

Synthesis of Multisubstituted Pyrroles by Nickel-Catalyzed Arylative Cyclizations of *N*-Tosyl Alkynamides

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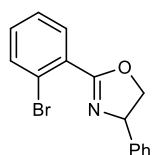
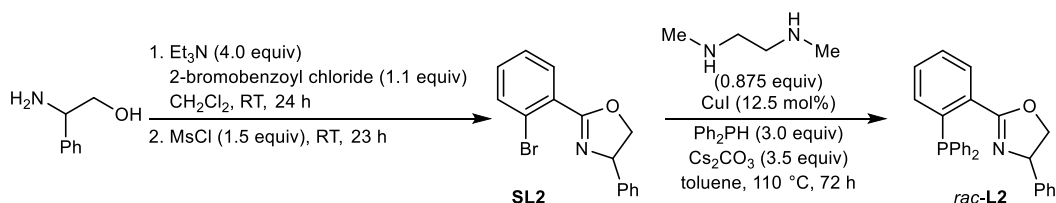
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1. General Information

All air-sensitive reactions were carried out under an inert atmosphere using oven-dried apparatus. 2,2,2-Trifluoroethanol (TFE) was purchased from Alfa Aesar and degassed before use using a stream of argon gas (20 min). All commercially available reagents were used as received unless otherwise stated. Petroleum ether refers to Sigma-Aldrich product 24587 (petroleum ether boiling point 40-60 °C). Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Merck DF-Alufoilen 60F254 0.2 mm precoated plates. Compounds were visualized by exposure to UV light or by dipping the plates into solutions of potassium permanganate or vanillin followed by gentle heating. Flash column chromatography was carried out using silica gel (Fisher Scientific 60 Å particle size 35-70 micron or Fluorochem 60 Å particle size 40-63 micron). Melting points were recorded on a Gallenkamp melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. The solvent of recrystallization is reported in parentheses. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on Bruker platinum alpha FTIR spectrometer on the neat compound using the attenuated total reflection technique. NMR spectra were acquired on Bruker Ascend 400 spectrometers. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were referenced to external tetramethylsilane via the residual protonated solvent (^1H) or the solvent itself (^{13}C). All chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm). For CDCl_3 , the shifts are referenced to 7.26 ppm for ^1H NMR spectroscopy and 77.16 ppm for ^{13}C NMR spectroscopy. For $\text{DMSO}-d_6$, the shifts are referenced to 2.50 ppm for ^1H NMR spectroscopy and 39.52 ppm for ^{13}C NMR spectroscopy. Coupling constants (J) are quoted to the nearest 0.1 Hz. Assignments were made using the DEPT sequence with secondary pulses at 90° and 135°. High-resolution mass spectra were recorded using the electrospray ionization (ESI) technique. X-ray diffraction data were collected at 120 K on an Agilent SuperNova diffractometer using $\text{CuK}\alpha$ radiation. Ligand **L6** was prepared according to a literature procedure.¹

2. Preparation of *rac*-L2

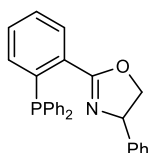


2-(2-Bromophenyl)-4-phenyl-4,5-dihydrooxazole (SL2). SL2 was prepared by

modification of a previously reported procedure.² Et₃N (20.3 mL, 145.6 mmol) was added to a flask containing DL-2-phenylglycinol (5.00 g, 36.4 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (150 mL) and the solution was cooled to 0 °C before 2-bromobenzoyl chloride (5.2 mL, 40.0 mmol) was added dropwise. The mixture was gradually warmed to room temperature and stirred for 24 h. The reaction was recooled to 0 °C and MsCl (4.2 mL, 54.3 mmol) was added

to the mixture. The mixture was stirred for 23 h and then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 10/1) to give SL2 as a white solid (3.5 g, 35%).

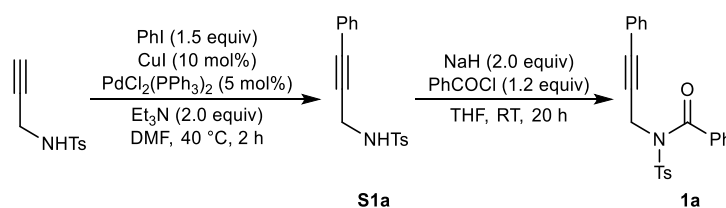
dropwise. The reaction was gradually warmed to room temperature, stirred for 23 h, quenched with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl solution (100 mL) and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (2×100 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (50 mL), dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (10% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give the title compound as a yellow oil (7.34 g, 67%). The analytical data were consistent with those reported previously.³



2-[2-(Diphenylphosphanyl)phenyl]-4-phenyl-4,5-dihydrooxazole (*rac*-L2). The Ligand **L2** was prepared by modification of a previously reported procedure.² *N,N'*-DMEDA (0.31 mL, 2.88 mmol), CuI (79.0 mg, 0.415 mmol) and PPh_2H (1.7 mL, 9.77 mmol) were placed in a Schlenk flask and the contents were evacuated and refilled with N_2 gas ($\times 3$ cycles). Toluene (25 mL) which had been freshly degassed (using a stream of argon for 15 min) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20 min. A solution of oxazole **SL2**^{2,3} (1.00 g, 3.31 mmol) in freshly degassed toluene (5 mL) was added, followed by Cs_2CO_3 (3.77 g, 11.6 mmol). The Schlenk flask was sealed and the contents were stirred at 110 °C for 72 h. The reaction was cooled to room temperature, filtered through celite and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (10% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give the title compound as a white solid (713 mg, 53%). The analytical data were consistent with those reported previously.⁴

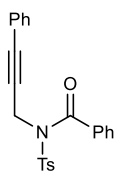
3. Preparation of Substrates

Preparation of Substrate 1a



4-Methyl-N-(3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide (S1a).⁵ To a stirred solution of $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ (842 mg, 1.20 mmol) and CuI (457 mg, 2.40 mmol) in DMF (30 mL) was added freshly degassed Et_3N (6.7 mL, 48.1 mmol) and iodobenzene (4.0 mL, 35.9 mmol) under a nitrogen atmosphere. A solution of 4-methyl-N-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide⁶ (5.00 g, 23.9 mmol) in DMF (20 mL) was added and the resulting solution was stirred at 40 °C for 3 h. The reaction was quenched with 50% brine (500 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3×250 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 solution (2×500 mL), dried (MgSO_4), filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column

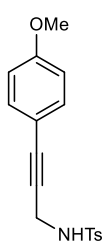
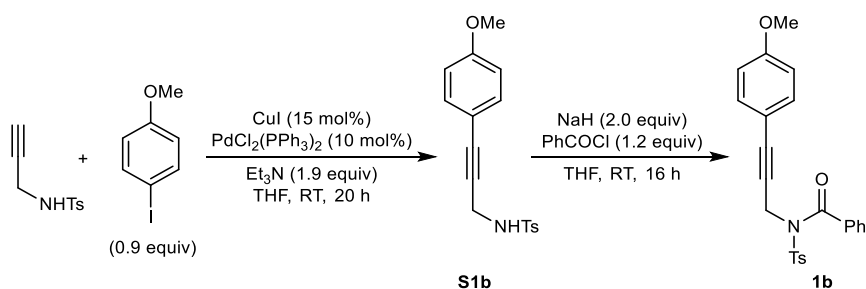
chromatography (10% to 20% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give the title compound as a brown solid (5.54 g, 81%). The analytical data were consistent with those reported previously.⁵



***N*-(3-Phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)-*N*-tosylbenzamide (1a).**⁷ A solution of *N*-tosyl propargyl amine **S1a**⁵ (1.50 g, 5.26 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was added dropwise to an ice-cooled suspension of NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 250 mg, 10.4 mmol) in THF (25 mL).

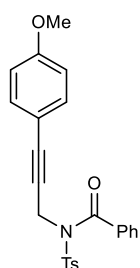
The resulting solution was warmed to room temperature and stirred for *ca.* 1 h. Benzoyl chloride (0.73 mL, 6.28 mmol) was added dropwise and the resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 20 h. The reaction was quenched with brine (60 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2 × 120 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (60 mL), dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (5% to 20% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give the title compound as a dark brown solid (1.34 g, 66%). The analytical data were consistent with those reported previously.⁷

Preparation of Substrate 1b



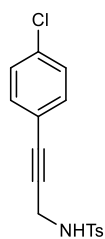
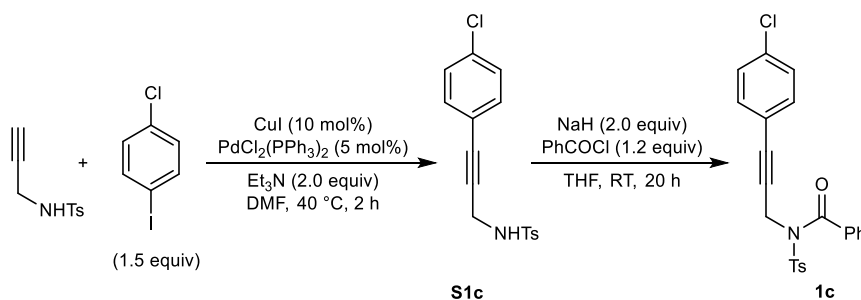
***N*-[3-(4-Chlorophenyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl]-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (S1b).**⁸ To a stirred solution of PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂ (562 mg, 0.801 mmol) and CuI (228 mg, 1.20 mmol) in THF (6 mL) was added freshly degassed Et₃N (2.4 mL, 17.2 mmol) and iodobenzene (1.79 g, 7.65 mmol) under a nitrogen atmosphere. A solution of 4-methyl-*N*-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide (1.85 g, 8.84 mmol) in THF (3.5 mL) was added and the

resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 20 h. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl solution (30 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (30 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (5% to 20% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give the title compound as a pale brown solid (1.67 g, 72%). The analytical data were consistent with those reported previously.⁸



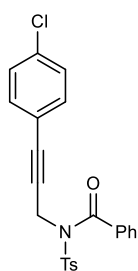
N-[3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl]-N-tosylbenzamide (1b). NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 75.8 mg, 3.16 mmol) was added portionwise to a solution of the *N*-tosyl propargyl amine **S1b** (500 mg, 1.59 mmol) in THF (15 mL). The resulting solution was stirred for *ca.* 1 h. The mixture was cooled to 0 °C, and benzoyl chloride (0.22 mL, 1.89 mmol) was added dropwise. The resulting solution was gradually warmed to room temperature and stirred for 16 h. The reaction was quenched with brine (20 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2 × 40 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (20% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give the title compound as a pale yellow solid (345 mg, 52%). *R*_f = 0.41 (40% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 122-123 °C (Et₂O); IR 2919, 2839, 2213 (C≡C), 1683 (C=O), 1604, 1509, 1363, 1295, 1183, 572 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05-7.93 (2H, m, ArH), 7.62-7.54 (2H, m, ArH), 7.53-7.47 (1H, m, ArH), 7.43-7.36 (2H, m, ArH), 7.29-7.26 (2H, m, ArH), 7.26-7.23 (2H, m, ArH), 6.88-6.79 (2H, m, ArH), 4.79 (2H, s, CH₂), 3.82 (3H, s, OCH₃), 2.40 (3H, s, ArCH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.9 (C), 160.1 (C), 145.0 (C), 135.9 (C), 134.3 (C), 133.3 (2 × CH), 131.8 (CH), 129.4 (2 × CH), 129.2 (2 × CH), 128.5 (2 × CH), 128.0 (2 × CH), 114.2 (C), 114.1 (2 × CH), 85.1 (C), 82.5 (C), 55.5 (CH₃), 39.1 (CH₂), 21.8 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₂₄H₂₁NO₄SN⁺Na]⁺: 442.1083, found 442.1083.

Preparation of Substrate 1c



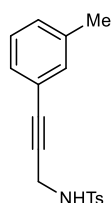
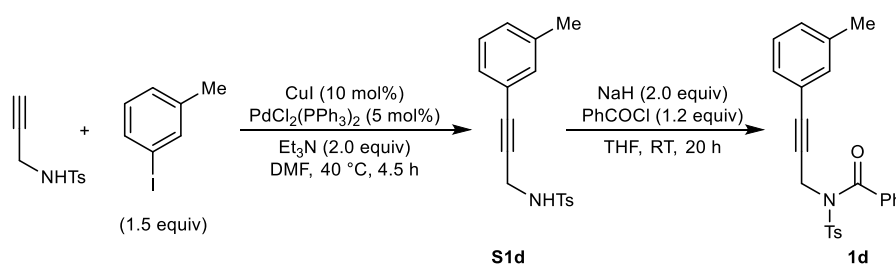
N-[3-(4-Chlorophenyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl]-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (S1c).⁹ To a stirred solution of PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂ (168 mg, 0.240 mmol) and CuI (91.4 mg, 0.480 mmol) in DMF (6 mL) was added freshly degassed Et₃N (1.3 mL, 9.33 mmol) and 1-chloro-4-iodobenzene (1.71 g, 7.17 mmol) under a nitrogen atmosphere. 4-Methyl-*N*-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide (1.00 g, 4.80 mmol) in DMF (4 mL) was added and the resulting solution was stirred at 40 °C for 2 h. The reaction was quenched with 50% brine (100 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution (2 × 100 mL), dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (20% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give the title

compound as a reddish-brown solid (1.01 g, 66%). The analytical data were consistent with those reported previously.⁹



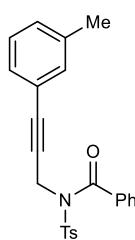
N-[3-(4-Chlorophenyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl]-N-tosylbenzamide (1c). A solution of the *N*-tosyl propargyl amine **S1c** (500 mg, 1.56 mmol) in THF (7 mL) was added dropwise to an ice-cooled suspension of NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 74.8 g, 3.12 mmol) in THF (8 mL). The resulting solution was warmed to room temperature and stirred for *ca.* 1 h. Benzoyl chloride (0.22 mL, 1.89 mmol) was added dropwise and the resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 20 h. The reaction was quenched with brine (20 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2 × 40 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL), dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (5% to 30% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give the title compound as a white solid (425 mg, 64%). *R*_f = 0.49 (40% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 145-147 °C (Et₂O); IR 1689 (C=O), 1489, 1352, 1309, 1244, 1165, 1071, 945, 714, 570 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.98-7.90 (2H, m, ArH), 7.58-7.54 (2H, m, ArH), 7.54-7.48 (1H, m, ArH), 7.43-7.37 (2H, m, ArH), 7.31-7.22 (6H, m, ArH), 4.80 (2H, s, CH₂), 2.41 (3H, s, ArCH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.8 (C), 145.2 (C), 135.9 (C), 135.0 (C), 134.2 (C), 133.1 (2 × CH), 132.0 (CH), 129.5 (2 × CH), 129.1 (2 × CH), 128.8 (2 × CH), 128.5 (2 × CH), 128.1 (2 × CH), 120.7 (C), 84.9 (C), 84.0 (C), 38.8 (CH₂), 21.8 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₂₃H₁₈ClINO₃SNa]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 446.0588, found 446.0597.

Preparation of Substrate 1d



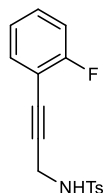
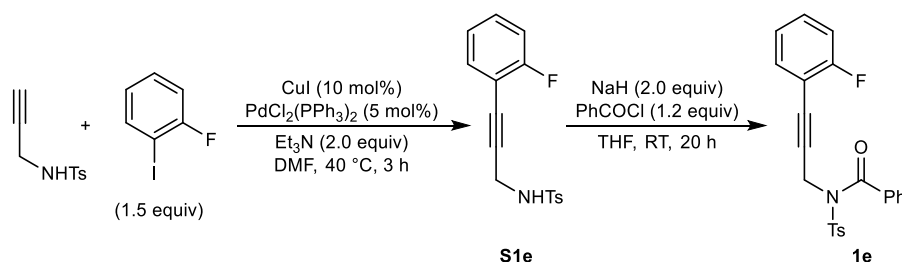
4-Methyl-N-[3-(3-methylphenyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl]benzenesulfonamide (S1d). To a stirred solution of PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂ (168 mg, 0.240 mmol) and CuI (91.4 mg, 0.480 mmol) in DMF (6 mL) was added freshly degassed Et₃N (1.3 mL, 9.33 mmol) and 3-iodotoluene (0.92 mL, 7.17 mmol) under a nitrogen atmosphere. A solution of *r*-Methyl-*N*-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide (1.00 g, 4.78 mmol) in DMF (4 mL) was added and the resulting solution was stirred at 40 °C for 4.5 h. The reaction was quenched with 50% brine (100 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution (2 × 100 mL), dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated in

vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography (20% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give the title compound as a white solid (861 mg, 60%). $R_f = 0.41$ (40% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 108-109 °C (Et₂O); IR 3275 (NH), 2923, 1597, 1484, 1431, 1324, 1153, 1090, 1057, 814 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87-7.77 (2H, m, ArH), 7.31-7.27 (2H, m, ArH), 7.17-7.04 (2H, m, ArH), 7.01-6.86 (2H, m, ArH), 4.64 (1H, t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, NH), 4.07 (2H, d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, CH₂), 2.37 (3H, s, ArCH₃), 2.29 (3H, s, ArCH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.9 (C), 138.0 (C), 137.0 (C), 132.3 (CH), 129.8 (2 $\times$ CH), 129.6 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 127.7 (2 $\times$ CH), 122.0 (C), 85.1 (C), 82.9 (C), 34.0 (CH₂), 21.6 (CH₃), 21.3 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₁₇H₁₇NNaO₂S]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 322.0872, found 322.0875.

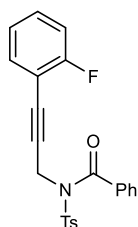


N-[3-(3-Methylphenyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl]-N-tosylbenzamide (1d). A solution of the *N*-tosyl propargyl amine **S1d** (500 mg, 1.67 mmol) in THF (7 mL) was added dropwise to an ice-cooled suspension of NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 80.1 mg, 3.33 mmol) in THF (8 mL). The resulting solution was warmed to room temperature and stirred for *ca.* 1 h. Benzoyl chloride (0.23 mL, 2.01 mmol) was added dropwise and the resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 20 h. The reaction was quenched with brine (20 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2 $\times$ 40 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL), dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (2% to 14% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give the title compound as a yellow oil (655 mg, 97%). $R_f = 0.46$ (40% EtOAc/petroleum ether); IR 2921, 1687 (C=O), 1598, 1485, 1355, 1239, 1165, 1069, 948, 783 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01-7.98 (2H, m, ArH), 7.60-7.57 (2H, m, ArH), 7.53-7.48 (1H, m, ArH), 7.43-7.38 (2H, m, ArH), 7.29-7.26 (2H, m, ArH), 7.22-7.11 (4H, m, ArH), 4.80 (2H, s, CH₂), 2.41 (3H, s, ArCH₃), 2.33 (3H, s, ArCH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.9 (C), 145.0 (C), 138.2 (C), 135.9 (C), 134.3 (C), 132.4 (CH), 131.9 (CH), 129.8 (CH), 129.5 (2 $\times$ CH), 129.2 (2 $\times$ CH), 128.9 (CH), 128.6 (2 $\times$ CH), 128.4 (CH), 128.0 (2 $\times$ CH), 122.0 (C), 85.4 (C), 83.5 (C), 39.0 (CH₂), 21.8 (CH₃), 21.4 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₂₄H₂₁NO₃SNa]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 426.1134, found 426.1149.

Preparation of Substrate 1e

**N-[3-(2-Fluorophenyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl]-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (S1e).**

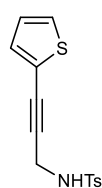
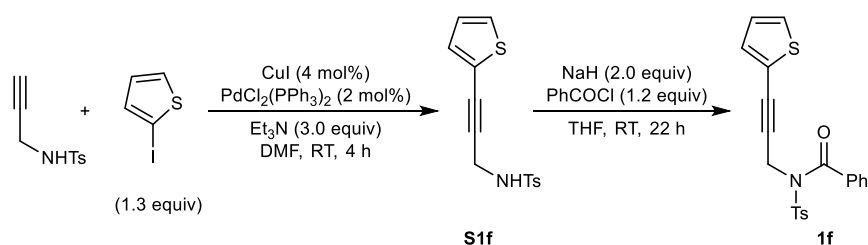
To a stirred solution of $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ (168 mg, 0.240 mmol) and CuI (91.4 mg, 0.480 mmol) in DMF (6 mL) was added freshly degassed Et_3N (1.3 mL, 9.33 mmol) and 2-fluoriodobenzene (0.84 mL, 7.20 mmol) under a nitrogen atmosphere. A solution of 4-methyl-*N*-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide (1.00 g, 4.80 mmol) in DMF (4 mL) was added and the resulting solution was stirred at 40 °C for 3 h. The reaction was quenched with 50% brine (100 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 $\times$ 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 solution (2 $\times$ 100 mL), dried (MgSO_4), filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (20% to 30% EtOAc /petroleum ether) to give the title compound as a pale brown solid (778 mg, 53%). R_f = 0.35 (40% EtOAc /petroleum ether); m.p. 125-126 °C (Et_2O); IR 3283 (NH), 1597, 1490, 1428, 1326, 1255, 1213, 1150, 813, 763 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 8.17-8.14 (1H, m, NH), 7.73 (2H, d, J = 8.3 Hz, ArH), 7.43-7.37 (1H, m, ArH), 7.34-7.31 (2H, m, ArH), 7.25-7.08 (3H, m, ArH), 4.00 (2H, d, J = 5.3 Hz, CH_2), 2.28 (3H, s, ArCH_3); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 161.8 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 249.6 Hz, C), 142.8 (C), 137.8 (C), 133.4 (CH), 130.8 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 8.1 Hz, CH), 129.4 (2 $\times$ CH), 126.8 (2 $\times$ CH), 124.5 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.5 Hz, CH), 115.6 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 20.6 Hz, CH), 110.1 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 15.4 Hz, C), 90.4 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.2 Hz, C), 76.6 (C), 32.6 (CH_2), 20.9 (CH_3); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -110.1 (s); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for $[\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{FNO}_2\text{SNa}]^+ [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 326.0621, found 326.0620.

**N-[3-(2-Fluorophenyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl]-N-tosylbenzamide (1e).**

A solution of the *N*-tosyl propargyl amine **S1e** (500 mg, 1.65 mmol) in THF (7 mL) was added dropwise to an ice-cooled suspension of NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 79.2 mg, 3.30 mmol) in THF (8 mL). The resulting solution was warmed to room temperature and stirred for *ca.* 1 h. Benzoyl chloride (0.23 mL, 1.98 mmol) was added dropwise and the resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 20 h. The reaction was quenched with brine (20 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2 $\times$ 40 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL), dried (MgSO_4), filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (10% to 35% EtOAc /petroleum ether) to give the title compound as an orange solid (514 mg, 77%). R_f = 0.49 (40% EtOAc /petroleum ether); m.p. 100-101 °C (Et_2O); IR

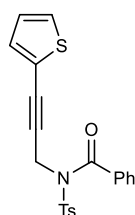
1692 (C=O), 1492, 1350, 1314, 1245, 1185, 1162, 1072, 781, 752 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.99 (2H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, ArH), 7.60-7.57 (2H, m, ArH), 7.52-7.47 (1H, m, ArH), 7.42-7.26 (6H, m, ArH), 7.12-7.06 (2H, m, ArH), 4.84 (2H, s, CH_2), 2.40 (3H, s, ArCH_3); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.7 (C), 163.1 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 252.0 Hz, C), 145.1 (C), 135.7 (C), 134.2 (C), 133.7 (CH), 131.9 (CH), 130.7 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 8.1 Hz, CH), 129.5 (2 $\times$ CH), 129.1 (2 $\times$ CH), 128.5 (2 $\times$ CH), 127.9 (2 $\times$ CH), 124.1 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.7 Hz, CH), 115.7 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 20.64 Hz, CH), 110.8 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 15.4 Hz, C), 89.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.3 Hz, C), 78.6 (C), 38.8 (CH_2), 21.8 (CH_3); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -110.0 (s); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for $[\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{18}\text{FNO}_3\text{SNa}]^+ [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 430.0884, found 430.0885.

Preparation of Substrate 1f



4-Methyl-N-[3-(2-thienyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl]benzenesulfonamide (S1f).

To a stirred solution of $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ (67.4 mg, 0.096 mmol), CuI (36.6 mg, 0.192 mmol) and *N*-tosyl propargyl amine (1.00 g, 4.80 mmol) in THF (0.2 M) was added degassed Et_3N (2.0 mL, 14.4 mmol) and 2-iodothiophene (0.69 mL, 6.24 mmol) under a nitrogen atmosphere and the resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 4 h. The reaction was filtered through celite and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (30% EtOAc /petroleum ether) to give the title compound as a brown solid (860 mg, 62%). R_f = 0.59 (40% EtOAc /petroleum ether); m.p. 137-138 $^\circ\text{C}$ (Et_2O); IR 3268 (NH), 1596, 1492, 1417, 1337, 1319, 1156, 1038, 813, 674 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.83-7.77 (2H, m, ArH), 7.31-7.27 (2H, m, ArH), 7.21 (1H, dd, J = 5.1, 1.2 Hz, ArH), 6.97 (1H, dd, J = 3.6, 1.2 Hz, ArH), 6.91 (1H, dd, J = 5.1, 3.6 Hz, ArH), 4.68 (1H, t, J = 6.2 Hz, NH), 4.09 (2H, d, J = 6.2 Hz, CH_2), 2.38 (3H, s, ArCH_3); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.0 (C), 136.8 (C), 132.5 (CH), 129.9 (2 $\times$ CH), 127.59 (2 $\times$ CH), 127.57 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 122.1 (C), 87.2 (C), 78.2 (C), 34.1 (CH_2), 21.7 (CH_3); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{NNaO}_2\text{S}_2]^+ [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 314.0280, found 314.0278.

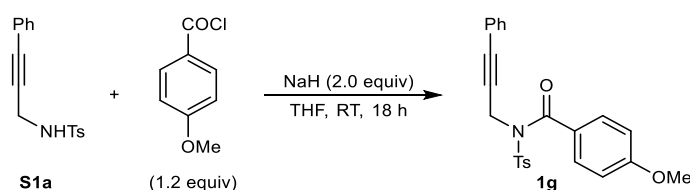


N-[3-(2-Thienyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl]-*N*-tosylbenzamide (1f).

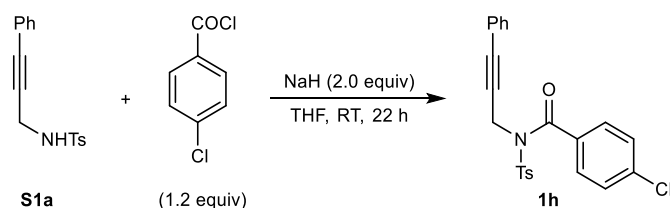
A solution of the *N*-tosyl propargyl amine **S1f** (500 mg, 1.72 mmol) in THF (7 mL) was added dropwise to an ice-cooled suspension of NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 82.5 mg, 3.44 mmol) in THF (8 mL). The resulting solution was warmed to room temperature and stirred for

ca. 1 h. Benzoyl chloride (0.24 mL, 2.06 mmol) was added dropwise and the resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 22 h. The reaction was quenched with brine (20 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2 × 40 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL), dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (5% to 30% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give the title compound as a yellow solid (482 mg, 70%). R_f = 0.42 (40% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 103-104 °C (Et₂O); IR 3090, 2924, 2229 (C≡C), 1688 (C=O), 1595, 1352, 1312, 1243, 1159, 1069 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.97-7.94 (2H, m, ArH), 7.57-7.49 (3H, m, ArH), 7.43-7.38 (2H, m, ArH), 7.30-7.27 (3H, m, ArH), 7.14 (1H, dd, J = 3.6, 1.2 Hz, ArH), 6.98 (1H, dd, J = 5.2, 3.6 Hz, ArH), 4.82 (2H, s, CH₂), 2.42 (3H, s, ArCH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.8 (C), 145.2 (C), 135.8 (C), 134.3 (C), 132.9 (CH), 131.9 (CH), 129.6 (2 × CH), 129.1 (2 × CH), 128.6 (2 × CH), 128.0 (2 × CH), 127.8 (CH), 127.1 (CH), 122.1 (C), 87.8 (C), 78.5 (C), 39.0 (CH₂), 21.8 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₂₁H₁₇NO₃S₂Na]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 418.0542, found 418.0541.

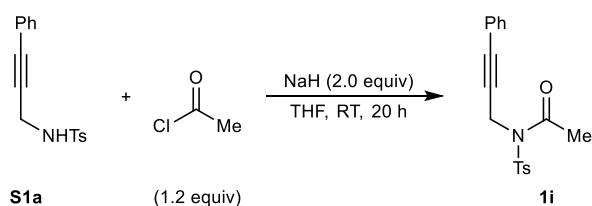
4-Methoxy-*N*-(3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)-*N*-tosylbenzamide (**1g**)



A solution of the *N*-tosyl propargyl amine **S1a** (500 mg, 1.75 mmol) in THF (7 mL) was added dropwise to an ice-cooled suspension of NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 84.0 mg, 3.50 mmol) in THF (8 mL). The resulting solution was warmed to room temperature and stirred for ca. 1 h. 4-Methoxybenzoyl chloride (0.28 mL, 2.10 mmol) was added dropwise and the resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 18 h. The reaction was quenched with brine (20 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2 × 40 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL), dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (20% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give the title compound as a white solid (415 mg, 56%). R_f = 0.59 (40% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 94-95 °C (Et₂O); IR 2928, 2835, 1789, 1682 (C=O), 1602, 1357, 1305, 1243, 1166, 1088 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03-7.93 (2H, m, ArH), 7.70-7.62 (2H, m, ArH), 7.36-7.25 (7H, m, ArH), 6.94-6.87 (2H, m, ArH), 4.79 (2H, s, CH₂), 3.85 (3H, s, OCH₃), 2.39 (3H, s, ArCH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.6 (C), 162.9 (C), 144.9 (C), 136.0 (C), 131.8 (2 × CH), 130.9 (2 × CH), 129.5 (2 × CH), 129.1 (2 × CH), 128.8 (CH), 128.4 (2 × CH), 126.2 (C), 122.2 (C), 113.9 (2 × CH), 85.1 (C), 83.8 (C), 55.6 (CH₃), 39.3 (CH₂), 21.8 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₂₄H₂₂NO₄SNa]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 442.1083, found 442.1075.

4-Chloro-N-(3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)-N-tosylbenzamide (1h)

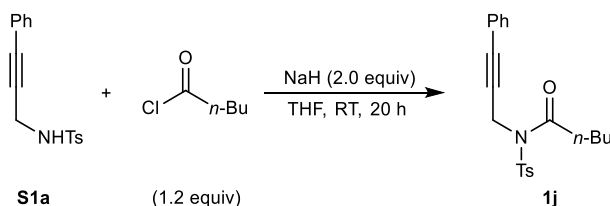
A solution of the *N*-tosyl propargyl amine **S1a** (500 mg, 1.75 mmol) in THF (7 mL) was added dropwise to an ice-cooled suspension of NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 84.0 mg, 3.50 mmol) in THF (8 mL). The resulting solution was warmed to room temperature and stirred for *ca.* 1 h. 4-Chlorobenzoyl chloride (0.27 mL, 2.10 mmol) was added dropwise and the resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 22 h. The reaction was quenched with brine (20 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2 × 40 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL), dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (10% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give the title compound as a pale yellow solid (482 mg, 70%). *R*_f = 0.61 (40% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 110-111 °C (Et₂O); IR 2917, 1787, 1698 (C=O), 1590, 1488, 1422, 1365, 1312, 1235, 940 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96-7.92 (2H, m, ArH), 7.55-7.52 (2H, m, ArH), 7.40-7.27 (9H, m, ArH), 4.78 (2H, s, CH₂), 2.41 (3H, s, ArCH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.9 (C), 145.3 (C), 138.3 (C), 135.7 (C), 132.8 (C), 131.8 (2 × CH), 129.62 (2 × CH), 129.60 (2 × CH), 129.1 (2 × CH), 129.0 (CH), 128.9 (2 × CH), 128.5 (2 × CH), 122.1 (C), 85.3 (C), 83.6 (C), 38.8 (CH₂), 21.8 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₂₃H₁₈ClINO₃SNa]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 446.0588, found 446.0604.

N-(3-Phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)-N-tosylacetamide (1i)

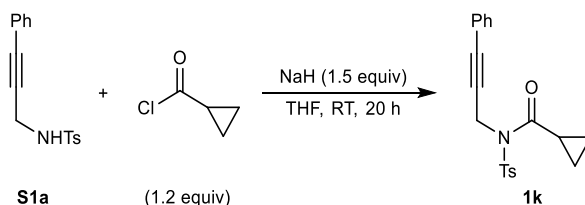
A solution of the *N*-tosyl propargyl amine **S1a** (500 mg, 1.75 mmol) in THF (7 mL) was added dropwise to an ice-cooled suspension of NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 84.0 mg, 3.50 mmol) in THF (8 mL). The resulting solution was warmed to room temperature and stirred for *ca.* 1 h. Acetyl chloride (0.15 mL, 2.10 mmol) was added dropwise and the resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 20 h. The reaction was quenched with brine (20 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2 × 40 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL), dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (5% to 20% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give the title compound as a pale yellow solid (529 mg, 92). *R*_f =

0.43 (35% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 94-96 °C (Et₂O); IR 2989, 1706 (C=O), 1345, 1243, 1158, 1085, 1043 864, 813, 754 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01-7.94 (2H, m, ArH), 7.37-7.29 (7H, m, ArH), 4.90 (2H, s, CH₂), 2.41 (3H, s, ArCH₃), 2.37 (3H, s, ArCH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.6 (C), 145.2 (C), 136.4 (C), 131.9 (2 × CH), 129.9 (2 × CH), 128.8 (CH), 128.4 (2 × CH), 128.3 (2 × CH), 122.3 (C), 84.3 (C), 83.8 (C), 36.5 (CH₂), 24.8 (CH₃), 21.8 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₁₈H₁₇NO₃SNa]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 350.0821, measured 350.0818.

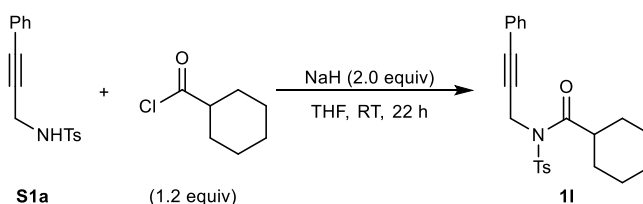
N-(3-Phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)-*N*-tosylpentanamide (**1j**)



A solution of the *N*-tosyl propargyl amine **S1a** (500 mg, 1.75 mmol) in THF (7 mL) was added dropwise to an ice-cooled suspension of NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 84.0 mg, 3.50 mmol) in THF (8 mL). The resulting solution was warmed to room temperature and stirred for *ca.* 1 h. Valeroyl chloride (0.25 mL, 2.10 mmol) was added dropwise and the resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 20 h. The reaction was quenched with brine (20 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2 × 40 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL), dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (2% to 14% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give the title compound as a yellow solid (420 mg, 65%). *R*_f = 0.51 (40% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 53-54 °C (Et₂O); IR 2934, 2875, 1703 (C=O), 1343, 1173, 1147, 1087, 1052, 860, 756 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05-7.87 (2H, m, ArH), 7.40-7.27 (7H, m, ArH), 4.91 (2H, s, CH₂), 2.66-2.61 (2H, m, CH₂), 2.41 (3H, s, ArCH₃), 1.65-1.50 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.37-1.16 (2H, m, CH₂), 0.84 (3H, t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, CH₂CH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.6 (C), 145.0 (C), 136.6 (C), 131.8 (2 × CH), 129.7 (2 × CH), 128.8 (CH), 128.4 (2 × CH), 128.3 (2 × CH), 122.3 (C), 84.4 (C), 84.0 (C), 36.3 (CH₂), 35.8 (CH₂), 26.5 (CH₂), 22.2 (CH₂), 21.7 (CH₃), 13.8 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₂₁H₂₃NO₃SNa]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 392.1291, measured 392.1302.

N-(3-Phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)-N-tosylpentanamide (1k)

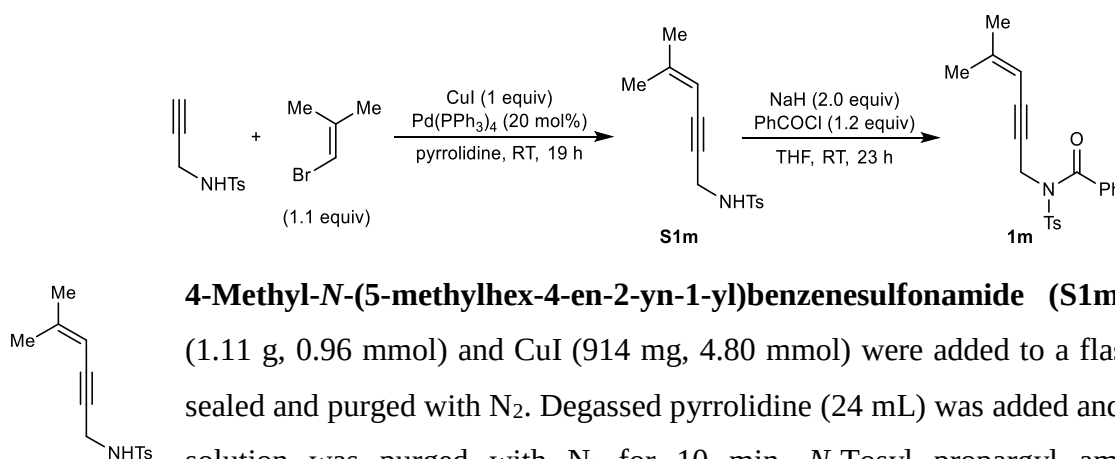
A solution of the *N*-tosyl propargyl amine **S1a** (500 mg, 1.75 mmol) in THF (7 mL) was added dropwise to an ice-cooled suspension of NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 140 mg, 3.50 mmol) in THF (8 mL). The resulting solution was warmed to room temperature and stirred for *ca.* 1 h. Cyclopropanecarbonyl chloride (0.19 mL, 2.10 mmol) was added dropwise and the resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 17 h. The reaction was quenched with brine (20 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2 × 40 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL), dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (15% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give the title compound as a pale yellow solid (539 mg, 87%). *R*_f = 0.50 (40% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 106-108 °C (Et₂O); IR 2919, 1683 (C=O), 1596, 1490, 1355, 1156, 1043, 711, 662, 578 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04-7.89 (2H, m, ArH), 7.40-7.26 (7H, m, ArH), 4.97 (2H, s, CH₂), 2.41 (3H, s, ArCH₃), 2.35 (1H, tt, *J* = 7.8, 4.6 Hz, CHC=O), 1.08-0.99 (2H, m, cyclopropylH), 0.89-0.79 (2H, m, cyclopropylH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.3 (C), 144.9 (C), 136.8 (C), 131.8 (2 × CH), 129.7 (2 × CH), 128.7 (CH), 128.4 (2 × CH), 128.1 (2 × CH), 122.4 (C), 84.3 (C), 84.1 (C), 36.4 (CH₂), 21.7 (CH₃), 14.4 (CH), 10.6 (2 × CH₂); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₂₀H₁₉NO₃SNa]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 376.0978, found 376.0979.

N-(3-Phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)-N-tosylcyclohexanecarboxamide (1l)

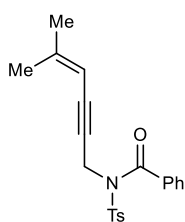
A solution of the *N*-tosyl propargyl amine **S1a** (500 mg, 1.75 mmol) in THF (7 mL) was added dropwise to an ice-cooled suspension of NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 84.0 mg, 3.50 mmol) in THF (8 mL). The resulting solution was warmed to room temperature and stirred for *ca.* 1 h. Cyclohexanecarbonyl chloride (0.28 mL, 2.10 mmol) was added dropwise and the resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 22 h. The reaction was quenched with brine (20 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2 × 40 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL), dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column

chromatography (10% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give the title compound as a yellow solid (692 mg, >99%). $R_f = 0.57$ (40% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 94-95 °C (Et₂O); IR 2935, 1697 (C=O), 1596, 1511, 1353, 1294, 1163, 1134, 1085, 545 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03-7.90 (2H, m, ArH), 7.39-7.27 (7H, m, ArH), 4.92 (2H, s, CH₂), 2.91 (1H, tt, $J = 11.4, 3.3$ Hz, CHC=O) 2.41 (3H, s, ArCH₃), 1.78-1.67 (2H, m, cyclohexylH), 1.67-1.58 (3H, m, cyclohexylH), 1.46-1.32 (2H, m, cyclohexylH), 1.23-1.09 (3H, m, cyclohexylH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.1 (C), 144.9 (C), 137.0 (C), 131.8 (2 $\times$ CH), 129.7 (2 $\times$ CH), 128.8 (CH), 128.5 (2 $\times$ CH), 128.1 (2 $\times$ CH), 122.4 (C), 84.4 (C), 84.3 (C), 44.2 (CH), 36.1 (CH₂), 29.4 (2 $\times$ CH₂), 25.63 (CH₂), 25.60 (2 $\times$ CH₂), 21.8 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₂₃H₂₅NO₃SNa]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 418.1444, found 418.1447.

Preparation of Substrate 1m

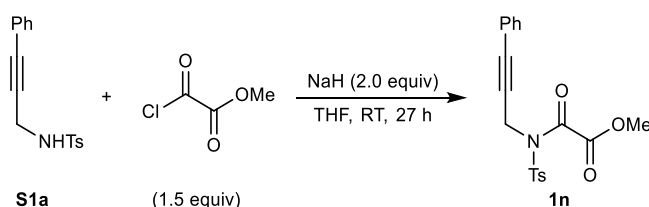


4-Methyl-N-(5-methylhex-4-en-2-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide (S1m). Pd(PPh₃)₄ (1.11 g, 0.96 mmol) and CuI (914 mg, 4.80 mmol) were added to a flask which was sealed and purged with N₂. Degassed pyrrolidine (24 mL) was added and the resulting solution was purged with N₂ for 10 min. *N*-Tosyl propargyl amine (1.00 g, 4.80 mmol) and 1-bromo-2-methyl-1-propene (0.54 mL, 5.28 mmol) were added, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 19 h. The reaction was quenched with distilled water (100 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2 $\times$ 100 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL), dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (1% to 17% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give the title compound as a dark brown solid (277 mg, 22%). $R_f = 0.46$ (40% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 63-65 °C (Et₂O); IR 3280 (NH), 2920, 1597, 1432, 1323, 1153, 1090, 1036, 812, 667 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80-7.72 (2H, m, ArH), 7.34-7.28 (2H, m, ArH), 5.01-4.99 (1H, m, (CH₃)₂C=CH), 4.93 (1H, br s, NH), 3.95 (2H, d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, NCH₂), 2.39 (3H, s, ArCH₃), 1.72 (3H, s, =C(CH₃)₂), 1.68 (3H, s, =C(CH₃)₂); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.6 (C), 143.6 (C), 136.8 (C), 129.7 (2 $\times$ CH), 127.5 (2 $\times$ CH), 104.2 (CH), 85.1 (C), 82.8 (C), 34.0 (CH₂), 24.8 (CH₃), 21.6 (CH₃), 20.9 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₁₄H₁₇NO₂SNa]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 286.0872, found 286.0872.



***N*-(5-Methylhex-4-en-2-yn-1-yl)-*N*-tosylbenzamide (**1m**).** A solution of the *N*-tosyl propargyl amine **S1m** (200 mg, 0.759 mmol) in THF (3 mL) was added dropwise to an ice-cooled suspension of NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 36.5 mg, 1.52 mmol) in THF (4 mL). The resulting solution was warmed to room temperature and stirred for *ca.* 1 h. Benzoyl chloride (0.11 mL, 0.947 mmol) was added dropwise and the resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 23 h. The reaction was quenched with brine (10 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2 × 20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (5% to 20% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give the title compound as a pale yellow solid (156 mg, 56%). *R*_f = 0.33 (30% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 90-91 °C (Et₂O); IR 2933, 1695 (C=O), 1438, 1352, 1292, 1238, 1165, 1064, 811, 725 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96-7.93 (2H, m, ArH), 7.57-7.55 (2H, m, ArH), 7.51-7.47 (1H, m, ArH), 7.40-7.36 (2H, m, ArH), 7.31-7.27 (2H, m, ArH), 5.22-5.19 (1H, m, (CH₃)₂C=CH), 4.72 (2H, d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, CH₂), 2.43 (3H, s, ArCH₃), 1.81 (3H, s, =C(CH₃)₂), 1.80 (3H, s, =C(CH₃)₂); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.8 (C), 150.5 (C), 144.9 (C), 136.0 (C), 134.3 (C), 131.8 (CH), 129.4 (2 × CH), 129.2 (2 × CH), 128.5 (2 × CH), 128.0 (2 × CH), 104.4 (CH), 85.6 (C), 83.3 (C), 39.2 (CH₂), 25.0 (CH₃), 21.8 (CH₃), 21.2 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₂₁H₂₁NO₃SNa]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 368.1315, found 368.1316.

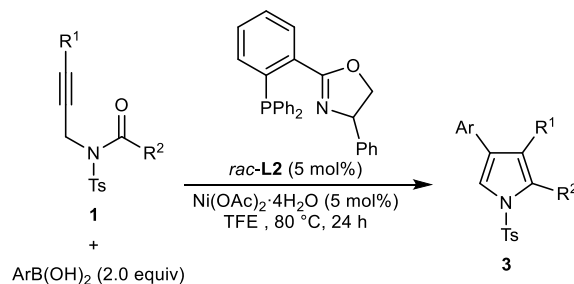
Methyl 2-[[4-methyl-*N*-(3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)phenyl]sulfonamido]-2-oxoacetate (1n**)**



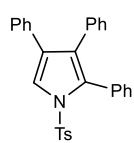
A solution of the *N*-tosyl propargyl amine **S1a** (500 mg, 1.75 mmol) in THF (7 mL) was added dropwise to an ice-cooled suspension of NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 84.0 mg, 3.50 mmol) in THF (8 mL). The resulting solution was warmed to room temperature and stirred for *ca.* 1 h. Methyl oxalyl chloride (0.24 mL, 2.60 mmol) was added dropwise and the resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 27 h. The reaction was quenched with brine (20 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2 × 40 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL), dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (3% to 10% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give the title compound as a pale yellow solid (440 mg, 68%). *R*_f = 0.45 (40% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 101-103 °C (Et₂O); IR 2958, 1758, 1682 (C=O), 1373, 1325, 1155, 866, 803, 669, 583 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08-7.92 (2H, m, ArH), 7.34-7.26 (3H, m, ArH), 7.26-7.20 (2H, m, ArH), 7.16-7.04 (2H, m, ArH), 4.72 (2H, s,

CH₂), 3.98 (3H, s, OCH₃), 2.35 (3H, s, ArCH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.8 (C), 160.3 (C), 146.2 (C), 134.7 (C), 131.8 (2 × CH), 130.1 (2 × CH), 128.8 (2 × CH), 128.7 (CH), 128.2 (2 × CH), 122.0 (C), 84.7 (C), 81.3 (C), 53.5 (CH₃), 34.8 (CH₂), 21.8 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₁₉H₁₇NO₅SNa]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 394.0720, found 394.0715.

4. Nickel-Catalyzed Synthesis of Pyrroles: General Procedure A



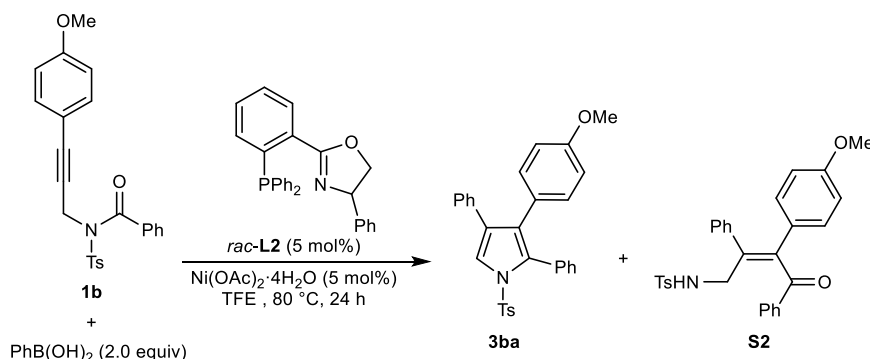
An oven-dried microwave vial fitted with a stirrer bar was charged with the appropriate substrate **1** (0.30 mmol), arylboronic acid (0.60 mmol), Ni(OAc)₂·4H₂O (3.7 mg, 0.015 mmol) and *rac*-**L2** (6.1 mg, 0.015 mmol). The vial was capped with a crimp cap PTFE seal and evacuated and back filled with argon (3 cycles). TFE (3 mL) which had been freshly degassed (using a stream of argon for 20 min) was added, the septum was sealed with PTFE tape, and the contents were stirred at room temperature for 10 min and then at 80 °C for 24 h. The reaction was cooled to room temperature, quenched with 50% brine (10 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (5 × 10 mL). (Extraction of the aqueous layer 5 times using EtOAc is essential for high yields.) The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/petroleum ether to give the pyrrole **3**.



2,3,4-Triphenyl-1-tosyl-1H-pyrrole (3aa).¹⁰ The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure A, using propargyl amide **1a** (117 mg, 0.30 mmol) and phenylboronic acid (73.2 mg, 0.60 mmol), and purified by column chromatography (5% to 15% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give a white solid (125 mg, 93%). *R*_f = 0.57 (40% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 193-194 °C (Et₂O); IR 3138, 3059, 2922, 1597, 1365, 1192, 1168, 1101, 1071, 731 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (1H, s, ArH), 7.32-7.28 (2H, m, ArH), 7.26-7.19 (4H, m, ArH), 7.19-7.11 (6H, m, ArH), 7.09-6.99 (5H, m, ArH), 6.90-6.83 (2H, m, ArH), 2.38 (3H, s, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.9 (C), 135.9 (C), 133.9 (C), 133.5 (C), 132.8 (2 × CH), 132.3 (C), 130.6 (2 × CH), 130.3 (C), 129.6 (2 × CH), 128.6 (2 × CH), 128.4 (3 × CH), 127.84 (C), 127.79 (2 × CH), 127.7 (2 × CH), 127.3 (2 × CH), 127.1 (C), 126.8 (CH), 126.5 (CH), 120.0 (CH), 21.8 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₂₉H₂₃NO₂SNa]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 472.1374, found: 472.1335.

These data are consistent with those reported previously.¹⁰

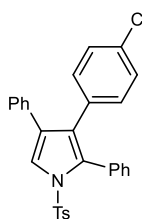
3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2,4-diphenyl-1-tosyl-1H-pyrrole (3ba) and (Z)-N-(3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-oxo-2,4-diphenylbut-2-en-1-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (S2)



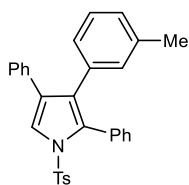
General Procedure A was followed using propargyl amide **1b** (126 mg, 0.30 mmol) and phenylboronic acid (73.2 mg, 0.60 mmol). Purification by column chromatography (20% to 40% EtOAc/ petroleum ether) gave pyrrole **3ba** a white solid (78.1 mg, 54%) followed by alkene **S2** as a pale yellow solid that had small traces of inseparable, unidentified impurities (33.0 mg, *ca.* 23%).

Data for 3ba: R_f = 0.54 (40% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 167-169 °C (Et₂O); IR 2920, 1598, 1509, 1375, 1241, 1170, 1097, 1029, 698, 584 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 (1H, s, ArH), 7.32-7.28 (2H, m, ArH), 7.26-7.10 (10H, m, ArH), 7.04-6.99 (2H, m, ArH), 6.82-6.72 (2H, m, ArH), 6.66-6.52 (2H, m, ArH), 3.68 (3H, s, OCH₃), 2.38 (3H, s, ArCH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.2 (C), 144.8 (C), 135.9 (C), 134.0 (C), 132.8 (2 × CH), 132.0 (C), 131.6 (2 × CH), 130.5 (C), 129.6 (2 × CH), 128.6 (2 × CH), 128.4 (2 × CH), 128.3 (CH), 127.7 (2 × CH), 127.5 (C), 127.3 (2 × CH), 127.1 (C), 126.8 (CH), 125.7 (C), 120.0 (CH), 113.3 (2 × CH), 55.1 (CH₃), 21.8 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₃₀H₂₅NO₃SNa]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 502.1447, found 502.1438.

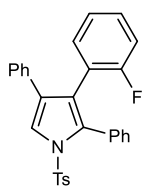
Data for S2: R_f = 0.27 (40% EtOAc/petroleum ether); IR 3357 (NH), 1671, 1607, 1509, 1476, 1287, 1249, 1131, 1029, 733 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.14 (1H, s, NH), 8.12-8.04 (2H, m, ArH), 7.60-7.50 (5H, m, ArH), 7.09-7.05 (4H, m, ArH), 6.96-6.89 (3H, m, ArH), 6.72-6.67 (2H, m, ArH), 6.64-6.59 (2H, m, ArH), 4.54 (2H, s, CH₂), 3.70 (3H, s, OCH₃), 2.31 (3H, s, ArCH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.6 (C), 159.3 (C), 145.1 (C), 141.0 (C), 139.3 (C), 135.3 (C), 133.4 (C), 132.4 (CH), 130.9 (2 × CH), 129.8 (2 × CH), 129.7 (2 × CH), 128.9 (2 × CH), 128.3 (C), 128.2 (2 × CH), 128.0 (2 × CH), 127.8 (2 × CH), 126.4 (CH), 117.9 (C), 113.5 (2 × CH), 62.7 (CH₂), 55.2 (CH₃), 21.7 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₃₀H₂₇NO₄SNa]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 520.1553, found 520.1553.



3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2,4-diphenyl-1-tosyl-1H-pyrrole (3ca). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure A, using propargyl amide **1c** (127 mg, 0.30 mmol) and phenylboronic acid (73.2 mg, 0.60 mmol), and purified by column chromatography (15% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give a white solid (134 mg, 92%). R_f = 0.56 (40% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 194-196 °C (Et₂O); IR 2921, 1595, 1534, 1488, 1361, 1167, 1088, 1029, 592, 541 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (1H, s, ArH), 7.32-7.27 (3H, m, ArH), 7.26-7.22 (3H, m, ArH), 7.20-7.11 (6H, m, ArH), 7.03-6.96 (4H, m, ArH), 6.78 (2H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, ArH), 2.38 (3H, s, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.0 (C), 135.7 (C), 133.5 (C), 132.7 (2 $\times$ CH), 132.4 (C), 132.3 (C), 132.0 (C), 131.8 (2 $\times$ CH), 130.0 (C), 129.6 (2 $\times$ CH), 128.58 (2 $\times$ CH), 128.55 (CH), 128.5 (2 $\times$ CH), 128.1 (2 $\times$ CH), 127.7 (2 $\times$ CH), 127.5 (2 $\times$ CH), 127.0 (CH), 126.8 (C), 126.5 (C), 120.1 (CH), 21.8 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₂₉H₂₂ClNO₂SNa]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 506.0952, found 506.0952.

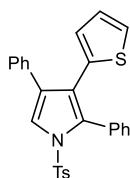


2,4-Diphenyl-3-(3-methylphenyl)-1-tosyl-1H-pyrrole (3da). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure A, using propargyl amide **1d** (121 mg, 0.30 mmol) and phenylboronic acid (73.2 mg, 0.60 mmol), and purified by column chromatography (20% EtOAc/ petroleum ether) to give a yellow solid (125 mg, 90%). R_f = 0.62 (40% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 153-155 °C (Et₂O); IR 2922, 1597, 1492, 1444, 1362, 1166, 1092, 776, 671, 591 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (1H, s, ArH), 7.32-7.28 (2H, m, ArH), 7.26-7.10 (10H, m, ArH), 7.04-6.99 (2H, m, ArH), 6.95-6.83 (2H, m, ArH), 6.68-6.63 (2H, m, ArH), 2.38 (3H, s, CH₃), 2.06 (3H, s, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.8 (C), 137.1 (C), 135.9 (C), 133.9 (C), 133.3 (C), 132.7 (2 $\times$ CH), 132.2 (C), 131.3 (CH), 130.4 (C), 129.6 (2 $\times$ CH), 128.5 (2 $\times$ CH), 128.28 (3 $\times$ CH), 127.9 (C), 127.64 (3 $\times$ CH), 127.58 (CH), 127.23 (3 $\times$ CH), 127.1 (C), 126.8 (CH), 119.9 (CH), 21.7 (CH₃), 21.3 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₃₀H₂₅NO₂SNa]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 486.1498, found 486.1477.



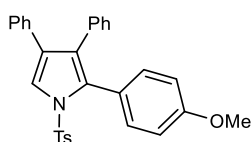
3-(2-Fluorophenyl)-2,4-diphenyl-1-tosyl-1H-pyrrole (3ea). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure A, using propargyl amide **1e** (122 mg, 0.30 mmol) and phenylboronic acid (73.2 mg, 0.60 mmol), and purified by column chromatography (15% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give a pale yellow solid (133 mg, 95%). R_f = 0.59 (40% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 152-153 °C (Et₂O); IR 3034, 1597, 1488, 1445, 1365, 1191, 1167, 699, 670, 589 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (1H, s, ArH), 7.32-7.27 (2H, m, ArH), 7.25-7.06 (11H, m, ArH), 7.03 (2H, d, J = 7.1 Hz, ArH), 6.91 (1H, td, J = 7.4, 2.0 Hz, ArH), 6.88-6.79 (2H, m, ArH), 2.38 (3H, s, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.6 (C), 159.2 (C), 145.0 (C), 135.7 (C), 133.8 (C), 133.5 (C), 132.8 (d, J_{C-F} = 3.3 Hz, CH), 132.2

(2 × CH), 130.0 (C), 129.6 (2 × CH), 129.2 (d, J_{C-F} = 8.0 Hz, CH), 128.4 (2 × CH), 127.60 (2 × CH), 127.56 (2 × CH), 127.5 (CH), 127.2 (2 × CH), 126.9 (CH), 123.7 (d, J_{C-F} = 3.6 Hz, CH), 121.9 (C), 121.7 (d, J_{C-F} = 16.1 Hz, C), 119.7 (CH), 115.4 (d, J_{C-F} = 22.1 Hz, CH), 21.7 (CH₃); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ −112.8 (s); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₂₉H₂₂FNO₂SNa]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 490.1247, found 490.1238.



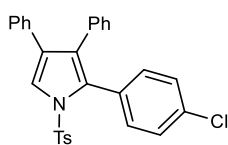
2,4-Diphenyl-3-(2-thienyl)-1-tosyl-1H-pyrrole (3fa). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure A, using propargyl amide **1f** (119 mg, 0.30 mmol) and phenylboronic acid (73.2 mg, 0.60 mmol), and purified by column chromatography (10% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give a white solid (62.7 mg, 46%). R_f

= 0.56 (40% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 142-143 °C (Et₂O); IR 3071, 1728, 1595, 1446, 1165, 1094, 775, 693, 667, 591 cm^{−1}; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 (1H, s, ArH), 7.37-7.26 (8H, m, ArH), 7.25-7.19 (2H, m, ArH), 7.22 -7.13 (2H, m, ArH), 7.15-7.07 (2H, m, ArH), 7.04 (1H, dd, J = 5.1, 1.2 Hz, ArH), 6.74 (1H, dd, J = 5.1, 3.6 Hz, ArH), 6.50 (1H, dd, J = 3.6, 1.2 Hz, ArH), 2.42 (3H, s, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.1 (C), 135.7 (C), 134.6 (C), 133.6 (C), 132.8 (2 × CH), 132.5 (C), 130.0 (C), 129.7 (2 × CH), 128.9 (2 × CH), 128.8 (CH), 128.4 (2 × CH), 127.79 (3 × CH), 127.4 (2 × CH), 127.21 (C), 127.18 (CH), 126.5 (CH), 125.4 (CH), 121.0 (C), 120.0 (CH), 21.8 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₂₇H₂₁NO₂S₂Na]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 478.0906, found 478.0903.

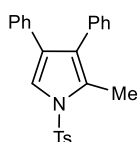


2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3,4-diphenyl-1-tosyl-1H-pyrrole (3ga). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure A, using propargyl amide **1g** (126 mg, 0.30 mmol) and phenylboronic acid (73.2 mg, 0.60 mmol),

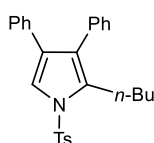
and purified by column chromatography (10% to 15% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give a white solid (112 mg, 78%). R_f = 0.49 (40% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 169-171 °C (Et₂O); IR 2922, 1603, 1490, 1363, 1293, 1249, 1166, 1096, 669, 586 cm^{−1}; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 (1H, s, ArH), 7.34-7.29 (2H, m, ArH), 7.25-7.19 (3H, m, ArH), 7.18-7.12 (4H, m, ArH), 7.08-7.01 (3H, m, ArH), 6.96-6.90 (2H, m, ArH), 6.90-6.83 (2H, m, ArH), 6.72-6.66 (2H, m, ArH), 3.80 (3H, s, OCH₃), 2.38 (3H, s, ArCH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.6 (C), 144.8 (C), 135.9 (C), 134.0 (C), 133.9 (2 × CH), 133.7 (C), 132.1 (C), 130.6 (2 × CH), 129.6 (2 × CH), 128.6 (2 × CH), 128.3 (2 × CH), 127.79 (C), 127.76 (2 × CH), 127.7 (2 × CH), 127.1 (C), 126.8 (CH), 126.4 (CH), 122.5 (C), 119.9 (CH), 112.8 (2 × CH), 55.3 (CH₃), 21.8 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₃₀H₂₅NO₃SNa]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 502.1447, found 502.1447.



2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3,4-diphenyl-1-tosyl-1H-pyrrole (3ha). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure A, using propargyl amide **1h** (127 mg, 0.30 mmol) and phenylboronic acid (73.2 mg, 0.60 mmol), and purified by column chromatography (5% to 10% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give a pale orange solid (135 mg, 93%). R_f = 0.69 (40% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 205-206 °C (Et₂O); IR 3136, 3064, 2922, 1597, 1490, 1365, 1169, 1092, 671, 594 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (1H, s, ArH), 7.36-7.30 (2H, m, ArH), 7.25-7.19 (3H, m, ArH), 7.19-7.12 (6H, m, ArH), 7.10-7.01 (3H, m, ArH), 6.98-6.92 (2H, m, ArH), 6.87-6.81 (2H, m, ArH), 2.39 (3H, s, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.2 (C), 135.8 (C), 134.5 (C), 134.0 (2 $\times$ CH), 133.6 (C), 133.2 (C), 130.9 (C), 130.5 (2 $\times$ CH), 129.7 (2 $\times$ CH), 128.9 (C), 128.5 (2 $\times$ CH), 128.4 (2 $\times$ CH), 128.0 (2 $\times$ CH), 127.7 (2 $\times$ CH), 127.6 (2 $\times$ CH), 127.3 (C), 127.0 (CH), 126.8 (CH), 120.4 (CH), 21.8 (CH₃) (one carbon signal merged with others); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₂₉H₂₂ClNO₂SNa]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 506.0952, found 506.0955.

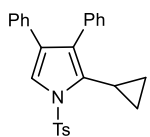


2-Methyl-3,4-diphenyl-1-tosyl-1H-pyrrole (3ia). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure A, using propargyl amide **1i** (98.2 mg, 0.30 mmol) and phenylboronic acid (73.2 mg, 0.60 mmol), and purified by column chromatography (5% to 15% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give a white solid (87.5 mg, 75%). R_f = 0.66 (35% EtOAc/petroleum ether); IR 3057, 2921, 1597, 1359, 1308, 1173, 1158, 1092, 784, 700 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84-7.79 (2H, m, ArH), 7.52 (1H, s, ArH), 7.39-7.28 (5H, m, ArH), 7.24-7.18 (3H, m, ArH), 7.15-7.06 (4H, m, ArH), 2.46 (3H, s, CH₃), 2.31 (3H, s, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.1 (C), 136.3 (C), 134.2 (C), 133.8 (C), 130.6 (2 $\times$ CH), 130.2 (2 $\times$ CH), 128.28 (4 $\times$ CH), 128.2 (2 $\times$ CH), 128.1 (C), 127.3 (2 $\times$ CH), 127.2 (C), 126.9 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 126.5 (C), 118.8 (CH), 21.8 (CH₃), 11.9 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₂₄H₂₁NO₂SNa]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 410.1185, found 410.1180.

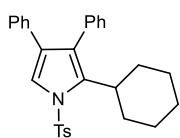


2-Butyl-3,4-diphenyl-1-tosyl-1H-pyrrole (3ja). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure A, using propargyl amide **1j** (111 mg, 0.30 mmol) and phenylboronic acid (73.2 mg, 0.60 mmol), and purified by column chromatography (8% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give a colorless oil (118 mg, 92%). R_f = 0.68 (40% EtOAc/petroleum ether); IR 3031, 2957, 2929, 2870, 1734, 1597, 1365, 1171, 669, 590 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78-7.72 (2H, m, ArH), 7.48 (1H, s, ArH), 7.34-7.30 (2H, m, ArH), 7.30-7.22 (3H, m, ArH), 7.20-7.14 (3H, m, ArH), 7.12-7.06 (4H, m, ArH), 2.71-2.62 (2H, m, CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃), 2.42 (3H, s, ArCH₃), 1.47-1.35 (2H, m, CH₂CH₂CH₃), 1.22-1.10 (2H, m, CH₂CH₃), 0.74 (3H, t, J = 7.3 Hz, CH₂CH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.9 (C), 136.7 (C),

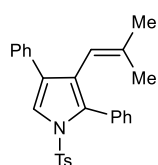
134.5 (C), 133.8 (C), 133.7 (C), 130.5 (2 × CH), 130.1 (2 × CH), 128.3 (2 × CH), 128.2 (2 × CH), 128.1 (2 × CH), 127.6 (C), 127.04 (C), 126.96 (CH), 126.9 (2 × CH), 126.6 (CH), 119.3 (CH), 33.1 (CH₂), 25.4 (CH₂), 22.6 (CH₂), 21.7 (CH₃), 13.7 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₂₇H₂₇NO₂S]⁺ [M+H]⁺: 430.1835, found 430.1828.



2-Cyclopropyl-3,4-diphenyl-1-tosyl-1H-pyrrole (3ka). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure A, using propargyl amide **1k** (106 mg, 0.30 mmol) and phenylboronic acid (73.2 mg, 0.60 mmol), and purified by column chromatography (5% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give a white solid (86.8 mg, 70%). *R_f* = 0.64 (40% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 107-108 °C (Et₂O); IR 3145, 3056, 2923, 1597, 1350, 1170, 746, 699, 670, 580 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88-7.78 (2H, m, ArH), 7.50 (1H, d, *J* = 0.7 Hz, ArH), 7.38-7.32 (2H, m, ArH), 7.26-7.21 (3H, m, ArH), 7.21-7.15 (3H, m, ArH), 7.11-7.04 (4H, m, ArH), 2.45 (3H, s, CH₃), 1.90-1.78 (1H, m, cyclopropylH), 0.64-0.52 (2H, m, cyclopropylH), 0.04-(-0.06) (2H, m, cyclopropylH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.9 (C), 136.7 (C), 134.3 (C), 133.9 (C), 132.6 (C), 130.9 (2 × CH), 130.0 (2 × CH), 128.5 (2 × CH), 128.2 (2 × CH), 127.8 (2 × CH), 127.6 (2 × CH), 127.2 (C), 126.8 (CH), 126.6 (CH), 119.7 (CH), 21.8 (CH₃), 8.7 (2 × CH₂), 7.2 (CH) (one carbon signal merged with others); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₂₆H₂₃NO₂SNa]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 436.1342, found 436.1333.

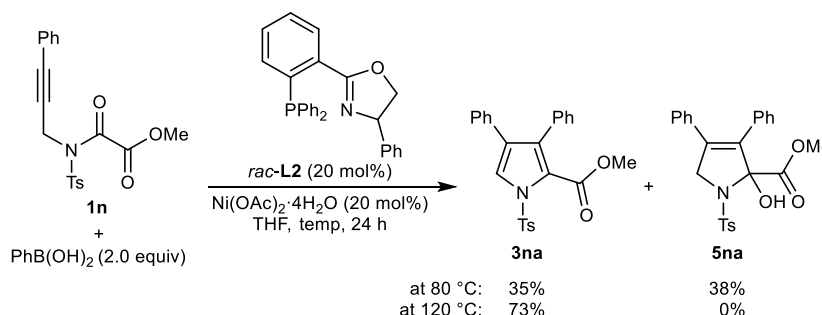


2-Cyclohexyl-3,4-diphenyl-1-tosyl-1H-pyrrole (3la). The title compound was prepared according to a modification of General Procedure A (in that the temperature was 120 °C rather than 80 °C), using propargyl amide **1l** (119 mg, 0.30 mmol) and phenylboronic acid (73.2 mg, 0.60 mmol), and purified by column chromatography (1% to 5% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give a pale orange solid (73.7 mg, 54%). *R_f* = 0.64 (40% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 93-95 °C (Et₂O); IR 3155, 3056, 2924, 2853, 1598, 1446, 1167, 1092, 670, 591 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81-7.73 (2H, m, ArH), 7.57-7.50 (1H, m, ArH), 7.36 (2H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, ArH), 7.29-7.25 (3H, m, ArH), 7.21-7.10 (5H, m, ArH), 7.10-7.02 (2H, m, ArH), 3.21-3.00 (1H, m, CH), 2.46 (3H, s, ArCH₃), 1.59-1.47 (3H, m, cyclohexylH), 1.45-1.33 (2H, m, cyclohexylH), 1.19-1.01 (4H, m, cyclohexylH), 0.91-0.74 (1H, m, cyclohexylH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.0 (C), 137.0 (C), 136.7 (C), 135.7 (C), 134.0 (C), 131.5 (2 × CH), 130.1 (2 × CH), 128.1 (2 × CH), 128.0 (2 × CH), 127.8 (2 × CH), 127.6 (C), 127.20 (CH), 127.17 (2 × CH), 126.6 (C), 126.4 (CH), 118.2 (CH), 37.5 (CH), 32.9 (2 × CH₂), 27.3 (2 × CH₂), 25.8 (CH₂), 21.8 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₂₉H₂₉NO₂SNa]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 478.1811, found 478.1807.



3-(2-Methylprop-1-en-1-yl)-2,4-diphenyl-1-tosyl-1H-pyrrole (3ma). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure A, using propargyl amide **1m** (110 mg, 0.30 mmol) and phenylboronic acid (73.2 mg, 0.60 mmol), and purified by column chromatography (10% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give a white solid (127 mg, 99%). R_f = 0.53 (40% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 153-154 °C (Et₂O); IR 3144, 3053, 2962, 2927, 1597, 1356, 1155, 695, 617, 592 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 (1H, s, ArH), 7.51-7.43 (2H, m, ArH), 7.38-7.26 (5H, m, ArH), 7.26-7.21 (3H, m, ArH), 7.15-7.05 (4H, m, ArH), 5.75-5.69 (1H, m, (CH₃)₂C=CH), 2.36 (3H, s, ArCH₃), 1.58 (3H, d, J = 1.4 Hz, =C(CH₃)₂), 1.07 (3H, d, J = 1.2 Hz, =C(CH₃)₂); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.7 (C), 138.1 (C), 135.8 (C), 134.6 (C), 132.8 (C), 132.1 (2 $\times$ CH), 131.2 (C), 129.5 (2 $\times$ CH), 128.5 (2 $\times$ CH), 128.2 (C), 128.0 (CH), 127.8 (2 $\times$ CH), 127.4 (2 $\times$ CH), 127.3 (2 $\times$ CH), 126.8 (CH), 125.1 (C), 120.1 (CH), 116.1 (CH), 25.4 (CH₃), 21.7 (CH₃), 19.8 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₂₇H₂₅NO₂SNa]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 450.1498, found 450.1495.

Methyl 3,4-diphenyl-1-tosyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (3na) and methyl 3,4-diphenyl-1-tosyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (5na)

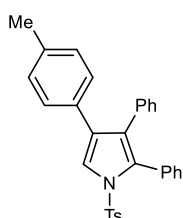


At 80 °C: An oven-dried microwave vial fitted with a stirrer bar was charged with propargyl amide **1n** (186 mg, 0.50 mmol), phenylboronic acid (122 mg, 1.00 mmol), Ni(OAc)₂·4H₂O (24.9 mg, 0.10 mmol) and *rac*-L2 (40.7 mg, 0.10 mmol). The vial was capped with a crimp cap PTFE seal and evacuated and back filled with argon (3 cycles). THF (5 mL) which had been freshly degassed (using stream of argon for 20 min) was added, the septum was resealed with PTFE tape, and the contents were stirred at RT for 10 min followed by 80 °C for 24 h. The reaction was cooled to room temperature and diluted with 50% brine (15 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 $\times$ 15 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (20% EtOAc/ petroleum ether) to give pyrrole **3na** as a pale yellow solid (76.4 mg, 35%) followed by pyrroline **5na** as a yellow oil that had small traces of inseparable, unidentified impurities (85.6 mg, *ca.* 38%).

Data for 3na: R_f = 0.53 (40% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 201-202 °C (Et₂O); IR 3028, 2947, 1723 (C=O), 1596, 1338, 1230, 1118, 816, 759, 667 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02-7.90 (2H, m, ArH), 7.63 (1H, s, ArH), 7.41-7.35 (2H, m, ArH), 7.29-7.26 (2H, m, ArH), 7.25-7.15 (4H, m, ArH), 7.15-7.04 (4H, m, ArH), 3.60 (3H, s, OCH₃), 2.46 (3H, s, ArCH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.5 (C), 145.4 (C), 136.1 (C), 132.9 (C), 132.8 (C), 132.7 (C), 130.1 (2 $\times$ CH), 129.8 (2 $\times$ CH), 128.6 (2 $\times$ CH), 128.4 (2 $\times$ CH), 128.2 (2 $\times$ CH), 128.0 (2 $\times$ CH), 127.7 (CH), 127.5 (C), 127.2 (CH), 123.2 (C), 123.1 (CH), 52.2 (CH₃), 21.9 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₂₅H₂₁NO₄SN⁺Na]⁺: 454.1087, found 454.1083.

Data for 5na: R_f = 0.45 (40% EtOAc/petroleum ether); IR 3472 (OH), 3026, 1742, 1339, 1258, 1155, 752, 696, 667, 575 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94-7.88 (2H, m, ArH), 7.34-7.31 (2H, m, ArH), 7.29-7.27 (2H, m, ArH), 7.25-7.14 (6H, m, ArH), 7.09-7.06 (2H, m, ArH) 5.12 (1H, s, OH), 4.85 (1H, d, J = 13.5 Hz, CH₂), 4.32 (1H, d, J = 13.5 Hz, CH₂), 3.78 (3H, s, OCH₃), 2.42 (3H, s, ArCH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.6 (C), 143.9 (C), 136.8 (2 $\times$ C), 134.1 (C), 132.23 (C), 132.19 (C), 129.7 (2 $\times$ CH), 129.5 (2 $\times$ CH), 128.78 (CH), 128.75 (2 $\times$ CH), 128.6 (CH), 128.5 (2 $\times$ CH), 128.1 (2 $\times$ CH), 127.9 (2 $\times$ CH), 96.2 (C), 54.6 (CH₂), 54.2 (CH₃), 21.7 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₂₅H₂₃NO₅SN⁺Na]⁺: 472.1189, found 472.1190.

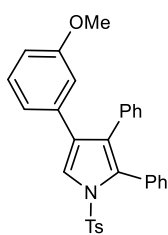
At 120 °C: A modification of General Procedure A (in that a 20 mol% catalyst loading was employed, the temperature was 120 °C rather than 80 °C, and THF was used as the solvent) was followed using propargyl amide **1n** (111 mg, 0.30 mmol), phenylboronic acid (73.2 mg, 0.60 mmol), Ni(OAc)₂·4H₂O (14.9 mg, 0.06 mmol) and *rac*-**L2** (24.4 mg, 0.06 mmol) in THF (3 mL) at 120 °C. Purification by column chromatography (15% EtOAc/petroleum ether) give pyrrole **3na** as a pale yellow solid (93.7 mg, 73%).



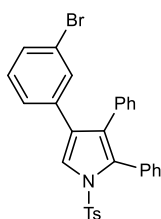
2,3-Diphenyl-4-(4-methylphenyl)-1-tosyl-1H-pyrrole (3ab). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure A, using propargyl amide **1a** (117 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 4-methylphenylboronic acid (81.6 mg, 0.60 mmol), and purified by column chromatography (15% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give a white solid (106 mg, 77%). R_f = 0.42 (35% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 185-187 °C

(Et₂O); IR 3066, 2920, 1368, 1186, 1169, 1099, 1075, 772, 698, 668 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 (1H, s, ArH), 7.32-7.26 (3H, m, ArH), 7.18-7.12 (5H, m, ArH), 7.86-7.00 (8H, m, ArH), 6.91-6.84 (2H, m, ArH), 2.38 (3H, s, CH₃), 2.32 (3H, s, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.8 (C), 136.5 (C), 135.9 (C), 133.6 (C), 132.8 (2 $\times$ CH), 132.2 (C), 130.9 (C), 130.6 (2 $\times$ CH), 130.4 (C), 129.6 (2 $\times$ CH), 129.1 (2 $\times$ CH), 128.4 (2 $\times$ CH), 128.3 (CH), 127.9 (C), 127.8 (2 $\times$ CH),

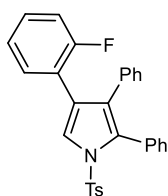
127.7 (2 × CH), 127.3 (2 × CH), 127.1 (C), 126.5 (CH), 119.8 (CH), 21.8 (CH₃), 21.3 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₃₀H₂₅NO₂SNa]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 486.1498, found: 486.1493.



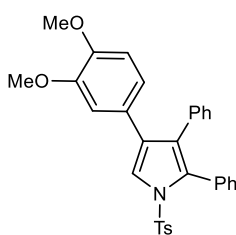
4-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-2,3-diphenyl-1-tosyl-1H-pyrrole (3ac). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure A, using propargyl amide **1a** (117 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 3-methoxyphenylboronic acid (91.2 mg, 0.60 mmol), and purified by column chromatography (5% to 15% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give a white solid (112 mg, 78%). *R_f* = 0.42 (35% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 144-146 °C (Et₂O); IR 3135, 3063, 3011, 2949, 1599, 1375, 1171, 1094, 1067, 1034 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (1H, s, ArH), 7.34-7.26 (3H, m, ArH), 7.20-7.12 (5H, m, ArH), 7.09-7.01 (5H, m, ArH), 6.95-6.89 (2H, m, ArH), 6.85-6.81 (1H, m, ArH), 6.79-6.74 (1H, m, ArH), 6.70-6.65 (1H, m, ArH), 3.60 (3H, s, OCH₃), 2.39 (3H, s, ArCH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.4 (C), 144.9 (C), 135.8 (C), 135.1 (C), 133.6 (C), 132.7 (2 × CH), 132.3 (C), 130.6 (2 × CH), 130.3 (C), 129.6 (2 × CH), 129.3 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 127.9 (C), 127.8 (2 × CH), 127.7 (2 × CH), 127.3 (2 × CH), 126.9 (C), 126.6 (CH), 120.8 (CH), 120.0 (CH), 113.6 (CH), 113.1 (CH), 55.1 (CH₃), 21.8 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₃₀H₂₅NO₃SNa]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 502.1447, found: 502.1448.



4-(3-Bromophenyl)-2,3-diphenyl-1-tosyl-1H-pyrrole (3ad). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure A, using propargyl amide **1a** (117 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 3-bromophenylboronic acid (120.5 mg, 0.60 mmol), and purified by column chromatography (5% to 15% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give a white solid (133 mg, 90%). *R_f* = 0.42 (35% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 177-178 °C (Et₂O); IR 3145, 3040, 2924, 1594, 1366, 1188, 1170, 1101, 1067, 788 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 (1H, s, ArH), 7.41 (1H, t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, ArH), 7.35-7.26 (3H, m, ArH), 7.25-7.23 (1H, m, ArH), 7.20-7.12 (4H, m, ArH), 7.11-6.97 (7H, m, ArH), 6.90-6.82 (2H, m, ArH), 2.38 (3H, s, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.0 (C), 136.1 (C), 135.7 (C), 133.0 (C), 132.7 (2 × CH), 132.4 (C), 131.3 (CH), 130.5 (2 × CH), 130.1 (C), 129.79 (CH), 129.76 (CH), 129.6 (2 × CH), 128.5 (CH), 127.9 (2 × CH), 127.7 (2 × CH), 127.6 (C), 127.4 (2 × CH), 127.2 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 125.5 (C), 122.4 (C), 120.2 (CH), 21.8 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₂₉H₂₂BrNO₂SNa]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 550.0447, found: 550.0441.

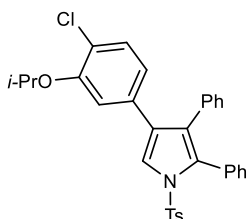


4-(2-Fluorophenyl)-2,3-diphenyl-1-tosyl-1H-pyrrole (3ae). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure A, using propargyl amide **1a** (117 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 2-fluorophenylboronic acid (84.0 mg, 0.60 mmol), and purified by column chromatography (5% to 15% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give a white solid (118 mg, 84%). R_f = 0.42 (40% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 171-173 °C (Et₂O); IR 3166, 3055, 2923, 1370, 1170, 1105, 1068, 780, 752, 699 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, ArH), 7.48-7.40 (3H, m, ArH), 7.37-7.25 (5H, m, ArH), 7.23-7.04 (8H, m, ArH), 7.01-6.90 (2H, m, ArH), 2.51 (3H, s, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.15 (d, J_{C-F} = 247.3 Hz, C), 144.9 (C), 135.7 (C), 133.6 (C), 132.8 (2 $\times$ CH), 131.8 (C), 131.7 (d, J_{C-F} = 3.4 Hz, CH), 130.2 (C), 130.1 (2 $\times$ CH), 129.6 (2 $\times$ CH), 128.6 (d, J_{C-F} = 8.1 Hz, CH), 128.4 (CH), 127.8 (2 $\times$ CH), 127.7 (2 $\times$ CH), 127.3 (2 $\times$ CH), 126.5 (CH), 123.8 (d, J_{C-F} = 3.7 Hz, CH), 122.1 (d, J_{C-F} = 5.4 Hz, CH), 121.6 (d, J_{C-F} = 14.4 Hz, C), 120.1 (C), 115.8 (d, J_{C-F} = 22.3 Hz, CH), 21.8 (CH₃) (one carbon signal merged with others); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -114.3 (s); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₂₉H₂₂FN₂SO₂Na]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 490.1247, found: 490.1236.



4-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-2,3-diphenyl-1-tosyl-1H-pyrrole (3af). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure A, using propargyl amide **1a** (117 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 3,4-dimethoxyphenylboronic acid (109.2 mg, 0.60 mmol), and purified by column chromatography (5% to 15% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give a white solid (103 mg, 67%). R_f = 0.60 (35%

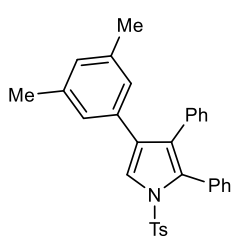
EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 152-154 °C (Et₂O); IR 3122, 3053, 2998, 2928, 2834, 1505, 1374, 1168, 1108, 762 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (1H, s, ArH), 7.35-7.28 (3H, m, ArH), 7.20-7.14 (4H, m, ArH), 7.09-7.02 (5H, m, ArH), 6.96-6.91 (2H, m, ArH), 6.89-6.84 (1H, m, ArH), 6.83-6.78 (1H, m, ArH), 6.56 (1H, d, J = 2.0 Hz, ArH), 3.88 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.55 (3H, s, OCH₃), 2.40 (3H, s, ArCH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.5 (C), 147.9 (C), 144.8 (C), 135.8 (C), 133.7 (C), 132.7 (2 $\times$ CH), 132.2 (C), 130.7 (2 $\times$ CH), 130.3 (C), 129.5 (2 $\times$ CH), 128.3 (CH), 127.9 (C), 127.8 (2 $\times$ CH), 127.6 (2 $\times$ CH), 127.3 (2 $\times$ CH), 126.7 (C), 126.5 (CH), 126.4 (C), 120.4 (CH), 119.2 (CH), 112.0 (CH), 111.1 (CH), 55.9 (CH₃), 55.5 (CH₃), 21.7 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₃₁H₂₇NO₄Na]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 532.1553, found: 532.1545.



4-(4-Chloro-3-isopropoxyphenyl)-2,3-diphenyl-1-tosyl-1H-pyrrole (3ag).

The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure A, using propargyl amide **1a** (117 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 3-chloro-4-isopropoxyphenylboronic acid (128.7 mg, 0.60 mmol), and purified by column chromatography (5% to 15% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give a brown oil (117 mg, 72%).

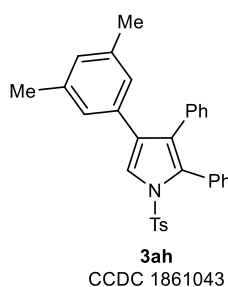
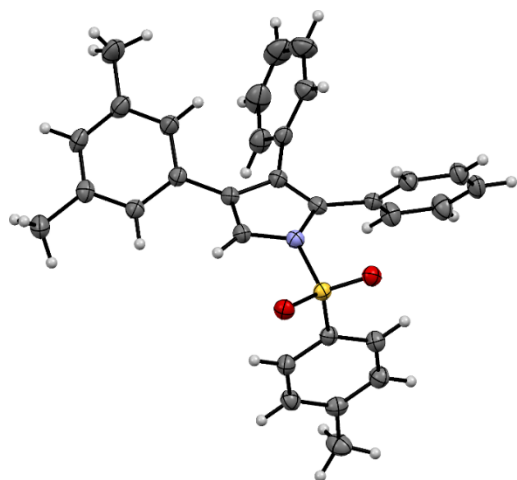
R_f = 0.42 (40% EtOAc/petroleum ether); IR 3060, 2978, 2929, 1490, 1369, 1170, 1102, 907, 728, 696 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.62 (1H, s, ArH), 7.35-7.25 (4H, m, ArH), 7.21-7.12 (4H, m, ArH), 7.05 (5H, m, ArH), 6.94-6.85 (3H, m, ArH), 6.82-6.75 (1H, m, ArH), 4.52 (1H, sept, J = 6.1 Hz, $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}$), 2.39 (3H, s, ArCH₃), 1.37 (6H, d, J = 6.1 Hz, $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}$); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.6 (C), 144.9 (C), 135.7 (C), 133.2 (C), 132.7 (2 $\times$ CH), 132.3 (C), 130.5 (2 $\times$ CH), 130.2 (CH), 129.6 (2 $\times$ CH), 128.4 (CH), 127.9 (2 $\times$ CH), 127.8 (CH), 127.67 (C), 127.65 (2 $\times$ CH), 127.34 (C), 127.30 (2 $\times$ CH), 126.6 (CH), 125.6 (C), 123.9 (C), 119.6 (CH), 115.6 (CH), 72.1 (CH), 22.2 (2 $\times$ CH₃), 21.8 (CH₃) (one carbon signal merged with others); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for $[\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{28}\text{ClNO}_3\text{SNa}]^+ [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 564.1371, found: 564.1376.



4-(3,5-Dimethylphenyl)-2,3-diphenyl-1-tosyl-1H-pyrrole (3ah). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure A, using propargyl amide **1a** (117 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 3,5-dimethylphenylboronic acid (90.0 mg, 0.60 mmol), and purified by column chromatography (5% to 15% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give a white solid (90.9 mg, 63%). R_f = 0.60 (40%

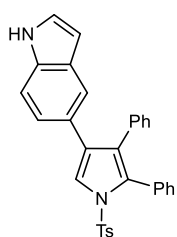
EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 148-150 $^\circ\text{C}$ (Et_2O); IR 3140, 3053, 2919, 1596, 1369, 1189, 1169, 1096, 769, 690 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) 7.64 (1H, s, ArH), 7.32-7.28 (2H, m, ArH), 7.28-7.24 (1H, m, ArH), 7.20-7.11 (4H, m, ArH), 7.07-7.00 (5H, m, ArH), 6.92-6.84 (3H, m, ArH), 6.79 (2H, s, ArH), 2.38 (3H, s, CH₃), 2.20 (6H, s, 2 $\times$ CH₃); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.8 (C), 137.7 (2 $\times$ C), 135.9 (C), 133.6 (C), 132.8 (2 $\times$ CH), 132.1 (C), 130.6 (2 $\times$ CH), 130.4 (C), 129.6 (2 $\times$ CH), 128.5 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 128.0 (C), 127.7 (2 $\times$ CH), 127.6 (2 $\times$ CH), 127.3 (2 $\times$ CH), 127.2 (C), 126.43 (CH), 126.40 (2 $\times$ CH), 120.0 (CH), 21.8 (CH₃), 21.4 (2 $\times$ CH₃) (one carbon signal merged with others); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for $[\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_2\text{SNa}]^+ [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 500.1655, found: 500.1647.

Slow evaporation of a solution of **3ah** in CDCl_3 gave crystals that were suitable for X-ray crystallography:

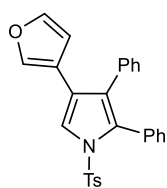


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4-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-2,3-diphenyl-1-tosyl-1H-pyrrole (3ai). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure A, using propargyl amide **1a** (117 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 2-naphthylboronic acid (103.0 mg, 0.60 mmol), and purified by column chromatography (5% to 15% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give a white solid (104 mg, 70%). R_f = 0.42 (40% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 203-205 °C (Et₂O); IR 3145, 3063, 2919, 1596, 1369, 1188, 1170, 1099, 1070, 770 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81-7.75 (2H, m, ArH), 7.73-7.65 (3H, m, ArH), 7.46-7.41 (2H, m, ArH), 7.36-7.27 (3H, m, ArH), 7.25-7.12 (5H, m, ArH), 7.10-6.99 (5H, m, ArH), 6.95-6.87 (2H, m, ArH), 2.39 (3H, s, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.9 (C), 135.8 (C), 133.6 (C), 133.5 (C), 132.8 (2 $\times$ CH), 132.4 (C), 131.4 (C), 130.6 (2 $\times$ CH), 130.3 (C), 129.6 (2 $\times$ CH), 128.4 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 127.91 (C), 127.85 (2 $\times$ CH), 127.8 (CH), 127.73 (2 $\times$ CH), 127.70 (CH), 127.3 (2 $\times$ CH), 127.1 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 126.6 (CH), 126.1 (CH), 125.8 (CH), 120.3 (CH), 21.8 (CH₃) (two carbon signal merged with others); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₃₃H₂₅NO₂SNa]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 522.1498, found: 522.1502.

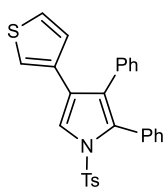


5-(4,5-Diphenyl-1-tosyl-1H-pyrrole-3-yl)-1H-indole (3aj). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure A, using propargyl amide **1a** (117 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 5-indolylboronic acid (96.6 mg, 0.60 mmol), and purified by column chromatography (30% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give a pale green solid (107 mg, 73%). R_f = 0.19 (30% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 213-214 °C (Et₂O); IR 3409 (NH), 1596, 1365, 1188, 1168, 1098, 1087, 1066, 701, 668 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 (1H, br s, NH), 7.64 (1H, s, ArH), 7.53-7.50 (1H, m, ArH), 7.35-7.27 (3H, m, ArH), 7.24-7.21 (1H, m, ArH), 7.19-7.12 (5H, m, ArH), 7.06-6.98 (5H, m, ArH), 6.94 (1H, dd, J = 8.4, 1.7 Hz, ArH), 6.90-6.86 (2H, m, ArH), 6.50-6.46 (1H, m, ArH) 2.38 (3H, s, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.7 (C), 136.0 (C), 135.0 (C), 133.8 (C), 132.8 (2 $\times$ CH), 132.1 (C), 130.7 (2 $\times$ CH), 129.6 (2 $\times$ CH), 128.5 (C), 128.2 (CH), 128.24 (C), 128.18 (C), 127.7 (2 $\times$ CH), 127.6 (2 $\times$ CH), 127.3 (2 $\times$ CH), 126.3 (CH), 125.6 (C), 124.6 (CH), 123.5 (CH), 120.7 (CH), 119.8 (CH), 110.8 (CH), 103.0 (CH), 21.8 (CH₃) (one carbon signal merged with another); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₃₁H₂₄N₂O₂SNa]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 511.1451, found: 511.1446.



4-(Furan-3-yl)-2,3-diphenyl-1-tosyl-1H-pyrrole (3ak). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure C, using propargyl amide **1a** (117 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 3-furanylboronic acid (67.1 mg, 0.60 mmol), and purified by column chromatography (5% to 15% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give a white solid (73.0 mg, 55%). R_f = 0.61 (35% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 202-203 °C (Et₂O); IR 3149, 2923, 1364,

1171, 1097, 1060, 760, 695, 666, 589 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.62 (1H, s, ArH), 7.32 (1H, t, $J = 1.7$ Hz, ArH), 7.30-7.26 (2H, m, ArH), 7.25-7.21 (1H, m, ArH), 7.17-7.10 (7H, m, ArH), 7.04-6.98 (4H, m, ArH), 6.95 (1H, t, $J = 1.2$ Hz, ArH), 6.35 (1H, dd, $J = 1.9, 0.9$ Hz, ArH), 2.38 (3H, s, CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.9 (C), 142.7 (CH), 139.3 (CH), 135.8 (C), 133.8 (C), 132.6 (C), 132.5 ($2 \times \text{CH}$), 130.6 ($2 \times \text{CH}$), 130.1 (C), 129.6 ($2 \times \text{CH}$), 128.3 (CH), 128.04 (C), 128.00 ($2 \times \text{CH}$), 127.6 ($2 \times \text{CH}$), 127.3 ($2 \times \text{CH}$), 127.1 (CH), 119.0 (CH), 118.6 (C), 118.3 (C), 109.9 (CH), 21.8 (CH_3); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for $[\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_3\text{SNa}]^+ [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 462.1134, found: 462.1126.

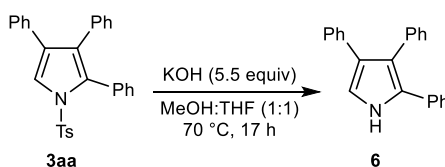


2,3-Diphenyl-4-(3-thienyl)-1-tosyl-1H-pyrrole (3al). The title compound was prepared according to General Procedure A, using propargyl amide **1a** (117 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 3-thienylboronic acid (76.8 mg, 0.60 mmol), and purified by column chromatography (5% to 15% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give a white solid (123 mg, 90%).

$R_f = 0.42$ (40% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 193-195 $^\circ\text{C}$ (Et_2O); IR 3134, 3062, 2924, 1366, 1189, 1168, 1088, 1074, 1030, 764 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.79 (1H, s, ArH), 7.42-7.28 (5H, m, ArH), 7.25-7.19 (6H, m, ArH), 7.12-7.04 (5H, m, ArH), 6.91 (1H, dd, $J = 2.9, 1.4$ Hz, ArH), 2.47 (3H, s, CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.9 (C), 135.8 (C), 134.0 (C), 133.8 (C), 132.6 ($2 \times \text{CH}$), 132.4 (C), 130.6 ($2 \times \text{CH}$), 130.1 (C), 129.6 ($2 \times \text{CH}$), 128.3 (CH), 128.0 (C), 127.9 ($2 \times \text{CH}$), 127.6 ($2 \times \text{CH}$), 127.5 (CH), 127.2 ($2 \times \text{CH}$), 126.9 (CH), 125.2 (CH), 122.2 (C), 121.2 (CH), 119.5 (CH), 21.8 (CH_3); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for $[\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2\text{S}_2\text{Na}]^+ [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 478.0906, found: 478.012.

5. Further Transformations

2,3,4-Triphenyl-1H-pyrrole (**6**)^{11,12}

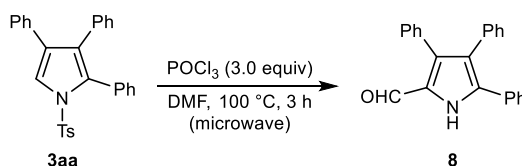


A mixture of pyrrole **3aa** (150 mg, 0.33 mmol) and KOH (103 mg, 1.84 mmol) in THF:MeOH (1:1, 15.6 mL) was stirred at 70 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 17 h. The mixture was cooled to room temperature and quenched with water (10 mL) followed by addition of 1 M aqueous HCl solution (1.8 mL). The resulting mixture was extracted with Et_2O (3×10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), dried (MgSO_4), filtered and concentrated in *vacuo* to leave the title compound as a purple solid (100 mg, >99%) that required no further purification. $R_f = 0.46$ (20% EtOAc/petroleum ether);

IR 3422, 3408, 2922, 2853, 1601, 1483, 1069, 766, 749, 692 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.32 (1H, br s, **NH**), 7.33-7.21 (15H, m, **ArH**), 7.05 (1H, d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, **ArH**); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 135.7 (2 $\times$ C), 133.1 (C), 131.1 (2 $\times$ CH), 129.7 (C), 128.6 (2 $\times$ CH), 128.5 (2 $\times$ CH), 128.3 (2 $\times$ CH), 128.2 (2 $\times$ CH), 127.3 (2 $\times$ CH), 126.7 (CH), 126.2 (CH), 126.0 (C), 125.7 (CH), 120.7 (C), 117 (CH); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for $[\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}]^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 296.1434, found 296.1433.

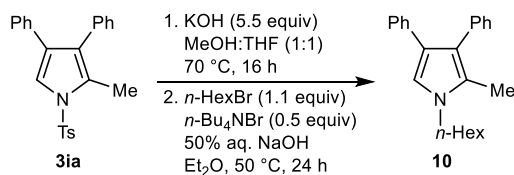
These data are consistent with those reported previously.¹²

3,4,5-Triphenyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (**8**)¹²



To an oven-dried microwave vial fitted with a stirrer bar was added pyrrole **3aa** (67.4 mg, 0.15 mmol). The vial was capped with a crimp cap PTFE seal and evacuated and back filled with argon (3 cycles). DMF (0.5 mL) which had been freshly degassed (using a stream of argon for 20 min) was added. To a second vial was added DMF (1.3 mL) and the vial was cooled to 0 $^\circ\text{C}$. POCl_3 (40 μL , 0.450 mmol) was added dropwise and the solution was stirred at 0 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 45 min. The resulting solution of the Vilsmeier reagent was added to the first vial *via* syringe, and the mixture was heated at 100 $^\circ\text{C}$ in a microwave reactor for 3 h. The reaction was cooled to room temperature, and diluted with saturated aqueous NaOAc solution (15 mL). The mixture was cooled in an ice bath, diluted with distilled water (10 mL), and the solids was collected by filtration. To the solids was added brine (50%, 7 mL) and the suspension was extracted with CHCl_3 (3 $\times$ 7 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO_4), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in EtOAc , and the solution was filtered through a plug of silica gel and concentrated *in vacuo* to leave the title compound as a brown solid (46 mg, 95%). $R_f = 0.42$ (40% EtOAc /petroleum ether); IR 3273, 1624 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$), 1599, 1431, 1382, 1237, 823, 716, 688, 538 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.57 (1H, br s, **NH**), 9.51 (1H, s, **CHO**), 7.32-7.28 (8H, m, **ArH**), 7.24-7.18 (5H, m, **ArH**), 7.07-7.03 (2H, m, **ArH**); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 180.1 (C), 136.4 (C), 136.1 (C), 133.6 (C), 132.3 (C), 131.1 (C), 131.0 (2 $\times$ CH), 130.8 (2 $\times$ CH), 129.3 (C), 128.9 (2 $\times$ CH), 128.6 (CH), 128.4 (2 $\times$ CH), 128.3 (2 $\times$ CH), 128.0 (2 $\times$ CH), 127.6 (CH), 126.9 (CH), 124.1 (C); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for $[\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{17}\text{NONa}]^+ [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 346.1202, found 346.1194.

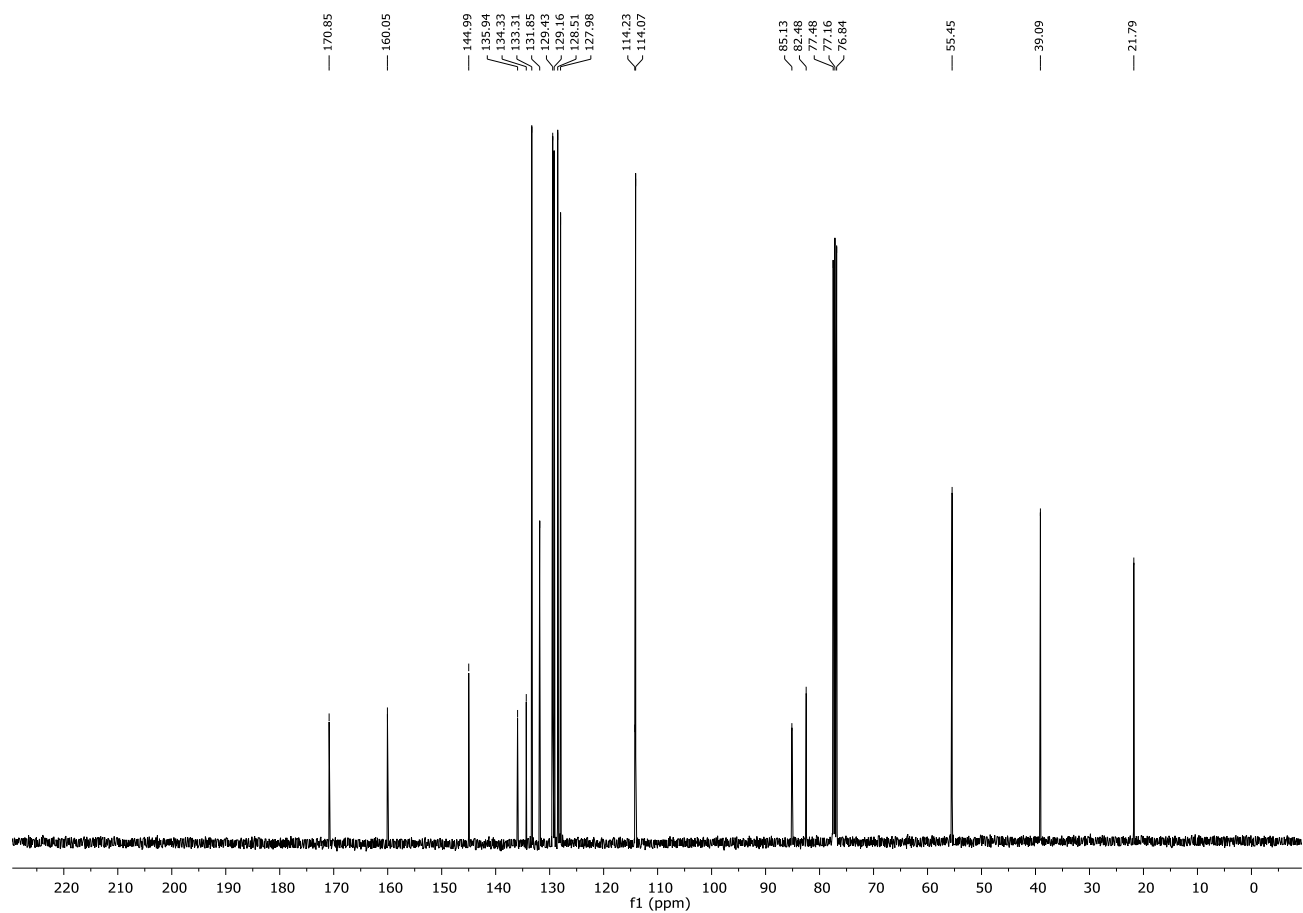
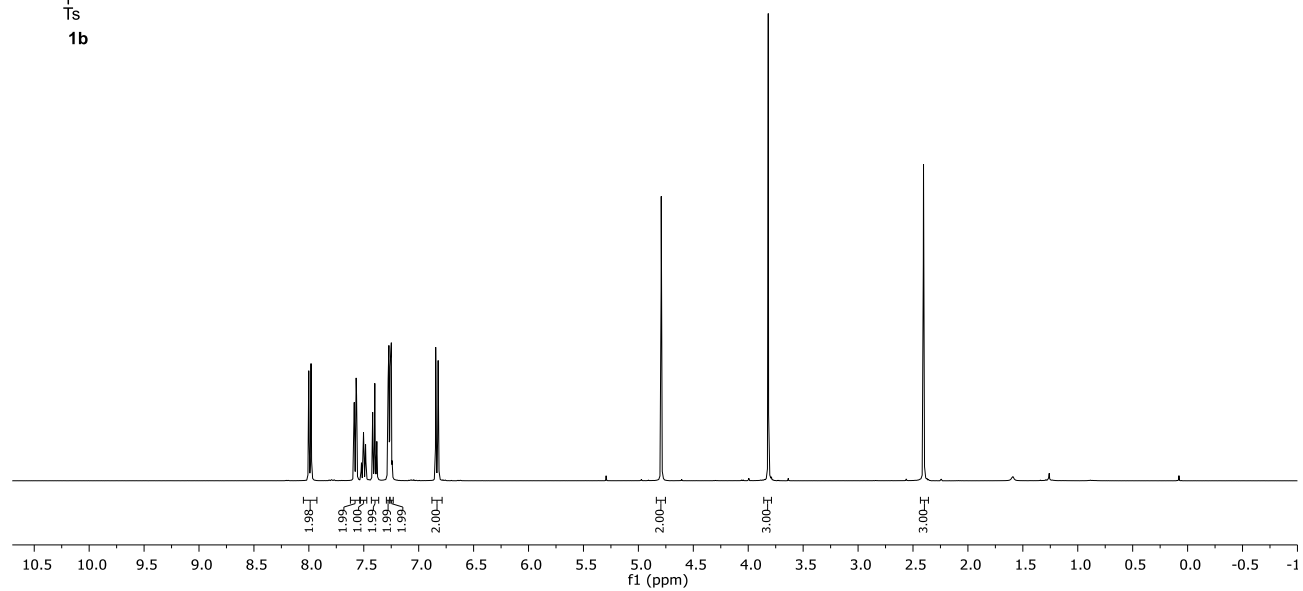
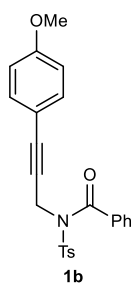
This compound has been described previously but in that work, the ^1H NMR spectrum was obtained in CD_2Cl_2 as the solvent.¹² Our ^{13}C NMR data are consistent with those reported previously.¹²

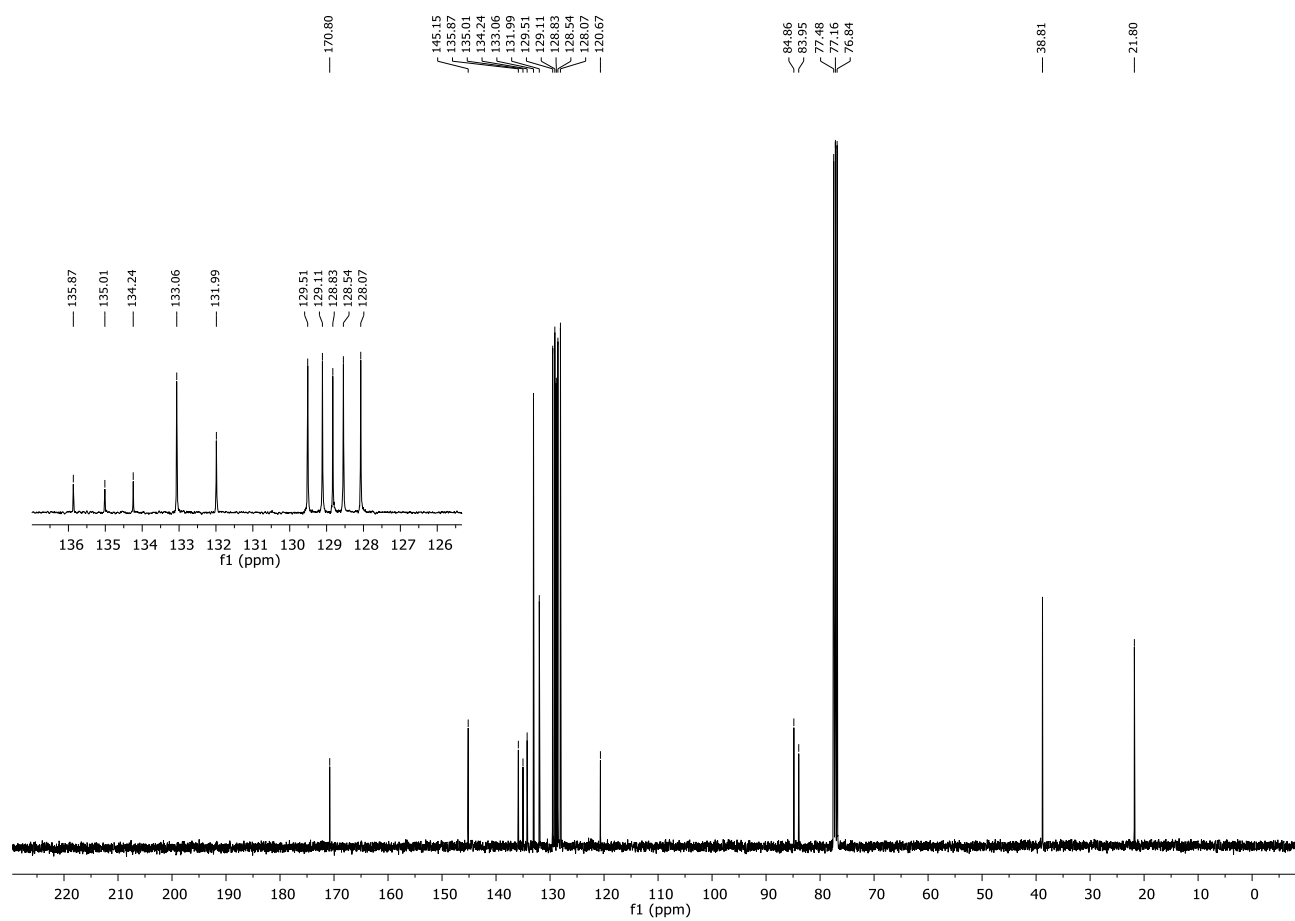
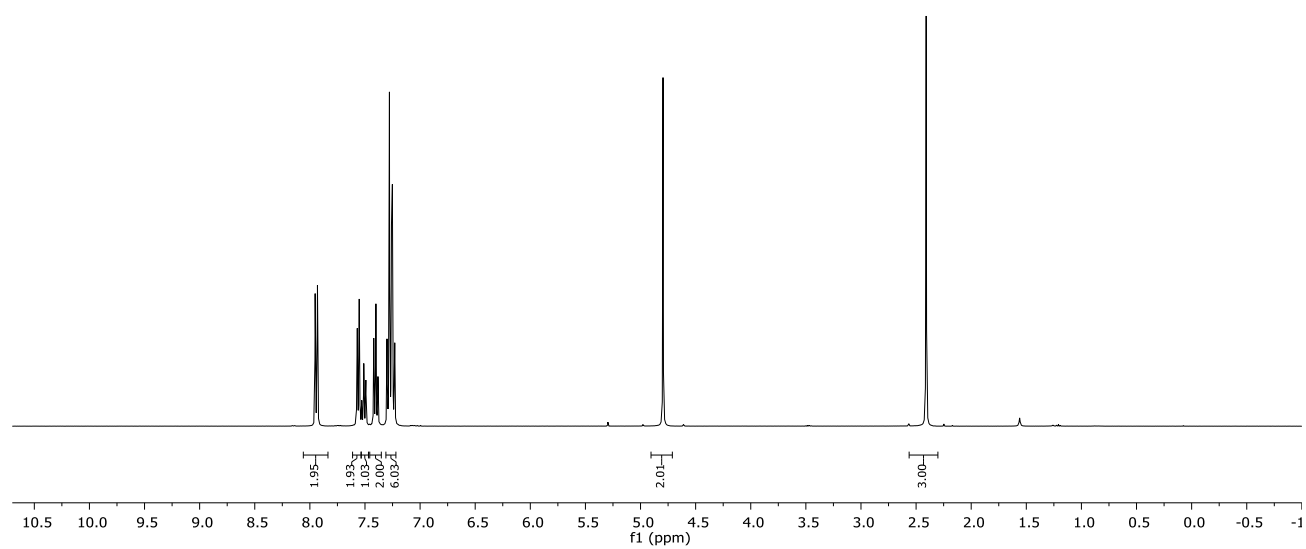
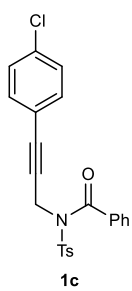
1-Hexyl-2-methyl-3,4-diphenyl-1H-pyrrole (10)¹³

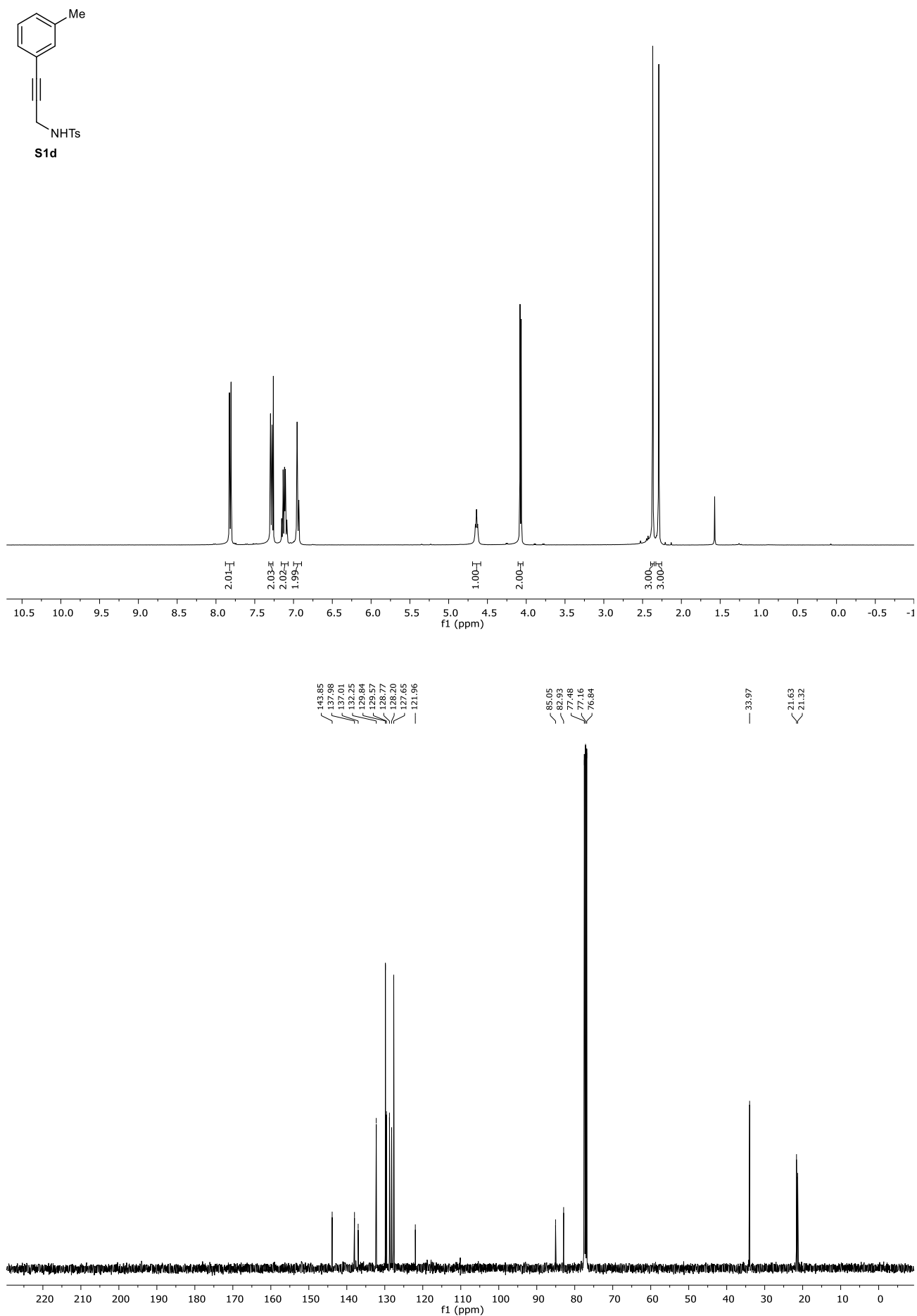
A mixture of pyrrole **3ia** (332 mg, 0.83 mmol) and KOH (256 mg, 4.57 mmol) in THF:MeOH (1:1, 33 mL) was stirred at 70 °C for 16 h. The mixture was cooled to room temperature and quenched with water (20 mL), followed by addition of 1 M aqueous HCl solution (4.6 mL). The resulting mixture was extracted with Et₂O (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL), dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude material (168 mg) was dissolved in Et₂O (4.2 mL), and *n*-Bu₄NBr (134 mg, 0.42 mmol), 1-hexyl bromide (151 mg, 0.90 mmol), and 50% aqueous NaOH solution (2.1 mL) was added. The mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 24 h, cooled to room temperature, and diluted with water (20 mL). The mixture was extracted with Et₂O (3 × 20 mL), and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL), dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography on neutral alumina (0 to 1% EtOAc/*n*-pentane) to give the title compound as a colorless oil (148 mg, 56%). *R*_f = 0.62 (20% EtOAc/petroleum ether); IR 2927, 2856, 1601, 1537, 1390, 1204, 1181, 764, 738, 697 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34-7.30 (2H, m, ArH), 7.25-7.10 (8H, m, ArH), 6.80 (1H, s, ArH), 3.90-3.86 (2H, m, NCH₂), 2.26 (3H, s, ArCH₃), 1.87-1.79 (2H, m, NCH₂CH₂), 1.47-1.33 (6H, m, (CH₂)₃CH₃), 0.97-0.92 (3H, m, CH₂CH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.7 (C), 136.2 (C), 130.7 (2 × CH), 128.11 (2 × CH), 128.08 (2 × CH), 128.06 (2 × CH), 126.6 (C), 125.6 (CH), 125.1 (CH), 122.8 (C), 120.4 (C), 118.2 (CH), 47.2 (CH₂), 31.6 (CH₂), 31.4 (CH₂), 26.7 (CH₂), 22.7 (CH₂), 14.2 (CH₃), 10.6 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₂₃H₂₇NNa]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 318.2216, found 318.2209.

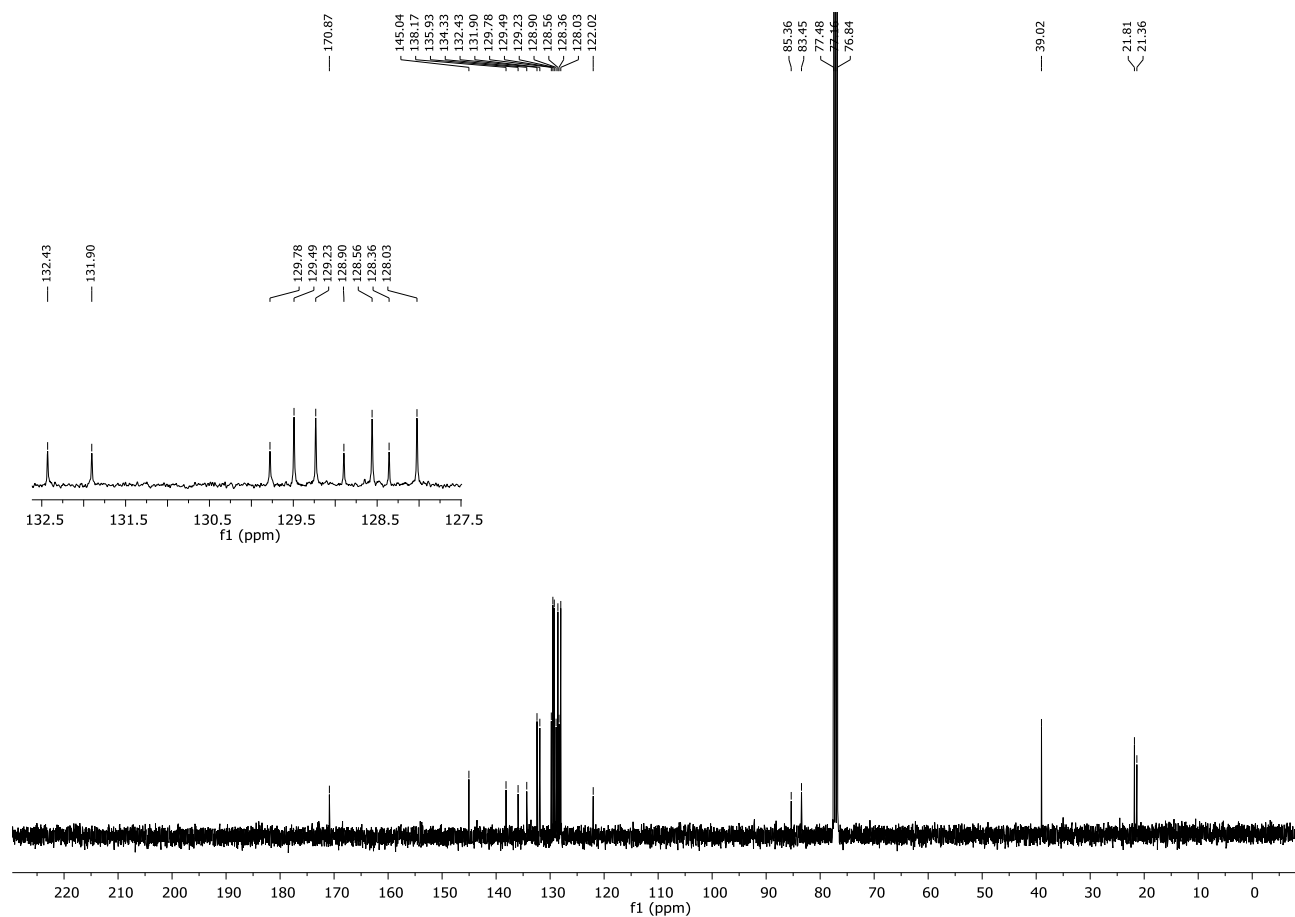
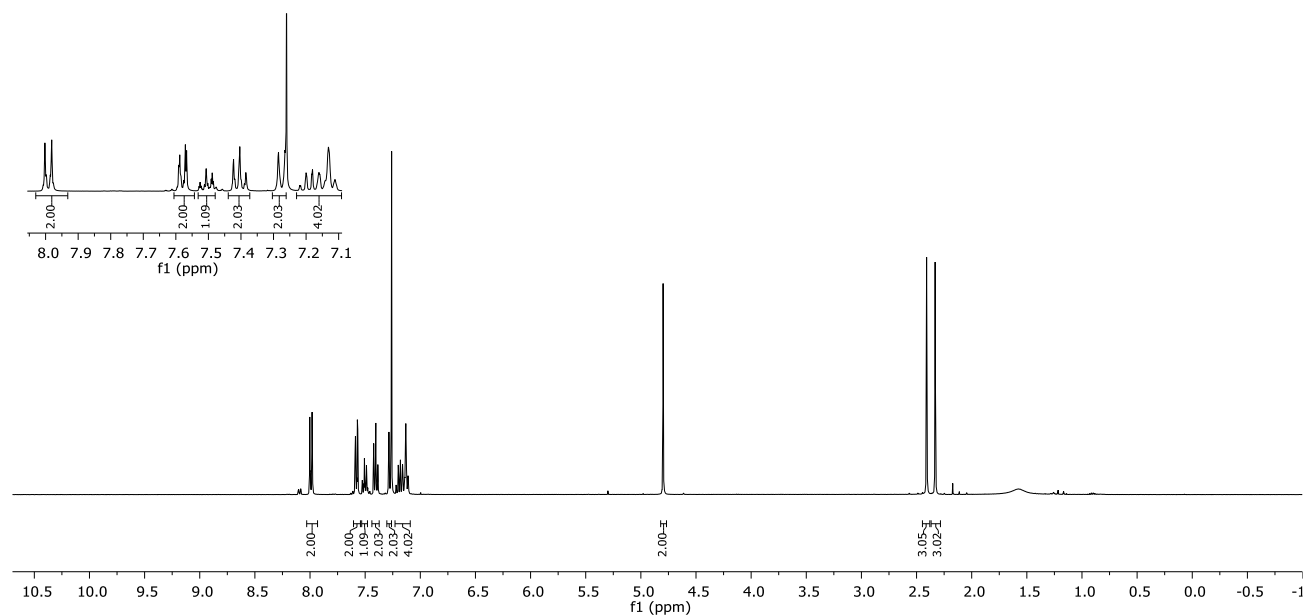
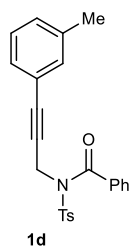
This compound has been described previously but no characterization data were reported.¹³

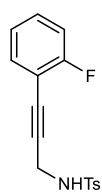
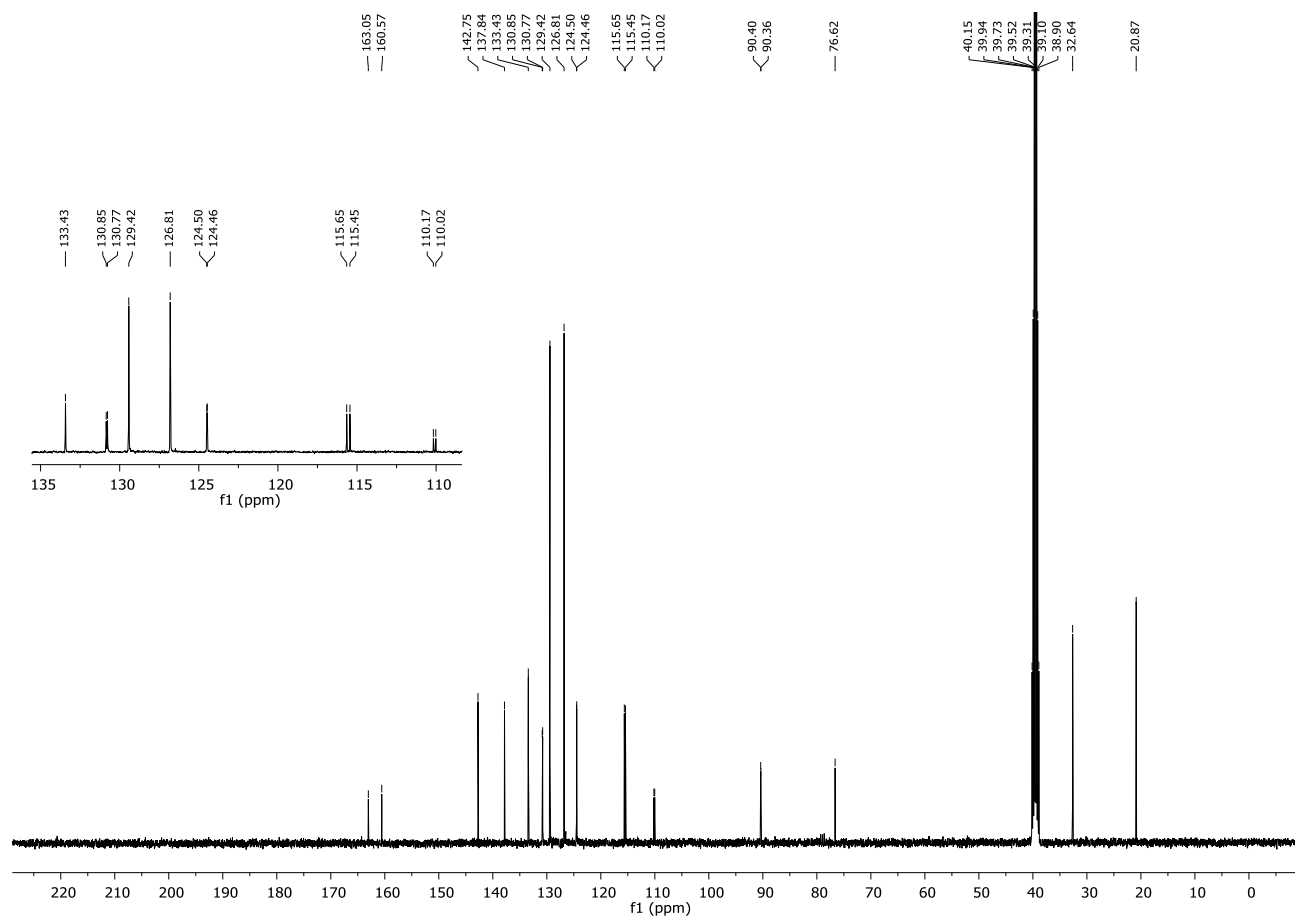
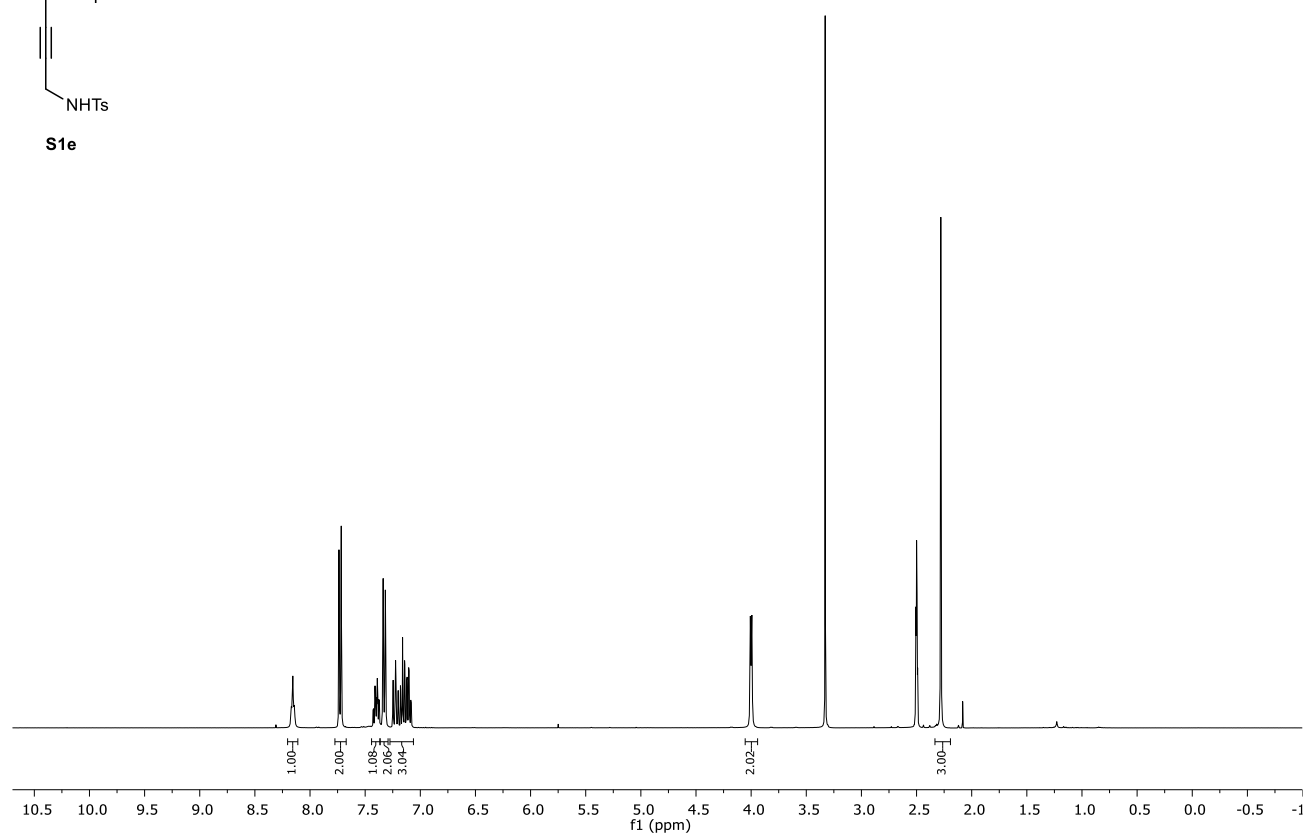
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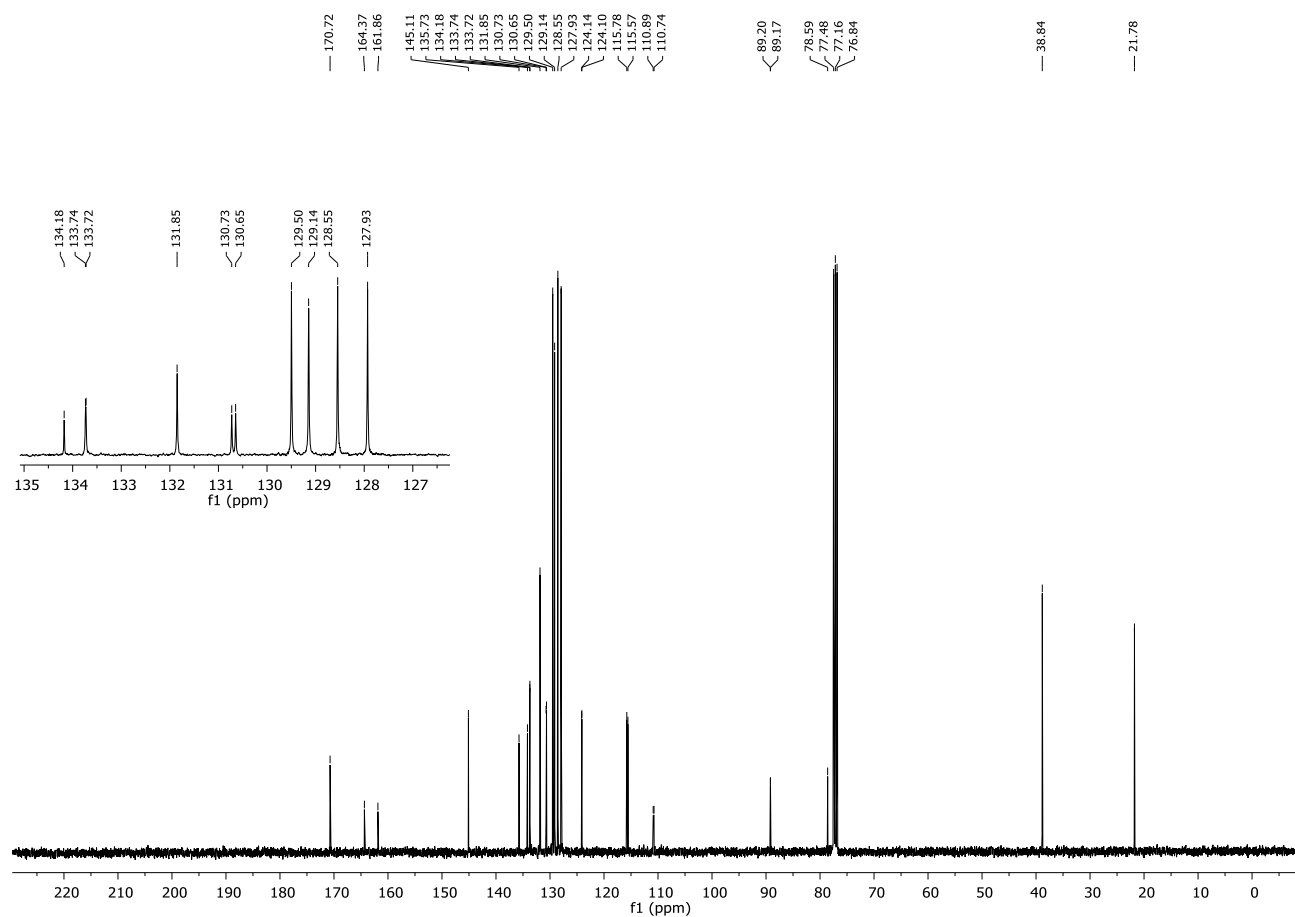
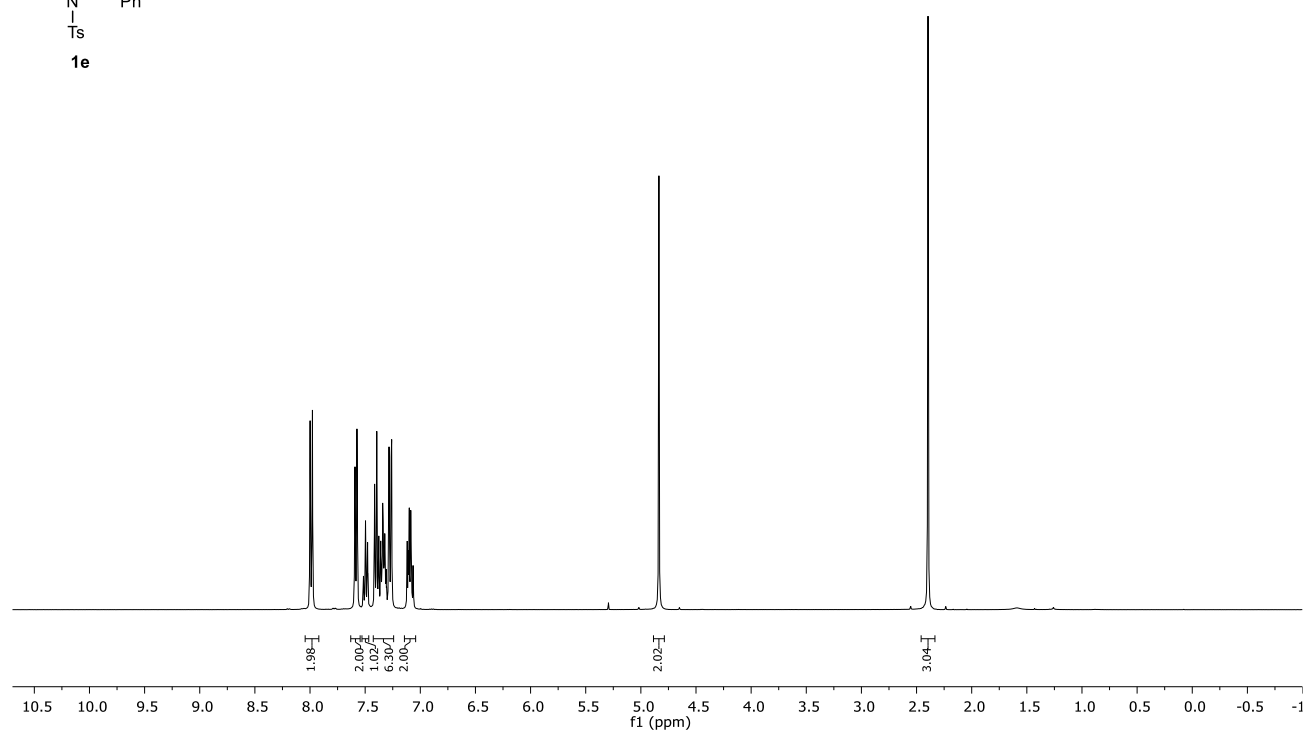
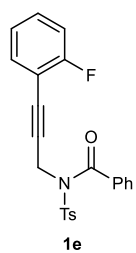


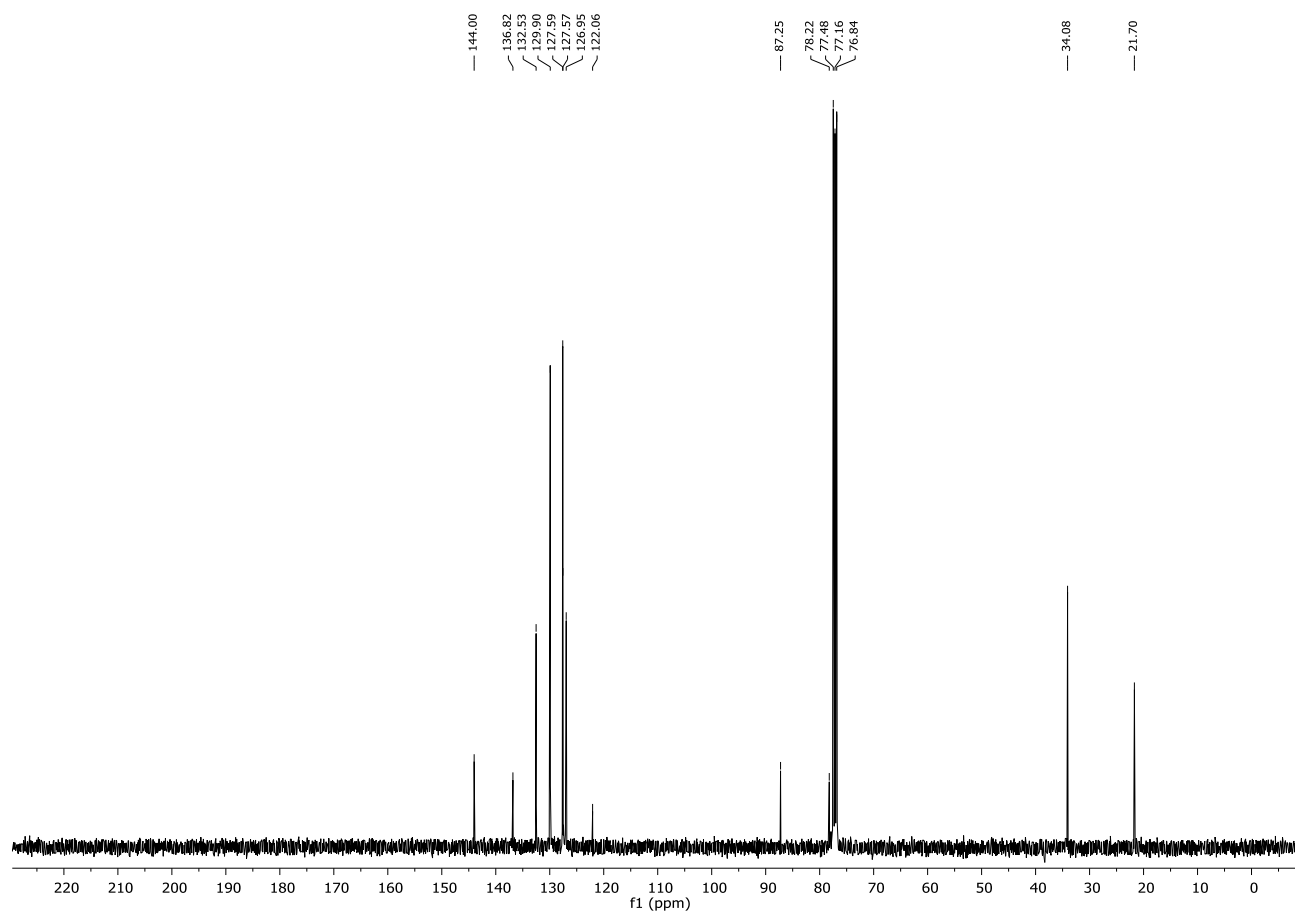
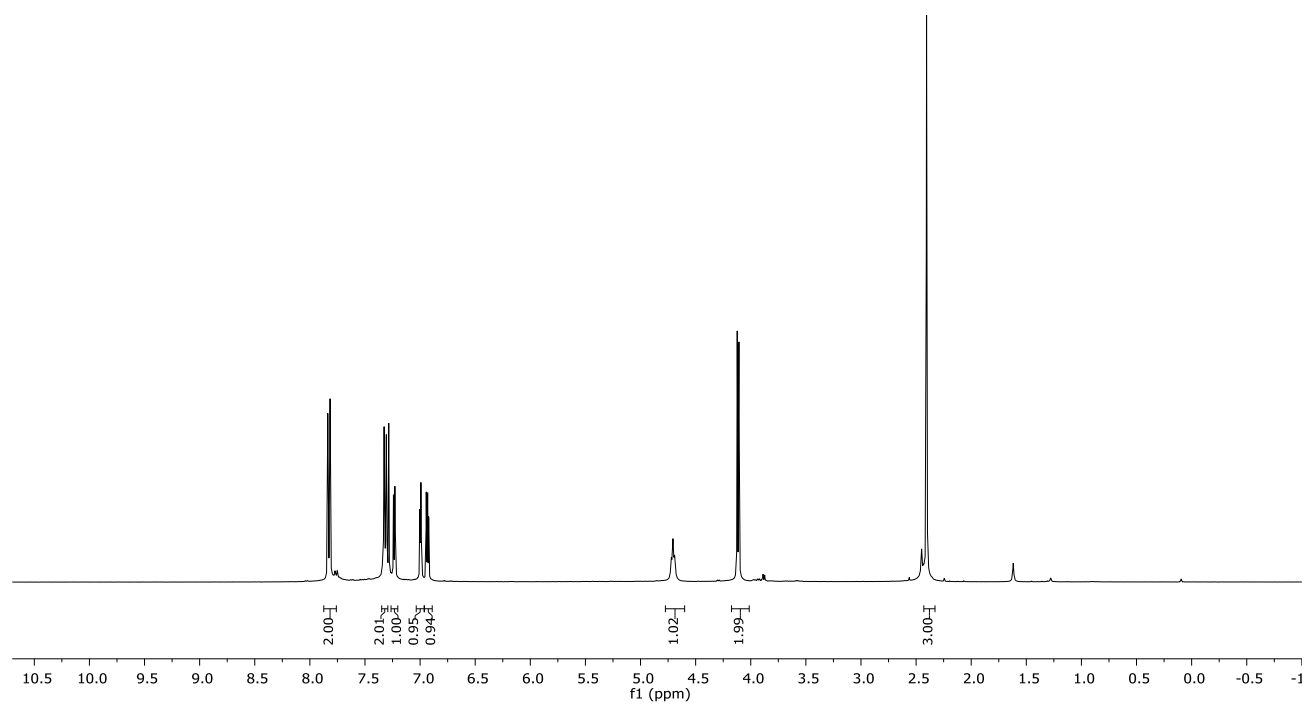
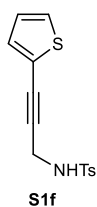


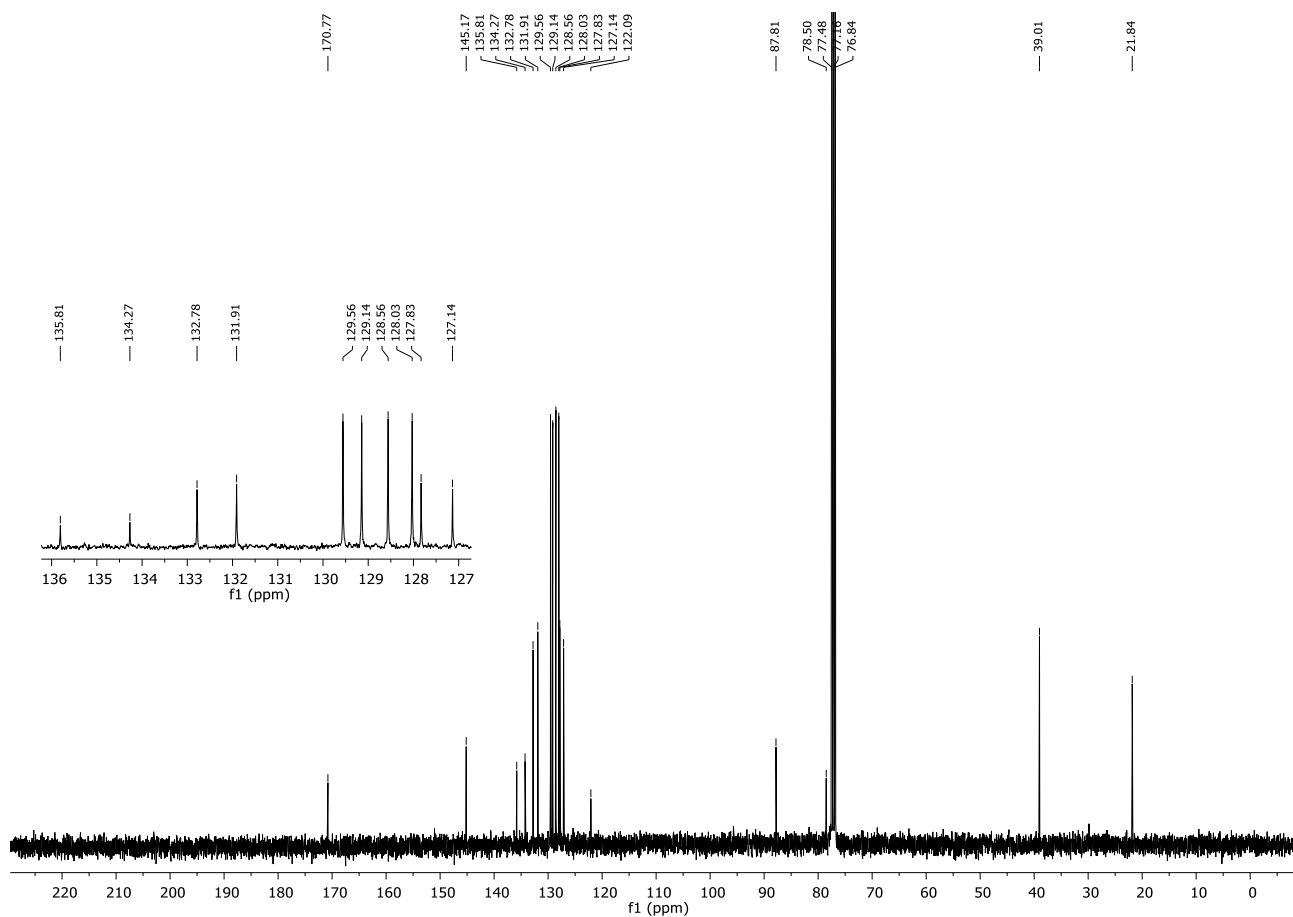
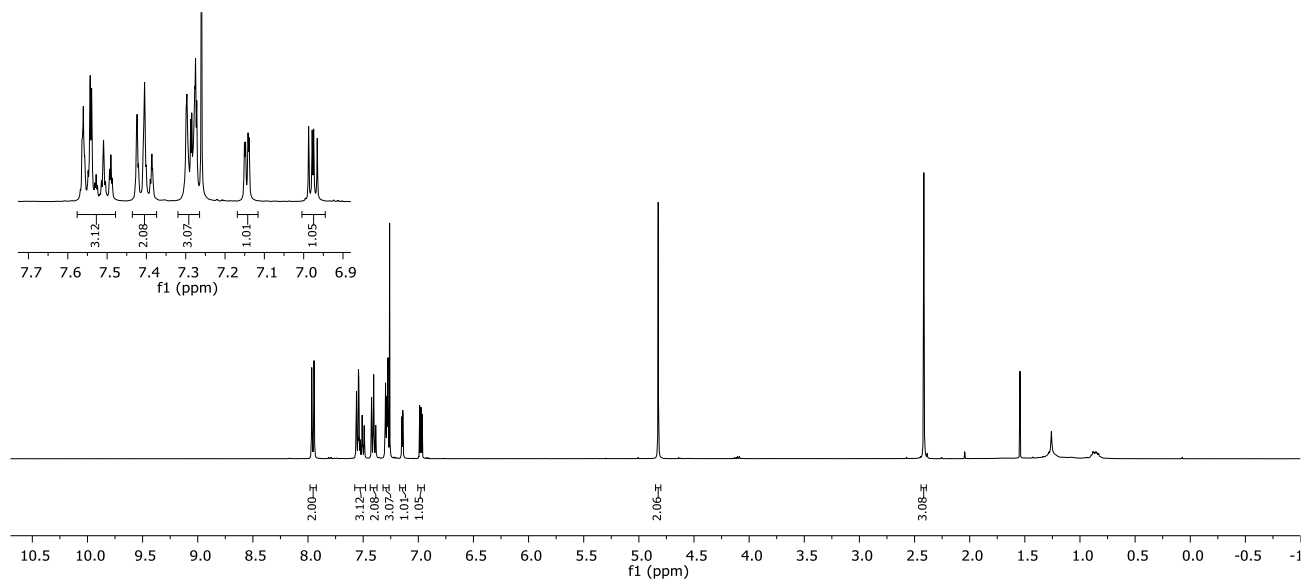
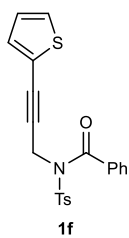


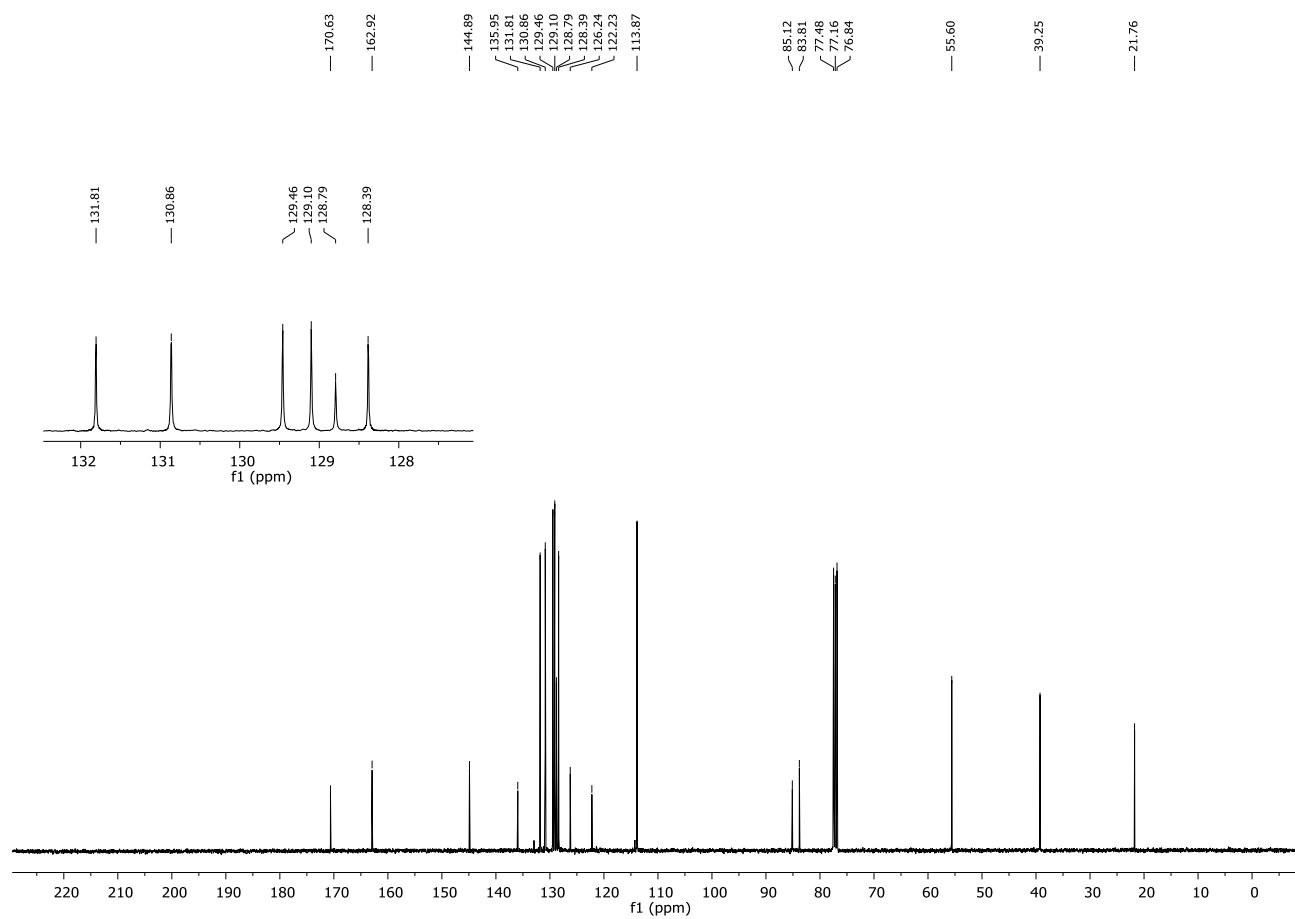
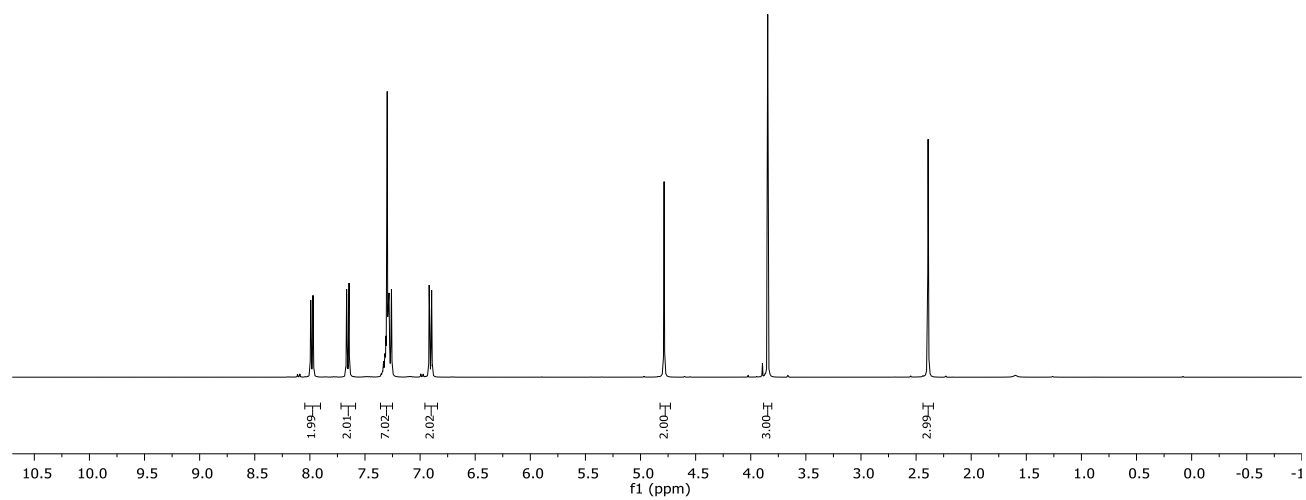
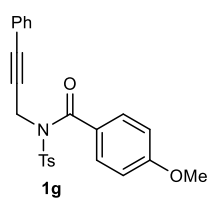


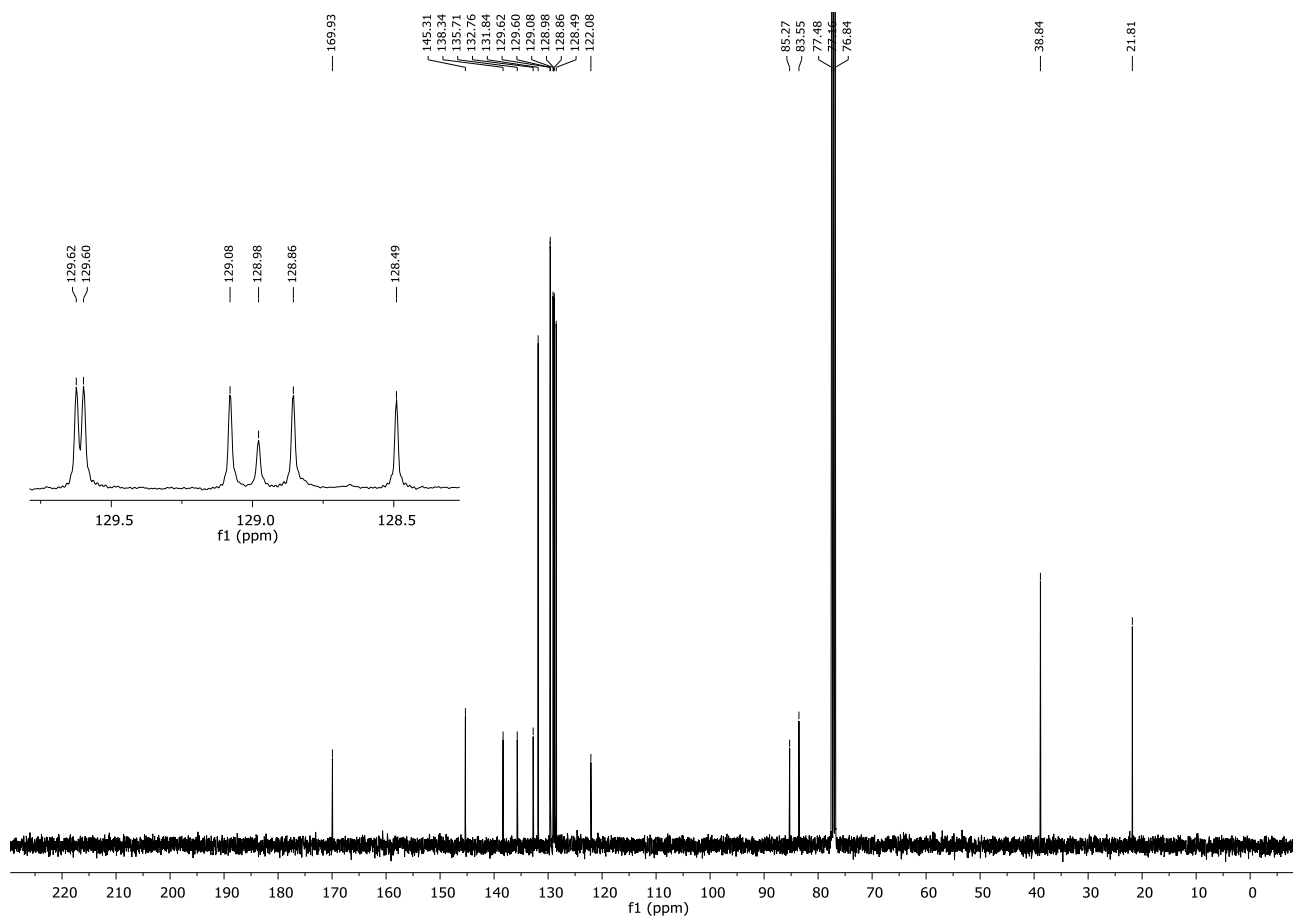
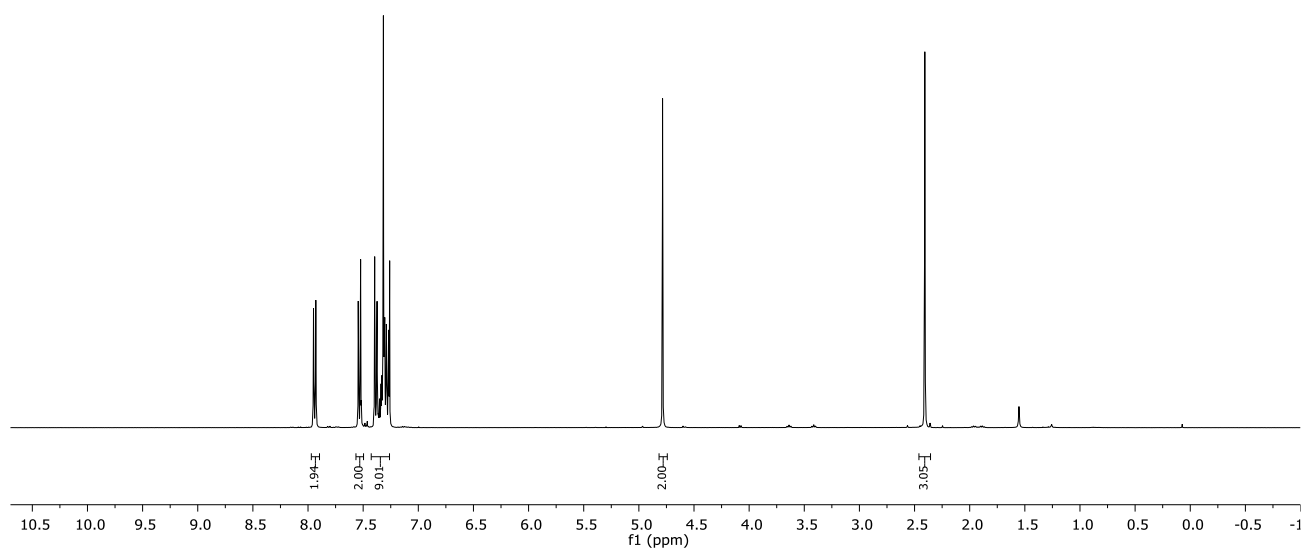
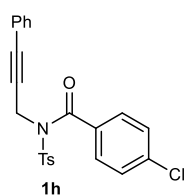
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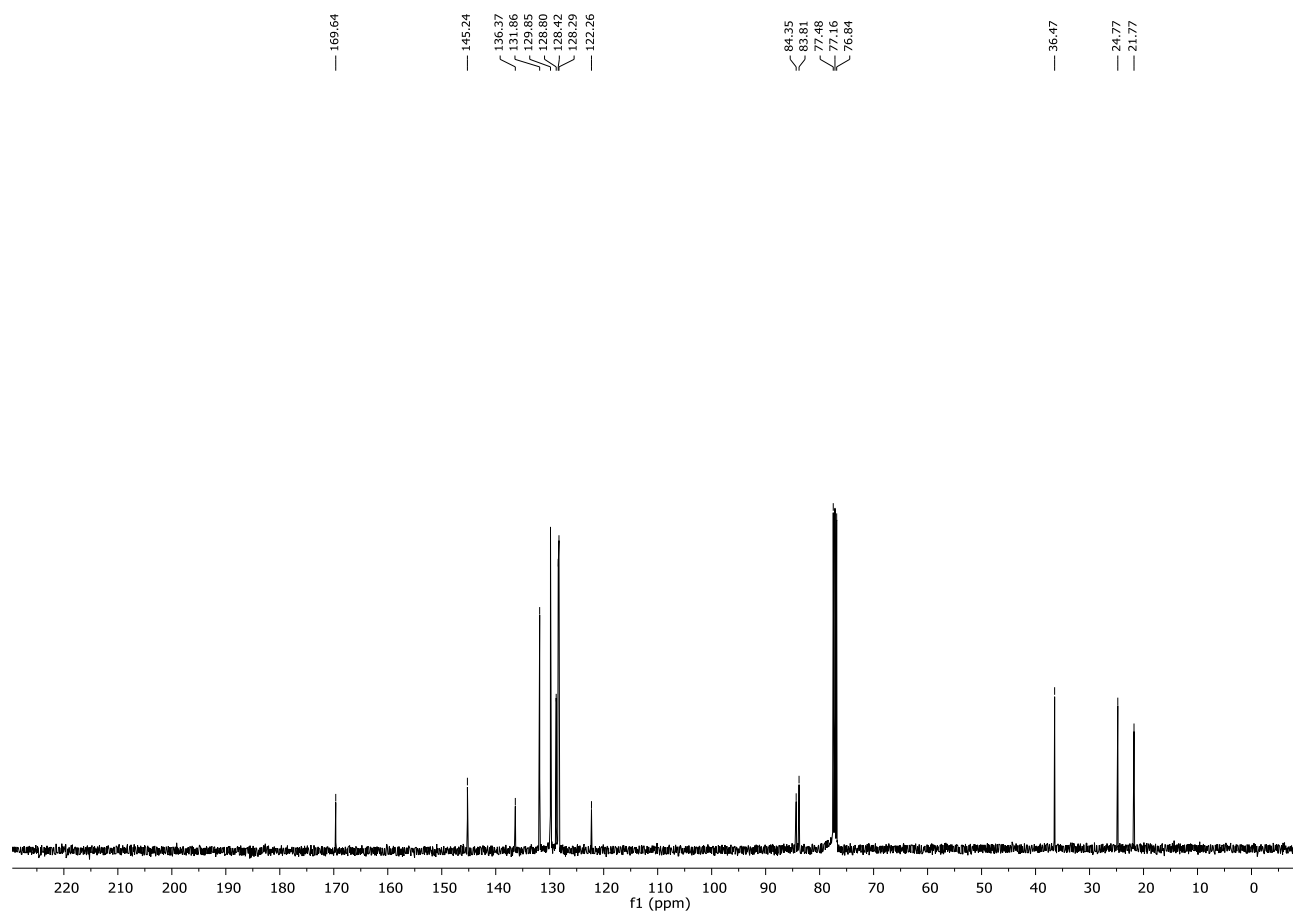
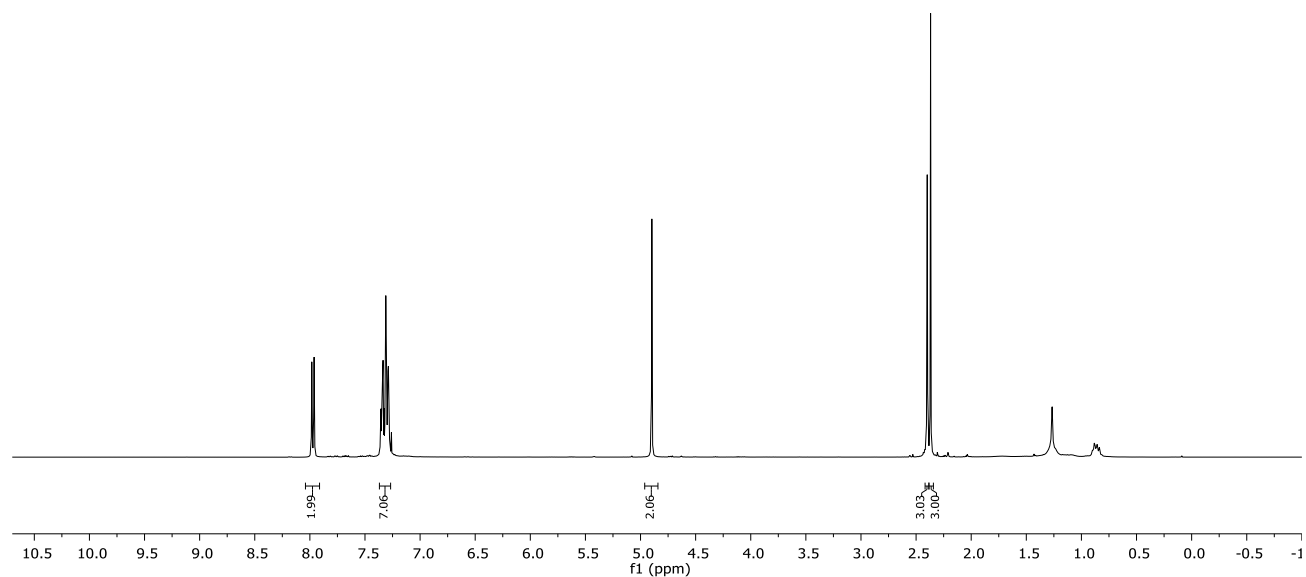
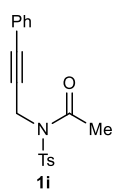


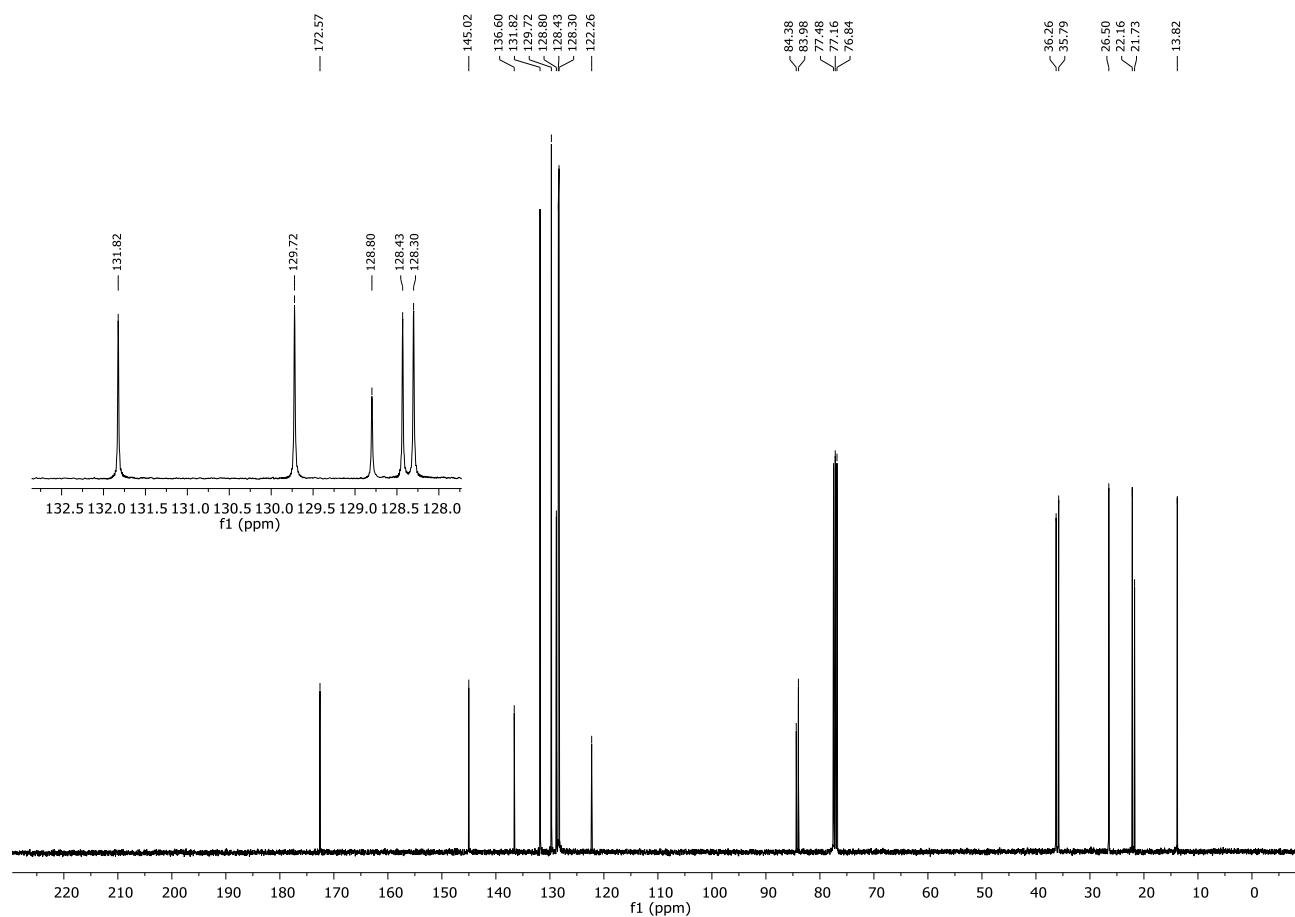
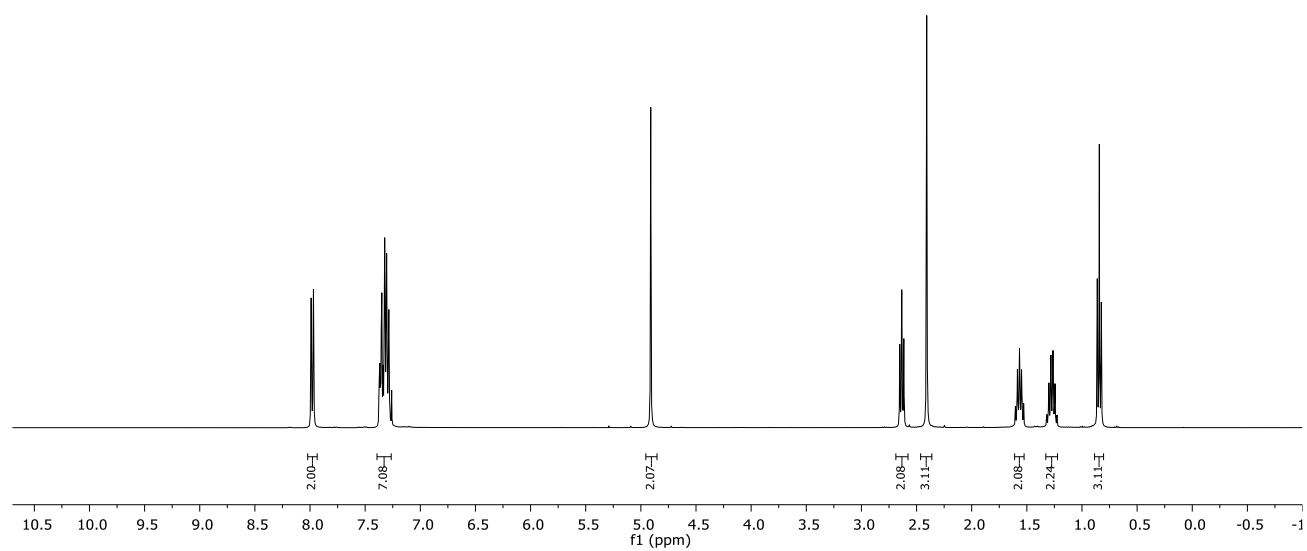
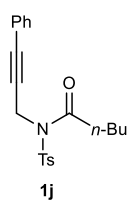


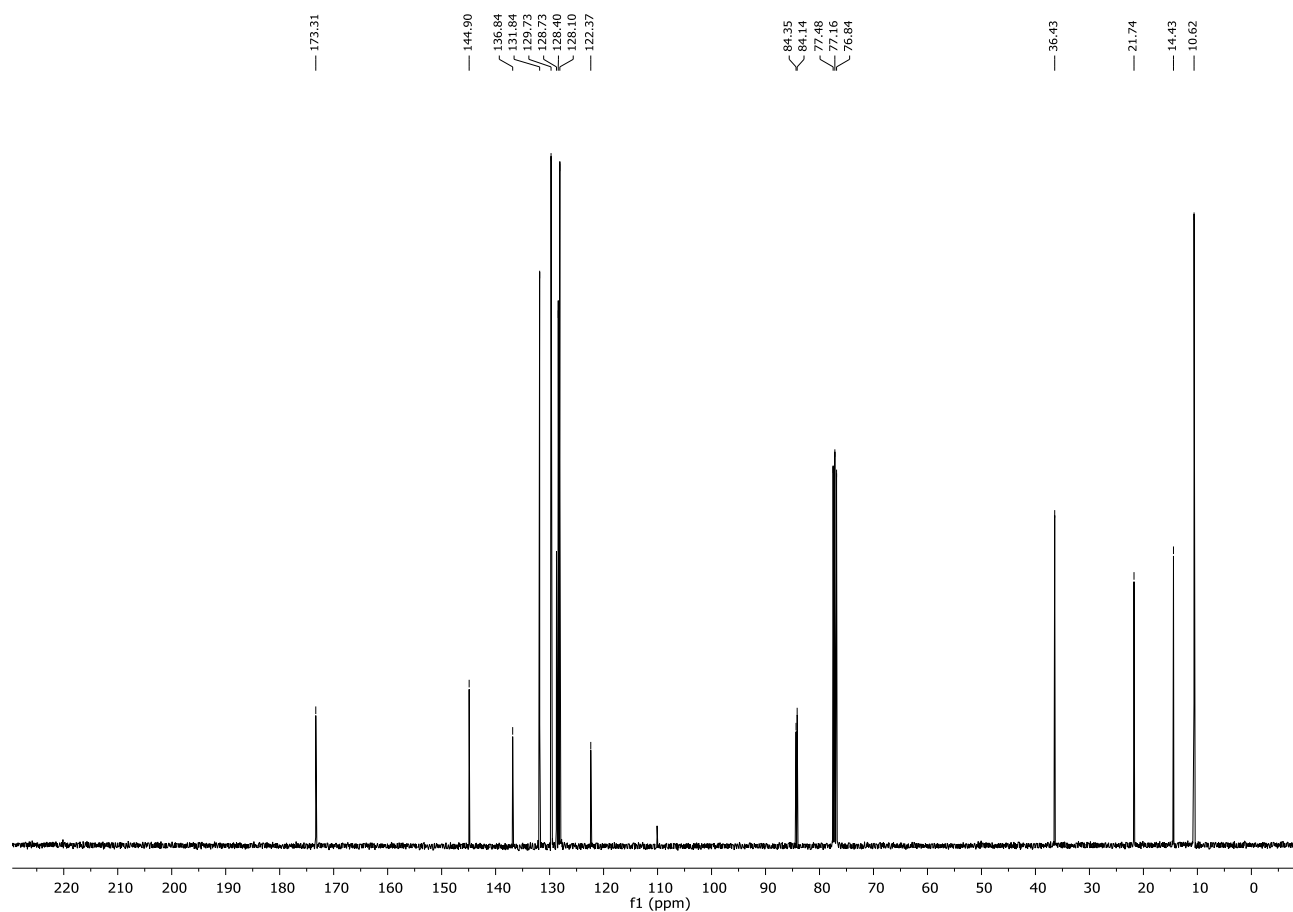
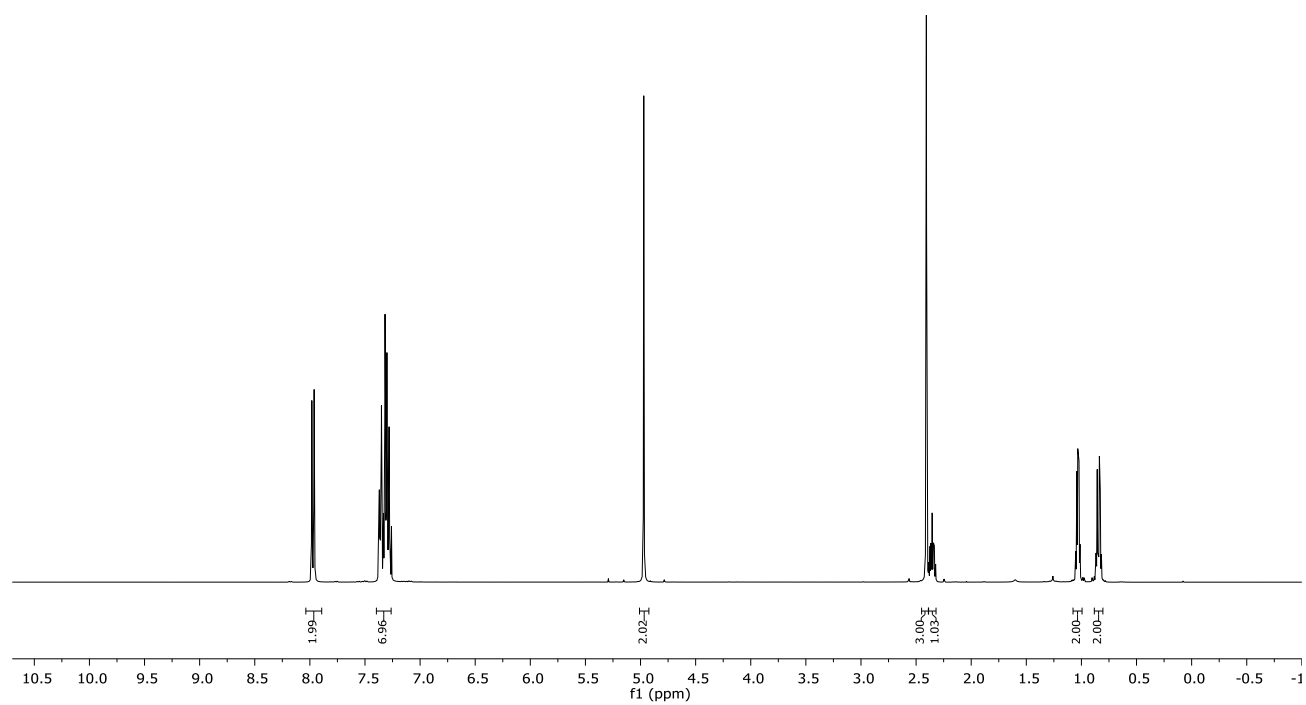
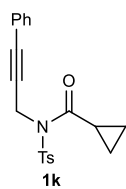


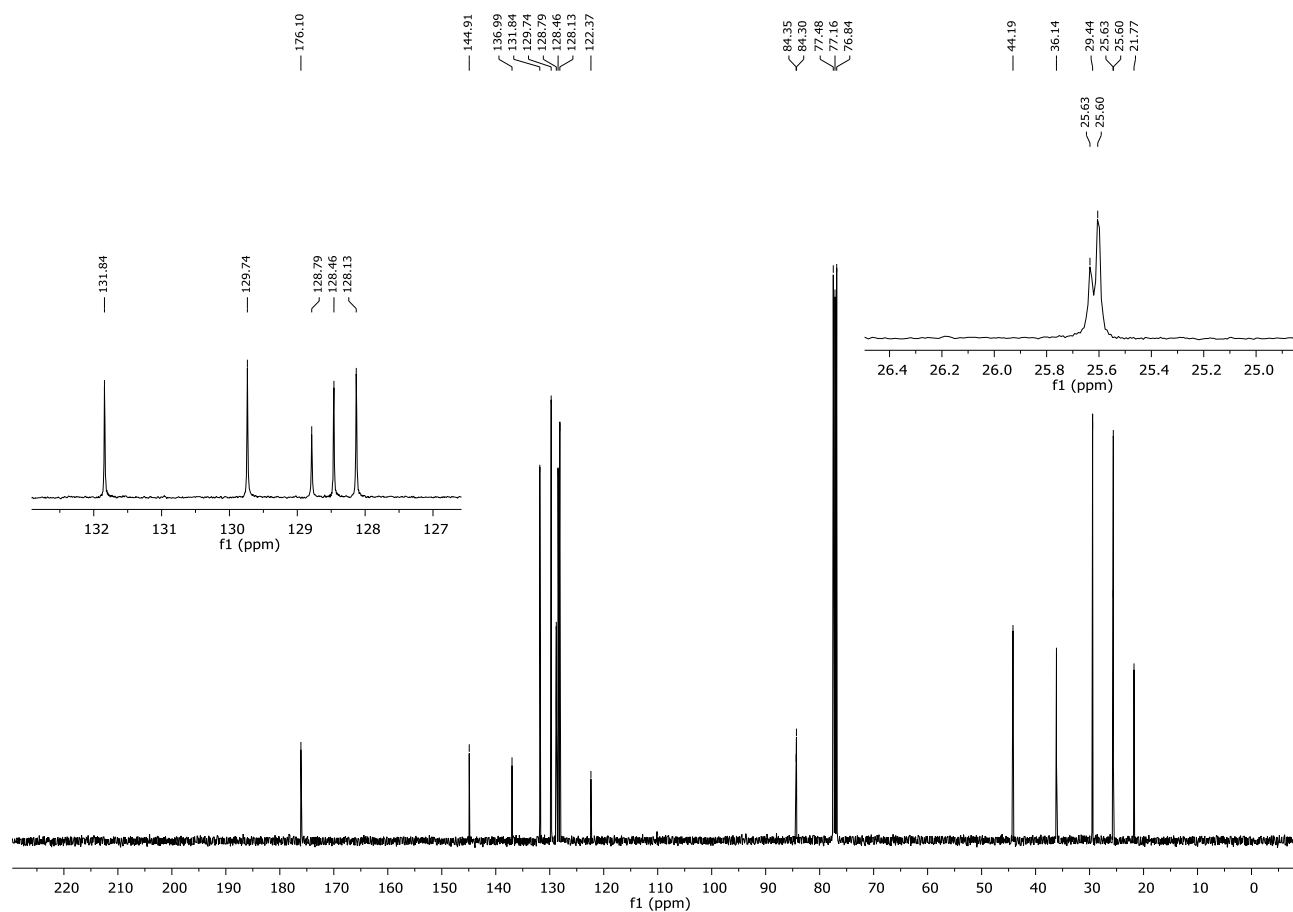
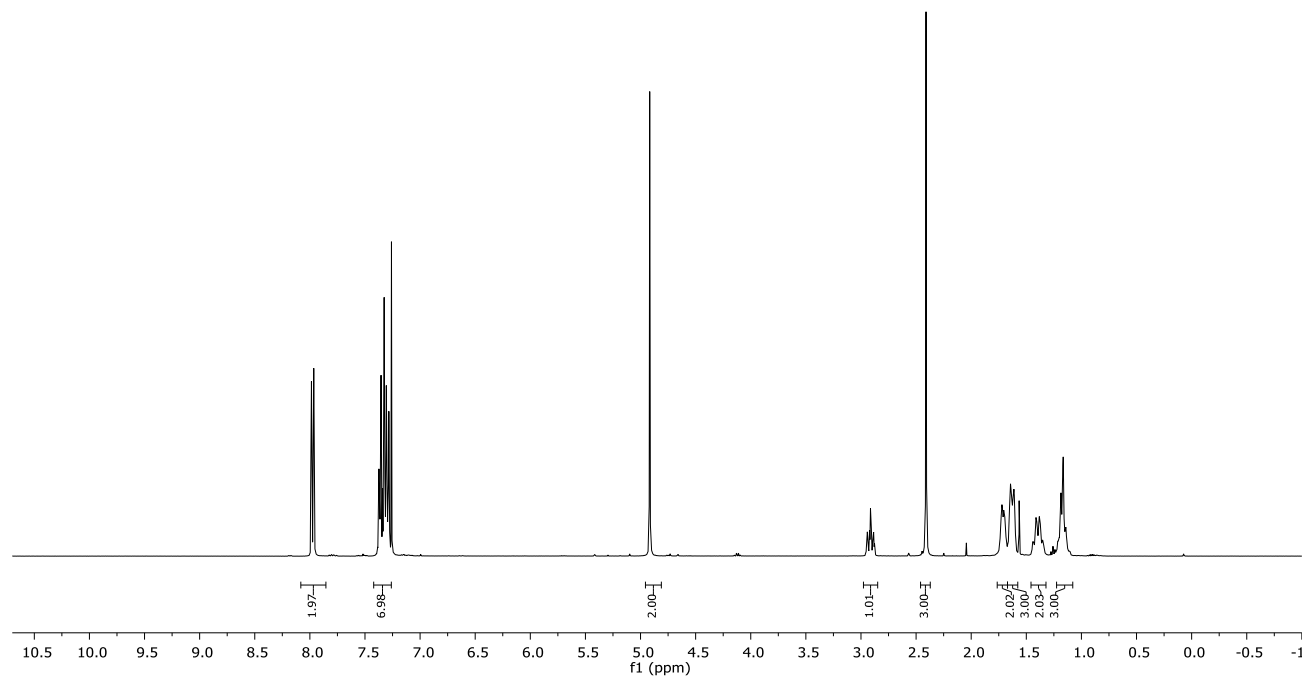
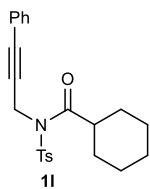


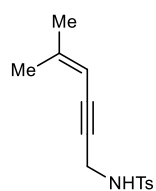
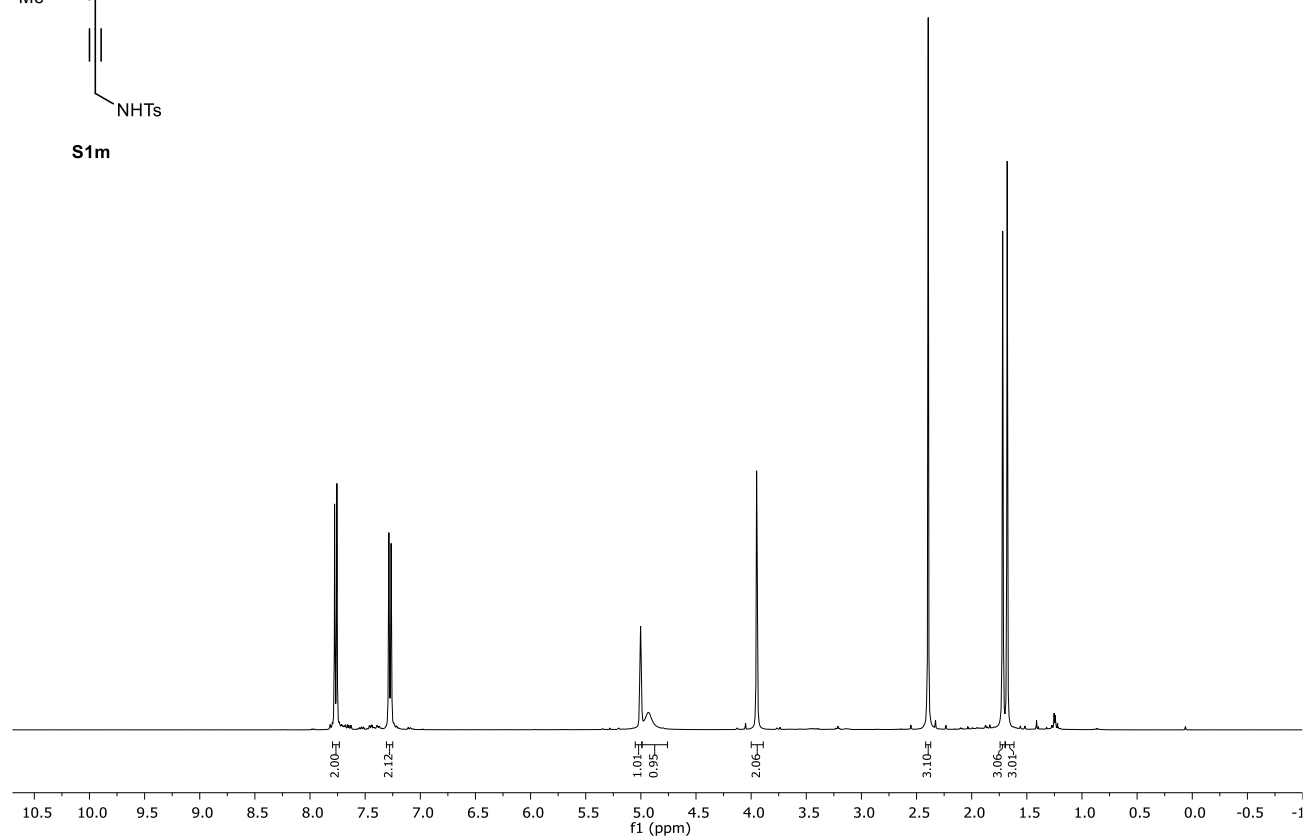




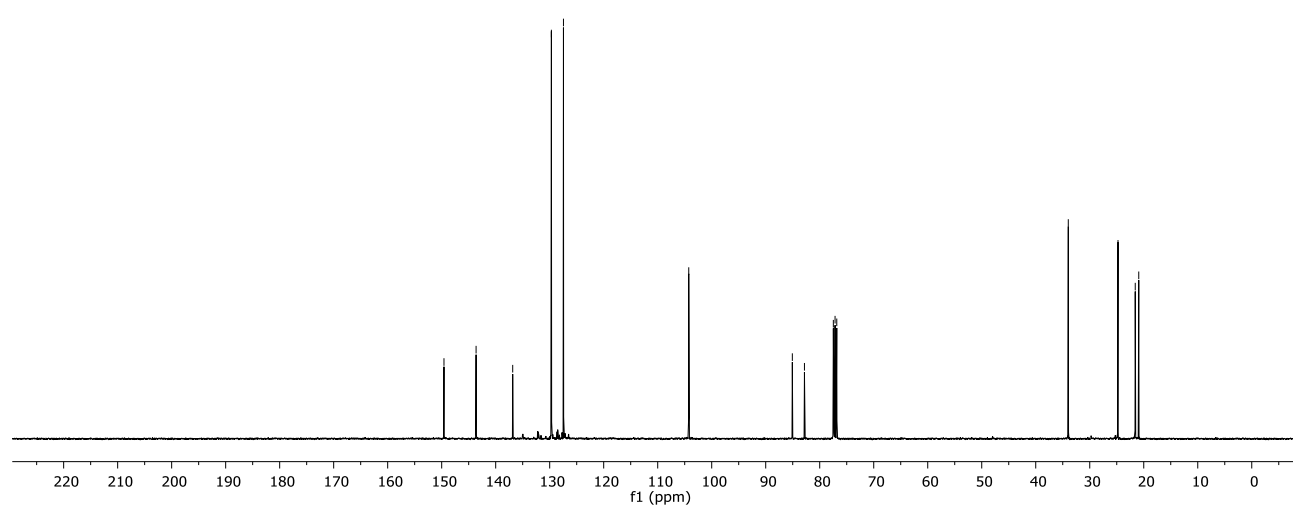


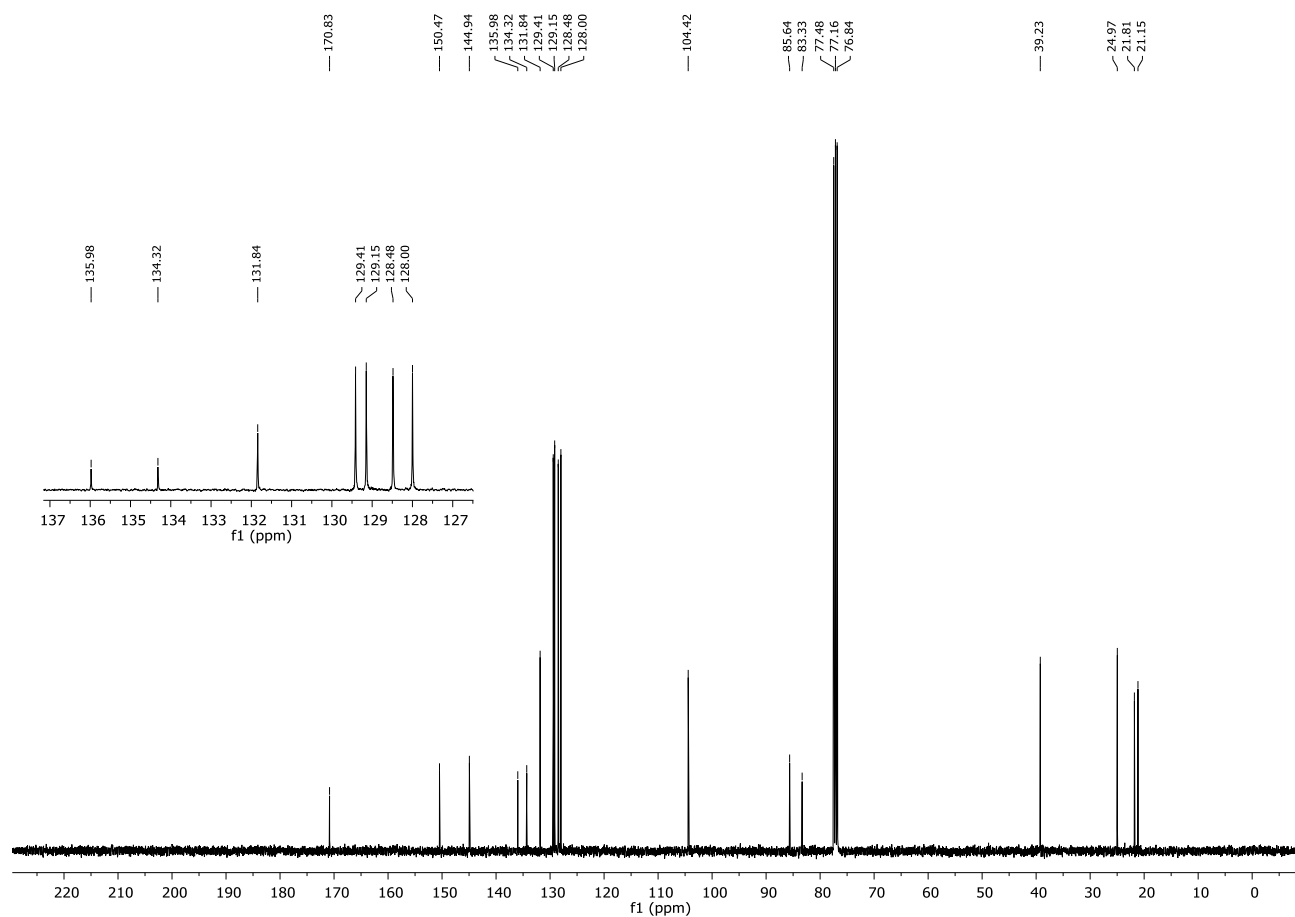
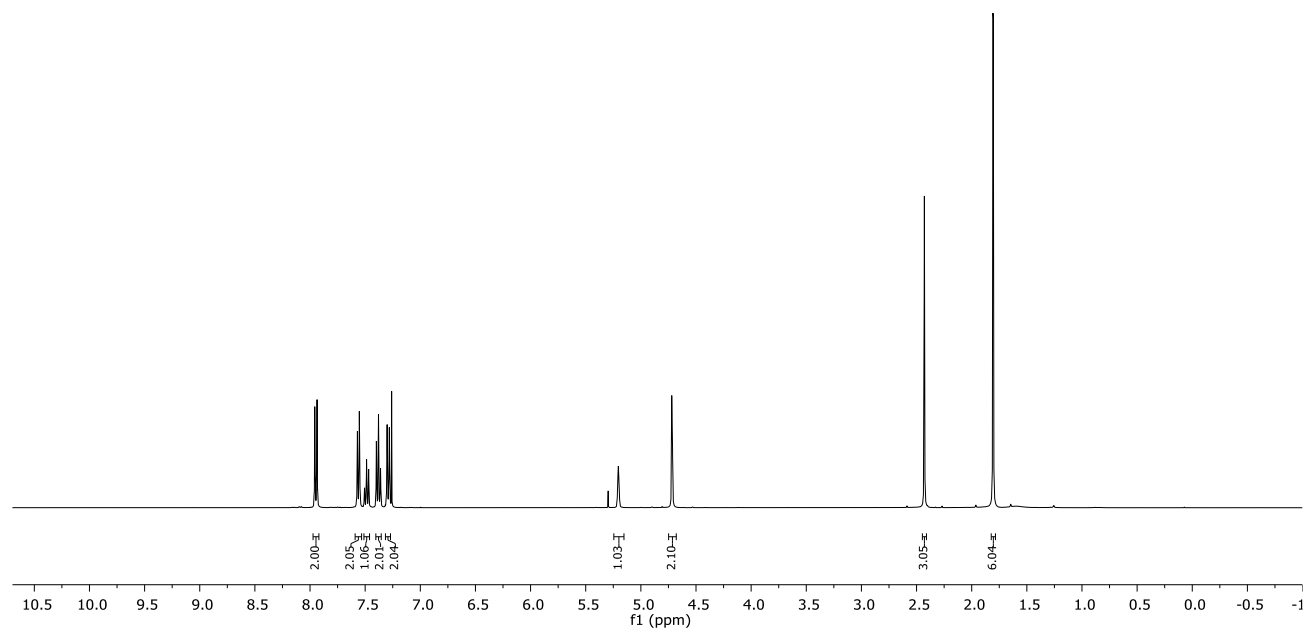
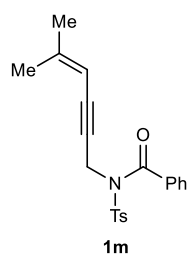


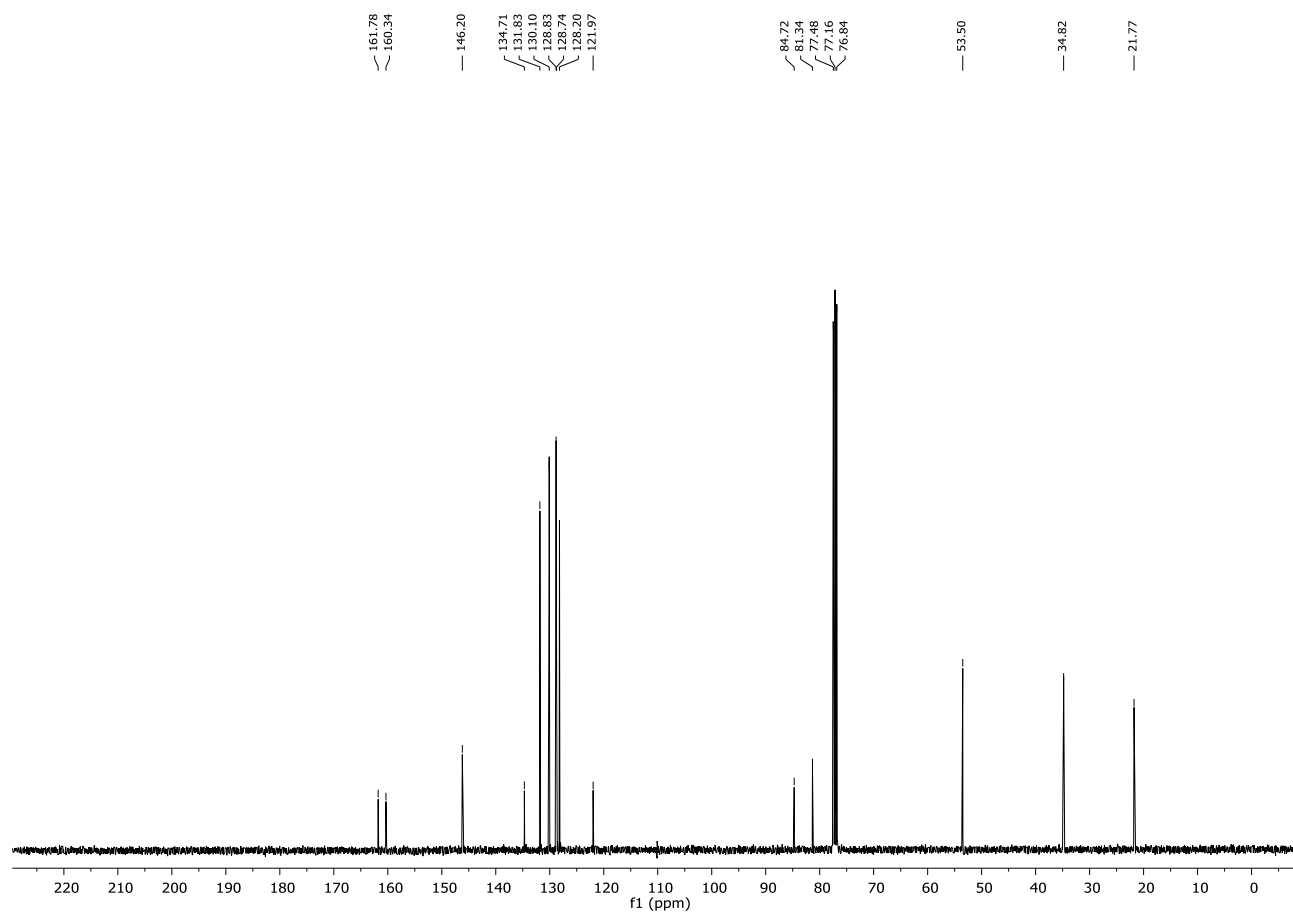
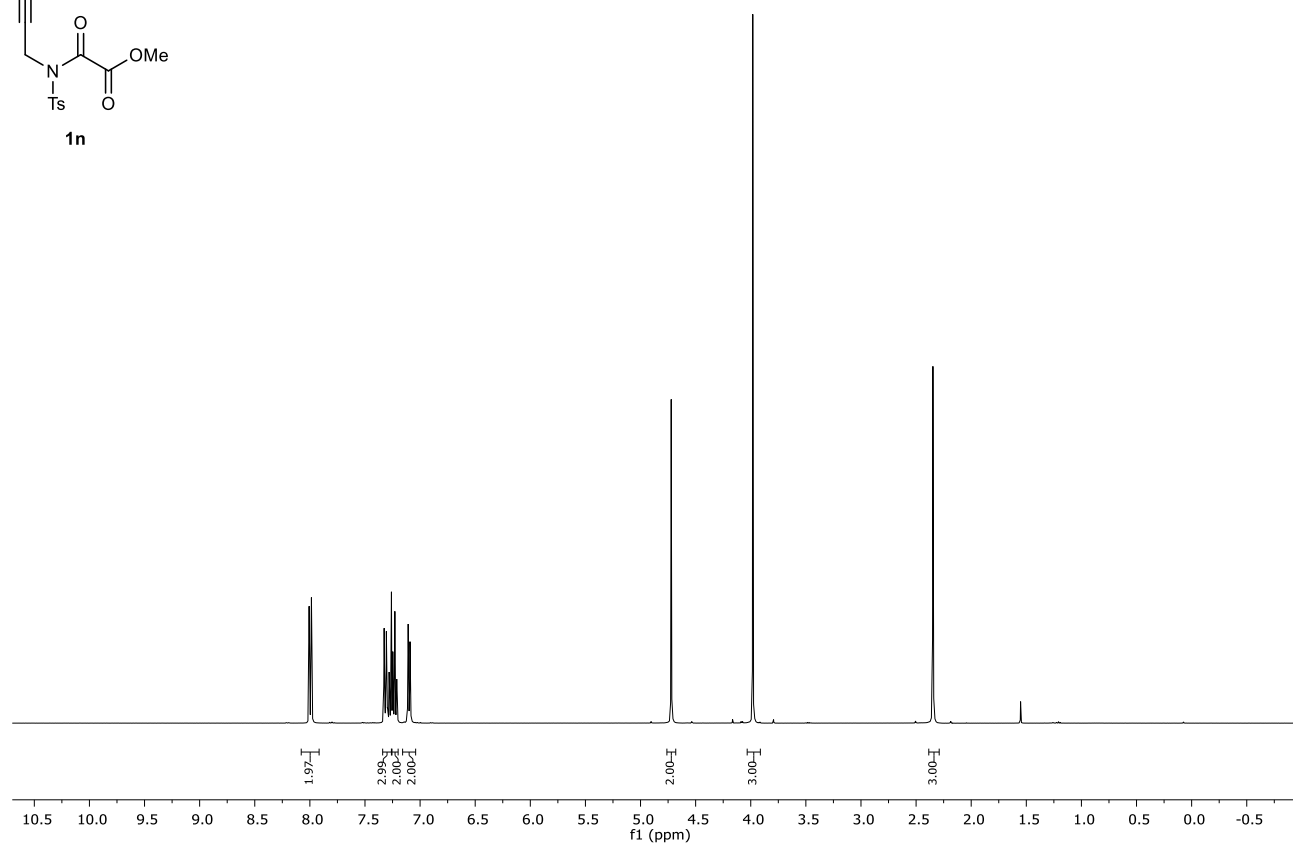
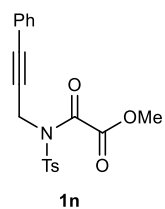


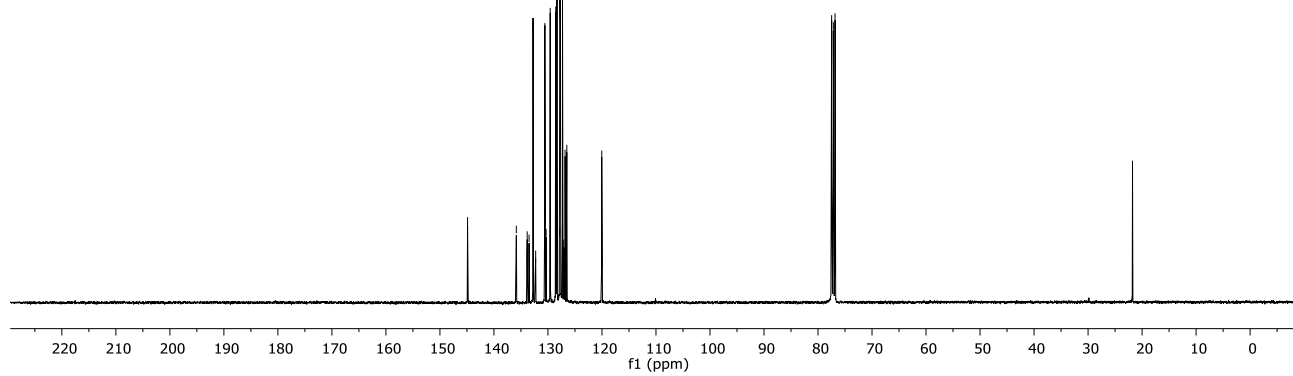
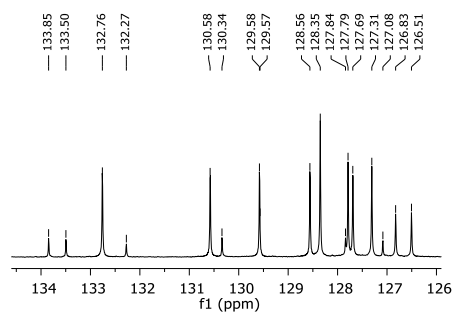
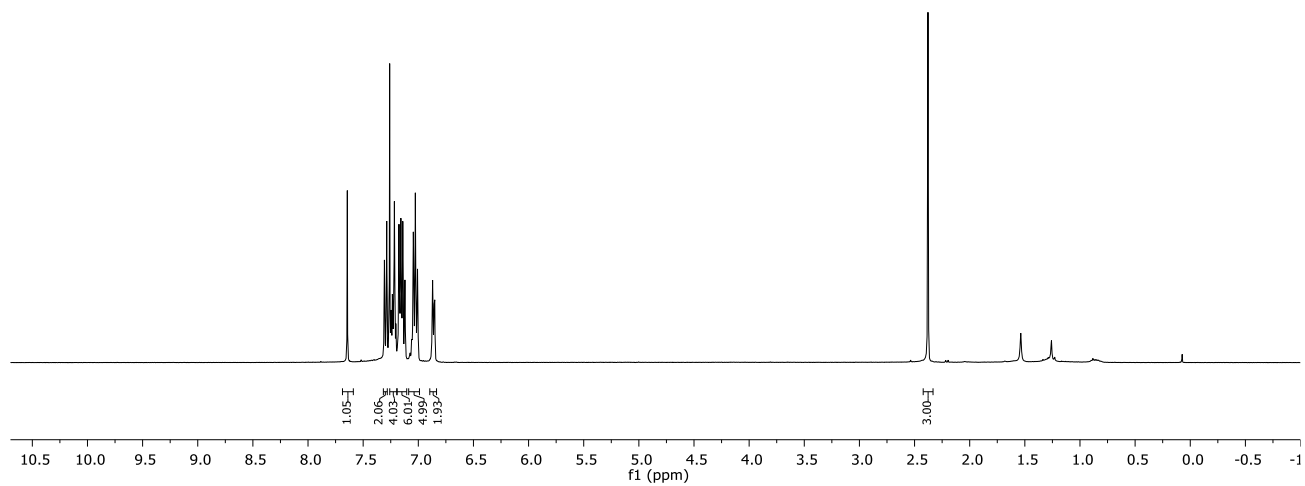
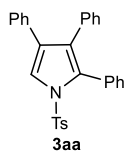
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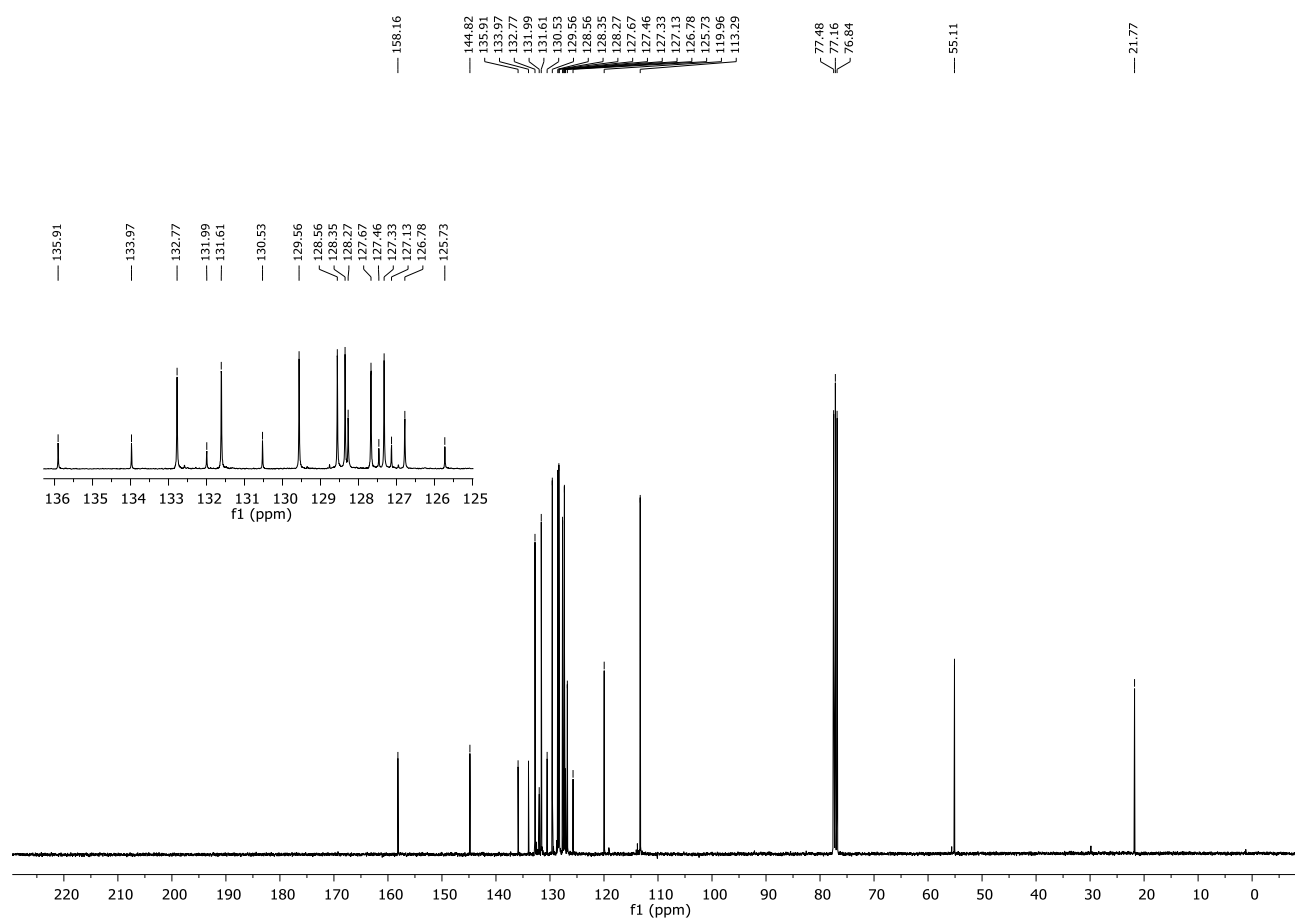
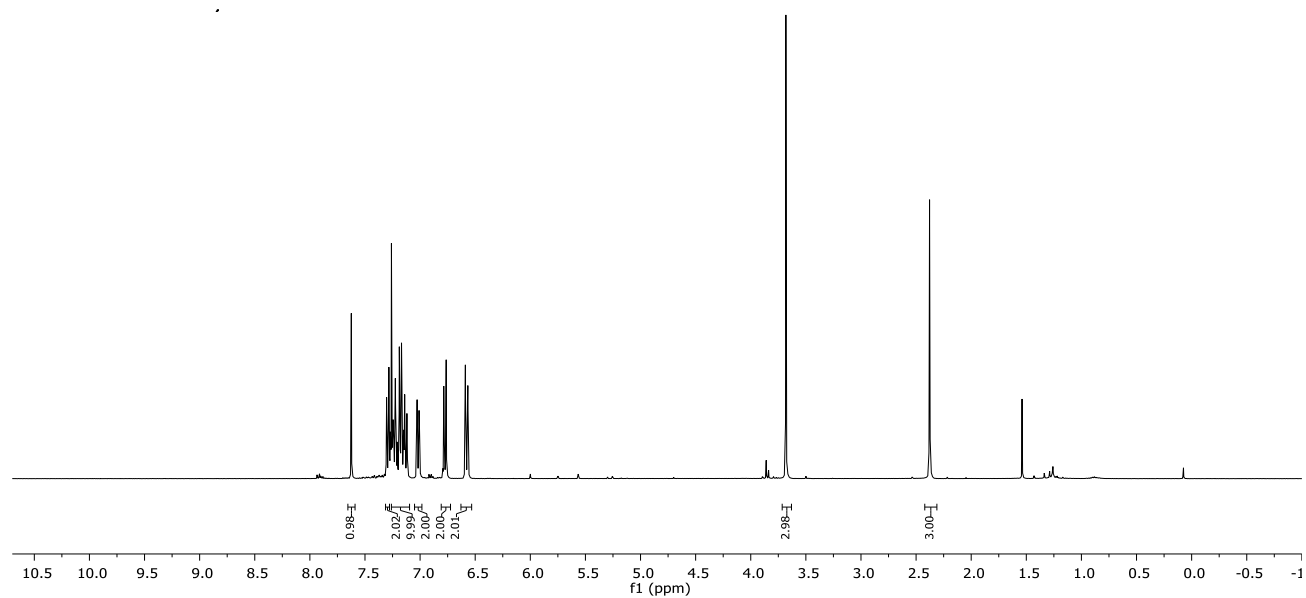
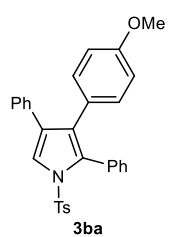
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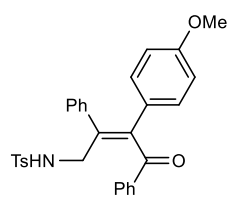




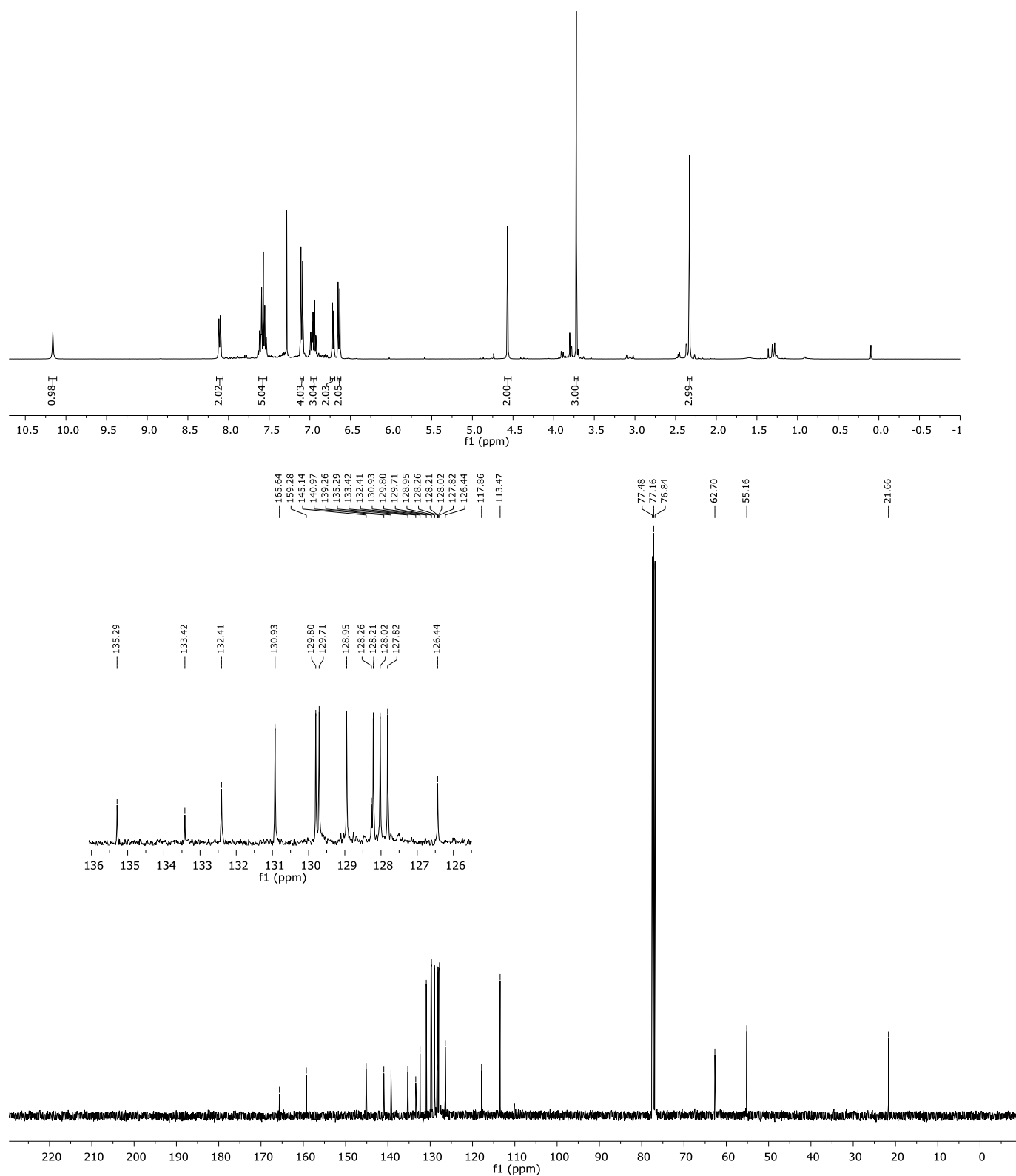


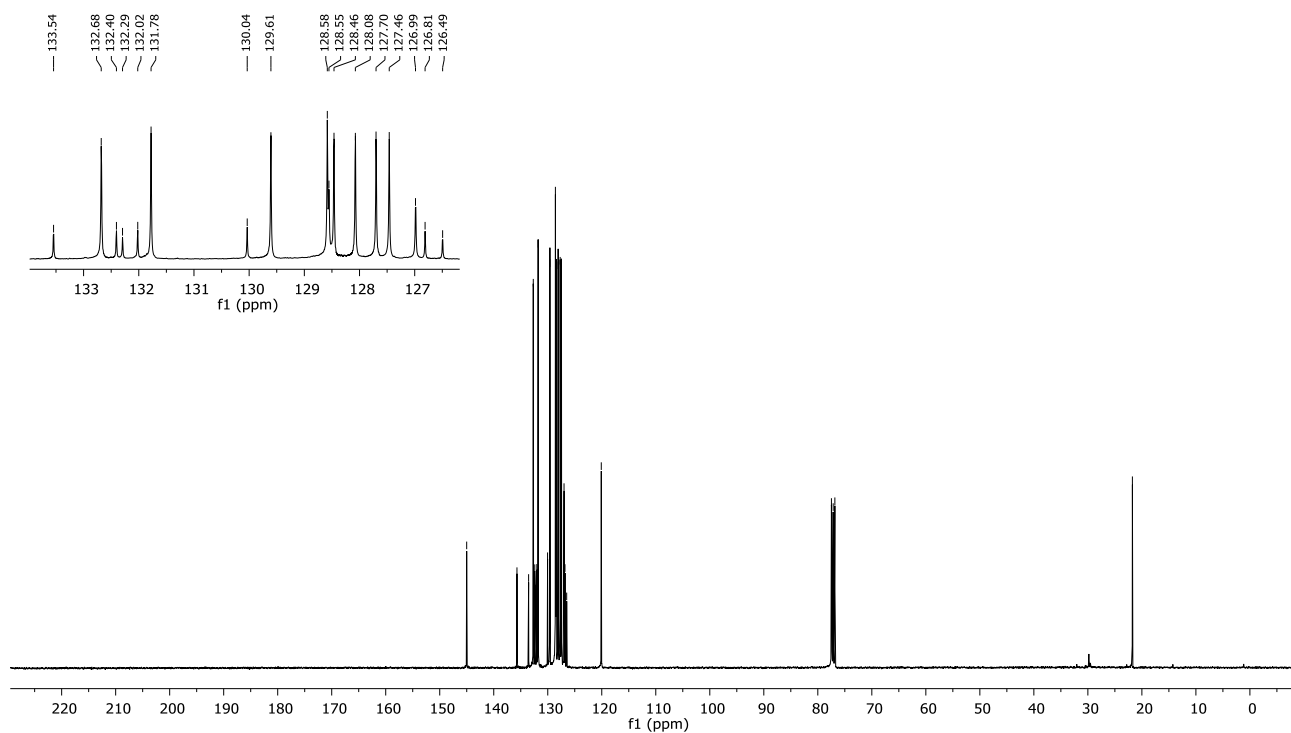


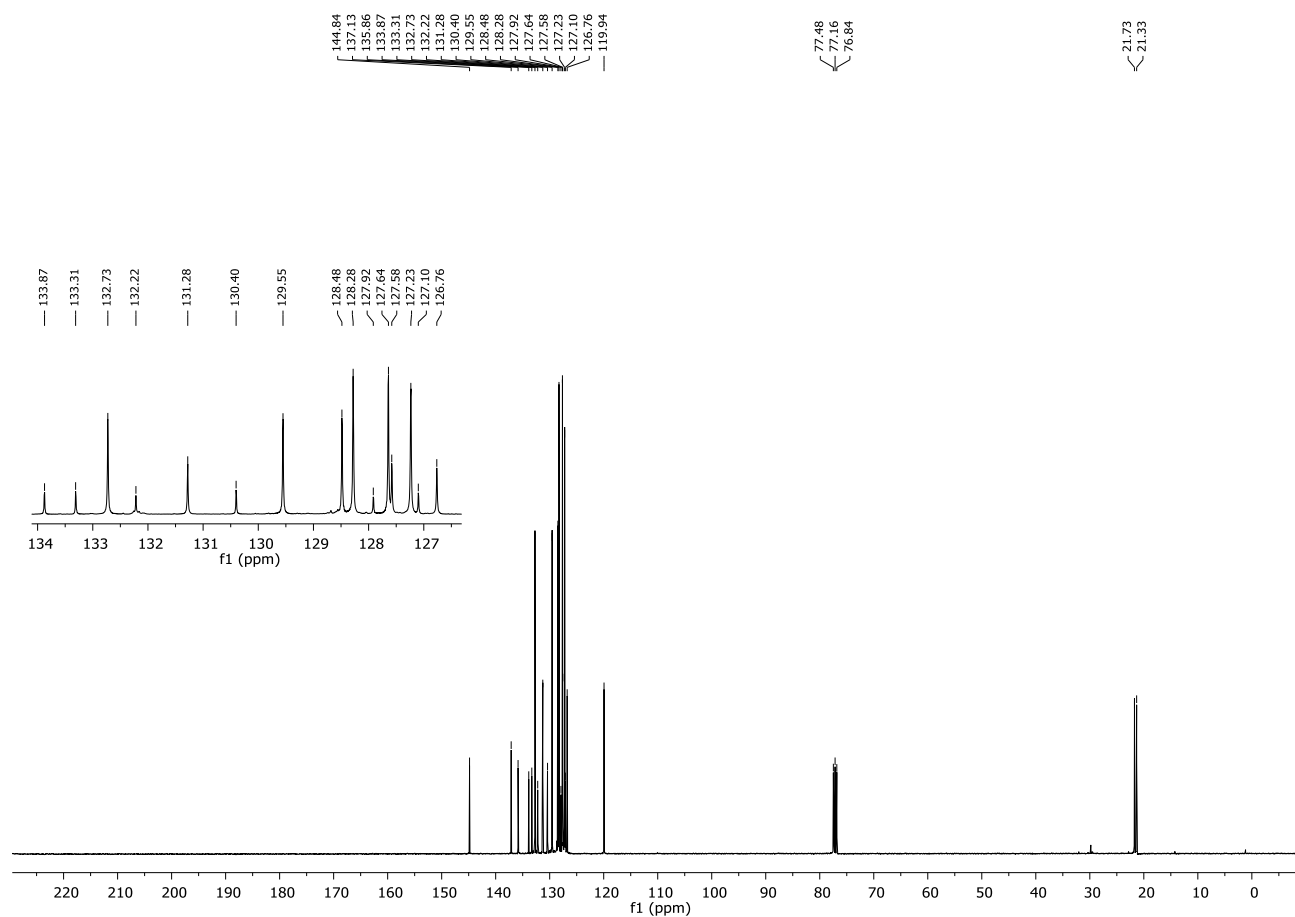
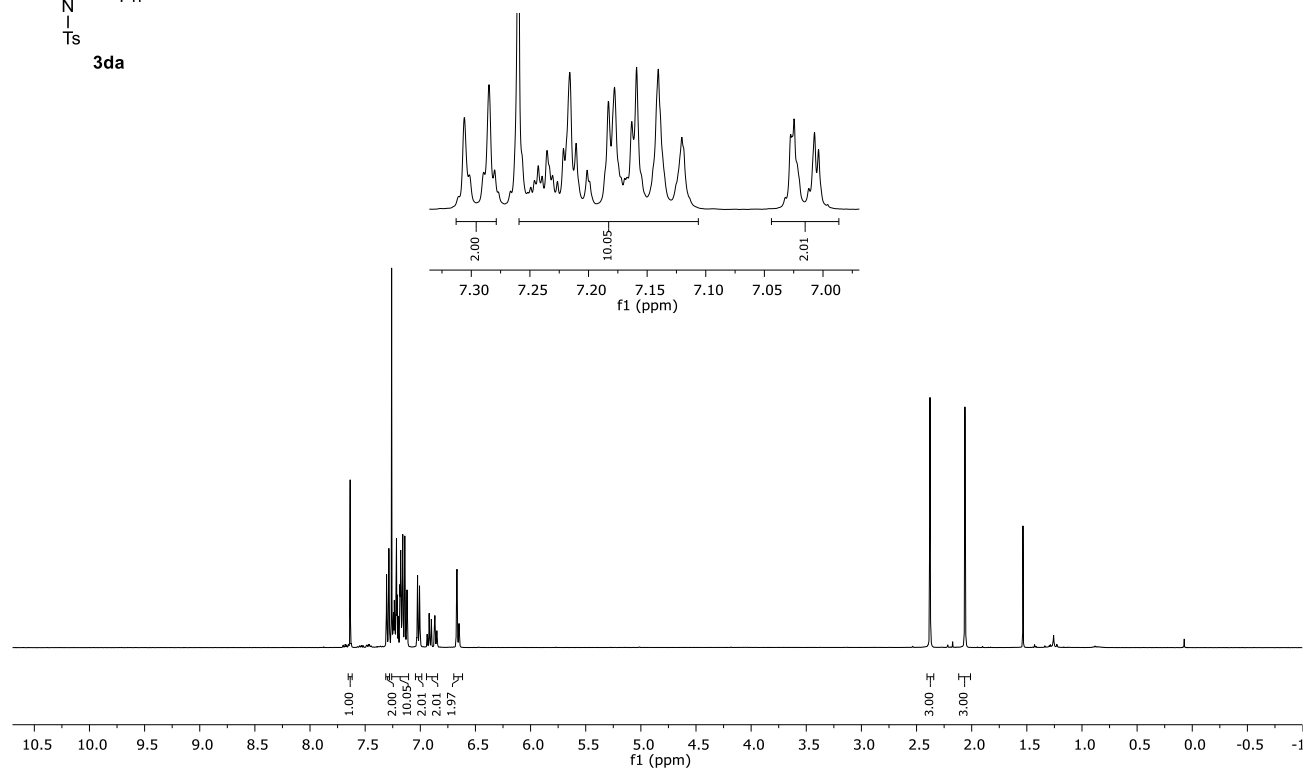
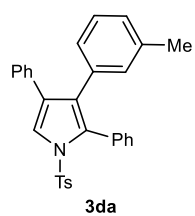


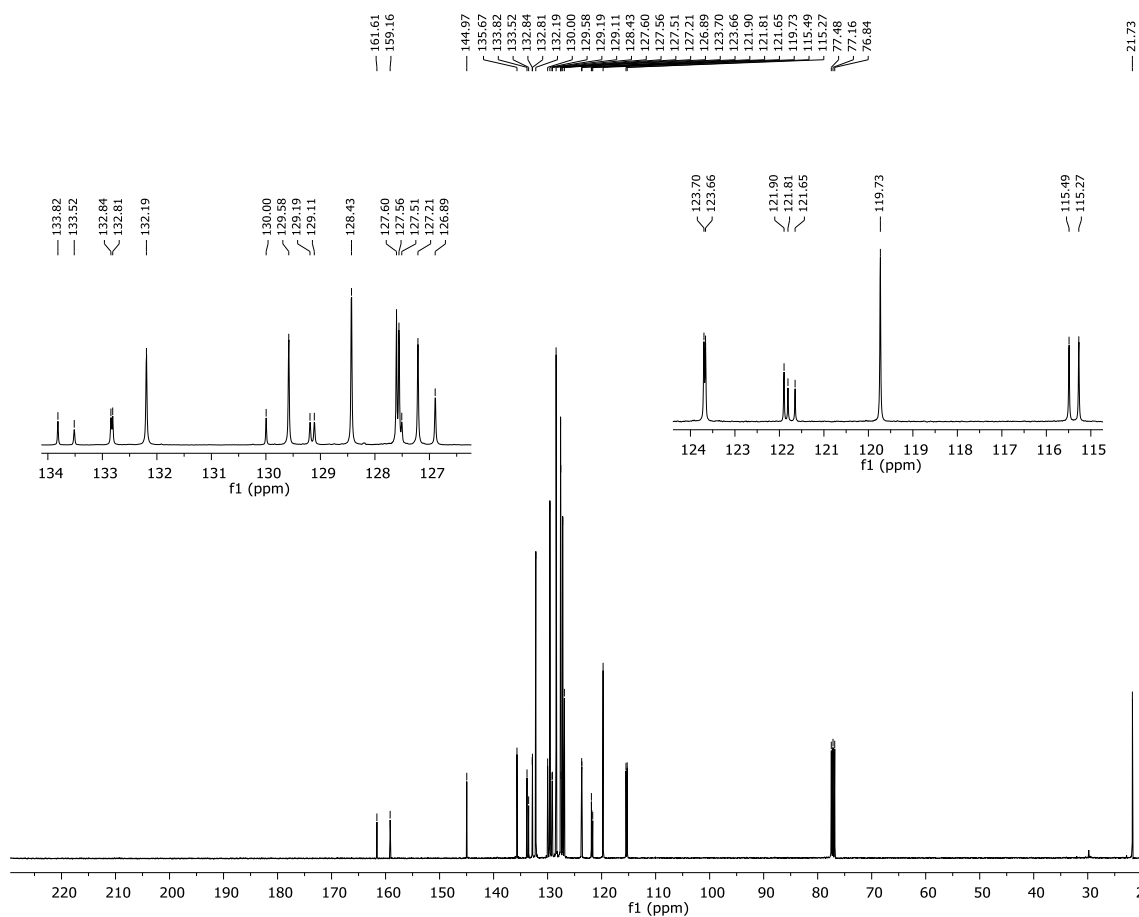
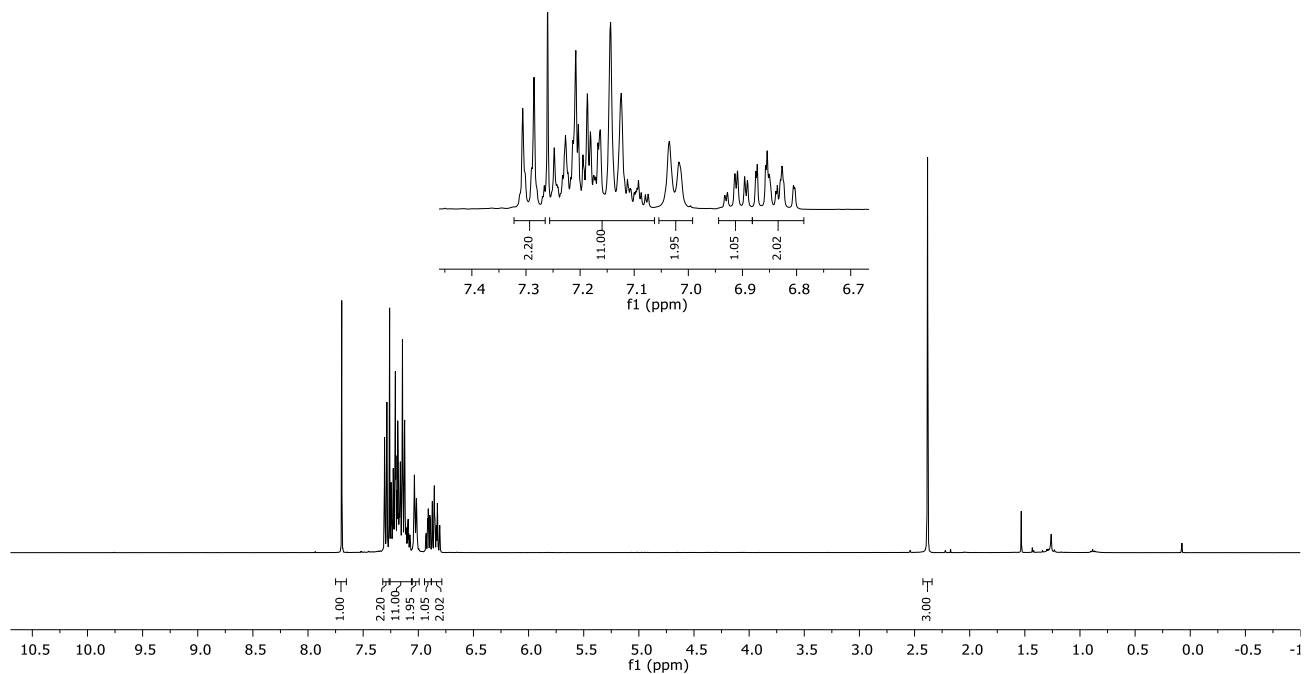
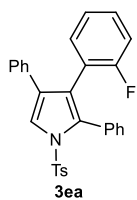
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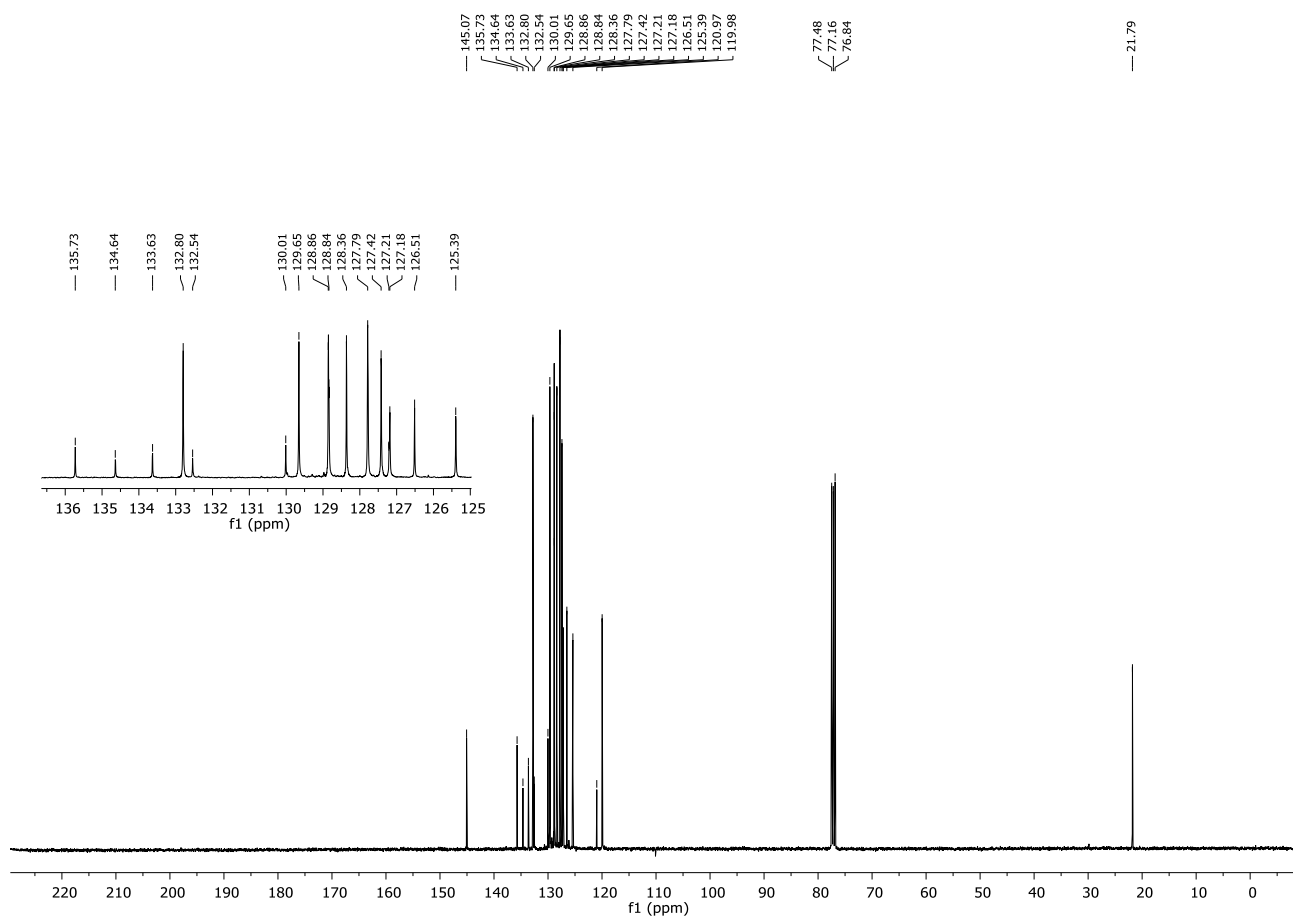
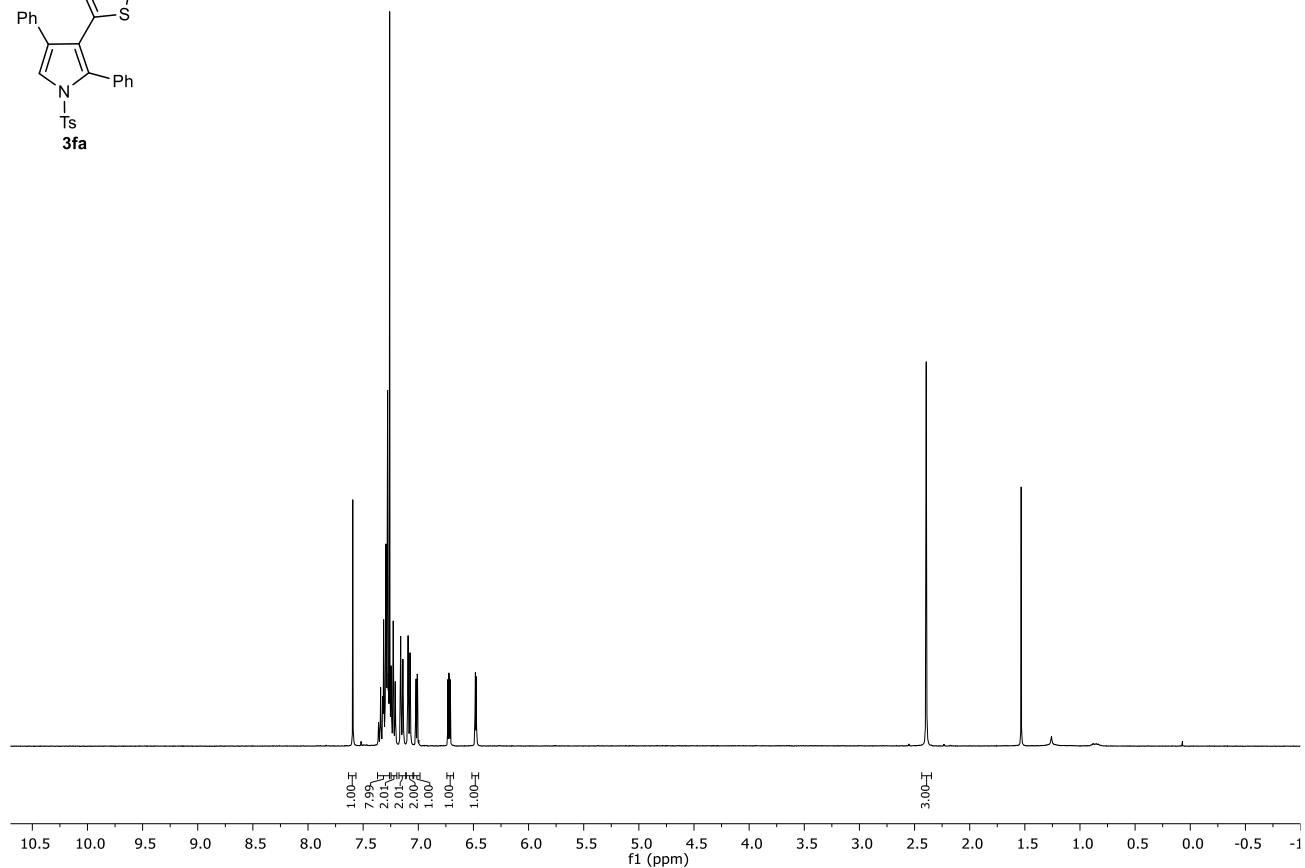
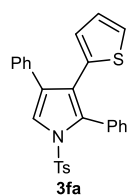
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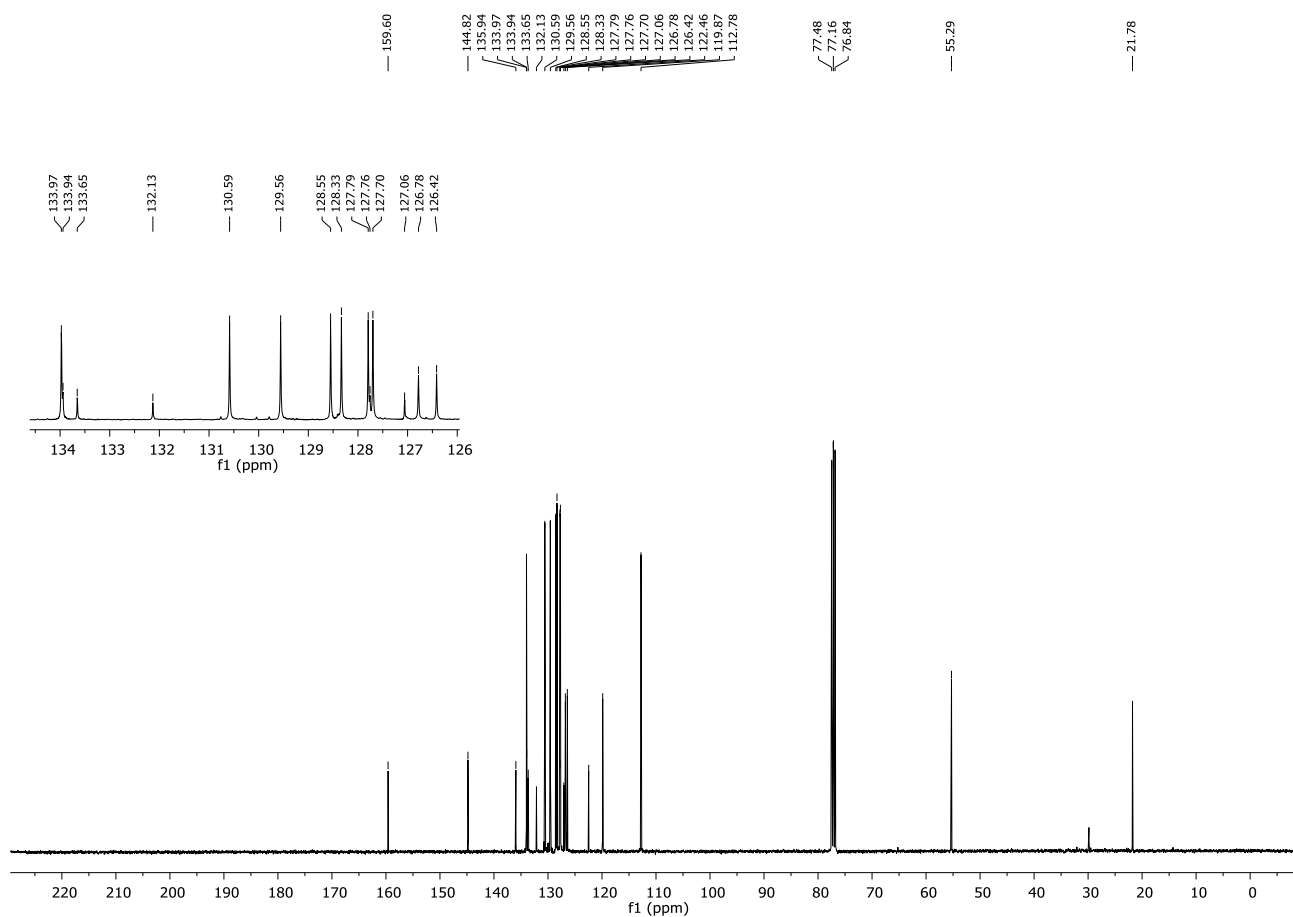
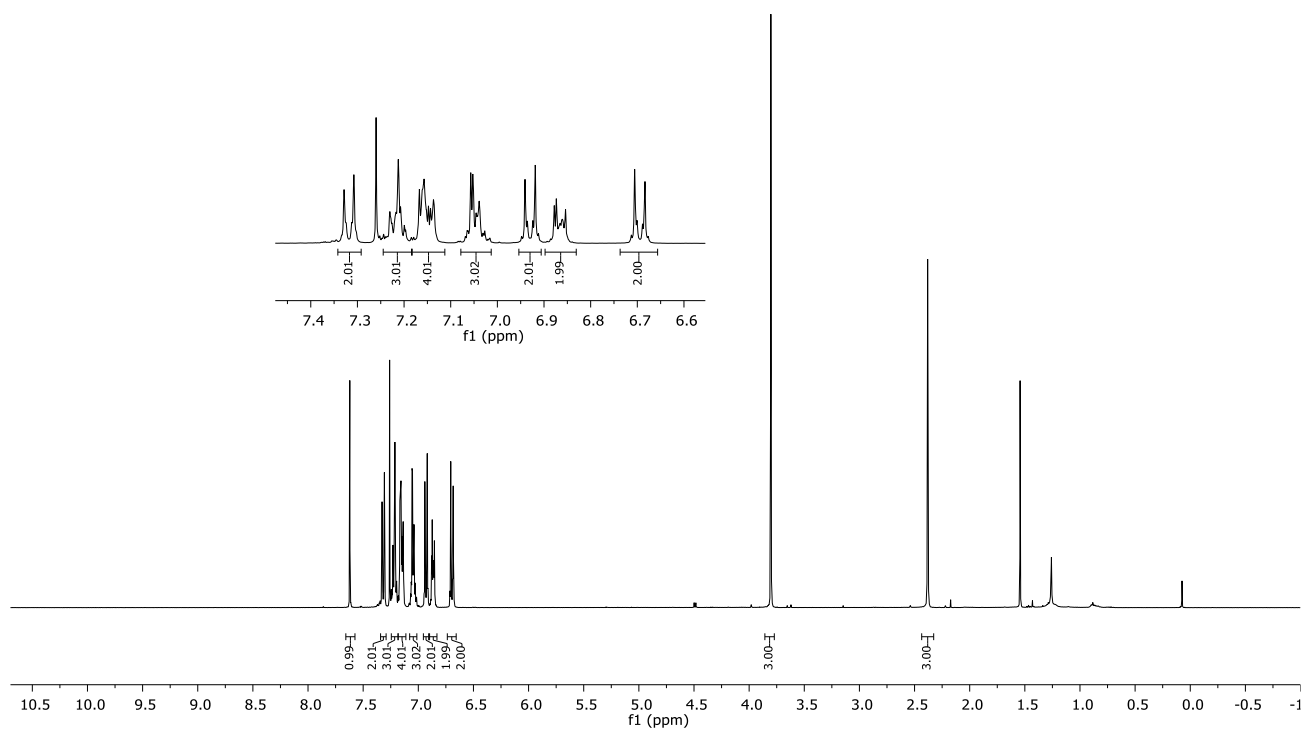
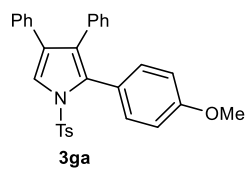


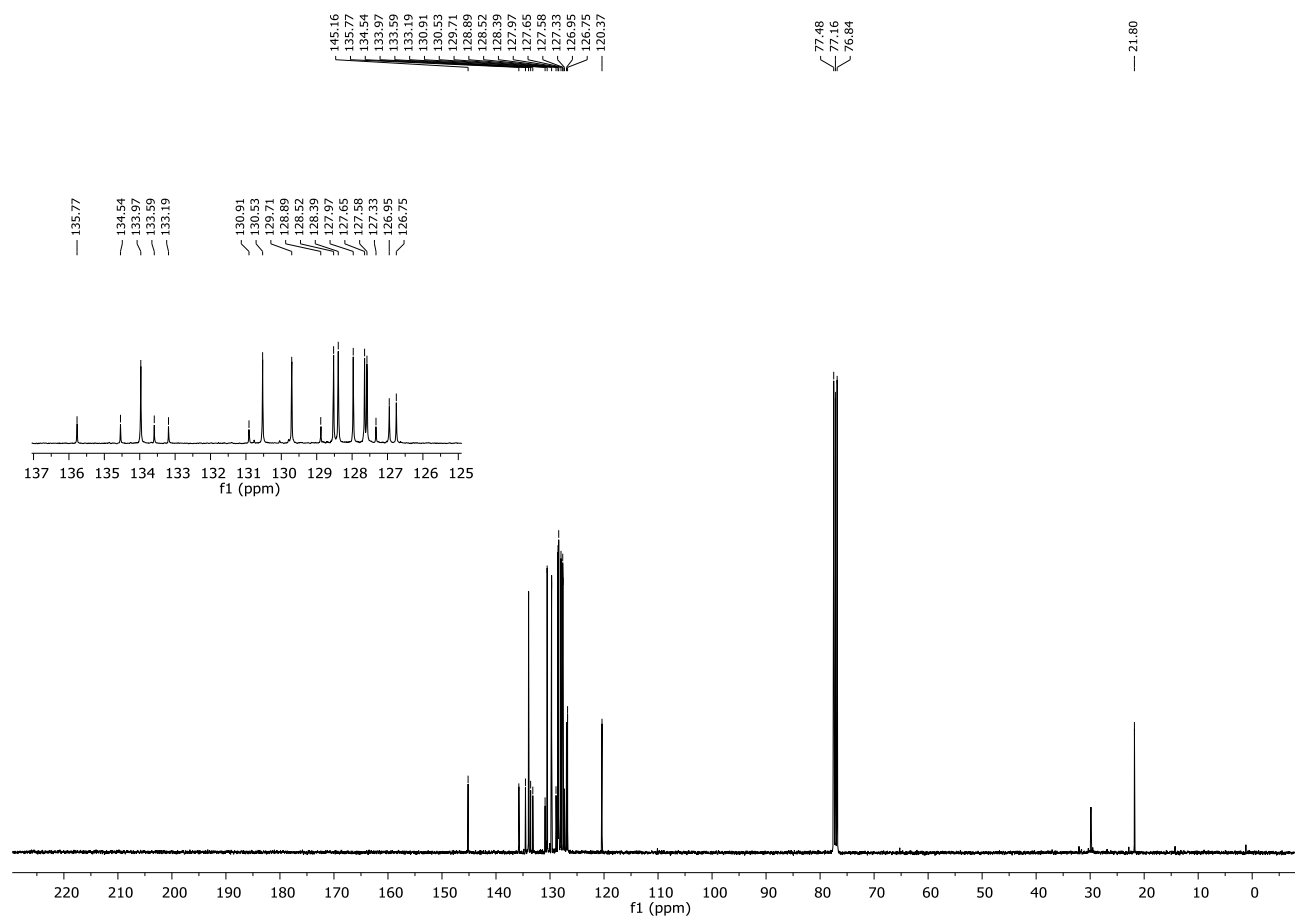
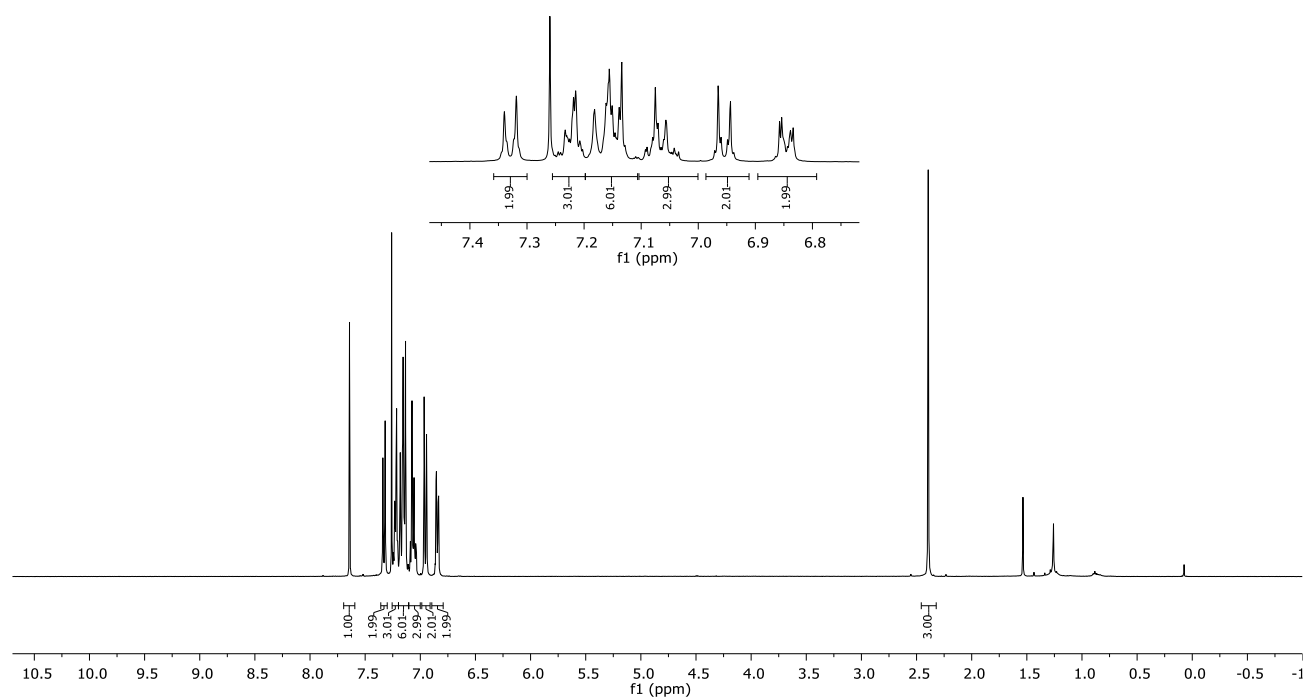
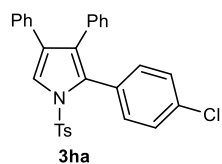


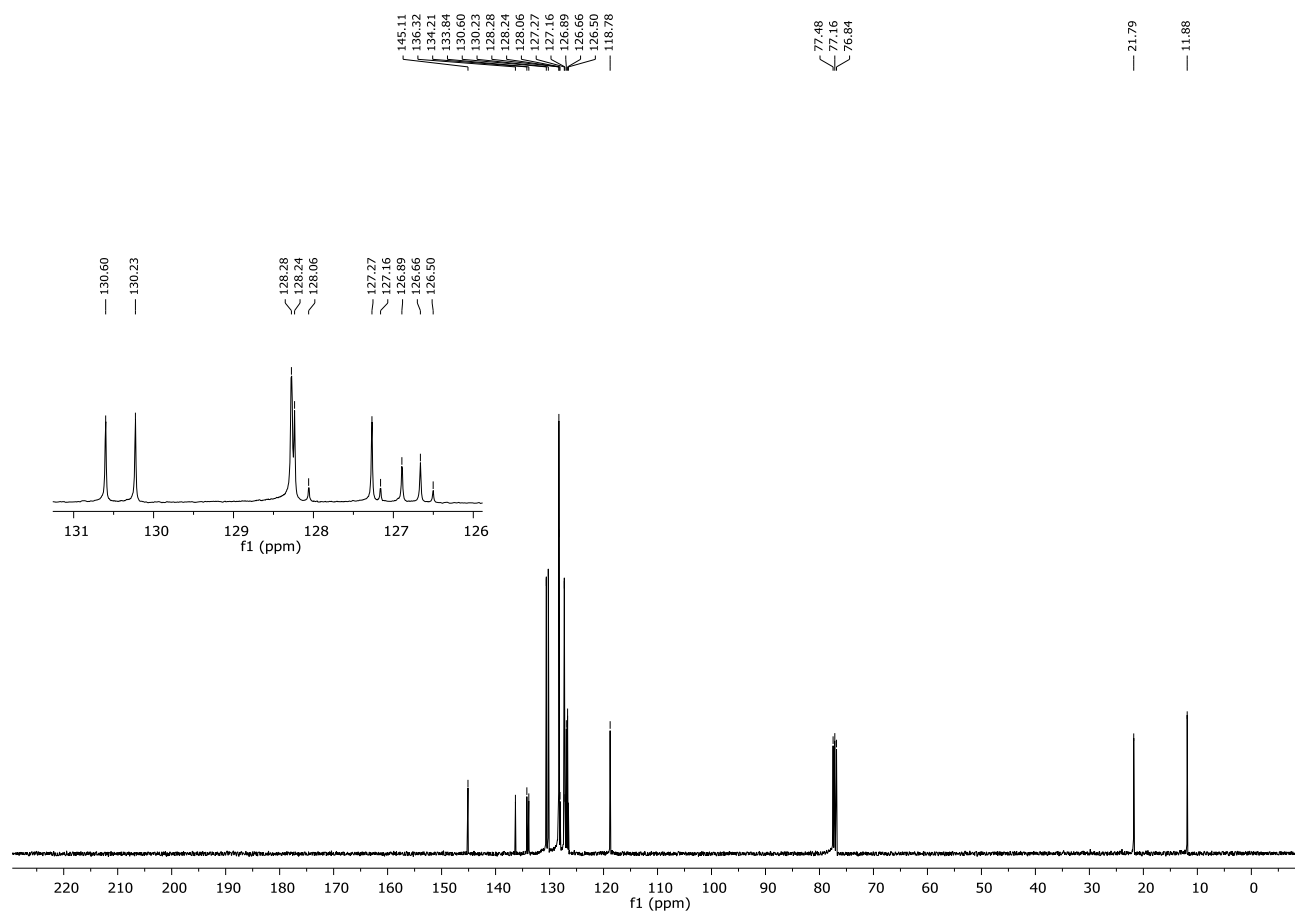
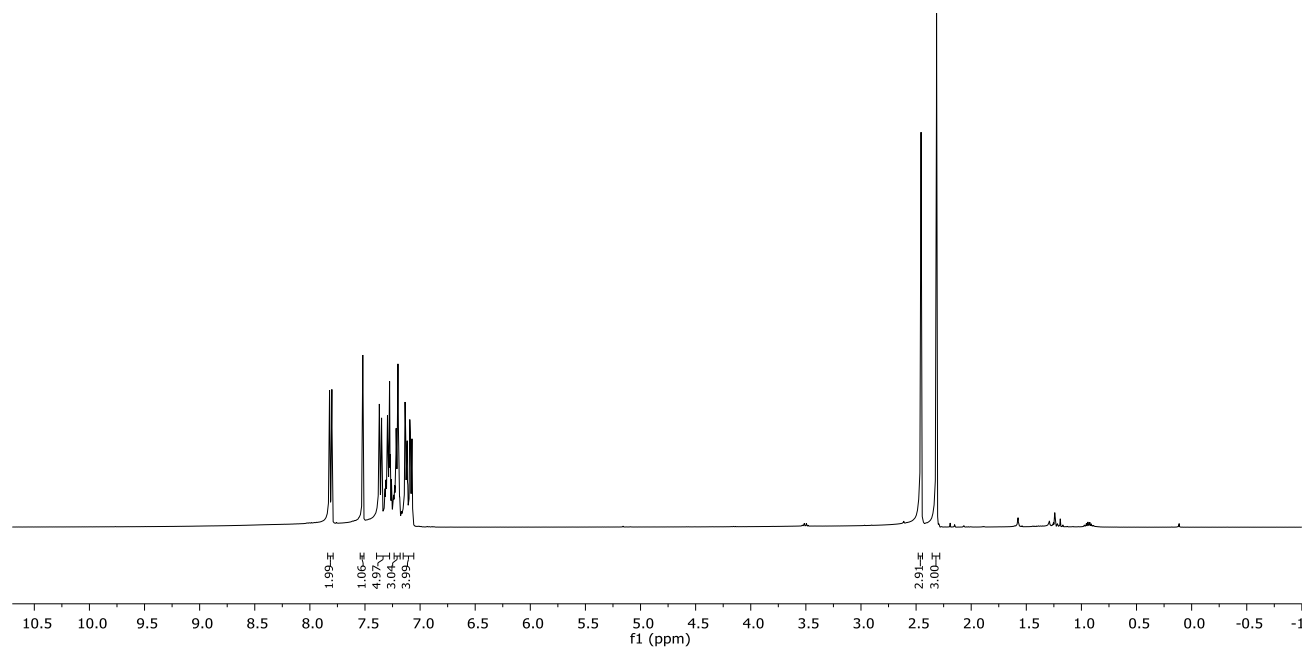
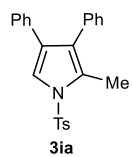


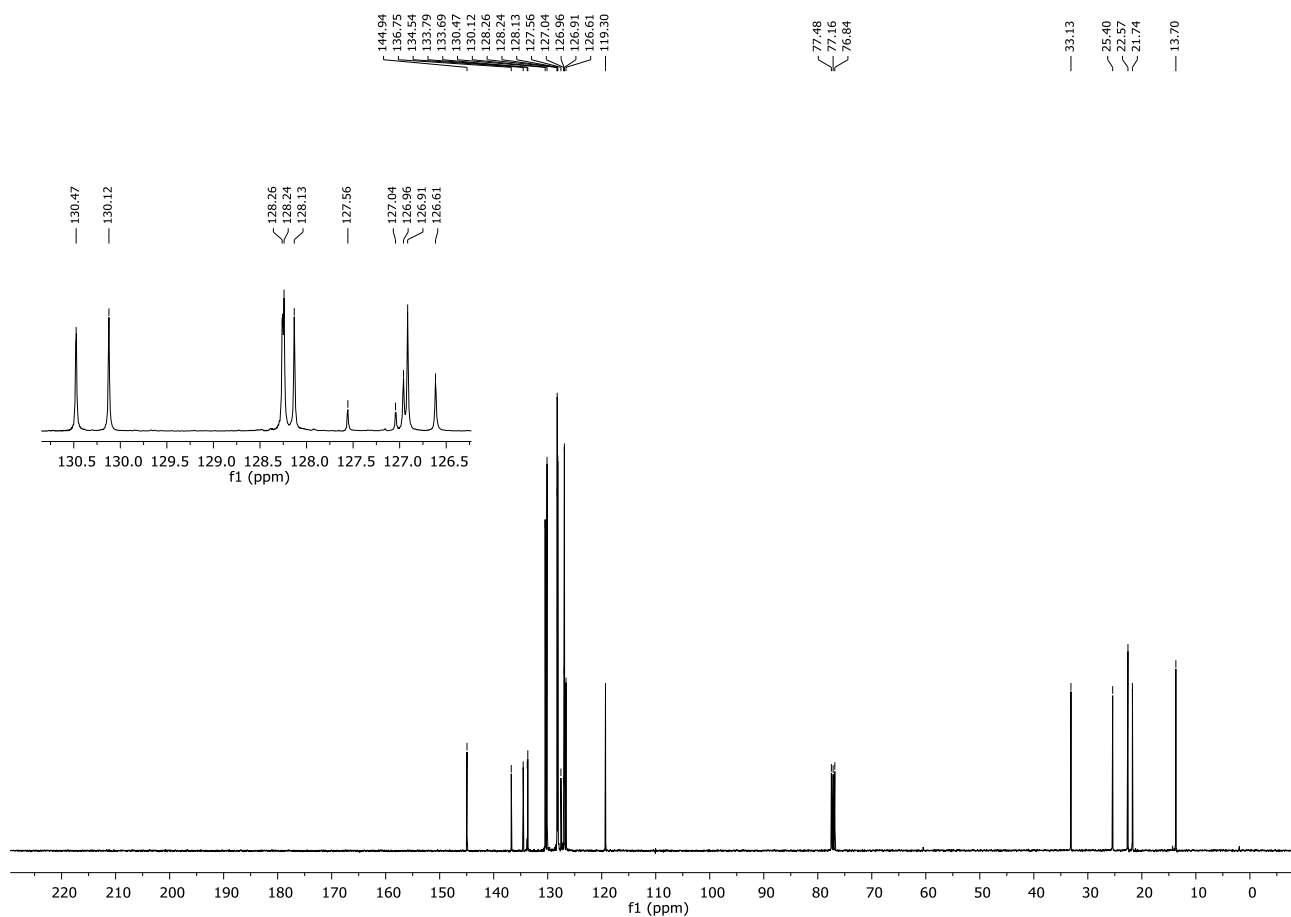
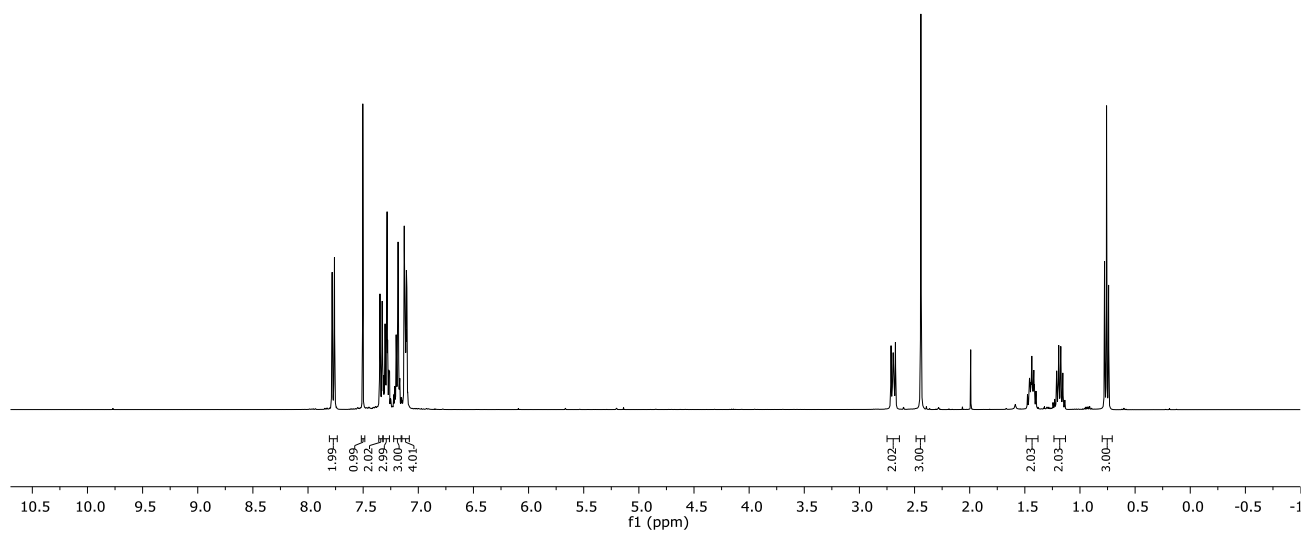
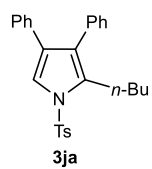


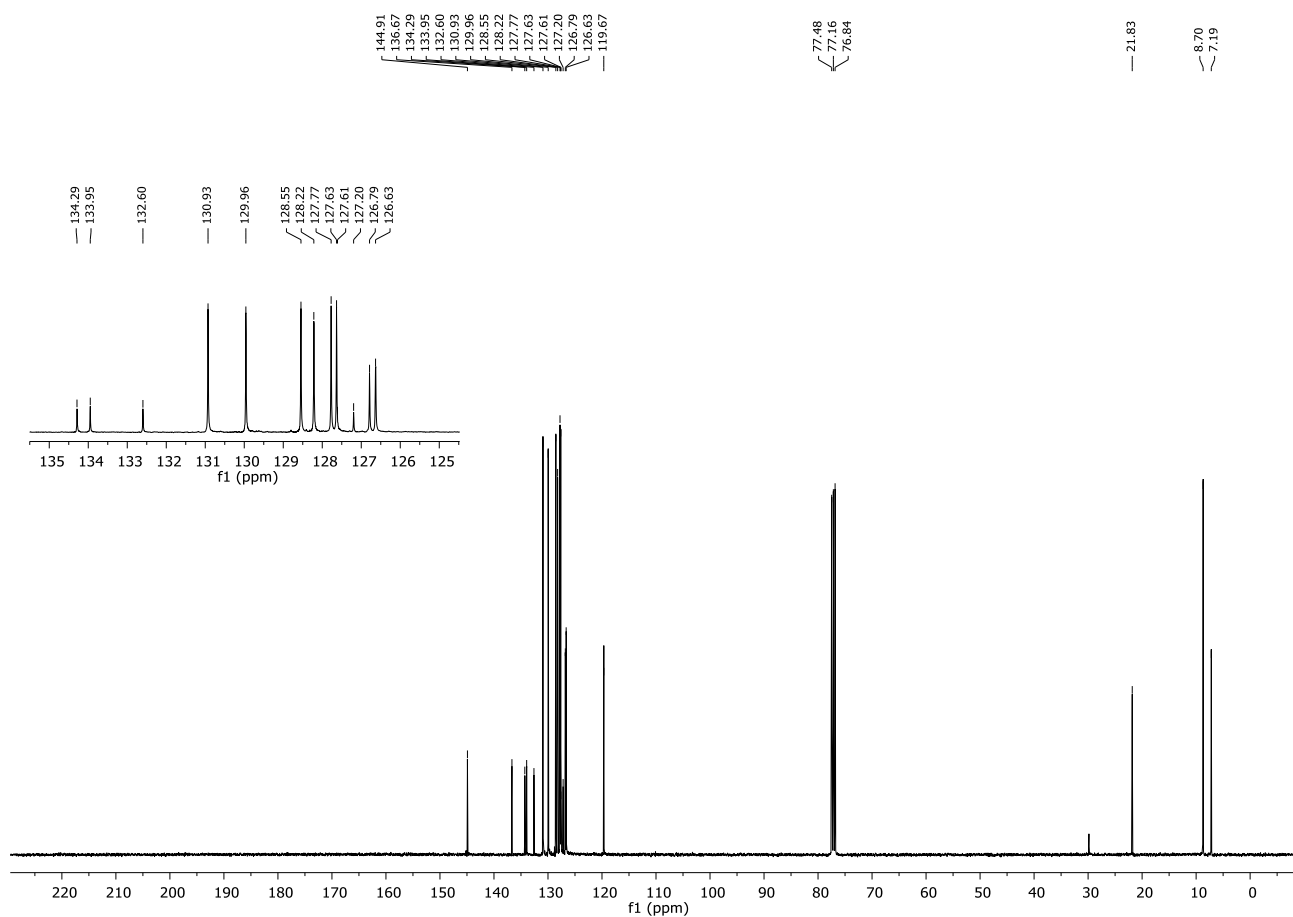
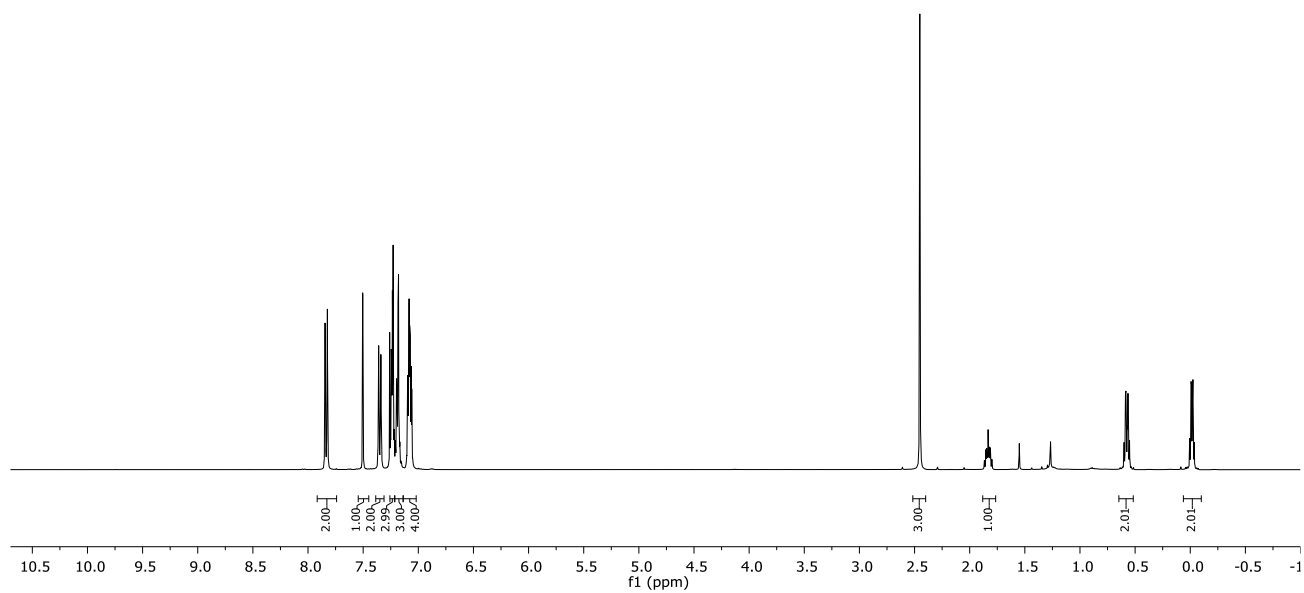
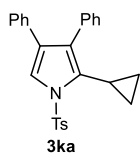


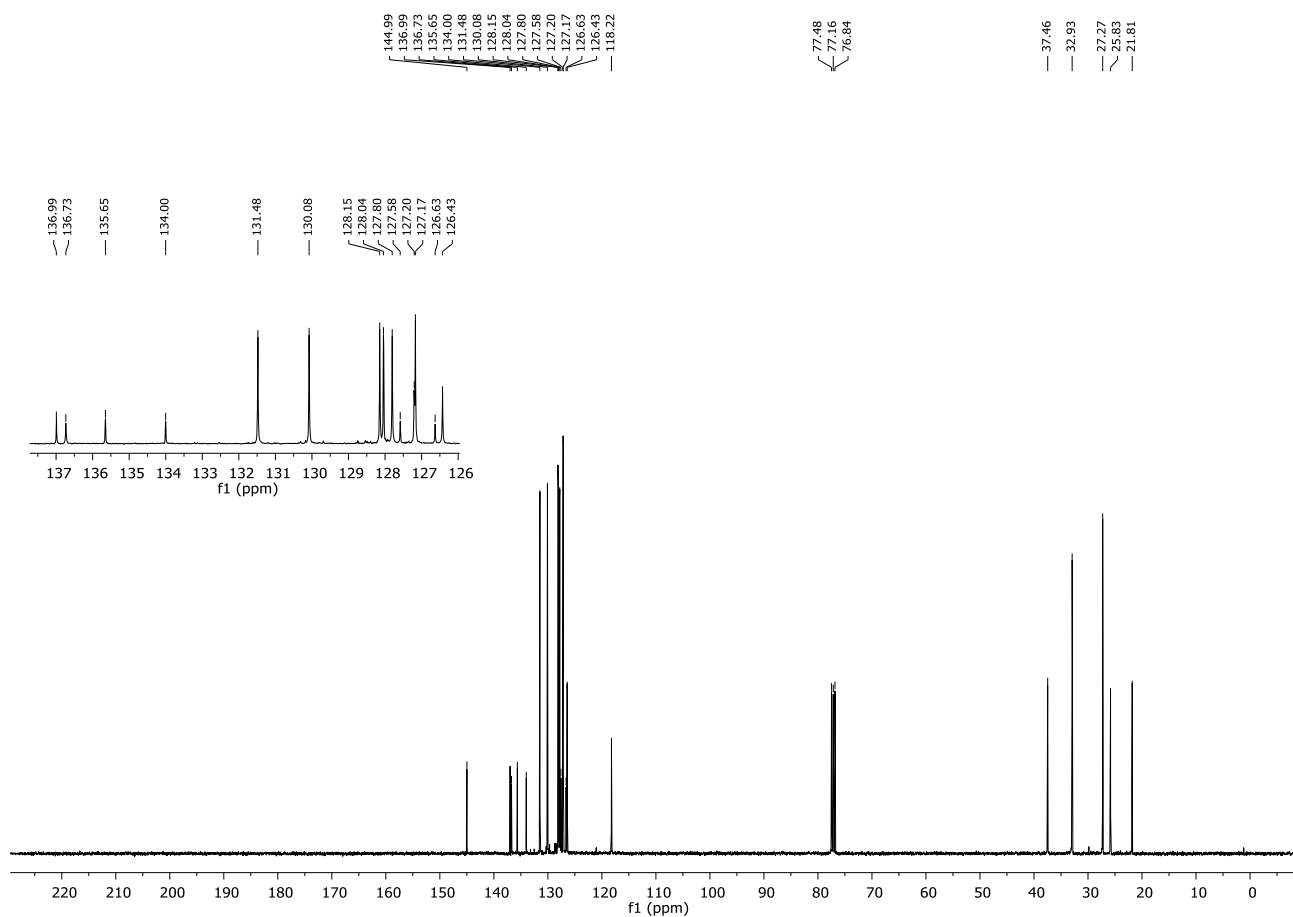
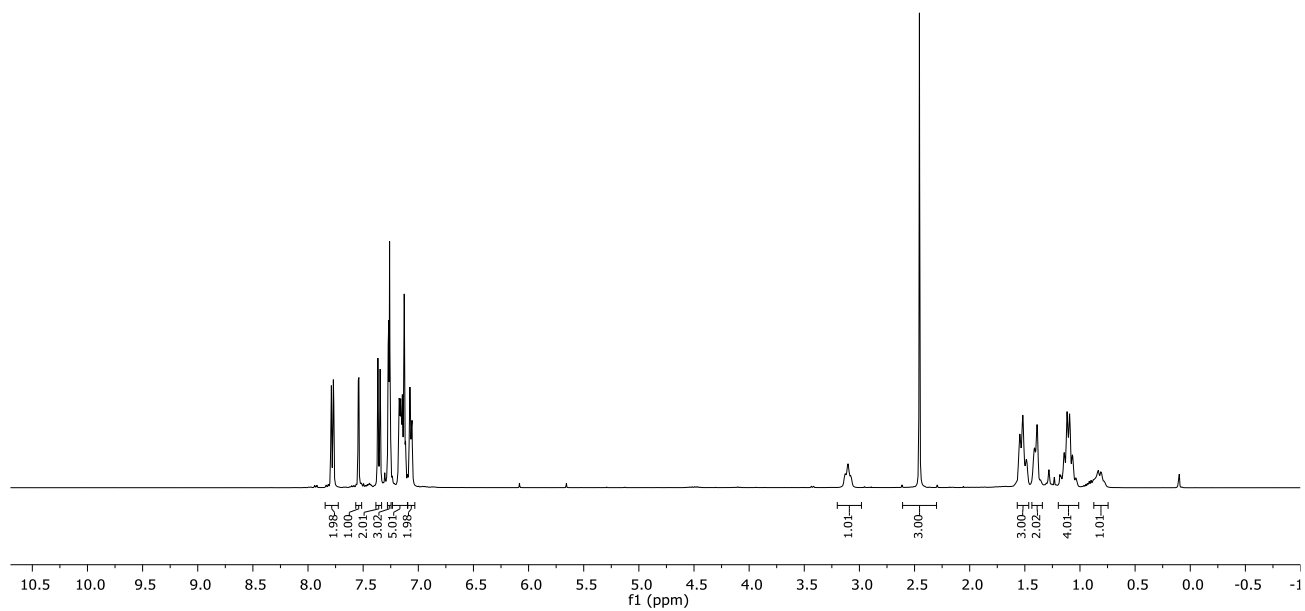
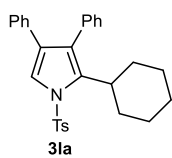


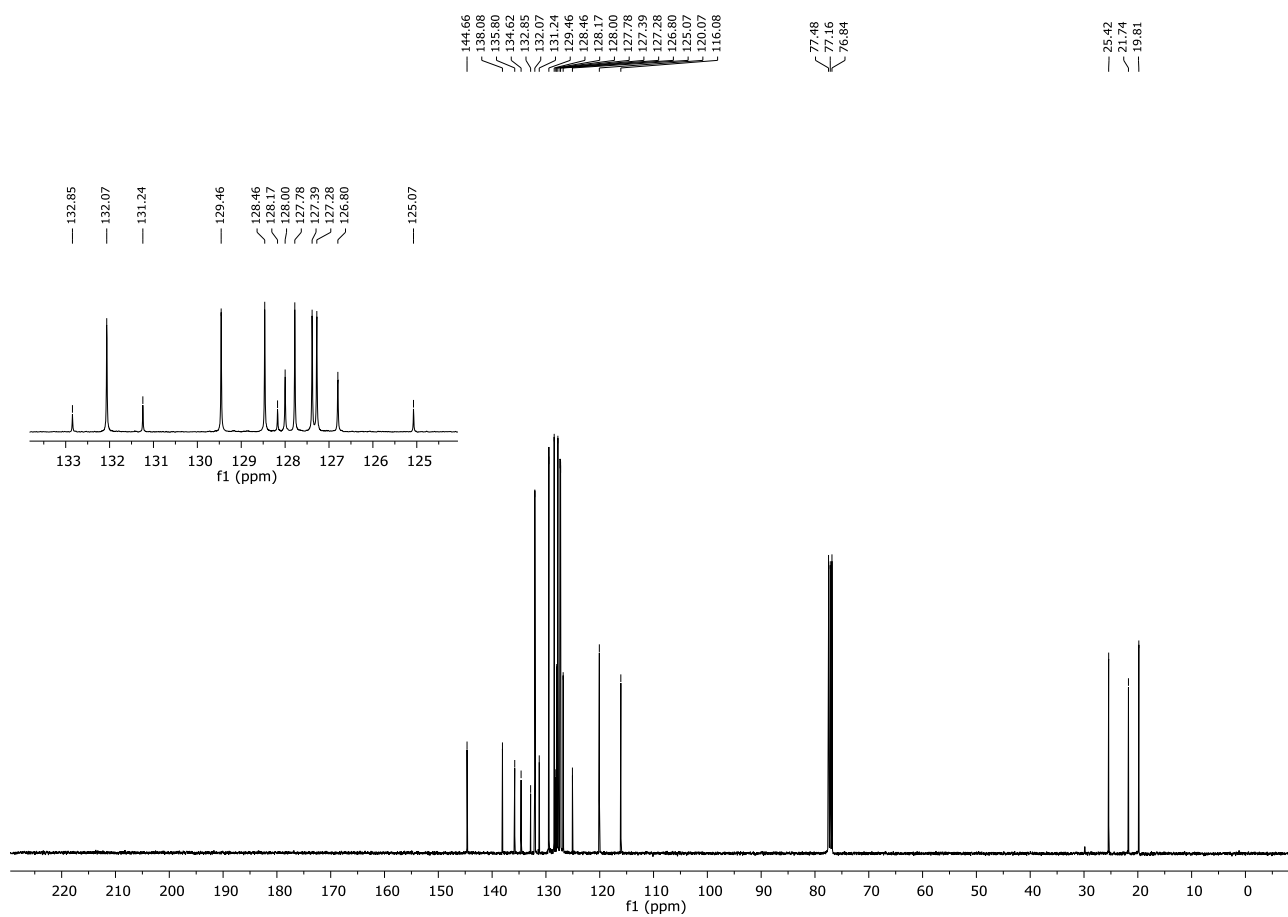
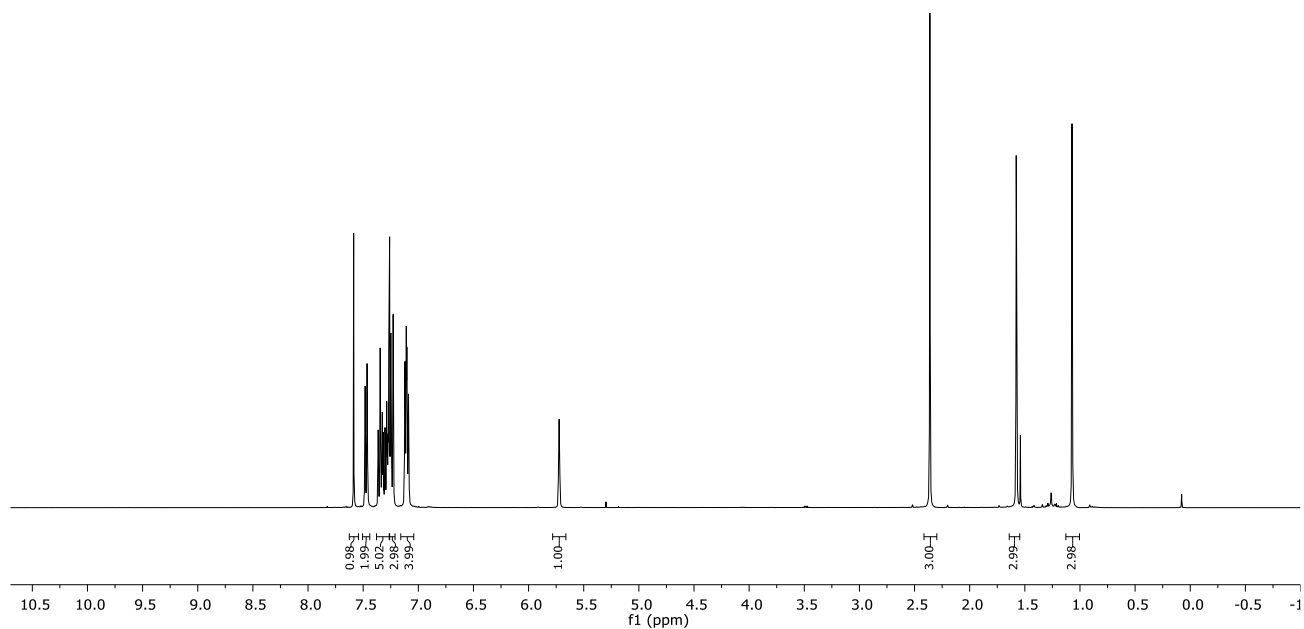
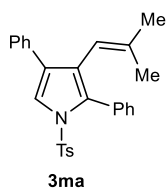


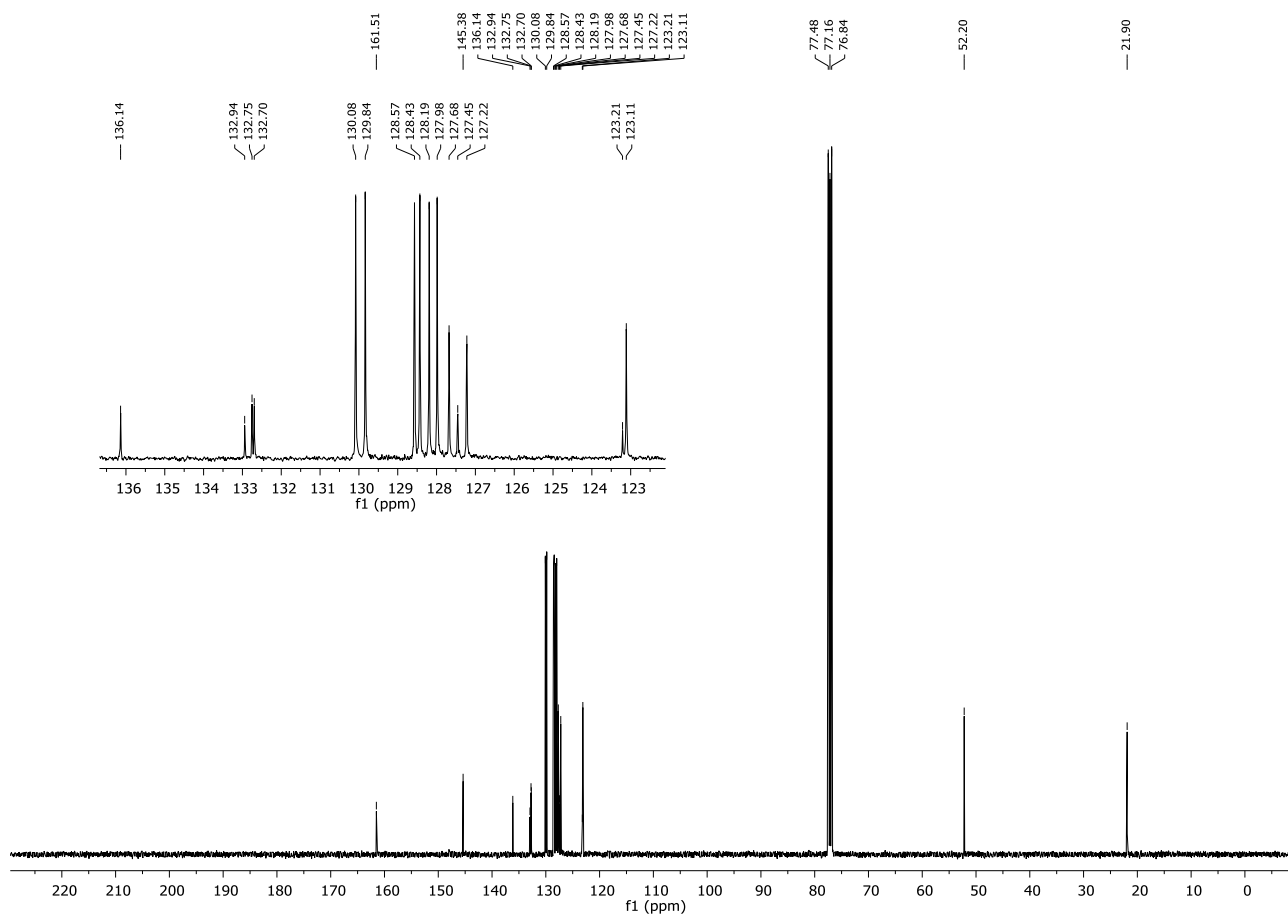
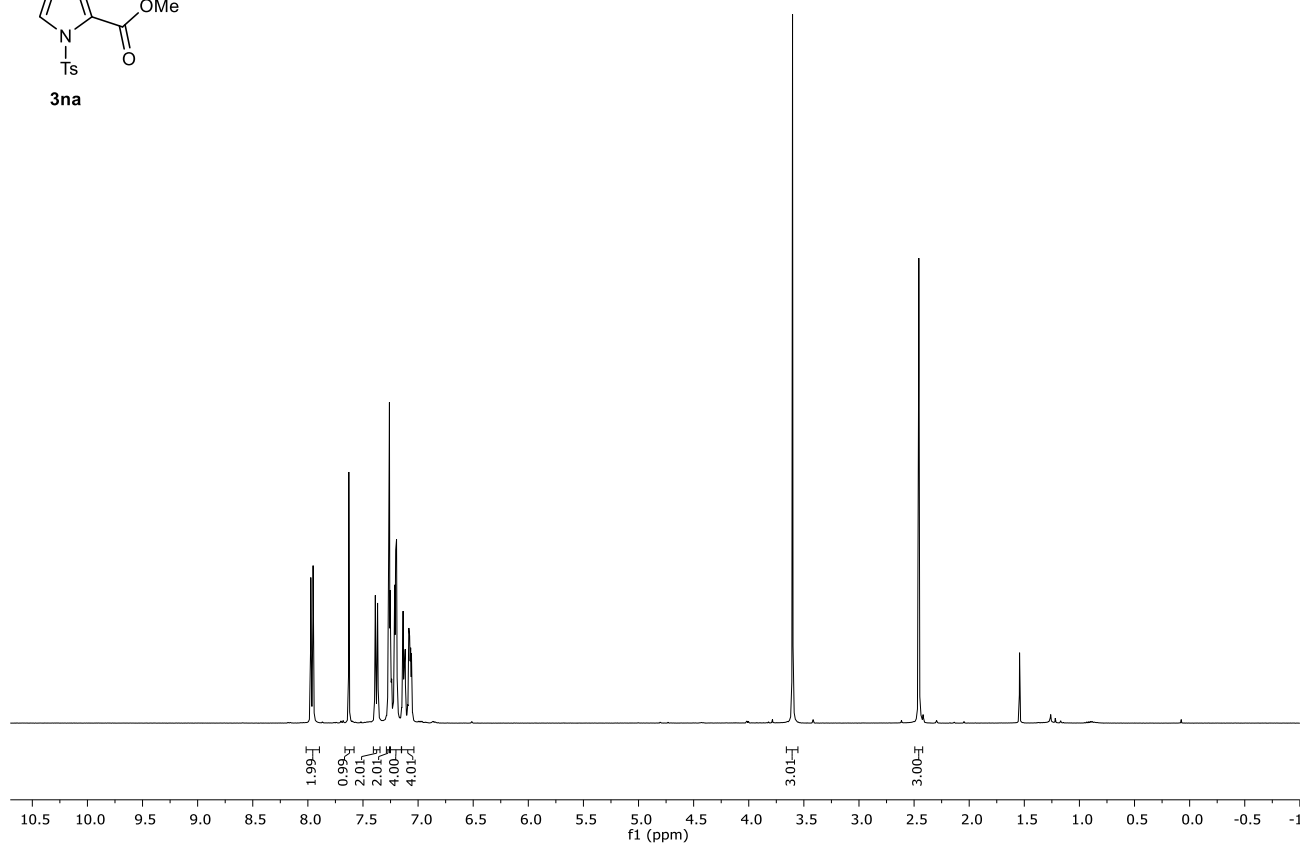
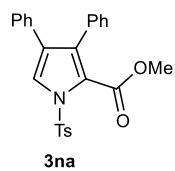


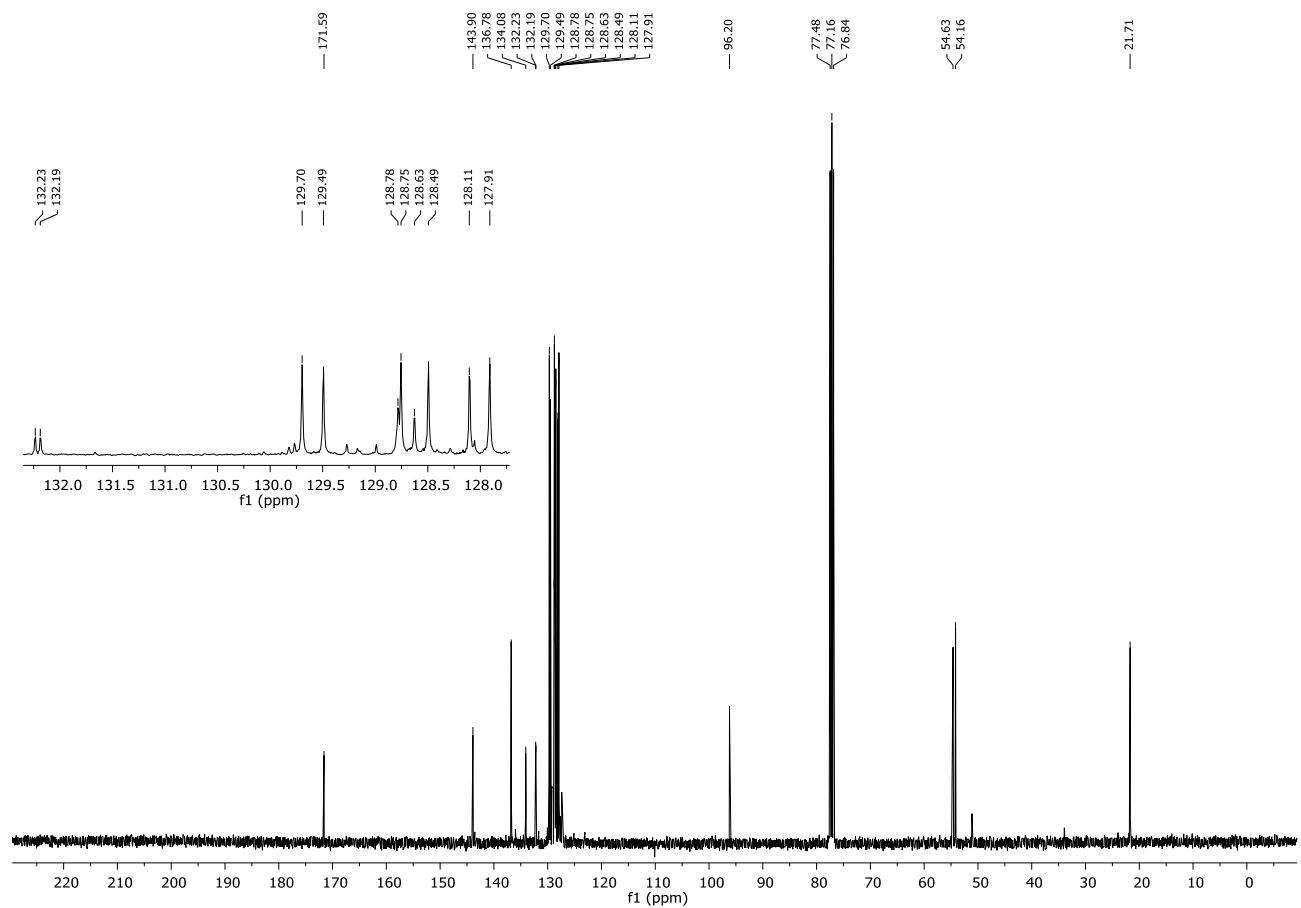
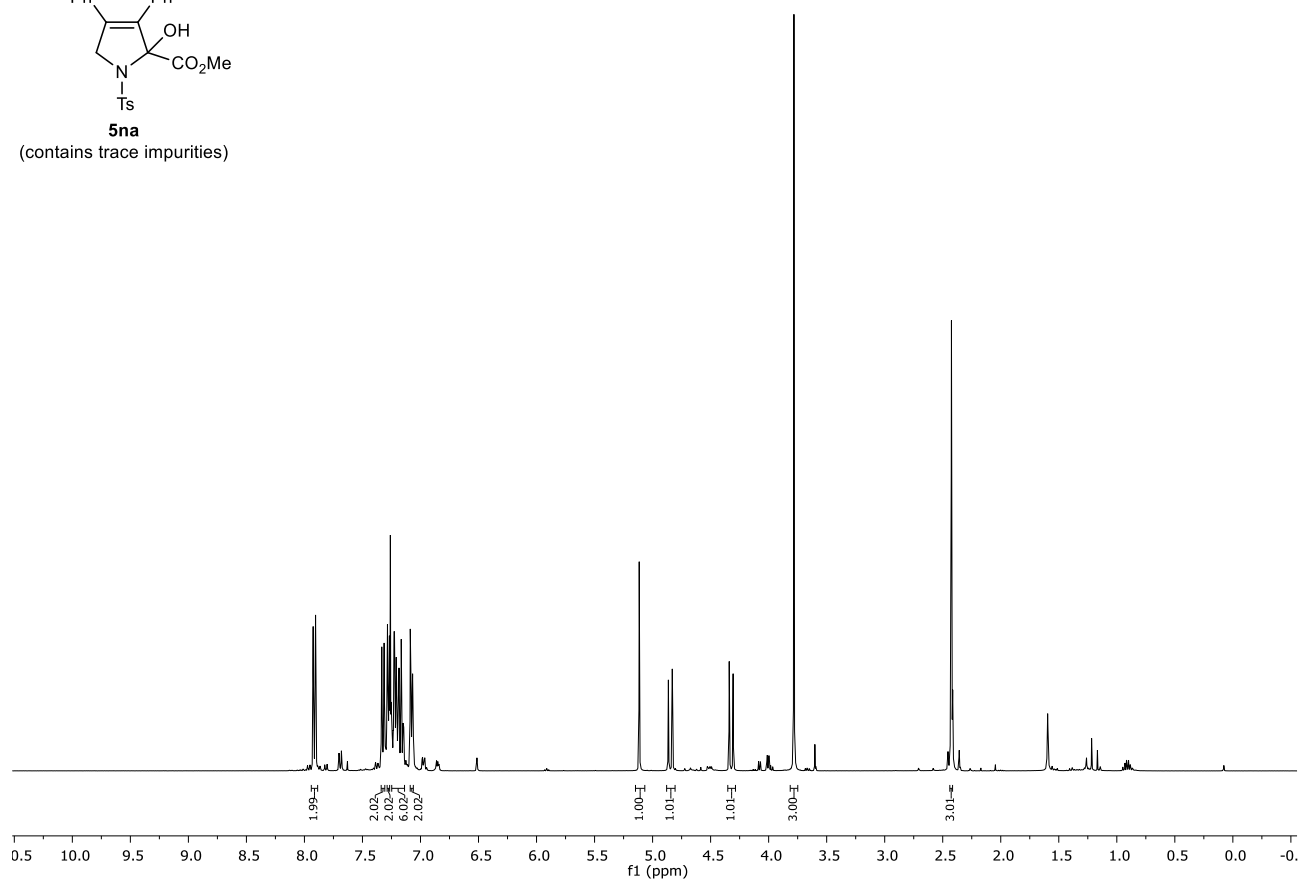
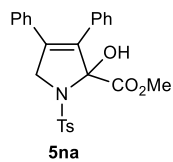


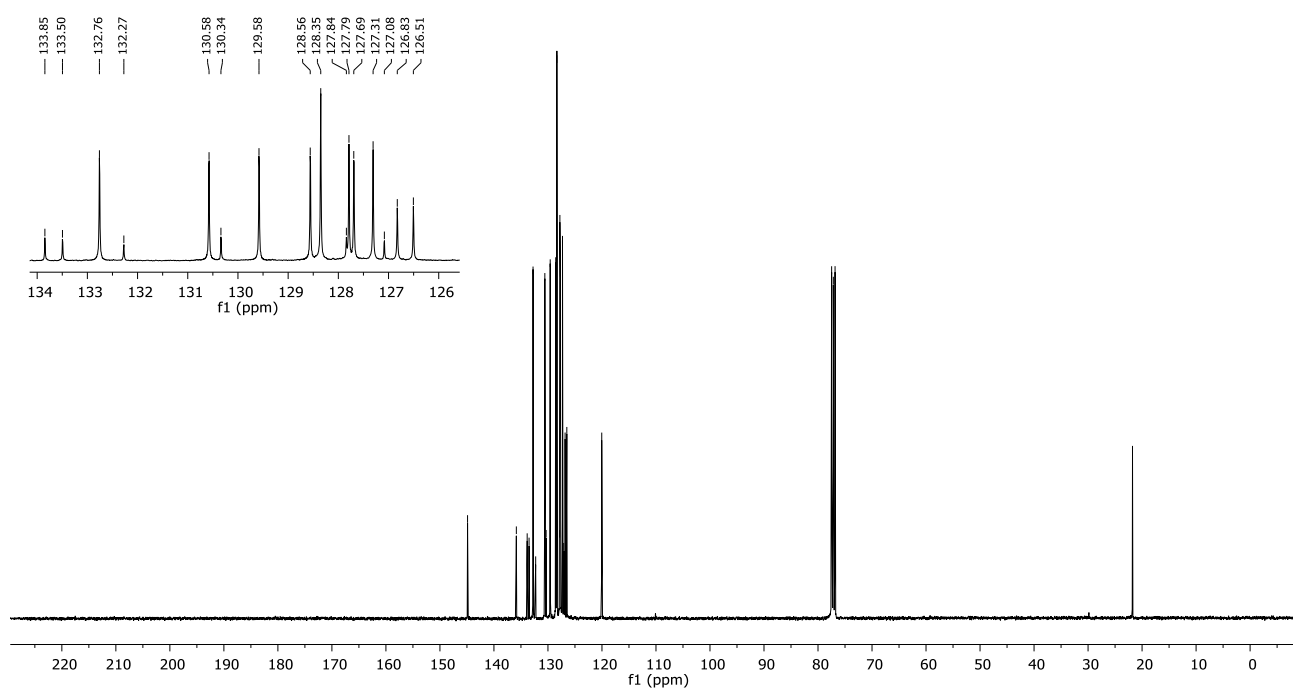
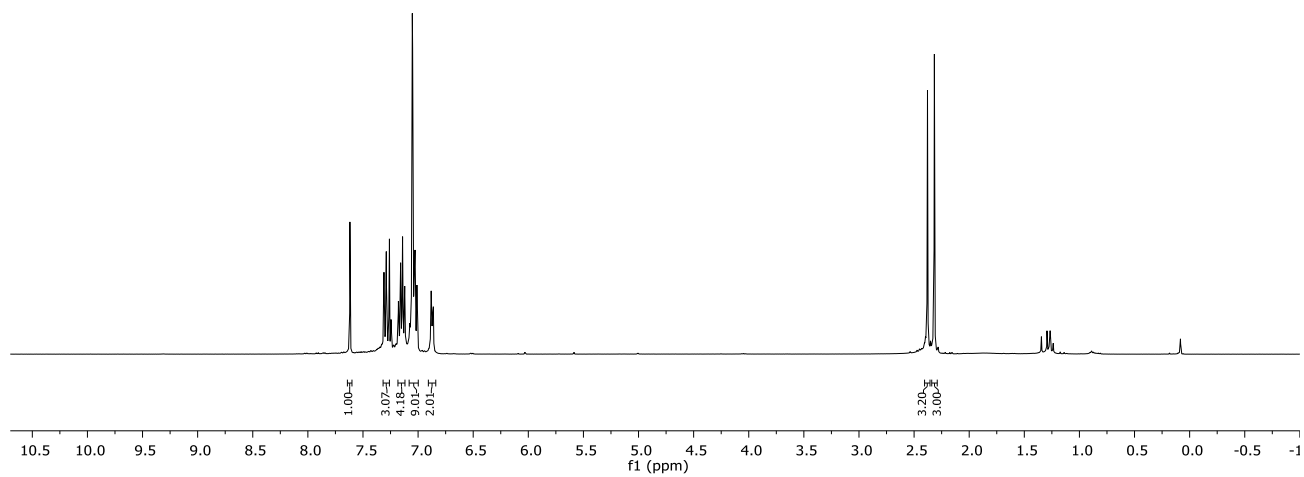
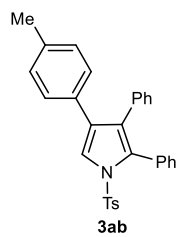


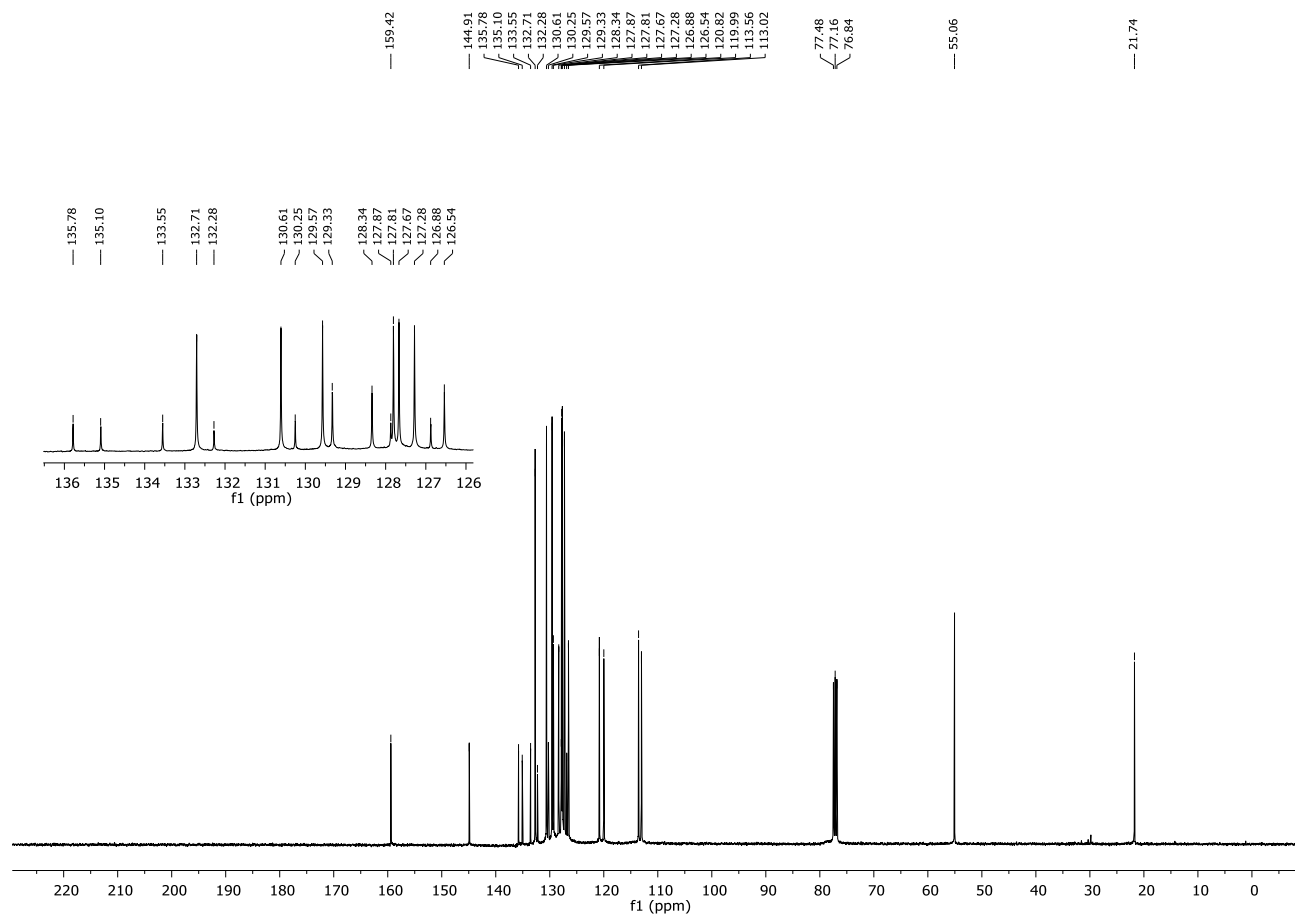
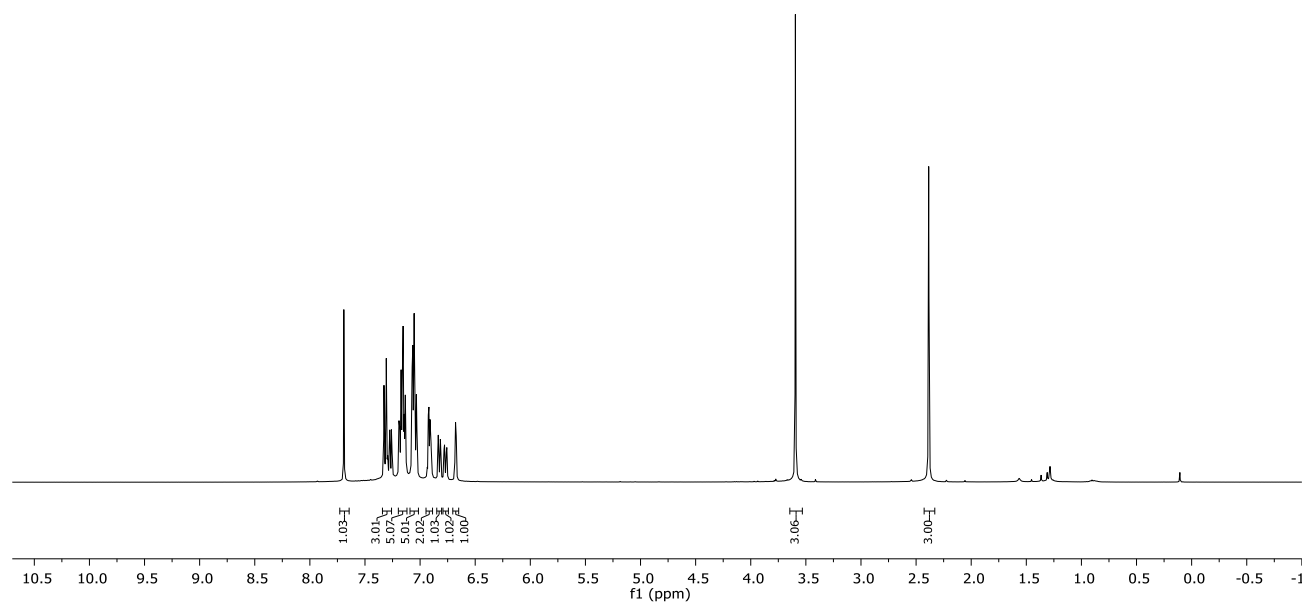
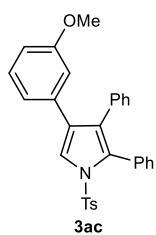


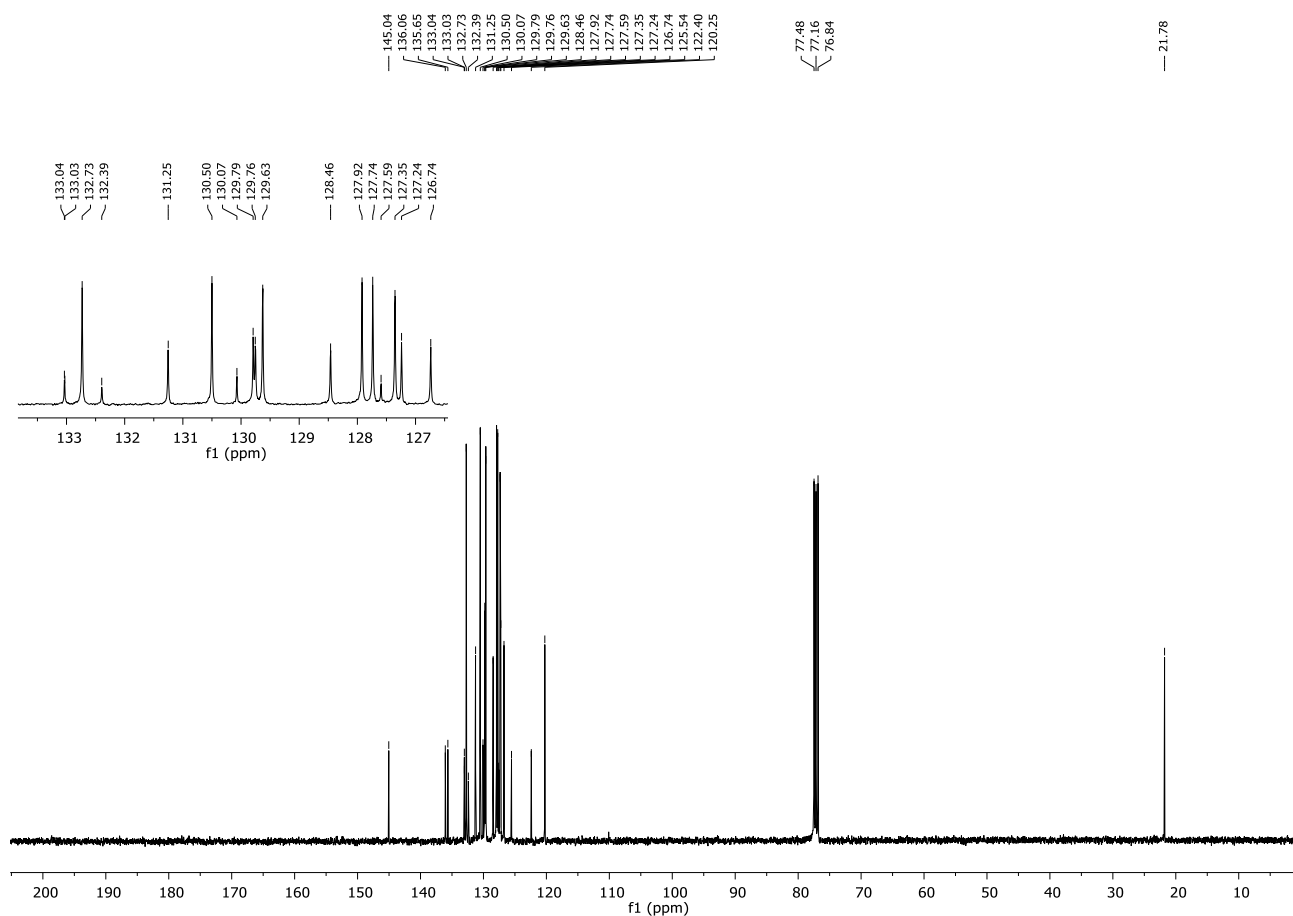
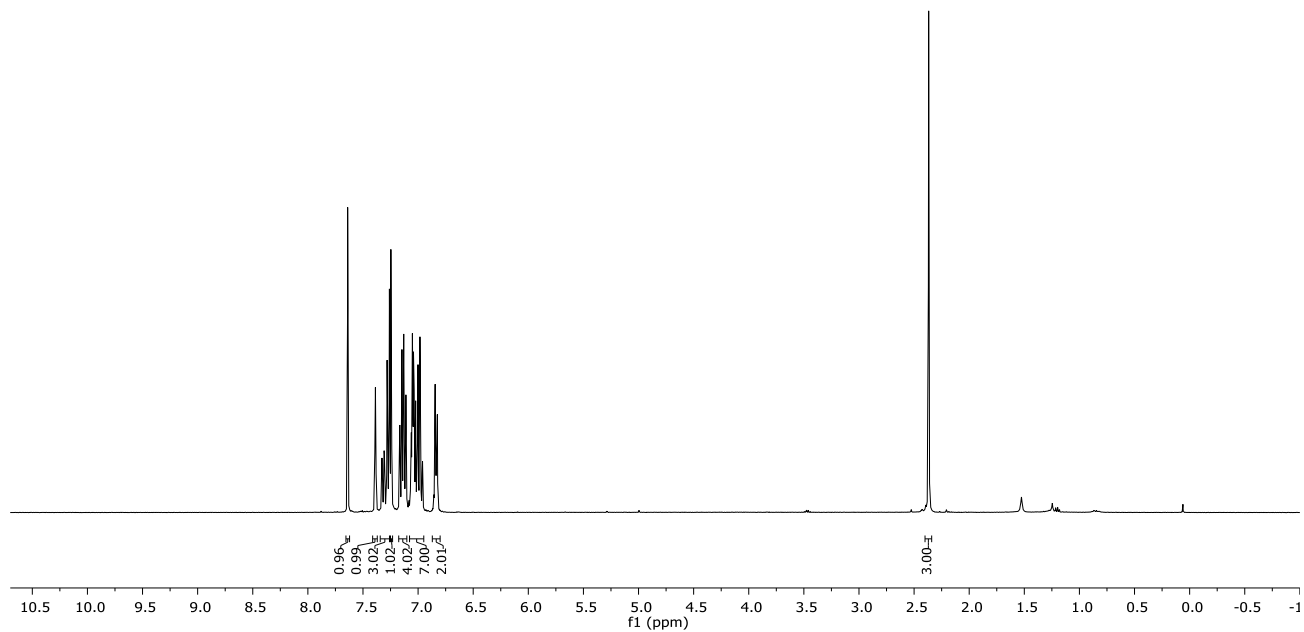
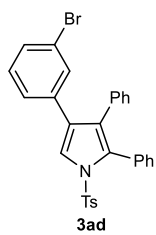


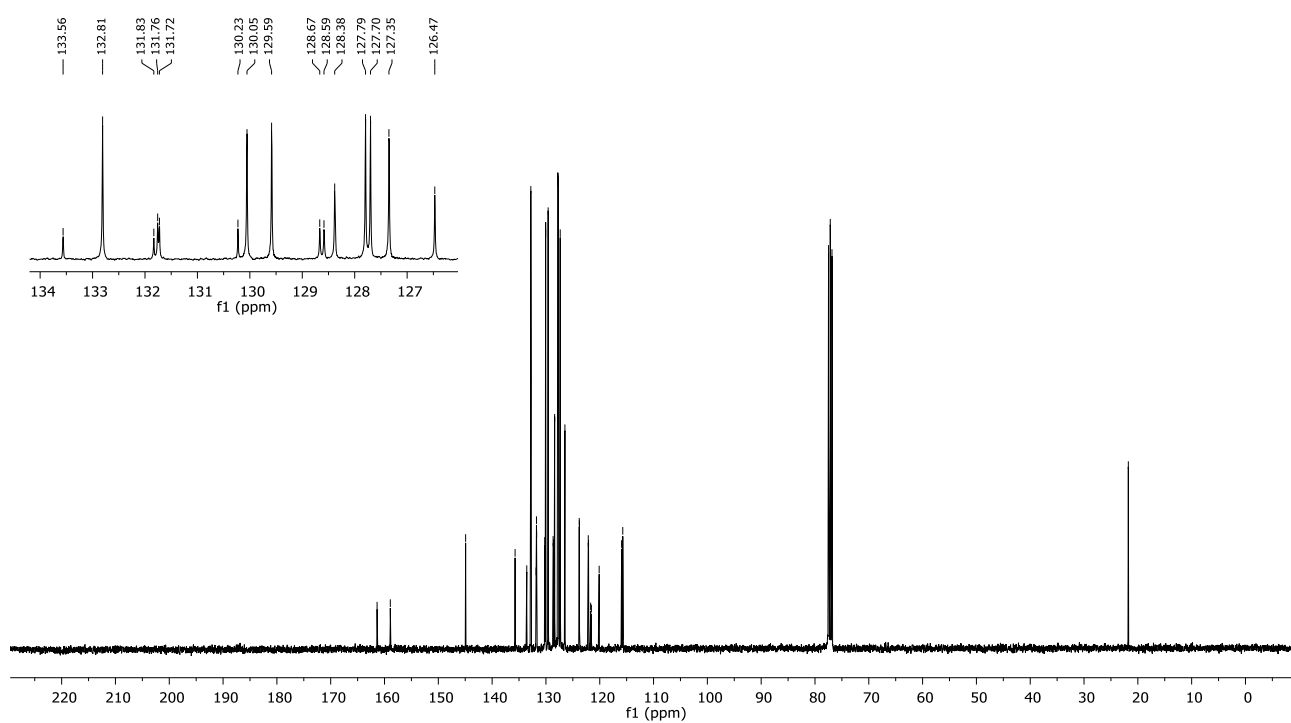
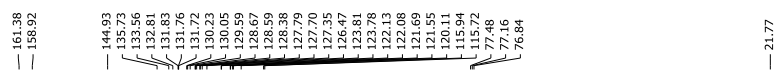
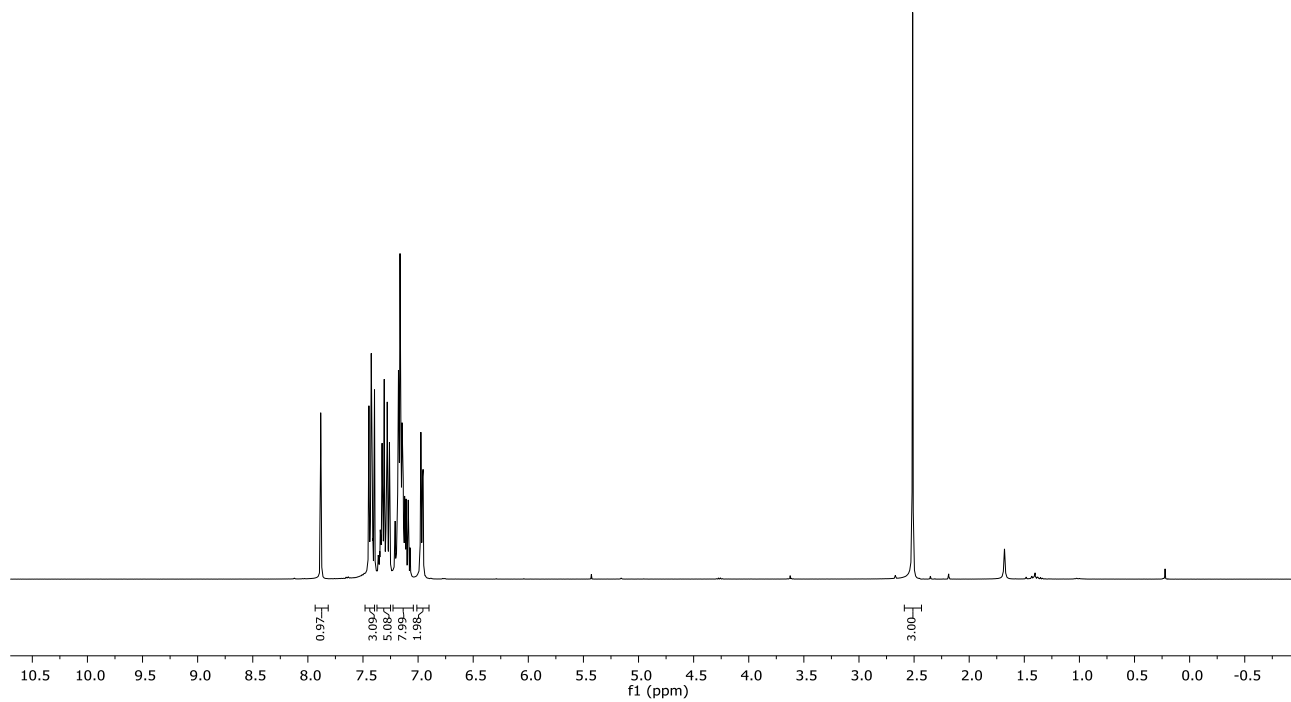
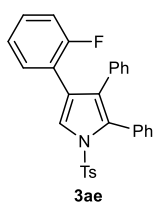


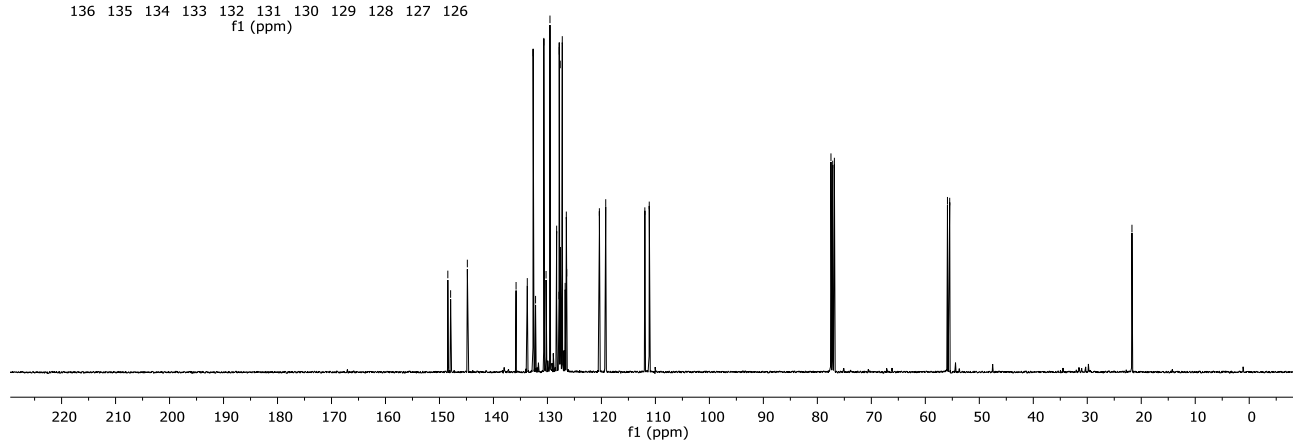
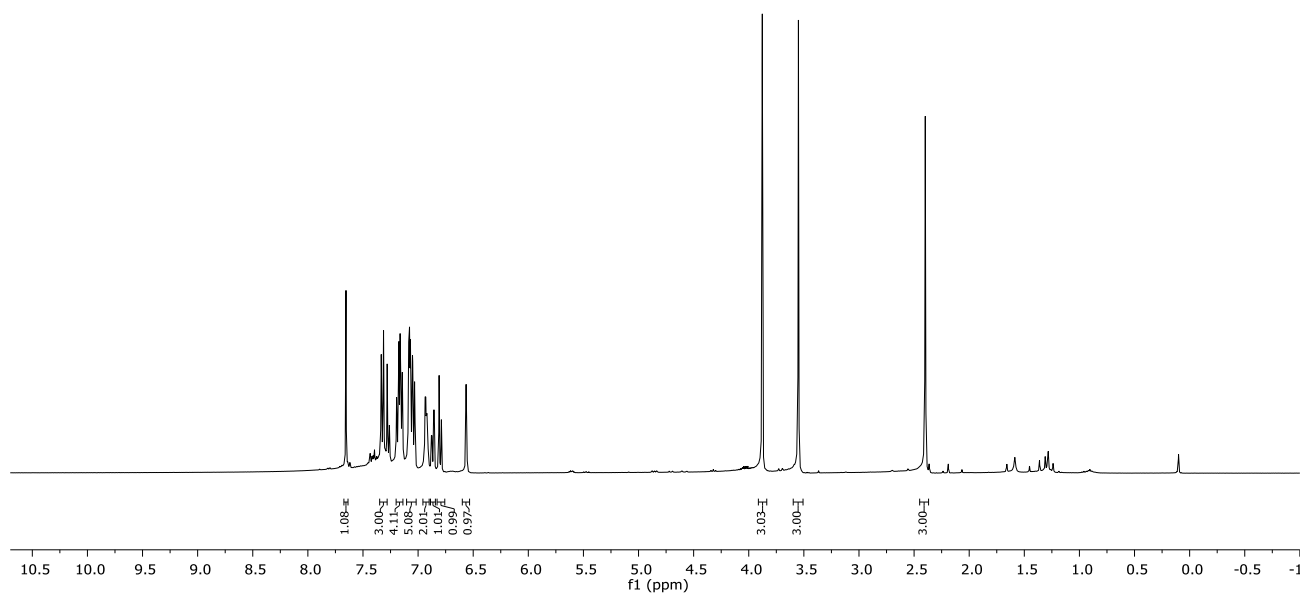
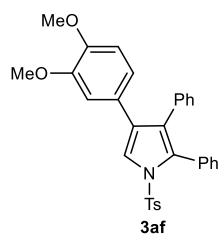


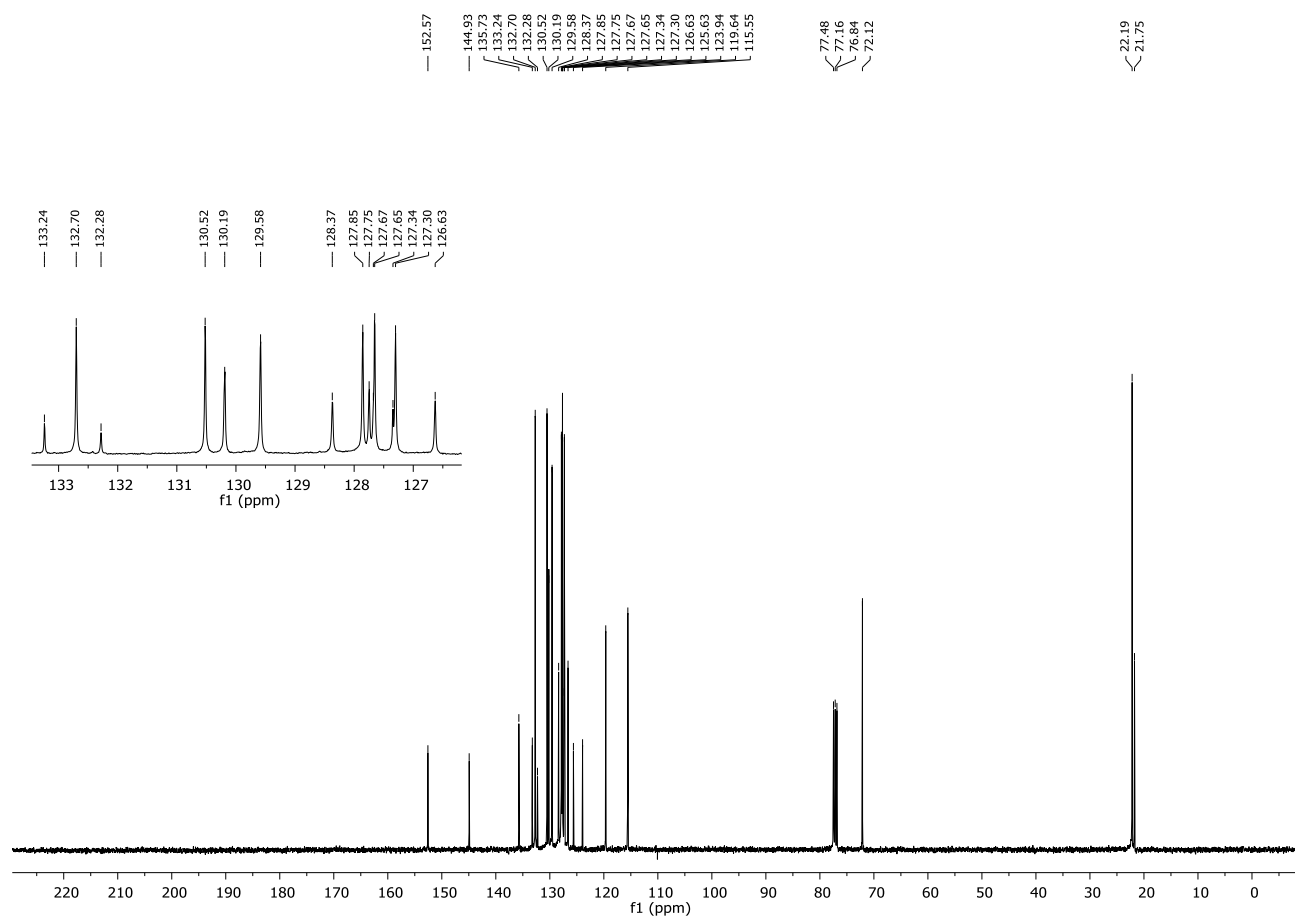
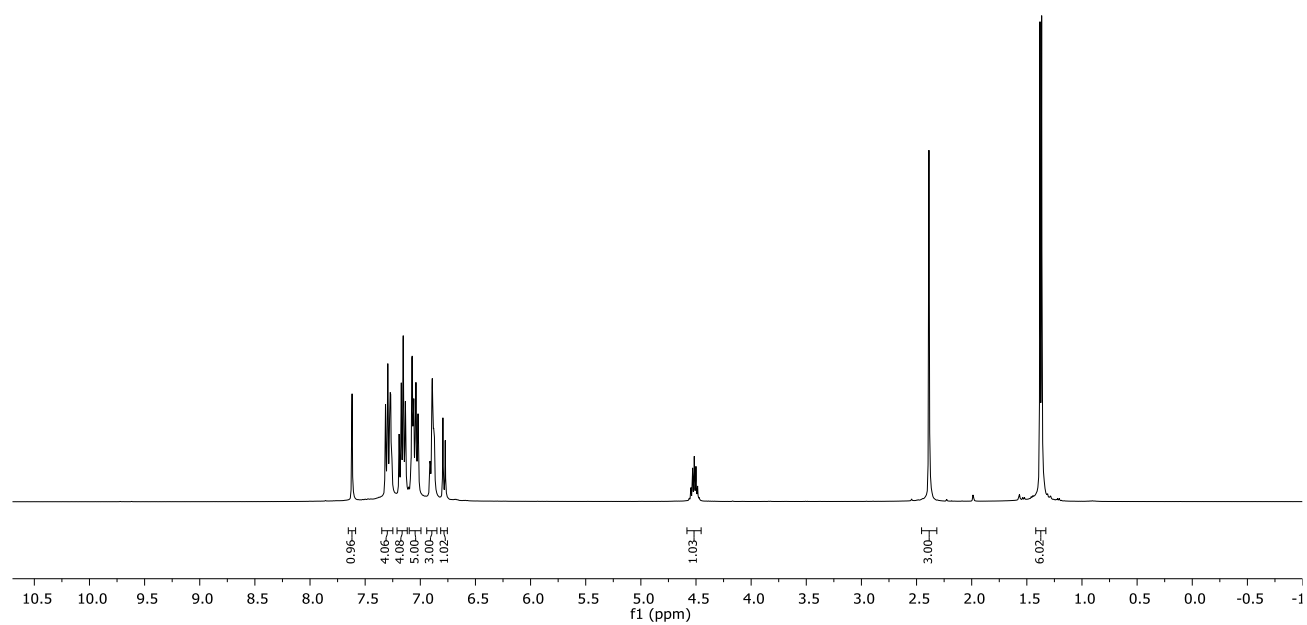
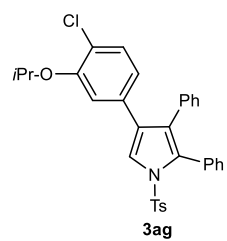


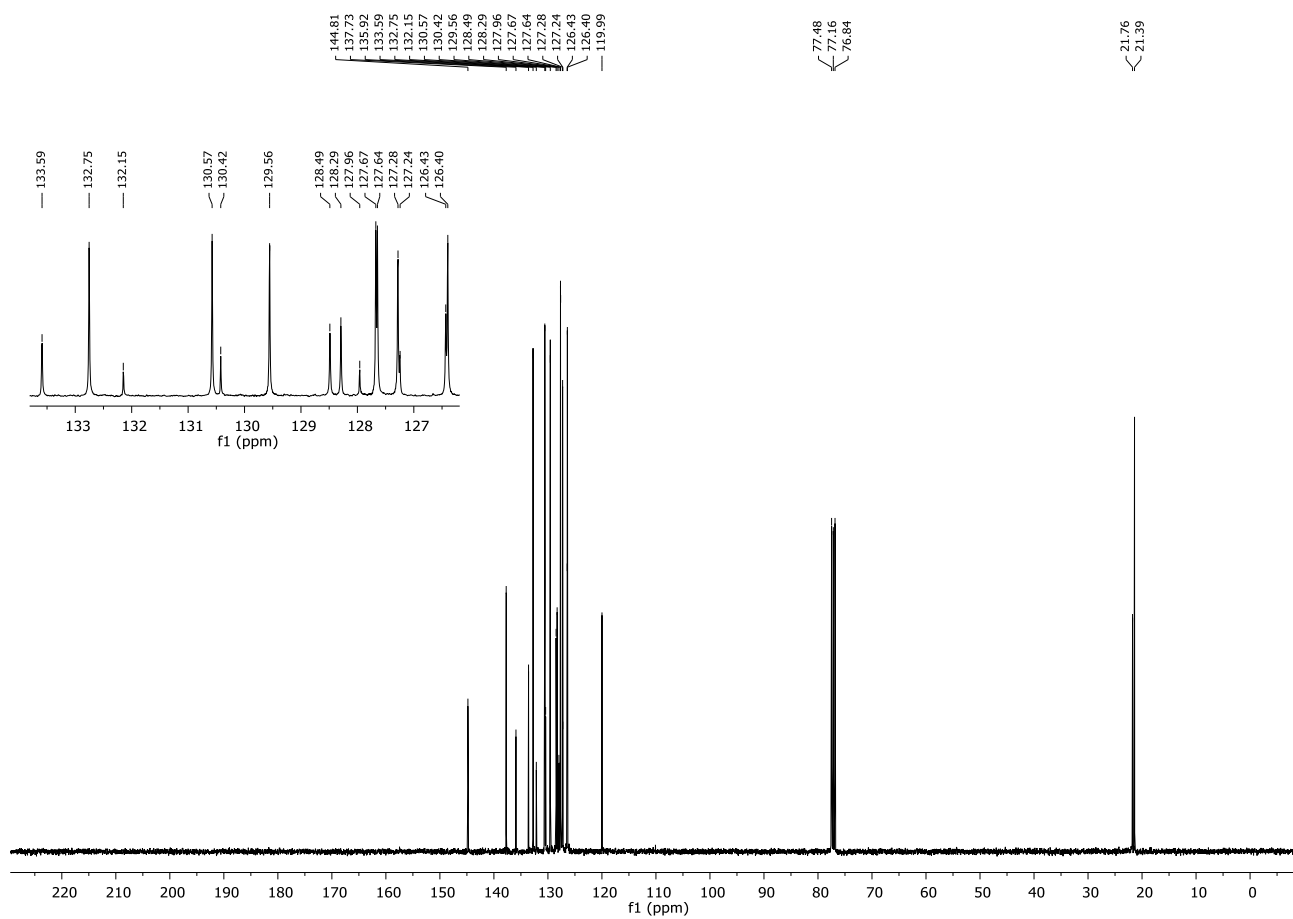
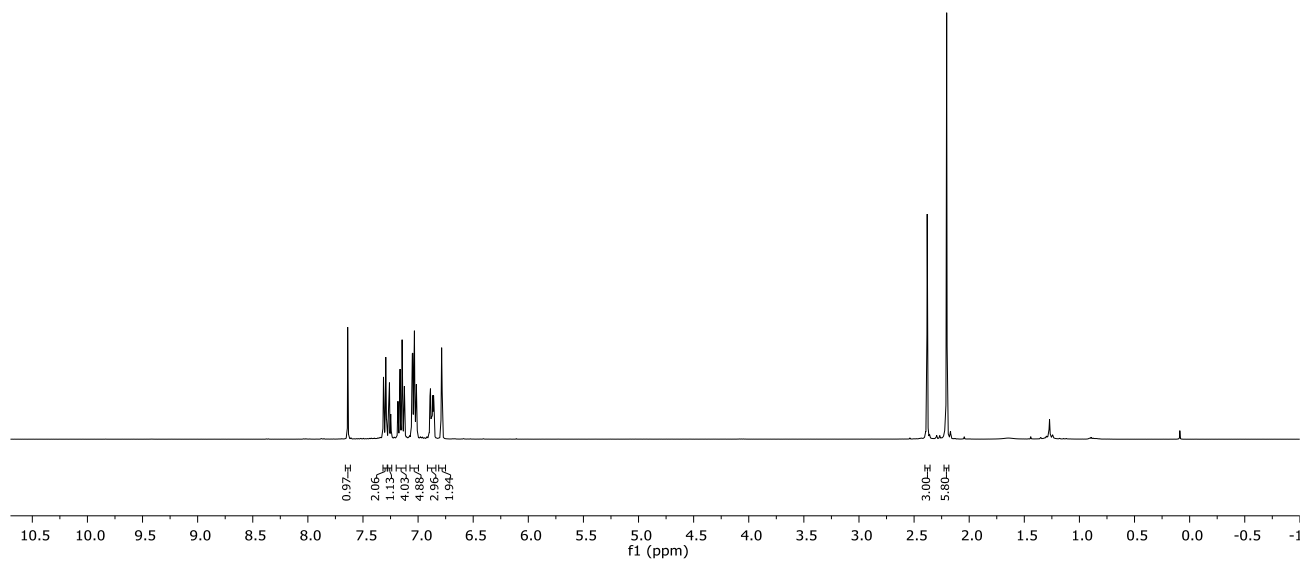
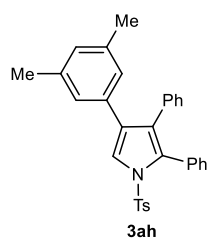


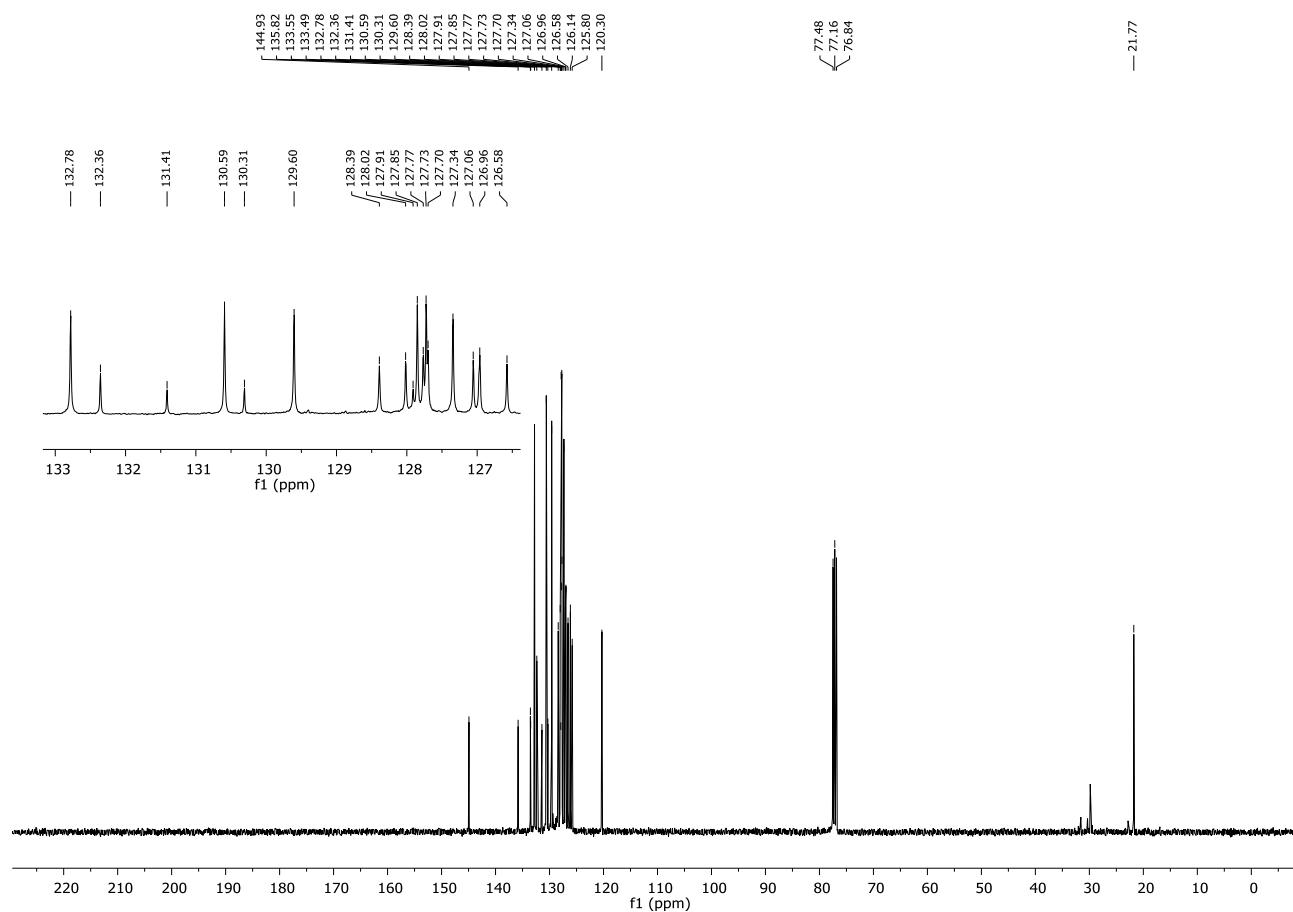
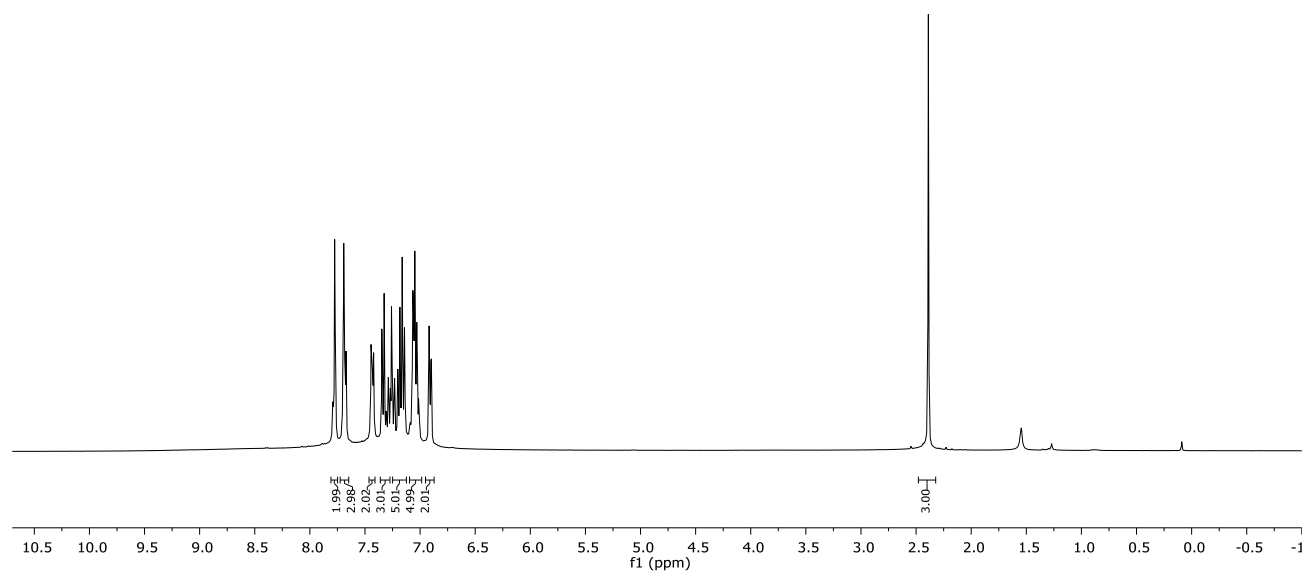
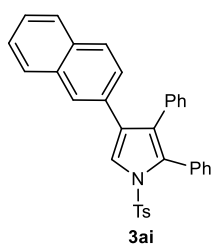


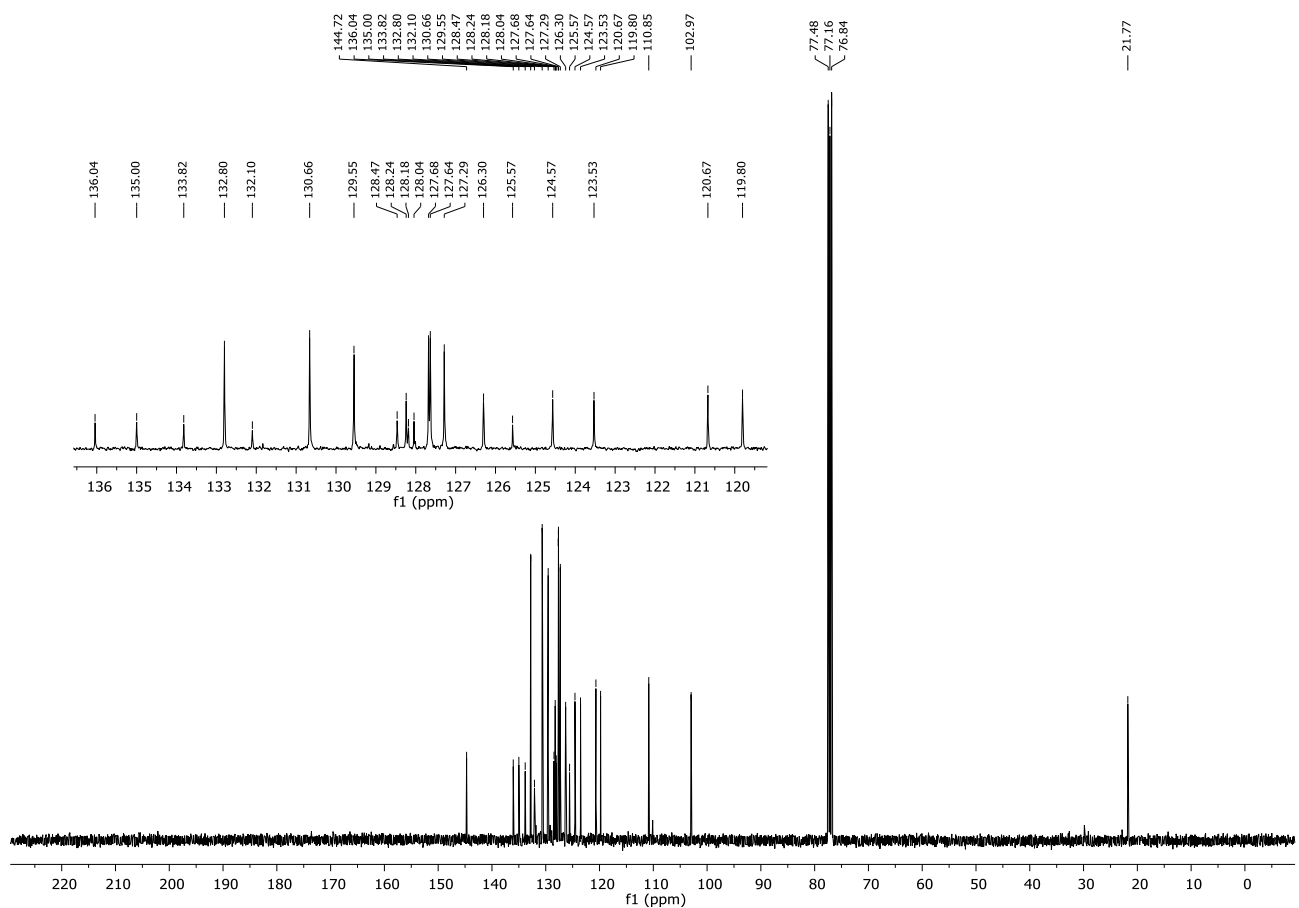
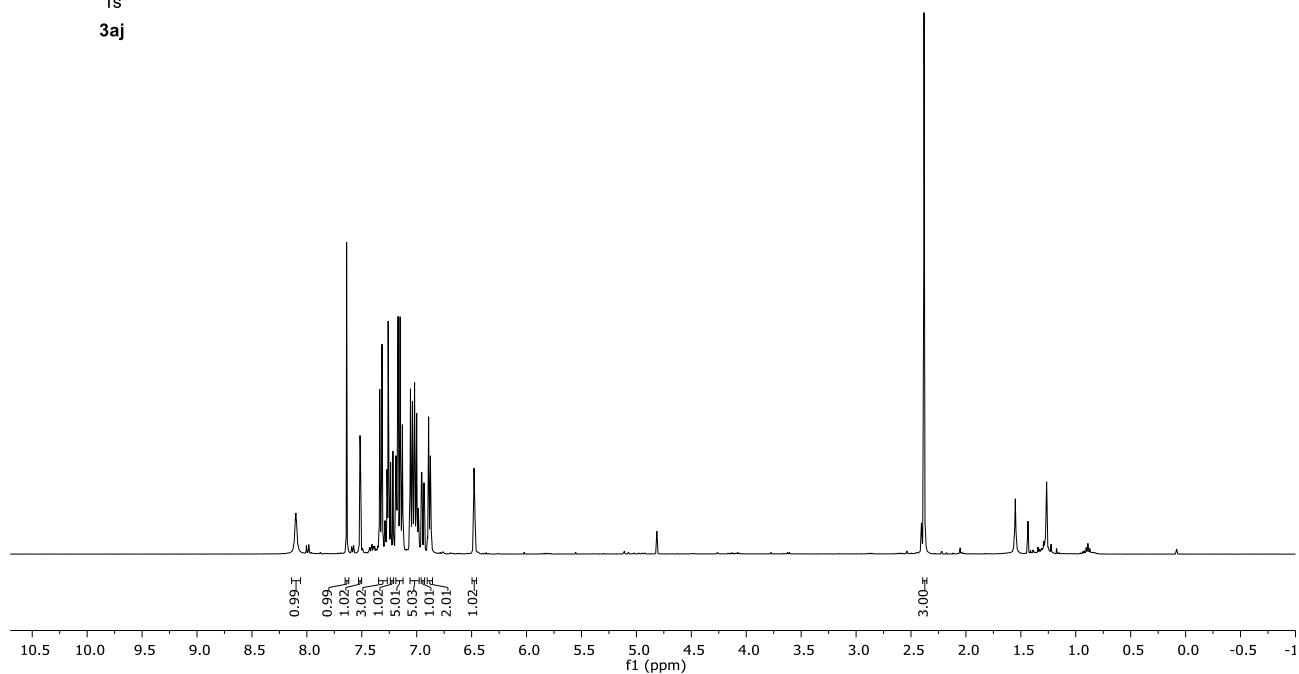
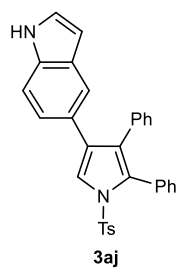


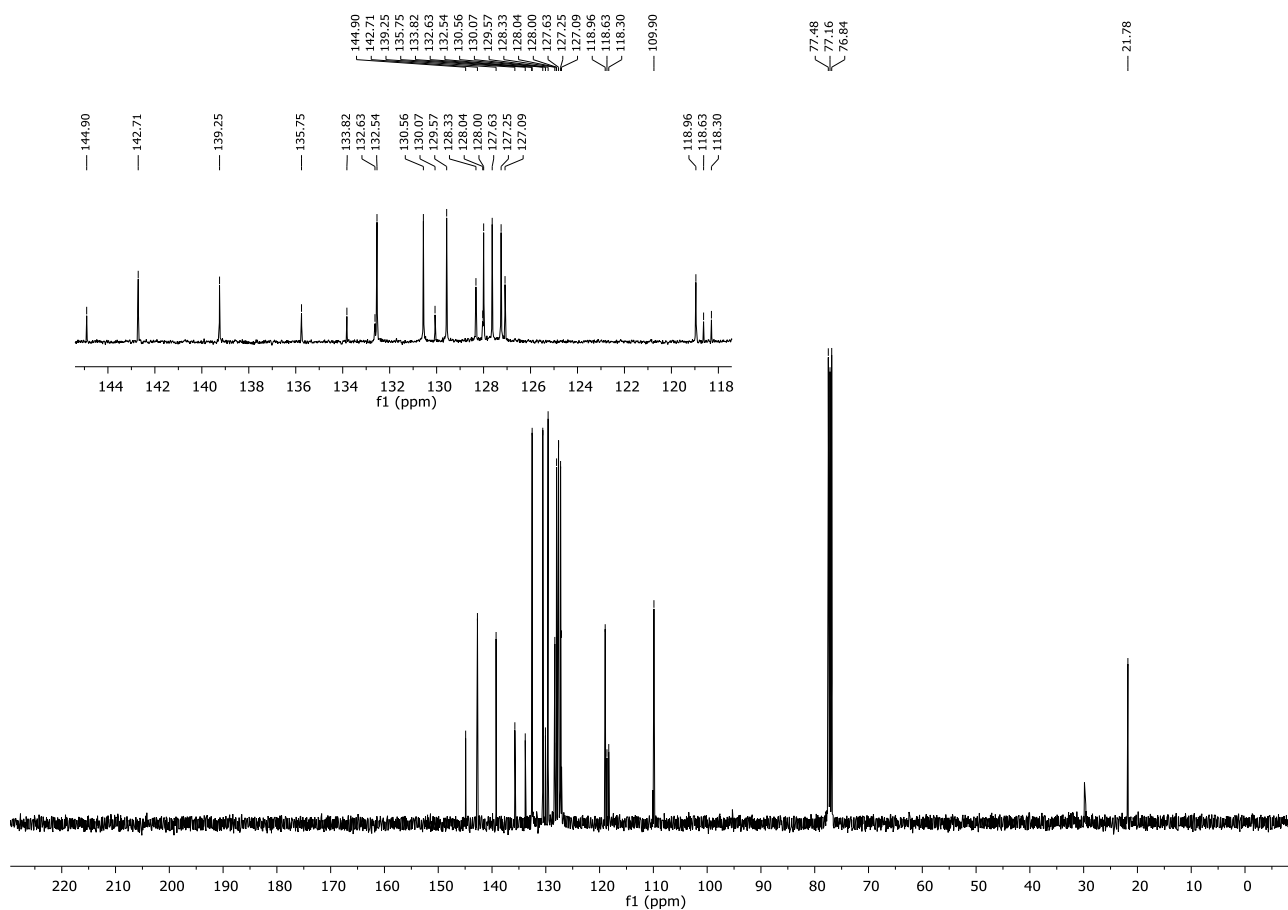
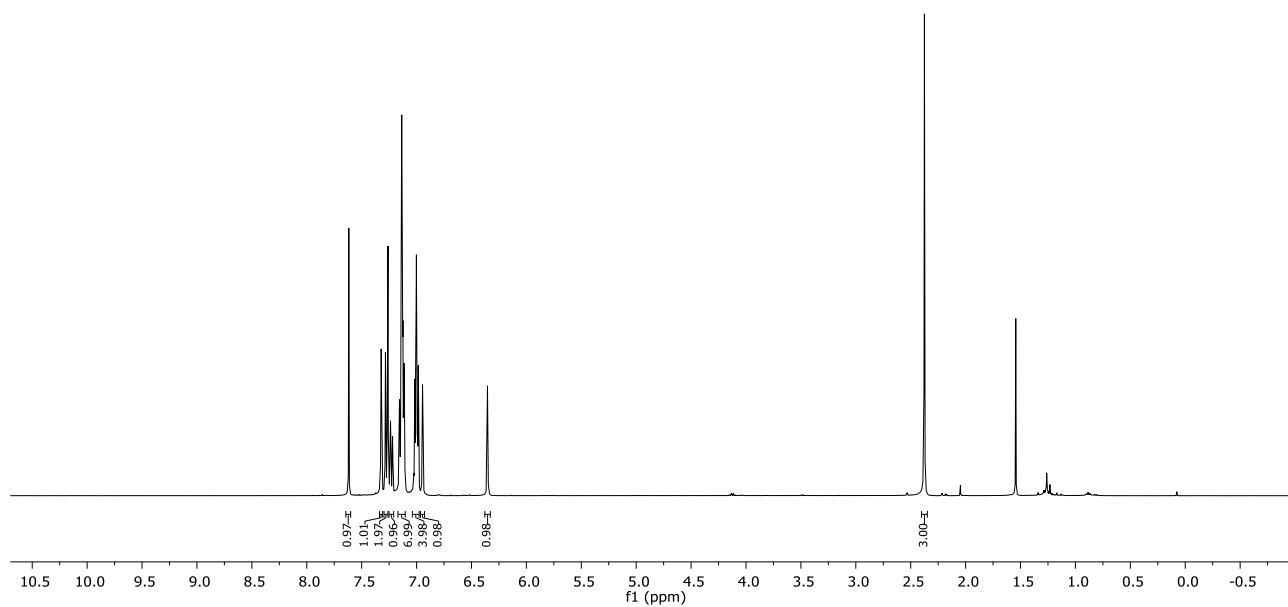
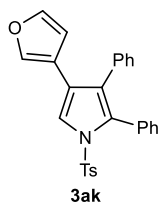


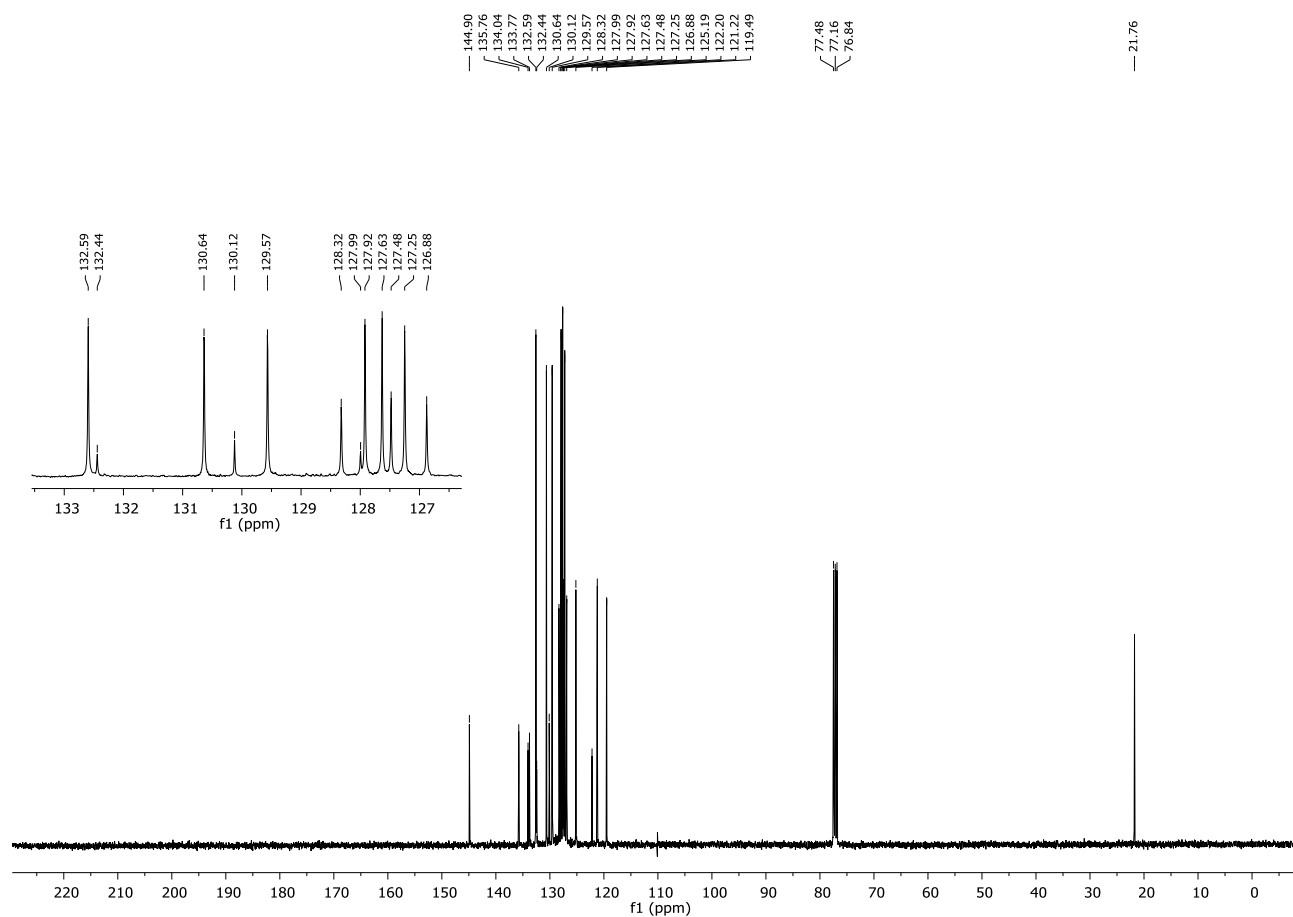
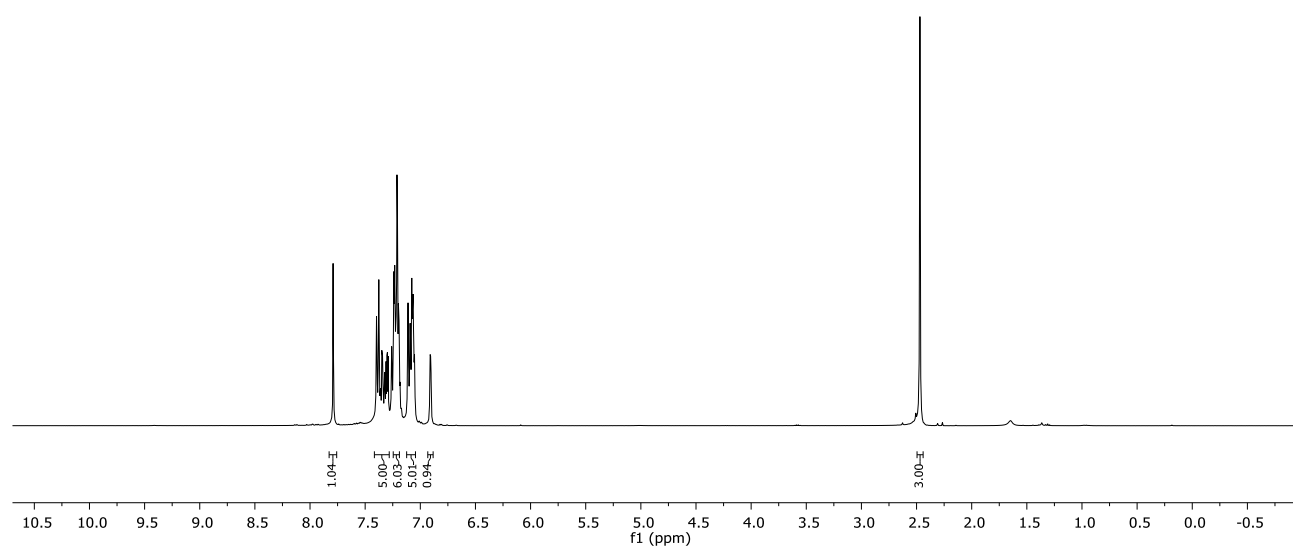
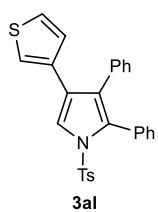


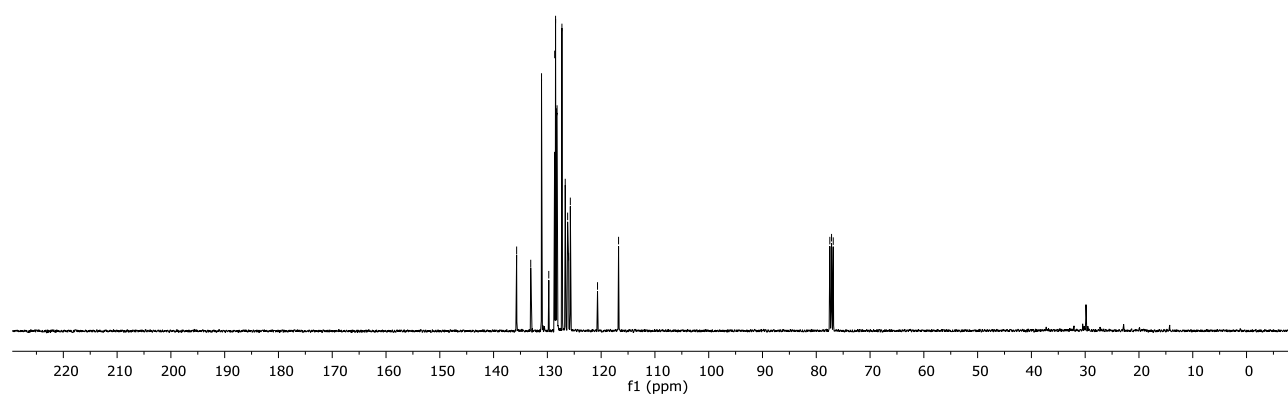
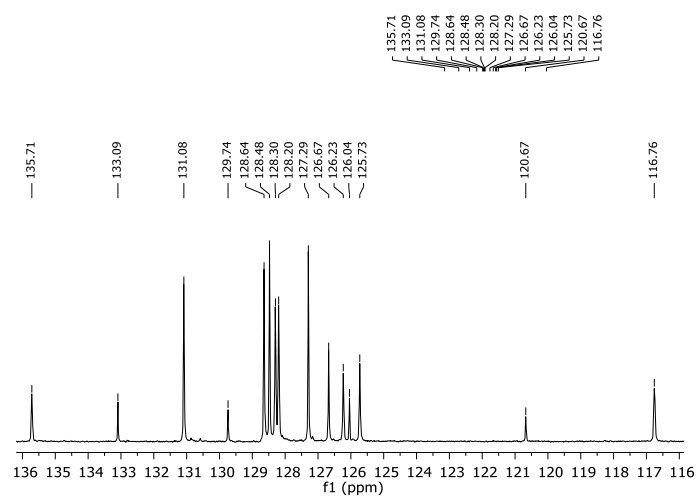
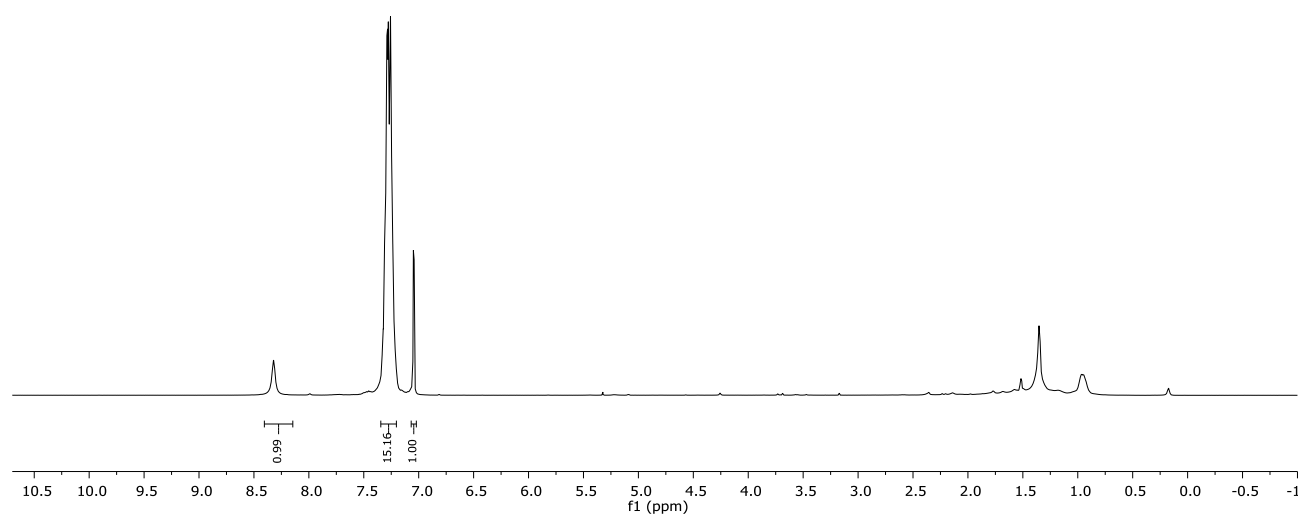
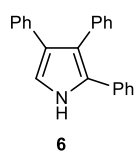


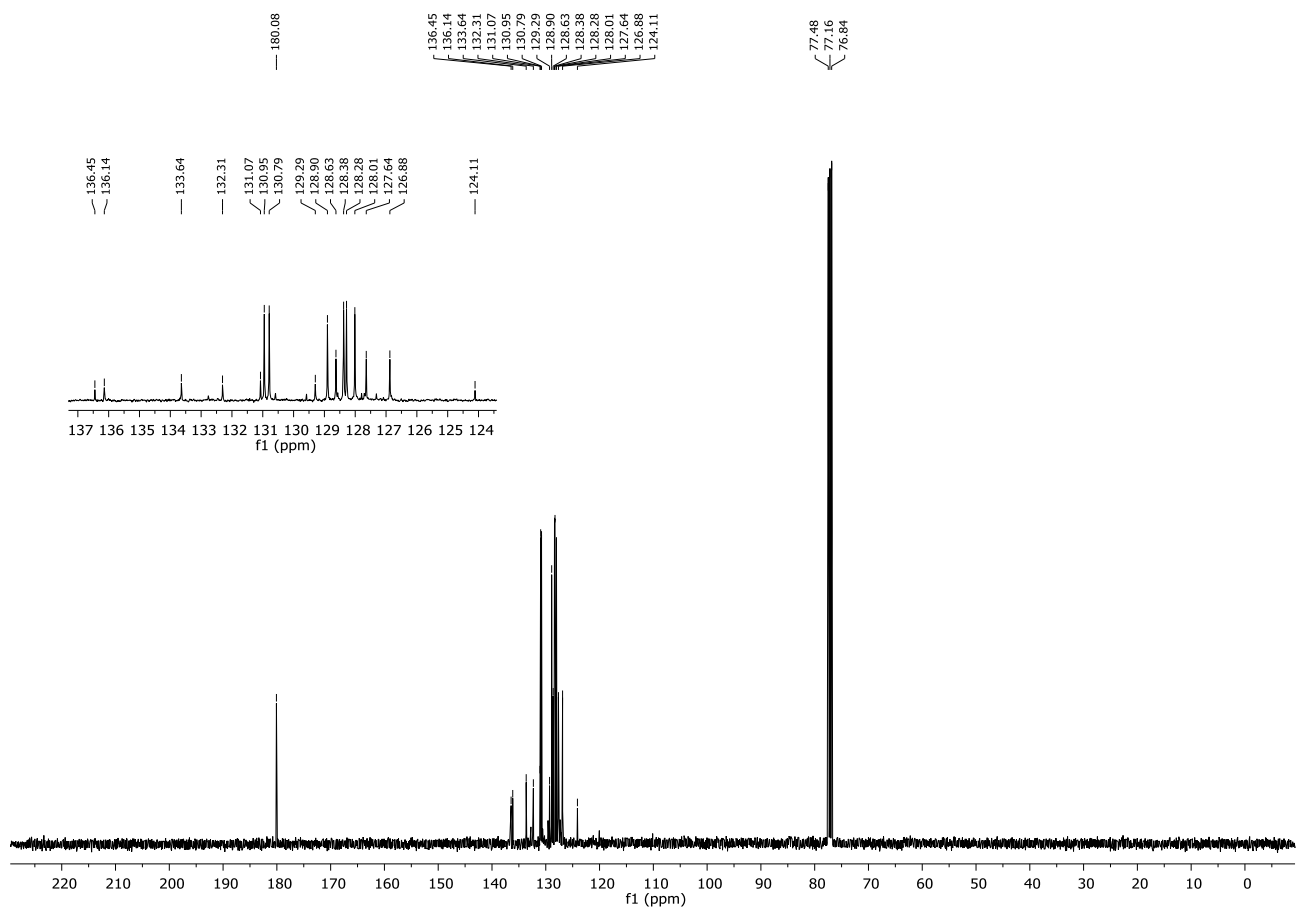
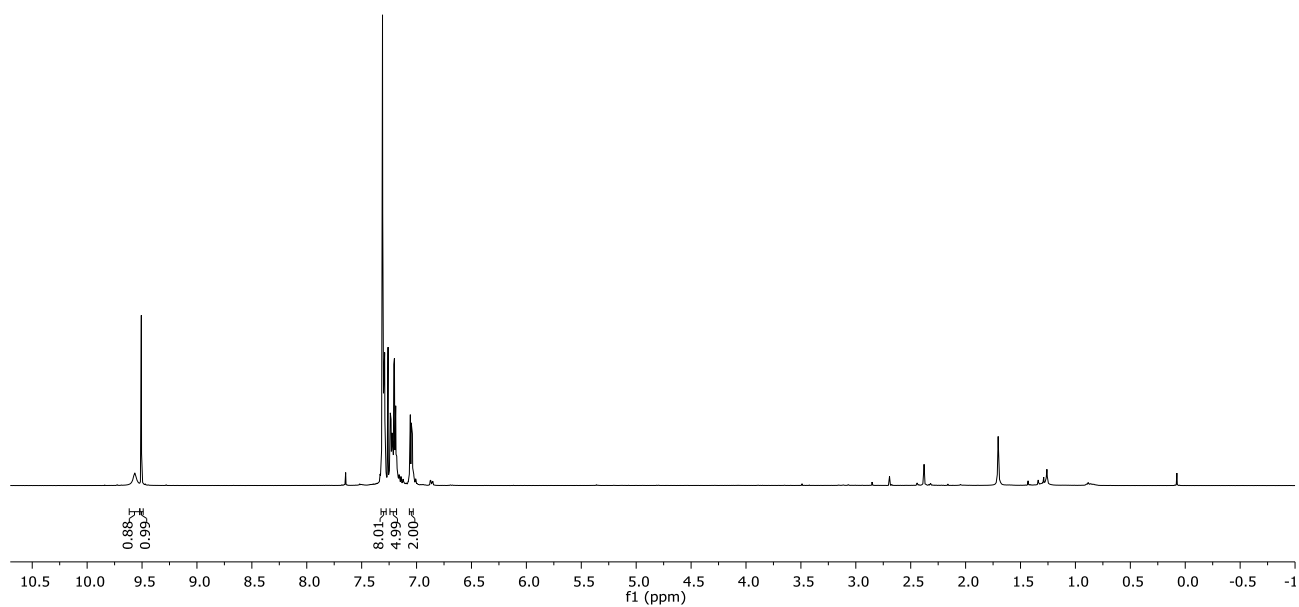
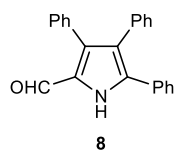


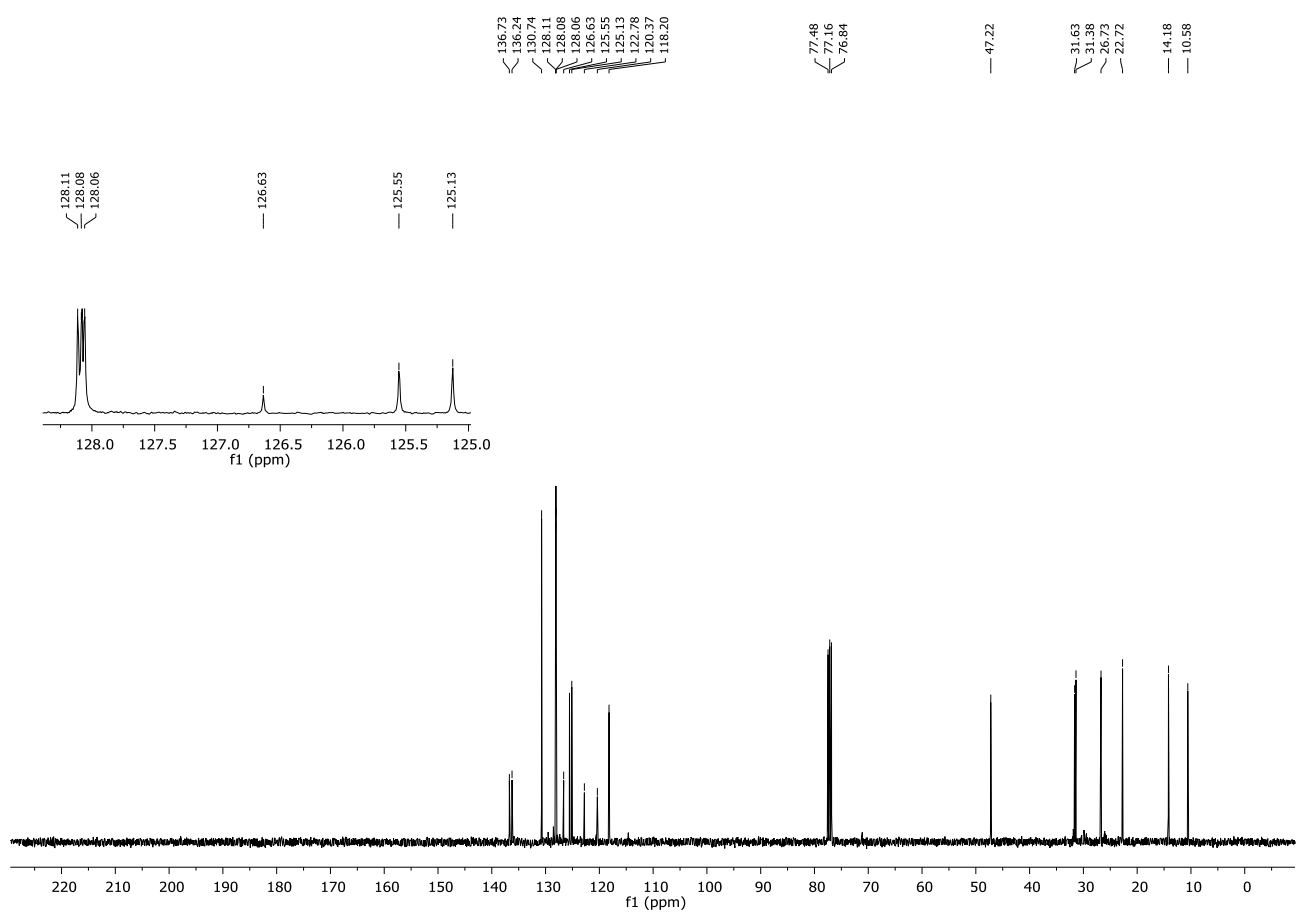
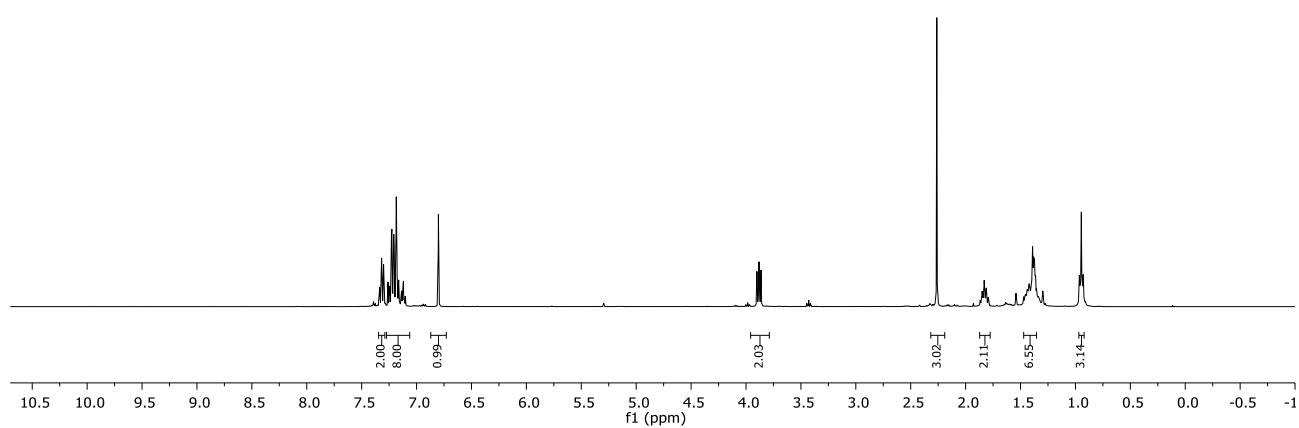
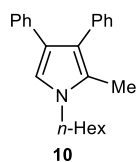












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