

## Supporting Information

### Silver-Catalyzed Decarboxylative Radical Cascade Cyclization towards Benzimidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)-ones

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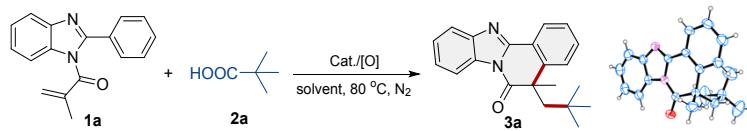
## 1. General Information

All the chemicals were purchased from commercial sources and used without treatment. Reactions were monitored by Thin Layer Chromatography (TLC) using silica gel F254 plates. Products were purified by column chromatography by using 200-300 mesh silica gel as the stationary phase. All the <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Ascend 400 spectrometer at 25 °C operating at 400.13 and 100.61 MHz, respectively. Proton chemical shifts δ were given in ppm using TMS as the internal standard. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained with 3000-mass spectrometer, using Waters Q-ToF MS/MS system (ESI).

## 2. Condition Optimization

We initiated our study by evaluating the model reaction of *N*-methacryloyl-2-phenylbenzimidazole (**1a**) with pivalic acid (**2a**) under different reaction conditions (Table S1). To our delight, the treatment of **1a** with 2 equiv. of **2a** in the presence of 10 mol% of AgNO<sub>3</sub> and 2 equiv. of K<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> in CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O (v/v = 1/1) under a N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere at 80 °C for 8 h, afforded a desired benzimidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)-one (**3a**) in 62% yield (entry 1). The structure of **3a** was further confirmed by X-ray crystallography. With this intriguing result in hand, we further examined other silver catalysts including AgOAc, AgSbF<sub>6</sub>, Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> and Ag<sub>2</sub>O under identical conditions. It was found that these silver catalysts were active for this decarboxylative cascade reaction, giving **3a** in yields of 50-58% (entries 2-5). Then various transition metals such as CuI, CuCl, CuBr, CuSO<sub>4</sub>, Fe(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, FeSO<sub>4</sub>, NiCl<sub>2</sub> and MnSO<sub>4</sub> as catalysts were surveyed, and however, no desired product was detected (entries 6-13). Therefore, AgNO<sub>3</sub> was selected as the catalyst for further optimization. It was observed that the yield of **3a** increased from 40% to 79% as the dosage of AgNO<sub>3</sub> increased from 5 mol% to 15 mol% (entries 14 and 15). The screening of oxidants showed that K<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> was the best choice (entries 16-19). The experiments from entries 20-21 indicated that no product could be produced in the absence of AgNO<sub>3</sub> or K<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>. Further increasing the amount of K<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> to 3 equivalents improved the yield to 82% (entry 22). The screening of solvents showed that CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O (v/v = 1:1) was the best choice among the solvents tested (entries 24-27). Therefore, the optimal reaction conditions were thus established as follows: **1a** (0.5 mmol), **2a** (1 mmol), AgNO<sub>3</sub> (15 mol%) and K<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> (3 equiv.) in the mixed solvent of CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O (v/v = 1/1) at 80 °C for 8 h under a N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere.

**Table S1. Optimization of the reaction conditons<sup>a</sup>**



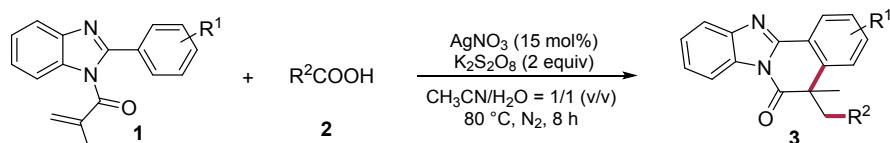
Entry	Cat. (mol%)	Oxidant (equiv)	Solvent (v/v = 1:1)	Yield <sup>b</sup> (%)
1	AgNO <sub>3</sub> (10)	K <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> (2)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN/H <sub>2</sub> O	62
2	AgOAc (10)	K <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> (2)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN/H <sub>2</sub> O	58
3	AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (10)	K <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> (2)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN/H <sub>2</sub> O	50
4	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (10)	K <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> (2)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN/H <sub>2</sub> O	55
5	Ag <sub>2</sub> O (10)	K <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> (2)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN/H <sub>2</sub> O	53
6	CuI (10)	K <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> (2)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN/H <sub>2</sub> O	N.D.
7	CuCl (10)	K <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> (2)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN/H <sub>2</sub> O	N.D.
8	CuBr (10)	K <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> (2)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN/H <sub>2</sub> O	N.D.
9	CuSO <sub>4</sub> (10)	K <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> (2)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN/H <sub>2</sub> O	N.D.
10	Fe(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> (10)	K <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> (2)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN/H <sub>2</sub> O	N.D.
11	FeSO <sub>4</sub> (10)	K <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> (2)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN/H <sub>2</sub> O	N.D.
12	NiCl <sub>2</sub> (10)	K <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> (2)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN/H <sub>2</sub> O	N.D.
13	MnSO <sub>4</sub> (10)	K <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> (2)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN/H <sub>2</sub> O	N.D.
14	AgNO <sub>3</sub> (5)	K <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> (2)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN/H <sub>2</sub> O	40
15	AgNO <sub>3</sub> (15)	K <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> (2)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN/H <sub>2</sub> O	79
16 <sup>c</sup>	AgNO <sub>3</sub> (15)	TBHP (2)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN/H <sub>2</sub> O	N.D.
17	AgNO <sub>3</sub> (15)	DTBP (2)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN/H <sub>2</sub> O	N.D.
18	AgNO <sub>3</sub> (15)	Oxone (2)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN/H <sub>2</sub> O	N.D.
19	AgNO <sub>3</sub> (15)	O <sub>2</sub> (1 atm)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN/H <sub>2</sub> O	N.D.
20	AgNO <sub>3</sub> (15)	--	CH <sub>3</sub> CN/H <sub>2</sub> O	N.D.
21	-	K <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> (2)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN/H <sub>2</sub> O	N.D.
22	<b>AgNO<sub>3</sub> (15)</b>	<b>K<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> (3)</b>	<b>CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O</b>	<b>82</b>
23	AgNO <sub>3</sub> (15)	K <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> (4)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN/H <sub>2</sub> O	80
24	AgNO <sub>3</sub> (15)	K <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> (3)	DCE/H <sub>2</sub> O	66
25	AgNO <sub>3</sub> (15)	K <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> (3)	DMF/H <sub>2</sub> O	35
26	AgNO <sub>3</sub> (15)	K <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> (3)	DMSO/H <sub>2</sub> O	56
27	AgNO <sub>3</sub> (15)	K <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> (3)	EtOH/H <sub>2</sub> O	71

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.5 mmol), **2a** (1 mmol), catalyst (0-20 mol%), oxidant, mixed solvent (5 mL), N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere, 80 °C, 8 h. TBHP = *tert*-butyl hydroperoxide, DTBP = Di-*tert*-butyl peroxide. <sup>b</sup>Isolated yields were given.

<sup>c</sup>CuI, CuBr, CuCl, and CuSO<sub>4</sub> were tested, respectively. <sup>d</sup>70 wt% aqueous solution was applied.

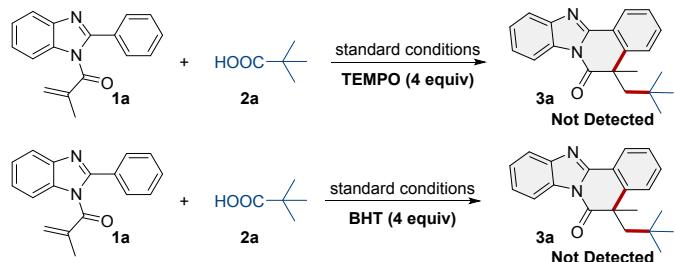
### 3. Experimental procedures

#### General Procedure for Synthesis of Benzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)-ones (**3**)



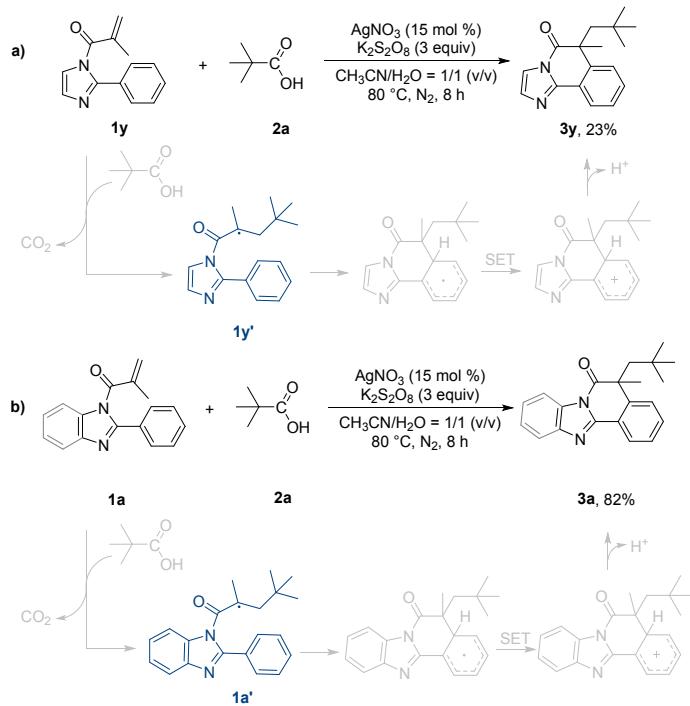
*N*-methacryloyl-2-arylbenzimidazole **1** (0.5 mmol), carboxylic acid **2** (1 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> (3 equiv) and AgNO<sub>3</sub> (15 mol%) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O (v/v = 1/1) (5 mL) stirred at 80 °C under N<sub>2</sub> for 8 h. The solvent was evaporated under vacuum, and the residue was quenched with water (10 mL), extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (25 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration, the solvent was evaporated in vacuo. The crude product was purified

by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 10:1) to give the desired products.



**Scheme S1.** Control experiments

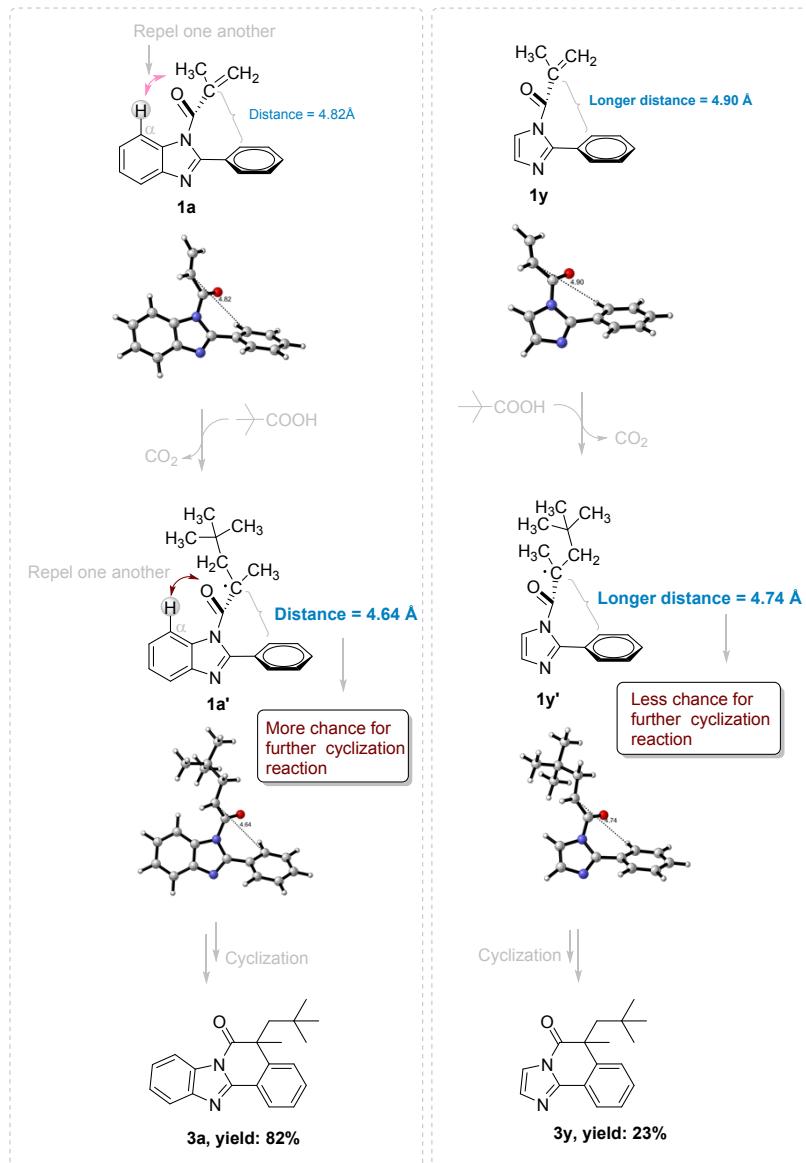
We carried out a reaction starting from *N*-methacryloyl-2-phenylimidazole (**1y**) and pivalic acid under optimized reaction conditions, as illustrated in Scheme S2a. However, we only get 23% yield of the corresponding product (**3y**), a much low yield compared with that of **3a** when compound **1a** was employed as the reactant (Scheme S2b below). For further understanding this seemingly abnormal result, we then utilized computational methods to calculate the most stable conformations of *N*-methacryloyl-2-phenylimidazole (**1y**) and **1a** as well as their corresponding radical intermediates **1y'** and **1a'**, as shown below in Scheme S3 (the most stable geometries of **1y**, **1a** and **1y'**, **1a'** were obtained by B3LYP/DZVP). As it can be seen from Scheme S3, the most stable conformation of **1y'** renders a longer distance between radical



**Scheme S2**

carbon and phenyl ortho carbon, two reaction sites of further cyclization reaction, in comparison with the relatively short distance in **1a'** which should be resulted from the repulsion from the nearby  $\alpha$ -H. Thus, it is reasonably believed that reactant *N*-methacryloyl-2-phenylimidazole (**1y**) would own less chance to fulfill the cyclization process to access the final product **3y**, compared to the use of **1a** to access the corresponding product **3a**. The conformational analysis of **1a**, **1y** and **1a'**, **1y'** shown in Scheme 3 might provide an insight to the reason why a much low yield of **3y** was obtained.

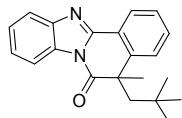
**How the reaction efficiency being influenced by the conformations of the reactants**  
(Optimized geometries of compounds **1a**, **1y** and radicals **1a'**, **1y'** obtained by B3LYP/DZVP)



Scheme S3

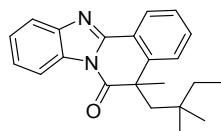
#### 4. Characterization Data for Products

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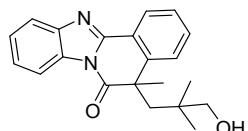
White solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.49 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.40-8.38 (m, 1H), 7.85-7.83 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.40 (m, 5H), 2.63 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 1.71 (s, 3H), 0.54 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 173.5, 149.8, 144.1, 142.0, 131.4, 131.2, 127.6, 127.6, 125.9, 125.5, 122.4, 119.7, 115.8, 55.3, 47.6, 33.1, 32.0, 30.8. HRMS Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: m/z 319.1805, Found: 319.1811

**5-(2,2-dimethylbutyl)-5-methylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (3b)**



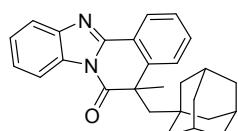
White solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.49 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.40-8.38 (m, 1H), 7.84-7.82 (m, 1H), 7.55-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.40 (m, 3H), 2.61 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 1.71 (s, 3H), 1.00-0.86 (m, 2H), 0.68 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 0.48 (s, 3H), 0.36 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 173.5, 149.8, 144.1, 142.1, 131.5, 131.1, 127.6, 127.5, 125.9, 125.8, 125.5, 122.4, 119.7, 115.8, 53.1, 47.5, 36.6, 34.4, 33.2, 27.6, 26.9, 8.3. HRMS Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: m/z 333.1961, Found: 333.1965

**5-(3-hydroxy-2,2-dimethylpropyl)-5-methylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (3c)**



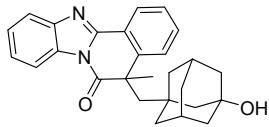
White solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.48 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.39-8.37 (m, 1H), 7.83-7.81 (m, 1H), 7.57-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.41 (m, 3H), 2.94-2.84 (m, 2H), 2.69 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 1.96 (s, 1H), 1.71 (s, 3H), 0.60 (s, 3H), 0.42 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.0, 149.7, 144.0, 141.9, 131.3, 127.7, 127.2, 126.0, 125.9, 125.6, 122.1, 119.7, 115.8, 71.1, 48.5, 47.4, 36.6, 33.7, 26.3, 24.8. HRMS Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: m/z 335.1754, Found: 335.1753

**5-(adamantan-1-ylmethyl)-5-methylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (3d)**



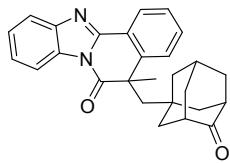
White solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.49 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.41-8.39 (m, 1H), 7.85-7.83 (m, 1H), 7.52-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.40 (m, 3H), 2.50 (d, *J* = 14.4, 1H), 2.06 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.63-1.61 (m, 3H), 1.42 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 3H), 1.28 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 3H), 1.15-1.07 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 173.4, 149.8, 144.1, 142.3, 131.5, 131.1, 127.6, 125.8, 125.8, 125.5, 122.1, 119.7, 115.9, 56.2, 46.8, 43.5, 36.4, 34.2, 33.7, 28.4. HRMS Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: m/z 397.2274, Found: 397.2277

**5-(3-hydroxyadamantan-1-yl)methyl)-5-methylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (3e)**



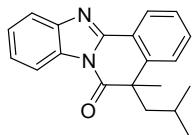
White solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.49 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.39 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.85-7.83 (m, 1H), 7.55-7.41 (m, 5H), 2.60 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 1.86 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 1.67 (s, 3H), 1.45-1.25 (m, 5H), 1.17-0.87 (m, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 173.2, 149.6, 144.1, 141.9, 131.4, 131.2, 127.8, 127.4, 126.0, 125.9, 125.6, 122.1, 119.8, 115.8, 68.3, 54.8, 51.6, 46.9, 44.1, 44.0, 41.9, 41.6, 37.7, 34.8, 33.7, 30.4, 30.4. HRMS Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: m/z 413.2224, Found: 413.2230

**5-methyl-5-(4-oxo adamantan-1-yl)methyl)benzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (3f)**



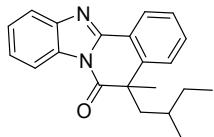
White solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.53-8.51 (m, 1H), 8.40-8.38 (m, 1H), 7.87-7.85 (m, 1H), 7.58-7.43 (m, 5H), 2.65 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 2H), 2.16 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 1.81-1.75 (m, 2H), 1.72-1.70 (m, 2H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 1.63-1.55 (m, 2H), 1.51-1.39 (m, 3H), 1.36-1.25 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 217.3, 173.0, 149.4, 144.1, 141.4, 131.3, 128.0, 127.3, 126.2, 126.1, 125.7, 122.1, 119.9, 115.8, 53.6, 46.9, 46.3, 46.1, 44.9, 44.2, 41.7, 38.2, 38.2, 34.0, 33.8, 27.5. HRMS Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: m/z 411.2067, Found: 411.2071

**5-isobutyl-5-methylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (3g)**



Yellow oil, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.50 (d, *J* = 7.6, 1H), 8.40-8.38 (m, 1H), 7.84-7.82 (m, 1H), 7.54 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.38 (m, 4H), 2.45 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.07 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.68 (s, 3H), 1.33-1.25 (m, 1H), 0.61 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.56 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 173.5, 149.8, 144.1, 141.8, 131.6, 131.4, 127.6, 126.6, 125.9, 125.8, 125.5, 122.7, 119.8, 115.8, 50.5, 48.5, 31.4, 25.6, 23.9, 22.4. HRMS Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: m/z 305.1648, Found: 305.1651

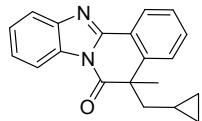
**5-(2-ethylbutyl)-5-methylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (3h)**



Yellow oil, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.50-8.48 (m, 1H), 8.38-8.36 (m, 1H), 7.83-7.81 (m, 1H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.39 (m, 4H), 2.39 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (s, 3H), 0.97-0.84 (m, 5H), 0.54 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 173.4, 149.8, 144.1, 141.8, 131.4 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz), 127.5, 126.6, 125.8, 125.7, 125.4, 122.9, 119.7, 115.6, 48.6, 46.4, 37.3, 29.8, 25.8,

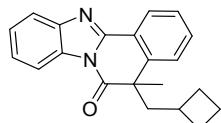
25.2, 10.3, 10.0. HRMS Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: m/z 333.1961, Found: 333.1966

**5-(cyclopropylmethyl)-5-methylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (3i)**



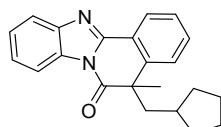
White solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.48 (d, *J* = 8.0, 1H), 8.38-8.36 (m, 1H), 7.83-7.81 (m, 1H), 7.59-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.40 (m, 4H), 2.18 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.00 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 1.77 (s, 3H), 0.17-0.06 (m, 2H), -0.04-0.10 (m, 2H), -0.20-0.24 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 173.6, 150.1, 144.0, 142.0, 131.7, 131.4, 127.6, 126.3, 125.8, 125.7, 125.5, 123.3, 119.7, 115.6, 49.7, 49.5, 26.9, 6.9, 3.9, 3.7. HRMS Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: m/z 303.1492, Found: 303.1492

**5-(cyclobutylmethyl)-5-methylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (3j)**



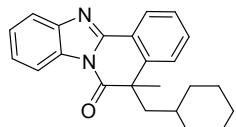
White solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.48-8.45 (m, 1H), 8.37-8.35 (m, 1H), 7.83-7.81 (m, 1H), 7.57-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.39 (m, 4H), 2.47 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.07 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.89-1.80 (m, 1H), 1.74 (s, 3H), 1.52-1.38 (m, 5H), 1.34-1.25 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 173.3, 149.9, 144.0, 141.8, 131.6, 131.4, 127.6, 126.5, 125.8, 125.7, 125.5, 122.9, 119.7, 115.7, 51.3, 48.6, 32.9, 28.9, 28.5, 27.9, 18.6. HRMS Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: m/z 317.1648, Found: 317.1654

**5-(cyclopentylmethyl)-5-methylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (3k)**



White solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.49-8.47 (m, 1H), 8.40-8.37 (m, 1H), 7.84-7.82 (m, 1H), 7.59-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.41 (m, 4H), 2.53 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.19 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.73 (s, 3H), 1.39-1.15 (m, 7H), 0.96-0.94 (m, 1H), 0.81-0.78 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 173.6, 149.9, 144.1, 142.1, 131.6, 131.4, 127.6, 126.6, 125.9, 125.8, 125.5, 122.8, 119.7, 115.8, 49.1, 49.1, 37.5, 33.6, 32.4, 30.1, 24.9, 24.6. HRMS Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: m/z 331.1805, Found: 331.1805

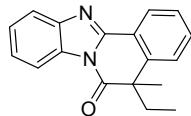
**5-(cyclohexylmethyl)-5-methylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (3l)**



White solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.49 (d, *J* = 8.0, 1H), 8.39-8.37 (m, 1H), 7.84-7.82 (m, 1H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.40 (m, 4H), 2.48 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.06 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.46-1.36 (m, 3H), 1.27-1.16 (m, 2H), 1.00-0.75 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 173.5, 149.8,

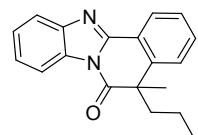
144.1, 141.9, 131.6, 131.5, 127.6, 126.6, 125.9, 125.8, 125.5, 122.6, 119.7, 115.8, 48.8, 48.3, 34.9, 34.2, 32.9, 31.8, 26.0, 25.9. HRMS Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: m/z 345.1961, Found: 345.1959

**5-methyl-5-propylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (3m)**



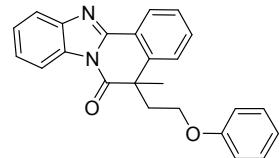
White oil, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.48 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.38-8.36 (m, 1H), 7.83-7.80 (m, 1H), 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.40 (m, 4H), 2.47-2.38 (m, 1H), 2.04-1.95 (m, 1H), 1.72 (s, 3H), 0.57 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 173.3, 149.9, 144.1, 141.5, 131.8, 131.3, 127.6, 126.1, 125.8, 125.5, 123.2, 119.8, 115.7, 50.0, 36.4, 29.7, 28.3, 9.6. HRMS Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: m/z 277.1335, Found: 277.1341

**5-methyl-5-propylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (3n)**



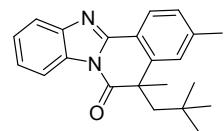
White oil, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.49-8.46 (m, 1H), 8.38-8.35 (m, 1H), 7.83-7.80 (m, 1H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.39 (m, 4H), 2.41-2.33 (m, 1H), 1.98-1.90 (m, 1H), 1.73 (s, 3H), 1.00-0.78 (m, 2H), 0.74 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 173.4, 149.9, 144.1, 141.9, 131.8, 131.3, 127.6, 126.0, 125.8, 125.5, 123.0, 119.8, 115.7, 49.5, 45.5, 28.6, 18.5, 14.0. HRMS Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: m/z 291.1492, Found: 291.1497

**5-methyl-5-(2-phenoxyethyl)benzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (3o)**



White solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.45-8.40 (m, 2H), 7.80-7.76 (m, 1H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.42 (m, 4H), 6.91 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.82-3.77 (m, 1H), 3.45-3.39 (m, 1H), 3.17-3.10 (m, 1H), 2.40-2.35 (m, 1H), 1.80 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 173.0, 157.6, 149.6, 144.0, 140.4, 131.7, 131.6, 129.1, 127.9, 126.2, 126.1, 125.8, 125.6, 123.2, 120.7, 119.8, 115.7, 113.6, 63.7, 47.0, 41.6, 29.7. HRMS Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: m/z 369.1598, Found: 369.1596

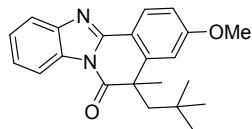
**3,5-dimethyl-5-neopentylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (3p)**



White solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.38-8.36 (m, 2H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 2H), 2.61 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.14 (d, *J* = 14.4, 1H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 0.54 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 173.5, 150.0, 144.2, 141.9, 141.6, 131.4, 128.7, 128.0, 125.8, 125.7, 125.2,

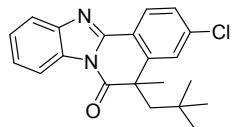
119.8, 119.5, 115.7, 55.2, 47.5, 33.0, 32.0, 30.8, 21.9. HRMS Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: m/z 333.1961, Found: 333.1959

**3-methoxy-5-methyl-5-neopentylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (3q)**



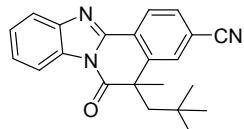
White solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.40 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.33 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.00-6.95 (m, 2H), 3.84 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 3H), 2.59 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 2.09 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 0.54 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 173.3, 162.0, 149.9, 144.2, 144.0, 131.3, 127.8, 125.7, 125.0, 119.3, 115.6, 115.4, 113.6, 113.1, 55.5, 55.4, 47.7, 33.1, 32.0, 30.8. HRMS Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: m/z 349.1911, Found: 349.1911

**3-chloro-5-methyl-5-neopentylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (3r)**



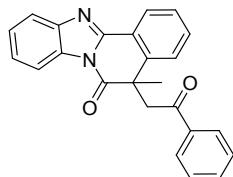
White solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.42 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.38-8.36 (m, 1H), 7.83-7.81 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.41 (m, 4H), 2.64 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 2.12 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 1.71 (s, 3H), 0.56 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.7, 148.8, 144.0, 143.7, 137.5, 131.3, 128.2, 127.7, 127.3, 126.1, 125.8, 121.0, 119.8, 115.8, 55.3, 47.7, 33.0, 32.1, 30.8, 14.1. HRMS Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: m/z 353.1415, Found: 353.1415

**5-methyl-5-neopentyl-6-oxo-5,6-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-3-carbonitrile (3s)**



White solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.60 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.41 – 8.39 (m, 1H), 7.88 – 7.85 (m, 1H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.74 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 2.69 (d, *J* = 14.4, 1H), 2.15 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 1.73 (s, 3H), 0.55 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.0, 147.7, 144.0, 142.9, 131.7, 131.4, 130.7, 126.6, 126.6, 126.4, 126.4, 120.3, 118.1, 116.0, 114.4, 55.4, 47.7, 32.9, 32.1, 30.8. HRMS Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: m/z 344.1757, Found: 344.1760

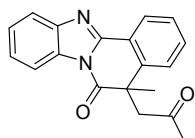
**5-methyl-5-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)benzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (3t)**



Light yellow solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.65-8.47 (m, 1H), 8.34 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.00-

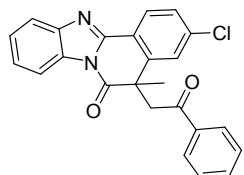
7.76 (m, 3H), 7.52 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.34 (m, 6H), 7.32 (dt,  $J$  = 5.0, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (d,  $J$  = 18.3 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (d,  $J$  = 18.2 Hz, 1H), 1.70 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  196.2, 173.3, 150.1, 144.1, 142.0, 135.6, 133.7, 131.7, 131.6, 128.7, 128.1, 127.6, 126.4, 125.7, 125.4, 124.5, 123.0, 119.8, 115.7, 49.3, 46.2, 30.2. HRMS Calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  [M + H] $^+$ : m/z 367.1441, Found: 367.1443

*5-methyl-5-(2-oxopropyl)benzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (3u)*



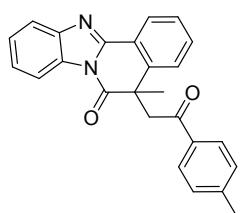
White solid,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.49 (d,  $J$  = 7.2, 1H), 8.32 (d,  $J$  = 7.6, 1H), 7.83 (d,  $J$  = 7.6, 1H), 7.46-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.27 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (d,  $J$  = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (d,  $J$  = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 1.57 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  204.8, 173.2, 150.0, 144.0, 141.7, 131.6, 131.6, 130.0, 129.0, 127.6, 126.7, 126.3, 125.7, 125.4, 124.5, 123.0, 119.7, 115.6, 53.9, 45.9, 29.9, 29.5. HRMS Calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  [M + H] $^+$ : m/z 305.1285, Found: 305.1286

*3-chloro-5-methyl-5-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)benzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (3v)*



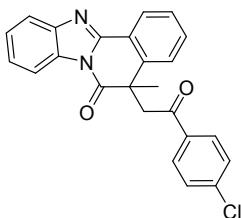
White solid,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.52 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.36-8.34 (m, 1H), 7.90-7.85 (m, 3H), 7.55 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.40 (m, 5H), 7.33 (d,  $J$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (d,  $J$  = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (d,  $J$  = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 1.73 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  196.0, 172.6, 149.2, 144.1, 143.8, 137.7, 135.4, 133.8, 131.6, 130.1, 128.7, 128.2, 128.1, 127.8, 125.8, 125.6, 124.8, 121.8, 119.9, 115.7, 49.4, 46.2, 30.0. HRMS Calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2$  [M + H] $^+$ : m/z 401.1051, Found: 401.1055

*5-methyl-5-(2-oxo-2-(*p*-tolyl)ethyl)benzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (3w)*



White solid,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.58-8.56 (m, 1H), 8.37-8.35 (m, 1H), 7.89 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.48-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.36-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.22 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.30 (d,  $J$  = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (d,  $J$  = 18.1 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.74 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  195.6, 173.3, 150.1, 144.5, 144.0, 142.0, 133.2, 131.7, 131.6, 129.3, 128.1, 127.5, 126.4, 125.6, 125.3, 124.4, 123.0, 119.7, 115.6, 49.2, 46.2, 30.2, 21.6. HRMS Calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  [M + H] $^+$ : m/z 381.1598, Found: 381.1601

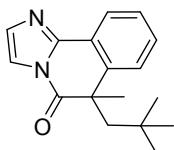
*5-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-5-methylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (3x)*



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.58-8.56 (m, 1H), 8.37-8.35 (m, 1H), 7.90-7.88 (m, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.48-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.36-7.28 (m, 3H), 4.26 (d, *J* = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (d, *J* = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 1.71 (s, 3H).

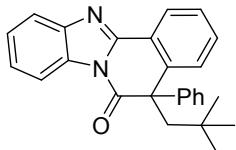
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 195.0, 173.2, 150.1, 144.1, 141.8, 140.1, 133.9, 131.7, 129.5, 129.0, 127.6, 126.4, 125.7, 125.4, 124.4, 123.1, 119.8, 115.6, 49.2, 46.2, 30.1. HRMS Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: m/z 401.1051, Found: 401.1056

#### *6-methyl-6-neopentylimidazo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-5(6H)-one (3y)*



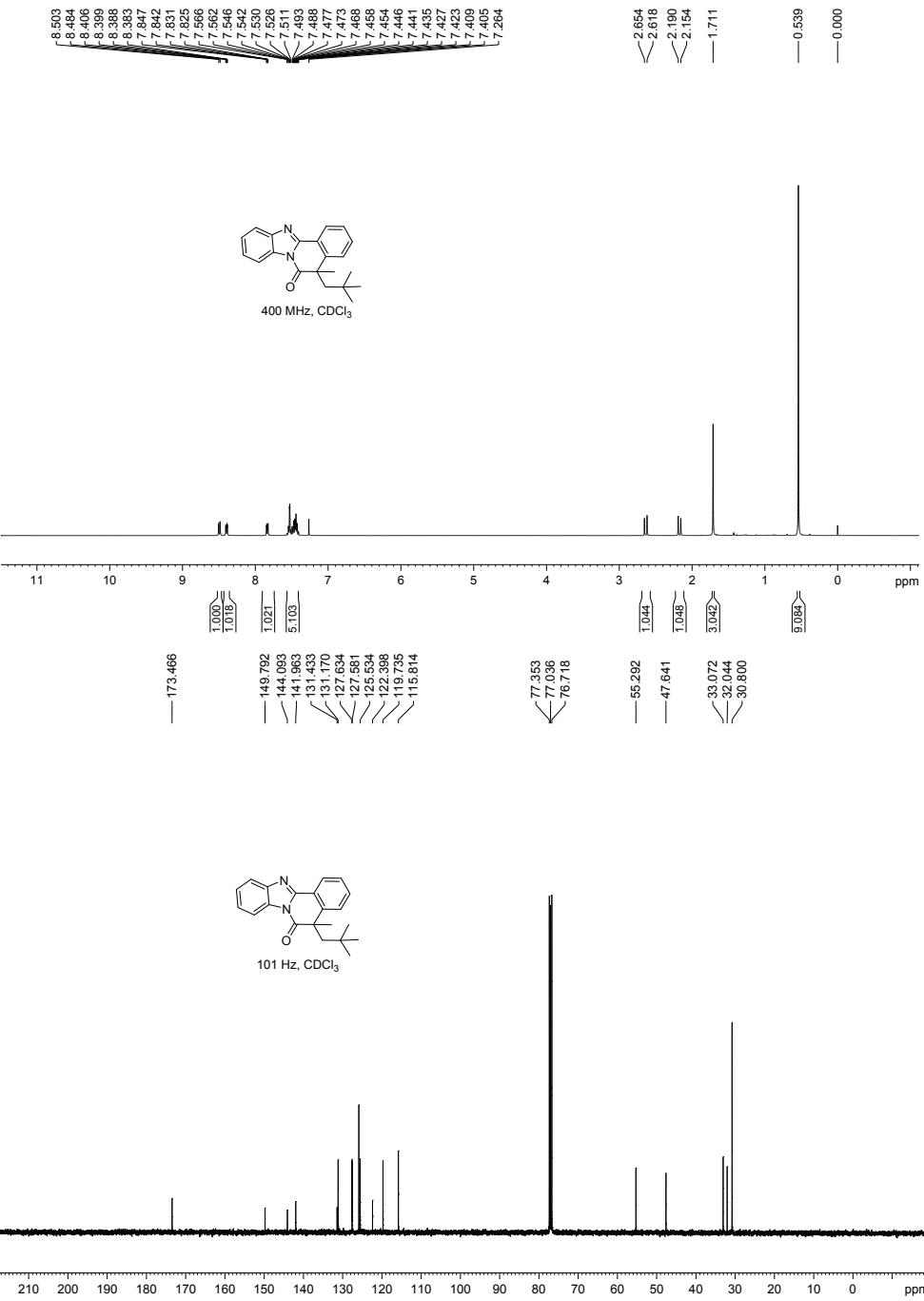
White oil, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.35-8.22 (m, 2H), 7.65-7.20 (m, 4H), 2.51 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 2.04 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 1.59 (s, 3H), 0.60 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 176.6, 163.9, 145.1, 133.83, 133.82, 128.5, 127.3, 127.26, 127.25, 123.9, 53.4, 46.3, 33.4, 32.0, 30.8. HRMS Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: m/z 269.1648, Found: 269.1646

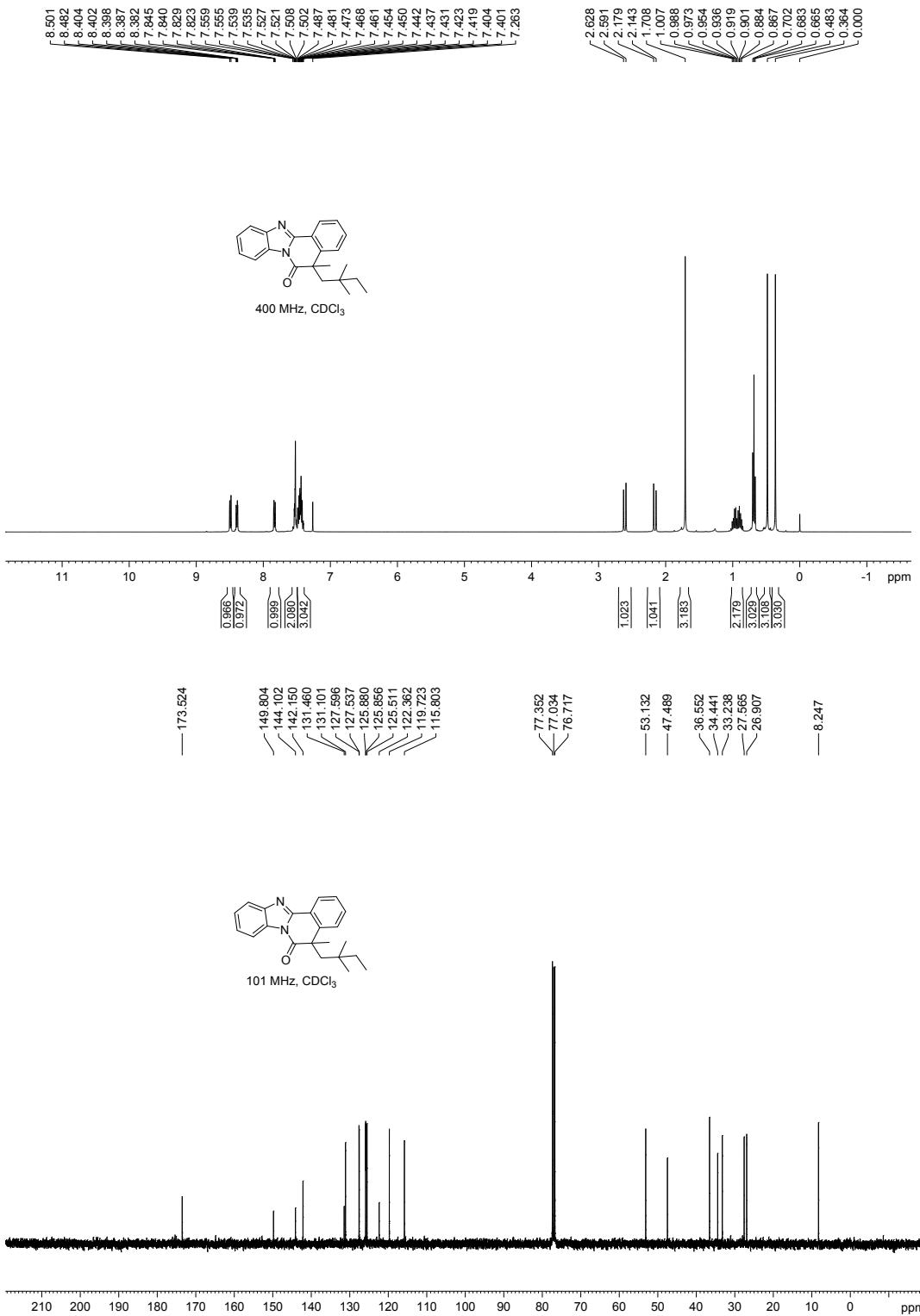
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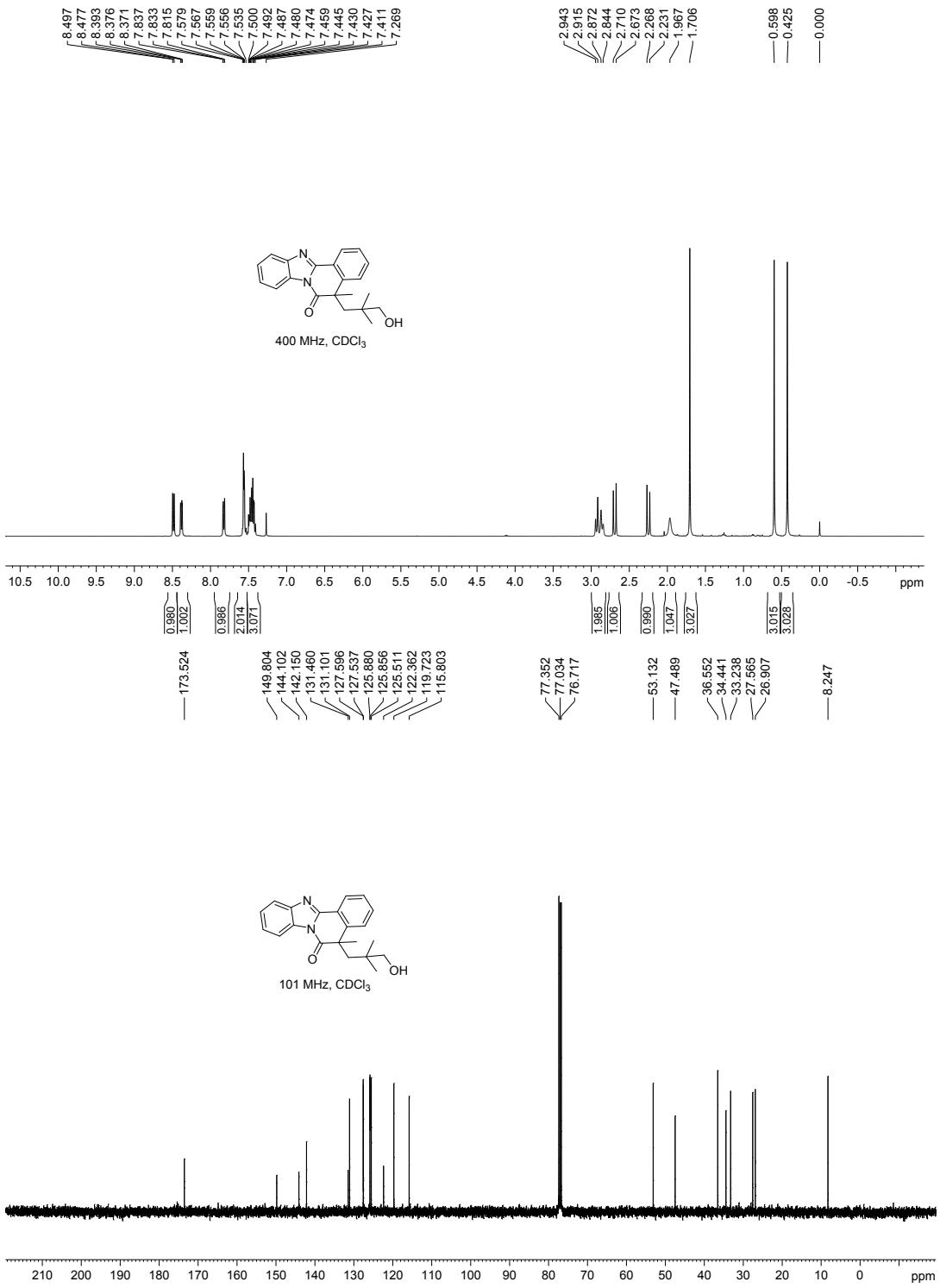


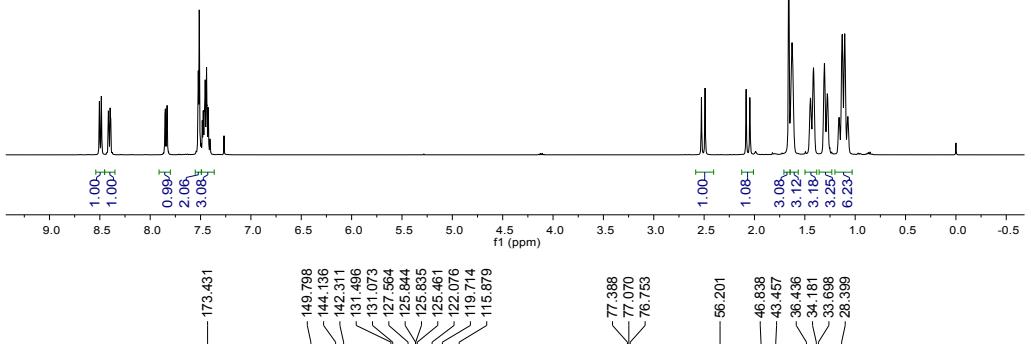
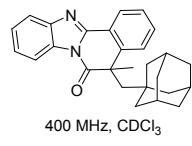
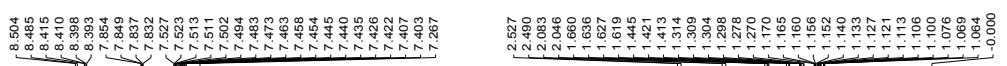
White solid, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.55 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.30-8.27 (m, 1H), 7.86-7.83 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 5H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 0.63 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.4, 149.8, 145.0, 144.1, 142.0, 131.5, 131.2, 130.2, 128.8, 127.9, 127.5, 127.0, 126.0, 125.7, 125.6, 123.3, 119.7, 115.9, 55.4, 51.5, 31.9, 31.1. HRMS Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: m/z 381.1961, Found: 381.1966

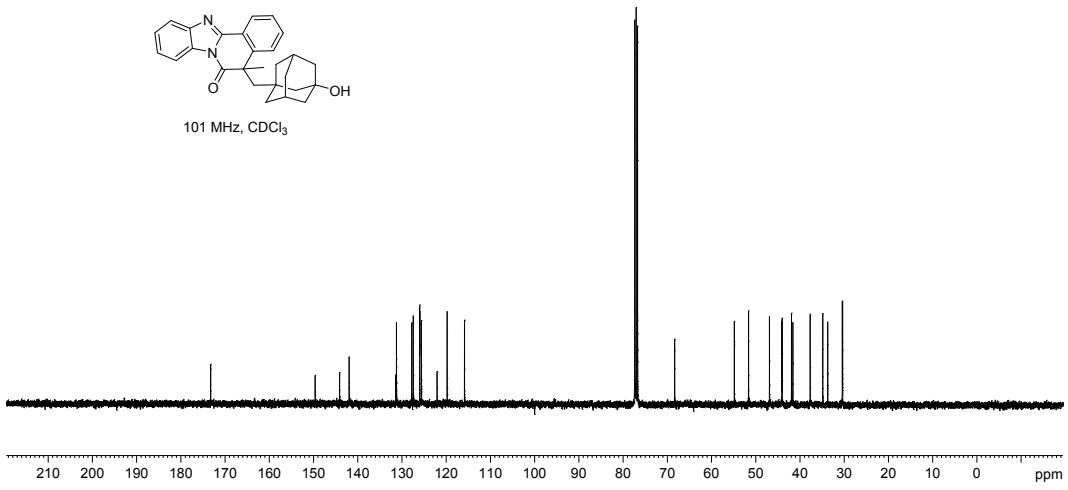
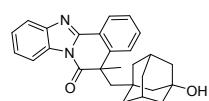
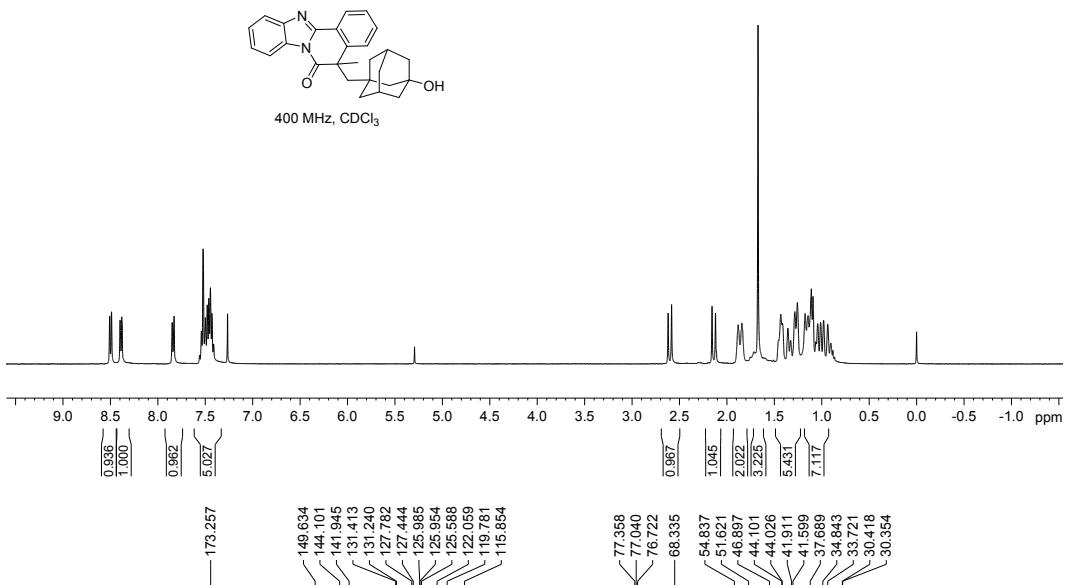
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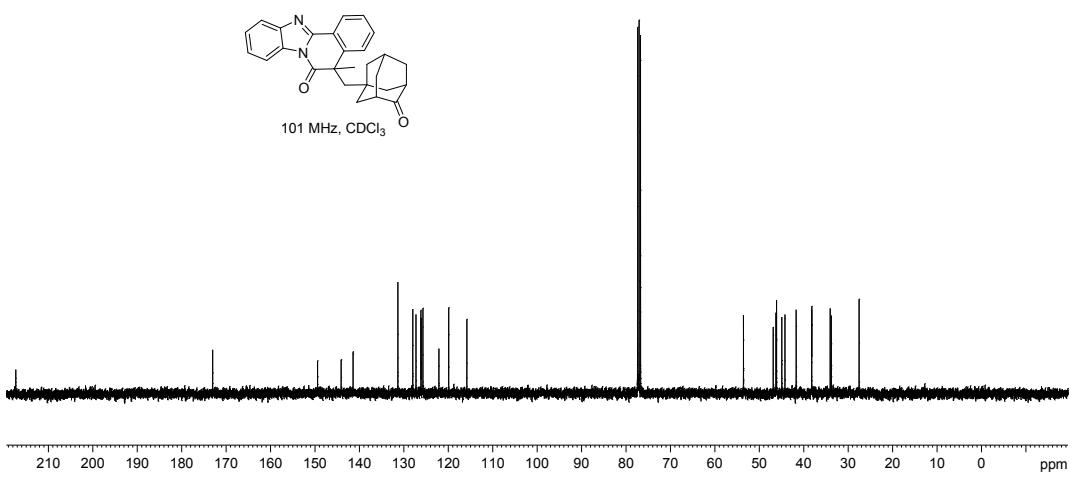
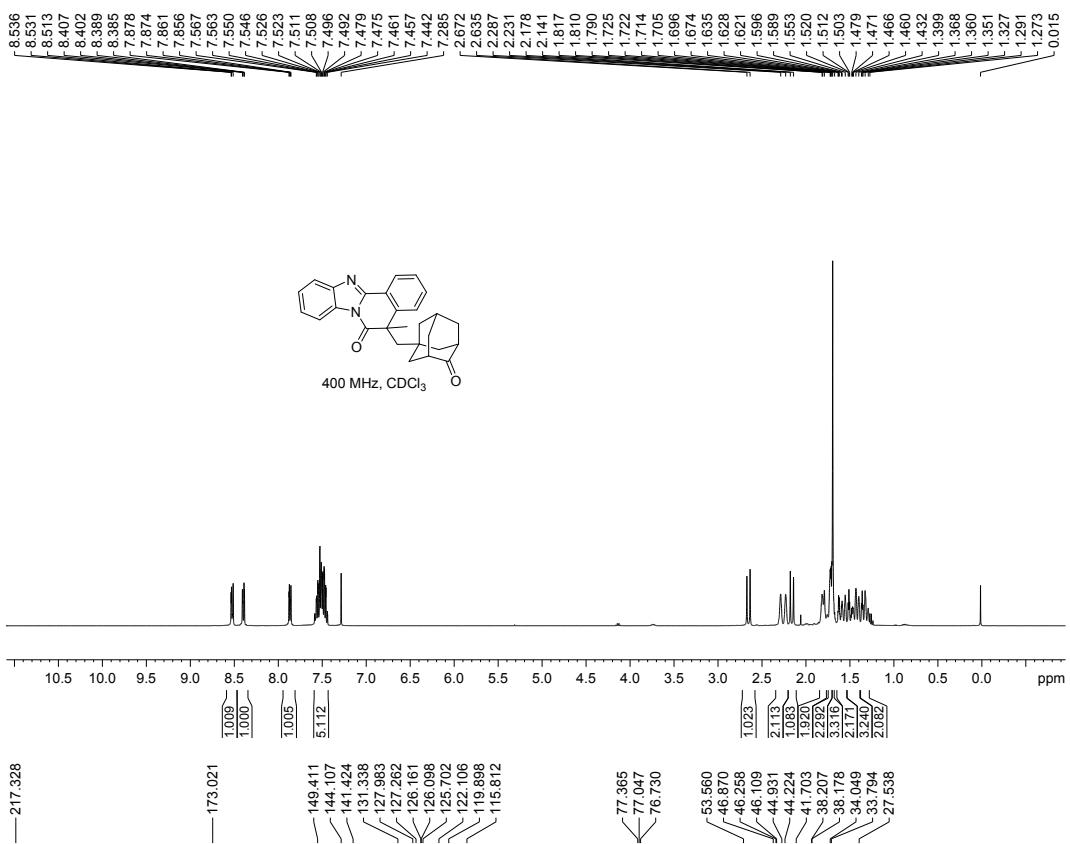


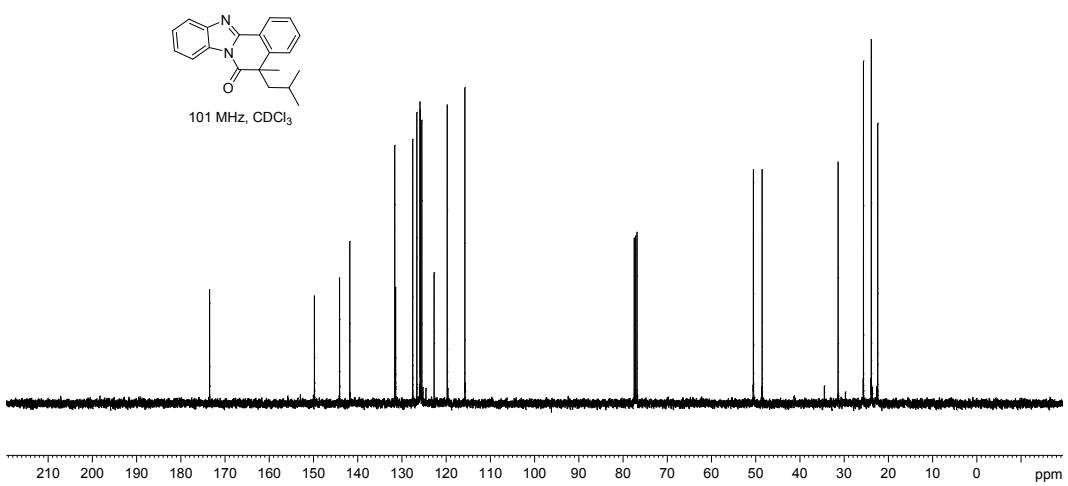
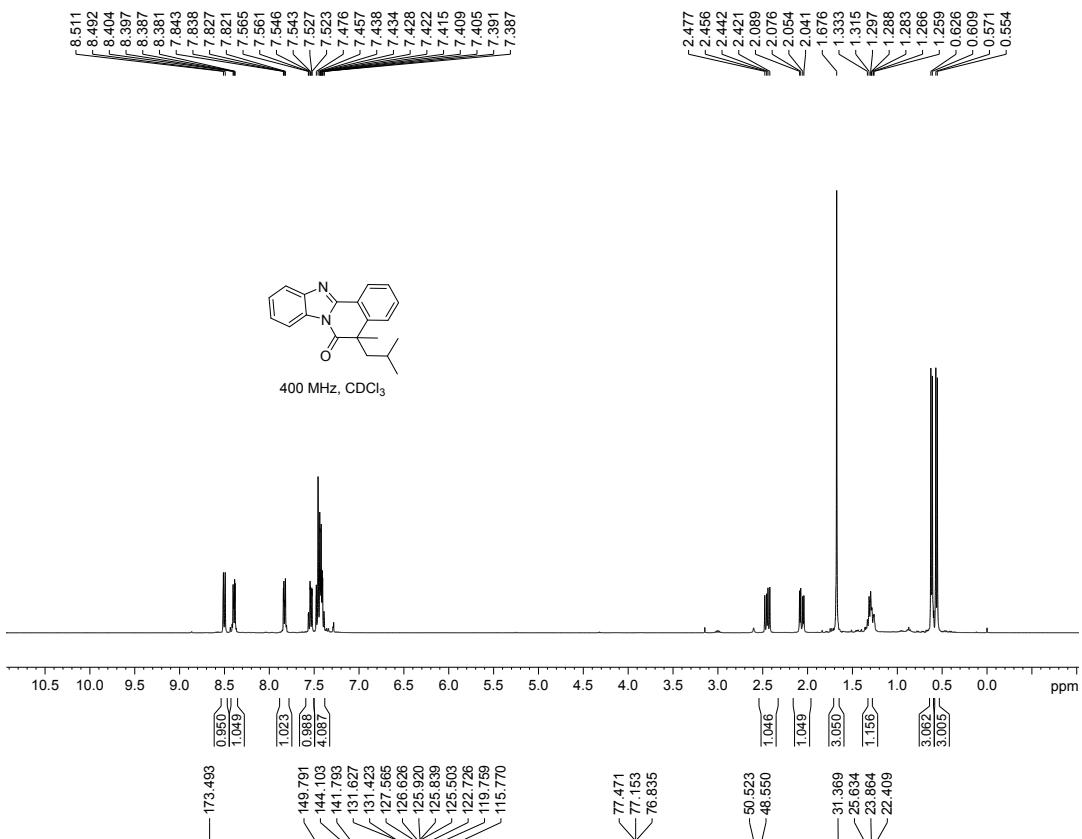


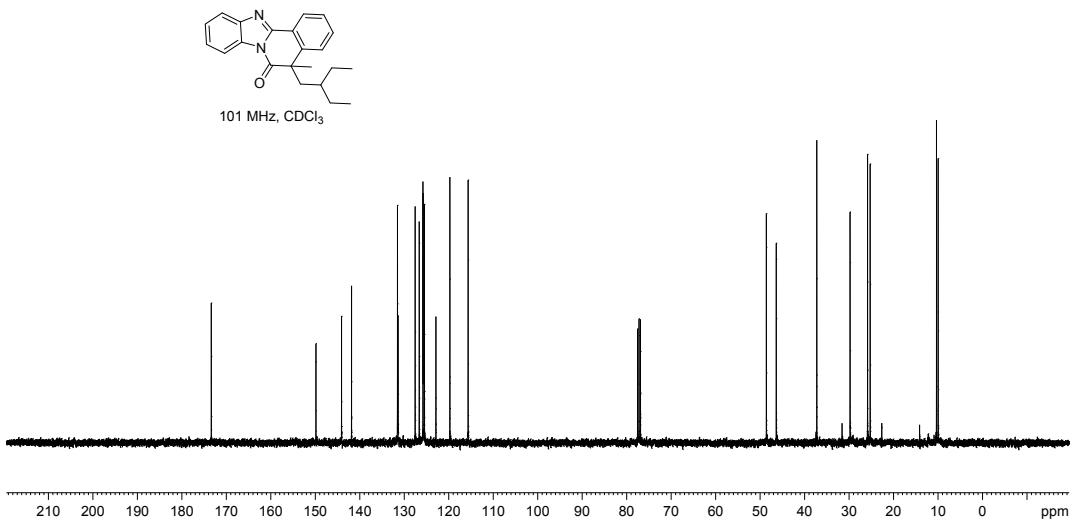
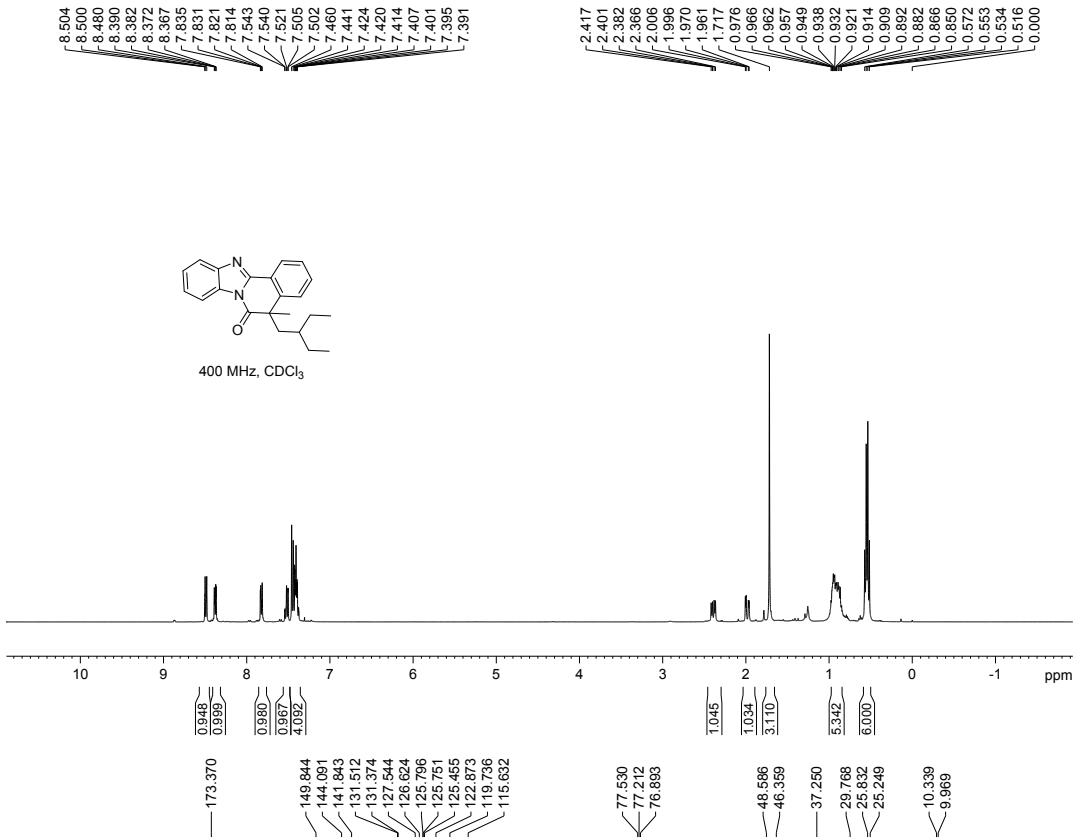


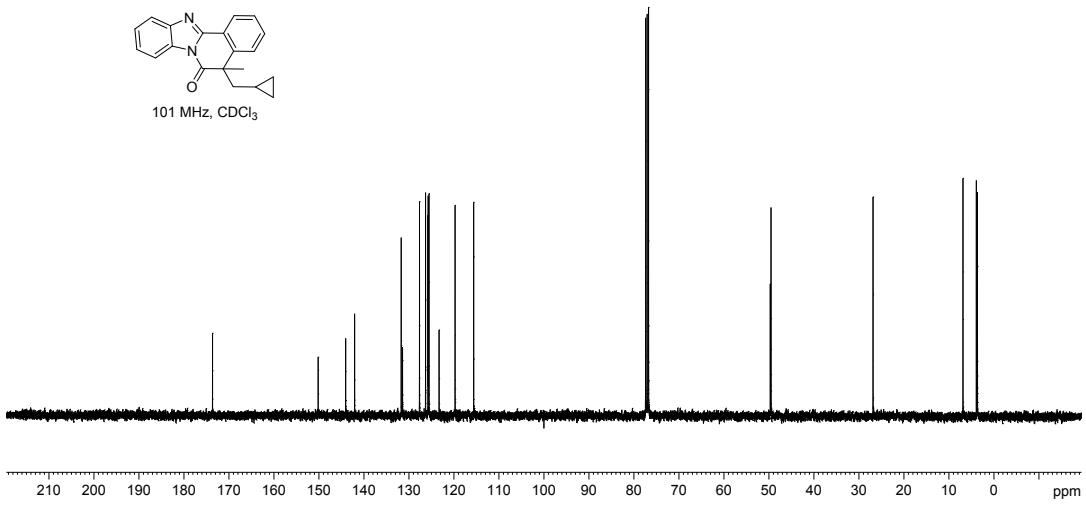
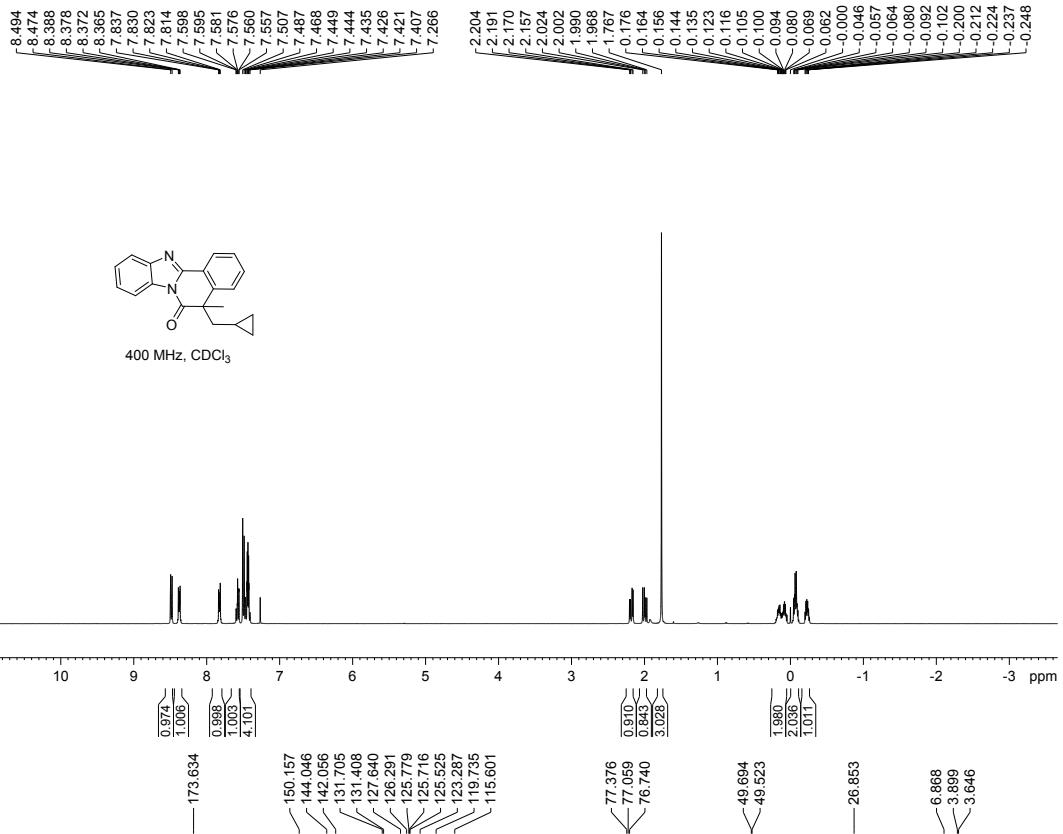


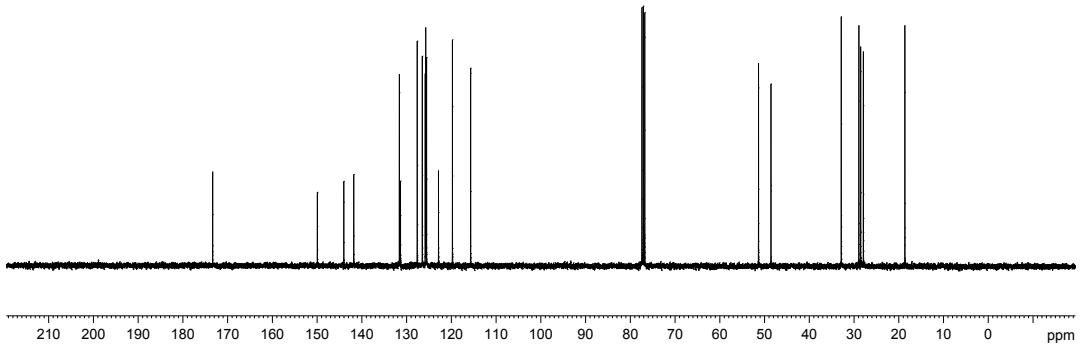
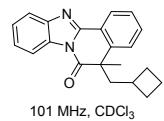
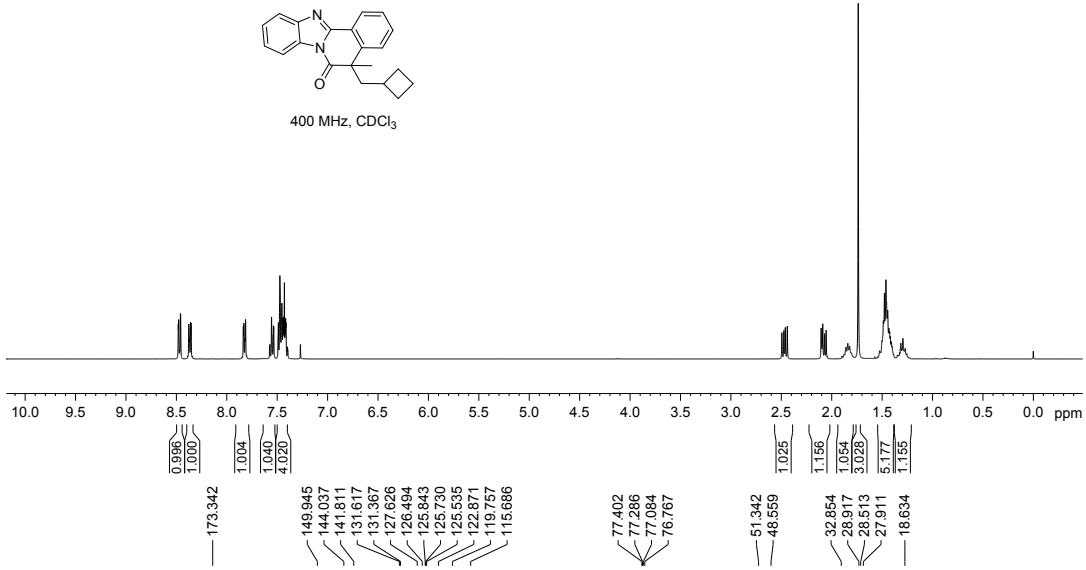
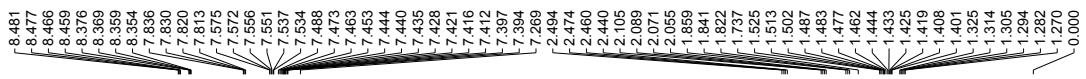


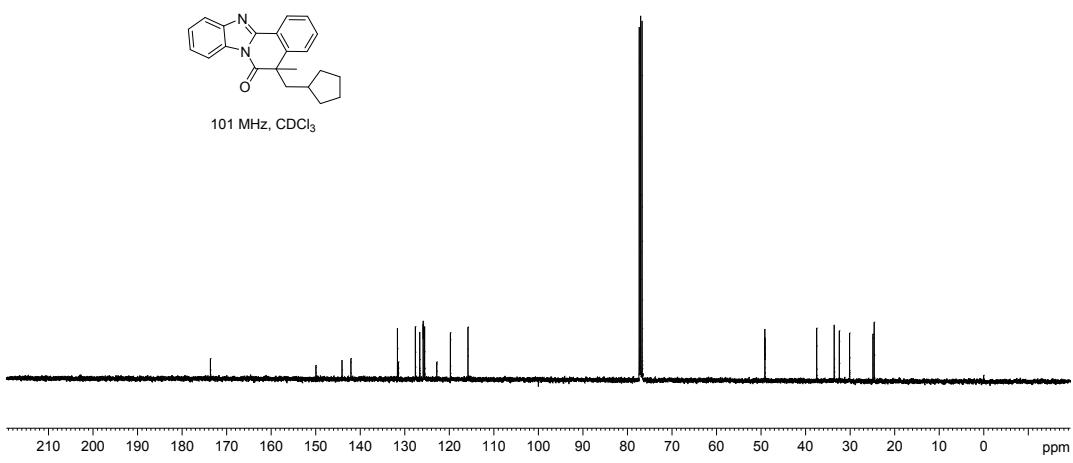
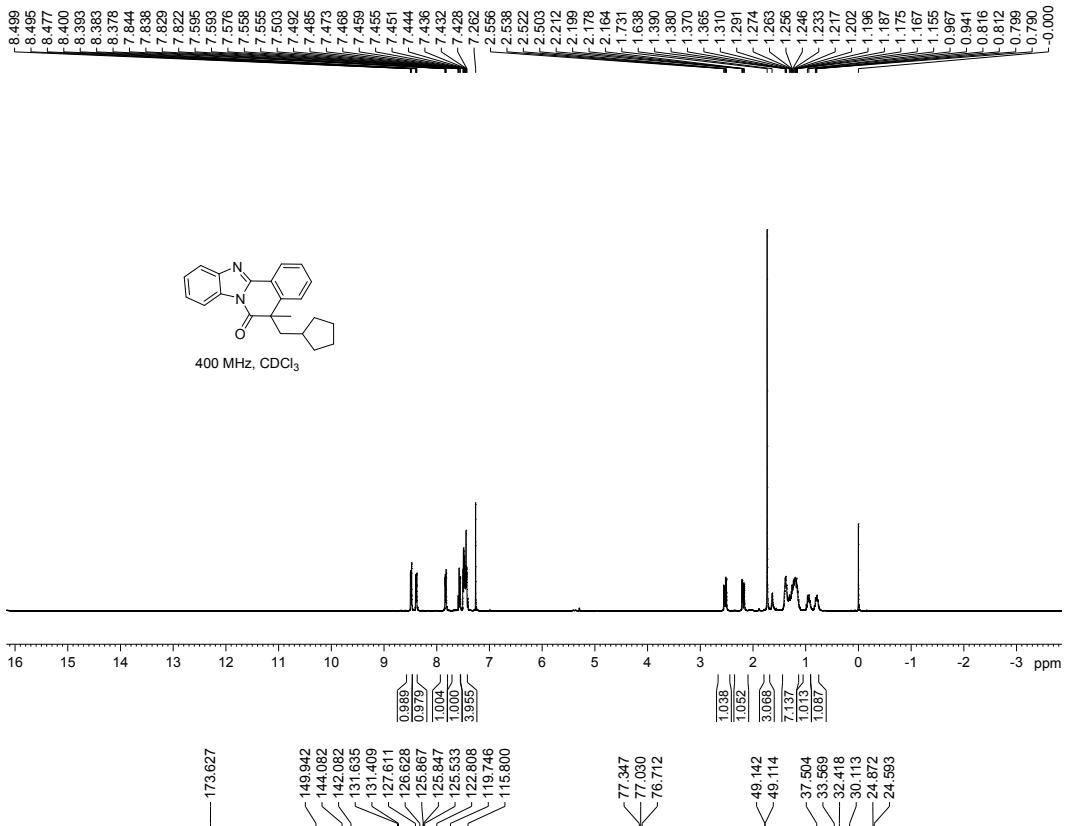


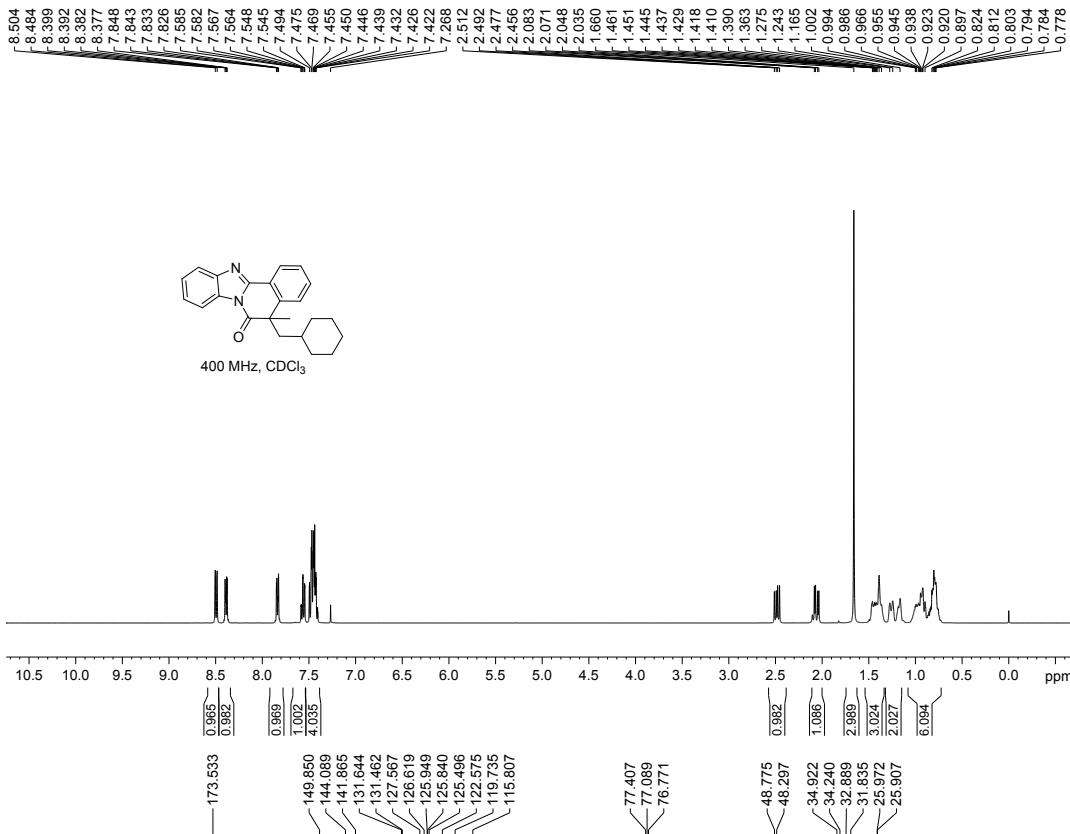


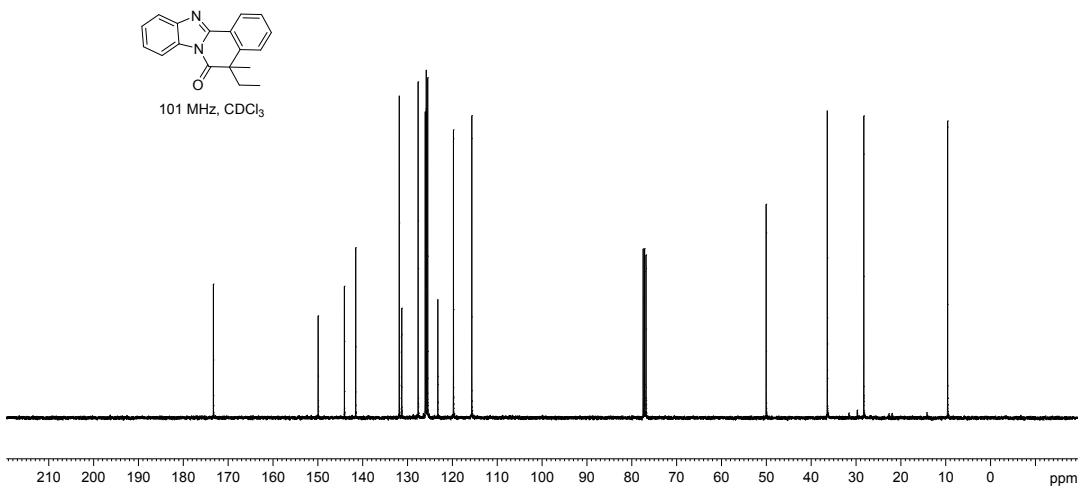
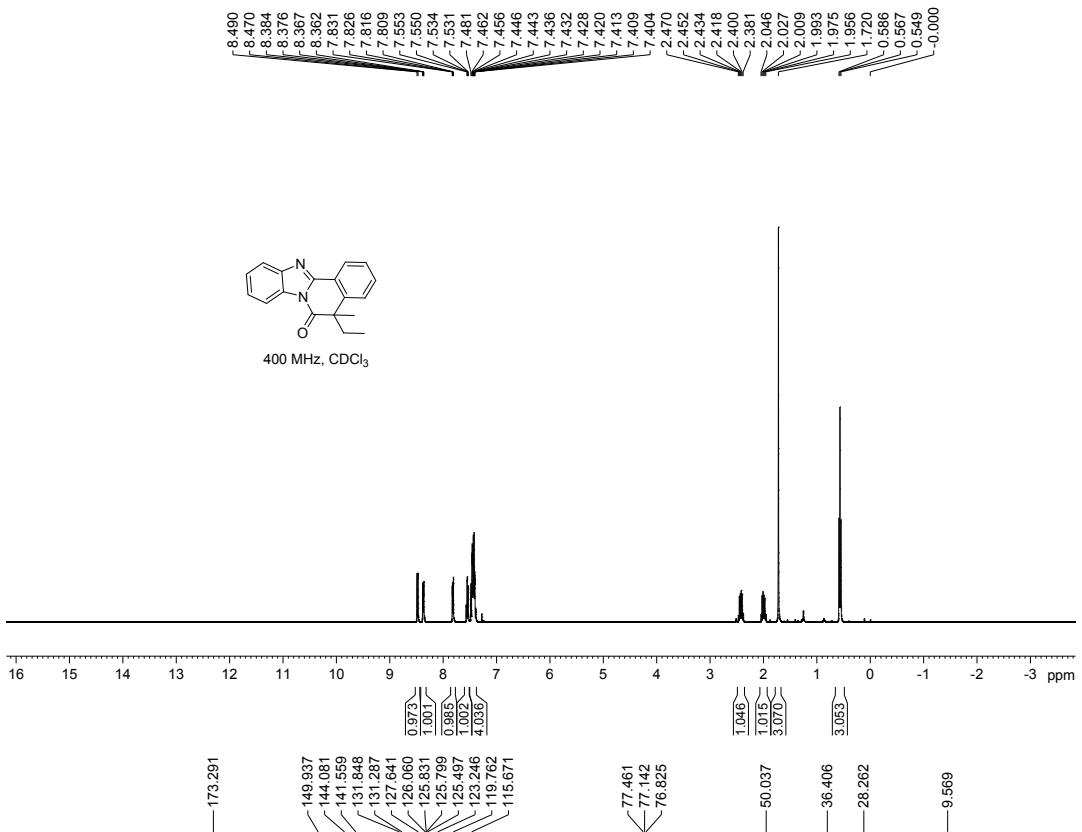


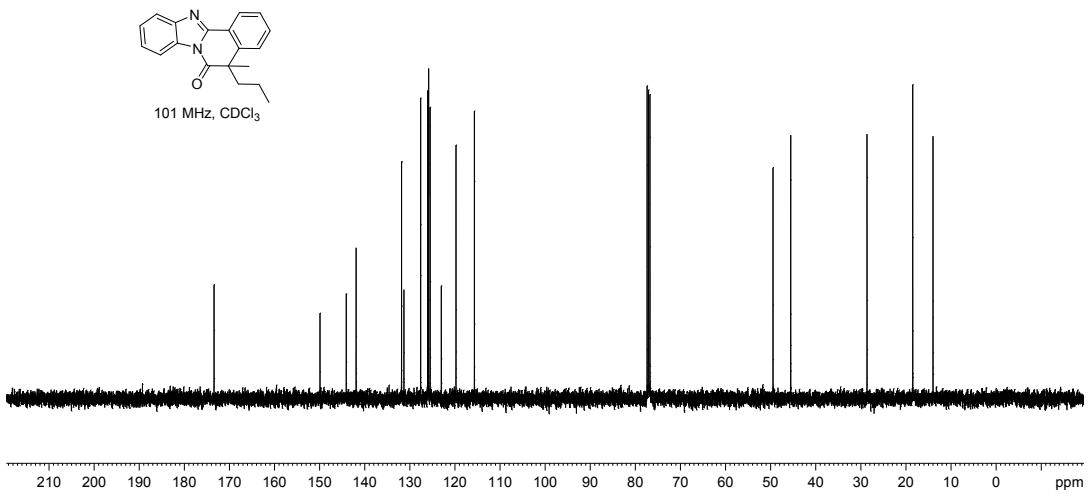
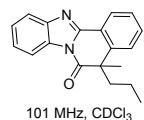
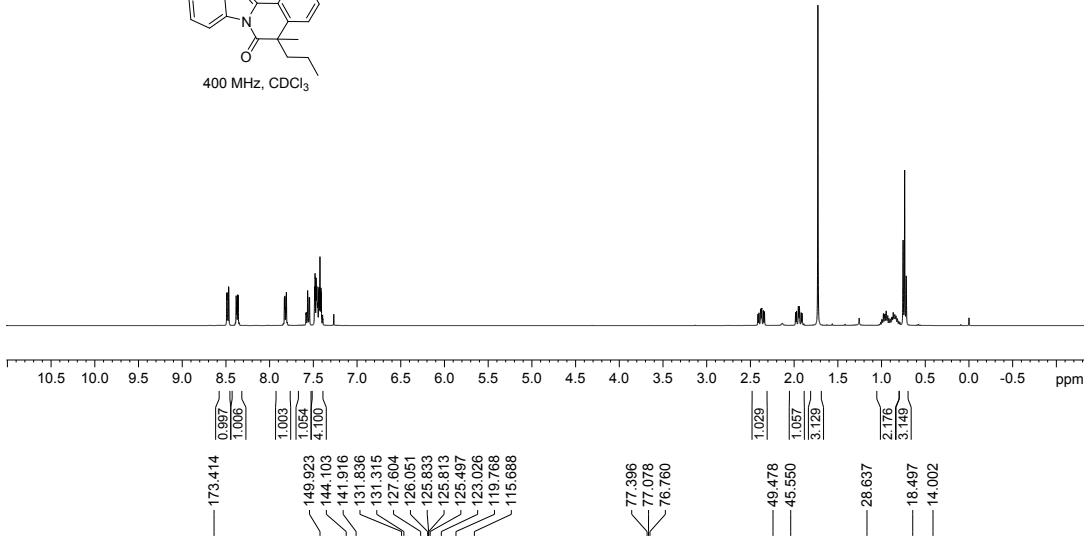
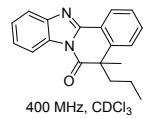
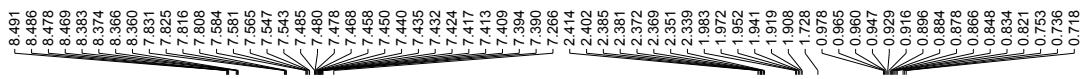


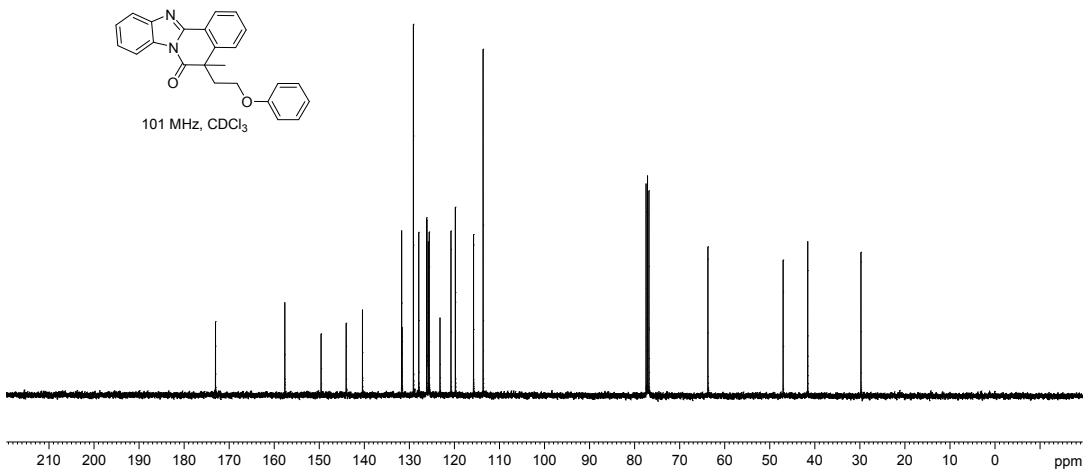
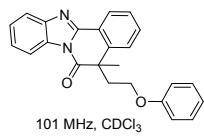
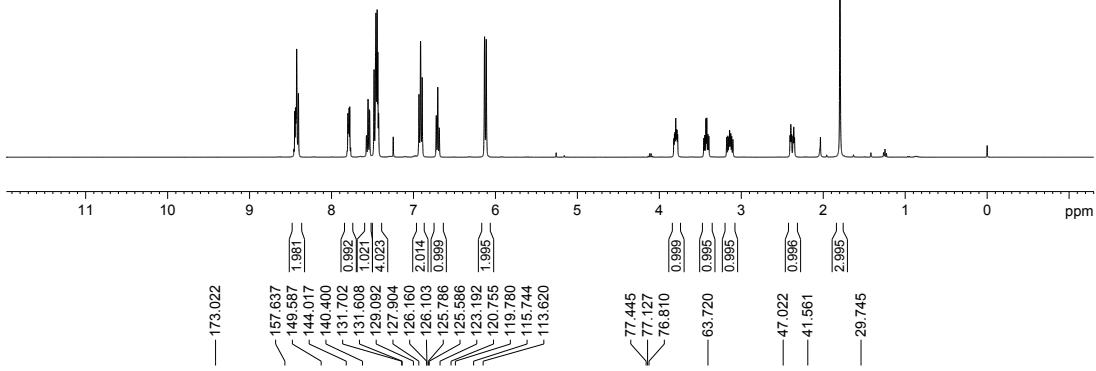
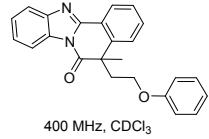
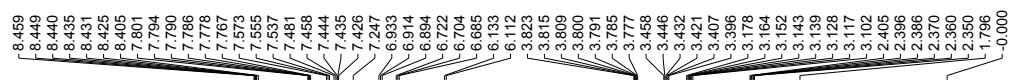


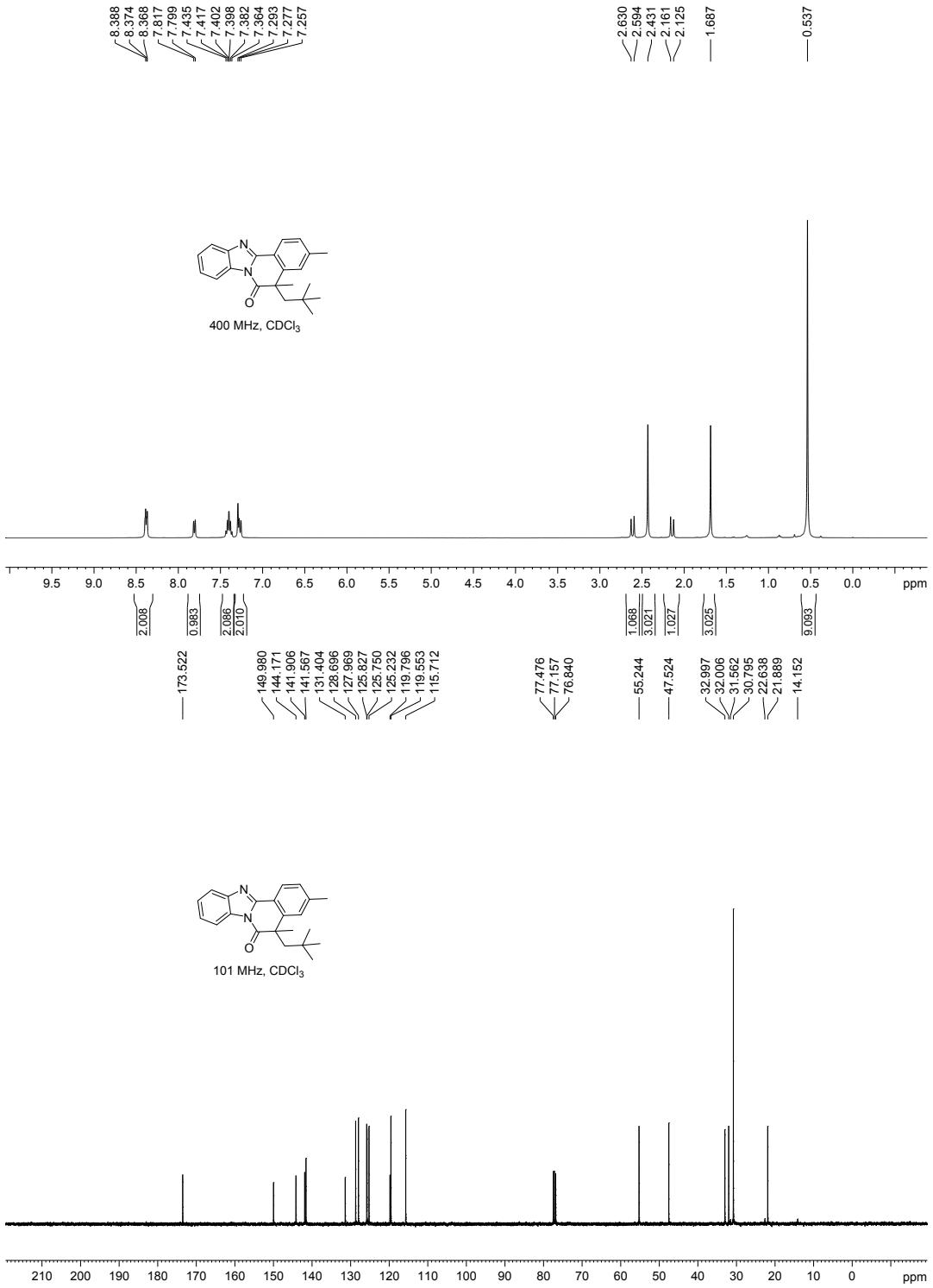


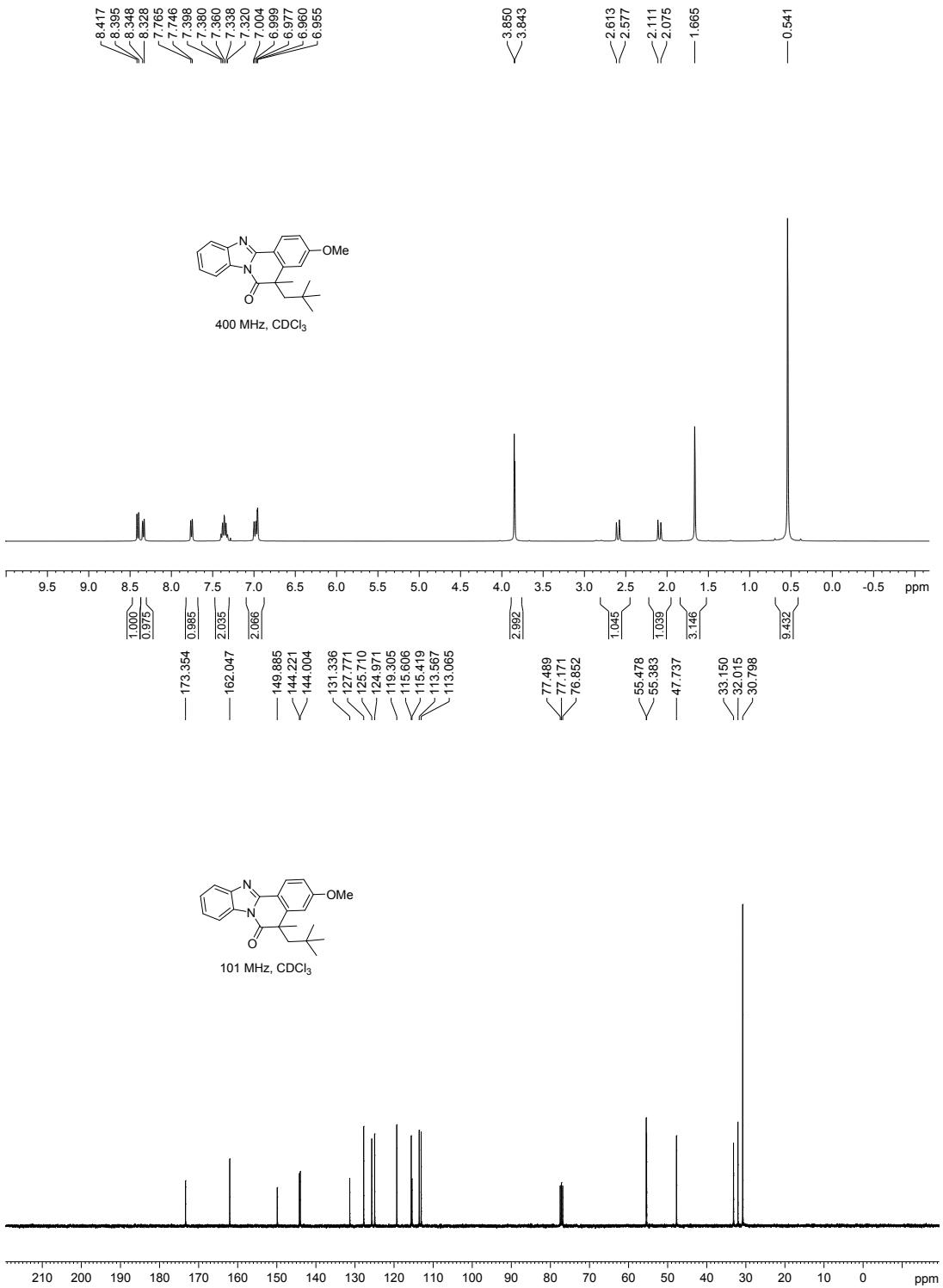


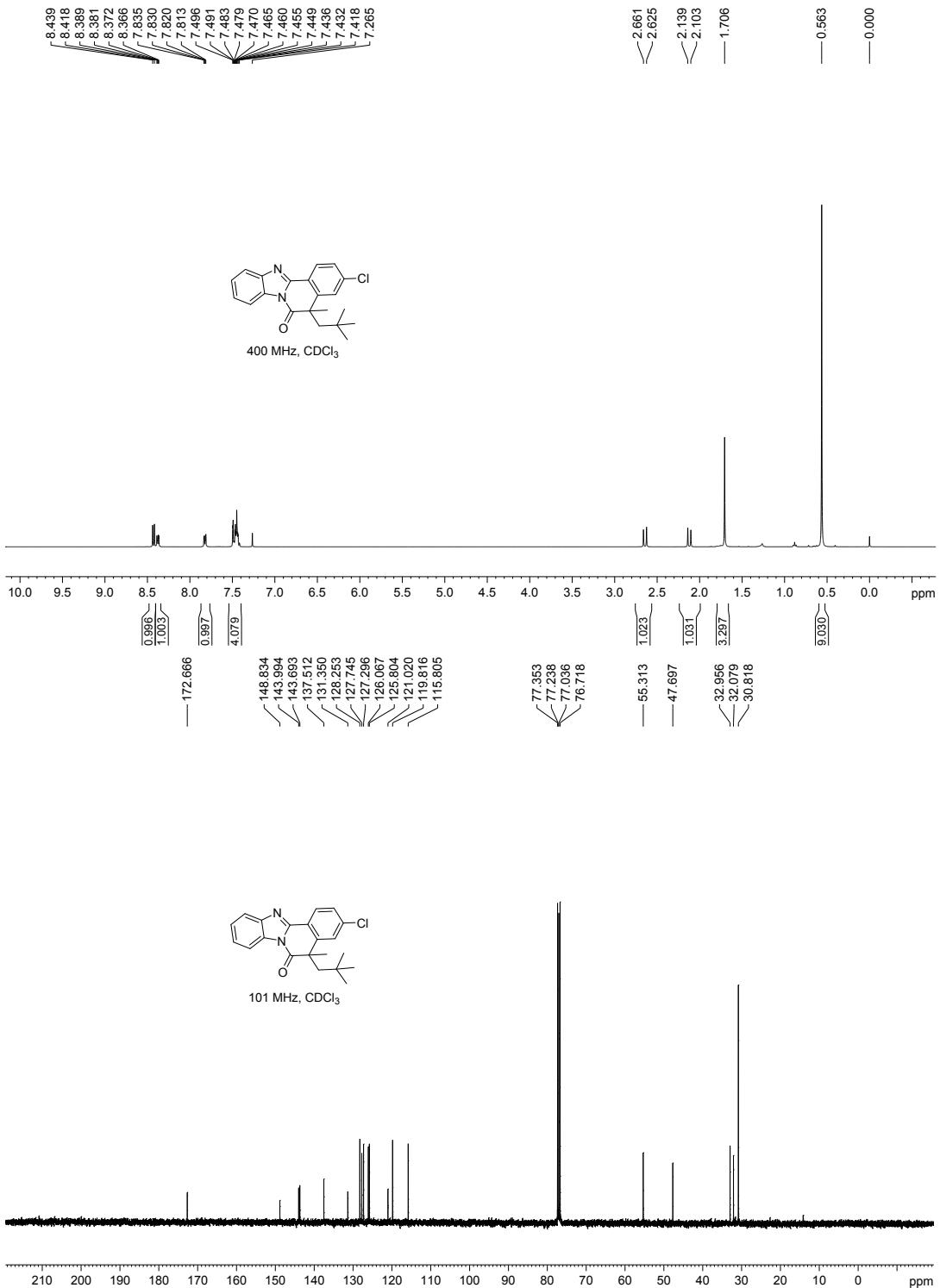


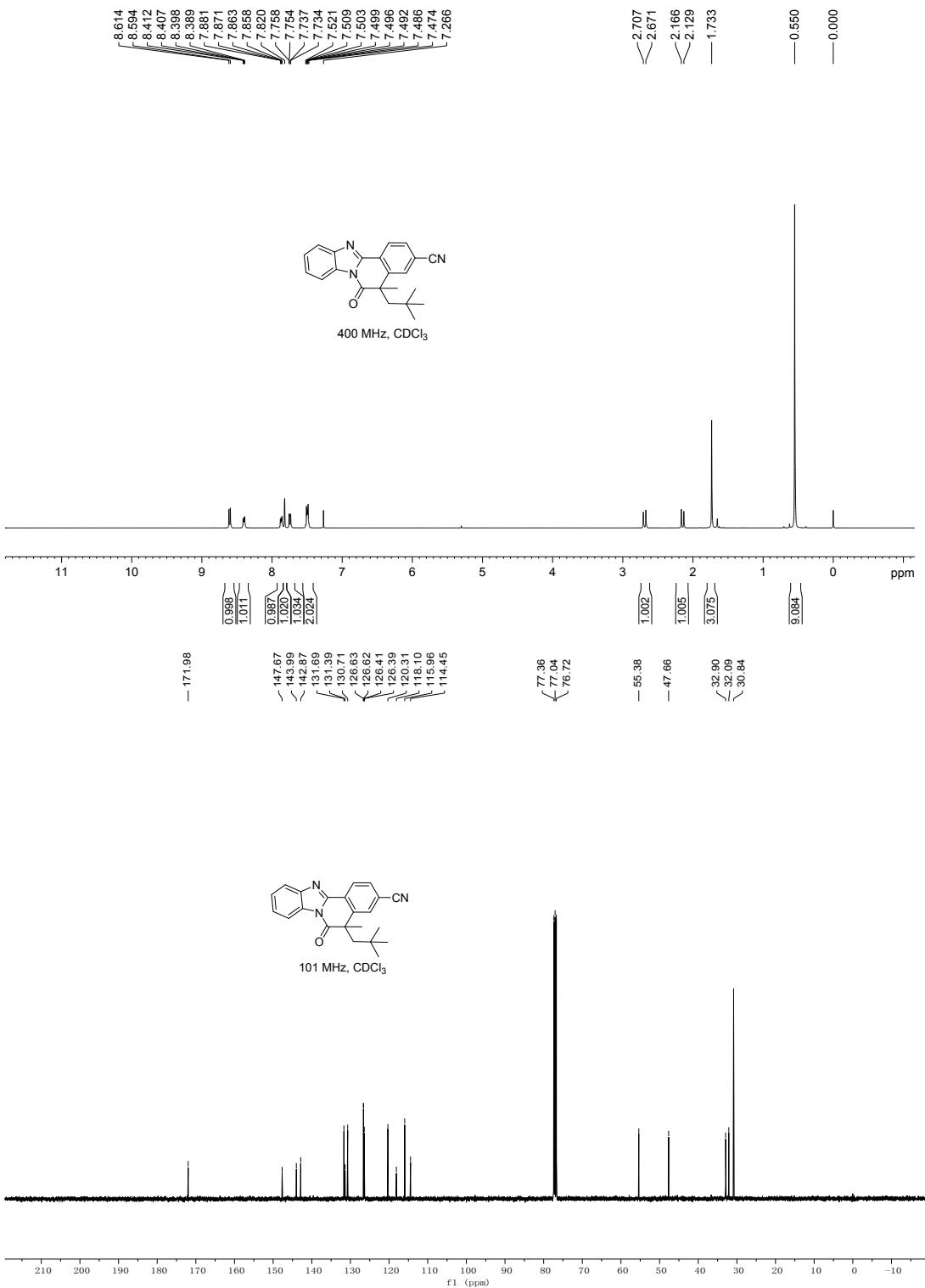


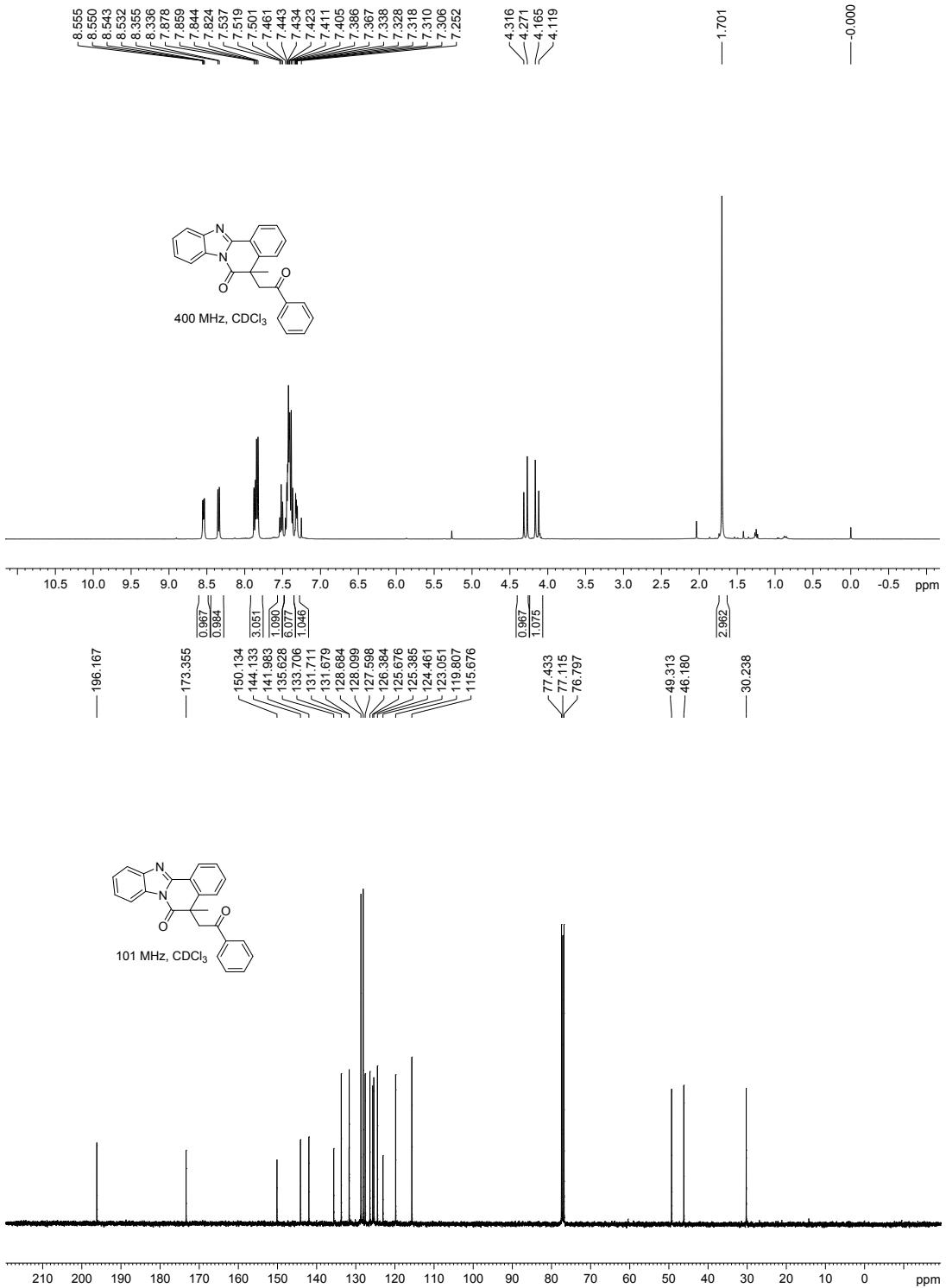


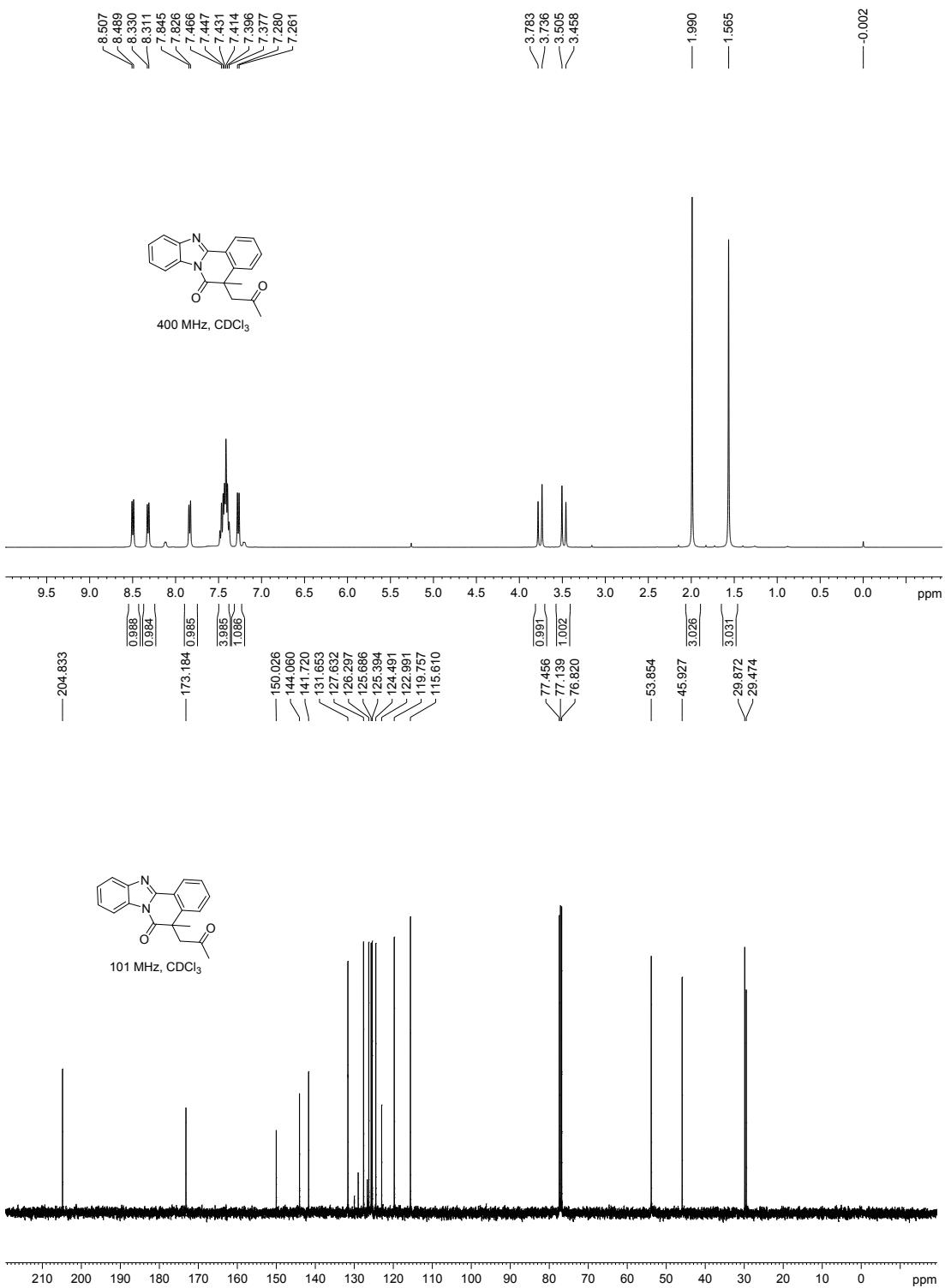


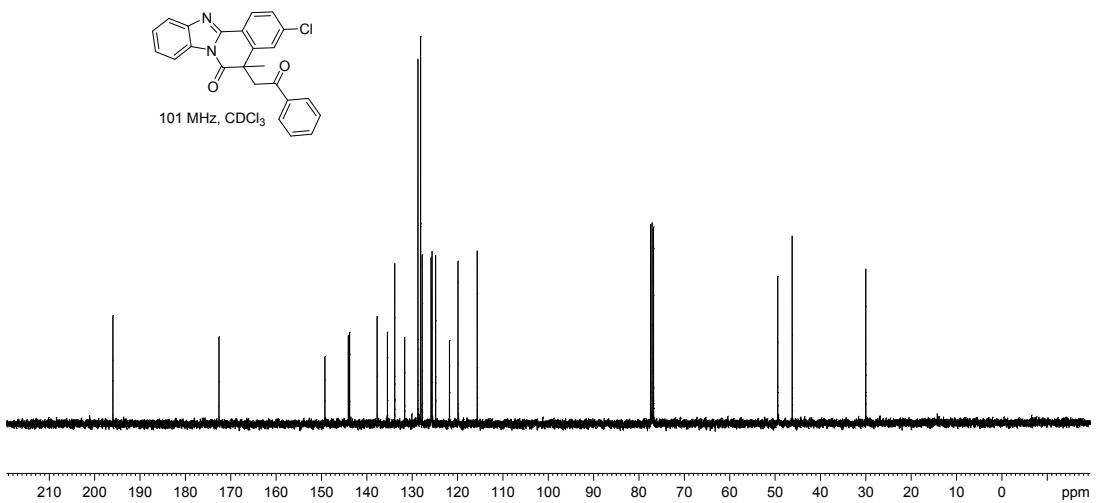
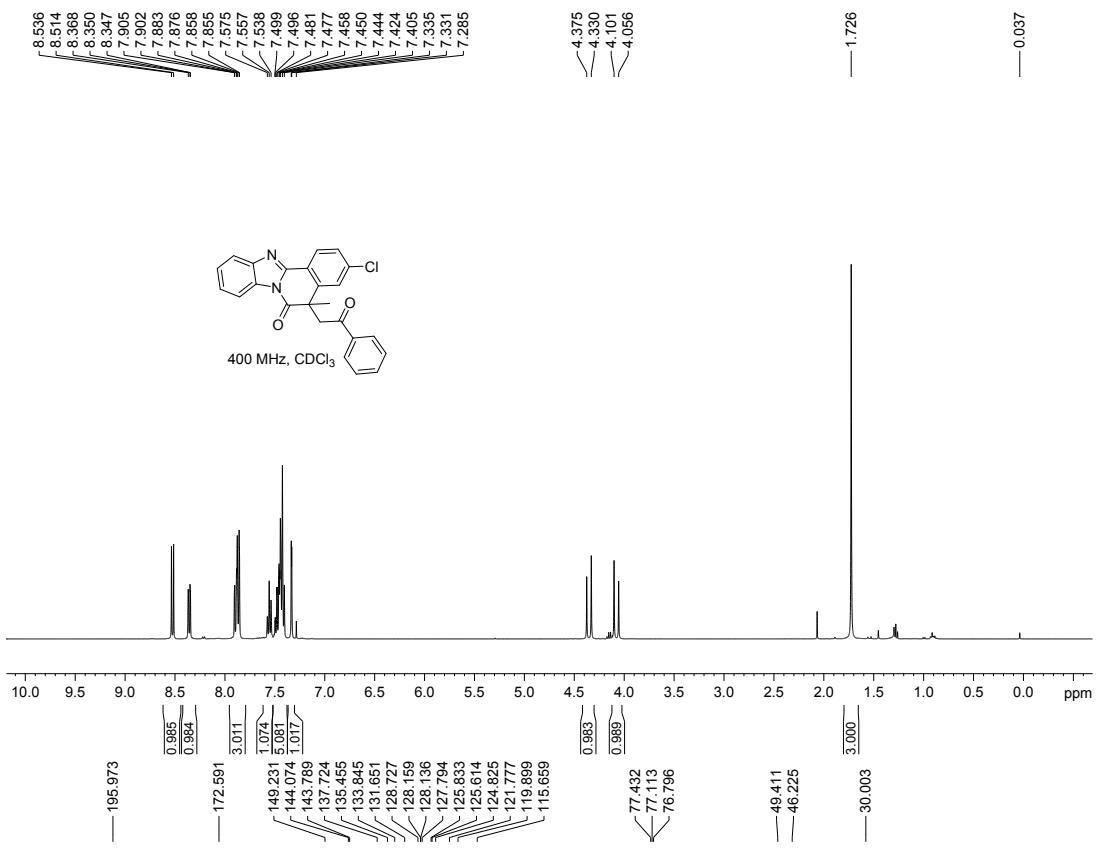


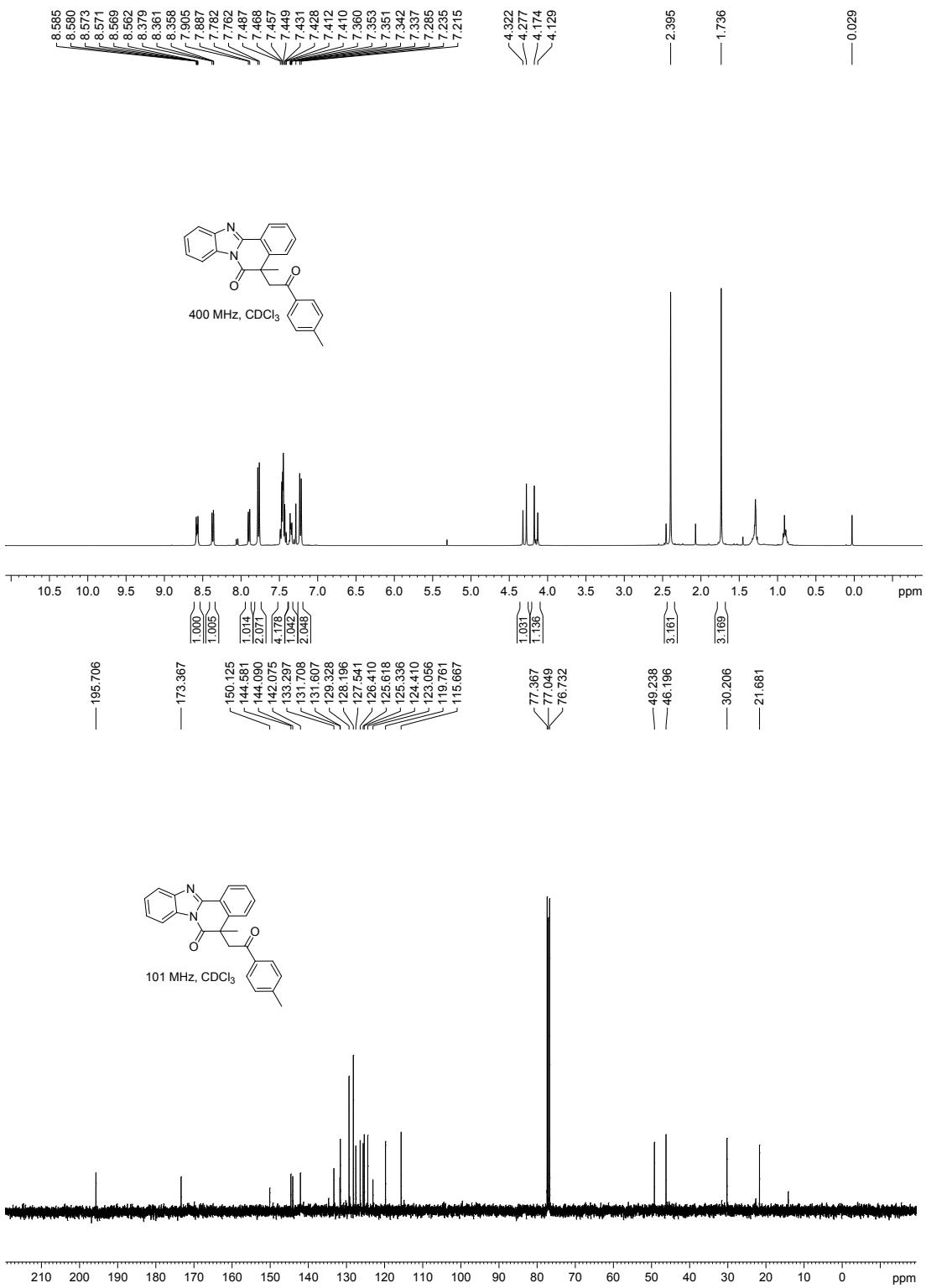


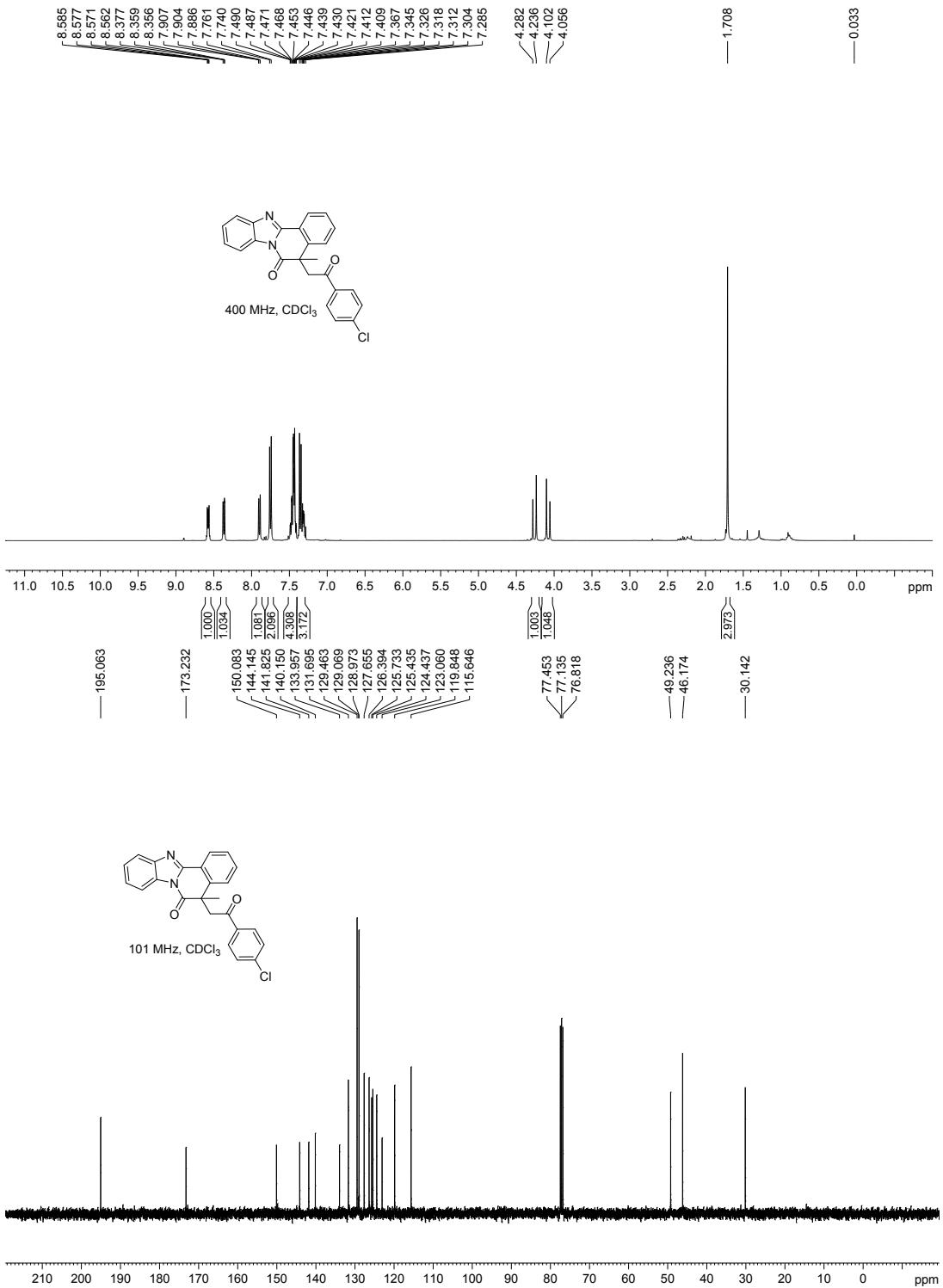


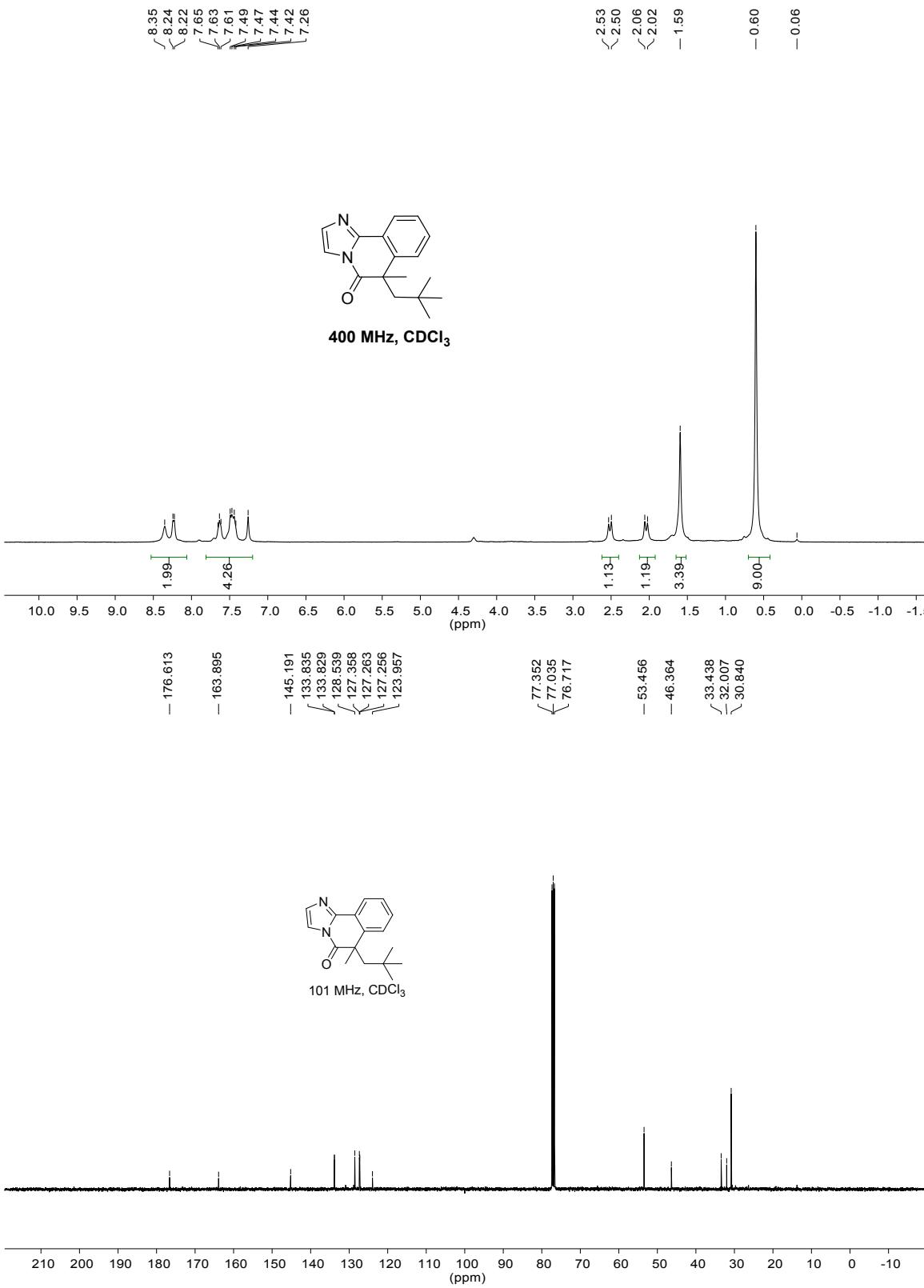


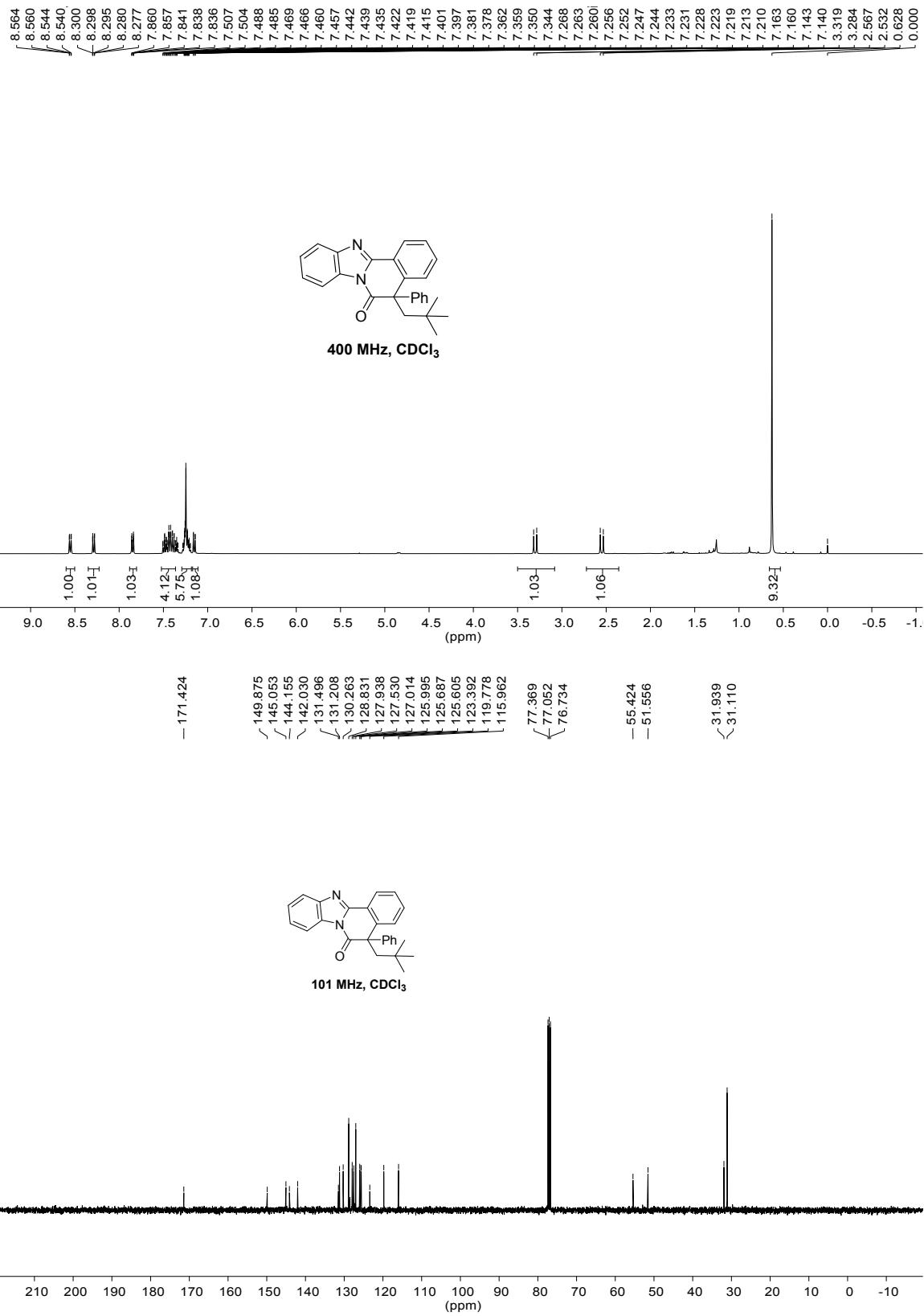












## 6. Crystal data and structure refinement for compound 3a.

Empirical formula	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>22</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O
Formula weight	318.40
Temperature/K	293(2)
Crystal system	orthorhombic
Space group	Pbca
a/Å	16.5024(4)
b/Å	11.1420(2)
c/Å	19.3013(5)
α/°	90
β/°	90
γ/°	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	3548.93(14)
Z	8
ρ <sub>calcg</sub> /cm <sup>3</sup>	1.192
μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.575
F(000)	1360.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.21 × 0.2 × 0.15
Radiation	CuKα ( $\lambda = 1.54184$ )
2Θ range for data collection/°	9.164 to 135.468
Index ranges	-19 ≤ h ≤ 19, -10 ≤ k ≤ 13, -22 ≤ l ≤ 14
Reflections collected	13149
Independent reflections	3164 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0242, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0169]
Data/restraints/parameters	3164/13/221
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.070
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0468, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1327
Final R indexes [all data]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0564, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1428
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.17/-0.18

## 7. Calculational Details

All the theoretical calculations in the study were performed using Gaussian16 program package<sup>1</sup>. All the geometries were optimized at the B3LYP<sup>2</sup>/DZVP<sup>3</sup> level, and the solvent effect was utilized the polarizable continuum model (PCM) in water solvent.<sup>4</sup> And the harmonic vibrational frequency calculations were performed at the same level to confirm the local minima and transition state.

The solution translational entropy correction has been calculated with THERMO

program,<sup>5</sup> which is based on the free volume that a solute molecule could move along three axes within the cavity.

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### 7.1 The energies, entropies and Gibbs free energies of Stationary Points

Species	E(a.u.)	S(cal/mol/K)	G(a.u.)
<b>1a</b>	-841.04855	<b>104.2</b>	-840.81182
<b>5</b>	-157.81299	<b>54.0</b>	-157.71473
<b>TS1</b>	-998.85905	<b>137.4</b>	-998.51283
<b>6</b>	-998.90193	<b>129.3</b>	-998.54781
<b>TS2</b>	-998.87699	<b>123.2</b>	-998.52137
<b>7</b>	-998.89617	<b>121.6</b>	-998.53787
<b>TS2'</b>	-998.84741	<b>124.9</b>	-998.49324
<b>7'</b>	-998.86688	<b>125.2</b>	-998.51095

### 7.2 Coordinates of Stationary Points

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C	-1.40539	-1.80902	0.10625
C	-2.43421	-2.75819	0.18458
C	-3.75091	-2.30208	0.10847
C	-4.03506	-0.93006	-0.05177
C	-3.01843	0.02746	-0.13013
C	0.51806	-0.82162	-0.00107
H	-2.20350	-3.81457	0.29215
H	-4.57124	-3.01250	0.16511
H	-5.06929	-0.60364	-0.11934
H	-3.26098	1.07504	-0.27032
N	-0.44519	0.20570	-0.09292
N	-0.02815	-2.00703	0.13388
C	1.97609	-0.59975	0.05187
C	2.54393	0.46220	0.77770
C	2.82261	-1.52502	-0.58454
C	3.93190	0.60065	0.85507
H	1.90951	1.17038	1.30261
C	4.21048	-1.38010	-0.51086
H	2.38724	-2.34964	-1.14127
C	4.77007	-0.31624	0.20779
H	4.35854	1.42140	1.42568
H	4.85414	-2.09653	-1.01468
H	5.84964	-0.20422	0.26638
C	-0.21155	1.53741	-0.56056
O	0.68073	1.75186	-1.36609
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H	-2.10974	4.40350	-0.48866
H	-1.21246	3.56767	-1.88423
C	-1.41042	2.59436	1.48431
H	-0.49380	2.67650	2.07947
H	-2.05714	3.43720	1.73931
H	-1.91151	1.67261	1.79205
<b>5</b>			
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C	0.00008	0.00002	-0.17487
H	1.65422	-1.37390	-0.41943
H	2.12259	0.34032	-0.42646
H	1.69990	-0.45905	1.08972

C	-0.37936	1.44055	0.01769
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H	0.35999	2.11964	-0.42385
H	-1.25167	-1.23930	1.08959
H	-2.01554	-0.74742	-0.42412
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<b>TS1</b>			
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H	1.56263	5.43922	-0.92773
H	-0.60249	5.74013	0.27003
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<b>7'</b>			
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H	5.33024	-1.16384	-1.45713