

Supporting Information

Synthesis of pyrrolo[1,2-*a*]naphthyridines by Lewis acid mediated cycloisomerization

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General Information

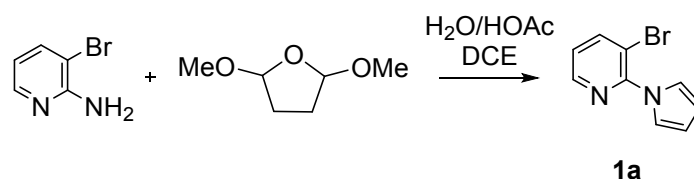
The nuclear magnetic resonance spectra ($^1\text{H}/^{13}\text{C}/^{19}\text{F}$ NMR) were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE 300 III, 250 II or 500. The analyzed chemical shifts δ are referenced to residual solvents signals of the deuterated solvents CDCl_3 ($\delta = 7.26$ ppm/77.2 ppm) $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ($\delta = 2.50$ ppm/39.5 ppm) or C_6D_6 ($\delta = 7.16$ ppm/128.1 ppm). Multiplicities due to spin-spin correlation are reported as follows: s = singlet, brs = broad singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet and further described through their coupling constants J . Infrared spectra (IR) were measured as attenuated total reflection (ATR) experiments with a Nicolet 6700 FT-IR spectrometer and a Nicolet 550 FT-IR spectrometer. The signals have been characterized through their wave numbers $\tilde{\nu}$ and their corresponding absorption as strong (s), medium (m) or weak (w). Basic and high resolution mass spectra (MS/HRMS) were measured on instruments which are paired with a preceding gas chromatograph (GC) or liquid chromatograph (LC). The samples have been ionized through electron impact ionization (EI) on an Agilent 6890 N/5973 GC-MS equipped with a HP-5 capillary column using helium carrier gas or by applying electron spray ionization (ESI) on an Agilent 1200/6210 Time-of-Flight (TOF) LC-MS. Melting points (mp) were determined by a Micro-Hot-Stage GalenTM III Cambridge Instruments and are not corrected.

Materials

The applied solvents toluene, xylene, MeCN, DCE, DCM were obtained as dry solvents through commercial sources and employed without further purification. Solvents for extraction and column chromatography were available after previous distillation. Other reagents, catalysts, ligands, Lewis acids and bases have been utilized in purchased purity. Column chromatography was performed using Merck Silica gel 60 (particle size 63–200 μm).

Preparation of [1,8]naphthyridines

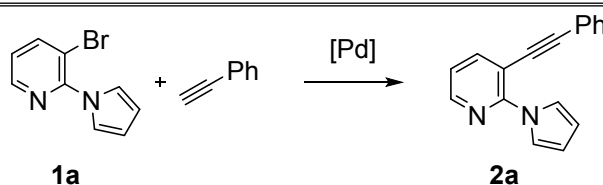
Starting materials





3-Bromo-2-([1H]-pyrrol-1-yl)pyridine 1a. To a solution of 2-amino-3-bromopyridine (5.8 mmol, 1.0 g) in 1.5 ml DCE at 80 °C 2,5-dimethoxytetrahydrofuran (1.05 eq., 6.1 mmol, 0.79 ml) was added. A mixture of H₂O/HOAc (2:1, 2 ml) was poured into the solution. The reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h. Thereafter, the crude product was washed with distilled water and extracted with DCM. Following the evaporation of the organic solvent the product **1a** was obtained after column chromatography (heptane/DCM, 5:1) as a white solid (978.1 mg, 76%); mp 36–39 °C. **¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 8.45 (dd, ³*J* = 4.6 Hz, ⁴*J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 8.03 (dd, ³*J* = 7.9 Hz, ⁴*J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 7.41–7.32 (m, 2H, CH_{pyrrole}), 7.11 (dd, ³*J* = 7.9 Hz, ³*J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 6.39–6.32 (m, 2H, CH_{pyrrole}) ppm. **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 150.1 (C_{pyridine}), 147.6, 143.7, 122.7 (CH_{pyridine}), 121.5 (CH_{pyrrole}), 112.5 (C_{pyridine}), 110.2 (CH_{pyrrole}) ppm. **MS (EI, 70 eV):** *m/z* (%) = 224 ([C₉H₇⁸¹BrN₂]⁺, 98), 222 ([C₉H₇⁷⁹BrN₂]⁺, 100), 198 (16), 197 (42), 196 (17), 195 (41), 158 (12), 156 (12), 143 (20), 142 (18), 117 (12), 116 (60), 89 (20), 78 (12), 76 (25), 63 (12), 51 (18), 50 (17), 39 (18). **HRMS (ESI-TOF):** *m/z* = calcd. for C₉H₇⁷⁹BrN₂ ([M+H]⁺) 222.98654, found 222.98668. Calcd. for C₉H₇⁸¹BrN₂ ([M+H]⁺) 224.98453, found 224.98458.

Optimization of Sonogashira reaction giving 3-alkynyl-2-pyrrolopyridines^a

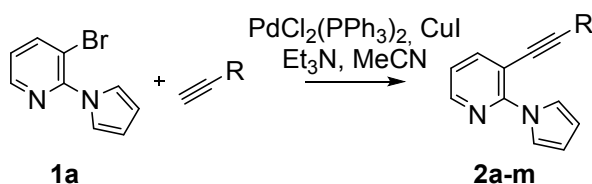


entry	catalyst (0.03 eq.)	ligand (0.06 eq.)	base	eq.	solvent	temp. [°C]	time [h]	yield [%] ^c
1	PdCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂	–	NEt ₃	3	DMF	100	24	20
2	PdCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂	P(<i>t</i> Bu) ₃	NEt ₃	3	DMF	100	24	–
3	PdCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂	–	–	–	Et ₂ NH	r.t.	48	63
4	PdCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂	–	–	–	NEt ₃	r.t.	48	–
5 ^b	PdCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂	–	NEt ₃	3	DMF	80	3	— ^d
6	Pd(OAc) ₂	PCy ₃	NEt ₃	1.5	THF	50	48	–
7	Pd(OAc) ₂	XPhos	NEt ₃	1.5	THF	50	48	— ^d
8	PdCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂	–	NEt ₃	3	dioxane	50	4	45
9	P(PPh ₃) ₄	–	NEt ₃	3	dioxane	50	4	–
10	PdCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂	–	NEt ₃	3	MeCN	50	16	88
11	Pd(OAc) ₂	CataCXium A	NEt ₃	3	MeCN	50	16	92

^areaction condotions: **1a** (0.5 mmol, 111.5 mg) and phenylacetylene (1.5 eq., 0.75 mmol, 82 μ l) react with CuI (0.02 eq., 0.01 mmol, 1.9 mg) in 2 ml of solvent in a glas tube under argon. ^breaction with phenylacetylene (3 eq.). ^cisolated yields. ^doccurence of inseparable mixtures.

The following Sonogashira couplings were carried out employing the reaction conditions of **entry 10** sufficiently. These are economically advantageous with regards to **entry 11** which requires a sophisticated ligand.

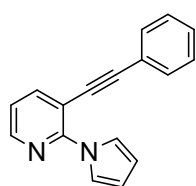
Sonogashira reaction giving **2a–m**



General procedure

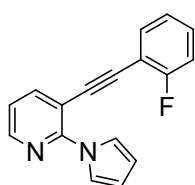
1a was dissolved in 3 ml MeCN under an argon atmosphere. After the addition of $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ (0.03 eq.), CuI (0.02 eq.) and Et_3N (3 eq.) in advance of the corresponding acetylene (1.2 eq.) the reaction is stirred at 50 °C for 24 h. The reaction mixture was subsequently cooled to room temperature and washed with distilled water and extracted with DCM. The combined organic layers were collected and the solvent evaporated. The crude product was thereafter purified by column chromatography (heptane/DCM, 5:1) to give the alkynylated products **2a–m**. Thereby, 1–2 ml Et_3N were added to 250 ml eluent mixture to deactivate the acidic silica.

Substrate characterization



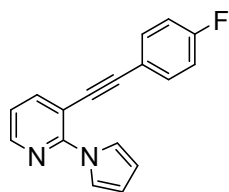
3-(Phenylethynyl)-2-([1H]-pyrrol-1-yl)pyridine 2a. The reaction of **1a** (0.9 mmol, 200 mg) with phenylacetylene (1.08 mmol, 118.3 μ l) gave **2a** as a pale brown solid (382 mg, 88%); mp 82–84 °C. **¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 8.43 (dd, 3J = 4.8 Hz, 4J = 1.9 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 7.96 (dd, 3J = 7.7 Hz, 4J = 1.9 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 7.85–7.80 (m, 2H, CH_{pyrrole}), 7.57–7.50 (m, 2H, CH_{Ph}), 7.42–7.34 (m, 3H, CH_{Ph}), 7.16 (dd, 3J = 7.7 Hz, 3J = 4.8 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 6.39–6.35 (m, 2H, CH_{pyrrole}) ppm. **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 151.3 (C_{pyridine}), 147.9, 143.4 (CH_{pyridine}), 131.6, 129.1, 128.6 (CH_{Ph}), 122.6 (C_{Ph}), 120.8 (CH_{pyrrole}), 120.2 (CH_{pyridine}), 110.5 (CH_{pyrrole}), 110.4 (C_{pyridine}), 96.1, 85.7 (C_{alkyne}) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3052 (w), 1562 (w), 1469 (w), 1437 (m), 1336 (w), 1060 (w), 800 (w), 728 (m), 687 (m), 624 (w), 553 (w) cm⁻¹. **MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z (%) = 244 ([M]⁺, 100), 243 (77), 242 (43), 241 (5), 218 (11), 216 (8), 215 (5),

214 (6), 190 (6), 189 (5), 177 (6), 151 (6), 150 (9), 121 (11), 109 (6), 77 (5), 75 (5), 51 (5), 39 (5). **HRMS (EI):** m/z = calcd. for $C_{17}H_{12}N_2$ (M^+) 244.09950, found 244.09919.



3-((2-Fluorophenyl)ethynyl)-2-([1H]-pyrrol-1-yl)pyridine 2b. 2-ethynyl-1-fluorobenzene (0.6 mmol, 78 μ l) reacted with **1a** (0.5 mmol, 111.5 mg) to **2b** as a pale brown oil (106 mg, 81%); R_f 0.39 (heptane/ethyl acetate 5:1).

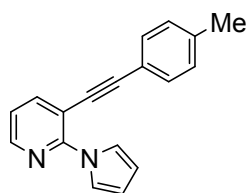
1H NMR (250 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 8.44 (dd, 3J = 4.8 Hz, 4J = 1.9 Hz, 1H, $CH_{pyridine}$), 7.97 (dd, 3J = 7.7 Hz, 4J = 1.9 Hz, 1H, $CH_{pyridine}$), 7.88–7.83 (m, 2H, $CH_{pyrrole}$), 7.50 (ddd, 3J = 7.7 Hz, 3J = 7.1 Hz, 4J = 2.0 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.39–7.33 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.15 (dd, 3J = 7.6 Hz, 3J = 4.8 Hz, 1H, $CH_{pyridine}$), 7.21–7.11 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 6.40–6.35 (m, 2H, $CH_{pyrrole}$) ppm. **^{19}F NMR (235 MHz, $CDCl_3$):** δ = –109.1 ppm. **^{13}C NMR (63 MHz, $CDCl_3$):** δ = 162.92 (d, $^1J_{C,F}$ = 252.7 Hz, C-F), 151.2 ($C_{pyridine}$), 148.4, 143.6 ($CH_{pyridine}$), 133.32 (d, $^4J_{C,F}$ = 1.3 Hz, CH_{Ar}), 130.87 (d, $^3J_{C,F}$ = 8.0 Hz, CH_{Ar}), 124.24 (d, $^3J_{C,F}$ = 3.7 Hz, CH_{Ar}), 120.7 ($CH_{pyrrole}$), 120.1 ($CH_{pyridine}$), 115.80 (d, $^2J_{C,F}$ = 20.6 Hz, CH_{Ar}), 111.31 (d, $^2J_{C,F}$ = 15.6 Hz, C_{Ar}), 110.5 ($CH_{pyrrole}$), 110.2 ($C_{pyridine}$), 90.54 (d, $^3J_{C,F}$ = 3.2 Hz, C_{alkyne}), 89.6 (C_{alkyne}) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3065 (br, w), 2921 (w), 1708 (br, w), 1560 (m), 1472 (m), 1434 (m), 1224 (m), 1095 (m), 1058 (m), 797 (m), 754 (s), 728 (s), 544 (m), 470 (m) cm^{-1} . **MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z (%) = 262 ($[M]^+$, 100), 261 (61), 260 (33), 243 (6), 242 (8), 236 (10), 234 (5), 168 (5), 130 (5), 118 (5). **HRMS (ESI-TOF):** m/z = calculated for $C_{17}H_{11}FN_2$ ($[M+H]^+$) 263.09790, found 263.09786.



3-((4-Fluorophenyl)ethynyl)-2-([1H]-pyrrol-1-yl)pyridine 2c. **1a** (0.5 mmol, 111.5 mg) and 4-ethynyl-1-fluorobenzene (0.6 mmol, 68.8 μ l) achieved **2c** as a yellow solid (113 mg, 86%); mp 78–82 $^{\circ}C$.

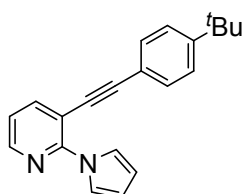
1H NMR (250 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 8.43 (dd, 3J = 4.8 Hz, 4J = 1.9 Hz, 1H, $CH_{pyridine}$), 7.93 (dd, 3J = 7.7 Hz, 4J = 1.9 Hz, 1H, $CH_{pyridine}$), 7.83–7.72 (m, 2H, $CH_{pyrrole}$), 7.56–7.46 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.15 (dd, 3J = 7.7 Hz, 3J = 4.8 Hz, 1H, $CH_{pyrrole}$), 7.12–7.02 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 6.38 (dt, 3J = 3.8 Hz, 4J = 2.3 Hz, 2H, $CH_{pyrrole}$) ppm. **^{19}F NMR (235 MHz, $CDCl_3$):** δ = –109.4 ppm. **^{13}C NMR (63 MHz, $CDCl_3$):** δ = 162.98 (d, $^1J_{C,F}$ = 250.9 Hz, C-F), 151.3 ($C_{pyridine}$), 148.0, 143.1 ($CH_{pyridine}$), 133.50 (d, $^3J_{C,F}$ = 8.5 Hz, CH_{Ar}), 120.7 ($CH_{pyrrole}$), 120.2 ($CH_{pyridine}$), 118.67 (d, $^4J_{C,F}$ = 3.5 Hz, C_{Ar}), 115.97 (d, $^2J_{C,F}$ = 22.2 Hz, CH_{Ar}), 110.4 ($CH_{pyrrole}$), 110.1 ($C_{pyridine}$), 94.9 (C_{alkyne}), 85.40 (d, $^5J_{C,F}$ = 1.6 Hz, C_{alkyne}) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3049 (w), 1600 (w), 1562 (w), 1505 (w), 1472 (w), 1439 (w), 1216 (w), 1056 (w), 833 (w), 806 (w), 728 (m), 640 (w), 620 (w), 532 (w), 522 (w) cm^{-1} . **MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z (%) = 262 ($[M]^+$, 100),

261 (75), 260 (39), 236 (12), 234 (7), 232 (5), 208 (5), 195 (5), 169 (5), 168 (7), 130 (5), 118 (5), 39 (5). **HRMS (EI):** m/z = calcd. for $C_{17}H_{11}FN_2$ (M^+) 262.09008, found 262.08955.



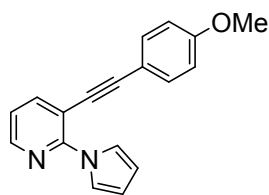
3-((4-Methylphenyl)ethynyl)-2-([1H]-pyrrol-1-yl)pyridine 2d.

4-Ethynyltoluene (0.6 mmol, 76 μ l) and **1a** (0.5 mmol, 111.5 mg) gave **2d** as a yellow solid (101 mg, 78%); mp 71–75 °C. **1H NMR (250 MHz, $CDCl_3$):** δ = 8.42 (dd, 3J = 4.8 Hz, 4J = 1.9 Hz, 1H, $CH_{pyridine}$), 7.94 (dd, 3J = 7.7 Hz, 4J = 1.9 Hz, 1H, $CH_{pyridine}$), 7.89–7.79 (m, 2H, $CH_{pyrrole}$), 7.43 (d, 3J = 8.1 Hz, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.18 (d, 3J = 8.6 Hz, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.14 (dd, 3J = 7.7 Hz, 3J = 4.7 Hz, 1H, $CH_{pyridine}$), 6.43–6.33 (m, 2H, $CH_{pyrrole}$), 2.39 (s, 3H, Me) ppm. **^{13}C NMR (63 MHz, $CDCl_3$):** δ = 151.2 ($C_{pyridine}$), 147.7, 143.2 ($CH_{pyridine}$), 139.4 (C-Me), 131.4, 129.4 (CH_{Ar}), 120.7 ($CH_{pyrrole}$), 120.2 ($CH_{pyridine}$), 119.5 (C_{Ar}), 110.5 ($C_{pyridine}$), 110.3 ($CH_{pyrrole}$), 96.3, 85.1 (C_{alkyne}), 21.7 (Me) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3030 (w), 2916 (w), 1703 (br, w), 1565 (w), 1474 (w), 1439 (w), 1339 (w), 1311 (w), 1099 (w), 1060 (w), 1017 (w), 818 (w), 733 (m), 529 (w) cm^{-1} . **MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z (%) = 258 ($[M]^+$, 100), 257 (47), 256 (12), 255 (17), 243 (15), 242 (36), 232 (7), 231 (6), 128 (6), 39 (5). **HRMS (ESI-TOF):** m/z = calcd. for $C_{18}H_{14}N_2$ ($[M+H]^+$) 259.12297, found 259.12281.



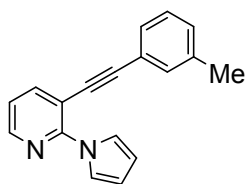
3-((4-tert-Butylphenyl)ethynyl)-2-([1H]-pyrrol-1-yl)pyridine 2e.

The reaction of **1a** (0.5 mmol, 111.5 mg) with 4-*tert*-butylphenylacetylene (0.6 mmol, 108 μ l) resulted in the product **2e** as a pale brown oil (155 mg, 98%); R_f 0.45 (heptane/ethyl acetate 5:1). **1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$):** δ = 8.42 (dd, 3J = 4.8 Hz, 4J = 1.9 Hz, 1H, $CH_{pyridine}$), 7.94 (dd, 3J = 7.7 Hz, 4J = 1.9 Hz, 1H, $CH_{pyridine}$), 7.86–7.79 (m, 2H, $CH_{pyrrole}$), 7.48 (d, 3J = 8.6 Hz, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.40 (d, 3J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.15 (dd, 3J = 7.7 Hz, 3J = 4.8 Hz, 1H, $CH_{pyridine}$), 6.43–6.35 (m, 2H, $CH_{pyrrole}$), 1.34 (s, 9H, CH_3 _{*t*Bu}) ppm. **^{13}C NMR (63 MHz, $CDCl_3$):** δ = 152.5 ($C_{pyridine}$), 147.8, 143.2 ($CH_{pyridine}$), 131.3, 125.7 (CH_{Ar}), 120.7 ($CH_{pyrrole}$), 120.2 ($CH_{pyridine}$), 119.6 (C_{Ar}), 110.5 ($C_{pyridine}$), 110.3 ($CH_{pyrrole}$), 110.2 (C-*t*Bu), 96.3, 85.1 (C_{alkyne}), 35.0 (C_{tBu}), 31.3 (CH_3 _{*t*Bu}) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2953 (w), 1562 (w), 1469 (w), 1437 (w), 1338 (w), 1059 (w), 926 (w), 833 (w), 724 (m), 625 (w), 561 (w) cm^{-1} . **MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z (%) = 300 ($[M]^+$, 67), 286 (23), 285 (100), 284 (8), 283 (8), 270 (23), 269 (18), 268 (10), 267 (5), 258 (6), 257 (27), 255 (18), 244 (13), 243 (20), 242 (21), 241 (5), 128 (26), 121 (6), 115 (6), 41 (7), 39 (5). **HRMS (EI):** m/z = calcd. for $C_{21}H_{20}N_2$ (M^+) 300.16210, found 300.16165.



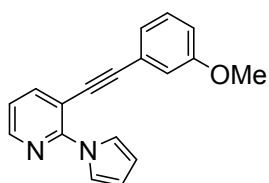
3-((4-Methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)-2-([1H]-pyrrol-1-yl)pyridine 2f. 1a

(0.25 mmol, 56 mg) and 4-ethynylanisole (0.3 mmol, 40 μ l) gave **2f** as a solid (61 mg, 89%); mp 61–64 °C. **¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 8.40 (dd, ³*J* = 4.8 Hz, ⁴*J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 7.92 (dd, ³*J* = 7.7 Hz, ⁴*J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 7.85–7.79 (m, 2H, CH_{pyrrole}), 7.48–7.45 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.14 (dd, ³*J* = 7.7 Hz, ³*J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 6.94–6.86 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 6.42–6.31 (m, 2H, CH_{pyrrole}), 3.83 (s, 3H, OMe) ppm. **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 160.3 (C-OMe), 151.1 (C_{pyridine}), 147.6, 143.0 (CH_{pyridine}), 133.1 (CH_{Ar}), 120.7 (CH_{pyrrole}), 120.2 (CH_{pyridine}), 114.7 (C_{Ar}), 114.3 (CH_{Ar}), 110.7 (C_{pyridine}), 110.3 (CH_{pyrrole}), 96.2, 84.5 (C_{alkyne}), 55.5 (OMe) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3011 (br, w), 2215 (w), 1604 (w), 1508 (m), 1435 (w), 1245 (m), 1173 (w), 1028 (w), 833 (w), 725 (m), 699 (w), 536 (m) cm⁻¹. **MS (EI, 70 eV):** *m/z* (%) = 274 ([M]⁺, 100), 260 (6), 259 (33), 258 (7), 242 (5), 232 (7), 231 (41), 230 (25), 229 (29), 205 (13), 203 (11), 177 (5), 176 (5), 164 (7), 137 (6), 115 (7), 39 (5). **HRMS (ESI-TOF):** *m/z* = calcd. for C₁₈H₁₄N₂O ([M+H]⁺) 275.11789, found 275.11784.



3-((3-Methylphenyl)ethynyl)-2-([1H]-pyrrol-1-yl)pyridine 2g.

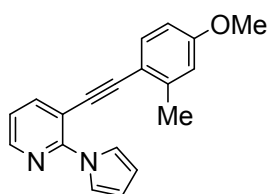
3-ethynyltoluene (0.6 mmol, 77 μ l) and **1a** (0.5 mmol, 111.5 mg) gave **2g** as a yellow oil (123 mg, 95%); *R_f* 0.44 (heptane/ethyl acetate 5:1). **¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 8.43 (dd, ³*J* = 4.8 Hz, ⁴*J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 7.94 (dd, ³*J* = 7.7 Hz, ⁴*J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 7.90–7.86 (m, 2H, CH_{pyrrole}), 7.40–7.35 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.29 (t, ³*J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.24–7.18 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.14 (dd, ³*J* = 7.7 Hz, ³*J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 6.45–6.41 (m, 2H, CH_{pyrrole}), 2.39 (s, 3H, Me) ppm. **¹³C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 151.2 (C_{pyridine}), 147.8, 143.1 (CH_{pyridine}), 138.2 (C-Me), 132.0, 129.9, 128.6, 128.4 (CH_{Ar}), 122.3 (C_{Ar}), 120.6 (CH_{pyrrole}), 120.1 (CH_{pyridine}), 110.3 (CH_{pyrrole}), 110.2 (C_{pyridine}), 96.2, 85.3 (C_{alkyne}), 21.3 (Me) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2915 (w), 1705 (br, w), 1558 (w), 1474 (w), 1433 (w), 1308 (w), 1165 (w), 1057 (w), 782 (w), 728 (w), 687 (w), 442 (w), 406 (w) cm⁻¹. **MS (EI, 70 eV):** *m/z* (%) = 258 ([M]⁺, 100), 257 (42), 256 (11), 255 (17), 243 (16), 242 (36), 231 (8), 128 (5). **HRMS (ESI-TOF):** *m/z* = calcd. for C₁₈H₁₄N₂ ([M+H]⁺) 259.12297, found 259.12289.



3-((3-Methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)-2-([1H]-pyrrol-1-yl)pyridine 2h.

Substrate **1a** (0.5 mmol, 111.5 mg) reacted with 3-ethynylanisole (0.6 mmol, 78 μ l) to give **2h** as a brown oil (152 mg, 98%); *R_f* 0.38 (heptane/ethyl acetate 5:1). **¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 8.43 (dd,

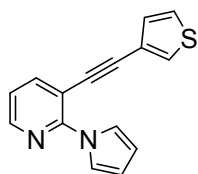
$^3J = 4.8$ Hz, $^4J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 7.95 (dd, $^3J = 7.7$ Hz, $^4J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 7.86–7.78 (m, 2H, CH_{pyrrole}), 7.30 (d, $^3J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.15 (dd, $^3J = 7.8$ Hz, $^4J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 7.15–7.11 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.05 (dd, $^4J = 2.5$ Hz, $^4J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 6.94 (ddd, $^3J = 8.4$ Hz, $^4J = 2.7$ Hz, $^3J = 1.1$ Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 6.41–6.29 (m, 2H, CH_{pyrrole}), 3.83 (s, 3H, OMe) ppm. **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃):** $\delta = 159.5$ (C_{Ar}), 151.3 (C_{pyridine}), 148.0, 143.3 (CH_{pyridine}), 129.7, 124.1 (CH_{Ar}), 123.6 (C_{Ar}), 120.8 (CH_{pyrrole}), 120.2 (CH_{pyridine}), 116.4, 115.7 (CH_{Ar}), 110.5 (CH_{pyrrole}), 110.3 (C_{pyridine}), 96.0, 85.5 (C_{alkyne}), 55.5 (OMe) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu} = 2936$ (br, w), 2833 (w), 1710 (br, w), 1573 (m), 1475 (m), 1434 (m), 1235 (m), 1038 (m), 868 (m), 708 (m), 730 (m), 684 (m), 551 (m), 461 (w) cm⁻¹. **MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z (%) = 274 ([M]⁺, 100), 273 (23), 244 (12), 243 (17), 242 (19), 241 (7), 231 (24), 230 (18), 229 (23), 205 (8), 204 (7), 203 (10), 164 (8), 115 (6). **HRMS (ESI-TOF):** m/z = calcd. for C₁₈H₁₄N₂O ([M+H]⁺) 275.11789, found 275.11807.



3-((4-Methoxy-2-methylphenyl)ethynyl)-2-([1H]-pyrrol-1-yl)-

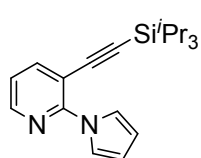
pyridine 2i. The reaction of **1a** (0.5 mmol, 111.5 mg) and 1-ethynyl-4-methoxy-2-methylbenzene (0.6 mmol, 87.7 mg) gave **2i** as a yellow oil (141 mg, 98%); R_f 0.50 (heptane/ethyl acetate 5:1). **¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃):**

$\delta = 8.40$ (dd, $^3J = 4.8$ Hz, $^4J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 7.93 (dd, $^3J = 7.7$ Hz, $^4J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 7.82–7.77 (m, 2H, CH_{pyrrole}), 7.42 (d, $^3J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.15 (dd, $^3J = 7.7$ Hz, $^3J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 6.77 (d, $^4J = 2.6$ Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 6.73 (dd, $^3J = 8.4$ Hz, $^4J = 2.6$ Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 6.38–6.31 (m, 2H, CH_{pyrrole}), 3.82 (s, 3H, OMe), 2.45 (s, 3H, Me) ppm. **¹³C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl₃):** $\delta = 160.3$ (C-OMe), 151.0 (C_{pyridine}), 147.6, 143.2 (CH_{pyridine}), 142.4 (C-Me), 133.6 (CH_{Ar}), 120.7 (CH_{pyrrole}), 120.2 (CH_{pyridine}), 115.4 (CH_{Ar}), 114.7 (C_{Ar}), 111.6 (CH_{Ar}), 111.1 (C_{pyridine}), 110.3 (CH_{pyrrole}), 95.5, 88.0 (C_{alkyne}), 55.4 (OMe), 21.2 (Me) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu} = 2916$ (br, w), 2205 (w), 1706 (br, w), 1602 (m), 1560 (m), 1472 (m), 1433 (m), 1294 (m), 1236 (s), 1036 (m), 797 (m), 727 (m), 561 (m) cm⁻¹. **MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z (%) = 288 ([M]⁺, 58), 287 (100), 273 (19), 272 (17), 271 (8), 261 (8), 256 (7), 255 (10), 245 (14), 244 (21), 243 (42), 242 (18), 230 (7), 229 (8), 218 (10), 205 (9), 151 (6), 128 (6), 122 (7), 39 (7). **HRMS (ESI-TOF):** m/z = calcd. for C₁₉H₁₆N₂O ([M+H]⁺) 289.13354, found 289.13364.

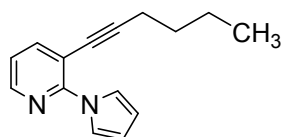


2-([1H]-pyrrol-1-yl)-3-(thiophen-3-ylethynyl)pyridine 2j. The starting material **1a** (0.5 mmol, 111.5 mg) and 1-ethynyl-4-methoxy-2-methylbenzene (0.6 mmol, 59 μ l) delivered **2j** as a yellow oil (117 mg,

94%); R_f 0.48 (heptane/ethyl acetate 5:1). **^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3):** δ = 8.42 (dd, 3J = 4.8 Hz, 4J = 1.9 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyridine}}$), 7.92 (dd, 3J = 7.7 Hz, 4J = 1.9 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyridine}}$), 7.87–7.81 (m, 2H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 7.57 (dd, 4J = 3.0 Hz, 4J = 1.2 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{thioph.}}$), 7.32 (dd, 3J = 5.0 Hz, 4J = 3.0 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{thioph.}}$), 7.21 (dd, 3J = 5.0 Hz, 4J = 1.2 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{thioph.}}$), 7.12 (dd, 3J = 7.7 Hz, 3J = 4.8 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyridine}}$), 6.44–6.38 (m, 2H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$) ppm. **^{13}C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl_3):** δ = 151.1 ($\text{C}_{\text{pyridine}}$), 147.8, 143.0 ($\text{CH}_{\text{pyridine}}$), 129.5, 129.4, 125.8 ($\text{CH}_{\text{thioph.}}$), 121.5 ($\text{C}_{\text{thioph.}}$), 120.6 ($\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 120.1 ($\text{CH}_{\text{pyridine}}$), 110.3 ($\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 110.0 ($\text{C}_{\text{pyridine}}$), 91.4, 85.2 (C_{alkyne}) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3107 (w), 3050 (w), 1561 (w), 1473 (w), 1438 (w), 1335 (w), 1058 (w), 1017 (w), 869 (w), 781 (w), 726 (m), 625 (w) cm^{-1} . **MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z (%) = 250 ($[\text{M}]^+$, 100), 249 (62), 248 (24), 224 (11), 223 (5), 222 (6), 205 (18), 140 (5), 113 (5), 45 (5), 39 (5). **HRMS (ESI-TOF):** m/z = calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{S}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 251.06375, found 251.06395.

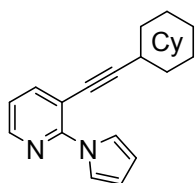


2-([1H]-pyrrol-1-yl)-3-((triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl)pyridine 2k. The reaction of **1a** (1 mmol, 223 mg) with ethynyltriisopropylsilane (1.2 mmol, 269 μl) achieved product **2k** as a pale yellow oil (295 mg, 94%); R_f 0.60 (heptane/ethyl acetate 5:1). **^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3):** δ = 8.40 (dd, 3J = 4.8 Hz, 4J = 1.9 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyridine}}$), 7.90 (dd, 3J = 7.7 Hz, 4J = 1.9 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyridine}}$), 7.88–7.85 (m, 2H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 7.09 (dd, 3J = 7.7 Hz, 3J = 4.7 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyridine}}$), 6.33–6.27 (m, 2H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 1.16–1.09 (m, 21H, $i\text{Pr}_3$) ppm. **^{29}Si INEPT NMR (60 MHz, CDCl_3):** δ = -1.4 ppm. **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3):** δ = 151.2 ($\text{C}_{\text{pyridine}}$), 148.0, 144.5 ($\text{CH}_{\text{pyridine}}$), 120.6 ($\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 119.9 ($\text{CH}_{\text{pyridine}}$), 110.3 ($\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 110.0 ($\text{C}_{\text{pyridine}}$), 102.8, 99.7 (C_{alkyne}), 18.8 (CH_3), 11.5 (CH_2) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2942 (w), 2864 (m), 2153 (w), 1720 (br, w), 1531 (m), 1476 (m), 1436 (s), 1070 (m), 881 (m), 727 (m), 674 (m), 629 (m), 557 (w), 412 (w) cm^{-1} . **MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z (%) = 324 ($[\text{M}]^+$, 12), 282 (32), 281 (100), 253 (23), 240 (12), 239 (30), 225 (14), 223 (10), 211 (18), 209 (11), 195 (35), 181 (15), 169 (12), 168 (12), 43 (10). **HRMS (ESI-TOF):** m/z = calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{Si}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 325.20945, found 325.20938.



3-(n-Hex-1-yn-1-yl)-2-([1H]-pyrrol-1-yl)pyridine 2l. 1-Hexyne (0.6 mmol, 69 μl) and **1a** (0.5 mmol, 111.5 mg) gave the desired product **2l** as a yellow oil (98 mg, 87%); R_f 0.43 (heptane/ethyl acetate 5:1). **^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3):** δ = 8.36 (dd, 3J = 4.8 Hz, 3J = 1.9 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyridine}}$), 7.81 (dd, 3J = 7.7 Hz, 3J = 1.9 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyridine}}$), 7.79–7.74 (m, 2H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 7.08 (dd, 3J = 7.7 Hz, 3J = 4.7 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyridine}}$), 6.36–6.32 (m, 2H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 2.45 (t, 3J = 7.0 Hz, 2H,

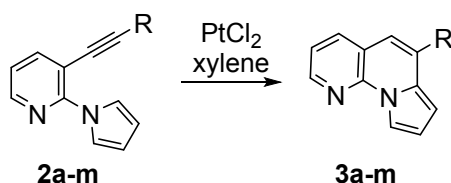
CH₂), 1.70–1.53 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.54–1.40 (m, 2H, CH₂), 0.96 (t, ³J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH₃) ppm. **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 151.3 (C_{pyridine}), 147.2, 143.6 (CH_{pyridine}), 120.6 (CH_{pyrrole}), 120.0 (CH_{pyridine}), 110.9 (C_{pyridine}), 110.0 (CH_{pyrrole}), 98.0, 76.9 (C_{alkyne}), 30.4, 22.2, 19.5 (CH₂), 13.7 (CH₃) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2930 (w), 2870 (w), 2230 (w), 1530 (m), 1474 (m), 1434 (s), 1336 (m), 1073 (m), 1068 (m), 925 (m), 797 (m), 725 (s), 517 (m), 545 (w) cm⁻¹. **MS (EI, 70 eV):** *m/z* (%) = 224 ([M]⁺, 5), 223 (8), 209 (5), 196 (5), 195 (22), 194 (6), 193 (7), 183 (13), 182 (100), 181 (67), 179 (14), 169 (5), 168 (14), 155 (12), 154 (9), 153 (6), 128 (5), 127 (7), 63 (5), 51 (5), 43 (7), 41 (14), 39 (12), 29 (5). **HRMS (ESI-TOF):** *m/z* = calcd. for C₁₅H₁₆N₂ ([M+H]⁺) 225.13862, found 225.13859. Calcd. for C₁₅H₁₆N₂ ([M+Na]⁺) 247.12057, found 247.12030.



3-(Cyclohexylethynyl)-2-([1H]-pyrrol-1-yl)pyridine 2m. The reaction of **1a** (1 mmol, 223 mg) with ethynylcyclohexane (1.2 mmol, 157 μ l) provided **2m** as a yellow oil (214 mg, 86%); *R*_f 0.56 (heptane/ethyl acetate 5:1).

¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.35 (dd, ³J = 4.8 Hz, ⁴J = 1.9 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 7.81 (dd, ³J = 7.7 Hz, ⁴J = 1.9 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 7.81–7.77 (m, 2H, CH_{pyrrole}), 7.07 (dd, ³J = 7.7 Hz, ³J = 4.8 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 6.36–6.29 (m, 2H, CH_{pyrrole}), 2.64 (tt, ³J_{a,a} = 9.2 Hz, ³J_{a,e} = 3.8 Hz, 1H, CH_a), 1.96–1.84 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.81–1.67 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.63–1.48 (m, 3H, CH₂), 1.45–1.30 (m, 3H, CH₂) ppm. **¹³C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 151.2 (C_{pyridine}), 147.2, 143.6 (CH_{pyridine}), 120.6 (CH_{pyrrole}), 120.0 (CH_{pyridine}), 110.9 (C_{pyridine}), 109.9 (CH_{pyrrole}), 101.7, 76.9 (C_{alkyne}), 32.2 (CH₂), 30.1 (CH), 25.9, 25.0 (CH₂) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2926 (m), 2852 (w), 2223 (w), 1717 (br, w), 1451 (m), 1434 (s), 1336 (m), 1074 (m), 926 (m), 796 (m), 726 (s), 617 (w) cm⁻¹. **MS (EI, 70 eV):** *m/z* (%) = 250 ([M]⁺, 28), 249 (20), 221 (18), 209 (13), 207 (23), 206 (13), 205 (17), 196 (17), 195 (100), 193 (20), 192 (12), 182 (24), 181 (16), 169 (17), 168 (22), 155 (14). **HRMS (ESI-TOF):** *m/z* = calcd. for C₁₇H₁₈N₂ ([M+H]⁺) 251.15428, found 251.15414.

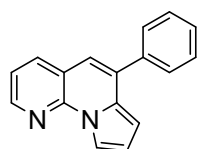
Cycloisomerization to give [1,8]naphthyridines 3a–m



General procedure

In a glas tube the Sonogashira product **2a–m** was dissolved in xylene (3 ml, isomeric mixture) under an argon atmosphere. The catalyst PtCl_2 (0.05 eq.) was added to the mixture. The solution was stirred at 120 °C for 24 h. After cooling to room temperature the crude product was diluted with water and extracted with DCM. For further purification the organic solvent was evaporated and column chromatography (heptane/DCM, 5:1 $\rightarrow$ 3:1) was performed. Thereby, 1–2 ml Et_3N were added to 250 ml eluent mixture to deactivate the acidic silica.

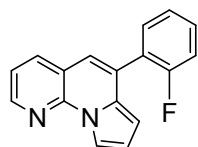
Product characterization



6-Phenylpyrrolo[1,2-*a*][1,8]naphthyridine 3a. **2a** (0.2 mmol, 50 mg)

cyclized in the presence of PtCl_2 (0.01 mmol, 2.7 mg) to give **3a** as a pale yellow solid (25 mg, 50%); mp 102–105 °C. **^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3):**

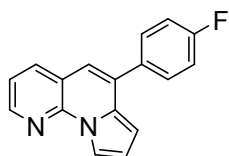
δ = 8.54 (dd, 3J = 4.7 Hz, 4J = 1.7 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 8.46 (dd, 3J = 2.9 Hz, 4J = 1.5 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 7.97 (dd, 3J = 7.8 Hz, 4J = 1.7 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 7.72 (dd, 3J = 8.0 Hz, 4J = 1.6 Hz, 2H, CH_{Ph}), 7.55–7.44 (m, 3H, CH_{Ph}), 7.30 (dd, 3J = 7.7 Hz, 3J = 4.7 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 6.91 (s, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 6.84 (dd, 3J = 3.8 Hz, 3J = 2.9 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 6.68 (dd, 3J = 3.8 Hz, 4J = 1.5 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$) ppm. **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3):** δ = 146.6 ($\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 144.0 ($\text{C}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 138.5 (C_{Ph}), 136.3 ($\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 134.2 ($\text{C}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 131.5 ($\text{C}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 128.8, 128.5, 128.5 (CH_{Ph}), 120.1 ($\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 119.2 ($\text{C}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 116.2 ($\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 114.5 ($\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 113.3, 105.3 ($\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3119 (w), 3094 (w), 2921 (w), 2851 (w), 1726 (w), 1595 (w), 1531 (w), 1493 (w), 1442 (w), 1370 (w), 1297 (w), 1143 (w), 1074 (w), 958 (w), 848 (w), 761 (m), 740 (m), 701 (m), 663 (w), 583 (w), 446 (w) cm^{-1} . **MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z (%) = 244 ($[\text{M}]^+$, 100), 243 (81), 242 (43), 218 (13), 216 (8), 214 (7), 190 (7), 151 (7), 150 (10), 122 (5), 121 (7), 77 (6), 51 (7), 39 (8). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z = calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2$ 244.09950, found 244.09919.



6-(2-Fluorophenyl)pyrrolo[1,2-*a*][1,8]naphthyridine 3b. **2b** (0.36 mmol,

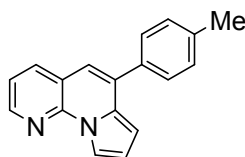
95 mg) gave **3b** under the influence of PtCl_2 (0.02 mmol, 5.3 mg) as a pale green solid (58 mg, 61%); mp 96–99 °C. **^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3):**

δ = 8.56 (dd, 3J = 4.7 Hz, 4J = 1.8 Hz, 1H, CH_{naphtyr.}), 8.43 (dd, 3J = 2.9 Hz, 4J = 1.5 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyrrole}), 7.96 (dd, 3J = 7.8 Hz, 4J = 1.8 Hz, 1H, CH_{naphtyr.}), 7.62 (td, 3J = 7.5 Hz, 3J = 7.5 Hz, 4J = 1.9 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.43 (dddd, 3J = 9.2 Hz, 3J = 8.1 Hz, $^4J_{\text{H,F}}$ = 5.1 Hz, 4J = 1.8 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.31 (dd, 3J = 7.7 Hz, 3J = 4.7 Hz, 1H, CH_{naphtyr.}), 7.29–7.23 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.23–7.20 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 6.95 (d, $^5J_{\text{H,F}}$ = 1.2 Hz, 1H, CH_{naphtyr.}), 6.82 (dd, 3J = 3.8 Hz, 3J = 2.9 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyrrole}), 6.47 (dt, 3J = 3.8 Hz, 3J = 1.4 Hz, $^5J_{\text{H,F}}$ = 1.4 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyrrole}) ppm. **¹⁹F NMR (235 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = -114.3 ppm. **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 160.14 (d, $^1J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 248.5 Hz, C-F), 147.1 (CH_{naphtyr.}), 144.1 (C_{naphtyr.}), 136.4 (CH_{naphtyr.}), 131.4 (C_{Ar}), 131.22 (d, $^4J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 3.3 Hz, CH_{Ar}), 130.12 (d, $^3J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 8.2 Hz, CH_{Ar}), 128.0 (C_{pyrrole}), 125.76 (d, $^2J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 14.9 Hz, C_{Ar}), 124.27 (d, $^3J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 3.7 Hz, CH_{Ar}), 120.1 (CH_{naphtyr.}), 118.8 (C_{naphtyr.}), 117.96 (d, $^4J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 2.1 Hz, CH_{naphtyr.}), 116.30 (d, $^2J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 22.3 Hz, CH_{Ar}), 114.3, 113.3 (CH_{pyrrole}), 105.07 (d, $^5J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 1.8 Hz, CH_{pyrrole}) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3033 (w), 2921 (w), 2851 (w), 1724 (br, w), 1571 (m), 1433 (m), 1370 (m), 1259 (m), 1216 (m), 1087 (m), 1037 (m), 863 (m), 781 (m), 757 (m), 720 (s), 651 (m), 525 (m), 434 (m) cm⁻¹. **MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z (%) = 262 ([M]⁺, 100), 261 (26), 260 (14), 242 (5), 118 (6). **HRMS (ESI-TOF):** m/z = calcd. for C₁₇H₁₁FN₂ ([M+H]⁺) 263.09790, found 263.09795.

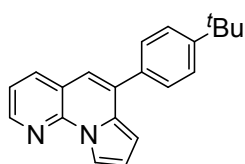


6-(4-Fluorophenyl)pyrrolo[1,2-*a*][1,8]naphthyridine 3c. **2c** (0.2 mmol, 45 mg) reacted with PtCl₂ (0.01 mmol, 2.3 mg) to give **3c** as a pale green solid (19 mg, 42%); mp 128–131 °C. **¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃):**

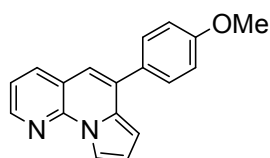
δ = 8.55 (dd, 3J = 4.7 Hz, 4J = 1.7 Hz, 1H, CH_{naphtyr.}), 8.43 (dd, 3J = 2.9 Hz, 4J = 1.5 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyrrole}), 7.95 (dd, 3J = 7.8 Hz, 4J = 1.8 Hz, 1H, CH_{naphtyr.}), 7.73–7.64 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.30 (dd, 3J = 7.7 Hz, 3J = 4.7 Hz, 1H, CH_{naphtyr.}), 7.24–7.12 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 6.87 (s, 1H, CH_{naphtyr.}), 6.83 (dd, 3J = 3.8 Hz, 3J = 2.9 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyrrole}), 6.62 (dd, 3J = 3.8 Hz, 4J = 1.5 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyrrole}) ppm. **¹⁹F NMR (235 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = -113.4 ppm. **¹³C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 162.95 (d, $^1J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 247.6 Hz, C-F), 147.0 (CH_{naphtyr.}), 144.1 (C_{naphtyr.}), 136.1 (CH_{naphtyr.}), 134.60 (d, $^4J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 3.4 Hz, C_{Ar}), 133.1 (C_{naphtyr.}), 131.4 (C_{pyrrole}), 130.13 (d, $^3J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 8.1 Hz, CH_{Ar}), 120.2 (CH_{naphtyr.}), 119.1 (C_{naphtyr.}), 116.3 (CH_{pyrrole}), 115.73 (d, $^2J_{\text{C,F}}$ = 21.4 Hz, CH_{Ar}), 114.5 (CH_{naphtyr.}), 113.3, 105.0 (CH_{pyrrole}) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3041 (w), 2921 (w), 1724 (w), 1601 (w), 1508 (m), 1454 (m), 1438 (m), 1368 (w), 1298 (w), 1223 (m), 1160 (m), 1092 (m), 1036 (w), 857 (m), 831 (m), 794 (m), 725 (m), 623 (m), 556 (m), 510 (m), 497 (m), 448 (m) cm⁻¹. **MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z (%) = 262 ([M]⁺, 100), 261 (36), 260 (19), 118 (6). **HRMS (ESI-TOF):** m/z = calcd. for C₁₇H₁₁FN₂ ([M+H]⁺) 263.09790, found 263.09759.



6-(4-Tolyl)pyrrolo[1,2-a][1,8]naphthyridine 3d. The reaction of **2d** (0.3 mmol, 78 mg) with PtCl_2 (0.015 mmol, 4 mg) gave **3d** as a yellow solid (34 mg, 68%); mp 86–91 °C. **^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3):** δ = 8.53 (dd, 3J = 4.7 Hz, 4J = 1.7 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 8.47 (dd, 3J = 2.9 Hz, 4J = 1.5 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 7.96 (dd, 3J = 7.8 Hz, 4J = 1.7 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 7.64–7.57 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.35–7.25 (m, 3H, $\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine/Ar}}$), 6.89 (s, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 6.84 (dd, 3J = 3.8 Hz, 3J = 2.9 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 6.69 (dd, 3J = 3.8 Hz, 4J = 1.5 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 2.45 (s, 3H, Me) ppm. **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3):** δ = 146.3 ($\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 143.8 ($\text{C}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 138.4 (C-Me), 136.3 ($\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 135.6 (C_{Ar}), 134.2 ($\text{C}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 131.6 ($\text{C}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 129.5, 128.3 (CH_{Ar}), 120.0 ($\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 119.4 ($\text{C}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 115.8, 114.5 ($\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 113.4, 105.3 ($\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 21.5 (Me) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3120 (m), 2917 (m), 2851 (m), 1723 (m), 1665 (w), 1604 (m), 1571 (m), 1510 (m), 1436 (s), 1369 (m), 1299 (m), 1282 (m), 1180 (m), 1145 (m), 1095 (m), 1060 (m), 1033 (m), 927 (m), 850 (m), 816 (s), 761 (s), 735 (vs), 722 (vs), 624 (m), 557 (m), 496 (m) cm^{-1} . **MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z (%) = 258 ($[\text{M}]^+$, 100), 257 (21), 256 (6), 255 (10), 243 (6), 242 (14), 128 (8). **HRMS (ESI-TOF):** m/z = calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 259.12297, found 259.12293.



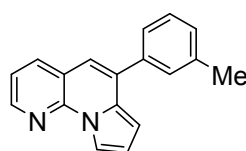
6-(4-*tert*-Butylphenyl)pyrrolo[1,2-a][1,8]naphthyridine 3e. Starting material **2e** (0.3 mmol, 90.1 mg) reacted with PtCl_2 (0.015 mmol, 4 mg) giving **3e** as a brown oil (59 mg, 66%); R_f 0.58 (heptane/ethyl acetate 5:1). **^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3):** δ = 8.53 (dd, 3J = 4.7 Hz, 4J = 1.7 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 8.45 (dd, 3J = 2.9 Hz, 4J = 1.5 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 7.94 (dd, 3J = 7.8 Hz, 4J = 1.7 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 7.70–7.65 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.55–7.50 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.29 (dd, 3J = 7.8 Hz, 3J = 4.7 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 6.90 (s, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 6.84 (dd, 3J = 3.8 Hz, 3J = 2.9 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 6.73 (dd, 3J = 3.8 Hz, 4J = 1.5 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 1.41 (s, 9H, CH_3tBu) ppm. **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3):** δ = 151.6 (C-*t*Bu), 146.6 ($\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 144.0 ($\text{C}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 136.0 ($\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 135.6 (C_{Ar}), 134.1 ($\text{C}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 131.6 ($\text{C}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 128.1, 125.7 (CH_{Ar}), 120.0 ($\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 119.3 ($\text{C}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 116.0 ($\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 114.3 ($\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 113.2, 105.3 ($\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 34.9 (C-*t*Bu), 31.5 (CH_3tBu) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2957 (w), 1721 (w), 1589 (w), 1512 (w), 1434 (m), 1362 (m), 1268 (m), 1146 (w), 1092 (m), 1018 (w), 831 (m), 787 (m), 768 (m), 722 (m), 610 (m), 542 (m), 448 (w) cm^{-1} . **MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z (%) = 300 ($[\text{M}]^+$, 100), 286 (13), 285 (64), 270 (12), 269 (8), 268 (7), 257 (13), 255 (9), 244 (7), 243 (9), 242 (12), 128 (15). **HRMS (ESI-TOF):** m/z = calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 301.16993, found 301.16950.



6-(4-Methoxyphenyl)pyrrolo[1,2-*a*][1,8]naphthyridine 3f. 2f

(0.15 mmol, 42 mg) cyclized under influence of PtCl_2 (0.01 mmol, 2 mg) giving **3f** as a pale yellow solid (17 mg, 40%); mp 123–128 °C.

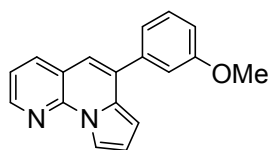
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.53 (dd, 3J = 4.7 Hz, 4J = 1.7 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 8.44 (dd, 3J = 2.9 Hz, 4J = 1.5 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 7.96 (dd, 3J = 7.8 Hz, 4J = 1.7 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 7.69–7.62 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.30 (dd, 3J = 7.7 Hz, 3J = 4.7 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 7.06–7.00 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 6.87 (s, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 6.83 (dd, 3J = 3.8 Hz, 3J = 2.9 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 6.68 (dd, 3J = 3.8 Hz, 4J = 1.5 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 3.89 (s, 3H, OMe) ppm. **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3):** δ = 160.0 (C-OMe), 146.3 ($\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 143.7 ($\text{C}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 136.1 ($\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 133.9 (C_{Ar}), 131.7 ($\text{C}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 131.0 ($\text{C}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 129.6 (CH_{Ar}), 120.1 ($\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 119.4 ($\text{C}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 115.6 ($\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 114.4 ($\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 114.2 (CH_{Ar}), 113.3, 105.2 ($\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 55.5 (OMe) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2919 (w), 2849 (w), 1720 (w), 1601 (w), 1509 (w), 1436 (w), 1367 (w), 1280 (w), 1239 (w), 1175 (w), 1111 (w), 1032 (w), 834 (w), 782 (w), 768 (w), 732 (w), 621 (w), 563 (w), 523 (w), 445 (w) cm^{-1} . **MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z (%) = 274 ($[\text{M}]^+$, 100), 259 (18), 242 (5), 231 (21), 230 (13), 229 (19), 205 (15), 204 (7), 203 (6), 115 (6). **HRMS (ESI-TOF):** m/z = calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 275.11789, found 275.11788. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$) 297.09983, found 297.10014.



6-(3-Tolyl)pyrrolo[1,2-*a*][1,8]naphthyridine 3g. 2g

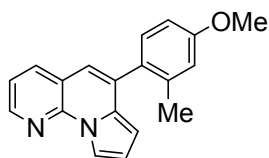
(0.32 mmol, 82 mg) and PtCl_2 (0.016 mmol, 4 mg) gave the product **3g** as a yellow oil (21 mg, 25%); mp 86–89 °C.

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.54 (dd, 3J = 4.8 Hz, 4J = 1.7 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 8.47 (dd, 3J = 3.0 Hz, 4J = 1.5 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 7.98 (dd, 3J = 7.8 Hz, 4J = 1.7 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 7.57–7.47 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.42–7.36 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.32 (dd, 3J = 7.8 Hz, 3J = 4.8 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 7.29–7.27 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 6.90 (s, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 6.84 (dd, 3J = 3.8 Hz, 3J = 2.9 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 6.69 (dd, 3J = 3.8 Hz, 4J = 1.5 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 2.45 (s, 3H, Me) ppm. **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3):** δ = 146.4 ($\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 143.8 ($\text{C}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 138.5 (C-Me), 136.4 ($\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 134.5 (C_{Ar}), 131.6 ($\text{C}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 129.3, 129.1, 128.7, 125.6 (CH_{Ar}), 120.1 ($\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 119.4 ($\text{C}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 116.0 ($\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 114.6 ($\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 113.4, 105.4 ($\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 21.7 (Me) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3142 (w), 2917 (w), 1722 (w), 1603 (w), 1571 (w), 1531 (w), 1436 (m), 1366 (w), 1304 (w), 1283 (w), 1091 (w), 1038 (w), 1019 (w), 860 (m), 782 (m), 728 (m), 708 (m), 665 (w), 589 (w), 447 (w), 436 (w) cm^{-1} . **MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z (%) = 258 ($[\text{M}]^+$, 100), 257 (20), 256 (5), 255 (11), 243 (6), 242 (16), 128 (8). **HRMS (ESI-TOF):** m/z = calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 259.12297, found 259.12314.



6-(3-Methoxyphenyl)pyrrolo[1,2-a][1,8]naphthyridine 3h. Substrate **2h** (0.6 mmol, 166 mg) and PtCl_2 (0.03 mmol, 8 mg) reacted to **3h** as a pale brown oil (99 mg, 60%); R_f 0.36 (heptane/ethyl acetate 5:1).

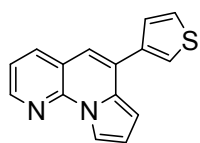
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.54 (dd, 3J = 4.7 Hz, 4J = 1.7 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 8.45 (dd, 3J = 2.9 Hz, 4J = 1.5 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 7.96 (dd, 3J = 7.8 Hz, 4J = 1.7 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 7.41 (dd, 3J = 8.1 Hz, 3J = 7.5 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.34–7.26 (m, 3H, $\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine/Ar}}$), 7.00 (ddd, 3J = 8.2 Hz, 4J = 2.6 Hz, 4J = 1.1 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 6.92 (s, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 6.84 (dd, 3J = 3.8 Hz, 4J = 2.9 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 6.71 (dd, 3J = 3.8 Hz, 3J = 1.5 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 3.88 (s, 3H, OMe) ppm. **^{13}C -NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3):** δ = 159.9 (C-OMe), 146.8 ($\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 144.0 ($\text{C}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 139.9 (C_{Ar}), 136.2 ($\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 134.0 ($\text{C}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 131.4 ($\text{C}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 129.8, 120.9 (CH_{Ar}), 120.1 ($\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 119.1 ($\text{C}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 116.2 ($\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 114.4 ($\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 114.1, 114.0 (CH_{Ar}), 113.3, 105.2 ($\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 55.5 (OMe) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2933 (w), 2832 (w), 1574 (m), 1434 (m), 1239 (m), 1169 (m), 1038 (m), 851 (m), 785 (m), 725 (m), 694 (m), 555 (m), 447 (m) cm^{-1} . **MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z (%) = 274 ($[\text{M}]^+$, 100), 259 (9), 258 (9), 242 (6), 231 (9), 230 (7), 229 (13), 205 (5), 203 (5). **HRMS (ESI-TOF):** m/z = calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 275.11789, found 275.11795.



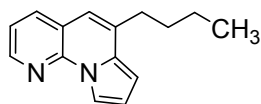
6-(4-Methoxy-2-methylphenyl)pyrrolo[1,2-a][1,8]naphthyridine 3i. Substrate **2i** (0.5 mmol, 149 mg) and PtCl_2 (0.03 mmol, 7 mg) achieved **3i** as a pale brown oil (92 mg, 62%); R_f 0.40 (heptane/ethyl acetate 5:1).

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.57 (dd, 3J = 4.7 Hz, 4J = 1.7 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 8.45 (dd, 3J = 2.9 Hz, 4J = 1.5 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 7.93 (dd, 3J = 7.8 Hz, 4J = 1.7 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 7.33 (d, 3J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.30 (dd, 3J = 7.8 Hz, 4J = 4.8 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 6.93 (d, 4J = 2.6 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 6.87 (dd, 3J = 8.4 Hz, 4J = 2.7 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 6.82 (dd, 3J = 3.7 Hz, 3J = 2.9 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 6.78 (s, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 6.29 (dd, 3J = 3.9 Hz, 4J = 1.6 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 3.90 (s, 3H, OMe), 2.29 (s, 3H, Me) ppm. **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3):** δ = 159.4 (C-OMe), 146.6 ($\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 144.0 ($\text{C}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 137.9 (C-Me), 135.8 ($\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 133.6 (C_{Ar}), 132.5 ($\text{C}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 130.7 (CH_{Ar}), 130.2 ($\text{C}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 119.9 ($\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 119.0 ($\text{C}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 117.0 (CH_{Ar}), 115.8 ($\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 113.9 ($\text{CH}_{\text{naphthyridine}}$), 113.1 ($\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 111.1 (CH_{Ar}), 105.1 ($\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 55.3 (OMe), 20.2 (Me) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2919 (w), 2833 (w), 1722 (w), 1604 (w), 1560 (w), 1499 (w), 1455 (m), 1434 (m), 1368 (w), 1291 (m), 1237 (m), 1161 (w), 1042 (m), 940 (w), 856 (w), 788 (m), 725 (m), 626 (w), 557 (w), 446 (w) cm^{-1} . **MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z (%) = 288 ($[\text{M}]^+$, 86), 287 (100), 273 (10), 272 (10), 271 (5), 256 (5), 255 (8), 245 (8), 244 (13), 243

(30), 242 (15), 229 (7), 218 (5), 205 (5), 128 (6), 122 (7), 109 (5). **HRMS (ESI-TOF):** m/z = calcd. for $C_{19}H_{16}N_2O$ ($[M+H]^+$) 289.13354, found 289.13338.

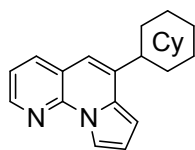


6-(Thiophen-3-yl)pyrrolo[1,2-*a*][1,8]naphthyridine 3j. **2j** (0.3 mmol, 86 mg) reacted with $PtCl_2$ (0.015 mmol, 4 mg) giving **3j** as a yellow solid (35 mg, 41%); R_f 0.55 (heptane/ethyl acetate 5:1). **1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$):** δ = 8.54 (dd, 3J = 4.8 Hz, 4J = 1.7 Hz, 1H, $CH_{naphthyr.}$), 8.47 (dd, 3J = 2.9 Hz, 4J = 1.5 Hz, 1H, $CH_{pyrrole.}$), 7.97 (dd, 3J = 7.8 Hz, 4J = 1.8 Hz, 1H, $CH_{naphthyr.}$), 7.70 (dd, 4J = 2.9 Hz, 4J = 1.4 Hz, 1H, $CH_{thioph.}$), 7.50 (dd, 3J = 5.0 Hz, 4J = 1.4 Hz, 1H, $CH_{thioph.}$), 7.46 (dd, 3J = 5.0 Hz, 4J = 2.9 Hz, 1H, $CH_{thioph.}$), 7.31 (dd, 3J = 7.8 Hz, 3J = 4.8 Hz, 1H, $CH_{naphthyr.}$), 7.00 (s, 1H, $CH_{naphthyr.}$), 6.85 (dd, 3J = 3.8 Hz, 3J = 2.9 Hz, 1H, $CH_{pyrrole.}$), 6.81 (dd, 3J = 3.8 Hz, 4J = 1.5 Hz, 1H, $CH_{pyrrole.}$) ppm. **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$):** δ = 146.3 ($CH_{naphthyr.}$), 143.7 ($C_{naphthyr.}$), 138.9 ($C_{thioph.}$), 136.4 ($CH_{naphthyr.}$), 131.2 ($C_{naphthyr.}$), 128.9 ($C_{pyrrole.}$), 127.8, 126.1, 123.5 ($CH_{thioph.}$), 120.1 ($CH_{naphthyr.}$), 119.2 ($C_{naphthyr.}$), 115.6 ($CH_{pyrrole.}$), 114.7 ($CH_{naphthyr.}$), 113.5, 105.3 ($CH_{pyrrole.}$) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3091 (w), 2921 (w), 1717 (br, w), 1570 (m), 1469 (m), 1435 (s), 1136 (m), 1080 (m), 859 (m), 836 (m), 777 (m), 715 (s), 633 (m), 448 (m) cm^{-1} . **MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z (%) = 250 ($[M]^+$, 100), 249 (22), 248 (9), 205 (10). **HRMS (EI):** m/z = calcd. for $C_{15}H_{10}N_2S$ ($[M]^+$) 250.05592, found 250.05591.



6-(*n*-Butyl)pyrrolo[1,2-*a*][1,8]naphthyridine 3l. Substrate **2l** (0.2 mmol, 50 mg) and $PtCl_2$ (0.01 mmol, 2.6 mg) resulted in product **3l** as an oil (19 mg, 37%); R_f 0.63 (heptane/ethyl acetate 5:1). **1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$):** δ = 8.48 (dd, 3J = 4.7 Hz, 4J = 1.7 Hz, 1H, $CH_{naphthyr.}$), 8.33 (dd, 3J = 2.9 Hz, 4J = 1.5 Hz, 1H, $CH_{pyrrole.}$), 7.87 (dd, 3J = 7.8 Hz, 4J = 1.8 Hz, 1H, $CH_{naphthyr.}$), 7.25 (dd, 3J = 7.7 Hz, 3J = 4.7 Hz, 1H, $CH_{naphthyr.}$), 6.80 (dd, 3J = 3.7 Hz, 3J = 2.9 Hz, 1H, $CH_{pyrrole.}$), 6.73 (s, 1H, $CH_{naphthyr.}$), 6.62 (dd, 3J = 3.7 Hz, 4J = 1.5 Hz, 1H, $CH_{pyrrole.}$), 2.79 (t, 3J = 7.7 Hz, 2H, CH_2), 1.78 (p, 3J = 7.5 Hz, 2H, CH_2), 1.45 (hept, 3J = 7.4 Hz, 2H, CH_2), 0.98 (t, 3J = 7.3 Hz, 3H, CH_3) ppm. **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$):** δ = 146.1 ($CH_{naphthyr.}$), 144.0 ($C_{naphthyr.}$), 135.4 ($CH_{naphthyr.}$), 134.0 ($C_{naphthyr.}$), 132.6 ($C_{pyrrole.}$), 119.8 ($CH_{naphthyr.}$), 119.3 ($C_{naphthyr.}$), 114.7 ($CH_{pyrrole.}$), 113.8 ($CH_{naphthyr.}$), 112.7, 102.7 ($CH_{pyrrole.}$), 32.2, 31.1, 22.9 (CH_2), 14.1 (CH_3) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2855 (w), 2927 (w), 2858 (w), 1723 (w), 1612 (w), 1592 (w), 1559 (w), 1537 (w), 1459 (w), 1436 (w), 1377 (w), 1289 (w), 1171 (w), 1090 (w), 1033 (w), 849 (w), 783 (w), 726 (w) cm^{-1} . **MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z (%) = 224 ($[M]^+$, 40), 195 (12), 194 (5), 193 (7), 183 (13), 182

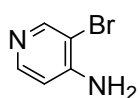
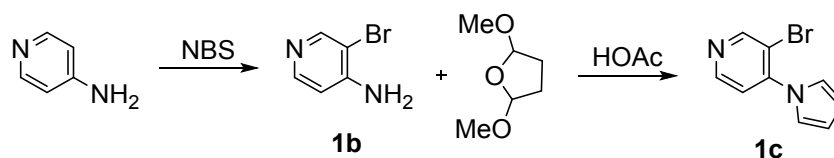
(100), 181 (42), 179 (5), 168 (7), 154 (5), 127 (6). **HRMS (ESI-TOF):** m/z = calcd. for $C_{15}H_{16}N_2$ ($[M+H]^+$) 225.13862, found 225.13887.



6-(Cyclohexyl)pyrrolo[1,2-*a*][1,8]naphthyridine 3m. Starting material **2m** (0.8 mmol, 204 mg) and $PtCl_2$ (0.04 mmol, 10.6 mg) gave **3m** as an oil (127 mg, 62%); R_f 0.58 (heptane/ethyl acetate 5:1). **1H NMR (250 MHz, $CDCl_3$):** δ = 8.47 (dd, 3J = 4.7 Hz, 4J = 1.7 Hz, 1H, $CH_{naphtyr.}$), 8.37 (dd, 3J = 3.0 Hz, 4J = 1.5 Hz, 1H, $CH_{pyrrole.}$), 7.86 (dd, 3J = 7.8 Hz, 3J = 1.8 Hz, 1H, $CH_{naphtyr.}$), 7.23 (dd, 3J = 7.7 Hz, 3J = 4.7 Hz, 1H, $CH_{naphtyr.}$), 6.82 (dd, 3J = 3.7 Hz, 3J = 2.9 Hz, 1H, $CH_{pyrrole.}$), 6.74 (s, 1H, $CH_{naphtyr.}$), 6.67 (dd, 3J = 3.8 Hz, 3J = 1.5 Hz, 1H, $CH_{pyrrole.}$), 2.86 (tt, $^3J_{a,a}$ = 8.2 Hz, $^3J_{a,e}$ = 3.2 Hz, 1H, CH_a), 2.22–2.05 (m, 2H, CH_2), 1.98–1.79 (m, 3H, CH_2), 1.62–1.44 (m, 3H, CH_2), 1.47–1.24 (m, 2H, CH_2) ppm. **^{13}C NMR (63 MHz, $CDCl_3$):** δ = 146.1 ($CH_{naphtyr.}$), 143.8 ($C_{naphtyr.}$), 139.2 ($C_{naphtyr.}$), 135.5 ($CH_{naphtyr.}$), 132.3 ($C_{pyrrole.}$), 119.8 ($CH_{naphtyr.}$), 119.3 ($C_{naphtyr.}$), 113.7 ($CH_{pyrrole.}$), 112.6 ($CH_{naphtyr.}$), 112.2, 102.4 ($CH_{pyrrole.}$), 40.4 (CH), 33.1, 27.0, 26.5 (CH_2) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2924 (m), 2850 (m), 1720 (br, w), 1560 (w), 1434 (s), 1336 (m), 1289 (m), 1073 (m), 1059 (m), 845 (m), 783 (m), 721 (s), 615 (m), 554 (m), 448 (m) cm^{-1} . **MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z (%) = 250 ($[M]^+$, 100), 249 (23), 235 (6), 221 (18), 219 (6), 209 (12), 207 (23), 206 (13), 205 (22), 196 (13), 195 (70), 194 (19), 193 (27), 192 (11), 182 (26), 181 (17), 169 (6), 168 (22), 140 (6), 56 (6), 41 (13), 39 (8). **HRMS (EI):** m/z = calcd. for $C_{17}H_{18}N_2$ ($[M]^+$) 250.14645, found 250.14577.

Preparation of [1,6]naphthyridines

Starting materials



4-Amino-3-bromopyridine **1b**

N-Bromosuccinimide (1.1 eq., 29.2 mmol, 5.2 g) was added slowly to a stirred solution of 4-aminopyridine (26.6 mmol, 2.5 g) in 140 ml acetonitrile. The mixture was stirred for 48 h at room temperature. Afterwards the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the product was purified by column chromatography (heptane/ethyl acetate, 2:1 → 1:2) to yield 4-amino-3-bromopyridine **1b** as a white solid (86% yield, 3.95 g). **¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)**: δ = 11.11 (bs, 2H, NH₂), 8.23 (s, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 7.96 (d, ³*J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 6.68 (d, ³*J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyridine}) ppm. **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)**: δ = 151.4 (C-NH₂), 150.8, 148.2, 109.9 (CH_{pyridine}), 105.5 (C-Br) ppm. **IR (ATR)**: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3440 (w), 3342 (w), 3217 (w), 2946 (w), 2545 (br, w), 1700 (s), 1632 (s), 1501 (m), 1199 (s), 1074 (w), 1014 (m), 815 (s), 633 (s), 562 (s) cm⁻¹. **MS (EI, 70 eV)**: *m/z* (%) = 174 ([C₅H₇⁸¹BrN₂]⁺, 100), 172 ([C₅H₇⁷⁹BrN₂]⁺, 99), 145 (2), 119 (8), 117 (6), 93 (53). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV)**: *m/z* = calcd. for C₅H₅N₂⁷⁹Br ([M]⁺) 171.96306, found 171.96313. Calcd. for C₅H₅N₂⁸¹Br ([M]⁺) 173.96102, found 173.96131.

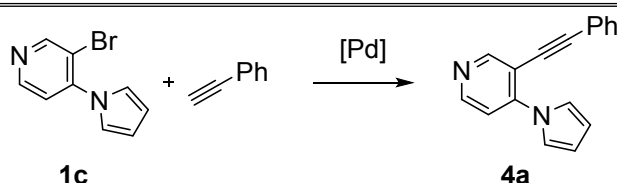


3-Bromo-4-([1H]-pyrrol-1-yl)pyridine **1c**

2,5-dimethoxytetrahydrofuran (2.5 eq., 28.9 mmol, 3.75 ml) was added to a stirred solution of **1b** (17.3 mmol, 3.0 g) in 12 ml HOAc. The mixture was then refluxed (120 °C) for 1 h. Afterwards, the reaction mixture was diluted with DCM and washed with distilled water and NaHCO₃ solution subsequently. The aqueous phase was extracted with DCM. The organic fractions were combined and the solvent removed under vacuum. Finally, the crude product was purified from reagent residues through column chromatography (heptane/ethyl acetate, 4:1) to obtain **1c** as a white solid (79% yield, 2.03 g). **¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)**: δ = 8.87 (s, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 8.60 (d, ³*J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 7.48 (d, ³*J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 7.19 (t, ³*J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H, CH_{pyrrole}), 6.33 (t, ³*J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H, CH_{pyrrole}) ppm. **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)**: δ = 153.4, 149.8 (CH_{pyridine}), 145.7 (C_{pyridine}), 121.8 (CH_{pyridine}), 121.6 (CH_{pyrrole}), 114.5 (C-Br), 110.5 (CH_{pyrrole}) ppm. **IR (ATR)**: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3118 (br, w), 1737 (w), 1574 (s), 1497 (s), 1339 (s), 1180 (w), 1069 (s), 1017 (s),

834 (s), 726 (s), 667 (s), 619 (s), 570 (s) cm^{-1} . **MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z (%) = 222 ($[\text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{N}_2^{81}\text{Br}]^+$, 100), 223 (12), 224 ($[\text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{N}_2^{79}\text{Br}]^+$, 98), 225 (10), 196 (7), 183 (3), 156 (4), 143 (27), 142 (18), 116 (67). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z = calcd. for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{N}_2^{79}\text{Br}$ ($[\text{M}]^+$) 221.97871, found 221.97828. Calcd. for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{N}_2^{81}\text{Br}$ ($[\text{M}]^+$) 223.97667, found 223.97663.

Optimization of Sonogashira reaction giving 3-alkynyl-4-pyrrolopyridines^a

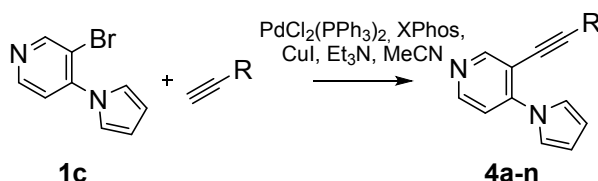


entry	catalyst (0.05 eq.)	ligand (0.1 eq.)	base	eq.	solvent	temp. [°C]	yield [%] ^b
1	$\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2$	—	Et_3N	3	DMF	140	59
2	$\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2$	—	Et_3N	3	dioxane	50	56
3	$\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2$	$\text{P}(t\text{Bu})_3 \cdot \text{HBF}_4$	Et_3N	3	dioxane	50	65
4	$\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2$	$\text{P}(t\text{Bu})_3 \cdot \text{HBF}_4$	HNiPr_2	3	dioxane	50	65
5	$\text{Pd}(\text{MeCN})_2\text{Cl}_2$	$\text{P}(t\text{Bu})_3 \cdot \text{HBF}_4$	Et_3N	3	dioxane	50	69
6	$\text{Pd}(\text{MeCN})_2\text{Cl}_2$	XPhos	Et_3N	3	dioxane	50	73
7	$\text{Pd}(\text{MeCN})_2\text{Cl}_2$	XPhos	Et_3N	3	dioxane	r.t.	81

^areaction conditions: **1a** (0.45 mmol, 100 mg) and phenylacetylene (1.5 eq., 0.68 mmol, 73 μl) react with CuI (0.05 eq., 0.01 mmol, 4.3 mg) in 2 ml of solvent in a glass tube under argon for 24 h. ^bisolated yields.

The following Sonogashira couplings were carried out employing the reaction conditions of **entry 7** sufficiently.

Sonogashira reaction giving 4a-n

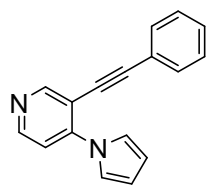


General procedure

1c was dissolved in 2 ml dioxane under an argon atmosphere. After the addition of $\text{Pd}(\text{MeCN})_2\text{Cl}_2$ (0.05 eq.), CuI (0.05 eq.), XPhos (0.1 eq.) and Et_3N (3 eq.) in advance of the corresponding acetylene (1.5 eq.) the reaction is stirred at room temperature for 24 h. The reaction mixture was subsequently cooled to room temperature and washed with distilled water and ethyl acetate. The organic layers were collected and the solvent evaporated. The

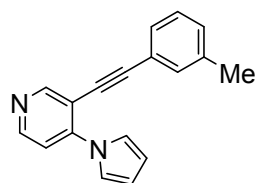
crude product was thereafter purified by column chromatography (heptane/ethyl acetate, 10:1 → 2:1) to give the alkynylated products **4a–n**¹.

Substrate characterization



3-(Phenylethynyl)-4-([1H]-pyrrol-1-yl)pyridine 4a.

Reaction of **1c** (0.45 mmol, 100 mg) and phenylacetylene (0.07 mmol, 73 μ l) gave **4a** as a white solid (88 mg, 81%); mp 68–69 °C. **¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 8.77 (bs, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 8.51 (bs, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 7.43–7.39 (m, 2H, Ph), 7.31 (t, ³*J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H, CH_{pyrrole}), 7.27–7.25 (m, 3H, Ph), 7.18–7.13 (m, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 6.32 (t, ³*J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H, CH_{pyrrole}) ppm. **¹³C NMR² (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 155.0, 149.5 (CH_{pyridine}), 147.2 (C_{pyridine}), 131.6, 129.1, 128.6 (CH_{Ph}), 122.4 (C_{Ph}), 120.8 (CH_{pyrrole}), 111.3 (CH_{pyrrole}), 96.8, 84.2 (C_{alkyne}) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3130 (w), 3055 (w), 2220 (w), 1562 (m), 1589 (m), 1393 (m), 1344 (m), 1185 (w), 1062 (m), 1018 (m), 920 (w), 836 (s), 749 (s), 722 (s), 685 (s), 621 (m), 562 (s) cm⁻¹. **MS (EI, 70 eV):** *m/z* (%) = 244 ([M⁺], 100), 243 (69), 242 (36), 218 (8), 216 (7), 215 (5), 214 (5), 189 (6), 150 (8), 122 (5). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV):** calcd. for C₁₇H₁₂N₂ ([M]⁺) 244.09950, found 244.09904.



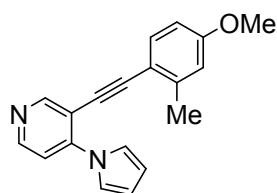
3-((3-Methylphenyl)ethynyl)-4-([1H]-pyrrol-1-yl)pyridine 4b.

Reaction of **1c** (1.35 mmol, 300 mg) and tolylacetylene (2.02 mmol, 234.3 mg) gave **4b** as a white solid (304 mg, 88%); mp 99–100 °C. **¹H NMR (250 MHz, C₆D₆):** δ = 8.91 (s, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 8.21 (d, ³*J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 7.27 (d, ³*J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.22 (t, ³*J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H, CH_{pyrrole}), 7.23 (s, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 6.94 (t, ³*J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 6.82 (d, ³*J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 6.52 (d, ³*J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 6.36 (t, ³*J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H, CH_{pyrrole}), 1.96 (s, 3H, Me) ppm. **¹³C NMR (62.9 MHz, C₆D₆):** δ = 155.5, 150.1 (CH_{pyridine}), 147.1 (C_{pyridine}), 138.4 (C_{Ar}), 132.4, 130.1, 129.1, 128.6 (CH_{Ar}), 122.8 (C_{Ar}), 121.0 (CH_{pyrrole}), 117.1 (CH_{pyridine}), 113.0 (C_{pyridine}), 111.5 (CH_{pyrrole}), 97.2, 84.6 (C_{alkyne}), 21.0 (Me) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3034 (w), 2919 (w), 2207 (w), 1720 (w), 1577 (w), 1558 (m), 1498 (s), 1392 (w), 1339 (s), 1180 (w), 1062 (m), 1018 (m), 827 (w), 782 (m), 722 (s), 687 (m), 569 (m) cm⁻¹. **MS (EI, 70 eV):** *m/z* (%) = 258 ([M⁺], 100), 257 (38), 256 (12), 255 (16), 243 (22), 242 (32), 241 (4), 231 (6), 229 (4), 214 (4),

¹ The pyridine fragment provides very broad signals in ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra. Therefore, it was not possible to detect all pyridine signals of some substrates. Known effects that can lead to broad or undetectable NMR signals are exchange broadening due to changes in the spin and rotational states of the observed atom or aggregation with the solvent. However, all signals reappear in the cyclized products **5a–n**.

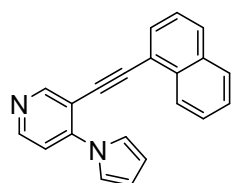
² *meta*-C_{pyridine} and *meta*-CH_{pyridine} are undetectable.

202 (3), 164 (3), 163 (6). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV):** calcd. for C₁₈H₁₄N₂ ([M]⁺) 258.11515, found 258.11562.



3-((4-Methoxy-2-methylphenyl)ethynyl)-4-([1H]-pyrrol-1-yl)pyridine 4c.

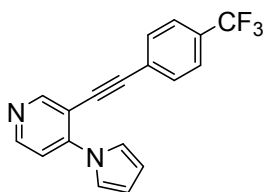
Reaction of **1c** (1.35 mmol, 300 mg) and 4-methoxy-2-methylphenylacetylene (294.9 mg, 2.017 mmol) gave **4c** as a yellow solid (356 mg, 91%); mp 77–78 °C. **¹H NMR (250 MHz, C₆D₆):** δ = 8.90 (bs, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 8.20 (bs, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 7.35–7.15 (m, 3H, CH_{Ar}), 6.54–6.31 (m, 5H, CH_{Ar}), 3.20 (s, 3H, OMe), 2.23 (s, 3H, Me) ppm. **¹³C NMR (62.9 MHz, C₆D₆):** δ = 160.7 (C_{Ar}), 155.5, 149.7 (CH_{pyridine}), 146.6 (C_{pyridine}), 142.6 (C_{Ar}), 133.9 (CH_{Ar}), 121.0 (CH_{pyrrole}), 117.3 (CH_{pyridine}), 115.7 (CH_{Ar}), 115.0 (C_{Ar}), 113.8 (C_{pyridine}), 111.8 (CH_{Ar}), 111.3 (CH_{pyrrole}), 96.4, 87.2 (C_{alkyne}), 54.8 (OMe), 21.0 (Me) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2957 (w), 2202 (w), 1725 (w), 1602 (w), 1560 (m), 1491 (m), 1341 (w), 1276 (w), 1237 (s), 1022 (w), 846 (w), 815 (s), 726 (s), 688 (m), 576 (m) cm⁻¹. **MS (EI, 70 eV):** *m/z* (%) = 288 ([M]⁺, 100), 287 (77), 273 (9), 272 (15), 271 (8), 257 (6), 256 (9), 255 (10), 246 (7), 245 (40), 244 (23), 243 (39), 242 (15), 230 (10), 229 (10), 218 (7), 217 (6), 216 (5), 205 (5), 151 (6). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV):** calcd. for C₁₉H₁₆ON₂ ([M]⁺) 288.12571, found 288.12528.



3-(Naphthalen-1-ylethynyl)-4-([1H]-pyrrol-1-yl)pyridine 4d.

Reaction of **1c** (1.57 mmol, 350 mg) and 1-naphthylacetylene (2.35 mmol, 364 μl) gave **4d** as a white solid (458 mg, 99%); mp 121–122 °C. **¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 9.00 (bs, 2H, CH_{pyridine}), 8.27–8.23 (m, 1H, CH_{naphthyl}), 7.90–7.85 (m, 2H, CH_{naphthyl}), 7.78–7.74 (m, 1H, CH_{naphthyl}), 7.58–7.50 (m, 2H, CH_{naphthyl}), 7.47–7.44 (m, 1H, CH_{naphthyl}), 7.45 (t, ³*J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H, CH_{pyrrole}), 7.18–7.05 (m, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 6.46 (t, ³*J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H, CH_{pyrrole}) ppm. **¹³C NMR³ (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 133.2, 133.2 (C_{naphthyl}), 131.1, 129.8, 128.5, 127.2, 126.8, 126.2, 125.3 (CH_{naphthyl}), 121.0 (CH_{pyrrole}), 120.0 (C_{naphthyl}), 111.6 (CH_{pyrrole}), 95.6, 88.7 (C_{alkyne}) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3043 (w), 2206 (w), 1556 (w), 1494 (m), 1388 (w), 1340 (m), 1179 (w), 1063 (m), 1019 (w), 832 (m), 803 (s), 777 (s), 728 (s), 672 (m), 620 (m), 560 (s) cm⁻¹. **MS (EI, 70 eV):** *m/z* (%) = 293 ([M]⁺, 100), 292 (50), 291 (11), 266 (6), 265 (8), 264 (7), 238 (3), 200 (6), 174 (2), 146 (6), 132 (5). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV):** calcd. for C₂₁H₁₃N₂ ([M]⁺) 293.10732, found 293.10668.

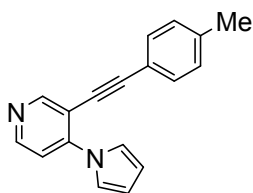
³ All carbon signals of the pyridine moiety were undetectable.



3-((4-Trifluoromethylphenyl)ethynyl)-4-([1H]-pyrrol-1-yl)pyridine **4e**

Reaction of **1c** (2.02 mmol, 450 mg) and 4-(trifluoromethyl)-phenylacetylene (2.80 mmol, 494 μ l) gave **4e** as a yellow solid (343 mg, 55%); mp 75–76 °C. **¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆):** δ = 8.92

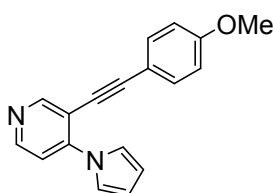
(bs, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 8.32 (bs, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 7.22–7.13 (m, 6H, CH_{Ar}), 6.58 (bs, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 6.40 (t, ³J = 2.2 Hz, 2H, CH_{pyrrole}) ppm. **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, C₆D₆):** δ = 155.5, 150.7 (CH_{pyridine}), 147.3 (C_{pyridine}), 131.9 (CH_{Ar}), 130.5 (q, ²J_{C,F} = 32.6 Hz, C_{Ar}), 126.3 (q, ⁴J_{C,F} = 1.4 Hz, C_{Ar}), 125.5 (q, ³J_{C,F} = 3.8 Hz, CH_{Ar}), 124.4 (q, ¹J_{C,F} = 272.3 Hz, CF₃), 120.9 (CH_{pyrrole}), 117.3 (CH_{pyridine}), 111.6 (CH_{pyrrole}), 105.2 (C_{pyridine}), 95.1, 87.0 (C_{alkyne}) ppm. **¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, C₆D₆)** δ = –62.59 ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2929 (w), 1724 (w), 1613 (w), 1583 (w), 1557 (w), 1496 (m), 1407 (w), 1324 (s), 1163 (m), 1101 (s), 1062 (s), 1016 (m), 834 (s), 729 (s), 675 (m), 577 (m) cm^{–1}. **MS (EI, 70 eV):** *m/z* (%) = 312 ([M⁺], 100), 311 (37), 310 (8), 293 (5), 291 (5), 286 (7), 243 (9), 242 (20), 214 (4), 199 (4). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV):** calcd. for C₁₈H₁₁F₃N₂ ([M]⁺) 312.28855, found 312.28849.



3-((4-Methylphenyl)ethynyl)-4-([1H]-pyrrol-1-yl)pyridine **4f**

Reaction of **1c** (1.57 mmol, 350 mg) and 4-methylphenylacetylene (2.35 mmol, 274 mg) gave **4f** as a white solid (355 mg, 88%); mp 97–98 °C. **¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 8.91 (bs, 2H,

CH_{pyridine}), 7.42 (t, ³J = 2.2 Hz, 2H, CH_{pyrrole}), 7.40 (d, ³J = 7.9 Hz, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.18 (d, ³J = 7.9 Hz, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.19–7.10 (m, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 6.42 (t, ³J = 2.2 Hz, 2H, CH_{pyrrole}), 2.38 (s, 3H, Me) ppm. **¹³C NMR⁴ (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 139.6 (C-Me), 131.6, 129.4 (CH_{Ar}), 120.8 (CH_{pyrrole}), 119.2 (C_{Ar}), 111.4 (CH_{pyrrole}), 97.6, 83.7 (C_{alkyne}), 21.7 (Me) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3128 (w), 2658 (w), 2217 (m), 1560 (m), 1494 (s), 1389 (s), 1313 (w), 1179 (m), 1115 (w), 1068 (s), 1016 (s), 821 (m), 808 (s), 732 (s), 685 (m), 623 (w), 577 (m) cm^{–1}. **MS (EI, 70 eV):** *m/z* (%) = 258 ([M⁺], 100), 257 (40), 256 (12), 255 (14), 243 (17), 242 (30), 231 (5), 163 (6), 139 (3), 128 (4). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV):** calcd. for C₁₈H₁₄N₂ ([M]⁺) 258.11515, found 258.11472.

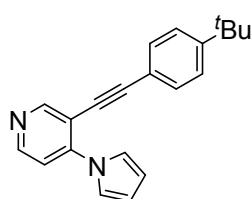


3-((4-Methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)-4-([1H]-pyrrol-1-yl)pyridine **4g**

Reaction of **1c** (1.57 mmol, 350 mg) and 4-methoxyphenylacetylene (2.35 mmol, 311 mg) gave **4g** as a yellow solid (408 mg, 95%); mp 89–90 °C. **¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 8.72 (bs, 2H,

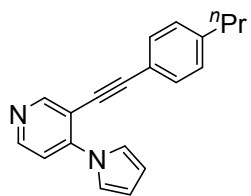
⁴ All carbon signals of the pyridine moiety were undetectable.

CH_{pyridine}), 7.45 (d, $^3J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.45 (t, $^3J = 2.0$ Hz, 2H, CH_{pyrrole}), 7.31 (bs, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 6.89 (d, $^3J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 6.41 (t, $^3J = 2.0$ Hz, 2H, CH_{pyrrole}), 3.83 (s, 3H, OMe) ppm. **¹³C NMR⁵ (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃):** $\delta = 160.5$ (C-OMe), 133.3 (CH_{Ar}), 120.9 (CH_{pyrrole}), 114.5 (C_{Ar}), 114.4 (CH_{Ar}), 111.5 (CH_{pyrrole}), 97.5, 82.9 (C_{alkyne}), 55.5 (OMe) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu} = 3035$ (w), 2933 (w), 2218 (m), 1559 (m), 1504 (s), 1338 (m), 1290 (m), 1247 (s), 1174 (m), 1067 (m), 1020 (s), 826 (s), 732 (s), 686 (s), 326 (m), 542 (m) cm⁻¹. **MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z (%) = 274 ([M⁺], 100), 273 (8), 259 (36), 232 (8), 231 (46), 230 (38), 229 (34), 205 (10), 204 (9), 203 (12), 151 (7), 137 (12). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV):** calcd. for C₁₈H₁₄N₂O ([M]⁺) 274.11006, found 274.10990.



3-((4-*tert*-Butylphenyl)ethynyl)-4-([1*H*]-pyrrol-1-yl)pyridine **4h.**

Reaction of **1c** (1.57 mmol, 350 mg) and 4-*tert*-butylphenylacetylene (2.35 mmol, 425 μ l) gave **4h** as a brown oil (463 mg, 98%). **¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃):** $\delta = 8.99$ (bs, 2H, CH_{pyridine}), 7.46 (d, $^3J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.42 (t, $^3J = 2.2$ Hz, 2H, CH_{pyrrole}), 7.39 (d, $^3J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.20–7.09 (m, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 6.41 (t, $^3J = 2.2$ Hz, 2H, CH_{pyrrole}), 1.33 (s, 9H, CH_{3tBu}) ppm. **¹³C⁶ NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃):** $\delta = 152.6$ (C-*t*Bu), 131.4, 125.6 (CH_{Ar}), 120.8 (CH_{pyrrole}), 119.3 (C_{Ar}), 111.3 (CH_{pyrrole}), 97.3, 83.7 (C_{alkyne}), 35.0 (C_{tBu}), 31.2 (CH_{3tBu}) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu} = 2960$ (m), 2866 (w), 2217 (w), 1724 (w), 1559 (m), 1494 (s), 1394 (m), 1340 (s), 1266 (w), 1180 (w), 1063 (m), 1018 (m), 926 (w), 831 (s), 724 (s), 677 (m), 617 (w), 562 (m) cm⁻¹. **MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z (%) = 300 ([M⁺], 64), 286 (22), 285 (100), 270 (11), 269 (17), 257 (22), 256 (7), 255 (16), 244 (10), 243 (17), 242 (13), 128 (12). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV):** calcd. for C₂₁H₂₀N₂ ([M]⁺) 300.16210, found 300.16172.



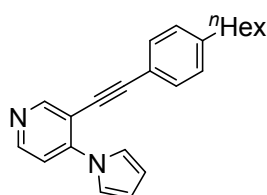
3-((4-*n*-Propylphenyl)ethynyl)-4-([1*H*]-pyrrol-1-yl)pyridine **4i.**

Reaction of **1c** (1.35 mmol, 300 mg) and 4-*n*-propylphenylacetylene (2.02 mmol, 291 mg) gave **4i** as a white solid (332 mg, 86%), mp 74–75 °C. **¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆):** $\delta = 8.93$ (bs, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 8.22 (bs, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 7.38 (d, $^3J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.23 (t, $^3J = 2.2$ Hz, 2H, CH_{pyrrole}), 6.85 (d, $^3J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 6.52 (d, $^3J = 5.0$ Hz, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 6.37 (t, $^3J = 2.2$ Hz, 2H, CH_{pyrrole}), 2.29 (t, $^3J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H, CH₂), 1.40 (tq, $^3J = 7.6$ Hz, $^3J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H, CH₂), 0.77 (t, $^3J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H, CH₃) ppm. **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, C₆D₆):** $\delta = 155.5$, 150.0 (CH_{pyridine}), 147.0

⁵ All carbon signals of the pyridine moiety were undetectable.

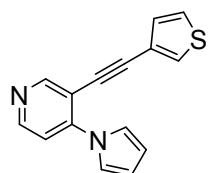
⁶ All carbon signals of the pyridine moiety were undetectable.

(C_{pyridine}), 144.0 (C_{Ar}), 131.9, 129.0 (CH_{Ar}), 121.0 (CH_{pyrrole}), 120.3 (C_{Ar}), 117.2 (CH_{pyridine}), 111.4 (CH_{pyrrole}), 105.0 (C_{pyridine}), 97.3, 84.4 (C_{alkyne}), 38.1 (CH₂), 24.5 (CH₂), 13.8 (CH₃) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2954 (w), 2926 (w), 2220 (w), 1715 (w), 1560 (m), 1497 (m), 1343 (m), 1182 (w), 1119 (w), 1062 (m), 1018 (m), 835 (s), 812 (s), 727 (s), 672 (m), 622 (w), 563 (m) cm⁻¹. **MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z (%) = 286 ([M⁺], 68), 258 (20), 257 (100), 256 (19), 255 (37), 243 (12), 242 (16), 230 (4), 229 (6), 163 (9). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV):** calcd. for C₂₀H₁₈N₂ ([M]⁺) 286.14645, found 286.14637.



3-((4-*n*-Hexylphenyl)ethynyl)-4-([1*H*]-pyrrol-1-yl)pyridine 4j.

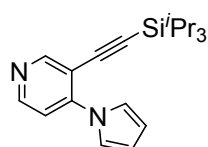
Reaction of **1c** (1.35 mmol, 300 mg) and 4-*n*-hexylphenylacetylene (2.02 mmol, 424 μ l) gave **4j** as a yellow oil (367 mg, 83%). **¹H NMR (300 M Hz, C₆D₆):** δ = 8.66 (s, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 8.08 (d, ³ J = 5.3 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 7.40 (d, ³ J = 8.3 Hz, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.23 (t, ³ J = 2.2 Hz, 2H, CH_{pyrrole}), 6.90 (d, ³ J = 8.3 Hz, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 6.70 (t, ³ J = 2.2 Hz, 2H, CH_{pyrrole}), 6.51 (d, ³ J = 5.3 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 2.36 (t, ³ J = 7.3 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 1.47–1.40 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.27–1.15 (m, 6H, CH₂), 0.87 (t, ³ J = 6.8 Hz, 3H, CH₃) ppm. **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, C₆D₆):** δ = 154.3, 149.7 (CH_{pyridine}), 147.1 (C_{pyridine}), 144.3 (C_{Ar}), 131.9, 128.9 (CH_{Ar}), 121.0 (CH_{pyrrole}), 120.3 (C_{Ar}), 117.2 (CH_{pyridine}), 111.4 (CH_{pyrrole}), 105.0 (C_{pyridine}), 97.3, 84.4 (C_{alkyne}), 36.2, 32.0, 31.4, 29.2, 23.0 (CH₂), 14.3 (CH₃) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2925 (w), 2854 (w), 2217 (w), 1722 (w), 1575 (m), 1495 (s), 1395 (w), 1339 (m), 1180 (w), 1063 (m), 1016 (m), 827 (m), 721 (s), 667 (w), 618 (w), 569 (m) cm⁻¹. **MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z (%) = 328 ([M⁺], 59), 285 (6), 272 (6), 271 (15), 258 (29), 257 (100), 256 (23), 255 (43), 244 (5), 243 (20), 242 (18), 229 (6), 228 (9), 227 (6), 202 (5). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV):** calcd. for C₂₃H₂₄N₂ ([M]⁺) 328.19340, found 328.19342.



3-(Thiophen-3-ylethynyl)-4-([1*H*]-pyrrol-1-yl)pyridine 4k.

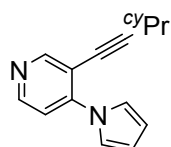
Reaction of **1c** (1.35 mmol, 300 mg) and thiophen-3-ylacetylene (2.02 mmol, 199 μ l) gave **4k** as a white solid (254 mg, 76%), mp 80–81 °C. **¹H NMR (250 MHz, C₆D₆):** δ = 8.84 (s, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 8.21 (d, ³ J = 5.5 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 7.20 (t, ³ J = 2.2 Hz, 2H, CH_{pyrrole}), 7.14 (dd, ³ J = 1.2 Hz, ³ J = 3.0 Hz, 1H, CH_{thioph.}), 6.93 (dd, ³ J = 1.2 Hz, ³ J = 5.0 Hz, 1H, CH_{thioph.}), 6.71 (dd, ³ J = 5.0 Hz, ³ J = 3.0 Hz, 1H, CH_{thioph.}), 6.56 (d, ³ J = 5.5 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 6.34 (t, ³ J = 2.2 Hz, 2H, CH_{pyrrole}) ppm. **¹³C NMR (62.9 MHz, C₆D₆):** δ = 155.3, 150.1 (CH_{pyridine}), 147.0 (C_{pyridine}), 129.9, 129.7, 125.9 (CH_{thioph.}), 121.9 (C_{thioph.}), 120.9 (CH_{pyrrole}), 117.1 (CH_{pyridine}), 112.8 (C_{pyridine}), 111.5 (CH_{pyrrole}), 92.4, 84.4 (C_{alkyne}) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3100 (w), 2928 (w), 2216 (w), 1721 (w), 1558 (m), 1493 (m),

1386 (w), 1335 (m), 1116 (w), 1061 (m), 1013 (w), 827 (m), 791 (m), 731 (s), 676 (s), 621 (s), 571 (s), 483 (m) cm^{-1} . **MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z (%) = 250 ($[\text{M}^+]$, 100), 249 (55), 248 (22), 224 (5), 223 (6), 222 (5), 216 (3), 205 (16), 179 (3). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV):** calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{S}$ ($[\text{M}]^+$) 250.05592., found 250.05594.



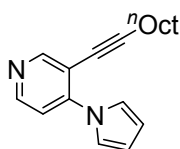
4-((1H-pyrrol-1-yl)-3-((triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl)pyridine 4l. Reaction of **1c** (1.35 mmol, 300 mg) and ethynyltriisopropylsilane (2.02 mmol, 449 μl) gave **4l** as a yellow oil (339 mg, 78%). **^1H NMR (300 MHz, C_6D_6):**

δ = 8.99 (s, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyridine}}$), 8.27 (d, 3J = 5.5 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyridine}}$), 7.30 (t, 3J = 2.2 Hz, 2H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 6.55 (d, 3J = 5.5 Hz, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyridine}}$), 6.45 (t, 3J = 2.2 Hz, 2H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 1.21 (s, 3H, CH_{iPr}), 1.20 (s, 18H, CH_3_{iPr}) ppm. **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, C_6D_6):** δ = 156.6, 150.3 ($\text{CH}_{\text{pyridine}}$), 147.3 ($\text{C}_{\text{pyridine}}$), 120.9 ($\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 116.9 ($\text{CH}_{\text{pyridine}}$), 112.9 ($\text{C}_{\text{pyridine}}$), 111.3 ($\text{CH}_{\text{pyridine}}$), 102.2, 99.7 (C_{alkyne}), 18.8 (CH_3_{iPr}), 11.7 (CH_{iPr}) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2941 (m), 2863 (m), 2154 (w), 1724 (w), 1579 (w), 1559 (w), 1497 (s), 1462 (w), 1341 (m), 1063 (m), 1018 (m), 881 (m), 831 (s), 722 (s), 667 (s), 562 (m) cm^{-1} . **MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z (%) = 324 ($[\text{M}^+]$, 5), 283 (6), 282 (26), 281 (100), 253 (19), 239 (16), 225 (12), 211 (17), 195 (19), 181 (6), 169 (8), 168 (7), 149 (12), 113 (9). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV):** calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{Si}$ ($[\text{M}]^+$) 324.20163, found 324.20133.



3-((Cyclopropyl)ethynyl)-4-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)pyridine 4m. Reaction of **1c** (1.35 mmol, 300 mg) and ethynylcyclopropane (2.02 mmol, 171 μl) gave **4m** as a white solid (155 mg, 56%); mp 120–121 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. **^1H NMR (300 MHz, C_6D_6):**

δ = 8.82 (bs, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyridine}}$), 8.19–8.17 (m, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyridine}}$), 7.66–7.62 (m, 1H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyridine}}$), 7.16–7.14 (m, 2H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 7.35–7.33 (m, 2H, $\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 1.30–1.18 (m, 1H, CH), 0.57–0.53 (m, 2H, CH_2), 0.37–0.34 (m, 2H, CH_2) ppm. **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3):** δ = 155.8, 149.5 ($\text{CH}_{\text{pyridine}}$), 147.2 ($\text{C}_{\text{pyridine}}$), 120.8 ($\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 117.1 ($\text{CH}_{\text{pyridine}}$), 113.6 ($\text{C}_{\text{pyridine}}$), 111.1 ($\text{CH}_{\text{pyrrole}}$), 101.4, 71.1 (C_{alkyne}), 8.6 (CH_2), 0.8 (CH) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2926 (w), 2857 (w), 2228 (w), 1721 (m), 1581 (w), 1558 (w), 1498 (s), 1340 (m), 1271 (s), 1121 (m), 1064 (m), 1019 (w), 952 (w), 829 (w), 724 (s), 675 (w), 579 (s) cm^{-1} . **MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z (%) = 208 ($[\text{M}^+]$, 68), 207 (100), 206 (16), 205 (17), 193 (8), 192 (6), 181 (11), 180 (38), 179 (20), 168 (3), 155 (21), 152 (4), 89 (4). **HRMS (ESI-TOF):** calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_2$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 207.09167, found 207.09121.



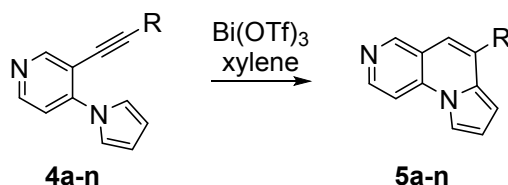
3-(Dec-1-yn-1-yl)-4-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)pyridine 4n. Reaction of **1c**

(1.57 mmol, 350 mg) and 1-decyne (2.35 mmol, 424 μ l,) gave **4n** as a brown solid (244 mg, 56%), mp 76–77 °C. **¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 8.77

(bs, 2H, CH_{pyridine}), 7.36–7.23 (m, 1H, CH_{pyridine}), 6.97 (t, ³*J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H, CH_{pyrrole}), 6.31 (t, ³*J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H, CH_{pyrrole}), 2.45 (t, ³*J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 1.65–1.57 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.47–1.22 (m, 10H, CH₂), 0.89 (t, ³*J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H, CH₃) ppm. **¹³C NMR⁷ (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 154.0, 146.4 (CH_{pyridine}), 121.5, 111.0 (CH_{pyrrole}), 31.9, 29.3, 29.2, 29.1, 28.3, 22.7, 19.8 (CH₂), 14.2 (CH₃) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2923 (m), 2853 (w), 2230 (w), 1720 (w), 1575 (s), 1496 (s), 1396 (w), 1339 (m), 1180 (w), 1122 (w), 1063 (s), 1016 (s), 925 (w), 828 (m), 720 (s), 667 (m), 617 (m), 570 (m) cm⁻¹. **MS (EI, 70 eV):** *m/z* (%) = 280 ([M⁺], 7), 279 (8), 209 (8), 195 (27), 193 (9), 183 (16), 182 (100), 181 (48), 169 (14), 168 (11), 167 (4), 155 (11), 154 (5). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV):** calcd. for C₁₉H₂₄N₂ ([M]⁺) 280.19340, found 280.19281.

⁷ Carbon signals for the *meta*- and *para*-position of the pyridine moiety were undetectable as well as the alkyne signals.

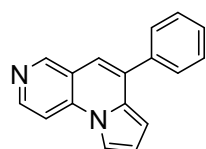
Cycloisomerization to give [1,6]naphthyridines 5a–n



General procedure

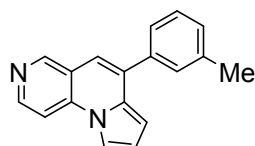
In a pressure tube the Sonogashira product **4a–n** was dissolved in xylene (3 ml, isomeric mixture) under an argon atmosphere. The catalyst Bi(OTf)₃ (1 eq.) was added to the mixture. The solution was stirred at 120 °C for 24 h. After cooling to room temperature the crude product was diluted with water and extracted with ethyl acetate. For further purification the organic solvent was evaporated and column chromatography (heptane/acetone, 2:1 → 1:1) was performed.

Product Characterization



6-(Phenyl)pyrrolo[1,2-*a*][1,6]naphthyridine 5a. Reaction of **4a** (0.41 mmol, 100 mg) with Bi(OTf)₃ (0.41 mmol, 268 mg) gave **5a** as a white solid (55 mg, 55%); mp 217–218 °C. **¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃):**

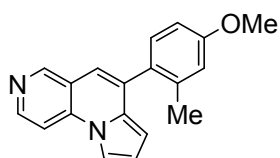
δ = 8.99–8.97 (bs, 1H, CH_{naphthyr.}), 8.62 (d, ³*J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H, CH_{naphthyr.}), 7.95–7.94 (m, 1H, CH_{naphthyr.}), 7.79 (d, ³*J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H, CH_{naphthyr.}), 7.71–7.68 (m, 2H, CH_{Ph}), 7.53–7.47 (m, 3H, CH_{Ph}), 7.05–7.03 (m, 1H, CH_{pyrrole}), 6.93–6.91 (m, 1H, CH_{pyrrole}), 6.75–6.72 (m, 1H, CH_{pyrrole}) ppm. **¹³C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 149.2, 145.4 (CH_{naphthyr.}), 138.2, 138.1, 135.5, 131.6 (C_{Ar}), 129.0 (CH_{Ph}), 129.0 (CH_{Ph}), 128.5 (CH_{Ph}), 120.6 (C_{naphthyr.}), 115.2, 114.8, 114.0, 109.1 (CH_{Ar}), 105.9 (CH_{pyrrole}) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 1673 (w), 1602 (m), 1492 (w), 1258 (s), 1231 (s), 1169 (s), 1035 (s), 816 (w), 766 (m), 697 (m), 631 (s), 573 (m) cm^{−1}. **MS (EI, 70 eV):** *m/z* (%) = 244 ([M⁺], 100), 243 (33), 242 (17), 216 (5), 215 (4), 189 (4), 163 (2). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV):** calcd. for C₁₇H₁₂N₂ ([M]⁺) 244.09950, found 244.09913.



6-(3-Methylphenyl)pyrrolo[1,2-*a*][1,6]naphthyridine 5b. Reaction of **4b** (0.58 mmol, 150 mg) with Bi(OTf)₃ (0.58 mmol, 381 mg) gave **5b** as a white solid (76 mg, 51%); mp 125–126 °C. **¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆):**

δ = 8.80 (s, 1H, CH_{naphthyr.}), 8.45 (d, ³*J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H, CH_{naphthyr.}), 7.41 (d, ³*J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.38–7.36 (m, 2H, CH_{pyrrole/Ar}), 7.20 (dd, ³*J* = 7.6 Hz, ³*J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.05 (d, ³*J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 6.91 (d, ³*J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H, CH_{naphthyr.}), 6.71–6.67 (m, 2H, CH_{pyrrole}), 6.58 (s, 1H, CH_{naphthyr.}), 2.19 (s, 3H, Me) ppm. **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, C₆D₆):** δ = 151.1, 147.5

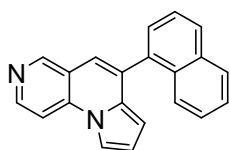
(CH_{naphthyr.}), 139.0, 138.4, 137.1, 134.5, 131.6 (C_{Ar}), 129.4, 129.3, 128.8, 125.9 (CH_{Ar}), 120.3 (C_{Ar}), 115.3, 114.3, 113.5, 108.3, 105.1 (CH_{Ar}), 21.4 (CH₃) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3029 (w), 2919 (w), 1732 (w), 1597 (m), 1484 (m), 1414 (w), 1363 (w), 1302 (w), 1202 (w), 1131 (w), 1037 (w), 851 (w), 810 (m), 787 (s), 709 (s), 645 (w), 569 (m) cm⁻¹. **MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z (%) = 258 ([M⁺], 100), 257 (16), 256 (5), 255 (9), 243 (6), 242 (13), 229 (2), 214 (2), 202 (2). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV):** calcd. for C₁₈H₁₄N₂ ([M]⁺) 258.11515, found 258.11553.



6-(4-Methoxy-2-methylphenyl)pyrrolo[1,2-a][1,6]naphthyridine

5c. Reaction of **4c** (0.52 mmol, 150 mg) with Bi(OTf)₃ (0.52 mmol, 338 mg) gave **5c** as a yellow solid (109 mg, 73%); mp 92–93 °C.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆): δ = 8.80 (s, 1H, CH_{naphthyr.}), 8.47 (d, ³ J = 5.7 Hz, 1H, CH_{naphthyr.}), 7.42 (dd, ³ J = 3.0 Hz, ⁴ J = 1.3 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyrrole}), 7.22 (d, ³ J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.01 (d, ³ J = 5.7 Hz, 1H, CH_{naphthyr.}), 6.87 (d, ⁴ J = 2.6 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 6.75 (dd, ³ J = 8.4 Hz, ⁴ J = 2.6 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 6.67 (dd, ³ J = 3.8 Hz, ³ J = 3.0 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyrrole}), 6.49 (s, 1H, CH_{naphthyr.}), 6.32 (dd, ³ J = 3.8 Hz, ⁴ J = 1.3 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyrrole}), 3.44 (s, 3H, OMe), 2.10 (s, 3H, Me) ppm. **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, C₆D₆):** δ = 160.1 (C), 150.9, 147.4 (CH), 138.1, 137.3, 134.1, 132.5, 131.1 (C), 130.6 (CH), 120.1 (C), 116.3, 116.3, 114.4, 113.4, 111.5, 108.4, 105.2 (CH), 54.9 (OMe), 20.1 (Me) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2951 (w), 2921 (w), 1601 (m), 1491 (m), 1421 (w), 1364 (w), 1250 (s), 1232 (s), 1167 (s), 1113 (w), 1033 (s), 811 (m), 718 (w), 701 (m), 632 (s), 571 (w) cm⁻¹. **MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z (%) = 288 ([M⁺], 99), 287 (100), 273 (6), 272 (8), 256 (5), 255 (7), 245 (8), 244 (12), 243 (25), 242 (13), 229 (7), 205 (3). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV):** calcd. for C₁₉H₁₆ON₂ ([M]⁺) 288.12511, found 288.12571.

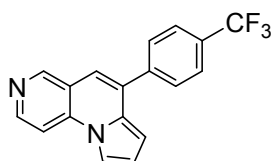


6-(Naphth-1-yl)pyrrolo[1,2-a][1,6]naphthyridine

5d. Reaction of **4d** (0.68 mmol, 200 mg) with Bi(OTf)₃ (0.68 mmol, 446 mg) gave **5d** as a white solid (100 mg, 51%); mp 103–104 °C.

¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.96 (s, 1H, CH_{naphthyr.}), 8.64–8.66 (m, 1H, CH_{naphthyr.}), 7.97–7.90 (m, 3H, CH_{Ar/pyrrole}), 7.84 (d, ³ J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.74 (d, ³ J = 5.7 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.62–7.47 (m, 3H, CH_{Ar}), 7.41–7.34 (m, 1H, CH_{naphthyl}), 7.08 (s, 1H, CH_{naphthyr.}), 6.79 (dd, ³ J = 3.8 Hz, ³ J = 3.0 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyrrole}), 6.20 (dd, ³ J = 3.8 Hz, ⁴ J = 1.2 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyrrole}) ppm. **¹³C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 150.7, 147.2 (CH), 137.6, 135.8, 133.9, 133.2, 132.5, 131.8 (C), 128.8, 128.5, 127.1, 126.3, 126.2, 125.9, 125.5 (CH), 120.0 (C), 116.9, 114.6, 113.3, 108.6, 105.5 (CH) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3042 (w), 1598 (w), 1489 (w), 1416 (w), 1364 (w), 1299 (w), 1197 (w), 1030 (m), 906 (m), 854 (w), 800 (m), 774 (s), 712 (s), 664 (m), 569 (m) cm⁻¹. **MS**

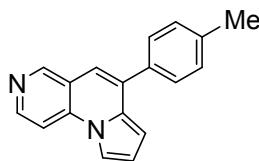
(EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) = 294 ($[M^+]$, 100), 293 (93), 292 (54), 291 (12), 290 (6), 265 (6), 264 (6), 238 (4). **HRMS (ESI-TOF):** calcd. for $C_{21}H_{15}N_2$ ($[M+H]^+$) 295.12352, found 295.12336.



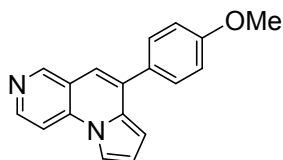
6-(4-[Trifluoromethyl]phenyl)pyrrolo[1,2-*a*][1,6]naphthyridine 5e.

Reaction of **4e** (0.64 mmol, 200 mg) with $Bi(OTf)_3$ (0.64 mmol, 420 mg) gave **5e** as a white solid (49 mg, 35%); mp 110–111 °C.

1H NMR (300 MHz, C_6D_6): δ = 8.79 (s, 1H, $CH_{naphthyr.}$), 8.46 (d, 3J = 5.8 Hz, 1H, $CH_{naphthyr.}$), 7.44 (d, 3J = 8.1 Hz, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.35–7.33 (m, 1H, $CH_{pyrrole}$), 7.32 (d, 3J = 8.1 Hz, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 6.88 (d, 3J = 5.8 Hz, 1H, $CH_{naphthyr.}$), 6.67 (dd, 3J = 3.8 Hz, 3J = 3.0 Hz, 1H, $CH_{pyrrole}$), 6.46 (dd, 3J = 3.8 Hz, 4J = 1.3 Hz, 1H, $CH_{pyrrole}$), 6.39 (s, 1H, $CH_{naphthyr.}$) ppm. **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, C_6D_6):** δ = 151.3, 148.0 ($CH_{naphthyr.}$), 142.3, 137.3, 132.7, 130.7 (C_{Ar}), 130.5 (q, $^2J_{C,F}$ = 32.4 Hz, C_{Ar}), 128.9 (CH), 125.8 (q, $^3J_{C,F}$ = 3.8 Hz, CH_{Ar}), 125.0 (q, $^1J_{C,F}$ = 272.1 Hz, CF_3), 119.8 ($C_{naphthyr.}$), 116.0, 114.4, 113.8, 108.3, 104.9 (CH) ppm. **^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, C_6D_6):** δ = –62.06 ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3106 (w), 3026 (w), 1616 (w), 1600 (m), 1500 (w), 1625 (w), 1370 (w), 1322 (s), 1165 (m), 1096 (s), 1066 (s), 1015 (m), 830 (s), 712 (s), 689 (s), 614 (m), 567 (m) cm^{-1} . **MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z (%) = 312 ($[M^+]$, 100), 311 (20), 293 (4), 243 (7), 242 (10), 214 (3). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV):** calcd. for $C_{18}H_{11}N_2F_3$ ($[M]^+$) 312.08688, found 312.08676.



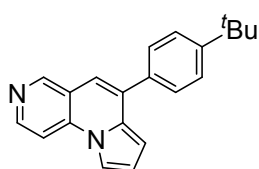
6-(4-Methylphenyl)pyrrolo[1,2-*a*][1,6]naphthyridine 5f. Reaction of **4f** (0.58 mmol, 150 mg) with $Bi(OTf)_3$ (0.58 mmol, 381 mg) gave **5f** as a white solid (74 mg, 50%); mp 130–131 °C. **1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$):** δ = 8.93 (s, 1H, $CH_{naphthyr.}$), 8.57 (d, 3J = 6.0 Hz, 1H, $CH_{naphthyr.}$), 7.90 (s, 1H, $CH_{naphthyr.}$), 7.83 (d, 3J = 6.0 Hz, 1H, $CH_{naphthyr.}$), 7.52 (d, 3J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.26 (d, 3J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 6.97–6.95 (m, 1H, $CH_{pyrrole}$), 6.90–6.88 (m, 1H, $CH_{pyrrole}$), 6.71–6.70 (m, 1H, $CH_{pyrrole}$), 2.38 (s, 3H, Me) ppm. **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$):** δ = 147.3, 143.3 ($CH_{naphthyr.}$), 139.2, 138.9, 136.3, 134.9, 131.8 (C_{Ar}), 129.8, 128.3 (CH_{Ar}), 121.0 ($C_{naphthyr.}$), 115.9, 114.4, 114.1, 109.6, 106.6 (CH_{Ar}), 21.6 (Me) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 1600 (m), 1496 (m), 1424 (w), 1367 (w), 1254 (s), 1161 (s), 1133 (m), 1028 (s), 808 (s), 712 (m), 635 (s), 559 (w) cm^{-1} . **MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z (%) = 258 ($[M^+]$, 100), 257 (12), 243 (4), 242 (9), 202 (2), 129 (2), 128 (9). **HRMS (ESI-TOF):** calcd. for $C_{18}H_{15}N_2$ ($[M+H]^+$) 259.12352, found 259.12432.



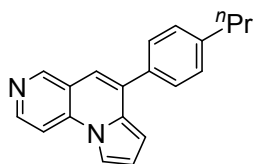
6-(4-Methoxyphenyl)pyrrolo[1,2-*a*][1,6]naphthyridine 5g.

Reaction of **4g** (0.64 mmol, 175 mg) with $Bi(OTf)_3$ (0.64 mmol,

419 mg) gave **5g** as a white solid (136 mg, 78%); mp 137–138 °C. **¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 8.97 (s, 1H, CH_{naphthyr.}), 8.62 (d, ³*J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H, CH_{naphthyr.}), 7.95 (dd, ³*J* = 3.1 Hz, ⁴*J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyrrole}), 7.83 (d, ³*J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H, CH_{naphthyr.}), 7.64 (d, ³*J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.04 (d, ³*J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.00 (s, 1H, CH_{naphthyr.}), 6.93 (dd, ³*J* = 3.1 Hz, ³*J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyrrole}), 6.74 (dd, ³*J* = 3.8 Hz, ⁴*J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyrrole}), 3.90 (s, 3H, OMe) ppm. **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 160.1 (C_{Ar}), 150.4, 146.6 (CH_{naphthyr.}), 137.4, 134.4, 131.7 (C_{Ar}), 130.8 (CH_{Ar}), 129.6 (CH_{Ar}), 120.4 (C_{naphthyr.}), 114.6, 114.5 (CH_{Ar}), 114.3 (CH_{Ar}), 113.6 (CH_{naphthyr.}), 108.6 (C_{naphthyr.}), 105.2 (CH_{pyrrole}), 55.5 (OMe) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 1599 (w), 1493 (w), 1366 (w), 1249 (s), 1232 (s), 1170 (s), 1109 (w), 1036 (s), 1019 (s), 829 (m), 806 (m), 714 (w), 681 (s), 636 (s), 568 (s) cm⁻¹. **MS (EI, 70 eV):** *m/z* (%) = 274 ([M⁺], 100), 259 (19), 231 (21), 230 (17), 29 (20), 205 (9), 203 (7), 176 (5). **HRMS (ESI-TOF):** calcd. for C₁₈H₁₅ON₂ ([M+H]⁺) 275.11844, found 275.12061.

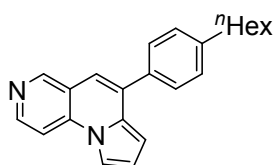


6-(4-*tert*-Butylphenyl)pyrrolo[1,2-*a*][1,6]naphthyridine 5h. Reaction of **4h** (0.67 mmol, 200 mg) with Bi(OTf)₃ (0.67 mmol, 437 mg) gave **5h** as a white solid (82 mg, 41%); mp 70–71 °C. **¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 8.94 (s, 1H, CH_{naphthyr.}), 8.59 (d, ³*J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H, CH_{naphthyr.}), 7.89 (dd, ³*J* = 3.0 Hz, ⁴*J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyrrole}), 7.89 (d, ³*J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H, CH_{naphthyr.}), 7.66–7.62 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.55–7.50 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.00 (s, 1H, CH_{naphthyr.}), 6.87 (dd, ³*J* = 3.0 Hz, ³*J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyrrole}), 6.73 (dd, ³*J* = 3.8 Hz, ⁴*J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyrrole}), 1.40 (s, 9H, CH_{3tBu}) ppm. **¹³C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 151.8 (C_{Ar}), 150.5, 146.7 (CH_{naphthyr.}), 137.4, 135.4, 134.6, 131.5 (C_{Ar}), 128.1, 125.8 (CH_{Ar}), 120.4 (C_{naphthyr.}), 114.9, 114.6, 113.5, 108.6, 105.3 (CH), 34.9 (C), 31.5 (CH_{3tBu}) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2957 (m), 2865 (w), 1597 (m), 1491 (m), 1421 (w), 1361 (m), 1267 (w), 1178 (w), 1108 (w), 1037 (w), 908 (w), 830 (s), 809 (m), 714 (s), 701 (s), 621 (w), 542 (m) cm⁻¹. **MS (EI, 70 eV):** *m/z* (%) = 300 ([M⁺], 100), 286 (18), 285 (81), 284 (5), 270 (11), 269 (10), 268 (7), 257 (21), 256 (6), 255 (15), 243 (12), 242 (14), 214 (3), 143 (6), 128 (28). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV):** calcd. for C₂₁H₂₀N₂ ([M]⁺) 300.39690, found 300.39686.

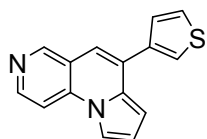


6-(4-*n*-Propylphenyl)pyrrolo[1,2-*a*][1,6]naphthyridine 5i. Reaction of **4i** (0.45 mmol, 130 mg) with Bi(OTf)₃ (0.45 mmol, 298 mg) gave **5i** as a yellow solid (68 mg, 53%); mp 90–91 °C. **¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆):** δ = 8.79 (s, 1H, CH_{naphthyr.}), 8.44 (d, ³*J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H, CH_{naphthyr.}), 7.53 (d, ³*J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.37 (dd, ³*J* = 2.9 Hz, ⁴*J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H, CH_{pyrrole}), 7.13 (d,

$^3J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 6.92 (d, $^3J = 5.7$ Hz, 1H, CH_{naphthyr.}), 6.72 (dd, $^3J = 3.8$ Hz, $^4J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H, CH_{pyrrole}), 6.68 (dd, $^3J = 3.8$ Hz, $^3J = 2.9$ Hz, 1H, CH_{pyrrole}), 6.60 (s, 1H, CH_{naphthyr.}), 2.50 (t, $^3J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H, CH₂), 1.59 (tq, $^3J = 7.6$ Hz, $^3J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H, CH₂), 0.90 (t, $^3J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H, CH₃) ppm. **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, C₆D₆):** $\delta = 151.1, 147.4$ (CH_{naphthyr.}), 143.1, 137.1, 136.4, 134.4, 131.6 (C), 129.0, 128.6 (CH_{Ar}), 120.3 (C_{naphthyr.}), 115.2, 114.3, 113.5, 108.2, 105.1 (CH_{Ar}), 38.1, 24.9 (CH₂), 14.0 (CH₃) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu} = 2955$ (w), 2926 (w), 2868 (w), 1596 (m), 1489 (m), 1422 (m), 1364 (w), 1302 (w), 1177 (w), 829 (m), 808 (s), 713 (s), 700 (s), 568 (m) cm⁻¹. **MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z (%) = 286 ([M⁺], 100), 258 (13), 257 (66), 256 (11), 255 (25), 243 (6), 242 (8), 229 (3), 228 (3), 202 (2). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV):** calcd. for C₂₀H₁₈N₂ ([M]⁺) 286.14645, found 286.14708.



6-(4-*n*-Hexylphenyl)pyrrolo[1,2-*a*][1,6]naphthyridine 5j. Reaction of **4j** (0.46 mmol, 150 mg,) with Bi(OTf)₃ (0.46 mmol, 299 mg) gave **5j** as a yellow oil (67 mg, 45%). **¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆):** $\delta = 8.79$ (s, 1H, CH_{naphthyr.}), 8.44 (d, $^3J = 5.8$ Hz, 1H, CH_{naphthyr.}), 7.55 (d, $^3J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.37 (dd, $^3J = 3.0$ Hz, $^4J = 1.3$ Hz, 1H, CH_{pyrrole}), 7.17 (d, $^3J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 6.91 (d, $^3J = 5.8$ Hz, 1H, CH_{naphthyr.}), 6.73 (dd, $^3J = 3.8$ Hz, $^4J = 1.3$ Hz, 1H, CH_{pyrrole}), 6.69 (dd, $^3J = 3.8$ Hz, $^3J = 3.8$ Hz, 1H, CH_{pyrrole}), 6.61 (s, 1H, CH_{naphthyr.}), 2.57 (t, $^3J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H, CH₂), 1.62–1.58 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.34–1.24 (m, 6H, CH₂), 0.90 (t, $^3J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H, CH₃) ppm. **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, C₆D₆):** $\delta = 151.1, 147.4$ (CH_{naphthyr.}), 143.4, 137.1, 136.4, 134.4, 131.6 (C), 129.0, 128.7 (CH_{Ar}), 120.3 (C), 115.2, 114.3, 113.5, 108.3, 105.1 (CH), 36.2, 32.2, 31.9, 29.4, 23.1 (CH₂), 14.4 (CH₃) ppm. **IR (ATR):** $\tilde{\nu} = 2923$ (s), 2853 (m), 1597 (m), 1491 (m), 1422 (m), 1365 (w), 1303 (w), 1176 (w), 1037 (w), 828 (s), 810 (s), 714 (s), 702 (s), 569 (m) cm⁻¹. **MS (EI, 70 eV):** m/z (%) = 328 ([M⁺], 100), 271 (5), 270 (3), 258 (13), 257 (53), 256 (10), 255 (22), 243 (4), 242 (7), 229 (3), 228 (3). **HRMS (EI, 70 eV):** calcd. for C₂₃H₂₄N₂ ([M]⁺) 328.19340, found 328.19321.

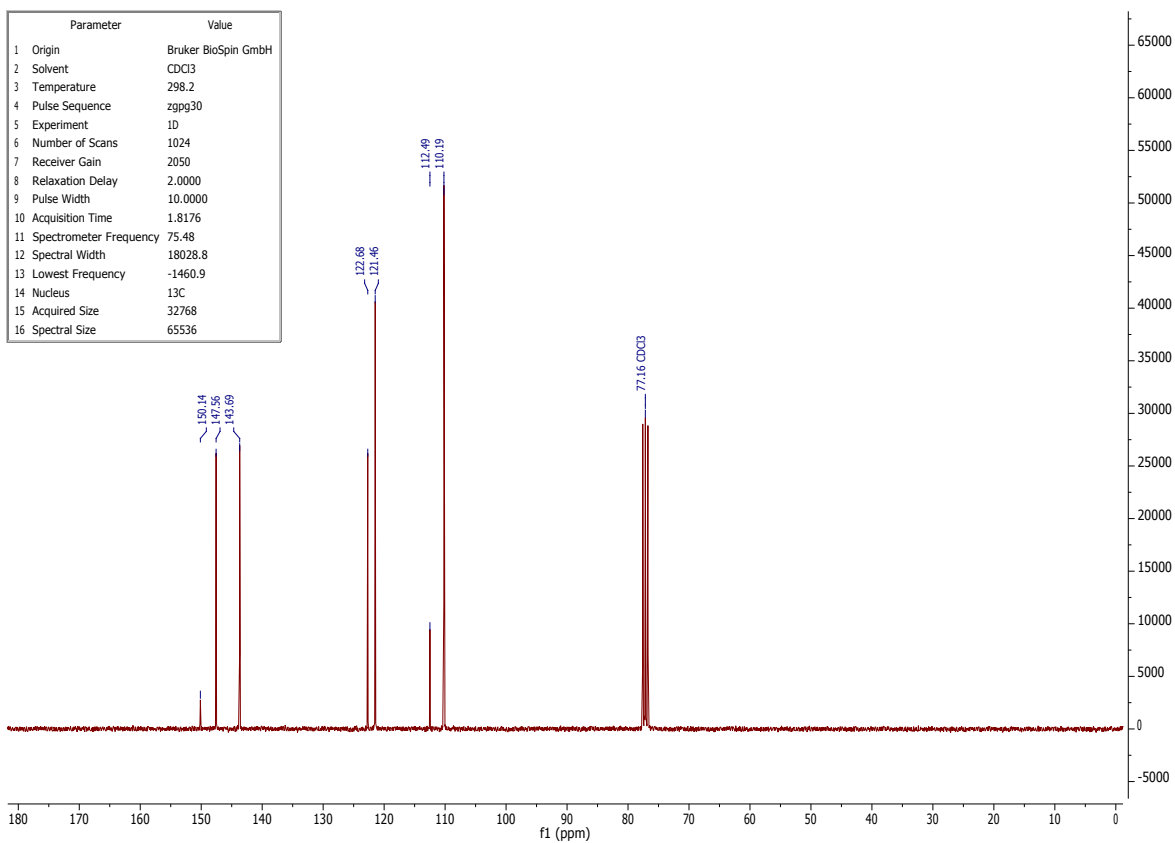
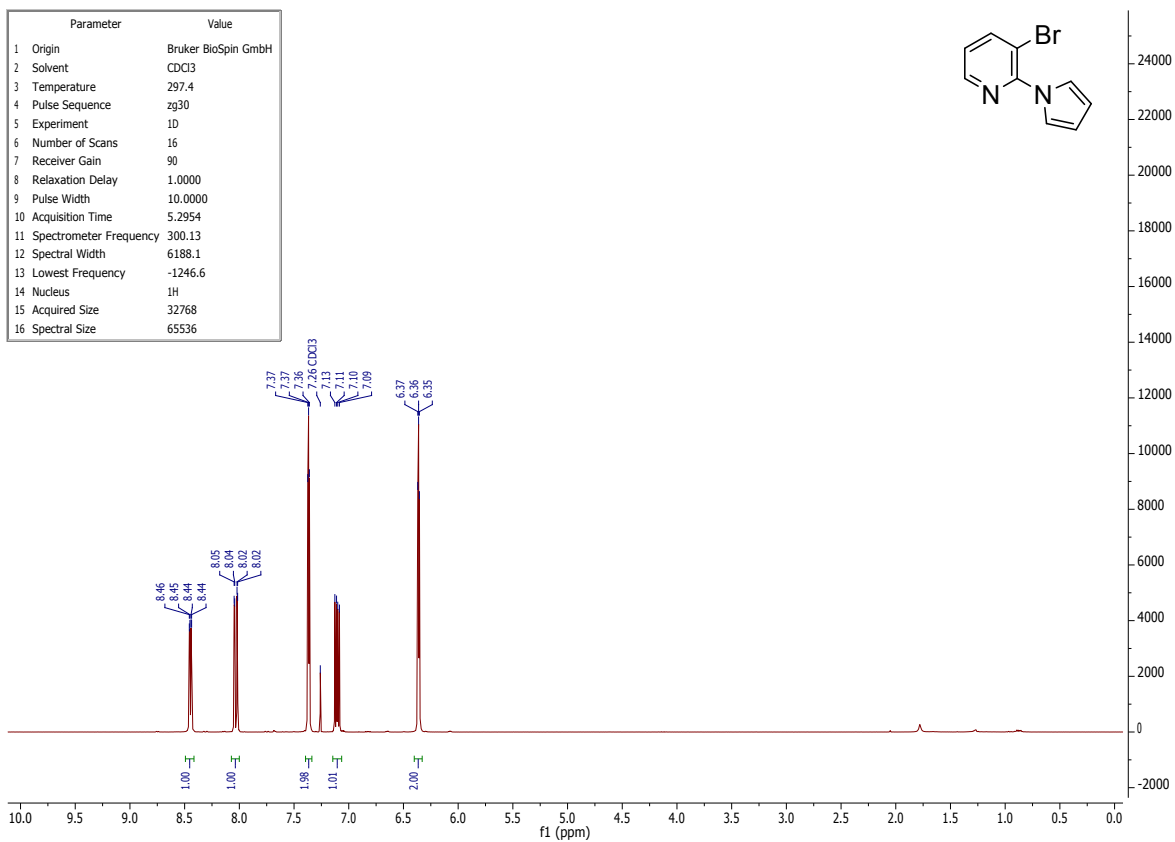


6-(Thiophen-3-yl)pyrrolo[1,2-*a*][1,6]naphthyridine 5k. Reaction of **4k** (0.46 mmol, 115 mg,) with Bi(OTf)₃ (0.46 mmol, 301 mg) gave **5k** as a white solid (82 mg, 72%); mp 234–235 °C. **¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆):** $\delta = 8.76$ (s, 1H, CH_{naphthyr.}), 8.43 (d, $^3J = 5.7$ Hz, 1H, CH_{naphthyr.}), 7.34 (dd, $^3J = 2.8$ Hz, $^4J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H, CH_{pyrrole}), 7.26 (dd, $^3J = 5.0$ Hz, $^4J = 1.3$ Hz, 1H, CH_{thioph.}), 7.19 (dd, $^4J = 3.0$ Hz, $^4J = 1.3$ Hz, 1H, CH_{thioph.}), 6.97 (dd, $^3J = 5.0$ Hz, $^4J = 3.0$ Hz, 1H, CH_{thioph.}), 6.88 (d, $^3J = 5.7$ Hz, 1H, CH_{naphthyr.}), 6.70–6.66 (m, 2H, CH_{pyrrole}), 6.59 (s, 1H, CH_{naphthyr.}) ppm.

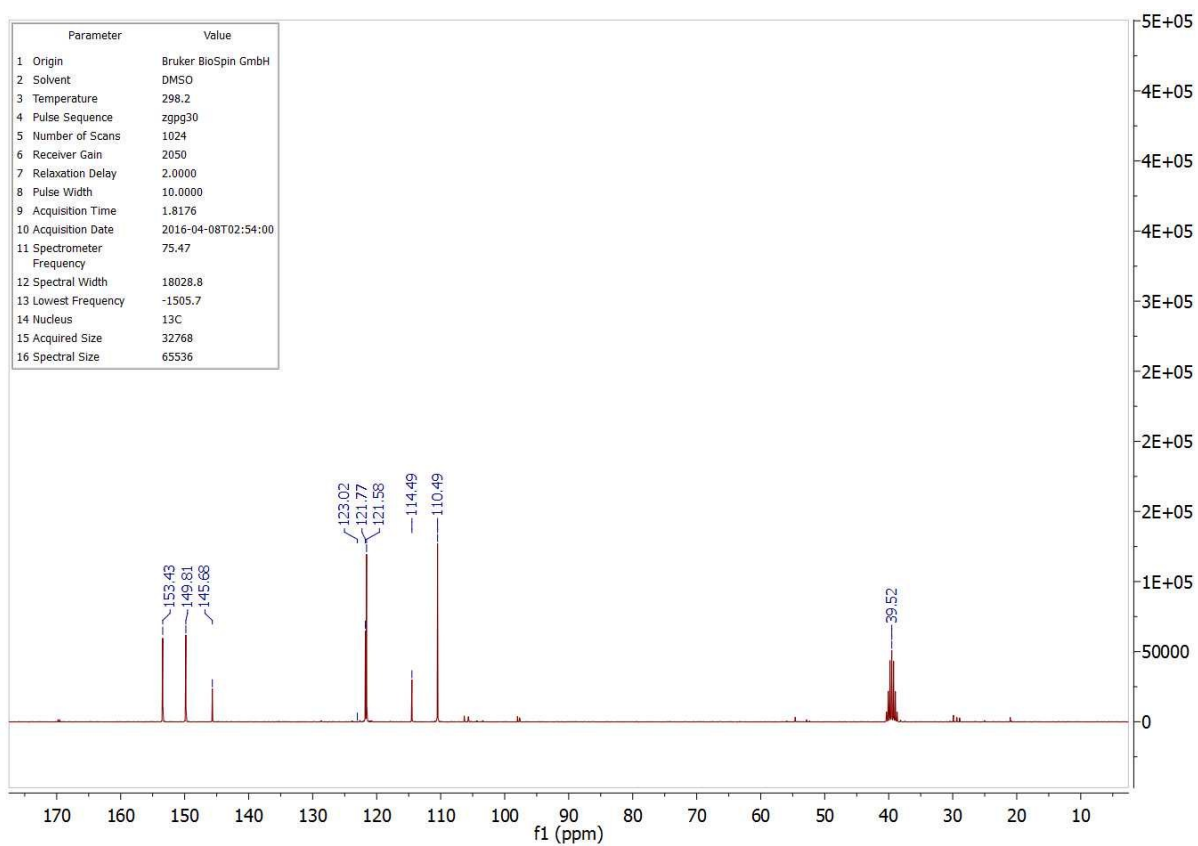
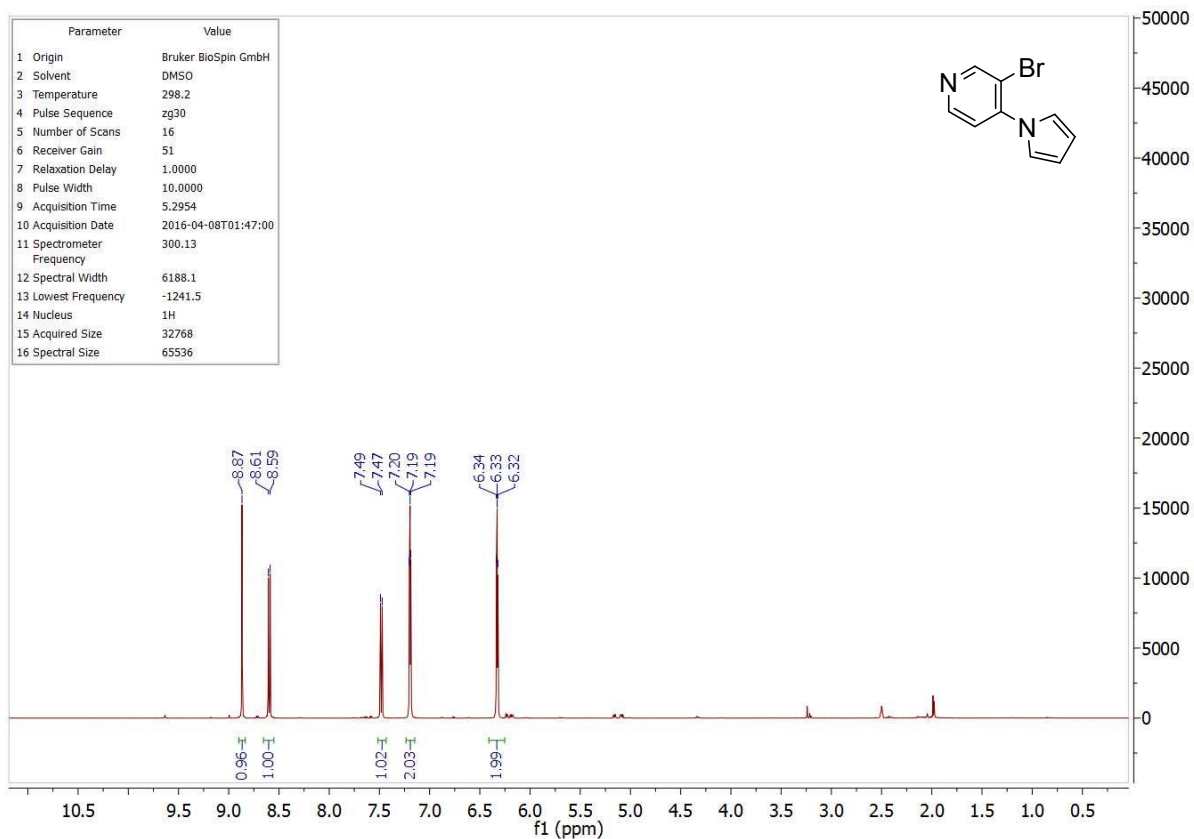
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$^1\text{H}/^{13}\text{C}/^{19}\text{F}$ NMR spectra for all substrates

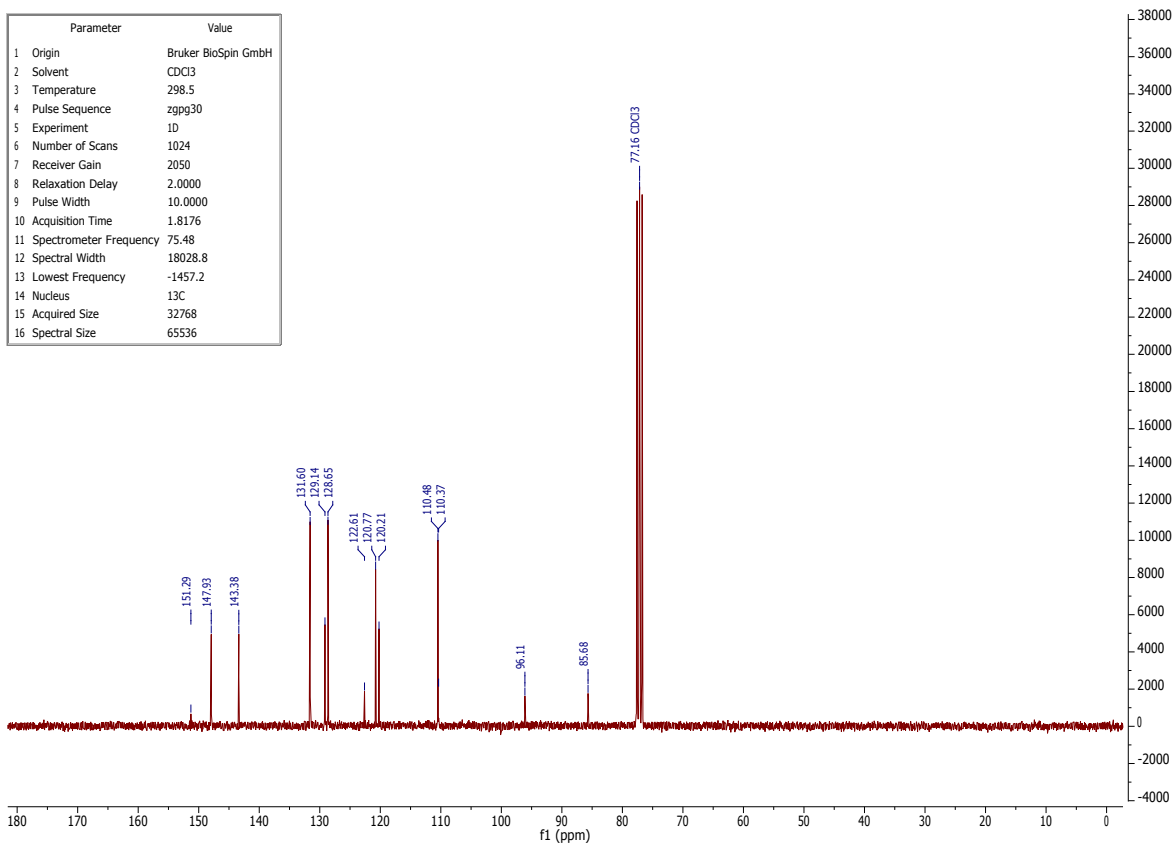
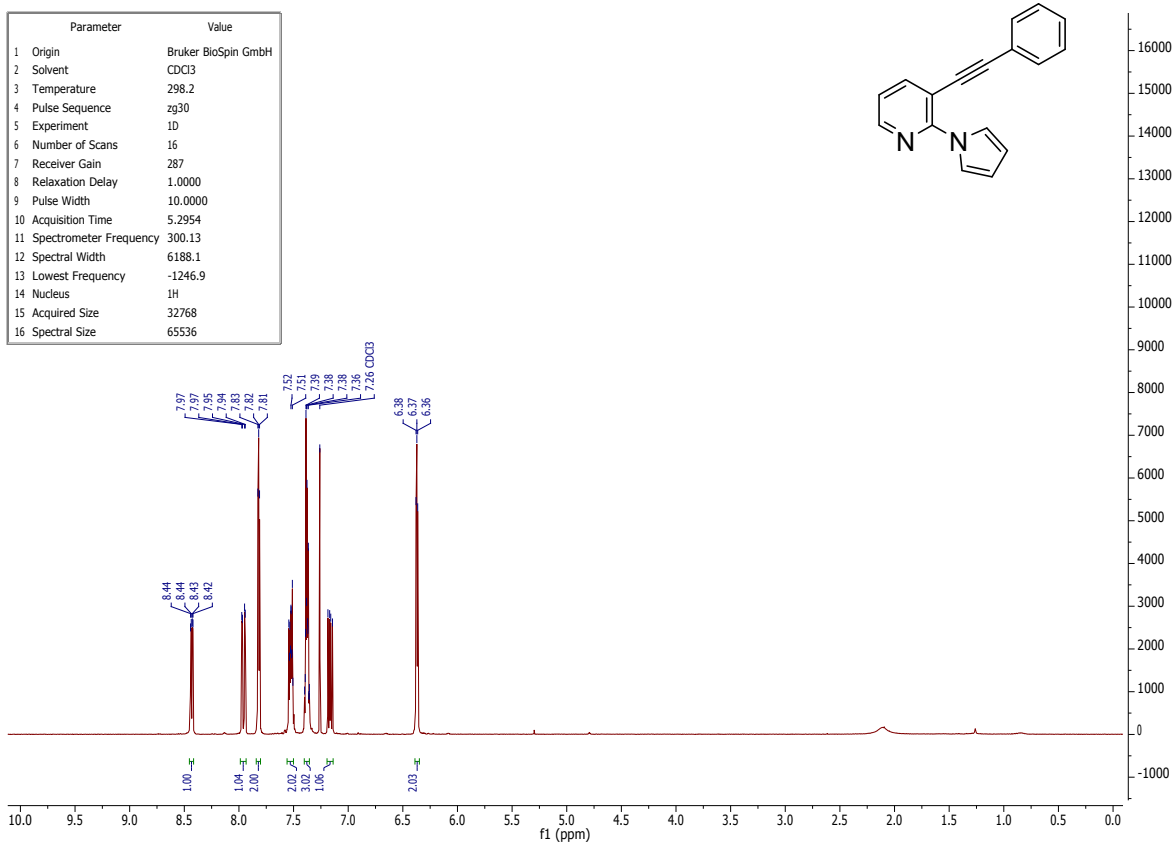
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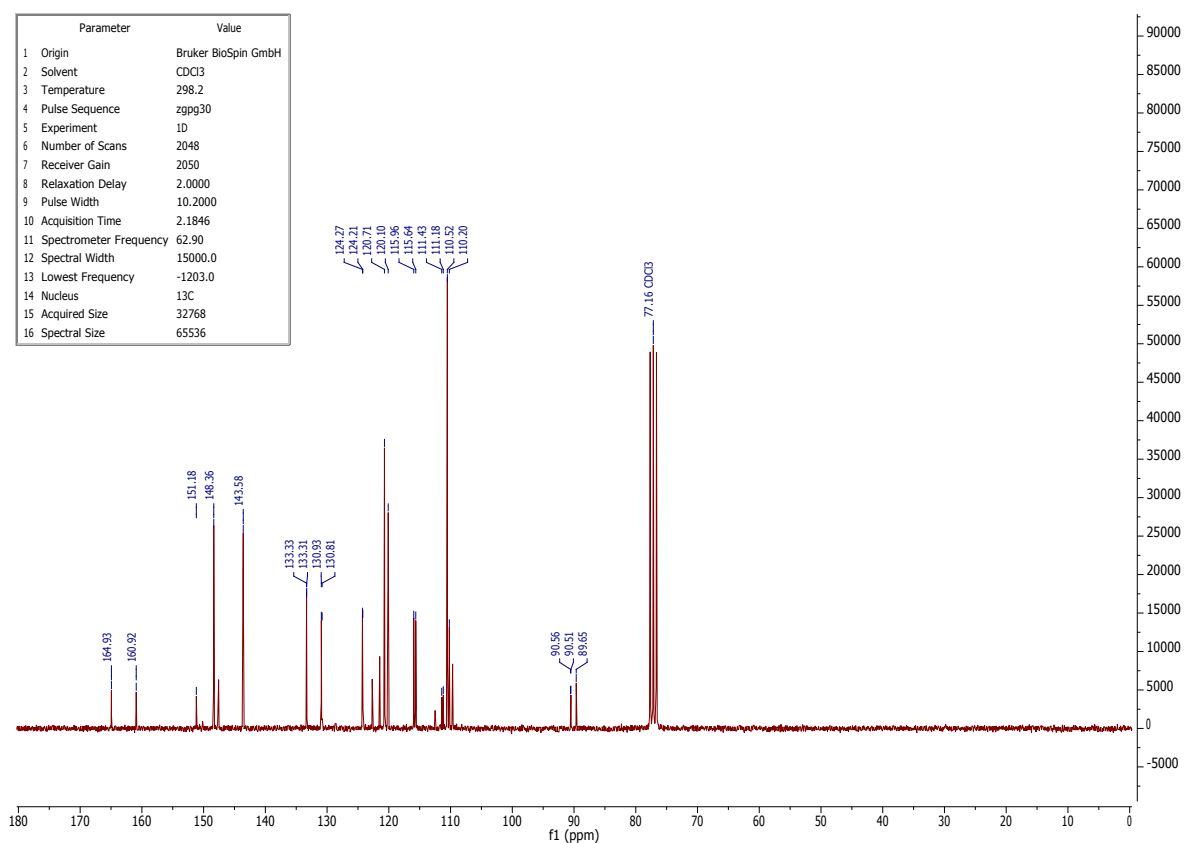
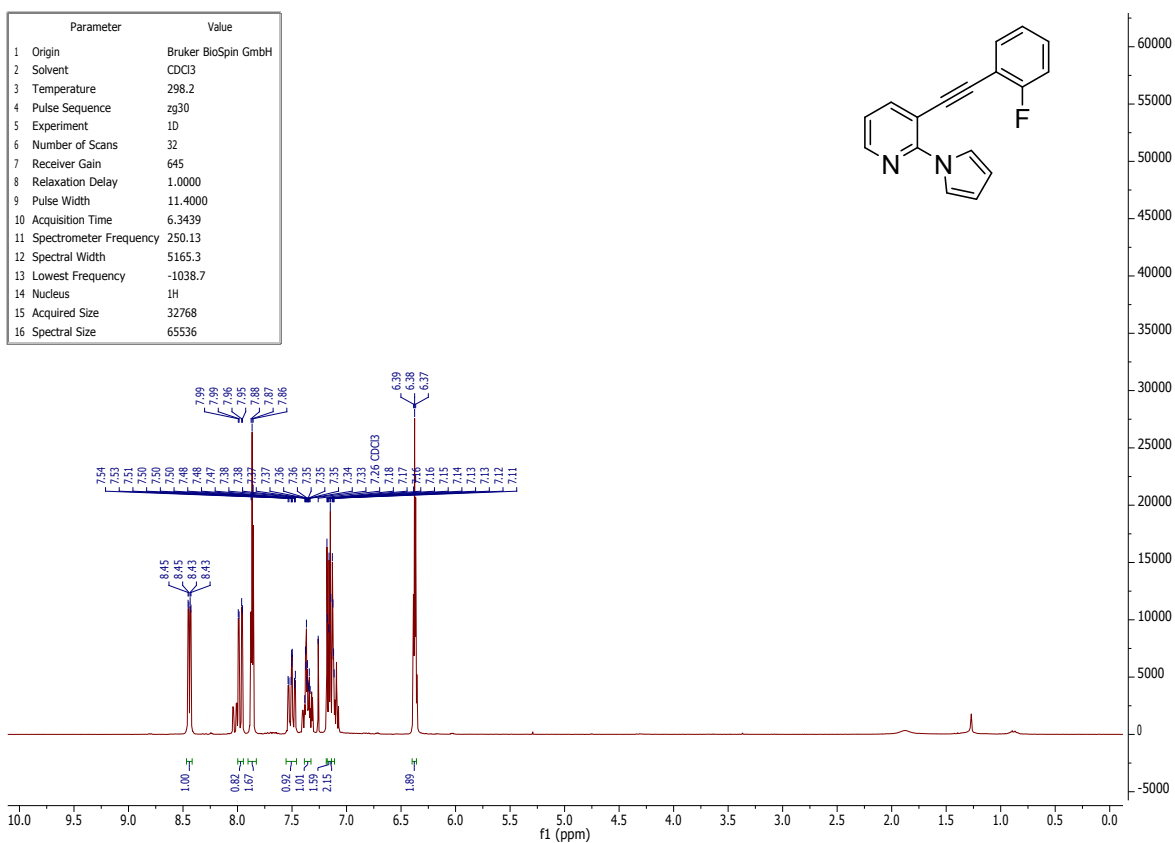
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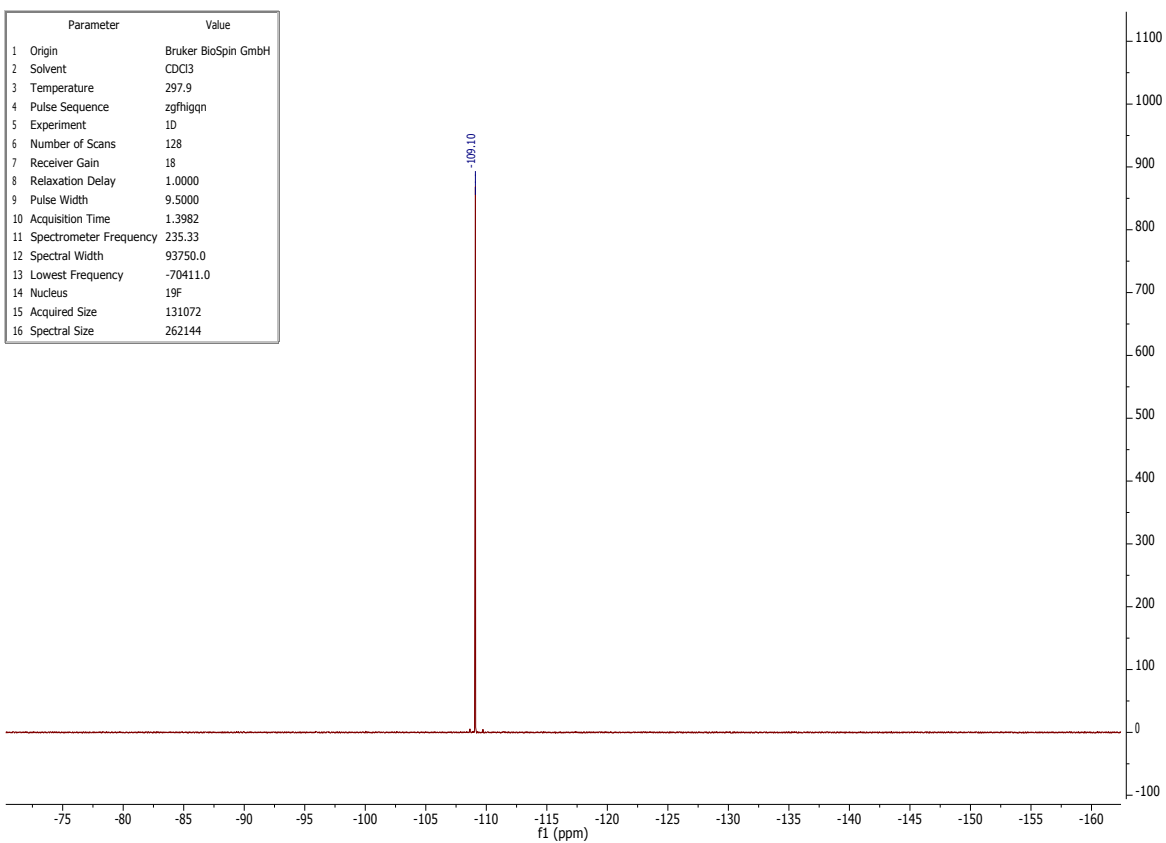
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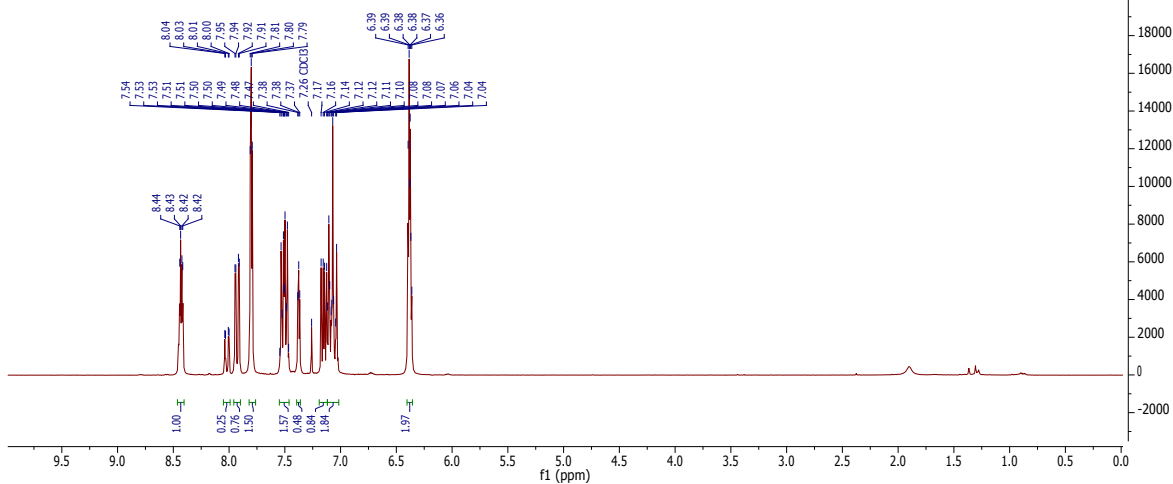
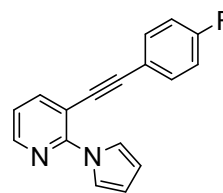


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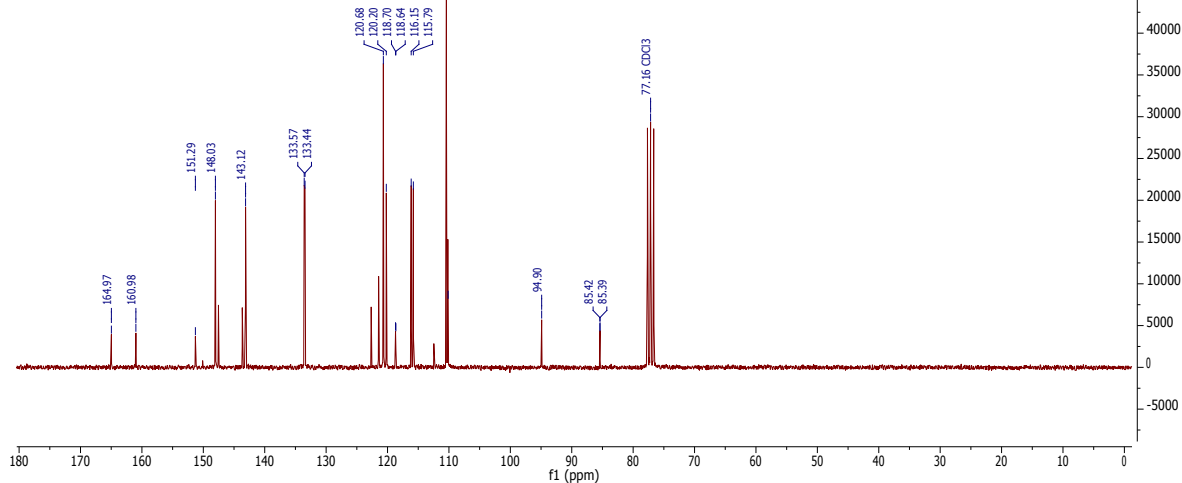


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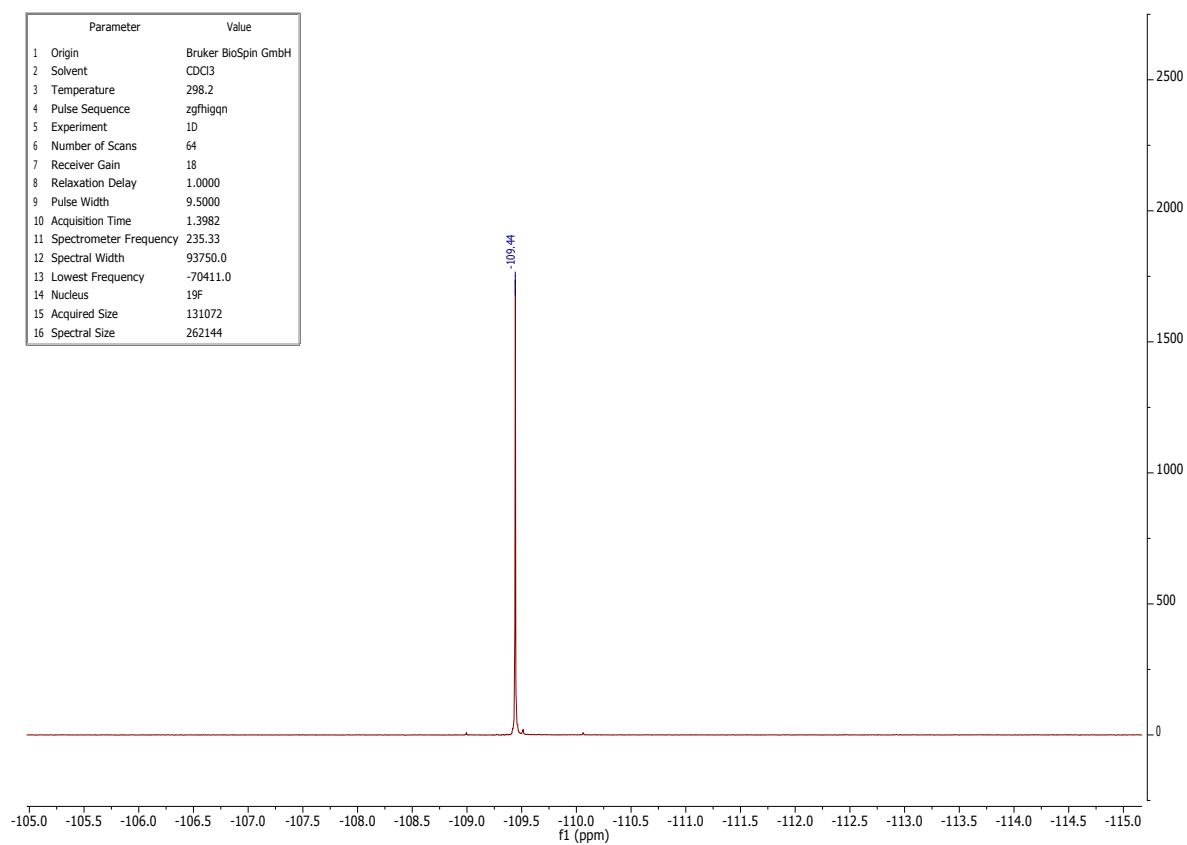
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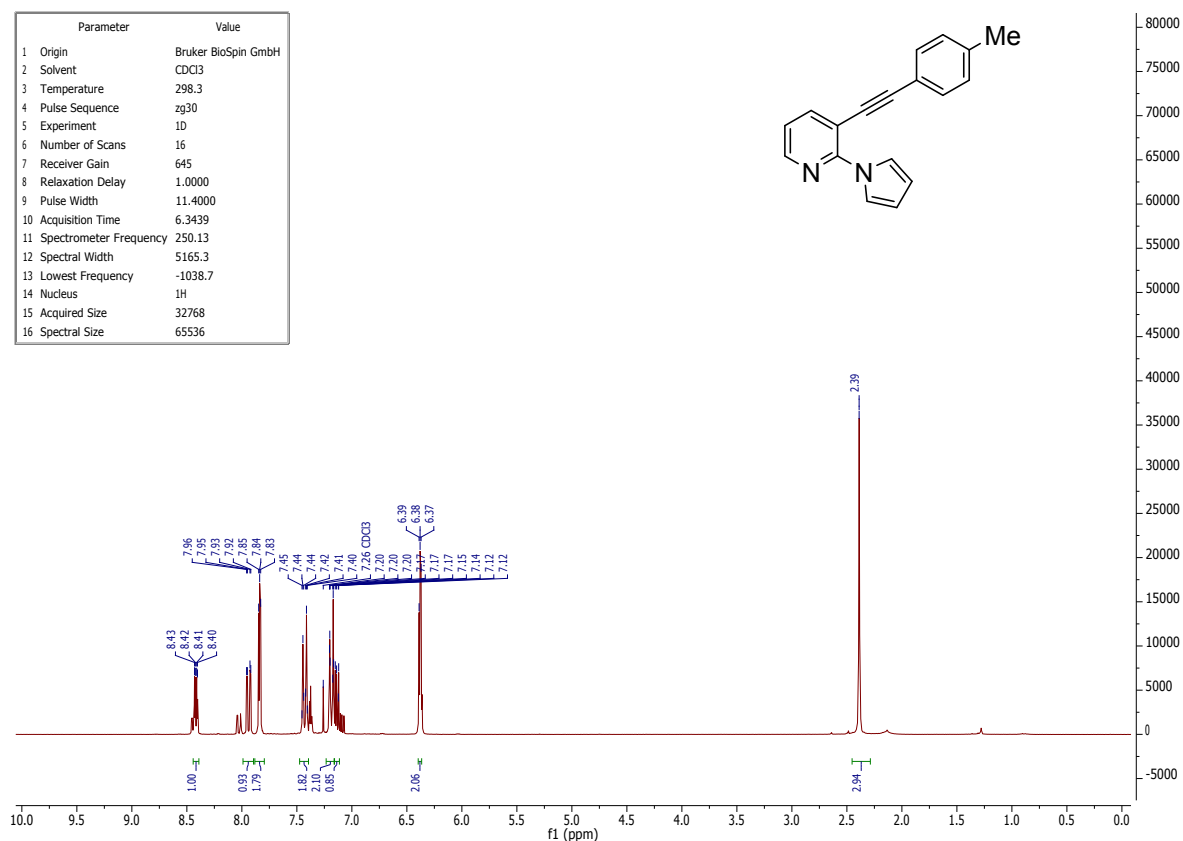
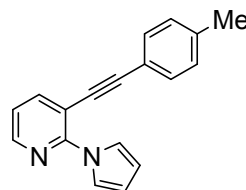


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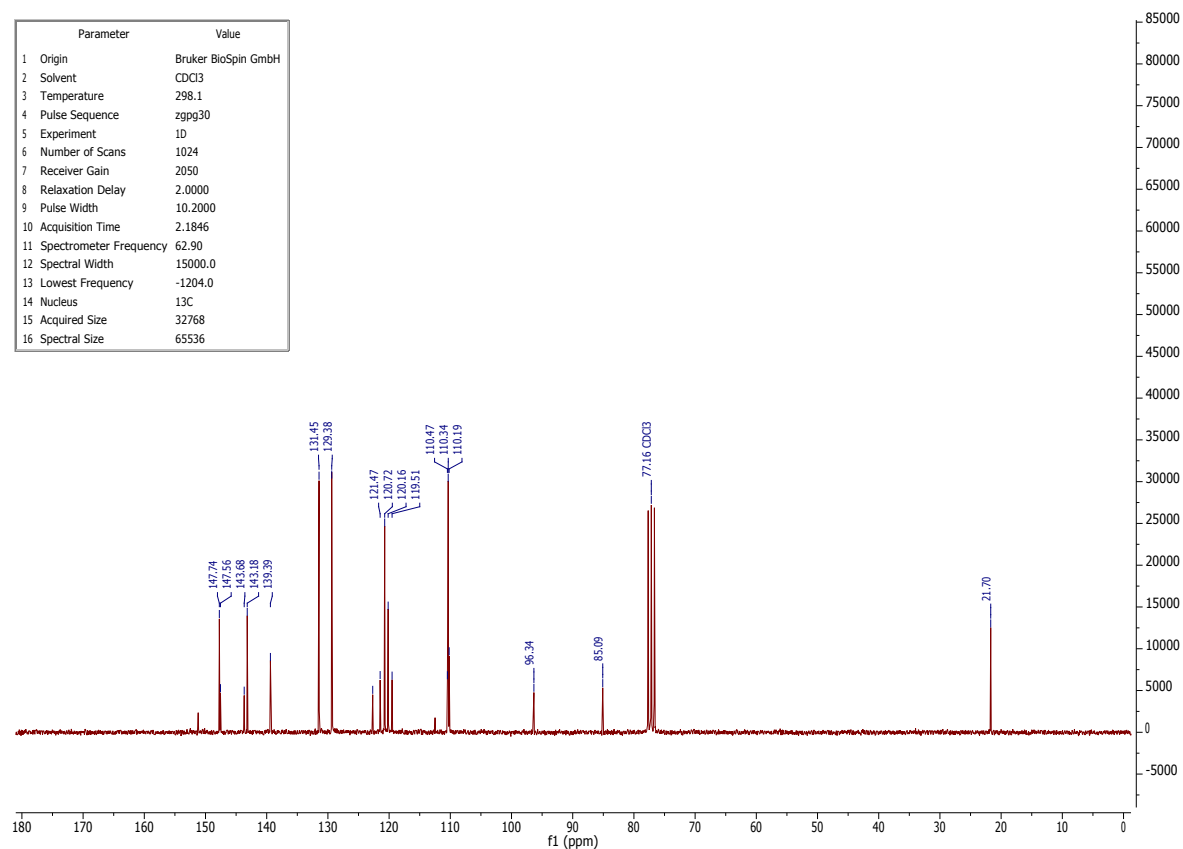


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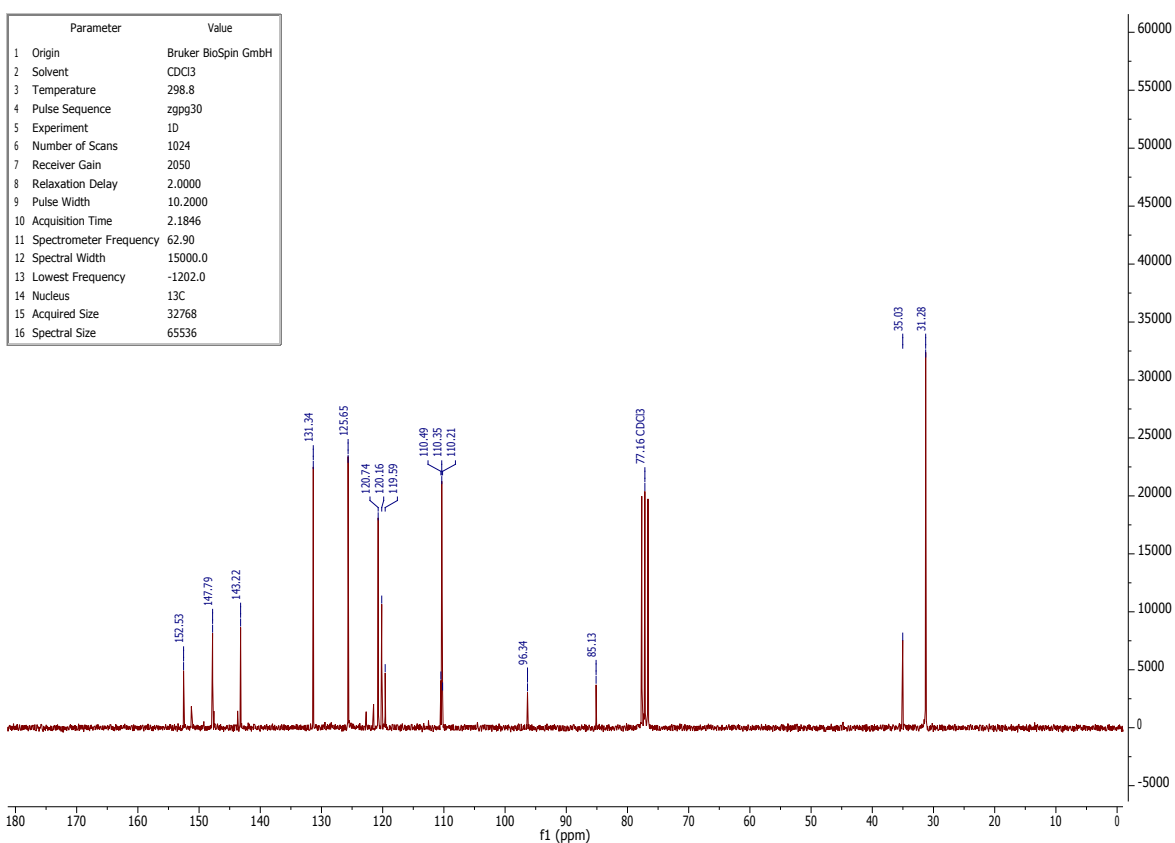
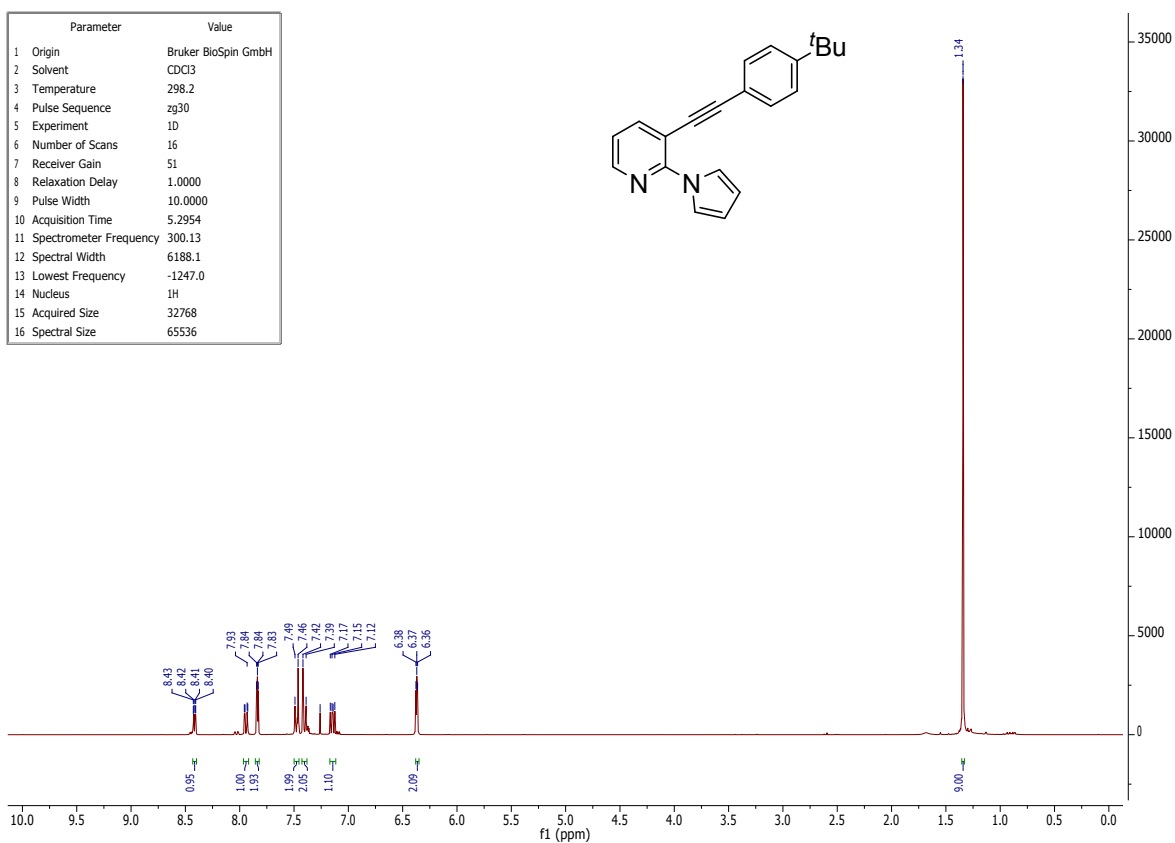
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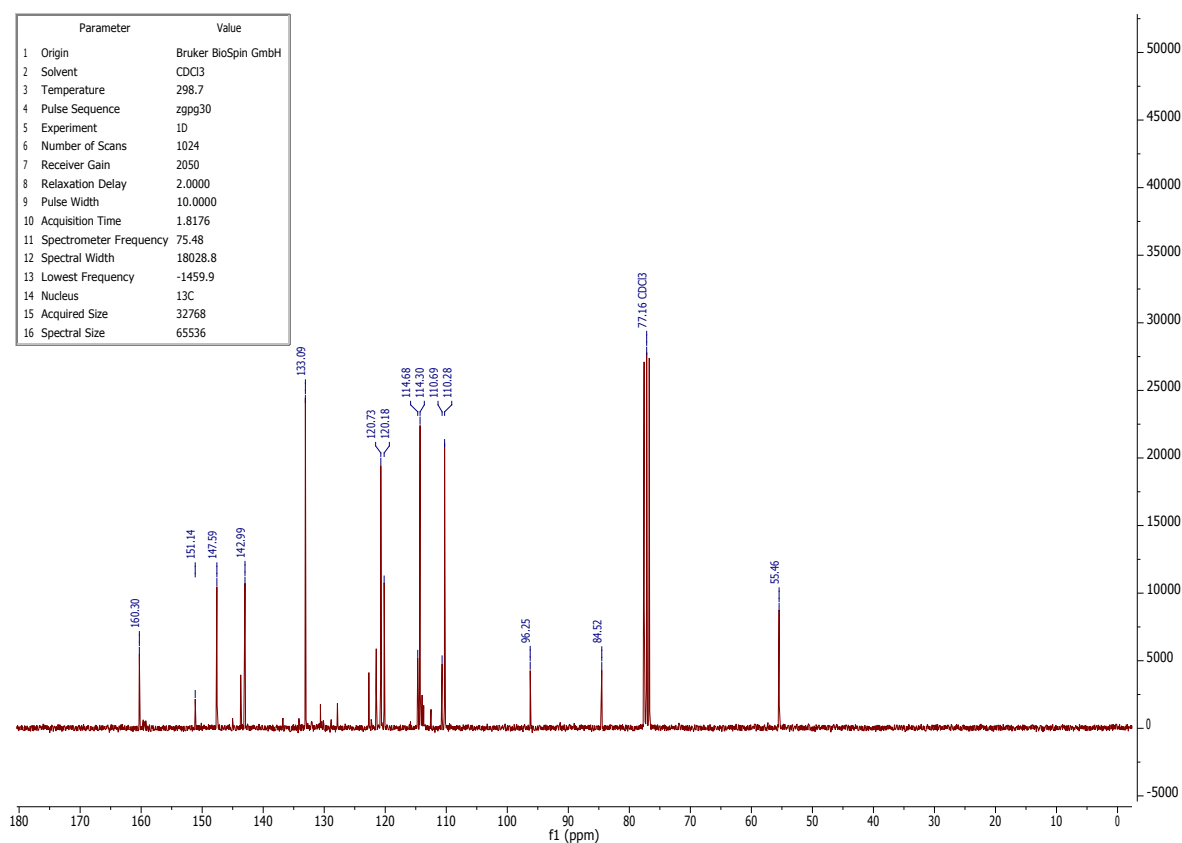
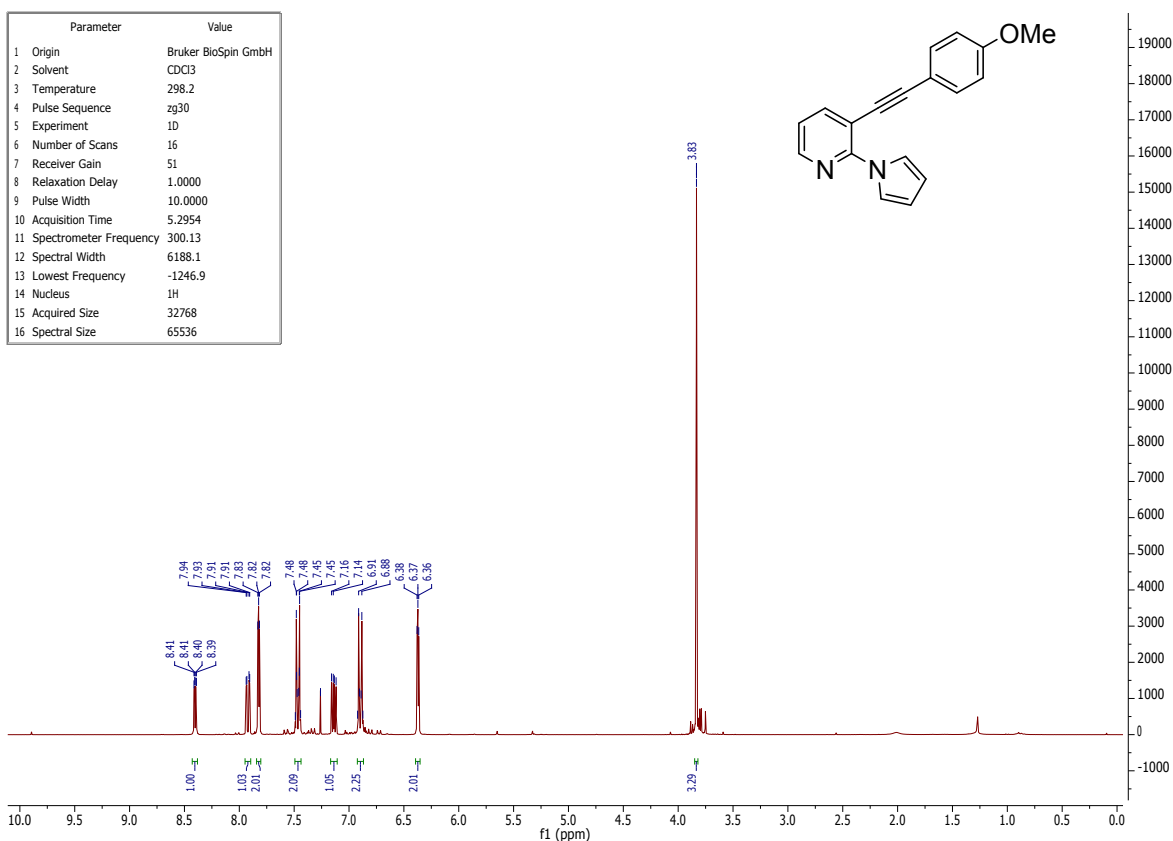
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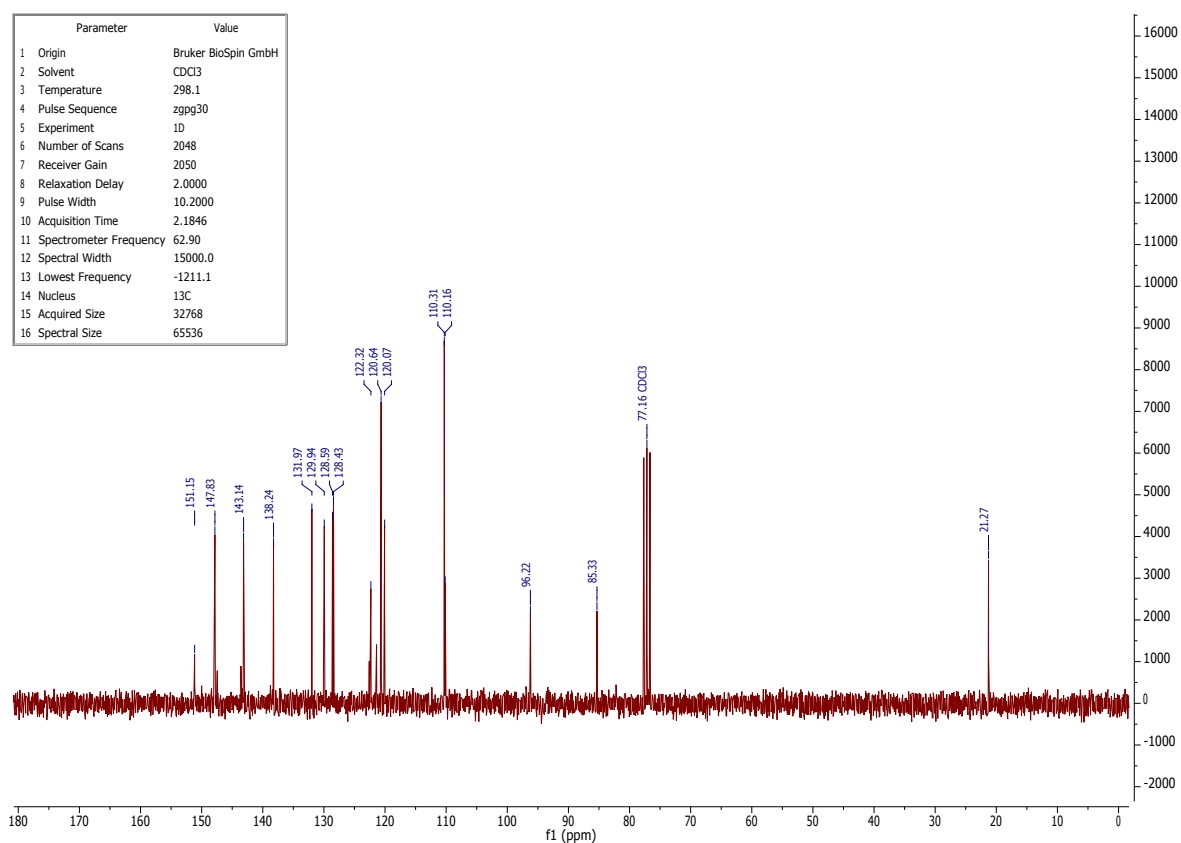
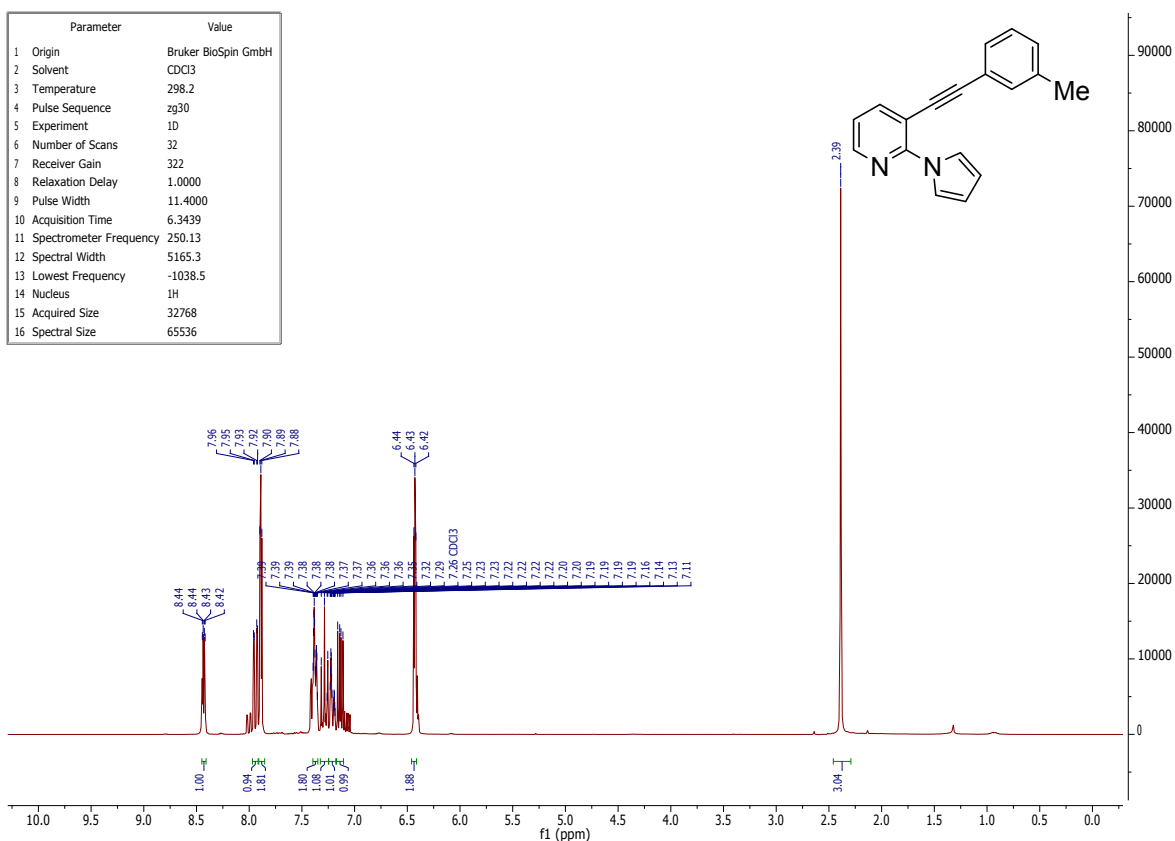
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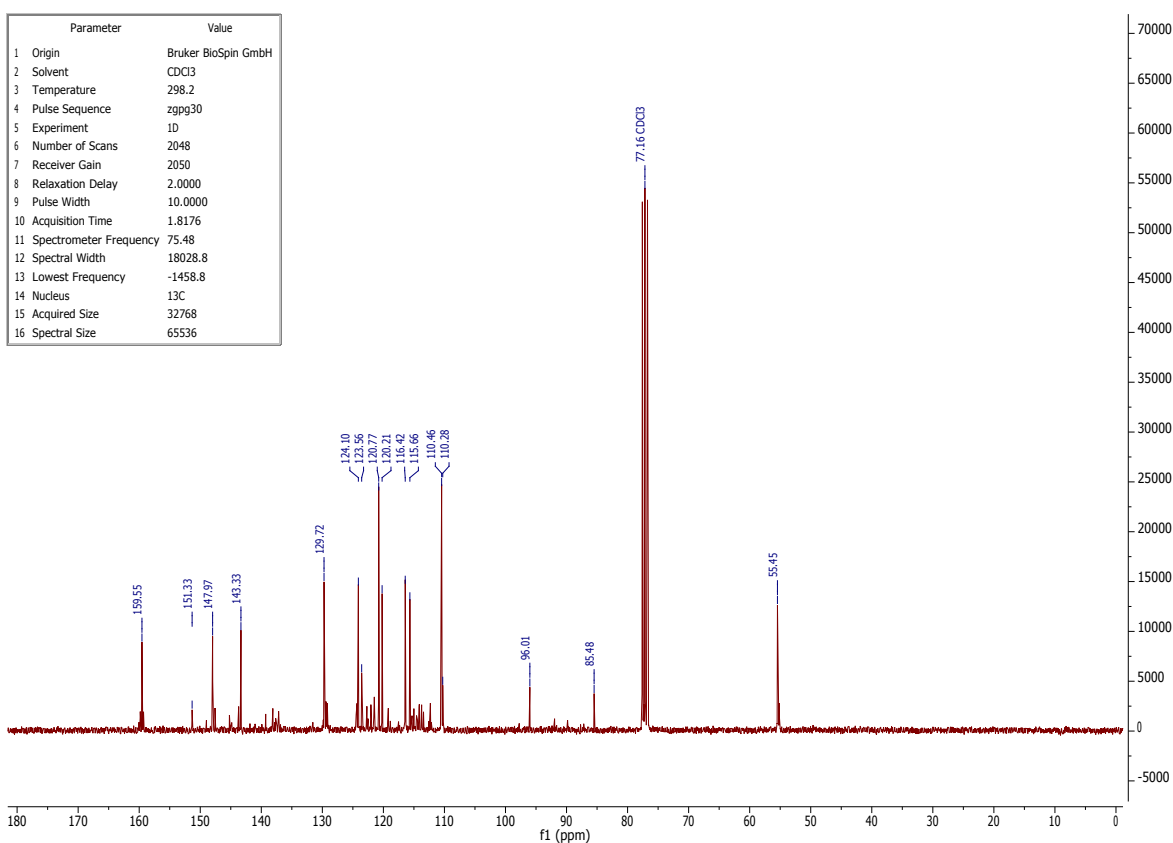
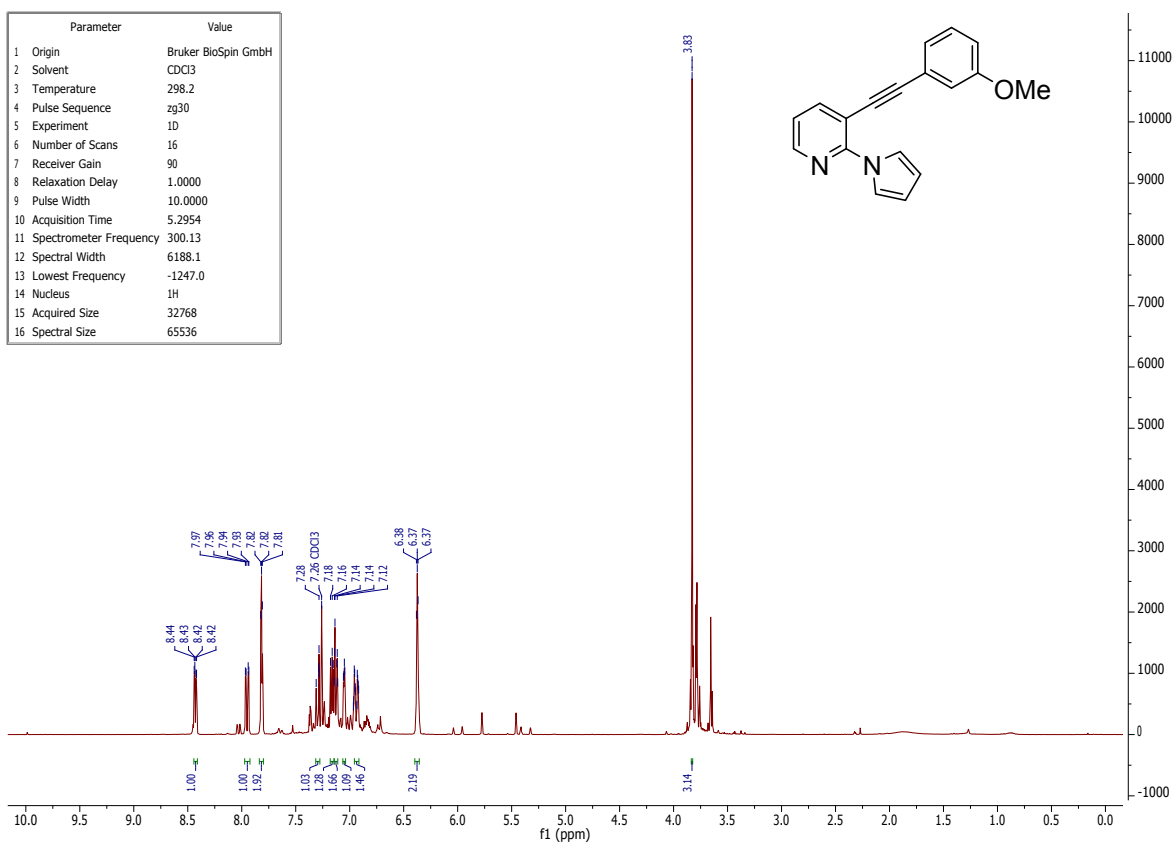
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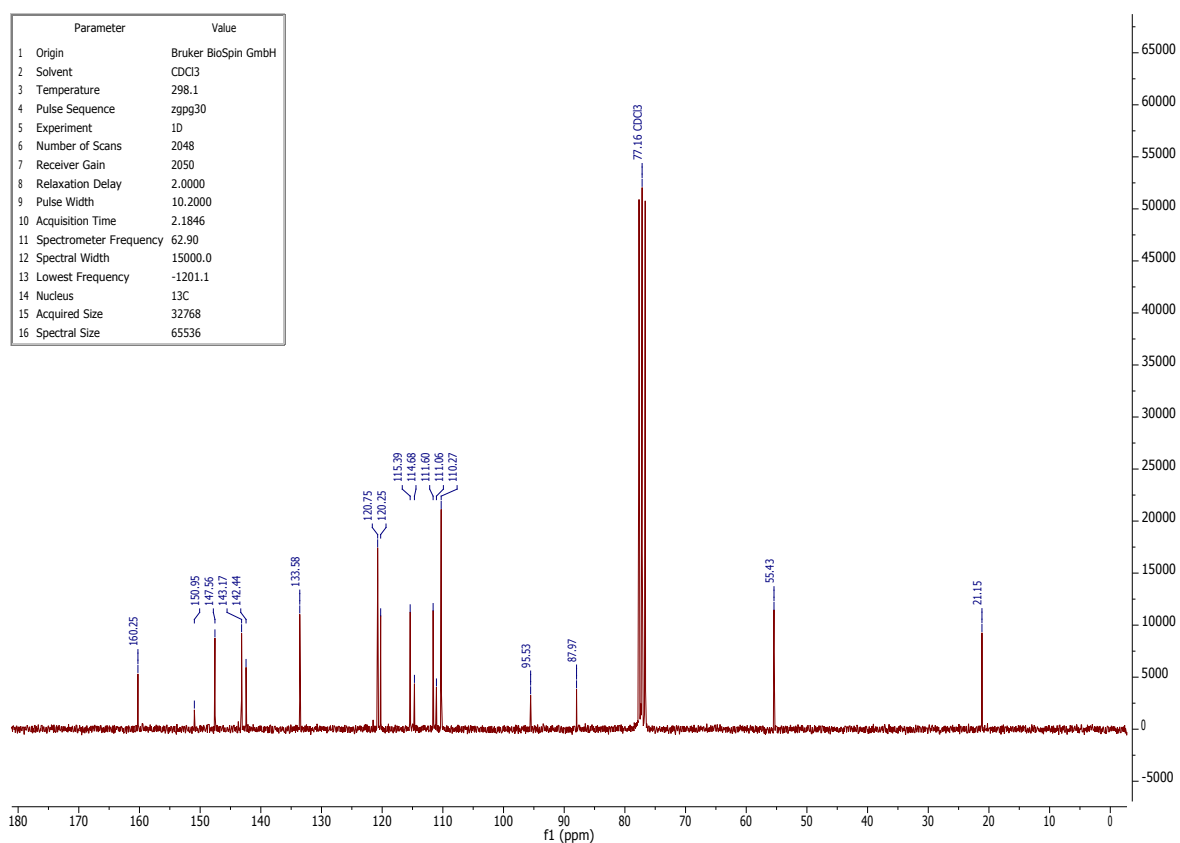
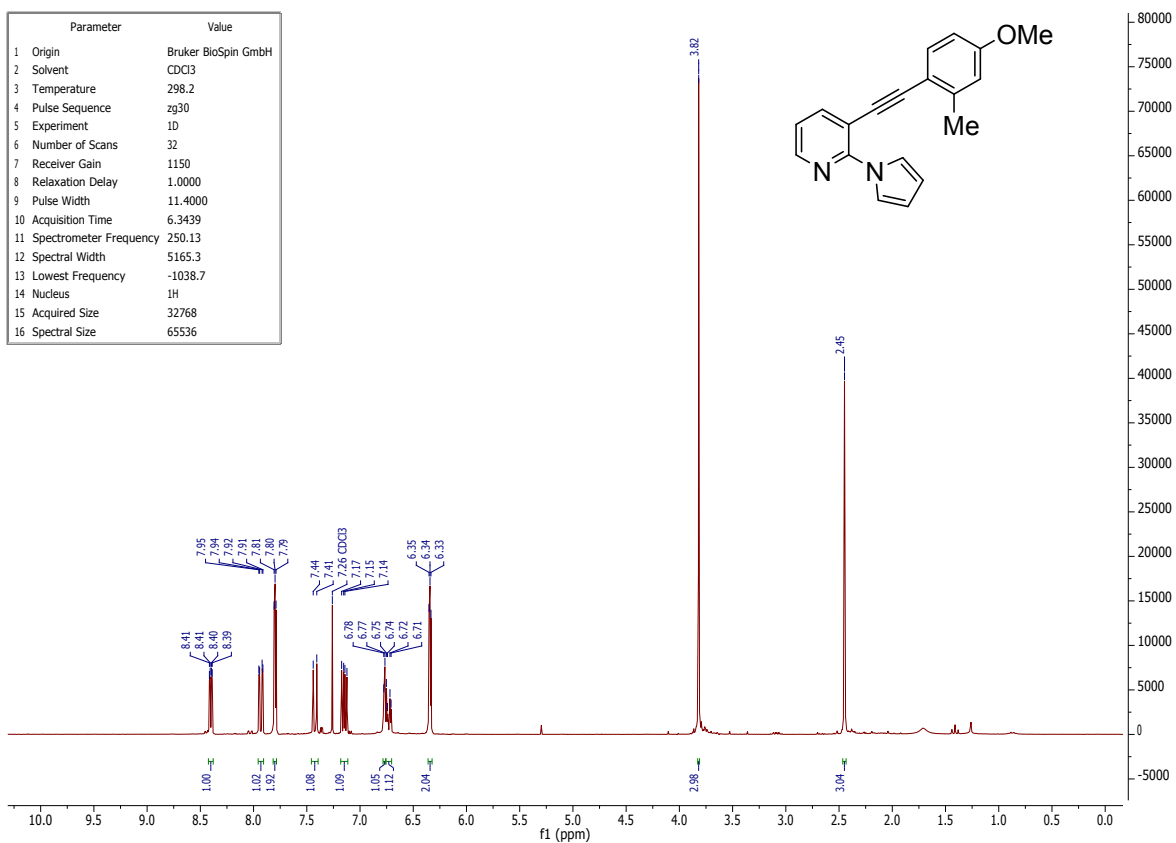
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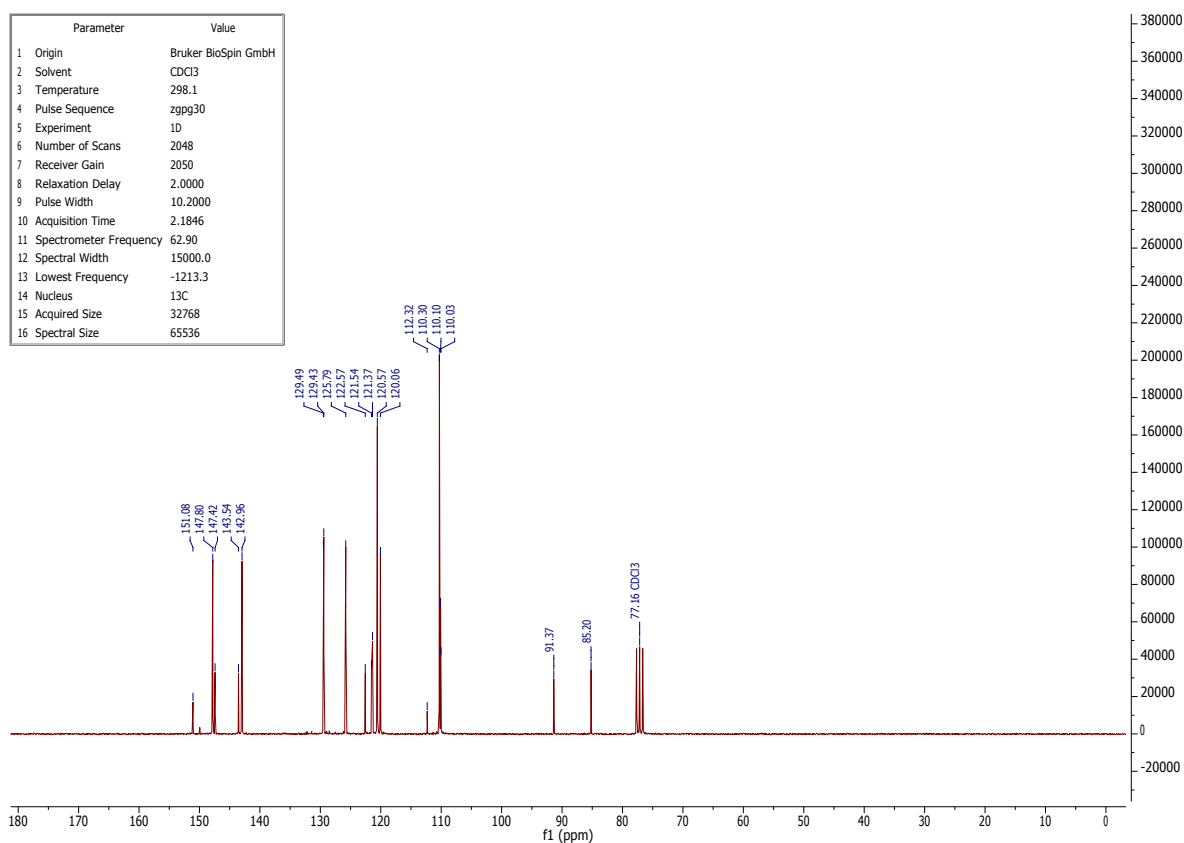
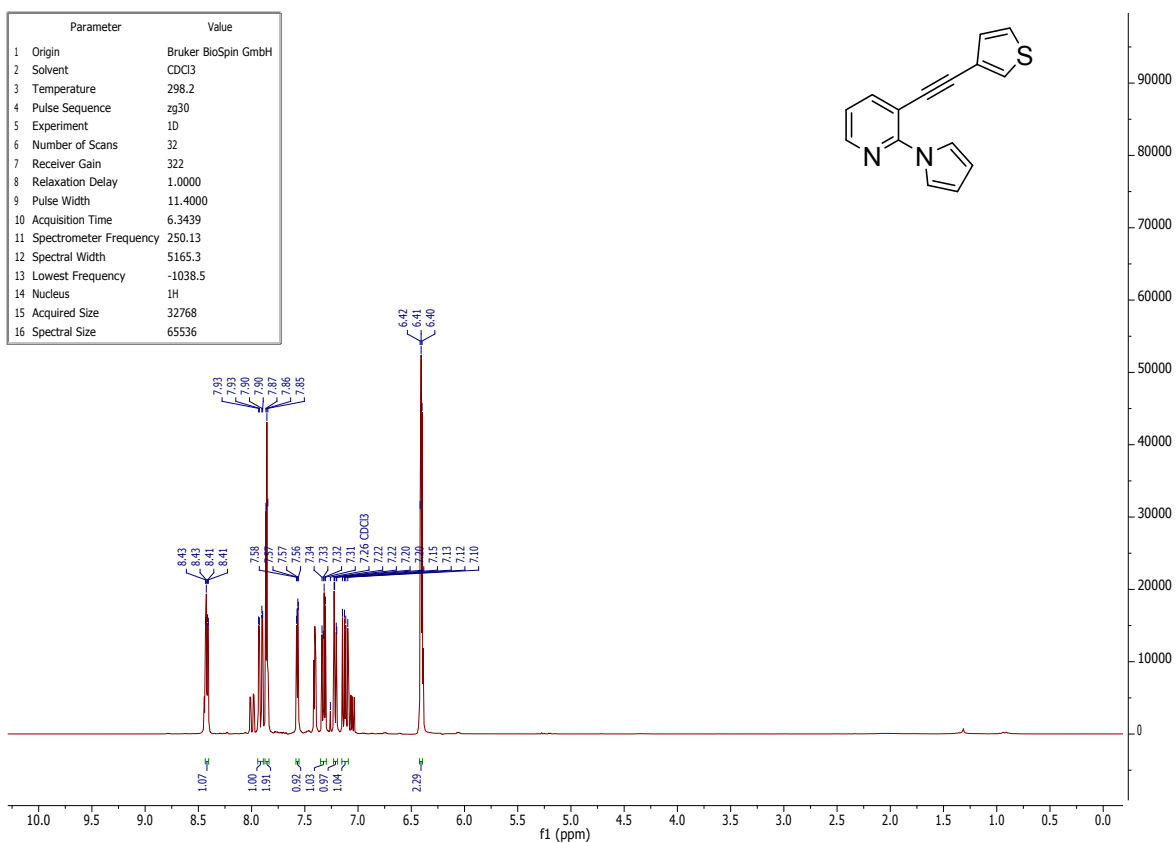
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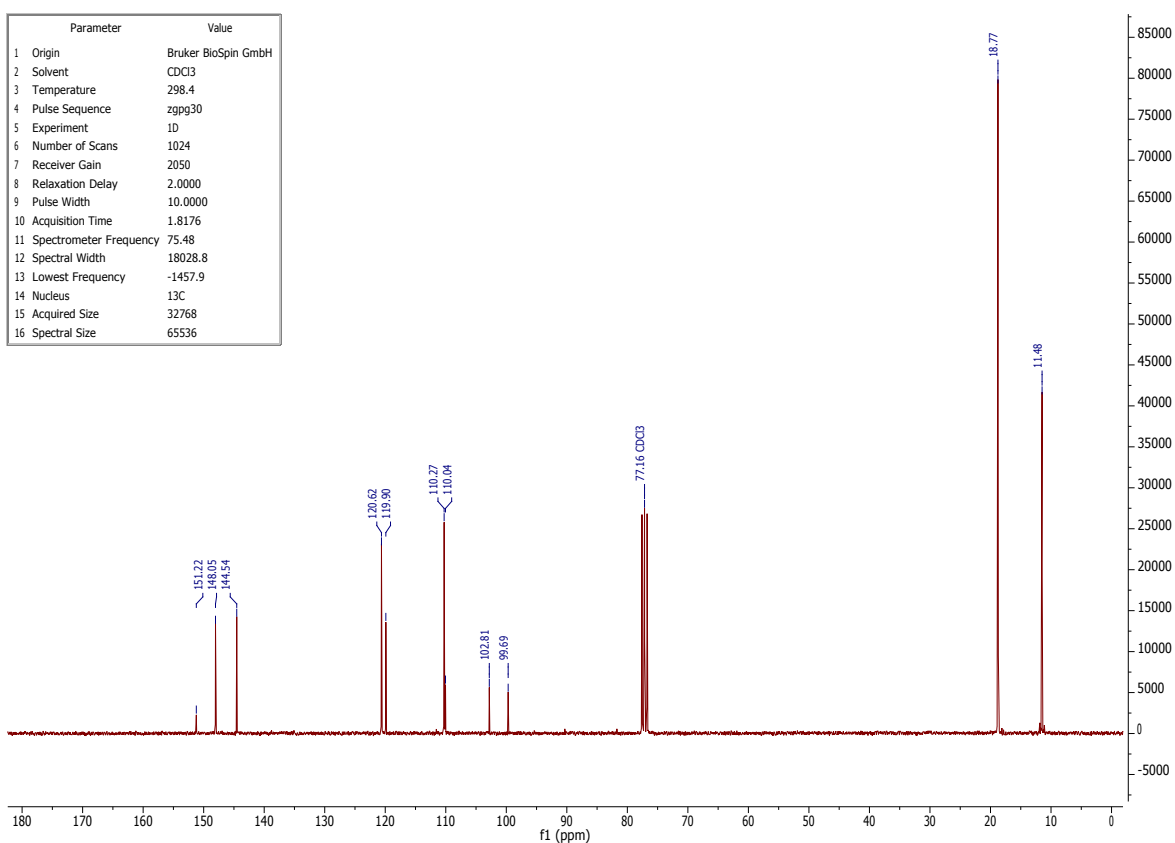
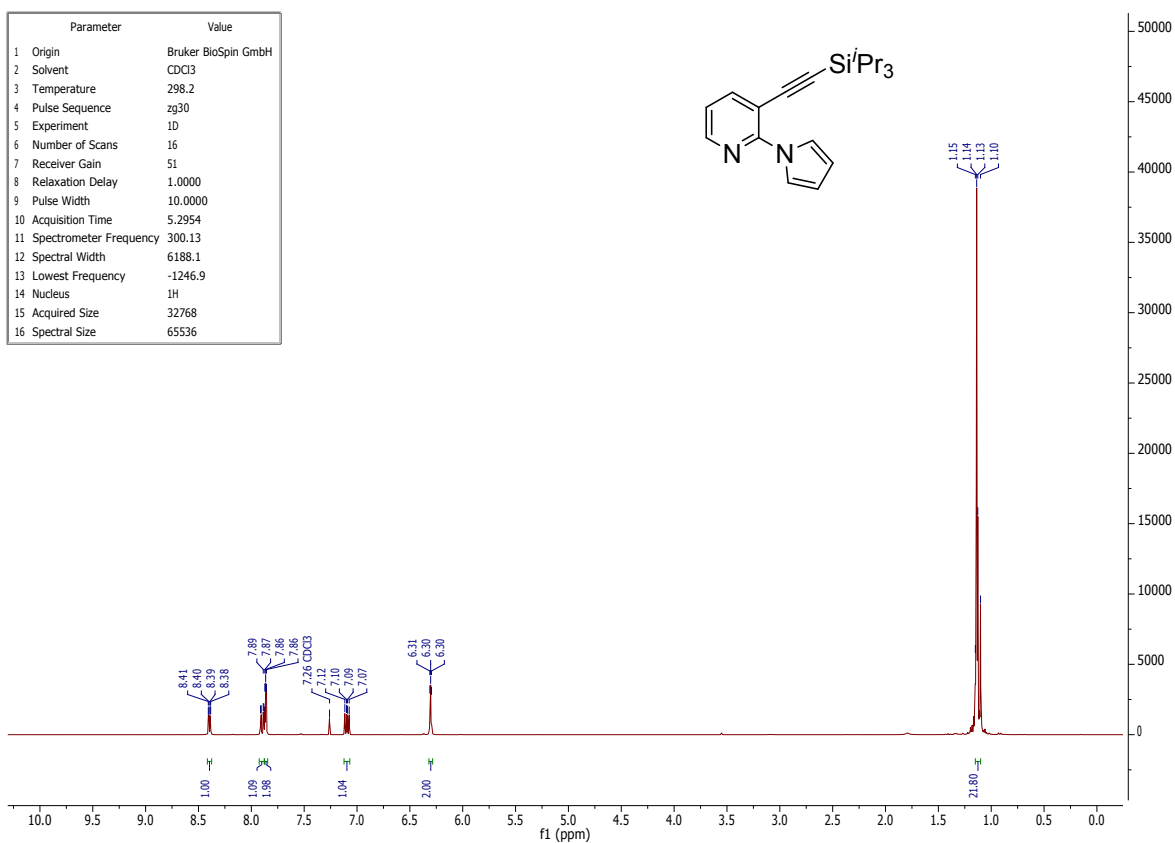
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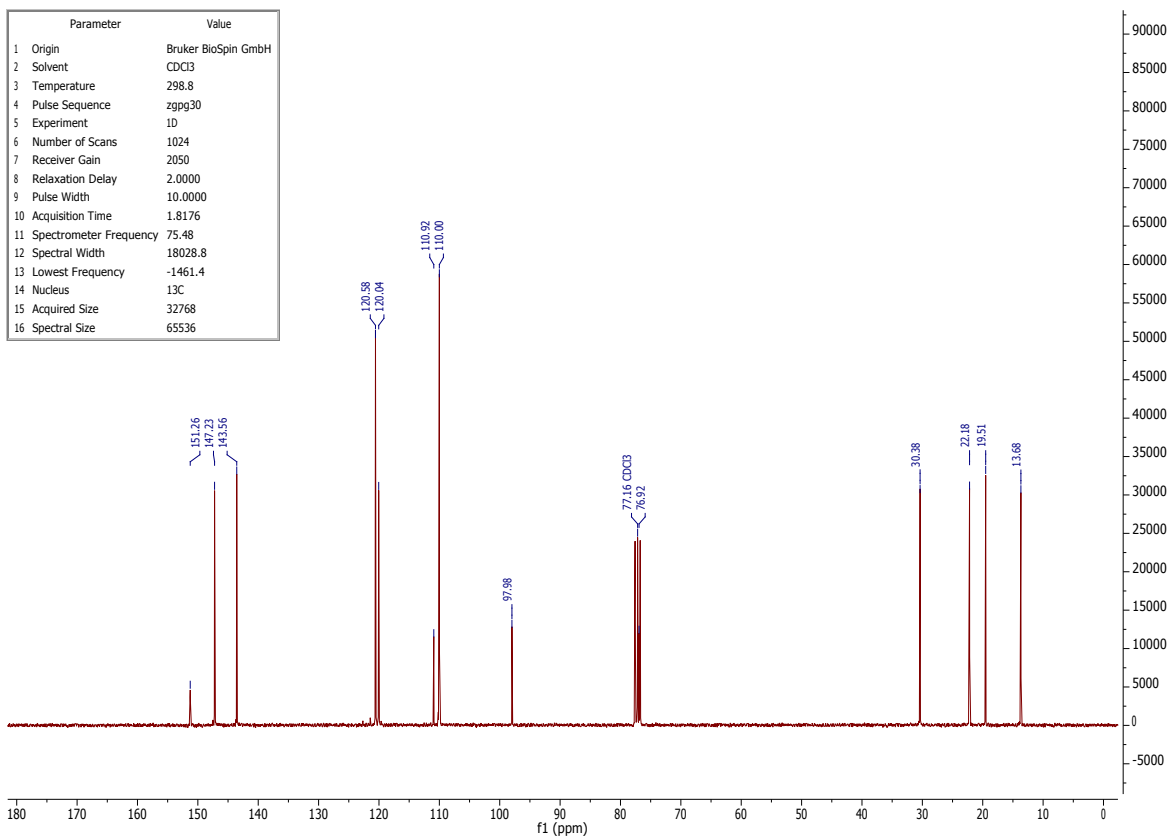
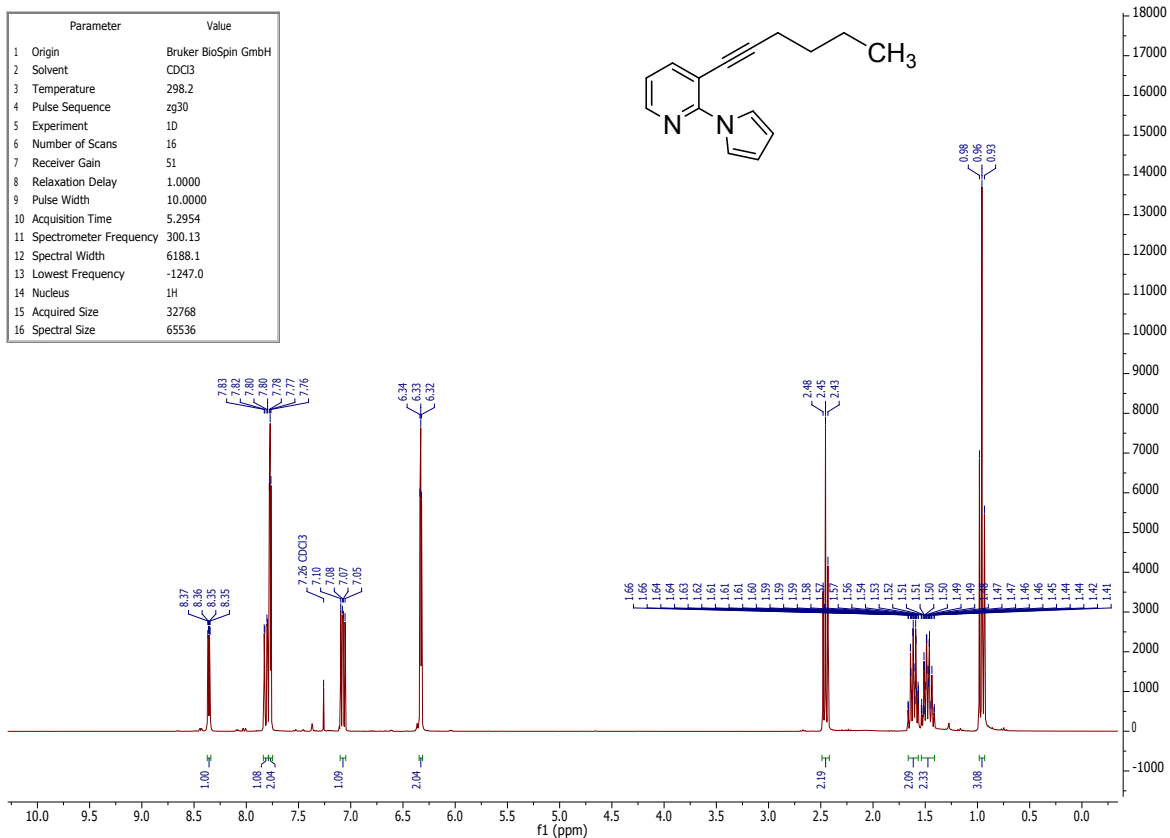
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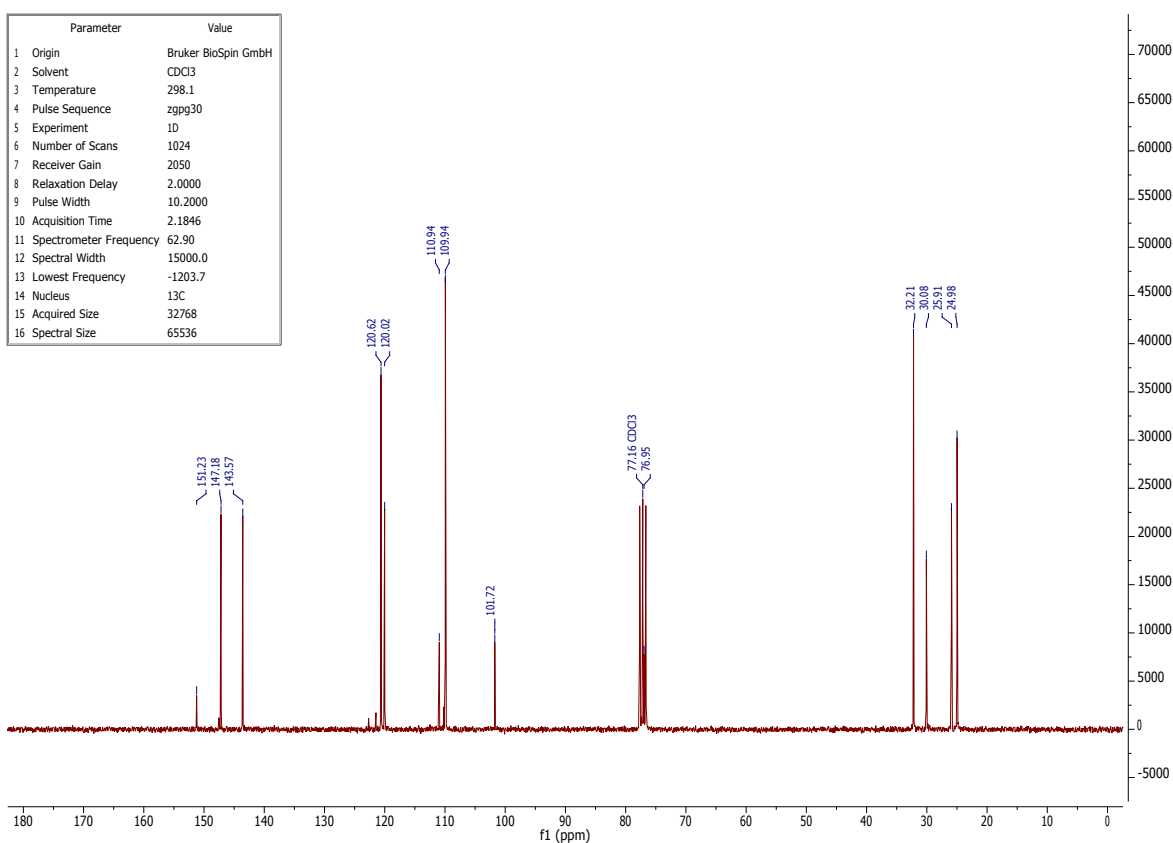
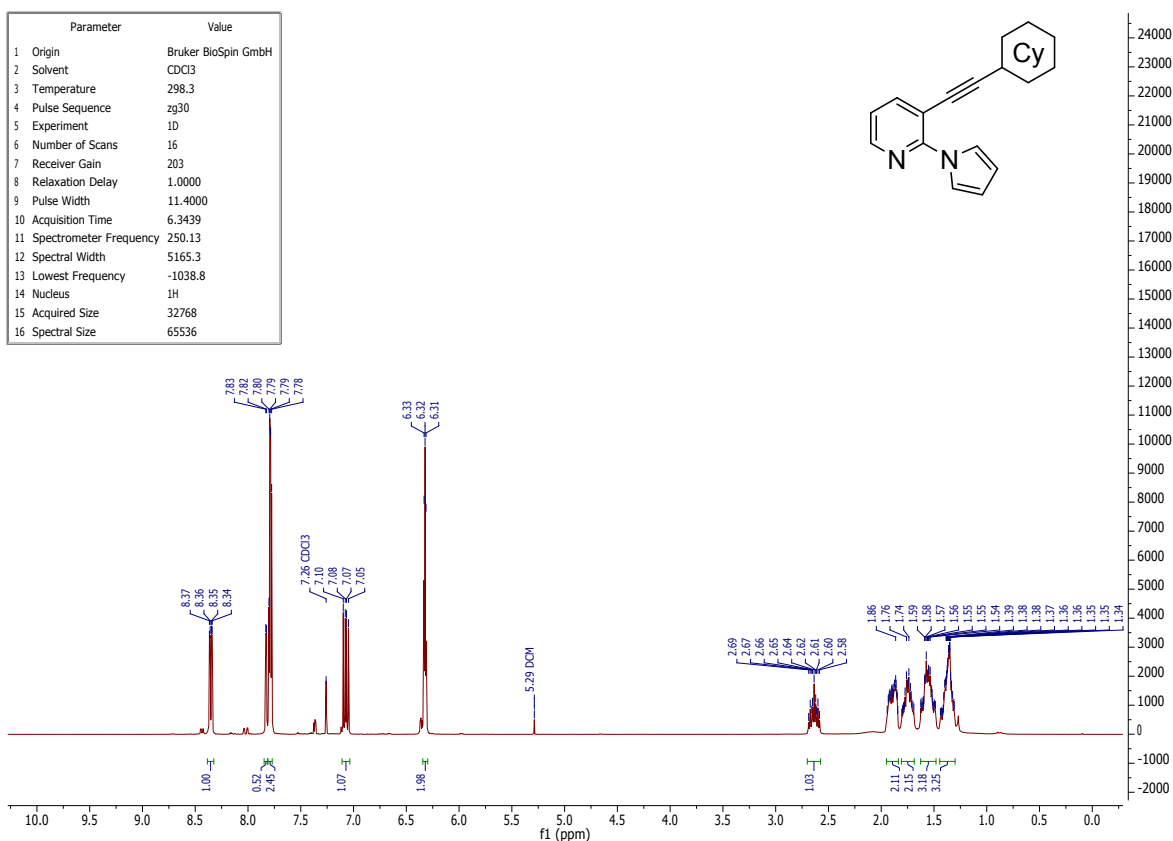
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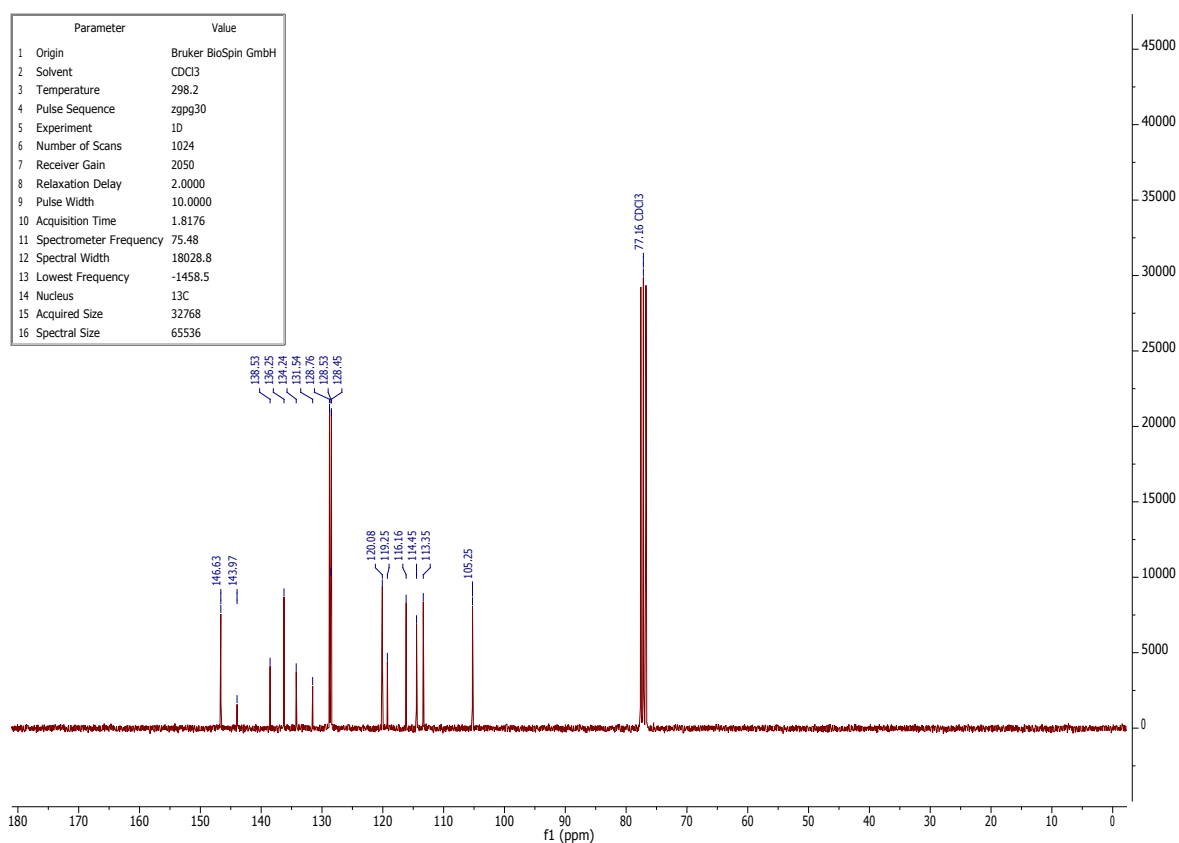
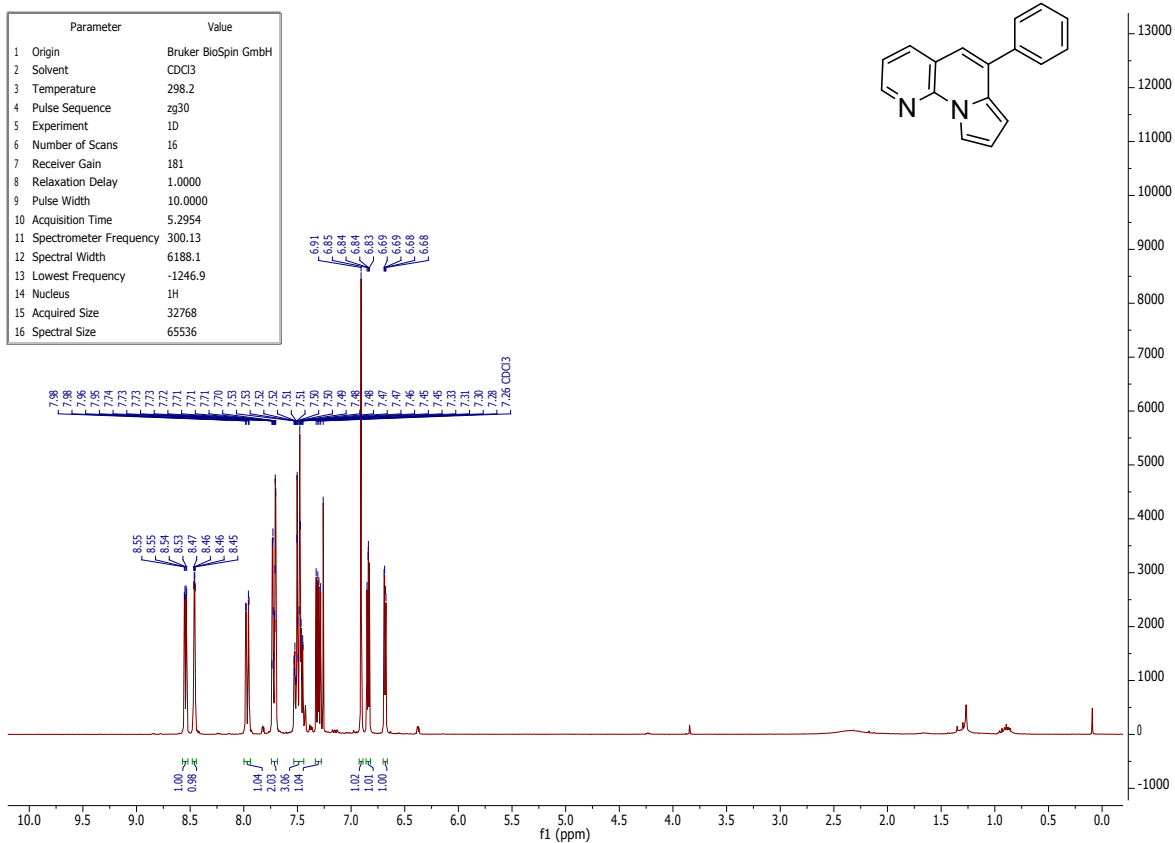
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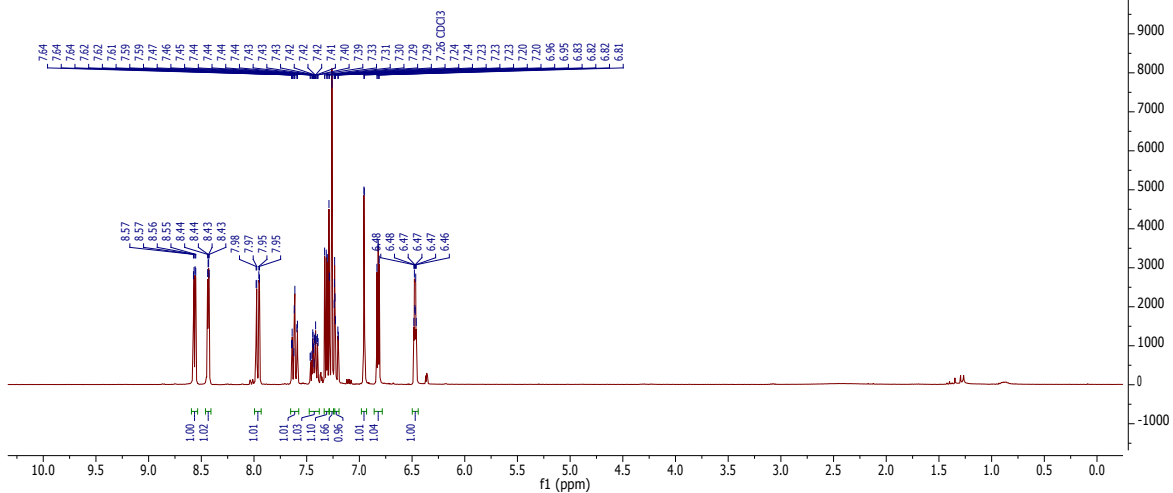
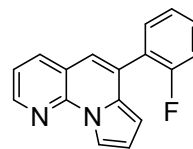


6-Phenylpyrrolo[1,2-a][1,8]naphthyridine 3a

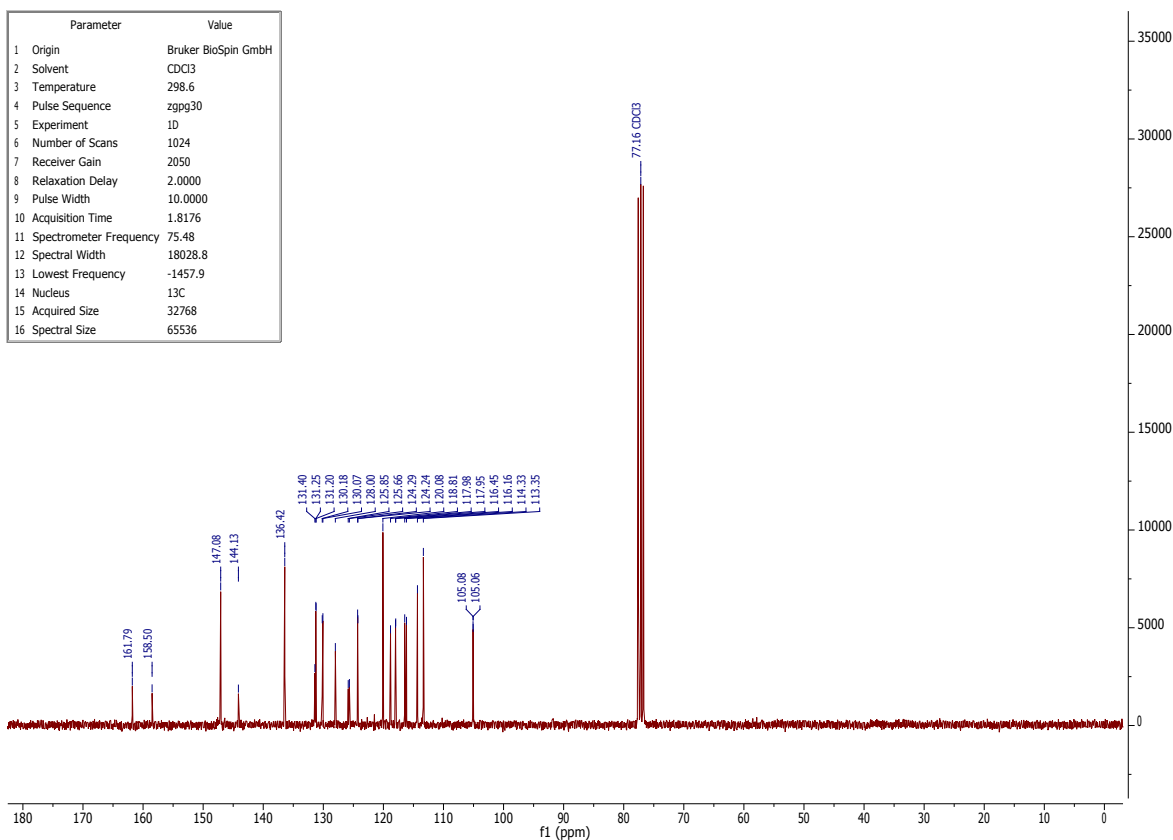


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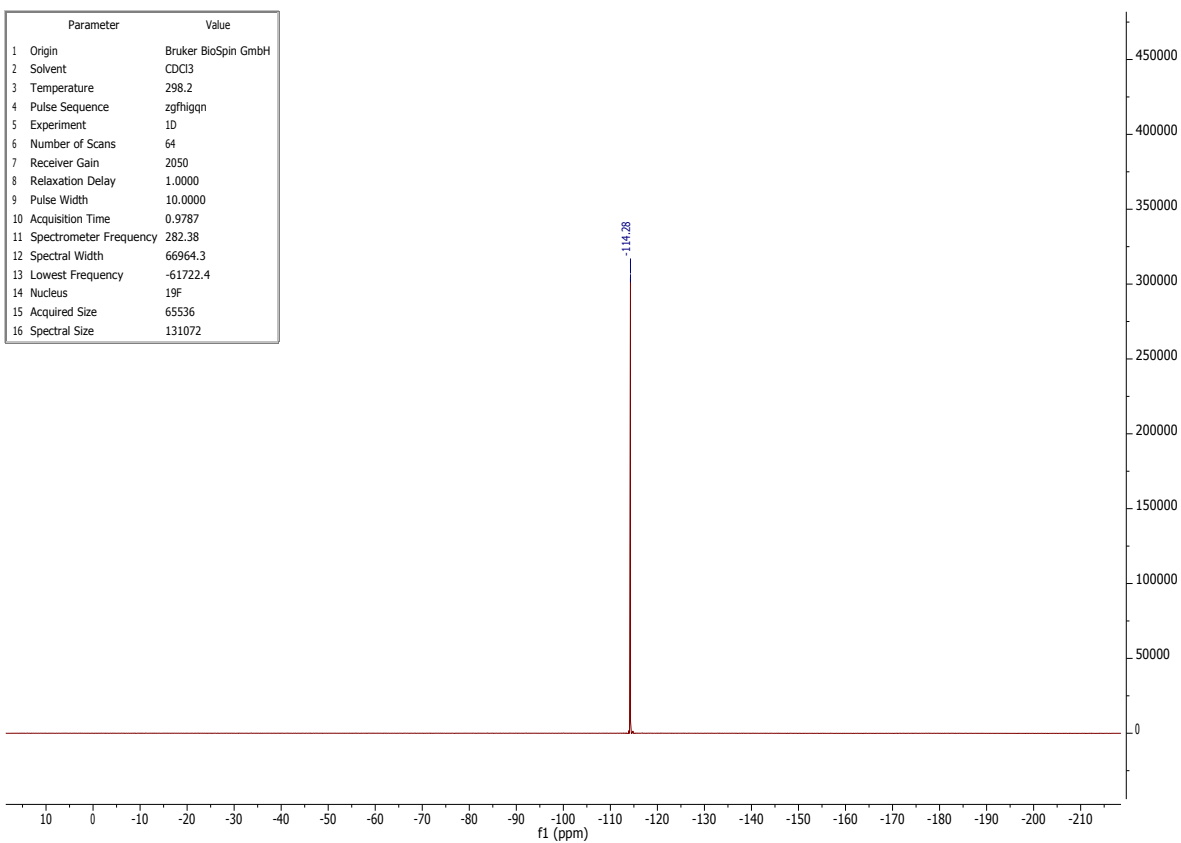
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12 Spectral Width	6188.1
13 Lowest Frequency	-1246.9
14 Nucleus	¹ H
15 Acquired Size	32768
16 Spectral Size	65536



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3 Temperature	298.6
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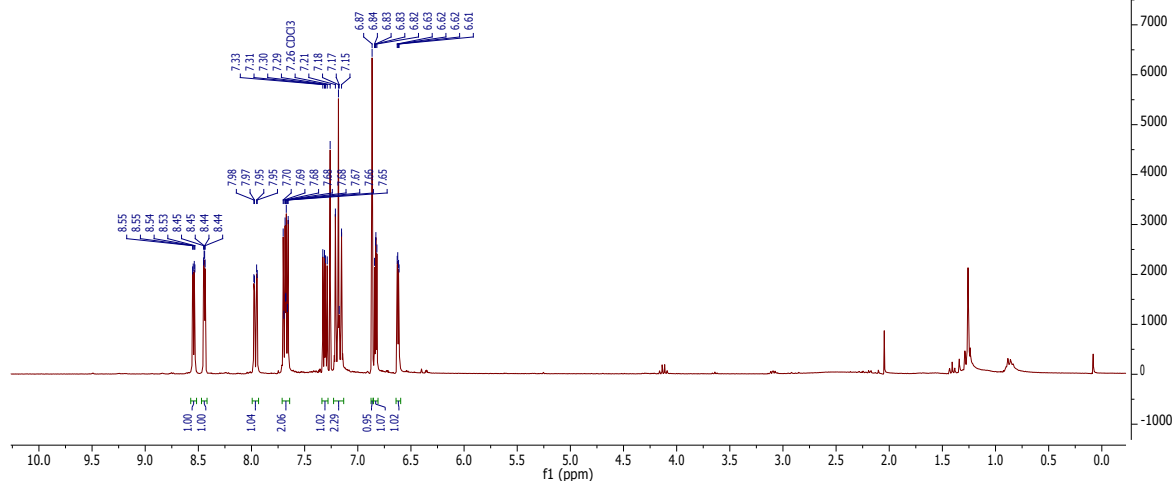
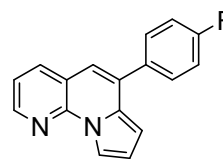


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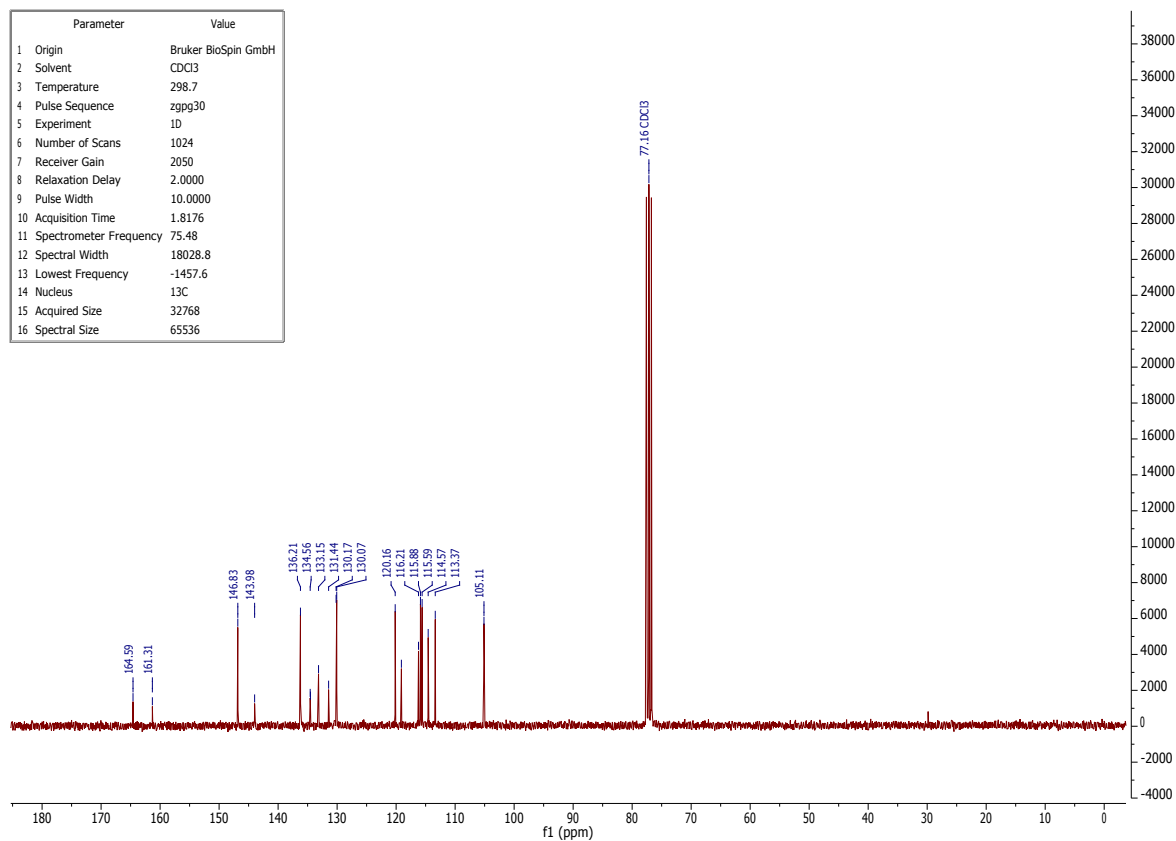


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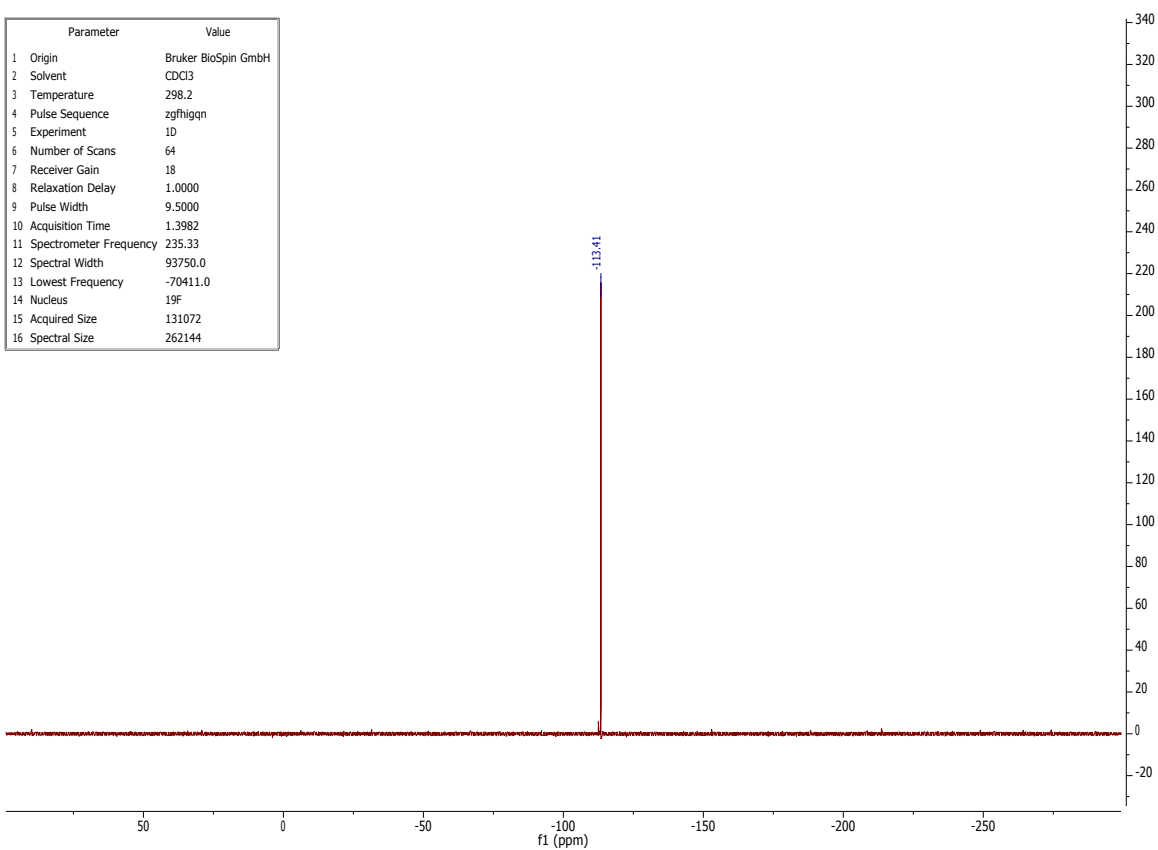
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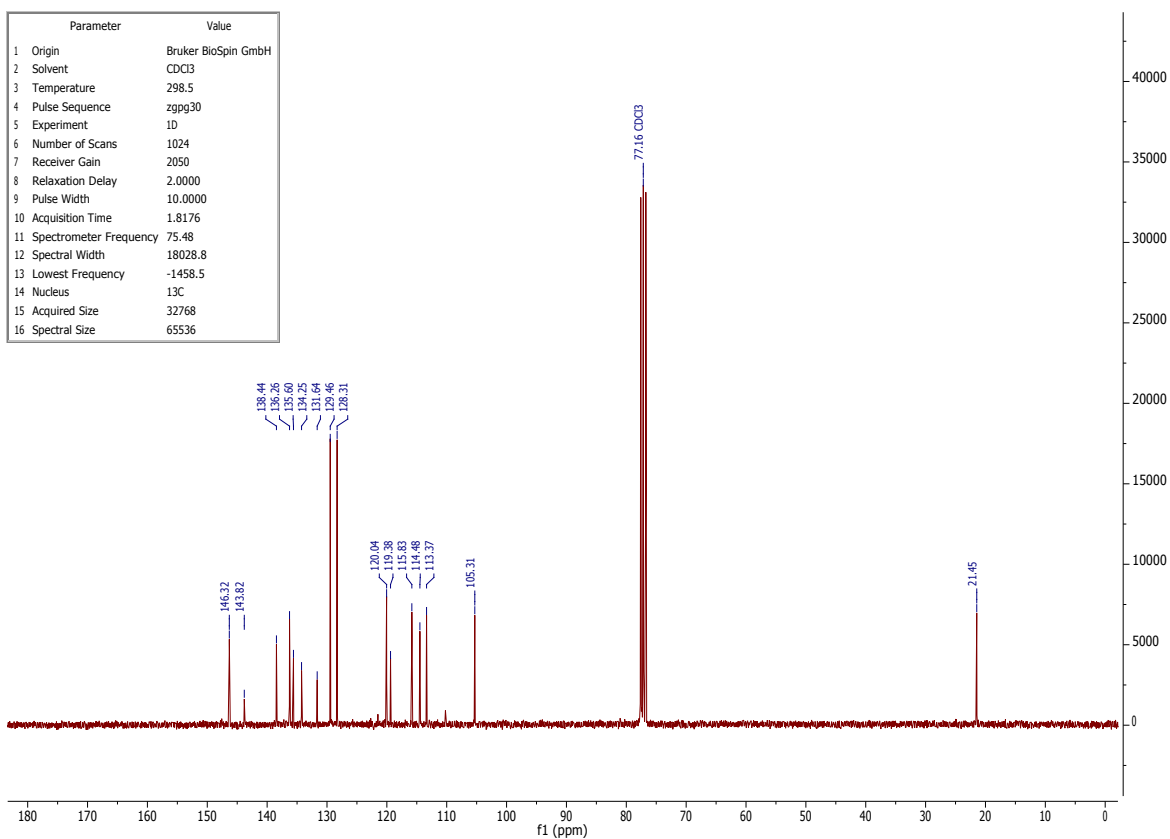
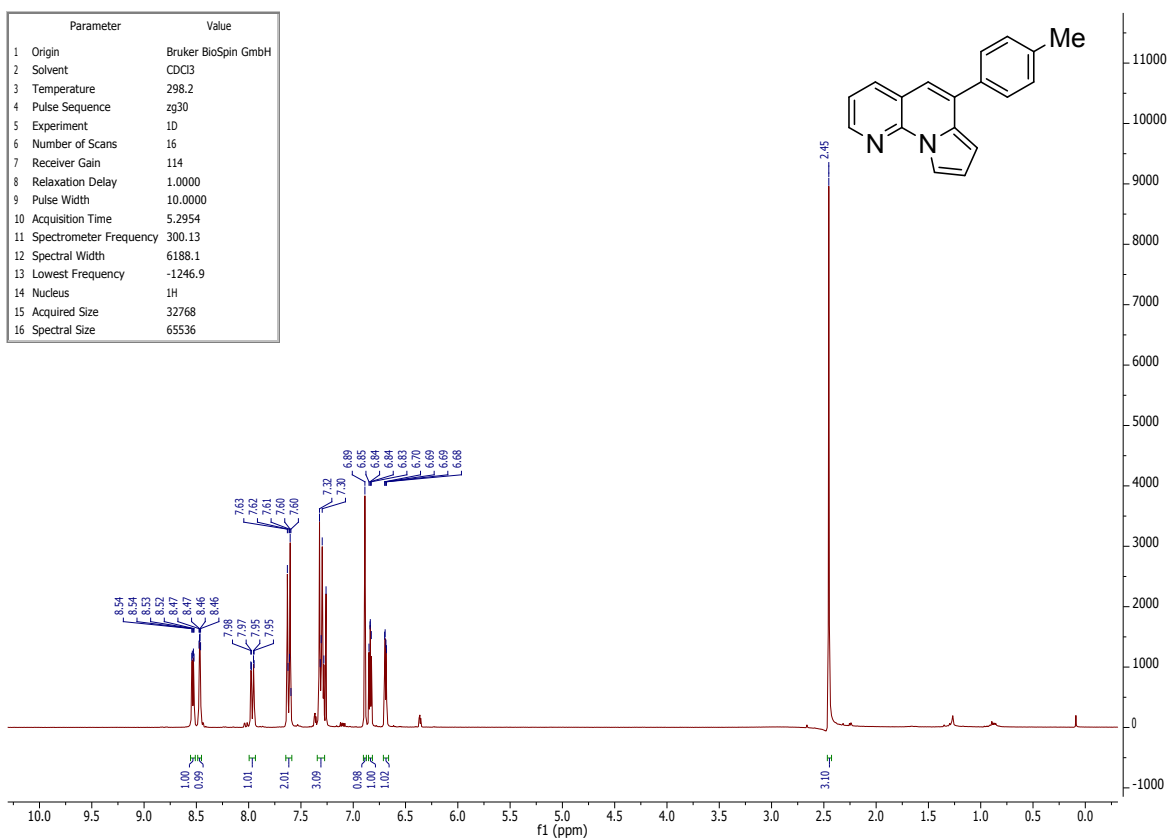
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10	Acquisition Time	1.8176
11	Spectrometer Frequency	75.48
12	Spectral Width	18028.8
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15	Acquired Size	32768
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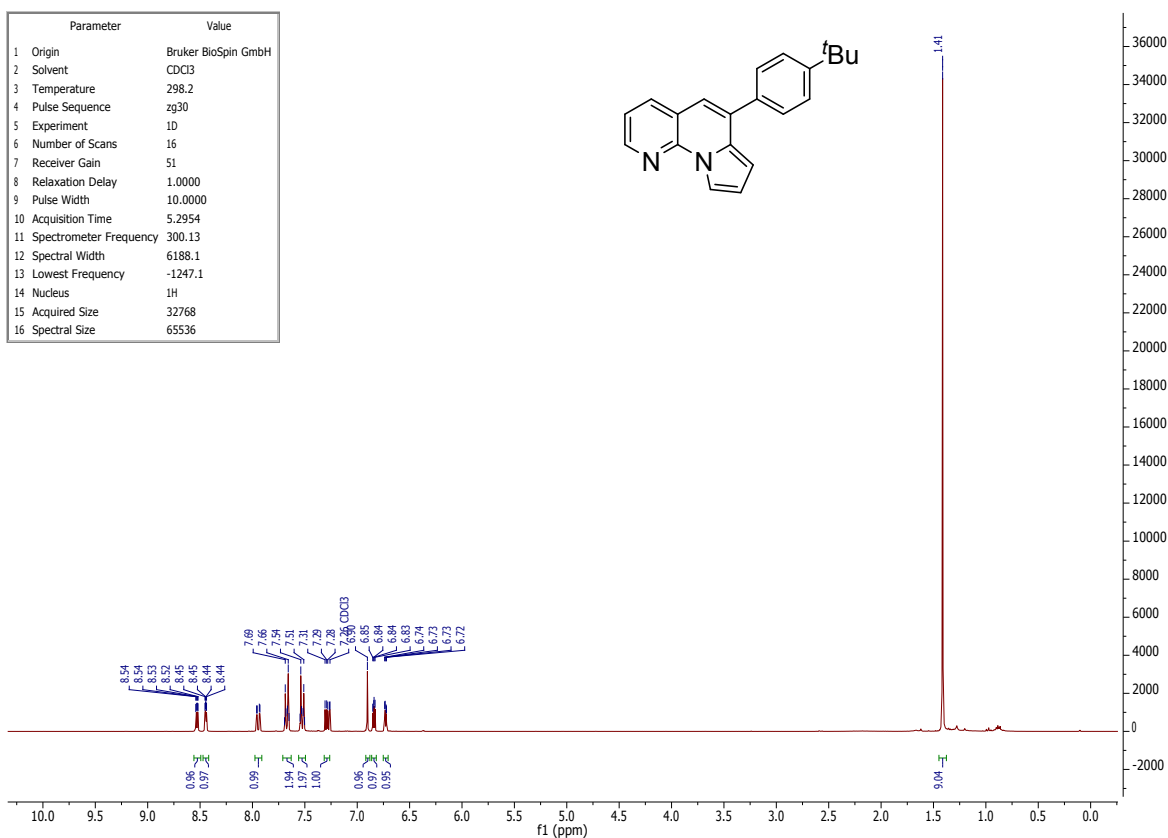
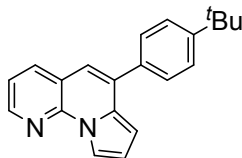


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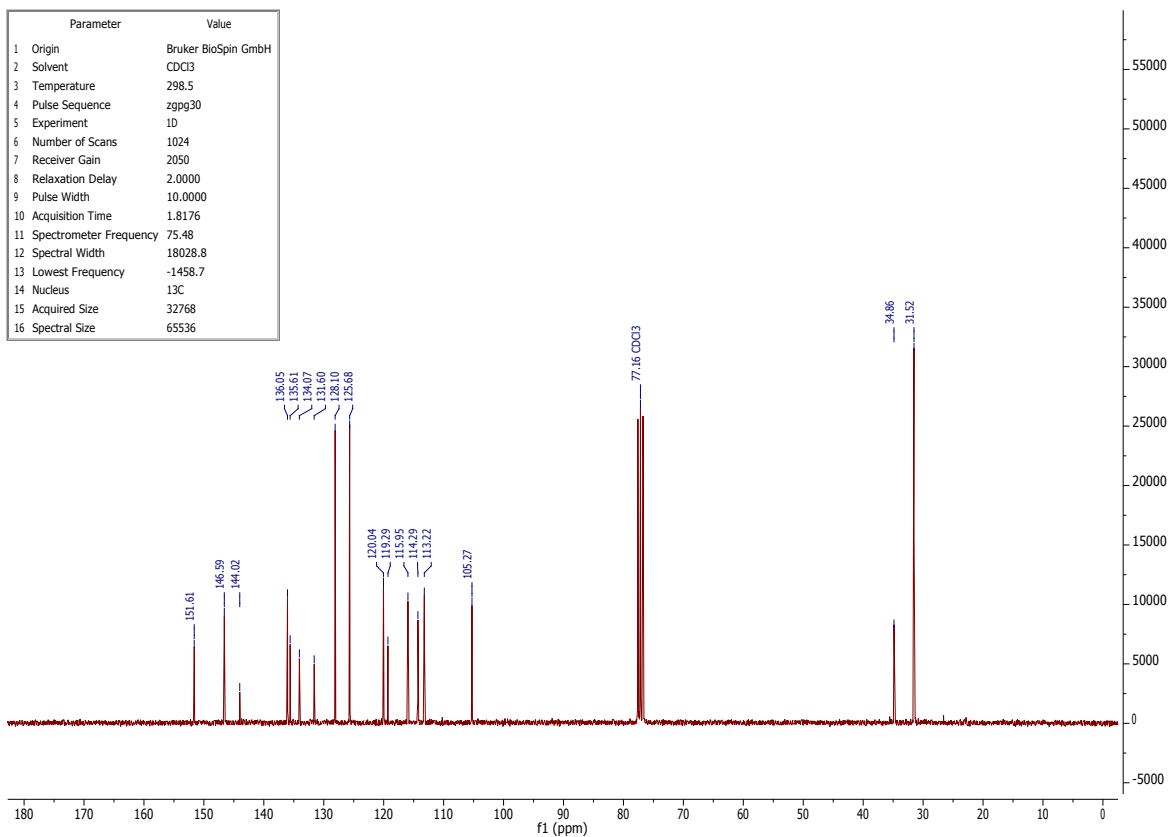


6-(4-*tert*-Butylphenyl)pyrrolo[1,2-*a*][1,8]naphthyridine 3e

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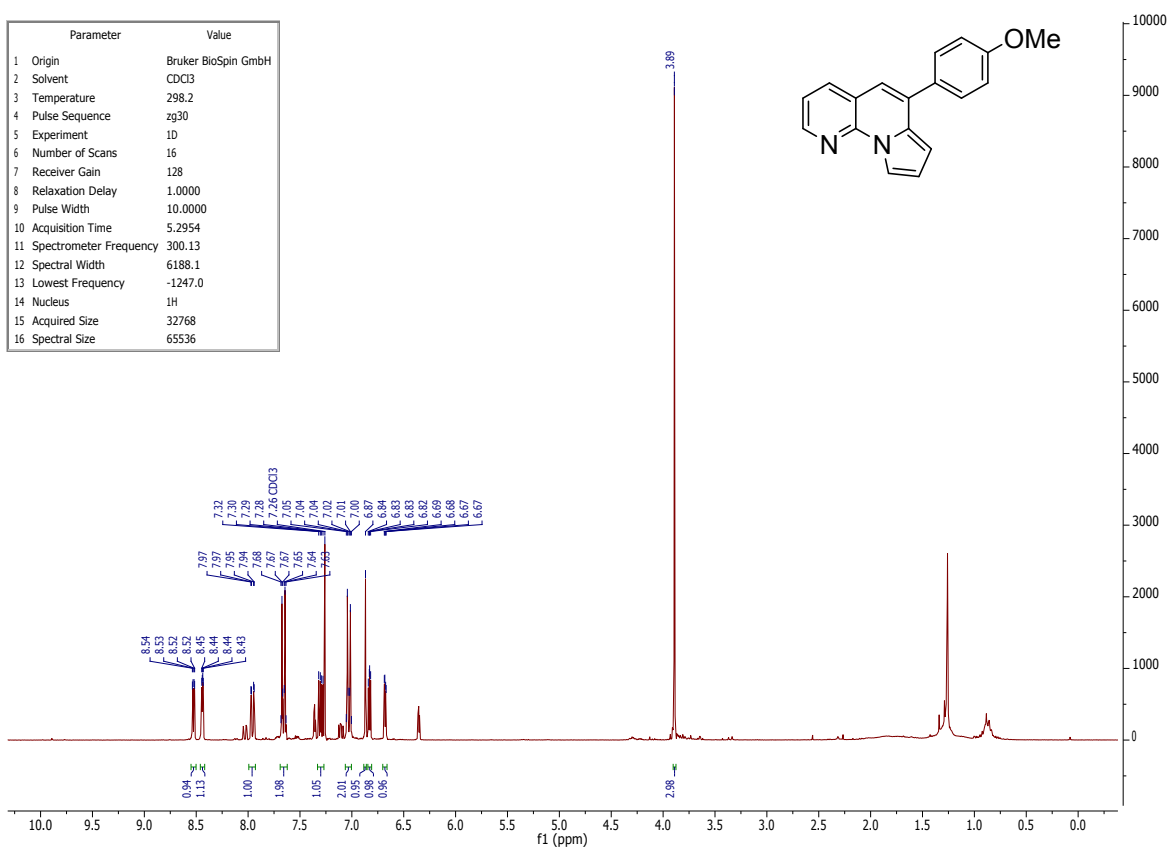


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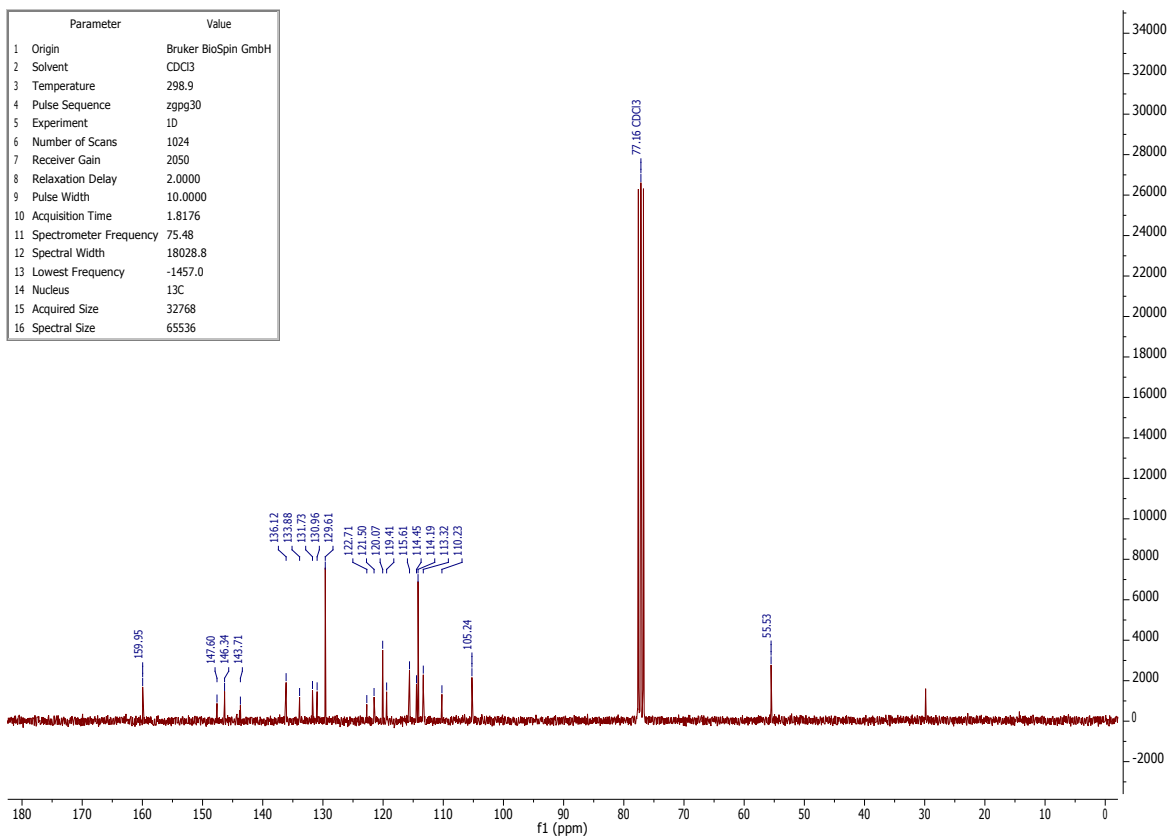


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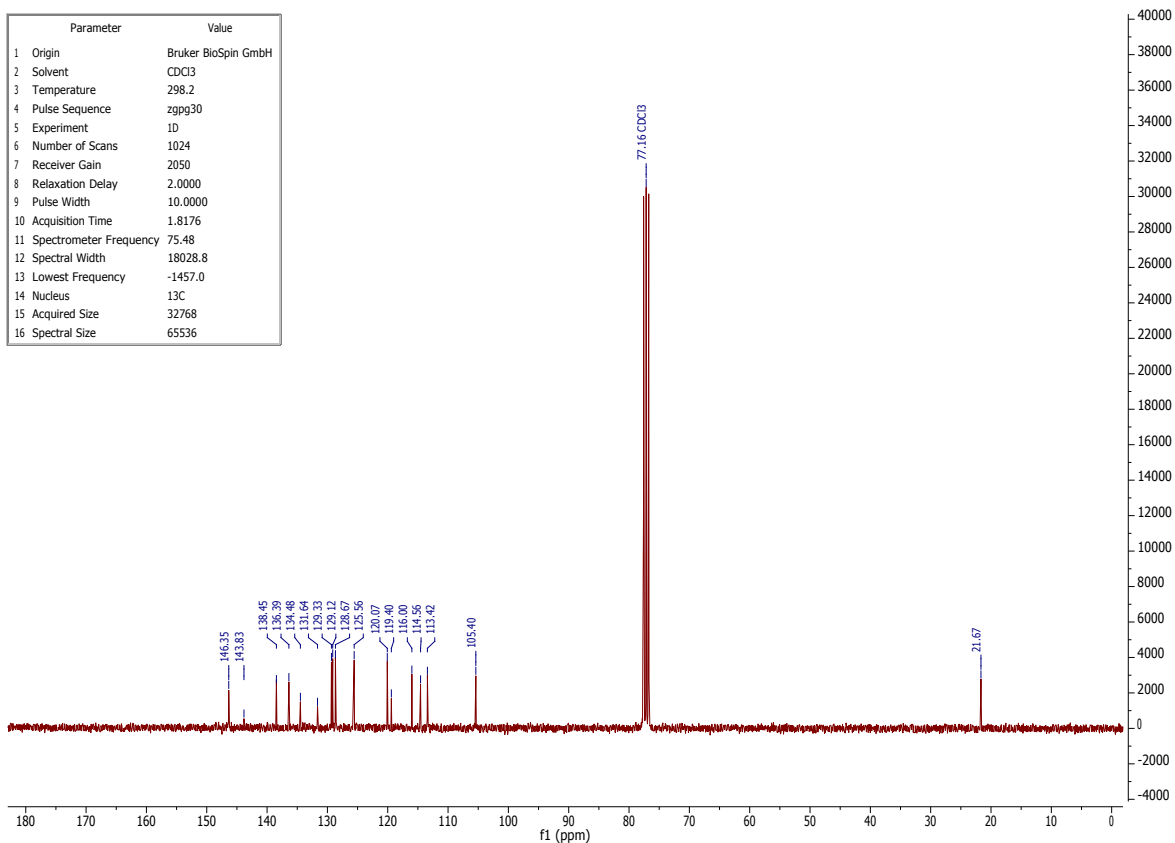
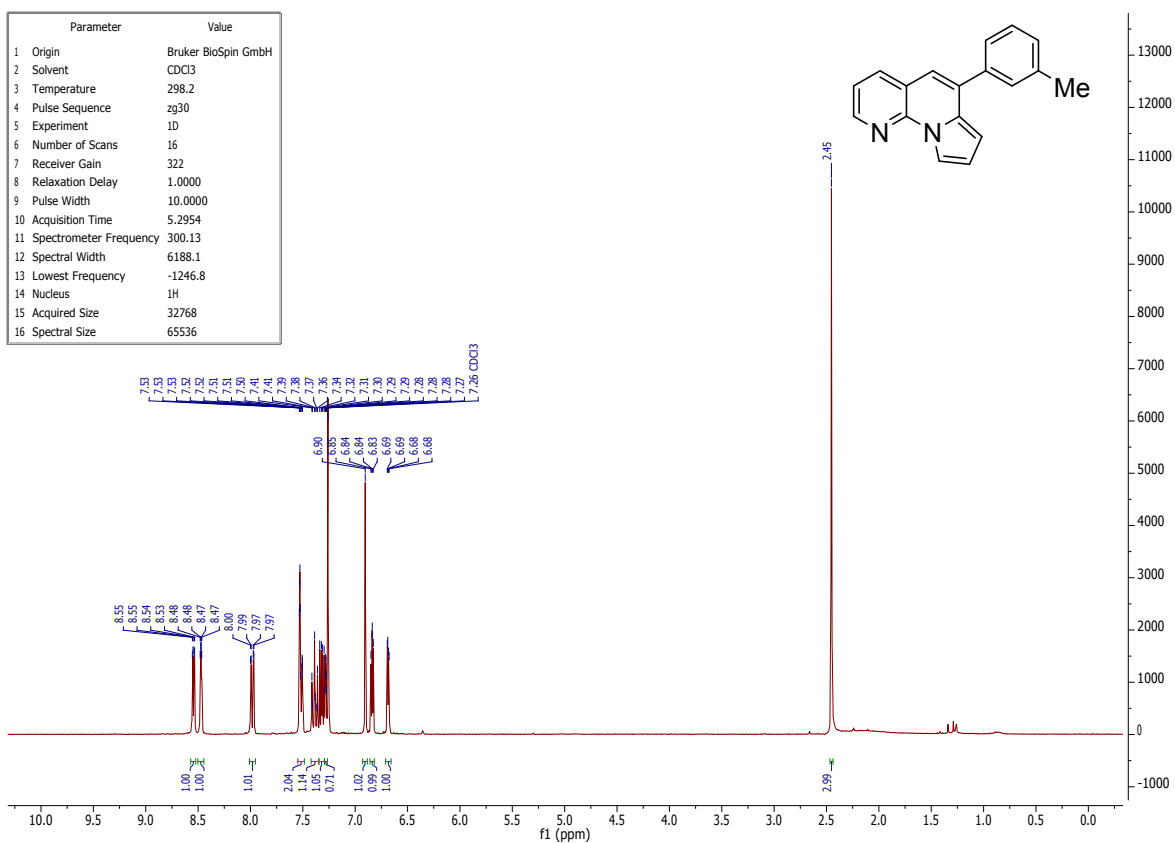
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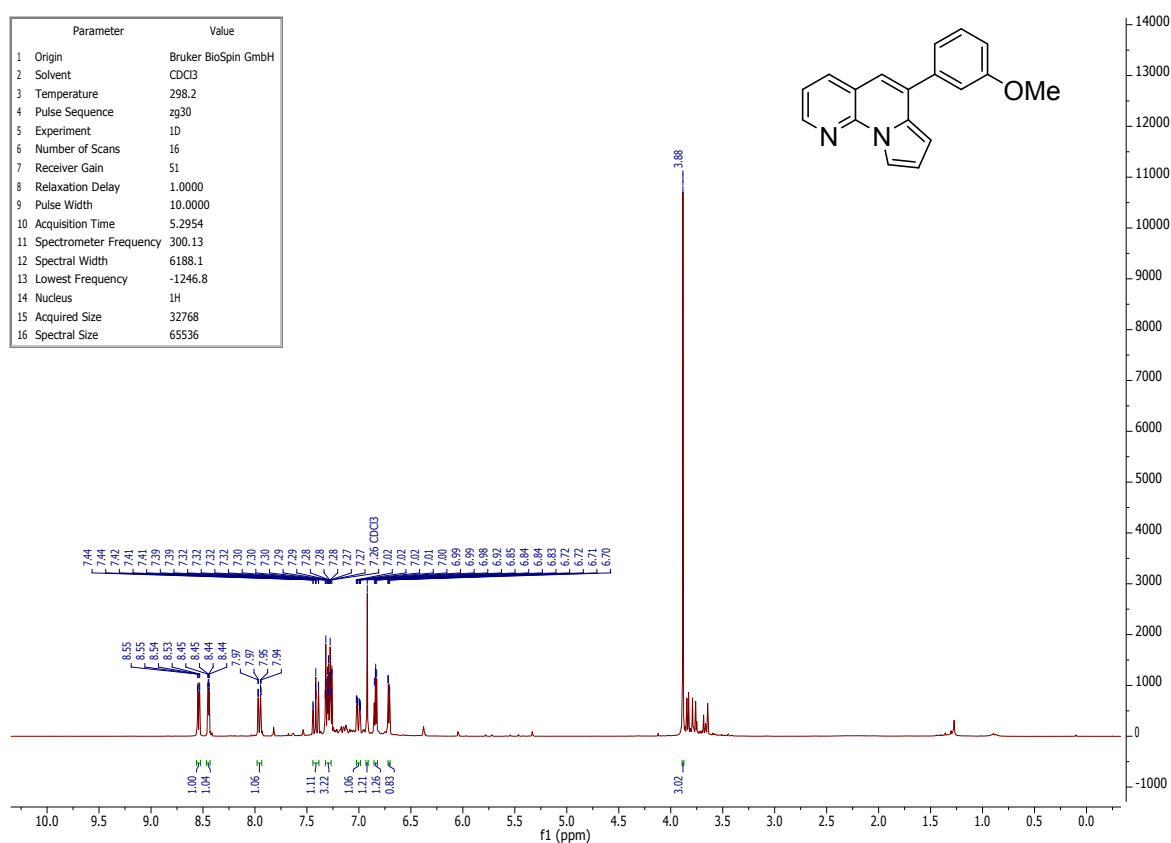
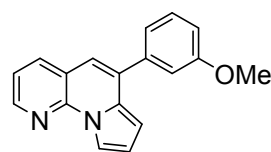


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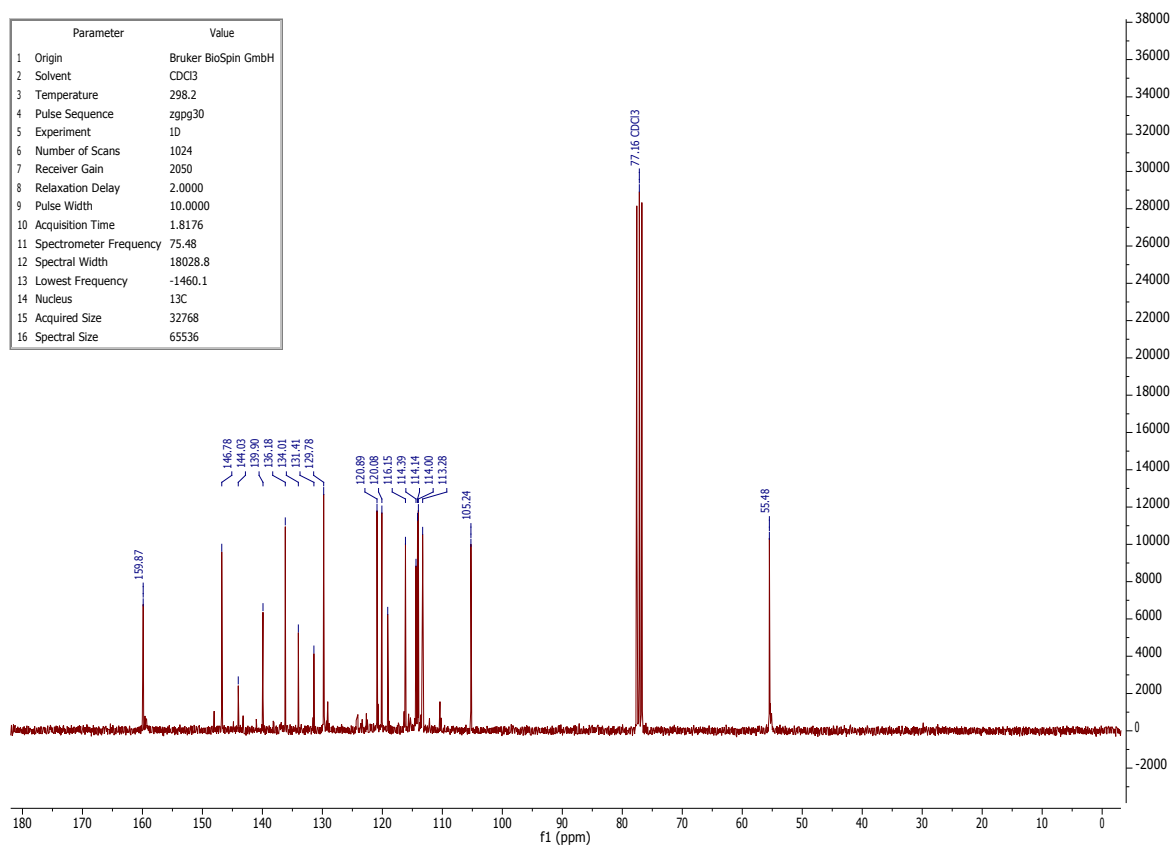


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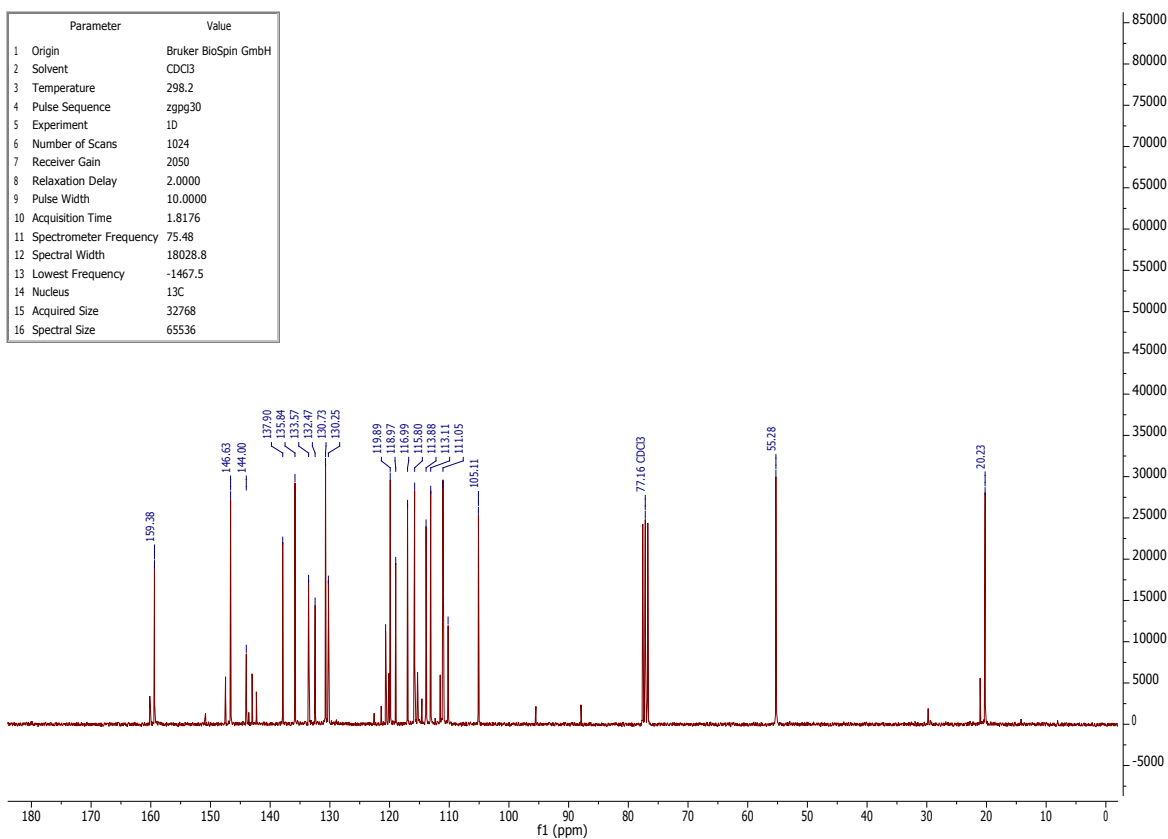
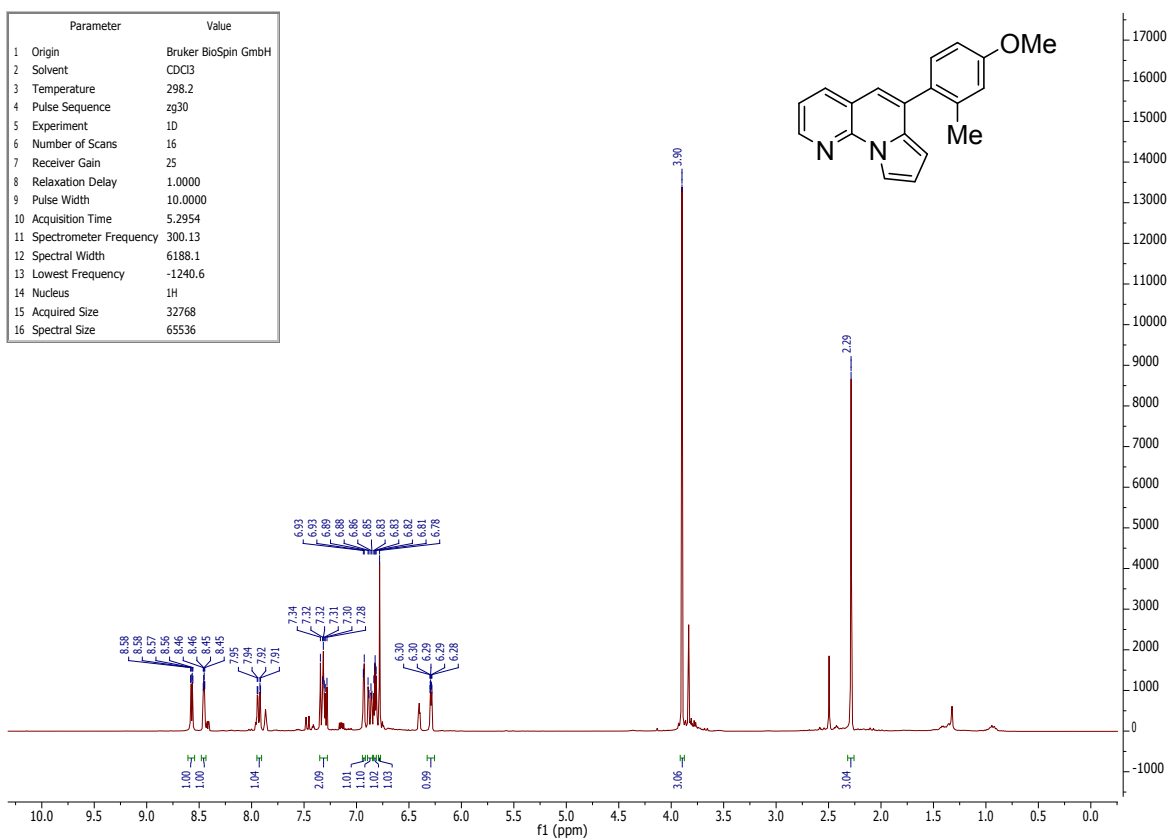
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14	Nucleus	¹ H
15	Acquired Size	32768
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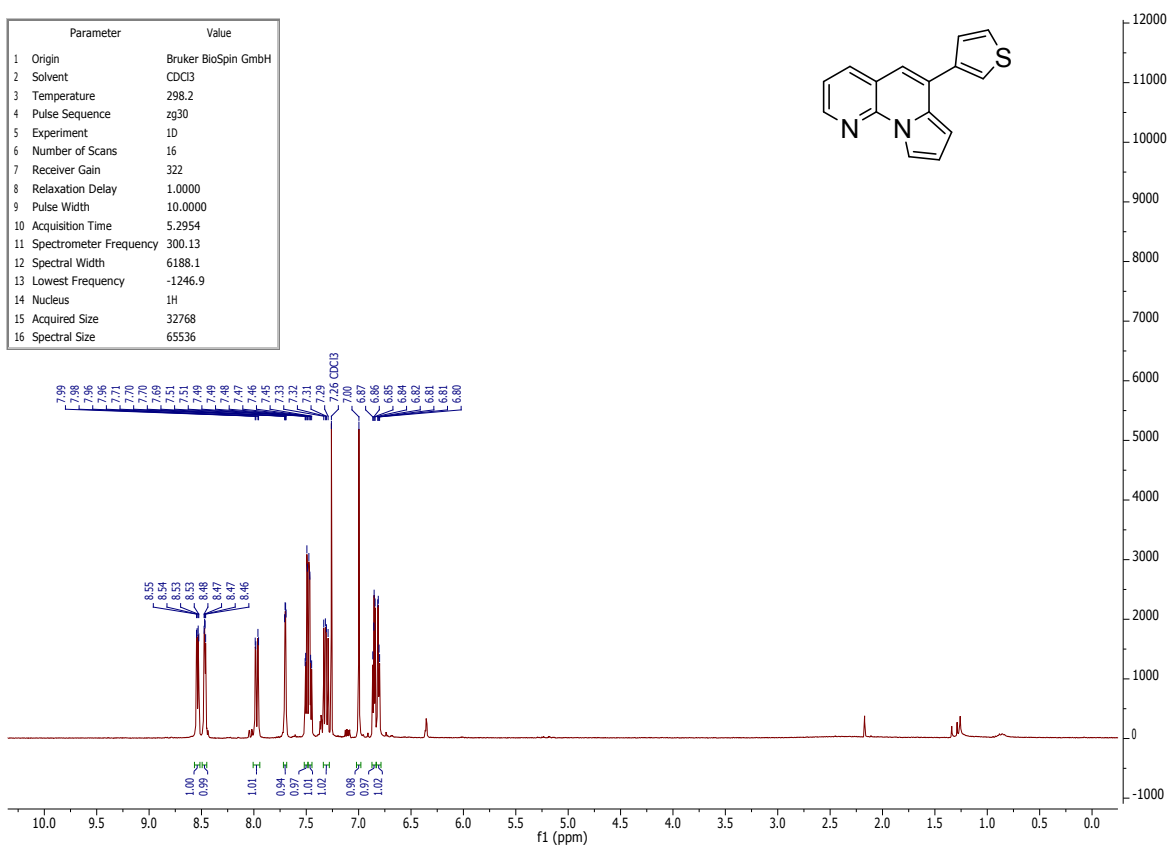
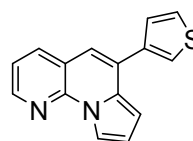


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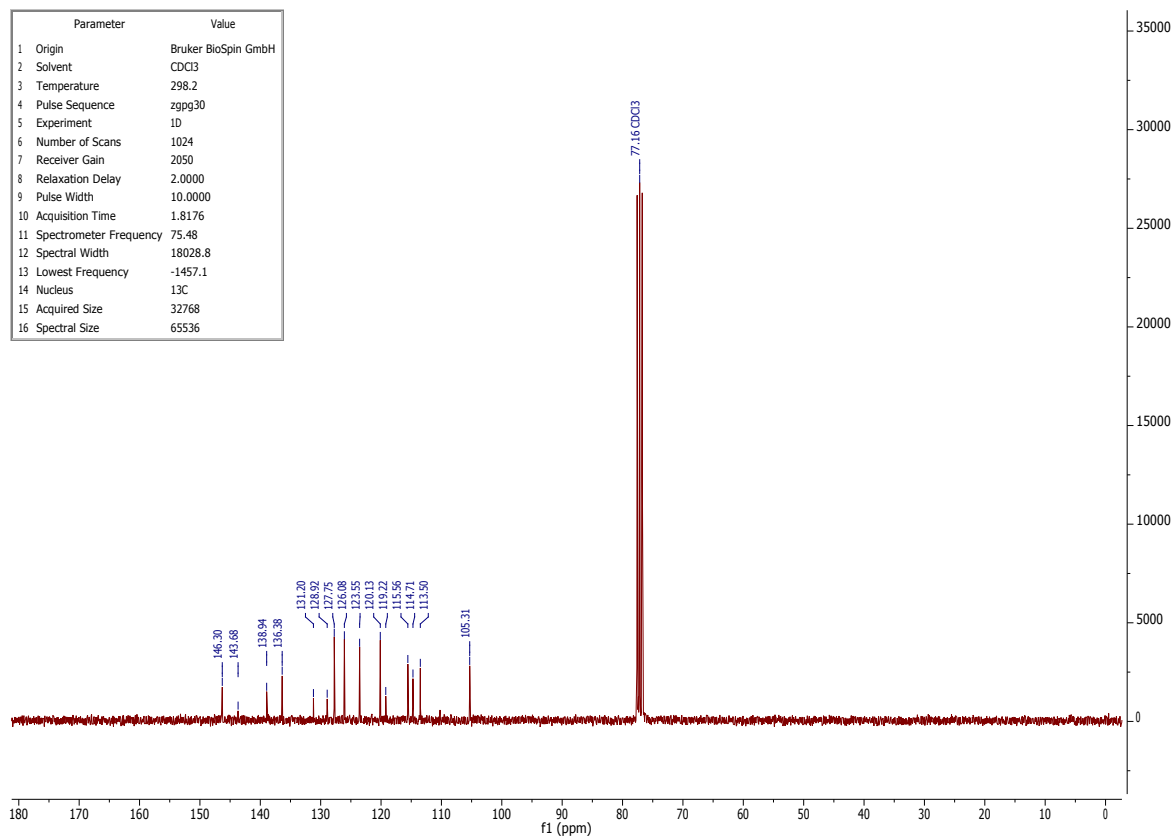


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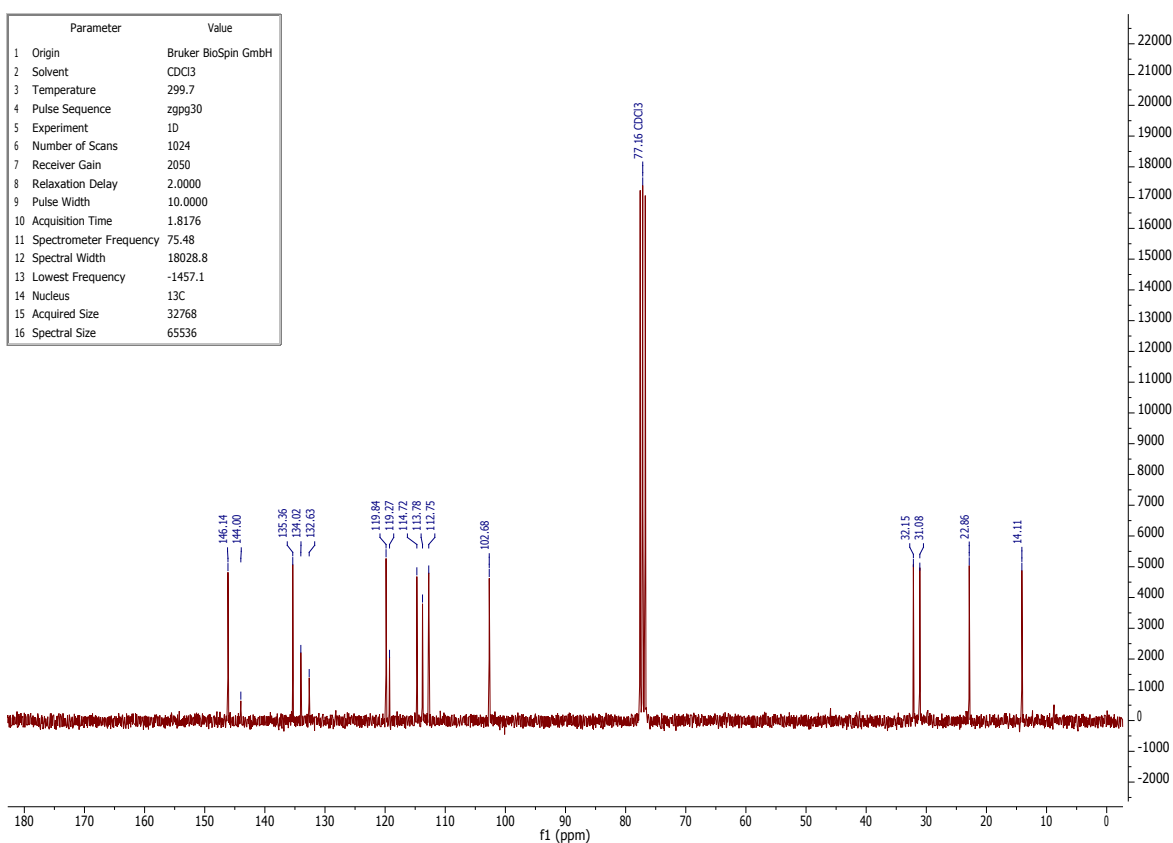
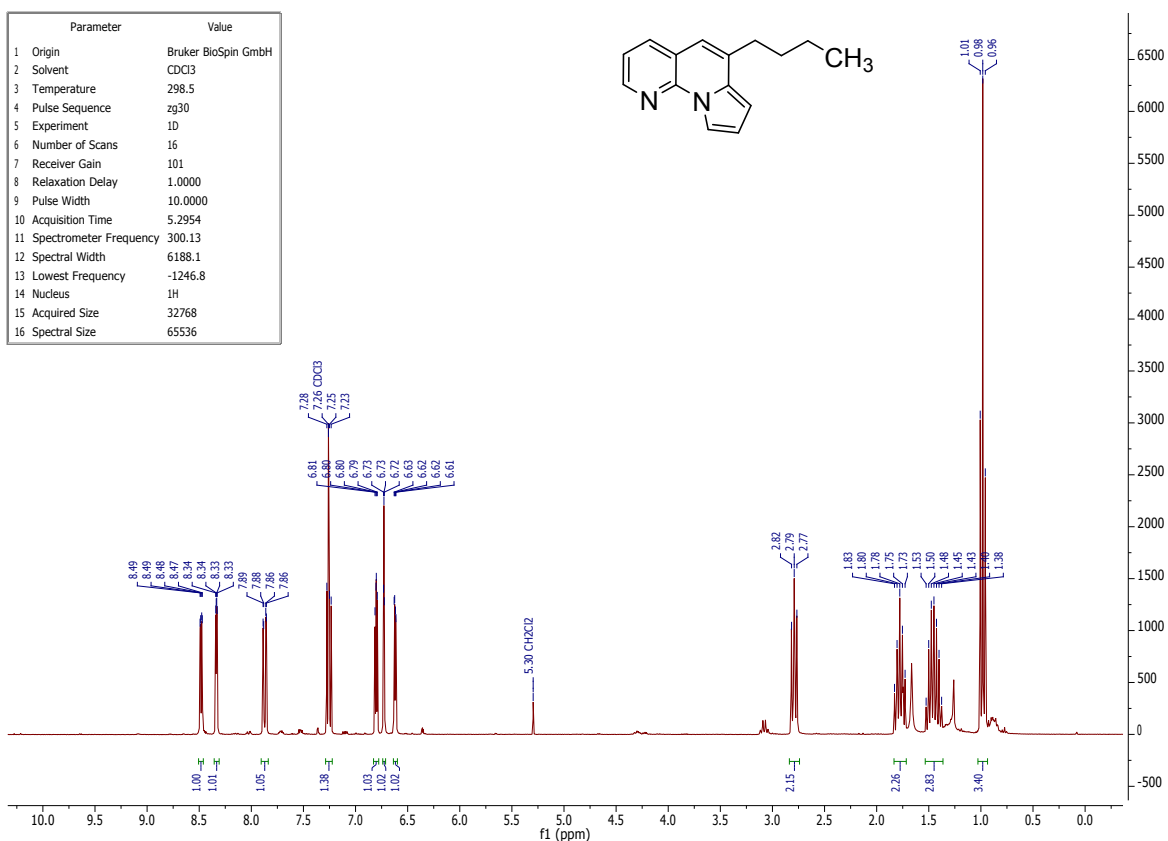
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15 Acquired Size	32768
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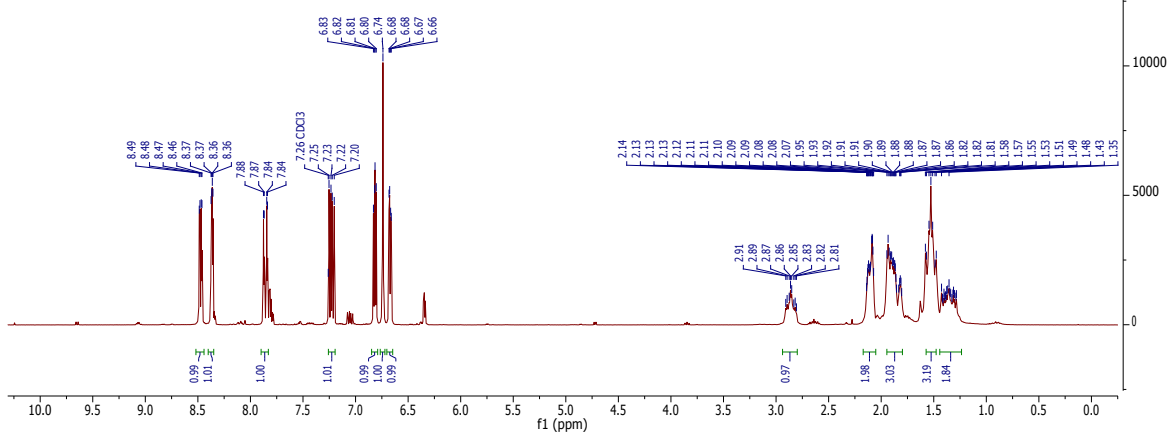
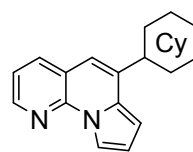


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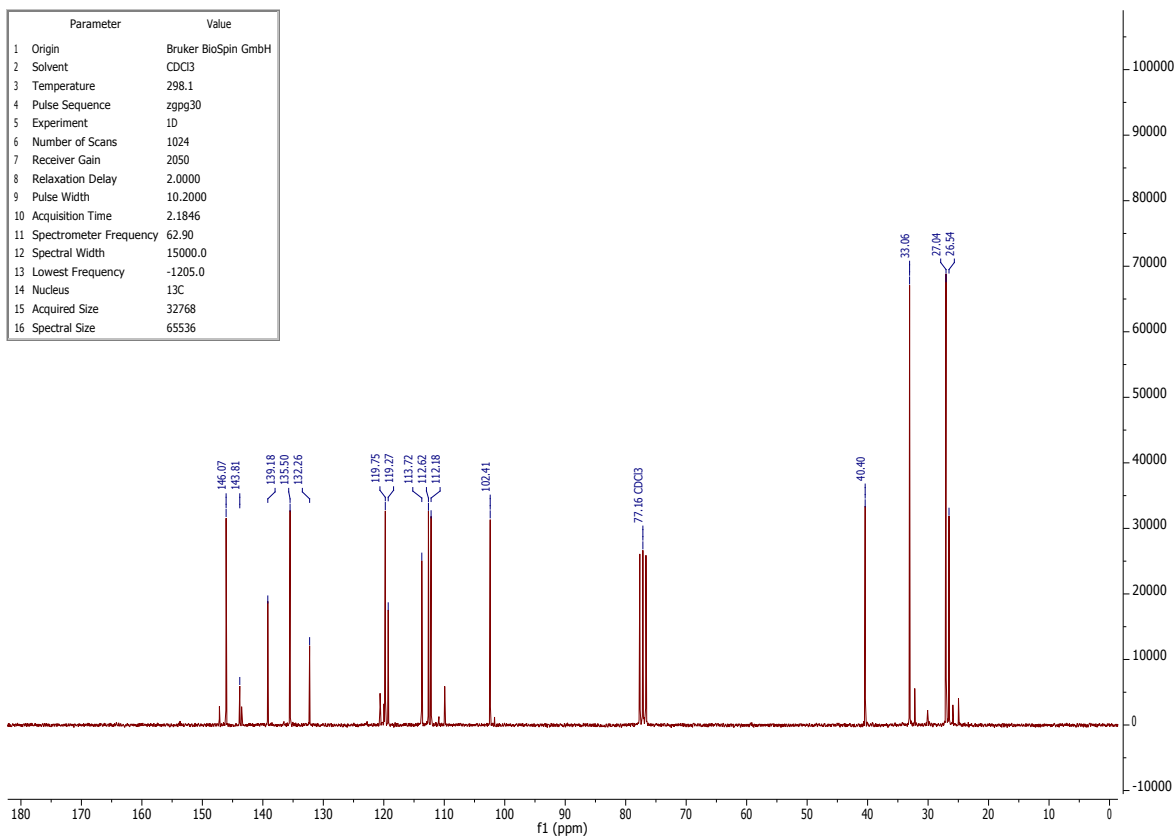


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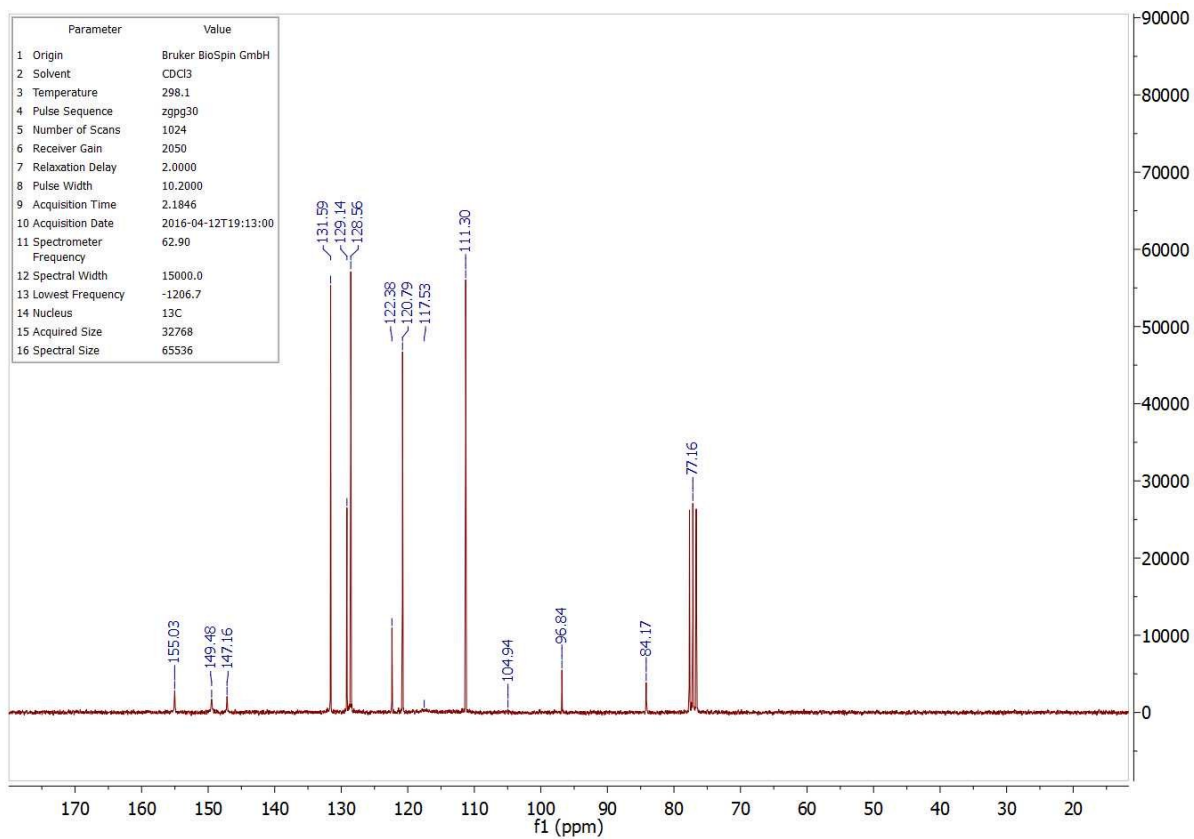
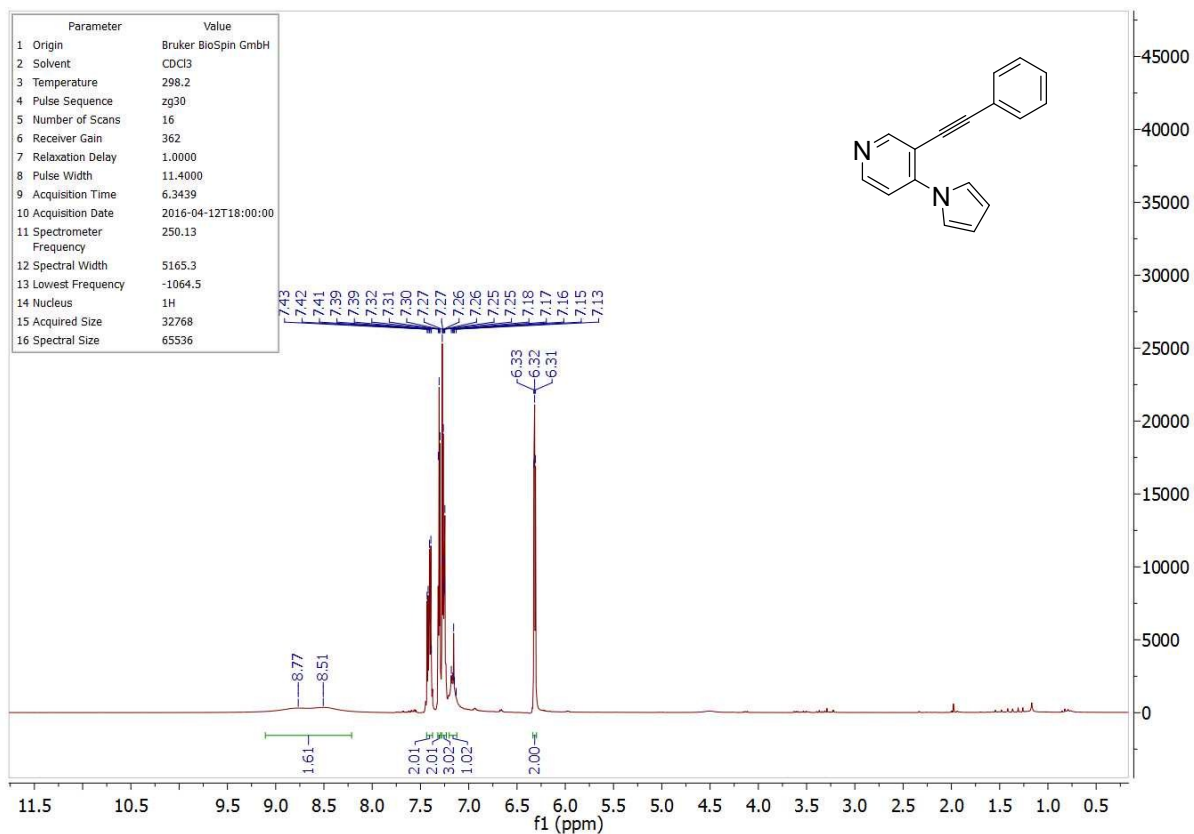
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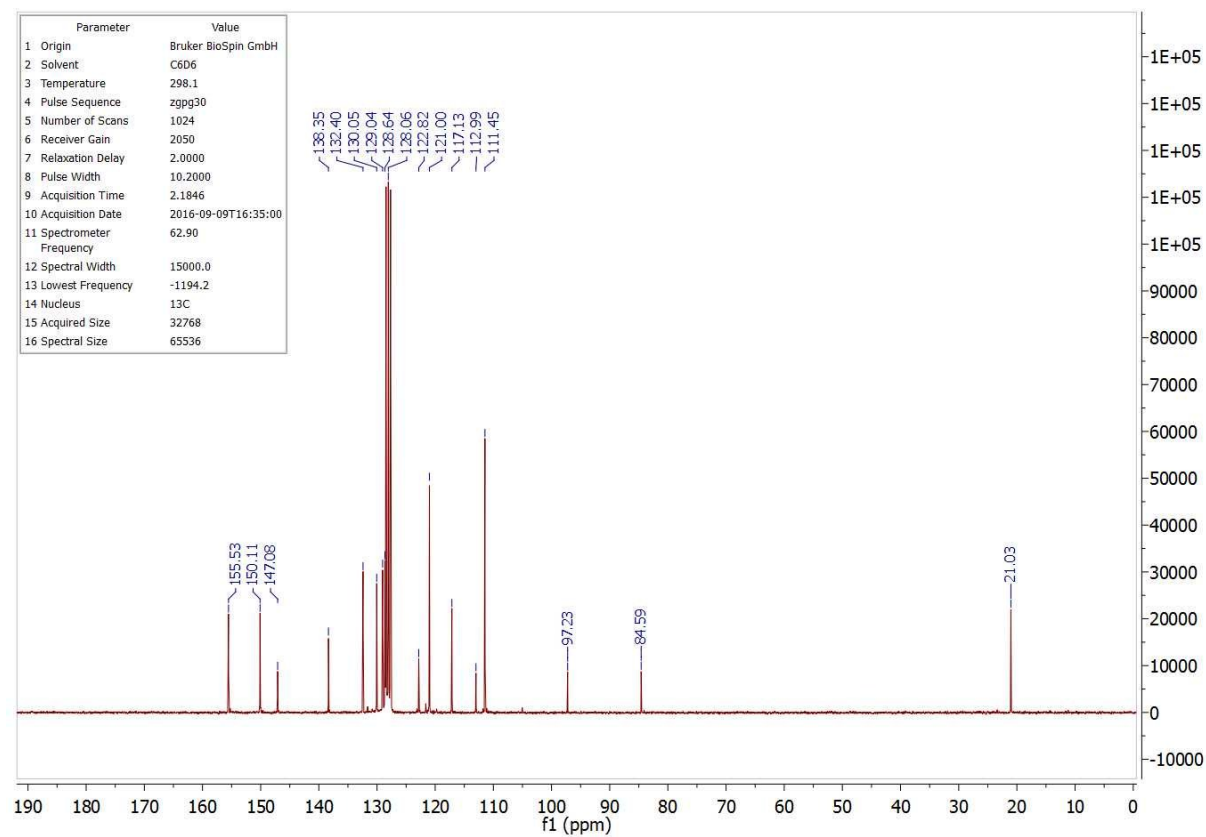
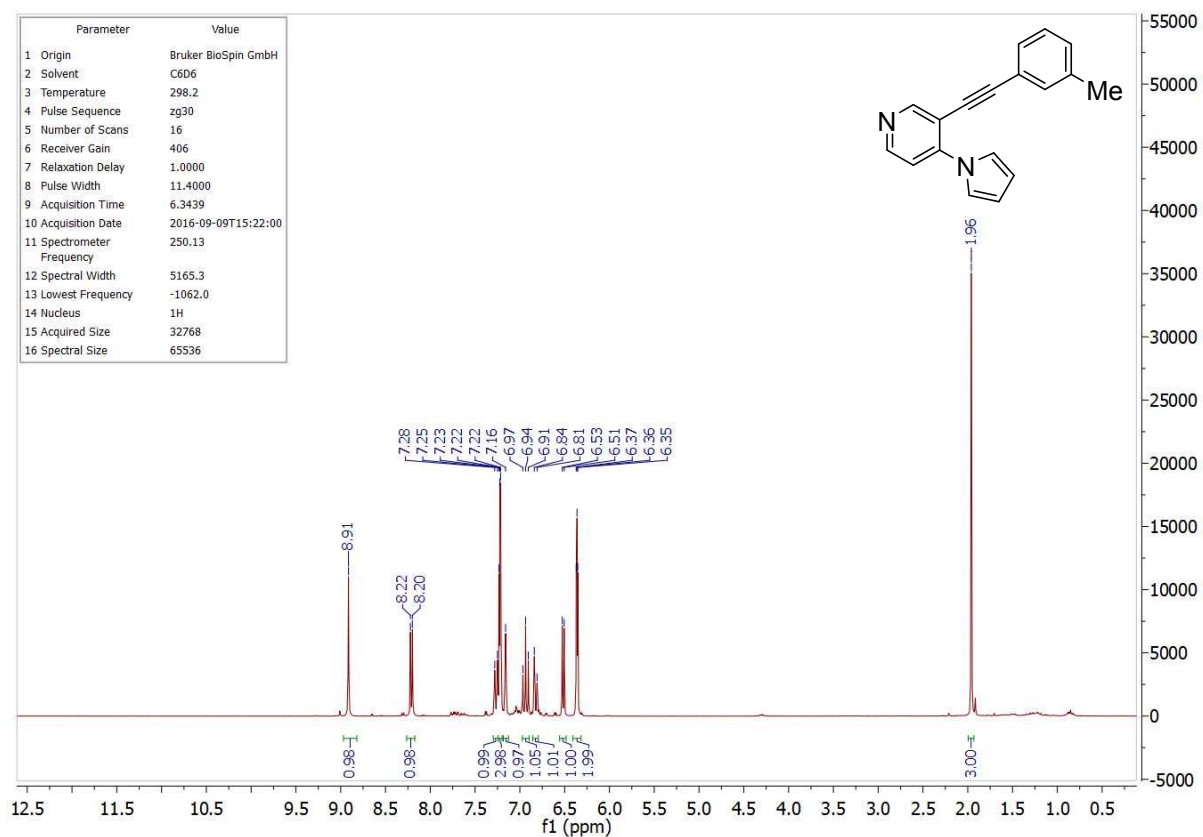
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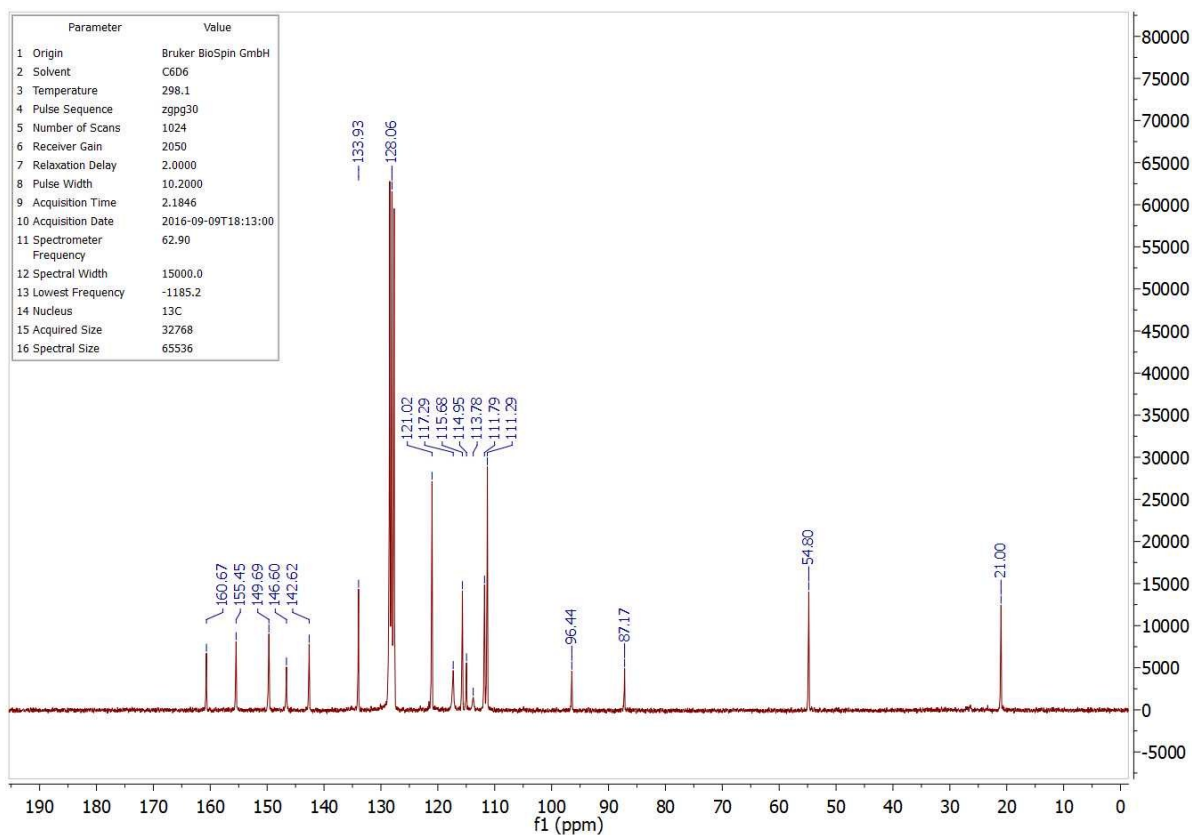
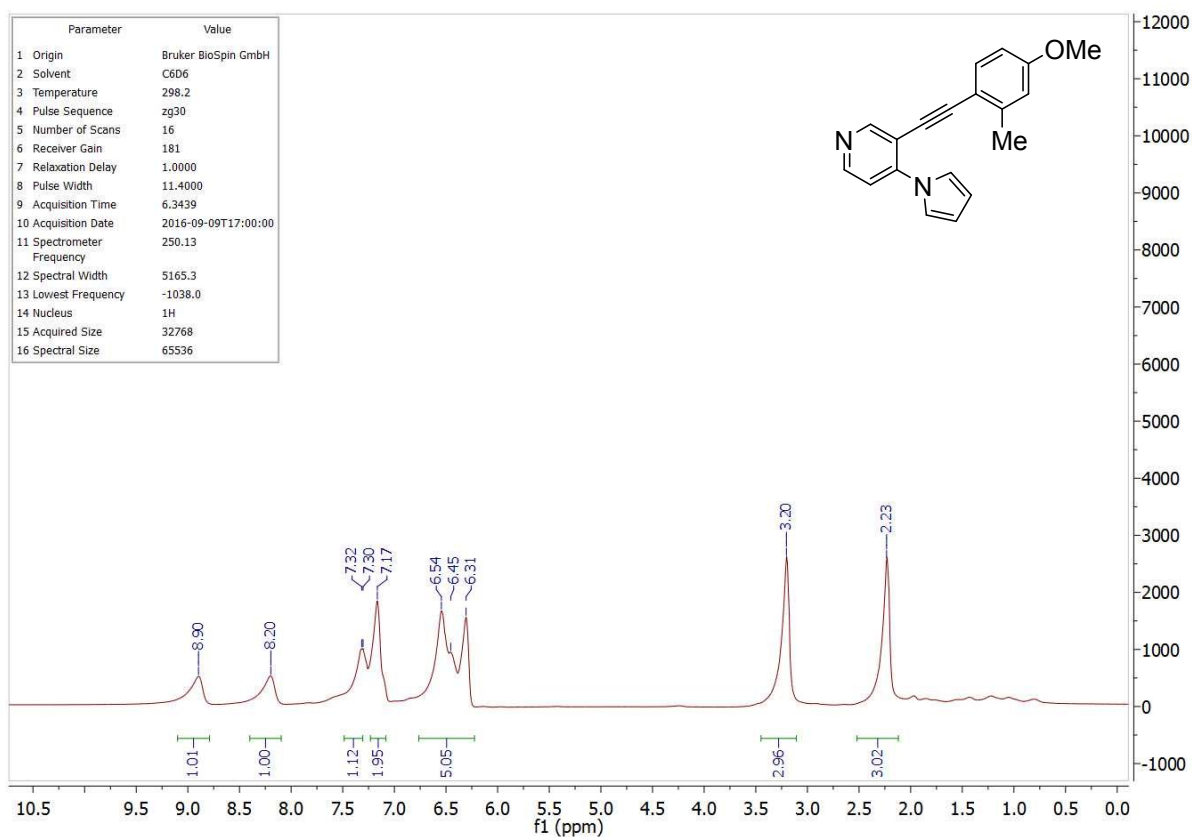
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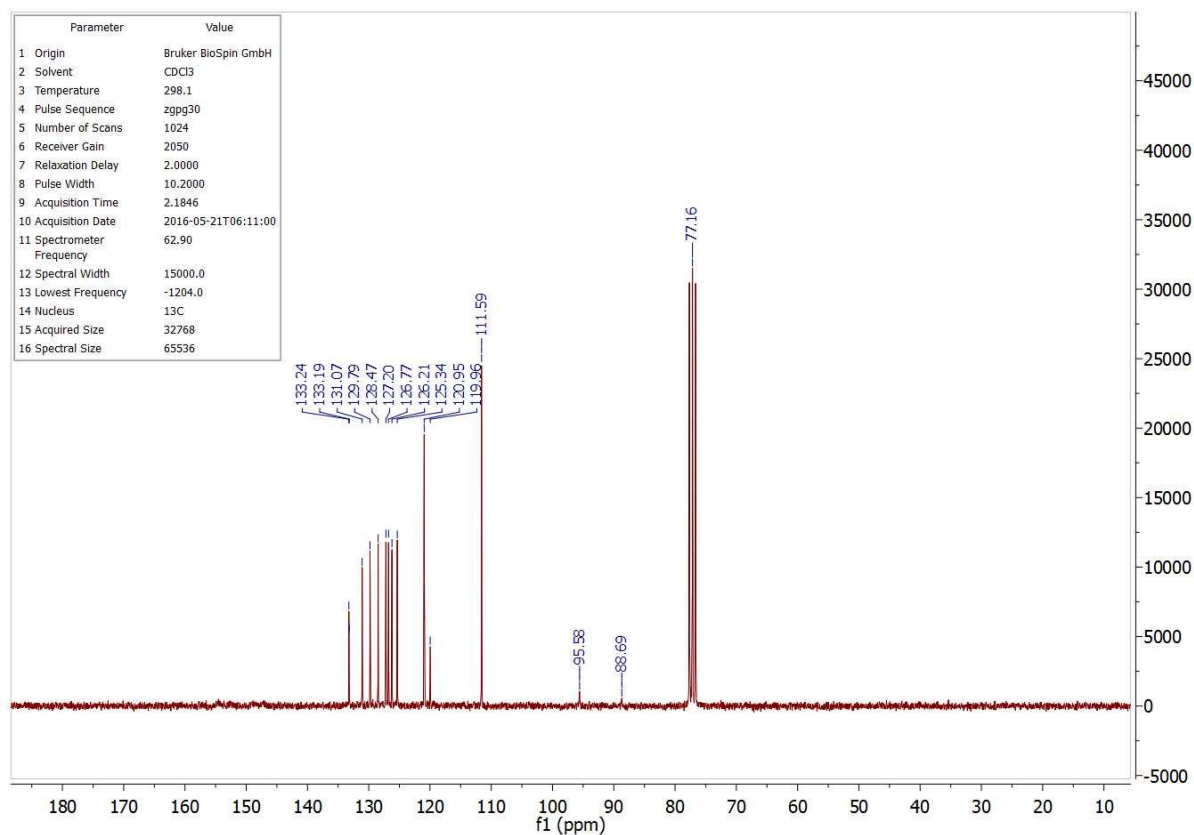
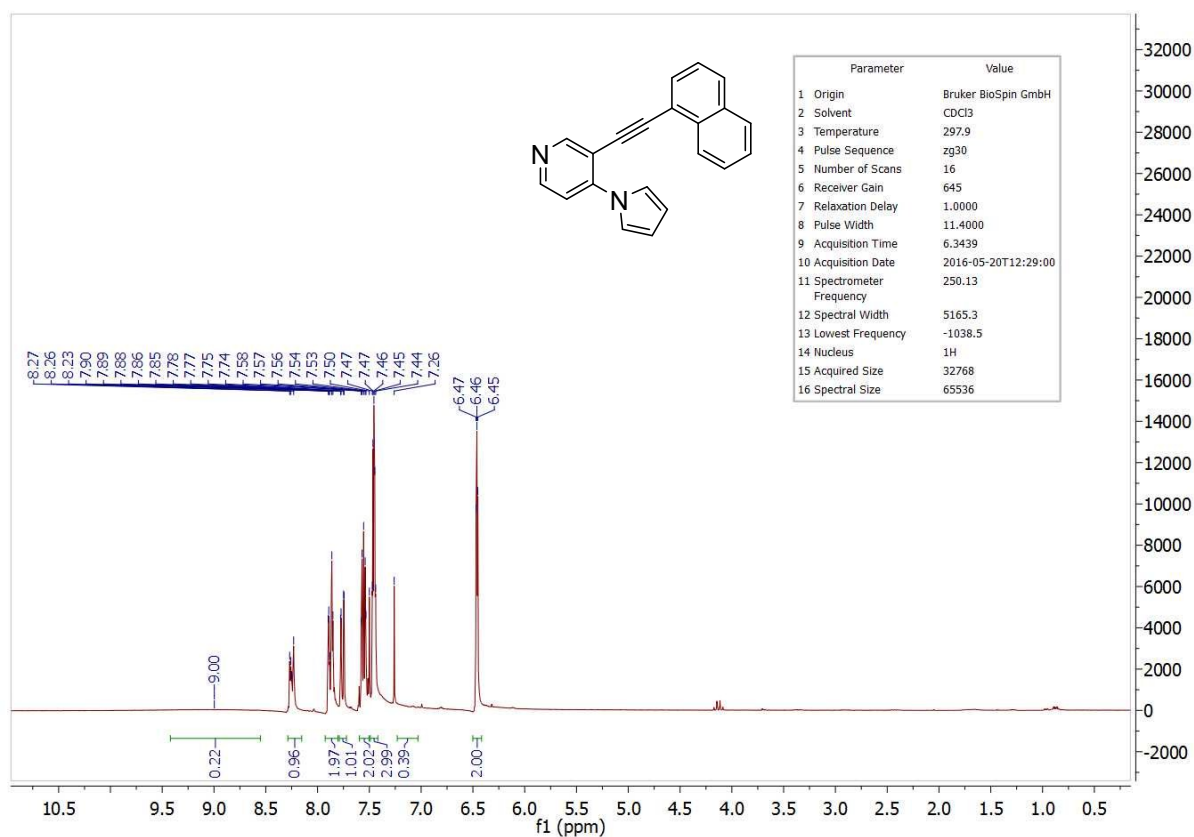
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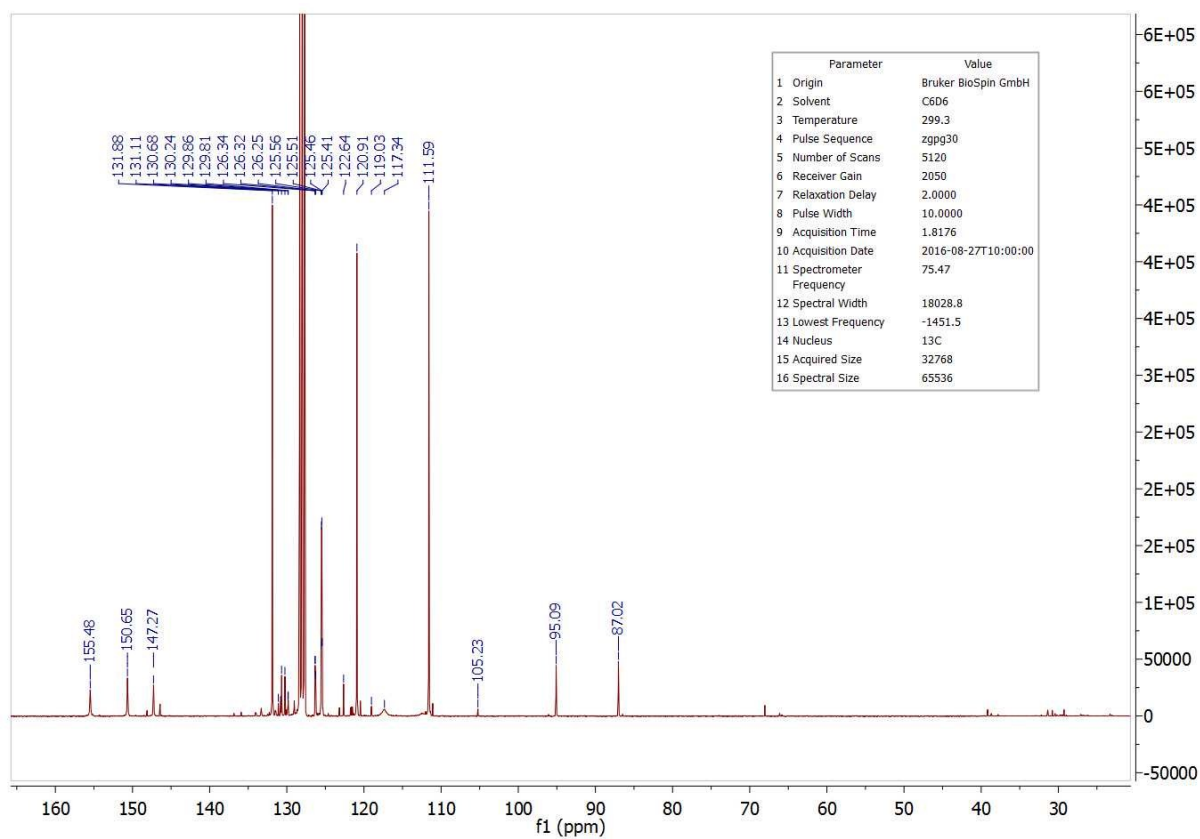
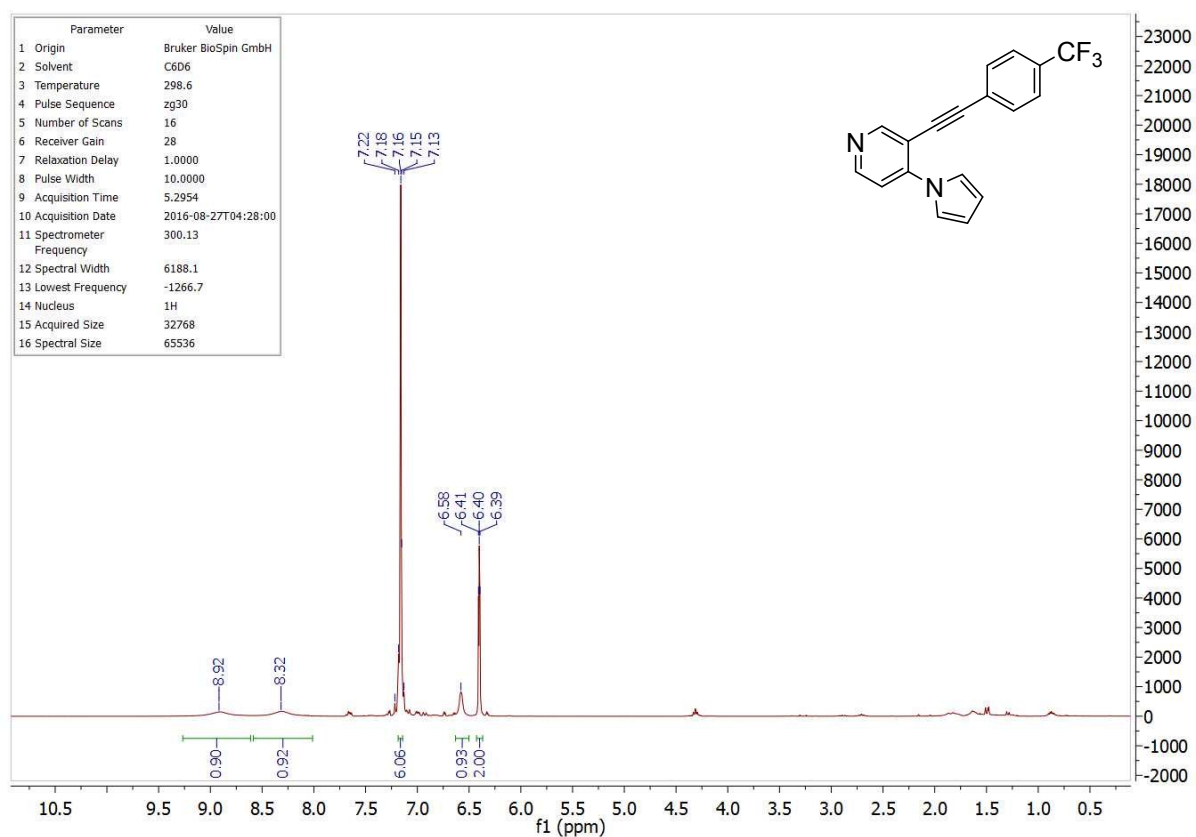
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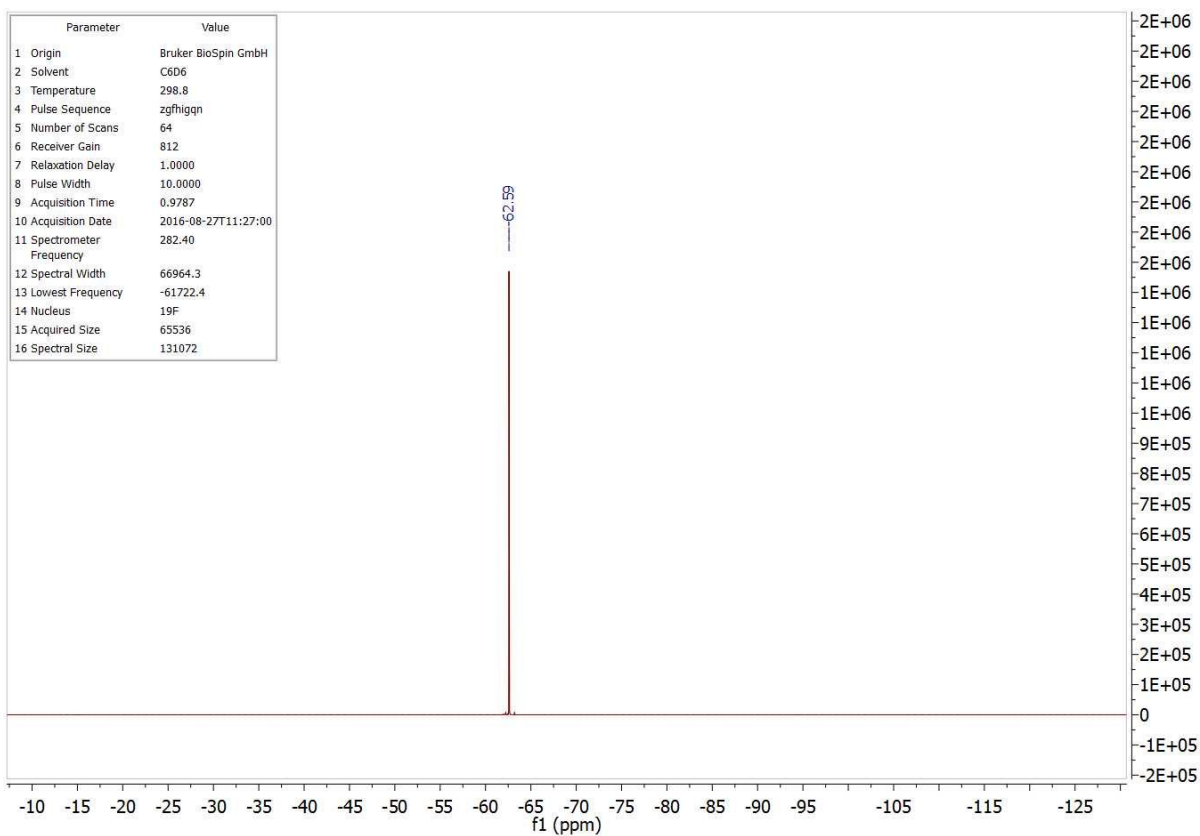


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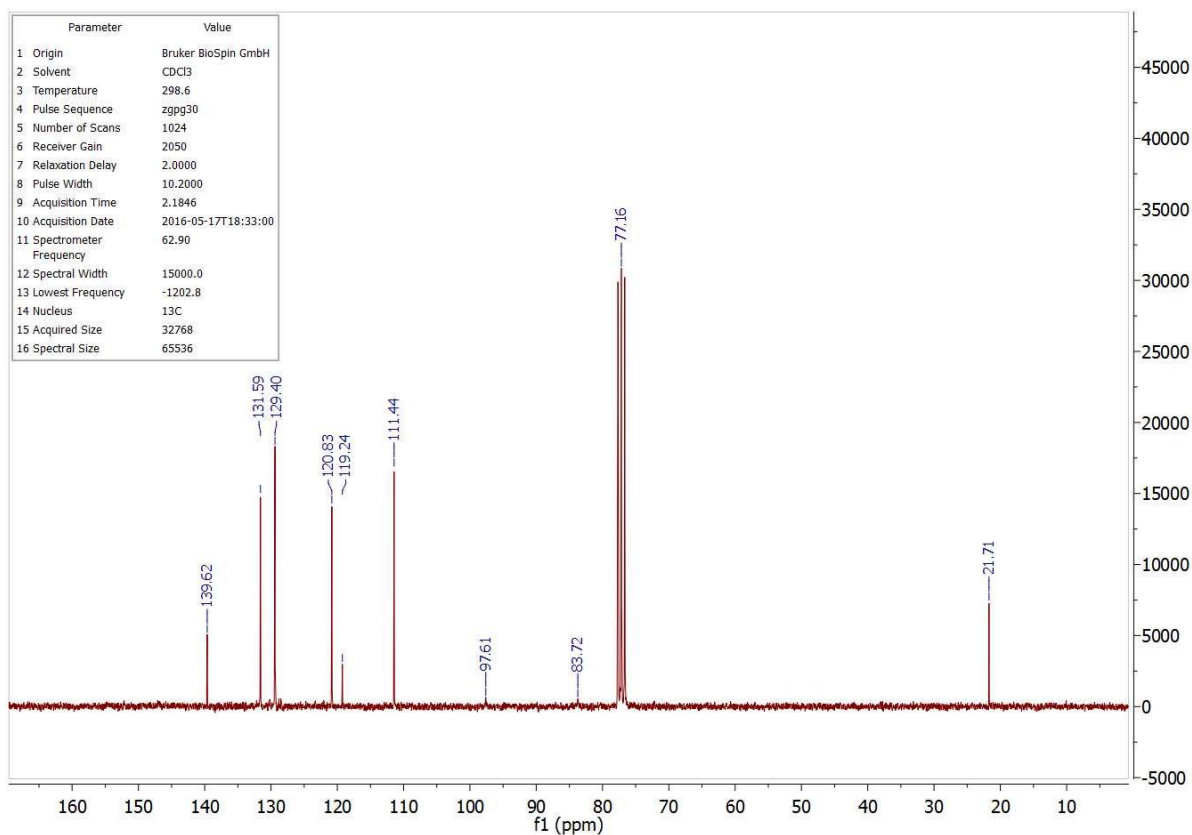
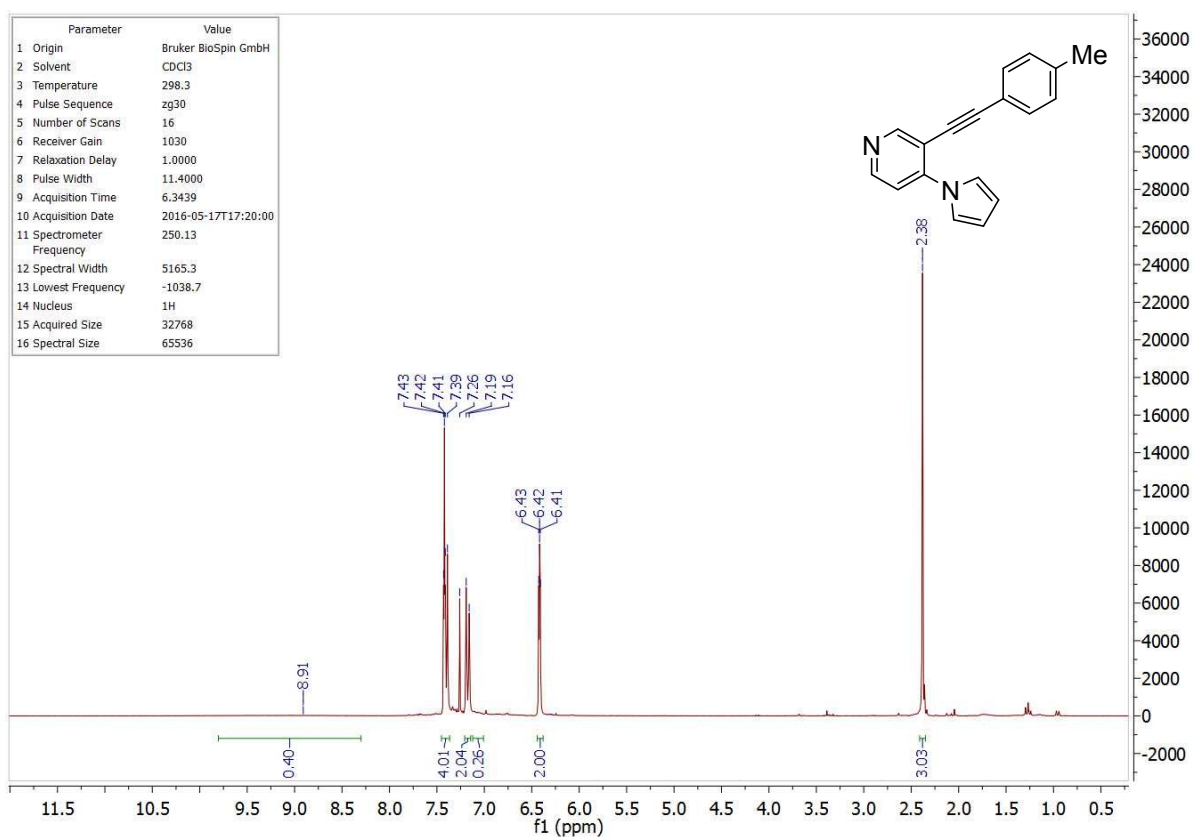


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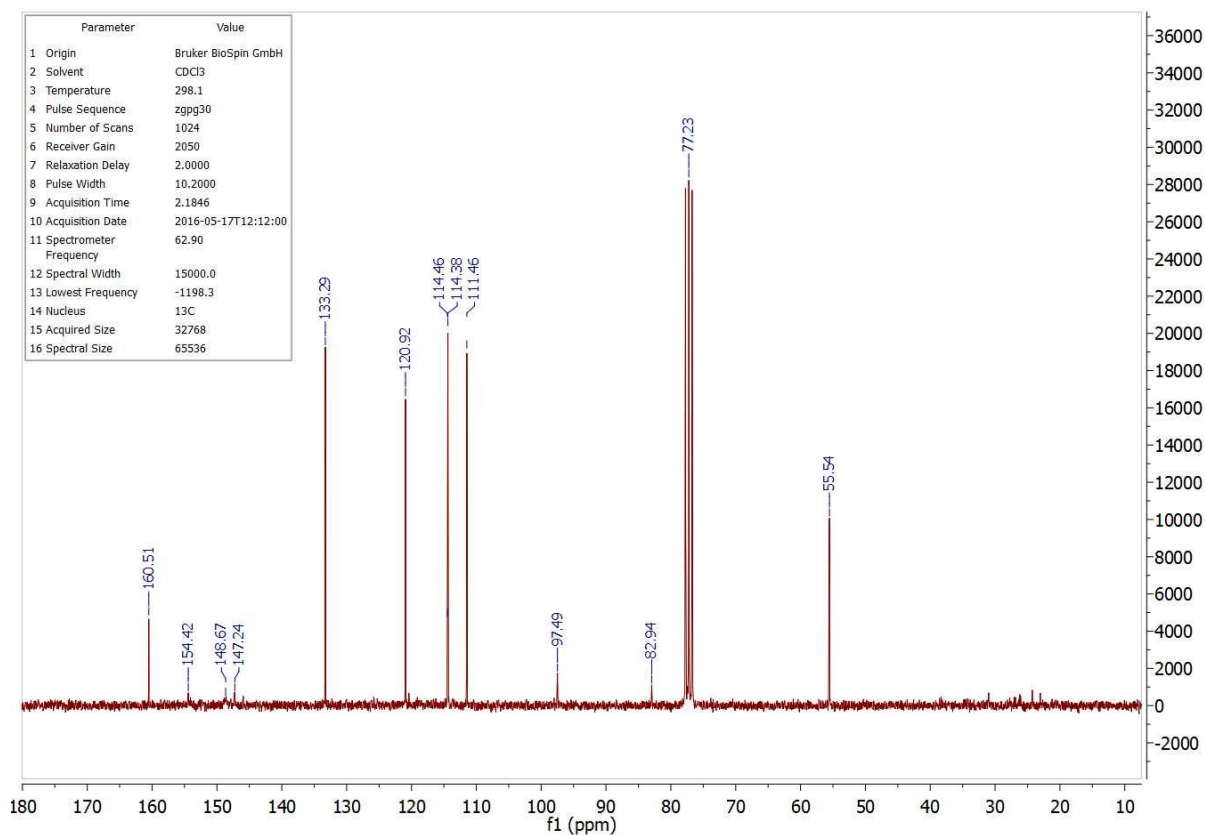
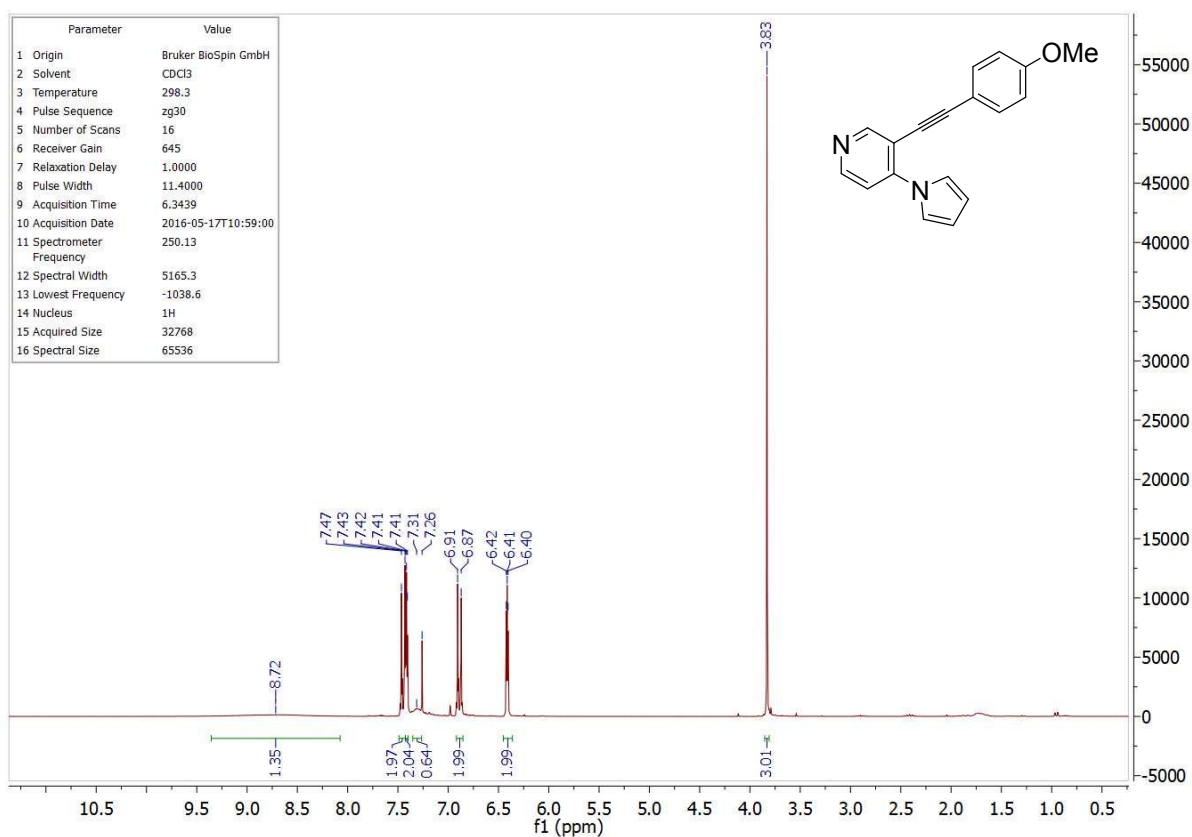




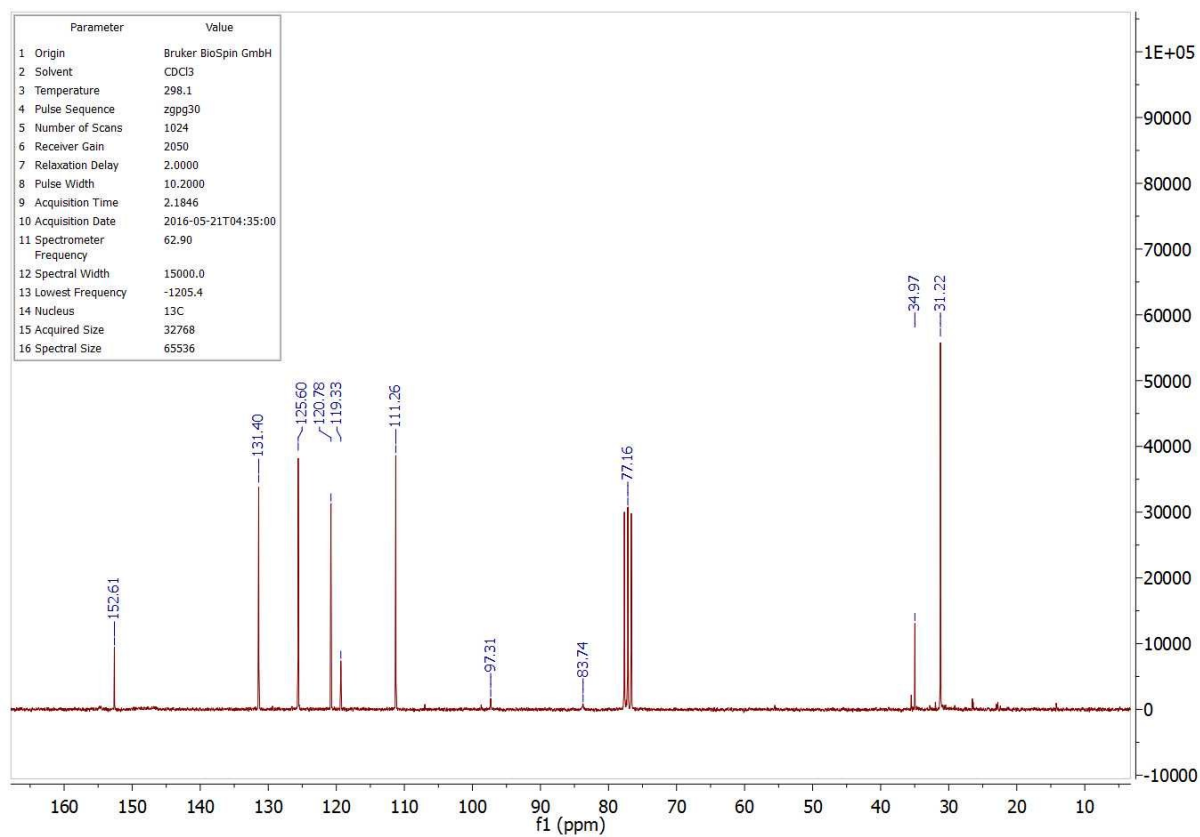
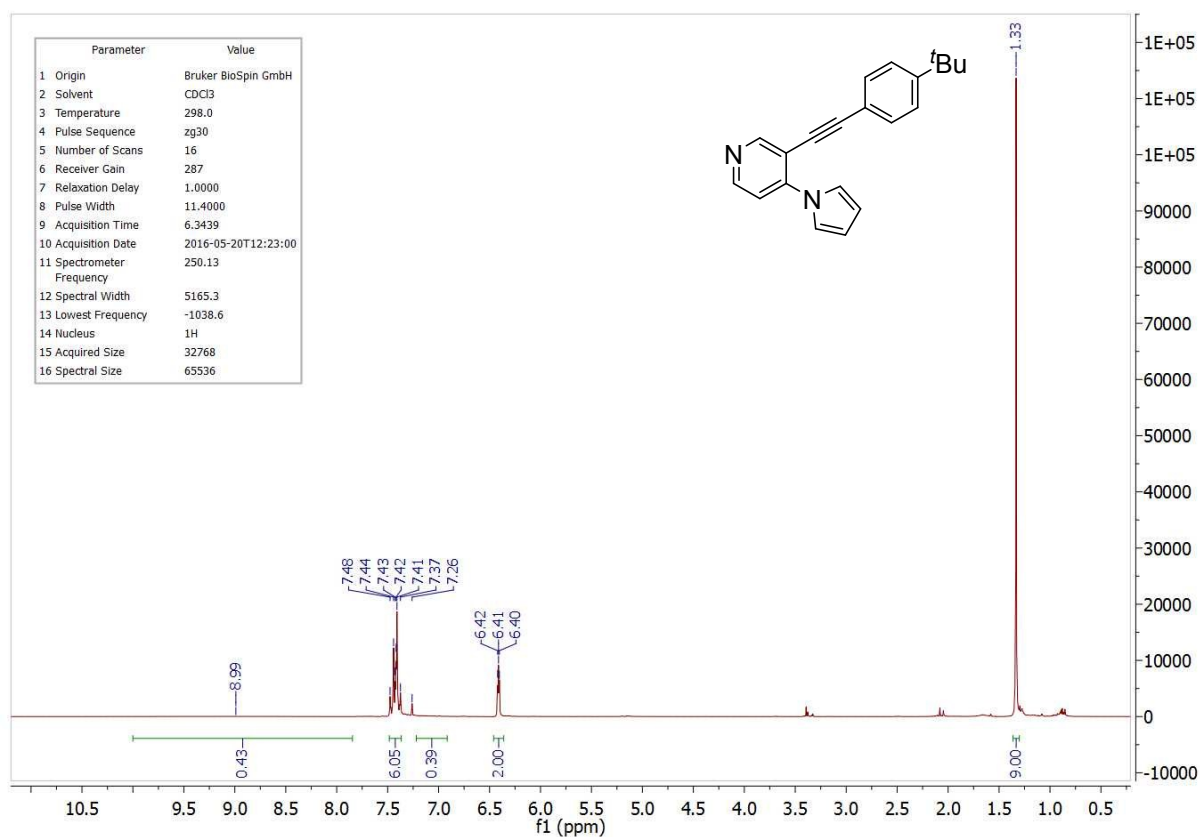
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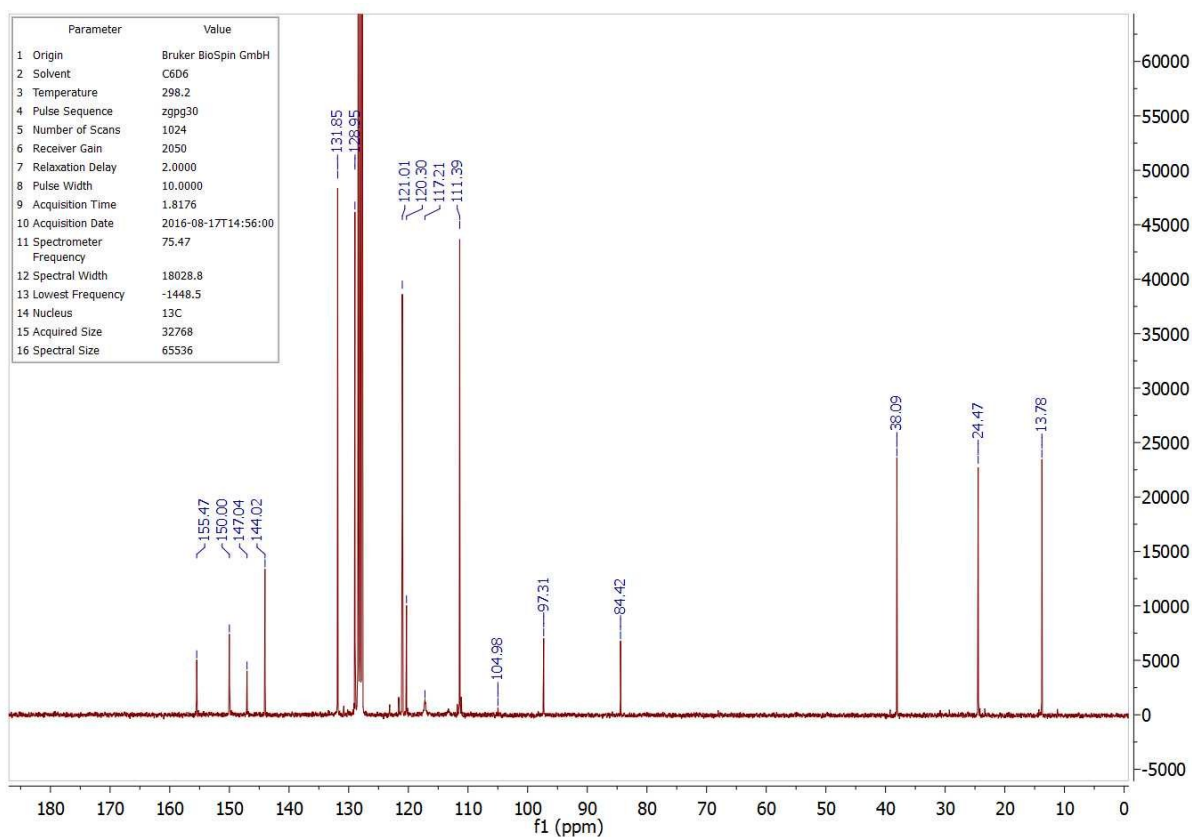
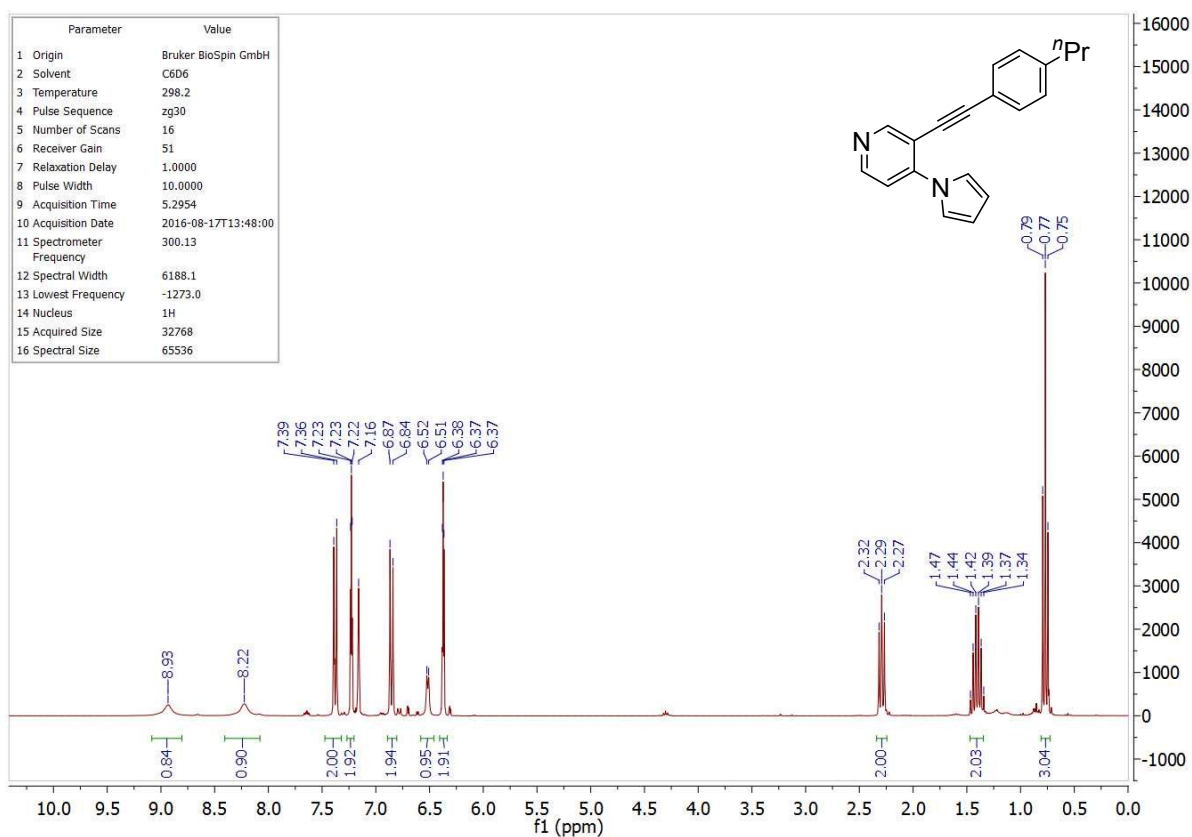
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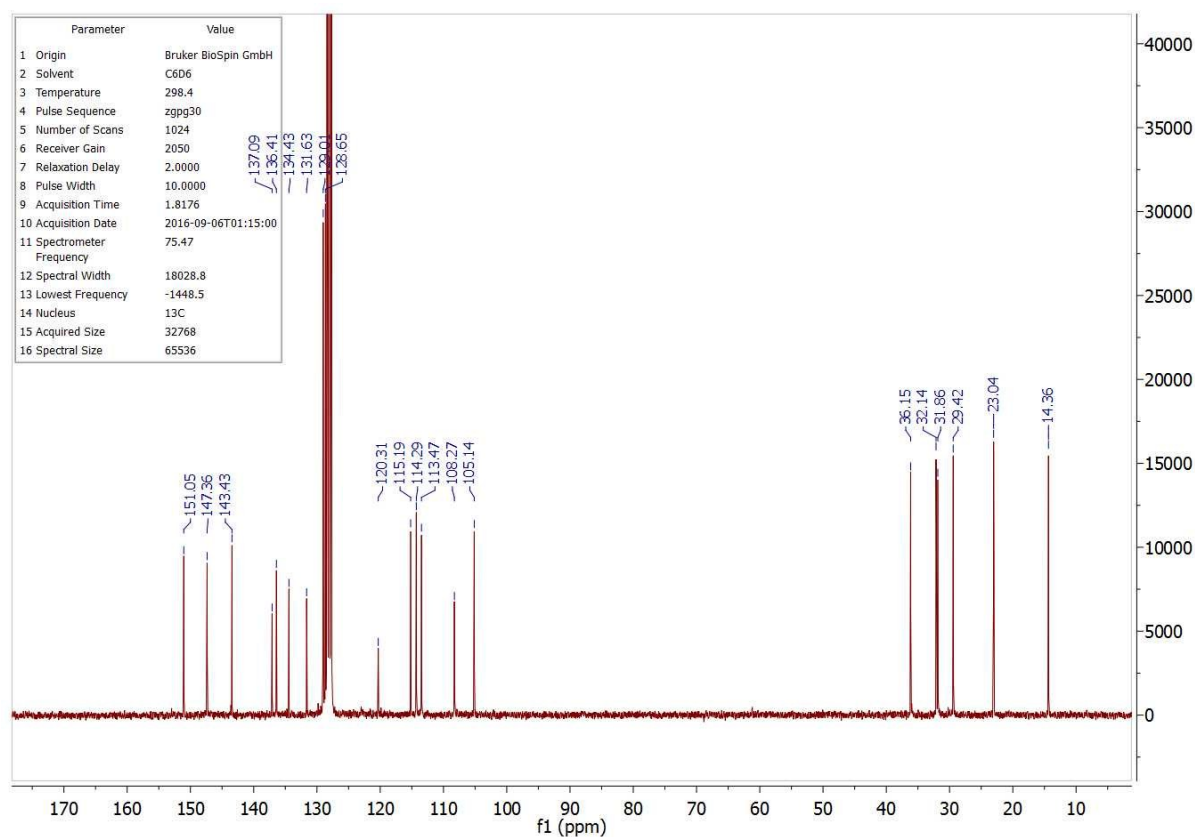
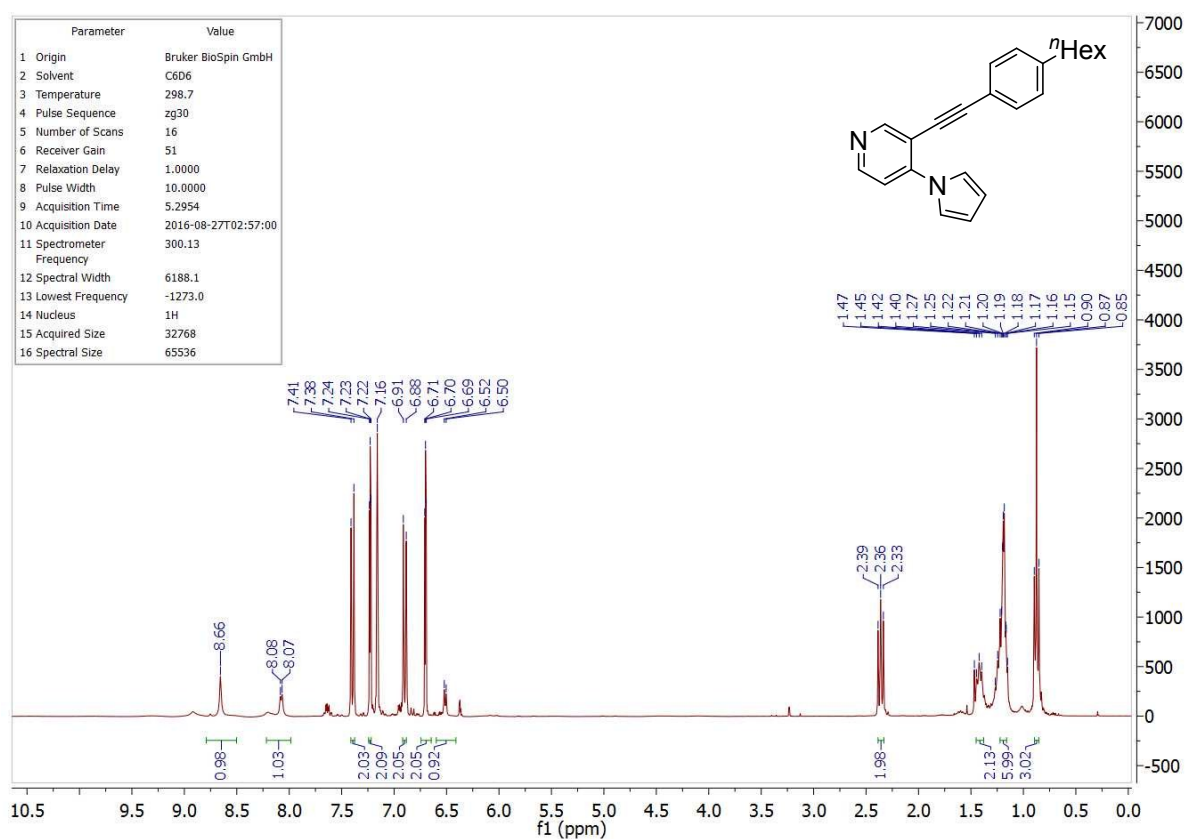
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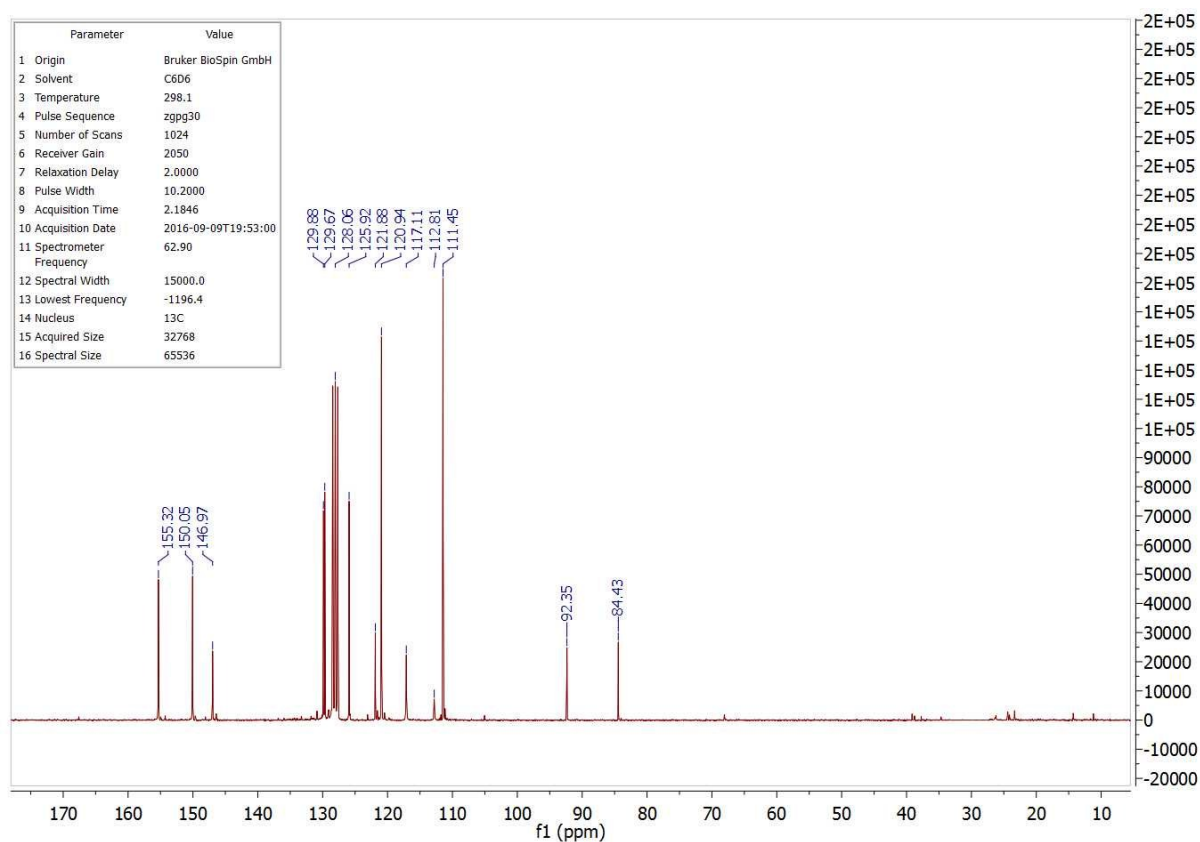
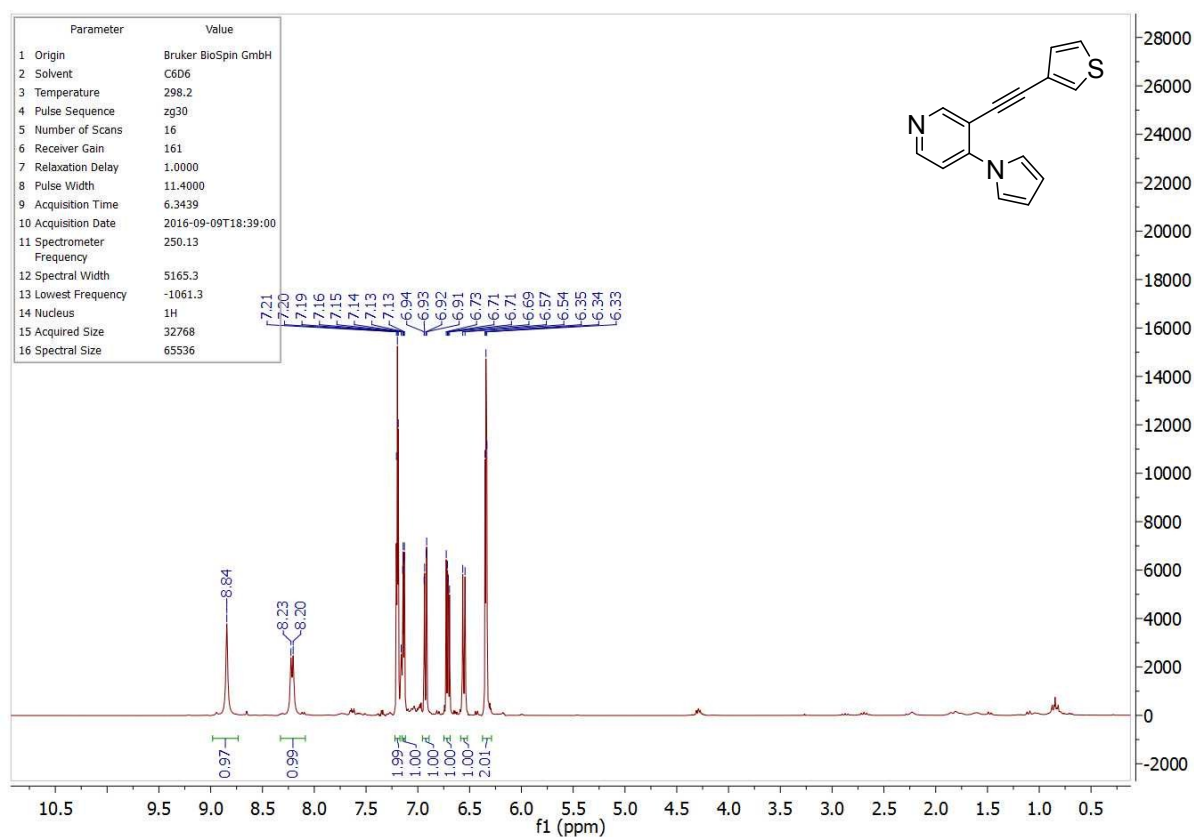
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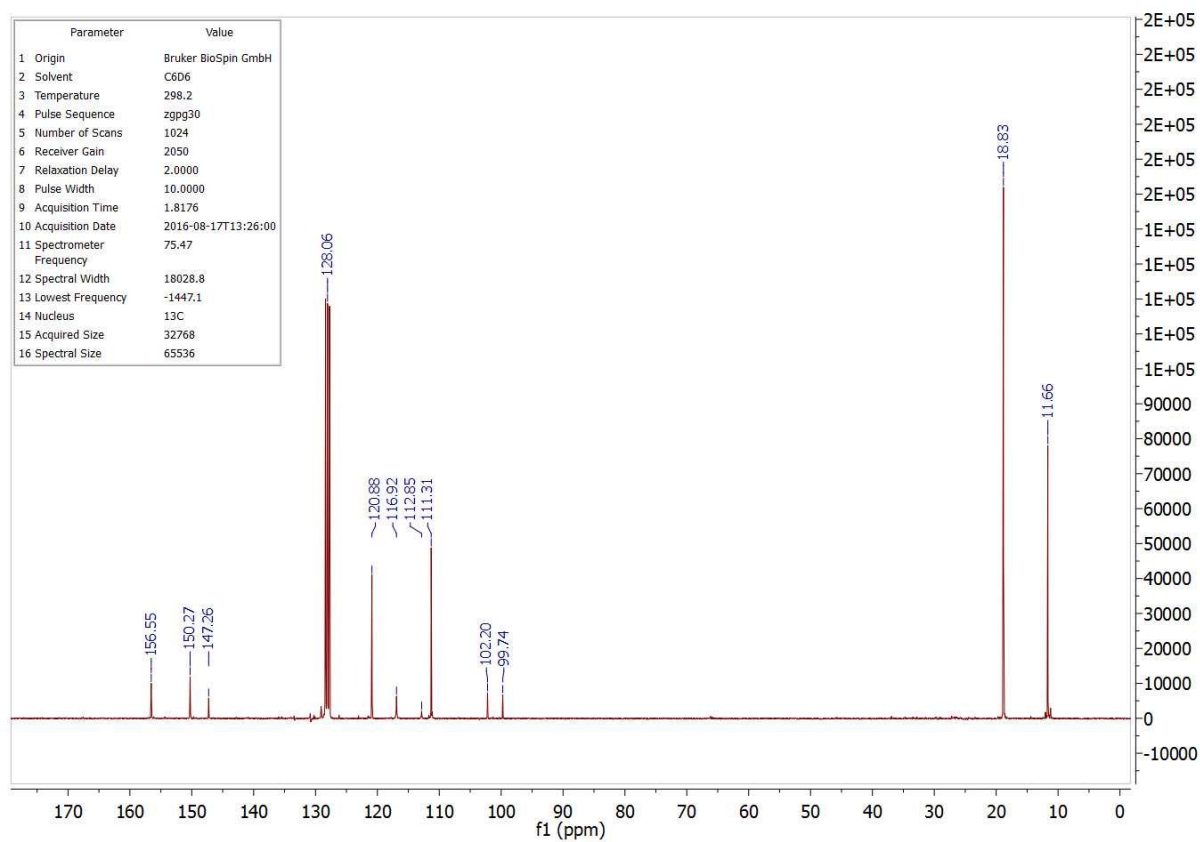
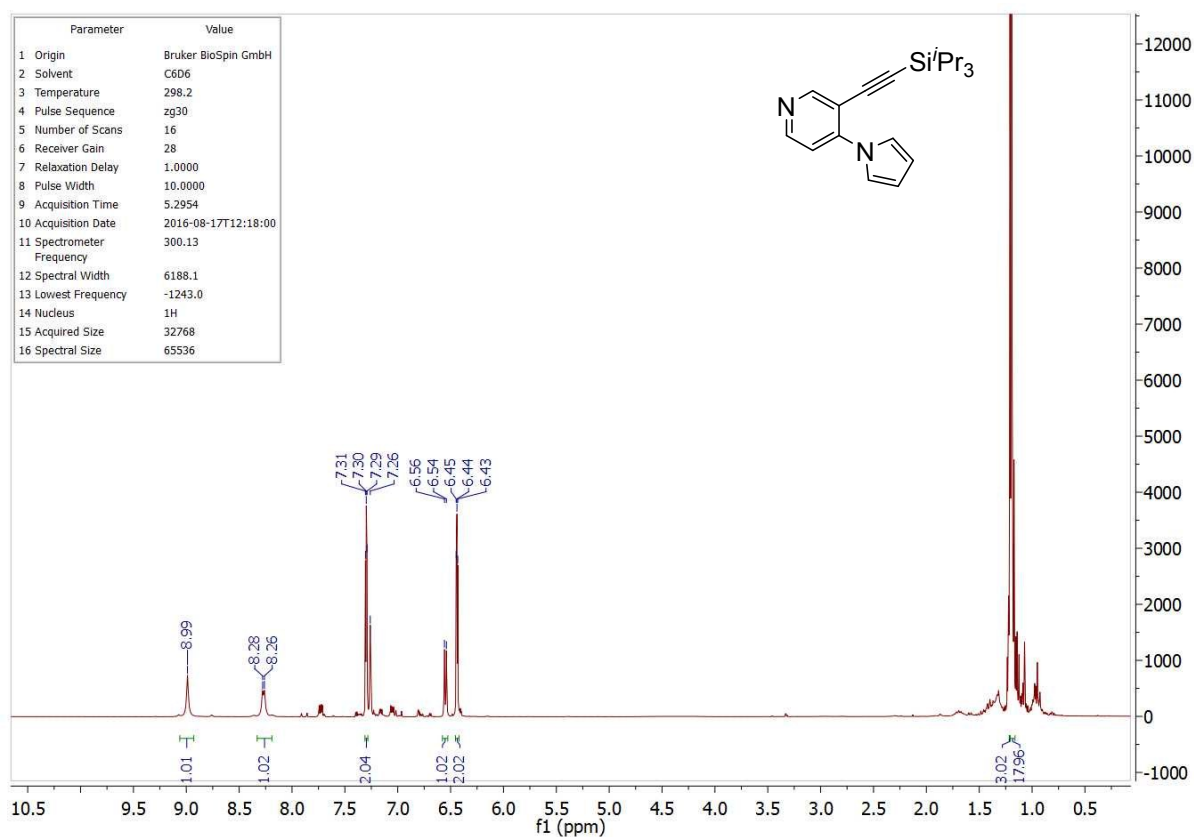
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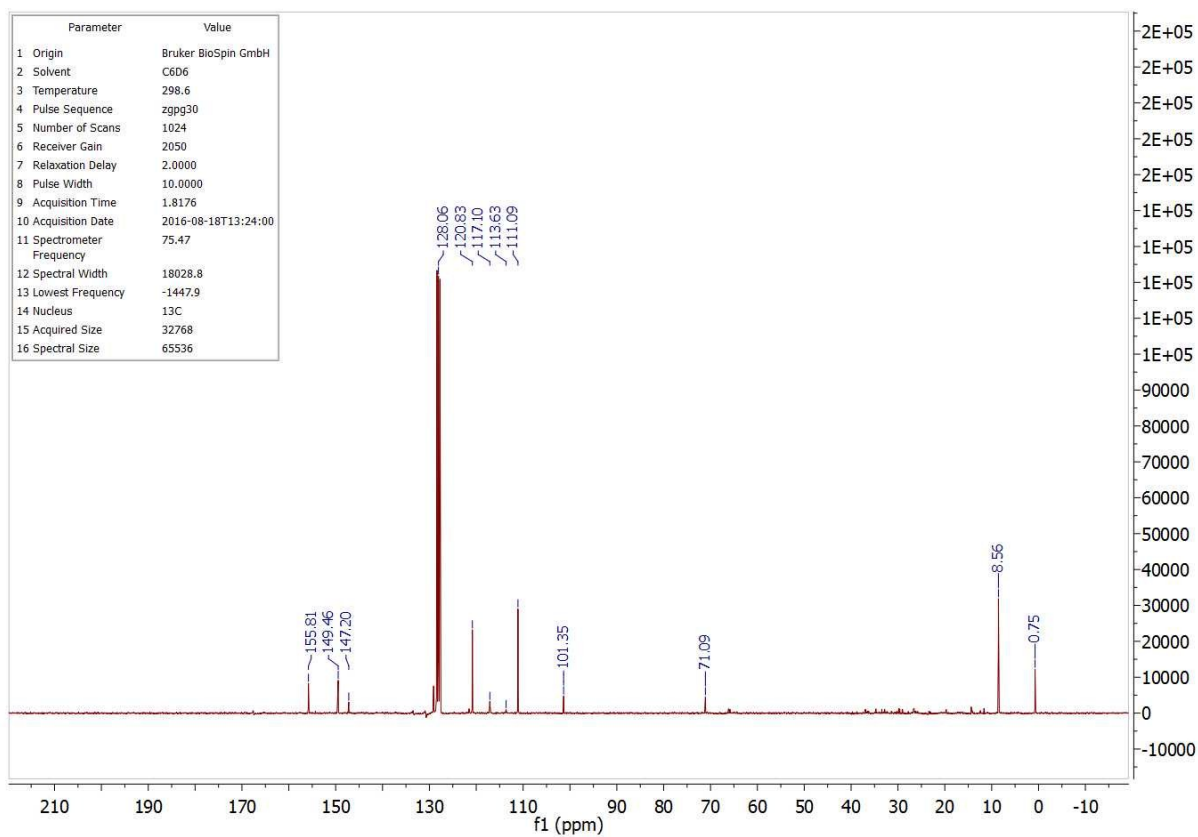
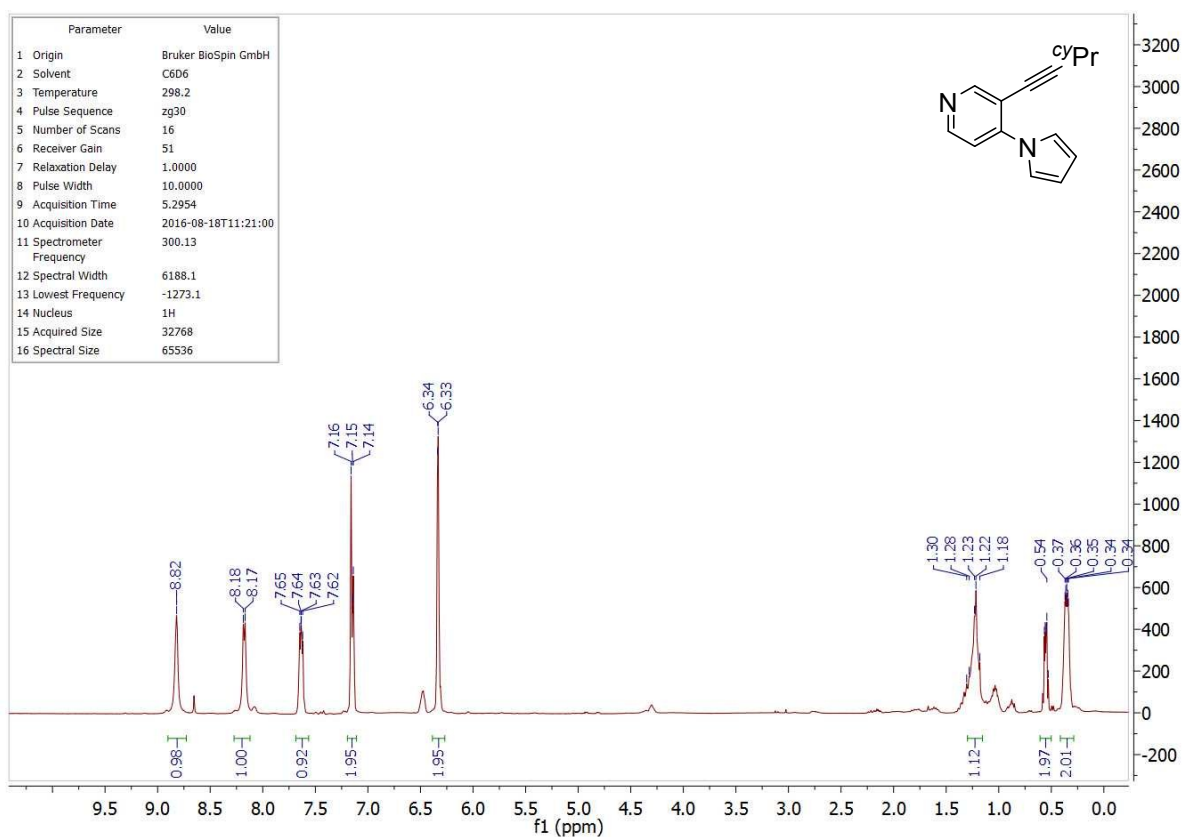
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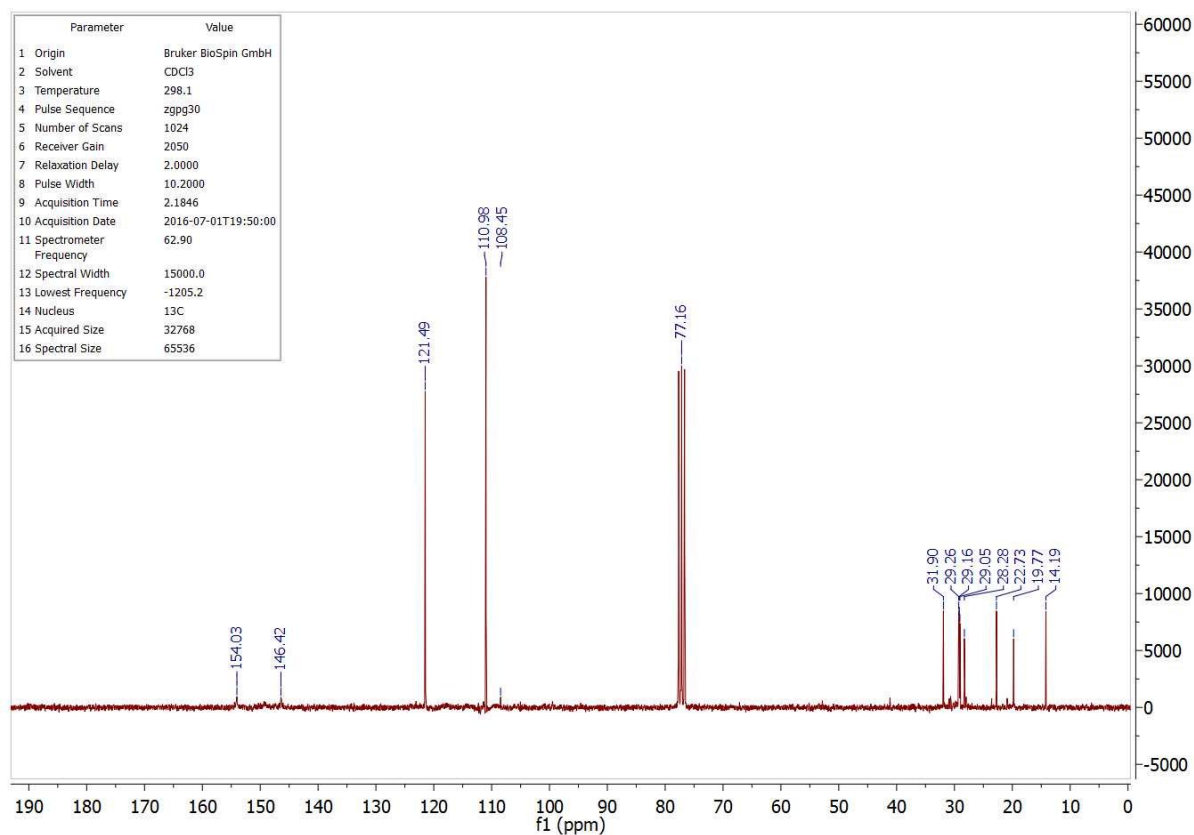
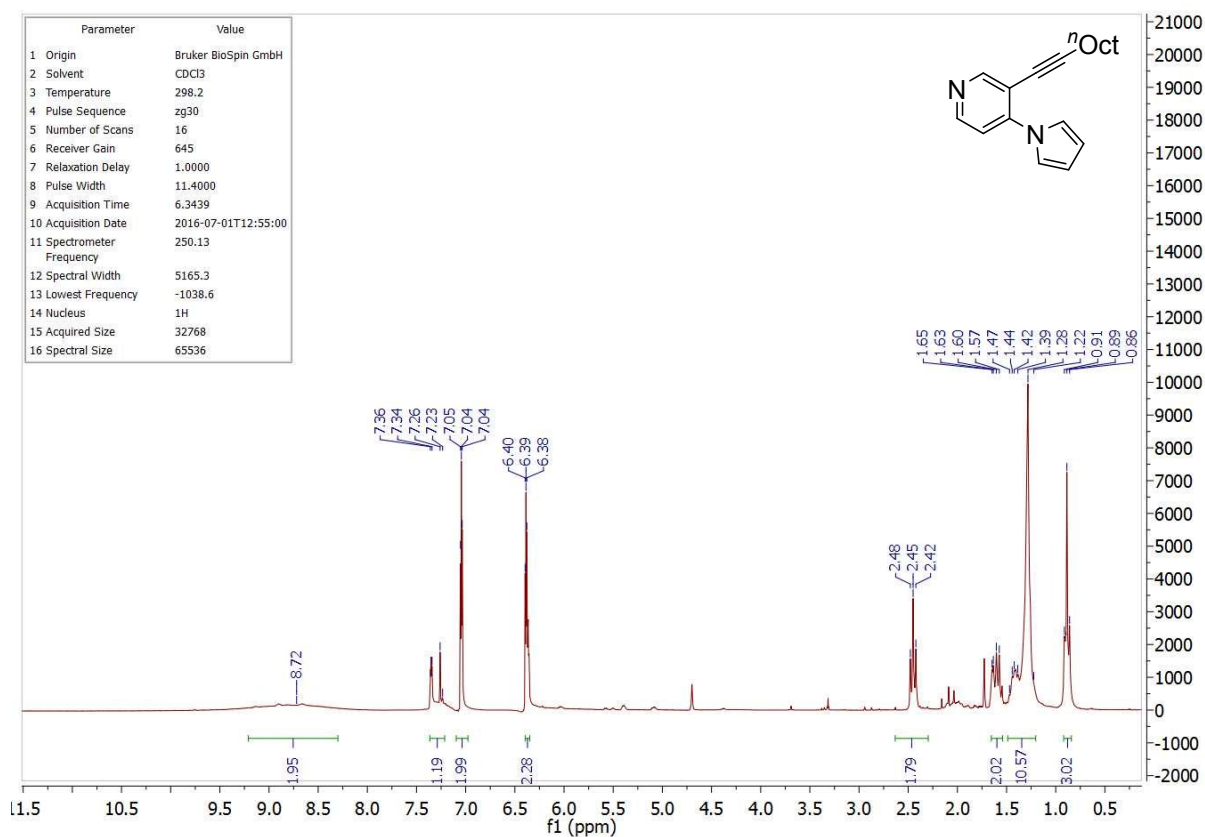
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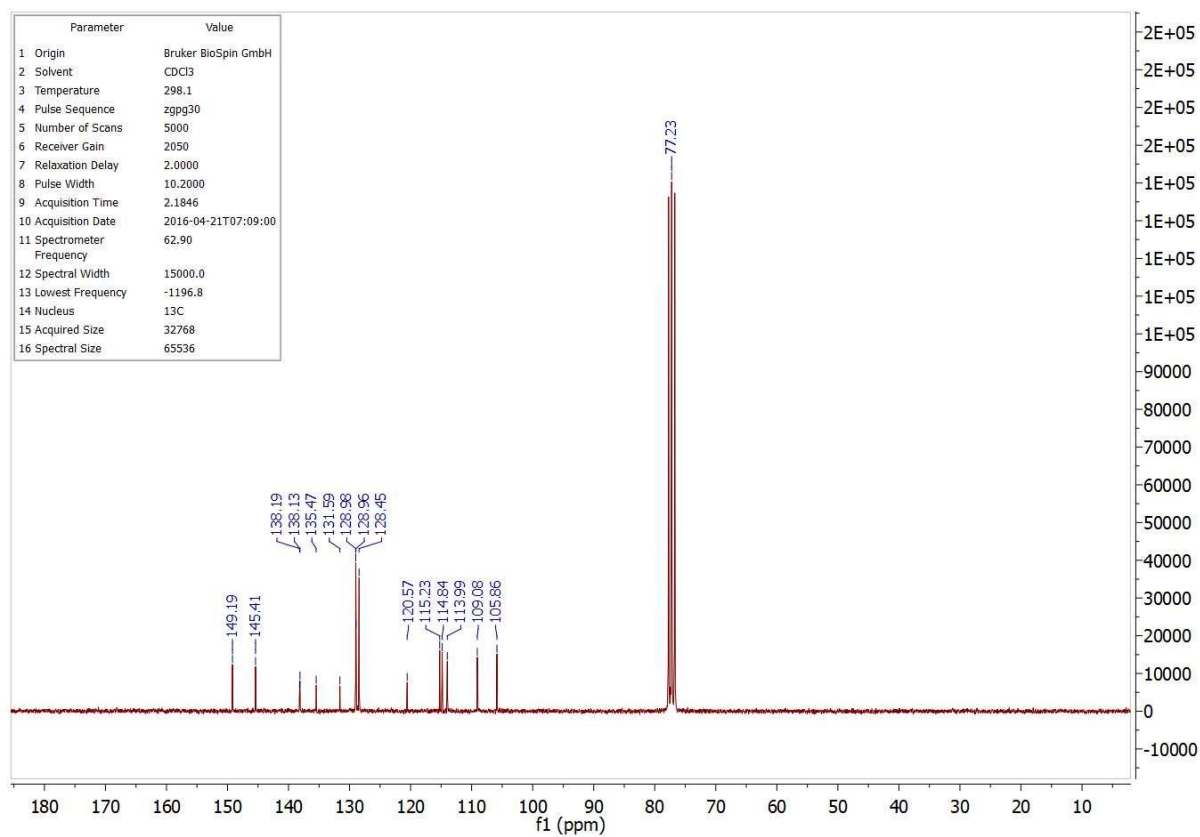
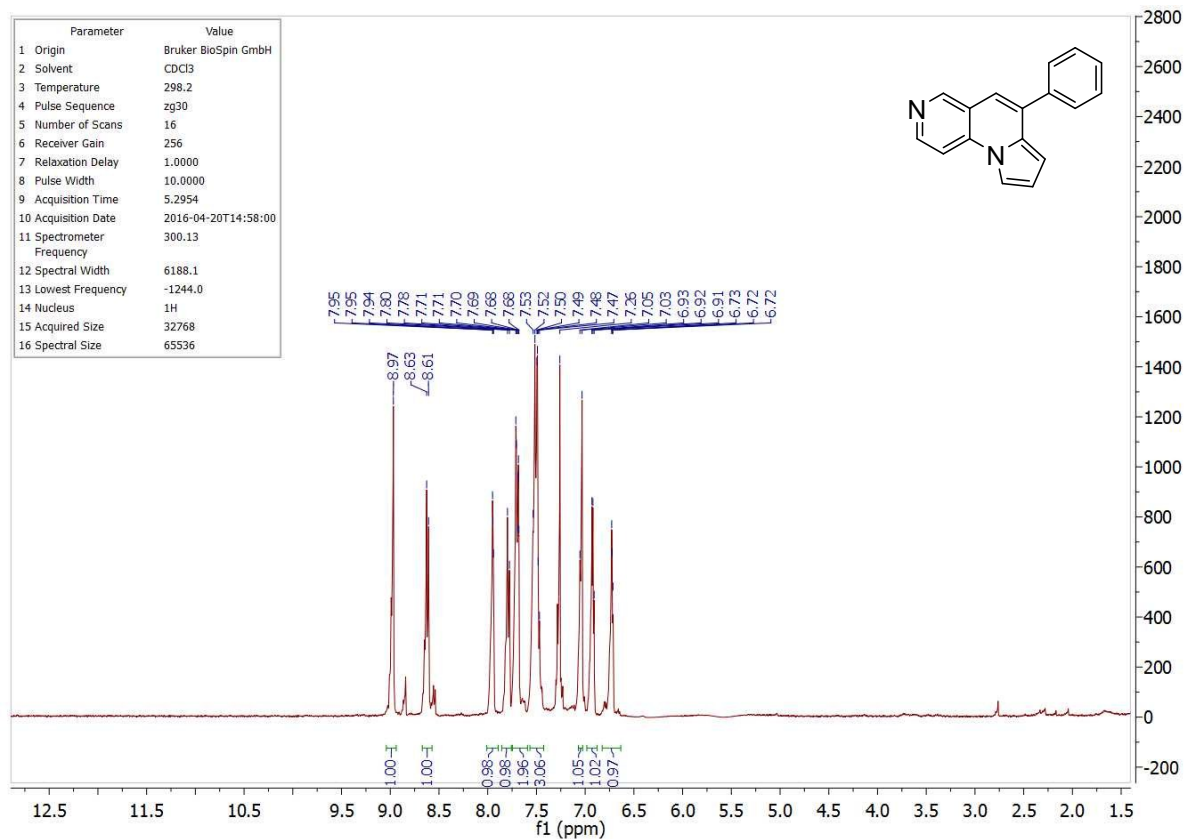
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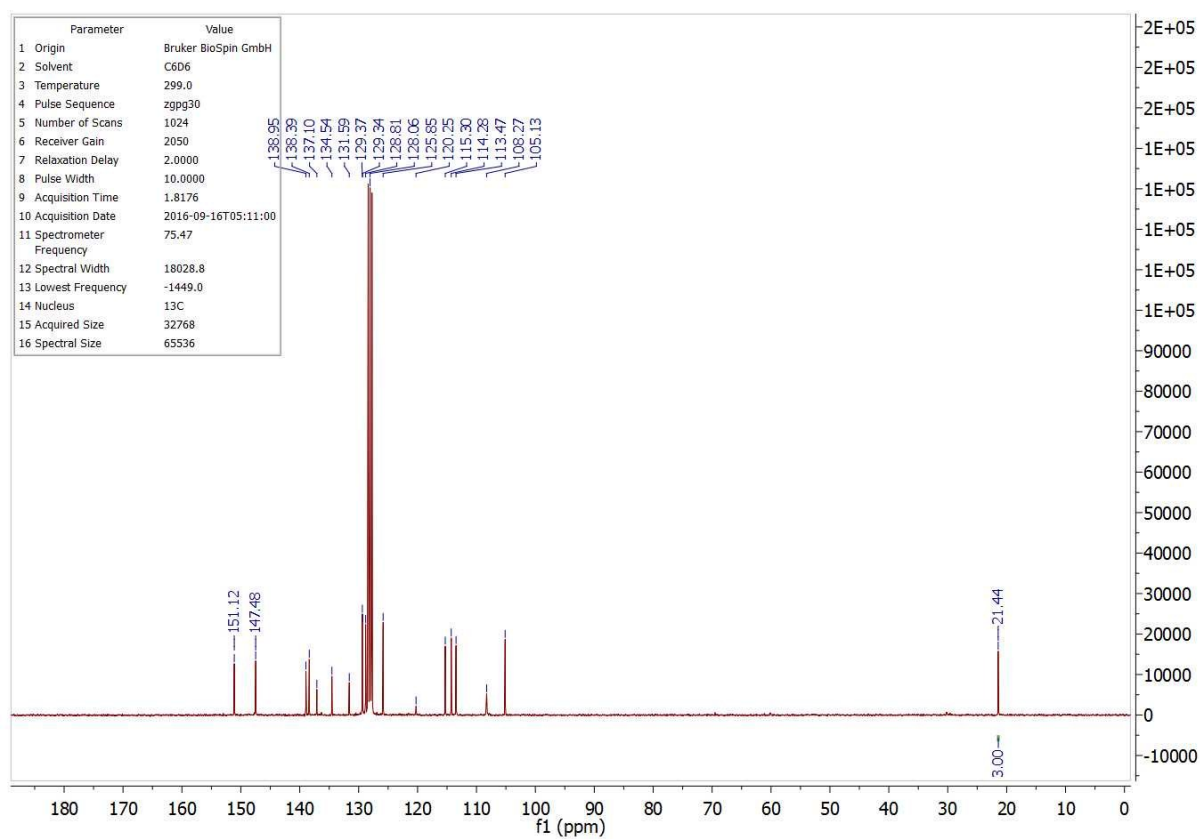
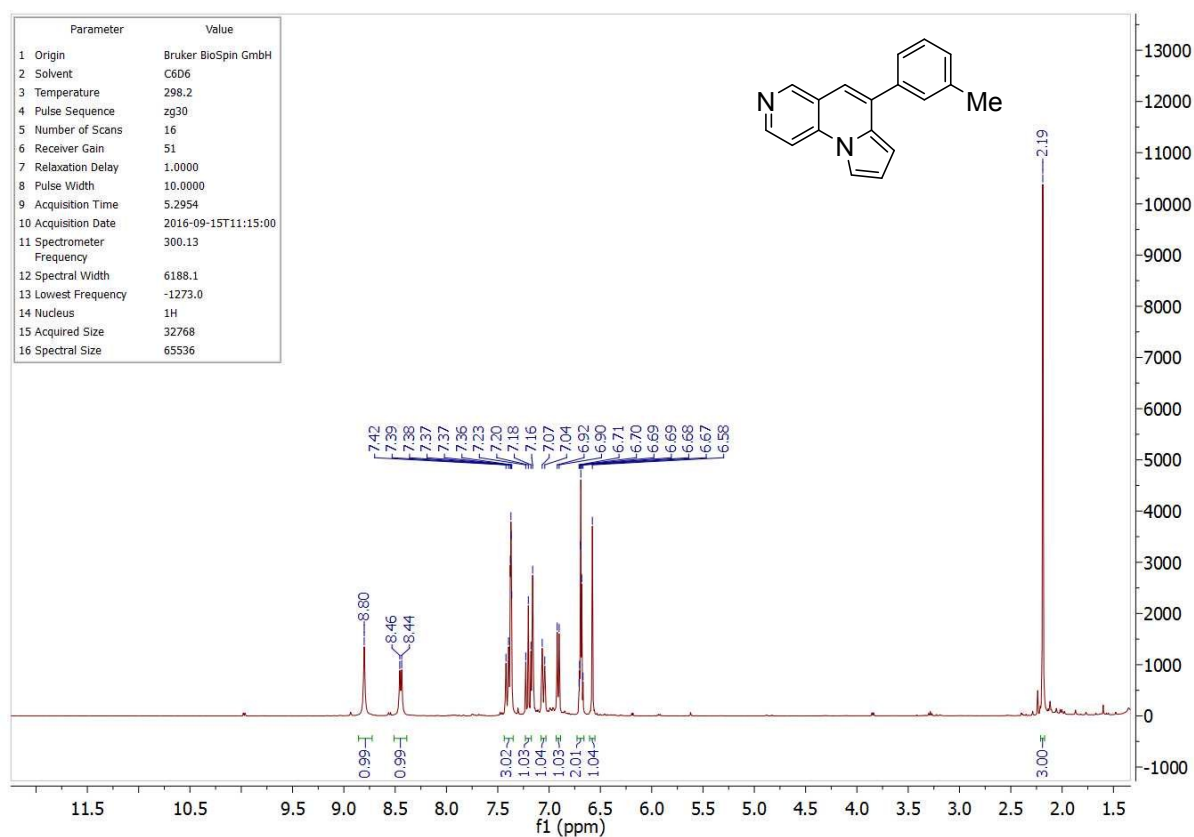
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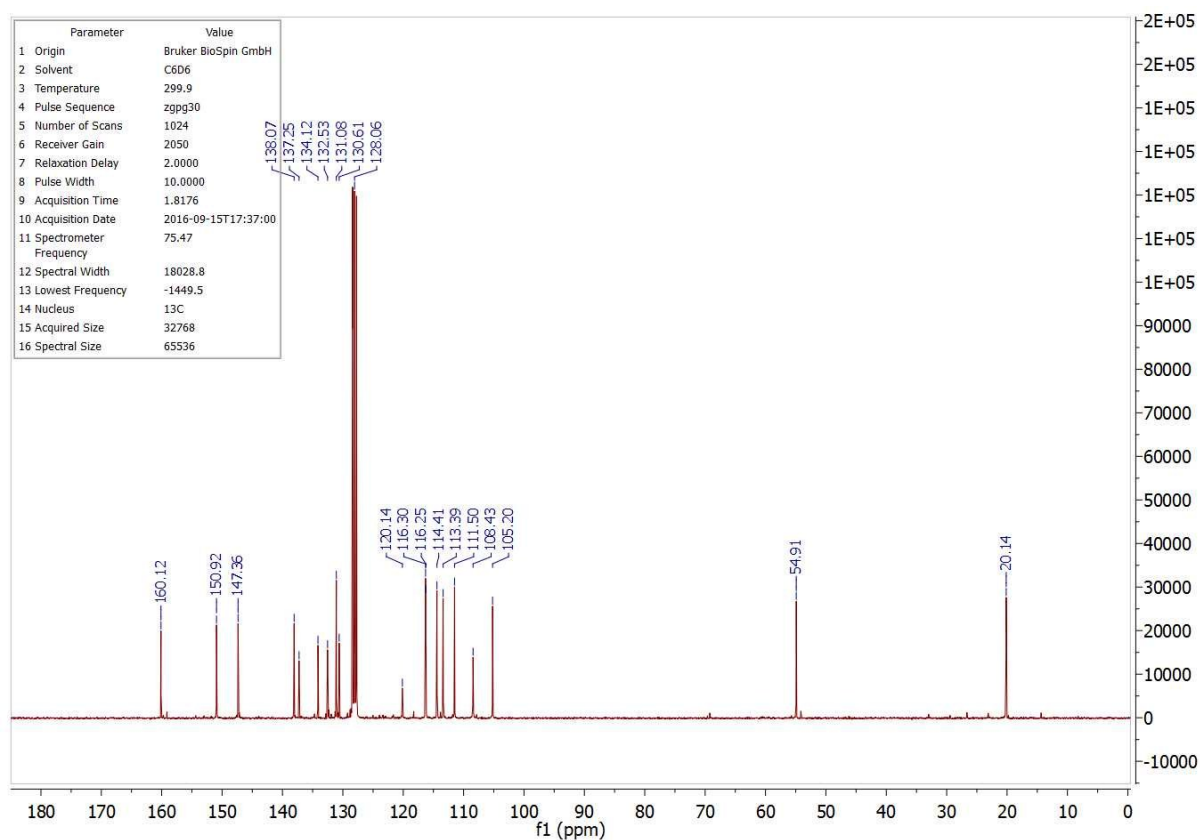
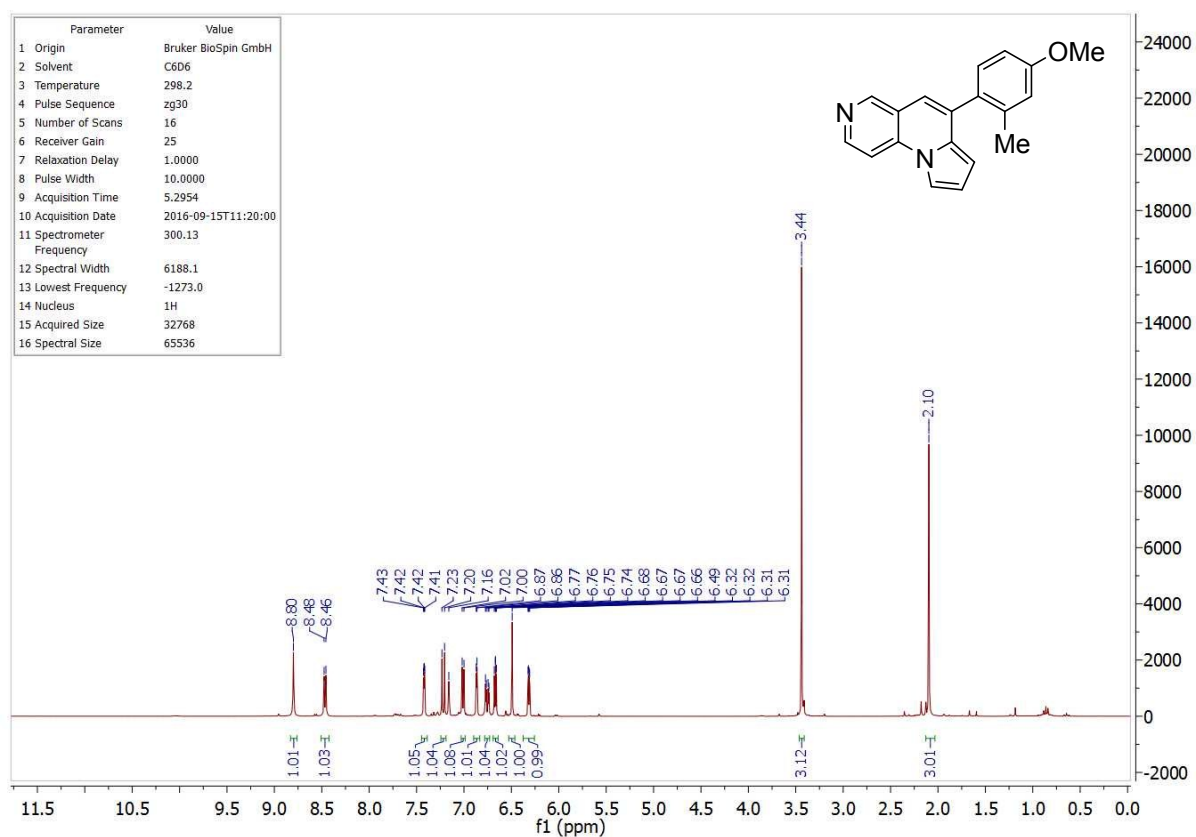
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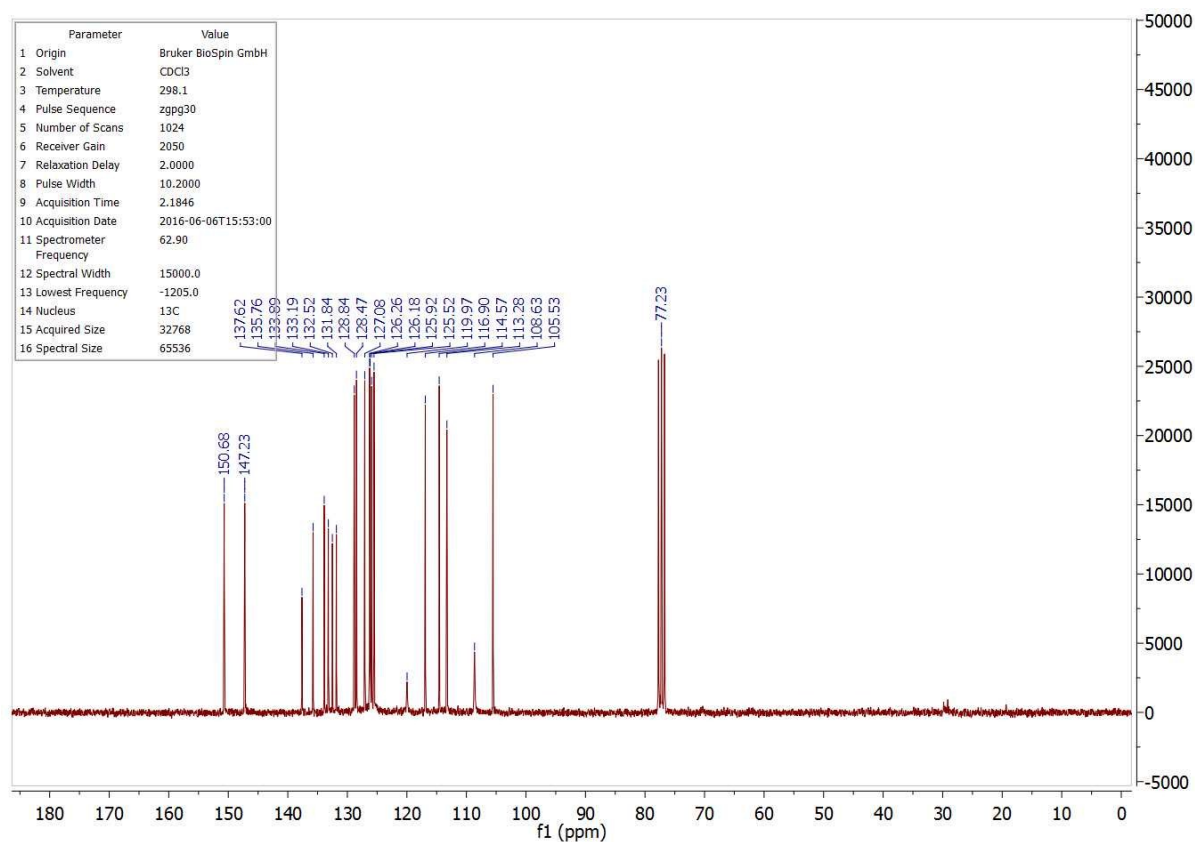
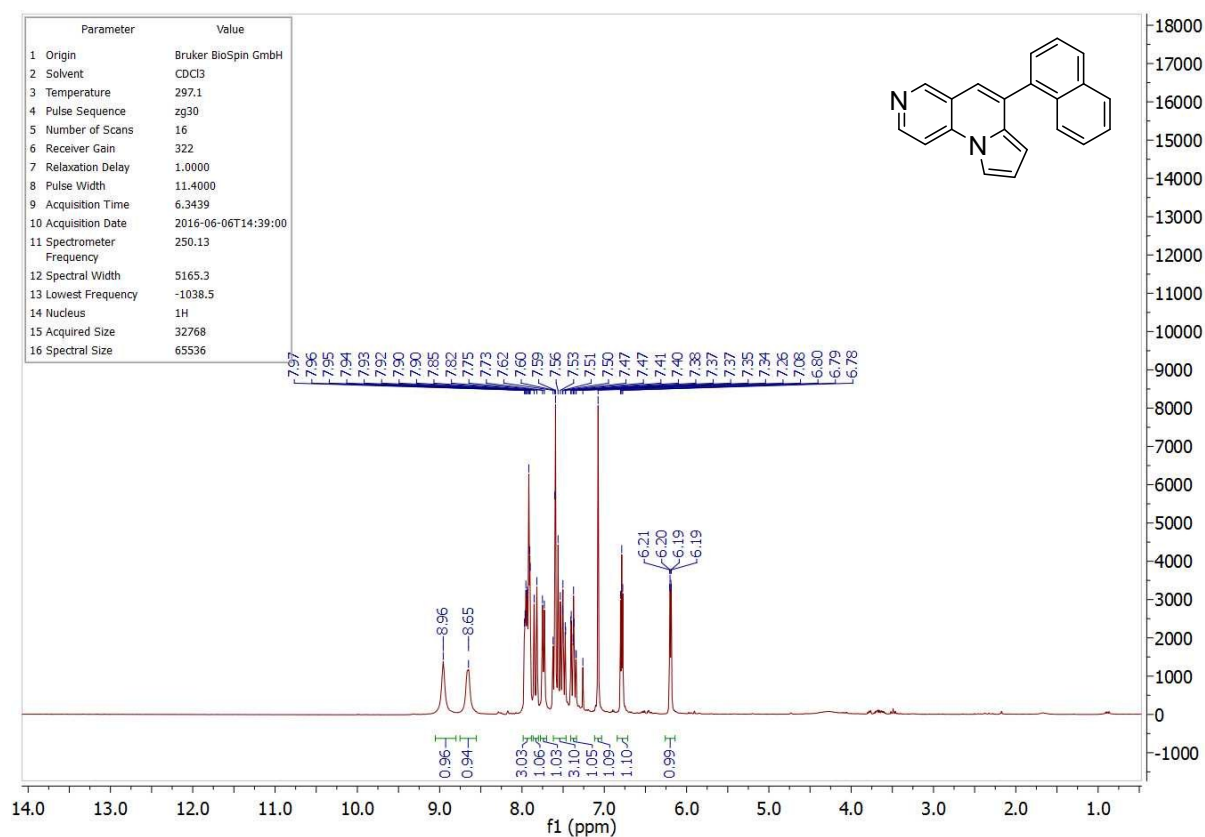
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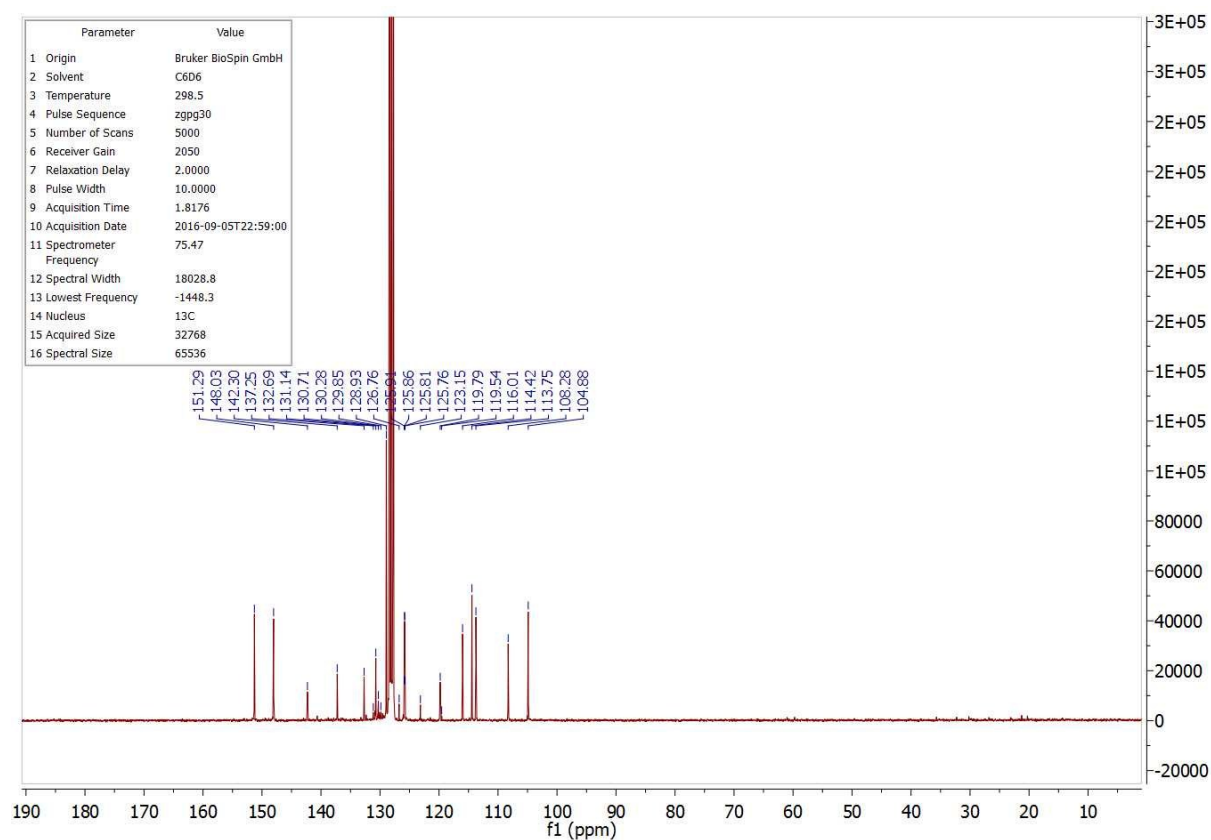
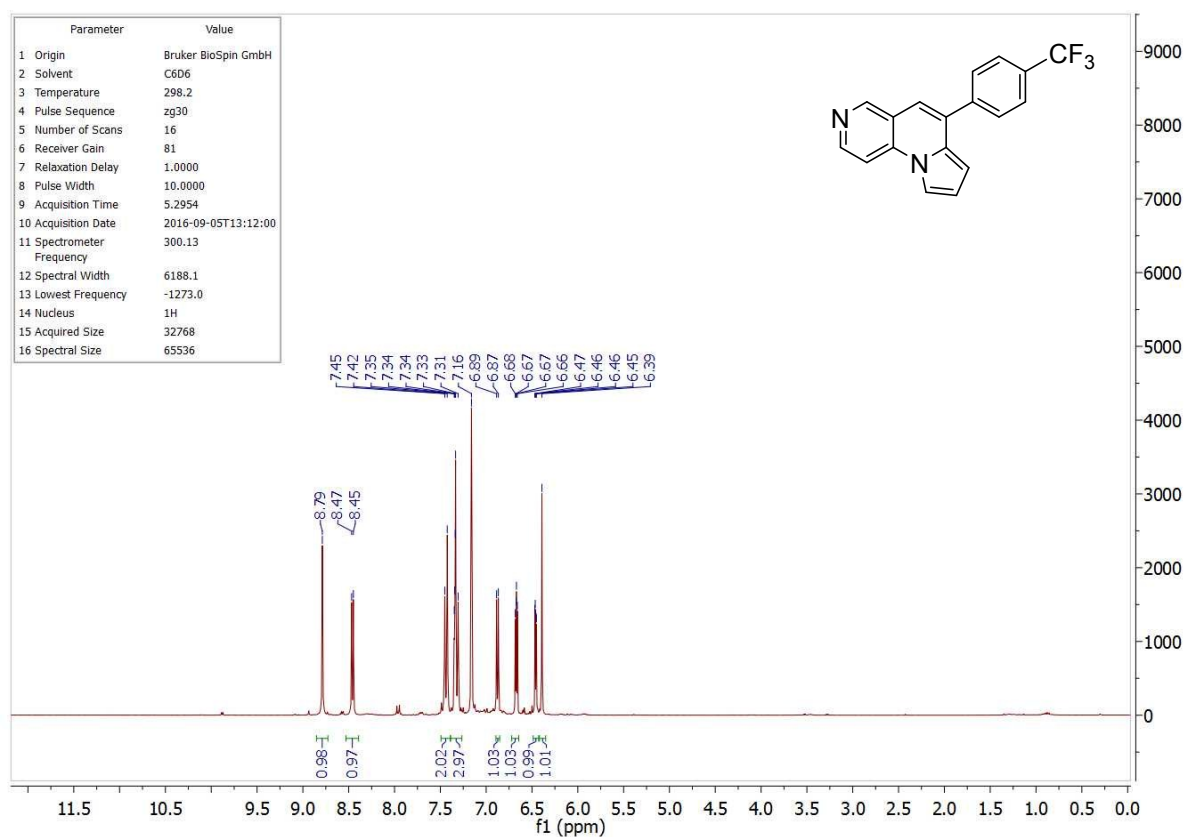
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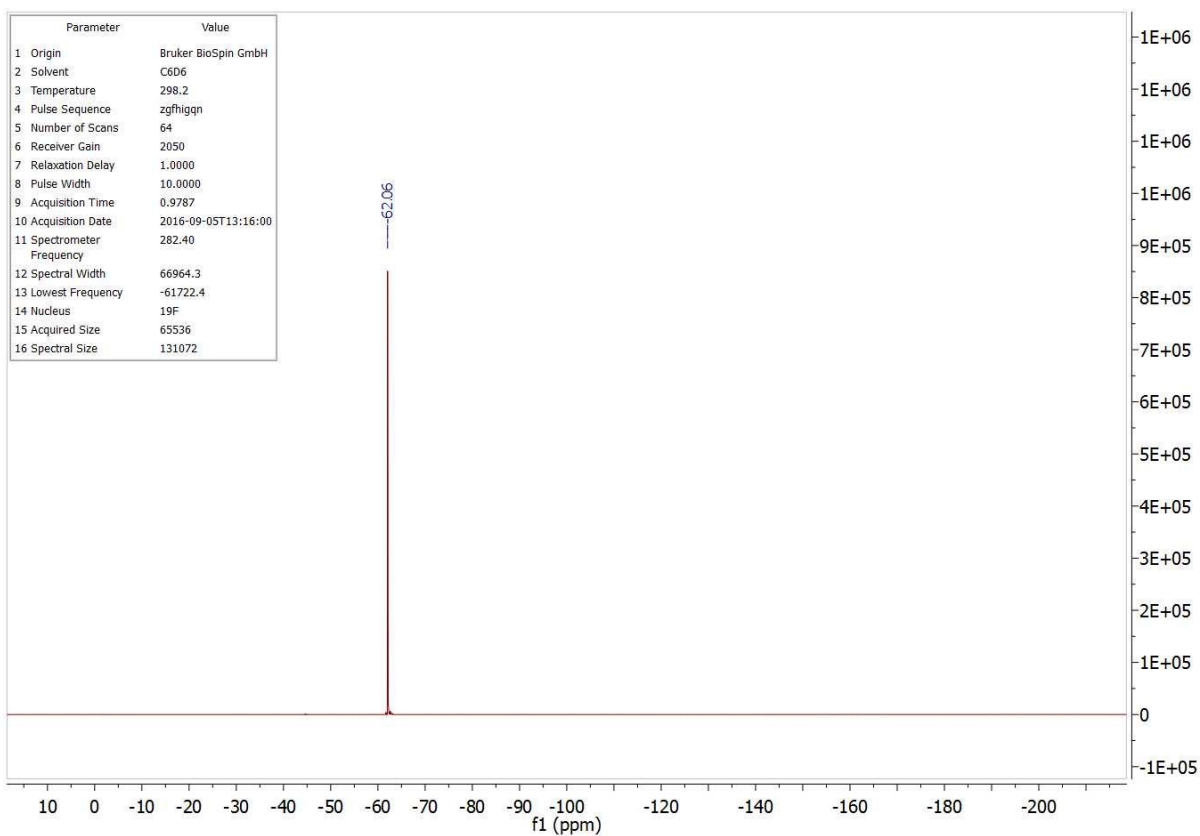


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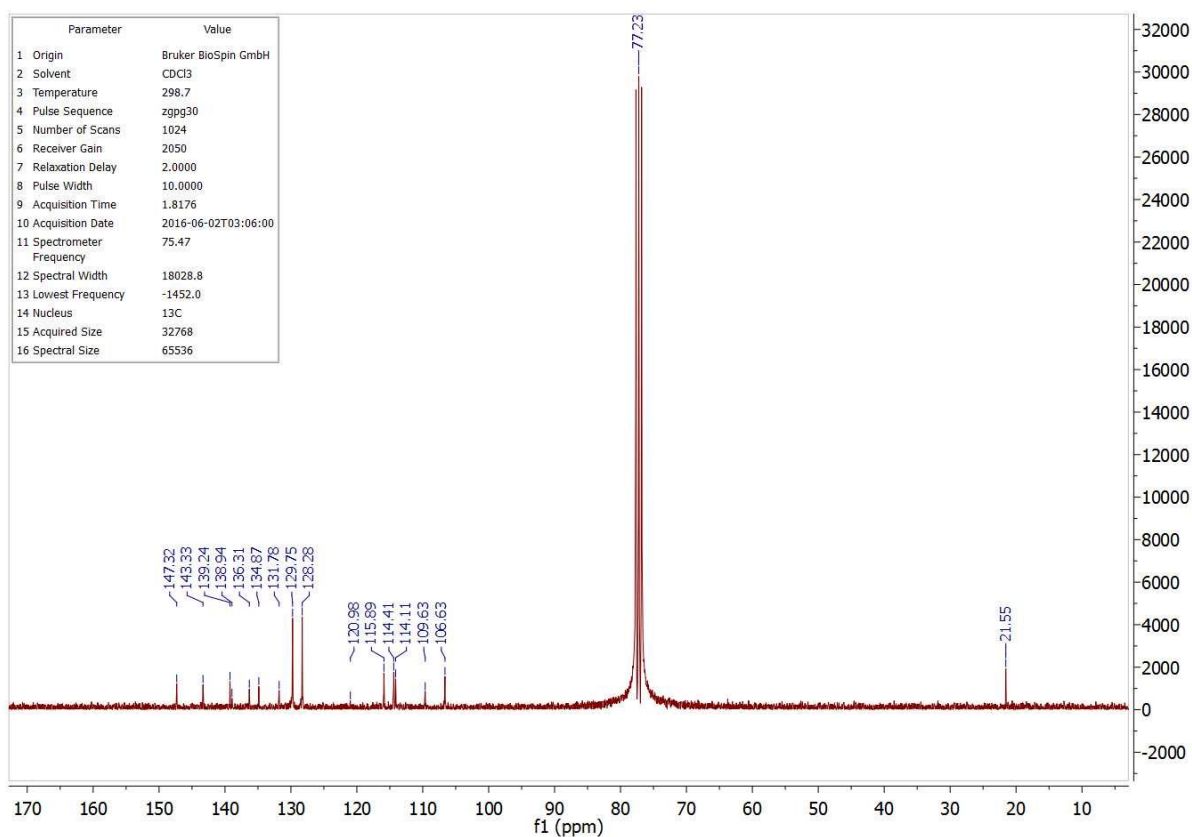
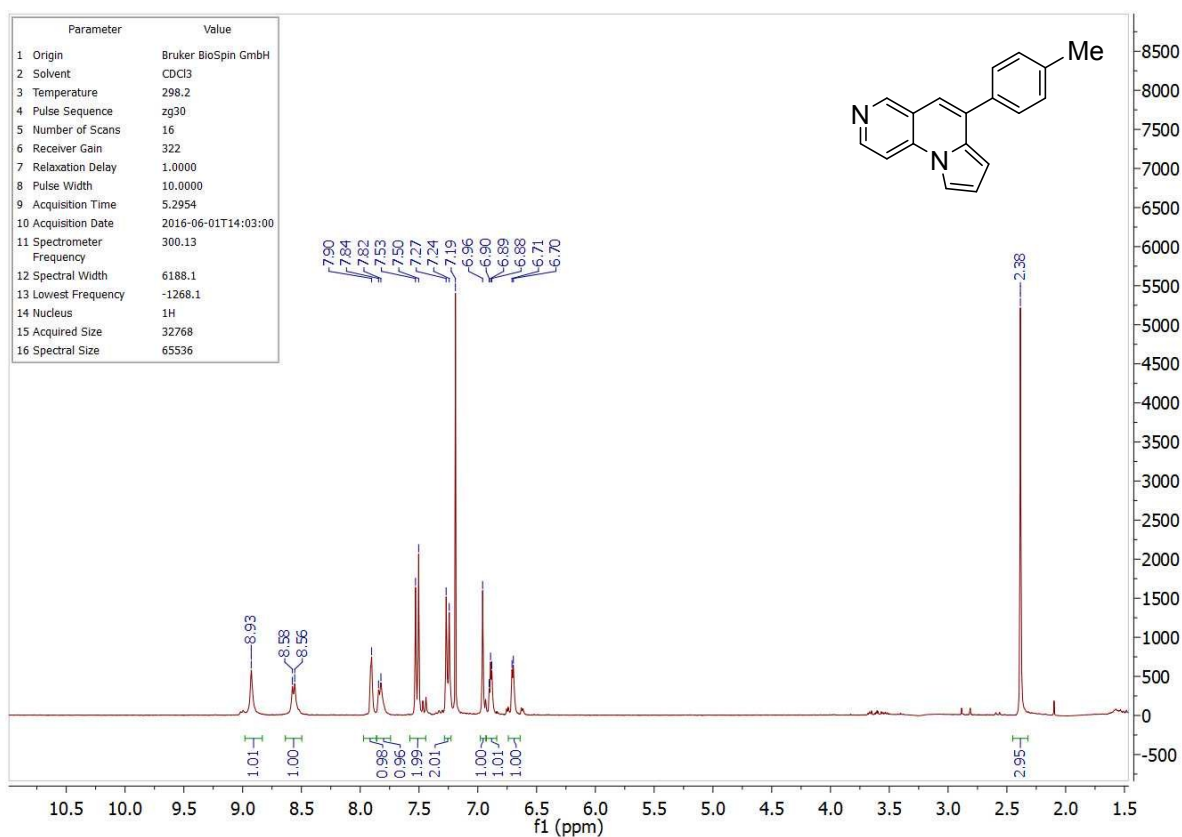


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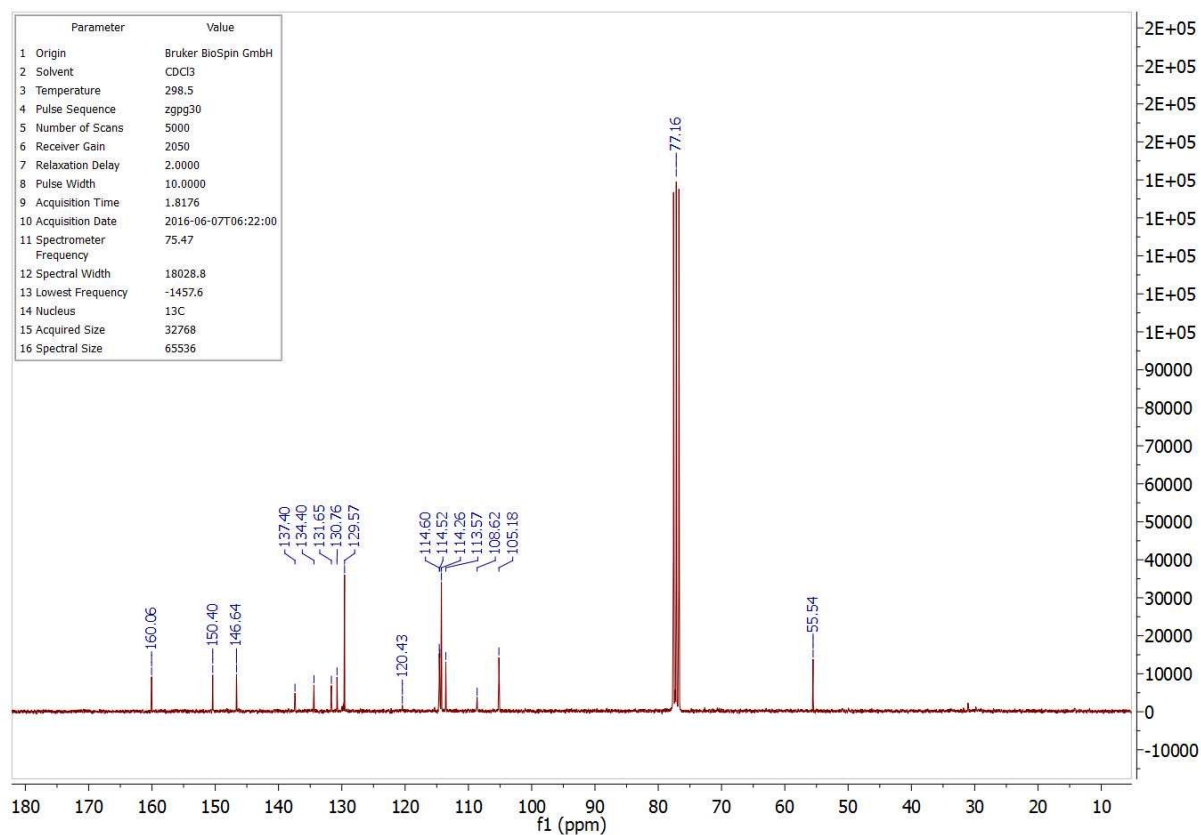
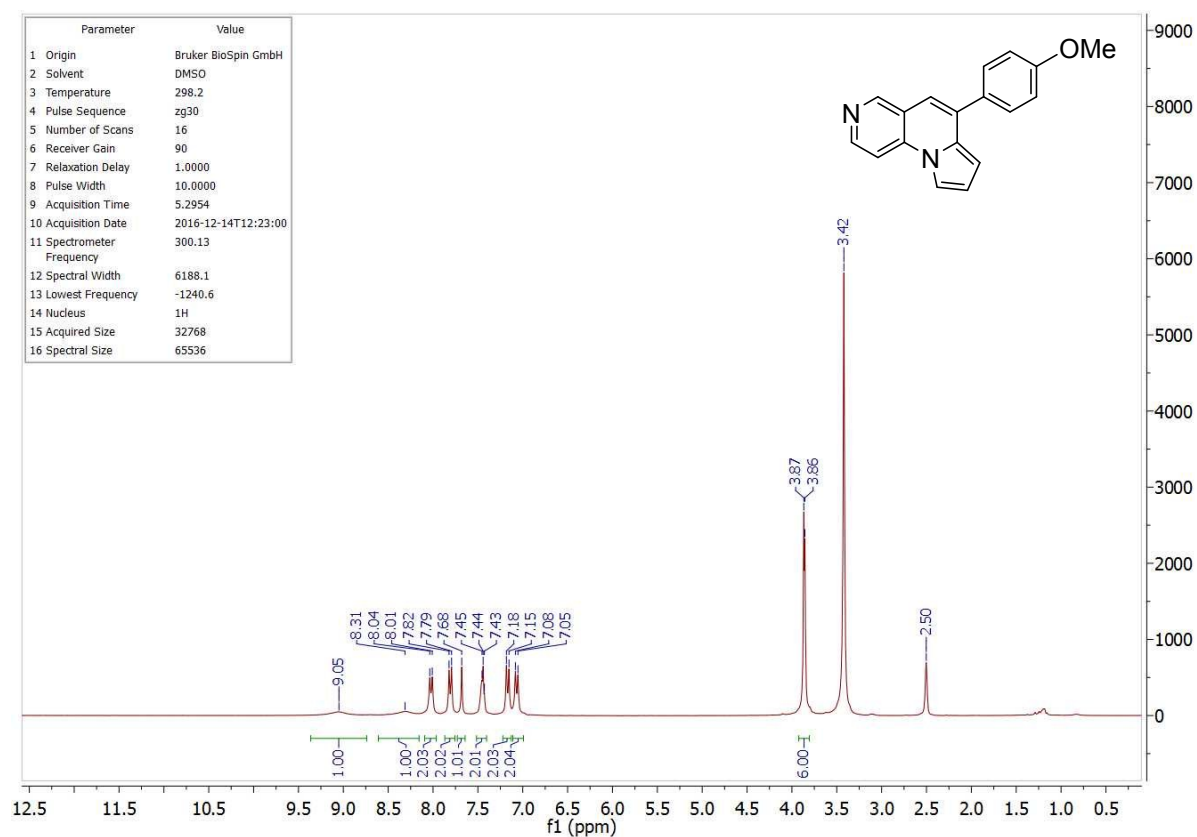




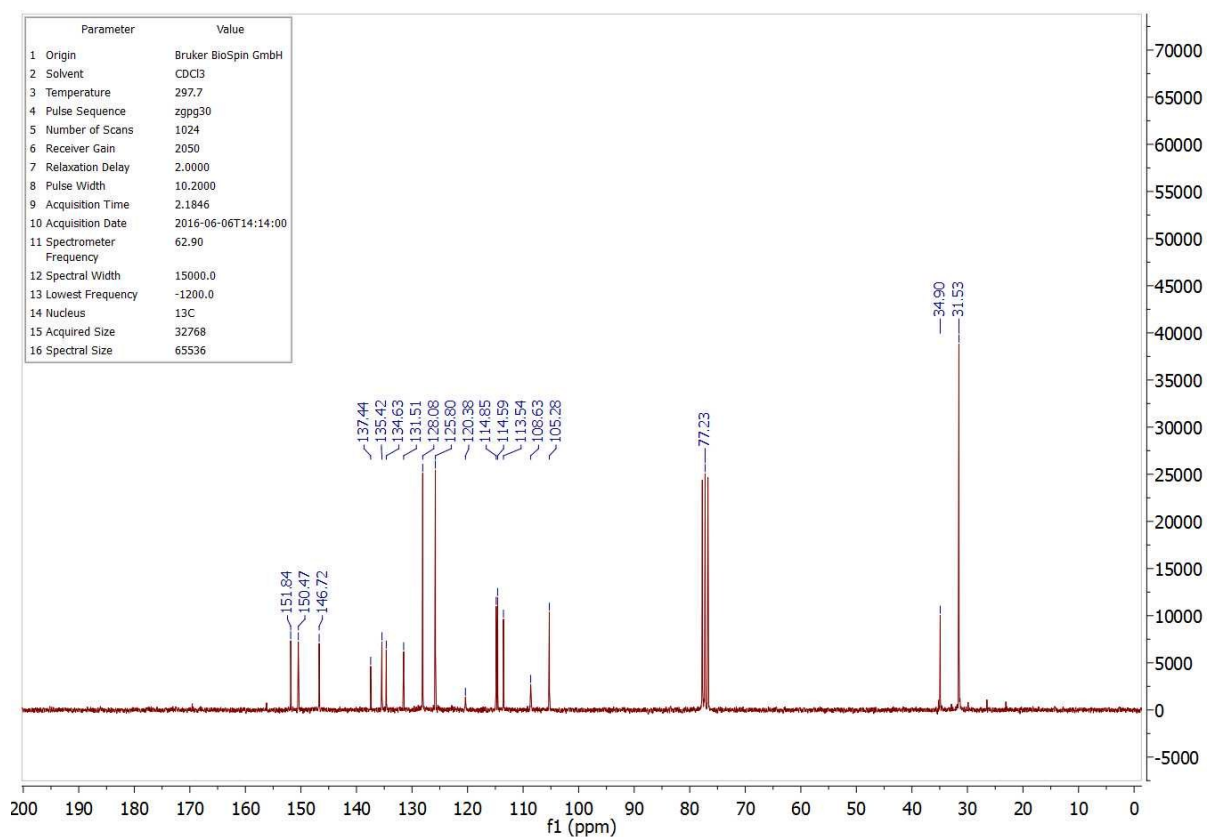
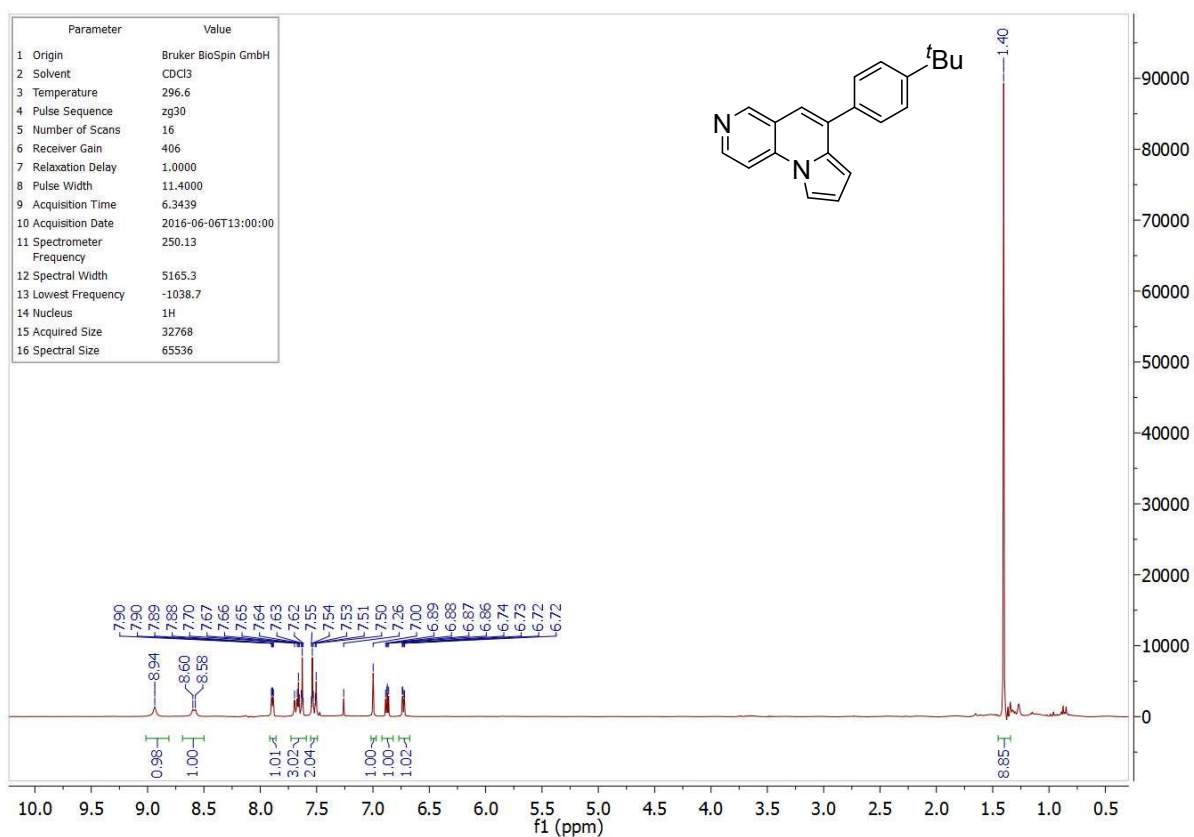
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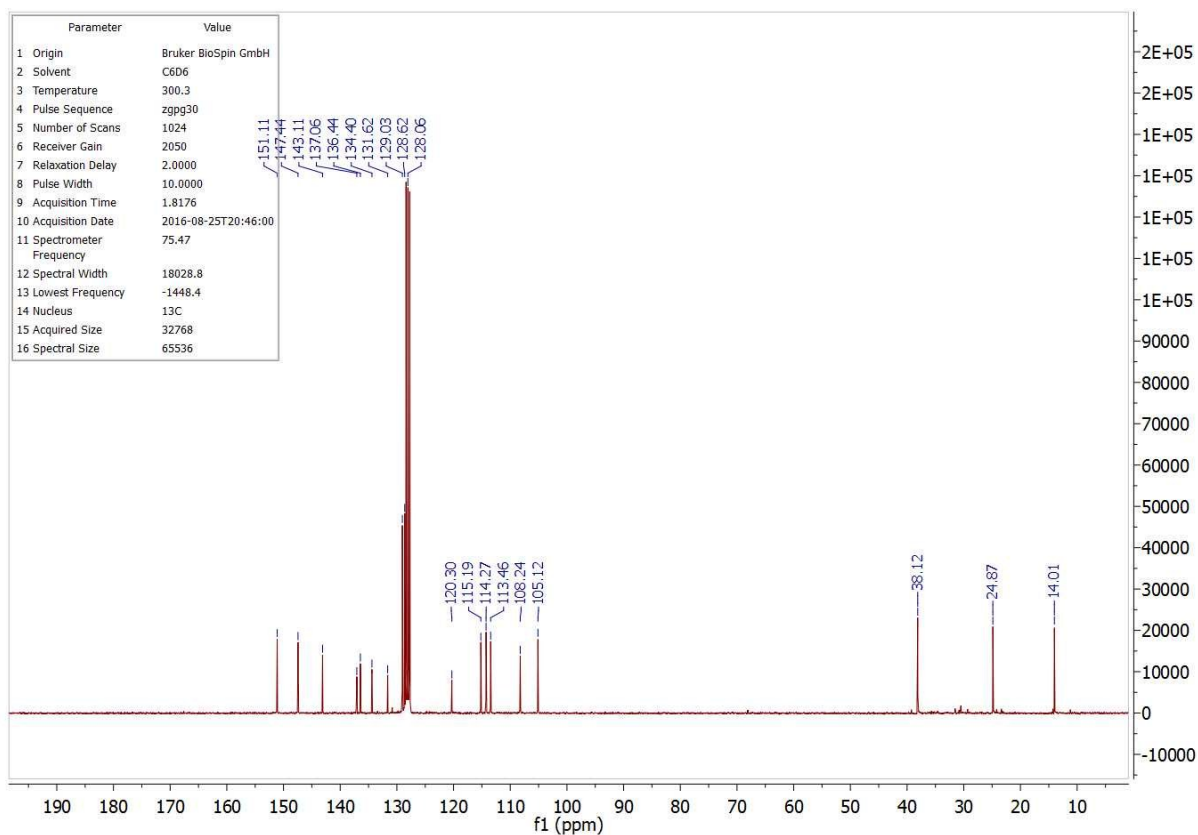
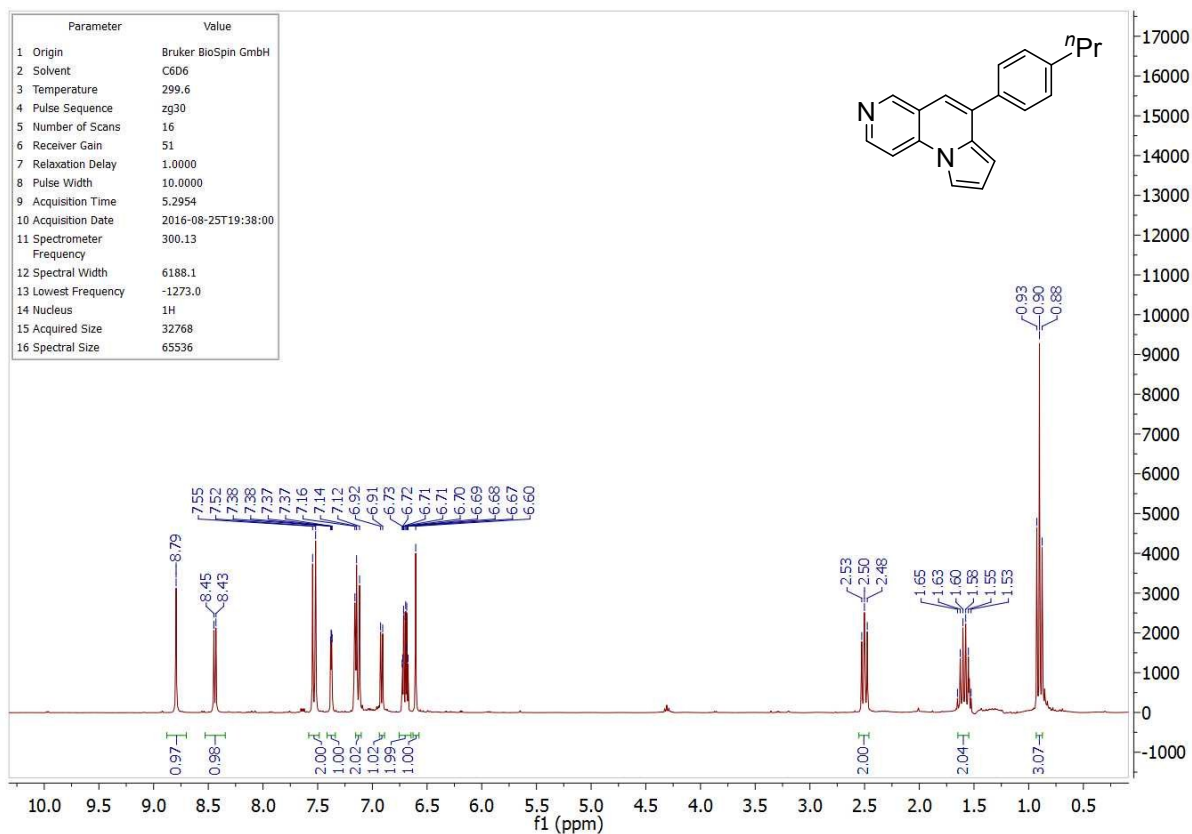
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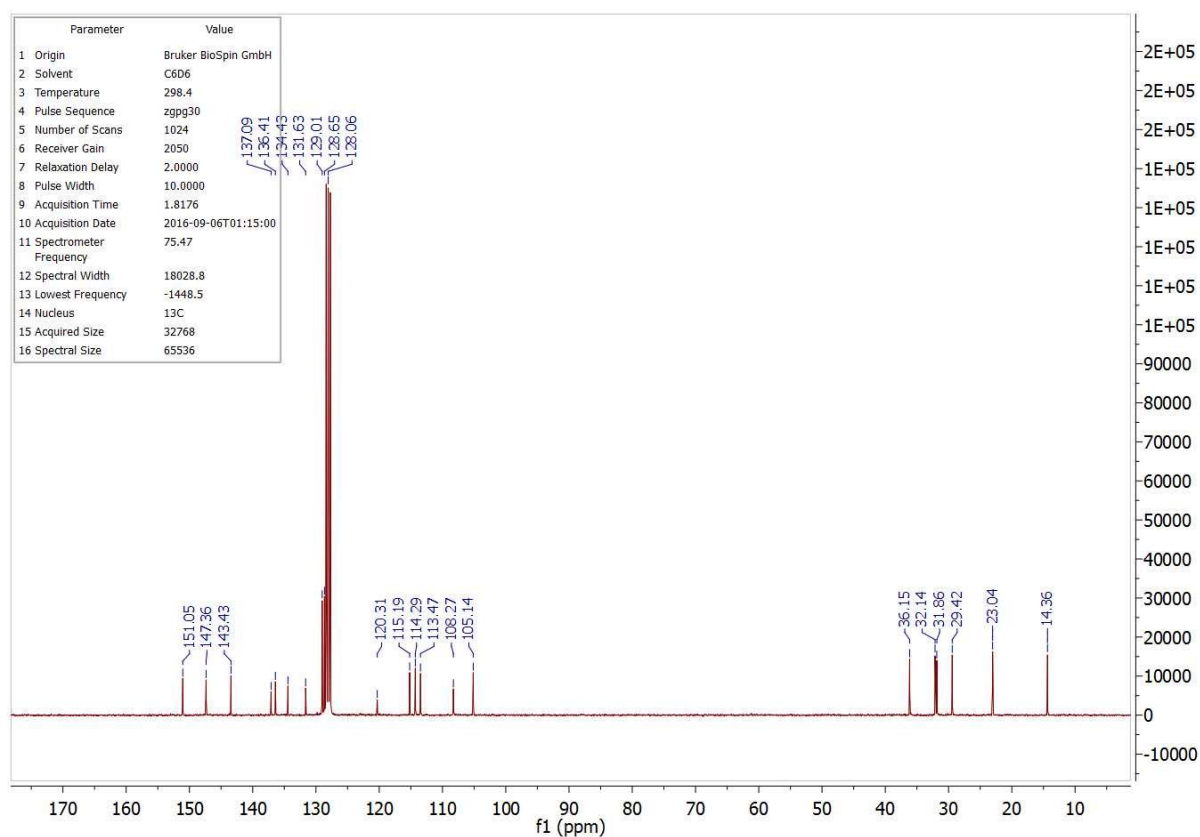
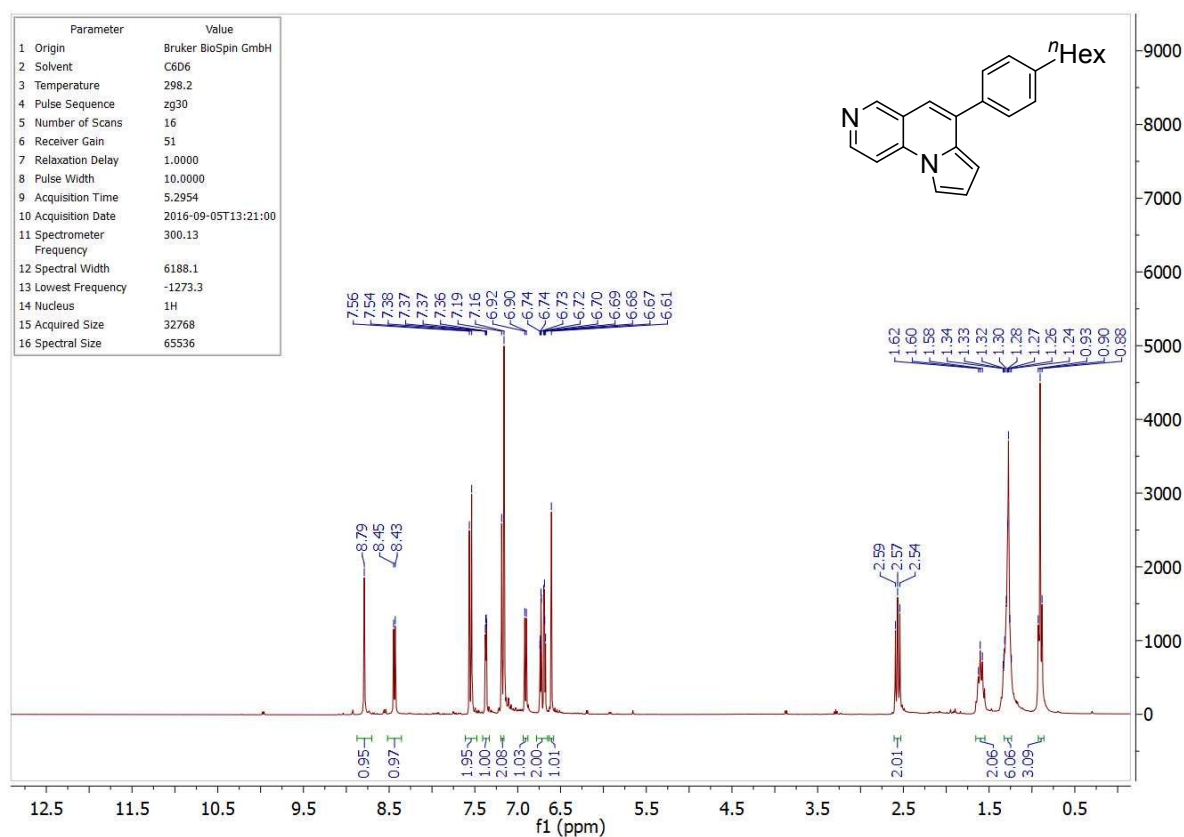
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6-(4-*n*-Hexylphenyl)pyrrolo[1,2-*a*][1,6]naphthyridine 5j



6-(Thiophen-3-yl)pyrrolo[1,2-a][1,6]naphthyridine 5k

