

## Supporting information

# Bifunctional N-heterocyclic carbene ligands for Cu-catalyzed direct C-H carboxylation with CO<sub>2</sub>

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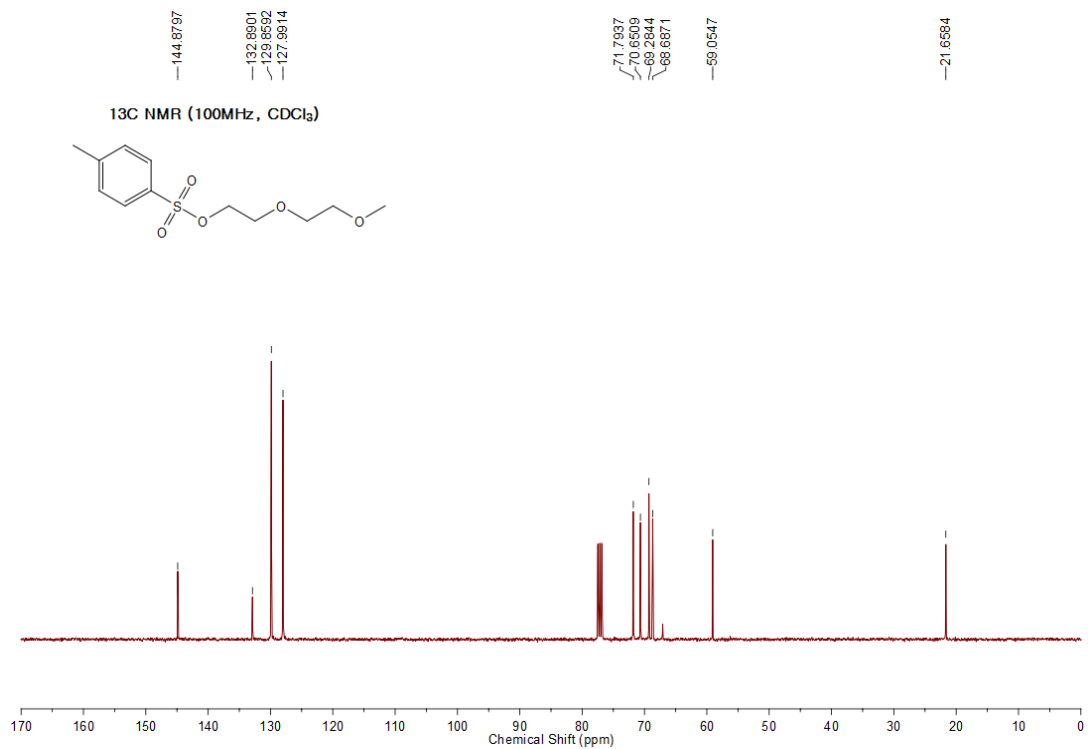
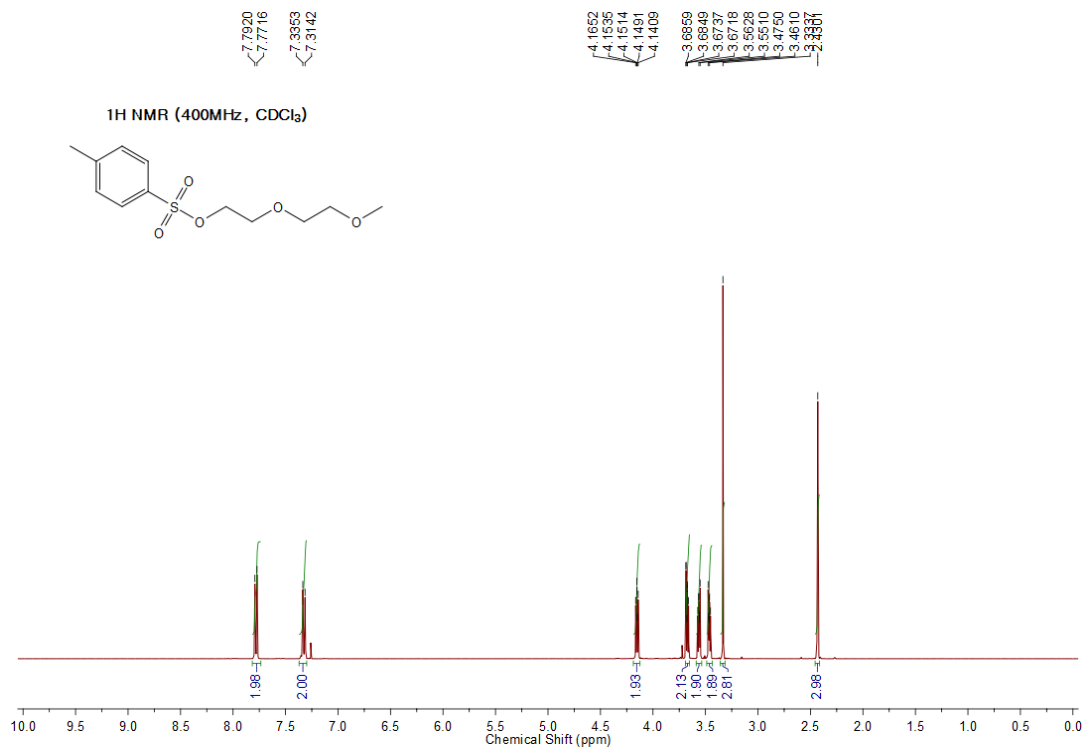
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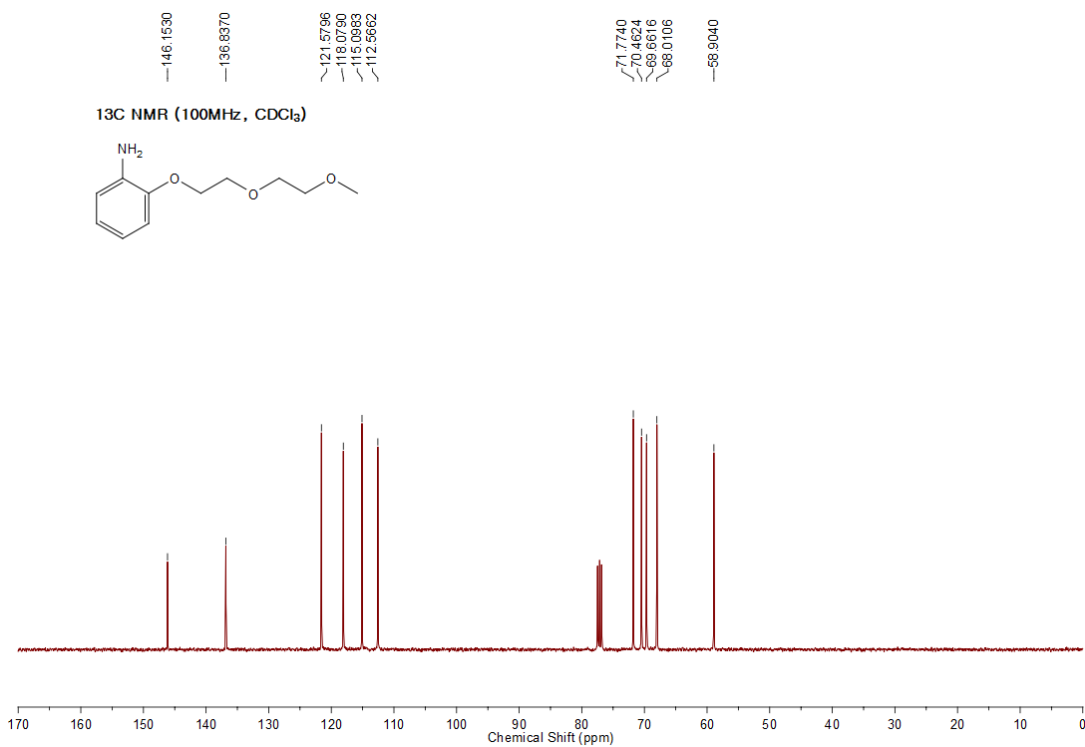
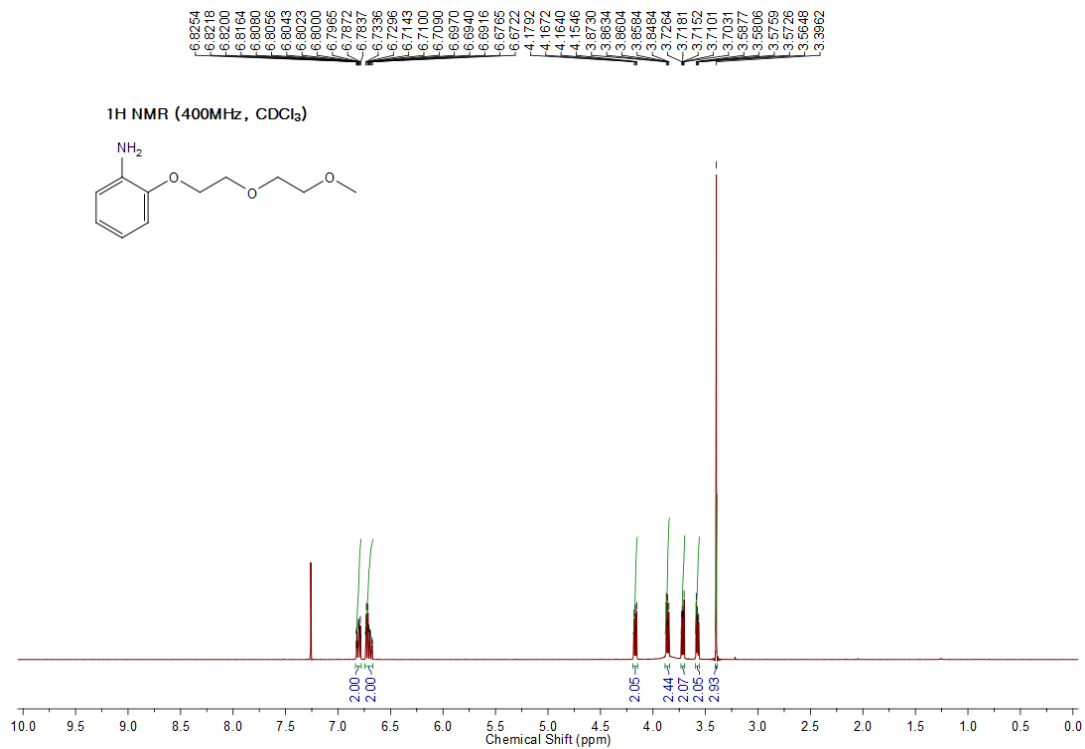
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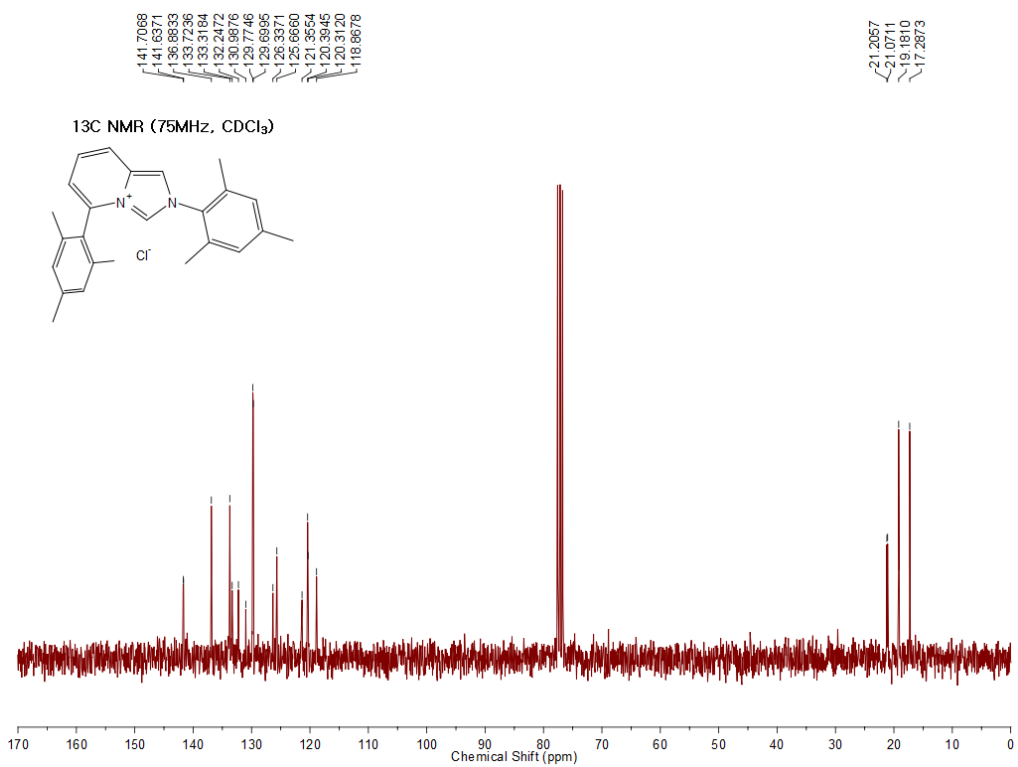
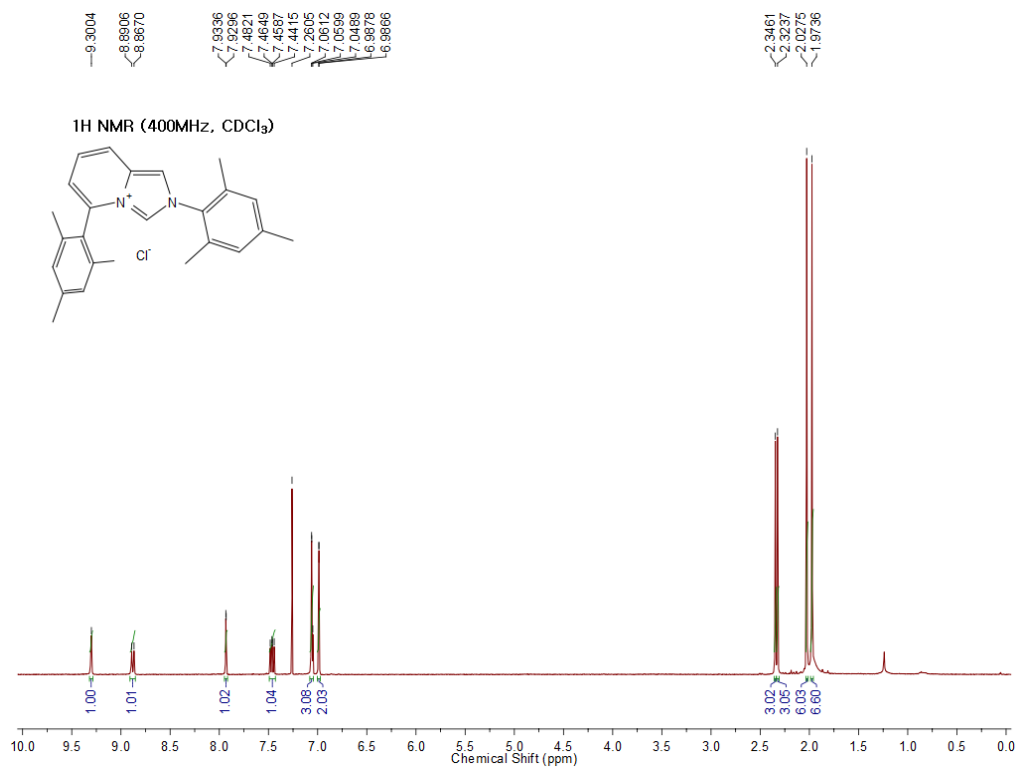
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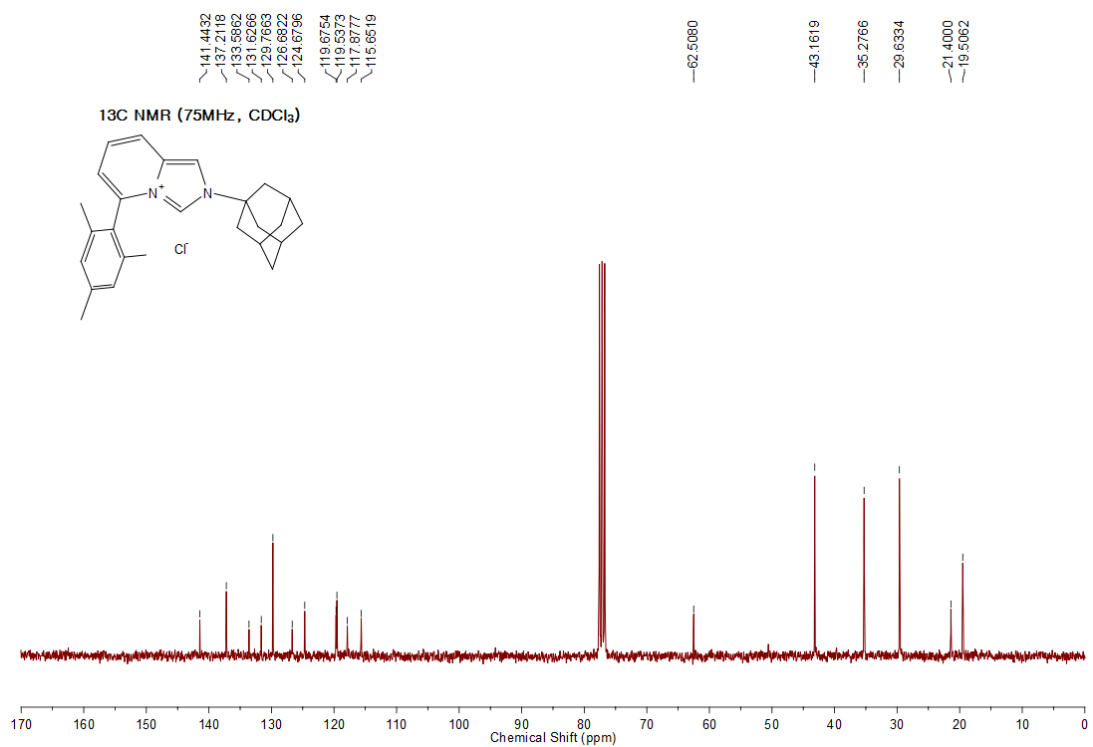
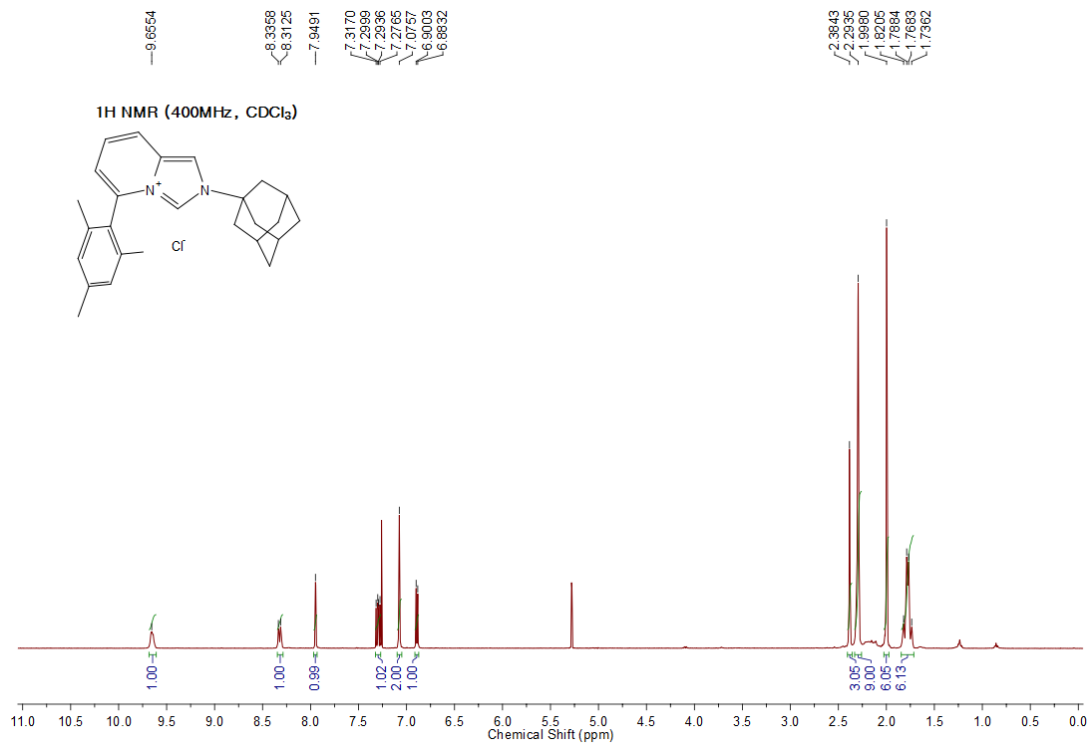
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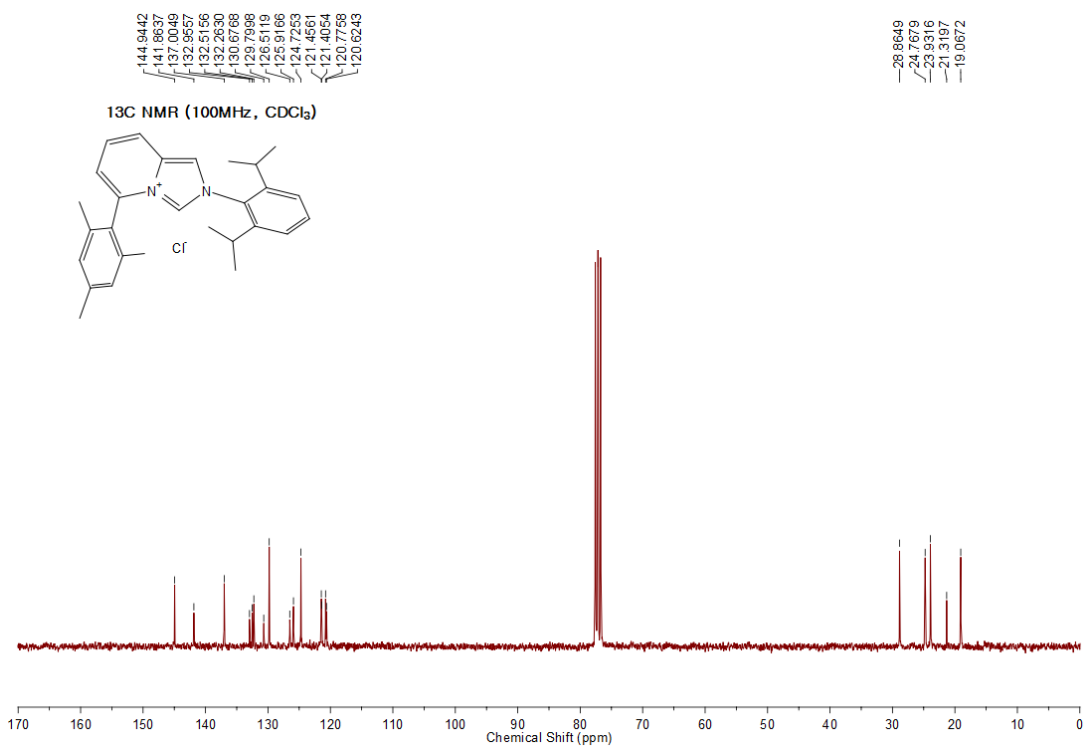
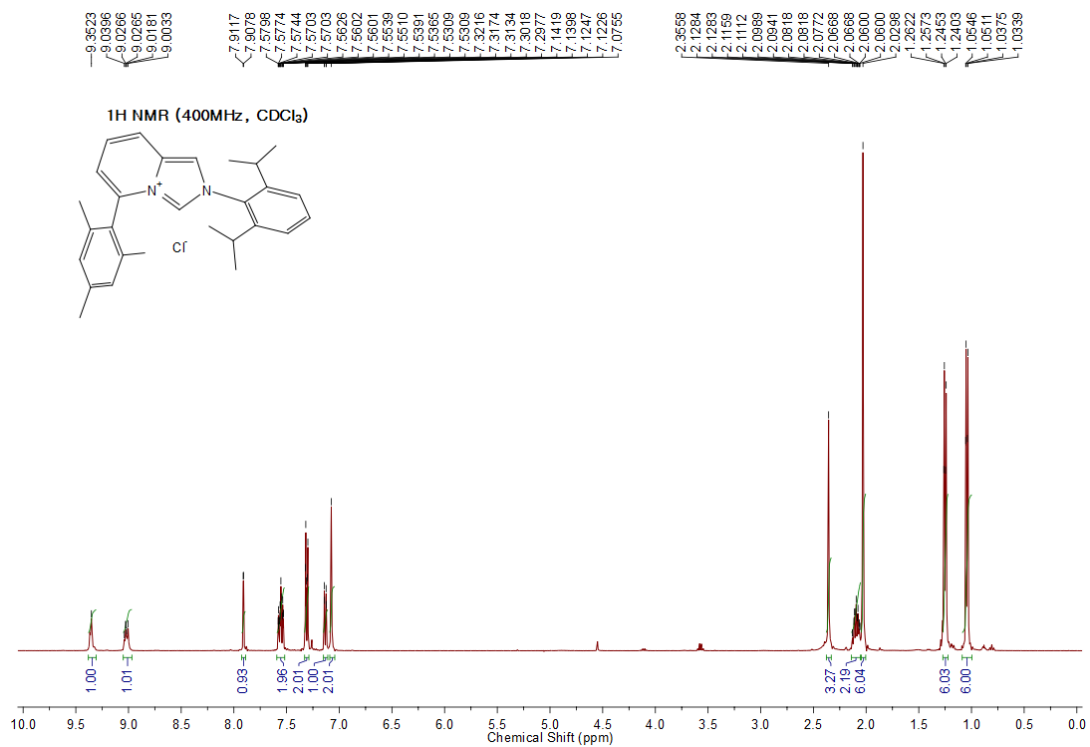
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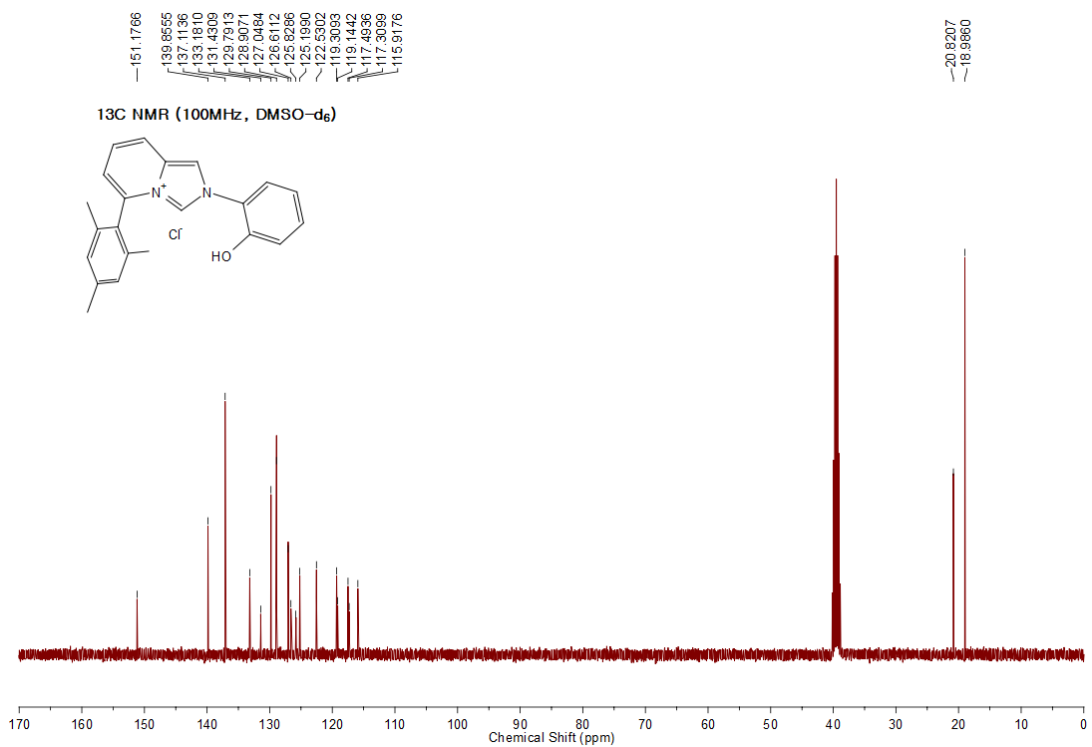
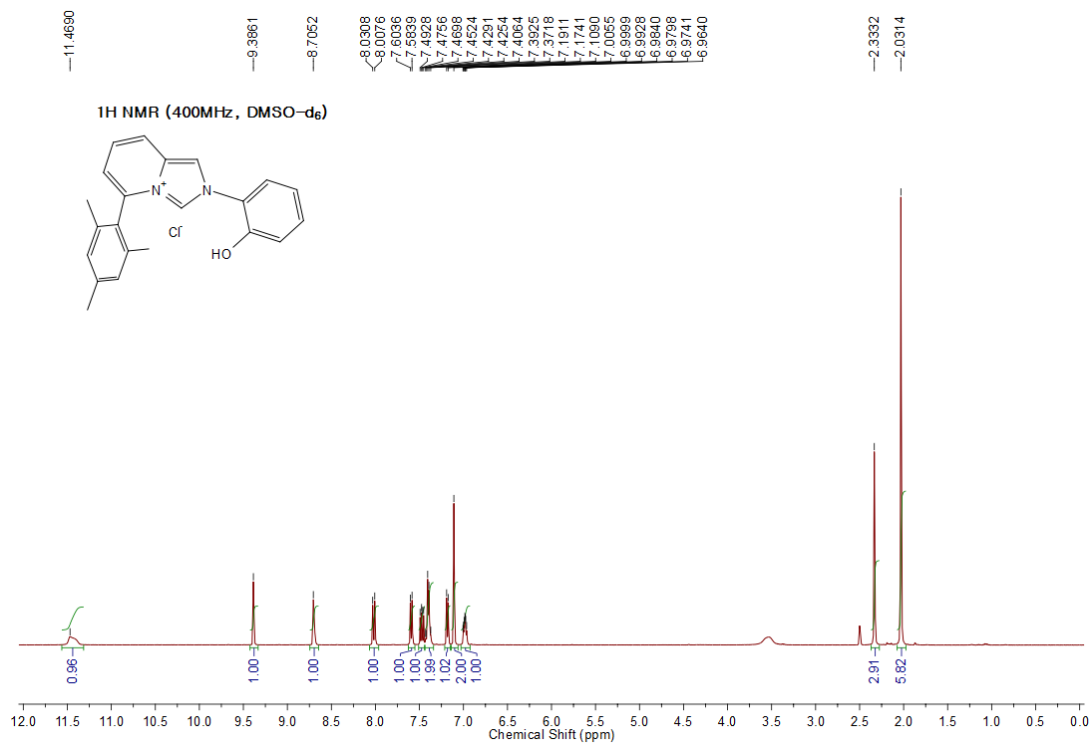


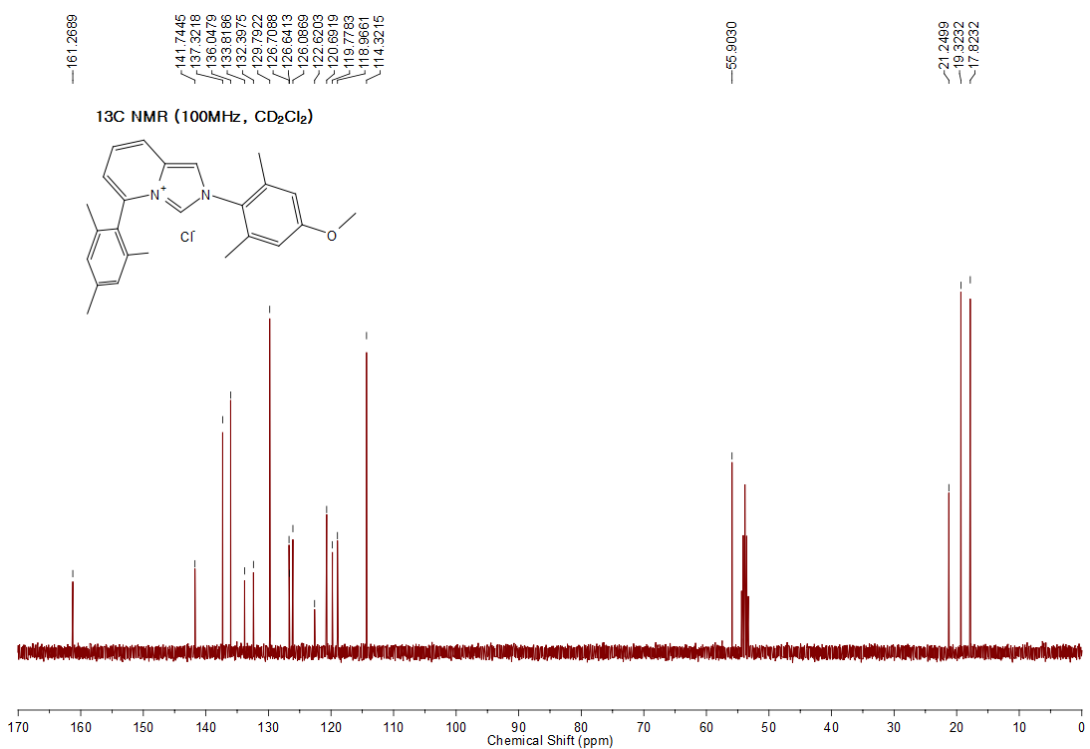
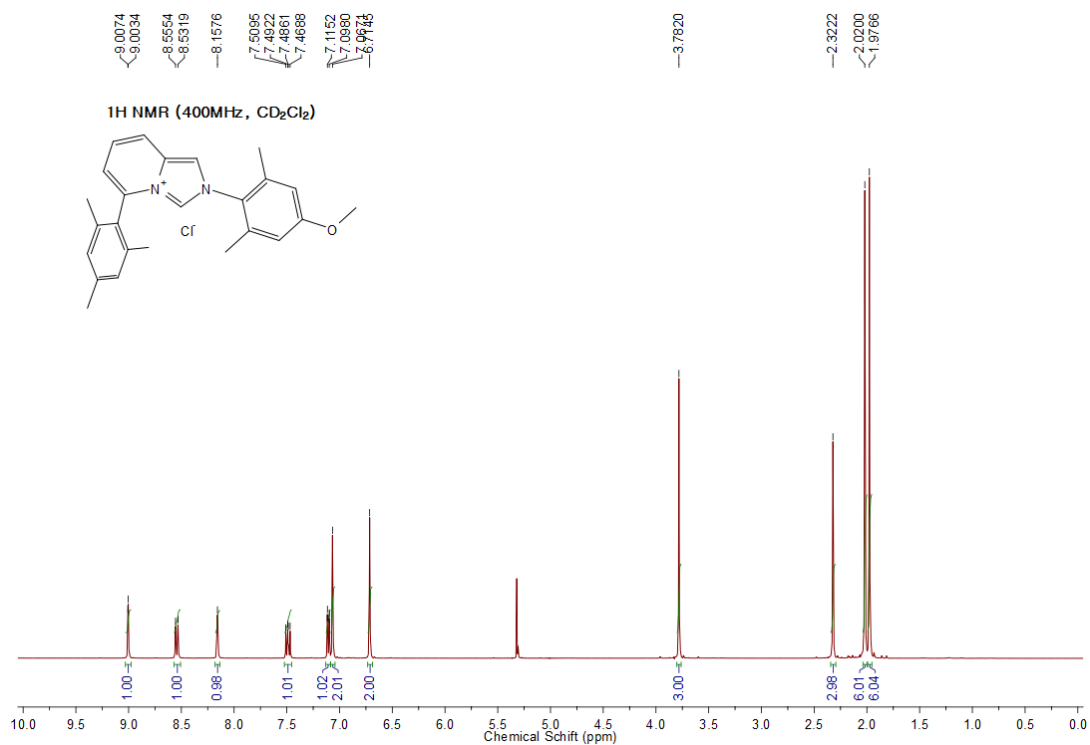




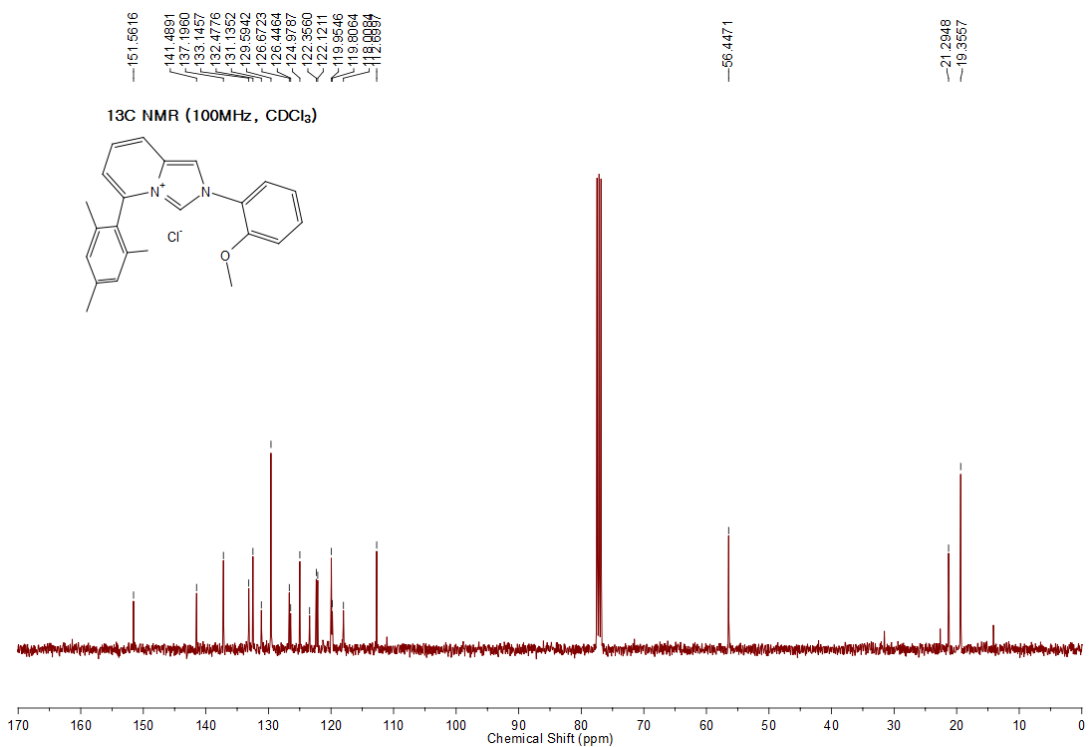
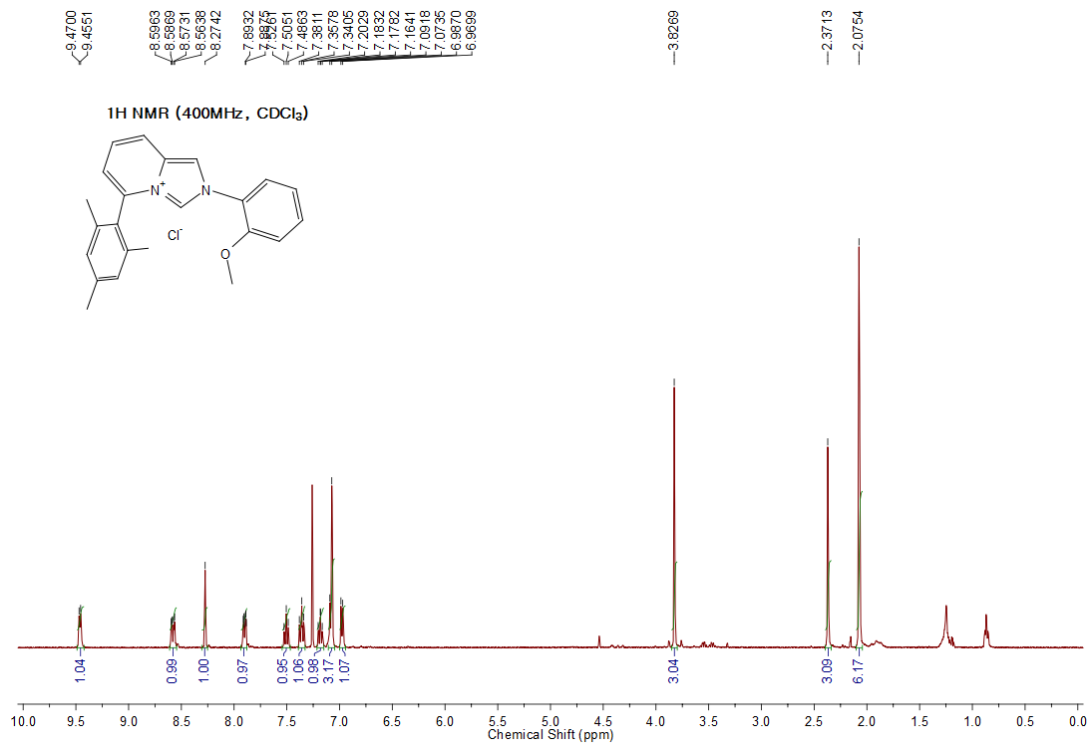


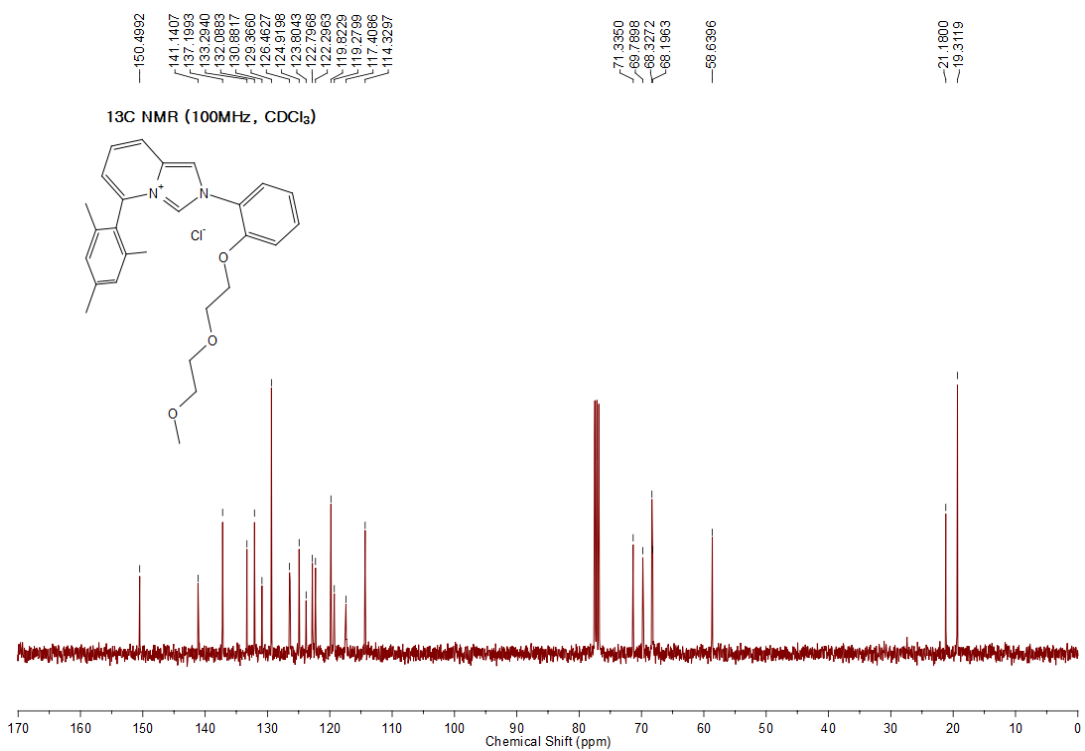
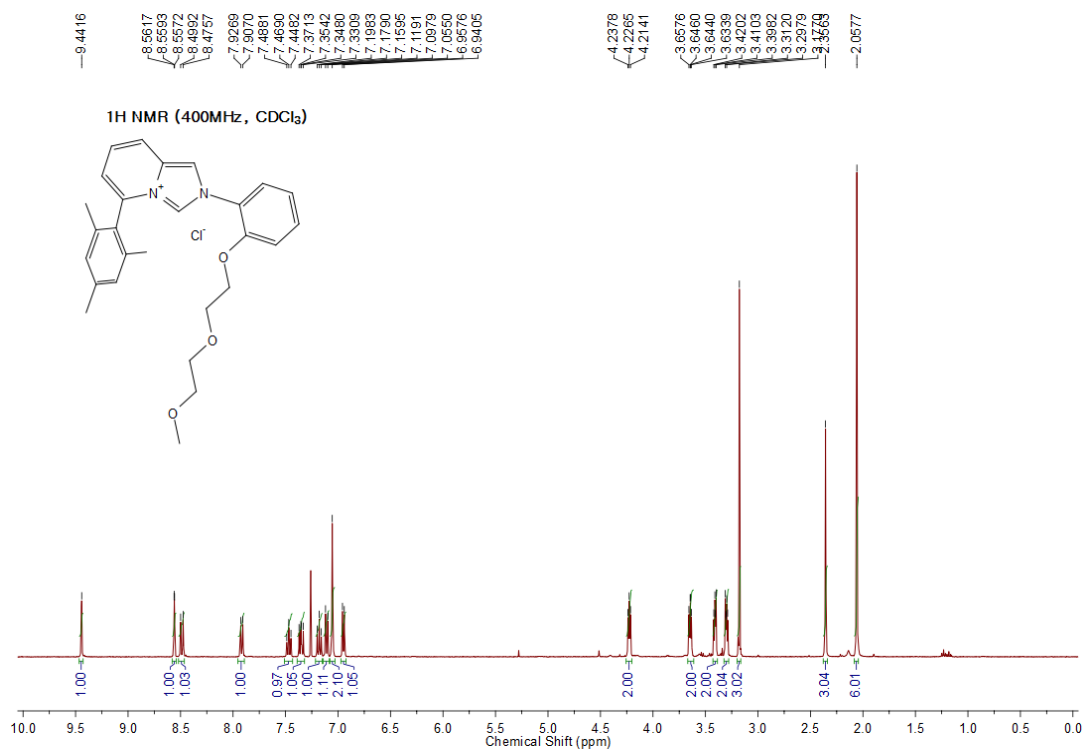


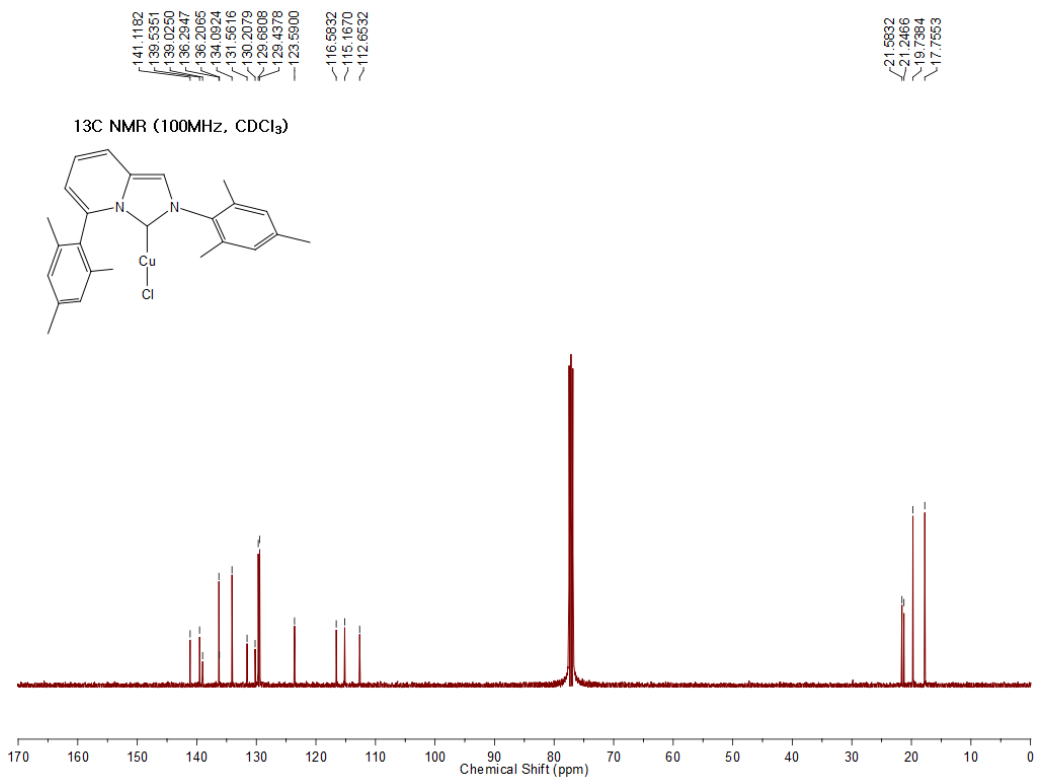
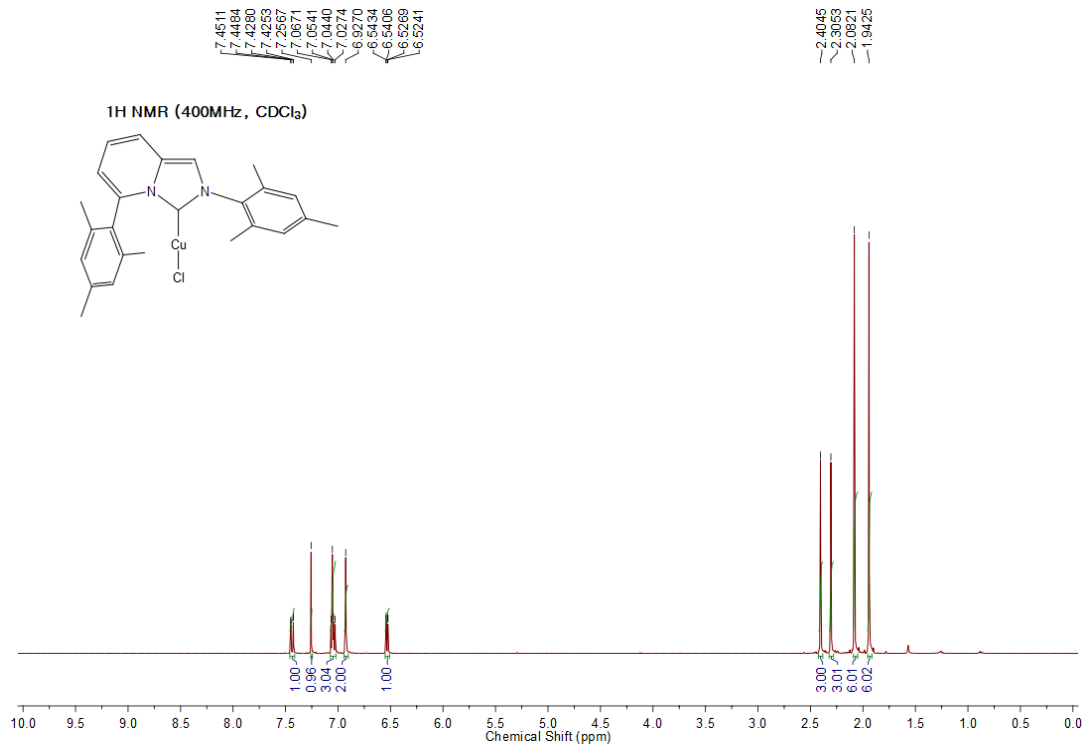


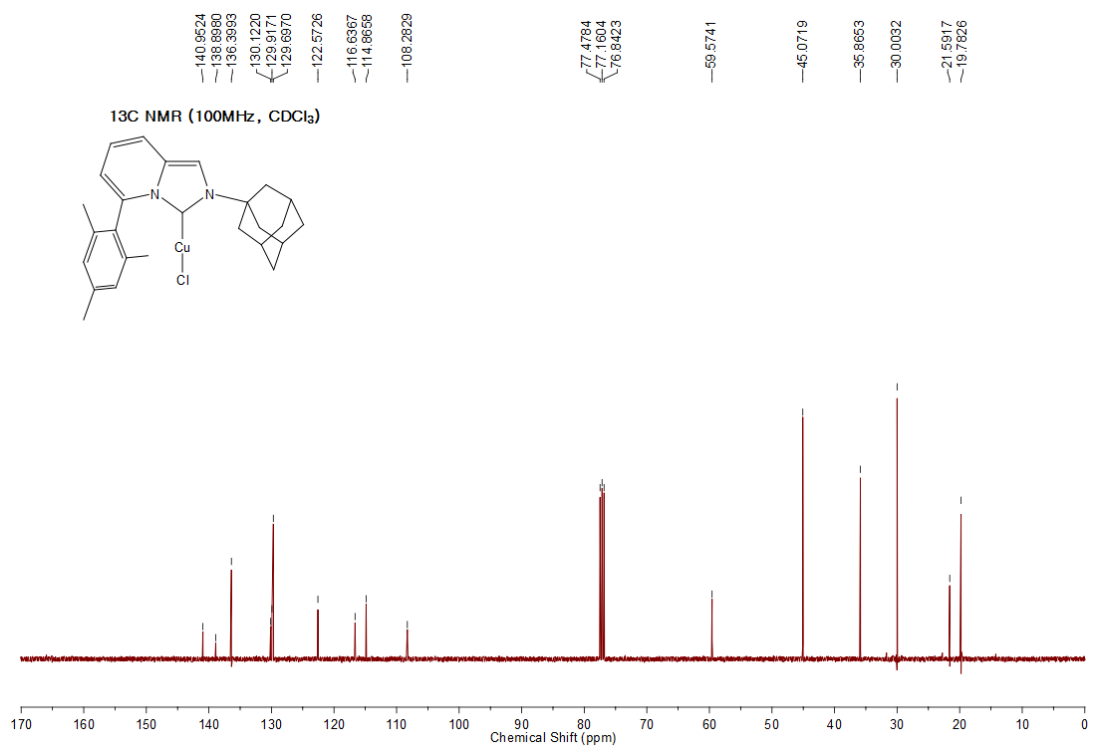
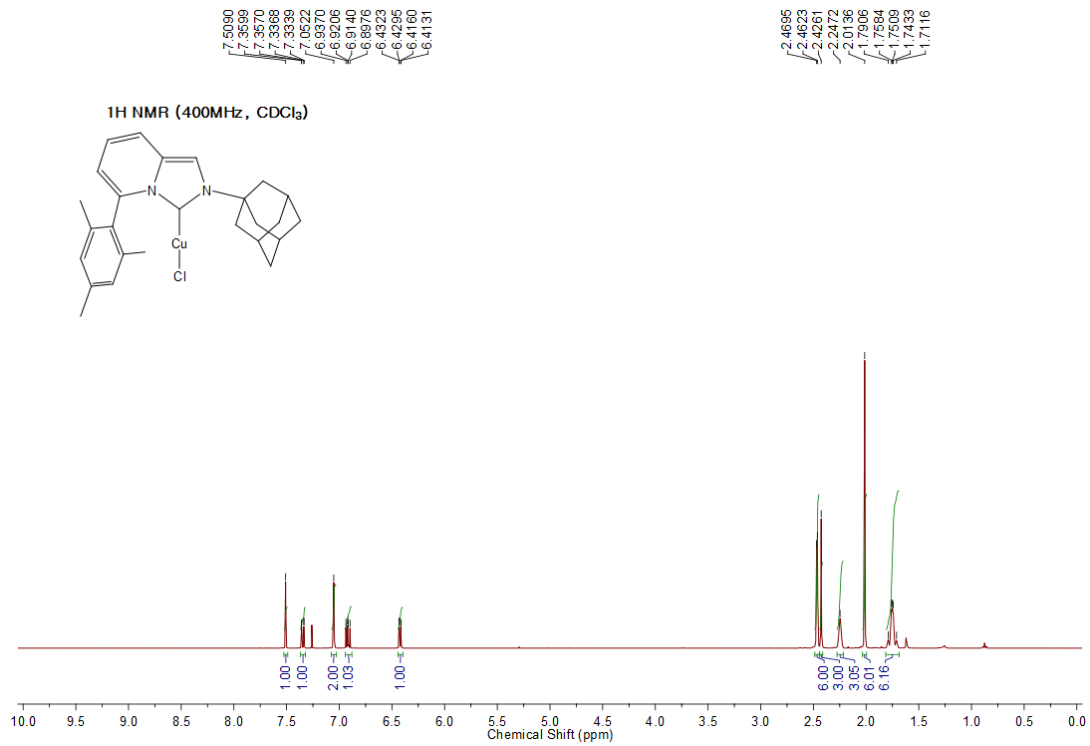




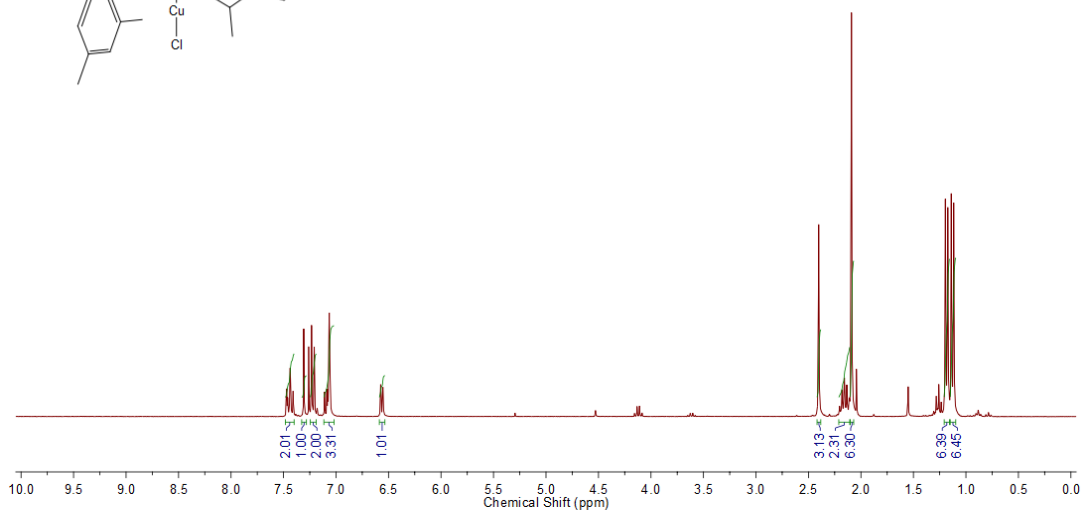
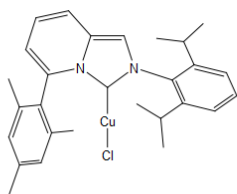




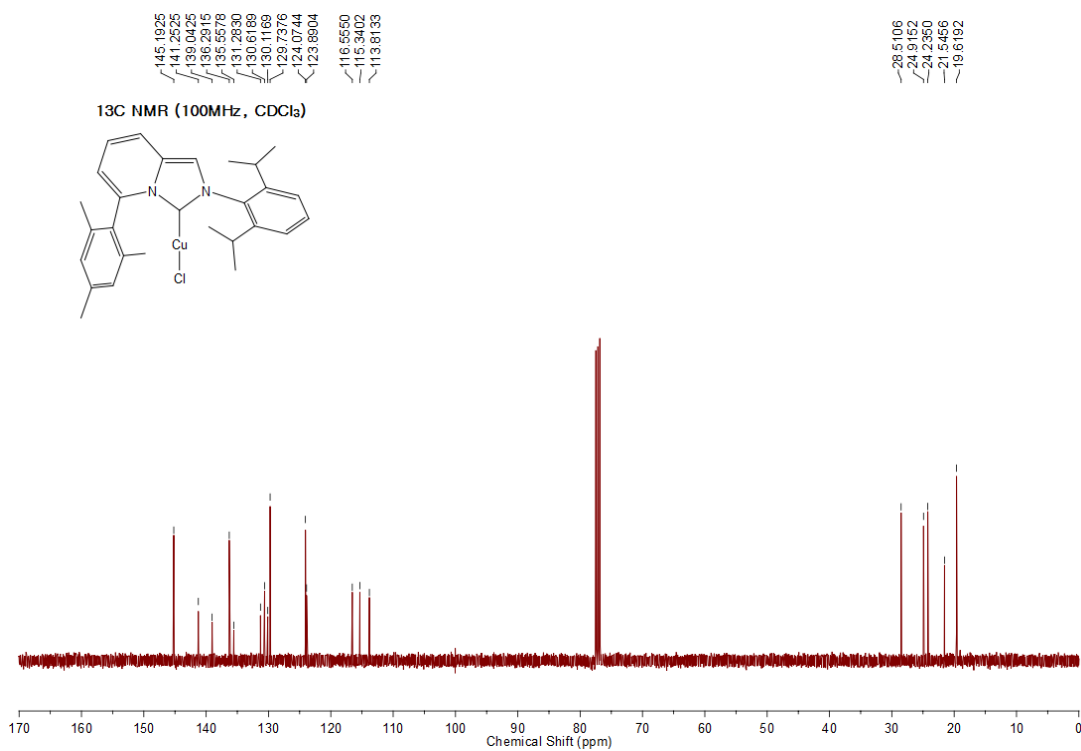
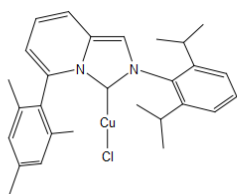


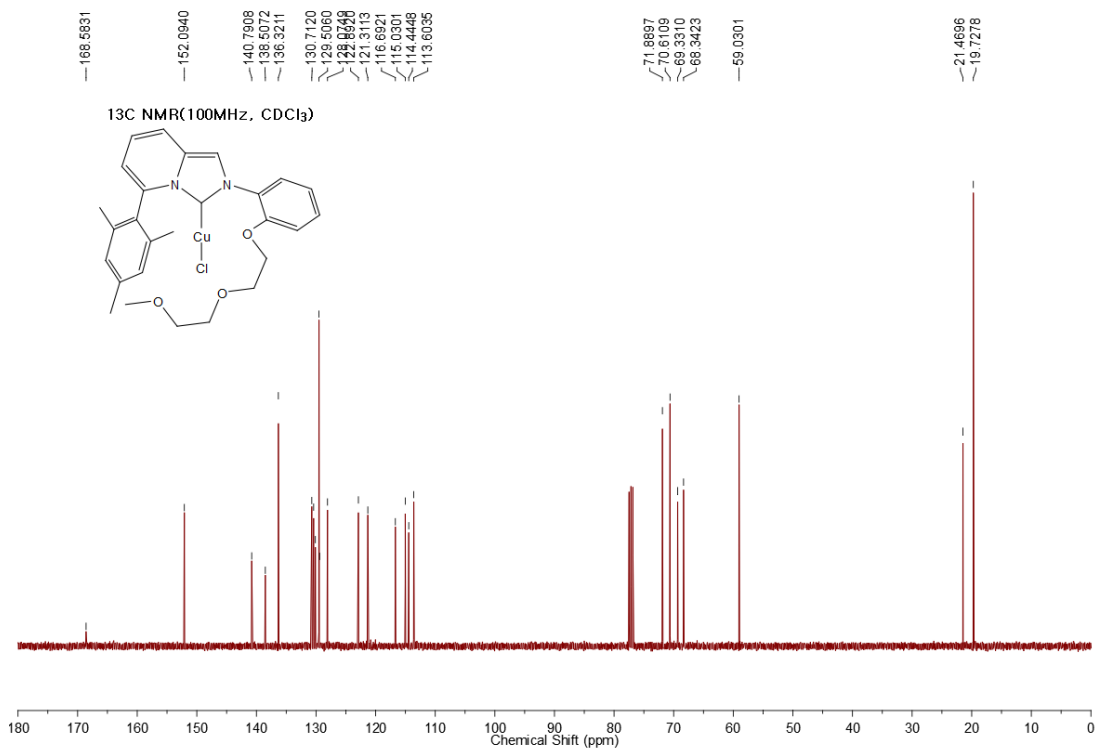
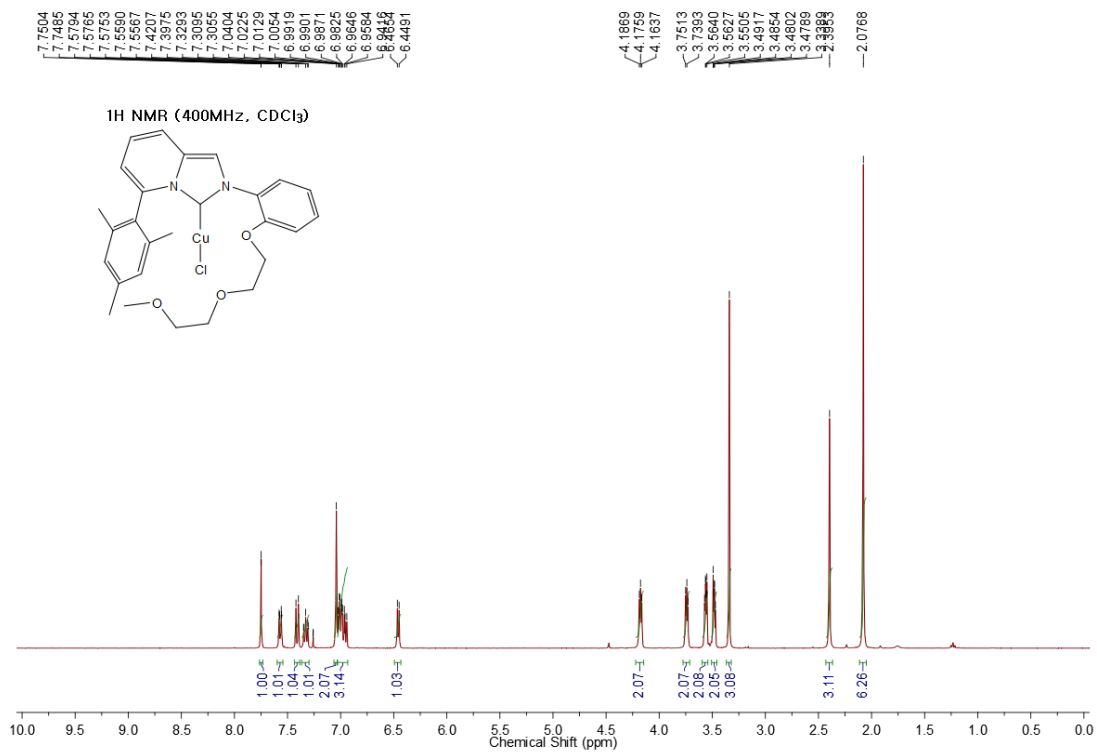


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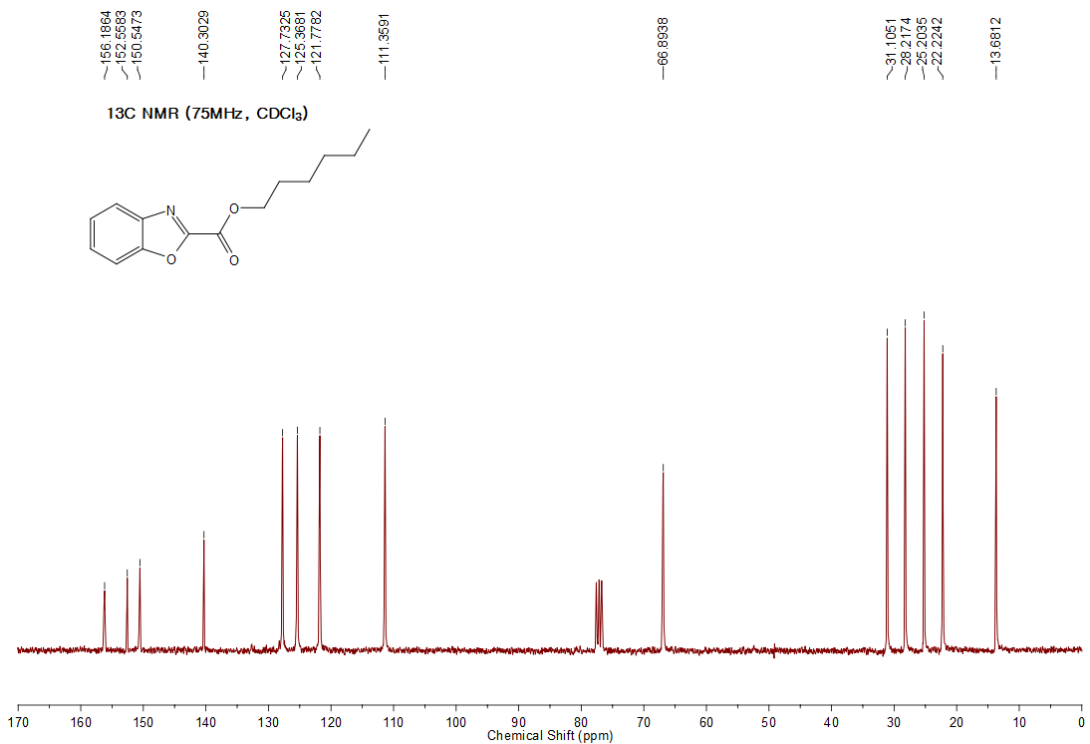
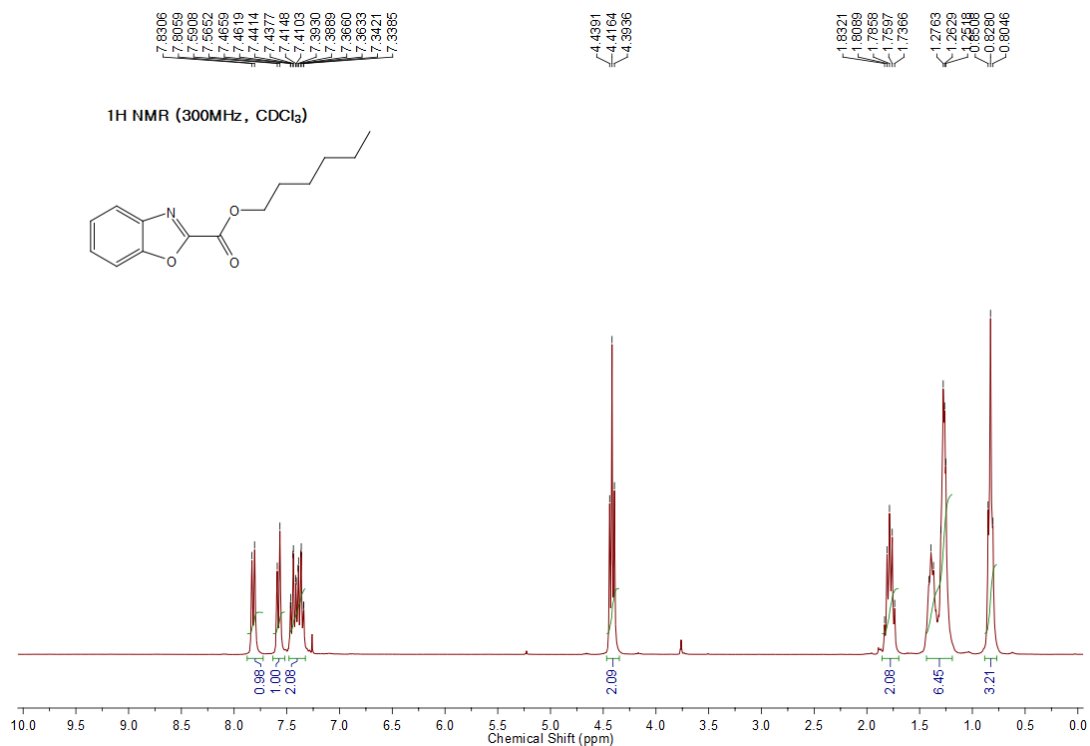


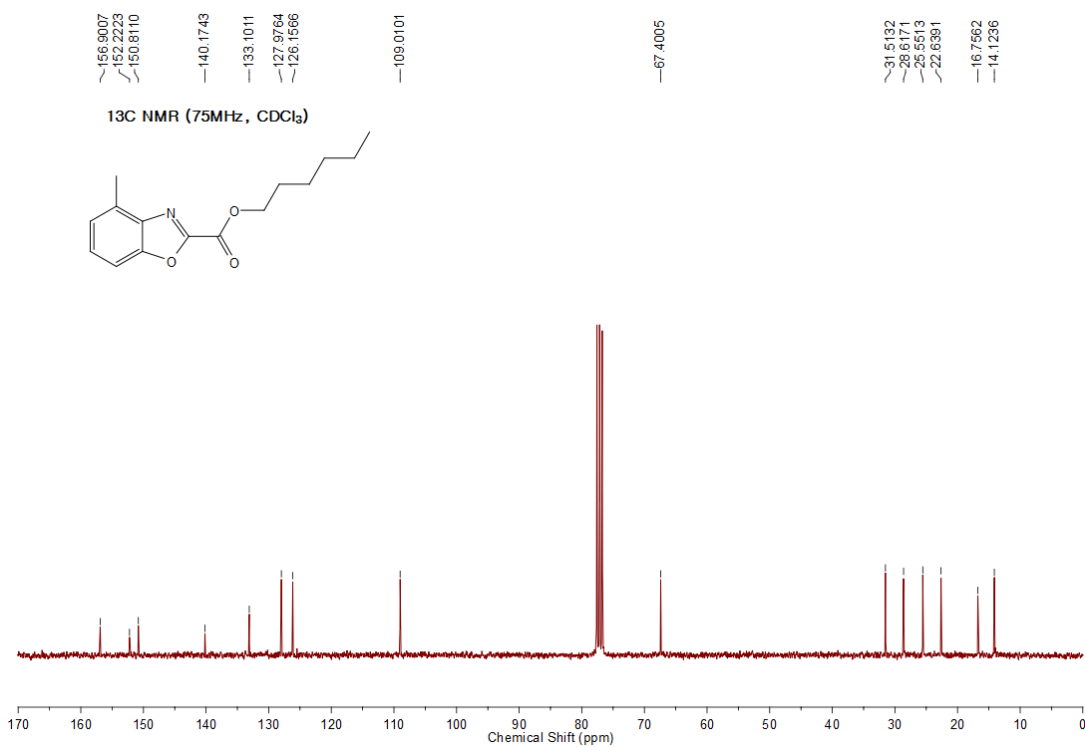
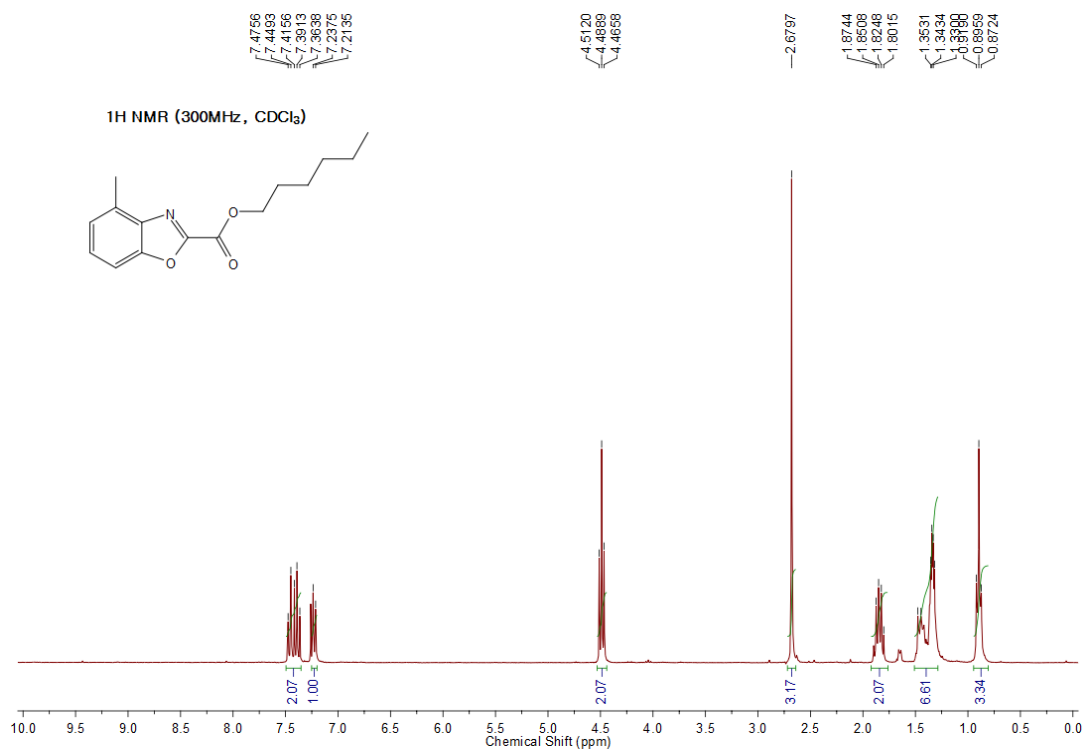
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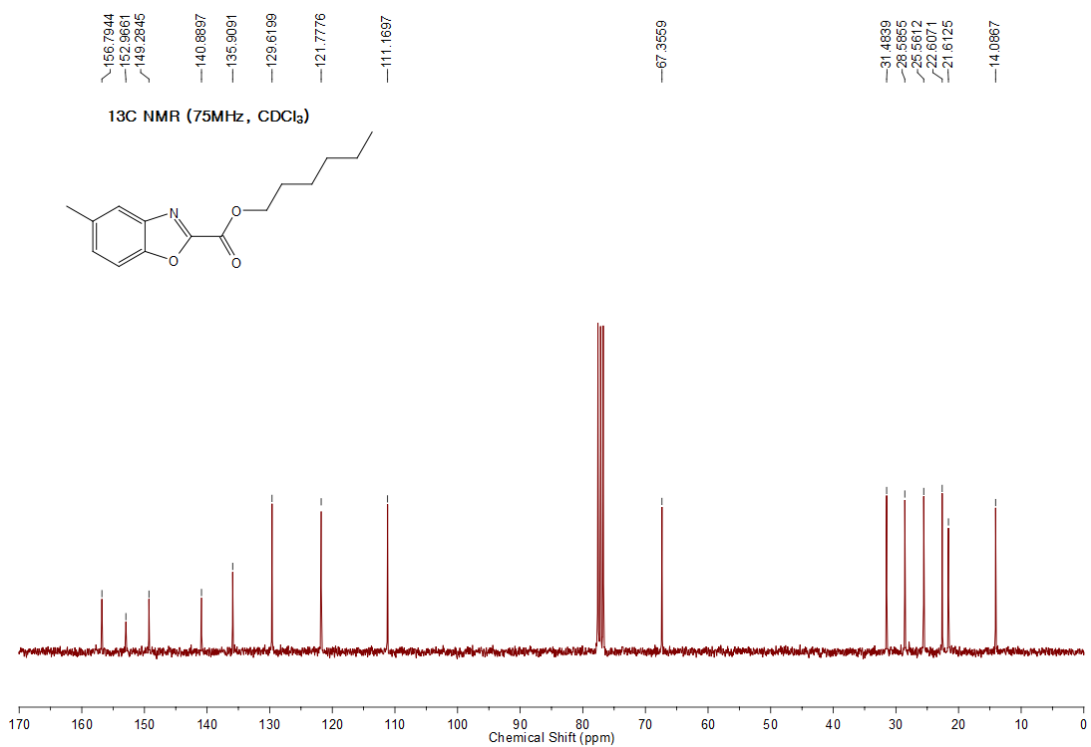
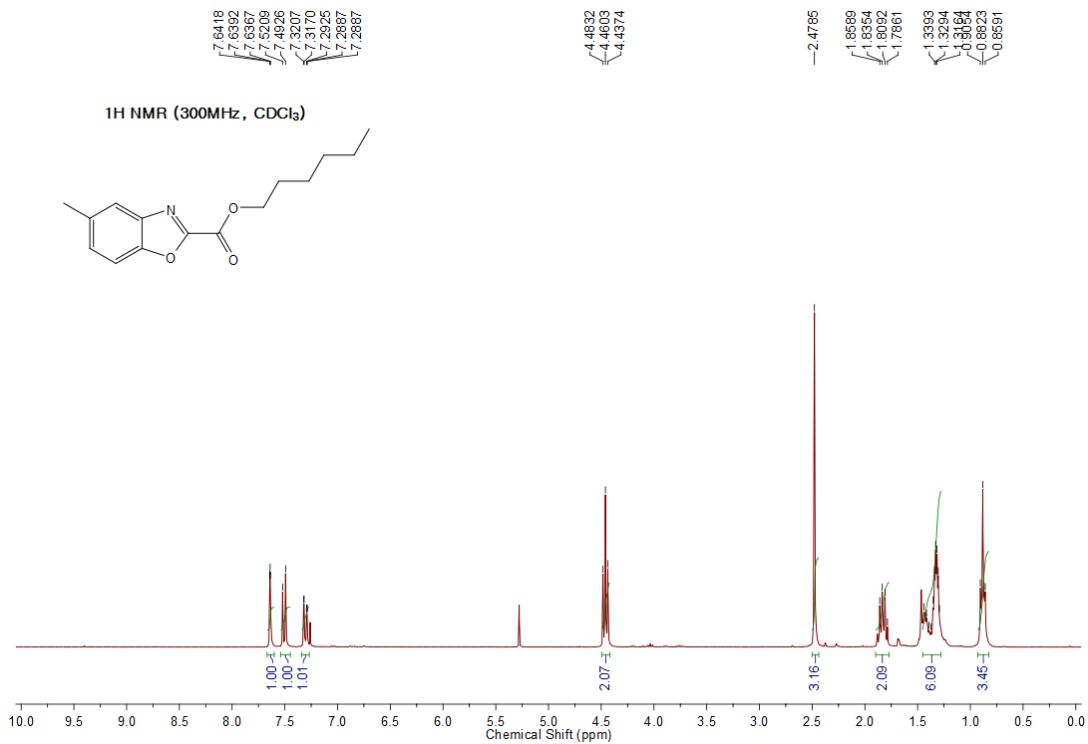


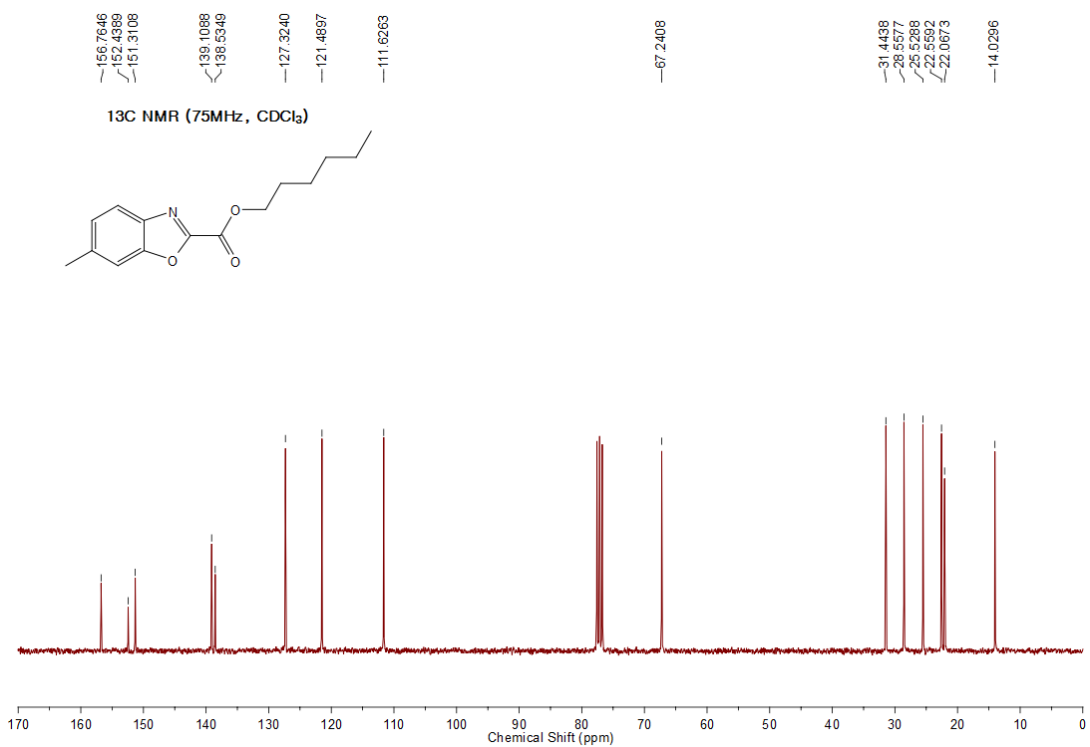
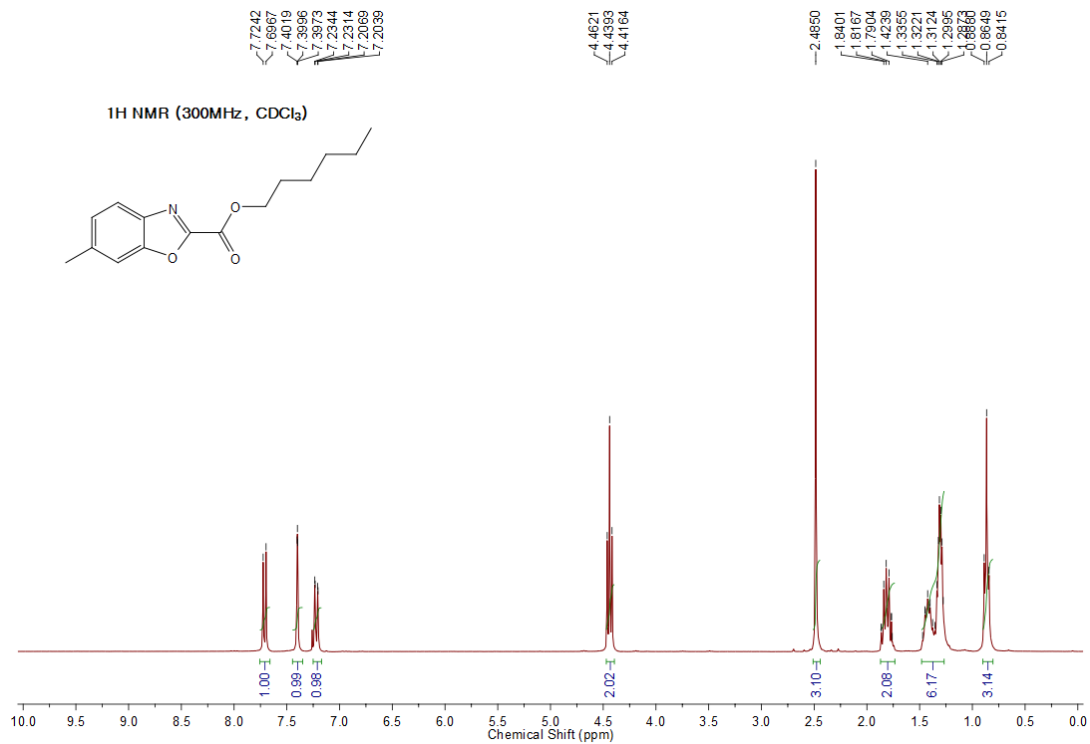
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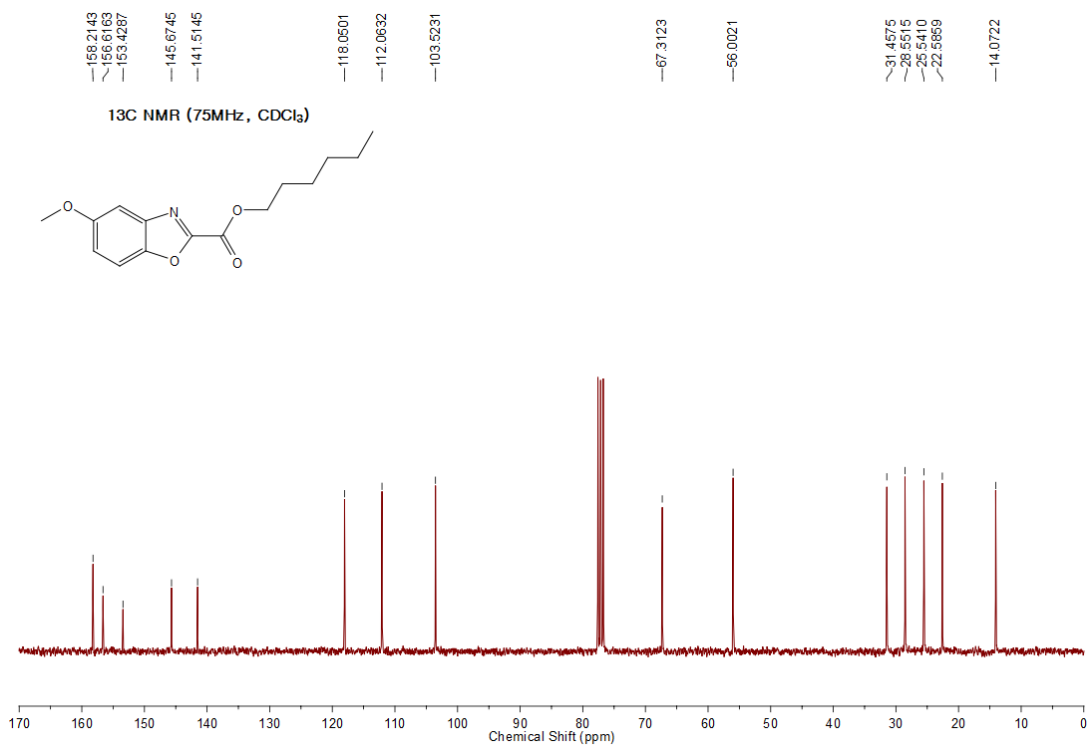
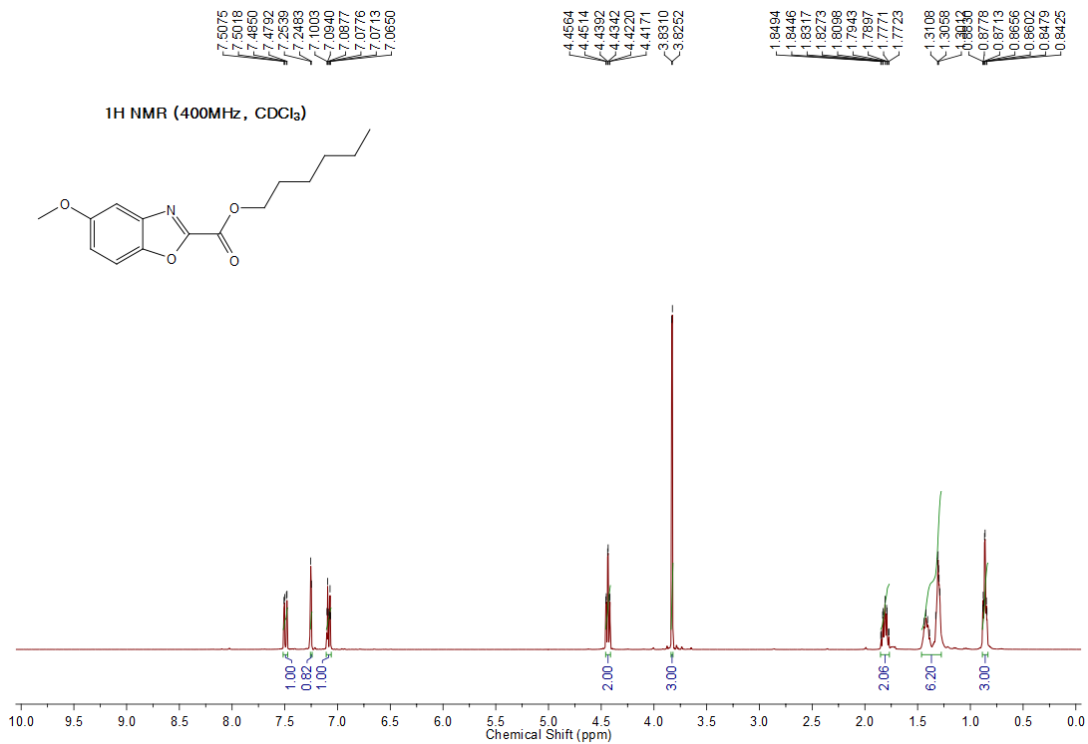


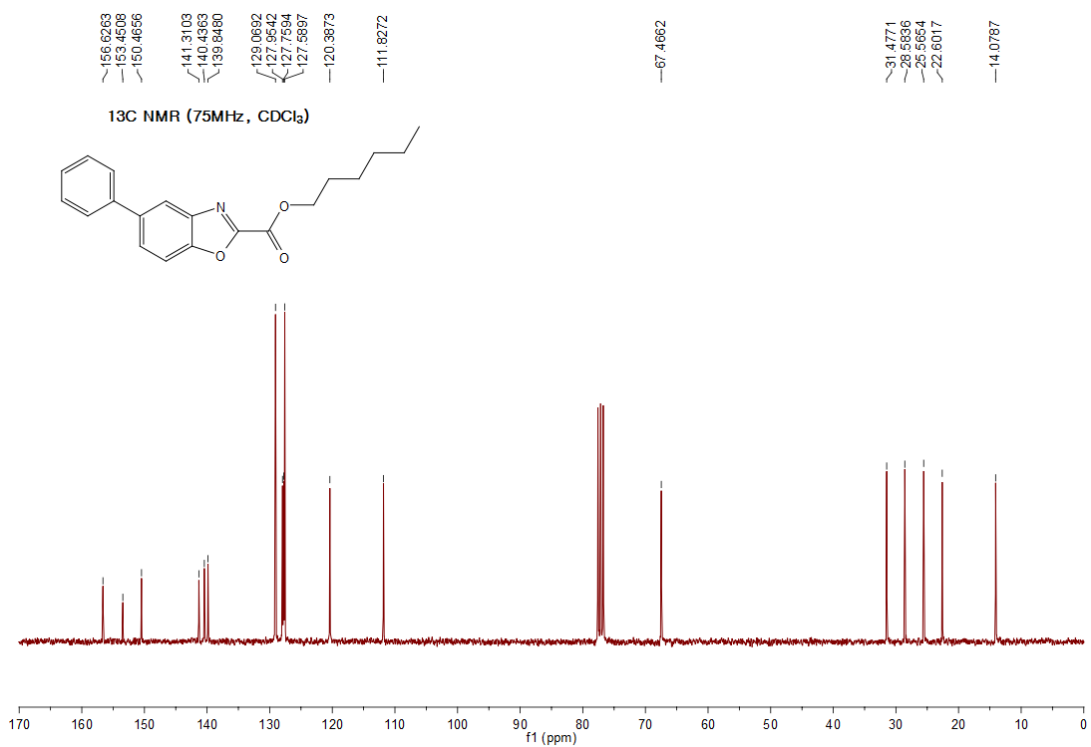
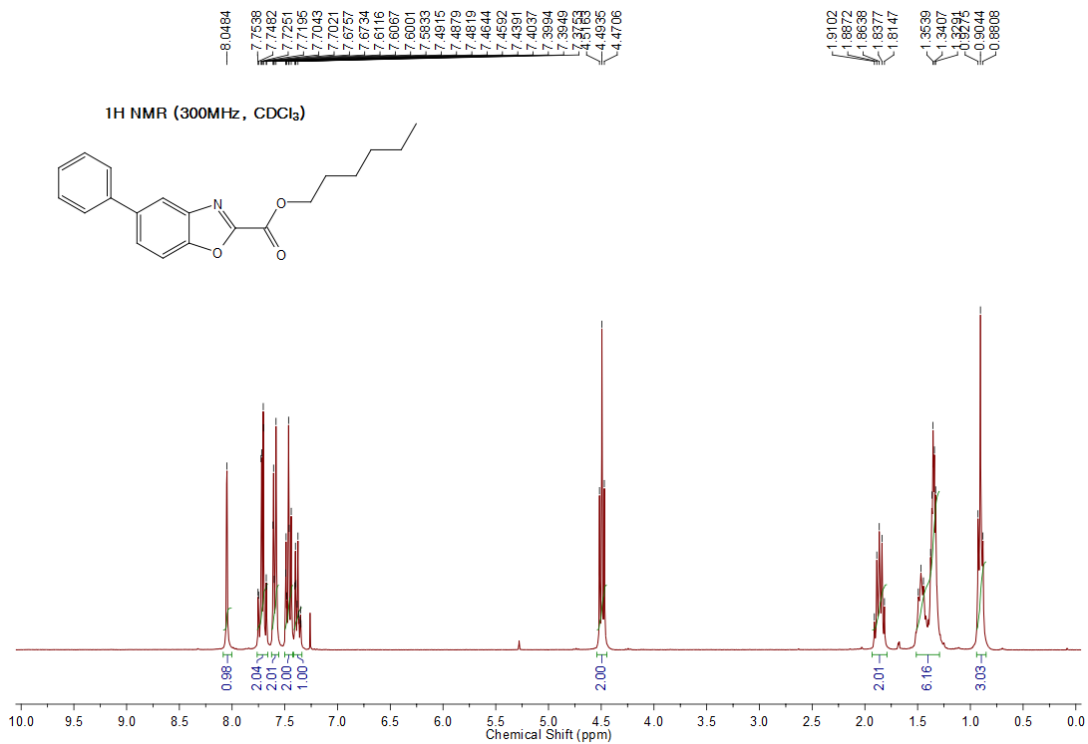


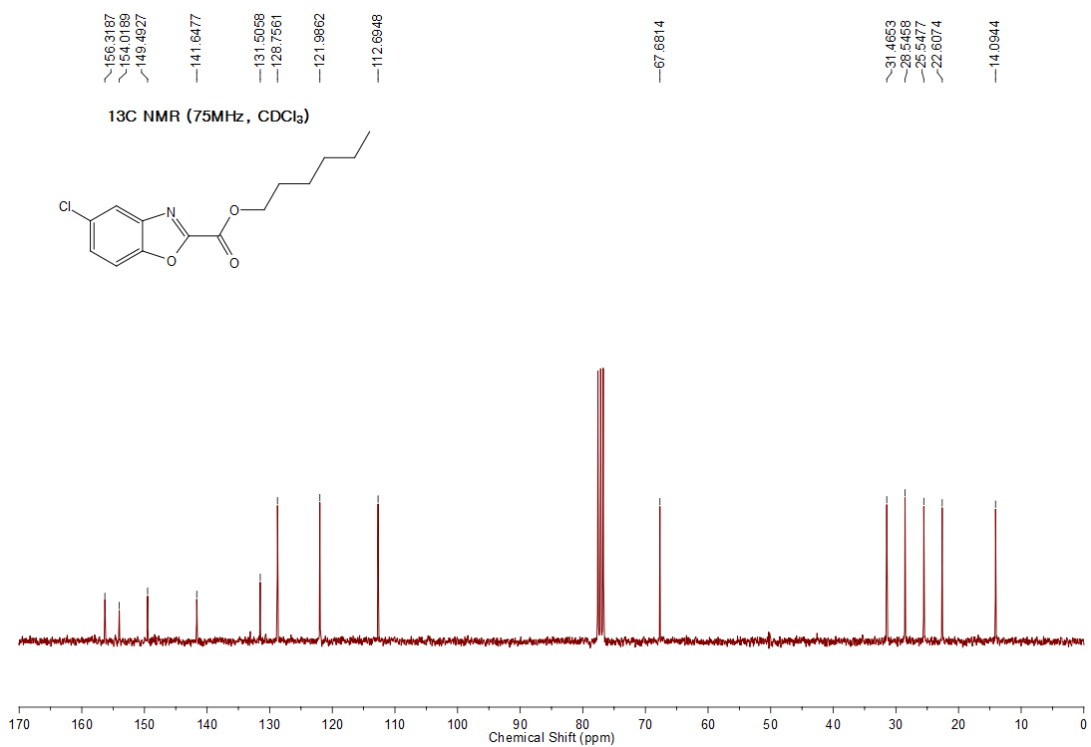
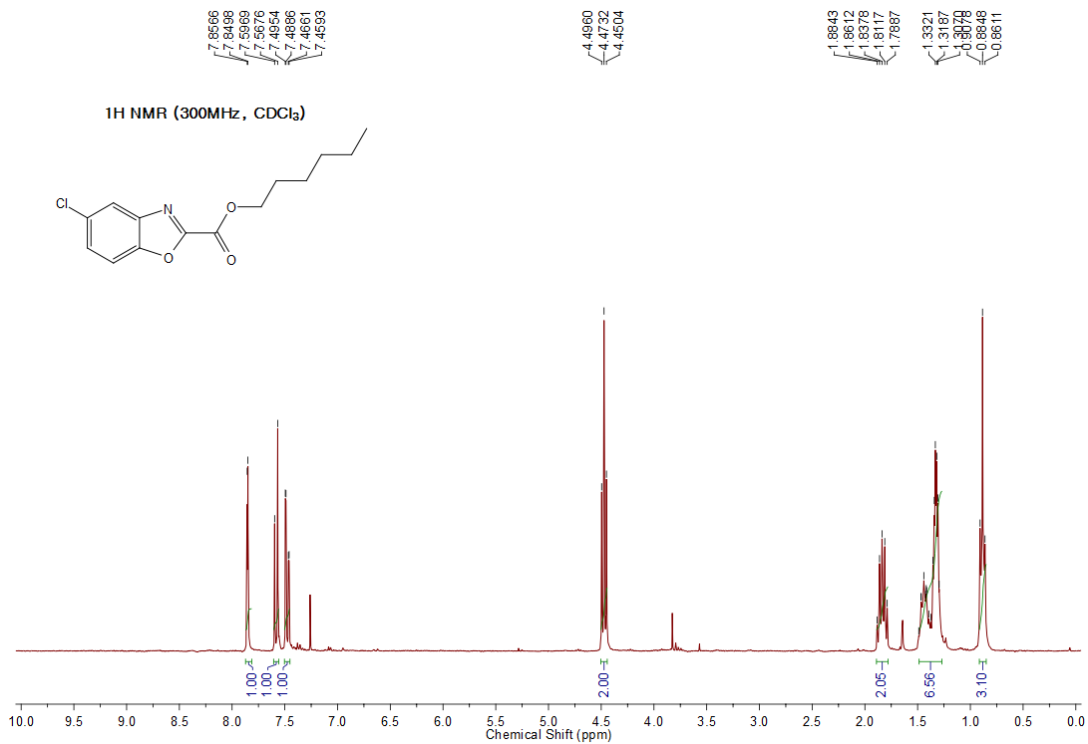


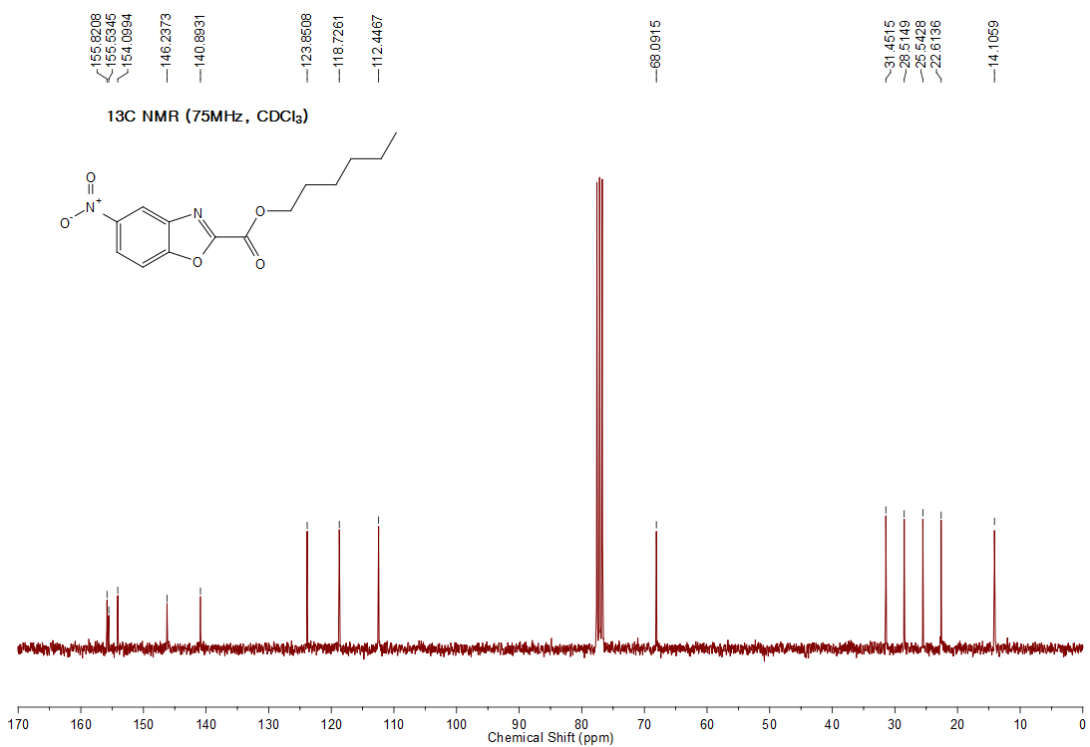
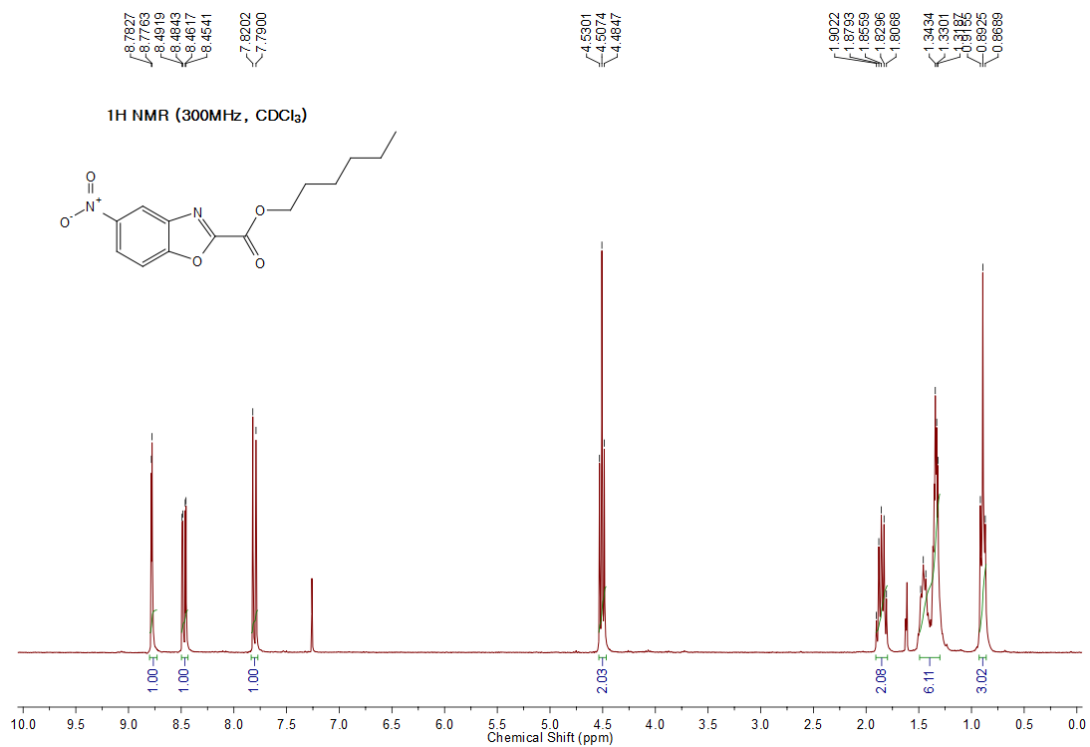


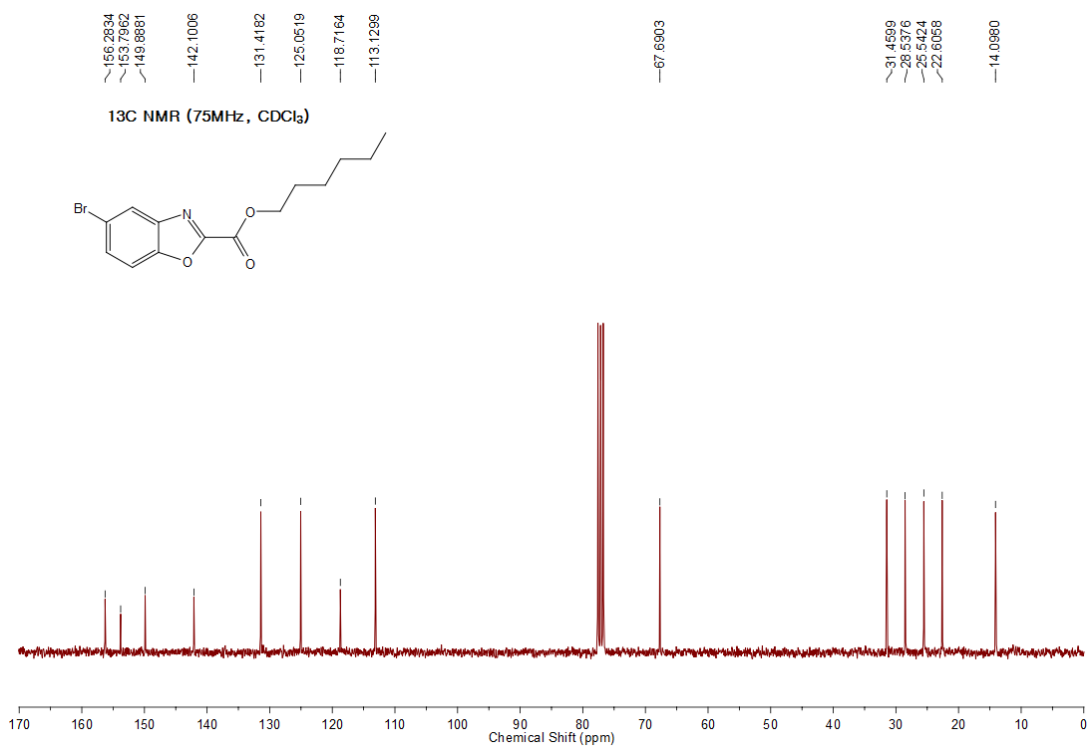
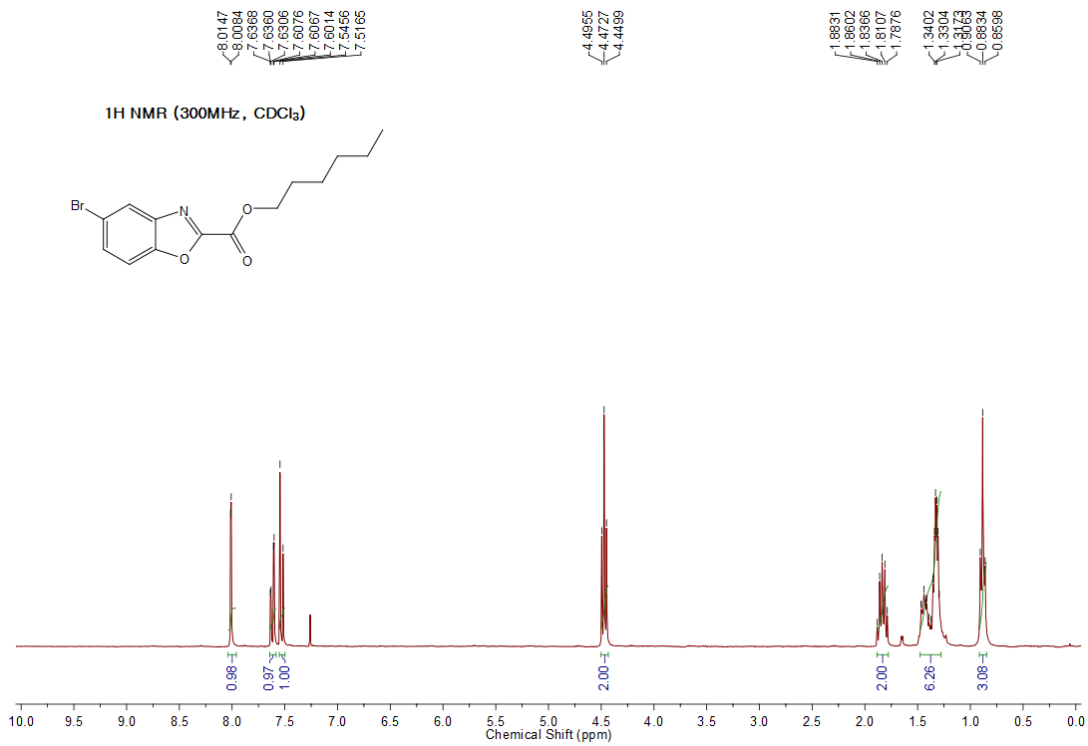


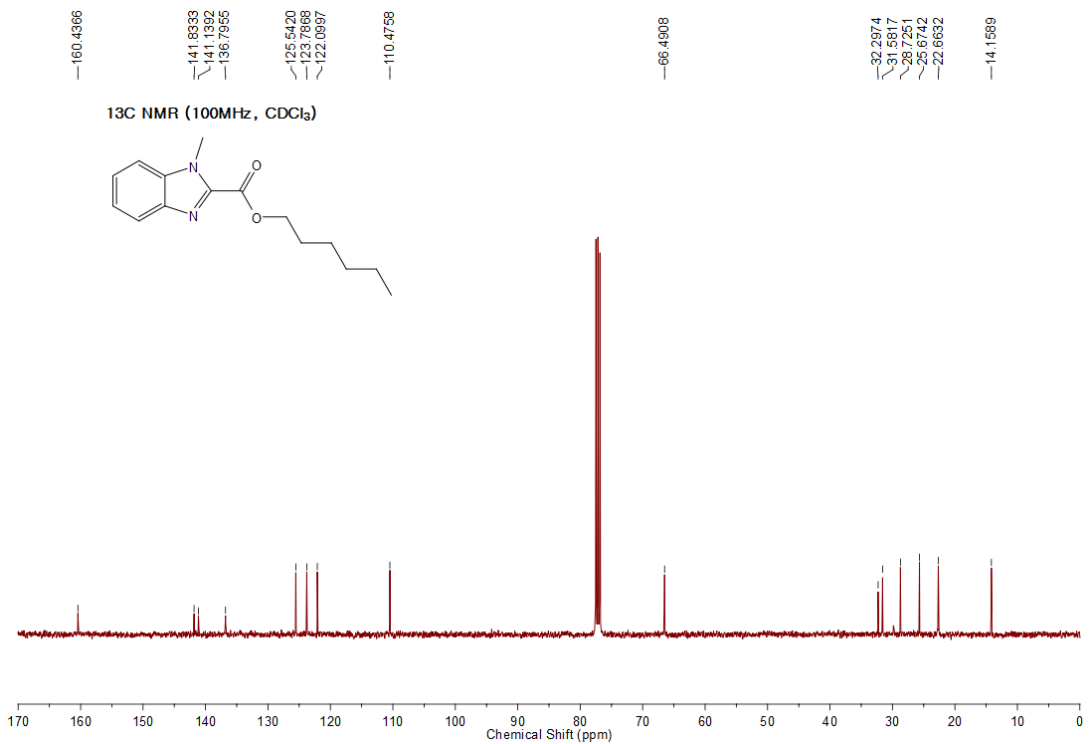
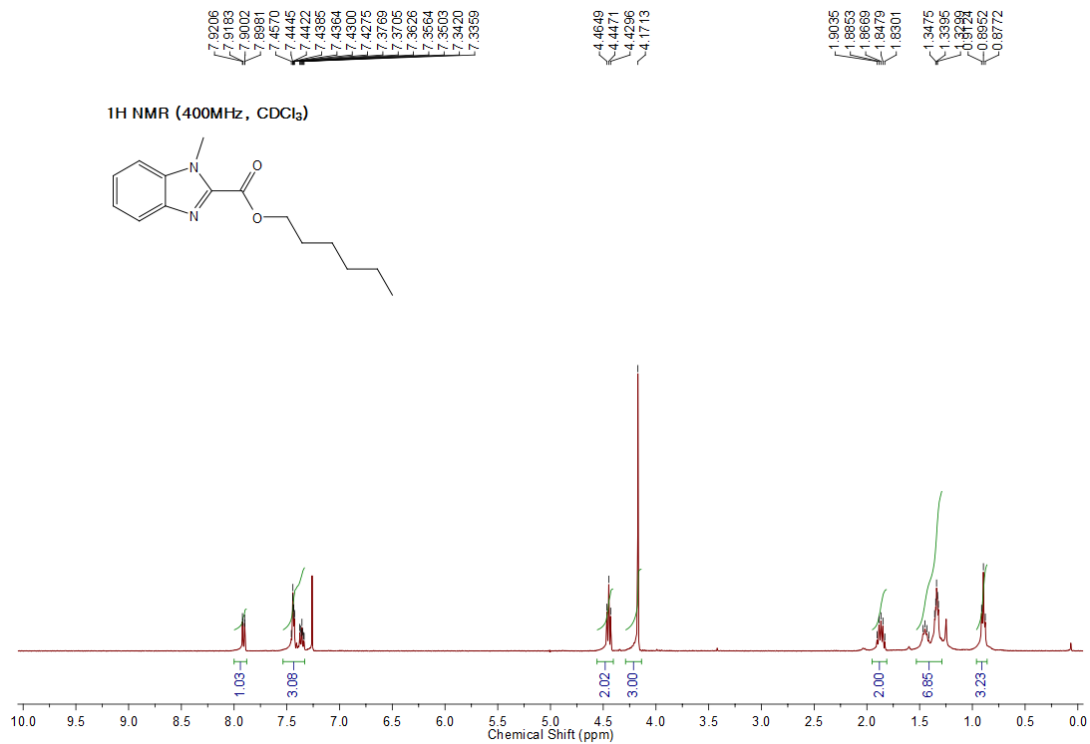




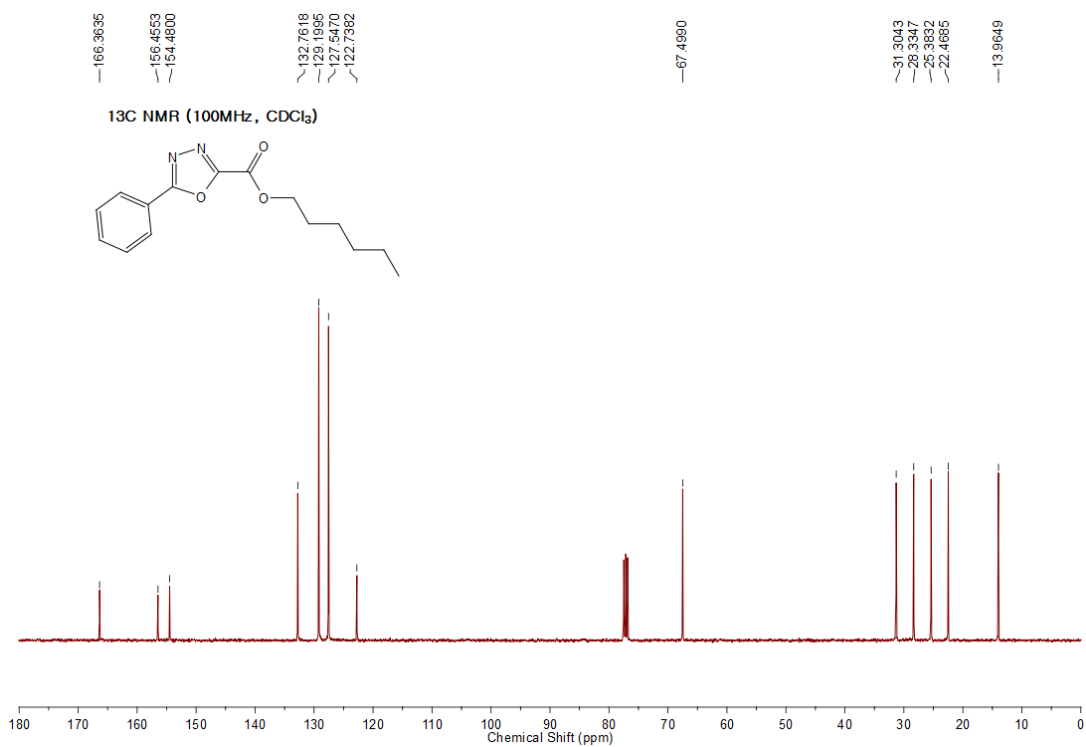
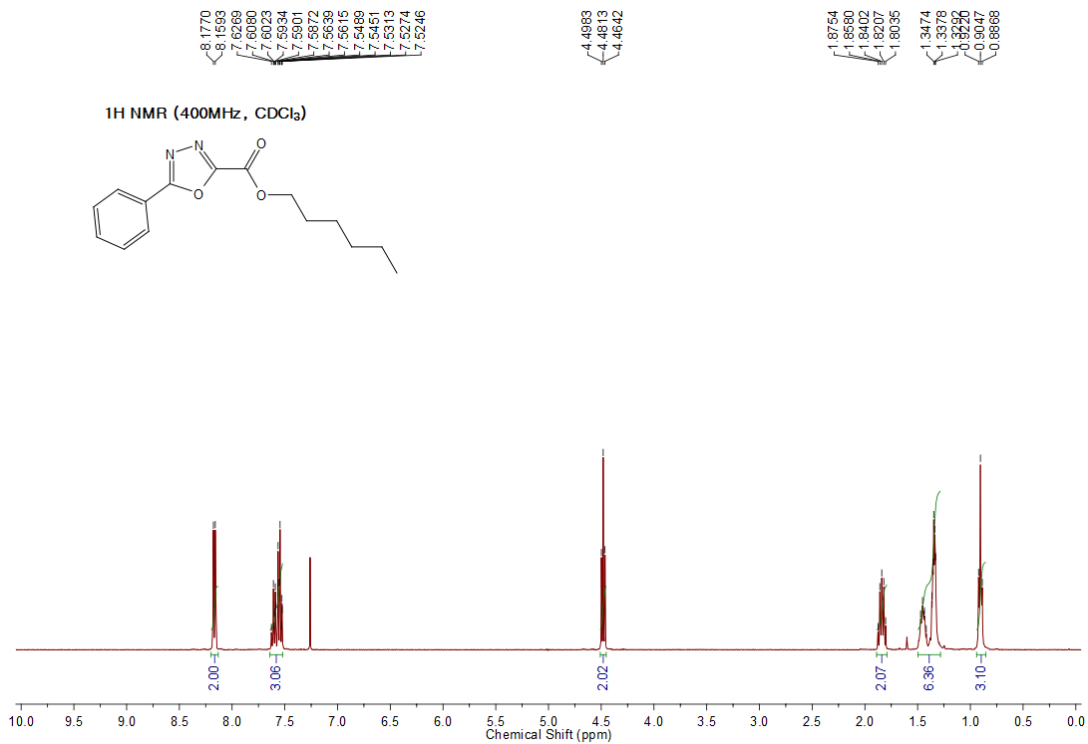






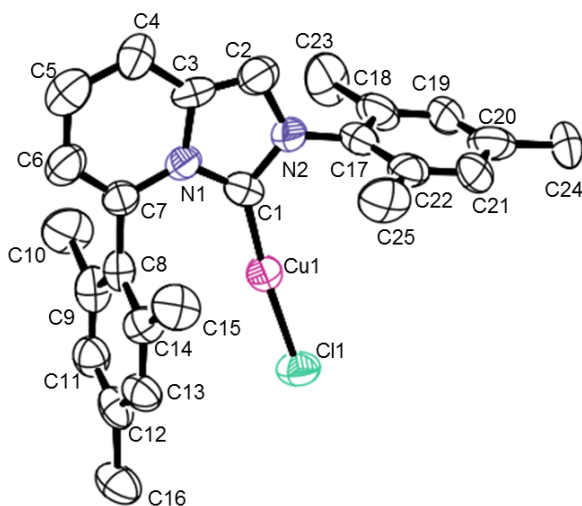






### 3. X-ray Crystallography data for **5a** and **5g**

Reflection data for **5a** and **5g** were collected on a Bruker APEX-II CCD-based diffractometer with graphite-monochromated MoK $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.7107 \text{ \AA}$ ). The hemisphere of reflection data were collected as  $\omega$  scan frames with  $0.5^\circ/\text{frame}$  and an exposure time of 10s/frame. Cell parameters were determined and refined by the SMART program. Data reduction was performed using SAINT software. The data were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects. An empirical absorption correction was applied using the SADABS program. The structures of the compounds were solved by direct methods and refined by full matrix least-squares methods using the SHELXTL program package with anisotropic thermal parameters for all non-hydrogen atoms.



**Table S2.** Crystallographic data and parameters for **5a**

Identification code	<b>5a</b>
CCDC number	1576746
Empirical formula	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>26</sub> ClCuN <sub>2</sub>
Formula weight	453.47
Temperature	293(2) <i>T</i> (K)
Wavelength	0.71073
Crystal system	Triclinic

Space group	<i>P</i> -1	
Unit cell dimensions	<i>a</i> = 9.9670(8) Å	$\alpha$ = 89.092(6)°
	<i>b</i> = 18.1432(16) Å	$\beta$ = 82.857(4)°
	<i>c</i> = 20.1268(16) Å	$\gamma$ = 74.117(4)°
Volume	3472.8(5) Å <sup>3</sup>	
<i>Z</i>	6	
Density (calculated)	1.301 g cm <sup>-3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	1.071	
F(000)	1416	
$\theta$ range for data collection	1.167 to 25.636°	
Index ranges	-12 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 12, -21 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 21, -24 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 24	
Reflections collected	17569	
Independent reflections	4739 [R(int) = 0.0279]	
Completeness to $\theta$ = 25.636°	95.2%	
Data / restraints / parameters	12486/6/1604	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.068	
Final R indices [ <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )]	R1 = 0.0636, wR2 = 0.0872[3521]	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1252, wR2 = 0.1021	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.260 and -0.297 e·Å <sup>-3</sup>	

**Table S3.** Bond Lengths [Å] and Angle [°] for **5a**

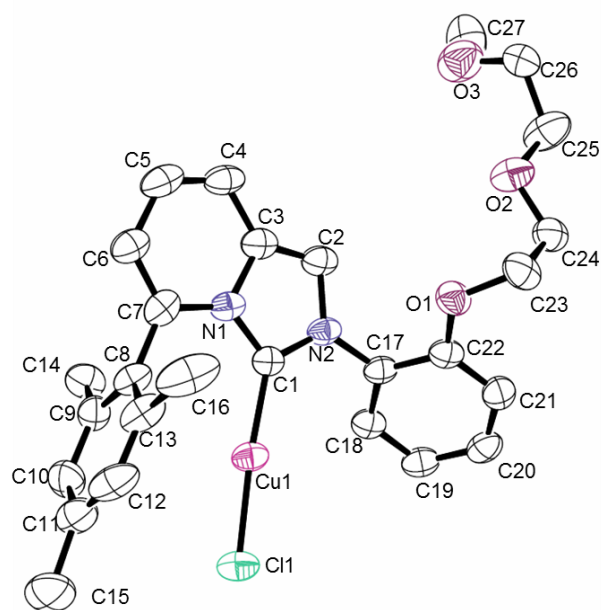
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Cu1-C1	1.886(4)
N1-C1	1.359(5)
N1-C3	1.411(6)
N1-C7	1.397(5)
N2-C1	1.371(5)
N2-C2	1.384(6)
N2-C17	1.439(5)
C2-C3	1.346(6)
C3-C4	1.428(7)
C4-C5	1.343(8)
C5-C6	1.426(7)
C6-C7	1.344(7)
C7-C8	1.486(7)
C8-C9	1.408(5)
C8-C13	1.412(6)
C9-C10	1.389(7)
C9-C14	1.501(5)
C10-C11	1.385(6)
C11-C12	1.370(6)
C11-C15	1.512(8)
C12-C13	1.383(7)
C13-C16	1.520(5)
C17-C18	1.384(5)
C17-C22	1.391(6)
C18-C19	1.377(7)
C19-C20	1.379(6)
C20-C21	1.380(5)
C21-C22	1.384(7)
C22-O1	1.364(4)
C23-C24	1.499(6)

C23-O1	1.441(5)
C24-O2	1.414(7)
C25-C26	1.50(2)
C25-O2	1.415(6)
C26-O3	1.39(2)
O3-C27	1.36(1)
Cu1-C1-N2	125.9(8)
N1-C1-N2	102.4(8)
C1-N2-C2	112.7(9)
C1-N2-C17	122.8(9)
C2-N2-C17	124.5(9)
N2-C2-C3	106(1)
N2-C17-C22	119(1)
N2-C17-C18	121(1)
C22-C17-C18	120(1)
C17-C22-C21	119(1)
C17-C22-C25	122(1)
C21-C22-C25	120(1)
C22-C21-C20	118(1)
N1-C7-C8	117.7(9)
N1-C7-C6	118(1)
C8-C7-C6	124(1)
C11-C9-C8	122(1)
C11-C9-C10	120(1)
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C7-C8-C14	118(1)
C9-C8-C14	118(1)
C17-C18-C19	120(1)
C17-C18-C23	118(1)
C19-C18-C23	122(1)
C18-C19-C20	119(1)
N1-C3-C2	108(1)
N1-C3-C4	118(1)
C2-C3-C4	134(2)
C7-C6-C5	123(1)
C6-C5-C4	117(2)
C3-C4-C5	120(2)
C21-C20-C19	123(1)
C21-C20-C24	115(1)
C19-C20-C24	121(1)

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**Table S4.** Crystallographic data and parameters for **5g**

Identification code	<b>5g</b>	
CCDC number	1576622	
Empirical formula	$C_{27.50}H_{32}ClCuN_2O_{3.50}$	
Formula weight	545.54	
Temperature	296(2) <i>T</i> (K)	
Wavelength	0.71073	
Crystal system	Triclinic	
Space group	<i>P</i> -1	
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 10.6797(2) \text{ \AA}$	$\alpha = 99.8551(8)^\circ$
	$b = 11.1444(2) \text{ \AA}$	$\beta = 103.2083(8)^\circ$
	$c = 13.1053(2) \text{ \AA}$	$\gamma = 116.2178(7)^\circ$
Volume	$1294.49(4) \text{ \AA}^3$	
<i>Z</i>	2	

Density (calculated)	1.400 g cm <sup>-3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	0.981
F(000)	570
$\theta$ range for data collection	2.144 to 25.376°.
Index ranges	-12 $\leq$ h $\leq$ 12, -13 $\leq$ k $\leq$ 13, -15 $\leq$ l $\leq$ 15
Reflections collected	17569
Independent reflections	4739 [R(int) = 0.0279]
Completeness to $\theta = 25.376^\circ$	99.9%
Data / restraints / parameters	4739/4/359
Goodness-of-fit on F2	0.997
Final R indices [I > 2 $\sigma$ ( I)]	R1 = 0.0481, wR2 = 0.1226[3521]
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0689, wR2 = 0.1329
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.836 and -0.422 e $\cdot$ Å <sup>-3</sup>

**Table S5.** Bond Lengths [Å] and Angle [°] for **5g**

Cu1-C11	2.135(5)
Cu1-C1	1.83(1)
N1-C1	1.38(1)
N1-C7	1.39(1)
N1-C3	1.43(2)
C1-N2	1.39(1)
N2-C2	1.40(2)
N2-C17	1.42(1)
C2-C3	1.31(2)
C17-C22	1.39(2)



C17-C18	1.40(1)
C22-C21	1.40(2)
C22-C25	1.52(2)
C21-C20	1.37(2)
C7-C8	1.47(1)
C7-C6	1.35(2)
C9-C11	1.39(2)
C9-C8	1.38(2)
C9-C10	1.60(2)
C11-C12	1.38(2)
C12-C13	1.38(2)
C12-C16	1.56(2)
C13-C14	1.38(2)
C14-C8	1.44(1)
C14-C15	1.53(2)
C18-C19	1.34(2)
C18-C23	1.55(2)
C19-C20	1.38(2)
C3-C4	1.41(3)
C6-C5	1.45(3)
C5-C4	1.46(4)
C20-C24	1.57(2)
Cl1-Cu1-C1	173.5(1)
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C1-N1-C7	126.8(3)
C3-N1-C7	122.1(3)
C1-N2-C2	112.1(3)
C1-N2-C17	122.7(3)
C2-N2-C17	125.1(3)
Cu1-C1-N1	129.4(3)
Cu1-C1-N2	127.0(3)

N1-C1-N2	103.5(3)
N2-C2-C3	106.6(4)
N1-C3-C2	106.6(3)
N1-C3-C4	118.3(3)
C2-C3-C4	135.1
C3-C4-C5	118.9(4)
C4-C5-C6	121.2(4)
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C7-C8-C9	120.0(4)
C7-C8-C13	120.7(4)
C9-C8-C13	119.3(4)
C8-C9-C10	118.6(4)
C8-C9-C14	121.1(4)
C10-C9-C14	120.3(4)
C9-C10-C11	122.3(4)
C10-C11-C12	118.3(4)
C10-C11-C15	121.1(4)
C12-C11-C15	120.6(5)
C11-C12-C13	122.1(5)
C8-C13-C12	119.3(4)
C8-C13-C16	119.4(4)
C12-C13-C16	121.2(4)
N2-C17-C18	119.8(3)
N2-C17-C22	119.3(3)
C18-C17-C22	120.8(4)
C17-C18-C19	119.9(4)
C18-C19-C20	119.4(4)
C19-C20-C21	121.2(4)
C20-C21-C22	119.7(4)

C17-C22-C21	119.0(4)
C17-C22-O1	115.9(3)
C21-C22-O1	125.1(4)
C24-C23-O1	112.8(3)
C23-C24-O2	108.3(3)
C26-C25-O2	109.7(6)
C25-C26-O3	105.7(9)
C26-O3-C27	112(1)
C22-O1-C23	119.5(3)
C24-O2-C25	110.7(4)

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