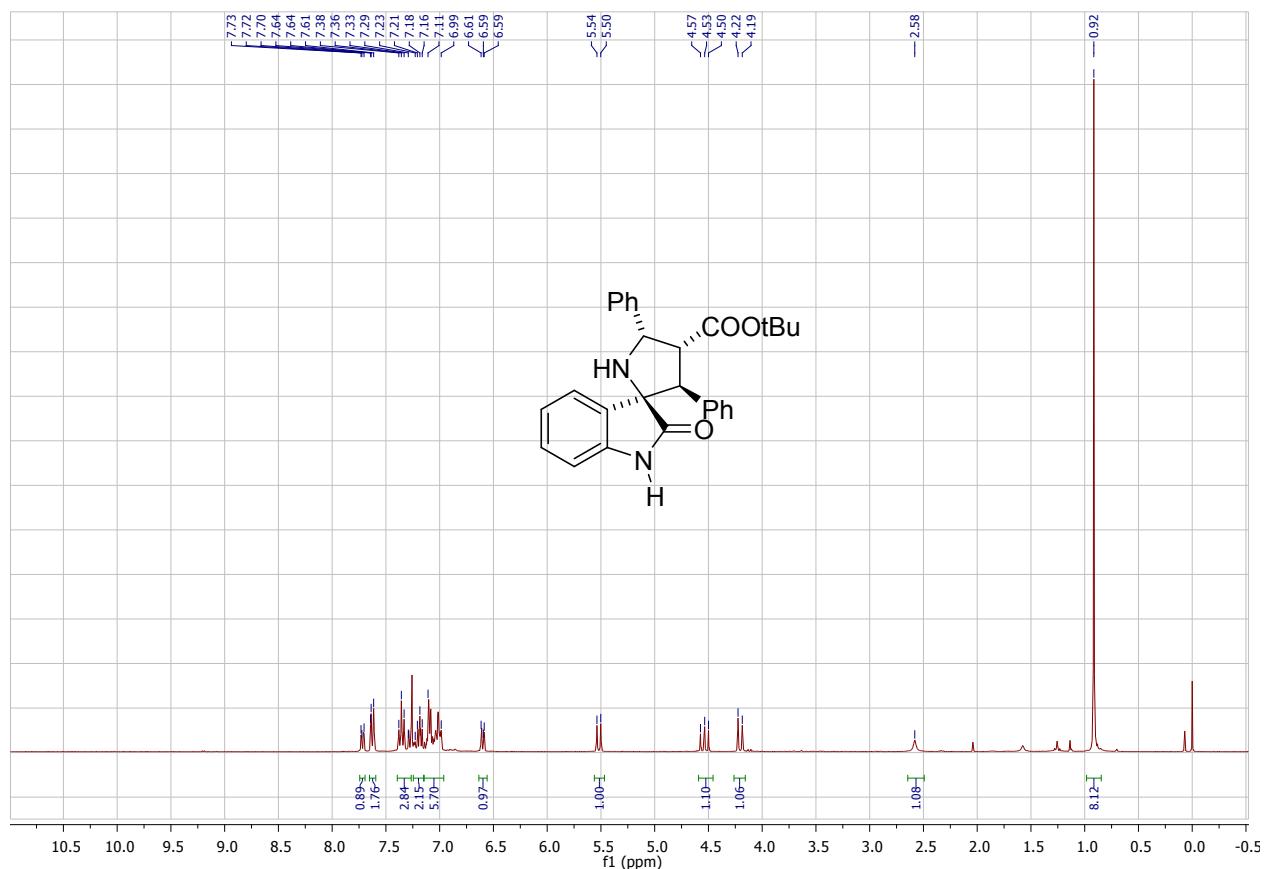
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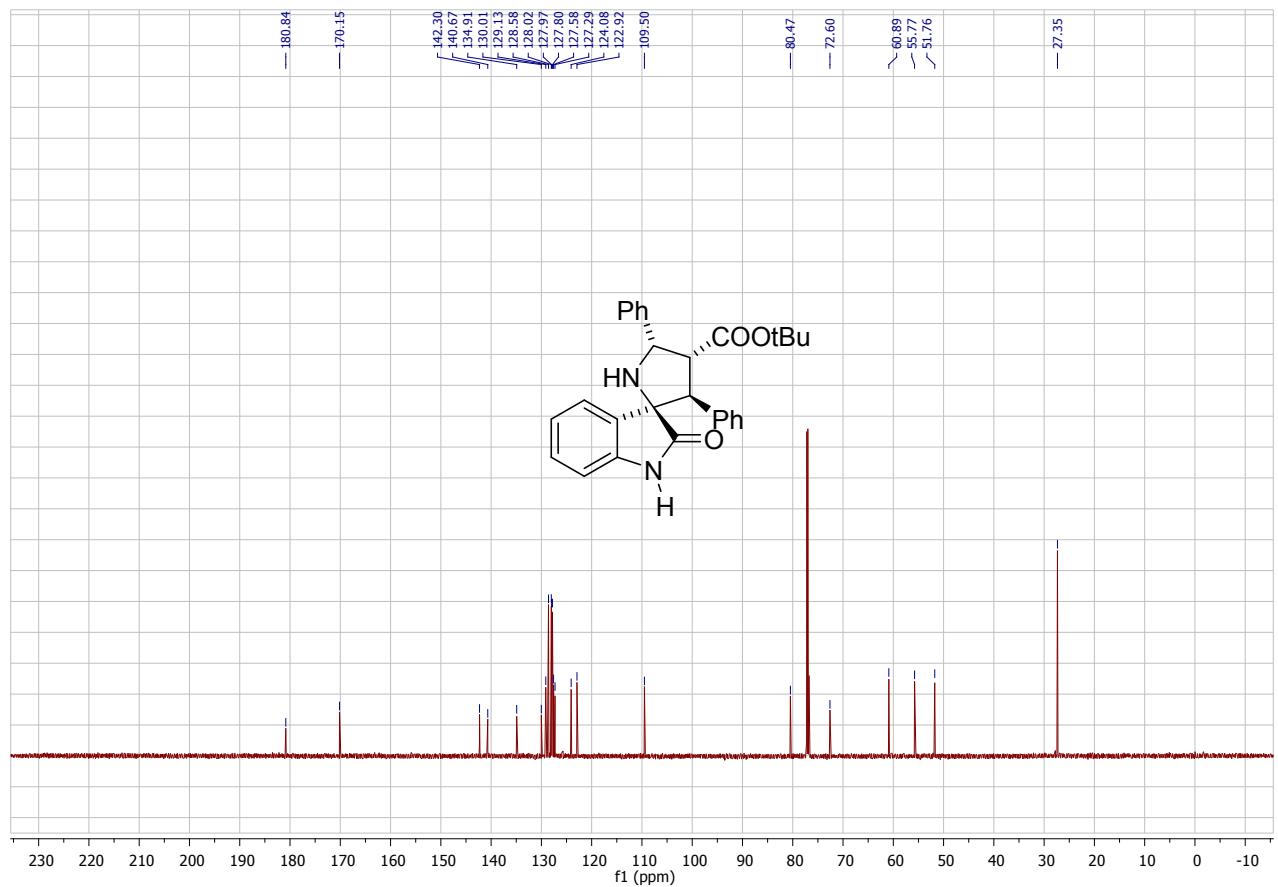
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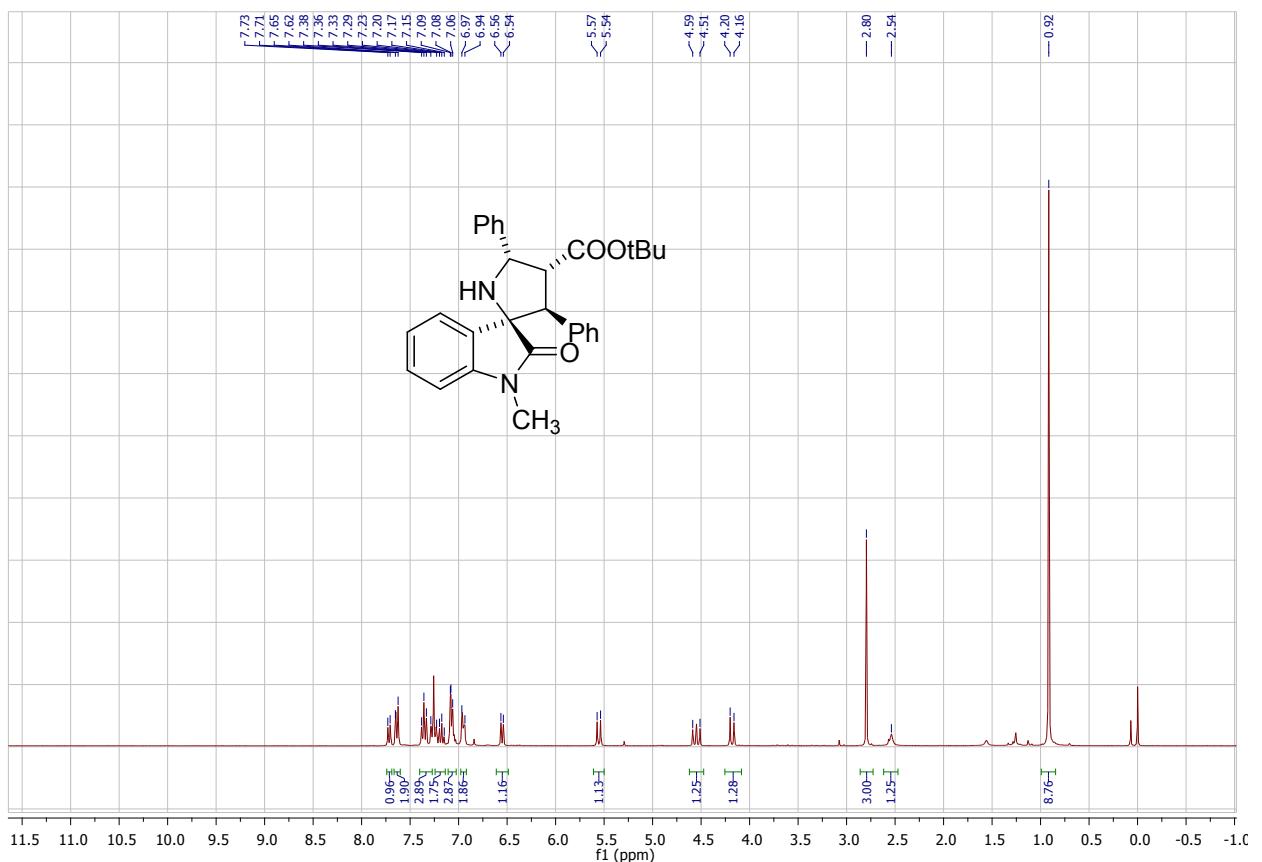
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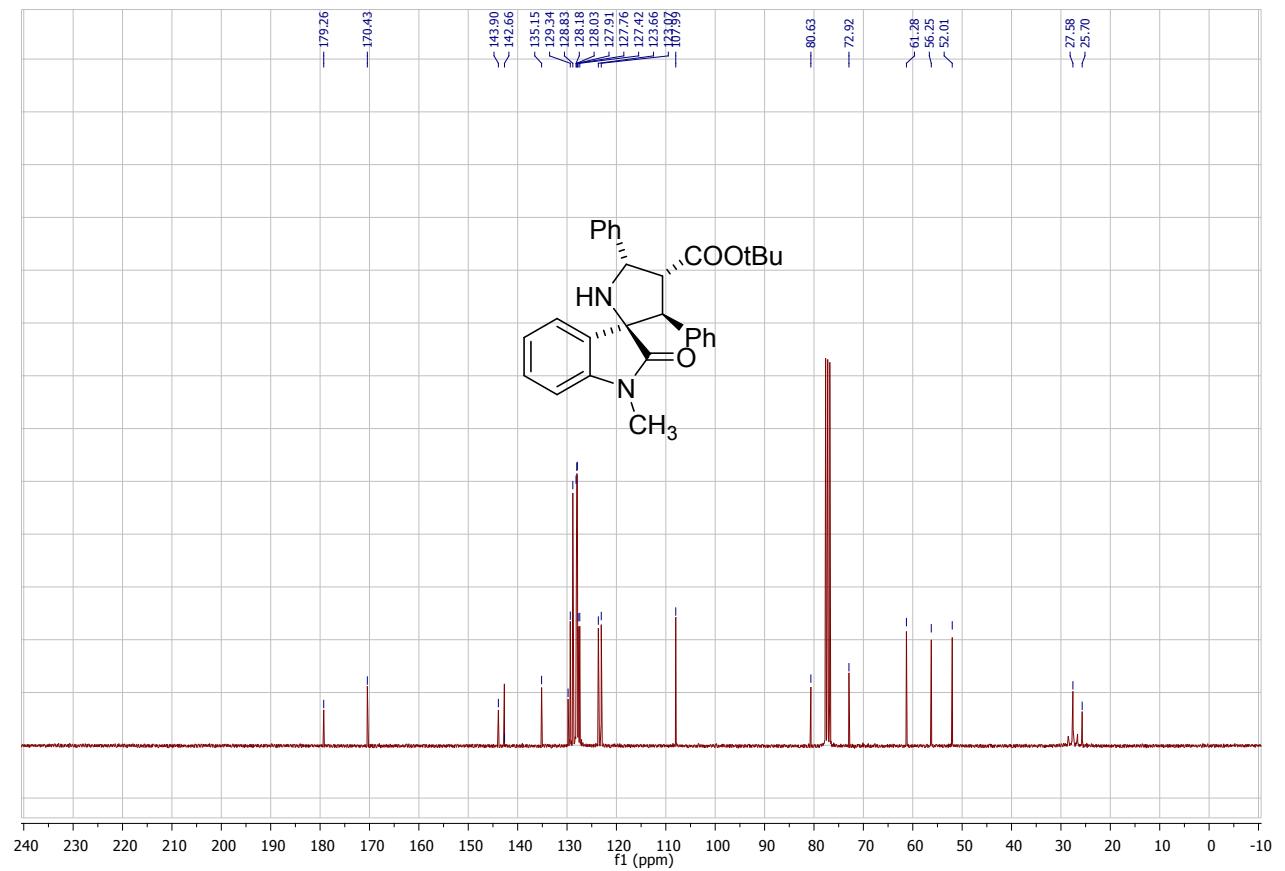
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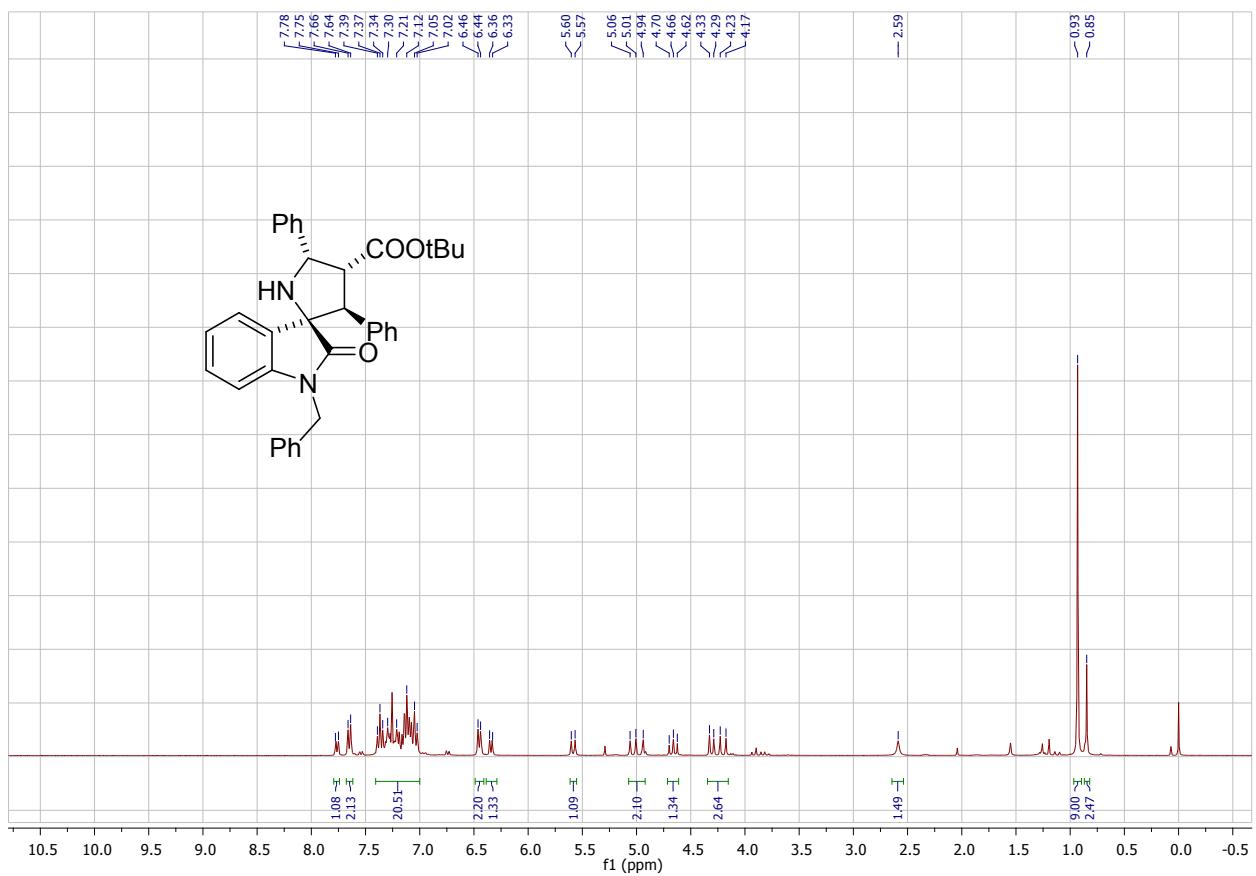
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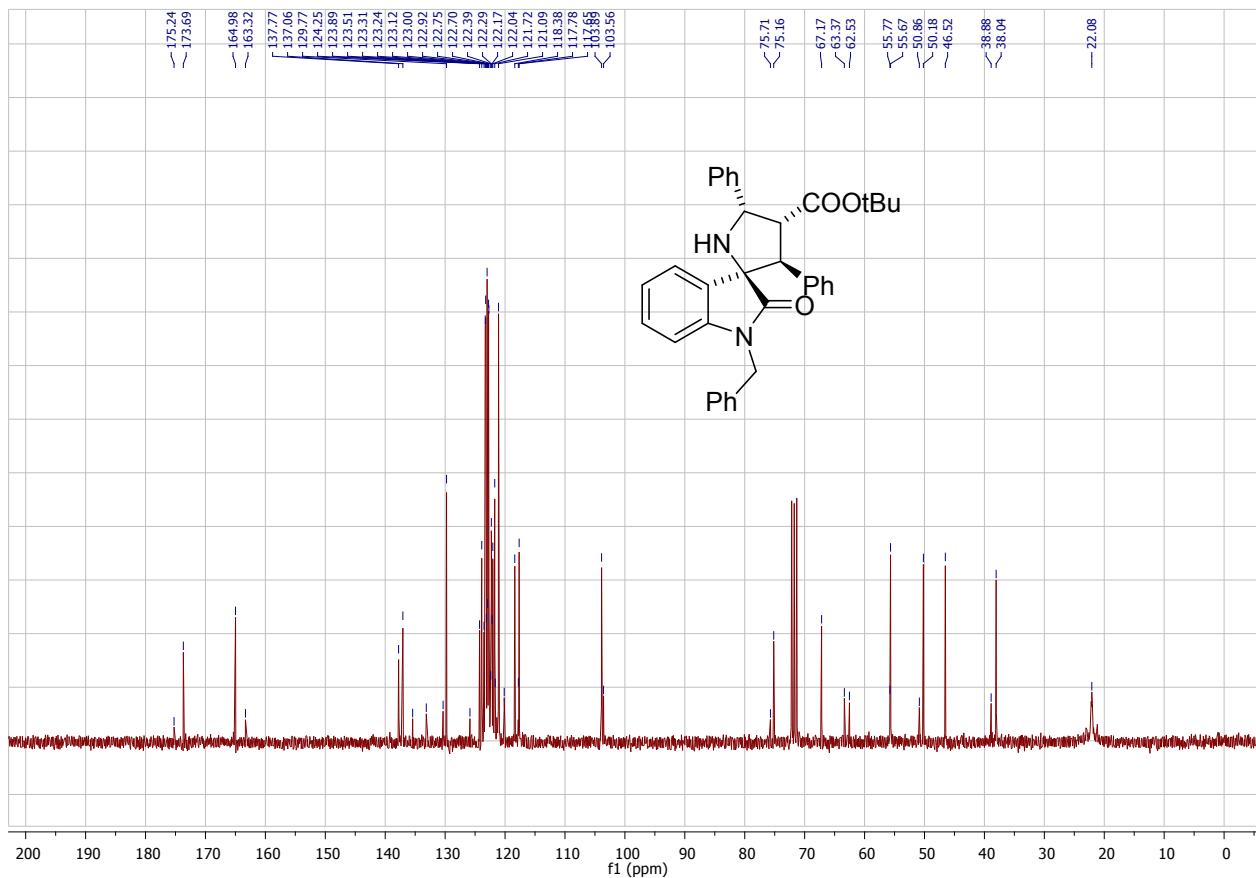
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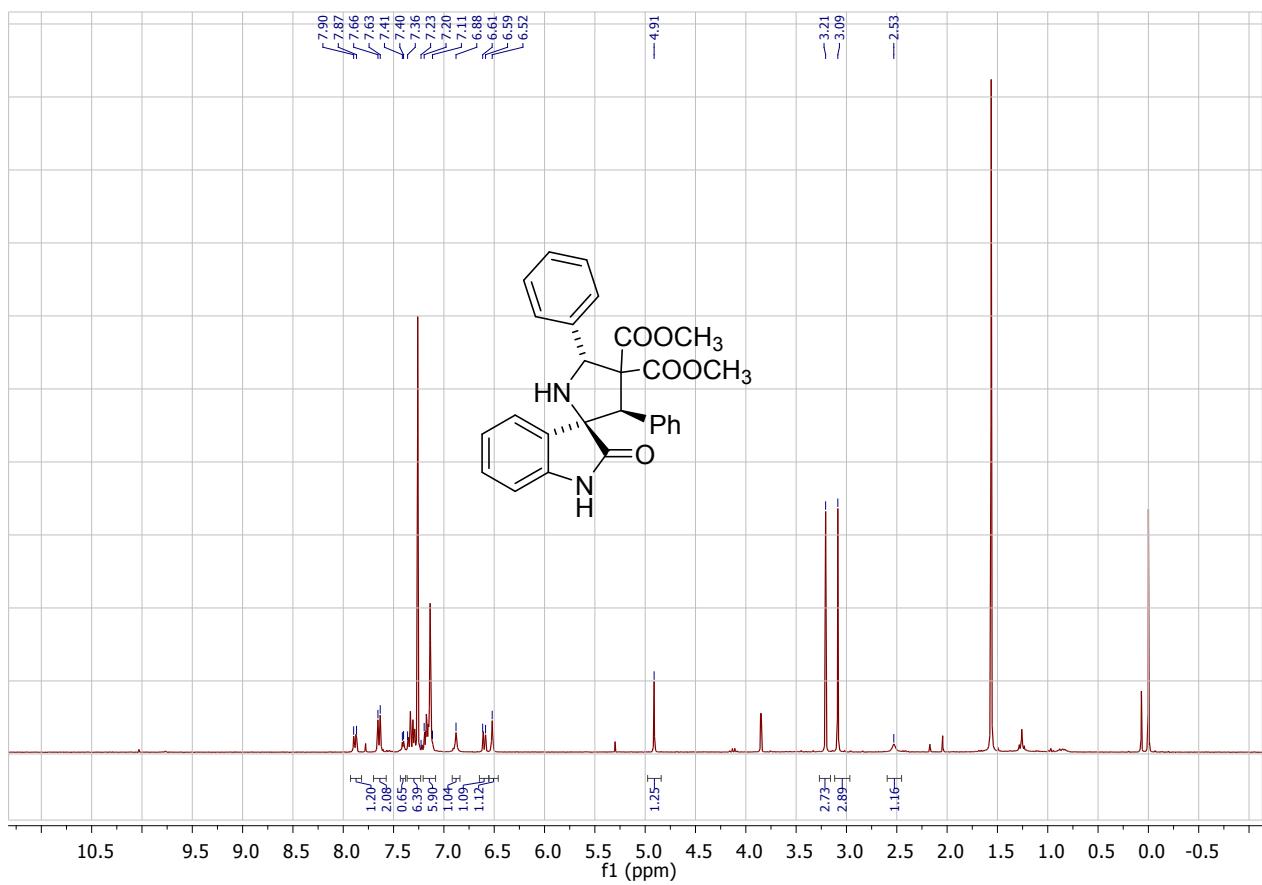
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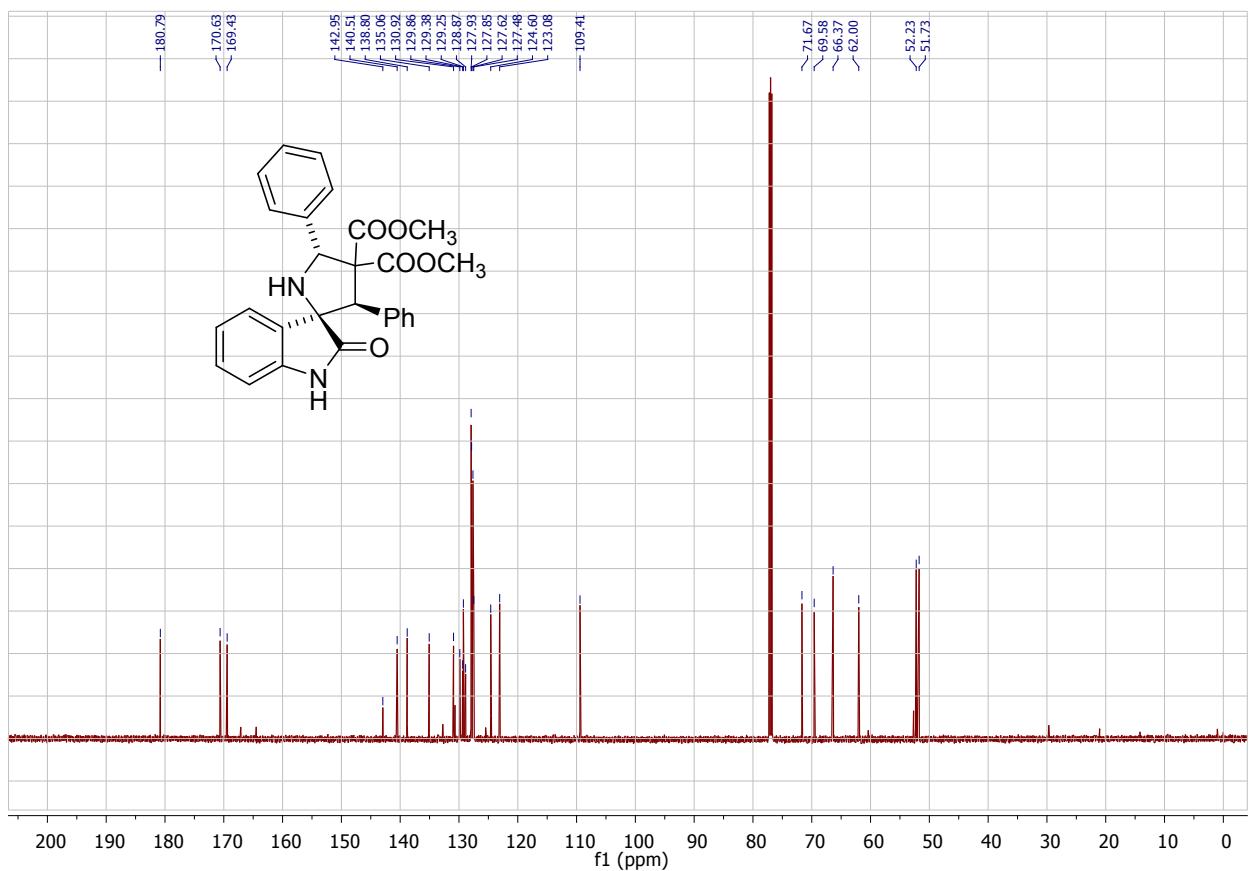
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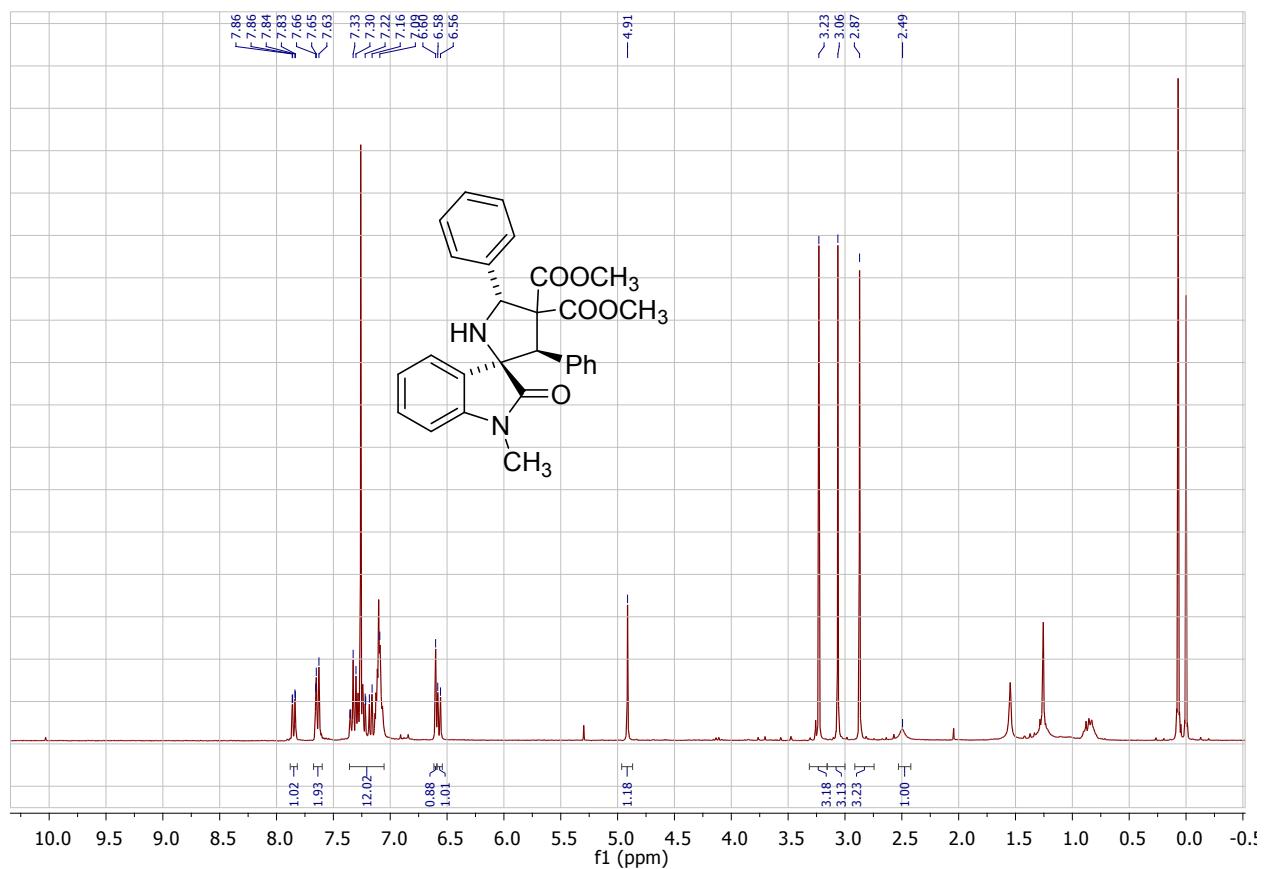
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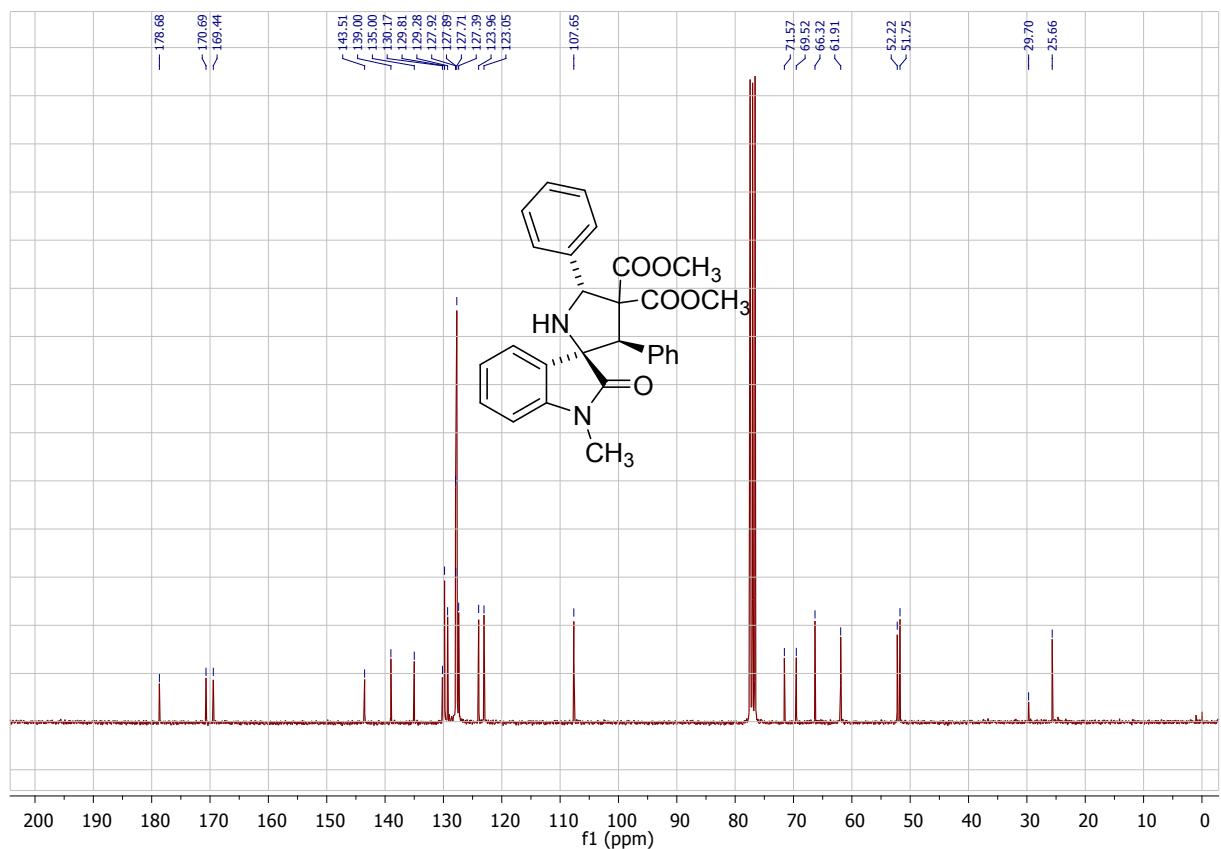
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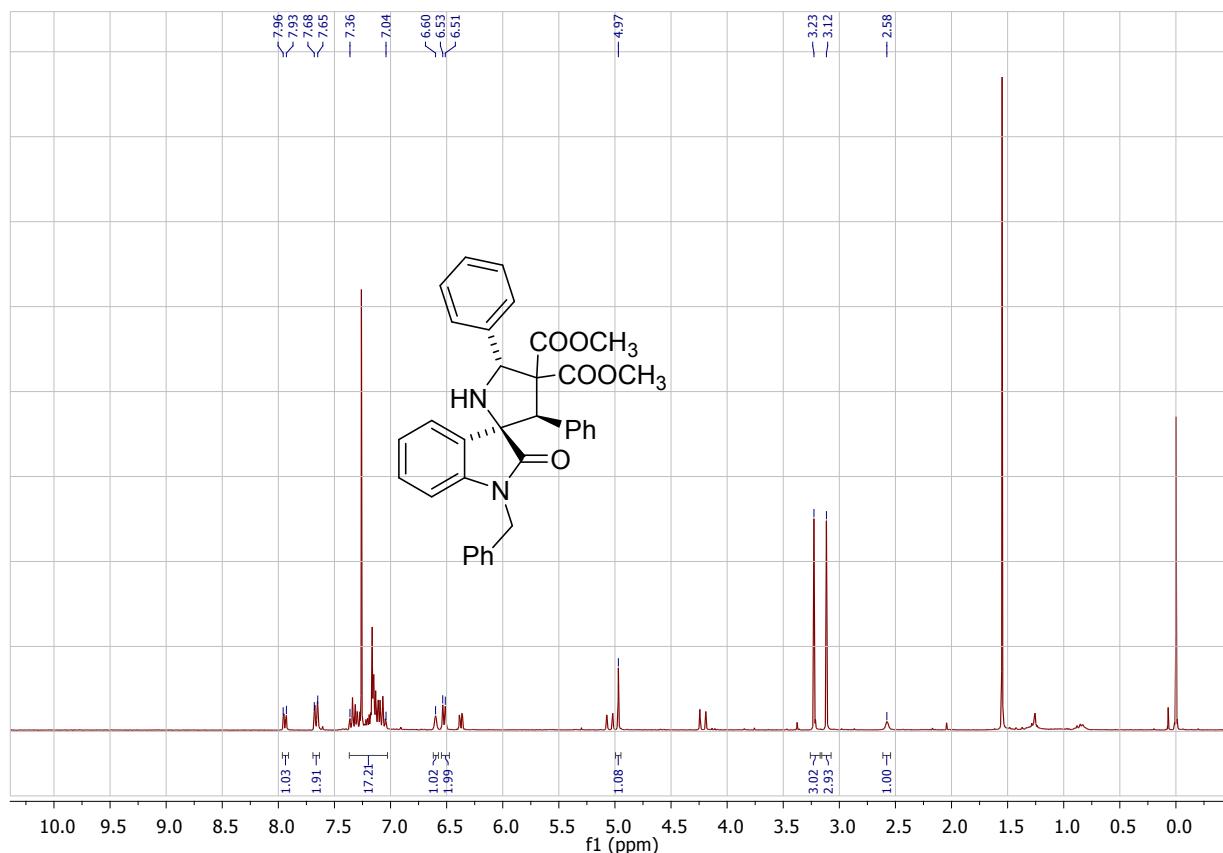
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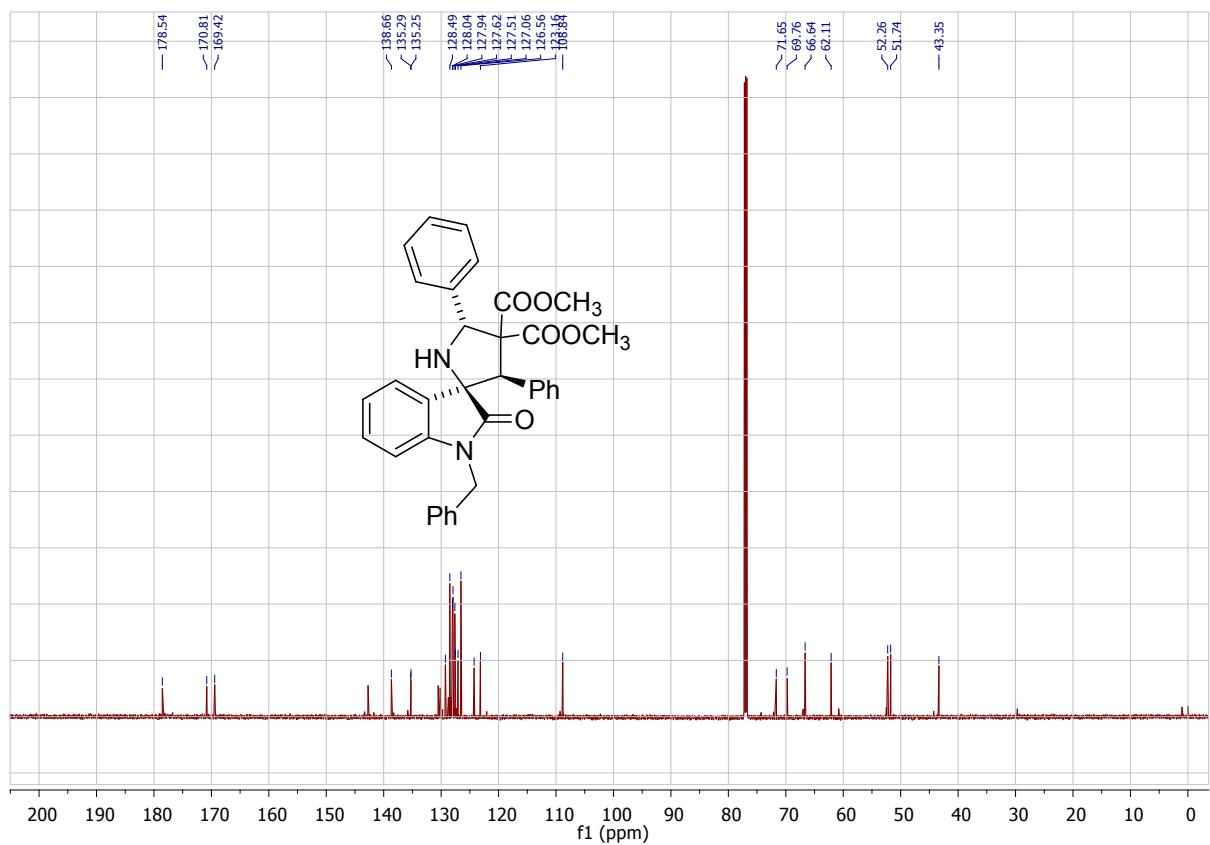
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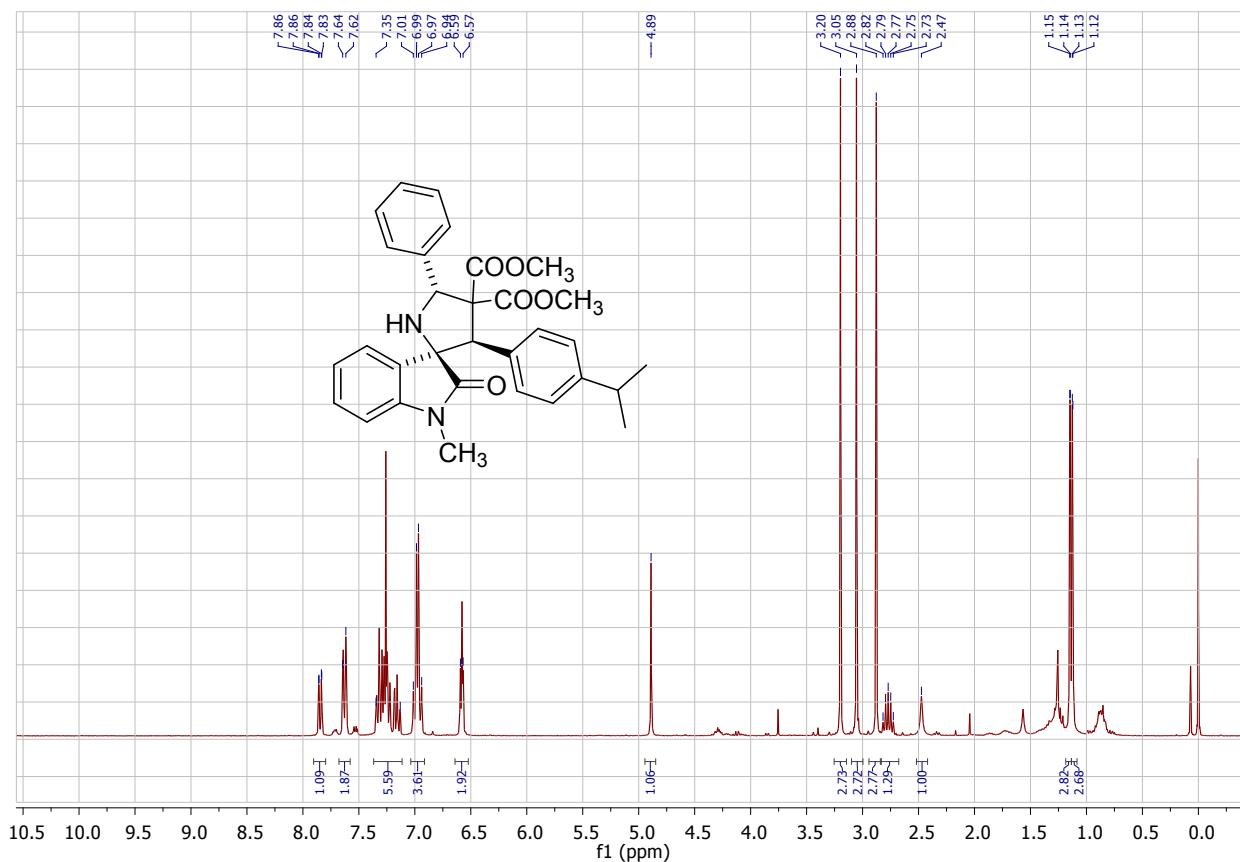
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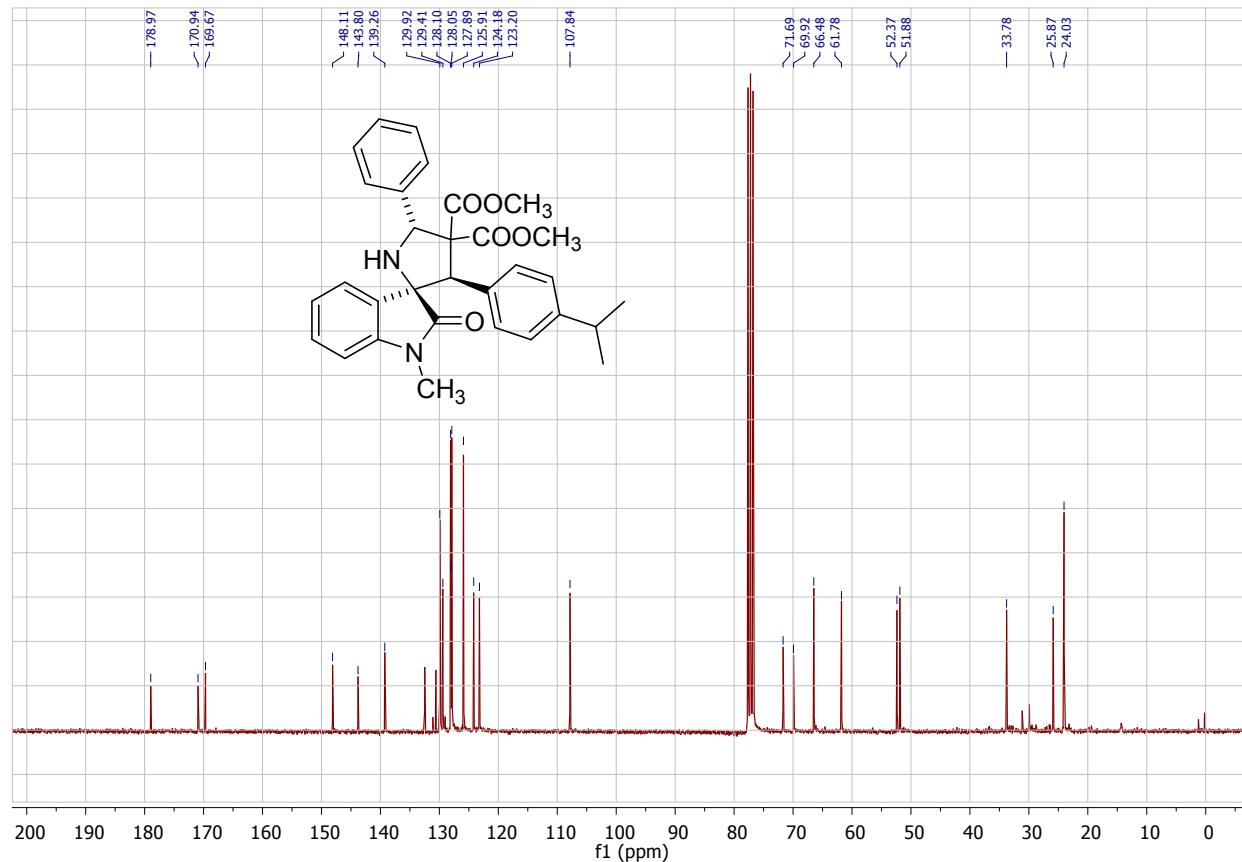
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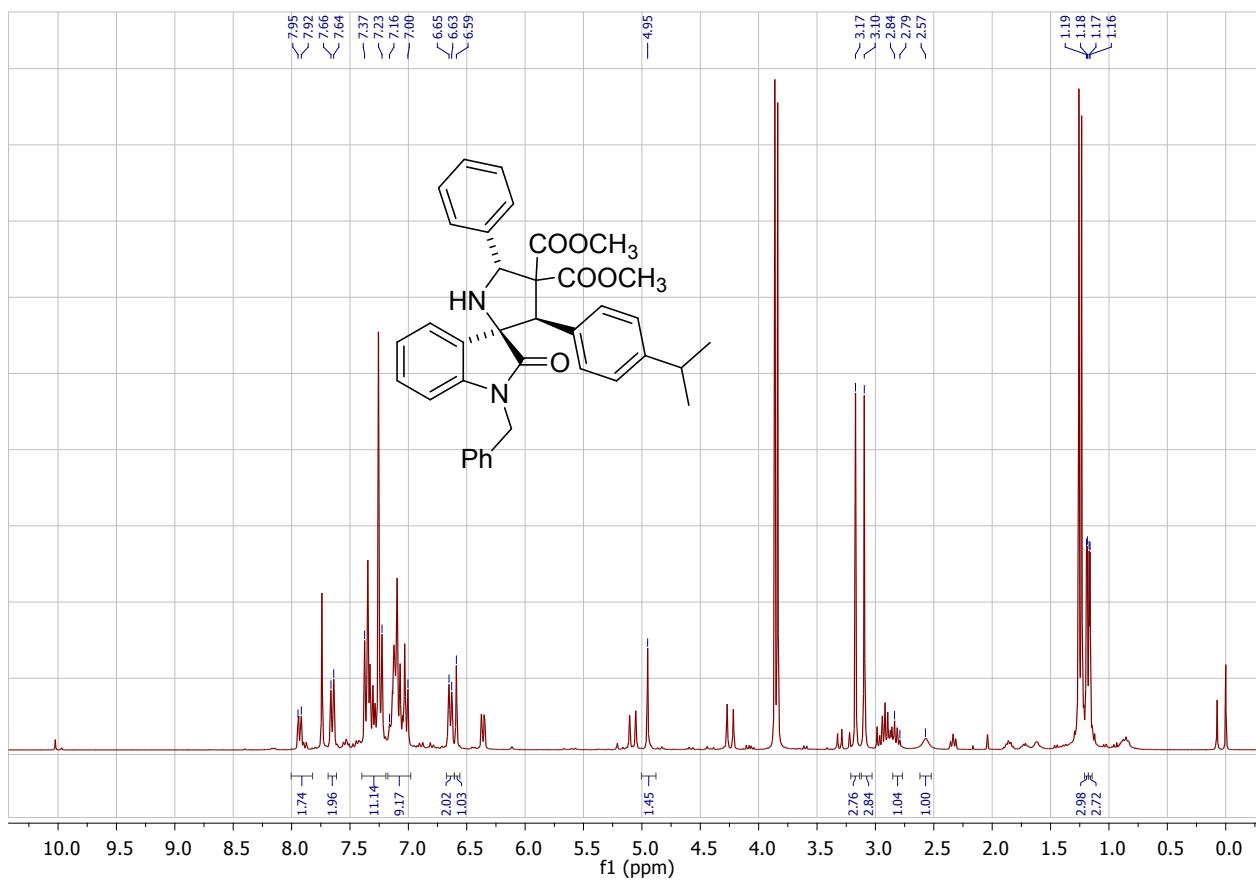
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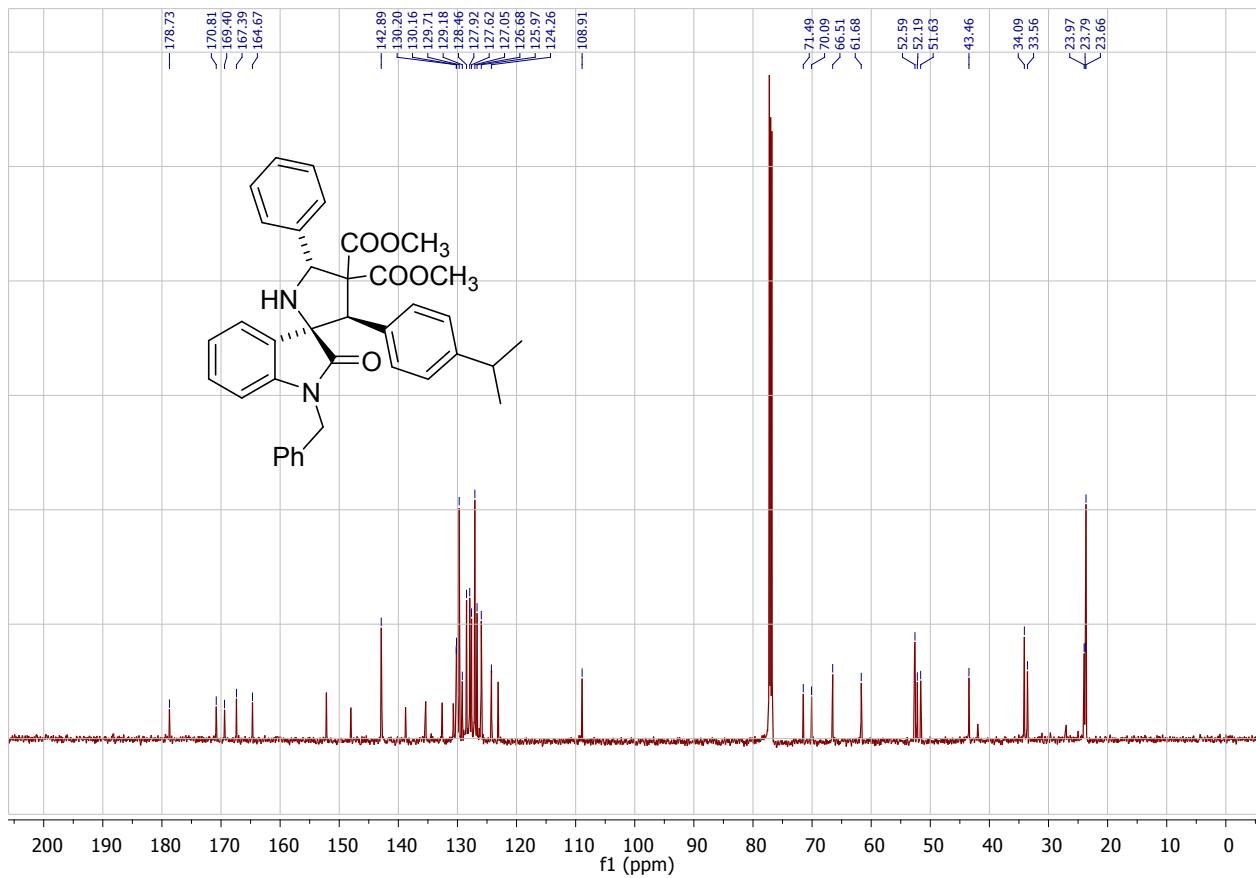
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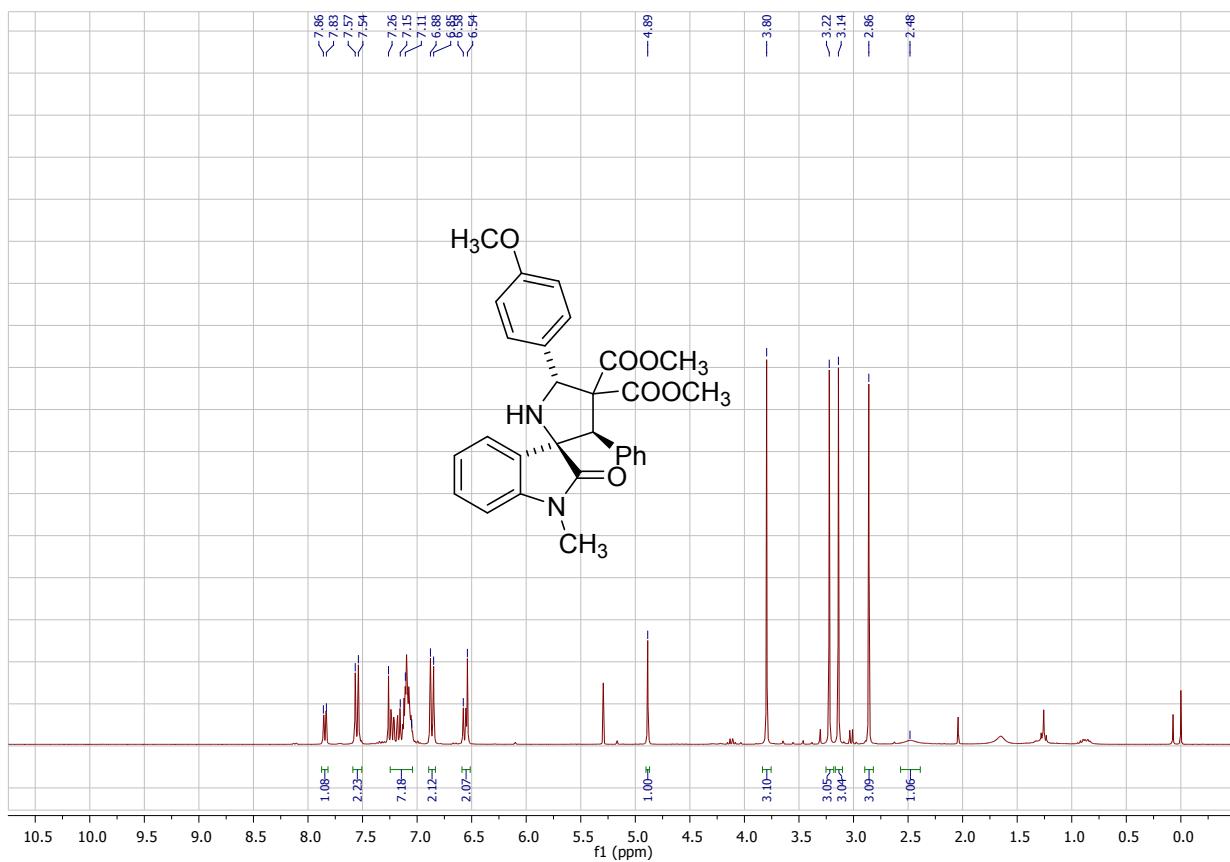
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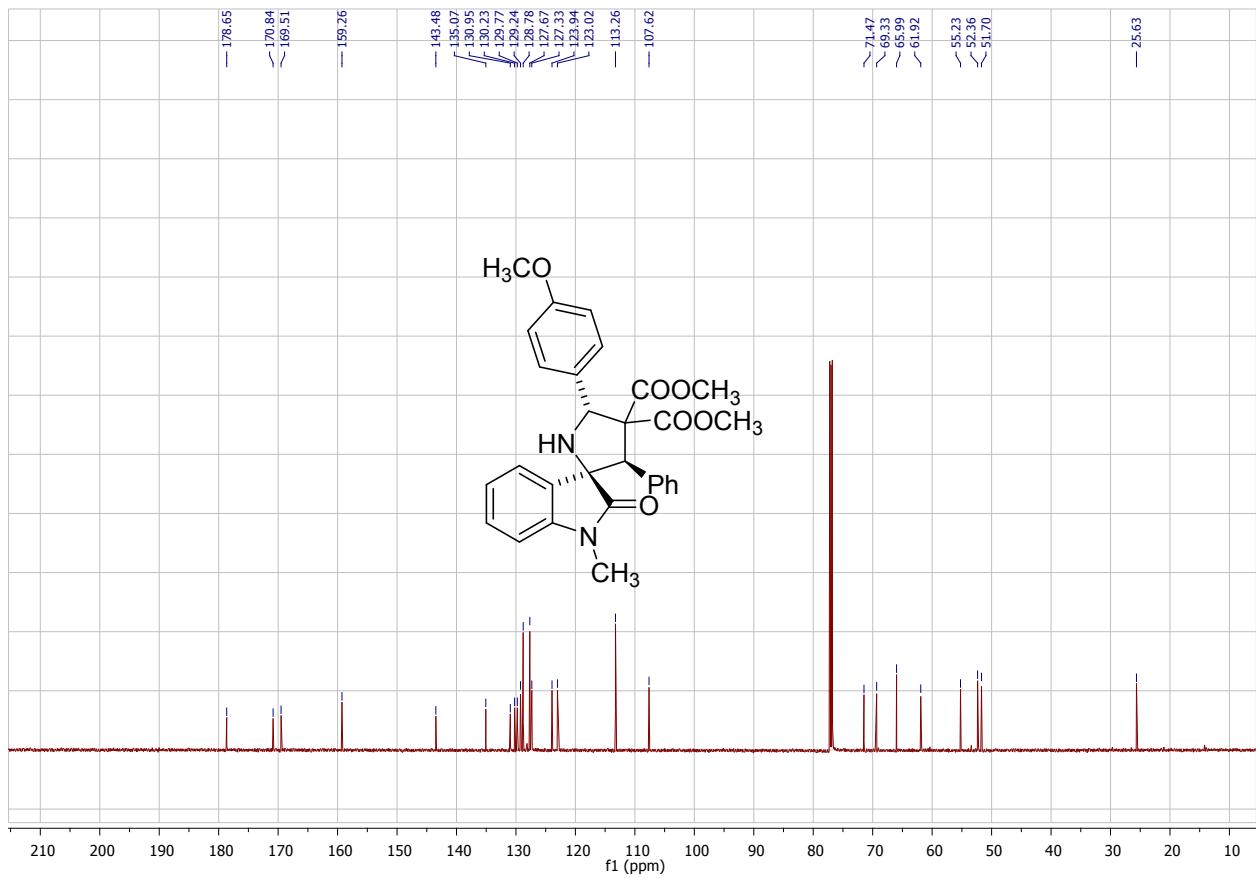
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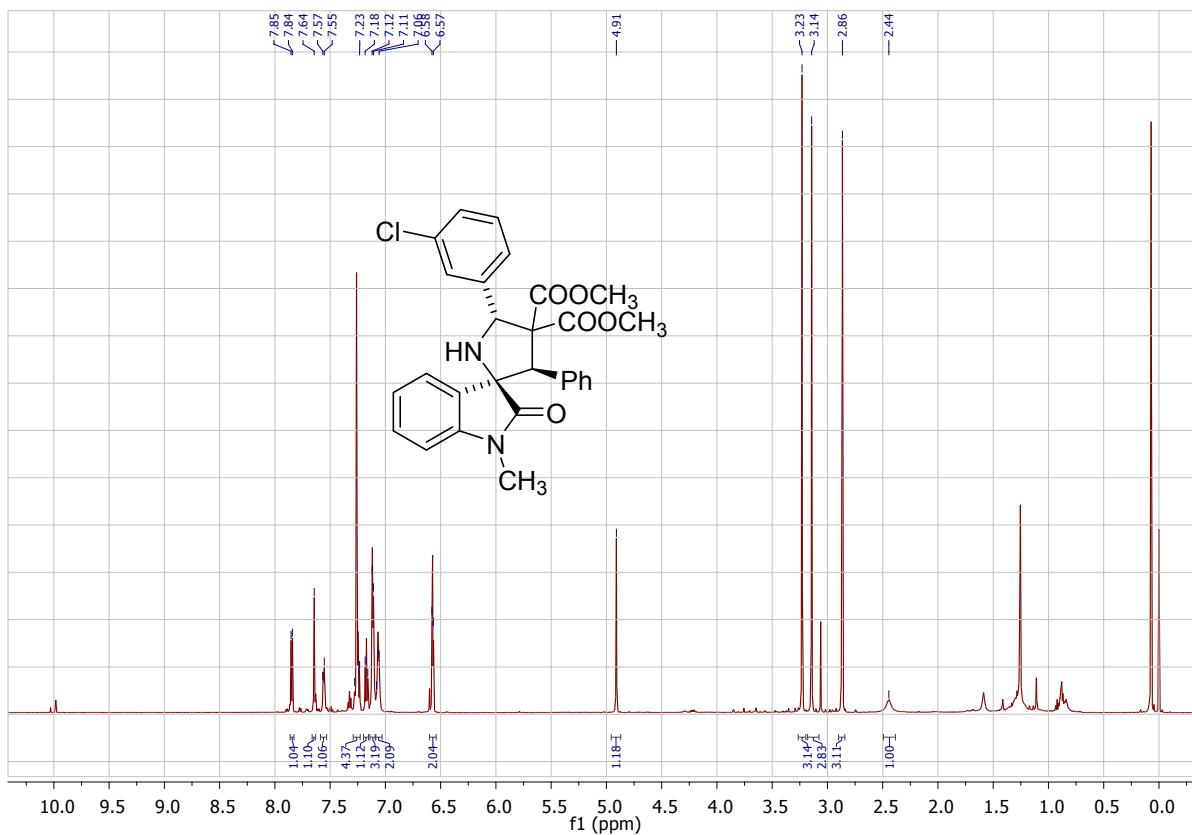
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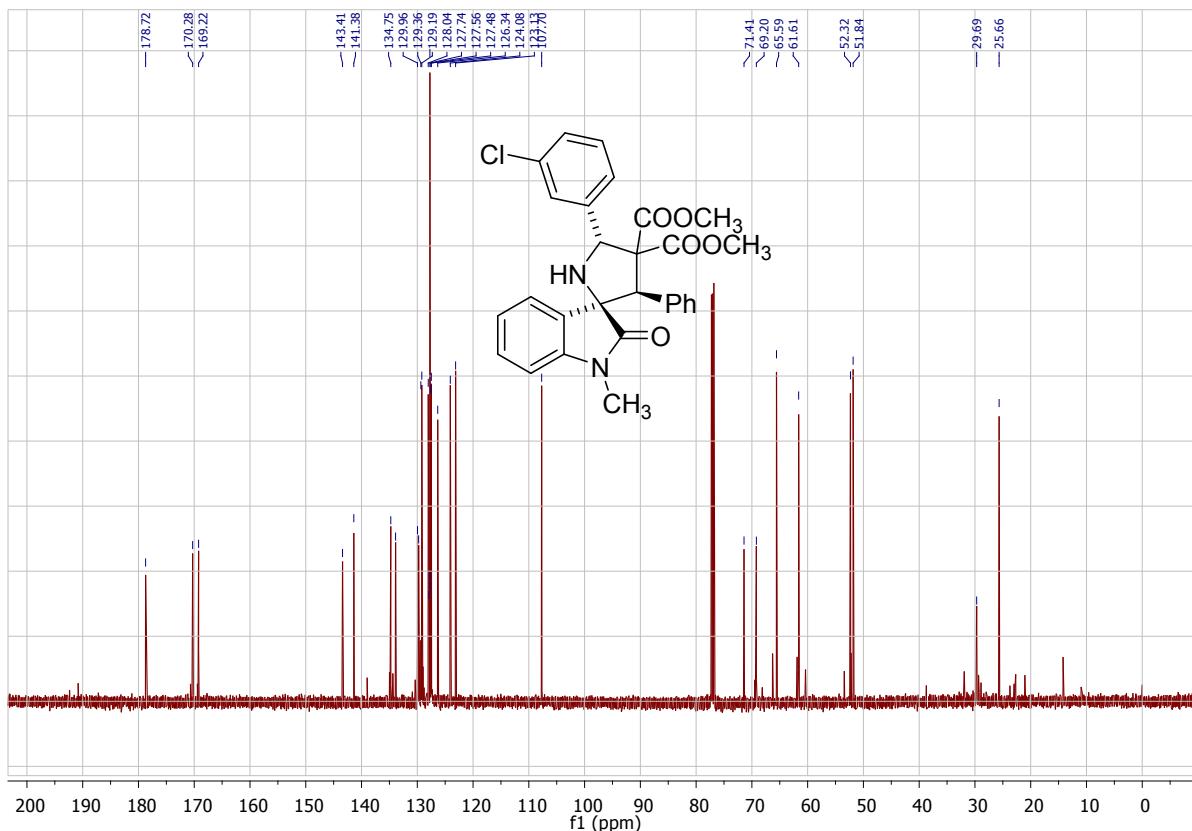
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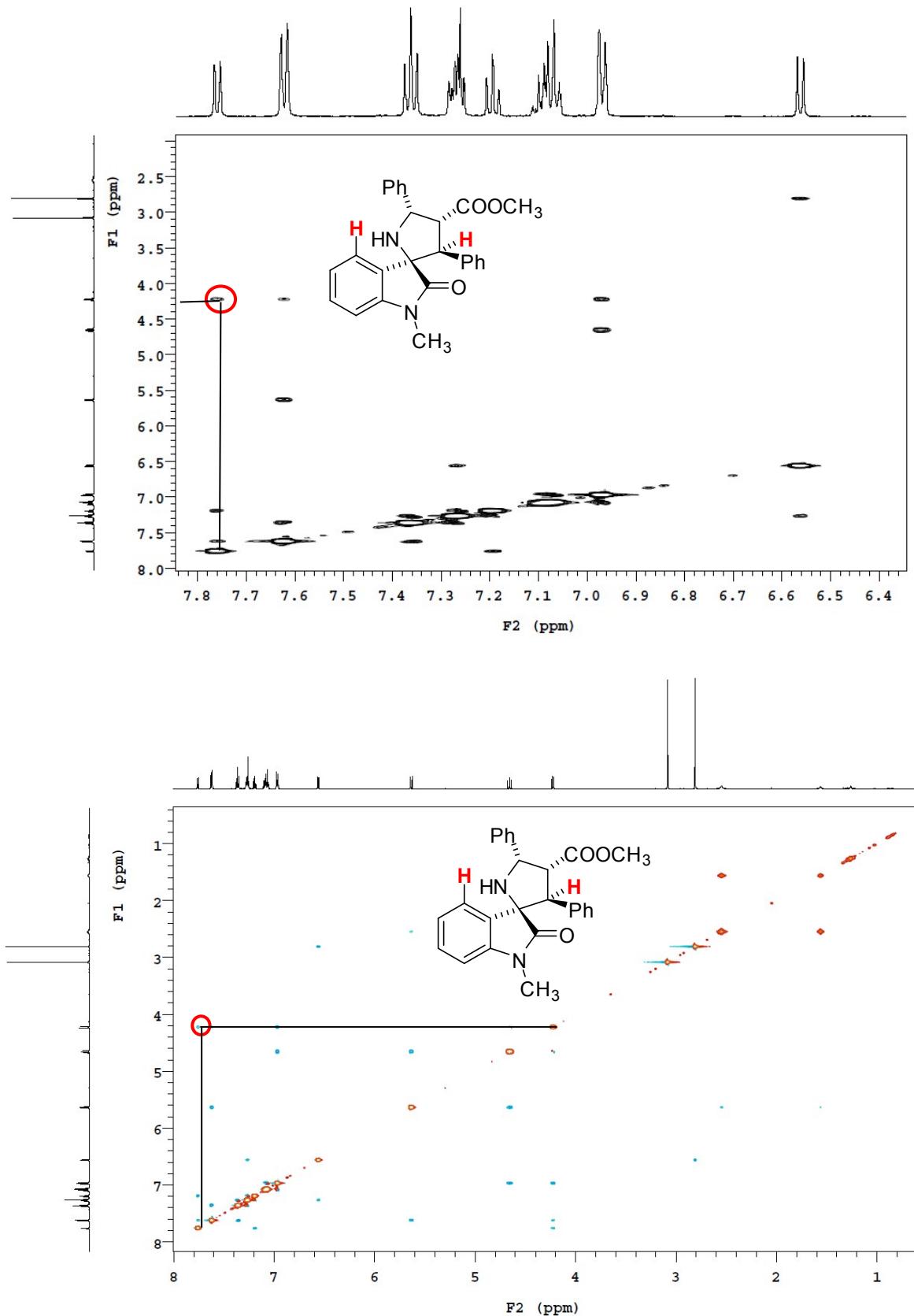


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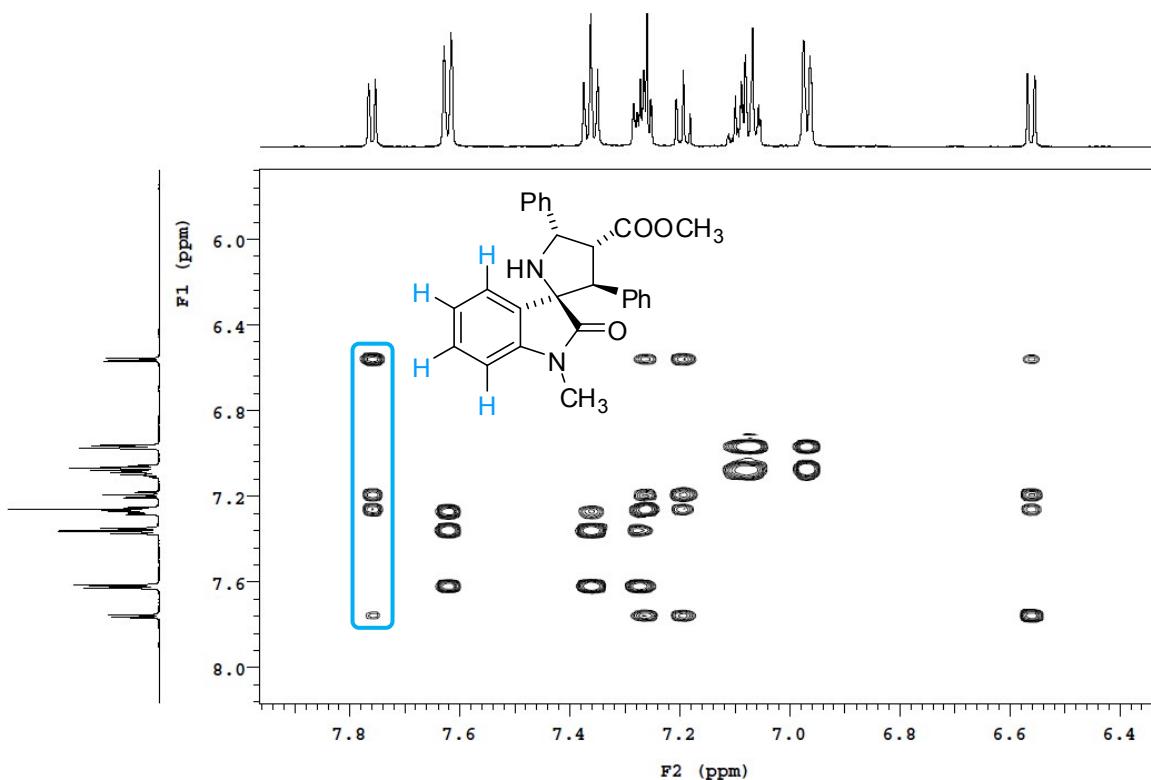


**NMR data for the determination of relative configuration of compound 4b and 8b**

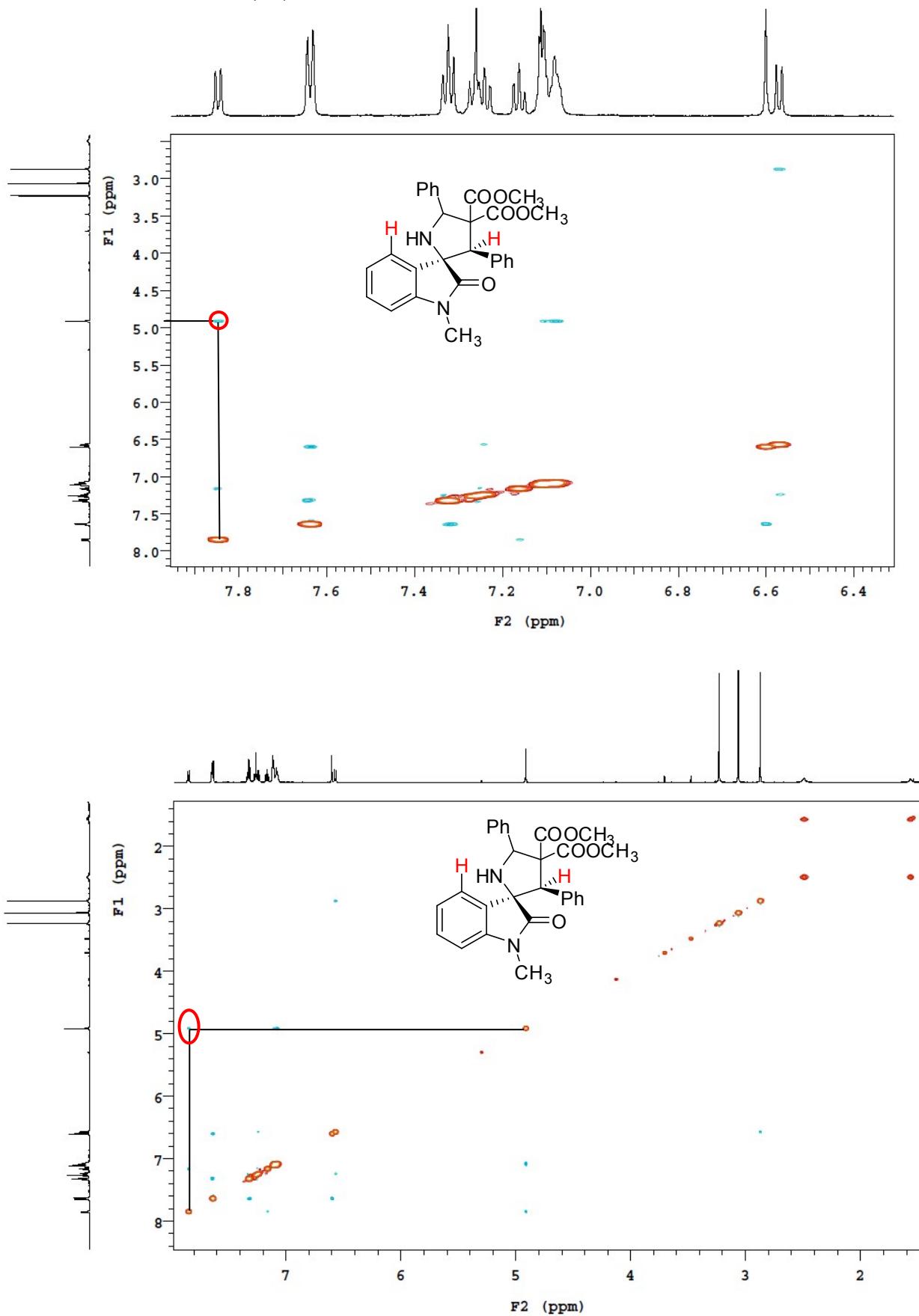
2D NMR  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  NOESY (4b)



2D NMR  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  TOCSY (**4b**)



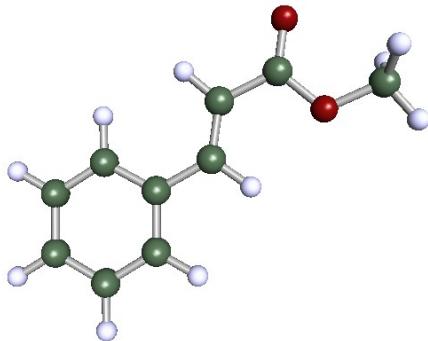
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## Computational details

Structures were fully geometrically optimized using dispersion corrected DFT calculations at the B3LYP-D3(BJ)/def2-SVP level of theory<sup>20</sup> using Turbomole 7.0 program.<sup>21</sup>

### Methyl cinnamate



Cartesian coordinates

C	0.08613255	-0.43581106	2.16239627
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<sup>20</sup> DFT-D3(BJ): a) Grimme, S.; Antony, J.; Ehrlich, S.; Krieg, H. *J. Chem. Phys.* **2010**, *132*, 154104; b) Grimme, S.; Ehrlich, S.; Goerigk, L. *J. Comput. Chem.* **2011**, *32*, 1456-1465; B3LYP: Becke, A. D. *J. Chem. Phys.* **1993**, *98*, 5648-5652; Lee, C.; Yang, W.; R.G. Parr *Phys. Rev. B* **1988**, *37*, 785-789; (1) Stephens, P. J.; Devlin, F. J.; Chabalowski, C. F.; Frisch, M. J. *J. Phys. Chem.* **1994**, *98*, 11623-11627; Vosko, S. H.; Wilk, L.; Nusair, M. *Can. J. Phys.* **1980**, *58*, 1200-1211; DFT implemenetation and basis set in Turbomole: Treutler, O.; Ahlrichs, R. *J. Chem. Phys.* **1995**, *102*, 346-354; Von Arnim, M.; Ahlrichs, R. *J. Comp. Chem.* **1998**, *19*, 1746-1757; Eichkorn, K.; Treutler, O.; Öhm, H.; Häser, M.; Ahlrichs, R. *Chem. Phys. Lett.* **1995**, *242*, 652-660; Eichkorn, K.; Weigend, F.; Treutler, O.; Ahlrichs, R. *Theor. Chem. Acc.* **1997**, *97*, 119-124.

<sup>21</sup> TURBOMOLE V7.0 2015, a development of University of Karlsruhe and Forschungszentrum Karlsruhe GmbH, 1989-2007, TURBOMOLE GmbH, since 2007; available from <http://www.turbomole.com>.

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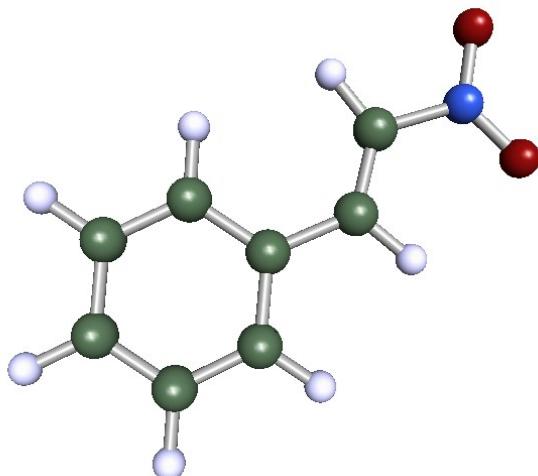
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### Nitrostyrene



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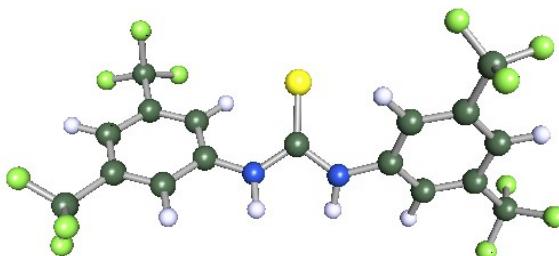
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### Schreiner's thiourea



### Cartesian coordinates

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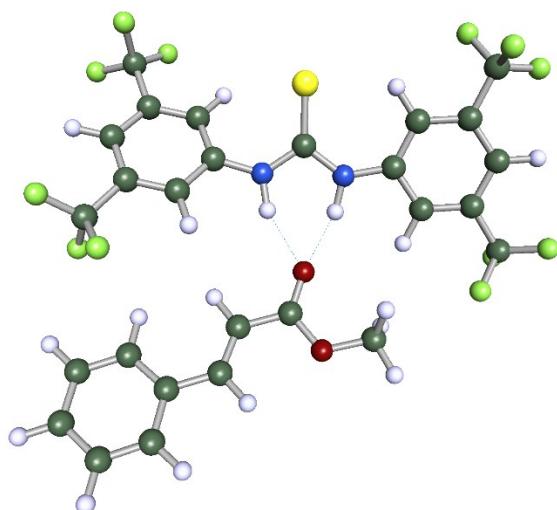
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### Schreiner's thiourea + cinnamate



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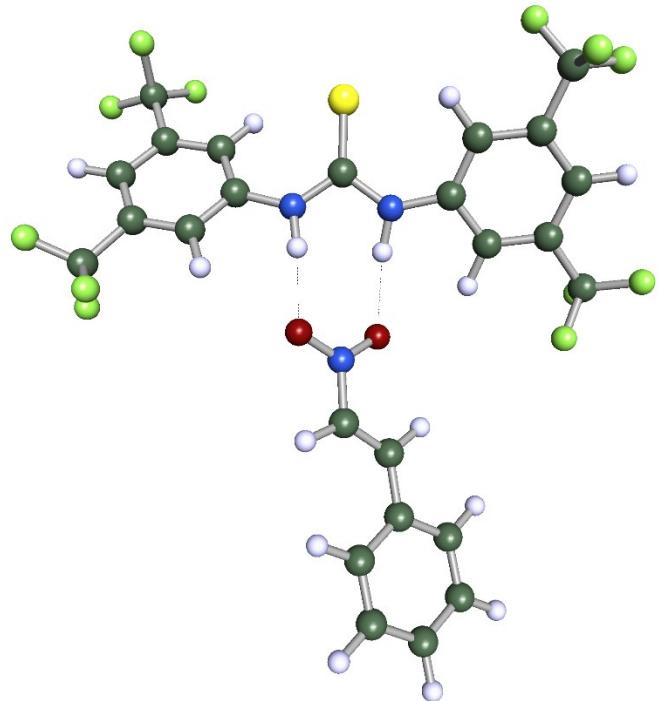
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### Schreiner's thiourea + nitrostyrene



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F	-3.61074525	13.59156884	-0.81292777
F	-1.22267245	11.11157466	1.41298702
H	-5.43112803	11.71764582	-4.68594865
H	-1.04370518	6.64422088	-0.05921988
H	-3.34535756	4.36735808	-7.54306857
H	-0.43773617	2.69239487	-1.36321597
H	0.07764632	-1.03088886	-1.60712482
H	3.50628847	-2.22501270	-7.68519374
H	5.28325076	-9.79637952	-5.19552311
H	0.75752381	-4.91858234	-0.50090579
C	0.02460013	-2.60395961	9.77721752
C	0.40058237	-3.88747217	14.91499927
C	-0.27271927	-5.13053278	10.57479577
C	0.51402077	-0.72643979	11.61056066
C	0.69847853	-1.36723209	14.15187149
C	-0.08432943	-5.76708109	13.12361865
C	-0.19045636	-2.05435065	7.09751816
C	0.10016049	0.21705596	5.97513402
N	-0.15847537	0.45182169	3.28840032
O	-0.78385690	-1.39027574	2.01184654
O	0.27442945	2.54675775	2.37407733
H	0.56615240	2.00919950	6.86622491
H	-0.62573608	-3.64365374	5.84872121
H	-0.65034979	-6.59427486	9.16757101
H	0.74556138	1.24369832	11.04355531
H	1.07451327	0.09846543	15.55584868
H	-0.31641841	-7.73056435	13.71503306
H	0.54685243	-4.37997400	16.91481786

There are no imaginary frequencies.

SCF energy: -2869.6275285 hartree

zero-point correction: + 0.381689 hartree

enthalpy correction: + 0.420778 hartree

free energy correction: + 0.299659 hartree